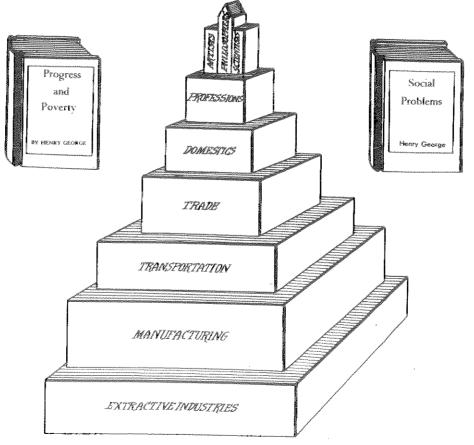
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CALENDAR

Tuesday - September 11 - Regular Meeting of SAGE

7:30 P.M.

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Georgists: Someday you and I are going to read in our newspapers that the George Basic Tax System has become the law of the land! It may be years from now but it may be sooner than you think, too.

The achievement of any goal is not impossible. If we want a George economy one basic thing is necessary and that is that we all unite. We should all belong to one central organization. We should all have our shoulders to the wheel and help make our program a reality.

Do we need courage, tenacity, iron will-power and the determination to go right on to the end of the road? Indeed we do and we need the physical and financial support of every idealist and seeker after truth and justice in America.

George Musalino has been called from the duties of President of the Society for the Advancement of the George Economy. I have been summoned to take over his duties intil our next election in January.

I want every member of SAGE to know right now, that I consider this responsibility of the utmost importance in my life. To me philosophy and religion are both utterly meaningless unless they are adapted to the exigencies of the world we live in and applied to the environment in which you and I spend our days.

The philosophy of Henry George and the Canon of Decency - the collection of the economic rent of land constitute, to my mind, the true road to real justice and humane freedom among men. I feel that if we can establish the principle of the basic land tax in law we can free the economic slaves of America and of the world, too. Here is the real way to international peace and order - not through endless and expensive debates.

I am now calling on every person interested in the cause of Georgian to join this organization. I want the active support of all of you and in return will bring to the organization what I consider dynamic leader-ship.

We are establishing a new, active publicity drive and two other important projects which we will present in full in forthcoming issues. We intend to set up definite goals.

Our task is difficult. We need volunteer workers in the mass of publicity work that is to be done. We also need financial aid.

It is my request herewith that every member who possibly can, take the first step in a new resurgence of the great George movement that swept the country from Maine to California when our hero Henry George was alive. Take this step by sending a victory contribution of one dollar to the 1951 New Crusade Campaign, care of the editor of this paper. It will be used to defray the costs of our new Autumn printing and publicity campaign.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - Continued

Whereever you are Georgists, whatever your occupation, support our effort now to establish in reality, the ideals that we all desire so much. The Autumn activities mean something brand new and effective and also expensive for our society.

Let all Georgists stand to arms in the new fight. We wan do it, folks, if each one does his or her part. Let's see some real Georgism in action. Our goal is five hyndred dollars;

Edwin J. Cooney

UP TO YOUR NECK IN MUD By - MINIMAX

If you lived in Kansas City chances are you would be up to your neck in mud of the Missouri River. You would be cleaning up what was once your home and hoeing out all the silt of five hundred miles of water way gone wild. News of these floods in the Missouri Valley is so familiar in its annual sameness that most of us don't react to its full meaning.

The fact is that the floods are getting worse every year and costing us millions of dollars. More than one and a quarter billion dollars has been spent on piece-meal flood control on the Missouri and its tributaries since 1945.

The construction related to this type of "flood-prevention" is euphonicusly called the Pick-Sloan plan. For Flood Control and Soil Conservation this incredible drain on the public treasury is neither a plan nor does it control floods or conserve soil. It is the result of the rivalry between the United States Army Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation, both of which desire to control and direct the project activities in the Missouri Valley. Unable to seize the power that they want, the two agencies have compromised with each other and the result is the fleshless corpse known to us as the Pick-Sloan Plan. It is a contractors grab-bag and politicians gravy train combined.

The work done consists of building a series of jetties, levees, dikes and small dams. Who decides how, when and where the projects should be built? None other than the log-rolling Congressmen of the several States in the valley are given the power to determine the type, location, etc. of this piece-meal construction. Instead of using the proven mathmatical criteria of sound geologic engineering, all building is done according to the results in the next election.

