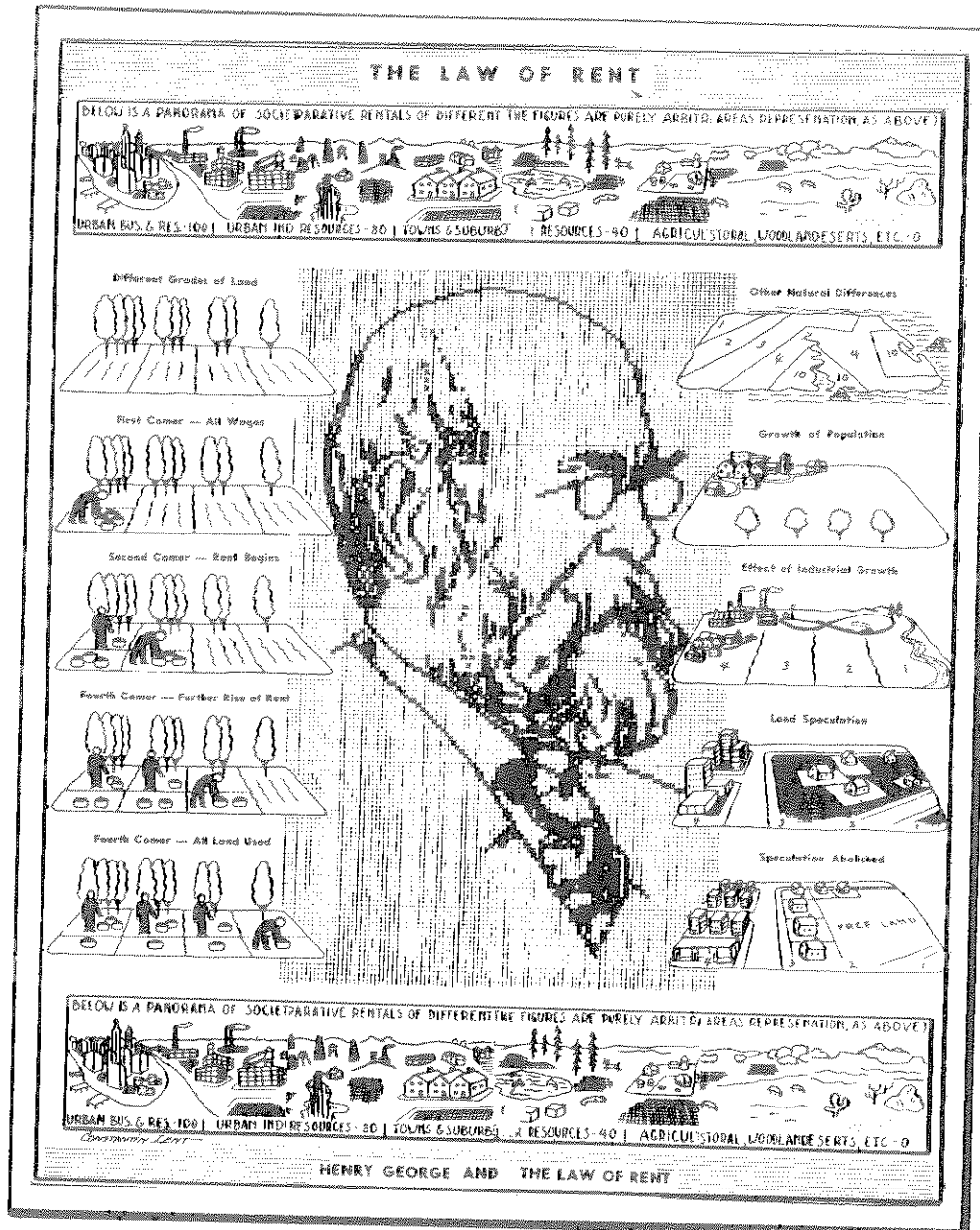


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- Monday - June 5th - Regular Meeting of S.A.G.E. 7:30 P.M.
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Please note that during the Summer months Regular Meetings of S.A.G.E. will be held on the first and third Monday's of the month. When it is found necessary, special notices will be sent out regarding any Executive Meetings.
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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

One of the definitions for opportunity is "a convenient time or occasion"; and an old adage concerning opportunity is "that it only knocks but once". The latter is, of course, untrue in the literal sense for opportunity constantly knocks. Most of us are not prone to readily respond to the knocks and the adage was meant to stir our consciousness to an awareness of the many times and occasions of opportunity which are constantly unfolding with every experience through which we pass.

