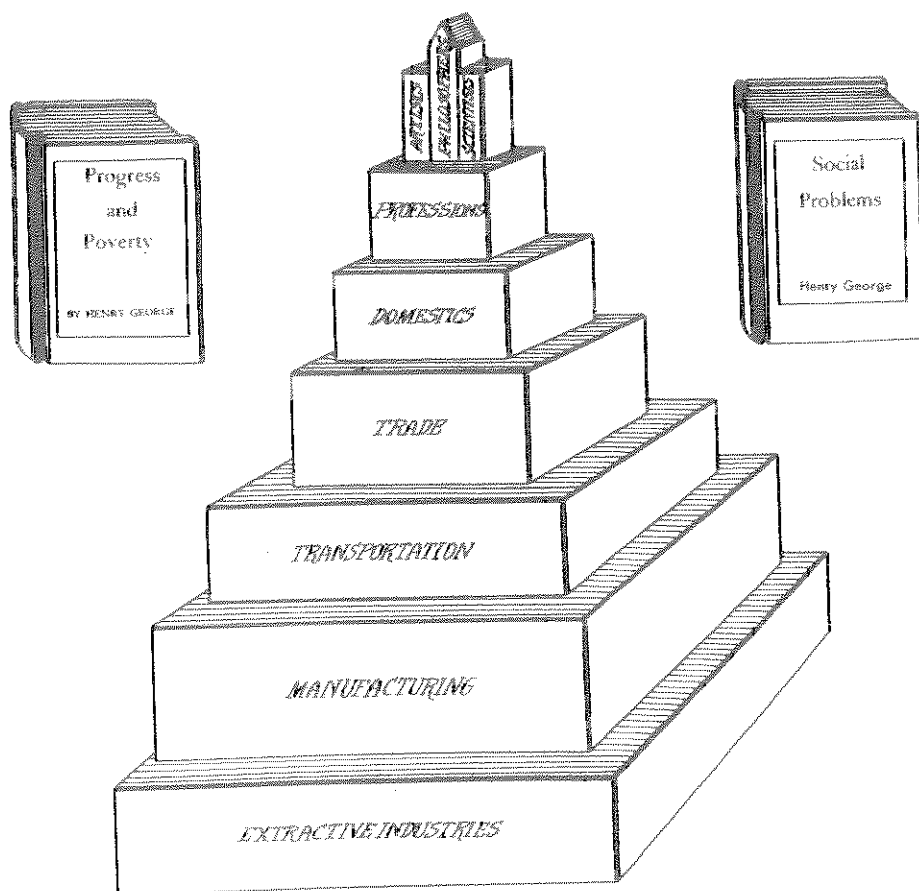


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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

"There is nothing constant but change" Not too often, but now and then, a personal change takes place which reflects itself into many activities and into the lives of many, many people. Such a change has come upon me. Though many of you had known it to be in the offing, most of you doubted that the step would be taken. For personal reasons, the move had to be made but I had hoped that it would not result in a removal from the city. However, it developed that way, and believe me, it took some considerable thought, as it isn't easy to abruptly detach oneself from friends and associates and go off to re-establish oneself in a new locality where roots must be set out again. Particularly, it wasn't easy to give up close association and activity within a grand and progressive organization, which I have seen grow from a mere handful of visionaries to one of influence and promise and which is destined to play an enormous role in bringing about those social reforms which will enrich and harmonize mankind as we spread our teachings of individual freedom, economic justice and liberty of individual action over the country and eventually over the world. To have to carry on as a lone worker in a new locality will test my sincerity and metal, which I don't mind, for wherever I may be or whatever I may be doing, I shall always be advancing the George principles. What I do mind, is the breaking away from many fine and close friendships and the close association with the many people in the New York Georgist activities. You shall all be missed very, very much, and I leave you reluctantly and with a heartfelt sense of loss.

However, we are all serving voluntarily and to the fullest extent of our time and talents in the cause of economic truth. The personalities, great and small, who have served and those who are serving unselfishly to advance this great economic truth, have done and are doing so with little or no thought of personal gain. Service has and is being given because of sincere conviction to principles which, when universally recognized and practiced, will make our world a saner and happier place for every human being. Therefore, knowing that such is the foundation upon which S.A.G.E. is built and that it has members who are capable and willing to carry on, I leave your midst physically, knowing full well that S.A.G.E. will continue to grow and expand its activities under the directorship of an enthusiastic and working Executive Board headed by your Vice-President, Edwin J. Cooney.