The Pick-Sloan Plan has been described as a shotgun marriage joining the two agencies involved to set up a respectable front, thus diverting the public's attention from the true facts of the case. The real intent was and is, to head off the creation of a Missouri Valley Authority.

Who are the shadowy promoters behind this deal?

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UP TO YOUR NECK IN MUD - Continued

The people who are fighting a Missouri Valley Authority are the numerous private utilities in the valley of the Missouri and its many tributary rivers, Their purpose is to prevent at all costs the building of huge dams which could be used to produce cheap electric power for the people of the area. Cheap power will force them to reduce their exorbitant rates. Rather than do this they are quite willing to see the terrible floods ravage the area each year while you and I pay the bill.

The Missouri Valley Authority which remains in the blueprint stage is a genuine plan that begins referestation on the hilltops, thereby preventing the wild rush of snow filled mountain streams down to the rivers. This tremendous influx of water all at one time is the cause of these annual disasters. The only way to stop the murder of American land in the Missouri Valley is to establish this reliable approach to a very difficult and complex engineering problem.

The flood this year was the worst in history. Industrial areas were especially hard hit, putting many working people out of their jobs. But residential areas were not spared. Thousands of homes have been destroyed, along with crops and livestock. In addition several human beings lost their lives.

We Georgists are the self-appointed guardians of the land. We advocate good land use by legitimate methods. We abhor monopoly and in particular any monopoly which will destroy the land for the sake of a dollar. It is about time that our voices were raised loudly in the defense of our pocketbooks and of America!

OPPQRTUNITY:

By: Myron A. Kessner

Opportunity knocks on every man's door. Upon some doors she merely taps with a finger tip. While on some other doors she hammers as with a battering ram.

Henry George came one morning, Who never came before; I ignored his economic freedom And opened not my door.

He called upon the morrow, When evening lights were low, To bring me independence, But this how could I know?

With no reward for labor I forced him to depart; With joy be blest my neighbor, While I've a broken heart.

BIRTHDAY OF HENAY GEORGE - SEPTEMBER 2ND

In the Eighteenth Century, with the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the adoption of the Constitution, our country took its stand upon the revolutionary principle that those who obey the laws should have a voice in the making of those laws. Thus, Washington, Father of his country, is culogized as the emancipator of America from foreign rule.

In the Mineteenth Century, when Lincoln freed our country from chattel slavery, he was accorded the title of "The Great Emancipator", and from that time forward no man was obliged, legally, to call another man "Master".

Good reasons these for celebrating the birthdays of two of our national heros but, with the passing years, greater and greater is becoming the realization that political freedom and legal recognition of the dignity of manhood are not enough to insure either physical or mental well being. There is a third requisite; equality of opportunity to earn a living, without which the other two rights may often become a mockery. Denied his natural right to the use of natural resources many a man is doomed to misery and want through monopoly of these blessings by a comparative few.

Some time in the Twentieth Century it will be generally conceded that "the law of human progress is but the moral law", giving each man equality of freedom to satisfy his desires, "bounded only by the equal liberty of every other man."

When this happens the birthday of a third great man will be publicly commemorated, that of Henry George, emancipator from poverty. Confidence in the eventual success of the true reformer is feelingly expressed by the poet Whittier in the lines:

"The truths ye urge are borne ahead By every wind and tide, The voice of nature and of God Speaks out upon your side".

M.L.R.

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Irving Faust,
Distribution Chairman

SOME HINTS TO TEACHERS OF "PROGRESS & POVERTY" By: L. Leo Greenwald

To teach the Philosophy of Freedom requires much more than the mere ability to read questions from the manuel and listen to the poll-parrot replies of the students as they quote directly from the pages of PROGRESS & POVERTY.

Call it a treatise, a thesis, or an essay, or what you will, but PROGRESS & POVERTY is not a text-book in the usual meaning of the term. In it are combined the deep emotion of the social philosopher and the systematic study of the scientist. Henry George was a reformer, but not a "do-gooder". His feet never left the ground. His was a battle for JUSTICE - for the Dignity of Man - and the Sanctity of Human Rights. PROGRESS & POVERTY came out of the fire that burned in the heart of its author, a fire that ultimately consumed him.

