

Sad Farewells

The month of May brought some sad news—the deaths of two friends who have been close to the Henry George School, and to me personally.

One was Arleigh Chute, who died of cancer. He was only in his thirties. This untimely death cut off a promising career in the field of technical writing and an avocation in promoting the Georgist philosophy. Arleigh had been director of the Berkeley extension of the Henry George School and later assistant director at the New York School. When he left to pursue his writing career he continued to keep in close touch. In the past year plans were afoot for him to start an extension in Seattle. Arleigh is survived by

his wife Peggy, who made his last years happy ones.

The other friend is Nina C. Geiger, widow of Oscar, founder of the Henry George School. She was advanced in years, but the loss is still felt. During Oscar Geiger's years of struggle getting the school firmly established, Nina helped him, served as his secretary, cared for him, and did not complain of the hardships both endured. She was of inestimable help later when I was writing my book about Oscar Geiger, *A Seed Was Sown*. We always kept in touch. She is survived by her son George who is professor of philosophy at Antioch College.

—Robert Clancy

Lillian Tideman of Forest Park, Illinois, a member of that great family so beloved to Georgists, was present, demure as always, at the last Henry George annual conference. Alas, she died on April 30th. How sadly she will be missed. She was active in the Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs, the Henry George Woman's Club and the Free Enterprisers Investment Club. The late Henry Tideman of Chicago was her brother, and she was the sister of Nelly Schaefer and of Selim N. and George T. Tideman, who survive her.

Gordon A. White was on the Advisory Board of the Henry George School in Chicago after its reorganization in 1962, and for 40 years he was devoted to the work of the HGS, the Henry George Foundation in Pittsburgh, and the Henry George Lecture Association which his cousin, John Z. White, served. Especially after retirement he gave liberally of his time and experience to his chosen interests. He died on May 6th, and Rev. Ruth Anne Bassler conducted a funeral service at which Georgists were pallbearers.

Freedom

Freedom must embrace equality of opportunity—yet where public policy encourages land monopolists to “hold to ransom” the march of material progress, equality of opportunity is impossible. All our fabulous progress tends to advance land rent as opposed to the competitive income of industry. Permitting land rent to be appropriated by private persons is the cause of land speculation and of land monopoly.

Consider how opportunity would be equalized by reclaiming land rent for the public treasury. Indeed land rent is the product of the cooperative activities of our entire civilization not of any one person's efforts. What is the increasing government paternalism but an attempt to compensate for the iniquity of land monopoly which so certainly abolishes equal opportunity? By insidious attenuation our freedom can be eroded to limbo, as it has been in previous civilizations. As ever, eternal vigilance is the price of liberty. Every dutiful citizen should assist in alerting the people.

—George T. Tideman