

# YOUR SCHOOL

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## SPRING

### GRADUATION

Plans have been made for the Spring graduation which will take place in the Simon Davis Restaurant, 943 Broad Street, Newark on the first Friday in May. The dinner committee headed by Mrs. Hugh Duncan of Hackensack, assisted by Mrs. Virginia Harvery of Arlington, and Mrs. C. R. Clark of Montclair has been busy to good effect. These volunteers have arranged for a menu and made plans which YOUR SCHOOL feels sure will surprise and please every one.

After dinner is served Mr. Robert Tideman, the chairman, will introduce several student speakers who, in turn, will give their impressions of the course.

Plans for this event were made at a Student Council Meeting which was held at the school headquarters on April 24th, at which time Trustee George Rusby gave the new students a brief history of the New Jersey School. Board member S. M. Goldfinger then told them, in brief outline, what the students could do to help widen the circle.

Our guest speakers will be Miss Margaret Bateman, director of the Henry George School, New York City, and Mr. George Rusby, co-author of the text book, "Economics Simplified". You will not want to miss either of them.

It looks as tho we would have 100% attendance. Naturally, the office wants to know as soon as possible that you are coming... So, please send in the enclosed card, TO-DAY.

This dinner will formally introduce the new graduates to the school as a whole. All of us should be there to contribute to their welcome and to make them feel, strongly, that your school is their school.

The regular monthly meeting of the Faculty will be held on the last Friday in the month, April 30th. Mr. Louis I. Weitzman will discuss the economic significance of governmental regulations.

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For those who have studied fundamental economics, a class is being formed for the study of International Trade and the "Science of Political Economy". The first session will be held at 1 Clinton Street, April 28 with Mr. John T. Tetley as the instructor.

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The Chicago extension of the Henry George School of Social Science will hold its annual banquet at the Bismark Hotel Monday Evening, April 27th. Francis Nielson, Trustee of the School, will be the toastmaster and Robert W. Hutchins, president of the University of Chicago will be the speaker... The banquet marks the entry of the extension upon its tenth anniversary. Since 1934 they have had 29 terms 450 classes, which have been conducted by 134 different teachers.

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The Los Angeles extension reports that they will hold a Commencement April 29th, for five classes which have finished their course in the Study of Progress and Poverty. The new term will have 9 classes in P&P and 2 in FT. This steady progress should be very encouraging to the extension director, William Beach Trueheart.

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The many friends of Mrs. Jessie Matteson will be interested in learning that she is to be associated with the Chicago School of Henry George as their Registrar. She has long been on the volunteer staff of our school, being noted for her ability to manage our many projects which have been...

## CHANGES

When Teresa McCarthy decided to add to hers the surname Witort, thus necessitating her dropping the title "Registrar of the Henry George School of New Jersey", a worthy successor to her was eagerly sought. Under a dark bushel of self-effacement and modesty was discovered Marjorie Carter, wife of Wald Carter, now a trustee and instructor and an indefatigable worker to organize classes. She was working for a cemetery association, but was easily persuaded to give up serving the dead for serving the living and the unborn, by becoming the new Registrar.

Just what the title "Registrar" means has never been clarified, for Marjorie Carter has done everything to be done, from cleaning the headquarters office at One Clinton St., Newark, to nursing a sick Georgist, to deprive St. Peter, temporarily, of the pleasure of such pleasant company. She wrote letters and publicity, she organized classes and secured class rooms, she cajoled instructors to travel long distances without benefit of gasoline rations, she loaned books and explained their contents to some who needed explanations, and she wrote letters, or did we already mention those? At any rate Mrs. Carter's letters can stand repetition, for they are cheerful, helpful, but get to the point.

No, gentle reader, this is not a post mortem eulogy. Marjorie Carter is extremely alive. She, with her family, are going to raise chickens, goats and vegetables on the Carter farm in Pennsylvania. It wouldn't surprise us if even the goats become single taxers under the influence of their owners, for the Carter family, including Wald Carter, talk in their sleep and such mutterings as "community produced values, and "collection of ground rents" often split the silence of the night.

Some of those farmers in Pennsylvania do not yet know that for years to come, they will devote all their spare time and money in organizing classes in Fundamental Economics, but we do know that. We know that with such a goal to work for, their lives will be richer and happier, so we subdue our pangs of regret that circumstances gave them our Carters, and deprive us of this joy.

What about the Newark office? Oh, haven't we mentioned that? (Well, we have a very versatile faculty. Our teachers show their discretion not only in their economic discernment, but also in the choice of wives. Our new Registrar, Margaret Tozier Badgley is the wife of one instructor and the sister-in-law of another, and the Badgleys keep things moving. She, too, has had ample experience in promotional work, having been an organizer for the famed Chatauqua Circuit and a school teacher. Good luck to the Carters and the Badgleys.

