

rent, wheat, butter and fowl. The Rensselaerwyck was the most successful and after several purchases controlled the counties of nearby Albany, Rensselaer and part of Columbia, but there were others whose size was a major factor in their importance. The Van Cortland manor comprised 85,000 acres, and the Livingston manor, now located in Columbia County, 160,000 acres. Cornelis Melyn controlled all of Staten Island, Thomas Pell controlled Pelham, James Lloyd possessed Bloyd's Neck on northern Long Island, John Archer owned Fordham, and Caleb Heathcote occupied Scarsdale.

Although history has a tendency to record mainly the grandeur of the large estates, the majority of the colonists were neither patroons nor lords of the

manors. Those who occupied western Long Island and various points along the Hudson river played an important role in the development of the province. The patroonship system was doomed to failure because it attempted to implant a feudalistic society in an area where much land could be obtained free, or for beads, shells, blankets and trinkets traded to the Indians.

In 1664 the Dutch ceased to rule in New York for they were defeated by the English. The lords of the manor now took on proportions of a landed aristocracy. A footnote to the cessation of Dutch rule in New York was the recognition by the Duke of York of England of the validity of all titles granted by the Dutch Trading Company.

The Long Island Extension of the HGS, under direction of Stan Rubenstein, has produced a thirteen-week series entitled "Conversation with Georgists" in conjunction with Station WVHC (88.7 FM). It will be an hour-long Monday evening feature beginning April 1st at 7:30. An attempt will be made to clarify some of the challenges that confront bewildered taxpayers who are burdened with local and school taxes, unemployment, inadequate public services, slums and related problems. The causes and cures will be examined and analyzed critically.

Some of the topics will deal with confusion and myths in economics, the importance of land, poverty and recessions, current tax procedures, Georgism vs. Socialism, etc.

At a faculty meeting on March 28th, David Sklar, a member of the HGS faculty at New York headquarters, was heard on a recording made at WBAI, a New York FM station, where he spoke on the Henry George method and philosophy.



Spring is here and summer is not far behind. That means travel plans—and while we are not in the tourist business, we have never had so much to offer to vacationing Georgists. Miami Beach will be in the news this year. Meet us there at the Barcelona Hotel July 3 to 7, for the annual conference of the HGS.

If you speak or understand German you can go continental this year with some of the best people. Arrange to be in St. Gallen, Switzerland early in September for a three-day conference at the Hotel Johannes Kessler. Ilse Harder of the New York headquarters staff is taking reservations now.

All this will put you in just the right frame of mind for the craggy, scenic coast of Wales, where the International Union for Land Value Taxation and Free Trade is arranging, at Caswell Bay, September 8 to 14, the kind of conference to delight every HG enthusiast.