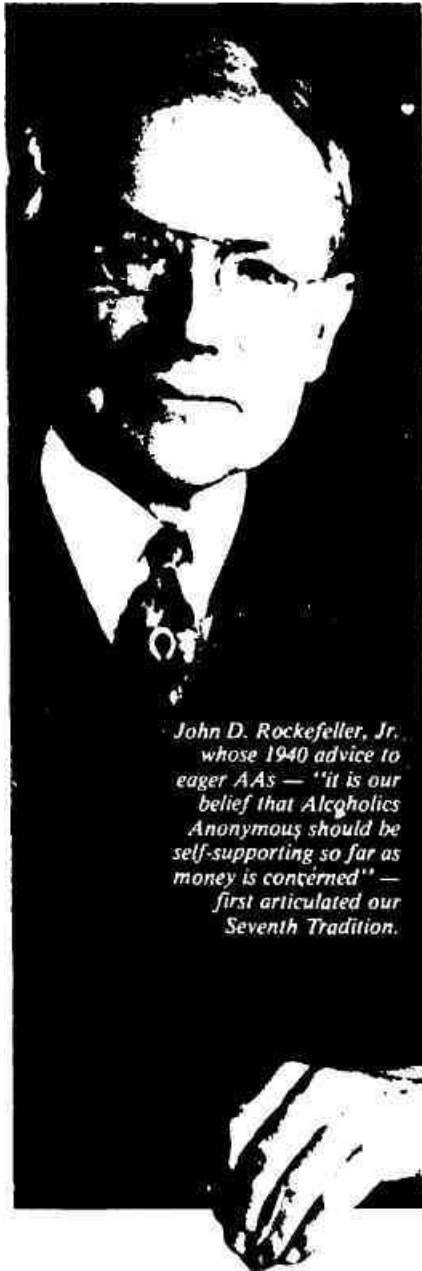


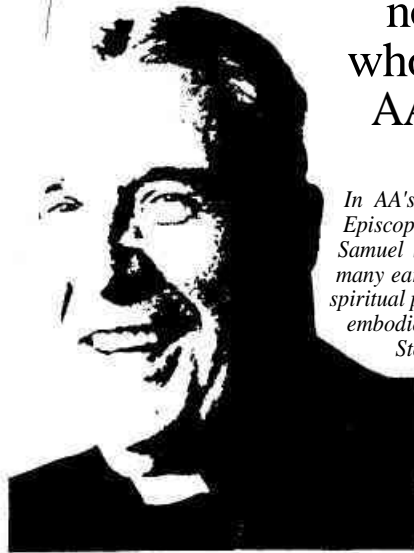
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A Few of the Many...

nonalcoholics who helped shape AA's principles



John D. Rockefeller, Jr. whose 1940 advice to eager AAs — "it is our belief that Alcoholics Anonymous should be self-supporting so far as money is concerned" — first articulated our Seventh Tradition.



In AA's pioneer days, Episcopal clergyman Dr. Samuel Shoemaker instructed many early members in the spiritual principles now embodied in the Twelve Steps.



Dr. William D. Silkworth, "the little doctor who loved drunks," was the first to describe our illness as a physical compulsion coupled with a mental obsession.



Sister Ignatia "bootlegged" the first drunks into St. Thomas Hospital, Akron, and with Dr. Bob set an example of the practice of AA's Twelfth Step.



Since the early days of AA, many nonalcoholics have demonstrated "the kind of giving that asks no rewards." Austin MacCormick (top) fostered the spread of AA in prisons; John L. Norris ("Dr. Jack") pioneered in introducing AA to corporate medical programs. Both served as Class A trustees, Dr. Jack as chairman of the General Service Board from 1961 to 1978.

