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Two cornerstones in my father's character are creativity and belief in individual freedom. His creativity is illustrated by the number of successful companies he has built into smooth-running organizations. Examples are: Lincoln Electric; its forerunner, Elliot-Lincoln Electric; and more recently, Universal Wire Springs and Bagdad Copper. His creativity is further illustrated by his large number of patents on electrical and mechanical inventions.

Dad has a keen sense about people, which enables him to get along well in any situation. Underlying his relationship with others is a basic respect for individuality and belief that one should be free to determine his

own life. He does not try to overpower others with personality.

These characteristics led him to study Henry George at an early age. It took more than one reading of Progress and Poverty for him to understand all George's ideas, but once understood, he has been vigorously advocating them ever since. His attraction to Henry George is certainly understandable when one considers that George's philosophy provides an environment in which men can create wealth at a maximum rate and at the same time retain individual freedom. Dad's social philosophy is expounded in his book, Ground Rent, Not Taxes, reviewed in this issue.

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