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FALL CLASSES START SEPTEMBER 30th

THIRTY-EIGHT CITIES
START
CLASSES THIS FALL

100,000 Georgists in America!

That is the goal of the Henry George School of Social Science. It is a goal that can be reached in 10 years - yes! in 5 years!

Already there are nearly 1000 students who have studied "Progress and Poverty" either at the National Headquarters in New York or in the Extension Classes throughout the country.

As the Fellowship News goes to press, classes are scheduled to start this fall in 38 cities, and the number of cities with classes is expected to reach 100 before the close of the school year.

The experience everywhere is that once a class is successfully completed, more classes follow as a matter of course. Enthusiastic graduates recommend new students and some organize and teach classes of their own.

The School movement is in fact the outgrowth of the success of one class conducted by its founder, Oscar H. Geiger, in the spring of 1933. The School was chartered by the University of the State of New York on September 15, 1932, but a year of lecturing and writing intervened before Mr. Geiger could establish the School in a permanent headquarters and begin the work that in a short time was to ex-

LARGE ENROLLMENT EXPECTED

Amidst an air of enthusiasm and expectancy; the Fall classes of the Henry George School of Social Science are to start September 30th, October 1st, 2nd, in Room 1415 at 11 S. LaSalle St., at 7:30 each night.

Enrollments are now being made, and due to scholarship arrangements the ten weeks' course in the fundamentals of economics, is again being given free of charge.

A list of more than a thousand names has been solicited for the classes, through the excellent support of the graduates of previous classes, and a large enrollment is expected.

Maurice Welty and Henry Tideman, who have done such a good job of teaching earlier classes will again be at the helm for the fall classes.

All those who have not yet enrolled may do so by writing to Maurice Welty, 4833 Dakin St., or calling Pensacola 5200.

SINGLE TAX LEAGUE MEETINGS

Every Friday evening at 8 o'clock, the Single Tax League holds a meeting in the dining room of the Washington Cafeteria, 167 West Washington Street. Members of the Fellowship are cordially invited to attend and to take part in the discussion. This is a real opportunity for practicing the art of public speaking and getting new angles on the intelligent discussion of public questions.

Yes, you are also invited to bring your friends.

Your New Baby

With this issue, the Henry George Fellowship of Chicago is sponsoring a new progeny, to help in every possible way, to keep alive in this discouraged but interesting world, the eternal principles of justice, of the Single Tax, so eloquently espoused by the immortal Henry George.

Whether this new baby will grow and prosper, or shrivel and die, depends entirely on the support given it by the members of the Fellowship, and friends.

It needs your advice on diet. What shall its columns contain? Shall we devote its space to Fellowship News, outside news, personals, poems, feature articles? What should the main diet be?

To build a strong body, it must have your contributions and suggestions. In fact it will need all aid and advice, that any growing child must have, in order to grow intelligently and make its way financially.

Send in your ideas and articles. Help your baby grow!

Editor

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EDITORIAL

THE PURPOSE
OF
THE HENRY GEORGE FELLOWSHIP

To be a member of the Henry George Fellowship is a mark of unusual distinction. There is only one avenue to membership; that is, one must take the course in elementary political science of the Henry George School of Social Science. Having done that, one is eligible and becomes one of a real fraternity of thoughtful people.

The Fellowship has a purpose: To promote the development of new classes conducted under the auspices of the School. All members are urged to bring the classes to the attention of their friends and acquaintances and to urge them in the friendliest spirit to join a class.

Further; the fellowship serves to keep the graduates in touch with each other so they may cooperate in the most effective way and with a minimum of effort in bringing together folks and information valuable to the work of the Henry George School.

If you look forward to a time when justice shall rule, when all men shall be really free, and you feel that your effort should be joined with those who know the road to freedom, then join a class and get your friends to join also. Learn with others, acquiring with them the certainty of a common understanding; and you too will have entered the friendliest of all Fellowships.

HENRY GEORGE CONGRESS OPENS
SEPTEMBER 26th IN NEW YORK

The Henry George Foundation will hold its tenth annual congress in New York at the Hotel New Yorker on September 26 to 28. It will be a notable series of meetings. Representatives from all parts of the United States, Britain, Denmark, Canada and other countries will take part.

