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## Let the Membership Know

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# THE GREEN

FOR HOMESTEADERS, ON-TO-THE-LANDERS,  
AND DO-IT-YOURSELFERS



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Barney and Pat McCaffrey

## McCaffreys On Folk-Song Tour; Do You Want To Hear Them?

"Dear Barney: I like the songs you sing. I feel good when you sing with us. Please come back and teach us some more songs.—Jimmie Mari."

This winsome note in childish scrawl on a brochure led to our inviting Barney McCaffrey to the 1964 School of Living workshop. Whoever can affect children like this is needed in School of Living. Barney came, with his lovely bride, and sang to his accordion accompaniment—quiet haunting tunes, gay lilting melodies and vigorous, loud choruses from his repertoire of folk songs from communities he had visited in Europe. He stirred our feelings, gladdened our hearts, and "made us feel good." He was showered with invitations to come back.

He had the same effect on a School of Living group in late October at York, Pa. It will be repeated at a meeting of New York School of Living members this spring, and many times more as he goes on a tour of the United States from May to October.

During May he and Pat will be in New England; in June along the East Coast; early July at the School of Living Workshop at Old Mill, Maryland Line, Md.; and then west by arrangements that will develop. Make sure you plan a session with the McCaffreys — through June, write him c/o 131-31 Fowler Ave., Flushing Meadows, L. I., N. Y., and from July on c/o School of Living, Brookville, Ohio.

### McCaffrey Programs

Barney has five musical programs: The History of Ireland in Song; Ragtime Revived — Our Earliest Jazz; Songs from Around the World; Pilgrimage in Song; and Utopias in Europe. These are with or without slides. He also directs folk dancing. In addition he has a number of talks with slides on Photography, Christian Art, etc. He will send you leaflets describing these.

Barney offers to share 50-50 with School of Living any contributions received from the Utopias (communities) in Europe program. His costs are low: room and meals during the engagement, cash expenses around \$10 to \$20, plus freewill contributions at the meeting.

This is a most unusual opportunity for a wonderful experience and marvelous association. Let every alert School of Living member plan so that Barney and Pat McCaffrey can meet your garden club, community group, college group, School of Living groups. Write soon so that adequate time permits efficient preparation. His itinerary will fill up quickly. Don't miss out on this opportunity.

## Beatrice Hunter On University Program

Mrs. Beatrice Trum Hunter, popular book reviewer in health journals and author of two books on organic gardening, will be one of eight speakers at the State University at Durham, N. H., on May 11, 1965.

Sponsored by the Dept. of Agriculture, the Home Horticultural Day takes as its theme, "Conservation: preservation of our heritage," and will be attended by several hundred homeowners. We are glad to note the inclusion of Mrs. Hunter's talk on "Companion Planting; how and why it works." She will ex-

## Economic Aspects of a New Community—

# What Will Homestead Land Cost In Proposed Heathcote Community?

People are asking, How much would it cost me to build a homestead in the Heathcote Community near Maryland Line, Md.?

The first cost, of course is for the land. Everybody knows that land value is high, particularly in heavily populated sections where industrial jobs are available. And most people know that this high cost is caused by population and industrialization. The more people who want the land, the higher the bidding goes! (See item in January A Way Out on "Land, the Source of Life and Base of Community".) In the average suburban community in the East, land is priced at over \$4000 an acre. That it might be had for \$2000 an acre in Heathcote would be "cheap" in comparison, but high for most homesteaders.

Consequently, everyone concerned in the Heathcote project is trying to figure out ways to reduce this. Bill Anacker, owner of the Heathcote property, is carrying it now under heavy mortgage. He and everyone else would like to be free of the interest costs. He has therefore suggested that to the first ten homesteaders he would lease the land at a low figure, on a life-time lease, say \$20 a month, instead of outright sale.

### Eliminate the Mortgage!

More recently, Bill Anacker has suggested another plan in which both homesteaders, and others wanting to assist people to the land without interest costs, could participate. He has written as follows:

"I've been reading A Texan Looks at Lyndon, a study in illegitimate power, and have just finished the first half of Go Ahead and Live! These two—particularly Chapter 8 on interest in your book—make me want to do two things: first to head for New Zealand; and second to stay around and solve the problem of interest-cost at Heathcote!

