

Colonel E. C. Harwood Becomes Member of Henry George Board

E. C. HARWOOD, director and founder of the American Institute for Economic Research at Great Barrington, Massachusetts, is the newest trustee to be welcomed to the board of the Henry George School in New York.



"I suppose that ours is one of the very few economic research organizations in the world that can be said to have arisen almost directly from Henry George's teachings," said Colonel Harwood recently, addressing informally, a small group of Georgists. "It so happened that a quarter of a century ago, for reasons that I won't bore you with, I became very much interested in economics. I was in a position where I had to get what I could find for myself, and I had at my disposal practically all of the economic text books that had been written in the last 100 years.

"I happened to see on the shelves of the library a set of books by a man named Henry George. I picked up the first one, *Progress and Poverty*, and dipped into it a little. I found that it dealt with some fundamental definitions. So, I thought, I wonder if by any chance this man has laid the foundation work of definitions that would enable one to get somewhere in the field of economics. I started reading that book, and as far as I recall now, I didn't put it down until I had finished it. Then I went through all the rest that he had written, and discovered, to my great pleasure, that here at last was someone who had provided a foundation for a study of economics, through careful definition of words and through a scientific approach to the subject.

"Given that, I was able to find out, through further study, where many of these other writers seem to have gone astray, and was given an incentive and a further drive that enabled me to go further in the field. Well the Institute is the outgrowth of the subsequent work. We started it when I was at MIT, and we have the distinction of not only having grown out of Henry George's work but also of being greatly interested in John Dewey's work. We feel that John Dewey has contributed most of any man who ever lived to an understanding of the scientific method and its application to social problems, and, as you know, John Dewey is one of the relatively few philosophers who seems to have fully appreciated Henry George's work, and his place among the philosophers on this earth.

"To make a long story short, we are trying to use the fundamental relationships described so well by Henry George and the fundamental principles outlined by him, and we are using the modern application of the scientific method as described by John Dewey, and putting the two together; and we are trying to go on and explore the vast unknown in the field of economics."