## Monopoly

An article by Alex Goldfinger in a recent issue of YOUR SCHOOL has been adversely criticized by some of its readers because the writer endorsed the granting of monopolies by the Government. Such adverse criticism however, is not warranted. If the writer had recommended the granting of a monopoly without subjecting the grantee to the payment of the full value of the grant, we might properly object. But a careful reading of what Mr. Goldfinger actually said reveals that he did not do this. One will have to get up early, to catch Mr. Goldfinger napping.

Georgists propose that the occupant of any given land must be granted "exclusive" possession - and exclusive possession means "monopoly". The difference between the present practice of government and what we propose is, that, whereas the grantee is now granted exclusive possession without paying the community the full rental value of the same, we demand that this full value shall be paid, - to the end that: (1) no landholder can profit thru a mere landholding privilege; and (2) it being impossible for a landowner to thus profit, the holding of natural resources out of use will automatically cease, permitting producers (Capital and Labor) to move from the poorer opportunities to the better ones and thus greatly increase production and wages.

To the disciples their Leader said, "Behold I send you among revening wolves". The revening wolves to whom the Georgists is exposed are those who seek to discredit his proposal by exposing flaws in the argument by which he supports them. We therefore cannot be too careful in our analytical thinking, - cannot afford to leave any weakness in the argument with which we fortify our position.

George L. Rusby

# Calling ALL

who can spare any time to join our Volunteer staff, so that we may do ever increasingly effective work. If you can type, mimeograph, address class announcements, place posters, get news stories in local papers, organize a group for a class, do clerical work, arrange book displays, etcetera, do call the school headquarters, Market 3,0808, so we may know that you are available.

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Newark NJ

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DAY CLEANINGS

One of our Jersey instructors has been leading a class in a New York City cafe during noon hour every week. Recently, he gave the proprietor a copy of "Economics Simplified". It must have had the opposite effect to that intended because the proprietor went out and bought a forty acre farm down in Connecticut.... Who says this Henry George stuff is just some thing to talk about and it doesn't pay off in \$\$\$\$ and \$\$\$\$.... According to Irving Stone's biography "Clarence Darrow for the Defense", Darrow got his first real start in Chicago the night he made a speech on a program for the Henry George Club.... Maybe you'll impress somebody by your clear thinking, when you least expect it!.....

Along those lines, it happened to the writer. We were having our tires switched around to make them last longer. We had kicked about the asking price of \$2.00 for the job and got it down to \$1.50. While the mechanic was working we got to talking about our ideas of economics. This fellow could quote writers we had only heard about, but evidently we gave him an idea or two, because when he finished, he said: "Oh, let's make it a dollar". So if you keep talking when every you get the chance, you can pick up a buck or two once in a while.

William Feather who has a philosophy he puts in house organs, says, in talking about employees who travel a long way and use a lot of time in getting back and forth to work - "they chose the site of their home and they chose the place of their employment, so they are willing to take the consequences". We wonder is this entirely true? We feel ourselves that they take the consequences but not always so voluntarily. We think often-times, it is forced on them by circumstances which most of them do not know anything about. Some day when we have time we'll ask Feather....

Hepitax, writing in the New York Herald-Tribune, thinks a new system may be offered the American people. This system would be called a so called security for which the people would have to trade their liberty. It is brought out that an essential prelude to this system would be "confiscation of all the sources of wealth". Prior to that would be "confiscation of all individual liberties". If Hepitax really means what is said in the first quotation, or rather if the original source of wealth is considered, we question whether the second quotation must follow. We are trying to find out what it meant and if we do, will let you know.

The Henry George Idea In One Hundred Words.

The rental value of land is due to our common human needs. No single individual - the people as a whole, produce that value. It grows larger as the population and its activities increase.

This natural law of rent gives the community the moral right to take all of this value which it creates. The mistake is made of permitting a few to take this value, thus creating speculation in land, upsetting economic stability, necessitating heavy taxation, bringing unemployment and the recurring breakdowns in our civilization.

This fundamental wrong must be righted before wars and all injustices can be abolished.

Louis F. Weston

ALREADY A SPEAKER

A graduate of our school who is enrolled for the Teachers Training class is supplementing her preparatory work at the school by taking a course in public speaking under Dale Carnegie. Telling of her first session of the speaking class, the young lady said: "I have great difficulty in expressing myself, and so I felt rather nervous, as I imagine the others did, too. When my turn came, I simply told them that I was taking the course in order to perfect my delivery, and that I want to present my chosen subject, the philosophy of Henry George, as effectively as possible. I then spoke briefly about the philosophy. I was gratified that after class a number of members came to me with questions and a very interesting discussion followed.