

## The School in the News

**NEW JERSEY** — Those who wrote asking to be put on The Gargoyle mailing list will surely enjoy O. B. Johannsen's "The Amish Show the Way." No, *enjoy* is hardly the word. It is frightening to realize that because the Amish — those delightfully picturesque and devout people living on the neatest, richest farms in Pennsylvania — should be crudely forced into paying old age and survivors' insurance, when the records show that no Amishman has ever asked for public aid of any kind. One of the strictest tenets of their religion is loving care, and kindness to the aged. Read this, but don't expect to be happy about it.

Instead of reaching for a tranquilizer, read next Dean Goldfinger's article on Thoreau and see if you can answer the provocative question. This should get you in fine fettle for the 1959 conference in July at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, New Jersey. If, like Thoreau, you decide to walk to "the banks of the Old Raritan," there will be plenty of time to rest your feet while you think in the "Think Shop," or listen to brilliant dialectics.

**DETROIT** friends are much interested in House Bill No. 50 introduced into the 70th Michigan Legislature by Representatives Clarkson and others. It proposes amending a section of a Public Act of 1893 to read: "The assessment roll shall contain columns in which can be entered the assessed value of the land in one column, the value of the improvements on the land in another column and the combined value of both in a third column. The same information shown in the same way shall be placed on all tax statements." We'll let you know when it is passed.

Mrs. Elizabeth Harrison was the speaker at the February meeting at Wayne State University. She discussed

the unemployment situation in Michigan. Martha H. Kohte was the chairman.

**LOS ANGELES** lists in the February Analyst eight classes in Culver City, Hollywood, Huntington Park, Los Feliz Hills, Santa Monica, the Vermont-Melrose Area and the Wilshire Area. On future broadcasts of "Economics by George" current affairs will be interpreted and discussed.

**SAN DIEGO** took advantage of class announcement time to emphasize the impressive points made by Dr. Roland O'Regan of New Zealand when he visited there last summer and spoke at the Henry George School conference. "Neither slums nor a scarcity of jobs are any problem in New Zealand," the headline reads. This certainly should draw the attention of anyone who wanted to understand Fundamental Economics. Seven classes began last month in San Diego and environs.

**NEW YORK** headquarters is still pleased with the large number of students this term but your editor misled you. Although 900 students registered by mail, only about 630 of those were applicants for the basic course. More than 900 reported for *all* classes, including advanced and regional.

Dr. Jofhtie Su'ud, a United Nations correspondent, who took the three main courses in economics at the Los Angeles Henry George School was a recent visitor. When he returns to his homeland, Indonesia, he plans to promote greater understanding of economic principles among the people of that new and forward-looking country.

A cordial invitation is extended to all to come to the St. Patrick's Day dance on March 14th at 50 East 69th Street, New York. Robert Rodriguez, a former staff member, guarantees a pleasant Saturday evening social affair.