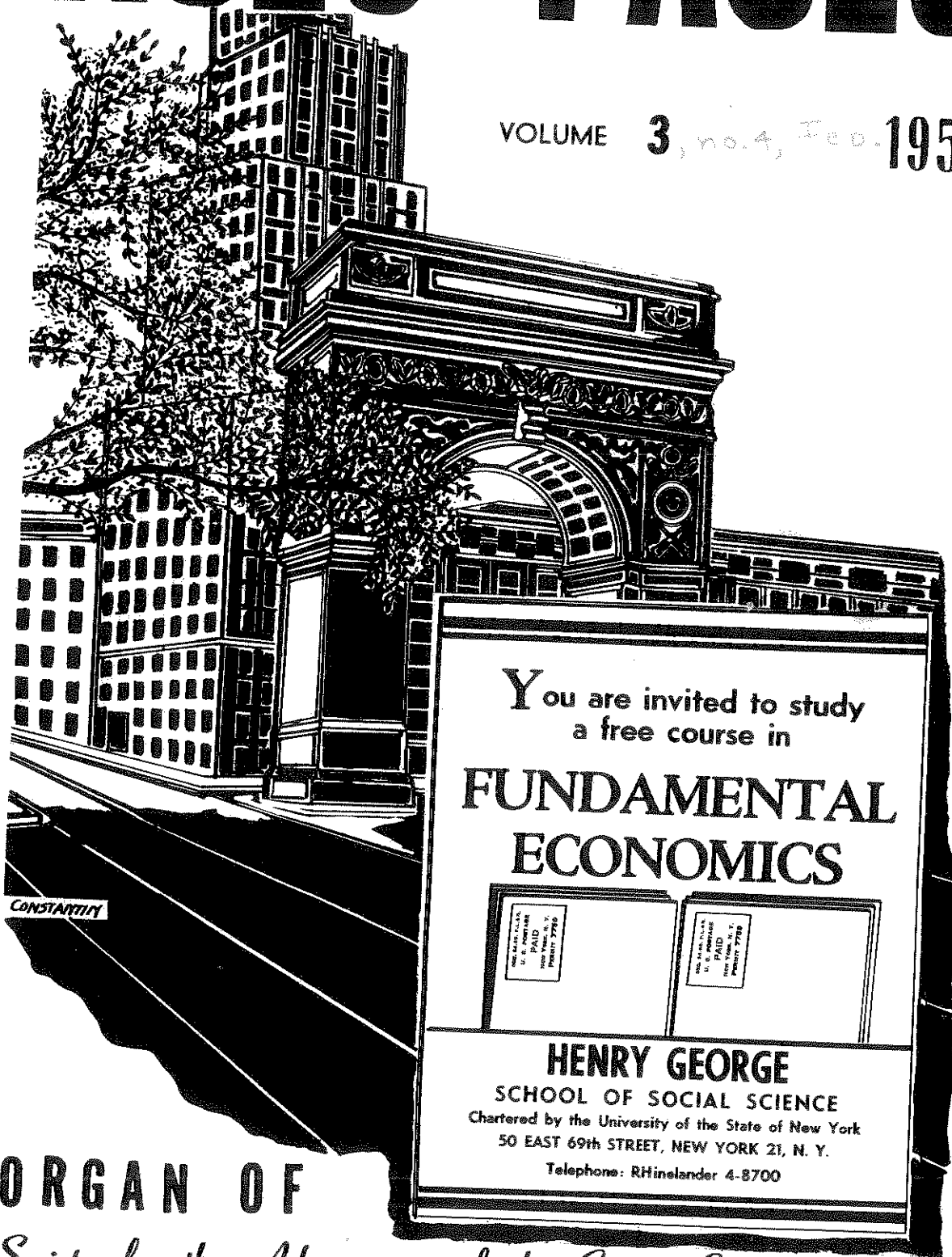


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#### CALENDAR

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Friday - February 9	- SAGE Movie Night	8:00 PM
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Sunday - February 18	- Regular Meeting	3:30 PM
	Spaghetti Dinner	5:30 PM
Friday - February 23	- SAGE Movie Night	8:00 PM

