

# Annual Report

# HENRY GEORGE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

1963

#### 1963 HIGHLIGHTS

The basic course in Fundamental Economics was completed by about 2,500 students around the world.

The School's 19th Annual Conference was held at the University of Toronto, featuring reports of progress in the application of land value taxation.

A tour of the U.S. by Dr. Rolland O'Regan of New Zealand, sponsored by the Schalkenbach Foundation, included speaking engagements at many extensions, and the Annual Banquet in New York on May 8.

One outcome of the School's foreign language work was an invitation to teach economics at a University in Peru; this was undertaken by the School's International Secretary, Peter Patsakos.

Newspaper and magazine coverage of the Georgist philisophy and land value taxation increased significantly; one outstanding item was an editorial in LIFE, August 18.

Despite progress, the School suffered two serious losses: the death of Nathan Hillman on October 25; and the long fatal illness of Joseph A. Stockman (who died January 14, 1964).

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#### NEW YORK

ROBERT CLANCY, Director

In the New York area, classes in Fundamental Economics enrolled 2,059 students and graduated 805. Of these, regional classes enrolled 398 and graduated 172. The balance were at Headquarters, which included, for the first time, classes in French (58 enrollments, 15 graduates), Spanish (71 enrollments, 38 graduates), Italian (9 enrollments, 3 graduates) and German (8 enrollments, 3 graduates), as well as English.

Advanced classes enrolled 930 and graduated 588. Of these 20 were enrolled in a regional class and 17 graduated, and 49 were enrolled in Spanish language advanced classes, of whom 35 graduated.

The correspondence course in Fundamental Economics in English produced 2,490 enrollments, 917 copies of Progress and Poverty sold, 550 first lessons completed and 240 graduates. Advanced correspondence courses enrolled 168 and graduated 70.

The International Correspondence Division was very active, with a large number of students in French, Spanish, Italian and German. French-language students were obtained from Africa and Haiti, as well as France; and Spanish-language students were mostly in Latin America, with some in Spain. So far, the number of graduates is not great, but a longer time for completion elapses with overseas correspondence students, and it has been found that the highest percentage of dropouts occurs between enrollment and sending the first lesson. The International Division is now studying ways and means of encouraging students to go on with the course. In 1963, the figures were as follows for the foreign language correspondence courses: French, 403 enrollments, 44 first lessons completed and 17 graduates; German, 335 enrollments, 18 first lessons completed and 27 graduates; Italian, 422 enrollments, 35 first lessons completed and 19 graduates; and Spanish, 1,505 enrollments. 115 first lessons completed and 63 graduates. Spanish is the only foreign language in which advanced courses are currently offered, and the 1963 correspondence figures for these are 29 enrollments and 6 graduates.

One outcome of the Spanish language work was the formation of the Asociacion Georgista para Latino America (AGLA) in New York, with William A. Camargo as Adviser and Gaspar Delgado as President. Regular meetings were held, and a bimonthly periodical, Noticias del AGLA, was launched.

Another result of the international work was an invitation extended by the Universidad Santa Maria in Arequipa, Peru for a Henry George School teacher to conduct economics classes there. This assignment was filled by the School's International Secretary, Peter Patsakos, who taught the three basic courses to about 100 second year students at the University, from June to December.

The Speakers Bureau filled 57 engagements at clubs, churches, and various schools and colleges. Among them were the College of the City of New York, Long Island University, Stuyvesant High School, Bryant High School and

Bayside High School. Most popular subjects were "Do We Need the Income Tax", "Latin American Problems", and "Capitalism vs. Communism".

Radio talks were made by Robert Clancy on WINS, Laurence Kobak on WWRL, and there was an outstanding interview program on WBAI with Agnes de Mille and William Hall. Numerous items of interest to the Henry George School appeared in the press including an editorial in the August 16 issue of Life, which was made into a reprint.

Friday-at-Eight programs included a number of illustrated travel talks; a panel discussion on "Women Throughout the World" with Josephine Hansen, Ilse Harder and Kiran Sethi; a lecture on "The Common Market" by W. L. Finger; and several other lectures, readings and documentary films. On the tragic Friday, November 22, when President Kennedy was assassinated, the scheduled speaker at the School was A. M. Sullivan, Associate Editor of Dun's Review. Mr. Sullivan quickly composed a poem on the sad event which he read, and this was subsequently printed in the Henry George News.

