

HENRY GEORGE INSTITUTE

A special event was held by the HGI on November 11: a reading of Conversations of the Economists, composed by Edward J. Dodson and compiled from the writings of Adam Smith, Karl Marx, Henry George, J.M. Keynes and others. Robert Clancy, Mark Sullivan and Mr. Dodson took the parts of the various economists, with Ms. Pat Aller performing as interviewer. Over 40 persons crowded into the Henry George Research Library to hear this reading.

A Holiday Dinner and Meeting was held December 29 at the City University Graduate Center in New York, and again over 40 persons attended. Robert Clancy, President of the HGI, reviewed progress in 1982: Membership has increased; lessons in the course in Progress and Poverty are being revised; literature is disseminated; an electric typewriter and copying machine have been acquired; the Georgist Journal has been improved and enlarged; cooperation with other groups is taking place.

Tribute was paid to the late Philip Finkelstein, Director of the Henry George School, who died November 20. His widow Claire spoke, and Stanley Rubenstein, currently Interim Director of the School, testified to the outstanding qualities of the late Director. Judge Jerome S. Medowar also paid homage to Mr. Finkelstein, and a laudatory letter from Walter Rybeck of Washington, D.C. was read.

Steven Cord, President of the Henry George Foundation, brought encouraging news of LVT progress in Pennsylvania, details of which will be circulated soon.

Guest speaker was to have been Terence M. Dwyer of Australia, whose doctoral dissertation was "A History of the Theory of Land Value Taxation" (reviewed in the Autumn 1981 GJ), and who was awarded a Ph.D. degree in economics by Harvard University. Unfortunately, Dr. Dwyer could not attend. His prepared talk, concerning ethics and economics, will be made available later.

Instead, Ms. Pat Aller, Secretary of the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation, reviewed the academic work of the Foundation. This includes programs at Pace University, Williams College, St. John's University and the University of Scranton. The American Journal of Economics and Sociology, edited by Will Lissner, has become respected in the academic world. For the past two years, the Foundation has set up a literature booth at the Annual Conference of the Allied Social Sciences Association, which includes the American Economic Association; in 1981 it was in Washington, D.C. and in 1982 in New York. The Foundation has also undertaken to issue a series of lessons linking the land question to American history, prepared by Stan Rubenstein, for use in high schools.

A list of literature available from the HGI was recently circulated. This includes inexpensively priced items relating to the Georgist philosophy, some not available otherwise. If you have not received a copy and want one, write to the HGI.

NOTICE TO HGI MEMBERS: Nominations for this year's HGI election will be received up to February 28. To be elected are four Directors whose terms expire June 30, and ballots will be sent out around May 1. Also to be elected is the 1984 Nominations Committee (two Board members and three non-Board members). On request, a list of current HGI members will be sent (from which nominations are to be made), plus more detailed information about the present composition of the Board. The 1983 Nominations Committee consists of Board members Robert Clancy and Steven Cord; and non-Board members Roma Bianco, Richard L. Biddle and C. Matthew Ossias. Communications about the election may be addressed to Robert Clancy, chairman of the 1983 Nominations Committee, at HGI headquarters, 5 E. 44th St., New York, NY 10017. Upon request, the current HGI descriptive folder will also be sent; and if you cannot find your copy of the HGI By-laws, write for a copy of that, too.