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SINGLE TAX LEAGUE OF CHICAGO

The summer months have done nothing to slow up the activities of the Chicago League. A speakers' bureau is being organized, the "Prosperity" pamphlet is being mailed to people in all parts of the country, and the regular weekly meetings are increasing in interest and effectiveness.

A galaxy of leading Single Taxers from all parts of the world have spoken from the League platform this summer. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Burley Griffin of Canberra, Australia; Miss Mildred Tideman of Berne, Switzerland; Messrs. Neil Ness and Arnold Weitzman from Moscow, Russia; and Mr. Edward P. E. Troy of San Francisco are among those who would have written their names in the Guest Book if the League had had one!

Mr. Griffin is the father of Town Planning as it is known today, having been the prize winner some years ago in the \$100,000 world-wide contest for the best town plan for Canberra, the capitol of Australia. Mrs. Griffin has

been in close association with him in all his work, and both decry the evils of socialism as it has been applied in Australia and point to the efficacy of the Single Tax as the necessary foundation for democracy as well as for rational town planning.

Miss Mildred Tideman has enjoyed the experience of a three-year residence abroad since she attended the International Conference for Land Value Taxation and Free Trade at Edinburgh in 1929. Her first position abroad was in the American Library at Paris, later taking a temporary position in the American Embassy at Paris, and then entering the American Legation at Berne. Miss Tideman, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Selim Tideman of Chicago, is a graduate of Northwestern University and a firm believer in the Henry George philosophy.

Mr. Troy had recently visited Fairhope and made a tour through the South. The Griffins, Miss Tideman and Mr. Troy left Chicago for their respective destinations on Sunday, Aug. 28.

Other recent speakers before the League include William P. Weihofen of the Chicago Motor Club, Chester Cleveland, attorney, formerly in the office of the Chicago Corporation Counsel; Frank Davin, national organization director of the Saracens; Martin Bickham of the Governor Emerson Relief Commission, and Mrs. Howard C. Phillip of Winnetka.

SINGLE TAXERS' BIRTHDAYS

John Z. White, one whom we may well term the dean of the American Single Taxers, celebrated his seventy-eighth birthday on Monday, Aug. 8, in company with Mrs. White and a few friends. Mr. White is enjoying good health and it soon became evident to all who spent the evening with him that he has lost none of the chuckling wit nor profound wisdom for which he is famous in hundreds of cities. Although he has found time to write a book, Mr. White has devoted most of his time to the care of Mrs. White since she was almost fatally burned two years ago.

Among those who shared the birthday cake with the Whites were Mrs. Frederick H. Monroe, widow of Mr. White's lifelong associate; Mr. Andrew P. Canning, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tideman, Mr. George Strachan, Miss Dora Green and Mr. and Mrs. John Lawrence Monroe. It was recalled that during Mr. White's twenty-three years' lecturing for the Henry George Lecture Association he addressed some 10,000 organizations and over a million persons. Mr. White's new residence is 3336 Lawrence Avenue, Chicago.

But Mr. White is just a youngster in comparison to George A. Schilling, who reached the exalted age of eighty-two on Aug. 24. Mr. Schilling's spry manner and regular attendance at business and at the Single Tax luncheon table in Chicago would hardly tell his years. Few have rendered a more devoted service to the cause of truth and justice. His report as Commissioner of Labor Statistics under Gov. John P. Altgeld attracted nation-wide atten-

tion and came as near to being a "best seller" as a publication of its character could. Under Mayor Edward F. Dunne he served as a member of the Board of Local Improvements, and under Mayor Carter H. Harrison as president of this board (1911-1915). With such other liberals as Clarence Darrow and Victor S. Yarros, Mr. Schilling organized the Sunset Club in the '90s. The declaration of principles of this club are unique, reading in part:

No President. No Bored. No Steward. No Encores.

No Long Speeches. No Dress Coats. No Late Hours. No Perfumed Notes.

No Preaching. No Dictation. No Dues. No Litigation.

Other prominent Georgists who celebrated birthdays during the last month or two are Fiske Warren, seventy, July 3; Peter Witt, Cleveland, sixty-three, July 24 (his hair is as black as ever); Dow Dunning, Boise, Idaho, seventy-four, Aug. 10, and Frank W. Lynch, San Francisco, seventy-one, Aug. 18.

SINGLE TAX SPEAKERS

Claude L. Watson, Chicago, Ill.—On Tuesday evening, July 26, Mr. Watson addressed a special meeting of the Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs of Coshocton, Ohio. Mr. Fred S. Wallace, publisher of the *Coshocton Daily Tribune* and one of the most persistent and militant of Single Taxers, arranged the appointment. He writes: "Our joint meeting was a good one. The attendance was good, between 120 and 150, I was told. It closed with general discussion, questions and answers, and many remained at the close to talk further with Mr. Watson."

