

### ***Henry A. C. Hellyer***

Some readers may remember that Henry A. C. Hellyer published in *The Freeman* in 1943, an article entitled "Is the Single Tax Practical?" He died in November at his home in Englewood, New Jersey at the age of 85.

Mr. Hellyer was a consulting engineer and shortly before the first World War he was appointed Borough Engineer in Bergenfield, New Jersey. In the 8 years during which he served it grew from a village of 800 to a town of 5,000.

When the question came up of extending the water main, Mr. Hellyer, an advocate of Henry George's principles, suggested to the water company that "the Borough proceed to do the work as a 'local improvement,' just as if it were a sidewalk, and assess the cost on the property benefited. This was quite a new idea to the Mayor and Council," wrote Mr. Hellyer, "but they could see nothing wrong with it. I was directed to prepare a plan and ordinance to be introduced at a later date." There were no objections and the ordinance was passed.

"In advocating the adoption of the single tax principle it is generally assumed," the engineer continued, "that some people will be hurt while others will be benefited, and it is justified on the principle of 'the greatest good to the greatest number,' but in the instance related above, *all* concerned were benefited."