

# *The Henry George School in News*

**MICHIGAN** has seven classes in progress, meeting mostly in high schools, but also in a library, a bank and the downtown YWCA. This is the group directed by Robert D. Benton formerly of Detroit, now in Royal Oak. It was in the Detroit extension that James Clarkson, a young lawyer, taught classes in basic economics, and decided to enter politics on the platform of LVT. Today, ten years later, as mayor of Southfield, he has drawn attention to himself, his city, and his tax reform measure.

**CHICAGO'S** Gazette editor, Jim Smith, appreciated HGN's mention of Wilbur Johnson's articles. Local Georgists know that the editor's only acquaintance with the Henry George philosophy has been through Mr. Johnson's "Needle" and other writings which he has published for twenty years, thus devoting more space to the subject of LVT than any other newspaper.

Mina Olson is awaiting commemorative Henry George stamp designs — the suggestion was made by Robert King in the November HGN. Design should be 8½" x 11", in color or black and white. See the HGS booklet for Mrs. Olson's address.

**SAN DIEGO** had two classes taught by Eva Maxwell which ended in December. She will start spring classes at the same time the public school term begins. Some of the country's best informed students of George live in this area. Their beloved leaders, Sidney Evans and Colonel Gay are gone, but surely old acquaintance will keep them united, if only in a tenuous fashion.

**ONTARIO** alumni members continue to enjoy dining together the first Friday in every month. On January 5th

23 came to hear a talk by the head of the Ford Motor Company computer division. The speaker for the February meeting will be Dr. Norman Alcock of the Canadian Peace Research Institute.

Ernest Farmer will continue to edit *The Square Deal*—the extension's publication. He has resigned as president of the school, however, and is succeeded in that office by Ernie Bowser, former president of the Alumni Group.

**PUERTO RICO** announced an annual meeting of the HGS on December 10th, devoted to a discussion of the school's participation in the life of the island, and to a delightful program of entertainment. An address by the guest speaker, Lodo Tomas Hernandez Castro, was based on principles in *Progress and Poverty*.

Dr. Edwin Rios Maldonado, who also took part in the musical program, was unanimously elected director of the school. He with two other leaders will attend the annual conference of the HGS in Miami Beach in July. The island meeting was covered by leading newspapers, and messages were sent by the president of the Superior Council of Education in Puerto Rico and by director Robert Clancy of New York.

**NEW YORK** Friday Evening programs will offer visual treats the first three weeks in the month. On February 2nd there will be slides of Thailand, with Ella Paul as guide. On the 9th, "The Strange Case of Cosmic Rays;" and on the 16th, "Thread of Life," a Bell Telephone Company film. On February 23rd William A. Camargo, head of the Spanish Division, HGS, will bring a "cassandra" report on the signs of revolution and social anarchy in Latin America, "The Restless Continent."