

*Who's Who
in Georgism*

Harry H. Ferrell



Harry H. Ferrell came of pioneer stock. He was born December 24, 1888, on a farm four miles north of Decatur, Illinois. His father, Henry Converse Ferrell was of an Irish family that followed the wagon trails west through Virginia, Ohio and Illinois. His mother, Mary

Ann Taylor, was of a branch of the English Calvert family who settled in Maryland, then went west through Ohio to Illinois.

Mr. Ferrell's family left Decatur in 1896, settling near Webster City, Iowa, where he lived until 1911 when he went to Los Angeles. Since 1910, he has been an insurance underwriter with the exception of a two and a half year period ending in 1935 during which he was tax agent for the department of water and power of Los Angeles.

His interest in Henry George was aroused in 1914 by the "Cynthia Gray" column edited by Mrs. Estelle Lawton Lindsay in the Los Angeles Record. In reply to a question from a reader respecting some phase of local taxation, Mrs. Lindsay advised reading "Progress and Poverty." Mr. Ferrell is one, at least, who took the advice. He has conducted eighteen classes on Henry George since the fall of 1935.

Mr. Ferrell is executive secretary of the Los Angeles Municipal League. He has been a member of the League's executive board for eleven years; for three years he served as president. He is also executive secretary of the Tax Relief Association of California. As such he carried on the southern California campaign for the Ralston tax relief amendment to the State Constitution in 1938. He was an unsuccessful candidate for the State Legislature in 1932 and for the Los Angeles City Council in 1939.

Mr. Ferrell has been married twenty-three years to Floy Pauline Hamilton, formerly of Lincoln, Nebraska. They have no children.