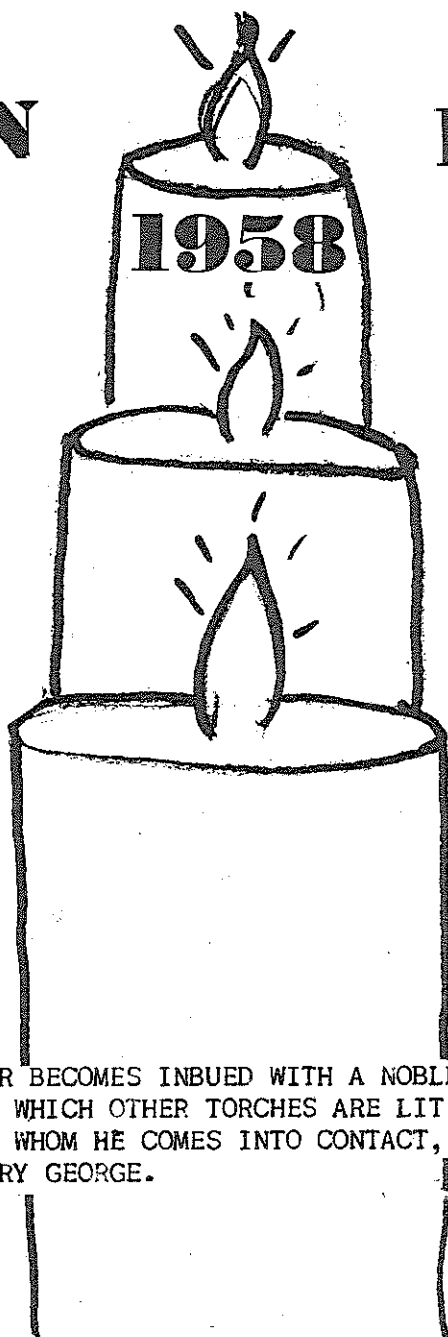


# ALUMNI BULLETIN

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"WHOEVER BECOMES INBUED WITH A NOBLE IDEA KINDLES A FLAME FROM WHICH OTHER TORCHES ARE LIT, AND INFLUENCES THOSE WITH WHOM HE COMES INTO CONTACT, BE THEY FEW OR MANY.: HENRY GEORGE.

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Dear Reader:

An award for "Individual Effort" should go to Herman Ellenoff of Los Angeles. Mr. Ellenoff, a retired printer, formerly of New York, has been spending considerable time for the past fifteen years in promoting the Georgist Philosophy in various ways. Of course, his Georgist effort predates his retirement and as far back as 1934, Mr. Ellenoff issued a pamphlet, "A Printer Tells The President", which was an open letter to President Roosevelt telling him that there was a better remedy for the depression than the New Deal, namely the public collection of land rent. Since going to Los Angeles (The Henry George School, by the way, still uses the printing firm from which Mr. Ellenoff retired.), our friend has been busy writing letters to the press, many of which get printed, and writing to prominent persons, many of whom reply cordially and extensively.

Scarcely a week passes that we don't receive a communication from Mr. Ellenoff, something he discovered in a book or a newspaper which could be related to the George Philosophy, or something he wrote himself. You have seen his articles occasionally in the Henry George News, and he writes regularly for the Bulletin issued by the Ohio Henry George School.

Recently, Mr. Ellenoff saw a pamphlet, "The Story of Taxes", put out by the DuPont Company, in which Henry George was mentioned unfavorably. Mr. Ellenoff wrote to Dupont and received a reply from their public relations department from which I quote:

"We are concerned, as you are, about the interpretation placed on the inclusion of Henry George and the Single Tax in our booklet. Certainly we intended no affront to the work of Henry George. He was a very interesting man, and his work should be 'must' reading for anyone interested in the problems of taxation. His sincere and articulate efforts to single out fundamental problems inherent in taxation should merit praise from all.

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"We simply felt that the problems of taxation today were quite different than they were in Mr. George's time and that his proposals are not the answer we all so earnestly seek today. However, we did not want to cite his proposals as being either bizarre or dangerous.

"We have recently reprinted "The Story of Taxes", and in the new version have changed the headline and context of this page."

Mr. Ellenoff, in forwarding this interesting letter to us comments that this "indicates the influence of a letter, particularly if the letter has an idea, for in my letter I pointed out that the father of the founder of the Du Pont de Nemours & Co., had the same basic ideas as did Henry George."

We know of others who wrote to Dupont, and this all surely added up the influence.

Thank you, Mr. Ellenoff, both for your splendid work and for the example it sets.