To use the book successfully, the instructor must feel some of the spirit which so inspired George. He must know when to call upon emotion and when to stress the calm, clear, bold and systematic analysis which is the book's other facet. Even at the risk of appearing naive and immature, the instructor must be enthusiastic. He must believe that it is possible in our life-time to achieve the object for which we strive, --- that it is possible, even though it appear improbable. We have passed through a number of revolutionary changes during the last few decades, and who can say, but that the next few may witness changes in our favor. If the instructor lacks enthusiasm the students will soon drop out.

The instructor must know the book, and the subject as well. He must be familiar with History; he must be cognizant of what is going on in the world today; he must not act as if he knew it all, but rather he must be willing to learn from one and all; his heart must be in what he is doing.

There are few items of merchandise which can sell themselves, and there is probably none which could not be sold in greater volume through the utilization of better merchandising methods. And so it is with philosophies and ideologies. We may have the best philosophy, but that does not mean that we can sit back and say, - "Here it is; if you are smart, you will believe in it. If you are not smart; well, it is just too bad." This must be borne in mind at all times, especially at the opening session.

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A WORD OF APPRECIATION FROM THE TREASURER

Let me take this opportunity to thank all those S.A.G.E. members who have recently brought their dues payments up to date, thus helping immensely to defray the costs of our new Fall Program.

Peter Ignatowsky, Treasurer

AS FAR AS I CAN SEE ...

The Polk-Ellender Bill is before Congress. It will make legal, the luring of illegal Mexican field labor by the well fed owners of the vast Texas and California vegetable ranches and fruit-farms corporations.

The recent report of the President's Commission on Migratory Labor, covering these Mexican "wetbacks" is enough to make an honest American's hair stand on end. For instance, medical reports and photographs from Mathis, Texas show that 96 percent of the children in that labor camp had not consumed any milk in six months. Eight out of ten adults had not eaten any meat in six months. The reason given was that they could not afford it with the money they were making. Rickets, scurvy and pellagra are rampant among these "wetbacks".

The employment of illegal Mexican migrants without Government supervision, leadership, guidance or a decent living wage is the most flagrant example of labor exploitation existing in America today. The whole story is a black disgrace to a nation that calls itself civilized.

All critics kindly note that the President does pay an income tax on his yearly salary of \$100,000. His tax is about\$52,000. He receives in addition to salary, \$50,000 a year tax free for expenses. The President reports that this is absorbed rapidly and that the high cost of living affects the White House like it hits the average household.

The Vice President and the Speaker of the House each receive \$10,000. tax free for expenses and Senators and Representatives get \$2,500. for this purpose.

The "paper-bag army" has returned to Washington, D.C. These are the girls who carry their lunches to work. They are there to get the defense program rolling. If you want a Government job write to the Civil Service Commission, Washington 25, D.C., and request Form #57.

Recently in London, Sydney Wordsworth was arrested for stealing five books from a bookstall. He confessed that he spent all his savings and most of his salary of "5 pounds 10" in purchasing books. When he ran short of his goal of lining the walls of his cottage with books, he began stealing. Wordsworth's eyesight is almost completely gone and he has never read any of the books he has acquired.

Dear Commisar: When people do things like this how can you plan for them?

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HALLOWEEN DANCE --- SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1951

AT

THE HENRY GEORGE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM - 50 E. 69 ST., N.Y.C.



AS FAR AS I CAN SEE ... (Continued)

When discussing high taxes it is often customary to fire both barrels at "inflated veterans benefits". Let's look at the facts for a change.

- 1. In 1893, out of a federal income of 12.5 billion, the government spent 164 million on veterans benefits mostly for pensions, medical treatment and soldiers homes. This amounted to 1.314 percent of total income.
- 2. In 1951, out of a national income of 240 billion, Congress is appropriating 4 billion for all veterans benefits. This is 1.667 percent of total receipts. If we excluded educational benefits and segregated costs for compensation, pensions and hospitalization to approximate benefits available to vets in 1893, the cost would be 2.3 billion or .958 percent of the federal income which is four-tenths of 1 percent less comparitively.

Taxes and the cost of Government are very high, but the blame should not be put upon the program created to help those who defended the country against the Nazi-Japanese attack.