"It cost me over \$1000 in mortgage interest last year!

"I wonder if we could find 20 people in the School of Living, one-half of whom would be good material for homesteaders here and each of whom would put up \$1000. If we could, we would liquidate the mortgage, have no interest to pay, and therefore could cancel the homesteader's \$20 a month payment.

"If this could be arranged I would turn the ownership of the property over to a Heathcote Homestead Cooperative. There would be additional costs which I would assume in return for a small parcel of land for our later homestead, and for living in the

present Heathcote house for five years. Later this house would be a source of income for the Community.

"If homesteaders build their own houses (hopefully with the help of others), under such a plan—low land cost and no (or very low) interest — families could get established at very reasonable outlays."

### Any No-Interest Investors?

Readers will recall the offer of Ernest Karpen in November 1964 Green Revolution, suggesting a community stock-holding plan in which he would invest \$1000 at 3%. Two other persons have been heard to say they would invest a like amount.

Anyone interested is urged to

get in touch with a Committee agreeable to working out a mutually satisfactory financial plan for Heathcote Homesteads, consisting of W. B. Anacker, 8 Ventura Lane, Pikesville, Pa.; Hugh Graham, Rte. 3, Glen Rock, Pa.; Philip Smith, Wayside Farm, New Hope, Pa.; and Harold Lefever, Sonnewald Homestead, Spring Grove, Pa.

And make sure you can be at Heathcote Haven for the workshop July 2-10, and the annual meeting of School of Living members, July 11. And by all means attend a work bee to help renovate the Old Mill and improve the community before that. Someone will be there almost every weekend from now on.

## Let The Membership Know

So said School of Living vice-president Harold Lefever, when he examined the 1965 first-quarter financial report, showing a big deficit. This we do below, fully aware that many readers will want to help remove this deficit as they did so quickly in response to the 1963 deficit.

Members have been very cooperative in two efforts at expansion: in 1963 they put up \$1500 "extra" to bring S. S. Chawla from India to work on Mr. Borsodi's publishing, and in 1964 nearly \$1000 into a new School of Living headquarters fund. The result of our efforts on Borsodi's "problems" so encouraged him that he renewed his work and this year he has the interest of the University of New Hampshire and liberal religious groups in New England. Also, active help from many is now making a new headquarters possible at Heathcote Haven in Maryland. So progress comes, if slowly.

Some members think this is far too little. They urge that we think big, expect more in terms of money-income, and achieve more. But your editor has managed to pay the bills she incurred over the years; she would welcome help on larger efforts. Lane's End School of Living has one claim to fame—it has existed for 20 years without an active

finance committee! Will those who want to operate on a higher financial level please constitute a finance committee and procure the funds in the amounts they envision?

### 1965 First Quarter Income

A Way Out Subscriptions	\$382.66
Contributions	128.09
Back Copies Sold	33.50
Go Ahead and Live Sales	472.84
Ads	21.00
Green Revolution Subs	570.05
Green Revolution Ads	119.56

Total \$1723.40

### 1965 First Quarter Disbursements

A Way Out Printing	\$430.39
Green Rev. Printing	476.37
Refund to Go Ahead and Live	200.00
Postage	123.58
Office Supply & Repair	192.84
Salary	100.00
Books	86.85
Ads & Utilities	52.61

Total 1664.64

Surplus 58.76

\$1723.40

### Unpaid Bills

March Salary	50.00
Refund due Go Ahead and Live	436.00
Refund due Headquarters Fund	155.00

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## Headquarters Community News

### SPECIAL YOUTH RALLY AND WORKBEE

June 11, 12, 13, 14

A group of young people in Chicago, headed by Bruce and Ruth Elwell, are inviting young people seeking anarcho-decentralist "ways out" to come to Old Mill, Heathcote Haven, Maryland Line, Md., on the second weekend in June.

Be prepared for important speakers and discussions on

What can we expect and achieve today  
in jobs, in politics, in education,  
in sex and family life, in ethics and ideals?

