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## Youth: Legal Nonentities by Paul Pigman

"It is curious that while the law entertains the notion that a child may be of suitable age and discretion to knowingly surrender a constitutional right, it renders children totally incapable of giving legal consent to sexual intercourse, denies them the privilege of marrying without judicial or parental approval, and does not allow them the right to take part in most contractual relationships."

*Children's Rights Report*  
ACLU-Vol. I, No. 1

Laws concerning young people in the United States have been based mainly on the assumption that "juveniles" need to be taken care of and protected by various socio-economic institutions (i.e., parents, schools, the courts, et cetera). Perhaps at one time many of these laws were useful and protected the "minor" from being sent to a prison with hardened criminals for a relatively minor infraction of the law. But recently, it has become more and more apparent to me that many of these laws are not protecting rights or helping youth, but rather, are holding and stifling them.

Young people are, in theory, supposed to be protected by the law, but in practice they receive much longer sentences than adults. Some of the crimes that young people commit are not even criminal if adults commit them. Some of these "crimes" are: disobedience, being late for school, running away from home, associating with "bad" companions, and so forth. When arrested for these "crimes", minors do not even have any constitutionally guaranteed rights.

The injustice of the legal system towards youth is now coming into focus, both in the courts and in the consciousness of young people. In a recent Supreme Court ruling (*Planned Parenthood of Central Missouri v. Danforth*, June 29, 1976) the Court stated "Constitutional rights do not mature and come into being magically only when one attains the state-defined age of majority. Minors, as well as adults, are protected by

the Constitution and possess constitutional rights". This case also clarified a minor's right to have an abortion by her own decision. The Court ruled: "Any independent interest the parent may have in the termination of the minor daughter's pregnancy is no more weighty than the right of privacy of the competent minor mature enough to become pregnant."

One way of dealing with children who do not obey their parents is to commit them to a mental institution. This is known as "voluntary" commitment. "About thirty-eight states currently have laws which permit the commitment of children to mental institutions simply upon the application of parents or guardians. Pursuant to most state statutes, an adult patient may be admitted voluntarily if he and an admitting physician agree that hospitalization would be beneficial. Involuntary adult patients, on the other hand, usually face the more exacting standard that they be dangerous to themselves or others. In any event, the voluntary patient may (in most states) be released a short while after merely giving notice. If hospital officials disagree with the patient's desire to be discharged, they must petition and convince a court that the patient meets the standard for involuntary commitment. An involuntary patient may seek release via periodic reviews of commitment, as provided in some states, or through Seeking a writ of *habeas corpus*. The child patient, however, who is placed "voluntarily, cannot give notice of his intention to leave without approval of the parents or authorities who committed him in the first place, and, lacking status of an involuntary patient, he cannot invoke the procedural guarantees granted those committed against their will."

I personally know several people who have been committed in this manner, and it scares me to think that any parent who cannot control their child can put the child into an institution where the child

will learn how to "obey". I am not denying that commitment is necessary in some cases, but I also feel that this course of action has been much abused by some parents. This may be changed in the near future though, since a test case is being put before the Supreme Court during this session.

"Minors" are becoming more cognizant of the discrepancy between what the constitution says are individual rights and what the courts say are "juvenile" rights. Organizations are forming to gain more rights for "minors", and to give young people more of a chance to determine their own mode of living and learning.

Youth Liberation, 2007 Washtenaw Ave. Ann Arbor, MI., is a group of young people who are organizing around the public schools, families, and other institutions that oppress children and youth. They publish an excellent *Student and Youth Organizing Manual* (92 pages, 50¢) as well as other pamphlets about subjects of interest to youth. They also publish *FPS*, the Youth Liberation News Service. It contains articles about issues facing young people in the schools and in society.

