

PRESS CLIPPINGS

ELEVENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE, HENRY GEORGE SCHOOL BALDWIN-WALLACE COLLEGE, BEREA, OHIO - JULY 13-17, 1955

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Tiffin Advertiser,
June 23

Baldwin-Wallace Campus Will Be Conference Scene

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Piqua Call,
June 16

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Berea News,
June 30

Bromfield, Lincoln Will Speak at B-W

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The occasion will be the national conference of the Henry George School of Social Science, July 14 to 18.

Topics

The relation of the individual to local and federal government, here to find taxes sufficient to meet rising needs in growing cities, what to do about slums and blighted areas and whether current prosperity is on sound or shaky grounds will be central themes during the conference.

Cleveland News,
July 2

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Columbus Dispatch,
June 17

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Cleveland Plain
Dealer, June 26

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Meeting to Hear School Board Aide

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The conference sessions will be held at Baldwin-Wallace College. Louis Bromfield, writer and farmer, will speak Friday evening.

John C. Lincoln, Cleveland

Cleveland Press, July 11

Cleveland Press,
June 26

B.-W. Conference to Hear Bromfield

Problems of taxes, slums and blighted areas and the relation of the individual to the federal government will be discussed at a national conference of the Henry George School of Social Science at Baldwin-Wallace from July 14 to 18, it was announced yesterday.

"Putting Ideas into Practice" is the theme of the meetings. Louis Bromfield, author and farmer, will speak at an 8 p. m. meeting July 15 on the topic "Man's Relation to the Land Is Basic." Mayor Russell Conklin of Great Falls, Mont., will talk on "Applying Land Value Taxation."

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Among other speakers will be James F. Lincoln, president of the Lincoln Electric Co.

Time and subjects of the speakers will be announced later.

Conference discussions will center around a more equitable adjustment of the existing tax structure.

Cleveland West Side
News, July 7

Louis Bromfield Conference Speaker At Baldwin-Wallace

The 11th Annual National Conference of the Henry George School of Social Science will be held from July 14 to 17th at Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea, Ohio.

Among the noted persons speaking will be Louis Bromfield, columnist and author, who will speak Friday evening, July 15th, his subject being "Man's Relation to the Land is Basic." Other speakers Saturday evening, July 16th will be Harrison

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erty" 76 years ago and offered new insight into the question of land values. It was this book which is in his hand in his statue at Cleveland Public Square which was the motivating influence in giving his life and fortune to make Cleveland, Ohio a happier place to live in and also made it a city with a soul.

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Those who are interested in a more equitable adjustment of our existing tax structure are cordially invited to attend the evening lectures.

Set 4-Day Session Of George School

Attendance of 400 is expected at the 11th annual national conference of the Henry George School of Social Science to be held for four days beginning July 14 at Baldwin-Wallace College, Berea.

Ohio was selected as conference-site for the New York-based school as a tribute to Tom L. Johnson who is depicted holding a copy of Economist Henry George's book "Progress and Poverty" in his Public Square statue.

John Weir, Cleveland insurance man, is chairman. Speakers will include Louis Bromfield, columnist and author; Harrison Gunnison Brown, University of Missouri economics professor; and John C. Lincoln, board chairman of Lincoln Electric Co.

Henry George Group Maps Parley Here

Several hundred persons interested in tax policy and economics are expected to attend meetings in connection with the 11th annual conference of the Henry George School of Social Science next week.

The conference will be held from Thursday through Saturday at Baldwin-Wallace College. The public is invited to the evening meetings.

Members will hold a meeting Friday morning at the Tom L. Johnson statue in Public Square to honor Johnson as a friend and follower of Henry George.

Cleveland Press,
July 9

Columbus Citizen,
July 8

Bromfield Speaks on Economics Tonight

This evening's talk by Author Louis Bromfield to the Henry George School of Social Science conference has been moved to Kulas Hall to accommodate a larger audience, officials of the movement have announced.

The public is invited tonight and tomorrow night, when School President John C. Lincoln will speak.

The group is a national association dedicated to spreading the principles of George, a 19th century American economist-sociologist. It opened its three-day national conference yesterday at Baldwin-Wallace.

