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A Call for all Utopian Builders

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Sycamore Hollow Homestead

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Plan Leadership Training Seminar To Expand the Green Revolution

A significant adventure in preparation for leadership in the Green Revolution will be held at Exeter, New Hampshire from October 24 through the 29th. This is the Tenth Seminar on the Basic Problems of Man and of Society. The seventeen universal problems of living, as catalogued by Ralph Borsodi, will be covered. But this will be more than academic study—it will be oriented to practical organization of regions in which seminarians will later function as leaders of self-supporting local or regional Schools of Living.

Background

Now, after 25 years, two streams of activity are merging. In all these years:

(1) Ralph Borsodi has been formulating, developing and clarifying his curriculum on the Basic Problems of Living. Now, Sept. 1, 1965, he has completed a 700 page introductory book (with bibliographies), and has submitted it to Beacon Press.

(2) Via activities at and journals from Lane's End Homestead, a group has developed from people seriously interested in learning, practicing and spreading ideas related to or flowing from Borsodi's work. These people are operating wonderful "homesteads," planning and organizing intentional communities, exchanging letters and visits, publishing newsletters, and arranging congresses,

festivals and workshops. From this interaction and communication a sense of fellowship has developed, and signs of a "trend" or "movement" are appearing.

Previous Seminars

Occasionally, during these years, we have arranged seminars in which a group joined Mr. Borsodi in examining the problems of living as he saw them at the time. The first was at Oberlin (Ohio) seminary in 1944; several followed at the Suffern (N. Y.) School of Living; an outstanding one was held at Antioch College (Ohio) in 1948; and later several were held at Melbourne University in Florida (the 1956 seminar there engaged the cooperation of Paul Tillich, Philip Wylie and Joseph Wood Krutch). Inspiration, knowledge and dedication resulted from these sessions, but no effort at an organized School of Living.

The Time Has Come

Now we must train professional leaders for organizing specific regional and local Schools of Living. Now we have both curriculum and available personnel. Now we have tragic and visible evidence, in urban riots, of the fact that urbanization and industrialization lie close to the core of the modern crisis. Now we must provide leadership for a Green Revolution; we must join persons to curriculum, skill to knowledge, action to education. At Exeter we will begin all this in a special week of intensive application, with persons who have been thinking, feeling and acting in terms of the Green Revolution for years.

Participants

The accompanying program has been sent to fifty selected persons, who have previously prepared themselves by study and work in the Green Revolution, together with an invitation to participate in the seminar. Others may apply for enrollment, as we cannot know all those worthy of this training. Included would be homesteading couples who want to prepare for their part in vital re-education in their own areas; teachers who want a new approach to education; ministers or civic leaders aware of the unfilled needs in community action; young people who do not prefer the usual route of education and a profession to active cultural change. If you, or someone you can recommend, are accepted as a member of this seminar, study materials will be sent prior to the opening date.

Seminar Details

The seminar will be held in or near Exeter, New Hampshire. A large house or motel will be available for cooperative living at minimum shared expense. Interested persons may contribute toward a Scholarship Fund, to enable some deserving students to attend, or to help cover estimated \$500 cost of leaders and supplies (send your contribution, which is tax deductible, to School of Living, Brookville, Ohio). Seminarians will cover their own travel and living costs. Average cost per person will be perhaps \$25, it is estimated, if the \$500 can be underwritten by wellwishers. Let's make it a cooperative effort of many people!



Decline, cont'd

have many fundamental biological similarities; anything that damages rats can also be suspected of damaging men.

Pandora's Box of Urban Ills

In 1904, 33% of U. S. population (24,000,000) lived in metropolitan areas; in 1960 this had soared to 63% (or 110,000,000 people).

Now large cities are coalescing into vast urban complexes, sometimes approximating entire states. Los Angeles has an official area of 450 square miles and 2.5 million residents but it actually spreads out for almost 5,000 square miles, engulfing more than 30 independent communities.

Nearly half the workers in New York City are employed in 500 city blocks—with a density of a quarter of a million people to a square mile. This staggering herd of humanity is processed through a choking transit system each night and morning; and congregates in massive numbers during lunch hours.

