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**Sydney Mayers** is one of the young "old-timers" of the Georgist circle in New York, having first (quite skeptically) studied *Progress and Poverty* under Morris B. Thomson in 1940. Since then, he says, he has objectively and dispassionately tried to find any logical objection or rebuttal to the principles of Henry George; but after twenty years still hasn't discovered one. Being thus convinced of the validity of the philosophy of freedom, he continues to hold a deep and active interest in promoting a free economy. He will be remembered as the author of the popular *Views of the News* column begun in 1947 and discontinued only because of the pressure of business.

By profession an attorney, he has been engaged in the motion picture field for many years and now serves as executive counsel for one of the major television film companies. He denies having any hobbies, but acknowledges three avocations: reading, writing and Henry George. To him George represents a far-reaching concept of true freedom under the laws of nature, rather than merely a system of political economy. He believes that George's greatest premise is not the law of rent, but the law of human progress.

The Henry George School was on East 29th Street when Sydney's interest in it began developing, and he fondly remembers the gay and exciting days he spent at that earlier hall of learning, where many friendships he still cherishes were formed.

In due time he became a teacher and held classes in a variety of Georgist subjects.

Believing that followers of Henry George should be more articulate, he has conducted several classes in Practical Writing at the Henry George School and has made a fine start toward building a group of effective Georgist writers. The following four articles are by members of his present class.

