

Manhattan Single Tax Club

The Club has embarked upon a course of action to do all in its power to spread knowledge of the Georgeist philosophy while there is yet time. In this program—as outlined in a circular recently sent out—are the following points:

1. Revitalizing the Club to bring it up to its standing under Henry George, and make its influence felt throughout the country.
2. Publishing its paper, *democracy*, weekly to spread sound economic teachings.
3. Cooperating with other Georgeist organizations.
4. Interesting the public through radio talks, lectures and the dissemination of literature.

Arden Celebration

The annual Henry George Day celebration was held in Arden, Delaware, on Sunday, September 8. Arden is an "enclave of economic rent" administered under the single tax principle, on the outskirts of Wilmington. The attendance at the meeting was good, and the speeches were well-received.

The principal speaker was Harry Weinberger, who delivered an address on "Liberty in a Dark World." Dr. Henry George III (grandson of Henry George), spoke of the pioneer spirit as being an important factor in the greatness of men like Henry George and Mahatma Gandhi. Julian Hickok and Harold Sudell of Philadelphia spoke. Mrs. Katherine F. Ross, former Trustee of Arden, spoke on the Arden Deed of Trust, and paid tribute to Frank Stephens, founder and guiding spirit of that little community. In her talk, Mrs. Ross said:

"To be able to grant basic justice and freedom, involved in the equitable Use of the Earth, upon which, together with Free Trade, depends the just distribution of wealth, requires an instrument, such as a Constitution, or, as in the case of Arden, a Deed of Trust, to keep it inviolate. And that is what the Deed in Arden has been designed to do for Arden. Should the Trustees perform a dereliction of duty in respect to this underlying intent, they can be forced to resign, but no Court of Law, I am told on authority, can dissolve this Trust.

"This instrument, that prevents basic aggression on the part of individuals, groups of individuals, or a majority, in its preservation of Equal Rights in the Use of the Earth in Arden, although other adverse unnatural conditions may overshadow its effects, is the highest, the simplest and most fundamental social guide that has ever been devised, and Georgeists have the privilege to pay it honor."

Dr. Henry George was drafted by the Trustees of Arden to fill a vacancy on their three-member board. The position is a life-long one. Dr. George is president of the Delaware State Osteopathic Society.

The School of Democracy

Within a year at least, two new schools teaching Georgeist principles have been started! One is the We, The Citizens School (reported in the last issue of *LAND AND FREEDOM*); and now we have the School of Democracy. This new School is being started by Mr. Harry J. Haase, in collaboration with Mr. Charles H. Ingersoll. The present headquarters are at the Manhattan Single Tax Club, 1165 Broadway, New York City, in Room 203.

Classes are being held daily at 5:30 and at 8:00 P. M., and on Saturdays at 2:00 P. M. Several Georgeists have become interested in the idea, and some are starting extension classes, among them Mr. Byron T. Conrad, of Bellerose, Long Island.

Mr. Haase has circulated a number of Georgeists urging them to cooperate. The prime purpose of the School is to "convince the layman that the only workable basis for democracy is equality secured through the collection of economic rent." Cooperation is invited, in the form of "physical, mental, moral or financial assistance."

Great Britain

Our commendations go to our British colleagues who are carrying on so bravely amidst air-raids and the general disorder in the present crisis. Mr. W. E. Fox, Henry George School leader, continues his classes, which opened October 2, at the Battersea Central Library. The United Committee for the Taxation of Land Values sent Georgeist literature to the Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland, held September 12. Altogether, 1,190 copies of each piece of literature were sent, and a number of Town Clerks responded, saying they were giving the matter their attention.

A Georgeist working in Ireland reports that the spreading of economic truth is impeded by the political division of that country. "The Six Counties is the last Tory fortress," he writes to *Land & Liberty*. "The partition keeps the political issue before the Irish people to the exclusion of the economic problem and serves the same purpose that Home Rule served in England. I don't expect much progress in our lines till the partition is removed; but it is well to spread the light amongst the more far-seeing people, which I am trying to do as opportunity offers."

Mr. F. C. R. Douglas, the new Georgeist M. P. from North Battersea, is losing no time in speaking for sound economic principles in Parliament. In a debate on the Finance Bill, August 6, Mr. Douglas condemned the Purchase Tax as being both unjust and unsound. In concluding, he said: "Reference has been made today—and very properly, I think—to the circumstances which we shall