The American Civil Liberties Union Foundation has a special section, the Juvenile Rights Project, which publishes the *Children's Rights Report*. This report deals with various aspects of the legal rights of young people and is put out eleven times a year. More information about this report can be had by writing to Juvenile Rights Project, 22 E. 40th St. New York, N.Y. 10016. The first two issues of the report have been of invaluable assistance to me in understanding where young people's rights stand today. "Children and the Fourth Amendment" and "Curfews: The Liberty of Children After Dark" are among the articles which were in the last two issues.

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# PERSONALS

To the terrific people I met at  
the Sunny & Share Conf. in E.  
Greenwich, RI. Thank for makin'  
my first conf. so great. Much love  
Love.



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To all my friends in Sunny Phoenix- Hello! I'm alive and semi-well in Frigid Penns. I love you all! See you all on my way back West! Love & hugs & lifesavers-Val Stapel

NOTICE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC:  
We have now moved to a beautiful apartment in downtown Kitchner, and have lots of time and energy. We also have a new kitten named Duhauser who's lots of fun to play with, if you don't like us. Anyone passing through Southern Ontario is most welcome, please call us first if it is not too inconvenient. Lynn & David Knight 286 Weber St. Kitchner, Ont. Canada N2A-4A6 (519)745-1618

To my Guardian Angel--- Lovin' ya and missin' ya traveling on, just the same... The Starry-eyed Traveler

Dear Margaret of Oakland: HELP!! They are holding me captive in the basement of Eliot House! Send money and a plane ticket (or my winter jacket) SOON! your loving (but scared) daughter-Emilie

\*\*ROOMMATE WANTED\*\*  
2 bedroom apt. sunny, safe, spacious, quiet, Cleveland Circle Boston. I'm a vegetarian, art student. Rent \$274.00, incl. heat. (\$137 each). Call (617)566-3094 or write: Andrea Zax c/o Mass. Art 364 Brookline Ave. Boston, MA

Hi there, gang! We're pleased to announce that Bill Kates, Warren Senders, and Scott Rasmussen living together in relative surrealism at: 98 Allston Street Cambridge, MA 02139 (617)661-8505

We call ourselves *Mozie*, after the soft drink. If you're in the area, do drop in (be sure to call, though). We're hospitable folk, even if we don't have much space and our landlord doesn't speak any english.

Richard-See if I care! Who needs 2 turkeys for thanksgiving anyway? I love you all the same(sic), Write to me sometime-Emilie

To Terry Ann Herron: I love you, but you know that. Nancy

Hey OPIC '77 Board: I love you all! Cheryl

If anyone would be interested in putting together an LRY "music group" to play at LRY camps, please notify me---Cheryl Markoff 417 Vineland, Bay Village, OH 44140

To Luke in Park Forest: I miss you why do you have to live so far away? Love, Cheryl

Glen Cooper -where do I send your Christmas card? Rita (your part-time wife)

Gregory Ellman 314 E. 6th St. #13 NYC 10003 (212)254-6892

HELPI! LRY'er stranded in little college in mid-eastern NY. I would appreciate hearing about any confs. in NY or New Eng. Dania' Dole c/o Bard College Annan-dale-on-Hudson, NY 12504

Dear Hank Bob Boy Turkey Moose Slug... It's an easy hitch And there's always good cookin' so pack up your cornflakes, And wave bye-bye... Frumph Frumph Wink Sluuug. Much love, The New York Jew Girls

Richard Tseuber: If you are going to UMW, as planned, we should get together sometime. I think I'm the only Tennessean in the whole state. Beth Walsh 957 Perkins Sellery A Madison, 53706 (608)262-8223

Dear Rabbit-How's life in N.A.? I'd love to get a novel from you. Everyone who was at E. Gren. -HIGH!! (esp. Eric M. and Denis P.)! Why won't you write to me? Love-J.D. (the Pissant in Stamford).

Cyndi Joseph of Niagra Falls, N.Y.: you don't know me, but I wanted to tell you that I really liked your poetry in the July issue. A.J. of Fla.

