

At the Henry George Institute...

The Henry George Institute's work has continued uninterrupted, as Sydney Mayers reported on page one. In this effort we have had many bits of generous good fortune, for which we are very grateful.



Bob Clancy left the Institute in healthy financial and organizational shape — and two large donations came our way in 1995 which greatly facilitated our work. First, Neva Bianco, our Treasurer, accomplished teacher and stalwart volunteer, contributed a mutual fund to the HGI in memory of Bob Clancy. Then, the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation, under then-Director Oscar Johannsen, gave us a grant of \$5,000 with which to purchase computer equipment. Thanks to RSF, the HGI now has enough data-processing power to handle its publishing, database and internet efforts in-house!

Our correspondence course program had been run as an exceedingly efficient one-man operation by Bob Clancy. Unfortunately, Bob left us far more suddenly than he thought he would, and many of his operating procedures had to be rediscovered by Neva and I as situations arose. Using Bob's index-card system as a model, I designed a database application, and with Pat Aller's help we completed the tedious process of typing in all of the names on Bob's meticulously filed cards. Then, Sonny Rivera came along at just the right time to provide amiable and competent office work. And, of course, we greatly thank our corps of volunteer instructors, without whom none of this would be possible!

The HGI's finances were left without a knowledgeable manager after the loss of Bob and of Joe Jespersen. With the advice and help of HGI Director George Hansen, all of the Institute's assets have been consolidated under one management account at Marine Midland Bank. This greatly simplifies our financial management — and will increase our income as well.

Last year the Council of Georgist Organizations was incorporated, and at that time funds that had been held on its behalf by the HGI were transferred to the Treasurer of the CGO.

Finally, we regret the long delay in the re-publication of the *Journal*. At its Denmark Conference last year, the International Union officially commended me for my promise to continue the *Journal*. Neither they nor I knew how long it would take. I thank them for their patience, and am very glad to be back!

— Lindy Davies