All of us have "muffed" or passed up innumerable chances for myriad reasons, perhaps the predominating one being the feeling of inadequacy or immaturity to handle the occasion. In retrospect, we might describe ourselves as fools and weaklings, knowing full well that had we the courage and conviction of faith, we could have done nobly with the opportunities presented.

Instead, we salved our consciences by resolving that some day in the future, when such an occasion or convenient time presents itself again, we will surely do something about it!

How we love to kid ourselves into apathy! Oh, the mind is most versatile! It can always dream up a reason for justifying its thought processes and resulting manifestations. It is always ready to excuse itself for non-performance and how it can find reasons, plausible or not, for failures! Isn't it so?

How about it? What a seemingly impressive array of reasons enlightened Georgists are giving every day for passing up opportunities to render active service in promoting and spreading the Georgist Philosophy!

To every one worker there are a thousand drones just waiting to get on the bandwagon - Yet every day opportunities present themselves to pitch in and do everything possible to extend this great reform. Opportunities for unselfish service as leaders and workers are becoming more numerous. What are you doing about them? Are you passing them up for a tomorrow that never comes? We have a tremendous responsibility. How about shouldering some of it and freeing your conscience?

George J. Misalino, President

"TIME SCHEDULE" FOR JUNE 1950

Wednesday - 7th: Membership - Everyone	Wednesday - 21st: Adv. & Public Rela.
Wednesday - 14th: Membership - Everyone	Committee Chairmen, writers,
Thursday - 29th: SAGE'S PAGES - Everyone	Ideas for literature

A W E D D I N G !

We are very happy to pass on to our readers the delightful news that our popular Chairman of the Speakers Bureau, HAROLD SAGER, is taking unto himself a lovely helpmeet, charming ARLINE SUE GOLDMAN, who is currently studying fundamental economics (Progress & Poverty to you), at our School.

As the date is set for Saturday, May 27th, the "Big Event" will have taken place by the time this issue reaches the members, but this does not lessen one whit our good wishes which go out to this young Georgist couple for a long and happy life together! All things good, Sue and Harold!

The Editor

HISTORY OF THE HENRY GEORGE SCHOOL - (Chapter Five)

Returning to developments in the history of our own school, it was in 1938 that larger headquarters was obtained at 39 East 29th Street. The number of students and courses were increased and the list of Directors before Mrs. Clancy, besides the two already mentioned, were Otto K. Dorn (now the School's Vice-President), Frank Chedorov, (now Editor of "Analysis"), and Margaret Bateman, (author of "These World?").

Before attempting to enumerate the flourishing departments and new ideas that make our school what it is in its present domicile, where it came to be located in 1944 - a move again necessitated to keep pace with its growth - it is important to say a few words regarding at least two members of George's family and their interest in promoting the policies he advocated.

It was due to the unrelenting zeal of his son, Henry George Jr. that we have the detailed and stimulating account of his father's life, telling of George's efforts to get an education, his struggle to overcome poverty, his many occupations, his lecture trips, both here and abroad, his gradual realization of the one sure way to solve the problem of increasing want side by side with increasing wealth, the writing of his books and his two mayoralty campaigns, culminating in his death in 1897.

When this sad event occurred just before Election Day, it was Henry Jr.'s name which was quickly substituted for his father. Although at that time defeated for the office of Mayor, on two later occasions, Henry Jr. was elected to Congress on the Democratic ticket, in New York, in 1910 and re-elected in 1912. In Washington, he gave his attention to promoting the proposal of land value taxation.

