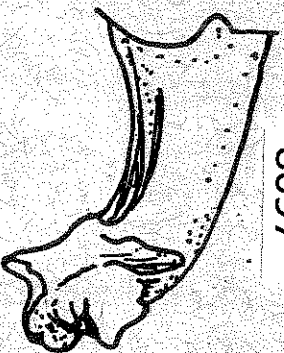


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GREEN ACRES

The citizens of New Jersey will have the opportunity to vote on "The Green Acres Bond" referendum at the coming election. This is a proposal for N.J. to issue \$60,000,000 in bonds "to provide money for public acquisition of lands for recreation and conservation purposes." It is for the purchase of land only and does not provide for the planning and development of these acres.

If there is any real need for land for recreational purposes, obviously it can be quite easily obtained without purchasing it. All N.J. need do is to enact a law permitting local communities to tax land to the full rental value and, untaxed all improvements. Under such a proposal, the tendency would be for land selling prices to drop to zero, and whatever land was needed for parks, or for anything else for that matter, would be obtained for nothing.

Whether the overtaxed citizen of N.J. will go along with this absurd bond proposal remains to be seen. With the rising trend in conservative thinking it is to be hoped that the citizenry will defeat it decisively.

O. B. Johannsen

DISSTAFF PROTEST

Viola Schnarr voices once more the usual protest that she has no place in the columns of THE GARGOYLE. She says she hasn't been able for instance, to volunteer for teaching, or to promote the school in its activities. I brushed aside the objection as having no validity.

So I suggest that we stand off a little for perspective; Mrs. Schnarr has always lived in Kearny, as she prefers to call our town, consciously honoring the famous General. While I just call it Arlington, a local difference, for purposes of pronunciation.

After attending local schools, she breezed through the depression in legal secretarial work here and in Florida. It is a time-tested family joke, that her husband, who is in construction, looked over forty-six of the states before settling for marriage and New Jersey. The Schnarrs have two sons and two daughters. One of the latter is following a government career in Europe; and a son is in the Merchant Marine Academy; and the others are at home.

After working in the insurance field for some time, Viola has now become an insurance broker in her own right.

All that she has accomplished has been difficult because of unfortunate health problems. And it was with this handicap and while her younger children were mere babies, that she came to see what the Henry George School had to offer at the Kearny Library, with John Devoe as the instructor. She wonders if the rest of the considerable group still remembers the inspiration of the ideas, as she does and the way they used to polish them with

This money will be spent as follows: \$40,000,000 for State acquisition, \$20,000,000. for grants to local units (Municipal and County). The State would pay 50% of the purchase cost of the land acquired by the municipality or county under the program. Such grants will only be made when the local units have adopted regulations governing the administration, use and development of the lands in question which are approved by the Commissioner of the Dept. of Conservation and Economic Development.

At present N. J. has 275,000 acres of public land, and it is hoped to increase this to 600,000 within the next ten years.

What does this all mean? It means that more land will be taken out of use with the result that the value of the remaining available land for the public will tend to rise, making it more costly for new homeowners and new businesses to acquire land.

If this proposal has any merit, it should be done on a pay-as-you-go basis--certainly not thru a bond issue.

One of the ultimate effects of this proposal will be the increased control over the local recreational areas by the state bureaucracy, for while the local communities will only have to set up rules and regulations for the areas actually acquired under this program it is likely that in the interest of uniformity the result will be that all rules for the areas now controlled locally will be the same. If conflicts arise, it would not be surprising that it is decided to have the State take over all the park areas.

Wherever a county park commission exists the tendency is for the local communities to surrender their control over the parks in their areas to the county.

This is along the pattern of control of local affairs going to higher and higher governmental bodies where the people exert little effective control.

such enthusiasm over the inevitable coffee. She also mentioned Louis Perma's excellent leadership when she joined the teacher's training group.

But about that time, the pressure of life intervened; and she said, regretfully, that the only way she could exert her influence was to pass along to her young family the true economic principles and to point out the fallacies of many a socialistic viewpoint brought home from school by her children.

And there is the crux of the matter: what difference does it make whether the George principles are spelled out before a formal group, or within a personal group? And although it is rewarding to accomplish swelling classes conducted by the school, it is much to be hoped that there are many like Viola Schmitt. That is, we hope many of our students have retained the central idea and the interest and enthusiasm required to pass it on, outside any formal meeting place.

And so, in my mind, Viola personifies these friends of the school. And whoever they are, along with Viola, they do indeed belong in these columns.

Virginia Harvey

WORLD WAR III

"We saw Christianity and Civilization march hand in hand through the ages--leaving death and desolation in their wake... and always we had wars, and more wars, and still other wars--all over the world. Sometimes in the private interest of royal families, sometimes to crush a weak nation, but never a war started by the aggressor for any clean purpose--there is no such war in the history of the race. This progress down to the present--the future--slaughters more terrible in their destruction of life, more devastating in their engines of war, than any we have seen. Cain did his murder with a club; the Hebrews did their murders with javelins and swords; the Greeks and Romans added protective armor and the fine arts of military organization and generalship; the Christian has added guns and gunpowder; a few centuries from now he will have so greatly improved the deadly effectiveness of his weapons of slaughter that all men will confess that without Christian civilization war must have remained a poor and trifling thing to the end of time.