In Manhattan people are housed at the rate of 380,000 per square mile of residential land. While sometimes deceptively attractive on the outside, new housing is shabbily constructed and designed with little regard to

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TENTH SEMINAR ON BASIC PROBLEMS OF MAN AND OF SOCIETY

AT
Exeter, New Hampshire
October 24-29, 1965

Led By
Ralph Borsodi
Author, *The Education of the Whole Man*
Founder, The School of Living, 1936

Assisted By Guest Lecturers:

- Dr. H. B. Stevens, author of *The Recovery of Culture* and Director Emeritus of the University of New Hampshire, Extension Dept.
- Dr. and Mrs. George M. Hazelrud, University of New Hampshire, Dept. of Psychology.
- Dr. Richard E. Dewey, University of New Hampshire, Dept. of Sociology.
- Mildred J. Loomis, Educational Director, School of Living, Brookville, Ohio.
- Rose Smart, Sycamore Hollow Homestead, Twin Creek Road, West Alexandria, Ohio.
- And Others.

Program

There will be four sessions of the seminar daily: 8:30-10:00, 10:30-12:00, 1:00-2:30, 3:00-4:30; guest lecturers will address the group at 6:00 P.M. dinners; evenings will be free for discussion of the lectures and seminar sessions.

Sunday, Oct. 24

Organization of the Green Revolution

1. The Urban Revolt: Crowding, housing, frustration; Riots, ghettos (black and white); Psychological and physical effects; Social and economic causes; The rural alternative.
2. Organization of Regional Schools of Living: Leadership and its functions; Officers and regents; Membership and management.
3. Public Relations: Churches, universities, Granges, other organizations; Publicity and promotion.
4. Operations and Equipment: Financing, meetings, conferences, festivals, communications; Visiting, counseling, servicing; Agitating and inspiring; Headquarters, library, automobile.

Monday through Thursday, Oct. 25-28

Education and Leadership

- 1 session —The Basic Noetic Problems of Man and Society
- 3 sessions—The Basic Axiologic Problems
Telic, Ethical and Esthetic, and Economic Values
- 8 sessions—The Basic Praxiologic Problems
Psycho-Physiologic and Occupational Problems
Possessional Problem
Organization, Production and Distribution Problems
Political Problem
Institutional Problem

Friday, Oct. 29

Education for the Revolution Re-education of Man and Society

- Intellectual Education—The Basic Problems of Man and of Society
Current Problems, Regional Problems, Economic and Political Problems
- Cultural Education—Inculcation and Dissemination of Values
- Emotional Education—Rites and Rituals
- Practical Education
Information Service and Center

A Call For All Utopia Builders

By Rose Smart
Sycamore Hollow Homestead
Twin Creek Road
West Alexandria, Ohio

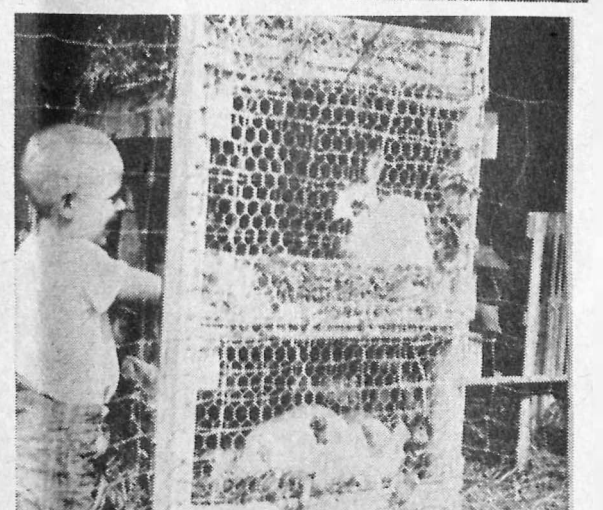
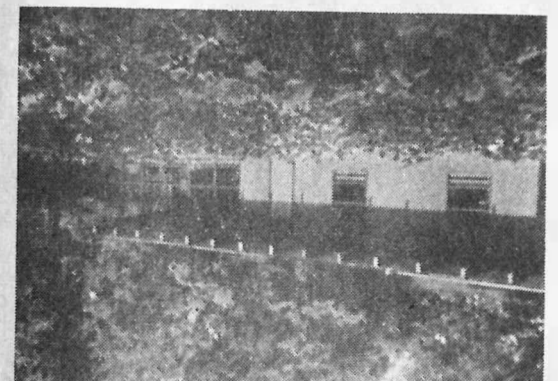
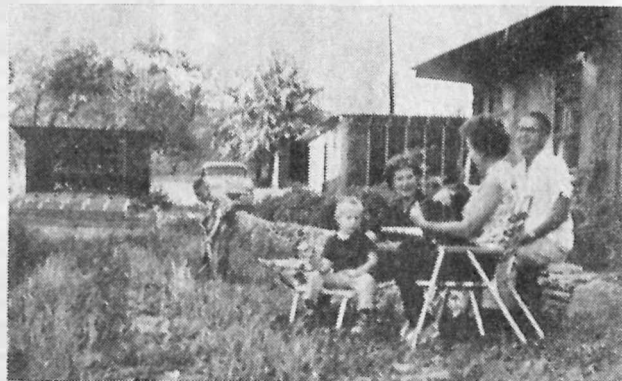
From Plato's Republic to Skinner's Walden II and Huxley's The Island we have had excellent dreams of utopia. In Ralph Borsodi, founder of The School of Living and author of a dozen