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

With world governments and peoples aligning themselves into two principal camps of beliefs and contentions, namely Communism, which is in reality complete state control of land, labor and capital, via dictatorship; and so-called Democracy, which is actually group monopoly of land, labor and capital with varying measures of free enterprise via party-powered governments, figure-head kings, benevolent dictatorships and protectorates, the world is fast becoming one vast armed encampment which will inevitably lead to general open hostilities, unless some miraculous intervention succeeds in bringing peoples to their senses. Communism developed from the seeds of poverty, fear, hate and vindictive reactions. It is thriving rapidly on the same seeds of malcontent and maldistribution of wealth. The so-called free nations, particularly the United States, are endeavoring to combat the spread of this negative ideology by subscribing vast portions of production to combat and allay it, by outright economic subsidies to weakened nations and to building up tremendous armaments of preparedness. That is just what the "Commies" like. While the perpetrators of government overthrow by violence use every means possible to generate discontent amongst economically smitten nations and groups, so as to gain more people to their cause and to prevent economic recovery, the "free" peoples are being called upon to make more sacrifices, relinquish more liberties, to their respective governments, and to go all out in the strengthening of their nation states. Terrific economic burdens are being placed on them with tendencies toward collapse. Economic breakdowns would play right into the hands of Communism for one thing; and another is the realization that as personal liberties are relinquished to national governments under emergency demands to war efforts, the states become all powerful or socialistic, the citizens become subjects. That which the "free" peoples are endeavoring to prevent by emergency resistance to the threat of communist domination will have come upon them in any event.

It is a deplorable situation; one which warrants intelligent appraisal. No Sager, Georgist or lover of liberty can view world and national conditions today without wondering if our leaders are operating sanely. With a natural, practical and demonstrable economic philosophy, which is the only constructive and effective barrier to the spread of Communism, right in their midst, we exasperatingly wonder why they prefer the destructive means to resistance rather than the constructive. Would the germs of Communism ever get a chance to breed in a country if it were economically and spiritually healthy? If people had equal opportunity, if a sense of security replaced the fears of the future, if all the fruits of labor could be their own, if freedom was a reality? Never.

The job of economic enlightenment is going to be more difficult for us as more and more people are caught in the web of economic mobilization and the future becomes uncertain for them. This means that Sagers and Georgists must gird themselves to greater effort. We have the intelligent answer. It must be made known. Let us bend every effort in our enlightenment and know that a "miraculous" and practical intervention in the world crisis can be.

George Musalina

## \* BILL IN CONGRESS

We take our hats off to Senator John J. Williams of Delaware for being courageous enough to present a bill in Congress to have the President, Vice-President, and every member in Congress share in the mobilization tax burden by having their tax exempt salaries and expenses subjected to income tax deductions.

We, also, feel as the Senator does about it. Why should every citizen except our national law-makers, be subjected to income tax impositions? They are citizens as well as the rest of us! If a law holds for some, it should hold for all, in order to be fair.

Our tax imposing President gets an annual salary of \$100,000.00 plus \$50,000.00 expenses, besides his rent-free White House, Blair House, yacht, private plane, private train, and other lesser tax-free considerations. He certainly isn't a foreigner; and as First Citizen he should make the same sacrifices and be subject to the same laws as the other citizens.

Perhaps with passage of Senator Williams' bill, our tax-hungry federal legislators will think two or three times before they impose any further income taxes. When one suffers the same fate as others, he has much more consideration for their reactions and feelings.

.....By our Washington Correspondent

### TEACHER-MEMBERS

We are right proud of our teacher-members in SAGE and near the start of each term it gives us pleasure to publicize the SAGE Teacher Roster for it continues to grow with the process of our Organization. SAGE members who are teaching during the current term are:

#### CLASS TEACHERS

Mrs. Eleanor Rupprecht	Mr. Bennett Challis
Mrs. Ruth Donnick	Mr. Lewis Marks
Miss Dorothy Sara	Mr. Irving Faust
Mr. Harold Sager	Mr. Thomas Gilmartin
Mr. Erwin Kaufman	Dr. Eugene Friedberg
Mr. Julius Maier	Mr. Robert Huff
Mr. Joseph Rose	Dr. Sant Mandel

#### CORRESPONDENCE COURSE INSTRUCTORS

Miss Vivian Kiliaen-Rodney	Miss Mildred Allen
Mr. Steve Kocoris	Mr. George J. Musalino
Mrs. Mabel L. Rees	Miss Ethel Schmid
Mr. Richard Thiele	Miss Olive Freeman
Mr. Thornton K. Brown	Mrs. Helen Edwards

#### EXTENSION TEACHERS

Mr. Robert Sage	Mrs. Sonia Swirsky
.....	Mr. Raymond D. Smith

#### MUSICIANS WANTED

Val Hallgren, pianist, and George Musalino, mandolinist, are seeking a third member for a trio to specialize in the rendition of "songs that have lived" in the popular vein. A guitarist or bass fiddler is desired. The trio will perform for the entertainment of early arrivals at lectures, movies, and at minor social functions.

