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"LET no man imagine that he has no influence. Whoever he may be and wherever he may be placed, the man who THINKS becomes a light and a power."
—Henry George

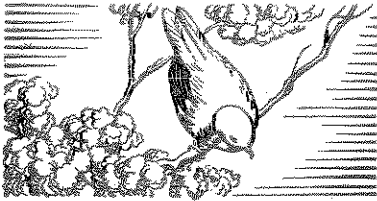
"THE great work of the present for every man, and every organization of men, who would improve social conditions, is the work of education."
—Henry George

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May Radio Broadcasts

The School's weekly radio program, "Events and You," broadcast each Friday evening at 7:30 over KFWB, 980 kilocycles, will conclude the spring season, as planned, with the last Friday in May, and will go on the air again in the fall.

On May 6 Councilman Edward R. Roybal was interviewed on current issues before the City Council. (Mr. Roybal, by the way, was the only member of the Council to vote against the increase in the City Sales Tax a year ago).

On May 13 Dr. Glenn E. Hoover, member of the Oakland City Council, and Chairman Emeritus of the Dept. of Economics and Sociology at Mills College, is being interviewed on local, state-wide, and international problems.

On May 20 the guests will be Kathleen Norris, famed novelist, and her brother, Joseph S. Thompson, San Francisco industrialist, and President of the Federal Pac. Elec. Co., with offices from coast to coast. They will discuss Henry George, his writings, and the practical value today of his principles.

On May 27 the guest will be Harlan Trott, San Francisco correspondent for the Christian Science Monitor, who will report on his recent trip to Denmark, the results of the Danish application of land value taxation, and compare and contrast conditions in Denmark and California.

Contributions to the radio fund are still welcomed, and each dollar is still worth \$2.00, the other dollar being furnished by the New York Headquarters on a matching basis.

Don't forget - KFWB at 7:30 p.m. Friday!

Bessie Truehart to Review New H.G. Biography at S.A.G.E. Meeting Fri., May 27th

The new biography, HENRY GEORGE, by Prof. Charles A. Barker, just published by the Oxford University Press, will be reviewed by Mrs. Bessie Beach Truehart at the meeting of S.A.G.E. on Friday evening, May 27, at the Premiere Cafeteria, 3716 Wilshire Blvd., according to F. Herbert Thompson, President of S.A.G.E. Prof. Barker has been twenty years writing this book, and it is being widely acclaimed. You'll want to hear this review!

Get your tray of food any time from 6:30 p.m. on, and take it to the balcony, where there will be a cashier. There is a 50¢ per plate minimum charge, with dinners averaging \$1.00 to \$1.25. Free parking in rear of cafeteria, off of Oxford or Serrano. Front door closes at 8 p.m. The group will listen to the broadcast at 7:30.

Bunker Hill Redevelopment Program Seen as Aid to Landholders

Landowners stand to gain several ways from the Bunker Hill Redevelopment Program, if it goes thru. \$337,000 of Federal funds has already been allocated for study, and all the Council needs to do is to request an additional \$33 million from Uncle Sam to clear the old buildings off the land, and vote \$7 million of City funds for street improvements, etc. This would come to over \$40 million, and all the City expects to realize from selling it back to private parties is \$19 million. So there is a subsidy already of \$22 million to private interests, who would put up height limit, high class apartment bldgs.

Already land speculation is boosting the value of sites on the "hill." Bunker Hill residents noted, according to an item in the Hollywood Advertiser of May 8, that the price paid for lots by one investor who bought several rose from \$4.50 per square foot for the first one to \$13.50 for the last one.

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The Feb.-March issue of LAND AND LIBERTY brings news that

"Down Under"

one of the most populous counties in New Zealand, adopted land value taxation, with the exemption of improvements, by an overwhelming majority of five to one!

The March issue of PROGRESS reports that there will be a record number of local elections to adopt exclusive land value taxation in Victoria (Australia) this year.

According to an article by Harlan Trot in the CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR of March 4, Denmark's

Denmark Prosper-ing Under L.V.T.

partial application of land value taxation has worked so well that today 94% of her 200,000 farmers own their own farms! The U.S. ranks second, with 64%. Mr. Trot draws a parallel between Denmark's system and that in California's irrigation districts. He says:

The Danes did it (transformed the vast wasteland of bleak Jutland into fruitful farms) with the same tax principles the people of the Central Valley (in California) used to make Modesto and Turlock perhaps the richest farming areas in the world... by taxing the value of benefited land and not the buildings, orchards, irrigation ditches, and other improvements. The Danes adopted a... system that made it unprofitable to hold land idle... (they) taxed people into business instead of out of business."

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However, according to an article in the Westlake Post of Apr. 7, the ones to be benefited most are perhaps the owners of downtown sites in the shopping area, where recent assessment figures show, for example, an average drop in assessed valuation of 30% for the west side of Broadway, between 4th and 7th Sts. Owners of these and adjacent sites expect that the general improvement of the Bunker Hill neighborhood, with the thousands of higher income customers it would bring in, would tend to offset this trend, caused by competition of neighborhood shopping centers. However, these landholders are not being asked to help bear the expense of redeveloping the land.

Tape Recorder Needed

Your School would appreciate the indefinite loan, gift, or sale at a "bargain" price of a tape recorder that can play at 7½ inches per second, to listen to tapes made for the radio broadcasts.

Two Agencies to Attend Internation-
al Conference
in Scotland in
August

Robert C. Bryant and Bill Truehart are slated to attend the Conference of the International Union for Land Value Taxation and Free Trade at St. Andrews, Scotland, Aug. 14-20. Special contributions from a few generous friends have made it possible for your director to go. Anyone interested in attending can get information from L.A. Headquarters.

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