Because of my detachment from the school, many of the details which were personally handled, will of necessity fall upon many shoulders. I ask that each of you, not only the Executive members, give a little extra in whatever way you can to carry on our important functions. Many hands make all tasks, large and small, so much easier. Pitch in, fellow members, volunteer wherever and whenever you are needed to make S.A.G.E. the vital instrument of our grand vision.

We are in the middle of the summer now but soon September will be upon us. Fall and winter activities are in the offing. There is much to be done. An impressive program has been drawn up; it is your program. Funds and willing hands are needed now. Your fullest cooperation is expected since you are all Georgists and voluntary cooperation is an important part of your creed. Support the organization with every possible means. S.A.G.E. is yours in name and in deed. Make it a strong and influential organization for general good, for your own good.

I can't urge you more, fellow members. I dislike leaving you but I shall be one with you, wherever I may go. Carry on, and when I can, I shall make special trips to be with you in person. Au revoir, keep the good works growing.

GEORGE J. MUSALINO

I BELIEVE...

...in the Fatherhood of God, and therefore in the Brotherhood of Man. By "Man", I mean all men.

I believe that the Creator freely gave the earth to all of His children, that all may have equal rights to its use.

I believe that the injunction, "In the sweat of thy brow shalt thou eat bread," necessarily implies, "Thou shalt not eat bread in the sweat of thy brother's brow."

I believe that all are violating the divine law who live in idleness on wealth produced by others, since they eat bread in the sweat of their brothers' brows.

I believe that no man should have power to take wealth he has not produced or earned unless freely given to him by the producer.

I believe that brotherhood requires giving an equivalent for every service received from a brother.

I believe it is blasphemous to assert or insinuate that God has condemned some of His children to hopeless poverty, and to the crimes, want, and misery resulting therefrom, and has, at the same time, awarded to others lives of ease and luxury, without labor.

I believe that involuntary poverty and involuntary idleness are unnatural, and are due to the denial by some of the right of others to use freely the gifts of God to all.

Since labor products are needed to sustain life, and since labor must be applied to land in order to produce, I believe that every child comes into life with divine permission to use land without the consent of any other child of God.

Where men congregate in organized society, land has a value apart from the value of things produced by labor; as population and industry increase, the value of land increases, but the value of labor products does not. That increase in land value is community-made value. Inasmuch as your power to labor is a gift of God, all the wealth produced by your labor is yours, and no man nor collection of men has a right to take any of it from you.

I believe the community-made value of land belongs to the community, just as wealth produced by you belongs to you.

THEREFORE....I believe that the fundamental evil, the great God-denying crime of society, is the iniquitous system under which men are permitted to put into their pockets, confiscate, in fact, the community-made values of land, while organized society confiscates for public purposes a part of the wealth created by individuals.

from

"The Religion of Joseph Fels"

AS FAR AS I CAN SEE

No more intriguing season is known to the urban dweller than that which is now upon us. Although the heat of city streets is oppressive, still Summer is the time of broiled lobster, the rolling waves, color film, the myriad feminine fashions and figures, "going to the country", and all those things that make life worth living. Away with care, off with the mantle of grey winter! It's still great to be alive!

An important idea is now being discussed in Washington. It may eventuate as a recommendation for a government employee code of ethics. The concept of such a code is the outgrowth of the Kefauver and Fulbright investigations. If we may discount momentarily the hysterical attacks from various sections of the press, a study of the committee reports indicates that in spite of the hullabaloo, the individuals concerned in high profit government surplus deals, influence peddling, commissions, and tie-ins between politics and the underworld, etc., have not violated any laws specifically - their actions were unethical but not illegal! Hence the present movement to institute a code of ethics for all Government employees, civil service or appointive, to which all such personages will be asked to subscribe.

