

The Henry George School in the News

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA'S first year under the Branch Organization Plan ended with gratifying results under the leadership of its president, Robert de Fremery. Present branches serve San Francisco, Marin, Berkeley, Sacramento and the Peninsula. Each has a board which sets the goals for the ensuing year. Several reached their membership and contribution goals while two exceeded them. The plan provides for classes, meetings, memberships and public relations. Newly formed groups gain independence and increasing powers as they fulfill more of the requirements of the Extension Board, and become eligible for branch charters.

The first annual conference on June first brought together all branch directors and volunteer teachers, and was followed by a banquet to which all school friends were invited. The guest of honor was Louis Wasserman, Professor of Government and Philosophy at San Francisco State College, who summarized a study of the Danish Justice Party as reflected in a national poll on land value taxation in Denmark. His report will later be published in book form.

ST. LOUIS reports that the ~~two~~ recent classes in Applied Economics taught by the director, Noah D. Alper, were especially significant in that nearly all students who enrolled remained to complete the course.

Mr. Alper still has copies of Dr. Rolland O'Regan's address in St. Louis in May, and will send them on request, from his headquarters, 818 Olive Street, St. Louis 1, Missouri. Robert Clancy of New York, Director of the Henry George School, was the speaker at a graduation exercise in May which brought out so many interested per-

sons, that the Women's Club, directed by Elizabeth Sausele, ran out of refreshments—this has never happened before in hospitable St. Louis, so it can only be taken as an enthusiastic endorsement.

CHICAGO reports that certificates were distributed to graduates of three classes in Fundamental Economics on June 14th at the Peoples Church, 941 Lawrence Avenue. These were taught by Mrs. George Menninger (Claire), Mrs. Nazarene Clayton and George Tideman. Eleven students completed an advanced course, Applied Economics, under George Menninger's instruction. Most of students from the Fundamental Courses expect to return for an advanced class in the fall.

Former graduates and friends of the newly graduated students enjoyed brief addresses by Rev. Ruth Ann Bassler, Mrs. Mina Olson and Edwin Hamilton, and a panel discussion by new graduates, with Mrs. Edith Siebenmann as moderator, on "What the Study of *Progress and Poverty* Has Meant to Me." Members of the Henry George Women's Club of Chicago were hostesses and served refreshments.

NEW YORK'S summer term is in progress with classes on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays only. Of the six Fundamental Economics classes, two are reserved for high school graduates. Classes in Applied Economics, Science of Political Economy and Spanish Language and Culture, complete the curriculum.

Peter Patsakos, the school's International Secretary, has reached Arequipa in Peru and is ready to begin his teaching assignment. The program in Piura is slightly altered and James Murphy who was invited there may go later to teach another subject.