ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The 12th Annual Conference of the Henry George Schools was held at Harcum Junior College, Bryn Mawr, Pa., July 4th to 8th. Nine persons from New Jersey attended: Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Goldfinger, Mr. and Mrs. John J. Devoe, Virginia Harvey, Catherine Washburn, Mr. W. J. Triner and John T. Tetley.

On watching the carnival, garish goings-on of the Democratic Convention and expecting similar action of the Republicans (yet to come as this is being written) I instinctively compared "the big show" with our School's annual conference. The spirit of reasoning and inquiry into principles would have been encouraging from "Chicago" or "San Francisco" political gatherings, as it was at Bryn Mawr. Such bombastic atmosphere seems more suitable for behind the scenes deals and propoganda. Or could it be that politicking produces the atmosphere?

At our Conference, however, there were no long faces. There were times of high humor; and truly witty speeches had their place.

The strongest impression that I brought from the Conference, from the personality standpoint, was that of dhe same economic persuasion - having so much in common with so many people. We all had such a feeling of belonging. It gets a little monotonous to be considered a sort of crackpot.

At what other Conference could one find association so interesting that the second act of a summer theatre play could be omitted in order not to be interupted. Catherine Washburn and I sat under a tree in preference.

Where else would a couple of people go prospecting and on striking it rich continue to dig it out till 3 am? Anna Tyrka, of Jersey City was my partner on that venture.

In what other gathering could a Program Leader ask, after one long speech and before another, "Would you all like a short break?" The answer was unanimous - "No!" This was in spite of the most unyielding chairs that were unconsciously squirmed on. It was incredible.

You will be interested to know that the representatives of our New Jersey School, Alex Goldfinger and Jack Tetley contributed materially to subject matter offered for consideration. They have spent much time and effort in the development of these ideas. Mr. Tetley was presented in the August issue of Henry George News and Mr. Goldfinger's talk will be printed in September issue.

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* ALUMNI RALLY - SEPT. *

* YOU and your friends have a *

* treat in store. *

* Wednesday - Sept. 26th 8 pm *

* School Headquarters, Newark. *

* Norman S. Casserley *
* International Secretary of *
* Henry George School *

* Color Motion Pictures of *
* his Round-the-World trip. *

* Dr. G. W. Esty *
* Color slides - Scandanavia *

* Pictures and Reports of the *
* Berea and Bryn Mawr Conference. *

* This is a program you will not *
* want to miss - C O M E and *
* bring your friends. *

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At the conference, we met a hitherto unknown to us, pioneer of our principles, Mr. Walter Triner of Caldwell. He recalled many events, some amusing, of the early days of our economic movement. He was in the middle of it all in those exciting days. He said that many people dropped their own work in order to give full time to further the George ideas. They often went to work on the then popular soap box on any street corner. As a result, many knew semi-starvation for their principles, which they considered a crusade. Their methods were sometimes similar to the co-existent movement for women's suffrage. He told how various leaders, like Margaret Sanger, offered to swap support for their favorite world messages. As he said, such an emotional, naive, and political atmosphere brought into close contact persons from the most widely divergent background; from the most learned to the hysterical, to hangers on of all kinds.

When his health permits, we hope to see Mr. and Mrs. Triner at one of our meetings. He came to Caldwell in 1918 from Brooklyn. They have a son and a daughter, both married. Mr. Triner is a wholesale jewler - has been active in community affairs; and was President of the Board of Education. I was surprised to hear that the Triners are old friends of a most amazing woman, Mrs. Amalia DuBois, a good friend of the Henry George movement, who is 97 years young. We hope to "put the finger" on her next month.

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Those from New Jersey who attended the conference will report at the Alumni Rally to be held at Newark on Sept. 26th at eight o'clock to which you are invited.

The 1957 Conference will be held July 7 - 14th at Spring Valley, N. Y., with sessions in New York City - AND - NEWARK, N.J.

Virginia Harvey

MONEY AND WEALTH

Money, the term, brings to mind minted coins and printed bills. Bank checks are not always thought of as money, altho 90% or more of all purchases are made with checks. The chief purpose of money is to facilitate the exchange of goods and services and because so much of this is done with checkbook money, "purchasing media" is often used as an inclusive term.

Wealth is a tangible something having exchange value. It usually does, but need not have use or intrinsic value. A rare cancelled postage stamp may have a high exchange value and no other value whatever. Material things that satisfy desires; these, without number, constitute wealth.

The figures on national income are derived from the sum total of production, sales and services. In actuality the national income is limited to the total wealth produced. Services satisfy desires but produce no material thing. A loaf of bread can be bitten into. Not so with a hair cut.

