

## GEORGE DANA LINN

A familiar figure until recent years at Georgist gatherings, and always a welcome visitor at New York headquarters, George Dana Linn died on May 8th in San Francisco at the age of 97. He was a faithful Georgist to the end. His Christmas card of 1959 characteristically celebrated the occasion with a quotation from "Progress and Poverty." Three years ago he published a pamphlet on crime and the slow erosion of the national character and culture, pointing out that penal laws must be altered and recodified. He cited Henry George as one who "never faltered in his attacks against vested wrongs." Another of his pamphlets revised in 1938, was "How to Balance Budgets, Federal, State, County and Municipal." This is still available on request from the Henry George School, 50 East 69th Street, New York 21, New York.

His principle interest in the final years of his life was the work of the Economic Education League of which Gilbert M. Tucker, author of "Your Money and What to Do With It" (reviewed last month), is president. This League, having selected Pennsylvania as the test area for its educational program, has recently published a tax study by the Research Institute of Lehigh University of Bethlehem, which has attracted attention as far away as Honolulu.

Following the survey Howard Freeman, Colonel Victor Rule, W. Wylie Young and Dr. and Mrs. Harry Gunnison Brown have made public and private appearances throughout the state in an effort to familiarize voters with the possibilities open to them as a result of legislation giving third class cities the option to recast local real estate taxes. Percy Williams, Executive Secretary of the Henry George Foundation, with headquarters in Pittsburgh, is perhaps the one person who has been most steadily involved in the long hoped-for improvement envisioned for this state.

While no extravagant claims are made for progress, the program has been increasingly discussed and held up as a model in important newspapers and magazines this past year. Charles J. Ewing, Acting President of the Henry George Foundation, and Rev. W. Wylie Young, will report on this at the Henry George Foundation Conference in Detroit on July 6th. Percy R. Williams will be a speaker at the Henry George School Conference the following day.

George Dana Linn has for years searched for an effective activity which he could help to sponsor. With his passing, those who wish to memorialize him should remember that it was the work of the Economic Education League which gripped and held his interest. He felt this was the most direct and practical approach—based, as it was, on a canvas restricted enough to be possible, yet vast enough to offer a challenge and to furnish a conspicuous example.