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New School Found

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Statement of Dedication For Heathcote School of Living Center

Ever since the dawn of recorded history, we have been told that human beings have faced unprecedented problems. But as the human population on earth has increased, so has the enormity of the problems. Today, war, famine and pestilence reach unequalled dimensions of intensity and quantity. Sometimes even the most optimistic of us come close to despairing of their resolution!

Perhaps insignificant, but true, the School of Living has its origin as a response to the predicament in which Americans found themselves during the Great Depression of the twenties and thirties. It seems fitting, therefore, that we should be initiating a project in the name of the School of Living today, here at Heathcote, Freeland, Md., when Americans once again face a social crisis of unprecedented severity.

Hopefully, the War in Vietnam will end; hopefully racial minorities will achieve the social equality guaranteed them in our constitution; hopefully a green revolution will reverse the trends toward regimentation and conformity which now lead us in the direction of hell on earth.

Unhappily, we may never know to what extent, if any, our efforts here will influence the outcome of this process of social evolution by means of which we exist. But this uncertainty shall not deter us. We therefore dedicate this property, which we have named "Heathcote, A School of Living Center," to a vision of humanity in which its positive potentialities for teaching and learning shall emerge victorious.

Toward this end, we shall persist in a vision in which each of us shall—in his or her unique fashion—share in this victory, by sharing in the work as well as the rewards for which we strive.

We dedicate this center of School of Living activities to the pursuit of our central purpose—that of awakening in ourselves and in all who shall attend here in the future, the unlimited possibilities of the future. We dream of and work for these possibilities, and hope that our children and their children will realize some of them.

In the final analysis, then, we dedicate this School of Living Center to ourselves and to the entire human enterprise; to our future, to the future of humanity and the oncoming generations who will struggle with the problems which we have created in our attempts to do the same.

Leo F. Koch
President, School of Living
Jan. 1, 1967

Approve Merging Our Two Journals

"We think *Green Revolution* and *A Way Out* belong together."
—Kathryn Parnell, Greenfield, Ind.

"My wife and I are much impressed with the combined *Green Revolution* and *A Way Out*."
—Matthew Davis, Mill Valley, Calif.

"The idea of making *Green Revolution* larger, possibly even dropping *A Way Out* entirely, appeals to me as the correct procedure."
—Miles Roberts, Villisca, Iowa.

"We approve the combined format of *Green Revolution* and *A Way Out*. Continue to continue."
—Chris & Cynthia West, Santa Fe, N. M.

"I certainly enjoy the larger issues of *The Green Revolution*. It adds meat to the practical items and news of homesteaders, teaches some fundamental concepts, yet doesn't give too much in one dose, as sometimes was the case with *A Way Out*. I think the editing is superior, and hope you can get rid of some of your other work, and continue giving us the benefit of your skill and long experience as editor."
—Jane Preston, Butler, Pa.

"I hope you can cut down your work in combining *Green Revolution* and *A Way Out*, and plan at least one, possibly more, lecture tours a year. This would produce new members, revive old ones, and expand the movement as nothing else you could do."
—Morgan Harris, Culver City, Calif.

[Mr. Harris sent a three-page explanation of how he thought his above suggestion could be carried out.—MJL]

Letters, cont'd

Scarpas Have Moved

To the Editor:

We're pleased to be able to send our school-age daughter to a little Amish school in our new community. There is no government or state interference here at all. —Mario Scarpa, Mission Home, Va. 22956.

Let's Have Pilot Plants

To the Editor:

I understand the visit of J. P. Narayan, of the Gandhian Institute, to this country is postponed until fall. We are counting on helping when he comes. Helping rural India in a fundamental way is very difficult. Nearly everyone tries to profiteer from everything that is done. The effort of Community Service has been to see how some deep social habits can be overcome and start an effort, or pilot plant, that can be reproduced. For some years now

The Whole of Life

It is not enough, to talk of love and joy of girl and boy and cool astonishment of stars.

One needs round out the vision fill the holes and patch the garment of decision.

One needs some sense of movement the taste of earth and comradeship with things of birth.

All flesh is grass: life is green and love lies stunted 'till this is seen.

