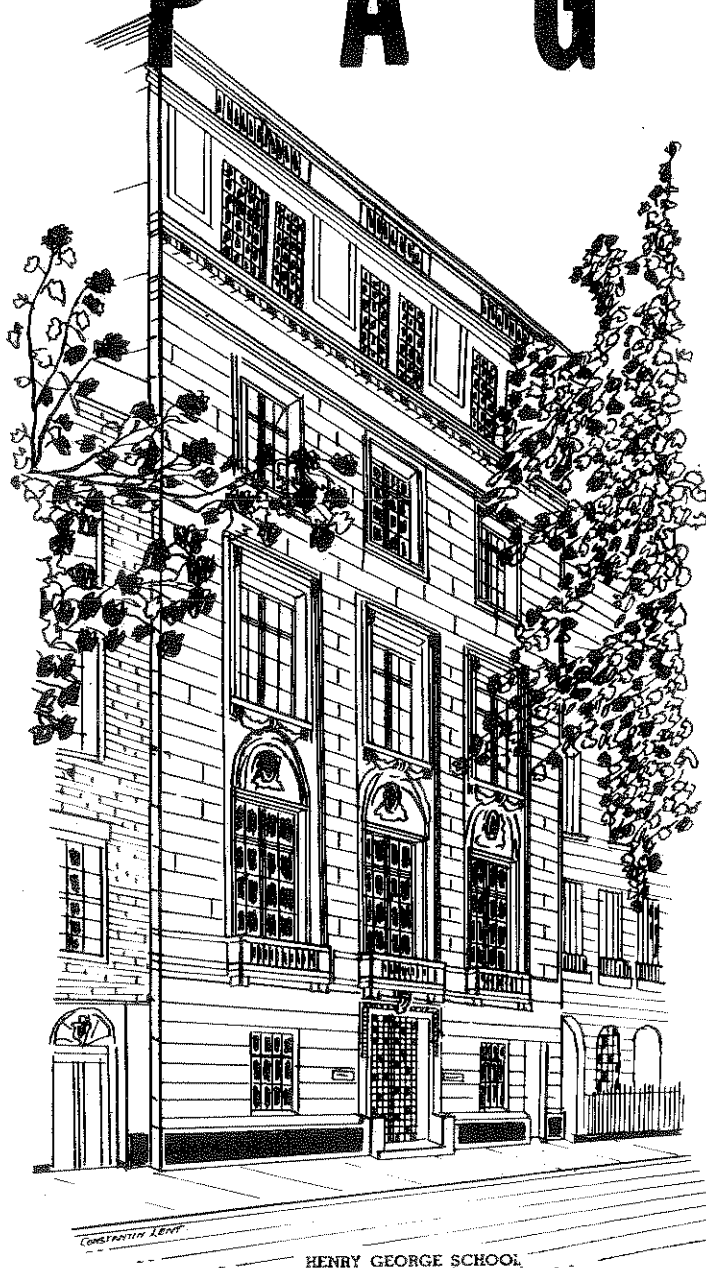


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### A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

There is much that each of us can do to promote and spread the Georgist Philosophy. Individually, we can wield decided influence; collectively, we can wield even greater influence. Actions that we can and are taking as an organization must needs be taken when they are within our means and ability to perform. However, as individuals, each doing his and her utmost, we can act more emphatically and effectively, along certain channels.

Next month the second ten week course of this year will start in the Henry George School and in all the expanding Branches and Extensions. As Georgists and as SAGERS we want all people to know about the Georgist Economic Principles. They can best know and learn about them by attending classes and or taking the corresponding courses. With no outlay of funds and with very little effort, each of us can assume a responsible role in getting others to take the courses. Each of us deal with merchants regularly, some of us are doctors, lawyers, some of us live in hotels or belong to clubs, most of us live near some library and a number of us have our own businesses. In every one of these places card pockets announcing the free courses, would aid immeasurably in directing potential students to attend the classes. This is an inexpensive project which each of us can assume in our own neighborhoods. How much effort would it take? Hardly any! Merchants and Managers are more than glad to cooperate. How much time is required? Very little, considering that this activity is within your living and working localities. What will be the result? A vitalized interest among the "non-knowers" along economic lines; a great upsurge in attendance of classes, and an expansion of classes and correspondence courses; plus a constant spreading of the Philosophy to which we are dedicated! Card pockets for distribution to our Associate Members are in the process of design. They will announce the free courses via correspondence.