With reference to George's devoted and gifted daughter, Anna George deMille, who was president of the School's Board of Trustees from 1932 until 1947, at the time of her death, it need only be said here that she was second to none in her unwavering determination to advance her father's beliefs. One has only to look at her beautiful portrait which graces the conference room adjoining the school's library, to realize how charming an advocate she made. It was through her daughter, Agnes deMille, one of Broadway's leading choreographers, that a dance recital was recently held for the benefit of the school.

To Be Continued.....

(Mabel Rees)

ATTENTION, BOOK LOVERS!

An exciting new book has just been published, written by the grandson of Henry George, Dr. Henry George III. "BLOOD AND COAL" is a story of the men who work the mines. For an insight into the lives of these men in all its realism, we sincerely recommend the reading of this volume. The author "pulls no punches" as he weaves an intricate pattern of "life in the black", with ordinary hard working men and their families as they struggle for a livelihood amidst the dangers of the pit and the encroachments of owners and their political hirelings.

The price is \$2.50 a copy and may be obtained through the school office.

Summer Courses at the Henry George School start June 26th!

A GEORGIST APPROACH TO WORLD FEDERATION

The invitation to speak of "World Government" to the "Multiple Discussion Group" of the Community Church took me completely by surprise, not only because I myself could see no possibility of so high an ideal being realized in less than a very distant future, but because the whole school of economic thought with which I am identified is known, although aiming if you will at the same ultimate objective, to be occupied with quite a different course of reasoning, and with foundation work of a more immediate and practical nature. It was only, therefore, after being assured by the highly efficient and courteous young chairman of the discussion group in question, that the group asked nothing better than to hear our approach to the problem - that since all parties had the ideal in common of World Betterment as an END, a frank exchange of ideas as to the MEANS could only prove stimulating and beneficial.

This generous attitude of course dispelled all my misgivings, and I not only accepted the assignment but thoroughly enjoyed myself for perhaps an hour and a half, beginning with a forty minute address where the manifest interest and eager attention of a picked body of students buoyed me up and tempted me to go on indefinitely. I was then led to the first of six round tables (in the literal as in the metaphorical sense) at each of which were seated six students including a table chairman; here I had to submit to a crossfire of all the questions that the table-full, coached by their chairman, had been able to think up, but since they were not terribly difficult it always happened that when the Chairman called "Time's up"! and led me "by the collar" to the next table, I had to break off in the middle of some explanation, where the fun was just beginning. As an example of the general eagerness, I noticed one student who followed me "through" three tables, and during the whole session I can recall but one instance of an almost snoring, ironic comment, viz: "So I suppose you think you can transform human nature"! "Precisely"! I remember replying, "or better said: we propose to clear away the largely decayed and filthy debris that has obstructed his progress so far, and make it possible for Man to find his TRUE SELF."

In closing I was given another fifteen minutes on the speaker's platform, from which to answer any further questions or to add any last minute remarks. Any detailed enumeration of the separate items of my talk that evening would seem, for readers of "SAGE'S PAGES", almost superfluous; be that as it may, however, the substance of what I had to say is as follows: that the tenets of this School's economic religion are PRINCIPLES, LAWS OF NATURE that have been conclusively demonstrated as eternal, universal and invariable; that with all due recognition of any partial or temporary reforms that may be due to man-made law and government, we contend that such reforms are palliatives only, and that to CURE a disease one must first remove its CAUSE. This conviction plus the observation that trees grow from the ground up, and that houses are built from firm foundations instead of from the roof down, has led us to the conclusion that a system of Social Economy which is to endure must also GROW, like a tree, from a healthy ROOT. In approaching the specific question of World Government, we advocate unconditional, universal FREE TRADE - which can nevertheless be profitably introduced by any single country, independently of all others - as the essential and entirely logical first step TOWARD MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING among the peoples, i.e. toward making wars and depressions obsolete, and paving the way, finally, for an organic FEDERATION OF THE NATIONS.

Bonnett Challis

Editors Note: - Mr. Challis spoke at the Community Church as a member of the Speaker's Bureau, which is getting quite a number of speaking engagements, and we thought you would be interested in having Mr. Challis render his report.