—C. S. Dawson

we have been working with the Mitraniketan project. (Brochure from Box 243, Yellow Springs, O.)

I feel the need to go deeper and deeper into social causation. Haste tends to develop programs that lead to failure and disillusionment. It is not with a desire to tear down good ideas that I try to give warnings. Intentional communities fail through unrecognized factors. One can respect Vinoba's Bhoodan movement without overlooking shortcomings that threaten it because of inadequate development in depth. The need for wholesale development is so great, some people feel they cannot wait to develop a successful pilot plant. We can have wholesale developments, but so much the greater is the need to see their limitations in the absence of successful pilot prototypes.—Griscom Morgan, Yellow Springs, Ohio.

State or Parents

To the Editor:

In the October '66 *Green Revolution* Agnes Toms says she has known few parents "qualified" to teach their own children. Let me say that I have known few school teachers that I would consider "qualified" to teach my children.

But I believe the issue is not whether parents are qualified to teach their own children, but rather who is responsible for a child, the parents or the State? I am convinced that the education of our children is not a proper function of government. I believe that parents should be responsible for their children and their education. This does not mean that every parent should educate his own children, but should we not be free to do so, if we wish to?

We (Darrel and I) have chosen to educate our children at home in spite of laws saying we can't. Our three oldest boys have completed kindergarten and first grade, and are now working on second grade at home. As an "unqualified" teacher I must say that teaching my own children has been a most rewarding and challenging occupation. Perhaps we parents are more qualified than the State to teach our children how to live as responsible individuals. I recognize that there are some fine teachers in the public school system, but could not these same teachers do an even better job in private schools?—Margaret Cole

Homestead For Efficiency

To the Editor:

Five years ago I became much interested in health and how to achieve it. My real problem is: How can I live and eat as I think best? At present it is a continual weekly hauling of food and water. I dream of a place where we are able to have a large fruit orchard, a large garden, spring water, different types of berries, bees, goats for fresh milk, butter and cheese, a few chickens for eggs, a greenhouse for fresh greens all year round, a little extra land to play in and raise feed for animals and wheat for freshly ground flour for baking. At present I get most of these things, but must run all over the countryside or send off mail orders. I know the day will come when I can't depend on others, and would much rather raise it myself—have it right there and enjoy the outdoors while doing it. My husband is athletic, likes carpentry, teaches at a college here. We would like to have a family, and incorporate all these good things with my husband's work.—Marie Gold, 1030 Washington St., Indiana, Pa.

Visitors Welcome

To the Editor:

We have a large house, and would be glad to put up visitors with School of Living ideas, passing through here. —Sherry Hinson, 336 Norway Ave., Huntington, W. Va.

New School Found

To the Editor:

I've just discovered that the kind of school I intend to have has a prototype: Leicestershire Plan, in that county in England.

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Is There A School of Living?

In New York City lives a friend who has read School of Living journals for many years. He has been largely silent, although approving, and now prefers to be called 'Anonymous' as he sends \$100 for our Heathcote Salary Fund, and three pages of acclaim for our publications.

"I don't know any other journals," he says, "which have given such a respectable hearing to the ideas and cries of far-out thinkers, left, right, ambidextrous and zany. I like giving everybody a chance to be heard—and heard without catcalls. The openness of our editor has seemed to me a breath of air in an era noteworthy for its fear of new ideas. Congratulations for wonderful work, with a selfish hope that we can have more of the same for many years to come."

We mention this in order to say thank you to this friend, and to others who have been generous with approval. And to add (and comment on) his further remarks: "To be candid, I've often thought there was no School of Living—only Mildred Loomis. My suspicions were more or less confirmed when she dropped the job of producing *A Way Out*. It and its predecessor, *Balanced Living*, were marvelous. Moreover, they came out on time. She deserves a standing vote of thanks and a real ovation for her work on these publications."

To comment:

Is there a School of Living? I think there is—on three different levels.

First, there is a "school of thought," a point of view, a frame of reference; i.e., decentralism, self-help, individualizing, libertarianism. This is, of course, hard to pinpoint, but it includes all those families who are homesteading, improving their diet, having their children born at home, taking care of their own health, teaching their children, running their own businesses, active in basic reform movements, building community or improving the one they live in. This is certainly much more than a person, Mildred Loomis.

