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Sprague Family Leaves Heathcote

As reported in the January Green Revolution, Delores (Dee) Sprague was declared guilty of negligence by a Maryland judge, on Dec. 8, for refusing to have her 8, 14 and 16 year old children vaccinated. She was arrested, hand-cuffed and taken to jail. And released after Clinton Miller, Washington, D. C., representative of the National Health Federation, posted \$150 bail. A trial was set for Dec. 29.

Three weeks of anxiety and conflict of loyalties followed for the Spragues.

"Mother will be in jail and the family separated, if we don't get vaccinated," said the children.

"But I couldn't let you submit yourselves to such risks and dangers," countered Mother.

"And people everywhere have granted to the State the power to decide and enforce these crucial matters against our wishes," agonized the Father. "We must find a way to maintain our freedom, our health and our family unity."

Phone calls followed, to and from friends; and efforts to find legal counsel—the cheapest was \$250 a day! The Maryland Civil Liberties Union could find no loophole (as had been found in New Jersey law) and would not undertake a defense. Neither would the American Civil Liberties Union. Without Civil Liberties assistance, the National Health Federation found it impossible to act further than they had in granting bail, etc.

So, on Dec. 29, the Sprague family went without counsel before a different judge, stated their case again—their belief in the integrity of the body to achieve health when good living habits and superior nutrition were maintained (as they had done). They also said they would

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Below we give the tentative schedule of events for the next several months at Heathcote Center (mail to Freeland, Md.; bus to Maryland Line, Md.). Save this calendar.

April 22-23: Garden Planting Workbee. Seminar on Organic Gardening and Earthworm Culture. Leader, A. P. Thompson. Golden Acres Orchard, Front Foyal, Va.

May 20-21: Freedom and Order Seminar. Leaders, Dr. Felix Morley, author of *Power Is In the People*; Lewis Herber, author of *The Crisis of Our Cities and Ecology and Radical Thought*; Herbert Roseman, member of *A Way Out* editorial board; and others.

June 23-24: Nutrition Seminar. Leader to be announced later.

July 22-23: Youth Confront Life; for high schoolers and early college age. Leaders, Will and Dorothy Samuel, Baltimore, Md.

Aug. 12-20: School of Living Annual Workshop and Family Camping Week. Discussions on Child Development, Home Education; Building Heathcote Community; Major Problems of Living. Craft Work in Constructing Posture Chairs and Furnishings.

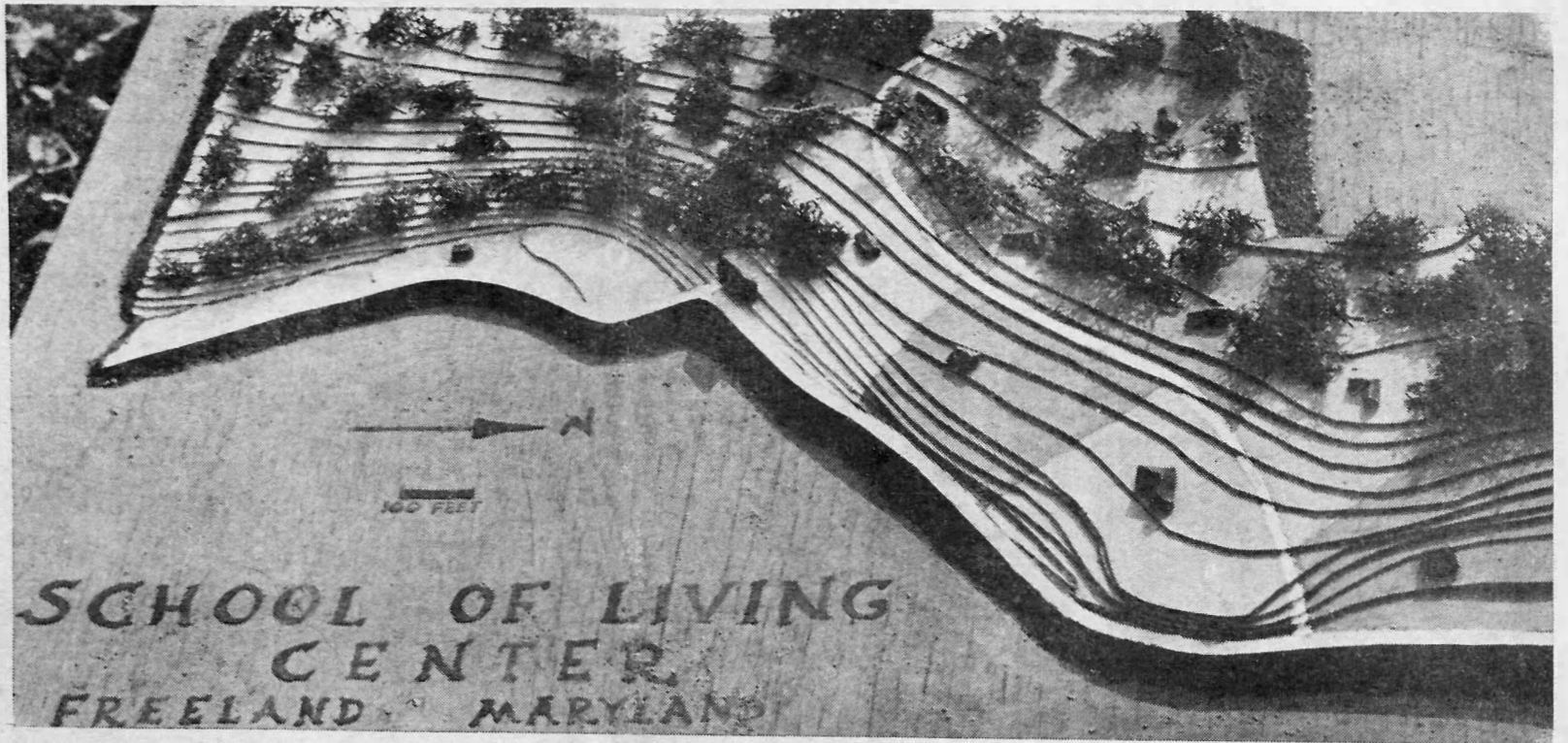
September: Open.

