

The Henry George School in the News

DETROIT is an extension that seems to be saying—study basic economics and then do something about it. Joseph J. Pietruska is one who did. As president of the League to Untax Buildings, he has collected detailed information on two Michigan constitutions being offered to voters. In a talk before a Henry George School audience on March 23rd he outlined the differences, with a view to helping taxpayers arrive at a decision.

In an interesting folder announcing the six spring classes available in various sections of Detroit, the courses are referred to as "ten-week adventures in great conversations."

NEW JERSEY's Tax Inquiry Council is an educational endeavor on the part of the Newark extension to interest people in fundamental principles of taxation, especially as they touch on the present New Jersey tax problem. Director John T. Tetley, in letters sent to a number of influential persons, urged reevaluation of the general property tax, suggesting improved assessing of real estate with consideration of higher taxes on land and corresponding reduction of taxes on improvements. He enclosed copies of "In God We Trust" by Ethel Lyman Stannard, and "Land Speculation and How to Stop It" from Reader's Digest.

PORTLAND is the home of The Taxpayers Digest "Specializing in News on Taxation and Advocating Sensible Tax Reform." Erick S. Hansch is business manager of this Digest, and also director of the Henry George School extension. Mr. Hansch was recently elected president of Tri-County Tax Research, Inc., a non-profit, non-partisan organization proposing to study all tax and bond

measures and inform taxpayers of their effect on home owners, businesses and corporations. As a long-range goal it plans to place on the ballot by petition, a measure that would require the participation of at least one-third of all registered voters in any election concerning taxes and bonds.

SYRACUSE moves into the spring term with the verve we have come to expect from this vital extension. Manny Choper, in interviews with officials for the purpose of starting more classes, shows them a copy of HGN and tells how the Henry George philosophy is spreading, and its serious consideration in Erie, Pennsylvania.

NEW YORK spring classes for advanced students starting this month will include Social History of Art by Robert Clancy, The Law in Action by Arnold Weinstein, Practical Writing by Sydney Mayers, The Art of Debate by Oliver Ackerley and Effective Politics by James Murphy. Nineteen classes will be offered in the three basic subjects, Fundamental Economics, Applied Economics and Science of Political Economy. Two of these will be Spanish language classes.

During April, the lecture bureau will send speakers to a junior high school, an alumni association, Rotary and Kiwanis clubs, a charitable organization, a chapter of The Workmen's Circle, the Grand Street Boy's Association, a physicians' wives club and a group of physicians.

Friday Evening programs include a talk on the Common Market on April 5th by W. L. Finger; dramatic readings from Faust on the 19th; and on the 26th these films: "The Population Explosion," "Village Sunday," and "The rayattam."