The Annual Banquet was held at the Henry Hudson Hotel on May 8, and the guest of honor was Dr. Rolland O'Regan, Chairman of the New Zealand League for Land Value Taxation. This was following a nationwide lecture by Dr. O'Regan, sponsored by the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation. Other guests at the Banquet were P.I. Prentice, Vice President of Time, Inc.; Dr. L. George Paik, former President of Yonsei University and sponsor of the Korean translation of Progress and Poverty; O.P. Gabites, Consul General for New Zealand; and A.R. Cutler, Consul General for Australia. Thomas A. Larkin, School Trustee, was toastmaster.

In the School's annual fund appeal, sent out in November, new membership arrangements were announced. At the same time, the Henry George News reduced its subscription rate from \$2 to \$1.

A book sale was featured during the summer, and in the fall, the School promoted a new book, <u>American Ideals</u>, by a New Hampshire Georgist, Heman Chase.

For the third successive year, a prize essay contest was held for high school graduates attending summer classes at the School. The Ezra Cohen Memorial Prize of \$100 was awarded to Raymond Neinstein, a graduate of the Far Rockaway High School.

Among special events during the year was a dinner at the School on March 30, with special guests from Jamaica, including Fitzroy Fraser, a writer and educator; also Dr. Aubry Russell and Dr. Earl Johnson. George Collins and Vincent Johnston, officers of the Jamaica Progressive League of New York, also spoke.

The School was saddened to lose one of its best teachers, Mrs. Marie Greenwald, who died August 5.

A new trustee elected to the Board of Trustees in October, was Bill Davidson, Vice President of Employers Temporary Service.

Staff changes included the following: William J. Kelley, Office Manager, resigned, and his place was filled by William Jocher; Laurence Kobak, Assistant Director, resigned, and Peter Patsakos, International Secretary, took his place, with William A. Camargo designated as the new International Secretary. Muriel Fuller, Librarian, was replaced by Gilbert Herman.

## Northern California

ROBERT TIDEMAN, Executive Secretary

The membership of the Northern California Extension reached a record high of 171 in 1963. Members' contributions also reached an all-time high, \$6,749.80, 23 percent higher than last year's total, which was itself a record.

Operating with this increased financial support, the five branches of the Extension produced in 1963 the largest number of basic course and advanced course graduates since 1951. Twenty-four basic classes were offered. Enrollments totalled 346, graduates 156. Eleven advanced classes produced 91 enrollments and 58 graduates.

The measured achievements of the Marin Branch in basic and advanced graduates, meeting attendance, members, contributions and column inches of publicity earned for the Branch a third-class charter for the School year July 1, 1963 to June 30, 1964. The charter conveys to branch members the power to elect their own board of directors. Four other branches - San Francisco, Peninsula, East Bay (formerly Berkeley) and Sacramento - achieved the requirements for fourth-class charters, under which their directors are appointed by the Extension's president.

Outstanding meetings of the year were the Marin meeting addressed by Dr. Rolland O'Regan of New Zealand and the Annual Banquet addressed by Dr. Louis Wasserman of San Francisco State College. Dr. O'Regan's talk was broadcast by KPFA. Dr. Wasserman's talk was printed in the American Journal of Economics and Sociology. The Banquet was the finale of a conference sponsored by the Extension for branch officers, the first conference of its kind.

The Marin Branch again sponsored a booth at the Art and Garden Fair in Ross. Designed by Leigh Abell, the attractive booth was staffed by 43 volunteers under the leadership of Mrs. Elmer Weden, Jr. The booth was directly responsible for nine of the 23 enrollments in a class offered during the summer at the College of Marin. Special summer classes for high school seniors were also offered at the College of Marin, the College of San Mateo and Diablo Valley College. Twenty-one completed the study. An estimated 600 man-hours of volunteer time were contributed at the office of the Extension during the School year. Serving as volunteer Chairman was Charley Davis, who doubles as Program Chairman of the San Francisco Branch.