Sincerely,

Robert Clancy

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A S T H E Y E A R S G O B Y  
(Psalms 4 & 115)  
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The little New Year rode the midnight sky,  
With belief in his future rising high,  
Till he caught a glimpse, through a moon-lit cloud,  
Of the Old Year leaving earth in his shroud.  
"You look weary and wan," the New Year cried,  
When their journey had brought them side-by-side:  
Is the world then such a terrible place  
As I see by the anguish in your face?"  
"Nay, nay, not the world," said the Old Year, "No,  
But it's man himself is his own worst foe,  
So I am passing my message on to you,  
My work must go on, though my life is through.  
"The glory of God, as the psalmist said,  
By misdeeds of men becomes shame, instead  
For each is entitled, by right of birth,  
To the means of life on his home, the earth.  
Yet Nature's bounty, you'll everywhere see,  
Held just by a few, by human decree  
For pleasure or gain, while multitudes die  
For lack of the plenty there is near-by."  
"Your torch kindles mine," the New Year then said,  
As close past each other they quickly sped,-  
"I'll heed what you say, as my light burns clear,  
To end this wrong, for A HAPPY NEW YEAR!"

MABEL L. REES  
(Reprinted from Sage's Pages--January 1951)



#### ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE:

ELAINE WENER (left) & Peggy Rodriguez, preparing for SQUARE DANCE, to be held in February.

Activities Committee wishes to thank all those who contributed to making the Christmas party a success.

Dear Graduate:

Now that you have completed your course in Fundamental Economics based on Henry George's,-- PROGRESS & POVERTY--do you want to bring George's message to others? Are you among those who asked, "Yes, the Remedy is just, but what can we do about it, what has been done since Henry George wrote his book? Well, if you are still interested in doing something about it and want to meet people who are actually doing things to acquaint people with Henry George, join one of the Alumni Committees:

- 1-Headquarters Committee--Help School with Clerical Work.
- 2-Activities Committee--Organize Alumni Activities.
- 3-Editorial Committee--Help Edit Alumni Bulletin.
- 4-Publicity Committee--Write letters to newspapers, magazines; attend meetings etc,
- 5-Distribution Committee--Distribute school announcements, literature etc.

Editors.

# WRITE ON THE LINE

CHAIRMAN --Publi

Wandering thru the news, your reporter usually comes across sundry items that are significant for Georgists:--even advertisements are source material for this purpose.

A recent issue of a prominent magazine offered an advertisement sponsored by a national machinery corporation. This add commented on the fact that the Federal Government, in the past few years, has spent 35 million dollars to increase egg production, and another 12 million to buy up the surplus. "We are confused", the add states, "because the government insists that taxes cannot be reduced; that every penny asked for is essential". Well, -- it is essential no doubt to the subsidized egg producers!

In the same issue, the Department of Economic Development, in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, is trying to lure American Capital to its shores. They direct the attention of heavily taxed corporations, and individuals to the fact that in Puerto Rico, there is in effect now a ten year exemption from all government taxes. A table of possible savings is presented. For example, a corporate net profit of \$29,500 would swell to \$50,000, and a personal net income of \$7,775 in the U.S. would be increased to \$10,000 in Puerto Rico. There is small doubt that, Puerto Rico will gain at least a few new industries by the flight of U.S. capital to this tax-free paradise.

According to the newspapers, the railroads are seeking a Federal Subsidy to bolster up their faltering profits. We cannot report to you at present whether the railroad petitioners will

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## Reader Backs Tripp's View: Return to Basic Principles

Editor of The Knickerbocker News

Through the columns of The Knickerbocker News on Oct. 8 Frank Tripp told us about the present income tax system "from which you must pay the government from 20 to 90 per cent in income taxes. This runaway inflationary economy created and fostered by inept government, has so burdened homemakers that, in order to maintain the home, mothers and elder children now are in factories and shops. All of the ado about the preservation of the family circle, its place in civilization, godliness and delinquency need importantly to take serious account of the growing burden that taxation is piling upon the American home."

I believe that all serious-minded Americans will agree with Mr. Tripp's article. But, should we stop here, or should we, who as American citizens are responsible for present conditions, try to find the cause of inflation, controls and increasing taxation and the proper method of reestablishing a stable government, free of unnecessary controls and minimum taxation?

It might be well for us to remember that our forefathers also had to face the problems of controls and excessive taxation. They overcame and corrected the conditions and we can, too, if we will only analyze the situation and conform to natural law. If we are to stop the infringement of government on individual rights it is necessary to reduce this problem to basic principles so that it can be easily understood, and like all great questions it becomes simple.

