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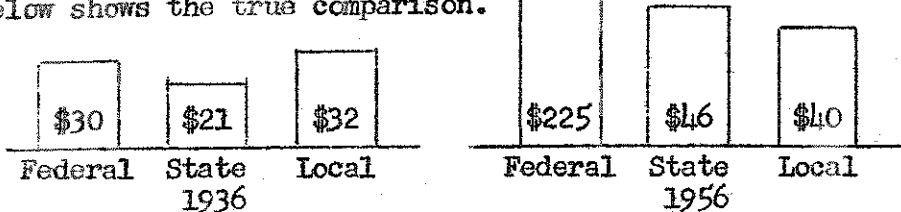
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## THE MOST FEATHERS WITH THE LEAST SQUAWK

An Associated Press story from New York, appearing in the local papers Oct. 26, reports federal, state and local tax collections, as determined by The Tax Foundation. The 1956 per capita tax bite is given as: Federal \$439, state \$90, local \$79. The corresponding figures for 20 years ago are given as \$30, \$21 and \$32 respectively.

The dollar is, of course, worth less today than it was in 1936—49 cents less, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Adjusting the current figures for this decline in dollar value they become: federal \$225, state \$46, local \$40. The chart below shows the true comparison.



By far the greatest increase has been imposed by the federal government, which levies no property tax. The states, some of which still tax land, show much less increase. The local governments, most of which tax land to a fair degree, show a very slight increase. The chart thus reveals a net shift of taxation from land values to labor and capital.

A recent report of the Commonwealth Club of California, "Indirect Factors in Government Cost", (25 cents from School Headquarters) points up a moral. Said the report: "The cost of a government is also affected by the nature of the taxes imposed...It is questionable that federal expenditures would continue at their present level if the federal government were financed in part by a locally collected property tax as it was on several occasions prior to 1862. Such a tax would confront Washington spenders with the same economy groups that watch over each tenth of a cent in the local property tax rate."

DR. GLENN HOOVER'S lecture at the School's conference in Bryn Mawr last July appeared in the September 1 issue of Vital Speeches of the Day--also in the September issue of The Henry George News, available at School Headquarters.

HERBERT PIRKNER, dedicated member of the School's faculty, passed on Oct. 19. His eagerness to serve the cause and his constructive spirit will be long remembered by his friends.

"FAIRHOPE, 1894-1954", A NEW BOOK published by the University of Alabama Press, tells the story of the Single Tax Colony in Fairhope, Alabama. It is an exciting story, revealing well the practical problems involved in such an endeavor. The authors, Paul and Blanche Alyea, are trained economists, Dr. Alyea being a professor of public finance at the University of Alabama. They present striking evidence of the success of the Fairhope Colony. The book is available from School Headquarters for \$4.50.

WILLIAM GREENBAUM, old friend of the School and chairman of the membership campaign last summer, has moved to New York, where he originally took the basic course. He will be missed.

107 STUDENTS ENROLLED in the eight classes sponsored by the San Francisco School this fall. A class was offered for the first time at Drake High School in San Anselmo. Four more classes were sponsored in the East Bay by the Oakland School.

IAN PASSMORE joined the teaching staff this fall, leading the class at Polytechnic High School. CHARLES MAC SWAN returned to the faculty this fall after an absence of several years.

YOU CAN HELP the cause and benefit yourself by becoming a member of the School. Membership is open to all graduates and friends. Ask for a membership application form.

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