

The Henry George School in the News

LOS ANGELES in releasing its former director, William B. Truehart has made possible a college program that will receive support and encouragement from the Lincoln Foundation's board. Mr. Truehart now lives in Loma Linda, and has been teaching economics in a number of southern California colleges. The response has been so satisfactory that this fall he will teach in three colleges and speak in several others, while at the same time editing a new text for use in these classes, and also continuing his studies for a master's degree.

In small Christian colleges Mr. Truehart finds the students receptive to this subject and believes it is very important to offer an answer to the heavy barrage of socialist subject matter that is being introduced.

At Los Angeles headquarters the Friday at Eight series begins October 7th and fall classes are under way. Harry Pollard, director, has been a popular radio figure on interview programs during the summer.

SAN FRANCISCO'S Union Square was brightened on September 2nd by the strains of the bagpipe, as Charles MacSwan produced a swirling "Happy Birthday" for Henry George, born 127 years ago in that city. After proclaiming the date as Henry George Day the program continued with Robert Tideman, executive secretary of the Northern California extension speaking to the noonday audience. He was introduced by Joseph S. Thompson, president of the Henry George School.

The San Francisco Chronicle gave more than a column to the background of Henry George.* The site where *Progress and Poverty* was written in

* A reprint of this will be mailed to all HGS members.

1878-79 is now obscured by a highway, but a plaque is in the school's headquarters at 833 Market Street. The San Francisco assessor has admitted that vacant parcels in the city are greatly under-assessed. He told a reporter that a single tax on land "would seem to be an ideal answer for a community with a limited budget," but for cities needing vast sums he added "it is impossible to resist taxing improvements."

NEW YORK has begun its fall term with 13 Fundamental classes at headquarters, one in Economic Science and two in Applied Economics. Other advanced classes are A Philosophy of Life (based on Robert Clancy's book, *A Seed Was Sown*), Practical Writing, Democracy vs. Socialism, Practical Politics and Elementary Greek. Classes are also in progress in upper Manhattan and Harlem. In Long Island there will be 7 in Fundamental Economics and one in Economic Science.

On the Speakers Bureau agenda unusual interest was aroused when William Buhr was asked to speak in Brooklyn preparatory school to a class composed of high school honor graduates. They were preparing for a debate on U.S. aid to underdeveloped countries, and Mr. Buhr stressed the need to point the new countries to an equitable land reform through land value taxation. Teacher and students found this point of view valuable and stimulating.

Fridays at Eight begin on October 7th with a talk by Dr. Maxwell Maltz on "How to Improve Your Self-Image." On October 21st a speaker from the American Friends Service Committee will discuss "China: the Enigmatic Giant." A variety of film subjects will be shown on October 14th and 28th.

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