# ALUMNI BULLETIN

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WE HONOR LIBERTY IN NAME AND IN FORM. WE SET UP HER STATUES AND SOUND HER PRAISES. BUT WE HAVE NOT FULLY TRUSTED HER. AND WITH OUR GROWTH SO GROW HER DEMANDS. SHE WILL HAVE NO HALF-SERVICE.

HENRY GEORGE.

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Dear Reader:

This fall there is to be a Congressional investigation into the high cost of living. The constantly rising scale of prices with which we have been living for the past 15 years has at last captured the attention of the Congress.

But what will they find out - and what will they do about it? Will they go back to that futile and fallacious measure, price control?

There is still a persistent notion afoot that money is wealth, that if you have the dollars, that's the main thing - and if prices rise beyond all reach, that's just some annoying and unrelated thing happening and somebody should do something about it.

Maybe it's time to wake up and discover that "more dollars" is not the solution to economic problems. The only solution is more production of real wealth under free competitive conditions and equitable distribution of that wealth.

For the past 15 years we've been living in a Keynesian dream world. "Controlled" inflation was going to take care of unemployment and economic problems in general. This was a solution hatched for the "short run". Well, it looks as though we're coming to the end of the short run and it has turned out to be a blind alley.

Most people are at the end of their own run, what with ever-rising prices - and taxes.

What next? Time to wake up and look at the facts of economic life. Time to discover Henry George.

Sincerely,

Roma Bianco, Chairman:----Larry Kobak, Neva Bianco, Vivian Kiliaen-Rodney.

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### WAGNER COLLEGE, STATEN ISLAND

#### SUN., JULY 7

Edwin H.Friedman, (left)
associate Dean of The
H.G.S., spoke on, "The
Georgist Philosophy in
1957." Phil Grant (center)
Author of The Wonderful
Wealth Machine, presented
The Law of Human Progress.
Young lady at the right
is Mr. Grant's daughter.

Group
Leaving
Dining
Hall
After
Supper.



Can
You
Find
Yourself
In this
Picture?



Georgists relaxing on the campus, between sessions—
Those who attended will recognize lady with the Cash-Box-Neva Bianco, left—Mr Tetley of N.J.;
Vivian Rodney and Irving Faust both of New York.

### ON THE CAMPUS

AT WAGNER COLLEGE, STATEN ISLAND.



Meet Five New York
Georgist....
Left to right---Rose Rafkind, Mabel
Rees, Rose Celi,
Vivian Rodney, and
Irving Faust.

Wonder what Robert Clancy said that perplexed Joe Stockman and made Mrs. Robert Benton smile?????

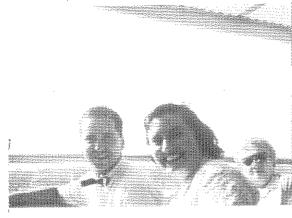




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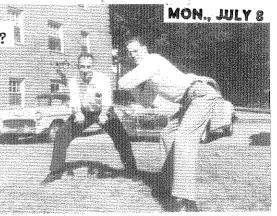
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THURS., JULY 11 A Boat Ride around Manhattan marked the beginning of the latter portion of the Conferencea period which consisted of trips. visits, and observances -- typical of party are Bob & Peggy Rodriguez . pictured here.

### All Work and No Play?

Joe Stockman of Philadelphia and Bob Tideman of San Francisco. Extension Directors -- show as that they can play as hard as they can work.



### TUES.. JULY 9

Boarding Bus for Trip around Staten Island --Note Smiling Lady at the right -- Mrs Maxwell. Director of San Diego Extension. who will be our Host at Next Years Conference.

### SCENE AROUND

Larry Kobak

Early this Summer, residents of Brocklyn Heights were pleasantly startled to see, hanging from a hundred lamposts in the area, signs advertising a free course in economics to be given by the Henry George School at the Montague Street Library (Instructor: Irving Faust). This was an experiment to test the efficacy of using outdoor posters to bring in students to the Henry George School classes. The net result was a four per cent return...considerably high for efforts of this nature.

All this was due to the generous efforts of Jerry Maltz, a former student at the school. If posters such as these were printed, costs would be prohibitive as only a small number can be used since they advertise a particular class on a particular date. However, by using the silkscreen process, one can achieve the effect of printed posters without going to great expense. The only prerequisite for a successful job is a trained artist, and this Jerry Maltz is. Mr. Maltz donated his time for the four days of ardous preparation necessary before screening could begin. Hence, a new path of school publicity has been opened.

Jerry  $^{\text{M}}$ altz is currently working as a draftsman and studying architecture evenings at Columbia University. He has taken the three basic courses and would like to eventually teach at the  $^{\text{H}}$ enry George School. Unfortunately, this must be postponed until he graduates from Columbia which will be eight years from now.

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Add this one to your record book: William J. Dunsing, who has been consistently successful in teaching regional classes, has recently graduated elleven students out of twelve enrollees in an Applied Economics class. The one drop out was due to serious illness on the part of the student.

Mr. Dunsing plans to teach a class in The Science of Political Economy at the Ridgewood Library this Fall. We are looking forward to another record braker.