To separate wealth frommoney, imagine all coins, bills and checkbook money to have disappeared over night. Wealth, the million and one tangible things, would still remain, intact, and as good as ever tho difficult to come by until another means of effecting exchanges had been improvised.

We hear of a recluse whose death reveals that he had thousands of dollars cached away. In life he lived in poverty. He lacked, almost to completeness, the material things we associate with wealth. The antidote for poverty is wealth; not money. If this were not so our ever so paternalistic government could end poverty in one fell swoop by printing and issuing scads of folding money. The banks could create unlimited demand deposits merely by writing figures in a book. This in both instances, with some restrictions has been and is now being done and we never had it so good.

We could have it even better; so good in fact that it would take - a million tokens, of such purchasing media, to buy a loaf of bread.

John J. Devoe

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"Money and Credit" Course - Oct. 1st.

THE INCREASING IMPORTANCE OF SOCIAL PROBLEMS

In 1883, Henry George wrote "Social" Problems" in which he attempted to present the social problems of his time simply and clearly so that any and all might easily understand them. The book is actually a collection of essays; each chapter complete in itself, and altho written for his era they are just as applicable today.

In the first one entitled, "The Increasing Importance of Social Questions" he points out that as animal life develops from its simplest forms to its most complex ---man himself --- the degree of intelligence required is progressively greater.

He believes that with man "animal life assumes no higher form...but progression in another line begins...Social development commences, and that advance of society that we call civilization so increases human powers, that between savage and civilized man there is a gulf so vast as to suggest the gulf between the highly organized animal and the oyster glued to the rocks."

But he recognized that with the growth of civilization come new dangers for in prophetic words he said, "Strong as it may seem, our civilization is evolving destructive forces. Not desert and forest, but city slums and country roadsides are nursing the barbarians who may be to the new what the Hun and Vandal were to the "old". Where did our Hitlers, Stalins, and Mussolinis come from if not from these depressed areas.

He saw that "the evils that begin to appear spring from the fact that the application of intelligence to social affairs had not kept pace with the application of intelligence to social affairs had not kept pace with the application of intelligence to individual needs and material ends. Natural science strides forward, but political science lags."

To those who feel that they must leave these problems to the "experts", his answer is quite definitive. "We cannot safely leave politics to politicians or political economy to college professors. The people themselves must think, because the people alone can act."

And above all, the great moral and ethical values which are the measure of a real man are needed, for "the intelligence required for the solving of social problems is not a thing of mere intellect...It must be animated with the religious sentiment and warm with sympathy for human suffering ...It must seek justice. For at the bottom of every social problem we will find a social wrong."

This delightful book, written as it is in Henry George's simple and lucid style, deals with so many of the problems of our everyday life that it is well worth while reading an essay a day.

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It takes only about fifteen minutes -- fifteen minutes of easy conversation with a man of masterful intellect and yet a soul, both warm and full.

Oscar B. Johannsen

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The first person you are likely to meet at our School is our fulltime Director John T. Tetley. But who calls him John? Jack has the happy faculty of running the front office, and conducting all affairs of the school so smoothly and efficiently that we forget to be aware of it. He coordinates the activities of the Board of Trustees, the Faculty, Students and the Public.

Jack is not just a sort of master of ceremony; he is also a participant and contributor. He has earned the right to an authoritative position in our ranks for his research in fundamental economics and our monetary system. Furthermore, he can represent the school anywhere, any time with a solid background of documented logic.

Jack is a son of Jersey, having spent all his early years in Red Bank. Probably life along the old Shrewsbury fitted him for his early interests; camping, outdoor life, Boy Scout leadership.

Before coming to the Directorship of the New Jersey School, he was associated for many years with the Chase National Bank in New York. He was one of the early students of the Henry George School in New York, being "innoculated" in 1935. Later he taught fundamental and advanced courses there prior to coming to N. J. as an instructor in 1940. He has been a member of the Board of Trustees of the N.J. school since 1944, and was elected Secretary of the Board this year. He became Director of the N.J. School 1948.

Jack and his vivacious wife, Helen, live in Woodbridge. They have a daughter Jean (Keating) who lives in Fanwood and has two babies of her own, Kathy and Brian. We hear that Helen is a wonderful cook; and is successful in the production of ceramics, doing hand-moulding and decorating and she has her own kiln.

Director Jack Tetley says his greatest concern at the moment, aside from the enrollment for Fall term, is to get the new school building at 78 Clinton Avenue in such shape that we can all be justly proud of it.

Virginia Harvey

FALL TERM CLASSES

Mondays - Money and Credit
Wednesdays - Democracy vs Socialism
Thursdays - Fundamental Economics
Fridays - "Confab"
All start week October 1st - 8 p.m.
1114 Broad Street, Newark.

