The February HGN carries an article about Sir Winston Churchill. It states that in 1909 he, together with Lloyd George, Campbell-Bannerman and Lord Asquith, formed a Liberal government that passed a budget calling for a valuation for taxation purposes of all lands in the United Kingdom. The article states that this was "an unprecedented action since the days of William the Conqueror."

This is a mistake, perhaps an excusable one, because in 1696, in the reign of William and Mary, a Land Tax Act was passed, against the opposition of the House of Lords, calling for a reassessment of English lands and the imposition of a tax of four shillings on the pound of rental value.

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I have heard graduates and teachers refer to our basic reform as "public ownership of land." This is incorrect and misleading because it suggests land nationalization. The teacher or graduate will know that what is meant is public ownership of *economic rent,* but others will form wrong conclusions if this is not clarified. Other phrases must be found which are suitable and correct. A proper reference such as "public collection of land rent" may not be clear at once, but it will bring forth questions which can be answered frankly. This is preferable to using an expression like "the people will own the land," which gives a totally wrong view of George's proposal.

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As a hopeful result of the resolution proposed by S. James Clarkson, Mayor of Southfield, Michigan, an Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations was set up and an expert was sent to Australia and New Zealand. This produced helpful material for preparing the LVT study, but much more concrete documentary material is needed, especially from the U.S., and James Clarkson, who is top man on this inquiry, is hoping that facts and figures will be abundantly forthcoming regarding a variety of communities and situations. This material is eagerly awaited in Washington, to supplement the research from the Australian-New Zealand report. Please strip down your reports on this to the clear essentials, and send them soon, to:

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Mayor Clarkson will run for a third term this year against a formidable opponent. A rich and determined landowner, supported by even larger landowners, will be out "to get Jim this time." The opposing faction will try to encourage industry in Southfield and will suggest to homeowners that this will lower their taxes (which have already been reduced by virtue of Clarkson's reassessment program).

Now, while you are in the letter-writing mood, you may want to make an effort towards memorializing Henry George. The New York University is taking a poll of great Americans for its Hall of Fame, and George's name has been placed in nomination. The election will take place his year. In your most appealing prose you will surely wish to endorse this nomination. Write to: Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, Director, Hall of Fame for Great Americans, 1009 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10028.