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IN MEMORIUM

NOAH D. ALPER

June 1, 1897 - July 30, 1983

Dear Fellow Georgist:

It is our most distressing and sorrowful duty to report to you the passing of our long-time devoted friend and associate, our late President Emeritus, Noah D. Alper, who departed this life, here in St. Louis, on July 30, 1983.

Today's St. Louis Globe-Democrat carried a concise and objective statement about Noah, his life and his dedication to the concept and principles of Henry George and Site Value Taxation. We've reproduced it below, as we felt you'd want to have not only the information, but also the article itself, as a memento of this great, gentle and honorable man, who worked so courageously to further the cause of basic justice for all Mankind.

Noah D. Alper, 86, crusader for land-only taxation, dies

Noah D. Alper, longtime St. Louis crusader for taxing only land, died of infirmities Saturday, July 30, 1983. He was 86.

Mr. Alper donated his body to Washington University's School of Medicine.

He was born in Farmington, Mo., and attended Washington University. He served in both World War I and II, and was frequently in the news for his views on taxation. Mr. Alper advocated the 19th century economist Henry George's theory for taxes.

He frequently argued that George's tax reform, based on higher land taxes and no taxation of improvements on the land, would bring prosperity

through cheaper government, higher wages and increased industrial production.


Mr. Alper founded the Henry George School here in 1939 to teach the economist's theories. He ran the school until 1964, when he began to devote more time to the Public Revenue Education Council. The council, founded in 1951, emphasized educating the public, while the school educated economics students.

He retired from the council in 1978.

At a retirement dinner for Alper in November 1978, Missouri Court of Appeals Judge Robert O. Snyder called Alper "a man with a mission," adding, "He converted me."

Gifts to the Public Revenue Education Council have already been forthcoming, in memory of Noah. It will be our continuing goal to carry on our work in the fine tradition of Noah D. Alper, our founder and long-time leader. We know you share with us our great loss.

Sincerely, and with deep regrets,


Stanley A. Frederiksen,
Executive Director