

## HOMEOWNERS UNITE!

**T**HE California Homeowner, a monthly magazine published in Los Angeles, is attracting wide attention for the Statewide Homeowners Association. The office of the editor, Jack Motley, is at 953 Eighth Avenue, San Diego 1. Other editors are Clayton C. Bauer of Spencerport, New York; E. Robert Scrofani of San Francisco; and Michele Hamilton of Los Angeles. The president and vice president of the Homeowners Association are John Nagy and Hyman Ledeen, respectively.

The February issue contains a preview of a report sponsored by the Homeowners to find out if more public revenue could be raised through true equalization of property assessments. Local support of California public schools is dwindling and there has been a clamor for more federal help.

Figures already examined show that San Diego county school districts could collect more than \$23 million additional annual public revenue if all property in the county were assessed at an equal ratio, and the San Diego unified school district could collect more than \$7 million of this.

The Homeowners Association has been patiently pointing out that their tax bills are too high because they are

paying taxes for land speculators and slumlords. More and more citizens are being made aware of the inequity of present assessment practices in California through the California Homeowner (\$5 a year).

Various community groups have voted to affiliate with the association. The fee of \$25 entitles all members of such clubs to the monthly magazine, as well as to classes in economics. Property owners are taking advantage of the benefits of organization and are gaining increased confidence in attacking local zoning and tax problems. Mr. Motley, who is well known for his ease and skill in preparing press releases, makes his experience available to affiliated groups when needed.

**Fragments**, an eight-page quarterly literary publication, now a year old, has started Volume II in a new format. Sydney A. Mayers, popular HGN contributor of Views of the News and a teacher at the Henry George School in New York, writes regularly for Fragments. Other names known to Georgists are Jack Schwartzman, George B. Bringmann and Frank Chodorov. The subscription is \$2 a year, and the publication address is 139 Hempstead Turnpike, Elmont, New York 11003.

The author of *American Ideals*, Heman Chase, and his wife Edith, were recent visitors to the Henry George School in New York. They regarded their visit to the school as "the highlight of their trip to New York."

Mr. Chase's little book, which we have been offering for sale at \$1, was a best seller and the supply was soon exhausted, but it is again available and may be ordered from The Henry George News, 50 East 69th Street, New York 21, N. Y.

The director of the Henry George School in Formosa, Dr. Hengtse Tu, is at present in France, studying international law at the University of Paris. The school in Formosa continues to thrive and Dr. Tu is now trying to build a good library. Donations of appropriate books would be gratefully received. The school has a broad curriculum, and books on literature as well as economics are welcomed. Send them to the Henry George School, 10 Tunghai Road, Taichung, Formosa.