To Tim at Summit, NJ (Someone gotta live there) right now you must be short 26 dollars, bare-foot, and have nothing to do Sundays. Bunny found your Bible shoe repair ticket, and 26 dollars. Write me... c/o Lower Bucks LRY, 31 Homestead Dr., Yadley, PA. 19067. (Karen now you have it write!) P.S. Beth I think I love you, thanks a bunch for writing.

Manchester & Goffstown people arise! Dusty, June, Cathy, Jen, Mary Jo, Lisa, Kim, Marc, Danny, and Gwen! Love you all! Gail

Did anyone find a pair of Levis pre-faded jeans (size 31 or 32 long) at LARC? If so, please let me know: Brian Bendlin, 3280 N. 129th Street, Brookfield, WI 53005

All persons who were participants or know the whereabouts of the participants in the Street Theater workshop which terrorized downtown Dayton during the OVF Mid-Winter conference in February 1973, we are planning a summer campaign in Dayton. Please contact the Arts Festival c/o Richard Terrass at 522 Morely Ave., Akron, O. 44320 (216) 836-8008

To Anyone, I need someone to relate to. Please reply to Donna Landry 10 Wolfenden St. Attleboro, MA 02703 Thanks - I love ya

Peter, I love you a lot. And I miss you a lot. I've been looking for you. Please reply to People Soup. Love, Donna

Karen, I'm glad I met you & that we write. I wish we could see each other and find the time to talk. I love you, DI

Annie, I'm glad we finally talked, even if it was just for a little while! When I get the energy I'll write. Love you, DI

Shakti, I'm glad I met you. I'd like to write but I don't have your address, but I don't blame you if you don't send it after how I acted- like to explain that sometime- Write me, please? Di Kegeks 114 N Main St W. Hartford, CT. 06107

Jennifer Shaw: Prince Charming misses you, and so do I. Why don't you, write to me? Love-EJB

To the shorter of the NYJG's: I love you madly. Joni Mitchell forever-The taller of the NYJG's

Julia Rouse- I love you bushels. Come visit me at X'mas-EB

Horizon-Where are you now that I am free to travel the world round? Iceland, the Soviet Union, even the North Pole. Or shall we go South? Chris

Claire-Please don't let Liz beat on Cheswick. Love you, Moose, Chris

Jaime & Danny-I've never been to Europe, either. I can afford boat or plane, but if you can't, then we'll swim. Brush up on your backstroke! Chris

For those interested: Chris Gould Essex Road, Westbrook, CT 06498

Hi Mom! EJS.

Carlotta-I miss you! This office is getting a little weird... Don't we have a date to romp the streets of Somerville? Please get in touch. I love you-Em.

To all those living under the North Star in the land of sanity: Frumph, Frumph, Wink, Nudge.....

To Holly E.-I love you like I love no one else. Stay strong. Your sister-woman-sister-Emilie

Loved ones at 2611 & 1570, I think of you lots. My name is Andy. Remember? Stay healthy, & adidas, y'all!!

Wendy B. from K.C.: Where are you? Write to me, wontcha? Kyle

Forrest and Ronda K. Greetings from the East Coast-love, Kyle

Celeste-Remember me? I will join you in the land of sunshine soon---You Know Who.

Hello, Sophie-Daphnie!



MVF, apple of my eye, I miss you. See y'all at x-mas. A.H.

David H.-How's babble? I'm wired? So are You?-The Graduate

Cambridge School People- Only 4 more mods to go... you can do it -One who did it

Zack--Don't make a stranger of yourself, eh? I'm available. --the laughing light

Cathy-Best of wishes to you... I give you love & energy. Feel it. --Paul

To the universe--Thanks for being there when I needed you. yrs., Paul

Maggie, Retta, Wendy, Miriam, Beverly (a big fat rose to you, too!), wonderful Prairie Women, I will long remember you. All my love, Andy

Wendy O'D.- A YALE MAN!!! ooh, ah... May the two of you row to Paradise. Love, J.T.

