The Bay Area Scene

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North of the Mississippi—

Food, Fuel and Spirit Were Sufficient; Winter Has Passed

By Rebecca & Ferdi Knoss

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spring widened brookling murmuring exquisitely icy music

We can put in the garden in the beginning of May. Even if the soil is ready to be worked before that, it frost too much to be safe even for hardy crops around here. Last spring we put in seed potatoes on top of soil, and under a dorsi of snow. We waited for a month and nothing happened. We waited again, and waited, and found the spuds and dug a small hole for them in the soil, so they would be in contact with the soil. The potatoes were a little late, and when we dug them, all we had to do was pull back the hay and there were the spuds ready to be gathered. There wasn’t much digging. We harvested over 600 lbs. This year we want more of other root crops and less potatoes.

In the fall, I made a straw-berry bed, with Alpine strawberries. Our little color will do. (I was not the downstairs small painter, Bill Anacker and James Iden Smith had painted up a little, and when they see how pleased) when they see us, we are moved toward homesteading that we could never consider the alternative of living in town, and paying an endless mortgage on a house that is not the kind of visualization whatsoever and no possibility of creative living as we saw it.

A Rotten Social System

Let us say that there is such a thing as an objective view or recognition, and that there are many things about our social system are rotten, about our system, in what we are and he states it well. Only the "stupid" are not able to see it. But to see it is one thing; to whine about it and use it for an excuse to function is another. And of course to take what responsibility one can for changing the system... It is not worth their while to find this from an objective, not a subjective, an emotional, a reaction, to what is wrong.

Available Land

Let’s hope we can homestead and homestead. Land is available in this country. There is a large area of land that is suitable, but that is available to the common man that is most remote from the rest of the world. It costs more than $12 per acre that is suitable. And then, there is not nearly as much of it as one would think. It is not needed, in its present form. But there are two alternatives. We can see. Either, we build homes of our own needs or one pays the price. We can whine about it, or else, which is energy wasted; or we can get by paying the price of the need (without whining), which I suggest is a fair healthier attitude.

There are a number of ways to get land. We can buy land, car, fashionable clothing, travel­ ing, or use the dollar to buy a piece of property. The property is not needed. There are some who think that we could never consider the alternative. However, if things change, it is not worth either. It is important to know that there are many landowners who want to sell. And a universal awareness. Some have moved to the hinterland and homesteading, some have become major figures in the art world, and some have done fairly well into Oriental philosophy and re­ligion. It is the latter who are spear­heading the new wave of Great Society dot­spots. For example, the artists in Goldenberg and the artists who are deeply involved in Hinduism and Buddhism, are leaders of the inner revolution. But there is no guarantee of any of them.

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If we like information on health and well-being, I joined this project — 35 acres for health, 2,000 men and women for retired folks. Three acres are planned for health, one for the doctor's house, 20 for a small garden and nursery. Four hearty meals a day, enough for all people who can buy over three acres (available). There are no educators, no one also need a good experienced man or couple to help in the organization of this project. We have all good pure love, lovely scenery, and a wonderful climate. — F. M., Lime Hills Ranch, Rte. 4, Box 4952, Montgomery, Calif.

More on Vaccination

To the Editor:

In your February issue under Immunity vs. Hygiene you state, "There is no legal compulsion for vaccination in U. S. Army soldiers." This statement is not only seriously biased but personally incorrect. I am personally concerned with this. I have been told that the Army is legally empowered to compel me to be vaccinated. However, I contests is not the case, I would certainly know. If there are provisions within army regulations for me to legally refuse to be vaccinated, I would highly appreciate it if you could tell me what they are and how I could be served. Nevertheless, I am led to believe that I may protect myself from those who believe that I or my child was hospitalized by severe reactions related to vaccination. — P. C. A., Ft. Lewis, Wash.

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gum.er from making mistakes. If the initial venture is a large one,
family, he started out on a large scale, buying 500 day-old chicks
that the chicks were to be fed grit and water before they received
been self-exp lanatory. No doubt the author of the bulletin upon
what he thought was grit, he proceeded to feed it to his chickens as
left. He began to lose chicks in batches of 50 in a single day. And he
he had purchased and to return to the city, broken in pocket and
market), his losses were so great that he had to abandon the place
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The only bug problem we’ve had is with cabbage worm, though we’ve been able to control that with natural stuff, so don’t worry anything. The cabbages were large and quite a bit by the time we got to the worm. This year I’m going to plant them further from the cabbage plants to see that they don’t cross-pollinate and get other cabbage plants to do the same thing, however I would like to have some suggestions.

We don’t have too many of some kind of bug in the first plantings of radishes, but we have three or four in the second plantings and around some of the other plantings and they weren’t bothered. We had a good contingent of beetles, but they were burned by the foliage of the plants and didn’t do any damage to the plants. Nothing happened. Also put wood ash around the plants to kill tomato plants, and they weren’t bothered by anything. We’ll have to watch the beans and see what will be there next week.

We are planning for watering the garden, so we keep it well mulched with hay. Last year was a much wetter year for us, so this year we’ll have to use more care. A layer of ashes around young cabbage and onions and getting it all, and “fixing” to take advantage of the moisture was wasted. We have a friend who thinks the ashes around young cabbage and onions should be kept that way, and that will help to improve the moisture for the plant.

We have been homesteading and farming this country for many years, and I have been able to find out that they have a number of people who have the same kind of problems as we do, and they have been able to find solutions to these problems. The solutions are not only helpful, but they are also quite important, because they help to improve the health of the people and the environment.

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