

# SCHOOL NOTES

## CABLE TELEVISION COURSE SCHEDULE

"Understanding Economics" is being shown on 12 consecutive weeks as follows:

In New York City, UE appeared on Manhattan Cable TV beginning the week of September 3. On Mondays, it can be seen on Channel D at 11:00 am. On Fridays, Channel C at 11:30 am.

In the Philadelphia area, UE is being aired on the Comcast Cable Public Access Station. Beginning the week of September 10, it can be seen every Monday, Wednesday and Friday evening at 7:00 pm on Channel 16.

Long Island Cablevision, an outlet in Suffolk County, will show the series on Channel 6 every Tuesday at 7:30 pm beginning October 2. The course is an official offering by Southold Continuing Education as part of its fall schedule.

"Understanding Economics" is also slated to appear on WIUP-TV in Indiana, Pennsylvania as part of its fall schedule. At press time, additional program details were unavailable.

## SACRAMENTO

The Sacramento school is offering "Economics as if People Mattered" -- a series of round-table discussions comprising a basic Georgist course. The course will include a showing of "For The Land Is Mine", a documentary which explores the relationship of land to the other factors of production, and which was used by director Evelyn Friend to great effect last semester. Progress and Poverty is the text for this course.

## PHILADELPHIA

Students in the Parkway (High School Without Walls) Program will study conditions in Appalachia in the course "Hunger and Poverty In Our World -- Case Study: Appalachia USA". The course will expose them to answers to the question, "Why is the land so rich and the people so poor?"

The course will make use of the 12-page study guide of the same name produced last year by the San Francisco and New York Schools, the CBS-TV program "Our Times with Bill Moyers" which focused on Martin County, Kentucky, and recorded songs of the region.

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## CLAIRTON, PA. SETTING FOR INCENTIVE TAX FIGHT

Clairton, Pa. is the focal point of an ambitious drive to abolish improvement taxes and base revenues on land values, according to Dan Sullivan, director of the Incentive Tax League of Western Pennsylvania.

Last year, the City Council initially voted to abolish all taxes on improvements and quadruple the tax rate on land. It was perceived as a backlash against the city's principle land-owner and employer, U.S. Steel, for laying off workers and shutting down factories despite concessions gained to avoid such measures. Sullivan maintains that by threatening to lay off still more workers and withhold taxes, U.S. Steel persuaded the council to defer the tax shift.

Their victory sealed, U.S. Steel increased layoffs in 1984.

Clairton's new mayor has expressed the hope of passing the land value tax next year. However, an ambitious grassroots program will be needed to offset the opposition of U.S. Steel.

The ITL has already performed a detailed computer study of LVT's probable impact and are currently enlisting residents to go door-to-door to explain the concept and to show each resident likely to benefit from the tax shift just how much his savings will be.