David and Lynn: I love you both dearly, but your personal is abit too long. See you soon? Emilie

**MOVING?**

be sure to give us your old address as well as the new - and please include both ZIP Codes.

ILL. ANVIL

# BIOFEEDBACK MONITOR SYSTEM

To Everybody, or Nobody,

## LUCI HAGAN

Luci Hagan, our devoted and dependable Soup typist at the UUA, moved recently to St. Louis. We will miss her kindness and humor as well as her typing and graphics. We will remember her with fondness. Are you reading this, Luci? Here's to you! And thanks. - LRY Executive Committee

Washington, D.C.

Dear Friends,

On Monday October 18, 1976, fifty-four brothers and sisters were arrested at the river entrance to the Pentagon while exercising their constitutional rights to free speech and free assembly by police with the Federal Protective Service and the Special Operations, Selective Enforcement section of the General Services Administration. The fifty-four who were arrested were with the Continental Walk for Disarmament and Social Justice and at the time of their arrest were involved in carrying four coffins and a papier mache model of an atomic bomb to the Pentagon steps and were also involved in an attempt to present a copy of the Declaration of Independence and a list of grievances to the Secretary of Defense.

Monday's activities had begun at the Lincoln Memorial with a march by six hundred people to the Pentagon in a "Procession of Death" where the fifty-four were arrested. At the conclusion of several speeches the fifty-four left the main body of the group and as they crossed the parking lot heading for the steps the police moved in. Despite hurried negotiations, they were arrested and were carried by police to waiting buses and taken to the U.S. Magistrates office in Alexandria, Va. At the magistrates office, charges of "Blocking entrances and driveways" and "Failure to comply with official directions" were filed against the fifty-four only to be dropped against two juveniles at the U.S. Attorney's request. Of the remaining fifty-two, forty-seven were released on their own recognizance and five brothers who refused to co-operate were incarcerated in the Alexandria City Jail until the preliminary hearing scheduled for November 5, 1976.

The five brothers who are non-co-operating are fasting in a demand that all charges be dropped against everyone involved in the case. They have been joined in that demand by several more of us who were arrested and it is our opinion that we should not have been arrested; rather, the Pentagon should be for its mass genocidal activities as a temple of death.

Peace,  
Richard Terrass



Dear People Soup,

There were two sides of the story concerning the Republican Convention and the demonstrations in Kansas City. You had both, but only used one. The one you used was extremely misinformative and, almost in its entirety, a distortion of the truth (Vol. IV, issue 1, Michigan and Mediocrity). Let me set at least some of the record straight.

The reason for the toilets and water demands were because the water and everything else was turned off when Y.I.P. arrived. The numbers of people given in the article were wrong. There were at least 85 people from AIM (American Indian Movement) and the National Coalition Of Gay Activists alone. Y.I.P. gradually doubled that and got larger by the end of the week, not smaller. Interestingly enough, AIM and NCGA were never even mentioned in the article.

The generalization of the behavior of demonstrators was, for the most part, inaccurate. There were obscenities shouted and arrogant people present, as well as people who only got stoned. But the statement, "...this kind of mentality was running rampant at Yippie Headquarters" was highly exaggerated. Sure, there were problems of arrogance and people who only smoke pot and lie on their asses, but how often are there people like that at LRY conferences? Wouldn't it be wrong if the Yippies wrote that LRY was just a bunch of potheads with an inferior mentality, similar to the article in People Soup? Those people were a small minority of the people involved, and Y.I.P. was constantly putting up with the same kind of arrogance from the law, people sent by the law, and people similar to David Molton.

The article also never mentioned the meeting towards the end of the week in which discussions and decisions of changing the entire structure of Y.I.P. were held.

I am not a member of the Yippies, and I constructively criticize them, when I see fit. There are other movement organizations I respect and admire more than Y.I.P., but I don't think being a liberal critic helps anything. I also feel that more accurate and informative reporting is necessary than that which appeared in the article. I am not angry about it, nor do I intend to be, but if this is the kind of reporting that is going to continue in People Soup, please discontinue sending it to me.