Let us then, as individuals, get into this project and stay with it! Wherever a card pocket has been installed let us periodically see that the pockets have cards in them continually. During the course periods, other cards will supplant the prior course announcement. This project alone will do much to advance our cause for the more students who learn of the Georgists principles, the greater becomes the SAGE driving force. Larger projects will be assumed as our numbers and financial powers increase. Let us now apply ourselves to actions within our means and abilities to perform.

George J. Musalino, President

### HONORARY MEMBERS!

At the February 5th meeting of S.A.G.E. a Resolution was proposed and passed unanimously that the following persons be made Honorary Members of S.A.G.E. - Mr. Robert Clancy - Miss Nell Ives - Mr. James Donnelly - Mr. Lancaster Greene - Mr. Ezra Cohen - Mr. Leslie Swanson - Miss Marjorie Dare and Mr. Chauncey O. Reinhart.

We are very happy to welcome into our midst these friends of ours and hope that they will find time and opportunity to be with us often.

### PHILOSOPHICAL TIDBIT

Life itself is really simple. We ourselves create the circumstances that complicate it.

### NATIONAL S.A.G.E.

It is gratifying to note the response from all over the country that National Headquarters is getting for initiating S.A.G.E. Branches in the Schools. Within the past two weeks a S.A.G.E. Branch has been established in Boston, with the following officers: Winnefred Farnum, President; George Savani, Vice President; Recording Secretary Lillian Johnson; Corresponding Secretary Mrs. Freda Farnum, and Mr. Tweed as Treasurer. A Franchise Certificate has been sent to this group for affiliation with National Headquarters and they are now functioning as a unit of S.A.G.E. Another new-comer to the ranks of S.A.G.E. is the Los Angeles Branch which Mr. William B. Truehart is organizing, and a Franchise Certificate for affiliation with S.A.G.E. has been sent to him.

There are other S.A.G.E. Branches, including one in London, England, the New York Branch, of course, and others. In the near future we hope to have a separate section in SAGE'S PAGES for each of these branches, together with news items from their own localities.

S.A.G.E. Headquarters however, are planning a national newspaper which will be published professionally and include sections for all branches.

A Board of Directors meeting will take place during the first week of March to plan ways and means of building SAGE National into an effective and powerful organization.

Joseph B. Rose, Co-Ordinator.

### ADVERTISING & PUBLIC RELATIONS

In the January issue of S.A.G.E.'S PAGES this committee printed its immediate objectives. Among the more important ones were; improving the reading matter and physical appearance of SAGE'S PAGES and prepare appropriate literature that could be distributed in areas where the Henry George School sends out announcements of its courses in Fundamental Economics. It was felt that if an individual received literature designed to put him in an "economic frame of mind", he would be more inclined to take a course in Fundamental Economics when the Henry George School announcement offered him the chance.

Thanks to the successful efforts of C.P. Lent, Henry Joel, Mabel Rees, Vivian Kiliaen-Rodney, Robert Huff, Anita Wener, Joe Rose, Gloria Fink, and many other S.A.G.E. members whose names are too numerous to mention, both projects are showing indications of success. SAGE'S PAGES now has a new, more attractively designed cover with reading matter to match and the literature idea has been incorporated into a positive program called the "Grass Roots" plan, which is taken up in detail by Robert Huff in another part of SAGE'S PAGES.

With the anticipated success of "Grass Roots" this seems an appropriate time to bring another of our objectives to the forefront.

One of the most important items lacking in the SAGE movement is good introductory literature that can be made available in large quantities for effective distribution, explaining the Georgist economic reforms. This serious problem comes up every time S.A.G.E. members attend meetings of organizations with members who would be interested in improving our economic conditions.