Second, the usual level or expression of a "school" is found in buildings, campus, curriculum. Here, it is true, School of Living is a mere beginning—a bit more visible now that our new Heathcote Center is functioning, and will be carrying on informal and more formal seminars for groups, workshops, demonstrations, community building, etc.

A third level is School of Living as an organization. We do have a name, purpose, members, officers, activities. This has been the hardest to activate; and it is here that Mildred Loomis has functioned far too often and too much. But in recent years, praise be, both members and officers have been more active; have taken initiative, have pursued our goals with energy. Witness the work and growth at Heathcote Center. And the effort of others to keep *A Way Out* coming, the increasing response financially, and the development of a staff of both paid and volunteer workers to accomplish the work that is open to us.

Let me say again, if School of Living is "visible," "active," or growing, it is a matter of each person finding his place in it. When your goals are served and attained via School of Living, you will take initiative in, with and for it. I have little time or inclination for pep talks, organizational effort and promotion. I do some of this, out of necessity, but it is not done with enthusiasm or enjoyment. There is a place for an organizer, a salesman, in our school. (Who will perhaps be that person?)

But what is really needed is "every member a salesman." Let's count on the help, enthusiasm and initiative of all School of Living people. Find that new subscriber! Send that extra check for Heathcote! Write that letter to the editor, teacher or minister introducing the School of Living! Gather with friends to study and probe our ideas; take action in your own life?—MJL

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READER COMMENTS ON VACCINATION

"I am sorry that so intelligent a woman as Mrs. Sprague should find it necessary to obstruct the vaccination of her children against smallpox. But she has a right to be absurd in defense of what she regards as an invasion of personal rights." —P. M. Glick, attorney, Washington, D. C.

"I do not approve of vaccination. [Editor's Note. On a recent trip abroad, Mrs. Preston found she could avoid vaccination by agreeing to be under surveillance, not isolation, for 14 days and proclaimed free of smallpox.] But in the case of the Spragues, I guess I would have submitted to the vaccination, and then given the children high dosages of Vitamin C, and soaked them in dilute vinegar water." —Mrs. Jane Preston, Butler, Pa.

"In this land of the free and the home of the brave, the right of the state to enforce vaccination has been upheld by the Supreme Court, and the only solution is to get out from under the law or get around it. When it has come to the attention of unsympathetic authorities, it would seem too late to get around it, as some do, by obtaining vaccination certificates without vaccination.

"I have not known the Civil Liberties Union to be willing to fight against vaccination. The right to exemption from invasion of one's body is not a civil liberty according to them." —H. M. Shelton, editor, *Hygienic Review*.

Animals On the Homestead

By Hal Porter

Part I

It is possible to have a homestead without animals but most of the fun would be missing. Plants can be interesting. There is a thrill in seeing the little plants come up from seed; and great satisfaction in the harvest. But plants bring no tug to the heartstrings, no exasperated tenderness when they misbehave and get themselves in trouble, nor ever bring joyous laughter by their antics. It takes animals to do that.

Vegetarian, or vegan, homesteaders claim that it is wrong to own and exploit animals. I think they have it backwards. My animals never come into the house and put breakfast in front of me and then clean up the place. They never worry about my health, whether or not I am growing properly, or at least I don't think they do. The chickens, the rabbits, the goats all have me as a servant, constantly looking after their welfare. My wife and I can't both leave the homestead at the same time without worrying that perhaps a thundershower will come up and the goats will get wet because there is no one to put them in the barn, and not only do they hate to get wet but it isn't considered good for them. So who is exploited? Is it because I take milk from the goats which they can't

possibly use themselves, or eggs from hens that have lost the urge to set and produce young, or because regretfully I have to kill the young rabbits for meat, that they are exploited? Well, if so, they will just have to be exploited because without the animals the homestead would have little appeal for me.

Search For Guidance

Growing them does produce problems, and very little help is available through books and literature. When I first got my flock of laying hens, discards from a commercial egg ranch bought real cheap, I got all kinds of advice as to how I should feed them and tend them. The difficulty with following this advice was that it consisted of giving them this and that chemical to either cure or prevent all kinds of imaginable diseases. The egg rancher usually found four or five dead hens a day in a house containing 1500 hens. I started off with 18, planning to dress out several a week after fattening them on corn and thus have a cheap supply of chicken for the table.

