

New York Conference July 22-23-24



All friends of the Henry George School are cordially invited to attend the Annual Conference of the school, to be held in New York in July. This promises to be a great event, with top-notch speakers on the program and good representation from the various extensions of the school. Here is a fine opportunity to meet our scattered friends and fellow workers, to hear informative talks by experts, and to discuss the problem with which we are all concerned—how to advance the great educational effort of the Henry George School.

New York welcomes you!

—ROBERT CLANCY, *Director*
Henry George School of Social Science

New York

Completion Exercises for Spring term students of Fundamental Economics were held at the school on June 15. A pleasant surprise was the appearance of Mr. Wilfrid Harrison, president of the Henry George School in London, who said a few words on the similarity of school problems in England and the U. S. A. The student speakers, one from each class, were all magnificent, and observers agreed that this was one of the best exercises ever held at the school. Highlight of the evening was an interview between two students of Mrs. Lillian Heath's morning class, Mrs. Josa Rufner answering questions asked by Mrs. Anne Sueskind. Mrs. Rufner came from Europe a few years ago and had many interesting stories to tell, including her experiences as secretary to Hendrik Willem Van Loon.

Summer classes in Fundamental Economics, beginning at Headquarters the week of June 27, promise to be very successful. An advance registration of about 300 has been received. Special classes for recent high school graduates are being held, this having been one of the Summer features at the school for the past few years. International Trade classes are also being held this Summer.

In the Fall, some new advanced courses are going to be offered, including one based on Henry George's *Land Question* and *A Perplexed Philosopher*. Mr. Bennett Challis, Head of the Correspondence Department, is taking time out from his many other duties to write the manual for this course. Mr. Julius Maier, a new instructor, has promised a new course on European History, which will complement the school's popular course on American History.

Los Angeles

The school received some very valuable free radio publicity on the evening of June 8th on the "Editor of the Air" over KFVD, Los Angeles. William B. Truehart was interviewed by Morgan Harris, assistant professor of economics and sociology at Chapman College and himself a graduate of the school.

Through the co-operation of Dr. Frederick C. Terry, a recent graduate, the slides which have been prepared to supplement the opening session of the basic course were shown at a meeting of the Association of Chiropractors on the evening of June 9th. An additional strip film, "America's Stake in World Trade," was also shown.

The June meeting of the Hollywood Area Alumni Association was held on the evening of June 15th at the home of the Misses Rose and Ann Ralbe. A transcription of a broadcast in Wichita, Kansas, on which Mr. Henry Ware Allen, well-known Georgist, participated, was played to the interest and enlightenment of everyone present.

Newark

An illustrated brochure has just been published describing the Newark Henry George School and its courses. It has a picture of the school on the front; views of classes in session inside; and the book, *Economics Simplified* on the back. This will be sent out in response to inquiries regarding the school. At present a postage-prepaid postal is being used to obtain "Widening the Circle" names. These may be carried about by interested friends and mailed in as soon as six have been signed. For fall promotion, intensive campaigns will be put on in a dozen communities, using direct mail and newspaper advertising. Posters will also be displayed in public places and speakers will appear before various organizations.

Plans are being made to entertain delegates to the National Convention on Sunday, July 24th. The New Jersey school will celebrate its Fifteenth Anniversary next year and a committee will arrange a gala celebration. The school regrets the loss of two very fine members of its faculty, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Meyer. They are moving to Vineland to go into the chicken raising business and it is hoped they will soon be starting Henry George classes there. John A. Tetley, the school's director, is conducting a teachers' training course with several prospective instructors in attendance.

Spring completion exercises were held at the Newark headquarters on June 26, with Mrs. Andrew Thompson acting as chairman. Mrs.

Thompson introduced the trustees and faculty members who were present, and John Tetley spoke of "What the Graduates Can Do for the School." Arthur Lea, who arranges suburban classes out of New York, spoke briefly, and introduced Robert Clancy, Executive Director at international headquarters, who was the guest speaker. Dean Alexander M. Goldfinger presented the certificates and complimented instructors upon their fine work.

Following the exercises, panel discussions were held under the leadership of Dr. Geoffrey W. Estey, Louis N. Perna, Dean Goldfinger and Robert Clancy. Refreshments were served and it was nearly midnight when the last guests departed. Contributions were made for the work of the school, and many of those present subscribed to The Henry George News.

