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School's Counsel Elected President

"ON with the great work which some day will make a peaceful world." This was the challenge from Joseph S. Thompson of San Francisco, in a telegram to the HGS conference in Miami Beach on July 6th. He said it had been a source of keen delight to be our president for the past eight years, but now he would like to place the reins in other hands. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson have been guests at many conferences where the "famed raconteur and wit" has presided smartly.

Mr. Thompson was pictured in the San Francisco Examiner on June 19th with his wife and son who toasted his 90th birthday and Father's Day at a party given by his wife, Germaine, at their home. "Living it up at ninety," he responded to felicitations from relatives and friends with the brave lines, "bring on the wine, turn up the lights, I will not go to bed tonight."

The vice president, Lancaster M. Greene, who presided at the conference banquet in Florida, after reading Mr. Thompson's telegram, presented Arnold A. Weinstein, a trustee and legal counsel for the school, and a familiar figure at the East 69th Street headquarters in New York, as the new president.



Arnold A. Weinstein

Mr. Weinstein expressed a desire to make every possible contribution which he hoped would lead "to the time when no self-respecting economist, no self-respecting sociologist, no self-respecting leader of government, would consider himself qualified unless there was knitted into the very fiber of his thinking an understanding and appreciation of Henry George's principles." He asked all Georgists to associate with him in equality, and extension directors at the conference responded by pledging their support and confidence.

On his return to New York Mr. Weinstein announced that he had been requested by the Board of Trustees to make a thorough study of the school's educational processes including the cor-

responsiveness course and extensions — also to introduce whatever changes appear to be required for improving the curriculum and teaching techniques.

Assisting him will be William L. Hall, a graduate of Princeton University, who has been teaching economics on the college level, and William Camargo who served as head of the Spanish Division of the HGS. Robert Clancy, who has been the director for 20 years, was granted a two-year sabbatical leave.

Mr. Weinstein, a lawyer and lifelong resident of New York, was graduated from New York University School

of Law in 1933. He was admitted to the Bar in 1934 and thereafter served in the Legal Department of the National Industrial Recovery Administration. He left government service for private practice in 1936 and at about the same time he became active in the work of the Henry George School. He was appointed Counsel to the school in 1940 and for the past 12 years has been a member of its Board of Trustees. A specialist in estate law, Mr. Weinstein has also had extensive experience in the law of educational corporations. He is a member of the Bar of the United States Supreme Court.

William L. Hall, Assistant to the President, will teach an advanced course during the fall term, entitled "Survey of Economic Thought," open to faculty members only. Other advanced courses starting the week of September 23rd, will be Applied Economics, Economic Science and Teachers Training Review.

Day and evening Fundamental Economics classes will begin the week of September 30th at 50 East 69th Street, New York, headquarters of the Henry George School.

EDWIN H. FRIEDMAN

A cherished friend of the HGS and its associate dean, Edwin H. Friedman, one of the most beloved teachers, died suddenly on July 3rd while on a holiday with Mrs. Friedman at Lake George. He was an able lawyer and speaker who gave of his time and counsel cheerfully and generously when called on. His presence was often sought as a moderator at meetings because of his gently authoritative and kindly manner. He was best known as a teacher of the Science of Political Economy and Teachers' Training classes — he was also a member of the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation board of directors.

To Dorothy Wolfe Friedman who survives, and to their pretty actress daughter, Patti Gilbert Saperstein of Beverly Hills, and her two daughters, we send deeply felt sympathy. Miss Patti's picture was in the HGN in July, 1950 when she was selected as "Miss Subways" of New York.

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