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Speaking of the conference, yours truly will always remember it for, among other things, the practical jokes that were perpertrated upon his person. The first night of the conference he climbed into bed and found that his bed was frenched (Shortsheeted). Suspecting Roy Felder as the doer of the deed, he took care to wake Mr. Felder up and thank him for it, at four in the morning.

 $M_{r^{\bullet}}$  Felder asserted that he was blameless and bided his opportunity to wreck his vengance upon the robber of his sleep.

Two days later, your truly decided to go for a walk and catch a breath of air. Upon attempting to draw on his jacket, he discovered that the lining of the sleeves was sewn together so as to prohibit use. (Chalk up one for Mr. Felder.) The next morning, when yours truly awoke, he tried to draw on his shorts and socks only to discover that they too were sewn up so as to be unwearable. Later in the day he discovered that dittorwas true of the button holes of his jacket.

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In the last issue we reported on Lydia Kurchin's secret admirer. It seems that no sooner is one mystery solved then, just as in the detective serials, another pops up. For the last couple of weeks, yours truly has been receiving anonymous letters. The first one cost the sender \$1.33 in postage as it was Special Delivery — Registered Mail — Return Receipt Requested. Enclosed in the letter was a form, the filling out of which entitled the signer to be cremated upon death.

### WRITE A LETTER

#### For Lower Tariffs

To the N. Y. Herald Tribune:

I heartily agree with reader
C. B. Humphrey's letter advocating the reduction of tariffs.
Reduction, or abolition, of
tariffs, far from lowering employment, would increase it. Our
dollars are no good to the peoples of other countries. They
want our goods—and, in order

to sell to us, they must buy from

ns.

Under these conditions, as shown in Henry George's monentous work. "Protection or Free Trade," labor and capital would automatically allocate themselves to their most efficient use. Hence, more production and a higher standard of living for all.

LAURENCE KOBAK. New York, Aug. 13, 1957. Write to your favorite magazine or newspaper editor on
some timely topic. A good example is the letter at the
right reprinted from Herald
Tribune of August 16,1957.

On another page of this issue
you will find a letter written
by Mr Epstein to the New York
Times.

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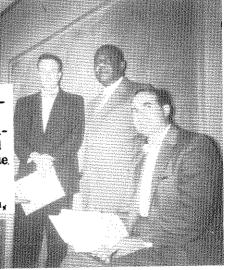
WED., JULY 10

Harry Gunnison Brown, Professor of Economics, University of Mississippi: "An Arithmetical Approach to the Georgist Philosophy."

#### TUES., JULY 9

Paul A. Mills and Herbert C. Mendell, prize winners in New York University Graduate School of Business essay contest on "What Would Henry George Say About Land Value Taxation Now?"

Chairman, George H. Royal, Dean, HGS, New York.



SUN., JULY 7



Brother Michael Ignatius, FMS, teacher, Marist High School: "Georgism and Catholic Social Thought."

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IN MEMORY OF HENRY GEORGE.

A fitting emblem is this tree
That stands in George's name,
With shade and loveliness for all
Arousing due acclaim.

For like the beauty of this tree, George showed the way to plan To share the bounties of the earth, With justice for each man.

So this is why that all of us, Who've read his masterpiece, Know George relied on Nat'ral law Man's blessings to increase.

And thus we say to passers-by,
If you will read it too,
New ways you'll find to help mankind,
That George discerned were true.

Mabel 1.Rees

#### FRI., JULY 12



Joe Stockman,
standing under
Henry George
Tree, reads above
poem, written for
the occasion, to
an enthusiastic
andience.

Editor New York Times New York, New York

Dear Sir:

PRODUCTIVITY THROUGH CAPITALISM.

Dear Sir:

The lead editorial in your edition of July 17th, 1957
"THE SENATE LOOKS AT PRICES," asks a question, How would
we go about stimulating productivity?" Administrative
prices are accepted by Professor Galbraith of Harvard as
here to stay under capitalism. The writer respectfully
disagrees with the learned professor.

The agreement on land prices in the Lincoln Square Developement reported in the same paper; whereby the markdown on land values are completely washed out and paid for by the Federal and City Governments, two thirds and one third respectively, is also a method of stimulating productivity. Taxpayers money pay the loss. The slum owners scoop up the money and run, maybe to buy up some other slums.

What has been accomplished by this hand-out makes good sense because it does create productivity. The method, however, is fundamentaly wrong. Why not obtain the same ends by sound economic wealth creating means? Why pay for it by giving away public money to undeserving slum land, owners? Open up the land to create honest.competitive opportunities for all and you would have more productivity than this country could handle. Tax all land value in the same vicinity alike (improvements excluded) and you would have a legitimate building and business boom, not at inflated land prices which must be ultimately paid for out of future productivity form which inflation stems, and which has to be washed out at public expense to to make building economically feasible.

Professor Galbraith would then witness a free and unrestricted capitalism without pathological defeat of Administrated Prices -- ; a capitalism functioning without artificial bureaucratic support and control, -- but one 2 resting upon natural economic sinews of supply and demand.

Besides, instead of taxpayers paying more they will pay less.

Why the timidity to face up to these truths? May be the fund for the republic can seek the answer in its new study on "Freedom" and "Free Society" in this world of foreclosed opportunities and concentrated wealth.

Stanley Epstein