We need literature that will explain, in easy to read, easy to understand language, why, in the richest, most prosperous and advanced country in the world, we have over four and one-half million people unemployed, and millions of others in constant poverty, existing on sub-standard wages.

This is a good opportunity for you S.A.G.E. members, who for personal, business, or geographical reasons, cannot be with us when we are attempting to advance the Georgist economic reforms through other means, to send in your ideas on what you think should consist of good, introductory literature for this purpose.

Sidney Blitz, Chairman

## T H E - C O N C E R T !

This is just an additional reminder of the Concert, sponsored by S.A.G.E., which is to be held on Saturday evening, March 11th, at Times Hall (44th Street West of Broadway) in New York City, at 8:30 P.M. - All music lovers will find this a very pleasant place to be that Saturday evening, especially so considering the two fine artists who will appear .....

Believed to be the youngest graduate bandmaster in the country, 14 year old ROLFE O. REINHART will play several cornet solos in this program. Rolfe received his diploma from the Erik W.G.Leidzen's Band Conductors Course, New York City, on January 27th, from the hands of the famed bandmaster, Dr.Edwin Franko Goldman. He is the only student that Mr. Leidzen has ever accepted at the age of 13, and he did so only because of his excellent background. Rolfe has won scholarships in four noted Conservatories and Schools of Music, including the famed Juilliard School. He appeared on a coast-to-coast radio program and has flown over 6,500 miles to face audiences totaling over 250,000 - With this background we are sure his renditions will be well worth hearing!

The other half of our excellent program, the lovely MISS MARJORIE DARE. Although charming audiences for fourteen years, she has only recently entered the concert field, having made her debut at the Carl Fischer Concert Hall on April 12, 1949. Previous to that time she was an accomplished vocalist in the more popular fields of music, appearing in many well-known places of entertainment such as the Capital Theatre and the Hotel Biltmore, as vocalist with name orchestras (including Horace Heidt) and singing on several radio programs. She has a beautiful voice and has promised us a program of wide variety, so everyone should be pleased.

Both of our artists have graciously consented to greet any members of the audience after the performance, in the lounge of Times Hall.

Tickets are quite reasonably priced, in several ranges to suit all pocketbooks, as follows: Orchestra: \$2.40 and \$1.80; Balcony: \$1.80 and \$1.20. Tickets are now on sale at both the box office and at the School. If you wish to order by mail, send your check, money order, etc., to S.A.G.E. Inc., Alumni of Henry George School, 50 East 69th Street, New York City, and your requests will be given our very prompt attention. Proceeds will bolster our treasury, so that we can carry on more effectively, our dedicated work of spreading the Philosophy of Georgism!

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ODD & INTERESTING - Our good member Bill Harlow was at the Town Meeting Broadcast on January 24th. The topic was "What Is The Difference Between Socialism and Social Welfare?" and the speakers that evening were Helen Gahagen Douglas, Norman Thomas and Herman W.Steinkraus, with George V.Denny Jr. as Moderator. Mr.Harlow was able to get a question across and this is just as it came over the air: Question: "Wouldn't Henry George's theory of public ownership of land bring about an ideal social welfare state?" - Mr.Thomas answered: "H.G.'s. theory by itself would not, but his theory that society has a right to the rental value of land, apart from improvements which society creates, is 100 percent sound and should have been applied long ago. We'd have less trouble with housing and slums".

That's all, but the program has quite a listening audience! Hurray for our side!

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AN EVENT GEORGISTS COULD WELL ATTEND! - The League For Industrial Democracy, Inc. Conference April 15th, 1950 at the Hotel Commodore, New York City  
 Admission: Morning Session - 50¢  
 Afternoon Session - 50¢

## HISTORY OF THE HENRY GEORGE SCHOOL - (Chapter Two)

So convincingly had Henry George explained and defended his analysis of persistent economic evils and his proposals for their remedy, that after his sudden death from incessant over work near the closing period of his second mayoralty campaign in New York, in 1897, it is no wonder that there were men like Oscar Geiger and his associates ready to go on with the struggle where George had been compelled to desist.

