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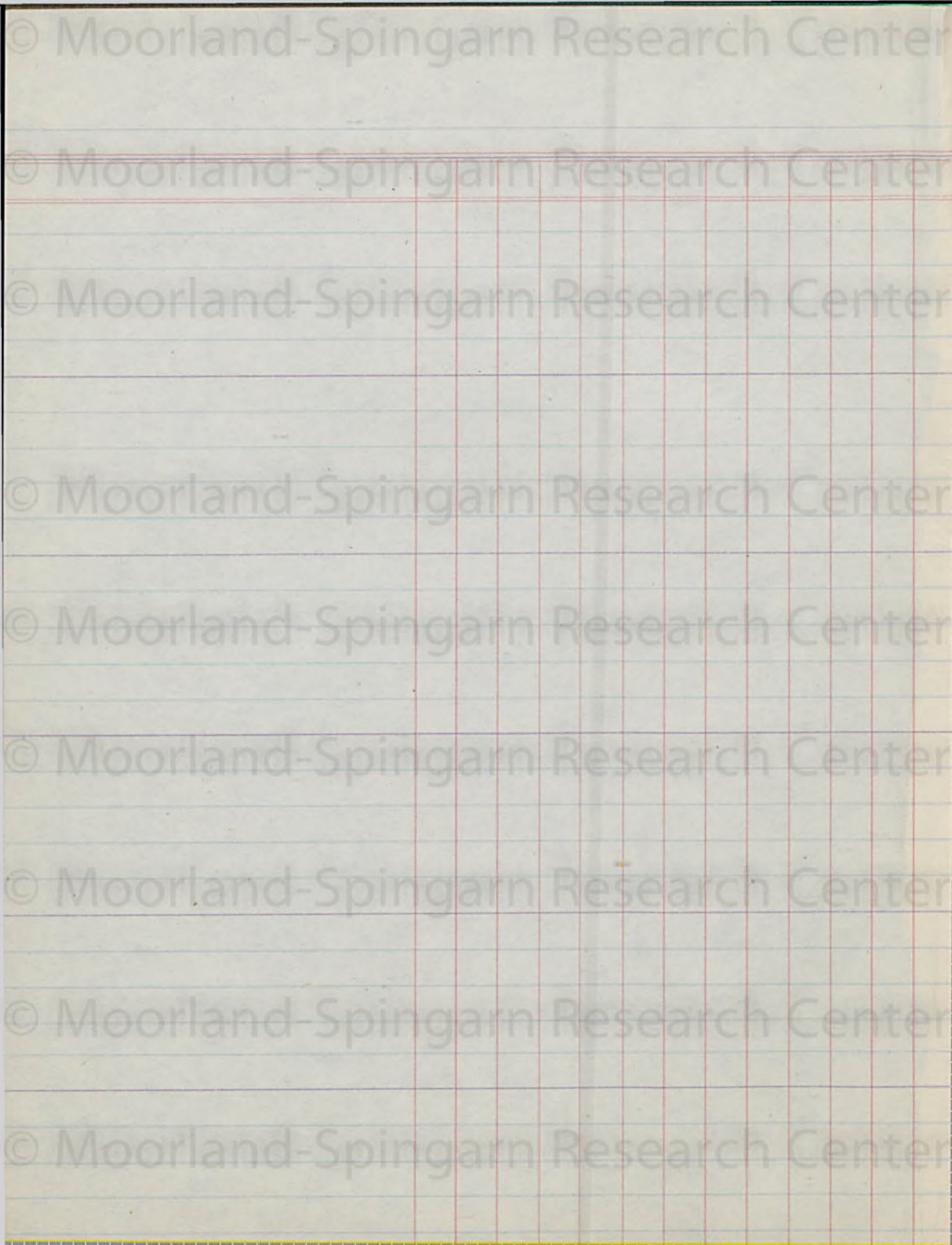
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Elm Sunday

1956

Beside the road to Calvary  
A swarthy figure stood.  
One Simon of Cyrene  
Alone amidst the crowd,  
His ~~stark~~ arms knew burdens,  
His big broad shoulders, bent,  
To many a loving Service.

Grapes from Thorns

The First Step.

by

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Edm Sunday

1956

Beside the road to Calvary  
A swarthy figure stood.  
One Simon of Cyrene  
Alone amidst the crowd,  
His ~~stout~~ arms knew burdens,  
His big broad shoulders, bent,  
To many a loving Service  
A willing lift had lent.

The Man of Sorrows halted,  
The man of Service saw  
The Look of Love exalted,

Triumphant over law of race or class pro-  
scription, O'er barriers high & low, O'er narrowness of vision  
That cannot see & know a Brother in the stranger, - O'er drowsy  
ears that fail to hear the needy calling, - O'er slow of heart  
that quail at union in one Father & kinship in one  
blood; Thro all the dreary Nothings

That keep mankind apart,  
These Two a Look soul-searching  
Shot forth from heart to heart,  
Two Spirits met each other  
At Nature's tidal flood:  
Simon the man of no caste -  
Jesus the Son of God!

The African's quick shoulder  
Beneath the Cross was thrust;  
That Burden & its Bearer  
Nevermore shall be accurst.

"We TWO went up together!  
And they who love our Lord,  
Shall some day call me Brother,  
Token Honor for His Word."



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April 1, 1956

## Resurrexit Resurgam

Out of the clod  
Where earthy fetters reeking,  
Its rootlets claim  
Upward to God,  
Effulgent radiance seeking,  
The lily came.

Deep in the tomb,  
Rock-ribbed & sealed in blindness,  
My neighbor lies;  
Out of the gloom  
Calls life's eternal kindness  
All Souls, Arise!

Savior of Men!  
Thy risen Power, Controlling,  
We would obey,  
Waking, - & then  
From graves unnumbered rolling  
The stone away.

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Grapes from Thorns.

In the Beginning

Authoritative Forecasts

One

Jacob Stanley was a broad chested upstanding black man. Family tradition has it that he took part in planning & construction of the State Capitol, at the South Central entrance to which, heading Fayetteville Street, stood the stately brick mansion of Doctor Fabius Haywood. Stanley's owner, for Jacob Stanley was a slave, I don't know how. Come.

Fact is so substantial, so notable was his contribution to the public exchequer that expert economists volunteered friendly advice:

"You should make that nigger support you & your whole family just his production alone.

Whereat the good humored Master with characteristic drawl & aristocratic profanity replied: "If Jacob supports me, who the H..ll's going to support Jacob & his brats? Damn! Damn! damn!"

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*Small map report*  
*Spring 1960*

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