

The Henry George School in the News

LOS ANGELES students and friends will hear Dr. Felix J. Weil on March 5th, author of "Tax Facts," a syndicated weekly column in Southern California. He is considered a property tax authority and has come up with 25 specific proposals for assessing and collecting property taxes. They will be discussed at the Friday meeting at 577 North Vermont Avenue. On April 2nd the speaker will be Dr. John Wiggins, a physicist and member of the board of the Henry George School. At a previous Friday-at-Eight lecture, a revealing presentation of the Cuban crisis was presented by Miss Marguerite Alexander who lived through it and explained how the misinformation was accepted as truth in the U.S.

DETROIT Georgists will be unusually busy this spring. Mayor James Clarkson, soon to begin his most crucial campaign (see p. 13), has presented to the House of Representatives and the Senate, a bill which will permit cities to levy a lower rate of taxes on buildings than is levied on land. This subject will not be a new one to newspaper readers. The Detroit Free Press recently took notice of the urgent pleas for assessment reform brought by Benjamin F. Smith of Grand Rapids.

The spring term is opening with six basic classes and one advanced class downtown in Applied Economics. The first six evenings will cover international trade, and the final four monopolies, public debts, governmental functions and industrial and rural problems. The textbooks are *Protection or Free Trade* and *Social Problems* by Henry George. Former students are invited to come for a review.

SYRACUSE went after dropouts this spring with the suggestion that they re-enroll for the Fundamental Economics course in March.

Bette Breese dropped a quaint progress-and-poverty note regarding Kul B. Sharma of Nigeria who went to Syracuse after the international conference held last summer in New York. It seems Jerry Enright took him all over the city—to the university and historic places of interest far and wide. They also met the mayor, other politicians, and union leaders. All this was accomplished without a car, and this gave Sharma his biggest surprise. Kul has his own car in Nigeria, of course, and naturally supposed everyone in Syracuse had one.

NEW JERSEY may be able to boast a Georgist mayor too. Leo Cohen of Oakland, New Jersey has filed to run as an independent with the slogan, "Tax Justice Now." He is a trustee of the Henry George School in Newark. If he succeeds in November, he says he will have one of the largest "classes" in the state because he intends to campaign for sound taxation policies.

NEW YORK'S spring term will open in April with 13 basic, 4 intermediate and 5 advanced classes at headquarters — one of these, European History, is being given after an interval of 15 years. Also at headquarters will be 7 foreign language classes, including, for the first time, one in Hebrew — this is in addition to the correspondence course in that language (see p. 3).

There will be 6 basic and advanced regional classes, including another first, the Spanish basic course at the George Washington High School in New York City.

Fridays-at-Eight will feature on April 2nd a lecture and film on South Africa by J. R. Malin; films will be shown on April 9th and 30th. On April 23rd Doris Thorn will return with "Songs of Our Heritage."