9. "Why is it that we in America have never had a famine?" Page 12.

10. "Why did families live for 6,000 years in caves and floorless hovels, without windows or chimneys . . .?" Page 12.

11. Discuss the statement that America has made unprecedented progress because of our natural resources. See page 14 for Mr. Weaver's explanation.

12. Is our progress due to the fact that we work harder than people in other countries? Explain. See page 14.

13. Is our progress perhaps due to our being inherently superior to other peoples? See page 15 for Mr. Weaver's explanation.

14. ". . . we, in the United States of America, have made more effective use of our human energies than have any other people on the face of the globe – anywhere or at any time." This statement may be found on page 15. Do you agree that it is "the real answer, the only answer" to the question: Why have we in the United States – a young country – made such unprecedented progress? Explain. You may find additional help in answering this question in: *Show Me Any Other Country* by Betty Knowles Hunt and in *The God of the Machine* by Isabel Paterson, chapters XI-XII.

15. What is the author's explanation of the nature of energy. See pages 16-17.

16. How does human energy differ from other forms of energy? Pages 17-18.

17. What does the author mean by "the effective use of human energy." Pages 18-19.

18. What does he say are some things that keep human energy from working effectively? Page 19.

19. What does he mean when he says: (1) "Individual freedom is the natural heritage of each living person." (2) "Freedom cannot be separated from responsibility." See pages 19-20.

20. "To use any kind of energy effectively, it is first necessary to understand the nature of the energy and then to set up conditions that will permit it to work to the best advantage." Why is this understanding especially necessary in the case of human energy? The author gives an answer to this question on pages 20-21. You may find additional help in thinking about this question in *The God of the Machine* by Isabel Paterson, chapters I-II.

21. "Nations are not powerful because they possess wide lands, safe ports, large navies, huge armies . . . They acquire those advantages because they are powerful, having devised on correct principles the political structure which allows the flow of energy to take its proper course." This quotation is from *The God of the Machine* by Isabel Paterson, page 13. Are you in agreement with the quoted statement? Explain.

22. "Freedom is the first great achievement of modern times and with it came agricultural machinery, increased supplies of food, intellectual advance . . ." This statement is quoted from *Hunger and History*, page 13.

CHAPTER II

THE GREAT MULTIPLIER

1. The earliest of primitive men had no tools. How, then, did they get their living?

2. Describe the probable circumstances under which tools (capital) came into existence among primitive men.

3. Was Robinson Crusoe a tool-owner (a capitalist)? Was he also a tool-user? Suppose *he* had not been a capitalist. What then?

4. Define capital. Explain and illustrate an important difference between capital and wealth.

5. Explain how capital is the result of saving.

6. Name some items of capital used in industries in your own town.

7. Do you know any worker who does not use capital in his work? Explain.

8. Explain and illustrate how man uses *foresight, imagination,* and *initiative* in the development of tools. See pages 22-23.

9. Why, according to the author, does it seem reasonable to assume that the general practice of exchanging goods and services came after the invention of tools? Page 23.

10. The introduction of tools marked the beginning of man's progress in three important directions. What, according to the author, are these directions? Page 24.

11. Why did the introduction of tools increase the importance of property rights? Pages 24-25.

Additional Readings

Bargaining by Paul L. Poirot
Gaining the Free Market by F. A. Harper
How We Live by Clark and Rimanoczy
How You Really Earn Your Living by Lewis H. Haney
Money by Clark and Rimanoczy
Property Rights and Human Rights by Paul L. Poirot
Shirtsleeve Economics by William A. Paton. Chapter IV
Two Kinds of Exchange by Leonard E. Read
Understanding Our Free Economy by Fred Rogers Fairchild. Chapter VI