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Florida Man Separates Needs From Wants, and Drops Out

John W. Courr el, Rt. 2, Basi wood Estates, Octerhoo, Va. In one respect is everyone he sent in Form 1040 in April 1969. This letter is the epitome of the Internal Revenue Service, reproduced below, shows up several significant discrepancies.

Gentlemen:

May I have got any avery, I am inclining herewith a Form 1040.

You will note that I have listed less than $400 as my total income for calendar 1966. Actually, by a very close estimate. The sums were for casual employment as a truck driver and general assistant to various trade unions, migratory, project, and market pickers with whom I came in contact. I kept few records, and pay in cash, and I have come to do the same. Please accept my information, there is an obvious discrepancy between $400 as my total income for calendar 1966 as opposed to, say, 1964, as in 1964. I have been in regular employment for years, I have not been on a driving instructor with the Safeway Defense Fund, not the Workers' Defense Fund, the Chrysler Motor Club. I used to get regular pay and expenses. The amount of the job, as a white shirt worker, was, say, $800 per month. I could not do a better job, and I have a four-year old child and a child on the way. I have been proved able to do just as well, and I have a sense of responsibility. Please do not accept my information. If I have made any mistakes, I beg you to let me know.

John W. Courrell

Peaceful Seminar at Heathcote Was Challenging But Not Easy

A seminar on the economics of peace was held at the Peace Seminar at Heathcote. Of the 250 people who attended, 150 came from various parts of the country and 100 from the local area. The seminar was organized by Edith and Jim Gosnell and was attended by many prominent peace activists.

Peaceful Dealing with Land

Those who were familiar with proposed changes in land tenure generally agreed that the proposed changes would have a limited, if not negligible, effect on the freedom of use of land that was considered private property. There is no question that the freedom to follow one's vocation and to use the land in a way that is consistent with the principles of a free society is an important one. The seminar provided an opportunity for discussion on this topic.

Peaceful Dealing with Money and Credit

Workshop on俱乐部式university community. In the absence of Herbert Griscom Morgan, the Community Service Council, and the Vale Community, Yellow Springs, O. This represented a community holding of land and on a land trust community. Morgan has developed an extensive plan of holding land and income, and a variety of types of community cooperatives, some communal and some with private use of land. The plan and make changes.

By Louise Gosho

August 1966, he married Louise Gosho, and I, with several children (9 and 11), moved from the East Coast to May Valley Community. A month later, Lewie was killed in an accident at work. Just the night before we had signed papers making us owners of an older home here. But because I was not then sure of plans, I was permitted to change to a renter.

Two and a half years later I was notified that the house was up for sale. Because I was sure I could get a house more to my liking for the same money, I purchased a lot and began efforts to secure a loan, draw plans and seek a builder. I paid only $1,000 for my 9'1 x 17'10 floor because our co-op makes no money on land. (The price is now $1,300, because of the taxes on the taxes of the unused land and the 20 wooded acres, which we own altogether.)

Getting A Loan

Lewis left no material assets but we qualified for Social Security and Workman's Compensation for myself and the girl, until each one is 18 or going to college. A chronic illness has incapacitated me for all but minimal work, so my chances of getting a loan were slim. I made the rounds of banks and mortgage companies. The closest I came to an affirmative answer was from a banker who showed me house plans he'd just approved and said, "We might consider a loan if you were planning a more re-saleable house, like this one here." He showed me a modern abode called a ranch house.

*May Valley is the community described and sketched in a previous article in the book, Ga Ahead and Live! It consists of 20 acres of woods for community use (which will remain uncultivated) and 19 lots (eight of which have houses on them). Some of the families are intermarried. The community is located about 15 miles from the heart of Seattle, 5 miles from Portland, Wash. Inquiries are welcome.

Mother and Daughters Achieve A Home in May Valley Community

By Louise Gosho

Our home is 25' x 25', of cedar pre-cut sides, cedar shingles, hardwood floors and birch paneling inside. One-half of the ground floor is our living and dining area, with open stairs- way to second floor. The first floor has a downstairs bedroom and closet, and a kitchen using one-fourth and bath and closet another fourth. Upstairs are two bedrooms, each with closet, storage area under the roof, and an outside balcony.

As leases, oil heat would be cheaper, but our con- tractor urged electric baseboard heaters. I said, "OK, if you'll in- sulate per instructions from our power company." This insurance cost about $200 extra, for insulation in walls and under floor. Cost of heat and light is about $200 a year. Of course, we have to wash and dry clothes daily. We could save considerably if we used our Franklin stove more than we do.

Furnishings

We have furnished our cottage for about $100. We brought with us one 736 couch, one chest of drawers, a coffee table and two side tables, minor kitchen utensils. We have since spent $80 for 1 rock ing chair, 2 small tables, 2 dressers and 1 desk, from Goodwill. Our dining table and benches were $5.85, knocked down. The girl's beds are built-in, and mine is a board set on a Sears movable frame. Three mattresses from Salvation Army were about $10 each. I made our own braid ed rugs, and when we moved in I bought 5 for sale. People are often surprised at the actual size of our house. Because of its simple, sparse furnishings, it seems much larger.

How I would like to add, "and

we grow most of our own vege- tables. We do what we can to save, but have often found it very useful to do this ourselves.

Eventually I learned of the Farm and Home Administration. They granted me a loan, on three requirements: the borrower must own no other property; land must be outside city limits; one must prove he'd been unable to get a loan elsewhere.

The philosophy of Zen Buddhism, same time I came in contact with the philosophy of Zen Buddhism, which favored governmental involvement in the area, central to today's overall publishing on this crucial time. -MJL

Heathcote Notes

Edith and Jim Gosnell and four young children have been frequent, willing workers at Heathcote workbooks. Now they're tackling the "chicken house project" and making it their living for the summer. In the Fall they plan to have their chickens running — shearing bags, wood cook stove, smokehouse, etc.

Making living quarters out of one house is a possibility. I suggested to the School of Life, and came to the conclusion. I'm so persistent in getting our house. We do not want to see our neighbors bake bread (both girls can bake a perfect loaf), and buy fresh natural food in bulk from a co-op grocery housed in the basement of one of the homes in our community.

The answer was two years, up to November 1966 as opposed to, say, 1964, as in 1964. I have been in regular employment for years, I have not been on a driving instructor with the Safeway Defense Fund, not the Workers' Defense Fund, the Chrysler Motor Club. I used to get regular pay and expenses. The amount of the job, as a white shirt worker, was, say, $800 per month. I could not do a better job, and I have a four-year old child and a child on the way. I have been proved able to do just as well, and I have a sense of responsibility. Please do not accept my information. If I have made any mistakes, I beg you to let me know.

Wendy Welsh, 10269 147th Ave. S.E.

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