Two of the three sessions on the 26th will be devoted to the work of the Henry George School of Social Science; the morning session will be devoted to the New York School and the afternoon to the extension work, the principal address to be made by our own Fellowship member, John Lawrence Monroe.

Mr. Monroe will describe his work in the cities in which his effort has resulted in active extension classes.

An interesting feature of the second day will be the evening session, which has been named International Night. The chairman will be Hon. Charles O'Connor Hennessy of New York, President of the International Union for Land Values Taxation and Free Trade, and the speakers will be Mr. F. Folke of Copenhagen, Denmark, Mr. Arthur Madsen of London, England, and Col. Victor A. Rule of Chicago.

The congress will close on the evening of the third day with a banquet, which promises to be a most memorable occasion.

(It's a musical comedy you're witnessing---a somewhat grim one called "Depressiana, 1935". A group of rotund landlords in gorgeous cloth-of-gold and brandishing diamond-studded swords waltz gaily onto the stage of life. In piratical basses they intone:)

THE SONG OF THE JOLLY LANDLORDS

Sing hey and be jolly!
Depression? Here folly!
We haven't a worry, we haven't a fret!
Our morals are simple,
As plain as a dimple:
We rarely charge more than the most we can
get...!
How noble, how charming,
How fully disarming,
This practice of charging the most we can get!
We hear times are fierce,
That jobs are quite scarce,
How dreadful! It grieves us...! Our task
we'll not shirk!
Since theft's idiotic,
Most unpatriotic,
We'll steal no man's job...In a word, we
won't work!
We'll swindle--we'll burgle---
We'll gouge--no man's eye...
Our duty is patently plain--not to work!
Our dear Constitution
Contains the solution
Of all of the problems our country may know!
The great Declaration
--The pride of our Nation--
How wise every maxim! Its sentences glow!
(Excepting, of course,
That remarkable clause
"Men are born free and equal"...which is
clearly not so!)

Sing hey and be jolly, etc.

...S.M.L.

G. H. Moyland, graduate of July 1935 class, was responsible for a full page article in Letters of Time, in the issue of August 19th. Everyone ought to read it. Good work G. H.

Anna George De Mille, sterling daughter, of the immortal Henry George recently passed through Chicago on her way to the Henry George Congress in New York, September 26, 27, and 28. Mrs. De Mille fairly radiated optimism at the progress being made by the school. Ye Ed. had lunch with Mrs. De Mille in New York on September 7th, and she had many words of praise for the work of the Fellowship in Chicago.

An article, relating the highlights of the Single Tax movement in Chicago is being prepared by our brilliant teacher, Henry Tideman. Watch for it!

If you happen to think of some friend who ought to join the classes, send us his or her name, and we will do the rest.

Don't forget to send in your slogan for the Fellowship News. Read about the details of prizes offered elsewhere in this issue.

Send in your personals about members of the classes.

The Sales Tax is adequately named. We have been "Sold Out" by our representatives in Springfield. How long will the people permit such outrageous taxation to exist?

Huey Long is gone. His aims may have been good, but his methods were disastrous to personal liberty. A tyrant cannot stand forever. Mussolini will soon learn this in Ethiopia, and Hitler in Germany.

HELP WANTED

We need your help and are willing to pay for it.

As you know, drug stores, soap companies, movie houses, cigarette companies and newspapers have been running contests, offering cash, pianos, magazine subscriptions, trips to Europe, trips to Hollywood. PIKERS!

The Fellowship News is showing them up. All you need to do is send in a slogan for the paper. If your slogan wins, you can name your own prize--a whale, a trip to Mars, Helen of Troy, a fiddling cat, anything. Of course, we don't guarantee to deliver the goods, but then neither do the drug stores. Send us your slogans at once!

(Our roving reporter, learns a thing or two.)

"Waiter, I want a porterhouse," said Ask importantly. "See that it's two inches thick, juicy, and sizzling hot."

Slowly, relishingly he ate the steak, which was good. Then he glanced at the check and nearly fainted.

"Look here!" he stormed. "This is a hold-up!"

The manager, a brisk, affable, bright-eyed man, came over.

