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Calendar

- SUNDAY - JULY 4 - PARTY AT FROOKS FARM - ALL DAY - DR. FROOKS, HOSTESS.
- THURSDAY - JULY 7 - REGULAR MEETING - 7:30 P.M.
- SUNDAY - JULY 17 - BEACH PARTY - ORCHARD BEACH & ALL DAY
- THURSDAY - JULY 21 - REGULAR MEETING - 7:30 P.M.
- FRIDAY - JULY 22 - OPENING OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE - 10:00 A.M. - School
AFTERNOON SESSION - 2:00 P.M. - School
EVENING - SYMPOSIUM - 8:00 P.M. - Commodore
- SATURDAY - JULY 23 - MORNING SESSION - 10:00 A.M. - School
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EVENING - BANQUET - 7:00 P.M. - Commodore
- SUNDAY - JULY 24 - CONFERENCE BREAKFAST - 10:00 A.M. - Commodore
AFTERNOON - NEWARK SCHOOL - 3:00 P.M. - Newark
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A WELCOME TO OUR VISITING FELLOW-GEORGISTS!

By: Joseph B. Rose, President of
S. A. G. E.

For the first time S.A.G.E. Inc., will participate in a School Conference! We are fortunate that it is being held this year at our headquarters in New York City. We extend our warmest welcome to our many colleagues from all parts of the country!

SAGE wants to meet all the representatives of the School's many branches & all our friends coming into the City for this Conference. We want you to know about the work we are trying to do and are doing, so similar alumni organizations may be started in your Schools; - But above all, we hope to make your stay here as pleasant and enjoyable as we know how!

Look for us at these Conferences!

The Friday evening session, Saturday's Banquet and Sunday's Breakfast - and in between times! It will be a wonderful opportunity for us to meet and know you and to discuss our many mutual problems. We will be looking for YOU!

We do hope to utilize every moment of this conference. In our spare moments SAGE members would like to show you "our town" - the town Henry George saw as having the greatest need for economic adjustment because of the great concentration of extreme poverty and wealth living side by side. New York City is an ideal example of the need for our philosophy and we hope to make your visit here one that you will long remember.

Again, our warmest greetings to you all! Welcome to New York! Let us get to know each other well; let us clasp hands in mutual friendship in person and later in spirit, for we are dedicated to the same great principle - recognition of the George Philosophy by all mankind.

By: Robert Clancy, Director of
The Henry George School

The Fifth Annual Conference of the Henry George School of Social Science will be held in New York, July 22nd, 23rd and 24th. The morning and afternoon sessions Friday & Saturday will be held at School Headquarters and will be devoted to discussions of School problems. (The Saturday afternoon session will be on post-graduate problems and will include a discussion of S.A.G.E. by Joseph B. Rose.) The Friday evening session will be a symposium on economic affairs by outstanding speakers and will be held at the Hotel Commodore (42nd Street and Lexington Avenue). The Saturday Banquet & Sunday Breakfast will also be at the Commodore, the latter event to be followed by a bus tour & trip to Newark Headquarters of the School.

All friends of the Henry George School are cordially invited to attend the Conference, to meet your fellow - Georgists from other parts of the country as well as those nearby. Programs are being mailed to all graduates, and more programs are available at the School.

Hosts and Hostesses will be on hand at all hours of the afternoons and evenings to welcome you, introduce you and assist you in any way they can, in an endeavor to make your attendance at this Conference a memorable one. The Staff at the School will, of course, be available and we are eagerly awaiting the week-end of the Conference - to meet old friends and make new friendships - bound together in a common cause - the spreading of the Philosophy of Henry George.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ENTERTAINMENT: - The Dance on June 4th was a grand event! The auditorium resounded with the merriment of laughter, gay chatter, shuffling feet - plus rhythmic music! Punch (unspiked) was in abundance and many a warm body did it cool down after a whirling polka or a gypsy boogie number! It was good to see the happy faces of so many strangers and so many familiar friends, a great number of whom were members of SAGE, all disporting themselves in joyful participation. Yes, folks, it was a social and a financial success! My sincere appreciation to Joe Rose who assisted so effectively in advance ticket sales, to Rose Perrone for her able "refreshment operation"; to Val Halgren for his services at the door, and to all the other members who gave in some measure to make this dance the best yet!

