

The Henry George School in the News

LOS ANGELES has reorganized its executive facilities and has centralized at a new address on the edge of the San Fernando Valley, but has decentralized communications by setting up 16 local representatives. Please note the new address: Henry George School of Los Angeles, Box 655, Tujunga, California 91042.

SAN FRANCISCO will be host on December 4th for the Northern California extension Branch Charter Day Banquet at the Marine's Memorial Club. The guest speaker will be Joseph E. Tinney, city and county assessor of San Francisco. He inherited a grossly unequal assessment roll from his predecessor and will tell what policies he has adopted to achieve "Fair Play on the Assessment Roll."

SAN DIEGO class activity centers presently in Lemon Grove where Mrs. Frank Grundler has invited students into her home for the basic course conducted by Everett Seeley. Lively sessions ensue in this ideal atmosphere. Mrs. Grundler is accustomed to group activities in her church and school, and her experienced help is greatly appreciated by the students and the new director, Clayton C. Bauer.

ST. LOUIS Georgists were the beneficiaries on October 12th of the International Association of Assessing Officers' meetings which brought 2000 tax assessors to the city, including such principals as Irene Hickman of Sacramento and Ted Gwartney of Southfield, Michigan. Both spoke at the meeting sponsored jointly by the Public Revenue Education Council and the HGS. Both reported benefits from the results of a more equalized tax policy.

Dr. Hickman said 33,000 homeowners in Sacramento County had received

lower tax bills and construction had increased by 15 to 20 percent, with new industry being attracted. Mr. Gwartney reported similar results in Southfield where there has been a great building boom resulting from the more equitable assessment methods. "Land value taxation has caused Southfield to become the fastest growing city in the country in assessed value," he said.

Both St. Louis newspapers, the Post-Dispatch and Globe-Democrat, used bold two-column headlines to cover their reports on the views of Dr. Hickman and Mr. Gwartney and credited them to Henry George, "a nineteenth century American economist." The Globe stated that these visitors "shook up the establishment in their areas by assessing according to law and equity."

Two classes in St. Louis are in progress conducted by the director, Loral D. Swofford.

TORONTO'S School of Economics is looking forward to a season of increased activity under the leadership of Malcolm G. McCarthy, who became director of studies on July first. He will conduct classes at 1218 Islington Avenue North, Rexdale, and at two YMCA's.

LONG ISLAND, having gotten past the beginning hurdle of presenting Henry George on radio, now has the honor of having a 13-week show taped for syndicated use. This is made up of "Conversations with Georgists" supervised by director Stanley Rubenstein, who, with two or three others, discusses the material in the basic lesson course. The National Educational Radio Network (Urbana, Ill.) selected this series for distribution among educational stations wherever it is requested. The program was introduced on station WVHC on the Hofstra University campus in Long Island.