The wealthy and powerful petroleum lobby is working night and day to keep the industry's 27 percent "depletion" tax allowance in effect. Here is a particularly bad case of failure to collect the economic rent of land. Not only do we fail to collect the full rent of oil land, but we actually tax deductions for the annual "depletion" of the oil that we, the people, own.

E.J.C.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We take pleasure in welcoming the following new members to SAGE:

REGULAR MEMBERS

Miss Ruth Atkins
Mr. James Azrak
Miss Ilda A. Carriazo
Mr. Ivenko Gabensky
Mr. Scl Kornbluth
Miss Ethel Wayne

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

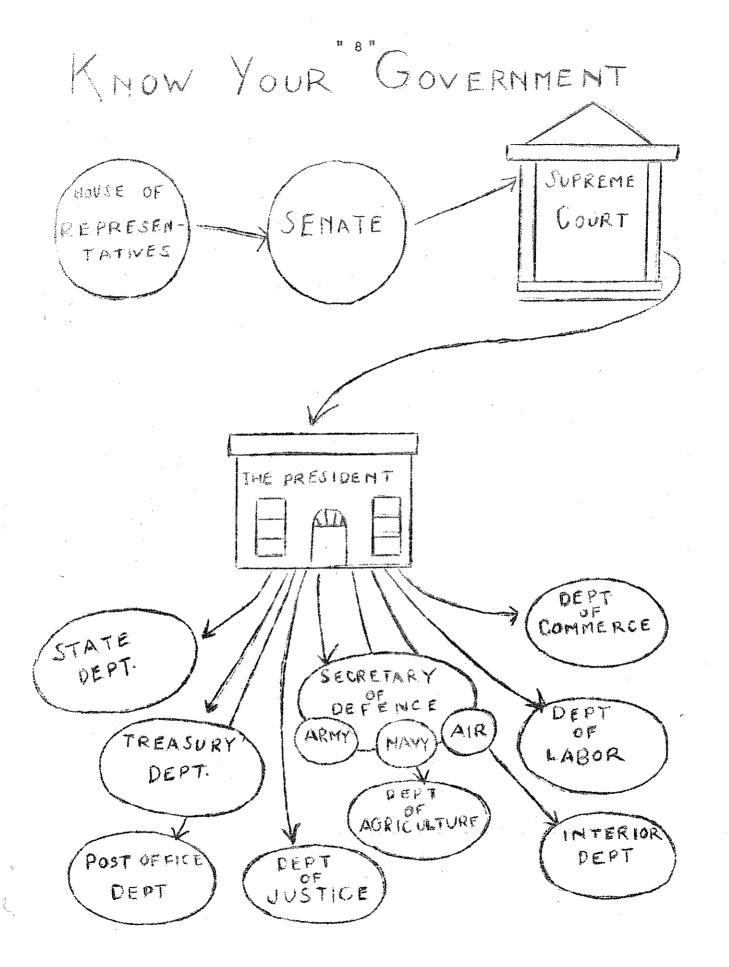
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Mr. Charles Meyer
Mrs. W. E. Shafer
Mr. Walter J. H. Shutz
Mr. Earl Sims

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Cleveland, Ohio
Bridgeport, Conn.
Lincoln, Neb.
Dayton, Chio
Howey-In-The-Hills, Fla.

We are confident that our association will be of mutual benefit.

Helen Lazaroff Chairman of Membership



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OUR STAKE IN THE TRUCE

By - Myron A. Kessner

We have been at war in Korea for a year. At the time of this writing the belligerants are parleying a truce. We all hope it may bear fruit. If it does not, at least the effort to bring hostilities to a close, is a hopeful sign. During the Summer a reasonable quiet reigned over the battle area.

It is quiet too, on a gentle hillside near Pusan where 5,000 gravestones mark the resting place of men who fell in battle. Sixteen flags fly above this area. The United States has contributed most of the men, money and supplies, but the ultimate sacrifice has been made by many from Australia, South Korea, Belgium, Turkey, Canada, Thailand, France, the Philippines, New Zealand, Luxembourg, Great Britain, Greece, the Netherlands, India, Colombia, Ethiopia, Norway, Sweden, Denmark and the Union of South Africa.

Exclusive of the billions in economic wealth which has been expended and destroyed, the graves of the known dead indicate the world wide character and the high cost of collective security.

