

Lincoln Bequest Keeps Alive Henry George's Tax Ideas

and which makes grants to further the single-tax theory.

John Lincoln once ran for vice president on the Commonwealth Land Party ticket. That was in 1924. William J. Wallace was on the ticket for presidency. In an interview here in the summer of 1958, Lincoln said he could not recall how many votes he received in that election. But he added: "Not enough to get elected."

Another Clevelander, Richard C. Barnum, was on the ticket for vice president, with Robert C. Macauley, in 1920. That was called the Single Tax Party ticket. Barnum, who is 80, lives at 11421 Mayfield Road S.E. He is a retired book publisher.

"I've been a single taxer for 60 years," said Barnum. "It gets a hold on you."

William Feather, editor of the William Feather Magazine in Cleveland, is a director of

the Lincoln Foundation. He was interested in the Henry George movement when he was in his 20s, and some time ago John C. Lincoln got him to be active again.

Moley Runs Foundation

Raymond Moley, the former Clevelander and a "brain trust" in the early days of the New Deal, runs the foundation, which he said to have about \$1,500,000 at the present time and which may realize \$1,500,000 from the latest Lincoln bequests.

David C. Lincoln, Lincoln's son, is president of the foundation.

John Lincoln wrote many things of his own about George's theory, modernizing a part of it, in fact.

Henry George, born in 1839,



Richard C. Barnum
... Political candidate
for Georgism

was nearly crushed by the depression of 1873. He had been delivery boy, seaman, type-setter, gold prospector, salesman and editor, but those hard times were tough blows. From his readings of the California

land boom, he evolved his single-tax ideas. The book was slow to catch on, but when it did people who never had opened a book before did so.

He caught the mood of the people who left that depression with the scars of poverty.

'You Won't Forget It'

But as the years went on the George theory moved slowly, attracting adherents here and there. In these days, with government so deeply rooted in the tax structure of all the people, it does not seem that Henry George's idea ever will move to great stature.

"It's something, once you've encountered it, you won't forget," said Daily, who is yard clerk for the Nickel Plate Road.

Daily seems to have struck a note that sounds as clear as Henry George's statement years ago: "I am for men."

George's single-tax idea came about as a result of his search

for a substitute for socialism, an economic system he opposed as cutting into human rights.

Perhaps, as his supporters today believe, this is time for men.