At first, in the early nineteen hundreds, not a school, but reading circles were formed to help keep alive Henry George's vision of a society functioning under the operation of a revised economy, with equality of opportunity and freedom for all. Then, as now, once readers are introduced to George's eloquence and logic, their outlook brightens. After all super-imposed, man-made regulations for the rectification of deep-seated wrongs have failed, George points the way to a self-operating law inherent in the very nature of civilization, which could bring about the very reforms for which they have for so long been striving in vain. Here are a few key-note excerpts from "Progress & Poverty" that give the clue to the determination of these study groups to carry on; George wrote:

"Our primary social adjustment is a denial of justice ... Civilization so based cannot continue as the eternal laws of the Universe forbid it. Ruins of dead empires testify and the witness that is in every man's soul answers that it cannot be ... We cannot go on prating of the inalienable rights of man and then denying them the inalienable right to the vast bounty of the creator ... Only in broken gleams and partial light has the Sun of Liberty yet beamed among men, yet all progress hath she called forth".

Inspired by such teachings, another means of propaganda was soon found in the magazine "Land and Freedom" with the distinguished Joseph Dana Miller as its editor, which continued publication for over forty years. Still another means of spreading the word was begun through an organization called the "Manhattan Single Tax Club" whose membership came to include such notable believers in George as Louis F. Post, Samuel Seabury, Robert Shalkenbach, Lawson Purdy, and others who did much for the movement over a long span of time, and some of whom are still making valuable contributions.

To Be Continued .....

(Mabel Rees)

### PERSONAL GLIMPSES

We have just learned that Margaret Kearns had a short sojourn in the hospital, where she underwent a minor operation; however, we have also heard that she is now here hale and hearty self again, so all we can say is: Best wishes, Margaret!

Mrs. Helen Edwards, one of our charming C.C. instructors, has found it necessary to take a two month vacation from all activities, for reasons of health. We don't know the details, but we do wish her a pleasant leave and eagerly await her return.

Word has gotten around to us that Dr. Daniel Steinberg is about to enter wedlock! S.A.G.E. indeed wishes the happy couple a joyous and bountiful life together. Let us in on the when and where, Doc!

Delmar Thibodeau was at our last S.A.G.E. meeting - Welcome back!

# W A N T E D ! ... MEMBERS FOR DETAIL SERVICE!

The stepping up of S.A.G.E. activities has shown the need for the formation of a roust-about committee. With some Standing Committees and the Special Committees increasing their respective roles in our work, has come the cry for personnel to perform detail functions, most of which fall in the menial category, but which must needs be done by as many hands as we can possibly recruit, so that at least some of the burden of addressing, mimeographing, folding, inserting, wrapping & stamping will be lifted from the few and spread among many in order to lessen the load and heighten efficiency.

Many, many of our members do have some free time which can be devoted to performing some of the above details. If those who can will please submit their names and the times at which this service can be rendered, the work will be scheduled accordingly and these persons duly notified by card or phone, when their services will be needed.

The Roust-About Committee will be shunted from project to project as the need arises, so there should never be a dull moment! Besides, this service is most valuable, so please submit full data at once, so that we can place you on this Committee and give you a measure of opportunity to become active to some extent, small though it may be. Name, address, telephone number, hours, days and frequency are desired. Let's all get into the movement!

G.J. Musalino

## ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE:

The Spaghetti Supper following our February 5th meeting was excellent! Thanks go to Rose Perrone and Mildred Allen for their able assistance and efforts in serving and clearing up afterwards.

The spaghetti was up to par again and we regret that late-comers found the spaghetti unstretchable! A warning to those who come to affairs late is not amiss! Our President, George Musalino, who prepared the dinner, is a stickler for promptness, so he guided himself by the number of people on hand. The proceeds of the affair were \$11.00, which is very good considering the low price of the stream-lined dinner! Our dynamic Jim Donnelly presented a film "By Jupiter", immediately afterward and all those who remained for the showing, were delighted with the picture. Many thanks, J.D.!