October: Harvest Festival! Apple Picking at Golden Acres Orchard, Front Royal, Va.

Register early for any sessions. Registration is \$2. Fees are \$5 per week. Bring bedding. Camp space available.

Address inquiries or registrations to: Heathcote School of Living Center, Freeland, Md.

Heathcote Center Dedicated At Jan. 1 Meeting; Plans For the Coming Year Are Looking Great!



HEATHCOTE CENTER, here shown in photograph of scale model, with homestead buildings where they might be placed in future developing.

The 160-year-old stone building, formerly Heathcote Mill, Freeland, Md., bustled with life and activity as 1966 came to an end. A score of adults and several children, from many parts of the globe, dedicated the partially renovated building to its new use, the study and improvement of how to live.

Sunday morning, Jan. 1, Dr. Leo F. Koch, Stony Point, N. Y., president of the School of Living, read a dedicatory statement. Mrs. Mildred Loomis, Brookville, O., summarized plans for a summer program, worked out the day before. James Iden Smith, New Hope, Pa., reported a total of \$9,000 paid toward the \$12,500 cost of the 37-acre property (\$4,000 of this is loaned at no interest charge to the School of Living). Chester Dawson, Belo Horizonte, Brazil, read several of his poems, one of which included School of Living's basic tenets (see page 5). Ralph Borsodi, founder of the School of Living, by tape sent congratulations and reviewed the school's history and goals.

Those present, in addition to the above, included Mrs. Mary Koch, secretary of the School; Tom Jackrell, Passaic, N. J.; Catherine Henry and Ray and Barbara Stevens, Millers, Md.; Edith and Jim Gosnell, Emmetsburg, Md.; Alita Dawson (Brazil); Joyce Edgar, Conway, Mass.; W. B. Anacker, W. K. and Dee Sprague and children (Freeland, Md.); Grace and Harold Lefever and children, Spring Grove, Pa.; Leo and Sophie Rainer, Asbury Park, N. J.; and Joe Bellamy, Yellow Springs, O. Most of these had frequently been part of the workbees and renovation activities that have been in process at Heathcote, since Jan. 1, 1965.

In Baltimore Newspaper

A very informative, two-column story of the Heathcote dedication appeared in the Jan. 2 edition of *The Baltimore Sun*. An interview with Dee Sprague, it stated that the new center "will espouse a decentralist, individualist, self-help philosophy that Mrs. Sprague describes as 'an escape to reality.'"

A Busy Weekend

It was a busy time; things were pulled together and plans made. Several items from the

weekend are printed here, including Dr. Koch's Statement of Dedication, Mr. Dawson's poem, the calendar of activities for the months ahead. Other related material will also be found in this issue.

