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Lower Homeowners' Tax Suggested

Nassau County homeowners could pay lower property taxes under optional tax policies analyzed by the Center for Local Tax Research in a report to the N.Y. State Legislature.

Nassau County, with over 4,000 parcels of real property, is the second largest jurisdiction in New York State, after New York City. The Nassau Citizens Budget Committee, which monitors the county budget and expenditures, published the report prepared with data from the County Assessor.

Under full value assessment, it was found, the homeowners' bill, would go up, on the average. But shifting the full value burden to the land or to the land value plus the current value of the improvement, would provide lower tax burdens than currently borne by homeowners.

Four alternatives were examined as viable policy options:

- a) full value of total property
- b) full value of land only
- c) full value of land and current assessed value of improvement
- d) full value of total property with a homestead exemption for one and two family dwellings

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New Boston School Opens

The Henry George School of New England has opened facilities at 80 Boylston Street Room #1106, in Boston. Telephone 617-451-0458. Director Mitch Chanelis has scheduled a seminar on Proposition 2 1/2 for May 28. Classes will be offered on three Wednesdays in June. The School will also serve as a clearinghouse for anyone from the Boston Area who needs transportation information or assistance to reach the Conference in New Hampshire.

'81 Conference: July 9-12 in New Hampshire

The 1981 Joint Georgist Conference (the first ever in New Hampshire), will take place on the campus of Franklin Pierce College in Rindge, from July 9 to July 12.

The conference will occur at a critical juncture in the fiscal history of New Hampshire according to Richard Noyes, editor of the Salem, N.H. OBSERVER. A report on recent developments in that state will open the conference.

Among the featured events scheduled are a debate on Reaganomics and an address by Robert Wood, former Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, at the Annual Banquet.

The Franklin Pierce College campus, located in the Southwestern part of the state, is surrounded by lakes, mountains, and forests. Transportation by plane, bus, or train is available to nearby Keene. A complete conference schedule, registration blanks, travel schedules and other information are on pages 3 and 4 of this issue.