Keep the date of APRIL 1ST open (no foolin!): - S.A.G.E. will have a graduation dance on that Saturday. Fred Molnar and his orchestra will provide the musical renditions. Tickets will be \$1.00 in advance and \$1.25 at the door - they go on sale immediately after the Concert. There is nothing like a good time to acquaint your friends and relatives with the School and to promote future Georgists. The proceeds of this affair will go to the general fund to carry on our dedicated work, in which we know you are all interested, so - we'll be looking for you!

Elain Kaufman, Chairman

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

As newly-appointed Chairman of Membership, it is my pleasure to welcome into the ranks of S.A.G.E. the following new members:

Robert G. Huff  
Barbara L. Low  
Nina Kurchin  
John Pierce  
H. P. Walchter

James P. Cresswell  
Frederick C. Young  
Lydia Kurchin  
Suzanne S. Robinson  
Fulton K. Brown

The following reinstated members are also very welcome: Delmar Thibodeau and Peter V. Slas rs. We shall look forward to their company at future meetings of S.A.G.E. An enlarged report of our activities will be published in the next edition of SAGE'S PAGES.

Gloria Fink, Chairman

## THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE SPEAKS ...

The Education Committee is now starting a program of contacting legislators of different states. For 1950 it will concentrate on five States. New York State Legislators will be contacted for the months of February and March, when literature (of all types) asking for Georgist legislation, and some educational will be sent to legislators of this State. Write as many letters, cards and telegrams as you can to these men ... YOU CAN MAKE OUR CAMPAIGN A HUGE SUCCESS!

Legislators of the State of New York (We are only listing 10 names of members of the Senate and 10 more names of members of the Assembly; however, the Education Committee will send literature to the whole Senate and Assembly). All literature can be sent to Albany, New York, or members home addresses.

### S E N A T E

S. Wentworth Horton	Greenport, N.Y.	- Republican
John D. Bennett	28 N. Park Ave., Rockeville Centre, N.Y.	- "
William S. Hults, Jr.	85 Pt. Washington Blvd., Pt. Wash., N.Y.	- "
Seymour Halpern	41 East 42nd St., N.Y.C.	- "
James S. Fitzgerald	116-06 Mexico St., St. Albans, N.Y.	- Democrat
Frank D. O'Connor	74-16 Roosevelt Ave., Jackson Hgts, NY	- "
William N. Conrad	60-40 Madison Street, Ridgewood 27, N.Y.	- "
James J. Crawford	1475 Broadway, N.Y.C.	- "
Harry Gittleston	287 S. Second St., Brooklyn 11, N.Y.	- "
H.I. Sorin	387 Bradford St., Brooklyn 7, N.Y.	- "

### A S S E M B L Y

Mrs. E. Hanniford	2224 Homer Ave., Bronx, N.Y.	- Rep.	- Statistician
Orlo M. Brees	130 Nanticoke Ave., Endicott, N.Y.	- Rep.	- Lecturer
Robert Watson Pomeroy	Dutchess County, Wassaic, N.Y.	- Rep.	- Invest. Mgrment.
Leonard S. Capizzi	699 - 7th St., Buffalo 13, N.Y.	- Dem.	- Manufacturer
P.V. Baczkowski	379 Peckham St., Buffalo, N.Y.	- Dem.	- Sales Represent.
Leo A. Lawrence	209 N. Prospect St., Herkimer, N.Y.	-	-
Irwin Steingut	706 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, N.Y.	-	- Real Estate
Philip J. Schupler	4701 - 12th Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y.	- Dem.	- Teacher
Ben Werbel	598 Powell Street, Brooklyn, N.Y.	-	-
Raymond H. Combs	58 W. Buffalo St., Churchville, N.Y.	-	- Real Estate Broker

The following Bills are now pertinent and we would suggest that, nay URGE you to write your particular Congressman on at least one of them; once in a while, when writing your Congressman on any of these various Bills, it might be a good idea to write a downright nasty one, among the courteous ones, and see what the results would be!

