



This Certifies That
Katharine Anne Read

having completed the requirements for graduation from the

Lawton High School

as prescribed by the Faculty and approved by the Board of Education is entitled to this

DIPLOMA

given at Lawton, Oklahoma this twenty-first day
of May One Thousand Nine Hundred and thirty-one

FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

FOR THE FACULTY

L. S. Eckles

PRESIDENT

B. C. Swinney

SUPERINTENDENT

J. B. Kuntz

SECRETARY

D. A. Becker

PRINCIPAL



In 1931 Dr. Read resigned the pastorate of the Comanche-Apache field, and moved to Norman, Oklahoma, for an independent missionary undertaking among Indian and other students of the Oklahoma University. Rev. and Mrs. Robert Chaat succeeded them at the Comanche Mission, and in the work for Apaches. Both were musicians, and Indian young people followed their leadership in special singing for the services. They served over 40 Years.



Rev. Chaat, center, front of picture, at a missions conference.

Robert P Chaat: September 6, 1899 – October 7, 1992



Rev. Chaat was ordained at Marble Collegiate Church, 5th Ave at 29th St, N.Y.C., with the sermon delivered by Dr. Norman Vincent Peale.

The Comanche Church membership, in 1939, was one hundred and thirty-five and the Apache Church thirty-eight. One of the aims in Indian missionary work is to get the congregations to the place where they have native leaders. Rev. Read would say that a better day would come for them, in their Christian work, when one of their own tribesmen would be their missionary. In Reverend Robert Chaat this has been achieved, the first Indian ordained in the Reformed Church.

**Photo of Rev. and Mrs. J. Leighton Read
(Bottom Row, 2nd and 3rd from Left, with
Rev. Robert Chaat, 4th from Left)** (Source:
"Taking the Jesus Road," by LeRoy Koopman)





Rev. and Mrs. J. Leighton Read, in their Norman, Oklahoma home

While Rev. and Mrs. Read lived in Norman, he also served as supply pastor of ***the Minco Presbyterian Church, 1941-1945***, commuting from Norman.

After moving to Norman, Oklahoma in 1931, Rev. and Mrs. Read established independent Bible classes for students at the University of Oklahoma. They continued this work for over 11 years. During this time, he continued to preach in neglected rural areas.

In 1939, Rev. and Mrs. Read were appointed by the International Director of the ***Child Evangelism Fellowship as directors for Oklahoma***. They inaugurated the work there and continued this ministry for 4 years.



Beginning in 1945, Rev. and Mrs. Read began work in Cleveland County, Oklahoma, as Bible distributors for the ***Bible Lovers League, Dallas.*** They distributed the Bibles according to the plan of the Bible Lovers League: "Read the Bible for a Bible." This work extended into 6 counties surrounding Norman, reaching 110 schools both rural and urban.





Meet Rev. and Mrs. J. Leighton Read
Norman, Oklahoma

Local Directors of The Bible Lovers League for 12 years in a ministry of rural school visitation, city portable Bible booth work and general oversight of the five ministries of BLL in their area. Would you like to cooperate with BLL in your community? Today order the BLL Year Book for 1950 for 15c.

Under the plan, school children earned a Testament when they read the four gospels, and a Bible when they completed the Testament, Psalms, and Proverbs. The League provided the Scriptures, but could not pay any one to set up work in the field. So the Reads financed their own trips in rural Oklahoma.



Jim on Left; Joe in the center, with their cousins, Norman, OK.

During the summer months when school was out, they visited neglected communities holding Summer Bible Schools. Jim and Joe attended one of these held in their home. Mrs. Read used a flannel board to teach Bible stories, and played the piano. It was while at one of these, that Joe made the decision to accept Christ as his Saviour and Lord. He later made a public profession of faith in a service at SNBC, and was baptized by his father.