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FRIENDS HONOR HENNESSY AT HENRY GEORGE SCHOOL

NEW YORK CITY (HGNS) - An intimate group of old friends and associates of Charles O'Connor Hennessy assembled in his memory at the Henry George School of Social Science Friday evening, December 11, at a meeting called jointly by the Trustees of the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation and the Henry George School. Mr. Hennessy was President of the Schalkenbach Foundation and President Emeritus of the International League for Land Value Taxation and Free Trade, until his death on October 19. For over fifty years Mr. Hennessy was one of the foremost exponents of the philosophy of Henry George.

The meeting was opened by Anna George de Mille, daughter of Henry George and President of the Board of Trustees of the School. Charles O'Connor Hennessy, she said, was a wise man, tolerant, understanding and generous. It was his generosity that made possible the recent International Conference for Land Value Taxation and once he saw the possibilities of the Henry George School as a device for spreading a knowledge of Henry George's teachings, he gave liberally to the school and became one of its staunchest friends.

Philip H. Cornick, Chairman, successor to Mr. Hennessy as President of the Schalkenbach Foundation, paid tribute to Mr. Hennessy's success in the art of living.

Other speakers, all friends of long standing, who had been friends of Henry George as well, were Robert B. McIntyre, expert on financial procedures and member of the Citizens Budget Committee, Frederic C. Leubuscher, prominent attorney, and Lawson Purdy, for twelve years President of the Board of Assessors of New York and now business manager of Trinity Church.

Mrs. de Mille read a number of messages from abroad. Bue Bjerne, who became President of the International Union upon Mr. Hennessy's retirement at the London Conference in September, said in a cable that the place of Mr. Hennessy "can only be filled through the cooperation of Henry George's followers everywhere." Arthur W. Madsen, Editor of Land and Liberty, London, telegraphed in the name of the International Union and the United Committee of London, joining Mr. Hennessy's friends "in honoring a great memory." In a letter to F. Folke^{Danish}, representative to the 1935 Henry George Congress in New York, dated as recently as Oct. 9, ten days before he died, Mr. Hennessy wrote, "More and more do I believe that the Georgists are the realists of international affairs today. The future is ours."

NEW YORK CHAPTER ANNOUNCES RADIO ESSAY CONTEST

NEW YORK CITY (HGNS) - A radio essay contest on "The Program and Achievements of the Henry George School of Social Science," to which all students and alumni of the Henry George School of Social Science in the Metropolitan area are eligible has just been announced by the New York Chapter of the Henry George Fellowship. Papers should not exceed fifteen hundred words and manuscripts must be submitted on or before March first, the closing date.

Anna George de Mille, President of the Board of Trustees of the Henry George School, Joseph Dana Miller, Editor of Land and Freedom and Bolton Hall will act as judges and the best essay will be broadcast by the winner over Station WBBC on Saturday evening, March 13, at 8:15 o'clock.

The contest was arranged with Bert Child, program director of the Brooklyn Broadcasting Corporation by Lancaster M. Greene, faculty member and trustee of the School.

FALL TERM ENDS WITH SOCIAL EVENTS

NEW YORK CITY (HGNS) - The fall term at National Headquarters of the Henry George School of Social Science closed with a series of six teas given to the graduates by the New York Chapter of the Henry George Fellowship during the two weeks ending December 12, at which the alumni were invited to join the Chapter by Arthur H. Votterman, President. More than 100 new members were enrolled and all expressed a lively interest in the work of the Chapter and the ultimate purposes of the organization.

Anna George de Mille, President of the Board of Trustees, Joseph Dana Miller, Editor of Land and Freedom, Miss Helen D. Denbigh, a member of the faculty and Mrs. Benjamin W. Burger, were guests of the Fellowship.

On Sunday afternoon, December 13, the School held open house to give the new graduates and old an opportunity to meet and become better acquainted with each other and with other friends of the School and to promote sociability and a spirit of comradeship. Refreshments were served.

Friday evening, January 8, is the day set for the commencement dinner. Prominent speakers have been chosen to address the guests and a number of graduates have volunteered to comment on what the course has meant to them.

JOHN J. MURPHY, GEORGIST, DIES

NEW YORK CITY (HGNS) - John J. Murphy, one of the old guard single taxers and friend of Henry George, and for some time Secretary of the Single Tax League, died at the age of seventy one after a long illness, at his home, 676 Riverside Drive on Sunday, December 6. He came to this country from Ireland when he was seventeen and settled in New York. From 1918 to 1933 he was secretary of the tenement house committee of the Charity Organization Society and he was a frequent lecturer on the philosophy of Henry George.

CHINESE LAND LAW PROVIDES FOR LAND VALUE TAXATION

NANKING, CHINA (HGNS) - The Land Law passed by the Legislative Yuan in 1930 which became effective last March, provides among other things for land value taxation and a cadastral survey. Land value taxation is already in operation in four municipalities - Tsingtao, Shanghai, Hangchow and Canton. This legislation is traceable directly to the influence of the late Dr. Sun Yat Sen.

The tax roll or cadastral survey taken in 1913, ~~at one time the main source of revenue~~ has been for the most part lost, so that there is now no proper system of valuation and many landowners do not pay any tax on their land today. Steps are being taken to accelerate a survey of the vast expanse of the country by an aerial survey and "land reporting," says Franklin L. Ho, in an article on land reform in China in the Nankai Social and Economical Quarterly for July, cited by Land and Liberty of London.

There is great difficulty in obtaining revenue. The taxes imposed by the law revert to the provinces and do not accrue to the central government. Without defining the distinctions, the rates proscribed range from $\frac{1}{2}\%$ on urban improved land to $1\frac{1}{2}\%$ to 10% on urban unimproved and idle land and $1\frac{1}{19}\%$ to 10% on idle and unimproved rural land. The system of taxation needs to be simplified and clarified and the municipalities should be allowed to impose a higher rate of taxation where necessary to discourage speculation, particularly in the cities, where land values are rising rapidly, further says Mr. Lo.

SCHOOL GOAL 10,000

NEW YORK CITY (HGNS) - The goal of the Henry George School of Social Science for this school year is 10,000 students.