

NEWS of the Crusade for Economic Enlightenment

Lecture Series

CHICAGO—"Land and Human Welfare" will be the theme of six lecture-discussions sponsored by the Jewish National Fund of Chicago and the Henry George School of Social Science in cooperation with the College of Jewish Studies at the quarters of the College, 220 S. State street, starting Tuesday, March 23 at 7:30 p.m. The topics and speakers will be:

March 23—"The Role of Land in Modern Civilization," Edwin Phelps, Henry George School of Social Science.

March 30—"Ends and Means," Willis E. Shipley, Henry George School of Social Science.

April 6—"Land and Freedom," Milton S. Singer, Social Science Department, University of Chicago.

April 13—"Biblical Origins of the Jewish National Fund Policy," Abraham E. Abramowitz, Albany Park Hebrew Congregation.

May 4—"Political and Sociological Aspects of Jewish National Fund," Morton M. Berman, Temple Isaiah Israel.

May 11—"The Jewish National Fund Land Policy and Its Effect on the Economic Development of Palestine," Solomon Rivlin, Director, Jewish National Fund of Chicago.

Dr. Bowen at Home

NEW YORK—Dr. Elizabeth E. Bowen, veteran Jersey Georgist and author of the current best seller in Georgist literature, "Economics Simplified," has been removed to her home in Towacco, N. J., after a sojourn of a number of weeks in the New York Hospital, New York City, for a serious ailment. While reports from Dr. Bowen's bedside are not as encouraging as could be wished, her friends, counted by the thousands in the ranks of fighters for economic freedom, are confident that her indomitable courage will pull her through.

Chicago Trustees Report

CHICAGO—The ninth annual report of the board of trustees, bring the record through December 31, 1942, discloses that twenty-nine terms with a total of 450 classes in Progress and Poverty have been conducted since the first class in 1934. Graduates number 2911 claiming 134 different instructors. Dean Henry L. T. Tideman has over a tenth of the graduates to his credit, having taught 36 classes in which 323 students completed the course.

In their report, however, the trustees point out that the surface of economic

education in Chicagoland has only been scratched. In the nine years of class promotion the report reveals, only one-eighth of the voters lists, principal source of prospects' names, has even been circularized. Out of 109 civilian defense communities in Chicago proper, in nearly every one of which the trustees believe a class could be kept going term after term so far as public interest is concerned, the School is teaching regularly in only 12. Experience demonstrates that with rare exceptions, a class can be conducted every term in any community having a population of 10,000 or more. Yet out of 39 suburbs with populations of over 10,000 each, the School is so far in less than half.

In appraising the methods perfected in nine years of class promotion and instruction, together with the resources of the School in enthusiastic graduates and instructors, the trustees are of the conviction that the time is ripe for a vast expansion of the classwork to fill in the gaps. Toward this end the trustees are asking for the counsel and support of all friends of the School in the Chicago metropolitan area.

The treasurer's report shows an increase in general local contributions from \$2096 in 1940, to \$3430 in 1941, and to \$3634 in

1942. A total of 966 friends, for the most part graduates, have contributed since 1938. The trustees believe that the doubling of local contributions, when combined with the help of the New York headquarters which totaled \$4193 in 1942, will make possible the adding of twenty classes a term and an increase in the number of graduates from 600 to 1000 per year.

Expenses for 1942 were \$8057, of which \$3330 was spent for printing and postage, \$1079 for headquarters rent, \$3216 for the salaries of the associate director and the registrar, and \$432 for such miscellaneous items as commencement hall rent and letter contest awards.

The trustees of the Chicago extension are Hiram B. Loomis, president; Maurice E. Welty, vice-president; Hon. Max M. Korshak, treasurer; Gustave Carus, secretary; Henry L. T. Tideman, dean; Willis E. Shipley and Joseph W. Bauer. Associate Director is John Lawrence Monroe. Mrs. Laura B. Whipple is registrar.

Visitor from the West Coast

NEW YORK—A recent visitor to the Henry George School in New York was Mrs. E. B. Swinney of Los Angeles. Mrs. Swinney's late husband was for many years one of the stalwarts in the Henry George movement on the Pacific Coast, and Mrs. Swinney continues to take an active interest in the work and to give it her generous support.

Los Angeles Classes

LOS ANGELES—Encouraged by the reaction of Georgists to the First Annual Banquet of the Los Angeles Extension, at which some 130 people turned out to enjoy the addresses of Kathleen Norris and Joseph S. Thompson on the evening of January 14, the Californians have plunged into the job of expanding the classwork in the Los Angeles area by organizing five classes with an enrollment of 98 students.

The way the friends and graduates of the School in the West have rallied to the clarion call, giving unselfishly of their time and money, in spite of multiple wartime demands, is quite amazing. It is hoped that the number of classes and students can be increased each term till the West will be giving the East stiff competition!