An LRVer who participated

*Looking back at "Michigan and Mediocrity" (Volume IV, Issue 1), we would like to extend our apologies to anyone who may have been offended by the nature of the article. It was indeed slanted against the Yippies, and our judgement was questionable in presenting it as received. We have received accounts from pro-Yippie persons, however, which were equally slanted. People Soup has nearly 5000 readers, readers with varying interests and tastes. For their sakes, items not falling into a category of strictly personal opinion should be kept as unbiased as possible, informative, and written in a generally responsible manner. We do not think anyone wishes People Soup to become a vehicle for namecalling or proselytizing; maybe future feelings can be spared by a little extra thought going into the material submitted. For now, we would be happy to print an article stating the Yippie position on the occurrences at the Republican Convention in Kansas City, hoping, of course, that the writer will keep the above ideas in mind. Again, our apologies. - The Editors*

Do you want to know something really terrible? Here it is the middle of October and I finally read the July issue of People Soup. Some of my excuses are: I was on the road the entire month of August, so I didn't get it until September, School takes almost all of my time, and the little time I have left over is used to pursue different fancies. It is a Sunday night now, oh, excuse me, it's Monday morning. Anyway, I drank too much tea trying to stay awake to study, and now though it is WAY past my bedtime, I am bright-eyed and bushy-tailed (sorry for the lousy cliché). So, having plenty of time to kill before sun up, I decided to settle down and read that issue cover to cover. Man was I impressed. I couldn't believe how much there was to read, and seeing all the variety of the articles actually made me excited. Suddenly inspired I grabbed pen and paper and told myself, Allison, People Soup's asking for articles, here you are inspired to write, so let's get down and do something! So folks, here it is, ready or not.

I've been going to this big time college prep school, where all the rich snobs hang out. My family isn't rich, so, because I don't wear the latest fashion, don't have my own car that mommy and daddy gave me for my birthday, don't giggle when those cute boys come around, and don't throw wild parties, I'm labeled a wierdo and loner. Last spring I couldn't wait to get out of that school and go somewhere else, but the only somewhere else was public school. Now, I don't want to sound snobbish, but for what I want to do, I basically need the better background that I'll get in my school now than I'd ever get in one of Florida's public schools. So here I am again this year.



I really thought that I would be able to finish off my last 2 years here without going insane, especially after I went on that trip. I traveled with my grandmother by car for 34 days, oh yeah, anyone out there in Oregon, you'll be seeing me in 3 or 4 years cause I really fell in love with your coast. Essentially I was by myself and for the time being I was able to get my shit together and knew who I was and what I was going to do with myself in years to come. I thought that the faith that I had in myself would be enough to keep my wits together in school. I've been in school for 6 weeks and am wondering how much longer I can take all the shit that I'm having to go through because my lifestyle is different, because my views of life are different, and mainly because I am trying to understand this complex mind and body of mine, instead of worrying about the insignificant ornamentation in life. My faith is going to hold out as long as there is LRY for me to expand in, as long as there is my dance for me to use my body the way that I want to, and as long as my dearest friends are around. I'm not going to let those other people try to run my life the way they want it to be run. I'm not going to turn into a wallflower. I have the right to fly as I wish, and fly I will, as Jonathan Livingston Seagull would say.

