

The Henry George School in the News

TORONTO news brings Canada into the legislative limelight, again—in connection with the Manpower and Employment Senate Committee. Harry Pollard, Director of Studies for the School of Economic Science (Henry George), appeared before that committee on March 22nd.

Mr. Pollard, who wrote regularly for an economic journal in England before leaving there to make his home in Canada with his growing family, prepared a skillful brief which was distributed, read and discussed.

He professed himself at the outset in disagreement with Keynes, and with all palliatives which, as he said, do not solve unemployment. He then introduced three exhibits which contained detailed material for study.

The first listed the factors of production, with economic definitions from Col. E. C. Harwood's book *Useful Economics**.

Exhibit B showed how land, especially in the Toronto area, had increased in cost since 1950 by 222 per cent as contrasted with a 65 per cent increase in labor and 22 per cent increase in materials, and noted that since 1954 the "one-site labor content" had dropped 3 per cent.

He made a plea for a federal tax on land values to have the effect of making land turn over more quickly to reduce costs and create work opportunities, not presently available. There was brisk rebuttal at several points. A Saskatchewan member's comment was "who would want to live in Toronto anyway?"

Exhibit C proves again how much we owe to House & Home for its masterly treatment of the land question in August, for twenty pages of that excellent material was introduced into

the printed record and referred to in Mr. Pollard's brief, with special reference to Winston Churchill's statement.

Senator Roebuck, the veteran Georgist Senator, was present for this hearing as he was for the one reported last month when members from the Montreal Henry George School were heard by this committee.

Through the courtesy of Senator Roebuck printed transcripts of this hearing have been made available for distribution. Write to School of Economic Science, 473 Drummond Road, Oakville, Ontario, Canada, for a copy, and please enclose 25 cents.

FAIRHOPE, Alabama, sometimes known as a Georgist enclave, began an attempt a few years ago to "spread the word" especially to younger people in the area. Bruce Evans, Jr., though not a member of the Executive Council of the Fairhope Corporation, has been the instructor of the various classes. He holds two degrees in economics from the University of Alabama.

Six feminine seniors in the public school have been meeting with Mr. Evans two afternoons each week and never in all his teaching career has he seen "so much beauty and brains concentrated in six young ladies." Having completed the basic course and received certificates, they are eligible to enter the essay contest in competition for a scholarship award which was instituted by the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation. The subject chosen is "Effect of the Single Tax on Building Construction."

This contest offers as a first prize, a total \$400 award for a contest winner entering an accredited college, with four additional prizes ranging from \$75 to \$25. Two winners of the previous contest are now outstanding

*American Institute for Economic Research, Great Barrington, Mass., 1956. \$1.

students in Huntington College and Memphis State respectively.

There is a school of Organic Education in Fairhope and Professor Evans is also teaching there and including the basic course on *Progress and Poverty*. Seniors in that school will be permitted to enter the contest if they fill out the required questionnaires satisfactorily. Mr. Evans has just completed a course in Economics at the extension center of the University of Alabama at Mobile, where he also wedges in a short "single tax" course. "I will most likely have my fill of economics by the time spring rolls around," he writes.

DETROIT friends are rejoicing over the victory, at the polls of their former faculty member, S. James Clarkson, who won the mayoralty election in Southfield by a margin of 4218 over 3268. In what was termed by the press a "major election upset," he defeated the incumbent who had been mayor for two years, ever since Southfield became a city.


Among his campaign pledges, in addition to protection against penalty taxation on home improvements, and practical assessment and taxation policies, were, a veto of the city income tax and enforcement of greenbelt areas.

BEAVER FALLS in Pennsylvania is offering its first class in the Fundamental Principles of Land Tax Value Taxation on five successive Tuesday and Wednesday evenings during May under the leadership of W. Wylie Young. This five-lesson course will make plain the ways in which the adoption of the Graded Tax Law would benefit all citizens.

NEW YORK classes in the spring term are very well attended, with an enrollment of more than 400 in Fundamental Economics. On Monday, May 15th, there will be a faculty meeting to greet Anna Kristensen, daughter of a Danish Georgist, who will talk on adult education in Denmark.

Robert Clancy's two films, "Life at the Henry George School," and "A House Is Built," have been shown to audiences at the Newark and Philadelphia extensions.

The Fridays at Eight in New York will present for the final month in the season, film programs on May 5th and 19th, and on May 12th a talk by John M. Dallam of Philadelphia, "The Three Schools of Western Painting," and on May 26th a program by Doris Thorn and Bruce Norman entitled "Hark to our Heritage," a musical History of the folk songs of America.



The Incentive Taxation Committee of California, in its effort to amend the state constitution, having captured the interest of Georgists everywhere, is stoically holding its own. The assembly constitutional amendments committee voted recently to refer this proposal to a thorough study between legislative sessions, after a hearing in which it met strong opposition. Assemblyman Vernon Kilpatrick introduced the amendment which would allow California cities to reduce or remove building taxes and apply a higher rate on land—the method known in Pennsylvania as the Graded Tax Law. Among those who testified for this remedial legislation were H. Bronson Cowan of Ottawa; Harry B. Cramer of San Diego, chairman of the Incentive committee; Dr. Karl L. Falk of Fresno State College; and Glenn E. Hoover, recently re-elected city councilman of Oakland, California.

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