

# A Word With You

A COUPLE of years ago in the pages of HGN, I spoke of the plight and problems of the lone Georgist—the person who lives in a community apart from any Georgist organization or even any kindred souls; and I ventured a little advice and cheer. This summer it was I who was cheered by a lone Georgist. "Don't worry about all the graduates you never hear from," said he. "A lot of them work at it and keep it alive in their own way."

This was Alex Duris, whom I visited at his sylvan home in Hendersonville, North Carolina. He is a graduate of the New York Henry George School from the 1930's, and he does indeed keep it alive. He watches newspapers and writes to people who may be ready for the Georgist message—and he has made converts. He also keeps up quite a correspondence and maintains contact with numerous other Georgists.

There are many such souls across the land. I think of them as way-stations in our Georgist network. There is Woodrow Williams of Columbus Grove, Ohio, who keeps up a barrage of letters to newspapers and personages—often with telling effect. And Elmer Russell Greenlee of Muncie, Indiana, who collaborates with James C. Carson (the latter having just celebrated his 100th birthday!) to produce the interesting Bluebird Letters.

Judge J. R. Fuchs (author of *Constructive Taxation for Free Enterprise*) says he almost counts the day lost that he does not do something for the cause, whether speaking or writing. Judge Fuchs calls the Georgist movement "the greatest unorganized fraternity in the world."

Heman Chase in New Hampshire, William Clement in New Orleans,

Erick Hansch in Oregon, Allan J. Wilson in Florida—these and many others keep busy writing letters, talking to legislators and community leaders, distributing literature and books — and last but not least, telling people about the Henry George School.

Nor is this sort of activity limited to our way-station leaders. Right in our midst there are people who, besides participating in Henry George School (or other organizational) activities, keep up their own brand of publicizing. In New York we have R. M. Dreyfuss, whose correspondence on Georgist matters with all sorts of people would fill several file cabinets. And San Francisco has that indefatigable pen-wielder and interviewer, J. Rupert Mason.

The president of the Henry George School, John C. Lincoln, continues to write on his own and to spread the word; so do Lawson Purdy and Francis Neilson—all in their nineties. I have not even mentioned our overseas friends, who deserve a commentary all their own.

Surely all this—plus the work of the new friends we are constantly making, is slowly adding up to a Georgist penetration into the consciousness of the "body politic."

—Robert Clancy

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