



New Teaching Method Tried in New Jersey

Arrangements have been made for five conference groups to test the new method of presentation developed in New Jersey. Each group will have a leader and co-leader—in Newark, Louis N. Perna, assistant to the dean will be the leader and Gorman Loss, co-leader. In Jersey City, John J. Devoe will lead with Alfred Henning assisting. In Perth Amboy, Ernest Eblovi will be assisted by Dr. H. A. Lazar. Basking Ridge will have Howard M. Thomson for leader and Alvin G. Searles, co-leader. Oscar Johannsen will be assisted by Chauncey Reinhart in Roselle Park. The announcements for the groups sent out contain this statement: "Here is an opportunity to think it through. Discussion Leader provides facts and data—group makes analysis and arrives at own conclusions."

No textbook will be used. Members of the group will be given a loose-leaf binder and, as the sessions go along, mimeographed outlines, summaries, quizzes, etc., will be inserted, concluding with a bibliography and certificate of completion. Large easel charts will supplement the discussion. A conference leaders' guide has been prepared which is divided into ten sections. The groups will cover as much of the material as can be grasped each session so probably more than ten weeks will be required.

Other faculty members will visit various sessions to acquaint themselves with the new technique. Groups will start the week of September 21st. Regular monthly faculty meetings will be resumed on September 8.

Mrs. C. A. Miller, a trustee of the New Jersey school, who spent most of last year in Arizona, has returned East and will speak of her experiences there at an early date. Director John T. Tetley spent a week in July conferring with the Commerce and Industry staff in Chicago on the conference method, and Dean Alexander M. Goldfinger attended the annual C & I Dinner in Chicago in August, and while there he also conferred with their staff.

Mr. and Mrs. Tetley attended the Henry George Day celebration at Arden, Delaware, on August 29th. A number of New Jersey visitors were also among those welcomed at the Museum of the City of New York program on September 2 and the ensuing festivities.

At a faculty rally on September 22 at Newark the dean, Alexander M. Goldfinger reported in interesting detail on his recent visit to Chicago. He described a round table meeting he attended where, John Monroe, the director, had sent out invitations to some 40 business firms in Chicago, many of whom sent representatives. Many had attended Commerce and Industry luncheons and dinners but had never gotten interested in the school. They had discussed such subjects as "Do we need adult education and if so, what paths should it take?"

In this group the reasons given for having adult education were mostly in the direction of trying to understand government controls, inflation, unrest and labor management. They decided, for instance, that if factory workers understood the capitalistic system they wouldn't try to slow down on production. Although no representative of the school was present the meeting ended with people agreeing that adult education was needed in industry—not through the literature method, but by letting people express themselves.