

IN MEMORIAM

BENJAMIN F. SMITH of Ada, Michigan, died September 9 at age 71. A Georgist for many years, he spoke, wrote and campaigned for land value taxation. The Grand Rapids Press noted that he was an engineering consultant, "but was best known for his vocal views on property tax reform" and that he criticized "too low, non-uniform assessment of land." He is survived by his wife Marion; a son, Brian; and a daughter, Diana Curtis. Mr. Smith was working on a book to be titled The Prime Principle. Delving deeply into Georgist philosophy, he compiled much data and covered an impressive span of the history of the land question in ancient and modern times. Several chapters of his proposed book have been published in two large booklets which Mrs. Smith has kindly made available to us. We offer these chapters to readers for \$1.00. Write to the Henry George Institute, 5 E. 44th St., New York, NY 10017 and ask for The Prime Principle.