

News of the Crusade for Economic Enlightenment

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North Jersey Extension Holds Record Commencement 140 Graduated at December Dinner

NEWARK, N. J.—A couple of important nails were hit squarely on the head when New Jersey Georgists convened for the Graduation Dinner held December 5th at the Hamilton Restaurant in Newark. The record-making group of 170 responded enthusiastically to the forcefully worded expression by Mr. Andrew P. Christianson, of the New York faculty, of the need for expanded propaganda work to aid and publicize the progress of the School.

Georgists with special abilities, Mr. Christianson urged, should use their talents to sell their principles in books, plays, pictures, through newspapers, and on the radio. "You've all heard the Town Hall of the Air," Mr. Christianson said. "Why not, at some future time, the Henry George School of the Air?"

Douglas Badgley, who broke the ice for his fellow-student speakers, did it with such humorous tact and care that he didn't get around to giving his own reaction to the course. (Miss McCarthy, however, has received a supplementary note from Mr. Badgley, expressing deep appreciation for his instructor's time and effort.) Fredrick Zimmerman, who followed Mr. Badgley, and Miss Myra Manchester and Miss Catherine Washburn, later speakers, showed an alert interest in the School's work and a desire to continue in the advanced courses.

Notable among the two-minute student talks was that of Dr. Geoffrey W. Esty of Westfield, describing how his interest in tangled human relations had led him inevitably to the realization that if people are to be psychologically improved, they must first be economically improved. "You can't talk good will, understanding, and consideration to people who have to work twelve or fifteen hours just to keep themselves alive," Dr. Esty reminded his audience. "You can't make any prog-

ress with hungry people."

Among the other student speakers were (as Chairman H. Kermit Schnetter put it, "of all things") a title examiner and a tax assessor. Both V. Edward Allen and A. E. Weiler, however, seemed to feel that they were in perfectly safe company. They were completely unabashed as they discussed their understanding of the principles of George.

George L. Rusby, who for many years has acted as a George School Extension on wheels, explained with diagrams the shortcut method which he has devised to capture the attention of promising acquaintances. His record of successful captures is so high that present and prospective instructors would do well to apply to Mr. Rusby for further details.

The Jersey School's achievements called forth an expression of encouragement and pride from Dr. Elizabeth E. Bowen as she presented the 140 diplomas. Having taught the first lonely classes here in 1935, Dr. Bowen can well appreciate the opening of thirty widely scattered groups scheduled for the semester of February, 1942. Certainly the Jersey school is at least large enough now to contain exponents of many ways of life—from the rural extreme of the Bill Halls, with their as yet unsubstantiated claims of several chickens and a cow (or have they sold the cow?) to the urbanism of Jessie Matteson of Westwood, who when last heard from was asking determinedly for the table "Where the other people from New York were sitting."

And now we hear that the enthusiastic response to James de Roode's appeal, which came with the dessert, amounted to more than \$200, with more contributions arriving daily.

The book display at the dinner was the work of Miss V. G. Peterson, of the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation.

Speakers Bureau Reports

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Miss Dorothy Sara, Secretary of Speakers Bureau, reports following dates booked:

Nov. 30—Walton B. Thomson at St. Marks Methodist Church, Brooklyn

Dec. 1—C. O. Steele at Readers' Assoc., Epiphany Library, N. Y. C.

Dec. 7—Morris Van Veen at "The Y Thinkers," Y.W.C.A., 137th St., N. Y. C.

Dec. 10—A. Robert Chananie at Forum Group of Mrs. Victor Doyle, Brooklyn.

Jan. 5—R. J. Manfrini at Young Women's Club, Temple Gates of Prayer, Flushing, L. I.

Jan. 9—A. P. Christianson at Congregation Derech Emunoh, Arverne, L. I.

Jan. 12—Jacob Schwartzman at Dentist's Wives' League, N. Y. C.

Feb. 2—C. O. Steele at Young Women's Club, Temple Gates of Prayer, Flushing.

More Classes in Canada

MONTREAL, Que.—The fundamental and advanced classes of the Montreal Extension of the Henry George School of Social Science are progressing favorably with attendance up to average. However, the promoters of the School are never satisfied, and efforts are always being made to bring greater numbers of students to the classroom.

On November 17th there was inaugurated the fifth class of the fall term in Fundamental Economics, with Len Huckabone acting as instructor. Mr. Huckabone is realizing an ambition which, he says, must surely come to every student of George's philosophy.

In view of an anticipated increase in the demand for teachers in the near future, it is planned to start a Teachers' Training class, conducted by Gerry Walsh. Mr. Walsh is embarking on a career which should give him a first hand knowledge of economics, since he has just become identified with the Canadian Bureau of Price Fixing.

New York Commencement

NEW YORK, N. Y.—The students of the current term of the Henry George School of Social Science in New York will be graduated at exercises in the Engineering Auditorium, 29 West 39th Street, on Friday, January 23rd, at 8:00 P.M. The principal speaker will be Dr. Adele Stresman of Brooklyn.

Sydney Mayers is in charge of the program, and promises an interesting evening. Refreshments will be served after the exercises. Tickets: 50c.

No Taxes in Coast State?

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—An Associated Press dispatch tells of a projected forty-ninth state named "Jefferson."

The project is noteworthy because sponsors of the new state plan to get along without taxes. Revenue would be supplied by royalties from mineral and timber developments. It is also proposed to outlaw slot machines, on the theory that they offer unfair competition to the poker industry.

Uncle Sam Buys Land

FORT DIX, N. J.—As part of the National Defense program there has been a considerable increase in the area of Fort Dix, which at present covers some 38 square miles.