From Washington to the household budget is often such a long jump that some times these two factors in the economy seem entirely unrelated! However, these are some of the latest facts concerning your pocketbook:

If you are the average wage-earner you will be hit hardest by defense taxation. Largest part of new program revenue will come from the lower and middle income brackets. Those earning from 6,000 to 10,000 dollars a year number about 1,500,000. But those earning less than \$6,000.00 per annum total over 40,000,000 taxpayers; those below \$3,200 per year total 32,000,000 - the source of the new levies for the most part. The little man will have to pay the bill in the fight to preserve democracy.

Regarding the state of the national economy, dependent as it is upon preparation for war to keep industrial wheels turning, a New York columnist recently wrote - "It makes one shudder to think what a sudden outbreak of peace might mean to the American economy". Senator Johnson of Colorado recently said at a Washington Chamber of Commerce meeting: "If Russia suddenly decided to be a good neighbor there would be hell to pay".

Our erstwhile trust-buster Thurman Arnold in a speech at John Hancock Hall in Boston a few months ago stated "We just don't know what it would do or what would happen if the war should end. Our production system has gotten ahead of our ability to distribute goods. The only way we can keep up with production is to wage war - a method of distributing goods when there's no other market". - These are the words of an eminent lawyer! (Any Georgist can tell him differently! -Ed.)

This Department earnestly recommends the book "Human Fertility" by Robert C. Cook. Sustained by world-renowned authorities such as Julian Huxley, Dr. Cook presents here a formidable array of statistics which indicate quite lucidly the gravity of increasing world population without land use reform. As world population increases by 25 million each year, the earth's population is almost certain to double within the next 70 years. Even at the low standard of one acre of arable land per person we would then require 80,000 square miles of new productive and intensively farmed land to keep them alive - about twice the size of Tennessee. (And then think, as Georgists, of all the land held out of use!)-Ed.

Ed Cooney.

HENRY GEORGE REVIEWS THE NEWS

From A Long Range Viewpoint

(From Book 5, Chapter 2, Page 287, 50th Anniversary Edition of "P & P")

"The simple theory which I have outlined.....explains this conjunction of poverty with wealth, of low wages with high productive power, of degradation amid enlightenment, of virtual slavery in political liberty. It harmonizes, as results flowing from a general and inexorable law, facts otherwise most perplexing".

News In Our Time

Some time ago, in an Associated Dispatch from Washington, we read: "The Agricultural Department says it is ready, on a moment's notice, to start surplus potatoes, dried milk and dried eggs moving to accredited relief agencies under its new "give-away" program."

While some agencies could use this food, in an article by one of the Herald-Tribune's special writers (Dorothy Dunbar Bromly), we find a little later, this statement by Henry J. Rossner, Assistant to the Commissioner of the Department of Welfare: "The Department regrets it does not have the facilities to distribute locally to home relief clients the surplus potatoes, dried milk and eggs. The cost would be prohibitive if we were to rent local stores, break the hundred pound bags of potatoes into ten pound sacks and package the dried milk which comes in 180 lb. drums, and the eggs, which come in 14 lb. cartons".

George's Viewpoint as Good NOW as THEN!

(From "Political Economy", Chapter 1, Book 3, Page 326)

"For the object of production is the satisfaction of human desires, that is to say it is consumption; and this object is not made capable of attainment,- production is not really complete until wealth is brought to the place where it is to be consumed and put at the disposal of him whose desire it is to satisfy. Thus, the production of wealth in political economy includes transportation and exchange".

(And excerpts from Chapter 2, Book 4, Pages 437-8)

"For natural law is not all comprehended in what we call physical law. Besides the laws of nature which relate to matter and energy, there are also laws of nature that relate to spirit, to thought and will. Any remonstrance of the moral law of nature to their action will not show itself in, or in relation to these identical things. But it will show itself in the future...in checking or preventing the production of such things. Production and Distribution are in fact not separate things, but two mentally distinguishable parts of one thing,-the exertion of human labor in the satisfaction of human desires. In the ordinary course, things are not distributed because they have been produced, but are produced in order that they may be distributed".

M. L. Rees

It has been pointed out that the Ship of State may often sail a peaceful and profitable voyage by following the natural course of the TRADE WINDS!

THE PLATFORM OF S. A. G. E.

Vision to SEE
Faith to BELIEVE
Courage to DO

VARYING HUMAN NATURE-- UNVARYING NATURAL LAW
(Continued from July issue)

As one who would learn more about the stars studies astronomy, so the man desirous of discovering more about the implication and integration of natural laws at work in the metaphysical field applies himself to the science dealing with this subject, - that of political economy.