Bromfield's subject will be "Man's Relation to the Land is Basic." Other speakers at the 8 p.m. meeting will be V. G. Peterson, executive secretary of the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation, on "The Land Belongs to the Tiller;" and Russel Conklin, mayor of Great Falls, Mont., on "Applying Land Value Taxation."

Tomorrow George School Professor Harry Gunnison Brown will talk on "Dramatizing our Answer to Communism," and Lincoln will discuss "The Natural Source of Public Revenue."

The school has 19 extension centers in the United States, plus others in England, Australia, New

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Cleveland News,
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Berea Enterprise,
July 15

SINGLE TAXERS PLAN SCHOOLS

Dr. Ralph E. Crow Gives Keynote Address

A program that people want is basic in adult education.

So Dr. Ralph E. Crow, director of adult education for the Cleveland school system, said in his keynote address at the national conference of the Henry George School of Social Science in Baldwin-Wallace College yesterday.

The school, with headquarters in New York, has extensions throughout the United States to teach adult classes the George theories of economics and a single tax based on land values.

A movement was reported under way to open a permanent branch of the school in Cleveland, but site and time of opening were still undecided.

100 Hear Address

Addressing 100 extension directors from all over the United States, Dr. Crow spoke on "Some Factors That Make for Success in Adult Education."

"To maintain interest and attention, an adult education program must be well conducted and offer good teaching," he said.

He criticized some adult programs for failing to gear their approach to their audience and for using language too complex for the ordinary layman.

Afternoon Workshops

The afternoon was devoted to workshops on public relations experiences by Henry George extension schools. It was led by Verlin D. Gordon of Lima, director of the group's Ohio program.

Representatives from Los Angeles reported a radio series had been highly effective, while those from San Diego praised the results of a documentary film.

The program today includes a morning address at the Tom L. Johnson statue on Public Square and an evening talk in the college's chapel by Louis Bromfield, author and Plain Dealer columnist.

Concluding sessions tomorrow night will include talks by Prof. Henry Gunnison Brown of the University of Mississippi and John C. Lincoln.



Plain Dealer Staff Photo

Henry George School Leaders opened conference sessions in Baldwin-Wallace College yesterday. Among them were (left to right): Robert Clancy, director of the Henry George School of Social Science in New York; Lawrence Rep, Cleveland real estate broker, and Ivan Dailey, with the Nickel Plate Railway here.

Cleveland Plain
Dealer, July 15

Author to Lecture

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Lakewood Post,
July 9

Today's Business— John W. Love

Tom L. Johnson and Henry George, two patron saints of the single tax movement, will be honored at the wingding the Henry George School of Social Science is holding in Berea the last three days of this week. Disciples of theirs will be present from all over the country.



It is perhaps unfortunate that fewer persons today than formerly recognize the term single tax, and it does not appear on the conference program itself. The modern equivalent seems to be "land value taxation." That is the formula of words used to cover a system which would concentrate taxes upon the social values of land, those which the public itself creates. It would exempt buildings and other improvements placed on the land by ingenuity and toil.

The big wheel of the national movement today is John C. Lincoln, honorary chairman of the Lincoln Electric Co. of Cleveland. Pushing 90, he lives most of the time in Arizona, where he runs Bagdad Copper. Lincoln is the owner of large amounts of improved real estate—emphasize the "improved"—in Columbus and Cleveland. He is chief backer of the Henry George School, headquartered in New York with extensions in every state and lectures given in Chicago, Cleveland and all over. The conference, in Baldwin-Wallace College, is mainly for its teachers but the public is invited to the evening speeches Friday and Saturday.

Like Joseph Fels, the famous old soap man, John Lincoln was attracted to Henry George from the feeling that industrialists and their employees created much of the wealth of the country, only to see it flow into the hands of owners of downtown property who may have done nothing to deserve it. (If they put up good buildings, OK—that's fine, Lincoln

Followers of Henry George Meet at John Lincoln's Call

wouldn't tax the buildings anything, only the site values.) Like his brother, James F. Lincoln, John C. is a man of strong views.

George, who died in 1897, is still remembered reverently in Britain, Denmark, New Zealand, Australia and elsewhere. An international convention will be held in St. Andrews, Scotland, in August, and will be attended by a couple of the leaders of the Cleveland movement, the John W. Weirs, Sr. and Jr., the pension associates.