The greater portion of this land has been recently acquired by the War Department through condemnation proceedings. The task of ascertaining titles required the examination of some 4,000 documents, and an expenditure of 8,500 hours' labor. The oldest title deed uncovered was issued in 1696.

Georgist Speaker on Town Hall

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Stanford Bissell, of the New York faculty of the Henry George School of Social Science, was one of the speakers on "Town Hall of the Air" on November 20th. The program was devoted to a discussion of the question, "What is American Youth's Moral Code?"

Mr. Bissell said in part that the highest development in morals could come only with the greatest freedom for the individual. He declared that there should be no compromising with this freedom merely to cope with "the expediency of the moment."

Associated with Mr. Bissell on the program were Jean Sarasy, of Stephens College, Columbia, Mo., Mary Draper of Vassar, and Melvin Evans of New York.

Mr. Bissell is president of the Young Men's Board of Trade in New York City.

New York Faculty Meets

NEW YORK, N. Y.—The faculty and volunteers of the Henry George School of Social Science in New York met in the 29th St. Auditorium to hear addresses by Frank Chodorov, director of the New York School, and H. L. T. Tideman, director of the Chicago Extension. The purpose of the meeting was to clarify matters of School policy. Over a hundred attended.

The consensus of the meeting was that the policy of the School should continue substantially as at present, holding firmly to an educational, non-political program and avoiding all action likely to lead to political entanglements or organizational commitments.

California Celebrates Yule

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.—Notwithstanding increasing nervous tension on the West Coast, the Henry George Fellowship of Berkeley held its scheduled commencement and Christmas Party on Monday, December 8th at Alden Public Library Auditorium.

Edgar Pomeroy of San Francisco, an energetic worker for many years in Georgist activities, spoke on the topic, "Don't Let the War Stop You." The subject, of course, had been chosen in advance, but the meeting took place on the very day war was declared. "Just a coincidence," says Mr. Pomeroy. "Any Georgist could have predicted the war, but not the day it would begin."

Tax Collector Pursues Federal Reserve System

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Federal Reserve Building on Constitution Avenue, one of the most beautiful edifices in all Washington, may have to be sold for taxes. District Tax Assessor Dent has threatened to sell it at auction if the Federal Reserve Board fails to pay some \$300,000 in taxes.

Steele on Radio

NEW YORK, N. Y.—C. O. Steele, of the faculty of the Henry George School of Social Science in New York, spoke on the "Thinkers' Forum" over station WBNX on Sunday, December 28th.

Commencement in St. Louis

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—The graduation exercises of the fall classes of the Henry George School of Social Science in St. Louis were held Thursday, December 4th, in the auditorium of the Young Women's Christian Association at 4th and Locust Streets.

The principal speaker was the Rev. Laurence Plank, of the Unitarian Church, who chose as his subject, "The Road Ahead." His address dealt with the alternatives which America faces in its future socio-economic evolution.

A new series of classes is scheduled to begin the second week in January; lists of names of prospective students are needed at once, and should be sent to Extension Secretary Alper, 1528 Locust Street. Students interested in attending a class in "Science of Political Economy" should also communicate with Mr. Alper.

The treasurer of the Extension reported on receipts and disbursements, and disclosed a cash balance of \$26.82.

Committee to Distribute Leaflets

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Daniel Goodman, of the New York faculty of the Henry George School of Social Science, will be chairman of a committee to distribute leaflets in New York during the approaching campaign for students for the spring term.

Students, volunteers and instructors will hand out leaflets describing the School to patrons of the Public Library, Town Hall, and other places where literate people may be expected to congregate. This method of obtaining students has been proved of reliable productivity in previous years, obtaining students at a cost considerably less than direct mail circularization.

Boston School Holds Exercises

BOSTON, Mass.—The Henry George Institute of New England, operating the Boston Extension of the Henry George School of Social Science, held its fall graduation exercises on December 11 at the Women's Educational and Industrial Union, 264 Boylston Street.

The principal speaker was Francis G. Goodale, one of Boston's leading attorneys and instructor of a class in International Trade. Mr. Goodale spoke "On The Necessity of Doing Several Things at Once." The address of welcome was given by John S. Codman, Dean of the Faculty.

The exercises closed with the director's report and an original one-act play, after which the graduates and guests adjourned to the School headquarters, 90 Beacon Street, for a buffet supper.

On the Margin

A correspondence course first lesson came in recently from a chap in the Irish Guards. His wife is in New York, taking her first course at the Headquarters School, and decided her husband would be interested too. His first paper graded 98%. (You just can't beat the Irish.)

A number of visitors from the New York School attended the Jersey graduation and dinner. We hope that an even larger number of Jersey Georgists will be in New York for the Headquarters Commencement on January 23rd. The "Welcome" sign is out.

All New Jersey friends are requested to tell their New York friends that the new Headquarters classes will open the week of February 2nd. Blackout curtains, flashlights, candles, and other air-raid precautions will be in readiness, just in case. All preparations are being made to carry on at the New York School.

At an uptown air raid center two of our teachers have already arranged instead of bringing the "deck of cards, flashlight and pillow" to take lesson sheets and books and offer classes in Fundamental Economics to all comers, day or night, by candlelight if necessary.

Beginning January 19th, Miss Grace Voss will conduct the "Pick Your Job and Land It" service (a branch of the Man-Marketing Clinic) in the 29th Street Auditorium. It's just one little step from "Where can I find a job?" to "Why can't I employ myself?"—and that step is from the auditorium into a classroom to study P. & P.

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