Mr. O. A. Toepfert, leader in the Henry George Club of Cincinnati, is arranging a week's engagement in Cincinnati and vicinity for Oct. 2-8. Dr. Thomas Sullivan of Covington, Ky., is cooperating in arranging appointments in Cincinnati's neighboring city.

Mrs. Howard J. Bailey of Omaha, Neb., already has Mr. Watson scheduled to speak before the League of Women Voters on April 17. "After hearing Mr. Watson this spring," writes Mrs. Bailey, "I am very anxious for more women to hear him explain the Single Tax."

George M. Strachan, Chicago, Ill.—Speaking as an electrical engineer and head of the bridge department of the City of Chicago, Mr. Strachan addressed the forum of the St. James M. E. Church of Chicago on Sunday evening, Aug. 28, on "A Bridge from Adversity to Prosperity." The engagement was arranged by Mr. Clayton J. Ewing, president of the forum as well as of the Single Tax League. The "bridge" to which Mr. Strachan devoted his "sermon" was nothing short of the full Single Tax. "Other measures don't span the distance," maintains Mr. Strachan.

J. Edward Jones, Chicago, Ill.—Mr. Jones spoke before some fifty members of the Crawford Business Men's Association, a community club in Chicago, on Friday, Aug. 26. The appointment was secured by the Single Tax League.

Goods Shut Out and—In!

"EVERY pennyworth of foreign goods that comes into this country is paid for by a similar amount of English goods that go out of the country," said Joseph Chamberlain, in 1895. This was true at that time and remains true today. Therefore, for every pennyworth of foreign goods shut out by quota, tariff or other protectionist device, a similar amount of English goods are shut in and unemployment in both countries follows as certainly as night succeeds to day.—*London Commonweal.*

Taxation of Land Values

BY THEODORE H. LUNDMARK,* BEREA COLLEGE, WINNIPISSAUGA, OHIO
FIRST PRIZE (\$100) IN ANNIE C. GEORGE ESSAY CONTEST, SPONSORED BY ROBERT SCHALKENBACH FOUNDATION.

WE are proud of America. Here the laborer is more happily conditioned in all material things than people in any other land. We have built cities, bridged rivers, tunneled mountains, built almost perfect highways, converted the wilderness into spreading fields of grain and built magnificent temples and skyscrapers. We possess half the world's gold supply, and no people in any other land have accumulated as much of material wealth.

Yet the whole United States stands disgraced, where everywhere there is penury in the midst of more than plenty for all; where laws of privilege and special favor have made droves of millionaires and multimillionaires at one end of the social scale, and millions of unemployed and destitute at the other end. The Kentucky farmer today faces financial ruin. With debts and taxes created on an inflated basis, he is now called on to pay them with his products selling on a deflated basis. With prices much lower than before the war, his taxes are from two and half to five times higher. With what he has to sell bringing half or less than half of what it did before the war, what he has to buy is, in most instances, costing him twice as much. Today taxes take one-sixth of his gross; so to say more. One out of every six days' work goes for taxes, one out of every six hogs sold, one out of every six gallons of milk, sixteen out of every 100 pounds of tobacco. What is true of the farmer of Kentucky is true of most farmers elsewhere.

What is the cause of the unequal development of our civilization? How can democratic equality and universal prosperity be restored?

The ownership of land is the basic fact which finally fixes the social, political, intellectual and moral status of any people. Mr. M has the right to command land upon which Mr. A. and Mr. C must work so that he can extract the fruits of their weary toil as the price of his permission to work. The State allows land of superior productivity

*[BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE.—Theodore Lundmark was born Oct. 1906, at Brainerd, Minn.; lost his father when he was three. In 1919 Lundmark moved, with his mother, to Detroit, Mich., where she died leaving him to fight single-handed. He dropped out of high school and worked for eight months as office boy in the editorial reception room of the *Detroit News*. He studied typing two evenings a week at the High School of Commerce in Detroit and won seventeen typing awards. His chief interest in life has been music. He attended Iberia Junior College, Iberia, Mo. Graduating from the Junior College, he was recommended for admission to Berea College by friends, and he expected to major in music and give a graduation recital next year. To help defray college expenses he does stenographic work in the Berea College broom factory office. Mr. Lundmark received the decision as first prize winner among sixty-one essays submitted from Berea.—EDITOR]