

# SAGES PAGES

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## AN ODE FOR HENRY GEORGE DAY

To celebrate a growing faith  
What symbol better than a tree?  
It's nature molds it from within  
To blossom forth in majesty.  
No acorn can become an elm,  
Nor human law its nature change.  
But man and science can increase  
The measure of an oak tree's range.  
That man himself may better be,  
Not cheated of his chance to grow,  
His equal share of Nature's gifts  
Each one must have, as Georgists know.  
This is the universal law,  
Which Henry George to life relates;  
And thus this tree that bears his name,  
His work for all commemorates.  
As years go by, his remedy  
For want and conflict round the earth,  
Must win at last with full acclaim  
Accorded to his day of birth.

M.L. REES

(This poem was read by the author at the ceremonies held on September 2nd, Henry George's anniversary, at the Henry George Tree in Central Park.)

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Sagers:

A few evenings back while making my daily subway trip, I was witness to one of those rare occurrences which some folk believe exist only in fable. Yes, I saw a gentleman give a seat to a lady. As a matter of fact he was one of a group of three middle-aged gentlemen who were constantly shocking their fellow riders by their conduct. These gentlemen were pleasant, courteous and considerate. This outrageous behavior made them an object of wonder for all their scowling fellow riders. After these gentlemen left the car, passengers resumed glancing at each other and daring each other with fierce grimaces to object to the position of an elbow or a newspaper.

Now this is odd. We feel it is natural to be courteous and considerate; and yet it excites such amazement and wonder when a person acts so. The Henry George School finds itself in the same predicament. George's writings exhort us to give play to Liberty and Justice. George pointed to the advantage and effects of equality and freedom; yet these old words worn thin with usage representing even older concepts are regarded with amazement and repugnance when linked with a study of fundamental economics.

The principles taught at the Henry George School are right and enduring, although they may be received like our gentlemen of the subway.

With this in mind, let us intensify our efforts at distribution of course announcements, at our studies, or at whatever avenue our efforts take in connection with the principles of Henry George and the work of the Henry George School.

Keep up the good work!

*Tom Gilmartin*  
TOM GILMARTIN,  
Pres. S.A.G.E.

## montreal convention

Montreal, with its historic spots and its shrine to Brother Andre' on Mount Royal shall never be forgotten. But enshrined in my heart shall always be the sincerity of all who attended or spoke at the conference. That the spirit of of the philosophy of Henry George inspires all who read him and learn to love him and understand him, with a great desire to reach his great Truth, is no longer a mystery to me.

When we left Montreal, it was indeed 'with a song in our hearts' and while on the train the words of the poet--A.H.CLOUGH, rang clear in my mind--

"Say not, the struggle naught availeth,  
The labor and the wounds are vain,  
The enemy faints not, nor faileth,  
And as things have been they remain.

"If hopes were dupes, fears may be liars;  
It may be in yon smoke concealed,  
Your comrades chase e'en now the fliers,  
And, but for you possess the field."

Among the lucky Georgists who attended were several Sagers--Nellie Wester, Dave Goldstein, Dorothy Sara, Roma Bianco.

Neva Bianco

## sages pages

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Ed. Note - Plans are under way to improve Sage's Pages. See the next issue. Additional suggestions from our readers will be welcomed.

## robert burns

Since my introduction to Henry George's philosophy, I cannot help but see his Truth in the lamentations of all Free-Thinkers of the past and present eras.

It has been said by many that the poet, Robert Burns cared for no authority; that he destroyed but did not build. Some have excused him by depicting him as "a poet that sang from his heart." His poetry on the contrary is full of the fire and desire to see Justice prevail:--not man-made Justice, but Nature's Justice. In his poem--

"Man Was Made To Mourn", he says:

"If I'm designed yon lordling's slave,  
By Nature's law designed,  
Why was an independent wish,  
E'er planted in my mind?