A week-end teachers institute was conducted in January at the Millberry Union of the University of California campus in San Francisco. Participating in its leadership were Dr. Duval B. Jaros; Dr. R. Mary Jaros; Dr. Elmer Weden, Jr.; Ernest Berg, Supervisor of Secondary Education at the University of California; Harry Pollard, Director of the Los Angeles Extension; and Robert Tideman, Executive Secretary of the Northern California Extension.

New teachers added to the faculty during the year were Dr. Arthur Ablin, Peter Campbell, Grant Coon, Dr. Edward Miller, Leonard Nitz, Mrs. Leonard Nitz and Walter Ruland.

The Oakland Town Meeting continued to meet every month, except during the summer. The Town Meeting is sponsored by the East Bay Branch of the School; the Oakland League of Women Voters; the Council of Social Planning - Oakland Area; the Men of Tomorrow; the Oakland Junior Chamber of Commerce; the Oakland Branch of the American Association of University Women; the Oakland Council of Churches, and the Oakland Public Library. Mrs. Glenn E. Hoover, a member of the board of the East Bay Branch, continued to serve as delegate from the School to the Town Meeting's governing board.

Elected to the Extension board for four-year terms were George Parker, Max Pausch, and Dr. and Mrs. Elmer Weden, Jr. Russell Powell was elected president of the Extension for the School year July 1, 1963 to June 30, 1964. Dr. Edward Senz continued as Vice President. Mrs. Elmer Weden, Jr. was elected Secretary, Max Pausch Treasurer, and Mrs. Leigh Abell, Auditor. The by-laws were amended to provide nonvoting membership on the Extension board to the five junior past presidents.

The School's Executive Secretary continued to be heard over KPFA with news commentaries every fourth Sunday at 7:00 P.M., with a rebroadcast at 9:00 A.M. the following day. In order to devote more time to developing the branch program, he resigned as Secretary of the Governmental Finance Section of the Commonwealth Club, after serving 14 years in that capacity.

#### Detroit

ROBERT D. BENTON, Director

Total number of enrollees in the Detroit Extension was 151 in the basic course with 75 graduates, and 18 enrollees in an advanced course with 9 graduates. There were two classes in public libraries, seven in YMCAs, seven in High Schools, and one in a Union Hall. There were five teachers; Robert Benton, Melvin Bergen, Edmund Darson, Leonard Huckabone, and Carl Shaw.

Eighty-seven groups viewed the film, "Land and Space To Grow". Joseph Pietruska and Adam Kempa of the League to Untax Buildings showed the film to one hundred members of the St. Patrick Knights of Columbus. Much interest was aroused.

The Charles Homeowners Association organized a class of ten students to study the basic course. This was accomplished by Irene Gawronski, secretary of the Association.

Edmund Darson, Adam Kempa and Joseph Pietruska attended the Great Decisions group of the Foreign Policy Association and Mr. Darson was given the opportunity to make a one-hour presentation on land value taxation.

Joseph Pietruska spoke at the Winter Term Completion meeting at the Whittier Hotel on March 23. His subject was "Economic Justice in the Michigan Constitution, Present

and Proposed". This was in relation to the proposed new Michigan Constitution, which was adopted in April. Thirty-eight people were present.

Robert Benton spoke to three economics classes in the Highland Park High School and the Birmingham High School on land value taxation as requested by the department heads. Mr. Benton also spoke to sixty members of the Ferndale Kiwanis Club on the subject, "Could Land Value Taxation Be The Answer?"

On June 5, Robert Benton was elected to the Board of Directors of the Detroit Adult Education Association for a three-year term. He is also treasurer of the organization, which is composed of representatives from fifty adult education groups throughout the Metropolitan area.

At the Spring Term Completion Meeting, May 25 at the Whittier Hotel, James Clarkson, Mayor of Southfield, spoke on "Practicing the Ideal" to a group of forty students. This talk brought up-to-date the new assessment practices in Southfield where building assessments have been lowered 1% per year (next year 2%) and land values have been increased approaching their real value.

Arletta White was successful in encouraging Dr. Elmer Pflieger, Director of Social Studies for Detroit Public Schools, to distribute abridgements of Progress and Poverty to all the heads of Social Studies Departments in the 23 High Schools in Detroit. A special six-week seminar on current problems was held in Detroit public schools in the fall, and Henry George and land value taxation was included in the discussions.