New Heathcote Coordinators

Joe and Connie Bellamy of Yellow Springs, Ohio have been secured by the School of Living to live at Heathcote Center, handle its records and bookkeeping, and supervise its activities for a year. Recent graduates of Antioch College, they are leaving the editorship of the Antioch alumni journal to take up their new work at Heathcote, March 1.

For some time they have been seeking life in the country. Joe has experience as a gardener; Connie grew up in the hills of Virginia. They have lived in San Francisco but prefer life on the land, particularly since the arrival of a daughter, now seven months old. Besides editorial and clerical skills, they can operate a photo-offset press, and guided us to a good used machine of this type.

Members Guarantee Salary

The Bellamys are one of several couples who applied for the position of assistants in School of Living work (which we advertised in *Green Revolution*). Their goals and qualifications suited us, yet their financial offer (much lower than their present salary) stood in the way of their taking the place at Heathcote. In mid-January a few loyal School of Living members were informed of our chance. Could we raise \$2,000 for a desirable young couple at Heathcote? We could.

A very prompt and generous response came back. Seven people sent \$100 each, one of them from a New Yorker (anonymous) who has had severe financial setbacks. "But what's another \$100?" he asked: "let's support what we believe in!" Three more pledged \$10 a month; three others pledged \$5 a month; five contributed a total of \$150. By the end of January we had \$750 cash; \$550 pledged; hopefully more to come. Any who want to assist, send what you can to: Heathcote Salary Fund, School of Living, Brookville, Ohio.

When we reviewed the work-

task, announced our resources, and asked the Bellamys their reaction. Joe said, "We're the people." They will prepare for and take over the clerical work during February, and move to Heathcote by March 1.

Send Subscriptions to Heathcote

On and after March 1, your subscriptions and renewals are to go to Heathcote. Let there be a flood of them!

Prompt renewal and the securing of new subscriptions are two actions of very real value that each subscriber can take for the continuation and development of School of Living. The address is School of Living, Heathcote Road, Freeland Md. (Continue to send editorial and general mail to School of Living, Brookville, Ohio.)

This is a goal long awaited. Your editor gratefully looks forward to more time for better homesteading and editorial work and some teaching and traveling in behalf of our education for living.

Who Will Live At Heathcote?

As most readers know, Heathcote is the name for the new 37-acre School of Living property near Freeland, Md. Shown here is a picture of Ken Kern's scale model of the area.

Who will live on the land there? In general, the answer is, those individuals and families who want to help develop it into a School of Living headquarters and an education-centered community.

School of Living's Heathcote (Center) formerly made up half of Anacker's Acres (and Bill and Margaret Anacker, and Jeoffrey—as well as college age Christine, Georgia and Matthew during vacations—live in the farm house across the brook. In the renovated wing of the School of Living building there—the old stone building formerly Heathcote Mill—by March 1—will be Joe and Connie Bellamy and baby daughter, new coordinators. And soon several persons, including those who have to date "invested" \$1,000 in the project, will be developing their small homesteads. These include Mildred Loomis, J. Iden Smith, Leo Rainer and John Bischof. All have skills that will be used in the on-going work of the School

of Living, and thus they become faculty or counsellors of the school. Others who want to be part of this adventure should apply soon. Families with children are welcome. Outside cash jobs are available nearby, in many lines; one- and two-acre plots are planned for homesteads. Education of adults will be an on-going experience; a school for children is in the plans (also summer cabin and camp sites). Write to School of Living at Brookville (Ohio) for correspondence on this.

Significant Land Contract

The School of Living has title, and will retain title, to all the 37 acres of land. Those who take up residence there will be given occupancy and use access to certain sites on 99-year leases. This policy is in accord with the ethical principle that land is a free gift of nature; that all people should have equitable access to it; and that none should occupy more than is needed for legitimate business and survival. Such users of land have agreed on the following contract:

Contract on Loan: In consideration of the sum of \$_____ loaned to the School of Living at no percent, for 99 years, the lender is hereby guaranteed reimbursement of the above sum in the event of the lender's withdrawal. The above sum is equivalent to a lien on the School of Living property (Freeland, Md.) should said property be sold for any reason.—(signed) James Iden Smith, Chm., School of Living Center.

Access Agreement: Upon receipt of \$1,000 by the School of Living, the lender is hereby entitled to a choice of living site (whether for individual or multiple use as decided in cooperation with other lenders) and access to common property (also for agreement by the group involved). Once a site is selected the lender will become responsible for a share of the land taxes on the entire School of Living property, such shares not exceeding 5% of the total. Ownership of land will be retained by the School of Living.

Heathcote's Future

What will Heathcote become? (continued on page 6)