Be also prepared to work—prepare meals, tend garden, prepare camp sites and help renovate Old Mill.

Bring sleeping gear, and funds to share pro-rata on food.

Dr. Roger Wescott, Dr. Paul Goodman and others have been invited as leaders.

Write to Mutual Aid Fellowship, Box 3760, Harbor Station, East Chicago, Indiana, if you will be there or want information.

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A large garden was planted at the Easter Workbee.

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Contributions to Headquarters Fund: John Bischof \$25; Walker Evatt \$5. Total \$1024.



Beatrice Trum Hunter



## Women Working

An audience-participating radio program is sometimes part of our after-lunch rest. Listeners, mostly women, phone in comments to the guest of the day. Frequently they discuss the "woman question." Betty Friedan has been on twice, urging women to fulfill themselves outside the home. (See June and August 1964 *Green Revolution*.) They've had Phyllis McGinley whose book comforts women with, "It's O.K. to be a homemaker and enjoy it." Recently the program had Edith DeRahm, author of *The Love Fraud*, who repeats Betty Friedan's theme.

Interesting. But our dozen fruit trees needed their dormant spray. On our homestead, fruit-raising is the woman's job. Cold weather had persisted, and it was late for a dormant spray. Any day, in a sudden warm spell, the leaf buds would swell. Then it's too late for the dilute oil that smothers the mites and fungus. So I turned off Edith and her pals and went to investigate the sprayer. Praise be, it worked! Then, Ladder and I sallied forth. While I shot a fine mist into the trees I kept thinking about women "working."

### Personal Inventory

Do I really prefer spraying trees on a chilly day to being a teacher, a doctor, a lawyer, a secretary, a "big" journalist?

The twigs snagged my scarf, the ladder tipped in the soft earth, and the briars scratched my legs. I should have brought the clippers and rake and got rid of the briars; I should have done this spraying when the ground was frozen. Take the consequences of your own mistakes! Didn't Emerson say something like, "If you don't work with Nature, you won't learn persistence"? Maybe that's why so many people are "soft" these days, and fail to tackle difficult "problems."

So take a longer look! What's a little discomfort today, when your work insures your not having to buy sulphured and poisoned apples next fall? Remember the thrill of that burst of Golden Delicious harvest will come again. And the satisfaction of bags of fresh, ripe Yellow Transparents in the freezer to pop into a brown betty when a carload of young people arrives unexpectedly. Nothing like inexpensive, and therefore carefree, generous hospitality! And don't forget the jars of sweet but unsugared sauce from the summer Wealthies, or the bushels of Rome Beauties to add to the winter daily carrot juice.

### Modern Women Working

And what's so wonderful about teaching today? I had years of it, without much chance to present challenges such as the green revolution. If I were a doctor, would I, like most of them, have to dole out drugs and deal with symptoms? I'd rather practice and teach valid health regimens and a do-it-yourself prevention system. If I were a lawyer, would I then merely interpret (and charge for) laws that uphold an unjust land-and-property system? Secretary? I'd rather do my own writing than copy what others want done.

How about being an editor of an influential woman's magazine? Not if my livelihood depended on the advertising that keeps them in business. Take a look at the June 1964 issue of *Ladies Home Journal*, guest-edited by Betty Friedan. By my count some 60 pages of beautiful ads included 18 pages of Wow Hostessing and Party Foods; 13 pages of shampoos and cosmetics; 11 of fancy disposable paper products; 11 of glamorous house furnishings and appliances; and several each of cars, kodaks and jewelry. Only one page with an intellectual appeal (Great Books) was headed by the sex-rivalry tease: "The Woman Your Husband Works With" (she reads Great Books!). I found only two columns (note, *columns*) devoted to real necessities: one to diapers and one to sandals. I'm afraid my dealing with basic problems of living would be like a heavy downpour at a summer picnic.

No, in April 1965 I'd rather work with my fruit trees, garden all summer and eat our whole food all year—minus a big salary, of which a large percentage would have to go as taxes to support projects I don't like. I prefer Lane's End Homestead—with its association with the lively readers of *Green Revolution* and *A Way Out*—to any woman's work I can imagine. Ours is a good life of mental-physical-emotional balance. How about other readers? Are you finding fulfillment in your homesteading?