Members are asked to keep a look-out for a bass player and let Mr. Musalino know.

PERSONAL GLIMPSES

DOROTHY SARA, teacher, authoress, and business woman, has had another book published recently titled, "Primer for Hostesses". It ought to have wide circulation and we wish her success in reaping the rewards of the effort. Miss Sara is teaching the new experimental class in P & P which has its sessions on Thursday evenings from 9:30 P.M. to 11:30 P.M.. This special class is to accomodate those who have late evening work hours. With Miss Sara as teacher we know it will be successful.

WILLIAM D. HOLLAND, one of our newer members, took himself off to North Carolina recently. It looks very much as though he will be there indefinitely. We trust he enjoys his sojourn and that his Georgist knowledge will influence some North Carolinians to study our practical theory of economics.

MRS. ERNESTINE TEITEL, though a comparatively new member, has shown her calibre by defcting several evenings a week to the recent large announcement mailing; and has attended every SAGE social event and meeting since becoming a member. How we welcome such members! Thank you, Mrs. Teitel.

MRS. ROSE RAFKIND, our Hospitality Chairman, reflects cooperation to the nth degree. Our president mentioned a "One Day a Week to the Cause" for each SAGE member in the last issue of Sage's Pages and Rose initiated it by coming to the school one evening a week. There is always something to work on, isn't there, Rose?

MISS EMILY MCGIRR, a correspondence graduate and member from early last year, attended her second Installation Dinner together with her sister. We always enjoy seeing our faithful members, particularly when it is so infrequent.

JULIUS A. ANTONE, a recent correspondence student and member, attended the Installation Dinner with his wife. It was their first appearance at the school and they were delighted with everyone and everything. We trust that we shall see more of them as the activities program intensifies.

VIVIAN KILLIAN-RODNEY, our capable and conscientious editor, has been over-doing at work, SAGE activities, as correspondence instructor, at home and in civic functions. She has been advised to let down on many things so that she can get up physically. Let's all help her up on some responsibilities so that she can regain some of her vitality.

MISS LYDIA ALKALAY, of the Boston school staff, visited here recently; she stated that the "hard-to-get" approach in getting students is more effective than a fawning, begging one. We are inclined to agree with her.

MR. ROBERT RITCHEY, Director of the Albany school, was in recently, too. He took along an extra copy of Sage's Pages to give to Mr. Albert Gallup who is endeavoring to get a SAGE group started in Albany.

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WILLIAM G. LEON, our tax expert, who has been hospitalized, has left for a recuperating period in New Jersey. He expects to resume his activities shortly thereafter.

CONSTANTIN LENT, author, engineer, and designer, has left for California. One of his books is under consideration for movie material. He will be gone for two months, during which time he expects to visit our Los Angeles SAGE branch and school, and our San Francisco extension.

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#### MEMBERSHIP

We welcome the following new members into S.A.G.E. and extend to them a hearty greeting for a long and purposeful association :

##### REGULAR MEMBERS

Mr. Roland J. Nabert	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Miss Dorothy Naftol	New York City
Mr. Jerry Orientale	Jamaica, N. Y.
Mr. Daniel Stewart	New York City
Mrs. James Fitzgerald	Forest Hills, N. Y.

##### ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Mrs. Katherine S. Coates	Syracuse, N. Y.
Mrs. James Cranston	Doylestown, Penn.

VAL HALLGREN

#### MORE ABOUT DISTRIBUTION

Our Pocket Posters are in various parts of the city; are any of these locations near you? ...