However they started to lay and I ended with keeping a dozen permanently. In a year I only lost one hen and the dozen averaged eight eggs per day. Since I was trying to have everything organic on my homestead I refused to give my chickens the worm medicine and tonics recommended. Instead I fed them a mixture of cracked corn and wheat, a laying mash which from the printed formula contained no poisonous chemicals or hormone additives, and lots of green grass and weeds. The most hilarious piece of advice I got was not to feed the hens the table scraps or kitchen garbage. I was assured by this lady that it would kill my hens. It wasn't until I got home that it occurred to me that I should have asked the lady what, if the table scraps killed the chickens, it was doing to her and her family? Since our scraps were organic the hens thrived on them.

This experience stood me in good stead when I got 25 sexlinks, a cross between Rhode Island Reds and Plymouth Rocks. There was supposed to be two roosters in the flock. There turned out to be four, which was lucky as three promptly died. Later I killed some pullets for the table as I didn't want too many and ended up with 15 hens and one rooster. A year later one hen got sick and died. So far, since they started laying this flock has averaged a dozen eggs a day, which is better than the commercial egg raisers do. The eggs have a very superior flavor. If I had a larger homestead I would raise all their feed. As it is, table scraps, grass and weeds from the garden account for about half their feed.

Doubtful Advice on Rabbits

As soon as my first pair of rabbits were in their respective cages—large ones so they would have room for exercise—I wrote my daughter who at one time raised rabbits commercially, and asked for advice. She sent me a file of magazines devoted to the raising of rabbits. They were full of advice but I was very much dismayed. As in the case of the chickens, this advice called for feeding them all kinds of chemicals and listed so many diseases and medicines therefor that I was about ready to give up. But I remembered the writings of Sir Albert Howard and Louis Bromfield in which they said that animals fed organic foods grown in mineral-rich soil full of humus would be so healthy that they would resist disease.

So I read formulae at the feed store until I found one free from chemicals and started feeding pellets once a day and green stuff out of the garden, weeds and plants that had stopped bearing, or leaves which were too tough for salads and would be discarded. Neighbors who had rabbits promptly warned me

that cabbage leaves, turnip leaves and, in fact, most everything that grew would give the rabbits scours and would kill them. The first year I got very discouraged. It appeared that the advisors were right. But one thing puzzled me. I had a buck and a doe in parallel cages. They were both fed exactly the same food. The buck died and the doe lived. Or, I would have a litter of seven rabbits. Three would die very suddenly and the other four stay perfectly healthy. And all were getting exactly the same feed. I tried cutting out all fresh green feed and still they died. My advisors said that it was a disease carried by mosquitoes.

About to give up in despair I wrote my daughter again and she answered that probably I had started with poor stock. This gave me new hope and I started weeding out rabbits that got sick whether they died or not. After three years I got a strain of rabbits that appear to be immune to this trouble. I found that I could raise young on green food alone. I fed them garden wastes, Spanish needles (a weed), comfrey, and sweet potato vines. This last was represented as sure death by well-meaning friends. But it took twice as long for these rabbits to reach maturity as those fed either grain or pellets in addition to the green food. (to be continued)

Letters, cont'd

Children of mixed ages ("vertical grouping") do what they choose in a room full of things to explore, play with, make things out of, and experiment with. Each child goes at his own pace in his own direction, with group teaching only when groups naturally form around interests or skills. I hear there is such a school in Bennington, Vt. Probably Montessori-influenced, in that learning and working and playing are not separated, and children seek their own courses. More creative, maybe. Makes use of the whole area a child can reach, in and out. Spring is coming!—Helen Ryan, Franklin, N. H.

Eartha and the Good Earth To the Editor:

There's an item in the *World Journal Tribune* about the Negro singer Eartha Kitt buying 260 acres in California's Mojave Desert, and arranging for children of the Watts area (Los Angeles) to vacation and work there. She says her name comes from the good harvest her South Carolina parents had the year she was born; that as a child, "if I wanted to get something out of my system, I would cut out in the backyard and dig in the soil."