books on utopia, we have at last a concrete planner, a realistic doer. There is no thinker today quite like Ralph Borsodi. He has clearly defined all of man's basic problems of living; rigorously analyzed them, and classified alternative solutions to them. No one else looks at the total picture of man's existence in this way, and considers all of the questions

man must ask and somehow answer. He offers no monistic panacea, no gimmicks, no pie in the sky, no Santa Claus.

What Borsodi does offer is prolonged and careful thinking about the nature of man and how he might solve his basic problems. Nine problems suggest programs of action. This I believe

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SYCAMORE HOLLOW HOMESTEAD—above, Mrs. Ralph Smart (facing) chats with guests, and the vegetable garden; below, the homestead barn and shop with Ralph and Roger gathering saladings, and David feeding the rabbits.

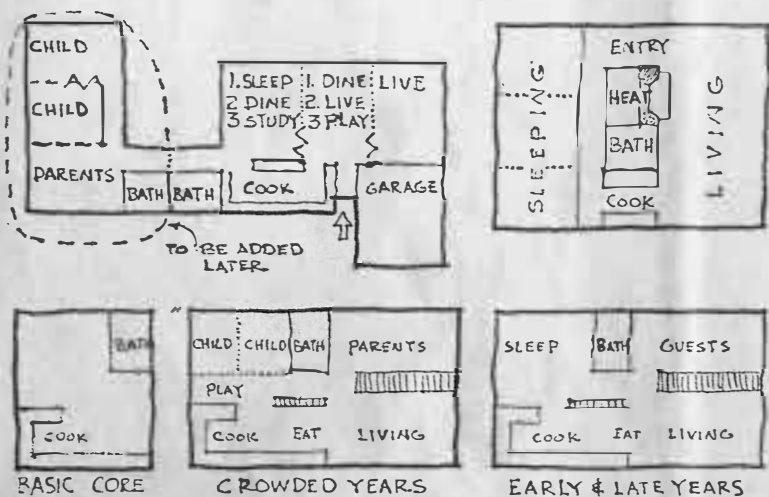
The Plan

By Ken Kern

(continued from last month)

The corollary of open planning is flexibility of space. "Double purpose" spaces can be created by movable partitions or adjustable furniture arrangements. Again, the multi-use of space in over-lapping of activities reduces floor size and thus building costs. Space-need problems that go with family expansion and growing children can best be met with a building environment that expands and contracts with changing needs. Sociologists recognize three family-life stages: early, crowded, and late. Each stage represents a different set of space requirements, which further illustrates how absurd the room-division of space really is.

Of course a growing family can move to a larger house, and then back to a smaller place as the family decreases in size and space-need. Traditionally, the attic and basement areas have been renovated when additional space becomes necessary. Another course is to design the house for estimated maximum capacity, and rent out additional space during early and late years. A more economical solution for the young owner-builder, however, is to start with a core for cooking, living-sleeping, and bathing. Then, as the family size waxes and wanes, space can be first added onto the core and later subdivided to accommodate activities of the sunset years.



It was Frank Lloyd Wright who first incorporated important open-planning concepts into his residential home developments. For a more spacious feeling, he integrated living, dining, and kitchen functions, yet located the kitchen-work area centrally between living and sleeping areas. Wright's entry and hallways were well planned. From the main entry one had immediate access to any part of the house; and the hallway functioned as passage, storage, and utility. Wright was perhaps the first to build against the public area and open to the private area.

Wright introduced some important planning concepts into house design and structure. Even 50 years after their discovery, these ideas have barely trickled down to the conventional mainstream. Today, architectural renegades surpass Wright's thinking to about the same extent that he surpassed his contemporaries. Wright spoke of *organic architecture* and the "natural house"; the new men speak of "free-form architecture" and an "endless house" (coined by architect Kiesler). The final form and shape of the endless house is determined from height, width, and bathing functions. The endless quality comes from the fact that any section of the house can be either closed off or opened up into one continuous space. Unlike a "room," this space cannot be grasped, measured, or apprehended at first glance. It has a charming indefiniteness of bound and elusiveness of volume which give it a natural quality unlike anything found in the contemporary scene.

