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GUEST EDITORIAL

EMBRACING THOSE "OUTSIDE THE FOLD"

By Mildred J. Loomis

How aware are we Georgists of the counter-culture? Do we recognize the thousands who are unhappy with their life-styles, who read and write books expressing this dissatisfaction and what they are doing about it?

Much is being done, you know: cooperating in neighborhood ventures (including patrolling and policing their areas); forming food cooperatives; sharing tools and education; installing solar power to replace gas and electricity are only a few.

Available directories of alternative groups list up to 10,000 such groups and leaders. At the School of Living, we regularly scan and study more than 200 such groups a month.

Few of them know the basic economics which Henry George clarified.

Some have journals which are oriented to particular regions, such as Ozarkia, Northwest Passage, Southern Libertarian. More and more, their titles show a wholistic trend, like Life Options, Overthrow, Coalition. Here is an audience with energy and questions.

Couldn't a committee of Georgists study and work with them?

Advertise in their pages?

Exchange journals and mailing lists?

Exchange speakers at conferences and workshops?

Uncover the benefits, the justice and peace resulting from community use of community-developed land values?

Describe results from areas taxing land values and adapting the process in Community Land Trusts?

In short, couldn't we Georgists become more at home with networking, alternative and counter-culture seekers?

Shouldn't we?

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