



Newsletters

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TEMPTUS FUGIT and here it is fall! We're consolidating Newsletters to bring you up to date on School activities, which have been many.

MONTHLY SEMINARS At last! We now run regular monthly seminars to which anyone can come and hear the rudiments of George's economics in one evening. A lecture with visual aids is presented, followed by questions and discussion. They're held the last Friday of every month in the classroom at the Delancey St. Foundation, 2563 Divisadero St. at Pacific S.F. at 7 PM. A \$1 donation is asked. Plenty of literature is also available. If you're in the vicinity, come and bring a friend! These seminars started in May and will continue as an ongoing School project.

GRADUATION DINNER for our winter term grads was held May 9 at the Berkeley home of Barbara and Don Rivenes. Guest speaker was Professor Phil Leveen of U.C. Berkeley, who spoke on "Land Value Taxation and Community Land Use Decisions." On July 25 we honored graduates from the spring term classes at a picnic in Golden Gate Park. Los Angeles attorney Stan Sepiro delivered a film talk on his political experiences as a Georgist.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE HELD HERE Georjists from around the country gathered at the University of San Francisco for our 2-day National Conference July 2 and 3. At the suggestion of the New York School's President, Mr. Glenn Weeks, we had 3 "open microphone" sessions to discuss goals & methods of the School; research; and organization of the schools. The following resolutions were passed by a majority of those attending the Saturday morning wrap-up session: 1) "That the New York School's Board of Trustees is requested to move toward a more open, democratic and larger membership, if legally possible" (introduced by Lloyd Morrow) 2)

"That the NY School see itself as the center of a national Georjist educational movement and fund schools around the country and in Canada" (Cathy Covell) 3) "That all Henry George Schools and Georjist foundations should publish an annual report with a complete financial statement" (Covell) 4) "That the NY School should determine whether George was original in correlating the laws of wages and interest with Ricardo's law of rent and should make that information public" (Noah Alper) and 5) "That the NY School should channel its funds more into the areas of popularization and teaching and away from a heavy reliance on research." (Terry Newland) Complete transcripts of the 3 sessions (Friday morning, Friday afternoon, and Saturday morning) are available from the S.F. School at \$5 per session, \$15 for all 3. The Conference was presided by a lovely and lively cocktail party at the Pacific Heights home of Bill Devoy, and ended with the Saturday night banquet cosponsored with IEAF. We thank all those who attended and

participated, and the many fine people locally who helped with organizing, car pools, the party, literature, etc.

FALL CLASSES 11 in Progress & Poverty opened around the Bay Area the week of September 20. 4 advanced courses were also scheduled; 2 in Land Reform, 1 in Current Events, and 1 in World Trade and Social Problems. The term's opening was preceded by the September 11 Teachers Institute at Bay View Savings, at which Mr. John Monroe presented a clear and useful demonstration of the mathematics principles involved in land value taxation.

HENRY GEORGE BIRTHDAY - BIG RALLY! We turned out in force at S.F.'s Union Square September 2 to commemorate this important day which coincides with Labor Day. A group of about 15 marched to the Square from the School office carrying colorful signs and balloons and singing "This Land Is Your Land." Speeches were made by Robert Elderman, Charles Cameron MacSwan, Terry Newland, and Cathy Covell; also by Ray Cunningham from the Libertarian Party and by a representative from Delancey St. Proclamations by Mayor George Moscone and by the S.F. Board of Supervisors in honor of Henry George were read, as well as messages of support from columnist Guy Wright, San Diego Councilman Floyd Morrow, California Assemblyman Willie Brown, S.F. Sheriff Richard Hongisto, and the Calif. Prisoners' Union. A skit was performed based on the theme of 4 astronauts colonizing Mars and discovering that 1 of them held title to that planet. The other 3 became his virtual slaves, and a revolution was impending until the group flashed on Henry George and decided to try his system of collecting the rent for their new society. The actors were: Dee Spleker, Frank Roff, Mitch Chanellis, Cathy Covell, and Charles Turner. To top the day off, Charlie MacSwan (in full Scottish Highland regalia) treated us to some wonderful bagpipe music, including the Irish National Anthem!

POPULAR COLUMNIST ENDORSES LVF On Sept. 3, the day after the EG Day Rally, Herb Caen, the widely-read S.F. Chronicle columnist wrote this: (preceded by items about property tax assessments) "...Of course assessed valuations keep going up, but is that not the way of the world? (I will now get another batch of material from the Henry George Single Taxers, whose leader, that late great San Franciscan, argued that only land itself should be taxed, and I concur)..."

HENRY GEORGE DEMOCRATIC CLUB The Union Square celebration was cosponsored by the newly-formed EG Democratic Club as one of its first activities. The Club came together due to the inspiration and hard work of Ms. Pat Marcus, who has been active in political organizing for several years. Many School Graduates are already members,

and it is hoped that many more will join. The Club is in the process of affiliating with the County Democratic Council, and is preparing a simple presentation of George's ideas for other Democratic clubs, along with attempting to work out a position on today's property tax. The Club meets the second Monday evenings of each month at the S.F. Federal Savings Community Rm. at Chestnut and Pierce Sts in S.F. More information can be obtained from its Secretary, Mr. Wendell Fitzgerald, 3881-21st St. S.F. CA 94114. Welcome to this new grassroots organization committed to Georgist action. And next -- a Henry George Republican Club??