This is not the same as the study of morals or politics, though both of these branches of knowledge, George says, "throw a powerful light" on social phenomena. It is, instead, the discernment and application in the mental field, as revealed in history and daily observation, of the unremitting, irrepressible efforts of the human race to follow the line of least resistance in achieving the satisfaction of evergrowing desires, both material, and spiritual.

This men will do directly, (the easy way), if they can, but circuitously, (the hard way), if they must, in their incessant activities in making a living. Like wine fermenting in a bottle that will at length break the glass if the cork is not removed, social movements, held under unnatural pressure, work for the destruction, and not the welfare of its members.

Looked at in this light it is only logical to conclude that such practices as private ownership of the world's natural resources, upon which all must live, of trade restrictions that interfere with the self-regulating laws of supply and demand of goods and services, are measures to be tolerated only as temporary evils, both out of past ignorance and the moment's necessity, but to be deprecated and corrected as soon as possible.

In harmony with these beliefs Henry George wrote in Progress and Poverty: - "Man, as he advances, threads a labyrinth-----through which reason and justice alone can keep him continuously in an ascending path". And again: - "Shortsighted is the philosophy that counts on selfishness as the master motive of human action. It is blind to the facts of which the world is full.-----Call it religion, patriotism, sympathy, the enthusiasm for humanity or the love of God, give it what name you will, there is yet a force which overcomes and drives out selfishness; a force which is the electricity of the moral universe."

It is the presence of this power that will some day bring to pass the association of all men in economic equality and freedom.

(Concluded)

Mabel L. Rees

SOME APOLOGIES

First, we want to apologize for an error made last month in our report on the "Annual June Banquet", where we said that Mr. William Christianson was a member of the faculty; this should have been: Mr. ANDREW P. CHRISTIANSON. (We are highly embarrassed, as your editor had the privilege of studying P. & P. under his able tutelage several years ago!)

Second, we want to apologize for the scarcity of "Committee Reports" in this issue; for one thing, Committees are operating at a "reduced speed" during these Summer months, and add to this the heat and these "vacation daze" and what do we have? You guessed it! Few reports! However, we have a full program waiting the Autumn months and then you will see us going full speed ahead!

HARTFORD S.A.G.E.

Again our Co-Ordinator of National SAGE, Joseph Bedford Rose, "took off" on Tuesday, June 26th for Hartford, Conn., where he had been invited to address the graduating classes of the Hartford School, where Mr. Nathan Hillman is Director. Mr. Rose left N.Y. in the company of Mr. Samuel Friedman, who was representing our Headquarters in New York (i.e., the school), and who would also be a guest speaker at this function, which was very wellattended by graduates, teachers, students and guests.

Mr. Rose reported that he met a great number of the Fellowship Members at this affair, who all seemed very well informed of the work accomplished by SAGE in New York. Mr. James A. McNally, President of the Fellowship, stressed their desire to learn of the program for a National Organization and therefore was very glad to know that this was to be the theme of Joe Rose's speech.

Mr. Nathan Hillman preceded Mr. Rose as a speaker, and after saying that a new building was to be acquired for a larger school in Hartford, he expressed his pleasure at having a member of New York S.A.G.E. there to speak also, because Mr. Hillman believed that a SAGE organization could help the school and keep active the graduates in this common bond.

Joe Rose then spoke for about a half-hour, giving all details of our program, all the way from encouraging individuals to study at the school to bringing them in as active, working members of a SAGE organization, able and willing to further the cause of Georgism. It was pointed out that we must build our groups, no matter how small, into strong units, which would become part of National SAGE; this is an opportunity to join ONE ORGANIZATION, which can command attention and help to accomplish our economic mission.

Mr. Rose's remarks were enthusiastically received and Mr. McNally said that his group will become a chapter of S.A.G.E. in Hartford, and invited Mr. Rose to attend the Fellowship meeting in September when they would seal the affiliation as another SAGE chapter.

We now have ALBANY, BOSTON, HARTFORD, and NEW YORK CITY on the East Coast and Mr. Rose intends to visit every major city where there are Georgists to organize as many Chapters as possible, and we can be proud of our accomplishments! But - there is yet more to be done, so let's keep busy!

