

Georgeism, and is now engaged in various motion picture projects at the Henry George School. Several outstanding documentary films were presented in the School auditorium, including "The City," "The River," and "The Plough that Broke the Plains." At present Mr. Newcomb is conducting a class in Motion Picture Theory, which meets at the School every Thursday, and which includes lectures by outstanding specialists in this field. Mr. Newcomb and his class are engaged in producing a slide film for the School, and are also working on a short documentary motion picture.

Classes at headquarters will continue through the summer, including the course in "The Science of Political Economy."

EXTENSIONS

"Sumer is i-cumen in," and the various Extensions of the School are rounding out their Spring semester.

The Chicago School, largest Extension outside of New York, held its annual banquet May 12. Hon. Francis Neilson was guest of honor. The occasion was a celebration of seven years of School work in the Windy City. Hon. Max M. Korshak, School's treasurer, reported that 639 students had completed the basic course during the past year, bringing the total to 2160 since the first Chicago class in 1934. Sixty teachers, 300 secretaries, and 500 financial contributors have made this work possible. The budget of \$5000 for the coming year was met in good part by spontaneous contributions at the banquet, totalling \$1339.

Edwin Ross, Philadelphia Field Director, writes: "The first step in the organizational part of the work here is now complete. A Trust has been formed and duly recorded with the following persons named as Trustees: Julian P. Hickok, President; Samuel L. Green, Vice President; Burton N. Jones, Secretary and Treasurer; Lucia M. Cipolloni, Anna H. Ross, Henry George III, Francis Fee, Ernest Schneider, Harold Sudell, and Charles B. Scheerbaum. Our first objective will be a fund-raising campaign, to enable us to appeal to a very much greater number of prospective students for the Fall term, and to secure office space." Philadelphia's commencement exercises were held June 5, at the Central Y. M. C. A. About 125 graduates and friends attended.

In St. Louis, Mo., five classes are nearing completion. This term will end the second year of the St. Louis School, during which time 300 students will have been exposed to the philosophy of Henry George. In addition to classes, Forum Meetings for graduates are conducted with a view to clarifying understanding of the economics studied in class. The St. Louis School work and fund-raising is carried on for the most part by graduates.

In various parts of New Jersey, seventeen classes of the Spring session have been completed. Graduation exercises were held April 25. There were about 100 graduates. A

teachers' training course will be conducted during the Summer to prepare teachers for the coming Fall term. New Jersey also has its own Speakers' Bureau, conducted by Mr. Donald Richardson.

The Boston Extension is operating under the auspices of the newly formed Henry George Institute of New England. Enrollments of the Spring classes totalled 229. The Institute is now well under way and much progress has been made in the coordination of the many activities. A Speakers Bureau is active, under the management of Mrs. Grace Dahl, in securing many engagements for Georgeist lecturers. A monthly news bulletin is being published by the Institute, offering news of the work; its current issue carries an "Honor Roll of Workers." The "muster roll" does not fall on deaf ears in Boston!

Henry George Committee for Legislative Action

Over a thousand copies of "A Legislative Framework for the Philosophy of Henry George" are now being distributed to legislators throughout the country—U. S. Senators and Representatives, Governors of States and Territories, State Senators and Assemblymen, and Mayors of leading cities. A card is enclosed with the Framework, which reads: "Dear Legislator: There is an untapped source of revenue which, if taken, would go far towards meeting governmental needs in the present emergency. May we earnestly suggest that you give your attention to the enclosed framework of laws."

The Framework has been introduced at a meeting of the Civil Service Forum of New York City, by Mr. Charles A. Kee. The Forum is an influential civic organization. If the Forum recommends the Framework, it will carry much weight with the legislators.

Many testimonials on the Framework have been received, and proposals to make practical use of it are under way.

William Allen White has written: "You have framed a most interesting legislative program for the single tax philosophy. I should say that it could not be improved upon. But I should also say that we should go one step at a time."