## Let, cont'd

Note 1: We're holding \$865 in a savings bank for Headquarters Fund. \$155 is due this fund.

Note 2: Out of personal savings, Mildred Loomis prepaid \$2400 for 600 copies of *Go Ahead and Live!*, to get 2000 copies published. (After two years of searching for a publisher, during which Devin-Adair said they'd like to publish it if we could guarantee sales of 2500 copies, we thought the arrangement we did make was a reasonable one.) Half of our supply of 600 has been sold. After we sell the other 300, the

# Letters to the Editor

## Proposes Oregon Meeting To the Editor:

We would like to have an area Homestead Festival at our place during July, when our homestead is at its best. We would need help, and would like to hear from Green Revolutioners in the northwest who would like a get-together on a "pot luck" basis. . . . We are becoming more self-sufficient each year; now have three freezers full of home-processed food; a shed full of wood, and more for coming years in our woods. We used non-poisonous sprays last year, but are aiming at spray-free fruit and nuts. We would like to obtain a cider mill, to use our small and blemished apples, and also want to learn to process and use rose hips.

To keep the "villain from foreclosing on our homestead" I teach and Herman works out. But we have some time for homesteading and harvest, and soon it will all be ours without this outside work.—Nina Johnson, Rt. 1, Box 249, Newberg, Ore.

## Homesteading Areas

To the Editor:

After long study, communication and some experience, I submit the following sections as ideal for homesteading, in this order:

**Butte County, Calif.**, particularly around Oroville and Chico; mountains, lakes, streams; outstanding for farming year round.

**Around Hendersonville and east of Marion, N. C.**, similar to above.

**In Oregon**, Grants Pass, Medford, Roseburg, Eugene; never hits freezing.

**In Texas**, Alpine, near Big Bend Nat. Park and the Laredo area; same as above.

**In Arizona**, the Douglas area in southeastern corner; great for everything.

I'd like to see the School of Living headquarters community ultimately in one of these sections, with the homestead movement and *The Green Revolution* as the prime mover. A true homestead village centered around your newspaper as catalyst and inspiration is the best way to insure prospects to participate. Location is important and it need not be isolation from the rest of the world.—Mel Ducat, 1003 Willmohr, Brooklyn, N. Y.

## Dietrichs To Project

To the Editor:

We're just back from Richard Allen's Sylvania Ranch community which you mentioned in January *Green Revolution*. Mr. Allen is an honest, vital man of tremendous organizational ability and infectious enthusiasm. The amount of work he has accomplished in 10 years is almost unbelievable. We're now headed down there.

Arthur has found in the past few years that more and more the atmosphere of re-circulated tobacco smoke and industrial fumes where he works are intolerable, especially health-wise. So, by the time the February issue of *Natural Food and Farming* magazine arrived at our house, we had about decided he would quit his work and we would build on our property in the Fort Valley, Virginia, some 25 miles over the Blue Ridge Mountains from Sperryville, produce all our own food and use his workshop tools to earn a cash income. In January's issue of the magazine, we had already noticed Richard Allen's ad in the classified.

Then came the article "A Dream to Live By." We were so impressed by the whole story and the thought of how pleasant it would be to live among people who had a common belief in the organic way of gardening and

School of Living will have the dealer's discount of \$1.60 per copy for our treasury. Hence, we can all assist our financial status by active sales of *Go Ahead and Live!*

farming, and how advantageous it would be to be part of a group working together on marketing produce, that we decided to look into this community in Gordonsville. Over Washington's Birthday, we went down to Sylvania Ranch. Mr. Allen took us to four places of different sizes which he knew to be for sale and then we went home to think it all over once more and figure it all out on paper. The end result is that we went back to Gordonsville and contracted to buy a 26 acre place complete with buildings just suitable for our use. Art has handed in his resignation to IBM, our home here is on the market now and we are enthusiastically looking forward to a new and better life. Just when we will complete the deal in Gordonsville remains to be seen. In the meantime we will begin to take our things down there and make a start on planting the garden. Our house here has yet to be sold, and there are many things to do to accomplish this move. Praise be! This is our "way out," and we are on our way.

