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BOARD MEETING

C. Matthew Ossias was elected a trustee at last month's board meeting, filling a vacancy created when Mitchell Lurio resigned. As director of the Correspondence division, Mat was active with foreign students. He is fluent in Spanish, French, Italian and Hebrew. Re-elected to the board are: Ed Dodson, President; Oscar Johannsen, Vice President; Lancaster Greene, Treasurer; George Collins, Secretary. Trustees re-elected are; S. Mayers, R. Barbuto, G. Collins, C. Weinstein and F. Gruskin.

HISPANIC ALUMNI GROUP

This semester, the Hispanic Georgist Alumni Group was formed under the advisorship of Jose Yenque and Manuel Felix. Twenty-one members met at the School to discuss group policy, set an agenda, and elect officers. Elected are: Jose Solis, President; Luis Benalcazar and Zella Oldendorff, Co-vice Presidents; Josephine Rosenblatt, Treasurer; Sonia Preciado, Secretary. The group has begun to coordinate activities for the coming year.

GRADUATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE

The Graduate Research Committee met for the second time on February 19. Their agenda included a review of Committee objectives, and proposals for possible area field trips, the development of an HGS seminar series, and a project to draft a federal LVT statute.

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Approximately 35 people attended the seminar "The Property Tax and You," the second in a Saturday Seminar program sponsored by the Philadelphia School. The panel, led by David Zwanets, Member of the Board of Revision of Taxes (real estate assessment) of the City of Philadelphia, included Mike Curtis, Assessor for Arden, and George Collins. "Economics Simplified," to be held on March 14, is the last seminar in the three-part series.

DELAWARE

The Arden Activities unit of the Extension continues to run weekly seminars on Low Wages and Unemployment at Plummer Work Release Prison. Larry Zimmerman took over that program for two weeks while Mike Curtis was in Nicaragua. Curtis, Director of Arden Activities, reported on his recent South America trip at a meeting of the alumni association on February 22.

SAN FRANCISCO

A day-long workshop on economics was presented by San Francisco Director Bob Scrofani at the Annual Conference of the California Council for the Social Studies, March 5 at the Red Lion Inn. Scrofani, a Berkeley High School teacher, presented "Learn to Speak Economics" in the AM session, and "Economics and the Constitution" in the afternoon.

A new newsletter will be published quarterly by the San Francisco School. Fred Foldvary, editor, is on the look-out for comments, announcements and articles. February's newsletter contained letters, a book review, and an excerpted interview with land-taxer Manuel Ayau.

The Unitarian Church of Palo Alto invited board president Roger Somers to speak to members of its congregation last month on the malfunction of our political economy and the threat of world war as a primary consequence of the widespread shared monopoly in land. The program ended with an involved discussion as the audience became more aware of discrepancies in our understanding of economics. A return visit is planned.

ANNUAL CGO CONFERENCE

The seventh annual North American conference of the Council of Georgist Organizations will be held this year in San Diego, California from Wednesday, July 22 to Sunday, July 26, at Point Loma Nazarene College. Pre- and post-conference recreational activities are being planned for Tuesday, the 21st, and Monday, the 27th, including trips to the San Diego Zoo, Sea World, and an all-day trip to Ensenada and Tijuana in Mexico. Speakers and workshops will be announced. For more information, or to register, please contact the Conference sponsor:

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