Chicago on the Map

CHICAGO—A graphic display of a striking achievement is the wall chart recently issued by the Chicago Extension of the Henry George School of Social Science. Done on parchment paper, evincing a high degree of artistic skill, the graph depicts in capsule form, so that he who runs may read, the highlights of the impressive record compiled by the Chicago battlers for economic freedom over the past decade.

Nine years of uninterrupted classwork; 450 classes conducted; 2,911 graduates (Progress and Poverty); 966 financial con-

tributors since 1938; 134 instructors (one or more classes)—so runs the record. With upwards of 40 classes now being held, and with half as many more projected for the early future, it is evident that it will take more than a war, hell or high water, to bring to a halt, or even to slow down the magnificent campaign being waged on the Chicago front by Messrs. Tideman and Monroe and their fighting cohorts.

Prose Poet

NEW YORK—The prose poem on the center pages of this month's issue of THE FREEMAN was written by George B. Bringmann, a frequent contributor of rhythmic lines to our columns. Next month we hope to print another parable of the same sort, "The Plow: A Modern Parable," by Helmer Herrington of Port Arthur, Texas.

Nation-wide Hook-up

NEW YORK—On Sunday, February 28, the Columbia Broadcasting System devoted its celebrated "Invitation to Learning" program to a discussion of Henry George's "Progress and Poverty." The discussers, none of whom are known as Georgists, were President Harry D. Gideonse of Brooklyn College, Dr. Joseph McGoldrick, Comptroller of the City of New York, and Professor Jacques Barzun of Columbia University.

Among the valuable points brought out by the speakers were the following:

1. The Georgist movement today can by no means be regarded as a "crank" matter, but attracts men and women of unusual grasp and intelligence in regard to public affairs.
2. George's philosophy is an answer to the current cry for a return to religion in connection with economic and social reform.
3. The Georgist idea refutes the claim of a "class war," made by Communists and Socialists, and shows capital and labor to have identical and attainable goals.

Freeman Editor Recovering

NEW YORK—George B. Bringmann is convalescing at his home in New York City after having routed a sharp attack of pneumonia in Westchester Square Hospital, The Bronx.

Dorothy Sara on the Air

NEW YORK—Miss Dorothy Sara, Secretary of the Henry George Speakers Bureau, whose chief concern with public speaking is getting others to do it, was herself the guest speaker of the occasion on March 20 when she was interviewed by Ella Mason on the latter's radio program, "For Women Only," on Station WAAT, Newark.

Miss Sara, who is a graphologist of national repute, spoke of her own work as a handwriting analyst, and then went on to tell the radio audience of her work at the Henry George School, which she

called her avocation, and of what the School had to offer women.

Chicago Enrollment Tops 500

CHICAGO—For the second time since the beginning of the School in Chicago in 1934, the enrollment has topped the 500 mark. Thirty-six fundamentals classes using Progress and Poverty as textbook opened the week of January 25 with an initial enrollment of 422 which grew to 514 at the third lesson. The only term that has beaten this record was that which started in the fall of 1941—just before Pearl Harbor—when 676 registered. The enrollment last term was 487; in the preceding spring term, 494.

The 404 sponsors who made possible the growth of the School this term are confident that 1943 will see an unprecedented spreading of the classwork throughout the Chicago area. Already plans are under way for the spring term to open the week of April 12 and for the fall term to start late in September. The goal is—yes!—1000 graduates in the next school year.

The Peoples Church at 941 Lawrence Avenue, with 33 students, has the largest class. Mrs. Clyde G. Bassler of Skokie is instructor. Dr. Preston Bradley, pastor of the church, was the School's commencement speaker in December.

Graduates added to the teaching staff this term are Hubert Hilgers, Henry Herne, Charles F. Goldstone, Henry J. Bier, James H. Davis, Elizabeth Armstrong, and Mrs. Kathleen Ryan. Welcome back in the classwork after an absence of several terms are instructors Henry P. T. Tideman, Arnold Friberg, and Victor Cronk. Of the thirty-nine instructors who led the classes last term, twenty-nine have found it possible to continue teaching this winter.

Twelve advanced classes throughout the Chicago area are preparing teachers for the enlarged class program of the new year. Nine of the classes are studying the principles of international trade and one the science of political economy. A new course on the land question is conducted by Gustave Carus. The teachers training class is led by Henry L. T. Tideman.

Commencement will be held the week of April 5. The spring term opens the week of April 12.

President Hutchins Banquet Speaker

CHICAGO—Robert Maynard Hutchins, president of the University of Chicago, will be the speaker at the annual banquet of the Henry George School of Social Science at the Bismarck Hotel in Chicago on Monday evening, April 26, at 7:00 o'clock. Francis Neilson, trustee of the School, will be toastmaster. Reservations are now being received at the headquarters of the School, 111 West Jackson Boulevard. The dinner is \$2.50 a plate. All friends of the School are invited.

The banquet will mark the entry of the Chicago extension upon its tenth year of uninterrupted classwork.