G.J. Musalino, Chman.

The Picnic on June 12th called out nine members, who arose in time to make the 11:00 A.M. meeting deadline, where they headed into the nearby park reserve & settled in one of last year's sites. The day was ideal for escaping the city heat and it may have been wiser to have planned a beach party for even in the park the Sun made it's presence known, lessening any inclination for protracted ball-playing or tennis. Yet the three cameras operating at intervals (and frequently in secrecy!) should reveal some interesting highlights! The card game "I Doubt It" caused even the recliners to join in for some hilarious sessions! All in all, it was a swell day for us, chalking up another memorable event to think of in the twilight years. And yet - we wonder ... ??? ... What Norma Reid did with her pile of left-over sandwiches; how easily the marsh mud came off of Ruth Marko's stockings and shoes; whether Sara Helfield's convert will appear at the school; if Mildred Allen's top ringlets continue to get caught in the breeze; how soon the Wener sisters will want to sally forth again laden with food and reading matter; if Joe Rose would like another hard-water shampoo; and if Val Halgren would like some more sodas ... We wonder!

G.J. Musalino

July's Event! - Swim Party at Orchard Beach, Sunday, July 17th: - Meet at the end of Pelham Bay-Lexington Local Line at 11:00 A.M. Take any East side I.R.T. express to 125th St. - change to local - ride to end of line. Bring food, cameras, other accoutrements for an enjoyable day!

G.J. Musalino

DISTRIBUTION: - The Distribution Committee was out helping the Membership Chairman on Graduation Night, by giving out SAGE brochures and enrollment cards. The School does not have very much Summer-Term literature for distribution, but what we have received will be given out. We will all of us be ready for the Fall Term and will be planted in strategic positions. - Have you been stopping in your libraries to see if our posters are still up? Please check this - they may have run out of cards; if so, let us know and we will see that you get re-fills.

Anita Wener, Chairman

RADIO: - We are still taking names - and dollars - from those who wish to join in this "Branch-Club" i.e., the "Dollar-A-Year-For-Radio" group who are determined to have SAGE "go on the air" - and as stated before, this is our hope and plan for sometime this Fall - to the limit of our financial status - Wouldn't you like to help us spread Georgism this 20th Century way?

Irving Faust, Chman.

FILM: - The Film Committee is a rather new committee, but we felt that you would want a report from us - We have only given you "samples" of what we are planning to do, and are busy working out a program, alternating with the lectures, on Friday nights, starting in the Fall - probably October - when regular classes begin. Get in early for a good front seat!

Joe Rabinowitz, Chman.

SPEAKERS BUREAU: --- WHY HESITATE?

Those who would attempt to change Society must first reach the people. (But) Can the people be reached? Can they be aroused? A sincere attempt is to be made by the Speakers Bureau, newly formed and sponsored by SAGE. This Bureau will act much like the torch, in passing the fire from Henry George to the people.

This is not easy, for this noble motive entails a lot of work for success. Attempting to educate the masses, or even provoking thought among them, is a job for any organization. The new Speakers Bureau will have this to do and much more. It must help to form a more closely knit organization among all Georgists - it must be prepared at any time to supply a speaker on any phase of George economy, on any occasion and at any time. It must offer, or have access to, training in Georgist courses, Public Speaking, Writing, Dramatics, and more, so that this Bureau can grow in strength and effectiveness. As soon as possible the Bureau will form sub-committees in the following general groups: (1) Public Speakers; (2) Professionals; (3) Secretaries; (4) Managers, & (5) Actors, - whose duties (and I should say, pleasure) will be as follows:

