

The Henry George School in News

LOS ANGELES friends trouped eagerly to 577 North Vermont Avenue on May 4th to a buffet supper for Dr. Irene Hickman, described as "the doughty assessor of Sacramento County." She was to be on hand with her aide, Jack Casey, who is needed no doubt, now that pressure is growing to recall this public official who has done so much to make the rest of the country aware of California's Capital. Just to make sure the occasion would be festive, a vineyard in Orange County donated wine, and the tasters were invited to assemble at 6 p.m. The total tab for the fun filled evening was \$2.75. It could only happen in L.A.

Everywoman's Village at Van Nuys is offering two new classes—on Mondays, Effective Speaking based on *Protection or Free Trade* (\$9.50), and on Tuesdays, Fundamental Economics also led by Harry Pollard (\$9.50). Continuation classes at Orange County and HGS headquarters are in progress — the subject is Applied Economics, the fee of \$9.50 for the ten lessons includes textbooks and other materials.

CHICAGO friends, at the suggestion of Robert A. King and Wilbur Johnson, met on park benches near 53rd and Hyde Park Boulevard Sunday p.m. May 26th to evaluate theories of the classical economists, beginning with Henry George. They plan to meet bi-monthly.

ALBERTA'S James Ramsay, former Toronto director, planned an evening party for 60 graduates on April 27th in Calgary, which began at 4 p.m. and went on until after midnight. Classes are also being held in Edmonton and he expects to have 300 students in

these environs by fall. The guest speaker was Russel Conklin of Montana (see page 9), and there were five 5-minute appreciative and mirthful student talks. Director Ramsay and the other instructor, John Alston, collected some impressive loot from their pupils. A gavel, LaBoheme record album, and witty "Charlie Brown" booklet made by class members, went to Ramsay — for Alston there was a gold brick to dramatize the gold crisis. It was wrapped in gold foil and it gurgled.

These Canadian students are not granted certificates until they have completed the three basic courses, and 62 certificates were handed out at this meeting—27 of the guests joined the school as contributing members. Mary Rawson, the noted planning expert from Vancouver, flew 600 miles to be present and was cordially welcomed. Among visitors from Peace River were Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Freeland. Their son Don and his wife, recently married, came from Edmonton and brought friends. This sounds like the kind of happy time other extensions might like to copy.

LONG ISLAND Georgists new and old were cheered to receive the first copy of a newsletter issued by the director, Stan Rubenstein of Old Bethpage. It reports on the weekly radio programs on WVHC-FM, and the newly created speakers bureau, and invites volunteer help in promoting the numerous class activities.

NEW YORK friends will celebrate the publication of two books and the 25th anniversary of HGN at a banquet on June 5th, to be reviewed next month.

In reporting Toronto news last month the speaker, William Hall, was erroneously placed in a college in Antrim, New Hampshire. He is professor of economics at Franklin Pierce College, Rindge, New Hampshire. Sorry.