In another poem--"In Scaring Some Water Fowl"

"Why ye tenants of the lake  
For me your watery haunts forsake?--  
Common friend to you and me,  
Nature's gifts to all are free;---  
Man your proud usurping foe,  
Would be lord of all below;--  
If Man's superior might  
Dare invade your native right,  
On the lofty ether borne,  
Man with all his powers you scorn,--  
And the foe you cannot brave,  
Scorn at least to be his slave."

Poor Burns envied the power of the birds to flee--he saw no answer to the woes of man. Would that Henry George could have eased his hopelessness as he has ours.

NEVA BIANCO

## **coming events**

SUNDAY OCTOBER 12th--REGULAR MEETING OF S.A.G.E.

DISCUSSION: MONETARY THEORY. Guest Speakers.

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SATURDAY OCTOBER 18th--SQUARE DANCE

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SATURDAY NOVEMBER 1, 1952----VISIT TO GRAVE OF

HENRY GEORGE.

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SUNDAY NOVEMBER 9th--REGULAR MEETING OF S.A.G.E.

DISCUSSION: SEMANTICS. SPEAKER.

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SATURDAY DECEMBER 7th--LEAP YEAR DANCE.

## **may dance**

Our dance of May 24th was a social and financial success. We wish to thank Lydia Kurchin, our entertainment chairman, and the folks who helped her run the affair.

Art Fleming, very graciously gave an interesting demonstration of legerdemain, and the charming Raymond Rocco sang several popular ballads. Joan Downey and Bob Clancy spun a clever and yet simple interpretive dance to the current hit-"Wheel of Fortune." The tremendous ovation that followed set the bust of Henry George teetering on the mantelpiece, and only alert hands saved the happy moment from ending in tragedy. We thank all our entertainers. You were wonderful!

The crowd in general enjoyed themselves very much. What are you sulking for? You missed the Dance? Don't fret. There'll be others..... Square Dance October 18th; Leap Year Dance Saturday December 7th.

Tom Gilmartin.

## **friday night movies**

Our motion picture machine, which is run every other week, brings many outsiders and former graduates to the school.

If interested in operating the machine for the benefit of the school, call Tom Gilmartin P15-1300--9 A.M. to 5 P.M. Ext 598.

Elaine Wener-  
Chairman-Steering comm.

## to honor Henry George

On Memorial Day, just passed, three enthusiastic Sagers and earnest believers in the philosophy and economic reforms advocated by Henry George visited his place of burial in Brooklyn, in Greenwood Cemetary, on Ocean Hill. Impressive in its dignified simplicity of design is the monument erected to his memory. The means for this worthy tribute were collected shortly after George's death, by voluntary subscriptions, sent through The New York World, at that time one of leading newspapers of the city.

The monament bears a fitting inscription taken from George's own Masterpiece, PROGRESS AND POVERTY. The passage quoted is the one in which George declared that the truth he has tried to make clear will not find easy acceptance but that it will find those who will toil for it, suffer for it, and if need be die for it, as such is the power of Truth.

Now that the initiative has been taken it is to be hoped that many more of George's admirers will adopt the custom pursued the world around of making a shrine of the last resting place of the men in each country regarded as great. This plan offers an additional way of calling public attention to the vast importance of George's remedies for poverty and conflict which may yet be the means of saving our present civilization from the fate of those of the past.

Mabel L. Rees  
June 1952

**"only God can make a law"**

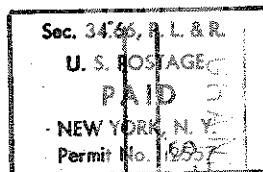
It seems that we shall never know  
How trees and flowers are made to grow;  
By His own ways they come to birth,  
In carpet green o'er all the earth;  
In riches - food- and fragrant joy.  
'Tis spread for all,- without alloy.

If men were wise in making Laws,  
They'd trace injustice to its cause;-  
They'd find His storehouse brimming filled  
By seeking Laws that He has willed;-  
They'd know in Him was Primal-Cause,  
For only God can make the Laws.



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