

law passed in November 1959, are free to levy their local taxes wholly or partly on land values. Dr. Brown fulfilled many speaking engagements in the state last year, explaining why municipalities should avail themselves of the powers the law grants. He is conferring with Mayors and city councils.

Texas and Taxes. The district court house, New Braunfels — "the temple of justice" — was the scene of a public meeting called early last month by **Judge John R. Fuchs.** Its object? "For all of us to avail ourselves of our inalienable Right of Petition, as recognised in Section 27, Article I of the Texas Constitution, known as the Texas Bill of Rights. For all of us to petition the legislature to adopt a sound and just tax system, one that will encourage thrift, initiative, industry and free enterprise, a system that will restore to the people what belongs to them and leave to the individual what belongs to him."

Also in Texas there appeared the previous day the first issue of *The Contender*, "a weekly news analysis magazine." In a pre-publication manifesto, editor **Charles Sherwood** wrote: "Since we will contend for Truth, Justice and Freedom as the purpose of our existence we will try to take Truth where we may find it, Justice as it is unfolded, and Freedom within the

rights of others . . . I believe no writer has so ably pointed a course of action that will lead to the abolition of those things in our society that are detrimental to all of us, as has the well known author of *Progress and Poverty*, Henry George." It is hoped quickly to achieve a 32-page weekly issue and later to double this. *The Contender's* address is: 713 Majestic Building, San Antonio 5, Texas. The first thousand annual subscriptions are offered at \$15.00, the next 1,000 at \$17.50.

Yorkshire Liberal Federation, at a One Day Assembly in Leeds, December 3, adopted a resolution reaffirming support for the Taxation and Rating of Land Values, "a reform long overdue and much needed at the present time". Moved by **Mr. Ashley Mitchell**, President, and seconded by **Mr. John G. Walker**, the resolution declared: "(1) that the new tax should enable significant reductions to be made in existing tax impositions which rob the citizen of the fruit of his labour; (2) that the present complicated and absurd system of local rating should be swept away and replaced by a rate based upon site values, so freeing building and improvements from burdens that discourage enterprise and obstruct housing development; (3) that the tax and rate together would enable the public to reap the benefits derived from land values created by the community."



**NO. 4. — WHO'S WHO IN THE
RATING REFORM CAMPAIGN**

Mr. W. HARTLEY BOLTON

Representative for Dorchester and District

unemployed juveniles and as a W.E.A. tutor for many years, teaching Economics and allied subjects he came in touch with workers engaged in all kinds of industries.

His interest in Land Values dates from the time when he met F. R. Jones, Secretary of the Liverpool League for the Taxation of Land Values, on a wrestling mat in the Liverpool Weight Lifting and Wrestling Gymnasium. They became staunch life-long friends.

W. Hartley Bolton is a delegate of the Universal Esperanto Association, a vegetarian and a positivist. He belongs to no political party.

His publications include a work on the position of world Positivism in 1929 (French and English), pamphlets on the causes of war, articles and letters on the Taxation of Land Values.

He was a chairman at the Fourth International Conference to promote Land Values and Free Trade, Edinburgh 1929, since when he has addressed innumerable public meetings on these subjects.

He retired on the 31st December, 1960 and is now looking forward to devoting more time to the propaganda of what he considers the most important cause of all: the Taxation of Land Values.

Graduated (B.A.), University of Liverpool. During the first World War served as Chief Clerk in the North Western Regional Headquarters of the Ministry of National Service under Sir Auckland Geddes and later qualified as Army Educational Instructor.

Professionally a teacher, he has taught in most types of school. As a headmaster of a Junior Instruction Centre on the Merseyside he had the unique opportunity of studying the problems confronting