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ST. LOUIS EXTENSION - HENRY GEORGE SCHOOL
Education -- Information -- Communication
Yes, This is a "work sheet"

I AM
able to
help in
many
ways!

Liberty

free?

Never!

We work
to get &
keep it!

Fall term classes begin the week of September 21. School Folks
are sending in money to meet School costs for 1959-60. Some I WILL!

School Folks are telephoning others - reminding them. Won't you
send in "money-help" now, please? Will you spend an evening
a week, for a few weeks, phoning people? Won't you help add-
ress stickers for use on class announcements? Send in names of
prospective students? (Dr. Clay E. Wilcox, Dentist, now home
in Boise, Idaho, formed and taught three classes after gradua-
tion.) Can YOU form a class? Do you know of a good class loca-
tion we can use without charge?

BE A SCHOOL FOLK! HOW? By George, by doing something!
Contact Your School!

Have Faith, A Seed Grows in India!

Bhoo-dan came as an inspiration. It was
born in the peculiar circumstances of Te-
lengana. It has proved to be a histori-
cal necessity by the course of subsequent
events. It was the spontaneous popular
sanction that strengthened the movement.
As days went on we found in Henry George's
marvelous book "Progress and Poverty" and
in Tolstoy's essay entitled "The Great
Iniquity" based on Henry George's book
an unassailable authority for the logic
behind Bhoo-dan. The rationale and scien-
tific approach gradually developed around
the movement.

Where has been naturally an urge among
us to read the original book "Progress and
Poverty" of Henry George. Except for some
copies in libraries or with individuals
it was almost unprocureable in India. We
were fortunate in having been introduced
to a friend Mr. Erick S. Hansch of the
Public Revenue Education Council in Ore-
gon in U.S.A., which is under the Robert
Schalkenbach Foundation, intended for
spreading the social and economic phil-
osophy of Henry George. Through the good
help of Mr. Erick we could get a few co-
pies of "Progress and Poverty" under
some exchange arrangement. We sent him in
turn some Bhoo-dan literature and Sarvo-
daya magazines to acquaint him with our
Bhoo-dan-Grandan movement. We would like
to share with the readers relevant por-
tions of his recent letter offering to
give free tuition of Fundamental Course
in Economics based on "Progress and Pov-
erty" of Henry George, by correspondence.
(Then follows an excellent letter from
Mr. Hansch explaining why land redistri-
bution is not a good permanent answer and
suggesting a study of George's proposal.)

(From Sarvodaya, April 1959, Tanjore, S.I.)
**Bhoo-dan is giving land by big holders
to landless; Grandan is where land is
held by the village, not by individuals**

"I shall bring about equality through non-
violence, by converting the people to my
point of view by harnessing the forces of
love against hatred. I will not wait un-
til I have converted the whole society to
my view but will straghtway make a be-
ginning with myself." Gandhi

ECONOMIC CATECHISM-F.E. Fillebrown (cont)

(From: A Single Tax Yearbook for 1913)

Q. Would you not say that land is a pro-
duct of industry? (cont. col. 1-Over)
A. No; but the annual site value of land

JOHN CROMWELL LINCOLN, another Lincoln
one might say of him, died in Phoenix,
Arizona May 25 - aged 92. We say of him,
"Another Lincoln" for this Lincoln also
believed in the freedom and the dignity
of the individual; he did not believe in
man as "sheep men". He sought economic
as well as political freedom.

He served the Henry George School as
its President for many years. He, along
with members of his family, established
the Lincoln Foundation, Inc. devoted to
furthering of education along the basic
ideas presented by Henry George.

His first job as a graduate electrical
engineer, at 10¢ an hour, was to help in
building of the first electric streetcar
line on S. Bwy., in St. Louis, Mo. Later he
established the Lincoln Electric Company
leading mfr. of welding equipment which
is said to be "A model of factory effici-
ency and good employee-employer relation-
ships." He knew wages came from one's own
production; that rent-of-land was a com-
mon or community production, the property
of no individual.

His personal moral commitment to under-
stand JUSTICE and establish it was great.
He could not hide behind custom as an ap-
ology for economic immoralities.

The great and good thing we can do now
is to not let this great man down; to
back up his faith in us in a winning
way; to match his work and his dollars
with our work and out dollars, as we can.
Facts from N.Y. Times item-May 26th.

The Decent Idea in St. Charles, Mo.

