

# By George!!

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## SPRING TERM

The new term got under way in mid-February. Six classes started although enrollments were sharply down, continuing the trend noted last Fall. Some people say "people are too prosperous to be interested in economics", and heavier enrollments in depression years like 1948-49 seem to bear this out. The demand for people's time by so many more groups is also advanced as a cause. Whatever the cause, a stepped up advertising campaign seems necessary.

## FINANCIALS AT TAIL?

Mr. Charles Eckert, leader of the Graded Tax League of Pennsylvania, was a special guest at the Bing luncheon on Fri. February 24, at the Maryland Hotel.

"We must broaden our base and recognize other problems" asserted Mr. Eckert in his talk. Elaborating, the former Pennsylvania Congressman said: "Most old time Georgists thought the land question was all that mattered, but manipulation of credit by financiers are affecting the national distribution of wealth tremendously." Stating that we must give the Government the solution to the problem of conserving our national resources, Eckert asked "Can any Georgist solve the natural gas problem?"

Speaking of Pennsylvania's Graded Tax Plan, Mr. Eckert pointed out that it was in effect in Pittsburgh and Scranton only. A recent law passed gives third-class cities the option of using the plan but in spite of the Georgist efforts, none have done so. The effect of the plan in Pittsburgh has been modified as the plan applied only to city taxes, while the big "tax bite" is in school and county taxes. He believes the same plan would work well in California.

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## LAST MEETING

All present were enthusiastic in their praise of Mr. H. Henry Roloff's fine talk at the last Alumni Meeting.

The Harbor Department's Director of Public Relations told of the importance of the Port to San Diego's economy and of their fight to secure more tonnage for the port. Pointing out that San Diego's economy is dependent largely on defense orders, Mr. Roloff stated: "Those who are not working at Convair, Ryan, Solar and Rohr are washing each other's shirts". He urged development of San Diego's great natural harbor to provide future payrolls.

Of special interest was information concerning our tidelands which by law must be leased and never sold. The income, while not enough for building piers such as the one now under construction, does make the Harbor Department self-supporting. This, despite the fact that much of the tidelands are used without payment of rent by local and national governments, i.e., the Naval establishments, Lindbergh Field, Civic Center and even the jail.

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## MEET MEETING

Dr. Henry L. Janssen, Professor of Political Science at San Diego State College, will be guest speaker at the regular once-month meeting to be held in Studio 17, House of Hospitality, Balboa Park, on Monday, March 5, 1956, starting at 7:30. A question & answer period will follow Dr. Janssen's talk. Another fine meeting is in store -- and refreshments will be served. Don't miss it!

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## COMING EVENTS

April 2, 1956, Studio 6, House of Hospitality, Balboa Park. Guest: Arthur Eddy May 7, 1956, Graduation, to be announced. June 3, 1956, Basket Picnic. The Grotto.

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**BING LUNCHEON EVERY FRIDAY MARYLAND HOTEL**  
J. Page Dowden, City Parking Committee member and Henry George graduate will tell of San Diego's parking problems at the March-2 luncheon. All are welcome!

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( ) Here is 50¢ for that delightful satire "THE SHOVELCHATS" by Craig Rolston.

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