"So you think that steak is remarkably high-priced, young man?"

"I'll expose you!" thundered Ask. "I'm no chump. I'm a newspaperman!"

"Keep your shirt on," advised the manager. "As a matter of fact, if you consider the taxes, restrictions, fences and hedges that various governments have slapped onto that steak it's price is darn low."

"You've paid National taxes, State taxes, County taxes, City taxes. You've paid the taxes of a ranchowner, a railroad, the stockyards, a commission broker, a butcher, and this restaurant."

"Naturally, you've paid only that portion of their taxes which is applicable to your particular steak. Nevertheless, it's true that consumers, taken as a body, paid all of the fifteen billion dollars that the various governments of this country thought they required."

"Help!" feebly cried poor Ask.

"When the government," inexorably continued the manager, "slapped a 10% tax on safety deposit boxes, the price of your steak crept up--infinitesimally, but up. And when Illinois socks a 3% sales tax onto everything--well, that was the most unkindest cut!"

"Wait a sec'!" gasped Ask. "How many taxes do I pay?"

"Over forty different kinds of taxes," calmly rejoined the official. "And as to the number of taxes, you must multiply the number of people handling that steak who are able to shift their taxes by that forty."

"Certainly," he smiled, "any restaurant owner is able to shift his taxes onto the consumer; we proved it with the sales tax. Even the order of the State couldn't prevent us from openly charging the tax."

"The stockyards are able--every pound of beef coming into Chicago must pass through their gates; they're a monopoly."

"The railroads can shift 'em--live stock can be moved long distances only by rail."

"But the ranchowner, the farmer?" Ask queried.

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"Your government is rapidly taking care that they can have a monopoly, too. Your money, Mr. Customer, is being shoveled out to him so that he too can curtail production, so that he too, can charge a bit more for his goods, so that he too, can join in false prosperity. It's a gay life."

Ask paid the check; and left, a sadder and wiser man.

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tend to many of the leading cities of the country - indeed, of the world.

Only a year of actual teaching was left to Mr. Geiger before death was to take him from his work. This was in June, 1934. His students now showed their loyalty to their teacher and to the cause he represented by stepping into the breach and providing for the expansion of the school both in New York and throughout the world. Of greatest importance is the fact that they gathered together Mr. Geiger's class-notes and, with certain changes, published them as a Teachers Manual. This Manual, acting as a guide for the teaching of "Progress and Poverty", is the instrument that has made possible Extension Classes wherever one devoted Georgist can be found.

Chicago was the first city to have an Extension Class. This was organized by Leonard T. Recker of New York, one of the graduates of Mr. Geiger's first class. Henry L. T. Tideman, secretary of the Single Tax League, was the logical instructor and he was chosen to teach the class. From this one class has grown the Chicago School movement of which this Bulletin is the expression.

One of the next cities to start an Extension

Class was Pittsburgh where the Georgist mayor, William N. McNair, had created great public interest in "collection of the economic rent". A member of the Chicago Single Tax League is directly responsible for the phenomenal growth of the School work in the Smoky City - Richard E. Howe. Answering Mayor McNair's plea for followers of Henry George to come to Pittsburgh, Mr. Howe left Chicago last fall and during the winter conducted a class of 50 students, meeting in the University of Pittsburgh. Spring brought such an increase in enrollment that permanent headquarters were secured. Three more classes were then held. 118 students are now enrolled for the coming fall term, with prospects of 500 if adequate facilities are available.

Cleveland next came to the front with an enrollment of 240 in classes begun April 19 in Cleveland College. Close by was the statue of Cleveland's former Single Tax Mayor, Tom L. Johnson, holding a copy of "Progress and Poverty" in his hand. With the cooperation of the graduates of these first classes, Virgil D. Allen, Extension Secretary, has plans for an even greater enrollment this fall.

Whether you go to Los Angeles, Calif., or to South Agremont, Mass., you will find that wherever one class has been a success others are surely following. And in the consequently growing number of Georgists is the power that before long will make itself felt in a regenerated social and economic order.

By paying your one dollar membership fee promptly, you will help toward improving and enlarging the Fellowship. Send your dollar to Mr. J. E. Trulove, Treas., 5817 N. Campbell Ave.