At the Fall Term Completion Meeting at the Whittier Hotel, the Honorable Robert E. Waldron spoke on the "Need for Michigan Tax Reform". Mr. George R. Averill, former editor of the Birmingham Eccentric was chairman for the event. Mr. Waldron is Majority Floor Leader in the Michigan House of Representatives, and a member of the Committee on General Taxation. He has introduced several bills providing for differential taxation on land and buildings, the most recent being House Bill #180, and he said, "I intend to continue introducing such legislation as long as I can."

The basic course is being presented intermittently to the Philosophy Study Group of the Unitarian Church. Mr. Leonard Huckabone is president of the group and Robert Benton is the instructor. Those who have volunteered to serve as Chairmen of Class Promotion Committees in their separate communities are: Harold Diedrick, Martha Kohte, Philip Mack, Carl Parsch, Mabel Reid, and Arletta White. Their activities will include coordinating and improving promotional media when classes are held in their areas.

Thirty-seven contributors donated a total of \$1,029.90 for the year.

#### St. Louis

NOAH D. ALPER, Director

Fall and spring terms consisting of 11 classes in basic economics and social philosophy had an enrollment of 131 students, with 74 completing the course, an increase over 1962. Two classes in Applied Economics had 9 enrollments and 9 completions.

Robert Clancy, Director of the New York Henry George School, addressed the spring term graduation exercises. A panel of three speakers addressed the fall term graduates: Allan Lubin spoke on "Land Value Taxation, Industry and Jobs", Noah D. Alper on "Land Value Taxation, Economic and Civil Rights", and Loral D. Swofford on "Land Value Taxation, Religion and Rights of Man". The Henry George Woman's Club assisted at these and other School meetings.

Three numbers of  $\overline{\text{EIC Work Sheet}}$  were issued during the year.

The Director addressed a meeting of the Discussion Club of the First Unitarian Church of St. Louis on "Economic Problems and the Principles of Henry George", and to the December meeting of the Civic and Current Events Section of the Scottish Rite Women's Club on the subject of "Economic Science and the Brotherhood of Man."

The Public Revenue Education Council, a nonprofit, nonpolitical educational institution formed by graduates of the St. Louis Extension in 1950 completed its 12th year in 1963. It offers a program of education to those interested in economic and social problems who will not attend classes. It uses pamphlets, leaflets and tracts, reprints of articles from newspapers and magazines, lectures, radio and television when possible, and the sale of books. Contacts are made by direct mail, bulk distribution and national

advertising. An article on "How To Make Slums" in the April-May issue of Economic News, publication of the American Institution for Economic Research, was reprinted in full in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat by the Council. Of special significance was the mailing of "An Open Letter to Teachers of Economics and Taxation" and supplemental matter to 4,700 professors of Economics in colleges and universities in the 50 states of the United States. These brought over 200 requests for additional material from the Council.

An increasing amount of radio and newspaper publicity is being given the School at the time of the formation of its classes.

## Chicago

MRS. MINA OLSON, Executive Secretary

The Henry George School in Chicago, re-established in 1962 as an extension of the School in New York, had an active year in 1963. George Menninger, appointed as Director in 1962, continued in that capacity, and Mrs. Mina Olson was designated as Executive Secretary, with the School address at her residence.

There were four classes in Fundamental Economics in the spring term, and six classes in the fall, with a total of 48 graduates. Two advanced classes were held.

The Henry George Woman's Club continued its support of the School, and good cooperation was also obtained from the People's Church, where Rev. Ruthann Bassler is minister.

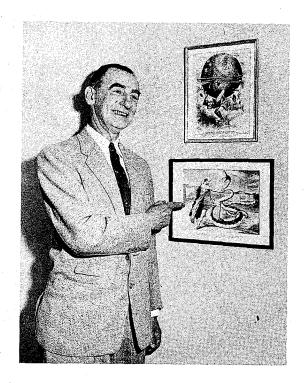
Mrs. Henry West, George Tideman and George Menninger continued as teachers, and Nazarene Clayton, Robert King, Eileen Campbell, Rev. Ruthann Bassler, Claire Menninger, Clayton Ewing and E.A. Hayden were added to the teaching staff.

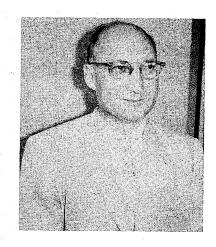
A proclamation of Henry George Day on September 2 was made by Mayor Daley; this was reprinted and widely distributed.

