

The Henry George School in the News



NIANTIC, Connecticut was added to the list of towns where the principles of Henry George are being studied. Mrs. Ethel Stannard, center above, was the leader and instructor. Although her graduates numbered only four, they were persons of importance in Niantic and New London. Their graduation was therefore a pleasing occasion celebrated with a reunion dinner of Connecticut Georgists. Among the thirty guests were Mr. and Mrs. James A. McNally, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Hillman, A. P. Christianson and family, and Robert Clancy, New York director. Helene Kavalier snapped Mrs. Stannard and her "fledglings" and we are always happy when people remember HGN.

DETROIT conference time is getting closer—soon there will be more program material. But meantime, check your road maps and make your reservation. (see page 16)

House Resolution No. 17, proposing investigation of the effects of a higher differential rate of taxation on land values as compared to improved values of real property has been laid before the House by the Speaker, having been included in the House Journal of April 6th. This resolution was drawn by the Honorable S. James Clarkson, former faculty member of the Henry George School in Detroit, and Representative DeMaso.

SAN FRANCISCO's director, Robert Tideman, better known locally as the executive secretary of the Henry George School and more recently as the secretary of the Governmental Finance Section of The Commonwealth Club, has shown his scholarship in a report on governmental finance published in The Commonwealth Journal of April 18th.

"What Kind of Tax System Should California Have?" This is the study which has occupied the club's Section on Governmental Finance. It hopes eventually to recommend a sound tax program which will promote the general welfare in California. First questions under discussion were: (1) Is a sound "tax system" composed of two or more different kinds of taxes? (71 said yes—17 no). (2) Is there one tax which can raise all the revenue required? (14 yes—75 no).

The kinds of changes required were discussed, also the matter of federal and state aid. Property taxes, income taxes, sales taxes and service charges were debated and voted upon.

All participating members were keenly aware that a study of this scope could merely suggest new directions and new emphasis in tax system improvement. The members of the club, and this section in particular, unite in urging that state and local officials give continuing and systematic attention to improvement of the tax structure, relying as far as possible on sound economic principles and objectives. All this, and more, made up the substance of the report by Mr. Tideman, whose growing stature in West Coast circles we view with confidence and pride.