Lenox Hall Pharmacy, Madison Ave. & 76th St.; - Wilcox Pharmacy, 75th St. & Lexington Ave.; - Barber Shops at 272 Flatbush Ave. B'klyn; - 292 Flatbush Ave.; - The Starlight Restaurant, 219 Flatbush Ave; Brooklyn; - A Stationery Store at 840 Lexington Ave.; - Ritz Food Shop, 783 Lexington Ave.; - George Alexander Restaurant, 75th St. & Columbus Ave; Capital Food Shop, 317 Columbus Ave; The Rainbow Lunch, 234 Columbus Ave; Weiner Drug Store, 72nd St. & Columbus Ave; a Shoe Repair Shop at St. Felix Place & Hansen Place, Brooklyn; plus stores on 45th St. & 4th Ave; stores on 9th St. & 4th Ave; stores on 7th Avenue between 1st & 9th Streets, all B'klyn; stores on East 167th St., Bronx near both the IND and IRT subways; stores on 270th St. & Broadway, N.Y., and many more are being added to our list.

Please check over these locations and if any of them are near you, drop in now and then and keep the posters filled. If you prefer a specific assignment, speak to the Chairman and we will be only too glad to give you the locale you select. The posters have already been put up, but we need some one to tend to the re-filling of them, thereby showing the person in charge of the shop, etc., that we are in earnest and appreciate his or her cooperation. The Chairman will welcome as many members as there are "locations" - Won't you please be responsible for just ONE site? Remember our motto: - "For SAGE and the SCHOOL!"

Irving Faust, Chairman

OSCAR GEIGER EXPLORES HENRY GEORGE

Before taking the course with our Director, Robert Clancy, I did not realize that a study of the "Philosophy of Oscar Geiger", based chiefly upon that of Henry George, would be the gateway to so many pastures of new thought.

Meanings were discovered within meanings of each concept discussed, just as astronomers have found one planetary system to be contained within another in the limitless range of the universe. So interesting did each member of the class find the reactions of other members, that it was decided to form a "Geiger Seminar" that will continue meetings on Thursday evenings for the purpose of exchanging views arrived at through a further study of outstanding philosophers. Anyone interested should apply to Arthur Lea, in charge of regional activities.

Oscar Geiger, it seems, read Henry George with enough keen insight to realize that the author of "Progress & Poverty" was much more than an economist who advocated a mere fiscal reform. In George he found an original thinker able to explain the fall of past civilizations, and the disastrous trend of present ones, by means of a true comprehension of their self-defeating economic systems.

Trade and taxes, George explained, were incapable of being confined to any particular realm, designated as "business" but overflowed into the general business of living, everywhere and at all times. Accepting George's fundamental theories that when rents rise, wages fall and that what the community produces should belong to the community (in the form of land-dues), and believing that what the individual earns by his labor is justly his, and should not be taxed, Geiger goes on to show that such a program is the only one to defeat world-wide poverty and conflict.

Control by monopoly, either by the few or the many, whether by private industry or the Government, must be avoided if equality of economic opportunity and freedom are to prevail. All progress depends on peaceful, voluntary co-operation.

From these premises he proceeds to elaborate the way in which the web of civilization, called by George, "The Greater Leviathan", is formed by the criss-crossing of the efforts of mankind to achieve satisfactory realization of desire for both goods and services. He accepts George's declaration that "----all large political questions are at bottom economic questions". These beliefs, to which most Georgists subscribe, are for Geiger only the starting point. Referring to the general introduction and Chapter One of George's "Political Economy", he points out that men are borne along, for good or evil, on the magic carpet woven day in and day out, through their daily transactions in sustaining life.

X Inevitably there enters into each activity something from the three-fold realm of mind, energy and spirit. The metaphysical is bound up with the practical and moral law is found to be an essential of natural law.

M.L.Rees

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A NEED FOR ALCOHOL?

Total U.S. needs for alcohol in 1951 are estimated at 360,000,000 wine gallons, compared with 600,000,000 gallons produced during the peak year of World War II. The failure of the Administration to convert surplus potatoes to alcohol instead of destroying them on the farms, has made it necessary for our Government to contract with France for 112,000,000 gallons of alcohol processed from sugar beets.

# D U E S !

Dues Statements for the current year have been cleared to all members. It is requested that all members who can possibly do so clear their dues for the full year, thus saving us time and postage. However, we do not want to impose on anyone, as we quite understand that finances are sometimes stringent matters! If it is actually more convenient for you to pay quarterly, we will understand and bill you accordingly.

However, please endeavor to keep your dues up to date, as with us also finances become tighter and tighter.

Peter Ignatowsky, Treasurer

## OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUALS

President George Musalino in his installation message on January 7th, called to our attention two outstanding individuals for the year 1950:

MR. SIDNEY BLITZ was mentioned as the outstanding SAGER of the year, for the vast amount of time, effort and energy devoted to the organization.