It is a remarkable progress. In five or six thousand years five or six high civilizations have risen, flourished, commanded the wonder of the world, then faded out and disappeared; and not one of them, except the latest ever invented any sweeping and adequate way to kill people. They all did their best to kill being the chiefest ambition of the human race and the earliest incident in its history--but only the Christian civilization has scored a triumph to be proud of. Two or three centuries from now it will be recognized that all the competent killers are Christians; then the pagan world will go to school to the Christian--not to acquire his religion, but his guns. The Turk and

the Chinaman will buy those to kill missionaries and converts with.

And what does it amount to? Nothing at all. You gain nothing; you always come out where you went in. For a million years the race has gone on monotonously propagating itself and monotonously reforming this dull nonsense--to what end? No wisdom can guess! Who gets a profit out of it? Nobody but a parcel of usurping little monarchs and nobilities who despise you; whom you slave for, fight for, die for, and are not ashamed of it, but proud; whose existence is a perpetual insult to you and you are afraid to resent it; who are mendicants supported by your alms, yet assume toward you the airs of benefactor toward beggar; who address you in the language of master to slave, and are answered in the language of slave to master; who are worshiped by you with your mouth, while in your heart--if you have one--you despise yourselves for it. The first man was a hypocrite and a coward, qualities which have not yet failed in his line; it is the foundation upon which all civilizations have been built.

There has never been a just one, never an honorable one--on the part of the instigator of the war. I can see a million years ahead, and this rule will never change in so many as half a dozen instances. The loud little handful--as usual--will shout for the war. The pulpit will, and cautiously, object--at first; the great, big, dull bulk of the nation will rub its sleepy eyes and try to make out why there should be a war, and will say, earnestly and indignantly, "It is unjust and dishonorable, and there is no necessity for it." Then the handful will shout louder. A few fair men on the other side will argue and reason against the war with speech and pen, and at first will have a hearing and be applauded; but it will not last long; those others will shout them and presently the anti-war audiences will think out and loose popularity. Before long you will see this curious thing; the speakers stoned from the platform, and free speech strangled by hordes of furious men who in their secret hearts are still at one with those stoned speakers--as earlier--but do not dare to say so. And now the whole nation--pulpit and all--will take up the war-cry, and shout itself hoarse, and mob any honest man who ventures to open his mouth; and presently such mouths will cease to open. Next the statesmen will invent cheap lies, putting the blame upon the nation that is attacked and every man will be glad of those conscience-soothing fables, and will diligently study them, and refuse to examine any refutations of them; and thus he will by and by convince himself that the war is just, and will thank God for the better sleep he enjoys after this process of grotesque self-deception.

I know your race. It is made up of sheep. It is governed by minorities, seldom or never by majorities. It suppresses its feelings and its beliefs and follows the handful that makes the most noise. Sometimes the noisy handful is right, sometimes wrong; but no matter,

SCHOOL PAMELINES

October 26, 1946 - The Henry George School of New Jersey dedicated its new building at 1114 Broad Street, Newark.

Did you know Oscar B. Johannsen is a candidate for the State Legislature in New Jersey?

THE CARROLLIE welcomes Raymond Perron, who has taken over from Miss Strehel Walton, Director in Montreal, Canada, since 1939. Strehel will continue to be active in the school and best wishes to her in "taking it a bit easier" and to Mr. Perron in carrying forward.

The Annual Conference which was scheduled for Toronto, Canada in 1962 has been moved forward to 1963 at which time The International Union for Land Value Taxation and Free Trade will hold its international conference in Toronto. Why not plan now for this great affair? Just where 1962 Henry George School conference will convene has not yet been decided -- possibly Pittsburgh, Pa., or maybe down in Fairhope, Ala., or Portland, Oregon; San Juan, Puerto Rico; Jamaica, B.W.I. or elsewhere.

"LAND...AND SPACE TO GROW" is still being shown to organizations in a number of communities - it is booked through Jan. 1962 BUT any reader of THE CARROLLIE who can arrange a showing or suggest a place where it may be shown, will be doing a great service for the school.

WHAT CAN I DO?

Be selective; there are times when some areas are more vital and needful of help than others.

Do that which others are less likely to do or do not have the knowledge to do which you can do.

Is there any better thing to do than to do something for the Henry George School?

TALKING TO OURSELVES

Mr. Optiz of The Foundation for Economic Education, Irvington - on Hudson wrote on this subject in the May issue of THE FREEMAN. It has been said of those associated with the Henry George School that for the most part we are talking to ourselves and as Mr. Optiz wrote, "in a sense we are." To quote further "the person who thinks he has all the answers is really one who has never asked all the questions...ours is really an educational task, not a selling job." And this applies to HGS. Optiz "If he thinks he has all the answers and tries to peddle them to people who are not asking the questions he makes a nuisance of himself, does little for the cause, and must eventually quit in utter discouragement."