HENRY GEORGE REVIEWS THE NEWS

From A Long Range Viewpoint

(From Book 5 Chapter 2, Page 287, 50th Anniversary Edition, Progress & Poverty)

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

NEWS IN OUR TIMES

Division of Land - In the newspapers of March 24th there appeared a United Press dispatch quoting the noted poet, Robert Frost, as stating in an interview: "Twenty acres of land for every man would be the answer to the world's problems. It would show them their burdens as well as their privileges."

George's Appraisal of the News as good NOW as THEN!

"Imagine an island girt with ocean; imagine a little world swimming in space. Put on it, in imagination, human beings. Let them divide the land share and share alike, as individual property. At first, while population is sparse and industrial processes rude and primitive, this will work well enough.

Turn away the eyes of the mind for a moment, let time pass and look again. Some families will have died out, some have greatly multiplied; on the whole, population will have greatly increased, and even supposing there have been no important inventions or improvements in the productive arts, the increase in population, by causing the division of labor, will have made industry more complex. During this time some of these people will have been careless, generous, improvident; some will have been thrifty and grasping. Some will have very much more than the original shares into which the land was divided; some will have no land at all". - (From "The Land Question", pages 76 & 77, and see first of Chapter 13, from which above is quoted)

"If land in large bodies can be cultivated more cheaply than land in small bodies, to restrict ownership to small bodies will reduce the great aggregate production of wealth, and,---(thus) will they tend to diminish the general productivity of labor and capital----But there is not merely this objection, which weighs against every proposition to restrict the ownership of land, with a force that increases with the efficiency of the proposed measure. There is the further and fatal objection that restriction will not secure the end which is alone worth aiming at,--a fair division of the produce. It will not reduce rent, and therefore cannot increase wages!" - (From "Progress and Poverty", Book VI, Chapter I, Page 323-324).

M.L.Rees

NEW MEMBERS MAY 1950

Leonard Kraus New York City
Nelly Wester New York City
Stanley Rubenstein Brooklyn, N.Y.
Fred Molnar New York City
Edwin C. McKetney New York City

We welcome the above new members and wish them a long and pleasant association! ... During this time some of these people will have been careless, generous, improvident; some will have been thrifty and grasping. Some will have very much more than the original shares into which the land was divided; some will have no land at all". - (From "The Land Question", pages 76 & 77, and see first of Chapter 13, from which above is quoted)

PERSONAL GLIMPSES

We learned that Estaban Manuel returned to New York for the purpose of taking the Teacher's Training Course. Soon after completion he will return to the Phillipines to open a branch school as a first step in enlightening his people. From such sincerity of purpose and devotion to our cause, will come the enlightening of men's consciences to applying the Georgist principles. We wish him every success in his goal.

Rebecca Golomb, one of our newer members, is doing her bit in introducing friends to the School. Good going, Miss Golomb.

Gloria Fink, also, has done much to introduce new students to courses. Complete lists of potential students were submitted for solicitation. From such sources come the thinkers and doers of tomorrow.

Irving Faust surprised us recently by introducing his tall, Texan son, Walter, to many of us. Not only to us was the introduction effective but to the school as well, for he is now taking the fundamental course in economics!

Our hats are off to Fred Molnar, who upon completion of the fundamental course joined SAGE. Our orchestra leader member is introducing people to the school by selling dance tickets to his following.

Our charming concert singer, Marjorie Dare, is in the initiatory stage of opening the television doors of C B S to the School for the presentation of skits on economics. If successful, her company of players will perform the skits; Marjorie is in the Georgist swim for all she has. We know she will succeed.

Constantin Lent, our talented designer, outdid himself as a host to a few of his friends recently. For a bachelor his performance was without flaw. Did economics enter into the party? Of course! Invariably, where two or more Georgists meet, the Georgist Philosophy is directly or indirectly discussed. Those who know it not soon get to know something about it.

