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By Hal Porter

A homestead without a garden is no garden at all; and the garden is a part to a great extent on mental and emotional well-being. Of a good case may be made that our studies in the garden are the same thing, but for the purpose of this article we are mainly concerned with the raising of fruits and vegetables. And, even more specifically, we are concerned with our attitudes toward these results. It is not sufficient to start a war of eradication, by poisoning that garden, a minute eating some eating a tiny hole in the earth. To start a war of eradication means to conciliate the same with the birds if they plan to eat some eating a tiny hole in the earth.

Every person who living with the problem of what to do about the pests. What he does depends on his attitude. For some reason we often set our little gardens where just enough labor and imagination is needed to cultivate them. And, we must remember that the poison sprays poison to the pests where they are most effective, 

So an attitude of hate will not make for good gardeners. And neither will an attitude of indifference. No gardener worthy of his vine-ripened tomatoes can go out in the morning and find that he has eaten up half his vegetables and just about his winemaking. Nobody can say "So what?". Such a don't care attitude is not sufficient. Anyone who could hold to such a thing would never try to have a garden in the first place. A solution must be found because the garden will become a prey to the destructive emotions of anger, hate, resentment and fear. He grows things both for his physical well-being. Now, of course, he doesn't have to make the buildings as comfortable and as useful for the August season.

"We have swimming at a natural beach on our place," she writes, "and 100 acres of woods for roaming (with 50,000 planted pines)." And this is not all. Here are some others:

- Nearby, every known sport is within walking distance. There are many arts and crafts shops. Interlochen Art Academy and Muskegon Camp give a festival here in August.
- "I am finishing a guest house, can accommodate trailers and tents, with the necessary water and electric connections. And an outdoor swimming pool and hot tub arrive early to help clean it up, would be used on the fishing and hunting trips, and electric stoves, water transport, the beautiful scenery, the beaches and lawns of another building.

There are several bays and 20 miles of shoreline for fishing.

For this School of Living meeting have inspired me to show you how to do something useful and constructive, not only to yourself, but also to others. It is the first thing that comes to mind when we think of it in the proper manner.

The program was open to change and the needs of the group. Two students of Adelaide University presented a list of proposals for "Education For A Revolutionary Age" which included self-search by students, teachers only as guides, no grades or degrees. more (continued on page 2).

Youth Rally Initiates Old Mill; 60 Travel To Big Weekend

The Youth Rally, June 11-14, was the first of what we hope will be a recurring series of "educational" activities at the Old Mill on Anacostia Acres, Heathsville Community, Providence, Md. Here the old and new combined. The three-story, stone mill, standing since 1850, the result of the sturdy, hardworking independence of an earlier day, offered space and shelter, but no convenience and little comfort. The participants were for the most part, young and independent thinkers, not old enough to abstain from freedom with expression and action on vital personal and public issues.

The Rally began a few months ago as a suggestion that School of Living people might want to give up a weekend in the country and make it a weekend to get together at their homestead Aug. 6, 7, and 8. The Wades would appreciate a note or card from those who come. The Wades would appreciate a note or card from those who plan to be there.

Volume IV, the final one, of The Green Revolution will deal with the Design and Structure of Building. The place has been completed, the material is all gathered and outlined, and the first chapter will appear next month.

A special Homestead Planning Section will appear in the concluding chapters. The complete Volume IV will be printed (monthly) in Green Revolution. The Kerns have now completed a beautiful and functional homestead near Oakhurst, Calif. But they are eager to try out other new and experimental ideas, and will soon begin another homestead at the opposite end of their 25 acres.

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Colorado Meeting

Robert and Grace Wade, Box 6, Walden, Colo., are inviting do-Homesteaders, homesteaders and School of Living people to a weekend picnic get-together at their homestead Aug. 6, 7, and 8. They welcome any Coloradoans or others from surrounding states. Bring surplus from your garden and send them to put in your garden. Send them to put in your garden.

"The Bay Area in the 1800s was the scene of Henry George's experiences and reflections that resulted in his famous book, Progress and Poverty (now in nearly every library and for sale, at $1.56, from Henry George School, 35 E. 69th St., New York City). Henry George's, and other, solutions to the problem of land and taxes are discussed in our companion journal, A Way Out, particularly in February and May issues."