

The Henry George School in the News

CHICAGO enjoyed a visit from Mayor S. James Clarkson of Southfield, Michigan in mid April. He spoke at a dinner meeting of school friends on the 15th, and the next day an informal brunch was planned by Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Johnson at The Meadows Club, near their housing complex. He spoke to about 35 people. This was a predominantly Negro group, some of whom had been students in a class previously taught by Mina Olson at the Johnson home. Mrs. Olson found this group stimulating and refreshing. She said "they learned as fast as any class I ever saw—they all got the point, having no preconceived ideas to clear away. Mayor Clarkson suggested in his talk that the civil rights movement would finally bog down because none of the leaders had a solution to poverty, and all present seemed to agree with this. Wilbur Johnson is retired and spends much time talking about Henry George theories to a variety of persons in the labor movement and in civil government.

MICHIGAN with its active HGS center at Royal Oak, is asking the question "Has the Depression Started?" Students in a basic economics class are exploring this, and on the same evening at the same location, an advanced class studies Applied Economics. Robert Benton is the director in charge.

TORONTO had a graduation banquet on April 7th which was a big success. Guests said the address by Dr. Alan Thomas was the best ever, the food and service were excellent. There were student speakers, and Ernest Farmer and Laurie Mannell distributed diplomas to 29 graduates—5 completed the advanced class. Fringe benefits were roses for the women and

several door prizes. The only losers, said Laurie, were those who missed it.

The May Friday at 7 meeting will be the last for the season. Bill Thorsteinson, YMCA director, will speak on adult education. These 7 P.M. dinner meetings have taken place once a month for eight months and are meeting with popular approval.

The Mannells have taken a five-week trip to the West Coast—their first vacation in 28 years of marriage. Before they left they had sent in reservations at the Montreal conference for 18 Torontoans.

LOS ANGELES is publishing a 16-page magazine, "In Group," illustrated, and directed to "the radical center." The annual subscription rate is \$3 for ten issues.

NEW YORK got a late start on classes this term because announcements were delayed by the zip code restrictions. Nevertheless, the attendance is good, and several classes had to be moved to the auditorium.

For the many Pan American friends a booklet explaining the school in Spanish has been prepared. It lists all the extensions and their classes for Spanish speaking students.

One of the award winners in the Ezra Cohen Memorial Contest in 1963, Joan Silverberg, now a senior at Vassar College, has won a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship for graduate study in the academic year 1967-8. When she was a high school graduate and a student in the HGS summer class, she wrote that her grandparents, living in Essex Street, found solace in Marxism. "They never knew about Henry George nor the opportunity to learn about him, which I make up to them."