Harold Sager, Director of the Speakers Bureau, did wisely in introducing Susan, his charming fiancée, to the school, for after their marriage on May 27th, they will be a team of George promoters and workers. We wish them every good thing in their life together. A happy and bountiful future to you, Hal and Sue!

Ann Gentile, our newly elected Recording Secretary, got into SAGE activities with a bang! Aside from assuming the duties of her post, she has given of her secretarial talents in the National SAGE Program. A lovely, invaluable asset is she; and we want her to know that she is appreciated.

Valdomar Hallgren, our Treasurer, had a birthday in April, but no one knew about it until after it was over. What we should do is have a monthly party to celebrate all occurring birthdays in the month. What better excuse for a get-together is there? Entertainment Committee please take note! A belated "Happy returns of the day", Val.

Anita Woner, our gracious Distribution Chairman, had a birthday May 15th. A belated "Happy Birthday" to you, too, Anita.

Dave Varion, Pete Ignatowsky, and Hank Joel, have been in some late conferences with Sid Blitz. What sort of public relations and advertising schemes are the boys cooking up? No doubt we will soon get some info on the matter.

Elaine Woner has been a very busy girl lately - that is, busier than she had been, if that is possible. She has outlined the activities schedules and has set about designing literature for the respective programs. Many others have gotten her fever and have rolled up their sleeves. Good work, Elaine. You are on the move, effectively.

Dolmar Thibadeau had the enlightenment "bug" bite him with vengeance. He has been attending classes every night in the week this term, and states that no one can get a thorough understanding of economics without progressive application. Nellie Westor, our newest member, was of great assistance in the Coffee Shop at our recent Social, giving our President an appreciated hand. Thanks again, Nell!

"RENT IN AN ATOMIC AGE"

While S.A.G.E. has been in charge of our interesting "Film Nights" in the auditorium, on Friday, May 12th, our organization, for the first time on a public lecture evening, had the honor to have both the Chairman, Mr. Harold Sager, and the speaker of the occasion, Mr. L. Lee Greenwald, an instructor in the School, chosen from among our members.

By means of an original chalk-talk, Mr. Greenwald, who holds an M.E. from Columbia University and is well versed in social trends, skillfully developed the subject of rent, which he stated was after all "the barometer of civilization", in the atomic age or any other period of the world's history.

To demonstrate that political economy, like other sciences, was governed by natural law, the speaker made use of the blackboard to show the decisive part played by rent in both the production and distribution of wealth. He then went on to explain the inevitable and disastrous results following the private, rather than the public collection of this community-created product.

"Population, technological advance and social services are the three factors", said Mr. Greenwald, "tending to increase rent", and "none of these is due to the exertion of the landowner, yet he is the one to reap the most benefit from these improvements. These advantages, wherever they are found, inevitably increase the demand for land, and just as inevitably also increase rent at the expense of wages and interest. Thus," concluded the speaker, pointing to his graph illustrating these points, "the important lesson men must learn today is that helping to solve this vital question of rent, is the way to help solve the persistence of poverty in the presence of plenty".

An interesting question period followed with continued discussion, after adjournment of the gathering in the auditorium, by several groups in the Coffee Shop.

M. L. Rees

REPORT ON THE MAY 7TH SOCIAL

There was an excellent turnout for both the meeting and the Social. It was a beautiful, balmy day and we were indeed pleased to note the fullness of the auditorium. After a rapid and temporarily stormy session, the floor was cleared for dancing. However, first the members filed into the Coffee Shop where a well laden buffet table was in readiness. The food and banter toned down desire for exertion apparently, for a preference to sit and talk predominated. Even after Val Hallgren played the piano and George Musalino played some lively tunes on his mandolin, many did not bestir themselves, but eventually they responded with happy voices, singing many of the old songs that never go out of style!

All in all, it was a grand and successful social, for new members and guests joined with the "regulars" to have a wonderful evening. Besides, a net of \$9.05 was realized on the affair!

We heard several remarks that "we should do this more often", and so we should, but during the Summer months let's do it outdoors on picnics and swim parties. See you there!