- (1) Public Speakers - These speakers can designate their free nights and days that are available, to speak at meetings, on the radio and television, etc., for appointments to be made for them.
- (2) Professionals - Who can give us an insight into their professions, so that we may gauge the temper of these groups and anticipate their demands, outlooks and questions.
- (3) Secretaries - and Assistants to aid in the regular work of operating any Bureau, and more, to help each speaker (a) to gather his material; (b) to answer questions "on the spot"; (c) to circulate Henry George pamphlets and information, helping to win new friends and students for us.
- (4) Managers - Hosts, Entertainers, Guides, etc., to serve as hosts to visitors - to arrange for meetings with Henry George and other groups.
- (5) Actors - and Playwrites, (professional as well as beginners), to lend power by drama, to present Henry George in the form most effective today.

The Speakers Bureau is organized to be the largest and most responsible group attached to the Henry George Philosophy. It needs an ARMY of Georgists, from every State in our nation, and from every nation in our world! - WHY HESITATE?

Harold Sager, Chairman

MEMBERSHIP: - It has been rather difficult to find someone who has sufficient time to devote to this most important Committee, and therefore our talented Chairman of Entertainment, George Masalino, is "doubling" as Temporary Chairman; he has so many good ideas and potential plans, we are only sorry he isn't twins! However, we feel that our former Chairmen of Membership - Sol Kornbluth and Doc Steinberg - should be commended for their zealous efforts while "in office" and we are only sorry that both of them were so pressed for time that they felt it was unfair to SAGE to occupy the Chairmanship when they could not give their "all". Many thanks to you both for what you did!

MEMBERSHIP - Continued on next page

MEMBERSHIP (continued) - We are pleased to welcome into membership the following:

Lillias Clark	Steven Kocoris	Harold Sager
Helen C. Doering	Peter I. Lee	Mrs. Alina Selkee
Thomas Gilmartin	George Maran	Rudolph Todej
Anne Goodman	Dr. S.R. Mandal	Sophie Turzen
David Hirsch	Eveline Medeville	Helen Wiltshire

We would like to remind some of our members that they have not filled out and returned the "Membership Data" sheets we distributed at several meetings some time ago. Will you please look these up and turn them in, or else get new ones from us and fill them out? We would be glad to know in what Committee you would like to serve, and if you will look over the Organizational Charts attached to last month's issue of "SAGE'S PAGES" you can make your choice. This is YOUR group and we know you want to participate in its activities in one way or another.

G. Musalino, Temporary Chairman

EDUCATION: - We find today in our Government many men who are not fit to govern, who get elected to office because of connections and other devious means. However, there are men in Congress today who are true leaders of our generation & try their utmost for the improvement of civilization, though many different opinions are held as to what would be most beneficial to our country and the world. These men are susceptible to the opinions of the people and would listen to reason and earnest logic. Because individual letters get the most attention, and their effect, it has been substantiated, is definitely felt, "SAGE'S PAGES" is going to carry a list of Bills that the Education Committee finds have some economic value, or great general value, with the hope that everyone who can, will write as many letters as possible.

As Henry George said in "Social Problems" - "It is not by accident that government grows corrupt and passes out of the hands of the people. If we would really make and continue this a government of the people, for the people and by the people, we must give to our politics earnest attention; we must be prepared to review our opinions, to give up old ideas and to accept new ones". Come on, Folks, let's all get on the bandwagon and start writing now! Some of these bills are really worthy of attention! (List of Bills on next page)

The following message was sent personally by the Chairman of the Education Committee to Washington on Bill HR-2859 (which provides for the sale of public lands of Alaska). If it's too warm to write one yourself, just sign your name to this and mail it out:

 "I am opposed to selling Alaskan Public Land to private owners. It would be more beneficial to rent it to the individuals who desire to use it, for as the community grows it will accrue to the value of the land and the rent can be increased. The Government will have natural revenue exceeding what taxes on improvements could bring and the rent charged could not be shifted to those not owning land. This would also avoid land speculation and eliminate the hindrances to production".