S-2894 - By Mr. Graham (for himself & Mr. Hoey): A Bill to provide for the continued construction of the Blue Ridge Pk. Motor Road between the Shenandoah Natnl. Park, Va. & Asheville, N.C.; to the Committee on Interior & Insular Affairs.

Comments: We could write both the Ways & Means Committee on this and the Committee to which it was referred - As the roadway will increase the land value on the surrounding area & this value is made by the U.S. Govt., so a Tax (appropriate to the increased value) should be placed on all surrounding land.



EDUCATION COMMITTEE (Continued)

S-2852 - A Bill authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to issue a patent in fee to Florence Smith Leader Charge to certain lands; to the Committee on Interior & Insular Affairs.

Comments: - Leasing of land for a fee should be a policy followed throughout this country. The land belongs to all the people & should be leased to individuals who desire the advantage of using it. We would also suggest that the fee for this land be paid yearly & change (increase or decrease) as the value of the land does.

# 2912 - A Senate Bill introduced by Mr. Robertson, to protect Trade & Commerce against unreasonable restraints by labor organizations, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, & appears under a separate head.

Comments: - We are against all restraints on trade; however, we find that monopolies, land owners, & taxes that fall on economic wealth & capital are the greatest restrainers of trade, not unions. People will not strike unless they are dissatisfied with their conditions, unless you can rid our economy of the evils that cause men to take such action, trade will decrease along with the standard of living of the working classes. If the workers conditions were improved they would not go on strike & no laws preventing them from striking would be necessary.

S-Res. 217 - By Mr. Hayden, from the Committee on Rules & Administration; Resolution increasing the limit of expenditures for investigation of the field of labor-management relations; without amendment (Rept. #3242)

Comments: - We would suggest that you send the following to Mr. Hayden on the Committee of Rules & Administration or Ways & Means Committee of the House of Representatives or the Senate:

Honorable Sir:-

With reference to Bill S. Res. 217, it is my opinion and the opinion of many economists that there are no grounds for battle between labor and management. What benefits one, benefits the other. Wages & interest rise and fall together.

Isn't it about time we included in our investigation a thorough study of Economics? I suggest that you invest \$50.00 of the money allotted to you (which is much less than the amount I've paid for taxes directly and indirectly) in Henry George's book "Progress & Poverty" which can be obtained from the Shalkenbach Foundation, 50 East 69th Street, N.Y.C., at \$1.00 each and give a copy to all of your members.

YOU MAY SAVE THE GOVERNMENT BY SO DOING .... Millions of dollars yearly by preventing depressions and unemployment and billions of dollars in preventing wars. There never existed an illness without a cure ... Our economy is sick ... Henry George has the CURE!

Respectfully,

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Signature

(Elaine Wener, Co-Chairman)

# HIGH-LIGHTS OF THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 5TH:

Before proceeding with the regular meeting, George Musalino, President, called for a moment of silence in memory of Anne Goodman, a beloved member of S.A.G.E. who passed away three weeks ago.

Minutes of the last meeting read and accepted.

The Treasurer reported \$123.00 in the bank and asked that back dues be cleared up. The Distribution Committee plans contact with three election districts before next term, in an endeavor to increase the enrollment of students.

The Entertainment Chairman advised that S.A.G.E. is holding a dance at the School on Saturday evening, April 1st. Tickets available after the Concert March 11th.

Membership: Gloria Fink appointed Chairman of this Committee.

Speakers Bureau: A speaking engagement has been arranged for at a church in Brooklyn and plans for addressing a labor delegation are being formulated. Printed forms were handed out to all members with the request that they be posted at clubs & schools. Radio: Due to the depressed state of our Radio Fund, we will forego advertising on the radio for the next session, but a dance will be held for the purpose of increasing this fund, some time after the April 1st Dance.

New Business: Lydia Kritchener appointed Chairman of the Finance Committee.

It was announced that the Henry George School will hold a dinner at the Town Hall on March 18th at a cost of \$3.50 per plate plus all incidentals.