PLEASE NOTE! ... Our First Picnic of the season will be held on Sunday, June 11th in the South-East section of Van Cortlandt Park. All participants please meet at the end of the Lexington Ave. Jerome-Woodlawn line of the IRT at 11 A.M. Bring your own lunch, blankets, cameras, and other needs. We do have a grand time on these outings and we invite you to bring your families and friends. Keep the date open - remember it is Sunday morning, June 11th. Please be on time so you won't miss any fun!

Gloria Fink

The following is taken from "The Search-Light", semi-monthly publication of the Association for Research & Enlightenment, Inc., in Virginia Beach, Va., and is an extract from talks given by Edgar Cayce, famous 20th Century clairvoyant - Ed.

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"Everything which exists in the world is bound up with and related to man, if not directly, then indirectly. In an even more concrete form we may say that a portion of everything that exists is embodied within the living organism. Not a dead one! Let us not get that idea. Just as when the human body passes through that condition which we call death and in so doing loses many of these elements of the earth and returns to the earth, so when an individual ceases to think and begins to drift with the stream, he becomes dead in a far more terrible sense. Someone else does his thinking. Like sheep, he is willing to be led this way or that, influenced and controlled by those individuals and those forces about him. A vital, living, thinking individual comes to know the true meaning of "Your fate is in your hands". He is able not only to understand his own tendencies and control them, but is able to assist others in directing their lives into channels where the stream of life is flowing strong. Too many of us are attracted by the life of ease, about the dead, stagnant pools along the way and turn aside for a prolonged rest.

Look about you! Life is movement! Tear the layers of protective covering - fear, doubt, love of inactivity - from that inner spark of the creative which lies within you. Realize your relation with the Creative Force which moves through all that lives.

Each of you has a will capable of choosing your path through life. By that I mean that you are capable of choosing what you will do with that which you have in hand. As you use bit by bit that knowledge, that ability which you acquire day by day, you will direct the trend of your life.

In each of you there is a spark of that Creative Will. Arouse it and make your will one with it. In doing so, strength will be yours, and we all need that strength for it is a long journey."

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"HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MEETINGS"

(Due to the resignation of our duly elected Recording Secretary, Sophie Turzin, we had to rely on volunteers culled from members present at individual meetings, and we have therefore, fallen behind somewhat in obtaining copies of the Minutes from which these "Highlights" are taken. Now that we have elected a new Recording Secretary, Ann Gentile, we know this difficulty will be eliminated and the "Highlights" will appear with regularity. We mention this in explanation and apology and hope you will bear with us - Ed.)

MEETING OF APRIL 16TH:

Minutes of the Meetings of March 19th and April 2nd were read at this Meeting. George Masalino, President, announced that a net profit of \$66.24 was made on our recent dance.

Sidney Blitz, Chairman of Advertising & Public Relations, urged each Committee Chairman to present some idea of the type and amount of literature he will need, so that the A&PR Committee can properly schedule their work on this phase of our program. He also announced that the School was donating 5,000 cards with SAGE markings, which we are to take care of for the Summer Term.

Joseph Rose, Chairman of National SAGE announced that a meeting was being held that night to write up a Constitution.

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"HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MEETINGS" - Continued

Membership: 11 Regular and 2 Associate New Members. Mailings to graduates should be cleared by the end of the week.

Grass Roots Project: - Bob Huff felt that we would have received a greater response had we better literature available; however, it was successful in that some results were obtained and there was a savings of postage and other expenses usually encountered.

Old Business: - Mr. Challis advised us that his recent speech at the Community Church was well received and Mrs. Rees read a quotation from Henry George (beg pardon, ON Henry George), which appeared in the paper published by the Community Church. (See Mr. Challis report on this on another page of this issue-Ed.) Mr. Kinnas regretted that he could not have a SAGE speaker address his Union, because they felt it would be unwise to start such a practice. However, Mr. K. is working to put The Idea across in other ways, one of which is supplying literature.

Mr. Musalino announced that Mr. John C. Lincoln, President of the Henry George School, will lecture here on Friday evening, April 28th.

