

The School in the News

SAN FRANCISCO Bay Area students met recently for a Social Problems Forum discussion of the proposal to create an authority to administer bridges, airports and shipping facilities in the area. Glenn E. Hoover, Oakland City councilman and retired Mills College professor was the moderator.

NEW JERSEY is enthusiastically bent on planning a great conference at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, next July 8-12. Dr. Geoffrey Esty, the only Georgist we know of who has to attend the board meetings of four Georgist organizations in New Jersey and New York, is chairman of the General Conference Committee. It is not surprising that with such an erudite chairman, the committee has already come up with "Think Shops," as a conference feature.

Some of the subjects that have been suggested for discussion are: Automation; Method of Application of Land Tenure System proposed by Henry George; Compensation to Explorers, Inventors and Entrepreneurs; Rental Value of Land Socially Created; Function of Government; General Semantics; and Present Day Land Speculation. After this thrust of heavy thought it is comforting to read as a final word from the planners: "it is our hope that we can avoid dull, dry sessions and inject some humor into the program."

PHILADELPHIA, now happily at home in the "birthplace," has a winter term started at headquarters, with an additional class at the Central YMCA in the "Art of Living" series. This extension participated in the adult education exhibit on display during January at the Central Library. A recent letter writing campaign under the direction of John D. Auld has proved successful and creative.

Fridays at Eight are company evenings at Philadelphia, too, and on Jan-

uary 30th there was a handwriting party with Norman C. Bardsley, grapho-analyst, as the speaker. On February 20th the guest will be Frank E. Kay with a talk on "The Water You Drink," also a sound film.

DETROIT graduates of the basic course are enjoying an advanced course at the downtown YMCA under C. Leonard Huckabone, and will use the two textbooks *International Trade* and *Social Problems*. Interesting problems will be discussed, such as the St. Lawrence Seaway and Government regulation of monopolies and franchises.

ST. LOUIS in its January work sheet (copies available from Noah D. Alper, 818 Olive Street, St. Louis 1, Missouri) goes into "seed ideas"—those which enter the mind when plans, philosophies, even invitations or requests, cannot. He wants to build up a Georgist-seed-idea bank for use by new Georgist "foxhole fighters." How do *you* talk to people about Henry George? What do you say to arouse interest or curiosity? What "mind openers" have you tried? Noah Alper would like to hear from you and will be glad to exchange information.

NEW YORK classes are unusually well attended this term and a stimulating attitude of expectancy prevails. More than 900 students reported for the basic course in headquarters and regional classes. This is the highest enrollment in several years. Has the recent recession increased the public's interest in economics?

Fridays at Eight include films on the 13th and 27th of February, with a discussion of "The Land Question in Biblical and Islamic Lore" by Dr. A. Ben Shemesh on the 6th, and a return engagement of the popular husband and wife team, Alice and Sydney Dauer on February 20th in a provocative idea development program.