

NEWS NOTES AND PERSONALS

REV. MERVYN J. STEWART, of Bishops Stortford, England, is not only active in the Georgeist movement, but also takes an important part in protecting his parish against air raids. He writes: "I am not only Vicar of a farming parish thirty miles from the North Sea, but am also Clerk of the lay parish Council answerable for our local organizations against air raids. Many planes pass overhead almost every night. Nothing so far has been dropped in this parish, and no one of ours hurt yet. We have our Sunday School prepared for casualties. We have trained nurses, auxiliary firemen, utility men, air wardens, and two special constables. My chief duty is to find volunteers to fill any place which is vacated—very difficult now that the Home Guard are enlisting all available, and even take men from my precious services!"

Rev. Stewart also sends us some cheering words: "I have heard (from *Land & Liberty*) of your brave fight for a free life, and trust you may succeed. A free press is the very breath of freedom, and governments and police are not half the danger . . . Every U. S. A. citizen should be pressed to buy LAND AND FREEDOM to understand the Georgeist position."

DONALD MACDONALD, our old Alaskan friend, has an article in the July 20, 1940, issue of *Liberty Magazine*, on "Defenseless Alaska." Mr. MacDonald makes a plea to the people of the United States to guard more closely one of our most important frontiers.

HOLGER LYNGHOLM (whom readers will remember for his Denmark article in our March-April issue) reports that he has had word from his sister, Mrs. Signe Bjorner, in Denmark. She expressed a hope to see all her friends on this side "when things are straightened out."

HERBERT T. OWENS has resigned as Secretary of the Henry George Society of Canada. He is now an employe of the Federal Government at Ottawa, and will continue to carry on his Georgeist activities whenever he can.

PROF. F. W. ROMAN, noted Georgeist lecturer, has been appointed a Regent of the State University of California by Governor Olson, which high position he will retain for sixteen years.

HENRY GEORGE BURGER, son of Benjamin W. and Terese F. Burger, won the Pulitzer Prize awarded to high school students entering college. This award entitles him to four years tuition and cash allowance at Columbia University. In the Erasmus Hall High School, from which he has graduated, he won the highest award for scholarship, besides numerous others in various fields of service and study.

THE COMMONWEAL, prominent Catholic weekly, has several items of interest in its August 2 issue. There is an editorial entitled "Artificial Land Values," in which urban land speculation is condemned, and the Georgeist position discussed. "The position of Henry George in American history," says this editorial, "is generally much underestimated." And again: "The Georgian analysis deserves much more than shrugging skepticism from the unconverted." In the same issue are two letters from Georgeists; one from Robert C. Ludlow and one from Herman Ellenoff. The leading article of the issue is by Monsignor L. G. Ligutti, entitled "Cities Kill." Monsignor Ligutti deplores the blighting effect of our city civilization upon the birth rate, especially among Catholics. A back-to-the-land movement is suggested as a remedy. Monsignor Ligutti is deeply interested in the Georgeist philosophy as well as the homestead movement, and it is reported that in a recent audience with Pope Pius XII, he spoke about Henry George to His Holiness.

CHRISTINE ROSS BARKER, our faithful Canadian friend, passed away on June 25 at the age of 75. Mr. Herbert Owens writes of her:

"Although she had not been in good health for about a year past, she still wrote to LAND AND FREEDOM, and took a deep interest in Georgeist matters to the end. I visited her on one occasion at her home in London, Ontario, and was enthralled by her recital of events when Father McGlynn was at his height. The Movement was richer for her espousal of it, and is the poorer because of her departure."

ALBERT FREELAND, of Seattle, Wash., has passed away. George Dana Linn writes of him: "For the past two years he suffered intense pain from an incurable disease, but he was none the less eager to spread the gospel of economic truth. He was a most prolific letter writer. Among his correspondents were Dr. Wm. Lyon Phelps, Dr. Albert Einstein, and many others. He once read me a letter he had received from Dr. Phelps. It was a beautiful letter. Phelps stated that he had been almost persuaded to accept the economic philosophy Mr. Freeland had presented, and in the event that he should finally accept it in its completeness, he would give Mr. Freeland the full credit for the result . . . One of Freeland's earlier ventures was a plan to place the writings of Henry George in the hands of every voter in America. He figured that it could be done with a little over a million dollars, and at one time he fully anticipated accomplishing it. But reverses came . . . Freeland's life and example will ever remain an inspiration to those who labor for economic justice, freedom and true democracy."

OF WESTERN STARR, whose death we noted in our last issue, Mr. George A. Warren writes:

"With voice and pen, Western Starr labored for nearly half a century in the cause of social justice. He campaigned for Altgeld, the elder LaFollette, Bryan and Woodrow Wilson. Convinced that our entry into the World War would not help the cause of democratic government, he wrote and spoke against it although well aware that such action would bring popular disapproval. Failing health and blindness during the closing years of his life compelled him to slacken, but not cease, his efforts on behalf of movements for human betterment, notably the Georgeist cause. He had taken an active part in other reforms, including world peace, electoral reform, civil service reform, a better monetary system, and free trade. But he always maintained that the fundamental need of mankind was access to the earth, and that without this the great majority of the human race was doomed to involuntary servitude."

Legal Note

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