Chicago

Class promotion for the golden anniversary term next Fall—the school's fiftieth—will be launched at an instructors' conference in the La Salle Hotel on Wednesday evening, July 6.

The regional chairmen working with Class Promotion Chairman Rex Cleveland are: North—Miss Ida M. Reeves; Northwest and Suburban Northwest—Evard A. Hayden; West—Miss Cecil D. Cowherd; Southwest—Miss Eileen Campbell; Southeast—Miss Florence Johnson; South—Mrs. Nazarene Clayton; North Shore—Herman Frenzel; Suburban West—Bruno Tworsey; and Suburban Southwest—Otto C. Biciste.

Leaders of the 16th-Year fund campaign under Walter J. Tefo will also meet early in July. The fund campaign regional chairmen are: North—Philip A. Schloss; West—Rocco J. Emma; Southwest—William W. Whitnell; Southeast—Attilio Forte; South—Emily Frances Speed; North Shore—Robert J. Kennedy; Suburban Northwest—H. Larkin Osborn; and Suburban Southwest—Herman F. Mann.

During July the fund campaign chairmen will appoint their community-area chairmen who, during August, will select the callers. The calling campaign will open with a meeting of all callers and chairmen on Wednesday, September 7. The campaign will close September 19.

Closing activities of the Spring term included a conference of students at the La Salle Hotel on Saturday afternoon, June 11; an economist's bus tour of Chicago's North Side on Sunday afternoon, June 19; and commencement exercises at the Hamilton Hotel, Tuesday, June 28.

Seventy current students and their guests were on the bus tour. The Henry George Woman's Club served a buffet supper following an after-the-tour discussion at the Lawson Y. M. C. A.

Sidney J. Be-Hannesey, Chicago attorney and instructor, was the guest speaker at the com-

commencement on "Henry George: Universal Thinker or Tax Reformer?"

The school's annual Cobden Day dinner, commemorating the victory of Richard Cobden in repealing the Corn Laws of England in 1846, was held at the Chicago Engineer's Club on Monday evening, June 20. The speaker of the evening was Lancaster M. Greene, investment counselor and trustee of the school in New York. John Astley-Cock, assistant editor, religion and education, Chicago Tribune, was master of ceremonies.

Mr. Greene held out the career of Richard Cobden as an inspiration to the business leaders of today who would see the world choose the free market rather than the growing collectivist measures.

The work of the school in Chicago suffered great loss in the passing of Harry W. Trout on June 19. He first took the basic course with Mrs. Trout in the winter of 1943. In the ensuing six years he gave unstintingly of his time and resources in advancing the educational program. He and Mrs. Trout opened their home in Englewood to addressing parties and regional meetings of graduates and instructors. He took part in every class promotion and fund raising campaign. He organized and taught one or more classes, oftentimes at considerable distance from his home, each term. His enthusiasm for economic justice and his love of humanity will long be remembered by the 50 graduates of his 13 basic classes, the 33 graduates of his nine advanced classes, and the scores of his fellow instructors and associates in the school who were constantly inspired working side by side with him. Mr. Trout had recently retired to his Wisconsin farm after a long career as train dispatcher for the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Another valued friend was lost to the school when Douglas Stewart, on the convention staff at the La Salle Hotel, died May 24. Mr. Stewart was an active counselor on the commerce and industry program of the school in which he had great faith as a means of reversing the trend toward collectivism.

St. Louis

The St. Louis extension of the Henry George School of Social Science held its spring term graduation exercises Monday, June 20, on the roof-top theatre of the Young Men's Hebrew Association. Edwin Hamilton, Chicago lawyer, yachtsman and Lover of Liberty in the Patrick Henry and Thomas Paine style, spoke on "The Supreme Purpose of Henry George," pointing out the student's need for further investigation into the writings and work of Henry George.

Mr. Hamilton said: "It must be remembered that however hard Henry George worked to develop a science of political economy that would be truly useful to mankind, the science itself was not his object. The supreme object of his life was to establish a community atmosphere of freedom; an atmosphere where men and women could associate together in the fullest equality as human beings; an atmosphere in which the only restriction on the part of any man was a full consideration for the

equal rights of others; an atmosphere in which any man could grow in stature to any heights which his talents could propel him. The supreme purpose of Henry George was *freedom*—the accomplishment of the basic American ideals."

