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Texans Travel Far To Get Their A.A.

A.A.s of West Texas are adding to the stock of tall tales which grow up so naturally around the Lone Star state, our correspondent at San Angelo reports.

"In a land where there is plenty of room for everyone to breath deeply all the time, Texas A.A.s think nothing of driving 100 miles to attend meetings," the correspondent writes. "One rugged individualist of our group drives 165 miles each way to meet and mingle with his fellow alcoholics. Others, fortunate enough to be with city groups, pile into cars for the weekend and carry the message to struggling bands 400 miles from the home base.

"Of course, this is the state where 'take it easy' originated. The loose-limbed amble of the A.A. is a natural for West Texans, whose only commuter's clock is the slow roll of the seasons. With the livestock watered and turned out on the range, a 200-mile trip once a week to attend meetings is regarded as only one step in the 12 - a philosophy which suits the ranchers so well that they believe Bill and Dr. Bob are Texans who happened to be born in the East."