The Schools Completion Exercises will be held on Tuesday, March 28th, but no date has been set for the Extension Exercises. A Faculty Dinner will be held Thursday, March 30th. Advance Classes will start the week of April 3rd and P&P Classes the week of April 10th. George Musalino asked that all changes in address be submitted to the committee quickly, in order that mailings may not be delayed. Mr. Musalino asked that these absent members - Vivian Kilian-Rodney, Sidney Blitz, Henry Joel & Constantino Lent - be given a round of applause when they appear for their work on SAGE'S PAGES. He also asked that all members make some written contribution to this paper in at least one issue. Cost of having SAGE'S PAGES printed was discussed, but found to be prohibitive. As all Committees are now very active more help is needed and asked that members express their preference and volunteer. Posters prepared by Mr. Henry Joel will be posted at the School and Times Hall 10 days before the Concert. Mrs. Mabel Rees was given a round of applause for her splendid work in SAGE'S PAGES.

A Resolution was proposed and passed that the following be made Honorary Members of S.A.G.E. - Mr. Robert Clancy; Miss Nell Ives; Mr. James Donnelly; Mr. Lancaster Greene; Mr. Ezra Cohen; Mr. Leslie Swanson; Miss Marjorie Dare and Mr. Chauncey O. Reinhart. Good & Welfare: A Petition was passed and signed by all present asking that recent cuts in relief allotments be revoked.

New York State Committee tickets were offered for sale at 50¢ each, permitting entrance to various Broadway theatres; upon the purchase of 250 of these tickets we would be permitted to attend a meeting of the Housing Committee, after which the meeting was adjourned.

## SALESMANSHIP AND HUMAN RELATIONS CLASS

This is the third time that Mr. James Donnelly has conducted a class at the Henry George School on "Salesmanship & Human Relations" and this present one (with an enrollment of nearly fifty persons) is indeed an excellent cross-section of those who feel that, whatever their calling in life, this class can prove most beneficial to them - Women and Men who are lawyers, teachers, housewives, business-men, advertising executives, public relations officials, secretaries, clerks, accountants, etc., - Mr. Donnelly's unique method is not only intriguing but effective as can well be proved by the many successful classes he has held outside of the School as well; it is a class worth looking into and then joining the next time it is formed!

OPERATION GRASSROOTS

Do You Really Want To Work? ... This Is It!

Our aim is to popularize the Philosophy of Henry George. Our method is hard work, cooperation, and action.

Operation Grassroots grew out of the desire for a better method of advertising the Henry George School. This is the project: three leaflets will be distributed to every mailbox from 33rd to 40th Streets between Third and Lexington Avenues.

Mr. Joe Rose is familiar with this area. Our first leaflet which will be distributed March 9th, calls attention to the progression of poverty and hardship in our times. The second leaflet, which will be distributed March 16th, calls attention to the senselessness of our government's tax policy and illuminates the fact that to date our social problems have never been basically solved. The third pamphlet, which will be distributed with the School's announcement of its coming term, will be distributed March 23rd, and will persuade the reader that the school is worthwhile. (Copies of these leaflets are enclosed with this issue of SAGE'S PAGES. Read them now).

Between now and March 9th these leaflets must be folded; volunteers are urgently desired for this essential work. No amount of time that you give will be too little. Come to the SAGE office at any time and pitch in!

Volunteers are also needed to distribute this literature on the evenings of March ~~XXX~~ 9th, 16th and 23rd, each of which falls on a Thursday. This is a most important phase of the campaign. Come down to the School for dinner on any one or all of these nights. All those in the distribution party will eat together in the Coffee Shop. After dinner Margaret Lesher will transport the literature to the area for us, in her automobile, your assignments will be made, and then we will meet her for the distribution party.

This may be the advertising technique we have been looking for, or it may not. The only way to find out is to try it. Volunteer now! Come down to the SAGE office immediately and help with the folding; then come down to the Coffee Shop March 9th, 16th and/or 23rd, and help us distribute!