Tom L. Johnson was converted to the single tax by George's "Progress and Poverty," and when he became mayor of Cleveland he built up the following here. Members in those days or soon afterward included Newton D. Baker, Fred C. Howe, Virgil D. Allen, Horace Carr, Ed Doty, Edmund Vance Cooke, Peter Witt, Jack Raper, Richard C. Barnum, Edgar Byers, O. K. Dorn and William Feather. Baker and Feather backslid, but Dorn (now in Utica, N. Y.) and Byers are still Georgists. John A. Zangerle, former county auditor, was attracted to the program but never fully accepted it.

Amongst Clevelanders who adhere to the George philosophy are Ralph E. Crowe, Ivan Dailey, Lawrence Repp, Mrs. Marian K. Blake, Mrs. Elva M. Billett, James P. Hair, the Earl Spences and the Downer brothers, Edward T. and George. Some will be in the crowd which lays the wreath on the Johnson statue in the Public Square Friday morning.

Whether or not one goes all the way with Henry George, some of his principles are popular with people who may not recognize them as his. Certain communities use his site value taxation to promote more even housing or commercial developments. Though there is little prospect that ownership of land will be socialized, his teachings offer a guide in problems of city growth and values. They ought to attract manufacturers and public utility men more than they do, not to mention taxpayers.

Cleveland Press,
July 12

JOHN C. LINCOLN HERE ON BIRTHDAY

Presiding at 90 at Henry
George School

BY J. A. WADOVICK

Thank the Henry George School of Social Science for enticing John C. Lincoln here for a visit which will enable a legion of Clevelanders to say "Happy Birthday" to the founder of the Lincoln Electric Co. and one of the city's outstanding industrial pioneers. He will be 90 tomorrow.

The school is holding its 11th annual conference at Baldwin-Wallace College, Berea. Workshop sessions this afternoon will wind up the three-day meeting.

What brought Lincoln to the Berea conference? In fact, how come he is president of the George school?

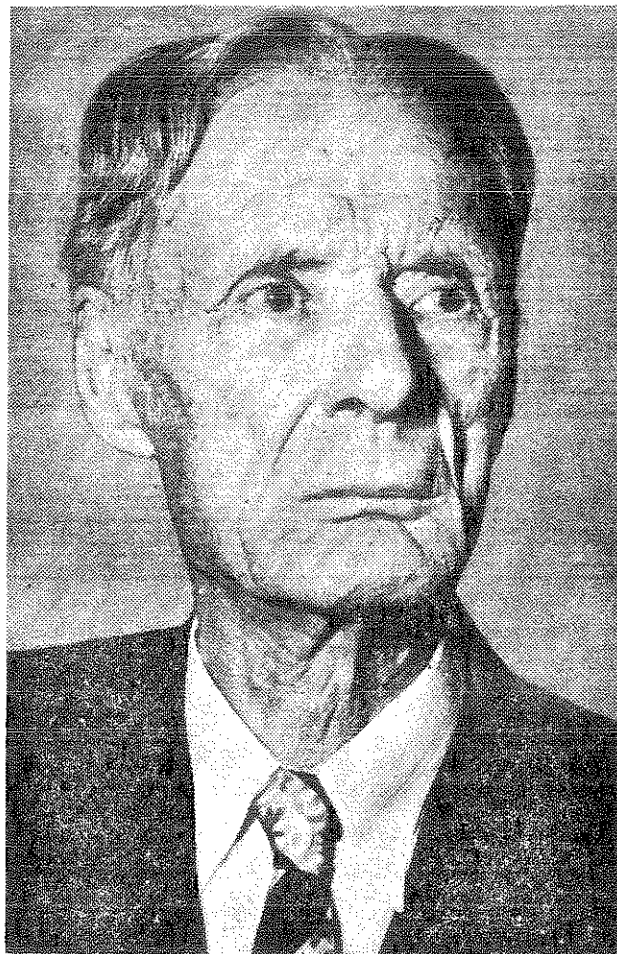
He Read the Book

"I first read 'Progress and Poverty' 50-60 years ago," he told a group outside Marting Hall. Unbent by the years, he spoke quietly, but the fire and zeal for the ideas which gave birth to the "single-tax" movement and made Henry George's name a household word still glowed through Lincoln.

