

# The School in the News

SAN FRANCISCO friends mourn the death of Glen P. Dutton, who died on November 22nd of a heart ailment. Except for three terms, when he was hospitalized, Mr. Dutton taught every term since he joined the faculty in the fall of 1951. The over-all percentage of students he held through each course was above average—he has 52 graduates to his credit.

Though distressed by unemployment, Mr. Dutton was currently leading an enthusiastic class at Mission High School. The class was completed by Donald R. Bryan who will also teach the new class starting there this month. Mr. Dutton is survived by four children and his wife, Loucille, who loyally supported his dedication to the work of the school.

Tied down at home by a broken leg, Grace Benson, physiotherapist, nonetheless was represented at the physiotherapists' hobby show in the swank Mark Hopkins Hotel. Her hobby—"to try and equip myself with economic fundamentals"—was shown by Donald R. Bryan, who displayed *The Wealth of Nations*, *Progress and Poverty*, the new *Municipal Improvement and Finance* and other books and pamphlets. Mr. Bryan distributed copies of Miss Benson's explanation of her hobby, in which the theory and practice of land value taxation were discussed as one of the fascinating things she had learned. "The study of fundamental economics is therapeutic for the self-centered," she wrote, "because it concerns social conditions, social problems, social principles."

DETROIT welcomed as its December 18th speaker at the Wayne State University, Julius Pliskow, assistant

corporation counsel for the City of Detroit, who spoke on "The Constitutional and Statutory Provisions for General Property Taxation in Michigan." He discussed the meaning of the term "general property" and the limitations on taxes from this source, also the means by which these limitations could be changed. Adam Kempa was the chairman.

Six classes will begin in Fundamental Economics the week of January 19th—two in downtown Detroit, two in high schools and two in libraries.

NEW YORK faculty members will have as their guest speaker on January 8th, Warren Ziegler of the Adult Education Division of New York University, with whom the Henry George School has been co-sponsoring an adult education program (formerly the program of the American Foundation for Political Education). There will also be a film made in Australia by Don Soughan relating to Georgist activities there. A feature of this meeting will be the presentation of certificates to teachers, complete with white, red and gold seals. The white seals will indicate that the recipients have taught from one to nine classes; the red seals go to teachers of ten to twenty-four classes; and the gold seals are for the veterans who have piloted students through twenty-five or more terms.

In the winter term the New York headquarters will offer a fine selection of new and old advanced courses in addition to the usual classes in basic economics. There will be three classes in Applied Economics using two of Henry George's books, with Arthur Fleming, Frank Bang and James A. Murphy as in-

structors. Francis Nicosia will teach the course which follows this, Science of Political Economy, on Wednesday evenings, beginning January 14th.

Economics and Politics is a new advanced course under the direction of Sylvia Wells and Marshall de Angelis. Others are: Comparative Religions with John Gwaltney and guest speakers; Practical Writing by Sydney Mayers; Fundamentals of Political Science with James A. Murphy; India led by Dr. Sant Ram Mandal; and The Wonderful Wealth Machine under the guidance of the author of the book by that name, Phil Grant.

Ezra Cohen, trustee of the Henry George School, will be the first speaker on the Fridays at Eight pro-

gram, January 9th, and will show slides made on a recent visit to Japan, Hong Kong and Thailand. Mr. Tore Hakansson will present "Tribal Dances of India" January 23rd, and will display textiles from a primitive region of India. A film discussion program conducted by Arleigh Chute, the new assistant to the director, will be held on January 16th and 30th.

Mrs. Robert Baker, widow of the former Georgist Congressman from Brooklyn, died November 26th. Mrs. Baker had donated several items from her husband's library to the Henry George School. Another important acquisition to this growing school library was a collection of Georgist periodicals, pamphlets and press items from the estate of the late Gertrude Colles.

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### PLAN NOW, PAY LATER

Reservations are being made now on the steamer which will carry the good Georgists to Europe for the Tenth International Conference on Land-Value Taxation and Free Trade on the 25th of July in Hanover, Germany. If you've been thinking that you'd like to go abroad in the summer of 1959, this is definitely the way to do it — there's nothing like having congenial company for a voyage, with the promise of social and intellectual delight just ahead.

For particulars write or telephone the Bankers and Merchants Travel Service, 511 Fifth Avenue, New York 17, N. Y.

Those who will have to wait a while longer for their overseas visit, can console themselves pleasantly by coming to the Annual Conference of the Henry George School to be held this year at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, New Jersey in July, just before the international conference (for the convenience of those who wish to join both groups).

### GREEN BELT AROUND LONDON?

According to The Appraiser, a newsletter originating in Chicago, a proposal is being considered to offset congestion in London and its suburbs. This would be the establishment of a green belt around the city at the present perimeter, which would be 15 to 20 miles from the center of London and 5 to 7 miles in width. Beyond the green belt, new towns, to be limited in population, would be set up at a radius of 20 to 30 miles from downtown London. This is a serious proposal to limit the expansion of further industry in London proper and its shires, so that if an industry proposes to expand in the metropolitan district, it will not be permitted to do so. If its growth and program so dictate, then the industry will have no alternative but to move to one of the satellite towns, leaving its own industrial site for the use or development by a smaller industry, and the possibility that that industrial site may later be changed in its use so as to become utilized for a lesser use or even for a park or public areas.