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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 McCaff-

reys — 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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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.

A large garden was planted at the Easter Workbee.

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



Beatrice Trum Hunter