

ANNE B. LORENZ

Anne Lorenz died May 13, just two months short of her 100th birthday. She was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan and migrated to Oregon. There she became an ardent Georgist under the tutelage of Dr. James Richmond who practiced medicine there. She was a faithful member of the Henry George Institute and remembered the Institute in her will. She is survived by her daughter Rosalind Rich, also a member of the HGI. Following is an excerpt from one of Mrs. Lorenz's writings:

"The earth is the Lord's and we are its stewards. But how to share the land? Shall we indeed reapportion land, to each one his proportionate bit? Hardly this. A satisfying method of sharing the land has been sought without success until Henry George came up with a simple yet easily applicable plan, namely to collect ground rent from all alike to cover public expenses, leaving to every man what he produces without further taxes of any kind. Under an industrial society such as ours, we as common owners of the land should treat it as we do with any other inheritance we do not wish to liquidate, merely collect the rent. Thus, and with what relief the state would find it unnecessary to levy taxes, and the vast sums once taken from industry would be diverted to wages. For are not wages spent for goods that keep the wheels of industry turning? And furthermore the holding of unimproved land would no longer be found profitable and there could be no more 'unearned income.' All unused land would become a new frontier, and the unemployed could find subsistence on the land until a freed industry could absorb them.

"And would this solve all our problems? No, only those arising from lack of opportunity and consequent evils. Then we could more successfully apply ourselves to coping with whatever other problems will arise from time to time."