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

EDUCATION (continued): - Bills up in Congress:

S-1858 (By Mr. McCarran) - A bill to permit the admission of alien spouses and minor children of citizen members of the United States armed forces; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S-1912 (By Mr. O'Mahoney-by request) - A bill to provide for the classification of the public lands in Alaska; to the Committee on Interior & Insular Affairs.

S-1971 (By Mr. Thomas of Oklahoma) - A bill to stabilize farm income and farm prices of agricultural commodities; to provide an adequate, balanced, & orderly flow of agricultural commodities in interstate & foreign commerce; & for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture & Forestry.

S-2074 (By Mr. Butler) - A bill to provide for the deduction from gross income for income tax purposes of expenses incurred by farmers in erecting facilities for the storage of crops; to the Committee on Finance.

S-2011 (By Mr. Thomas of Oklahoma) - A bill providing for the support of prices of wheat produced in 1949; to the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry.

HR-2859 - A bill to authorize the sale of public lands in Alaska; with an amendment (Rept.No.474).

S-91 - A bill to provide for the better assurance of the protection of persons within the several States from lynching, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. No.462).

Legislators who can be contacted in New York State in reference to more George legislation for the coming sessions:

Messrs. Anderson, J.D.Bennett, Brydge, Campbell, Condon, D'Alessandro, Feinberg, Fine, Graves, Griffith Hammond, Hatfield, Hughes. The most important legislator is Mr. Fred Hollowell.

Elaine Wener, Chairman

ADVERTISING & PUBLIC RELATIONS - This Committee has plans to place on sale the same type of Christmas Cards as was sponsored by SAGE last year. They were a very attractive double card, with a variety of cover scenes and ten different apt quotations from Henry George printed therein. These will be sold by the box at \$1.50 and the first lot will be ready in October. For 25 cards and 25 envelopes you can't do much better anywhere! These are splendid to send to anyone who does not know George to make them acquainted with his works, and also for those who do know his writings, they will be most welcome. If you would be interested in these, please leave your name and address with one of the SAGE Hosts or Hostesses (or in the Front Office at School) and a sample & notice of their availability will be sent you at the proper time. All monies made over cost is divided between Sage's coffers and the School treasury - so you are helping a worthy work besides helping yourself!

John Howard, Chairman

HELP! - We are still looking for a volunteer Secretary for Mr. Dreyfus, who is well known to us all for his zeal in contacting prominent persons in an endeavor to interest them in the Henry George Philosophy. If you have the time and are a stenog and typist, wouldn't you like to help the Philosophy along in this manner? Surely there must be a genuine Georgist among us who has the time (evening) and talents, plus the desire to help, who would be interested! With all our members, must we let Mr. D. down? After all, its not just Mr. D. -you are letting the Georgist movement down as well! If you would like to volunteer or to inquire about this, please see Miss Ives in the Front Office at School. V.Rodney

PERSONAL GLIMPSES

Congratulations are in order on the recent engagement of June Brest - we understand the wedding is to take place sometime in the Fall. We don't know the lucky fellow's name, but we DO extend our best wishes to the happy couple!

SAGE members were the lucky recipients of a very kind invitation from Dr. Dorothy Frooks to spend the 4th of July at Frooks Farm in Peekskill, N.Y. It is planned to have a picnic, swimming and a Pushball Contest between the Peekskill team and the Henry George Team. A report of this fun-packed day will be rendered in the August issue, but in the meantime a word of appreciation is due this gracious lady, Dr. Dorothy Frooks!

For the information of those members who do not regularly attend our meetings, we wish to announce the resignation of our Treasurer, Erwin Kaufman. While he will no longer be with us in the capacity of treasurer, we are glad to know that Mrs. Kaufman and he will still be with us as members of SAGE. While pressing business and social engagements will perhaps prevent their being with us during the Summer, we will look for them at the dances and the regular meetings in the Fall.

Valdemar Halgren, our Chairman of Hospitality, is our new Treasurer, Pro Tem. He was appointed by the Executive Body and the appointment confirmed by the General Assembly on June 23rd. When the regular Election of Officers rolls 'round in December, if nominated, we hope that Val will accept, as he has already done a very good job of "treasuring" SAGE'S funds.