William Jay Schieffelin wrote to Mr. Harry Maguire, of the Framework Committee, as follows: "The 'Legislative Framework' is well thought out. I am referring it to our Committee on Legislation. I do not think the legislature would adopt it, because the great argument in support of the Single Tax, namely, the 'unfair unearned increment', has vanished."

Mr. Maguire has replied to Mr. Schieffelin as follows: "You may be correct in saying that there has been no unearned increment in land for several years. There never is after a panic. There always is an unearned increment before a panic and it is the chief cause of it. New York City assesses land at 7 billion dollars, which means that its owners re-

ceive 350 million dollars after paying taxes to the city. The Henry George people want to take this 350 million dollars and remove all taxes from buildings. If this process were followed throughout the United States all men would have equal rights to land, and we believe that business depressions and unemployment would be no more."

Some replies have been received to the invitation, in the last issue of LAND AND FREEDOM, to form local Committees in cooperation with the Central Committee, for the purpose of distributing copies of "A Legislative Framework for the Philosophy of Henry George" and securing its introduction in legislative sessions. A Committee has been formed in Hartford, Conn., under the direction of Mr. Nathan Hillman, and other Committees are in the process of being formed.

The Central Committee again invites readers to cooperate in this work. Information, and free copies of the "Legislative Framework", may be obtained by writing to the Central Committee, care of LAND AND FREEDOM, 150 Nassau Street, New York, N. Y.

Manhattan Single Tax Club

The Club's campaign to get the Sanford Bill passed in the New Jersey Senate is progressing. This Bill would grant local option in removing taxes from improvements and increasing taxes on land values. Mrs. Olive C. Sanford, the Assemblywoman after whom the Bill is named, is herself active in propagating the principles for which the Bill stands.

"A test vote," writes Charles H. Ingersoll, President of the Club, "has proved our strength sufficient to carry the Assembly, and we are now working with the Senators. Mrs. Sanford and Harry Haase are working in close cooperation with Mr. Alfred Chandler, and are covering the 81 legislators individually." Mr. Ingersoll himself has devoted most of his time interviewing editors, and has succeeded in getting many fine stories in New Jersey papers, among them the *Burlington Home News*, the *Lakewood Citizen*, and the *Trenton Evening Times*. This latter paper said editorially: "Advocates of the Sanford bill sincerely believe that they have something worth while. . . The least the Legislature can do is subject the proposal to careful analysis. There's just a chance that the single taxers may be right."

The campaigners are optimistic, and believe the Bill will be passed.

American Alliance to Advance Freedom

A general Alliance meeting was held May 16th, at the City Club Building. The subject of this meeting was "After the War—A Georgeist Peace?" Sidney J. Abelson delivered a talk on the subject and discussion from the floor followed. Lloyd Buchman was the discussion leader

and Sara Wald chairman of the meeting.

The growing number of Alliance members are carrying forward, on their own initiative, the work of the Alliance. Miss Rose Gutman and Miss Marian Seeley are organizing a membership committee; Mr. M. H. Flechner heads a typing committee which has assumed the task of typing the manuscripts flowing from the pens of writers and speakers cooperating with the Alliance; and Miss Sara Wald, Mr. Louis Taylor and Mr. Adolphe Migdon constitute the nucleus of a speakers' bureau committee.

William Auerbach-Levy, one of America's most distinguished artists, and a member of the Alliance, has drawn and contributed to the organization a portrait of Henry George based on photographs loaned for the purpose by the Henry George School of Social Science. This drawing has been reproduced in monochromatic offset and copies are being sold at 50 cents each.

Reproduced below is the "Functional Chart of the Alliance. This chart outlines graphically the plan of action and the ultimate objectives toward which this plan is directed.

Further information may be obtained by writing to Elbert E. Josefson, Secretary, American Alliance to Advance Freedom, Suite 505, 22 West 48th Street, New York, N. Y.

FUNCTIONAL CHART-AMERICAN ALLIANCE TO ADVANCE FREEDOM