Rootingly yours,  
Bob Huff

P.S. - The two commanders of this project are Colonel Sidney Blitzkrieg & myself.  
P.P.S. If you like this idea come down to the S.A.G.E. meeting Sunday, too!

NOTE OF APOLOGY TO OUR ASSOCIATE MEMBERS!

Sorry, Friends, but your contributing letters were received too late to be published in this March issue; so, with your kind permission, they will be deferred for printing in the April number instead. VK-R

## THINKING OUT LOUD

March 9, 1950

Dear Reader:

Is liberty a wild dream? Have men fought for the rights of their fellows in vain? Is man's desire for economic security and freedom never to be gratified?

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Since the days of Adam, men have dreamed of a richer, fuller, more fruitful life. Man has always believed that progress would bring benefits to all in accordance with each man's merit; that children would no longer cry for lack of nourishment or love; that women would no longer be forced to sell themselves; that men would speak their minds freely, without fear, on the job, in their churches or meeting houses; that men could live more and more in accordance with their conscience without fear of reprisal from their neighbors.

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With the coming of progress, brotherhood was to rule the world. The bounties of the material universe were to distribute themselves in such a way that, although men did not receive exactly equal amounts, all men would receive rewards equal to their contributions.

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Progress has not brought these things. Humanity still eats rotten apples. The house of prostitution stands behind the church. Politicians fool the people with false issues while misery warps the mind of man. Today, after eighteen years of attempts at social legislation, one third of our nation are still ill housed, ill clothed, and ill fed, as it was after twelve years of so-called free enterprise legislation. Beggars walk the streets and relief checks are cut.

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These conditions exist not because man is evil by nature. He was not born bad. He was born ignorant. God did not give us a world that could not be altered to fit our dreams. The steamboat was once a dream and so was the airplane. Social justice and individual liberty are still dream, but they need not always be.

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In this year of 1950, men are desperate. Progress has come as a midwife to poverty, misery, and degradation. Eventually this evil trio will serve as kindling for violent revolution, destroying whatever ease and personal security we may have, unless you and I take advantage of every opportunity to discover the cause of poverty and eliminate it. If men today shirk this responsibility, they condemn themselves, their fellows, and their family to the hell of tomorrow.

Thoughtfully yours,  
S. A. G. E., INC.  
50 EAST 69th STREET  
NEW YORK 21, NEW YORK

Today in 1950:

(nobody wins a war

nobody wins a strike

everybody pays taxes)

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March 16, 1950

Dear Reader,

During the depression of 1929 Will Rogers said that we were the only nation in the world riding to the poorhouse in an automobile. Today we have a nation with the largest national income in the world and yet the average American citizen works 61 days a year supporting a government that cannot support itself. In this day and age where there should be opportunity for all to earn a living, one out of seven people in the United States must have government support. In order to provide this support, you and I are taxed. If we purchase a package of cigarettes or a pair of shoes, we're taxed. If we buy baby oil or baby powder, we pay a luxury tax, but are babies a luxury? If we go to the theatre, we pay an amusement tax. No matter where we go, the tax collector is following us. It isn't amusing,

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The government never considers whether a man earns his money honestly or not. A gangster may pay as much income tax as a baseball player. This is wrong, but politicians won't change it because the more money they tax from you and me, the more privileges they dispense, the more votes they control. Votes are the politician's bread and butter.

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Our nation has slums in every one of its cities and it is to our credit that the government has attempted various plans for their elimination although most of them have not been altogether successful. It is to our eternal discredit, however, that we have never asked ourselves what causes slums. It is to our discredit as a nation that we have never asked ourselves how wars and depressions come about, why the poor remain poor while the nation grows rich, why monopolies grow, how it is that so many small businesses fail, and whether we must continually have strikes and taxes. It is to our discredit as a people that we have never realized that there must be a key which opens the door to their cure.

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We must find that cause. We must search and study for that key. This is the age of decision. Civilization is at the crossroads and whether we like it or not, you and I are in the driver's seat.

From one taxpayer to another,

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