We hear that our good friend and fellow-member, Anne F. Glassman has been quite ill, but is now on the road to recovery. We are indeed sorry to learn the unhappy reason for her absence from our ranks, for while she usually sits modestly in the rear of the auditorium during meetings, she is one of the first ones to come forward to help, whatever the occasion. We miss her and hope it will not be long until she is back among us. Good luck, Anne, and best wishes!

GRADUATION: - At the recent Graduation Exercises, we had the honor of having the President of the London Henry George School with us and he spoke briefly to the assembly. Miss V.G. Petersen of the Schalkenbach Foundation, also spoke (she's a very charming person), and to top it off, our versatile Chairman of Entertainment, George Musalino, also addressed the graduates, congratulating them on having completed the course and naturally, inviting them to join up with SAGE and help to put the George Philosophy across. Each Graduation is another milestone along the path of the Philosophy and we think should be chalked up as another moral victory! Of course, not all graduates remain 100% Georgists, but those who do "keep faithful" (and they are in the majority) will find congenial and kindred spirits in the Society For The Advancement Of The Georgist Economy - "S.A.G.E."!

FALL PLANS: - Among the many "projects" planned by SAGE (as soon as weather permits!) is the course in "SALES TRAINING & HUMAN RELATIONS" which will be under the able guidance of Jim Donnelly, a past master in this particular art! It is planned to have this course run ten weeks, one night a week; the lecture, motion pictures and question & answer method will be used - This is exactly the same course that many of the largest business concerns have made compulsory for their salesmen and executives and it is a course that anyone, in any walk in life, can make good use of. We will tell you more in the August issue (lack of space this month), but if you are interested, make inquiry soon, for we have many signed up already and after all the auditorium can only hold so many! Better look into this - it's really going to be interesting!

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FALL PLANS (continued) - By this time you all know that the usual Lectures held on Friday nights during the Winter season, will be alternated with Moving Picture Shows, sponsored by SAGE. The Film Committee, of which Mr. James Donnelly is the Chairman, is already planning the programs and signing up the pictures. Through the kind cooperation of Bob Clancy, School's Director, and Miss Alice Davis who has done such an excellent job of lining up interesting speakers in past seasons, SAGE will be able to offer this diversified program. Naturally, we shall be very much interested to hear your comments - pro and con - after it commences. We hope you will like our offerings - but - we will accept praise and blame alike - our desire is to make SAGE the expression of your wishes as well as ours; so - we will wait to hear from you.

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"SECRETARY OF PEACE" - Here is something else new, sponsored by Jim Donnelly (how can one man do so many things - and does them well, too!) - This is an organization called "Secretary of Peace, Inc., (offices at 237 Madison Avenue, N.Y.C.), which has been formed to promote the idea of a "Secretary of Peace" in the executive cabinet of every nation, to study the causes and the elimination of wars! Since land monopoly is one, if not the chief, causes of wars, and since we have a Secretary of War, even though the majority of people seek peace, why not have a Secretary of Peace? The idea is quite logical and desirable and for this reason it is planned to form "Secretary of Peace Clubs" in every nation in the world. An ambitious program, surely, but when those in the seat of government know what the people (you and I) really want, they are ready to comply - the question of "mixed motives" in complying need not be gone into here. Let's get behind this movement and see what we can do to push a splendid idea to fruition! Write to the above address for more information - perhaps you can form a club within your own community - we hope so.

