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W.Y. CHAPTER ELECTS HEN OFFICERS

NEW YORK (HGNS) - At a meeting of the New York Chapter of the Henry George Feldership held on Tuesday evening, March 30 at the Central Christian Church, called for the purpose of electing new officers to the vacancies oreated by the resignation of Arthur H. Vetterman, president since the Chapter was organized over a year ago, and Will Lissner, Vice-President, Sidney Tobias, Certified Public Accountant and Treasurer of the Young Hen's Board of Trade of New York, was elected president; C. O. Steele, who just completed the course under Raymond V. Hollally, and Chaudia Pearlman, vice-presidents and John Munson was unanimously reelected secretary and treasurer.

Short reports were made by the chairmen of several committees present and plans were projected for increasing the activities of the Chapter and enlarging the sphere of influence. A number of new committees were proposed and action was deferred on all now business until the next meeting. Anna George de Mille, daughter of Henry George, a speaker, expressed her gratification at the large attendance.

Just before the meeting adjourned, Arthur I. Vetterman was elected honorary chairman of the Chapter in recognition of his splendid leadership and labors in behalf of the Fellowship. He was obliged to assume a less active role in the organization because of increasing demands of his business.

At the Executive Council meeting of the officers of the Chapter and the chairmen of the committees called for Honday, April 5th, five standing committees were organized; the Hembership Committee of which Francis K. Cordoso is chairman; the Publicity Committee, with George Bingham, chairman; the Research Committee, Valery Damienov, Chairman. Ho chairman was appointed for the Public Speaking Committee, but Elsbeth Breese was made chairman of the sub-committee on Social Activities of the Public Speaking Committee. Madeleine Swarte, editor of the Henry George News Service was appointed chairman of the Publications Committee. Claudia Pearlman, vice president, and Arthur H. Vetterman, honorary chairman of the New York Chapter were appointed a temporary committee of two to study the constitution of the Chapter for the purpose of recommending possible revisions.

It was decided at this meeting that the Executive Council should hereafter be known as the Steering Committee. For the present, the Steering Committee will meet every Tuesday evening at the Henry George School of Social Science, 211 West 79th Street. Regular meetings of the Fellowship will be held at the School on the first Tuesday of every month, starting with May 4th.

GEORGIST INTRODUCES OLD AGE PENSION BILL

CINCIPMATI, 0. (HGMS) - Congressman Herbert S. Bigelow, veteran Georgist, has a pension bill before Congress to allow 50 a month to all over 60 years of age. He asks this as a matter of justice on the basis that every citizen at birth brings into existence 1000 of land value. This sum compounded at 5% interest for 60 years amounts to 20,000. That is to say, at 60 every citizen has an investment of 20,000 in the land value of this country and is entitled to a divident on value honestly created by his presence for 60 years in the country.

OPPORTUNITY FOR GEORGISTS TO DEFINE "THE AMERICAN WAY".

MEN YORK (HGHS) - An opportunity for a Georgist essayist to declare his ideals before a large and valuable audience is offered by a leading monthly magazine.

With the current issue, Harper's Lagazine announces a prize contest in which 01000 will be awarded for an article on "The American Way," which will present the vital, essential American traditions and ideals simply and explicitly in unmistakable terms, so interpreted in the light of new economic and

social conditions that men and women of diverse political and economic views will accept them freely as a guide to the future as well as a link with the past.

Notwithstanding the conviction of Charles Beard, eminent historian and student of social development, that the great interpreter of American life will be he who can formulate the American problem — how to give the most expeditious effect to the idea of bringing great technology into full use in providing the posited standard of life for the American people — so realistically and with such ethical power that it will rise to a place of predominance in the mind of that part of the American people which has the capacity to think, to resolve and to govern, and, admitting the gigantic proportions of the task involved, the editors of Harpers feel that fresh observation and knowledge should produce a contribution of value.

The contest closes on September 14 and while no limits have been set on length or treatment, manuscripts of average magazine dimensions are preferred.

The judges will be the editors of Harper's and the sum of \$250 will be paid for any additional manuscripts considered worthy of publication in the magazine.

FRENCH GOERGISTS URGED TO START HENRY GEORGE SCHOOL

PARIS, FRANCE (HGNS) - An appeal to the Georgists of France to follow the example of their comrades in Great Britain and establish a branch in their country of the Henry George School of Social Science is published in the current number of Terre et Liberte, quarterly journal of la Ligue pour la Reforme fonciere (League for Land Reform).

The appeal, by Miss Frances R. Levy, hon, secretary of the school in Great Britain, tells of the founding of the section, its notable progress and its methods. It concludes: "Readers of this article, when are you going to establish your school? Soon, I hope, and good luck to you. Write us at Sentinel House, Southampton Row, London, W.C.I."

"COOPLRATIVE BUILDER"

WAITS PEACE HEROES ON POSTAGE STAIPS

SUPERIOR, WIS. (HGNS) - The portraits of Henry George and other peace herces whose deeds were in the field of construction should be used on postage stamps instead of those of the nation's war herces, the Cooperative Builder, national weekly organ of the consumers' cooperative movement, declares in an editorial in its issue of March 20.

Under the title, "Heads on Stamps," the paper declares:

"To be great is to have your face engraved on a postage stamp. But to win this honor, it appears that one must either become president or be a military here. A series of U.S. stamps, recently issued, calls to mind a galaxy of heres of our schoolboy days, including Commodores Barry, Farragut and Poster, and Generals Greene, Sherman, Sheridan and Scott.

"With all due credit to these men, who did their duty as well as they saw it, doesn't American history yield the names of men and women of peace, whose deeds were in the field of construction rather than destruction and who just as truly deserve the official rememberance of their country?

"There are Jane Addams, Thomas Edison, Horace Hann, Booker T. Washington, Jacob Riis, Henry D. Thoreau, Henry George, just to name a few. Recently the face of Susan B. Anthony, pioneer of woman suffrage, appeared on a stamp, which gives us hope that Hr. Farley's department is not 100 per cent_military minded - or isn't it?