#### Los Angeles

HARRY E. POLLARD, Director

During the first part of 1963 the Los Angeles Extension held no classes, other than experimental groups





(Above) NATHAN HILLMAN, Hartford Director, died Oct. 25, 1963

(left) JOSEPH A. STOCKMAN, Philadelphia Director, died Jan. 14, 1964



HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS,
AND JUDGES, FAIRHOPE, ALA.
(left) Bruce Evans, teacher. Center, Phil Porter Dyson,
first prize winner.



A class at Newark Headquarters



Charley Davis entertains a group of San Francisco volunteers



GRADUATING CLASS AT NEW YORK HEADQUARTERS of Spanish-language Economics students. (standing, center): William A. Carmargo, teacher.



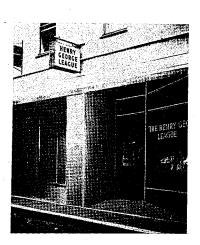
VISIT TO HOME OF PUERTO RICO'S GOVERNOR.
Dr. Edwin Rios Maldonado, (HGS Director),
Ines Mendoza de Munoz Marin (wife of Governor),
William E. Martinez, Pablo Blanco.



SPEAKERS TABLE, CONFERENCE BANQUET
University of Toronto, July 6
Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Young, Mr. and Mrs. Lex Schrag,
Ernest Farmer, Lancaster M. Greene,
Mr. and Mrs. James W. Ramsay.



BEN SMITH of Grand Rapids, Mich. at Toronto Conference



RENOVATED HEAD-QUARTERS, Henry George League, Melbourne, Australia

gathered with low-cost promotional methods. Most successful of these used invitation cards, delivered by hand, which yielded an enrollment of 14 persons.

In greater Los Angeles, a population of nearly 9 million people is spread over close to 5,000 square miles of space. To meet this problem, a Survey Committee of the Board of Directors was appointed "to define goals, review methods and suggest means of achieving the goals". Chairman of the Committee was John Wiggins with Hyman Ledeen and Lawrence Mariner as members. Raymond J. Kornfeld - President of the Los Angeles School - was ex-officio member. The Report was presented to the Board in April and was accepted unanimously.

Among the important decisions of the survey was the setting up of a Branch system patterned on the Northern California method. Further, the criterion of accomplishment was markedly altered in that completion of the three basic classes was established as the measure of student accomplishment.

Much of the second half of the year was taken up with the formation of Branches and the recruiting of members. Three branches were formed under the presidencies of Wilbur Pereira, John Kelly and Frank Sperry. In the fall, classes were begun in each of the three areas covered by the branches.

Improvements were made in the Headquarters building, including air conditioning (thanks to Herman O. Roberts and William Hanks), redecorating, and improvement of the filing system. Contact was established with the Economics Departments of a number of colleges. Dr. Rolland O'Regan had several fruitful meetings with people specializing in areas close to our own during his April visit to Los Angeles and these contacts were widened during the year.

The appointment of Harry Pollard as full-time Director from July allowed an expansion of the Speakers Bureau activities. Charging from \$10 to \$25 per engagement in donations to the School for his services enabled Mr. Pollard to bring in a useful additional amount of income.

A limited amount of advertising for tuition-fee classes produced an enrollment below previous years, but a higher percentage (more than 80%) finished the basic class. Total graduation of basic students during the year was 26 and a further 10 completed advanced courses.

A special "programmed instruction" correspondence course was planned, adapted to the needs of the Los Angeles area.

Syracuse ELSABETH S. BREESE, Executive Secretary

Two terms of Fundamental Economics were held - one in September, with 35 enrollments and 16 graduates. Classes were offered in the suburbs for the first time in the fall. Two classes in Applied Economics produced 11 enrollments, all of whom were graduated.

Emanuel Choper, Extension Director, was interviewed on WSYR-TV on the event gallery segment of Kay Russell's Ladies Day program. The School was listed in Event, published by the Adult Education Division of Syracuse University; also in the monthly brochure, Cultural Calendar of the Metropolitan Syracuse Countil of Arts and Sciences.