PERSONAL - GLIMPSES

At this present time, the Seventh Annual Conference of the Henry George School is being held in Los Angeles, California, and judging from the program set up it is going to be just as interesting, if not more so, than any other in the past! Of course, ROBERT CLANCY, Director of the New York School, is one of the principal speakers, along with GEORGE ROYAL, Dean of the New York School, and Miss V.G. PETERSON, Executive Secretary of the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation.

We know that they are not only having a good time, but are accomplishing a "good work" out there and those of us who perforce, must remain behind, shall be happy to receive their report.

Our friend and fellow-Georgist, MATHEW OSSIAS, we learn, has taken unto himself a wife, the former FREDLA LA FOND (we hope the spelling is correct!). This happy event took place June 19th and we want to wish them a long and happy journey down the path of life together!

"LANDS OF THE CARIBBEE"

Ye I'les of the archipelligo
And lands within the Caribbean Sea,
Wealth is draining from your soil
And poverty is deepening everyday;
She's saying to your boys and girls:
"For you there's no tomorrow!"

Backwardness strides on with Progress
And Want amid advancing Wealth,
Hunger grows alongside Plenty
And Beggars law where Rich Men tread;
With scornful smile, Poverty shouts:
"For you there's no tomorrow!"

Side by side they both ascend -
Cinema - Almshouse - Palace - Shanty;
From hungry mouths comes the plea
"Help! O Help!" - but all in vain,
For Poverty murmurs in growling tone:
"For you there's no tomorrow!"

Throughout your lands are Paupers,
Amidst the rubbish and the menace
From the dust-bin they must feed;
Dingy water they must drink;
While Poverty laughs: "Ha! Ha! Sad Ones!
For you there's no tomorrow!"

Beneath the shed on the footpath
Thousands spend unhappy nights
And in the park beneath the trees,
Exposed to dew and rain and cold,
Poverty chimes her grievous strain:
"For you there's no tomorrow!"

Along some dark and dingy gateway
Your boys and girls must wend their way
And in the back yard in their barracks
They must spend their rudest life;
For them the bells of Poverty chime:
"For you there's no tomorrow!"

Around and about the market place
Upon boxes, carts and bags,
Some vendors spend sleepless nights
awaiting dawn, when they must toil again,
While Poverty stresses 'just barely food':
"For you there's no tomorrow!"

In the suburb of the town
Encroach the rudest shanties,
With mosquitoes booming busily,
While ticks, and bugs and fleas do dance,
There Poverty rants and holds her sway:
"For you there's no tomorrow!"

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"LANDS OF THE CARIBBEE" (Continued)

The boys and girls of yester-year
Are the men and women of today;
If they, like their predecessors, sleep
The morrow - years shall tell
For Poverty's sway would spread or cease:
"For you there's no tomorrow!"

God in His heavens sees and knows
That man is vile and man is weak,
But yet the sun doth shine for all,
Nature's gifts all to enjoy
God's decree, hope and will
"For every one a morrow bright!"

Now to all ye of the Caribbee
Gird your loins with matchless strength,
Stop the draining of your wealth,
Care for your hungry dying ones,
Insist that Poverty's reign be o're
And make "For all a bright tomorrow!"

By: Rodney K. Douglas
(Student of Fundamental Economics)
Port Au Spain, Trinidad, B.W.I.

(The above was written by a correspondence course student of Mr. Challis', who very kindly allowed, (with the author's consent,) us to print the above-Ed.)

LET'S "CASH IN"

Yesterday is a cancelled check. Today is a promissory note. Tomorrow we "cash in". That's what we, as SAGERS, hope for because by selling the George Economy to every "rank and filer" of the general public, we will, eventually, "cash in". The Law of Compensation gives one the sense of having done a good job; inevitably it must needs enrich the investment of time and labor with the satisfaction of just and economic returns.

With the help of Miss Evelyn Amrhein, the Education Committee is mailing letters to every noteworthy labor organization. A list of all labor organizations, together with personnel data, is contained in a directory published by the New York State Labor Department. Letters, spreading the gospel of the George movement are being mailed to labor officials. Other economic fields also will be covered, such as Co-Operative Societies, Social-Political Groups, Legislative Bodies, Educational Institutions, Parent-Teachers Associations, etc.

