

SCHOOL NOTES

CANADIAN NOTES - ONTARIO

The combination of a national platform allowing portions of local property taxes to be federally tax-deductible and local political endorsement of 100% market value assessment on vacant land, found the School of Economic Science close to the center of a local flurry of socio-economic activities.

Toronto's new mayor is calling for more equitable local tax reforms, with the press endorsing moves to put land to higher and better uses.

Politicians and educators are asking for more "accountable" methods of better educating our urban population to practical civic values and responsibilities. Many have shown direct interest in the activities of our organization via telephone conversations and correspondence.

Students - 22 so far this year - and associates of the School have been putting their ideas into practice through research assignments. The School provides practical incentives for their economic endeavors by integrating them as much as possible with the practice of Henry George's socio-economic philosophies.

The School recently completed a research study in conjunction with our associate in the Urban Planning Dept. at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute, **Prof. David Amberski**. * It involved our graduates and associates of the Institute in a study of the property tax in Toronto. Orders have already been received for this work and current interest is running at a high level.

*An Examination of the Administration of the Property Tax in Metropolitan Toronto, School of Economic Science (\$5.00)

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1949 CELEBRATION 1979

THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY CIVIC DINNER

Fort Mason Officers' Club
(Bay at Gough St.)

Wednesday, June 20th

Cocktails at 6.30 pm

Cost : \$9.25

Dinner at 7.30 pm

"Henry George - The Man and the Intellect"

Featured Speaker: **Kevin Starr** - author; columnist for San Francisco Examiner and former director San Francisco Library.

In attendance, Spring Graduates and honored guests

The Toronto Star has assigned a reporter to cover our organization for a feature article on property tax reforms in Ontario.

Our student involvement is not, however, restricted to urban issues. An examination of rural land values in relation to taxation levels in Aldeborough Township, Elgin County, is nearing completion, aided by students of West Elgin Secondary School under the supervision of our associate, **John Fisher**. He prepared an area data map, partly financed by a Federal Government work program grant-in-aid. A preliminary report of our rural educational and research activities is available.

In the field of high school teaching, the use and acceptance of our film "One Way to Better Cities" and our modified "Newtown" simulation game continues, aided by promotion via Ontario curriculum guideline commentaries and the North York Board of Education. We hope to involve and interest these high school students in the School of Economic Science's summer programs and projects.

CHICAGO ACTIVITY

Four members of the Board of

Trustees of the Henry George School here plan to attend the International Georgist Conference and Centennial Celebration in San Francisco in August; **Bob Jene, Sam Venturella, William Ranky and Henry Tideman**.

Bill Ranky is the chairman of the committee for program and arrangements of the Chicago observance of the Centennial of Progress and Poverty. The Centennial Edition of P & P will be presented to Chicago Public Library in a ceremony at Preston Bradley Hall of the cultural center on October 10 from two to four in the afternoon. **Dr. Preston Bradley** himself is scheduled to speak.

The "Birthday Dinner" of the Henry George Club was held June 1st. Featured speaker was **Sam Venturella**.

Cal Skinner is proposing enabling legislation for a local option "single tax" on real estate. **Sam Venturella** supported him in a letter to the Tribune.

The Board of Trustees of the Henry George School voted at their April meeting to send one year subscriptions of the Henry George News to all graduates of the Chicago School for the last ten years.

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OF HENRY GEORGE'S SEMINAL MASTERPIECE
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August 20-25
Jack Tar Hotel
San Francisco