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What Newspapers for Gardeners?

Every profession, indeed almost every person, needs the newspaper which best suits his needs. Magazines are easier to supply: the organic gardener has his *Organic Gardening* magazine, the NFA magazine, and of course *Mother Earth* from England, and perhaps also *Modern Nutrition* published by the Nutrition Society. But he needs a newspaper too — one that comes oftener than once a month.

Well, we took the *Christian Science Monitor* first. It came every day except Sunday all year long. But it was not quite enough.

Then we subscribed to *The Wall Street Journal* for, I think, three months. It was so expensive we had to give it a shorter trial. Actually it was THE very best for the organic gardener if it were not that almost by definition the O.G. is poor, or anyhow not very affluent.

Then we took the *New York Sunday Times* for a year. There again our poverty made it impos-

sible to get it daily. But just once a week it serves the needs of the organic gardener 100% and at a cost which is returned by the service it renders.

The *Sunday New York Times* contains (in this Sunday's issue) 416 full size pages. That varies somewhat but not much. 416 pages, 15 by 23 inches in size.

The *Christian Science Monitor* is far less bulky for the entire week's paper. The *Wall Street Journal* has stouter paper but so much fewer even every day than 416 pages. Everything considered — price of paper and bulk of paper — the *New York Sunday Times* is the best buy. Also it carries a great deal of news. Good news, bad news, "All the News That's Fit to Print."

Now we have tried only these three papers, but for weight, bulk, number of pages — all of which are important to the organic farmer for mulching his gardens — we have decided that the *New York Sunday Times* is the best. — J. B.

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Letters, cont'd

might be useful beyond the originating groups. . . . It is less of an ordeal to acquire farms and factories than change one's beliefs, whether the beliefs are based on facts, myths, hoaxes or wild surmises of the revered great. But some of us attempt to learn to some extent. It is this inquisitiveness on which the fate of utopias for ordinary people may hang. Those who believe a manual for utopians designed by them, kept always open for new ideas, might be useful, please send your ideas to Park Abbott, 1432 5th Ave., Oakland 6, Calif.

A Call, cont'd

will one day be prized by mankind as a most definitive and scientific way of thinking about man and his world.

That day may not be too far off. Our destructive bombs, the onrush of cybernation, the underprivileged everywhere demanding a fair deal, young people taking responsibility for a better world, all indicate the time is ripe for intelligent change.

One of the great cries today is "Who am I? What am I here for?" The answer does not come with ten box tops mailed, ten easy lessons read, or ten expensive sessions on the couch. The answer is an individual one, a continuing one, a matter of conscious and deliberate choice. Will I become a sewer rat (sewer-cide) or will I become a utopia builder? The time to choose is now. The time to choose is always now.

I give you my word that you will not find a more alive, informed and challenging group of utopia-builders than those who have gathered around Ralph Borsodi, Mildred Loomis and The School of Living. There is a place and a task for every single one of us regardless of talents, experience or education.

We invite you to find and take an active part in the specific plans starting in New England for a New Frontier by way of a new adult education. — From a longer item in the November-December *A Way Out*.

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OAHSPE—"The New Revelations" for the forthcoming "New Age." The new approach to founding the "Father's Kingdom on Earth." Free literature. Fabro & Nell Hanks, R. 1, Box 206, Morrow, Georgia, 30260. (7-65)12

"PEACE OF MIND THRU NATURE"—guidebook to better outdoor living, \$1. Backwoods Journal, Paradox 5, N. Y. (Journal subscription \$2 a year, sample 35c.) b(4-64)

CALIFORNIA HOMEOWNER, a 24-page monthly, alive with sound economics, and action to return to the citizen the control of his own affairs. \$2 a year.—1571 N. Gower St., Los Angeles, Calif. 90028 c(5-65)ex

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Journal of American Society to Defend Children contains an important paper, on Modern Militarism's Threat to Parental Functions, by Dr. Tom Brewer. Subscription free. — 163 18th Ave., San Francisco, Cal. 94121 j(9-65)2

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Miscellaneous

WILL EXCHANGE organically grown carrots (value 10¢ lb.) for a good make electric juicer. James Eastman, Rt. 7, Penacook, N. H. (6-65)

HAVING SOLD my suburbia pad, and severed other umbilicals, I plan on founding a Kerista-type colony in the boondocks of Florida. Wish to contact congenial bipeds; no squares, please. John W. Counsel, 7 S. Maple, Mt. Pleasant, Ill. 60057. (10-65)

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