

May-June 1981

### Lower Homeowners' Tax Suggested

Nassau County homeowners could pay lower property taxes under optional tax policies analyzed by the Center for Local Tax Research in a report to the N.Y. State Legislature.

Nassau County, with over 4,000 parcels of real property, is the second largest jurisdiction in New York State, after New York City. The Nassau Citizens Budget Committee, which monitors the county budget and expenditures, published the report prepared with data from the County Assessor.

Under full value assessment, it was found, the homeowners' bill, would go up, on the average. But shifting the full value burden to the land or to the land value plus the current value of the improvement, would provide lower tax burdens than currently borne by homeowners.

Four alternatives were examined as viable policy options:

- a) full value of total property
- b) full value of land only
- c) full value of land and current assessed value of improvement
- d) full value of total property with a homestead exemption for one and two family dwellings

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### New Boston School Opens

The Henry George School of New England has opened facilities at 80 Boylston Street Room #1106, in Boston. Telephone 617-451-0458. Director Mitch Chanelis has scheduled a seminar on Proposition 2 1/2 for May 28. Classes will be offered on three Wednesdays in June. The School will also serve as a clearinghouse for anyone from the Boston Area who needs transportation information or assistance to reach the Conference in New Hampshire.

### '81 Conference: July 9-12 in New Hampshire

The 1981 Joint Georgist Conference (the first ever in New Hampshire), will take place on the campus of Franklin Pierce College in Rindge, from July 9 to July 12.

The conference will occur at a critical juncture in the fiscal history of New Hampshire according to Richard Noyes, editor of the Salem, N.H. OBSERVER. A report on recent developments in that state will open the conference.

Among the featured events scheduled are a debate on Reaganomics and an address by Robert Wood, former Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, at the Annual Banquet.

The Franklin Pierce College campus, located in the Southwestern part of the state, is surrounded by lakes, mountains, and forests. Transportation by plane, bus, or train is available to nearby Keene. A complete conference schedule, registration blanks, travel schedules and other information are on pages 3 and 4 of this issue.

## CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Readers of the Henry George News are invited to attend the Conference, available at a special package price which includes:

Lodgings in a dormitory-styled room, 3 nights, Thursday to Sunday  
Thursday dinner to Sunday lunch inclusive  
Conference fee  
Banquet and Champagne reception  
Morning coffee hour  
Bar Service  
Recreational facilities

The price for the package, if paid in advance is \$95, double room occupancy, \$110 single room occupancy. If package is to be paid for at the Conference, prices are \$100 for double and \$115 single. If less than the full Conference package is desired, indicate accordingly on the reservation form, send \$15, and charges will be estimated on a pro rata basis.

A map for easy travel directions by auto appears on page 6. Car pools may be arranged by contacting the CGO office, if you have a car and wish to carry passengers or need a ride. Air New England flies non-stops from LaGuardia Airport to Keene, New Hampshire four times daily, and has one flight from Boston's Logan airport as well. Round trip from New York is \$143, from Boston, \$61. Call for further information at 1-800-225-3900. Greyhound offers three buses daily; the 6 1/2 hour trip from Port Authority to Keene is \$52.20 round trip, call Bus Information at 212 564-8484. CGO is arranging for Franklin Pierce shuttle buses to pick up conferees from Keene, a 25 minute ride to the conference site. There is also a taxi in Keene, 1-352-2525. Amtrak has daily service from Boston to Keene; their number is 1-800-523-5731.

Reservations should be in not later than June 30. For further information, contact the Council Office at 212 697-9880. Arrangements may be made to stay at Franklin Pierce College before or after the Conference.

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Henry George School of Social Science  
Robert Schalkenbach Foundation  
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Reserve promptly. Use form below if attending only part of Conference.  
(For full Conference, use other side.)

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To: Council of Georgist Organizations, 5 E. 44th St., New York, N.Y. 10017  
I plan to take in part of the Conference, as follows: # of persons \_\_\_\_\_  
From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ (Room & meals inclusive)  
(day & hour) (day & hour)

Enclosed \$15 Conference Fee. Balance to be paid at Conference at pro rata charge.

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Make check to Council of Georgist Organiztions

**1981 JOINT GEORGIST CONFERENCE  
PROGRAM**

**DATES:** Thursday, July 9-Sunday, July 12, 1981

**PLACE:** Franklin Pierce College, Rindge, New Hampshire

**THURSDAY, JULY 9**

Afternoon Registration

7:00pm-Report from New Hampshire Georgists: Richard Noyes and Heman Chase

9:00pm-Henry George and Henry Thoreau: Jack Schwartzman

**FRIDAY, JULY 10**

9:00am-Economics and Reaganomics: John Burger, Business Consultant, William Hammett, Internatl. Center for Economic Policy Studies, and Ed Dodson

2:00pm-The Money Question with Ernest Welker, American Institute for Economics Research, Bob Swann, E.F. Schumacher Society, Oscar Johannsen and The Land Question with Alanna Hartzok on the Sagebrush Rebellion, and Gerald Shaw, School of Economic Science, Calgary, Alberta, Natural Resources

7:00pm-Developments in Property Taxation:

Massachusetts: Mitchell Chanelis      New York: Philip Finkelstein

Pennsylvania: Steven Cord      California: E. Robert Scrofani

9:00pm-New Hope for Global Crisis (film) presented by Alanna Hartzok

**SATURDAY, JULY 11**

9:00am-Education in Georgist Fundamentals with HGS Directors

12:00pm-Picnic lunch by the lake

2:00pm-Annual meeting of Henry George Foundation and Session on Council of Georgist Organizations (recreational break for others)

6:00pm-Champagne Reception

7:00pm-Conference Banquet with John Kelly as M.C., Walter Peterson, President, Franklin Pierce College, Welcome, and Robert Wood, Former Secretary of H.U.D. as Speaker

**SUNDAY, JULY 12**

9:00am-The Land and the People, with Slow Turtle, Commissioner of Indian Affairs for Massachusetts on the Indian Land Question and Mitchell Chanelis presenting a film on Guatemala.

Conference evaluation and plans for next year

Sunday afternoon (optional): Hike to Grand Monadnock Mt. led by Richard Noyes

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Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ place for me for the full Annual Conference, July 9-12, 1981. Enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_ in full payment (includes Conference fee). \$95 per person double occupancy, \$110 single occupancy, inclusive of meals, etc.)  
OR: \_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed \$15 Conference fee, balance to be paid at Conference. Balance will be \$85 double occupancy, \$100 single occupancy.)

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