Those who would like to interest people in what the HGS is, ought not try to "sell them" which so often results in making a nuisance of yourself, but arouse their interest to extent they want to attend the school.

the crowd follows it. The vast majority of the race, whether savage or civilized are secretly kind-hearted and shrink from inflicting pain, but in the presence of the aggressive and pitiless minority they don't dare to assert themselves....Some-day a handful will rise up on the other side and make the most noise--perhaps even a single daring man with a big voice and a determined front will do it--and in a week all the sheep will wheel and follow him.

Monarchies, aristocracies, and religions are all based upon that large defect in your race--the individual's distrust of his neighbor, and his desire for safety or comfort's sake, to stand well in his neighbor's eye. These institutions will always remain, and always flourish, and always oppress you, affront you, and degrade you, because you will always be and remain slaves of minorities. There was never a country where the majority of the people were in their secret hearts loyal to any of these institutions.

A tiny stem shot up and began to grow, and grew so fast that in five minutes it was a great tree, and we were sitting in the shade of it. There was a murmur of wonder, then all looked up and saw a strange and pretty sight, for the branches were heavy with fruits of many kinds and colors--oranges, grapes, bananas, peaches, cherries, apricots, and so on. Baskets were brought, and the unlading of the tree began; and the people crowded around. The news went about the town, and everybody came running to see the wonder; and they brought baskets too. But the tree was equal to the occasion; it put out new fruits as fast as any were removed; baskets were filled by the score and by the hundred, but always the supply remained undiminished. At last a foreigner in white linen and sun-helmet arrived and exclaimed, angrily:

"Away from here! Clear out, you dogs; the tree is on my land and is my property."

From: The Mysterious Stranger-Mark Twain.

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

If you contribute financially to the Henry George School of N.J. skip this.
* See below.

If you do not please read it. Money is not the whole problem, nor the most important one -- but a certain amount of purchasing media is necessary to keep the school going; beyond that funds may be used to expand activities. There is much we could do providing we had more income and in turn with expanded activity, more funds should be forthcoming. So the start must be made. If you have not made a financial contribution for sometime - can you do so now? Will you?

Such contributions, you know, are deductible from your income tax.

* READ THIS

Have you given any thought to making a bequest to the school? That is another way of saving taxes. The school is able to cooperate with you in arranging this in your will with no charge to you.

SENSE AND NONSENSE

Human Events reports that in Monroe, La., a post office has just been completed which was started in the Eisenhower administration, but not finished until the Kennedy machine took over. Originally, the building was to be dedicated to Ike. However, on orders from the higher ups, local officials removed the original plaque and put up one stating the postoffice had been completed during Big Jack's administration. This caused an Iowa Congressman to write the following:

"Little plaque upon the wall,
Who is the fairest one of all?
Is this a gift of Ike's or Jack's,
Or just the man who pays the tax?"

You can't tell how happy a man is by the amount of money he has. A man with ten million dollars maybe just as happy as one with eleven million dollars.

Inflation is rearing its ugly head in the field of crime. Michigan just raised from \$50. to \$100 the amount of money which must be stolen to be classed as a felony rather than a misdemeanor.

The first step in making your dreams come true is to wake up.

A reporter who was writing an article on government made a typing error. He wrote "giverment". After looking it over, he decided that was the more appropriate designation of our "giverment".

Underprivileged kids need help, but not nearly so much as some over-privileged ones.

Wonder why the United Nations did not intervene in the Syrian rebellion and force Syria to remain a part of the United Arab Republic as the U.N. has done in Katanga, forcing it to remain a part of the Congo.

After all, Nasser needs to exploit Syrians for his own ends just as the Soviet-oriented leaders of the Congo need to exploit Katanga for their own ends.

Could it be there's a double standard in the U.N.?

Diplomacy is the art of letting the other fellow have your way.

Some people claim that the "New Frontier" is misnamed. After having the "New Deal" and the "Fair Deal", they feel the more appropriate name now would be the "Ordeal".

By "short"form the Internal Revenue Dept means the condition in which it leaves most of us.

Objective history isn't very objective these days. Secondary schools in Syria won't open until Oct. 21st because the historians need time to rewrite the history text books eliminating all pro-Nasser propaganda and giving the Syrians' account of the Syrian Revolution of Sept. 18th. In 1959, the books were changed drastically when Nasser took over Syria. Then pro-Nasser sentiment was put into the books.

Wonder how the younger generation in Syria will react to all these twists and turns. Just think of all the money which would have been saved if they just told the truth always. But that is being naive.

SALT OF THE EARTH

Two men were lost on a desert island. "Don't worry," said one, "they'll find us. "I haven't paid my income tax."

Child's essay: "The Armistice was signed on Nov. 11, 1918. Since then we have had two minutes of peace every year."

An optimist is any husband who thinks his wife could live within his income if he made more money.

Man to Postal Inspector: "I'm being bothered with threatening letters and wish you would do something about it." Inspector: "Glad to. Any idea who's sending them?" Man: "Yes. They are all from the Internal Revenue Service."

Capital Punishment - Taxes.

You can tell prices are out of line when an ounce of prevention costs more than a pound of cure.

An expert is a person who can take something you already know and make it sound confusing.

In an argument, the best weapon to hold is your tongue.

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