

The School in the News

CHICAGO'S 84th Commerce and Industry luncheon on April 3rd will have as its speaker, Pierre Martineau, director of research and marketing at the Chicago Tribune—subject, "The Philosophy of Consumerism." He will be presented by Dave Chapman, an industrial designer; and Vern I. McCarthy, Jr., vice president of Vulcan Containers, Inc. will be reception chairman.

The Company of the Month to be honored by the Chicago Henry George School in April will be the fine arts radio station, WFMT. Bernard Jacobs, president and manager, will acknowledge the citation to be made by Harry J. Hemingway, president of Advance Aluminum Castings Corporation.

The March 19th educational TV program over WTTW—Channel 11—under the conference leadership of James MacRae, highlighted current problems and trends with panel members Ernest T. Baughman, of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago; Virgil Disney of the Armour Research Foundation; and Joseph F. Lohman, sheriff of Cook County. The opening TV program in the new series, on March 5th, dealing with the recession ("Gloomy to Bright") echoed predictions made by four Chicago executives at a February luncheon meeting covered and reported by the four daily Chicago newspapers.

The Henry George Woman's Club at its annual meeting had a panel on "The Cold War" with Dr. George Tideman as moderator (see page 7). Members of the panel were Edwin Hamilton, Howard L'Hommedieu and John Monroe, director of the Chicago Henry George School. Mrs. George M. Menninger and Mrs. Sarah Rudd were the hostesses.

ST. LOUIS has seven classes in progress in the spring term. Two advanced classes have just been completed.

"How to Make Community Blight Take Flight" was the theme for a panel discussion sponsored by the Henry George Alumni Association at Christ Church Cathedral in February. Panel members were Dr. Eugene Johnson, director of television activities and civic education at Washington University; William G. Learn, senior engineer, McDonnell Aircraft Corporation; and Bruno Sendlein, president of the Hyde Park Improvement Association.

Dr. Johnson pictured the over-all St. Louis situation with reference to blight, and said slums were coming into existence faster than they could be removed. Mr. Learn pointed out that we now encourage public and semi-public projects of housing and the like by making land available at a loss to the taxpayers and granting tax exemptions for a limited number of years in arbitrarily selected block areas.

He showed how this method had worked in Pittsburgh and New York City following World War I, and how the principles had been applied in New Zealand and Australia. Mr. Sendlein told of a rehabilitation "pilot project" in his area and of the need of working with people to secure interest and action in community redevelopment.

Bertram H. Mann, Jr., a patent attorney with Carter Carburetor Company, was the moderator. A. B. C. Dexter was program chairman, and Mrs. Floyd Kirchner served as chairman of the entertainment committee. Dinner was served by women members of the cathedral, a large Episcopal church in downtown St. Louis.

San Diego is calling all good Georgists to the annual conference of the Henry George School from Wednesday, July 9th to Sunday, July 13th. Meetings will be in the Lafayette Hotel. Sidney Evans, Charles Adams, Gordon Gran, Eva Maxwell, James Palmer, Louis Perna and Everett Seeley are the committee—and this line-up is all the guarantee anyone needs that a good time will be had by all. Please make your reservations through Mrs. Maxwell, extension secretary, at 1536 Seventh Avenue, San Diego 1, California.

DETROIT'S March dinner meeting with J. Bracken Lee, former governor of Utah as guest, was a great success and well attended. Mr. Lee said, "If you were able to keep the 20 to 30 percent that is now being taken out of your pay check, it would be the biggest boom to the economy this country has ever seen. Everyone would get the largest increase in 'take-home' pay in their lifetime. Business confidence would return." The former governor is now traveling through the country as national chairman of "For America," in an effort to arouse people to the importance of repealing the 16th (income tax) Amendment.

DENVER director, Mrs. Leoane R. Anderson, writes that the various and most interesting topics from recent issues of HGN were the subjects of discussion at their recent fellowship meeting, and the comment on the magazine was "indeed favorable." She refers to HGN as "both stimulating and educational, and occasionally—relaxing!"

Members of the Denver Henry George Fellowship had a brainstorming session on March 16th, at which time they took up some of the questions most frequently asked by the public about economic rent and its operation. New officers of this fellowship are: Robert Salsman, permanent chairman; Joseph A. Marino, treasurer; Joseph A. Licknovsky, secretary; and Mrs. Hazel Salsman, assistant secretary.

SAN FRANCISCO'S special fund appeal to make possible a spring

term of classes was a resounding success. In a period of 17 days, 46 friends who had not yet become school members this year pledged \$969, well exceeding the minimum goal of \$700. An additional \$630 was pledged toward the next year's work.

The spring-term class announcement, redesigned by commercial artist Earl Thollander and hand set by Kibbee, lists five classes starting the week of April 14.

SAN DIEGO became the adopted home of Ida Reeves, who was the extension director there from 1949 to 1951, at which time she resigned to go home to Nebraska and care for her father. She felt the lure of San Diego and returned later to become cashier in the U. S. Grant Hotel. It is with sadness that we learned, through her successor, Mrs. Eva L. Maxwell, that Miss Reeves died on March 4th following an operation. Interment was made back home in Nebraska, but it is easy to understand that her heart was in sunny San Diego.

NEW JERSEY students are urged to enroll in either the Thursday or Wednesday evening class in Fundamental Economics at 78 Clinton Street, Newark, starting the first week in April. A Great Books Discussion Group is under way at the Clinton Street headquarters on alternate Mondays. Another biweekly feature is "Thursdays at 8" with groups meeting at headquarters to discuss current economic events.