The Education Committee needs help - the help of those who want to "cash in" on the achievements of S.A.G.E. If you are in earnest, sieze this very minute; what you can do, or think you can, begin it! If you can type and will give up an hour of your time in the course of Economic Freedom and Justice, get in touch with the undersigned.

Myron A. Kessner,
Chairman, Education Committee.

A Q U O T A T I O N

Things that are put off are never put over.

"YOU ARE ONE WITH THE UNIVERSE" (Concluded)

Nature offers material to men, and Man himself, is included in Nature. Our will is free. Human will can only affect external nature by taking advantage of natural laws, which implies that there is a higher and more constant will. The human element is the initiative.

Nature, by the art of man, created a commonwealth or state, which is but an artificial man. Man makes laws because someone desired them. Congress can pass an act, but that doesn't make it right or just, even though it may be legal. And since man's will is free, he will break a legal law when it suits his fancy to do so. (Take speeding, excessive drinking, blackmarket).

Political Economy seeks those laws of the distribution of wealth which belong to the natural order, Laws which concern the Body Economic, the Greater Leviathan, which makes its appearance with civilization and develops with its advance.

Both production and distribution are continuous, they are not separate things, but two mentally distinguishable parts of one thing. The exertion of human labor for the satisfaction of human desires.

Both are laws of nature...Laws of Production are physical laws, and the Laws of Distribution are moral laws, involving ethics.

They are inter-related. Distribution is really the cause of production. Things are produced in order to be distributed. When production and distribution are interfered with it is a consequence of Natural Law, not human law.

Natural law is not seen in the physical law.

Natural laws cannot be violated. Man's mind and his actions through knowledge and cultural background will affect man's thought and actions. But since thought precedes all else, therefore, human laws are laws of nature.

Whether they are good or bad is of no concern to the law of nature, but their effect on man is of concern to him.

If natural law is violated there is a consequence. The laws of nature are not written in statute books, though human laws are.

Religion assumes that there is a power, or force, or ideal to which human life must be adjusted. The organized religion of today oftentimes consists only of rituals and dogmas. Rather than dogmas of theology, religion should be compatible with science.

Political Economy is actually a psychoanalysis of history, cause, effect and result.

Philosophy presupposes existing knowledge with an interpretation and evaluation of this knowledge, and tries to analyze and clarify ideas and methods. Philosophy cannot create a faith. Its interpretation must be relevant to living experience.

History is an interpretation of a particular social culture. Considering it from the Politically Economic point of view, history is nothing more than the existing Political Economy of the day. And each economic development has its own place, since Economics is a psychology of historical events.

The union of scientific religion with the philosophy of correlating historical events will, under the proper conditions, ward off the "isms" that are penetrating our social order.

By: Clara Vitarius

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MEETINGS

SUNDAY, JUNE 10TH: - THOMAS GILMARTIN, Chairman of the Moving Picture Committee, announced that these have been discontinued until the Fall, when they will be resumed with an improved program!

HAROLD SAGER, Chairman of the Speakers Bureau, reported on several requests for speakers and announced that Mr. H.B. Goldstein had filled an engagement at the Pace Institute and Mr. Thomas Gilmartin at the Friends of Democracy.

Reports of the other Committees were only routine and the only other "Highlight" was that during the months of July, August & September the SAGE meetings will be held on the Second Tuesday of each month, 7:30 P.M.

TUESDAY, JULY 10TH: - We regret that we do not have the "Highlights" of this meeting available at the time we go to press, so we will have to include these in next months issue. Sorry, folks.

A FEW WORDS--FROM YOUR EDITOR

It is not often that I exert my prerogative in addressing my readers, and while as editor I should perhaps, stick to the conventional "we" that editors "hide" under. I would prefer to write to you personally.

As you will note from the article on Page 1 (A Message From Your President), George Musalino must, unfortunately, be absent from our midst, and while of course, S.A.G.E. in itself is too strong a body now to suffer any lasting ill-effects from this fact, nevertheless, there may be the tendency to "let-down" now that our usual head is not with us. As a Georgist, a friend and fellow-member, may I make my individual appeal to you to please keep on attending meetings and helping with the work in SAGE? We are most fortunate in having Ed Cooney as Vice-President, and under his able leadership we will quite naturally, forge ahead as in the past.