MR. RUPERT J. MASON was mentioned as the outstanding GEORGIST of the year for his widespread activities and influence in the Georgist cause generally. Mr. Mason is President of the International Union for Land Value Taxation and Free Trade.

## CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT !

The following Constitutional Amendment to Article VII, Section 1 of SAGE'S Constitution, has been proposed by the Executive Committee, bearing the necessary ten signatures, was brought up in our Regular Meeting of January 21st and having been duly publicized herewith in SAGE'S PAGES, will be voted upon by the General Membership at the second meeting in February, Sunday the 18th:

"Commencing with March 11th, 1951, the following amendment to Article VII, Section 1 shall become effective.

Regular S.A.G.E. Business Meetings shall be held during the second week of each month. The day best suited shall be decided upon by the Executive Board, with the sanction of the General Assembly".

## COMMITTEE INDUCTIONS

The following members have volunteered to serve in the respective committees noted:

- Mildred Allen - Co-Editor of SAGE'S PAGES
- Helen Lazaroff - Temporary Recording Secretary and Education Committee Secretary
- Nina Kurchin - Membership Committee
- Richard Vitzius - Advertising & Public Relations Committee
- Frank Markey - Advertising & Public Relations Committee

NOTE: A portion of each Regular Meeting will be devoted to Committee strengthening and building by volunteer inductions. Members are requested to give serious consideration to the work of the respective committees, so that talents and abilities may be utilized for the good of the organization and the pleasure of the individual.



"EAST & WEST" MEET" - (Part 2)

As much as help is desperately needed in supplying the food, the homes, the machinery, the modern improvements of a hundred kinds that so many of these countries require where "production is decreasing while population is increasing, where imports are rising and exports declining, it seems likely," states the Times correspondent, "that the aid virtually sure to come from the United States in an all-out effort to stave off communism, will be given on the terms of the recipients rather than the donors. The major capitals of free Asia may seek loans from the International Bank for Reconstruction & Development, or some means of rendering assistance may be sought through the United Nations, but spokesmen for these countries are wary of dollars with "strings attached".

In an interview with Nehru, a month or so before the conference here referred to, the Prime Minister was asked to explain the attitude of the average Asian toward Communism. While Nehru himself realized there was good reason to fear the spread of Communism by aggression, he emphasized the fact that many in the East, having less to lose than many in the West, did not look upon it with the same dread as more fortunate countries. He is quoted as saying "There is an idealistic appeal in the fact that it stands for the underdog --- and therefore this crusade against Communism is wrong and not even practical politics, as far as Asia is concerned."

Another press correspondent writing more recently from New Delhi, declares that far from enhancing our position in the East, news of military operations in Korea has thus far created only more suspicion of American power, while the chief information circulated by Russia deals mainly with the success of its Five Year Plans and "of the transformation worked by the Soviet Union among long oppressed and primitive peoples of Central Asia".

With Russia, China and India containing approximately one-half the population of the world unless a way is found to carry to them the message of Georgism with greater success than that of Russian Marxism, present civilization may eventually go down in ruins with history but repeating the sad story of the past.

It seems appropriate to close this article with its few comments on a subject of such paramount importance that even the best minds in all walks of life find in it a challenge to their thinking, by a quotation from Emerson; it is as follows:

"Raphael paints Wisdom, Handel sings it, Phidias carves it,  
Shakespeare writes it, Wren builds it, Columbus sails it,  
Luther preaches it, Watt mechanizes it".

And may I add, Henry George proclaims it in his doctrine of Association of all men in Equality.

M. L. Rees

WEDDING BELLS!

SIDNEY BLITZ and HELEN DOERING have advanced their wedding from March 24th to February 9th, which may mean that this charming couple will be Mr. & Mrs. before this issue is received by many members!

Our heartiest congratulations go to them together with the sincere wish that life will hold for them only the happiest expressions!

REMARKS BY A PAEL TERM GRADUATE

First, may I express my sincerest thanks, to the school for the opportunity to acquaint myself with the Henry George Philosophy. And to my classmates for the many stimulating ideas and thought-provoking questions that they brought to our discussions.

And my profound gratitude to our Instructor (Dr. Hoffman) for guiding me to an intellectual awakening that has given me a clearer and fuller understanding of the world we live in.

