

Harry Gunnison Brown

Harry Gunnison Brown died in late March at the age of 95.

Professor emeritus and former chairman of the economics department of the University of Missouri, he was widely acclaimed for his work on taxes and fiscal policy in which he extended the marginal concepts introduced by Henry George.

Among his published works was a textbook, *Basic Principles of Economics*, published in 1942, that uses George's three-factor model and develops the imputation of rent, wages and interest mathematically in terms of twentieth century conditions. His two books, *Economics of Taxation* (1924) and *The Economic Basis of Tax Reform* (1932) were influential in bringing economic analysis into play in the political process of plucking the goose.

Prof. Brown was of the class of 1904 at Williams College and received his Ph.D in economics at Yale in 1909 under the supervision of Irving Fisher. Remaining at Yale as a teacher in Prof. Fisher's economics department until 1915, Prof. Brown then joined the faculty of the University of Missouri. He went on to head the economics department there and also served as dean of the College of Administration and Public Affairs. After retirement in 1950, he taught at the New School for Social Research in New York. It was in the early 'fifties that he often lectured at the School. From 1952 to '58, he was a visiting professor at the University of Mississippi and from 1958 to '60 at Franklin and Marshall College.

For the past decade and a half Prof. Brown served as a consultant to local administrations in Pennsylvania, advancing his life-long advocacy of land value taxation. He was a member of the editorial board of the American Journal of Economics and Sociology.

He is survived by his second wife, the former Elizabeth Read, a brother, Prof. Arthur Milton Brown of Sarasota, Fla., three children, nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. In the words of one of his granddaughters: "Grandfather was a great man. To many — a great economist. Most important to me, he was a wonderful person and grandfather, warm, generous and sincere."

Prof. Brown's work has been widely influential through the economists he trained.

Papers Sought

The archivist of the University of Missouri is searching for copies of published works, arithmetical exercises, notes, letters, etc. of the late Prof. Brown. Anyone who has such material to offer may send it to the School for forwarding.