"I read the book three times before I found what was in it," he said. What he found was the "relations we do not see"—relations essential to the preservation of our civilization insisted Lincoln.

'Still a George Crank'

To this day, Lincoln has remained, as he insists, a "crank



Plain Dealer Photo by Marvin Greene

Pioneering Cleveland Industrialist, John C. Lincoln, founder of the Lincoln Electric Co., is attending the 11th annual conference of the Henry George School of Social Science at Baldwin-Wallace College.

on Henry George.

He was born July 17, 1866, on his grandfather's farm in Painesville. His father was a minister, and Lincoln's childhood was an odyssey of moving. He was graduated from Ohio State in 1888. He came to Cleveland and

worked a year with the Brush Electric Co. The company had a students course in electricity—a novel idea for that time.

He dates the founding of the Lincoln Electric Co. to December, 1895. The company was incorporated in 1906 with a capi-

tal of \$10,000, and Lincoln was its president until 1928, when he became chairman of the board. He was succeeded as president by his younger brother, James F. Currently John has the title of honorary president.

Industrial Pioneer

Lincoln's industrial pioneering and ventures are many. He has received some 50 patents on electrical devices.

Under the leadership of his brother, Lincoln Electric has become world-famous for its incentive system of worker-management relations.

Lincoln was candidate for vice-president of the United States on the Commonwealth Land party ticket in 1924. He became associated with the Henry George School of Social Sciences, chartered by the University of the State of New York, 20 years ago.

Active in Arizona

Seeking a sunnier climate, Lincoln and his wife settled in Arizona. They now live in Scottsdale, near Phoenix.

Who wants to be retired at 90? Not Lincoln. He is president of the Camel Back Inn Co. of Scottsdale, president of the Bagdad Copper Co. of Bagdad, Ariz., chairman of the board of the Ohio Universal Wire Spring Co., Bedford, and, of course, president of the Lincoln Foundation.

Man's basic relation to the land was discussed by Louis Bromfield, Plain Dealer columnist and author, at an evening session. Other speakers were Mrs. V. G. Peterson, executive secretary of Robert Schalkenbach, publisher of Henry George books, and Russel Conklin, mayor of Great Falls, Mont., whose topic was "Applying Land Value Taxation."

The conference will close with a farewell breakfast tomorrow morning.

Cleveland Plain Dealer, July 17

Professor Urges Land Tax as Brake on Communism

BY MARC D. GLEISSER

Basing taxes almost completely on the unimproved value of land is so dramatically the opposite of Marxian Communist economic theories that it can be a top weapon in defeating communism.

This opinion was voiced yesterday by Harry Gunnison Brown, professor of economics at the University of Mississippi, in his address at the Henry George School of Social Science conference at Baldwin-Wallace College.

"Taxing the land at value would force it into most profitable use, while cutting the tax on capital would enable it to be

used to a greater extent and thus provide two pillars for prosperity," he said.

He emphasized that the land-tax theory would permit more people to profit from thrift and capital investment, the opposite of the Marxian theory that none should profit from capital.

The economist saw the greater independence and prosperity resulting from taxes on land value as a brake on the present trend toward socialism in the United States.

Another speaker, John C. Lincoln, founder of the Lincoln Electric Co. here, stressed that land was the natural source of revenue for the government.

He asserted that if the government has a natural income it has no moral right to collect taxes on the wealth its citizens produce.

When man-made laws fail to comprehend natural relationships and permit land owners to collect ground rent that belongs to the community, he added, both the production and the distribution of wealth are affected.

Lincoln concluded: "The workers in the world today would live in a new world if our man-made laws were changed so as to stop the stealing by land owners of the ground rent belonging to the community and abolish the stealing by the government when it collects taxes on the wealth produced by the individual."

J. Rupert Mason of San Francisco, president of the International Union for Land Value

Taxation, told the conference that the rise of nations was associated with good tax systems tied to land.

"The decline of many nations comes from shifting taxes to capital, which hits the producers," he said.

He underscored that a tax on land would encourage production and enterprise by allowing producers to keep the result of

their toil and thus provide necessary incentives.

Mason concluded that there were only two sources of wealth, the products of labor and those of land, as he argued that a tax on labor and its products was a penalty on ingenuity and a discouragement to thrift.