Today, as the world trembles under the impact of conflicting idealologies, mankind has but one hope. And that hope is, that in the midst of this gloomy morass of "isms" that are fighting for men's minds, Truth somewhere exists. -- And Truth being eternal, will outlive the vastness that is evil, and lift humanity to a new level.

I believe such Truth exists in the ideas of Henry George. The veil of confusion that is lifted, once we are confronted with the true conception, the true meaning, of such vital factors in our economy as land, labor and capital, leaves in its wake a revelation startling in its simplicity and Titanic in its implications.

However, as we recognize the full importance of Association in Equality, and then face the apparent trend of current events, we may be prone to despair.

We see funds become available for arms with lightening rapidity, while the need for schools, to develop the motor of progress - men's minds - goes wanting -- and our reason is stumped.

We watch the free flow of wealth into tools of violence while a mere trickle is permitted to battle the scourge of mankind - disease and pestilence - and our hopes are destroyed.

Yet piercing this darkness are the irradicable signposts of man's desperate yearning for Liberty and Equality -- the Magna Charta, the Declaration of Independence, the Emancipation Proclamation.

Because of these ideas left us by the past we should have faith in this dynamic idea to which the future belongs.

The words of Walt Whitman, to me, tonight, emerge with renewed significance -- "From "Leaves of Grass", come the following lines:

"Roaming in thought over the Universe  
I saw the little that is Good steadily

Hastening toward immortality,  
And the vast that is Evil I saw hastening  
To merge itself and become lost and dead".  
The Philosophy of Henry George is that which is GOOD. As such, it shall hasten towards immortality."

WELCOME BACK ...

We welcome back into the fold of SAGE Miss MARY MOREMAN and Miss HELENE CALAMARAS. Mary lost touch with us for over a year; and Helene did some tall travelling which made it difficult to keep on her track. It is good to have you both with us again, back in a bigger and better SAGE.

D E B T

Government debt at the end of fiscal 1950 aggregated \$281 billion. The Federal Government accounted for \$254.4 billion while the states and local governments accounted for \$23.6 billion, a rise of nearly 50 percent above the 1946 postwar low. ... of mankind - disease and pestilence - and our hopes are destroyed.

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## INSTALLATION DINNER

The New Year was heralded with an affair of "pomp and glory" - our Installation Dinner, on the evening of January 7th. A capacity crowd filled the Coffee Shop as members and friends extended their thanks to the outgoing officers, and offered their assistance and encouragement to the new leaders of S.A.G.E.

A delicious seven-course dinner, aided by vintaged wines, was enjoyed as a fitting prelude to the anticipated Acceptance Speeches.

Joseph Rose, our jocular Master of Ceremonies, called upon many of our members who expressed their gratitude to George Musalino, Vivian Kilian-Rodney, Ann Gentile, Mildred Allen and Val Hallgren for their untiring devotion to SAGE. John Frew's oration was climaxed by his dramatic rendition from Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar", and Constantin Lent eulogized all SAGERS for their courageous efforts in promoting the philosophy of Henry George.

The solemnity of the occasion was often eased by our Master of Ceremonies' quick wit. Practically all of his anecdotes and remarks referred to the Institution of Marriage in a most derogatory manner. In fact he "protested" so often and so violently, that it became quite obvious that Joe is envious of his more fortunate friends, and is, no doubt, becoming quite bored with his status as a bachelor.

Our new Treasurer, Peter Ignatowsky, lauded the accomplishments of SAGE which he claimed were merely a drop in the bucket as compared to his prediction of future achievements. Our "Banker" took advantage of the opportunity to drop a hint to members who are behind in their dues (hope your face isn't red!).

Our Vice President, Ed Cooney, extolled the virtues of the "little man". Most impressive was his reminder that important things are accomplished as a result of many little men doing a lot of little things. There is no doubt that Ed believes in Practical Idealism - always look up - keep your head in the clouds as long as your feet are firmly planted on terra-firma!

Just in case anyone was looking forward to using SAGE as merely a social outlet, our President, George Musalino put a quick end to any such illusion. His program for 1951 calls for a great deal of energy expended towards making SAGE a more pronounced influence in the Georgist Movement. George Musalino has been accused of being a "Simon Legree", yet it is impossible for those of us who have "felt the lash" to match our hours or activities devoted to SAGE with his. In appreciation for George's sincere efforts, SAGERS should not hesitate in responding to his appeal for larger committees and much needed clerical help for detail work. Let's make 1951 a memorable year by offering our whole-hearted cooperation!