**4** I guess that the entire reason for the Ann Lander's tale of woe is that no one can be suppressed or victimized by society, rolling us out by the hundreds, ready to operate as commanded. Though someone thinks he is being suppressed, which he may be for the time being, eventually he will emerge with a much stronger faith in himself, understanding his personal purpose for living and knowing he can outwit everyone. Now I'm not saying that this is a reason to go out and begin a revolution. Unfortunately, all our lives we'll be submitting to some sort of rules or another, but it's a reason to give hope to any others who have been feeling as I have. I've found a reason to love, and in doing so I feel like an entirely new person. I feel ever so much older, and am really very proud of who I am. I've found a solution to my schooling problem with the help of my good and close friend, my mother. And I feel like a big ray of sunshine. I hope that there is someone who can understand that little place in my chest that is ready to burst into an overflow of sunshine, hugs, smiles, kisses and laughs (when I disregard the present blues). When I do do that, I can love almost anything and everyone, especially those who appreciate me for who I am, the LRYers in Tampa and St. Pete, and my family.

A little ray of hot Florida sunshine,

Allison



**POWER FOR THE POWERLESS**

A familiar ring for many religious liberals. But who are the powerless? Minorities of race, religion, sex? For sure. However, there's another powerless group often overlooked, often underestimated. Who are they? High school aged folks: too old to mow lawns, too smart to accept being ripped off with \$1 per hour wages, yet too young to have their voices heard. The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) is doing something to help high school aged people. It's the Urban Action Experience. Next summer, the third year for the program will offer selected high school aged people the unique opportunity to spend six weeks living in either San Francisco or Boston. Those who enter the program will be working hard to learn about urban struggles, living together in a collective, exploring two of the United States' really fine cities and growing within their own personhood. Urban Action Experience is possibly the most meaningful six weeks you can spend in your entire life. Two years of experience have proven that. If you want more details, write to:

Douglas Strong  
1900 Sacramento Street  
Berkeley, CA. 94702

**SEX!**

The Cream of People Soup comes out twice a year. These issues are 24 pages long, twice the length of most soups. For such issues, we try to pick a special theme, one which cannot be dealt with fairly in a regular soup because of their broadness.

The theme of the next Cream is Sexuality. We expect to deal with the spectrum of human sexuality: virginity, celibacy, autosexuality, homosexuality, hetosexuality, bisexuality, Pansexuality and probably some shades in between.

But we need articles if this is to be a reflection of the soup's readership. We need you to write something for this issue.

So get some paper out and get the mind clicking about your theories, ideas and experiences and send them to: People Soup, LRY, 25 Beacon St., Boston, MA 02108.

The deadline for articles is January 8, 1977

Dear Friends,

We are presently in Legal Hold, Barracks 104, Naval Support Activity, Philadelphia, Penna. for unauthorized absence from the Navy. This facility mainly houses returned absentees awaiting Captains Mast or Court Martial for going AWOL.

A majority of the people here were driven to the point by the Navy where they could no longer cope with the military and left to improve their chances of getting a discharge for medical, administrative or other reasons.

Most of the people here do not get much mail while they are here which increases the loneliness, making it harder for them to cope with the Navy while waiting for discharge. It would be greatly appreciated if sometime when you have nothing else to do you could write a letter to:

Personnel on Legal Hold  
Barracks 104  
Naval Support Activity  
Philadelphia, PA 19112

There is a group in Philadelphia which provides counselling to those of us who ask them for help in getting discharges from the Navy. Those of us receiving counselling

**clearinghouse**

The Clearinghouse is a product of both LRY and the "Movement" of the late sixties. In moving through the LRY experience we learn about being able to take control of our own lives. We learn that we are not powerless and immature, incapable of truly formulating our own beliefs and carrying them out in our lives.

But---"Individuals cannot take LRY with them in any direction as they solidify more and more their life goals, as that cheapens and weakens the search for the younger LRYers going through the process that brought the older LRYers to where they have arrived." Rob Fellows, from the '74 Clearinghouse report.

So the Clearinghouse was envisioned as a structure to help post-LRY types help each other to live in the ways they wanted to.

The late sixties saw an explosion of youthful energies, labeled "the Movement." Within this there were "the communes." This largely consisted of half a dozen people saying, "Let's all live together!", and getting a three room dump with mattresses all over the floor. These experiments by and large did not work.

