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*Capsule Comments*  
*from Our Conference*  
*Reporters' Notebooks*

A. A. of AAs... The Average Age in AA of the delegates was seven years, six months. This means 7 1/2 years since the last 1/5th, or any part thereof. Real graybeards, we call them!

The nine Conference sessions lasted 152 gallons of coffee worth. This tops the report on coffee consumption of the first Conference . . . 15,664 coffee beans. At that 1951 meeting there were 383,412 words spoken or roughly twenty-five beans per word.

On opening day of the Conference, delegates were amazed to find a bar being set up in the room reserved for AA Conference registration. Turned out it was for some other meeting, and only temporary.

At least one Committee Report reported that at this time the report was that no report was in order. Report accepted.

For the third straight year the Conference lived on borrowed money. Of 4,364 groups, only 1,086 groups contributed . . . exactly 25 per cent. The deficit was met by reserve funds of the Alcoholic Foundation.

**RECURRENT TOPICS**  
**AMONG CONFERENCE DELEGATES**

\*\*\* anonymity breaks

\*\*\* lack of interest of old-timers in meetings

\*\*\* representation at state AA conventions

\*\*\* violations of Tradition Six

\*\*\* carrying the message of AA's general services to the individual member

\*\*\* making certain that *all* who seek AA have equal opportunity to find it