It was announced that the next SAGE Dance will be held Saturday, May 27th. New Business: - A Motion was made by Joseph Rose that the meetings be held on Thursday evenings during the Summer, but it was withdrawn when Dr. Friedberg suggested that it would be better to hold the meetings nearer the beginning of the week. Mr. Cooney made a motion that the meetings be held on Mondays and was seconded by Mr. Kinnis. After discussion the motion was voted upon and passed.

Mr. Estaban Manuel, recently returned from the Phillipinos was called on to speak. Mr. Faust was put in charge of distribution of posters and cards.

A Motion for appropriation of \$35.00 for stationery needed by the Advertising Committee was made by Mr. Blitz, Chairman. It was seconded by Dr. Friedberg and passed by the membership.

A Motion was made by Mr. Blitz that a permit to send out SAGE'S PAGES be obtained, at \$20.00, which would result in saving the organization money in the long run. Motion was seconded by Bob Huff and passed by the membership.

George Musalino read a letter from Miss Hattie Adams who cannot be with us on account of illness, after which a Motion was made to adjourn.

The letter quoted below was written by one of our good friends, an ardent and sincere Georgist, and distributed to prospective students of Fundamental Economics in the Albany area. We print this for the sake of its simplicity and clarity of expression of certain Georgist principles - Ed. Note.

"Gentlemen:

April 27th, the Albany Times Union carried an article saying, "Australian Premier Offers Bill to Outlaw Red Party." Mr. Monzie said in a speech to the lower House of Parliament that the Communists were trying to destroy Australia and the defense of Democracy at a time when, "we are not, except in a technical sense, at peace".

I wish the Australians and all mankind happiness, but, can we legislate happiness? Obviously we cannot. We have many things in this wonderful country of ours that make us unhappy, such as high prices, scarcity of goods, taxes, unemployment, government controls, lack of proper homes and many other things that could be mentioned.

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It is the above conditions that cause strikes and other protests. There are two ways to handle these protests. First, by abolishing special privilege and controls and by extending free enterprise. Second, by outlawing the protests and establishing police or military powers to enforce the prohibition as did Mussolini under the Fascisti regime or Hitler under National Socialism.

There are but two forms of Government, a free People (free enterprise) or a controlled people (dictatorship). There are no other forms of Government, there are only degrees. People are free or they are not free. The greatest good that any Government can do for the people is to give them a chance to work and enjoy what they produce.

Society does not stand still, it moves toward one or the other. The duty of a free Government is to protect the freedom of the people, not to take their freedom away. Laws will not provide the good things for our people, though we have natural resources to provide all the good things of life, if we would only free the forces of production.

Our beloved Abe Lincoln said, "It is the proper function of any good Government to give to the worker the full product of his toil or as near that as possible".

In a free enterprise our trade would be governed by supply and demand. That would bring prices to their proper level and each one would be paid according to the contribution made, but subsidies are paid to people for not producing.

There are three factors in the production of Wealth - Land, Labor and Capital, (not others). Land and Capital are passive factors. Labor produces all wealth. The return for Land is Rent; the return for Labor is Wages; the return for Capital is Interest. Increase in population or society produce Rent.

In my humble opinion the word profit has no place in the proper study of economics, and if, as Lincoln said, the Government will see that each factor in production gets the equivalent of what they produce, or as near that as possible, there will be no need for outlawing any portion of our people.

Yours truly,

Bob Ritchey"

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

One of our members knows of a book-keeping position which might be of interest to another of our members. He also knows of a correspondence and collections position now available. This member advises us that both of these openings seem to be real "opportunities" for the right person and if any of our members are interested in these prospects, please write to the Editor.

In line with the above, it might be well to tell us of any positions that you know are available or "opening up" and the gist of these could be published in SAGE'S PAGES. As true Georgists we all want to help each other and this presents another means of doing so. Likewise, we might be able to "steer" you into a situation, should circumstances force you to become idle.

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EGOTISM ... An internally generated opiate which enables a conceited person to live painlessly with himself.

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