

## Woman's Tax Club

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The 33rd consecutive annual gathering of the Woman's Single Tax Club was held on June 4, 1944, in Riverdale, Md.

A picnic luncheon was followed by an informal program of impromptu talks. Hon. Robert Crosser, of Ohio recounted personal experiences in his efforts to show that the collection of ground rent in place of taxing industry would make land monopoly unprofitable and increase the demand for labor, so that jobs would hunt men instead of men hunting jobs. Judson King, head of the National Popular Government League, told of their work in connection with the TVA in preventing private ownership and speculation in lands adjacent to the dams. Joseph B. Chamberlain read a copy of the letter he had recently written to the newly consecrated Episcopal Bishop of Washington, Rev. Angus Dun. William V. Mahoney, executive secretary of the Allied Organizations, a Socialist who agrees that the socialization of ground rent is the first—even if not the only—necessary step toward bringing about a better world, spoke briefly on the importance of working together for the things we all believe in.

Greetings were read from Hon. Charles R. Eckert, from John Lawrence Monroe; and from Miss Alice I. Siddall.

Our WSTC president, Mrs. Helene McEvoy, presided. Information regarding the Henry George Liberty Ship was read, and a number of the postcards sold.

I appreciated the unexpected appearance of excerpts from my letters, in two recent issues of The News, but it was with some astonishment that I found myself held responsible for the plank adopted by the Prohibition Party to "tax property not to exceed one per cent a year, of the full value of the taxed property." That absurd plank, limiting rather than increasing land value taxation, making no distinction between land and improvements, and no reference to removing other taxes, was quoted simply by way of contrast to the single tax plank which, as a D. C. delegate, I vainly endeavored to have adopted.  
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