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Some Thoughts on Homesteading, Part V—

I Will Cooperate With Nature,
Who Will Go and Do Likewise?

By Hal Porter

Instead of fighting the soil, the insects, the weeds, the leaves which others threw away, and the animals which some object to the smell of marrow bone, to the stink of the neighbor's sweat, to the smoke of cigarettes, the waste and garbage of their neighbors, I find so all-absorbing. I would insist that my friends come and visit me there and enjoy the good things and fresh air that is so hard to find now.

Instead of fighting the soil, I would haul vegetable matter for this work. I would also add rock phosphate rock, and ground granite to the soil. Fertile soil, minimum tillage, healthy animals, and producing healthy plants, which would mean health for me and my family and my chickens and my turkeys and my eggs from insects, droppings, and cold.

Nature is so beautiful about so-called sickness and germs. The same ones that destroyed the crops in the old west, those who object to the smell of the neighbor's meat and garbage, whole families and groups of animals, would be nothing of interest in homes of those in city and town who would be content to have friends coming to their homes to enjoy the friendship of those even, vaguely sympathize with, farmers. They would find so all-absorbing. I would hope that by example I might convince some to follow my path that when they saw how healthy and happy my wife and I were in our homestead existence, they might go and do likewise.

And what more could I ask of life?

July Activities

At Lane's End

Lane's End Homestead will be a small "grand central station" this summer, as many persons come and go in all-out effort to assemble and train a core of helpers, staff or co-workers to take over and develop activities that have been "putting on the director, Mrs. Loomis.

Richard and Phyllis Staneck particularly, will be living at Lane's End this summer. Former teachers, they want "to find work more to their goals and liking than public school teaching, then try the skills include crafts, office, music and literary arts." Staneck.

Intensive July Seminar

The following have indicated plans for July 1-8, 1967. A month-long "End-All-War Seminar" at Lane's End; Elsner Woods, Blue River, Ore.: C. H. Plumb, Strasser. Ill.; Barney & Pat McCann. Ill.; T. M. Simmons; O. and Richard and Phyllis Staneck.

"It would be very healthy to hear from any other who want to share in "ensuing modem culture and defining and discussing it with problems of living. Experience in useful writing, group dynamics and personal interrelating will also be part of the month's project."—M.H.