We have no doubt that the many years of reading *Balanced Living* and *A Way Out* influenced us and gave us the vision to find a way out. For your part in it, we thank you.—Art and Margaret Dietrich, Titusville Rd., Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

## Caught In the Trap

To the Editor:

I work on an assembly line at American Motors (Rambler). Being an introspective person I observe life as it flows past me. I feel agonizing pity for all of us caught in the trap and even at the risk of being branded a communist, or a misfit or discontent, I sometimes talk about the *Green Revolution* or *A Way Out* or *Natural Foods*, or some aspect of what you are trying to tell the world. It is a very slow leaven, but it almost never fails to interest even the most hopeless cases. Very few have begun to realize what is really wrong, but everyone feels that something is very radically wrong, and they want to do something about it in their personal lives.

What I am trying to tell you is that, in my opinion, what you are doing is well worth the effort, and that I would like to help—endow you with a thousand or a million dollars. But I am caught in the trap and haven't a dollar to spare. Installments coming due, layoff imminent, shutdown probable. But I do send you a few hard earned dollars. You who are divorced from the rat race and showing us a way out do not realize how desperate so many of us are, and how disillusioned all of us are, and how much we need a way out.—L. T. J., Milwaukee, Wisc.

## Action In California

To the Editor:

I have written to most of the persons you named in the March editorial as interested in a School of Living meeting in California. I'm suggesting that if they are really serious that we arrange a date to meet here at our homestead. We have no overnight accommodations but there are motels nearby. This is an invitation to any other interested Californians to get in touch with us. My letter was to the point: we have to do some "talking" yes, to work out some plan, but we need folks who are not all theory; who have some ability to put action to their plans. We would like to hear from them—not just a card, but a letter presenting ideas, plans, etc., what they really want. We need to know what we want and then go after it.—Lucia Biser, Box 71, Lucerne (Lake County), Calif.

## Organic Gardener Needs Help

To the Editor:

Our Organic Gardens and herd of nine goats, rabbits and chickens is now in full production, and

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enjoying a growing market. We plan a market-and-picnic pavilion this year, and are going into freezing quality organic food for all-year-round sale. We need help, and can offer the right couple a four-room house rent-free, all the produce they can use, plus some cash wage. I am 31, my wife 29, and children are 7 and 4 years.—Lee Musgrave, 357 Wolf Road, Rt. 3, West Alexandria, Ohio.

## Halvorsens To California

To the Editor:

We once lived in the San Francisco Bay area, but it was too smoggy. But my husband and I have been thinking about settling in California again. And I am definitely leaving in mid-April for the organic Graham Creek Ranch (33622 Globe Drive, Porterville, Calif.) for rest and recuperation. This was recommended by Dr. Randolph as inexpensive, with lots of space and organic food. Today, in spite of bad weather and consequent bad symptoms, I have the feeling of being on the right track, and that I'm taking a step in the right direction. Ralph will bring the children later, and we will try to find a place to homestead. Is there anyone I can contact in Southern California? —Rita Halvorsen, 1646 Glenwood Dr., Glenview, Ill.

## Breathes Ocean Air

To the Editor:

To get out of smog and poisoned air we are building a home near the ocean so that the air we breathe comes off the ocean in prevailing onshore winds. Rita Halvorsen might find such an environment helpful. —Morgan Harris, 4530 Russell Ave. Los Angeles, Calif.

## Inventor Answers Queries

To the Editor:

I am an inventor, engineer and tool and die maker. To those who inquired in your March issue:

Anyone has my permission to make use of the ideas in my *Patent Solar Heating Assemblies*. Send 25c to the Commissioner of Patents, Patent Office, Washington, D. C.

For hulling sunflower seeds, I use a "Corona" corn mill. First I open the plates to a space narrower than the thickness of the seeds, and feed them through sparingly; then sort out unhulled ones; then I decrease the space, run these through again and then

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at  
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JUNE 11, 12, 13, 14—  
Youth Rally and Workbee.

JULY 3-10—Community  
Workshop: work, play, discussions.

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