First, there are but two forms of government, since all human activities in the production of wealth and services are known as enterprise. All enterprise is either controlled or free enterprise. Jefferson, Franklin, John Hancock, Patrick Henry and other patriots recognized the evil of government control and established the greatest free enterprise system of all time, for us, and a prosperity that astonished the world. Real, sound prosperity, not an inflationary bubble that must eventually burst and engulf all.

Second, there are but three factors in the production of wealth and services, land, labor and capital. Labor (mental and physical) extract all wealth from the land and transmutes it into consumer goods, or capital goods.

Third, there are two forms of law, natural law, and man-made law. Nature in her infinite wisdom insists upon individual penalty for individual failure and individual reward for individual merit, and when the reward that rightfully belongs to the individual is taken from him and given to others you have killed the incentive to

produce. Enterprise is never controlled except for special advantage, privilege, license.

Fourth, before we try to enact laws we must first acquaint our people with the righteousness of our cause and the proper method of achieving our purpose. Then the people will demand the change and the protection for the individual, home and family that Mr. Tripp seeks will be an accomplished fact.

ROBERT H. RITCHEY.

M E E T MR. SIDNEY KASS--

CHAIRMAN --Publicity Committee.



BORN ON HENRY GEORGE'S BIRTHDAY+++**SEPT 2**++

MICHAEL PAZINICK, son of Steve Pazinick, one of our very capable correspondence instructors, poses with his mother in front of Christmas Tree in his home.



"As I promised I am enclosing the news clipping from our evening paper. The reporter asked Mr Stirlith for something for his "MAN ABOUT TOWN." We talked to him about the Dedication of the Birthplace of Henry George and the work of the Henry George School of Social Science. We are sending this publicity just to let the people in New York know that we are still active in trying to keep the 'One Candle lit' in the darkness.

Elizabeth Stirlith, Wilmington

## Man About Town

**F**RANK T. STIRLITH, veteran single tax advocate, who lives at Brandywine Boulevard and Duncan Road at Cragmere, has a voluminous accumulation of material on single tax, of which he has made a long study.

But, also, he has, stored away in his attic, the back files of the former "Labor Herald," published in the basement of a small building on the west side of Shipley Street between Fourth and Fifth Streets.

Beyond labor unions, the Labor Herald was known best in the Wilmington area for the late Frank Saylor's "Pertinent Comments," a commentary column on Wilmington and Delaware activities. Later John C. Saylor, Jr., wrote a column, "Thinking It Over," and then the Labor Herald closed.

John C. Saylor, Jr., is now in the printing business at Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Mr. Stirlith also has one of the three known bound files of back copies of Justice, a single tax weekly published in Wilmington, just before the turn of the century.

Single tax was a subject of sharp discussion at that period and some public meetings were accompanied by acts of violence, apparently arranged by opponents.

The issue of Justice of March 14, 1896, discusses home ownership and home loans. After the statement that only 8,000 of the 34,000 farms and homes in the state were owned by the occupants, free of mortgage, the article states that the state's population then was 168,493 and that there were 34,578 families in the state.

The article also states that the total taxes of the state, from all sources, amounted to \$1,378,752.09.

Although Mr. and Mrs. Stirlith are over 80 years of age, they maintain their keen interest in single tax and are inveterate letter writers on the subject. Mrs. Stirlith is now particularly interested in the single tax school which was opened recently in Philadelphia, former home of Henry George, founder of the single tax movement.

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# FROM OREGON

"It is my feeling that one of the best ways to promote Georgism is to ask questions of those who would cram their political or other beliefs down our throats, so to speak. I doubt that it makes many converts, but I find that it discourages those whose ideas will not bear questioning. I do believe, however, that if it were undertaken on a wide scale it would bear fruit.

While blunt statements often arouse antagonism, pertinent questions help to show people the errors in their reasoning. If groups of Georgists would apply team-work at political gatherings where question periods were to be allowed after speeches or debates, they could expose the fallacies upon which much political and economic thinking is based. It is seldom that one question to a speaker is of much value. Follow-up questions are necessary. (That is where the team-work would come in-Ed.)

We must always keep in mind, however, that our object is to win converts. Whenever possible we must try not to offend or humiliate those who oppose us, remembering perhaps our own reluctance to accept the overwhelming arguments of Henry George. (But only at first, we hope!) Correspondence with leaders might be better than public discussion, because it might save some of them from being publicly humiliated, but I believe such correspondence must be carried on by a large number of Georgists to be effective.