Mr. C. C. Case presided and 55 graduates received certificates. Class speakers were Rev. Rudolph S. Allrich, of the Carondelet Evangelical and Reform Church of the class of George Clark which met in the Carondelet Library; David Stone, of Mrs. Ross H. Schachners Wesley House' class; Miss Marion Merrill Smith, a member of the staff of the St. Louis Girl Scout organization, who represented the office classes conducted by Noah Alper and Mrs. Mollie Petty. William Lindhorst, a nationally known magician entertained in a manner which delighted all. Among the graduates was Walter Brandle, of Switzerland, now in St. Louis studying the shoe industry.

A training class for teachers and two basic economics classes will start the week of June 27. The philosophy group plan to carry on their work under the direction of Caroline Nations and David Parnas in the fall. A successful 3-meeting review class held at the Cabanne Library encourages us to consider like meetings in the fall of next year.

Boston

M. B. Thomson's inspiring and eloquent address was the high point of the spring term commencement dinner on June 16. Meeting at Thompson's Spa, Boston Georgists greatly enjoyed Inez Miller's beautifully rendered singing and joined her in "America the Beautiful."

Student speakers included C. Gordon Mackay, Paula DeVoe, Elizabeth Quigley, Julia Moser, and Ernest Kruhmin. Joseph DiLuzio spoke for the *Science* class.

Although John S. Codman adjourned the meeting before ten, voices were still being raised in nearby cafeterias at midnight.

The summer class schedule follows: *Progress and Poverty*, Monday July 11; *Protection or Free Trade*, Tuesday July 12; *Science of Political Economy*, Wednesday July 13. All classes meet at 294 Washington Street at 7 P. M.

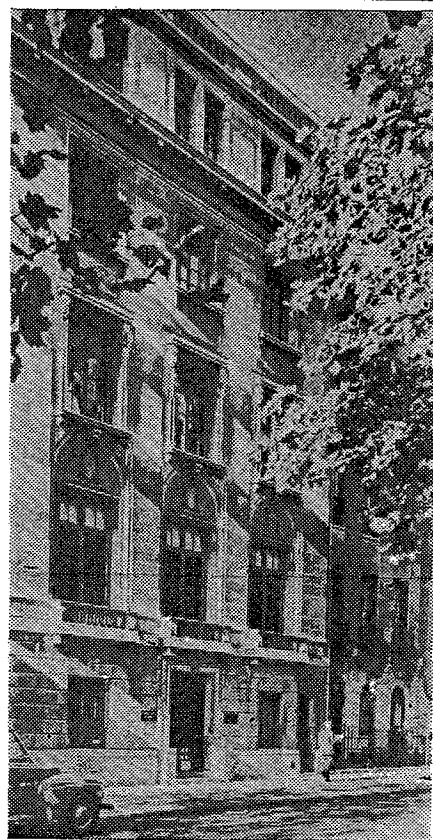
Robert H. Ritchey, Director of the Albany, New York, extension, discussed ways and means with us on June 17, before heading on to Fall River for a visit with the Padelfords.

Philadelphia

The Henry George Foundation of America plans to hold a National Conference on September 16 and 17, at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel in Philadelphia. The new president of the foundation is Charles R. Eckert, former member of Congress from Pennsylvania. Joseph Stockman, director of the Philadelphia extension, is serving as chairman of the Conference Committee, and Percy R. Williams, executive secretary of the Pittsburgh school, is in charge of the arrangements.

The primary object of the conference will be to try to devise a practical program for combining education with legislation. Many experienced participants in the Single Tax movement will take part in the discussions. The foundation has sponsored sixteen national conferences in various cities from coast to coast since it was organized in Philadelphia, the birthplace of Henry George, on September 2, 1926.

Among those who will participate in the conference program are: Dr. Henry George III, of Wilmington; Walter R. Demmler, member of the Pittsburgh City Council; Gilbert M. Tucker, of Albany; J. Rupert Mason, of San Francisco; Clayton J. Ewing, of Mobile; William E. Clement, of New Orleans; Benjamin C. Marsh, of Washington, D. C.; Harold Sudell, of Philadelphia; Rev. W. Wylie Young, of Batavia; John Lawrence Monroe, director of the Chicago extension; Abe D. Waldauer, of Memphis, and the following from New York: Robert Clancy, director, New York Headquarters; Harold S. Bittenheim, editor of *The American City*; Frank Chodorov, editor of *Analysis*; Sidney J. Abelson and Col. Victor A. Rule.



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