She says she got the idea for her farm when she saw how well children worked together on the Kibbutzes in Israel. "Wouldn't it be wonderful for other children to have this opportunity? I hope to start this summer—with each child responsible for his own patch of earth, his own small animal, to learn the meaning of responsibility."

This is another sign that farms will be more and more popular in our over-urbanized world.—H. Roseman, 1452 E. 85th St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Antidote to Decay To the Editor:

Our industrial civilization has upset the balance of nature, overpopulated the earth, and plunged nearly all of us into mindless regimentation and technological turmoil. The Computer Tape is said to be our ticket to Technological Heaven. But we seem to be using it to buy our way into a feudalistic materialism, dominated by Big Brother. For generations Statism has been winning all the elections. When we count the cost, the "anarchist" alternative begins to appear credible. I have found Irving Horowitz's editing of *The Anarchists* (Dell paperback, 95c) a stimulating and provocative treatment. He deals with anarchism as theory, as social critique, and as a style of life. He quotes from Dostoyevsky, Tol-

Our Ideas Are In Public Media

Decentralist ideas, living on the land, intentional community and education for living, along with School of Living as an advocate of such ideas, have appeared in journals, books and air media more frequently of late.

In November '66 *Fellowship*, journal of Fellowship of Reconciliation, Nyack, N. Y., prominently mentioned School of Living in "The Creative Year—Who Will Build the Dream?" Crediting protesters, peacemakers and nay-sayers with courage, the author stressed the further need for positive, life-supporting patterns. "I suggest that the sophisticated of protest accord their country cousins respectful study."

The School of Living at Brookville, Ohio, and Borsodi's developments in New Hampshire and Florida have turned out many books and pamphlets describing a variety of personal and group experiments in living within the interstices of our economy. The latest, Mildred Loomis' *Go Ahead and Live!*, presents steps toward autonomous living in the context of an uncompromising analysis of the interlocking corruption of business, politics, disease, exploitation and war.

In the November *Liberation*, 5 Beekman St., New York City, Paul Goodman's analysis of "Urbanization and Rural Reconstruction" is very similar to Borsodi's of the past 30 years. He stresses enclosure of land as the chief cause of people crowding into cities. His solution (using available public funds to maintain victims of the system in rural rather than urban setting) seems to us secondary and inadequate. Goodman sees Borsodi and adherents of the green revolution as withdrawing and cutting loose from urban problems altogether. This is hardly factual, since we promote a new ethical land tenure, and widespread adult education to define universal problems of living; along with seeking and practicing basic, fundamental ways of dealing with all man's problems—rural and urban—in human, life-enhancing ways. We look upon Paul Goodman as an effective proponent of decentralization, a frame of reference which can use all persons of intelligence and good will.

Germinal and Utopian

Dec. 28 *Manas*, Box 32112, El Sereno, Los Angeles, Calif., in "A Germinal Solution," described the plans of C. A. Doxidis, a designer of cities. He envisions humanly scaled communities (Ecumenopoli, cities of the world) which have no more than 50,000 people, each 150 miles from the other. *Manas* frequently presents this direction; see "The Crisis of Civilization" (Tolstoy, 1908) in the Jan. 11 issue, and often comments on the green revolution and allied efforts).

In early issues of *The Modern Utopian*, Box 44, Boston, Mass., an article on the School of Living is scheduled, and a review of *Go Ahead and Live!* This last is by Ferdi Knoess, entitled, "Say Yes to Life."

Dec. 30th *New Left Notes*, 1608 W. Madison, Chicago, Ill., carried a favorable review of *Go Ahead and Live!*, saying this book is addressed to the Holden Caulfields (in *Catcher in the Rye*), now grown and married. "It is the genius of the writers of this book that they see hope in the early despair of such people, and maintain confidence in the ability of the human spirit to chip footholds up the very mountain of despair. . . . Counsellors lay open the sores of society with startling precision . . . they help direct energies toward finding and building lives of satisfaction

stoi, Emma Goldman, Wm. Godwin, Bakunin, Kropotkin, Tucker, Sacco and Vanzetti. Horowitz isn't too optimistic that anarchism will ever "exist," but he shows it as a necessary protest against repressive external authorities, God and the State. I recommend it be in the personal library of every libertarian. — Rev. E. W. Kreves, 5 S. 511 Radcliffe Rd., Naperville, Ill.

and simple dignity."

