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Some Thoughts On Homesteading As A Way Of Life In Florida

By Hal Porter

In Januar in Naples, 1965, in the Southwest Florida Homesteaders Association, I attended the meeting of the homesteading friends in Naples, Florida, and then I was introduced to the topic of homesteading. I was very interested in this new adventure, and I decided that it was time we took a look at our own health and happiness.

Gardening — A Preparation

We had considerable preparation for the homesteading years. We had been dabbling in organic gardening and the circulation of the field of health through traditional medicine. In this we were encouraged by Dr. John Truitt, of the Medical School of Living, who is a leader in the field of homesteading. It was more of the knowledge of organic gardening and what I know of organic gardening and natural foods nutrition. I have chosen to use my homestead idea, and my homestead is small, one-half acre. But I have an automobile for the time that counts. It's depth and extensive use. At this rate, I live half a heart in Florida may not be too far away. But now, since I have been working the vegetable garden, I have grown four crops a year in the same row, and my wife is an ardent supporter of the homesteading idea.

My wife is an ardent supporter and so I decided to do some work on our homesteading adventure. We got a little garden plot and arranged for them to sleep at a large old plantation home. We started trying to raise rabbits, got our own chickens for eggs, and even the tender young clusters of blackberry leaves in the palm tufts of elder leaves.

I think the dream starts with acquiring a good money. This would be large or small according to personal standards, but about the amount one would get for selling by the bushel. We just came up North, before moving to Florida, and the money might come from some sucker who is selling by the bushel. My mother was a baker, and she had a large amount of money put away for the day. I think that this is a voice of the coming new world of love and contentment.
High Schoolers Interested To the Editor: I was very pleased to visit Colorado Rocky Mountain School at Carbondale, Colo., for a couple of weeks this past spring to take an assembly of students and faculty. And at a class period later, they asked me questions about our trip. Such a response gave me the idea that our schools of today need Bill Tretcher, Bitch Lake Farm. Walker, Iowa.

Accomplishments To the Editor: I note that women contributors to your Green Revolution as well as editor. This program is a splendid thing that we can do to help ourselves, and I sincerely hope that the Aldo Leopold Foundation will support it. - Mrs. N. W. Green, Warrenton, Va.

Shimmer Bents Plans To the Editor: I am tackling our Shimmer Mountain Farm this fall, while Mrs. Burden is released for writing. We are working at some energetic, unpolled boys. One thing we have no doubt is that one quarter to last June and was immediately accepted by the boys, by the Peace Corps. I am finding some very exciting, adventuring and pio­neering things going on by myself and our free country land. We find the unique floating farm, which advises people to get away from the busy modern life, is possible here and now. You can "live." The Green Revolution is an inspiration. How can we get copies of all issues previously published? - Max Geraghty, 1557 S. Riverside Dr., Chicago, Ill.

Frantic For A Farm The fumes of the Kaiser Steel plant are polluting our air in Southern California, and many of us are ______ driving us from our home. We are frustrated. We want to find out in what we can "live." The Green Revolution is giving us hope. How can we get copies of all issues previously published? - Max Geraghty, 1557 S. Riverside Dr., Palm Springs, Calif. 92262.

The Sum is Greater... To the Editor: I shall be 70 this year. I have before me your 1948 publication, Universal Homesteading, which advises people to invest in property, not in banks or stocks as an alternative for the future. This book is now well worn. I have lived by it for the past 18 years, gaining away from the Big City Milwaukee. But I'm well aware of what it means. Many who invested in stocks haven't benefited more than I have from the invested money multiplied four and five times.