

DEATH OF MR. LEW ELLIS

We regret to report the death of one of our South Australian stalwarts, Mr. Lew Ellis, who was a vigorous champion of our principles. For many years he was a trustee of the Henry George Foundation. He was a catalyst behind site value rating campaigns in South Australia on numerous occasions. A photograph of Mr. Ellis on his 80th birthday (right).



DID YOU KNOW?

The days are long gone in Britain when royal births had to be witnessed by a host of officials and the public. This was to guard against the substitution of a live baby in the event of a still-birth.

The father would take the child out to the crowds and, to prove that the baby was of the royal line, he would place his foot on a special stool and set the infant on his knee. Thus, from the French genu, a knee, we derive genuine.

As for the common man, each year all peasants and smallholders had to parade before their lord and kneel on a piece of turf cut from their land. In this way, they acknowledged that both the man and the land were the property of the lord. Humility is derived from the Latin humus, meaning soil.

Graeme Donald.

In Canberra, when a zoning change to a more intensive land use in this capital city is approved, the increase in land value is subject to a betterment levy which can be as much as 100% in the case of leases of less than five years.