MID-SUMMER COFFEE CONFAB

On August 15th eighteen persons accepted an invitation to meet at the school headquarters for a cup of coffee and a "Confab". The purpose of a confab is to mingle with others for an exchange of views - to broaden ones knowledge and experience - to build an ever-widening circle of acquaintances and friends and join with them in activities of mutual interests.

Robert Hayward and Virginia Harvey were selected as Moderator and Recorder respectively. Others present were: Henry Gieffers, Lewis Harris, Wm.Friedel, Mrs. H.W.Hopkins, Misses Eileen Morin and Eva Braatz, Mrs. Anna Tyrka, Al. Hening, John Devoe, O.B. Johannsen, Wm. Doros, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Eblovi, Mr. and Mrs. John Tetley and Mr. J.H.McCurrach.

Subjects discussed included inflation and deflation, prices, monoply, possible depression, stock market, morals, ethics, religion, etc. and etc. Several persons who were present commented that not only was the evening interesting and informative, but this was one of the best affairs ever held at the school.

Similar Confabs will be held at the school on Friday evenings each week for ten weeks starting October 5th at 8 pm.

MEET H.G.S. DIRECTORS

The Directors of the various Henry George Schools have been invited to submit brief sketches about themselves and each month we will introduce them to you.

Many of you already know Robert Clancy Director of the New York School and of International Headquarters, since 1948. In 1932 just as he was getting out of high school he became interested in our school. One of his high school teachers sent his name to the newly formed H.G.S. - Robert received a circulab announcing classes - and he attended. Bob knew Oscar Geiger, the founder of the School, from May 1932 (when Clancy went to Geiger's lectures) until his death in June 1934. He wrote a book about Geiger entitled - "A Seed Was Sown."

Bob is still a bachelor - maybe that is why he can entertain in that Pent-House office of his until the wee hours of the morning. At any rate it is a big job you have Bob - best wishes for every success

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Many who receive the GARGOYLE will be unable either to bring someone to the Fall Term Classes - or to take advantage of one of the courses themselve - BUT YOU CAN SEND US A FEW NAMES TO WHOM WE CAN SEND THE FALL ANNOUNCEMENT.

See list of classes opposite - think who you know and think may be interested.

SALT OF THE EARTH

Class struggles are often resolved in the principal's office.

Now that you've paid your income taxes you must all feel relieved -- of a lot of money.

Daffynitions:

Socialism: Competition without prices, boredom without hope, war without victory and statistics without end.

Psychiatrist: A man who doesn't have to worry so long as other people do.

The man who has money enough to burn never has any trouble finding a flame.

Maybe you can't buy happiness but most people would like enough money to try.

The Treasury Department certainly has a wry sense of humor. It issues a pamphlet entitled, "Know Your Money", and then takes the stuff away from us before we can even get acquainted with it.

Interest is paid twice a year on most savings accounts -- just before you deposit your money, and just after you withdraw it.

Education: What a man gets when he sits in his living room with a group of teen-agers.

Income Tax: The penalty you pay for reckless thriving.

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Do Y O U enjoy THE GARGOYLE? If so will you let us know?

If you have any suggestions - or any criticism - please be good enough to inform us. How else can we know if the time, effort and expense of publication and sending it to you are justified.

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FALL CLASSES AT NEWARK

All classes open week of Oct. 1st - 8 pm

MONEY AND CREDIT - Mondays

DEMOCRACY vs SOCIALISM - Wednesdays

FUNDAMENTAL ECONOMICS - Thursdays

"CONFAB" - Fridays (This is a free-for all discussion)

Copies of Announcement for Fall Classes will be sent to you and you may obtain more if you will use them - or send us name and address of likely prospects and we will mail invitations to courses.

Those of you who can are urged to attend one of the classes - either a subject you have not yet studied, the Confab or the Fundamental course for review. The basic course has been greatly revised and if you have not participated in a recent group - you will enjoy it as a refresher.

All classes will be conducted "round-table" style with coffee and - WHY NOT BRING A FRIEND DOWN AND INTRODUCE SAID FRIEND TO THE SCHOOL?

WATCH YOUR LOCAL NEWSPAPERS

Announcement of Fall Term has been sent to 30 newspapers in the Newark area - a news item. Will you be good enough to look in your local paper and see if it is published? If so we would appreciate it if you would clip out the item and send it to school office. Thanks a lot.

F I N A L L Y

NOW - while you are thinking about it please drop us a card and let us know how many fall announcements you want us to send you to put in an envelope and send with a P E R S O N A L note to those who you will be doing a favor by inviting to study this fall at the Henry George School.

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