What is religion without the commandment "Thou Shalt Not Steal"? and what is that commandment without a definition of rightful property? How can religion be divorced from any consideration of justice with regard to property rights?

Questions like these, or perhaps better still, a booklet such as the "Crime of Poverty", with the request that the leader point out the errors, if any, in Henry Georges' reasoning.

We must remind them that the Bible tells us to think about Justice and to "seek the truth". Those who insist that the Bible is Gods infallible Word can be asked if they would re-instate the land laws of Moses. Such

questions may be a bit shocking to those who have always insisted that religion deals only with "spiritual" things, but it is time we woke them up."

Vernon R. Hone

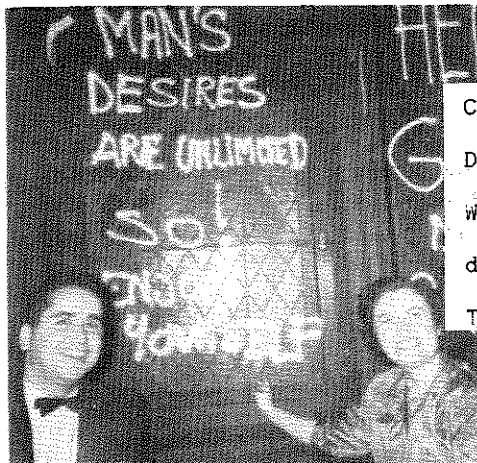
(The above is taken from a letter received from a very earnest Georgist, who has evidently given the matter much thought and we pass his suggestion on to you as one that might be out to good use. There are many occasions when speakers can be questioned by several Georgists scattered about, or in a group, who by some judicious questioning would not only force a speaker to think before he answered, but would undoubtedly rouse others in the audience to a curiosity about the Georgist Philosophy-Ed.Note)

WRITE ON THE LINE.

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be directed at a place at the end of the long U.S. welfare line, or will get a preferred position up in front. After all, transportation is as essential to the nation as butter or potatoes, and surely on a par with Swiss watches.

So we see that national production continues to dwindle, while threadbare, profit-shabby industries are pleading for more subsidies--and Uncle Sam continues to dig deeper and deeper into John Consumer's pocket. Sometime soon the bottom will be reached.



CHRISTMAS PARTY

DECEMBER 15, 1957 at 50 E 69 St.  
Windows in Coffee Shop of School  
decorated by Anthony D'Elia.

Thank you Tony!

## SUGGESTION FOR THE GREAT BOOKS COURSE:

This year for the first time, A GREAT BOOKS COURSE, given every year in many centers, is in full swing at the Headquarters of the Henry George School, 50 East 69 Street, New York City, with two very capable moderators--Dr. George Royal and Mr John Simpson.

While many masterpieces are included, several of those taking the course here, have expressed their disappointment that PROGRESS & POVERTY by Henry George, to many of them the most inspiring of literary masterpieces with a great social message, is not included.

If you feel it should be, why not write and say so to the director: Dr. Mortimer J. Adler, Great Books, 425 N. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

==Editors==

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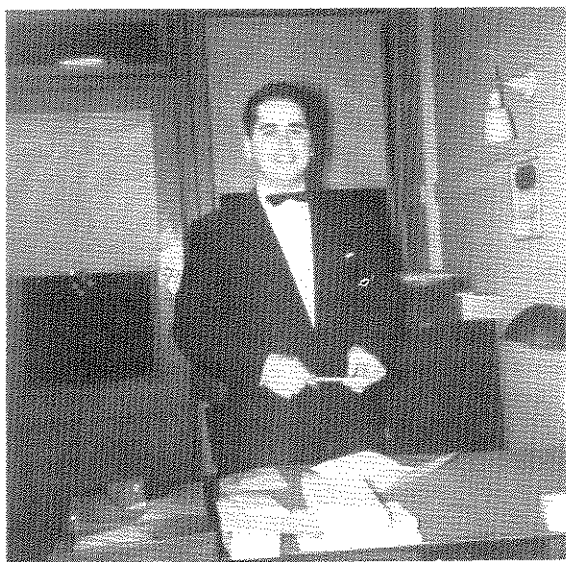
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OF TABLE--left--George Royal--right --Mr John Simpson.

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# MEET



## ROBERT RODRIGUEZ

WHO HAS BEEN ON THE STAFF OF THE HENRY GEORGE SCHOOL SINCE 1954 AND WHO IS NOW KNOWN AS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, ABLY ASSISTING THE DIRECTOR ROBERT CLANCY. WE HOPE TO SEE THIS "ENTHUSIASTIC GEORGIST" AROUND FOR A LONG TIME.

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