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GRADUATION

On May 9, at Bard Hall, Unitarian Church, 1541 Sixth Avenue, 7:30 p.m., graduates of the Spring Term will receive completion certificates, and join the 70,000 thinking men and women who have taken the time and trouble to learn the basic fundamentals of economics.

Mr. Robert Bryant of Los Angeles will be guest speaker. Refreshments will be served. Come out and meet these fine new graduates.

WORLD TRADE CLASS

Beginning Tuesday evening, May 15, 7:30 pm Mr. Everett Seeley will conduct a class in World Trade at Golden Avenue School, Room 13 in Lemon Grove. The class will meet for two hours one night a week for seven weeks.

A special feature that night will be a talk by Rev. Jack Thmign Addington, Pastor of the Church of Religious Science, San Diego.

All the new graduates and anyone who has not taken this course are urged to enroll in the trade class. Everyone is invited to hear Rev. Addington.

COMING - JUNE 3

Basket Picnic at the Grotto in Presidio Park. Pot a pot luck, bring your own or join with friends and neighbors in planning your lunch. Remember, June 3.

GO MAP TALK THEM

Teachers, including those on leave and all interested in making the Fall Term the most successful yet, will meet Wednesday May 2, at the Palmer residence, 138 Fifth Avenue, Oula Vista.

AGE MEMORIA

Members who attended the April meeting of the Alumni Association heard a highly informative talk by County Assessor Arthur Mady and took part in a lively question and answer period.

Questions by the audience brought out the fact that present sales and other taxes are passed on to the consumer, while a tax on site values could not. Questioned on the site value tax idea, Mr. Mady agreed that such a tax could be easily figured and collected.

PROPOSES LETTER WRITING CAMPAIGN

Howard L. Buck has reprinted a few of the "letters to the editor" that have appeared in San Diego newspapers during the past 18 months. It makes a good record of what can be done to "noodle" public opinion, as Mr. Buck puts it, if we would take the time to write the press.

Mr. Buck has recently had articles printed in the Interpreter, The Answer, and The International. As he says, "who knows when we may let fall something that will take root in fertile soil?"

So far the burden has rested on just four or five with a burning desire to see fear and poverty vanish from the earth. Anyone who ever waded indignant at stories of taxes, slums, land gifts, juvenile delinquency, etc., has a right, no, a duty to write a letter setting straight the facts and light the way.

What a light would shine in Freedoms sky if all of you who know the truth..... Would let the smoldering spark ignite and hold aloft the candle high.

LAND TITLES (continued)

During the Spanish era land titles did not enter the picture. The land was held by the King of Spain in common. The first land grant in San Diego County was made in 1823, two years after Mexico overthrew Spanish rule. This grant for the 8486 acre Los Penasquitos Rancho north of San Diego was made to Capt. Francisco Maria Ruiz, military commander of San Diego. It wasn't until just before the Mexican War that the Governors of Alta California made the lavish grants to political favorites and friends.

The treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, which ended the war with Mexico, specified that the United States Government would honor all valid land grants. The U.S. Congress set up a Land Commission to rule on the validity of the rash of claims that arose over ownership of many Mexican land grants.

Claimants could appeal decisions to the courts and long legal battles took place. In the meantime with titles uncertain, squatters moved in, owners' funds went to lawyers and money lenders, and some sold out to speculators.