

DAN BEARD SPONSOR OF SUFFERN EXTENSION

SUFFERN, N.Y. (HGNS) - Daniel Carter - "Dan" Beard, Honorary Vice President of the Boy Scouts of America, National Scout Commissioner and Chairman of the National Court of Honor, a friend of Henry George and a supporter of the Henry George School of Social Science, is a sponsor of the Suffern Extension of the Henry George School which will meet at the Suffern High School beginning Monday, April 26.

Walter Fairchild, a member of the faculty of the School is also one of the sponsors. For one whole year Mr. Fairchild covered a distance of 120 miles every week to conduct a class in Middletown, New York.

The other sponsors are Henry P. McKenny, Ralph Borsodi and Antoinette Kaufmann Wambaugh, formerly executive secretary of the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation.

In a letter to John L. Monroe, Field Director of the Henry George School, Mr. Beard said, "I know of no one who had a better understanding of political economy than the late Henry George, and no one has yet suggested as just and equitable a method of taxation as that to be found in the pages of Progress and Poverty. At no time in the history of this country could such a school be established with more advantage than the present for the study of the single tax".

PREMIER OF ALBERTA ADVISED TO NATIONALIZE LAND

TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA (HGNS) - Herbert J. Owens, Secretary of the Single Tax Association of Canada recently submitted to the Premier of Alberta, Wm. Aberhard, a proposal to discard the experiment in Social Credit which has placed him in such a serious financial predicament that he has been forced to appeal for help to the Federal Government, and save his administration, and put the Province on its own feet, by enacting legislation to nationalize the land and collect for the expenses of government the only true social dividend, the unearned increment of land values.

EXPANSION OF SCHOOL MOVEMENT TO BE REVIEWED IN LAND AND LIBERTY

NEW YORK (HGNS) - The next issue of Land and Liberty will carry a review of the growth of the Henry George School of Social Science and its expansion to extensions all over the world. A thumbnail sketch of the history of the Henry George Fellowship will appear at the same time.

NUEVA ARGENTINA TO BE ISSUED SEMI-MONTHLY

BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA (HGNS) - Nueva Argentina, monthly Georgist review, has adopted the format of a standard-sized daily newspaper so that it can shortly be issued fortnightly. The supporters of the paper intend to turn it into a weekly before the end of this year, the editors announced.

The paper, whose high literary and scientific standards have attracted wide attention here, in its ninth number had achieved a circulation of 7,500. Felipe Rodas writes the leading editorial in the current number, on "The Disillusionment of Andre Gide" with the Stalinist dictatorship in Soviet Russia.

Another featured article is by Professor C. Villalobos Dominguez on "Public Hygiene and Spurious Capital", in which the well-known Georgist theoretician develops George's ideas on the financing of public welfare agencies.

The issue also contains a translation into Spanish of Frank McEachran's notable address before the 1936 International Congress for Land Value Taxation in London, "George and Marx."

LAWSON PURDY LECTURES BEFORE NEW YORK CHAPTER

NEW YORK, (HGNS) - Zoning and other regulation of the uses of land are destined to become of much greater importance when economic freedom and its corollary, tax reform, is achieved. Lawson Purdy, a pioneer in regional planning and noted authority on public finance, declared in a recent lecture before the New York Chapter of the Henry George Fellowship, meeting at the national headquarters of the Henry George School, 211 West 79th Street.

Mr. Purdy, former president of the Board of Taxes and Assessments of the City of New York, pointed out that city planning provided for the orderly development of urban land and, if the present obsolete form of real estate taxation did not obtain, would help to produce the beautiful symmetry in land utilization that is sometimes seen in the provinces. He described the long struggle by which pioneers in city planning introduced zoning to New York. A large group of members and non-members attended the lecture.

MODERN LIBRARY ISSUES POPULAR EDITION OF WEALTH OF NATIONS

NEW YORK, (HGNS) - Adam Smith's classic, "An Inquiry Into the Nature and Causes of the Wealth of Nations", which exerted an important influence on the work of Henry George, has just been issued in a popular priced edition by the Modern Library.

The edition is the one edited by Edwin Cannan, which is declared by Wesley Clair Mitchell to be superior even to the last edition which Adam Smith saw through the press himself. There is an introduction by Max Lerner.

"LAND VALUE TAXATION BOON TO HOUSING" says EDITOR OF AMERICAN CITY.

NEW YORK, (HGNS) - Acceptance of tax fundamentals which are ignored in the present system of real estate taxation and which demand increase in land value taxes and reduction in the levy upon improvements, "would make many of our housing problems much easier of solution", Harold S. Buttonheim, editor of The American City, says in an editorial in the April issue.

"The American City believes that it is high time that our State and local legislative bodies began to consider tax fundamentals", Mr. Buttonheim writes.

"The two most rational theories of taxation in a democracy are the 'ability to pay' principle and the 'benefits received' principle. In a scientific system of real estate taxation these two theories can be combined, with maximum justice to the taxpayers, as the major source of revenues for local governments."

"Such a system will involve some differentiation in tax rates between the two elements in real estate - land and improvements. It is the price of land and not the cost of buildings that reflects such community expenditures as police and fire protection, street construction and maintenance, sewage and waste disposal, public education and recreation, and most of the other purposes for which municipal revenues are spent."

"To the extent that the community does not recover in taxes the value of the benefits thus conferred on landowners, such benefits are capitalized by the holders in higher land prices."

"Prominently, therefore, the 'benefits received' principle applies to land values and its more general application would have the wholesome effect of keeping land prices down and thus of facilitating the acquisition of land for low-rent housing and slum reclamation projects."

"The taxation of improvements, however, works just the other way; for the higher the taxes imposed on homes and apartments, the more difficult it is to provide accommodations at rents which families of low income can afford to pay."

Mr. Buttonheim, president of the Tax Policy League, is an authority on public finance.

SOCIALIST HOLDS FARM PROBLEM IS A LAND PROBLEM.

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA. (HGNS) - Declaring that "There was more of the land speculator than the farmer in the average homesteader", Oscar Ameringer, Socialist leader and editor of the American Guardian, widely read Marxist weekly, says in a featured editorial in his paper of March 19 that "the real solution of America's farm problem lies in the solution of the land problem."

Criticizing New Deal resettlement measures, he says: "Neither farm leaders, farm statesmen nor the farmers themselves seem to realize that the real trouble of American agriculture has its seat in the form of land tenure. Only one spokesman of the American farmers, Herbert Quick, the Single Taxer, author and a farming farmer himself, laid his finger on the bleeding wound (of speculation in land values) in his book, 'The Real Trouble With The American Farmer', published in 1924. A book that is is valuable today as it was then."