They say it's an ill wind that blows no body good and one aspect of the Korean war which may generate some optimism, is the fact that the mass attack used by the enemy has failed.

This particular type of field tactic consists simply of ranging hugh masses of troops with supplementary equipment in lines of depth or "blocks". The shock troops in the first block move forward and as the ranks are decimated by defensive fire by land, sea or air, the succeeding blocks move in as re-inforcements, or in many cases, as actual replacements. The total result is a gradual rise in manpower assault pressure increasing against the defenders positions which become more hardpressed as time passes. The idea is thus not only to prevent the defender from "beating back" an attack, but rather to insure more pressure against him the harder he fights. This tactic not only over-taxes the defenders resources but destroys his morale.

It is a tactic excellent in logic and looks well on the blue print. When Hitlet hurled the might of the German Wehrmacht across the plains of Russia, this type of maneuver, used almost exclusively by Russia, destroyed the enemy. It has been adopted by the Russian military as the logical mode of battle for Soviet troops.

However, the Russians are too canny to commit themselves to a form of strategy without first trying it out against modern arms. In consequence, with their approval and indeed at their instigation, the Chinese armies invaded Korea and, using the mass tactic, have attempted to drive the United States Armed Forces into the sea. They have missed their mark tragically and frightfully.

OUR STAKE IN THE TRUCE ... Continued

Battered day and night by modern artillery and new modes of firepower, such as the Super-Bazooka, 75mm Recoilless Gun, Napalin Bombs, High Pressure Liquid Fire Ejectors, new aircraft and naval weapons, the enemy using the mass tactic, has learned at a bloody cost that the strategy is an appalling failure. The Chinese armies have sustained over one million casualties during May and June alone. No nation on earth can pour men into the field at this rate and maintain a stable government: The Chinese bear the brand of the punishment, but the Russians have learned the lesson. I hope they mark it well.

All this means that we have proven our ability to defend collective security not only with alert rapidity but with extraordinary success. We have overcome our own fear of the mass attack. We have learned how to combat it and destroy it.

This leaves the Russians out on a limb with a saw in both hands. Having proven our ability to deal with the mass attack, they must develop a new tactic if a military offensive is to be initiated against the United Nations in the future.

But there is no new tactic except the Atom Bomb. Here not only do we out-produce Russia, but we have modified, refined and developed the technique and manufacture of the product. The military problems od delivering the bomb without warning and then following it up with an invasion, must certainly deter even the grizzliest of Russian bears.

The consensus of military opinion in Washington is that we have proven a very high measure of invulnerability and retaliatory power. It is believed that this will keep Russia on her own side of the fence. This was the origina plan of General George Marshall and Secretary of State Dean Acheson. Although they have been subjected to considerable criticism by those lacking understanding of the situation, their combined efforts have resulted in the containment of the Korean war to the Korean peninsula so far, and proving to Bussia that we can and we will defend ourselves and the United Nations successfully.

America may well be proud in this year of 1951 that we still have such men who patiently bear the burdens of patriotism with fortitude and courage.

What lesson does the truce have for a Georgist? It has taught us that patient and long range analysis supercedes the transitory emotionalisms with which the minds of men are filled. It has brought us one small step nearer the great comity of nations. It has shown the world that while we have strength we do not use it to oppress. We can hope that these accomplishments will help in the great life-long fight that you and I are waging to have the economic rent of land collected as the basis of the national tax structure. When Governments and diplomats get around to this problem they will really be throwing wide the gates of international peace and world order for all men!

MOONLITE CRUISE SAT NITE SEPT 29, 1951 6:00 PM
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LEXINGTON AVE. SUBWAY TO BONLING GREEN STECIAL RATE
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A CALL TO ARIS!

By: Edwin J. Cooney

At this writing not a single appropriation bill has passed Congress. A few other important bills have passed but that is all the worthy Congressmen have to report.

We have been treated to an evil pageant of log-rolling and pork-barrel politics. When the lawmakers were not engaged in expensive investigations which gained nothing but a mass of hysterical headlines and an opportunity to mug before television cameras, they were assailing each other, the administration, our allies and the world in general. At the same timers by machinition and conniving, tantamount to nothing less than political larceny, they have supported and fostered the desires of the special interests who keep their campaign chests filled and their pockets well lined with lobby money.

