

HENRY GEORGE SCHOOL

The first term of economic study classes for year 1956 will commence during the third week in January and publicity arrangements are now in hand. A special effort is being made in the New Year to recruit more students by recommendation, for not only is this a less costly method of attracting students but it offers an ever-increasing field for expansion. Readers of *LAND & LIBERTY* are invited to co-operate by sending the names and addresses of potential students.

Following on the International Conference, Mr. David A. MacMurchie, of Dundee, with the assistance of Mr. J. L. Geddes, is exploring the possibility of starting a class in his area. From Vienna comes news of a similar venture on the part of Mr. Carl Shaw who will be assisted by Mr. Knab. Support is being given by Headquarters, who are supplying all textbooks and class material. We hope to be reporting the progress of these new classes in the near future.

Other activities. End of term lectures have been arranged for the branches in the London area, and Mr. V. H. Blundell will be addressing the classes on "Persistent Fallacies in Economic Thought." Opportunity is taken at these final meetings of the sessions to give new students some idea of the background of the work of the School and to invite them to participate in its expansion.

EGG MONOPOLY

On Thursday, November 3, Mr. James Walters addressed a meeting of students at Church House, Westminster, on the subject "Monopoly in the Making," dealing mainly with the proposal to set up an Egg Marketing Board to control the buying and selling of eggs, the Board to have statutory powers to enforce its decrees. Mr. Walters, who is Vice-President of the Cheap Food League, also referred to the Fish Monopoly and to the evil results of the recently-established Marketing Scheme for Potatoes. "The Egg Marketing Scheme can yet be stopped," said Mr. Walters. "All that is required is a stream of protests, which may be made by anyone concerned, this may well have the effect of strangling the scheme at its birth for each complainant is entitled to a hearing at a formal enquiry."

LECTURE ON AFRICA

The first monthly meeting to be held in the New Year will be on Thursday, January 5, at Church House. Mr. Sam Ntiro, of the Capricorn Africa Society, will speak on "The Problems in Africa." Mr. Ntiro is the author of the book, "New Hope in Africa," recently reviewed in the press.

The School has received a number of applications from Ireland for enrolment in its Correspondence Course. These contacts are in addition to those already made with the New York School and result from Mr. Norman Casserley's publicity and goodwill tour of the world. He is the International Secretary of the American School and is at present visiting the Middle East.

Report from Portsmouth tells of continued activity in class work on the part of Messrs. A. H. Stoakes and H. R. Lee. Their room in the Foresters Hall is kept open throughout the year. Associated with this work are Messrs. F. Miller and P. Satterthwaite.

GRAND CHRISTMAS PARTY

FOR STUDENTS AND READERS

Readers of *LAND & LIBERTY* are invited to attend the School's annual party, to be held at the Portcullis Theatre, Monck Street, Westminster, on Saturday, December 10, from 5.30 p.m. The programme includes a Stage Show, and Ballroom and Square Dancing. Admission including buffet supper is 5s. 0d. Music by Ted Leggett's Trio. Master of Ceremonies—John Bennett. Tickets are now available.

NOTES AND NEWS

On the initiative of past students of the Henry George School, two new branches of the Land-Value Taxation League have been formed. They are at Palmers Green, London (Hon. Secretary: Mr. Reginald Smith), and Welling, Kent (Hon. Secretary: Mr. N. W. Foster).

AN ECHO OF ST. ANDREWS

The current issue of *The Free Trader* reprints in full the text of Mr. Victor Saldji's conference paper, *New Light on Richard Cobden and the Land Question*.

A MILLION POUND SITE

The site of the Imperial Institute building at South Kensington which is held on a 999 year lease from the Royal Commissioners for the 1851 Exhibition is estimated to be worth £1 million according to a *Daily Telegraph* report, September 12. The site area is not stated, but reference to a six-inch scale map shows it to cover approximately ten acres.

MALAYAN LAND SOARS IN VALUE

Land in the Muar region of Johore, Malaya, where columbite has been found, has jumped in value. Areas planted with old and badly tapped rubber trees have become worth ten times their original value overnight.—*City Press*, January 21.

THREE CENTURIES AGO

In a report of a conference on small-scale farming published by the Caribbean Commission there appears this instance of a fantastic rise in land values which occurred in Barbados three hundred years ago: "A plantation of 500 acres which was sold for £400 in 1640 fetched £7,000 for half a share eight years later." The report from which this item is culled is described by our correspondent, Dr. H. Martin-Leake, as bulky and utterly futile. "The Conference sat for ten days producing only words collecting data instead of doing something. That is where the tax-payers' money goes!"

MUNICIPAL AIRPORT TO BE SOLD

Blackpool County Borough Council at its next meeting will be recommended to accept a government offer of £202,000 for the municipally-owned Squires Gate airport. In 1935 the council paid £175,000 for the 380 acre site which now incorporates the Hawker aircraft factory. Under the proposed deal the corporation would retain 79 acres which include playing fields.—*Municipal Journal*, October 21.

In reply to a parliamentary question in November, 1937, it was revealed that the Blackpool Corporation had agreed provisionally to acquire 167 acres of agricultural land at Lytham at a cost of £280 per acre to extend this airport. The owners were to have received £46,760 for land in respect of which there had not been a single penny contribution in the way of local rates. The air is free, but before a single plane could take off tribute had to be paid to those who own the surface of the earth.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BILLS

Among the Private Members' Bill read the first time on November 9 and ordered to be printed were the *Industrial Rating Bill*, presented by J. A. Sparks (Lab., Acton), to

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