

RECENT LUNCHROOM CHANGES

Yes, we have changed again. We changed almost as often as the Lore-Martha-Laura Matilda tea room changes its name. But the tea room remains at 90 King Street West and we have decided to remain with it. The private room proved very satisfactory to all present at the last lunch meeting. So don't forget to come to 90 King Street West at 1 o'clock, Thursday March the 18th.

STUDY CLASSES

MIDGET CLASSES: Toronto will be more famous than ever. Not content with the world's shallest official class of the Henry George School of Social Science, we now find that our city boasts two more Single Tax study classes of one member each. Mrs. Evelyn E. Barber has been conducting these two classes through "Progress and Poverty" and they are now considering what they will use the official "Progress and Poverty" Manual of the Henry George School. Think of having three "World's Well-Readers!" But we are so greedy we are not content with three. Why don't you start a Midget Class, if circumstances prevent a larger group? Have you a shut-in friend who is becoming bored by alternately reading novels and looking at the pattern on the wall paper? If so, he (or she) would probably welcome a study class once a week. Ask him (or her) and see!

SCHOOL'S CAREERS COURSE 68 CITIES: (REVIS) Statistics just compiled by John Lawrence Monro, Field Director of the Henry George School, show that the School is now established in sixty-six cities of the world. Sixty-one of the cities are in the United States. The remainder are in Canada, Australia, New Zealand and Mexico. These do not include the countries in which Georist groups are active. Georist groups for luncheon meetings. Among these countries are Portugal, the Irish Free State and South Africa. Since Oct. 1, 1935, when the School was established at headquarters, there have been 2,634 students enrolled in 191 classes. 51 classes have been held at headquarters, 140 at the extensions. There are now 30 instructors at headquarters and 62 extension instructors throughout the world. All volunteers their their services.

An interesting article in the January issue of the Chicago "Pioneer-Solo News," too long to quote verbatim, states that more than 1,800 students attended classes in the United States during the Fall semester. This T. S. Westro, missionary attached to the Mexican Mission of the Church of Christ, Monterey, Mexico, is translating the "Progress and Poverty" Manual into Spanish for use in Mexico and, when finished, will send a copy to Gerardo Kline of Lima, Peru, who has been supplied by headquarters with English teaching material in the meantime. That the first class in "Progress and Poverty" integrated into Labor education is opening under the auspices of the New York Printing Pressmen's Union, No. 51, and enthusiasm of the labor delegates at the sessions of the recent Kent George Congress indicates a large future for this phase of his work. That T. S. Westro of Milk River, Alberta, persisting in the face of all difficulties, launched a class which attracted several university students, and that when the Social Credit Group visited Alberta by General Cunningham, they failed to carry the localities in which students of the Henry George School had contested the doctrines of the Social Credit Group.

MORE POLITICAL EDUCATION

Last week we sent copies of Lester's "Poverty and Plenty" to all the Social Credit members of the Federal House at Ottawa. We have received very polite letters from four members of the Alberta legislature, including Premier Abernethy and the Minister of Agriculture, thanking us for copies of the same booklet previously sent to them.

WOULD YOU BELIEVE IT?

It required an atlas, a census, and a mathematician to convince us; but the population of the whole world will really go into the state of Texas, 10 to the acre and room to grow on left over. Yet some people think the world is over crowded!

WHO OWNS TORONTO?

Our Secretary, Mr. Owens, has the knack of finding important news concealed in acres of dry statistics. He has been digging recently in the latest report of the Toronto Assessment Commissioner and discovering that, although the population of our city has increased from 626,674 in 1932 to 635,271 in 1935, the number of people owning their own homes is decreasing by over a thousand a year. The exact figures are:

1932	--	65,860
1933	--	62,700
1934	--	61,572
1935	--	59,959

If this process continues at the same rate for the next fifty years, how many Toronto people will own their own homes in 1985?

PUBLICATION

HENRY GEORGE NEWS SERVICE: An important recent development is the Henry George News Service, under the editorship of Charles Erwood of New York. From all over the world, local correspondents will send information to the Service; and the News Service Sheet will be sent each week to all Extension Secretaries and Single Tax publications to be passed on to their graduate students and other readers. That a chance for our small publications to obtain first-hand international news! All articles taken from this source will be marked (HGNS).

NATION-WIDE BROADCAST: (HGNS) America's Town Meeting of the Air, a nation-wide radio broadcast under the auspices of the League for Political Education in cooperation with the National Broadcasting Company, has definitely decided to present a discussion of Henry George's practical proposals for permanent economic recovery on one of its programs this season, according to a spokesman for G. V. Denny, program moderator. Programs had been booked on other current questions for the next seven weeks (dating from Feb. 25) so an early date cannot be assigned. The program will probably be in the form of a debate, the spokesman said, and he expressed a personal preference for William H. McNair, Single Tax champion of Pittsburgh, as the Georgist advocate.

The spokesman said that hundreds of requests for an adequate presentation of Henry George's economic proposals are pouring into Mr. Denny's office. Many are from persons who have not been schooled in George's thought but whose interest, awakened by Georgist educational activities, was whetted by a reference to the work of America's greatest social philosopher during the discussion period that follows presentations. Many are from persons who, though not affiliated with the movement, have been influenced by contact with George's thought in school, college, or reading. Of over 1,000 letters received, some 100 or 10 per cent make this request, the official said. He declared this proportion to be an exceptionally large one, indicating widespread interest in this subject by the program's audience. Some of the letters are in the form of petitions with 15 or 20 signatures attached. Philadelphia, birthplace of George, sent 100 letters, well in one chunk revealing the amusing fact that even Philadelphians who are non-committal or opposed to George's specific proposals are fervently insistent upon his pre-eminence in economics and social philosophy.

NEW PAPER IN PITTSBURGH: (HGNS) A new addition to the ranks of papers allied with the Georgist cause is the Town Hall Crier, a weekly published by the employees of the City of Pittsburgh. "The paper is scheduled to carry all the news of the Pittsburgh Extension of the Henry George School of Social Science," Richard L. Howe, extension secretary, said. On the front page of the eight-page paper, a leading article, "Pittsburgh looks at the Single Tax" by Percy R. Williams, shares space with a reproduction of a letter to the editors from Mayor McNair, halting the appearance of the Town Hall Crier. The Mayor also contributes an article, "Must I Hater?" dealing with the tariff question. A complete schedule of classes, etc., of the Pittsburgh Extension of the School and a blank through which a prospective student can obtain information about the School are given prominent space.

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