Our President suggested that each year we choose the person who has merited the title of The Outstanding Georgist - and the person who has contributed the most in promoting our SAGE organization. (The two who came in under this year's banner will be found on Page 6 of this issue).

Our Installation Dinner was really an awe-inspiring affair. We took stock and found that OUR house did not need a cleaning! Small wonder that our orations came forth on a note of triumph!

Hail to our Leaders - President George Musalino; Vice-President Edwin Cooney; Recording Secretary Dorothy Skolnik; Corresponding Secretary Lydia Kurchin, and Treasurer Peter Ignatowsky! E.V.Shapiro

## DEFENSE SPENDING

Defense expenditures are currently running at an annual rate of \$15 Billion and are expected to reach \$30 Billion by the latter part of 1951.

"YOU NAME IT"

YOU NAME IT, following the meeting of January 21st, was meant to receive a literal translation. 'Twas to be an evening of social contact - discussing experiences of the day, community singing, enacting charades - just enjoying one another's company. So, of course, it was unanimously (less one meek voice) agreed that we conduct a "pre-view" of our forthcoming February 4th CARD PARTY.

Rose Raffkind, Joan Downey and Henry Joel taught your Chairman how to play Contract Bridge, and it can modestly be told that here is one case where the Student outshone the Teachers! Want to see the score? (Could it have been "beginners luck", Ethel?-Ed.)

You are always assured of an enjoyable evening at our card parties. If you do not know how to play Poker, Pinochle, Canasta, Bridge or Casino, here is your opportunity to learn at the many Card Sessions which we are planning for the future.

CASTING SHADOWS

February 4 - Card Party - Following Meeting - 5:30 P.M.  
February 18th-Spaghetti Dinner - Following Meeting - 5:30 P.M.  
March 17th - Spring Dance - Saturday Evening - 9:00 P.M.  
(Dance tickets now on sale at the Coffee Shop and Front Office - \$1.00 each)

Ethel Victoria Shapiro,

.....Entertainment Chairman

INTERVIEWS WITH THE FACULTY

In these times, a "Gentleman of the old school" is a rarity indeed. Where can one find today the great gourmet, the judge of vintage wines, the lover of art, the musician, the philosopher, the conversationist? Yet such a one devotes himself with industry and vigor to the cause of Georgism.

Almost every day and each evening, MR. BENNETT CHALLIS may be seen in his office at the rear of our building tending to the administration of our Correspondence Division. He has been operating thus in this department of our school work since 1946.

Under his direction are some twenty-five instructors, most of whom studied Georgism under the maestro himself. Each of his teachers instructs about twenty students. Actually, Bennett Challis is responsible for training each term about as many students as are registered in all our courses at the school - a noble achievement, carried forward with the utmost efficiency and innate but easy-going courtesy and good manners of this true gentleman and noted artist.

Bennett Challis left his Kansas birthplace to study music in Italy. He was young, full of hope and possessed of a brilliant baritone voice. His singing career began in Italy and carried him to the opera of every capitol in Europe.

Beginning as a lyric baritone, he developed a complete repertoire of Wagner in Italian and eventually wound up at La Scala in Milan. His was a "new voice" for Italian opera - a new style and quality. At the instigation of Toscanini he went to Bayreuth and thence to Berlin to become one of the outstanding true Wagnerian baritones.

After the first World War Mr. Challis returned to America, engaging in various types of concert work and the old German Opera Company, the popular organization that some of our older members will recall.

The depression brought to a sudden demise a project of which Bennett Challis still speaks with enthusiasm - "The Woodland Opera" - which was to be presented in a natural setting.

INTERVIEWS WITH THE FACULTY (Continued)

His vivid description of the visualized production is a gripping story of an amazing creative imagination!

During these years he was associated in music and drama with such outstanding figures of the theatrical world as Eva LeGallienne and the great Max Reinhardt. He also conducted his own studio in New York.

About twelve years ago he became acquainted with the Philosophy of Henry George and since that time has devoted himself to spreading this great gospel of Truth. He is unquestionably one of our outstanding Georgists, gifted with a tremendous background of experience in living and dealing with people of all classes yet retaining a keen perspicacity of intellect which fits him so well for the exposition of the deeper meaning of Henry George's work.