About 150 years ago the inhabitants of
St. Charles were given 12,825 acres of
land both within and outside the City Li-
mits, for their common use-known as St.
Charles Commons. In the early 1800's
tracts and lots were rented by the City
to numerous persons for terms of 99 yrs,
at small annual rentals--such leases are
known as "common leases" and the annual
rent as "commons rent."

While our basic law makes land always
"common" other detail laws, as is being
done in St. Charles make it private as to
title only--never absolute nor without
obligation to pay rent to the community
as taxes. We will live better in econo-
mics and morality when we do better, in
restoring all the land to all the peo-
ple the Henry George way. (We must!)

Send your help to give oil for the
lamps of learning of the H.G. School! W,

Economic Catechism..continued....

is a product of the growth and industry in the community.

Q. You would not say that the supply of land can be increased?

A. No; but fresh demand is constantly requiring not only an increase in public equipment of land already in use, but also the constant expansion of such equipment to new areas.

Q. Why should buildings and all other improvements and personal property and capital be exempt from taxes?

A. Because, in taxing them the community, instead of appropriating a fund of its own creation, already at hand and doubly sufficient for its own needs, is taking from the individual what belongs to him by the best of all titles, namely, the right of production.

Q. What is Privilege?

A. Strictly defined, "Privilege is a special and exclusive power, conferred by law, on particular persons or classes of persons, and ordinarily in derogation of the common right."

Q. What is today's popular conception of privilege?

A. That it is the law-given power of one man to profit at another man's expense."

Continued - next issue--

HENRY GEORGE SCHOOL CONFERENCE, Rutgers, the State University, New Brunswick, N.J. Wed. July 8th thru Sunday, July 12-1959.

For information phone School -GA 1-5630

A BIG TIME was had in Columbia by some 20 people from Kansas City and St. Louis at our first Missouri Georgist get-together. In this case 20 was a crowd in education, fun, food and good fellowship; and all want to go do it again. Dr. Pinkney C. Walker and Prof. M. Mason Gaffney gave us excellent talks and they liked us as we did them. Next time, you must come, too.

Too busy? What can one person do? If that's the thought, peek eye to eye in the looking glass and see the blush! In a moment or two you can send \$1 for 3 copies of The Effective Answer to Communism and Why You Don't Get It In College" by Dr. HG and ER Brown. It is easy, as you go, to see to it that 3 people alive, not dead, to citizenship and its obligations gets one.

We were glad to see "Eureka! It Works! Picked up by other Georgist publications.. also the AFL-CIO item.. Land & Liberty, \$1 Henry George News-\$2; Free with \$10 gift.

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**A Voice from India

Where A Seed Grows

**Another Lincoln...

** The Better Way

** The Decent Idea -
in St. Charles, Mo.

Form 3574 Requested

A Better Way! Lease Municipal Land.

"Most economists seem to be agreed that a tax on land cannot be shifted and must be paid by the owner, whereas a tax on improvements tends to be shifted to the user in the case of housing, to the renter or homeowner".

"The defects of our real estate tax structure as they apply to housing may be summed up by saying that the system places too heavy a burden on places where people live, fails to follow the ability-to-pay principle, and encourages land speculation at the expense of sound land use."

"Moral, social, and economic considerations suggest this course. Morally, the acquisition of land at public expense for the ultimate benefit of private owners cannot be defended. When the community must step in to correct the abuses of private ownership, it has no right, after replanning the land and stabilizing its value at a new level, to turn the land back for a new round of speculation. One may say that control can be achieved by zoning, deed restrictions, and the like. Theoretically it can. But the safest and surest way to control land is to own it and lease it out under the desired conditions of use."

From: Breaking the Building Blockade" by Robert Lasch, formerly editor, Chicago Sun; now Editor, Editorial Page, St. Louis Post Dispatch.

Last Affair of Woman's Club

Women Graduates of the Henry George School will hold their last session of the year Thursday, June 18 - 8:00 P.M. at the home of Mrs. E. Sausele, 5164 Washington Avenue. Display and review of recent Georgist books and publications....

Refreshments.....

The Way Ahead In Jamaica..with this issue is a reproduction of this article by Chief Minister of Jamaica, Mr. Norman Manley, Q.C., placed before the House of Representatives on March 10th - as slightly condensed by editor of Land & Liberty-issue of May 1959. In this is a discussion of the "Why's" and "How's" - a fine item for study and consideration

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THIS WILL HELP US IN ALL THINGS WE WANT TO DO: We repeat: Persistence wins when other things fail. Don't give up!

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