This disgraceful spectacle may be discoutaging to some, but it is a challenge to Georgists. We believe in clean Government on a sound economic basis. We are dedicated right down the line to the principle of the collection of economic rent of land as the basis of the tax structure. We support freedom and liberty for all men the world over. Ours is the mighty cause of truth and our weapon is the sword of righteousness. We have logic to support our case and can prove the philosophy we offer to the world as the cure for poverty in the midst of plenty.

But knowledge is not enough. Action is needed and right now! We must take active steps to make our organization a dynamic force in the affairs of our local community and in the formation of a national group. And all of this takes money and work.

In other words, we need you! Will you help us achieve the greatest ideal to which a person can be devoted? Come out to the meetings and find out where you can help. Or write to the Editor of this magazine and ask what you can do.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MEETINGS

JULY 10TH; - A spirited report was rendered by Mr. Joseph Rose regarding his trip to Hartford on June 2nd, where he spoke before the Henry George Fellowship of Hartford, who are planning on becoming a member of National S.A.G.E.

The Speakers Bureau has become a part of the Henry George School, under the auspices of the Regional Office, and Dave Goldstein who is Head of the Regional Office and a S.A.G.E. member, has been selected as Chairman of the Bureau.

Announcement was made of the formation of a Public Speaking Group composed of members and former members of Jos. Rose' Public Speaking Class. This group will be in charge of Mr. Rose and Mr. Thomas Gilmartin.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MEETINGS

August 14th: - This meeting was opened by George Musalino, President of S.A.G.E., who then announced that because business had called him away from the city for an undetermined time, he felt he could best serve the interests of SAGE by resigning the office. He then called on Edwin J. Cooney, Vice President to assume the duties of President and Mr.Cooney presided thereafter.

Myron Kessner, Chairman of Education, reported that he is engaged in a direct mail campaign addressed to Union Locals with the object of soliciting students for the School.

Helen Lazaroff, Chairman of Membership, is contacting another group of past graduates, as well as the July Correspondence Course Graduates.

Joseph Rose, Chairman of National S.A.G.E. stated that since the new SAGE branches in Boston, Hartford and Albany are interested in SAGE'S PAGES, arrangements have been made to send each group a substantial quantity each month and we expect to have news of these groups appearing in future issues of SAGE'S PAGES.

A motion was made, seconded and accepted that George Musalino's resignation be accepted with regret, in view of his long and valuable service. Mr. Musalino briefly addressed the gathering, expressing his own regret at leaving but stated that his heart would always be with the organization, that he intended to continue an active interest, since the aims and aspirations of S.A.G.E. were most important to him.

PERSONAL GLIMPSES

We are very pleased to learn that Myron A. Kessner, Chairman of our Education Committee, has received the honor of being appointed Chairman of the Press & Publicity Committee of the Elks.

This will mean a great deal of responsibility for Mr. Kessner, particularly since the principle burden will fall upon him to prepare and organize for the National Elks Convention which will be held in New York next year.

Mr. Kessner being so thoroughly grounded in publicity and journalism, and being such an able Director of numerous committees, we have great confidence in his ability to do this job and do it well! Best wishes to you, Mr. Kessner, and our congratulations.

PLEASE - NOTE:

The SAGE Meeting of SEPTEMBER 11TH is the last week-day meeting; our meetings will henceforth be held on the SECOND SUNDAY of each month, beginning with October and continuing through May. Time: 3:30 P.M.

Also, it is not too early to make your reservations for the GAIA HALLOWEEN DANCE, sponsored by SAGE, to be held on Saturday, October 27th.



III ADVANCE COURSE IN PUBLIC SPEAKING !!!

This is a finishing course designed to polish the student as a public speaker. 12 SESSIONS CONDUCTED BY J. BEDFORD ROSE to include:

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Each speaker is required to speak at least 5 minutes at each session, and is handled individually and SEVERELY criticised by 3. Bedford Rose.

The only requisite to enrollment is that the student be a graduase of a recognized speech course. Fee to cover expense cost only. Class limited to 20 students.

Class begins: Monday, Sept. 24, at 7:30 P.M., Henry George School auditorium, 50 East 69th St. N.Y.C. Register now by writing to J. Bedford Rose in care of the above address.

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