However, with all the plans we have for the coming Fall and Winter Seasons, we will need every single member we have to help in one way or another and it will be not only our duty but our loyal pleasure to help Ed Cooney and the rest of the Executive Board keep S.A.G.E. not only afloat, but steaming upstream!

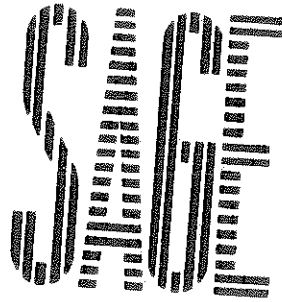
Incidentally, may I again remind my readers that I will still welcome any articles, view-points on economic or social matters, personal items, short poems, pithy quotations, etc., so that I may continue to make this paper an expression of all the S.A.G.E. members. You must, of necessity, trust my editing of any items submitted, but rest assured that, aside from rejection of radical or harmful items, I always have and always will try and keep anything offered for publication as much an expression of the individual submitting it as is humanly possible. This isn't my paper, and it isn't your paper - it's OUR paper!

Vivian Kiliaen-Rodney

A L I M E R I C K

" A college economist planned
To live without access to land
And would have succeeded
But found that he needed
Food, clothing and somewhere to stand."

By: Prof. Harry Gunnison Brown
(His pamphlet "The Challenge of the
Australian Tax Policy")



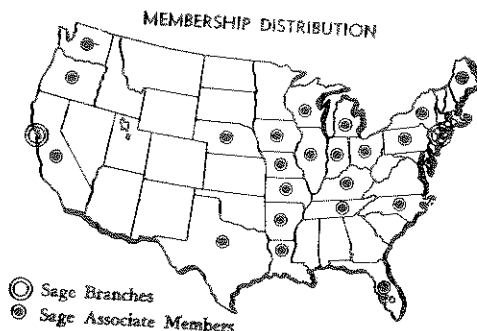
Society For The Advancement of The George Economy, Inc.

S. A. G. E., INC. IS:

A chartered group of Georgists who understanding the Economic Philosophy of Henry George, sincerely believe that the inauguration of his sound economic principles will enhance individual liberties and freedoms, and will bring about peace, harmony, and prosperity to all.

ITS PURPOSE IS

To organize the Henry George School graduates and Georgists into a working entity; dedicated to promulgating and propagating the George Principles of Economics.



ITS MEMBERS ARE

Teachers, doctors, ministers, students, businessmen, actors, lawyers, clerks, stenographers, secretaries, farmers, salesmen . . . individuals from all walks of life who have completed one or more of the basic and advanced courses at the Henry George School, its Extensions, or its Correspondence Courses.

ITS OFFICERS ARE

Members of the organization nominated and elected by the membership for a period of one year. They are guided by a Constitution; and all activities are conducted in a democratic, parliamentary procedure.

HISTORY

S. A. G. E. Inc. was formed in April of 1948 by a few people who felt that an Alumni group could do a great deal to advance the process of education in the George Economic Principles by (1) holding and maintaining the interest of graduates, (2) developing programs of action for those zealous individuals who sincerely want "to do something", (3) providing entertainment programs as social attractions and outlets and (4) encouraging cooperation among Georgist individuals and groups in a united effort toward a common goal. A Constitution and By-Laws were drawn up, membership solicitation was stepped up, organizational procedures were planned and programs were outlined.

The foundation for S. A. G. E. was well laid and the organizers entertained no illusions about the tremendous task that lies before all Georgists ere their principles are recognized by society generally. They knew, and still know, that the process of education is the first requisite to enlightenment and it must be steadily and increasingly expanded to encompass a good-sized minority within society before and decided reforms can be effected. They also felt that the educational process could be hastened by providing a unified vehicle of expression and action to those Georgists and graduates who believe that "in union there is strength" of purpose and solidity of influence and effect.

Cohesion of organizational efforts manifested themselves gradually as S. A. G. E. grew from a mere handful into hundreds. Much has been accomplished within our short existence and we have proven that we are a staying, influential, and demonstrable force which is destined to perform a great role in advancing the George principles of economic truth. S. A. G. E. became incorporated under New York State law in August 1949 as an education organization.

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