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FALL TERM GRADUATION

On Saturday, Dec. 18, our Fall School term graduating exercises will be held in Room 20, YMHA, Union and Enright Avenues. We are fortunate to have as speaker Professor Pinkney Walker, Dean of the School of Economics, Missouri University, whose subject will be "Capital Owners, Land Title Holders and Taxes."

We all may look forward to a real treat, as we know of no address made to a Georgist group so pertinent and so profound as was Prof. Walker's speech before the National School Conference held in St. Louis in 1950. Rarely do we have one so thoroughly equipped both from the standpoint of economic knowledge and sympathetic approach to appear before us. Those who attend the graduating exercises on Dec. 18, may look forward to a thoroughly enjoyable and enlightening evening. Come for a renewal of your faith and enthusiasm and also to give a fitting reception to a fine company of new Georgists—our graduates.

A social hour will follow the exercises, sponsored by the Woman's Club, and light refreshments will be served. It will be a "feast of reason and a flow of soul."

A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

It has often been remarked by those who have mingled with them on various occasions, that "Georgists are the finest people in the world." With this in mind, the Henry George Woman's Club feels that the more we get together, the happier we'll be and the more efficiently we can work together.

It has become their Christmas custom, therefore, to substitute for their regular December meeting a Christmas party to which Georgists and their friends are invited. We feel sure those who have attended previous Christmas parties will be happy to attend another; this one to be held at the home of Mrs. Ross Schachner, 5911 McPherson Avenue; Thursday, Dec. 16, 8:00 P.M. Bring your friends. What better way to convince them that Georgists are real people!

CLUB MEMBERS TO BE HOSTESSES AT SHAW HOUSE

The Woman's Club, as a member of the 8th District Federation of Women's Clubs, has—following a plan established last year—assumed responsibility for furnishing hostesses at Shaw House, Shaw's Garden, Dec. 2 through Dec. 5. During the
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THE REMEDY NOT GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP

Today with democracy so gravely threatened by totalitarianism, we can ill afford to overlook root causes of unrest. India holds a strategic position in the world theatre. Shall she look to America for the remedy of a basic evil, or shall America learn from her that "Natural resources are the heritage of all the people, not just of such corporations as get title to them?"

The Social Justice Review comments: "While Mahatma Gandhi brought India political freedom, it was left to Acharya Bhave to initiate the people in detachment from wealth, and thus to construct the other half of India's Freedom--economic independence. To attain this, money must be deposed from the place of honor which it occupies, and labor must be given its rightful due. But how is the dethronement of money to be achieved? Vinoba Bhave's answer is the Bhoodan Yagna--the giving of land in a voluntary religious oblation, since without returning land to the tillers of the soil the sway of wealth cannot be terminated.

"Land reform is being studied in India where the land problem--as it was in Russia and in China--is seen in the raw, not coated over by a film of capitalism, which in Western countries tends to hide landlordism from view. An evil landism warped history to make it read as it does, and evil landism speaks its

poison thru the fabrics of capitalism, a serving and exchanging institution, while landism exploits people. The people being economically near-sighted blame capitalism for evils caused by landism. This is true in the U. S. today.

"Bhave says: 'I demand land as a right on behalf of the poor. I say I am here to teach you to do the right thing.'"

The crucial problem of land for the people of India and other dispossessed peoples, and the problem of the ownership of our own natural resources should focus attention on this question: where does the harm lie? Unless there is diamond-harsh clarification at this point, freedom may be lost by those who seek to save it. Genuinely free land means that the people have free access to the soil. Title to the land whether by persons, corporations or government does not necessarily guarantee the free use of the land to labor, the reverse is often the case. As Mr. Alper puts the matter: "Land is no one's; it is God's. People own titles--not land; they own the privilege of private and exclusive use of land."

Henry George made clear that "Appropriation can produce nothing." "Landowners as landowners, are purely passive in production as land itself; they take no part in production whatever." It is by applying labor to land that men pro-

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duce, and can alone produce. Title to land should serve to guarantee to labor the fruits of its toil. This can be achieved by the appropriation of publicly created RENT-of-land for public use, and by abolishing taxes which penalize wages and interest and depress production. Public revenue can be obtained from but two sources, from RENT on land or from WAGES, the reward of human effort. More and more the burden is shoved onto the wage rewards. The harm lies there.

The remedy lies not in government ownership, but in Single-Tax.

The Nebraska Co-operator for November, 1954, makes clear that even when the government owns natural resources, the people must be guaranteed the freedom to operate them:

"In considering the question of the employment of such natural resources as the government still owns—including waterpower sites—we must realize that there is a difference between ownership and operation. For the government to hold title to natural resources does not mean that it must develop them.

"Natural resources are the heritage of all the people, not just of such corporations as get title to them. They can be developed and operated under leasing arrangements that protect the people in ownership against monopoly. This is the way to have genuinely free enterprise based on equality of opportunity."

Mr. J. Rupert Mason has called attention to the following ruling of the U.S. Supreme Court which has special pertinence in this connection: "Property can have no more dangerous—even if unwitting—enemy than one who would make its possession a pretext for unequal and exclusive....rights." (Edwards v. State of California, 314 U.S. 160.)
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—Presents—

AMahl AND THE NIGHT VISITORS
by Menotti
and

GIANNI SCHICCHI
by Puccini

December 14 & 15 .. 8:15 P.M.
MATINEE: Dec. 15 .. 2:15 P.M.

ST. LOUIS HOUSE AUDITORIUM
Tickets: Goldie's, Arcade Bldg.
EVENING: \$2.25, \$1.50
MATINEE: \$1.00; students 80¢
(Public & parochial school children may be excused from classes to attend matinee.)

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 past year, through generous gifts
 by St. Louis citizens, Shaw House
 has been refurbished and largely
 restored to its original state. It
 will be of particular interest on
 the dates mentioned as the Garden
 Clubs of St. Louis will present
 "Christmas Around the World" a dis-
 play of Christmas customs in var-
 ious countries.

We hope many of you will visit
 Shaw House on the days when your
 Woman's Club will be serving there.
 Miss Alice Jones is in charge of
 the hostesses, who are as follows:

Dec. 2:--Mrs. Anna Lischer

Mrs. Elizabeth Sausele

Dec. 3:--Mrs. Marguerite Howard

Mrs. Elizabeth Stickfort

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Dec. 4:--Mrs. Nancy Cooley
 Miss Hilda Greenwood

Dec. 5:--Mrs. Jusnita Boyle
 Mrs. Fred Blum

HOW ABOUT CHRISTMAS CARDS?

The Woman's Club very much
 appreciates the cooperation of the
 Georgists who have purchased Chr-
 mas cards from their selectio
 There is still time, if you ha
 not yet purchased your cards, or,
 you need a few more, to secure th
 from the wide variety offered
 the Club, at the following loc
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