RECENT SPEECHES Requests for speakers on George are received frequently. On May 17 Cathy spoke to a social studies class at Ygnacio Valley High School in Concord. Terry Newland organized 2 noontime lectures at the Metaphysical Center on Sutter St. July 23 and Sept. 17; these were designed especially for working people to attend during their lunch hour. Terry spoke on Sept. 14 to the Center for Religion, Education and Society in San Mateo. Cathy & Terry were panelists at the Fresno Conference on Land and the Human Community the weekend of Oct. 15-16.

MEDIA Terry's Community Relations efforts this past summer were directed toward the media, and they paid off. He was the guest on a 90 min. talk show on **RAY** radio May 23. He filmed an editorial response for Channel 5 TV that was aired May 27 and 29. K101 radio's Sherry Hue interviewed Terry on a half-hour program Sept. 5. This was preceded by a week of daily short spots with selections from Progress & Poverty, the Single Tax Platform, etc. On Labor Day Terry was heard on National Public Radio speaking on Henry George and Labor. He is scheduled to be on Channel 44 TV for a half-hour live show on Tues. Nov. 9 at 11:30 AM. We hope that local friends will watch and write the station with your reactions.

ACADEMIC This fall, Terry has turned his attention to the college campuses, to which thousands of students are returning with intellectual vigor as yet undulled by hours of tedious lectures and bookful of superfluous verbiage! Besides setting up literature tables and chatting with students informally, Terry has been the guest lecturer at a number of economics classes. He spoke to Prof. John Bardaro's City College classes on Oct. 7 and 11; and to Prof. Joyce Shen's S.F. State class Oct. 14. He is scheduled to address Prof. Dick Bloomer's City College class Nov. 1 and to be at Prof. Marion Ross' Mills College class Nov. 16. Meanwhile, Terry has arranged 3 large campus-wide lectures at City College (Nov. 5) Mills College (Nov. 17) and S.F. State (Dec. 1). These each have economics dept. sponsorship and will be publicized by each college newspaper, by posters all over campus, and by flyer handouts that Terry will do during weeks prior to each lecture. Finally, indefatigable Terry has set up a series of 5 P&P classes at S.F. State through their Skills Exchange on Tues. evenings from Nov. 23 thru Dec. 21. It is our hope that student interest in George will proliferate and

bear fruit in more discussion, research, and action for economic justice.

NEW SCHOOL OFFICERS, ETC. New officers and members of the Board of Directors were elected in May and took office July 1. This year's complete Board is: Charles Turner, President; Pat Marcus, Vice President; Mary-Frances Smith, Secretary; Herbert Wienstedt, Treasurer; Ward Lamou, S.F. Branch Pres.; Ann Reeves, Marin Branch Pres.; Joe Casey, East Bay Branch Pres.; Nathalie Munk, Sacramento Branch Pres.; Leo Becker; Alfred Haldeen; Lu Helmly; Carl Niederer; Mary Raphael; Don Rivenes; Robert Roelofsen; Robert Tideman; Mike Trigg; & Edward Wachsman.

On June 1 we welcomed to the staff Ms. April Walton as S.F. office secretary. April is an artist; in the mornings she works with us and in the afternoons she makes and sells ceramics. We're delighted to have her with us!

In July the Board elected Charles MacSwan to the jury of the J. Rupert Mason Journalism contest, to succeed Assemblyman Willie Brown. Mr. MacSwan is a professional writer as well as a longtime Georgist. E. Robert Scrofani has consented to serve as jury chairman again this year.

The School's work promises to go forging ahead with all these fine people involved!

HOW DO WE DO IT? Seems like we keep adding new activities to the School: the monthly seminars started this year; the Union Square rally and other demonstrations; the increasing numbers of speeches, college lectures, and media appearances; Terry's Community Relations work. All this in addition to our regular classes each term, publishing the Analyst, running the Journalism contest, and keeping the office open to answer people's questions about George, etc. We do it all with a LOT of help from our friends -- people who become a member of the School by sending us a check to keep its work going on and expanding. Does this mean you? We hope so! If you're already a member we hope you'll renew promptly and send a supplemental contribution if possible. And if you're not, why not now? What better way to really help people get a chance to hear about some truly fundamental economic reforms? Do your bit. Every little bit adds up to the continuing economic enlightenment of the people, who alone have the real power to change things.

NEW MEMBERS in recent months are: Frank Roff, Rad Dewey, Jon Stedman, Mr. & Mrs. Donald Bongers, Mr. & Mrs. Gerry Shaw, Dee Spieker, Pat Marcus, Richard Dakin, Jerome Lang, Ray Cook, Ellen Wilson, Jess France, Michele Greenhill, Bob Norris, Ron Patterson, Allen Nelson, Gerald Johnson, Bob Kennedy, and C. Lowell Harriss. Welcome and thank you for your fine support.

TV. SHOW ON GEORGE BEING MADE A documentary film on George and the work of the School is now being made by Ms. Frances Miller of Marin County. She is filming interviews with several Georgists as well as filming some classes in session. The show will be aired on the community cablevision channel in Marin around the first of the year.

ANNUAL PANQUET will be held the week-end of Dec. 4-5. Save that date! Cathy Covell, Ed.