

## Toronto Programs Successful

The Director of the Toronto School of Economic Science, Tim Fielding, has initiated two programs that have met with considerable success in reaching the desired target audiences.

On May 13, an Adult Education Class entitled "Current Economic Issues" was begun at a high school in North York. This course is being offered as part of the Board of Education Cooperative and Community Education Program, and will last ten weeks or more, depending upon class attendance and participation. Currently, twenty-five adults have attended the opening sessions. Invitations have been extended to local government and community tax experts to appear as guest speakers, which should bring in interested homeowners. Neil Stokes, a high school teacher and Educational Coordinator of the school, has assisted Mr. Fielding in setting up the curriculum for the course.

A recent program, entitled "Zimbabwe and Toronto," presented on a local cable television station as part of community affairs programming, was directed and produced by Tim Fielding. This program was one of a series of Monday features which Mr. Fielding has been involved in on the station. The result of the Zimbabwe program was a meeting with Canadian representatives of the new Zimbabwe government, including Robert Mugabe, Jr., nephew of the Premier, who showed interest in land value taxation and other

ideas of Henry George. The group will forward materials to Salisbury in hopes of getting the government interested in having studies done on the feasibility of land value taxation in Zimbabwe.

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the graded tax in six Pennsylvania cities, including Pittsburgh and Harrisburg, as examples. A proposal for a formal study, to be made with the cooperation of the State House and Senate, was favorably received by the group.

Among the major issues raised was the effect of land taxation on rural areas as well as on population centers. It was pointed out that a fair land tax would help preserve farmland by directing development to urban areas and away from the countryside. It would also help farmers and other homesteaders by removing taxes on their improvements.

North Carolina enjoys one of the lowest tax rates in the nation but is now considering additional revenue sources for local government needs. The current property tax is levied on both real and personal property and administered at the county level. Some discussion also focused on shifting the administration of the tax to the state to make it uniform.

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