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THE CONFERENCE

As already known, the Annual Conference of the Henry George School will be held this year in New York City from Friday morning July 22nd through Sunday the 24th, and since the School has distributed printed programs so widely, there will be no need for us to go into details here. However, with the great number of persons expected to attend there will be a real need for volunteer Hosts and Hostesses to assist the School Staff in making these visitors welcome. For this reason, a request was made for volunteers to serve during this period, in any capacity where needed, and quite a few of us responded. We believe, however, that each one of us attending the Conference should constitute ourselves a Host or Hostess and help to make these visitors (most of whom are fellow-Georgists, remember) feel not only welcome, but at home among us. This is also a reminder to anybody who has not already done so, to obtain one of the yellow P. & P. book jackets and put it around any book that you may be reading in public, as a means of further publicity between now and conference time. It is hoped that the public's curiosity will be roused in seeing so many of these same covers displayed by readers all over town at the same time, and when the newspaper publicity breaks, they will "get the connection", so to speak. Anyway, it's a stunt worth trying, so let's do it! Now, last but not least, we want to bring to all SAGE'S attention the fact that our own Chairman, Joe Rose, is going to be one of the speakers at the Saturday afternoon session in School and his topic will be "S.A.G.E. and the Graduates", under the general theme "After Graduation". If you cannot make the Conference at any other time, do try to be down then so that we may make a goodly showing of loyalty to SAGE and its separate members! See you there!

PROGRESS & POVERTY

The Henry George School has been singularly successful in the large number of people who have taken advantage of their classes in Economics. Of course, the fact that there is no charge for these courses undoubtedly has much to do with attracting them, but there must be more than that factor to hold them.

A great deal of this willingness to complete the fundamental course and the desire to then enroll in the advanced classes, stems from the example and encouragement given the students by the instructors, and the "power of their persuasion" must not be minimized.

However, it is this writer's opinion that the average student with the average instructor, is propelled into further study of the Georgist Philosophy by either, or both, the sheer logic of the whole basic principal of economics as expounded by Henry George, as well as the beauty of expression, so well known to those of us who have read and re-read "Progress & Poverty" for both pleasure and profit. The simplicity of the Philosophy, and Henry George's clarity of expression makes this not "just another theory", but THE theory, not "just a book" well written on a supposedly dull subject, but a living, vital Philosophy, which some day when the world is wiser, will be incorporated into our mode of life.

But until that time comes, it's going to behoove all of us who are true Georgists to do all in our power to seek out others to join our ranks - our ranks which encompass no violence, no cunning, but just a group of human beings who believe that the natural resources of God's Green Earth were meant for the use and enjoyment of all mankind, regardless of the time or place from whence they spring.

Vivian Kiliaen-Rodney

"HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MEETINGS"

Sunday, June 5th

We were glad to hear that the last of our dances for the season (June 4th) was a financial as well as a social success, and we are looking forward to bigger and better dances in the Fall! We were gratified to hear that several of the School Extensions have expressed interest in forming alumni associations similar to SAGE and we are aiming to help the formation of these branches of SAGE in every way we can.

It was at this meeting that a new type cover for "SAGE'S PAGES" was decided on; we would appreciate your comments. The formation of an experimental class this Fall, using the abridged P. & P. was decided upon, with Bob Huff as the Instructor.

Approval was granted the Education Committee to send sets of Henry George's books to the High School Libraries, instead of the Valedictorians.

Near the close of the meeting Mr. Erwin Kaufman decided to tender his resignation as treasurer and it was accepted. then adjourned for coffee, cake and musical session with our talented members - The end of another lovely meeting!

Thursday, June 23rd

It was at this meeting that Val Hallgrens appointment as Treasurer pro tem was confirmed by the General Assembly. Good Luck, Val!

SAGE members were the recipients of a most generous invitation from Dr. Dorothy Frooks to spend July 4th at her farm in Peekskill, and it was accepted - More on this in the August issue!

Among the other interesting "happenings" was the announcement of a class in Sales Training & Human Relations with Mr. Jim Donnelly as Instructor, to start in the Fall. The enthusiastic response would seem to insure its success, most of the officers & Chairmen, as well as a number of members already pledging to take the course - a most worth while undertaking! The possibility of SAGE making a Motion Picture from the Georgist viewpoint, some time in the future, was seriously discussed and hopes are high for the future! The Speakers Bureau, now in formation, is coming along very well and you will hear more and more of it as time goes on! After adjournment we enjoyed motion pictures, generously provided by J. Donnelly, - Many thanks, J.D.! - It was a fitting close to another meeting-milestone!