The communes had an effect though. There is now a growing alternatives movement; a movement of people who are consciously and rationally seeking and inventing personally fulfilling alternatives to the normal way of living, working, loving, buying food, and treating each other.

Welllllll--- what's the Clearinghouse going to do with all of this grooviness?

The first order of business is to send out questionnaires to, and get them back from persons on an, as of yet, nonexistent mailing list. Once we've done this we will have a resource bank/constituency of people who are immediate in their interest, or already active in alternatives.

We can then use this resource bank as a supportive network to help us help each other (individually or in groups) to find, create, or invent alternatives that fulfill our wants, needs, and beliefs.

My fantasy for the not so near future is that the Clearinghouse will become a network of functioning alternatives. I believe that this society does very little that cannot be done better (more sanely, humanely, and more enjoyably) collectively. I'd like to see the Clearinghouse foster a parallel society. A society where we could get almost all of our needs met from each other. From the farm-collective to the coop to the community; we could get our food and services from people who were working not to make money from us, for themselves, but because they and everyone else needs to have certain things in order to live.

ANYWAY-----

What we need right now is:

1) Names and addresses of people who are immediately (like right now) interested in alternative living, working, etc., etc., styles. It would be real good if you could constantly keep us up to date on your address.

Also, if you know any non LRY types who are into alternatives tell them about the Clearinghouse. We want to be as inclusive as possible.

from this group wish that we could contribute financially to this group for their time and concern. It is mostly impossible, however, because a majority of us are not receiving any pay due to confusion or loss of our records. If any of you can contribute, they are a very worthy group doing very worthwhile work and are contributing a great deal of their time, energy and concern to helping us help ourselves. Both we and they would appreciate any help you can give. Their name and address is:  
Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors  
2016 Walnut St.  
Philadelphia, PA

Thank you very much.  
Yours Truly,  
Richard Terrass (285-62-2491)  
Kenneth Hall (280-58-5021)



**BOOK REVIEW**

The Maple Sugar Book  
by Helen and Scott Nearing  
Schocken Books 237 pp

"To those who carry through with their idea, this book will be scripture. Those who do not, if they have any slightest curiosity about how things get done, can enjoy it, whether they are in, near, or far from Vermont." Saturday Review

Comprehensive .. that's what I thought as I started to leaf through the table of contents. It covers many aspects of maple sugaring, from when the English discovered that the Indians were making it to the making of maple sugar today.

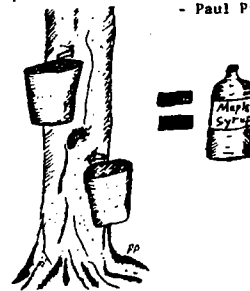
One thing which gives The Maple Sugar Book much of its life is that they quote directly from old accounts of sugaring. These anecdotes give one a glimpse of an entire culture, of a simple life in the woods of New England.

At the very end, there are remarks on "Pioneering as a way of living in the twentieth century". These remarks tell how the Nearings moved out of the city and started producing maple syrup in Vermont. They encourage people to do the same, with a claim that maple sugaring is one of the last things that "big business" cannot take over and control.

The Nearings wanted to "live simply, doing as much good as possible to our fellow beings, and at the same time doing them as little harm as possible". They succeeded in a way that was quiet and un-spectacular, but they succeeded nonetheless. They set realistic goals and met them, reset their goals and continued. After several years, they reached their ideal schedule: four hours of bread labor, four hours for their vocation and four hours for social intercourse.

The Maple Sugar Book is surprisingly modern in its outlook, considering that it was first published in 1950. It is full of phrases about "big business" and how the cities are unstable and unhealthy for people to live in. It is also quietly inspiring, making one want to abandon the cities for a stab at modern sugaring in a maple bush. I recommend it highly.

- Paul Pigman



2) We really want/need feedback from people on your thoughts/fantasies about the Clearinghouse, your life, this society, my writing ability and all that. Sooooo..... if you're interested, send your name and address to:

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