

Henry George School of Social Science

Edwin Ross, who had been occupying the position of Assistant Director at headquarters, has been transferred to Philadelphia, where he is now serving as Field Director, in the same capacity as John Lawrence Monroe in Chicago, and Teresa McCarthy in New Jersey. Plans are under way to incorporate the Henry George School of Philadelphia under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania.

At headquarters, the new Assistant Director is Miss Margaret Bateman, of Montreal, Canada. Miss Bateman considers her stay at the School a period of training, after which she will return to Canada to apply the experience she has gained to the Canadian School of Economic Science, thus following the precedent of the other Field Directors. The lady from Canada has won every one with her charm. Miss Bateman was formerly a sales promotion manager for Standard Brands. She is also one of the Directors of the Montreal School of Economic Science. A few years ago Miss Bateman toured Europe. She was especially impressed by the Folk Schools of Denmark, and it is her ambition to establish similar schools in Canada. She believes that such a venture would do much to stimulate interest in Georgeist philosophy, as indeed it has done in Denmark.

A new procedure has been adopted in the schedule of the courses in Fundamental Economics. A fifteen-week semester will start afresh every month. The classes are being staggered so that people who have missed the first two weeks of one semester will not have to wait thirteen weeks to enroll. There were about 1000 enrollments for the February classes in Fundamental Economics and 500 for the advanced courses. Mr. Paul Peach has started a class in Mathematical Statistics. He hopes to prepare his students to cope with statistical problems. About 350 enrolled for the March course. Another semester started the week of April 7th.

BERKELEY, CALIF.

Miss Helen D. Denbigh, co-leader with Miss Grace Johnston of the Berkeley Henry George School, sends us the following charming account of "A School Day Outdoors, in California":

The East Bay Extension of the Henry George School had finished all the work connected with its classes, and there was to be a short interval before the work of organizing new classes began. Miss Grace Johnston invited a little group of workers in the cause to join her in a trip along the open road, in her new Pontiac. We went by way of Berkeley over the Carquinez Bridge to the rapidly growing town of Vallejo (with the Mare Island Navy Yard at its left); then we passed through the lovely vineyard country of the Napa Valley, with its wineries and quaint houses.

About noon we arrived in Calistoga, and after lunch, set off for Healdsburg and the Russian River with its great redwoods, standing in peaceful majesty, with their towering trunks feathered by soft greenery toward the top. The Russian River is so named because

of an attempt by Russians early in California's history to found a fur-trading colony. Their fort built at Ross still stands. We followed the river's winding turns through lovely country to its mouth at Jenner. There, at sunset, we saw the fresh water meet the salt ocean on the sand bar at the river's end. Great broken earthy islets stand out from the shore. Headlands such as these are frequent on this comparatively gentle Pacific Coast.

We hurried home along the shore as night fell, passing the fishing villages and the home-coming boats, and watching lights appear in homes. A glorious day we had, spent in goodly company.

"I think our movement needs a spiritual home, and I think that home should be the School," said Oscar Geiger, on just such a lovely outdoor day spent at Mahwah River in Suffern, New York, with students and friends of the School, in June 1934. "Fellowship grows by association," said John Lawrence Monroe to me once. The interchange of ideas and companionship on such a day as this, we've found, brings forth good fruit in the working days that follow.

Manhattan Single Tax Club

President Ingersoll is chairman of a committee of four, including himself, John H. Allen, Alfred N. Chandler, and Mrs. Olive C. Sanford, which is working vigorously and systematically for the passage of the Sanford Land Value Tax Bill through the New Jersey Legislature. This is the same bill that passed the Assembly in 1939. Originally written by George L. Record, it would enable municipalities to remove in five equal annual installments the taxes on improvements and personalty, and simultaneously to increase at the same rate the tax on land values.

In the belief that this is a splendid opportunity to publicize the Georgeist philosophy, the Manhattan Single Tax Club is devoting every facility to the prosecution of this campaign. It has arranged for Mr. Harry Haase, Director of the School of Democracy, to assist in the interviewing of legislators and general propagation.

American Alliance to Advance Freedom

The Alliance has organized two groups of Georgeists, who, under the leadership of experienced teachers, are training themselves in the use of an "Outline for Discussion, of Current Problems in the Light of the Philosophy of Henry George." The "Outline" was prepared by Gilbert M. Tucker, a member of the Provisional Executive Board of the Alliance. The members of these groups, when they become proficient in the use of the "Outline," will then organize and lead discussion groups of non-Georgeists in accordance with a plan for spreading Henry George's teachings.

An enthusiastic capacity crowd attended a general meeting of Georgeists called by the Alliance and held at the Hotel Collingwood, New York, on March 7th.

Another general meeting has been called for the evening of April 18th, at the City Club Building, 55 West 44th Street,