An Alumni Group was formed in August, with Alfred E. Loucks Jr. as Chairman; Samyon E. Danilu, Vice chairman and Eveline M. Hull, Secretary. Monthly meetings were held.

Contacts were made with civic groups working on urban renewal. Press coverage of the extension's events was good.

# New Jersey

JOHN T. TETLEY, Director

The film "Land and Space to Grow" was shown during the year to the Pilot Club, Kiwanis Club and Lion's Club of Newark, the Sussex Businessman's Club at Newton and Women's Club in Red Bank. At each showing a talk was given by the Director. The New Jersey School has presented this film to audiences exceeding one thousand persons.

The Director filled speaking engagements at the Economics Club of the College of the City of New York and at the Community Church in New York City. Dr. H.A. Lazaar, Trustee and faculty member, gave several talks to various groups.

Classes in Fundamental Economics were held at headquarters for three terms, and one class was conducted

in the Perth Amboy Public Library. In cooperation with the New York School, which conducted regional classes in four New Jersey communities, a joint New York-New Jersey graduation was held at Newark headquarters in December.

In October, a three-session special course, "Assessment Procedures and Practices" was presented by Leo Cohen of Oakland, N. J., and attended by faculty members of the New York and New Jersey schools. On November 17, a panel discussion was presented at Newark headquarters on the subject "Schools - Public, Parochial and Private", with J. B. McCaffrey and O. B. Johannsen.

The New Jersey Henry George School was represented at several meetings of taxpayer groups throughout the state where opportunity was afforded to offer its educational facilities.

A "Tax Inquiry Council" (TIC) was formed by some of the graduates to assist the school and promote study of taxation. A Forum under the auspices of TIC was held at the school headquarters, and several persons attending expressed interest in the School's courses.

The Leader's Guide, which is used by the faculty in presenting the basic course in New Jersey has been completely revised, simplified and supplements have been added. It is designed to be used in connection with flip charts, either with or without textbook.

John A. B. Greulich, graduate and friend of the school for many years, was elected to the Board of Trustees. Addison K. Barry, one of the original Trustees, was elected Trustee Emeritus, and Alvin G. Searles was elected Treasurer. One of the original Trustees, Henry Grosken, died.

#### Ohio

VERLIN D. GORDON, Director

The Lakewood (West Cleveland) Board of Education continued to sponsor the School's basic classes in Fundamental Economics during the year at both Emerson and Harding Junior High Schools. The classes were listed each term in the brochure of information and news issued regularly by the Board of Education.

Enrollments for 1963 totaled 45 for the basic course, with 30 completing the study. Advanced classes brought forth 12 graduates. Ivan Dailey and William Krumreig directed the program in the Cleveland area.

Ohio's Georgist letter writers continued to wield their pens in their efforts to create an informed public opinion concerning the ideas of Henry George. Three students of the School had letters appearing in one issue of the Cleveland Plain Dealer. Woodrow W. Williams kept in regular communication with Gov. Rhodes of Ohio. Also, his letters were published from time to time in the Dayton News.

Recent developments in the Cleveland area have been rather exciting to our School friends here. Ralph J. Perk, Auditor of Cuyahoga County remarked to a Plain Dealer reporter on August 12 that a city income tax will not be necessary at any time in Cleveland. Mr. Perk instead believes in raising land assessments, and getting more revenue from that source. Copies of press releases regarding land value taxation ideas - along with the Reader's Digest article, "Land Speculation And How To Stop It", plus reprints of the LIFE magazine editorial of August 16, 1963 - have been placed in the hands of all Ohio county auditors for their careful consideration. Also, Mayor Ralph S. Locher of Cleveland, a school friend of the Ohio director back in the 30s, has been kept informed concerning developments in the local Henry George School program.

### Fairhope, Ala.

BRUCE E. EVANS, JR., Director

The 1963 High School Essay Contest in Fairhope was quite successful. Entrants were required to be seniors of either the Fairhope Public High School or the Marietta Johnson School of Organic Education, and to take the course in Fundamental Economics. Some 30 students of both schools studied the course and the essays submitted were very good. The subject for the 1963 contest was "Employment in a Single-Tax Economy".

Mr. Evans taught both groups and worked with them in the preparatory stages of research. Phil Porter Dyson won first prize. Miss Joy Brumby, the first winner of the contest four years ago, has this year been graduated from college with an outstanding record of top grades.

