

# News of the Crusade for Economic Enlightenment

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## Henry George School Commencements: Fall Term 1940 Here - There - Everywhere; and More to Come

CHICAGO, Ill.—Four hundred graduates and guests attended the commencement exercises of the Chicago Branch of the Henry George School. The exercises were held in the Auditorium Building on the evening of December 5.

The principal address was delivered by John Z. White, who spoke on "America's Need of the Hour." Certificates were presented to the graduates by Director Tideman.

In addition to Mr. White's address and four student speakers, the guests heard a delightful musical program presented by the Chicago Radio Ensemble and soloists. Harold Broliar and Clyde Basler presented their motion picture "Candid Shots of the Fall Class of 1940."

NEWARK, N. J.—Diplomas were awarded to 170 students of the fall term at a graduation dinner held on December 10 at the Hamilton Restaurant.

William L. Hall presided. Anna George deMille welcomed the students, encouraged each to participate in the work of the School, and stressed the need for each graduate to do his part. George L. Rusby, founder of the Jersey Extension, gave an interesting illustration of his method of "selling" the course. Morris Van Veen, our accomplished raconteur, entertained the diners with tales of some of the big land speculation deals in New York.

A student speaker from each class gave his impression of the course and the School.

Virginia E. Tait was chairman of the Dinner Committee.

Georgists have many reasons for self-congratulation, but none better than the phenomenal growth of the New Jersey Extension. It has taken hard work and money and perseverance, but the results have been more than gratifying. The job of organizing the winter classes is already under way, and if work and zeal and enthusiasm mean anything, they should be more successful than ever.

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—Eighty students were graduated at exercises held Saturday night, December 7, at the Hotel Melbourne. This represents a marked increase over last year, and Extension Secretary Alper reports that the outlook for the future is encouraging.

The principal speaker was "Tex" Faris, of Chicago (Class of 1940), who chose as his topic "A Recipe for Progress."

BOSTON, Mass.—About 100 students were graduated at the exercises held at the Y. W. C. A. Auditorium on December 17. This figure represents an increase of 55 per cent since last June. The exercises were attended by the largest and most enthusiastic gathering in the history of the Boston Extension. Winthrop L. Upton was the principal speaker, and discussed "Henry George and the Present Crisis." Mr. Upton is, of course, well known to readers of *The Freeman* for his informative fiscal articles.

The experiment is being tried in Boston of interposing an intermediate course in "Practical Economics" between the elementary course and International Trade. This course integrates George's theories to present day conditions and stresses their practical implications. The enrollment for advanced classes has been by far the largest ever secured.

The office of the Boston Extension will hereafter be in Room 102, 89 State Street. Address mail in care of Harold J. Power, Secretary.

BERKELEY, Calif.—The East Bay Extension, now in its fifth year of School work, held its fall Commencement at the Oakland Y. W. C. A. on Wednesday, November 27. There were 35 graduates.

The principal speaker was S. Edward Williams of San Francisco. Mr. Williams, a veteran Georgist with a long teaching record, spoke on the subject "Opportunity." Another speaker was Mr. E. C. Redpenning, a graduate of the School.

The spring session will begin February 17. Contributions totalling \$68 were received at the Commencement; the money will be placed in the postage fund for organizing new classes.

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—Twelve students were graduated by the Los Angeles Extension on December 3. Extension Secretary Ferrell reports that the class was an exceptionally good one, and will be followed up with another in January.

The next step in the Southern California area will be the organization of classes in San Gabriel. Georgists all over the world may well envy students the opportunity of studying to the sound of soft Spanish music and the bells of the ancient mission.

The illness of Mrs. Ferrell has made it necessary to postpone organizing a class in International Trade. Mr. Ferrell expects to organize this class in the near future.

TORONTO, Ont.—The class graduated at Hamilton was an enthusiastic one and the students are planning to follow up with advanced courses. Another activity which is engaging the interest of Hamilton students is building up a Georgist library.

The class in Ottawa has been subject to several interruptions and accordingly has not finished yet. Mr. H. G. Barber, instructor and organizer, is now in his third consecutive year of teaching activity.

HARTFORD, Conn.—Anna George deMille was the principal speaker at the third annual winter commencement of the Hartford Extension. Director Nathan Hillman presented the certificates, and George Schwolsky, recent graduate, acted as chairman.

A meeting of the Henry George Fellowship is announced for January 7. There will be an address by Dr. Cecil G. Tilton, professor of economics at the University of Connecticut.

### Australia Conference

SYDNEY, N. S. W.—The New South Wales School of Social Science announces plans for an Australian conference of students and instructors. The date of the conference has been tentatively set for February 7th.

### Chicago Finance Committee

CHICAGO, Ill.—To meet the needs of Chicago's expanding program, graduates are inaugurating an "All-Together Campaign" to raise \$1000.

Leonard K. Nitz, is chairman of the Alumni Finance Committee which has 40 "All Progress No Poverty" sub-committees of 10 members each. The school areas has been divided into sections and each section is represented by a subcommittee. The purpose of the Committee is to interview alumni and friends between January 4 and 12, and explain to them the program now under way.

Miss Wilma Dougherty is secretary of the committee, assisted by Miss Dorothy Borst.

### Hamilton Heads Fellowship

CHICAGO, Ill.—Edwin Hamilton, distinguished Chicago attorney, was elected president of the Henry George Fellowship for 1941 to succeed Maurice E. Welty. Other new officers of the Fellowship include Robert King and Mrs. Margaret E. Drije. Meetings of the Fellowship will continue to be held at the School headquarters, 64 W. Randolph St., the first Tuesday evening of each month.