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HENRY GEORGE SCHOOL GRADUATES LAUD COURSES AT COMMENCEMENT DINNER

New York (HGNS) - The basic course in fundamental economics and social philosophy, given at national headquarters of the Henry George School of Social Science, 211 West Seventy-ninth Street, stimulates clear thinking on economic problems and provides the answers of many of the social questions which today are troubling the world, a group of recent graduates agreed.

Members of the group, representing the opinion of their fellow-students, spoke at the fifth annual commencement dinner of the school, held under the auspices of the New York Chapter of the Henry George Fellowship at Leeds Restaurant, 25 West 40th Street, Jan. 8. Arthur H. Vetterman, president of the Chapter, presided. More than 150 persons attended.

O. K. Dorn, acting director, who presented the graduates, expressed to them the obligation which the supporters of the school feel to them for the painstaking effort they applied to their studies and expressed the hope that they would continue them. About 250 students were represented by the student speakers, who were: Arnold Boros, Mac Edds, Morris Forkosch, Chas. E. Martin, Wm. J. Tait, Sidney Tobias, Teresa McCarthy, Isobelle McNeeley, Carla Pearsall.

Mr. Vetterman and other speakers paid tribute to Mr. Dorn, to John Lawrence Monroe, field director, Frank Chodorov, controller, Anna George de Mille, president of the board of trustees, the trustees, the instructors and the supporters of the school, all of whom, by earnest effort and much sacrifice, were making possible its phenomenal growth, he said.

Mrs. de Mille, daughter of Henry George, urged the students to crusade for their social ideals, pointing out that the rewards of sacrifices for the well-being of their fellow-men would attend them throughout their lives.

Lancaster M. Greene, trustee and member of the faculty at national headquarters, paid tribute to the aid of the late Charles O'Connor Hennessy in founding the British section of the school, which, he said, is making a record comparable to the parent section. More and more business men are turning to the school for light on economic problems, a phenomenon which is being shown in the large proportion of business men enrolling for the Spring session, he said.

Mr. Greene urged the students to continue their education as readers of Land and Freedom, the international record of Georgist progress, edited by Joseph Dana Miller, a trustee of the School and from the first, one of its outstanding supporters.

Walter Fairchild, tax authority and member of the faculty at national headquarters, expressed pride in the fact that he, too, was a graduate of the school, having attended its sessions in the first year when the late Oscar Geiger established the institution, and chided members of the school staff who omitted from his name the star denoting instructors who graduated in a recent circular.

"I earned my star, I'm proud of my star and I want my star," he said.

Harry Weinberger, noted New York attorney, who was scheduled to speak, was called to California on a law case. However, he sent a message through his nephew, Harold Weinberger, pointing out that on his travels to the west coast he saw in every town the slums, the shanty towns and other marks of poverty which cried aloud for abolition by the Georgist program.

A feature of the dinner was the presence of Norman C. B. Fowles, former director of the school, who had been absent since illness forced him to retire from its direction. Mr. Fowles expressed his pleasure at the work of associates who closed the ranks when illness, from which he is happily recovering, felled him.

Will Lissner, vice president of the chapter, declared that only by combatting economic illiteracy by teaching the whole social philosophy of Henry George could the current trend toward collectivism, communism or fascism be reversed.

"Experience has shown that the only way we can do this is through this Henry George School of ours," he said. "There is no substitute, no shorter route."

ASSOCIATION TO STUDY TAXATION AND HOUSING PROBLEMS

New York (HGNS) - Announcement of the reorganization of the American Association for Scientific Taxation, of which Charles T. Root is president, was made by Walter Fairchild, counsel of the organization, Jan. 8, at the commencement dinner of national headquarters of the Henry George School of Social Science.

"The association aims to be the 'pragmatic arm' of the movement," Mr. Fairchild said. "The movement needs an agency equipped with data on the relation of the land question to slum clearance, housing and other practical questions, capable of presenting these matters before Boards of Estimate, hearings of the Tenement House Departments and other forums. We will welcome the cooperation of anyone interested in this field."

Under the auspices of the association, Mr. Fairchild has directed significant studies in the distribution of the municipal tax on improvements and its relation to budget-making and upon similar questions. A noted New York lawyer, he is an authority on taxation and land titles.

FOUNDERS OF FAIRHOPE COLONY HONORED

Fairhope, Ala. (HGNS) - In a sermon delivered on Sunday, December 13, the Rev. Burton L. Hoffman, pastor of the Christian Church paid tribute to the founders of the Fairhope Single Tax Colony, and particularly to the guest of honor, Ernest B. Gaston, editor of the Fairhope Courier, who led the first group to land here almost half a century ago. Mr. Gaston has been secretary of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation for more than forty years and has done much to make the hopes and efforts of those early settlers to bear fruit. "Through him we honor all the pioneers of this community, both living and dead," said Mr. Hoffman.

He drew a parallel between the biblical experiences of Abraham, his trials and tribulations in the land to which he migrated, and the legal, social and political difficulties which taxed the fortitude of the leaders and retarded the progress of the Fairhope enterprise in its early days.

"The pioneers of the Fairhope Single Tax Colony were seeking an opportunity to demonstrate that men could be brothers in fact as well as in theory, and that land could be used to build men, not empires," he declared.

PRESIDENT CARDENAS ENDS ECONOMIC POWER OF LARGE LANDOWNERS IN MONTEREY

MEXICO CITY, MEX. (HGNS) - The end of the economic power of the large landowners of Monterey over the government is seen with the breaking up of the huge estates, according to an American Press's dispatch quoted in the Fairhope Courier.

The vast agricultural plantations are being parceled out among hundreds of agrarians under the personal supervision of President Lazaro Cardenas, says the dispatch.