#### Other U.S. Cities

In WASHINGTON, D. C., an outstanding class in Fundamental Economics was held in the spring at Teachers College, taught by Walt Rybeck, in which 67 enrolled and 41

were graduated. Classes were also held at the YMCA, taught by Lee Bottens, Director, with 12 graduates. A graduation meeting was held at the end of the spring term.

In MIAMI, Fla., two basic classes were held at the Temple Ner Tamid, with 29 enrollments and 14 graduates. They were taught by the Extension Director, Raymond Abrams. Miss Isabelle Mewes, a former graduate, volunteered to take charge of the extension's publicity, and to serve as Corresponding Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., for the first time since its founding, was inactive, due to the protracted illness of its Director, Joseph A. Stockman. The School suffered a grievous loss with the death of Mr. Stockman on January 14, 1964. Plans were begun for the continuance of the extension.

HARTFORD, Conn., also suffered a serious loss with the death of the extension's founder, Nathan Hillman, on October 25. This, following the death of the Director, James A. McNally in 1962, was a severe blow to the extension. But Mrs. Lillian Hillman, the founder's widow, has courageously offered to serve as voluntary Director and keep the extension going.

BOSTON, Mass., too had to curtail its activities. The extension's office and the services of an assistant, Ben Manton, was given up in the fall. Mr. M.S. Lurio continues to serve as voluntary Director.

In SAN DIEGO, Calif., Cyrus Schoenfield served as Acting Director, and conducted discussion groups with college students.

No classes were held in PORTLAND, Ore., but the Director, Erick S. Hansch continued to publish The Tax-payers Digest. Meetings were held, and the film "Land and Space to Grow" was shown to groups.

The Director of the KANSAS CITY, MO. extension, Robert Berveiler, addressed a political science club from Park College in December. A former student of Mr. Berveiler, Kenneth Hunt, attended the University of Michigan to study for his master's degree. A group of Kansas City Georgists formed a Committee for a Progressive Kansas City through Just and Equitable Taxation.

In DENVER, Colorado, no classes were held, but the voluntary director, Mrs. L.B. Anderson, held meetings and distributed literature.

#### Puerto Rico Dr. EDWIN RIOS MALDONALDO, Director

The School in Puerto Rico had a very active year in 1963. Classes were held throughout the island, and 234 students completed the course in Fundamental Economics. Correspondence courses in Puerto Rico were initiated in 1963, with the cooperation of New York Headquarters, and 45 students enrolled by correspondence. Applied Economics was completed by 75 students, and Science of Political Economy by 45. In addition, special classes were held in Public Relations, in cooperation with the Puerto Rican Psychology Center, which had the very large attendance of 1,500; also classes in Human Relations, with approximately 1,000 in attendance.

An Advisory Board was formed, with outstanding Puerto Rican leaders serving.

The School's organ El Boletin continued to be published.

In addition to classes, several conferences and meetings were held during the year, and the School was represented on radio programs.

Contacts were made with persons in various Latin American countries to promote the founding of extensions of the Henry George School.

#### Canada

#### Ontario

JAMES W. RAMSAY Director

1963 was Toronto's year to be host to the 19th Annual Conference of the Henry George School. One hundred and twenty-eight delegates registered for the Conference at the University of Toronto from as far away as Jamaica, W.I. and Los Angeles, California. The many fine speakers included welcoming addresses by Alderman Tom Wardle on behalf of the Mayor of Toronto; Murray Johnson, Program Director, Toronto Y.M.C.A.; and Dr. A.G. Clarke, Victoria University. John Tetley, Director, New Jersey Henry

George School, spoke at the opening luncheon (July 4th) on "The Use and Misuse of 'American' Concepts".

Mike Lurio, Boston Director, talked on "Can the Land Value Tax Be Shifted?" and Ben Smith, Grand Rapids, Mich. on "How Can We Compute Land Values?" Wylie Young gave a report on "Progress in Pennsylvania" and Mayor James Clarkson on "Practicing the Ideal".