KPFA and Playboy

A friend of decentralism and of the School of Living, Henry Anderson, often comments on KPFA, listener-supported station, Box 1173, Berkeley, Calif. (*Green Revolution* will quote from his commentary on Martin Buber and intentional community.) Mr. Anderson writes: "I plan to talk about School of Living and its ideas on KPFA in the near future. I do what I can to spread the good news of humanization as I see it."

In the January *Playboy*, 919 N. Michigan, Chicago, Ill., British scientist Julian Huxley discussed "The Crisis of Man's Destiny." He outlined serious modern problems: over-population, crowded cities, pollution, depleted soil, poisoned food, poverty, war; and constructive activities: birth control, genetics, conservation, peace plans. He concludes, "This is not enough. We need a new vision of man and his possibilities; a new concept of the Whole; a future of teaching and learning how to live." These are familiar terms in School of Living. Does our language mean what Huxley does? Let's increase exchange among those thinking and talking in similar vein.

Encourage Dissemination

To that end, we invite readers of *Green Revolution* to commend the above media and ask for more; to introduce the School of Living to other editors, journals, news commentators, radio and TV stations. Some of them would find places for our challenges, analysis and proposed solutions. If you are willing to be 1 of 20 people who will write one letter a month in our behalf to some source of outreach, will you please let us supply you with usable materials for this campaign. Reaching other groups is an important activity in which you can help. And please let us know your results.

Heathcote, cont'd

The answer is in the hands and efforts of those who associate to live and work there. It will incorporate as many desirable features for good living as the resources and skills of the persons involved can achieve. At the present, the following are possible:

Bill Anacker sees Heathcote becoming an outstanding demonstration in organic gardening, as does A. P. Thompson of Front Royal, Va. Both will do much to help attain this. Bill Anacker also plans to develop a sizable lake behind the now silted-in dam (placing much of the fine topsoil-silt back on the hillsides. His acres will feature good outdoor recreation and camping.

Herbert Roseman, associate editor of *A Way Out* and author, sees Heathcote developing an active libertarian publishing center. We have just purchased a good used photo-offset press on which to begin republishing important literature, and possibly the printing of *A Way Out*.

Mildred Loomis sees Heathcote becoming a viable community of families working at continued education for living, from birth to death; attentive to personal and public problems, none omitted, none overemphasized.

Harold and Grace Lefever see Heathcote primarily as a headquarters for the School of Living—which will receive all correspondence, issue and mail publications, offer courses, seminars and workshops to non-residents.

Hopefully, all these emphases will develop as the persons and funds appear to achieve them. It will take dedicated people, continually working and communicating, to attain these goals. But already we have had ample evidence that such people are available. Let's avoid over-confidence, but let's not be timid about our dreams for Heathcote becoming a center of real import.

Who will live at Heathcote? It could be you. Summer volunteers can be accommodated by arrangement.



FIVE CHILDREN of Mrs. Delores (Dee) Sprague: (back) Laverne and Gordon; (front row) Kieth, Lynn and Jerry.

En Route to Canada

A whole household of goods and chattels had to be packed in a few days! And a School of Living meeting and dedication of Heathcote Center to take place in the midst of it. But this was accomplished. There came an invitation from relatives to spend several months in Florida; with plans to later go to British Columbia, Canada, for a new homestead adventure near other School of Living families (who had been visited in September, and a move planned there in May or June).

So we regretfully said goodbye to the Spragues, sooner than we had anticipated.

And we read about their "Resistance to Vaccination" in many columns. The *Baltimore Sun* had very accurate and sympathetic accounts of each court appearance (as it also had of our New Year's dedication of Heathcote). Since then, readers have sent clippings that indicate the story was carried by the *Washington Post*, *Miami Herald*, *Washington News*, and *Denver Post*.

The Sprague gave, and meant, much to Heathcote and the School of Living. We will miss them, but they assure us they "will be with us, wherever they are." With them go our love and fond wishes. We'll await news and reports of their future activities and progress.