Bennett Challis is gay, witty, handsome - twice married and the father of three sons, one of whom he lost in World War II - an officer of engineers who went to a soldier's death in combat in France.

Mr. Challis speaks French, German and Italian fluently. He is still a connoisseur of fine foods although he admits his favorite tea-time refreshment is now yogurt and fresh dates, truly a gourmet's delight!

Perhaps his outstanding characteristics are optimism, faith, fervor and affection. The world is a better place because Bennett Challis lives in it.

A. Rambler

FENCING GROUP NOTICE

The Fencing Class which has had it's sessions at 11:00 A.M. Saturday mornings, will meet at 1:30 P.M. Saturday's, thus giving participants an opportunity to catch a few extra winks on Saturdays.

G.J. Musalino

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MEETINGS -

Sunday, December 10th, 1950 - MYRON KESSNER, Chairman of the Education Committee, outlined a most interesting tentative program, which includes letters to influential people and articles in various newspapers and magazines.

WILLIAM HARLOW, Chairman of the Radio Committee, announced that we will have to cancel radio announcements for another term, due to the slender allotment granted this project. He is going to try and arrange for us to receive a reduced rate with Station WQXR for the future, since we are a non-profit educational institution.

ETHEL SHAPIRO, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, announced that SAGE will have a Christmas Party (including refreshments) on December 17, and on January 7th, 1951, in place of our regular meeting, there will be held our Annual Installation Dinner for the in-coming officers of SAGE.

PETE IGNATOWSKY, Chairman of Membership, stated that a real drive for new members will begin right after the New Year - he is now laying the groundwork. We will also have a new brochure shortly.

SIDNEY BLITZ, Chairman of Advertising & Public Relations, displayed the new pocket poster just printed - it was enthusiastically received.

IRVING FAUST, Chairman of Distribution, informed us that SAGE has a job to do - 5,000 cards to be distributed through pocket posters before the new classes start in January. At this meeting he arranged for three distribution parties - December 20th & 28th and January 4th.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MEETINGS (Continued)

(Sunday, December 10th, 1950): - ED COONEY, Chairman of Motion Pictures, informed us that he had initiated the "movie fund" at the last showing. Due to the coming Holidays, there was a poor attendance, but he made a fair collection. These collections will be used to rent better quality pictures, something which SAGE cannot afford to do at present out of the common treasury. Mr. Cooney anticipates better attendance and larger collections after the holidays are over.

Under NEW BUSINESS, Sidney Blitz made a motion to rescind the motion previously made, that SAGES PAGES be offset outside instead of mimeographed by SAGE members, due to the increasing limitations of his time. Meanwhile, others volunteered their services so SAGE'S PAGES will continue to be mimeographed, the motion having been passed unanimously.

A motion was made that \$5.00 be taken from our treasury for the purchase of a Christmas tree for the School by SAGE. The motion was seconded and passed, when Mr. KESSNER offered to donate the tree, for which he was duly thanked and the motion was retracted.

Announcement was made of the new one-slate of officers and these were duly voted upon (See page 9 - item "Installation Dinner").

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21st, 1951: - ETHEL SHAPIRO, Chairman of Entertainment, announced our Spring Dance on Saturday, March 17th; tickets can be obtained at \$1.00 each from January 22nd on. A Debate is contemplated for the near future (See Page 10 for future affairs).

The CHAIRMEN of the EDUCATION, DISTRIBUTION, MOTION PICTURE and MEMBERSHIP Committees gave brief reports, which however, contained no Highlights.

GEORGE MUSALINO, President, announced a proposed Amendment to Article VII, Section 1 of our Constitution, same having been approved and passed for presentation to the Assembly by the Executive Committee, the necessary signatures having been affixed (See Page 6).

MYRON KESSNER is going to arrange to have a SAGE Speaker address the Membership Committee Meeting of the Newspaper Guild in the near future.

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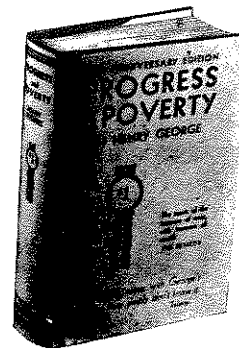
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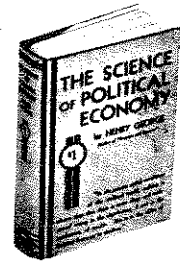
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