

son to withhold the patriotic service each can lend to his country once he has become well grounded in principles .

Startling figures this month show that as the taxes on vacant land were reduced in Southfield by the present city administration, the building figures dropped 50 percent and land "grows scarce and scarcer." This is swift and dramatic vindication of the plan instituted by Mayor Clarkson and Assessor Gwartney which made Southfield rich and famous. S. James Clarkson, now a county judge, stands out as one who boldly taught and fought for an application of George's principles at a time when it was believed by older proponents that any mention of George meant political death.

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### *Canberra In Crisis*

A book by Frank Brennan has been published in Australia and will soon be available here through the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation. The author is a lawyer in the Attorney General's department, and *Canberra in Crisis* gives a history of the planned capital city of Australia and its unique land tenure system. Mr. Brennan, according to a critical review in the Canberra Times, is a "disciple" who wants to revive Henry George.

Originally the reappraisements were set at 20-year intervals and it was at the close of the second of these long periods that officials made the discovery that some owners of residences, now old age pensioners, could be faced with land rentals as high as \$7 a week. Did this blow the leasehold system? Readers who have been searching for the total story on Australia's far-out capital will welcome this book when it reaches the U.S.

A "tomorrow obsessed" architect, Moshe Safdie, in a book entitled *Beyond Habitat*, repeatedly stresses the tax structure as the culprit impeding the environment. He says, "an environmental bill of rights" should include increased taxes to discourage vacant land and open parking lots.

### *Gifts For New York Headquarters*

Phyllis Post, noted artist and writer, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson Post and grand-daughter of Louis F. Post, has honored the Henry George School with significant gifts. A study in profile of Louis F. Post gives an indication of the strength and character for which he is remembered. Even more prized is a portrait of Henry George by Charles Johnson Post, whose celebrated paintings are now in the U.S. Library of Congress. This portrait will adorn the trustees' room in the HGS in New York. The school library gratefully acknowledges the gift of three bound sets of *The Standard* for 1891 and 1892, and a rare edition of Louis F. Post's syllabus of *Progress and Poverty*.

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The Los Angeles HGS last year began making a direct appeal to high school students and about 300 completed the basic program. Many are continuing with advanced work this year and some 250 are pursuing the study. A history course of special interest is being given in Hollywood by John Wiggins and Harry Polard. It emphasizes the effect of economic pressures on the country.