

## Profile of a Gentleman

"No one may consider himself educated until he has read *Progress and Poverty*, by Henry George" was the sentence that induced John T. Tetley, affectionately known to friends and colleagues as Jack Tetley, to take the basic economic course at the Henry George School, when it was located at 79th Street, New York, in the early 1930's.

His doing so has proved most fortunate for all who have come to know him personally, as well as those who have been taught by him, for he is an example of the kind of men who Henry George said would, if need be, die to carry on the work.

Presently the Executive Director of the Henry George School of New Jersey, Jack Tetley has taught courses not only in New Jersey, but also at the New York school. His knowledge and understanding of the Georgist philosophy are second to none, and to listen to him expound on some subtle point is both a pleasure and an instructive experience. Since 1948, he has attended every annual conference of the Henry George schools, with the single exception of the one held in San Francisco in 1972.

With the idea of coordinating the activities of organizations promoting the principles of Henry George, Jack was responsible in 1972 for calling a conference to which all of them were invited. This has developed into the "Henry George Groups," an informal association which promises to be a valuable "medium of exchange" among Georgists everywhere. Consultations have since been held in Arden, Delaware, and in Fairhope, Alabama, the two largest enclaves in the United States trying to put into practice some of Henry George's concepts.

Unfortunately, because of ill health, Jack has been compelled to take a less active part in Georgist activities, and has reluctantly announced his resignation from the directorship of the New Jersey school. His announcement was received with great regret, but happily, as long as he is able, he will continue to contribute to the work of the New Jersey school, as well as to the Georgist movement generally.

Jack is of so amiable a disposition that it is doubtful that anyone has ever seen him angry, although he has often been confronted with situations sufficiently trying to cause most people to explode. So what can one say of Jack Tetley? Simply, that he is not only a dedicated Georgist and a good friend to all who know him, but in the truest and finest meaning of the word, he is a gentleman.

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