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Well, fellow members, this is our first edition, and I hope that this monthly newsletter will be informative, creative, and we hope a little bit humorous. The house, as you know, is fast becoming operative and we are looking forward to establishing the crisis telephone service, the short stay accommodation, the farm program, the occupational facilities, and the various discussion groups. Donations are coming in slowly but we will be receiving newspaper write ups, radio and perhaps television coverage, which will surely speed things up. Please feel free to drop around to the house, after all it's yours. Try not to think of the M.P.A. as already set up with no room for new people. The group is always open to new ideas and initiative. If you think of some project you believe is worthwhile, come down and get it started. Other people will pitch in to help. Everyone wants the M.P.A. to be democratic and that means everyone has the same right to decide what goes on here.

Coming Events

Picnic. Sunday May 9th. Meet at the 10th Avenue house at 10 a.m. Bring your car if you have one. Bring your own food, etc. The picnic will be at the farm sight in Matsqui. Premier Bennett has kindly consented to let Ed Sullivan do his next show at the picnic.

General meeting. Friday night May 14th at 7:30 p.m. A party will follow.

The Queen's Visit

It is not often that the queen visits our house but when she does, she always seems to contribute a little gaiety during her stay. Monday was no exception. She and Phil ("that's her husband"), arrived about ten in the morning and after helping wash the dishes and clean up the kitchen, they created a bit of humour when Phil dropped a cold, used tea bag down the back of the queen's dress. The queen flipped Phil onto his back with a Judo throw and laughingly covered him with lard, flour, salt, sugar, and a large bag of oat meal, then stuffed his nose and ears with olives. They sure seemed to be a well balanced couple. The queen mentioned that she would donate a dozen used horse blankets and a large bronze statue of Alfred Plutz, who was an obscure fish salesman. The statue was donated to Queen Victoria in the eighteenth century by the fish salesmen's union and will surely look stunning in the middle of the front room. The queen and Phil thanked us for our hospitality and said that it was nice to meet such nutty people. We wished them well on their tour and presented them with a pound and a half of beef sausages. Philip squirted the neighbours with a water pistol from the window of their limousine as they slowly drove away. Thanks Liz and Phil and we'll do it again sometime.