A panel discussion on Toronto's land problem was moderated by Mrs. Helen Nesbitt, President of the Alumni Group. Participants were Neil Gough, President, United Steel Corp., Ian Evans, Canadian Westinghouse Ltd., Bill Phillips, Accountant, and Fraser Kelly, reporter for the Toronto Telegram. Mr. and Mrs. Henry West, Chicago, gave an interesting chalk talk, "The Story of the Savannah". Many detailed reports on Georgist and related organizations were given.

Toastmaster for the concluding banquet was Ernest J. Farmer, President, The School of Economic Science. Speakers included Lancaster M. Greene, Vice President of New York Headquarters; Ronald Young of Toronto, and Lex Schrag, columnist for the Toronto Globe and Mail.

The 28-week course started in 1962 was completed in the spring of 1963. Out of 105 original students, 83 finished Applied Economics and 79 went on to finish The Science of Political Economy. Two special classes in Fundamental Economics were conducted at the Board of Trade building with 15 graduates and another 52 students completed Fundamental Economics at various YMCA's in the fall.

The Alumni Group was active with regular monthly meetings and the submission of three briefs to the Federal Commission on Taxation and the Ontario Commission on Taxation.

#### Montreal

RAYMOND PERRON, Director

Classes in Fundamental Economics were conducted in French and English, and there were 21 graduates, of which 12 completed the classroom course and 9 the correspondence course.

Among the meetings held, there were two open-houses, one at the YMCA and one at the YWCA, both well-attended. The film "Land and Space to Grow" was shown to 8 groups with a total of about 350 persons.

The Canadian Research Committee on Taxation, formed by alumni of the School, had a very active year, having submitted two briefs - one to the Carter Royal Commission on Taxation in Canada, and one to the Belanger Royal Commission on Taxation in Quebec. A Western Canada Division of the Committee was formed under the initiative of Miss Mary Rawson, land economist, and Tom Harrison, formerly of the Montreal School.

Press coverage of the Committee's work in both French and English was excellent, and a regular weekly column conducted by the Committee was started in one business weekly.

# Great Britain V.H. BLUNDELL, Director of Studies

Three terms of classes were held in 1963, with 28 basic classes and 20 advanced classes. Enrollments for the basic course totalled 445, and there were 298 graduates. In advanced classes, 203 enrolled and 174 graduated. Classes were held in the London area, Portsmouth, Chichester, Liverpool, Cardiff (Wales), Glasgow (Scotland), and other centers.

On January 12 a one-day tutors training course was given at London headquarters. A weekend conference at Shornells, Kent, on "Principles vs. Expediency", was held March 22 - 24. Among guest speakers were one each from three main political parties, Conservative, Liberal and Labor.

Another weekend conference was held November 29 - December 1 at High Leigh, Herts., on the theme "The Great Enigma". Several speakers gave the views of leading schools of economic thought. A one-day conference on "Land, Economics and Politics" was held in December at Headquarters.

#### Other Countries

In AUSTRALIA there was School activity in the two leading cities. In SYDNEY (W.A. Dowe, Director), the

Australian School of Social Science conducted classes in Fundamental Economics and International Trade, and new teachers were developed. A successful summer school was held at the center in Terrey Hills, owned by the School, and it is now known as the Social Science Center. Work continued on the Center, and funds were donated toward its completion. It is planned that more activities shall be held there in 1964. MELBOURNE (J.G. Charles, Tutor) also has renovated headquarters and improved facilities. Two classes in the basic course were conducted there, with 15 students. There were also correspondence course enrollments.

In JAMAICA, W.I. (Philip Wallace, Director), a study group was held in Kingston in the fall, with an attendance of 12. The Director addressed three groups of citizens' associations on "The Problem of Poverty". Mr. Wallace also attended the School's Annual Conference in Toronto.

The School in FORMOSA (Dr. Hengtse Tu, Director) held classes in Fundamental Economics all year round, with a total enrollment of approximately 100. Conferences were held on various topics, cultural as well as economic. The Director is currently studying at the University of Paris, France, but the School in Formosa remains active, and efforts are being made to build up the School's library.

In the PHILIPPINES, at Aklan College, a conference was held on April 23, on "Economic Progress through Land Reform," with the collaboration of Philippine Georgists, including Romeo Roquero and Nito Doria, and with the sponsorship of the Henry George School. Chief speaker, to a large group of delegates, was Dr. Jeremias Montemayor, President of the Federation of Free Farmers.

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