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Prudence

It is written that "the prudent man looketh well to his going." For, the prudent man is careful to avoid error. He is cautious where experience shows caution warranted, and he looks ahead to foresee the results of his conduct. Practical experience and reason guide the prudent man who confronts obstacles on the road to happiness. Practical experience and reason warn the prudent man when exciting diversions beckon.

Prudence is a great virtue. It is the means through which we avoid pitfalls. And since it looks to the future, it is the means through which we learn to experience positive good. Prudence. like the other virtues, is negative only when one

first tries to practice it. We start by trying to avoid the pitfalls that have trapped us so often. When we have become **practiced** in that, we go on to develop **our** moral sense, **using** prudence to teach us new ways of **living** and thinking, to give us a store of **ex**perience in **right** doing to protect us in the face of evil. Prudence asks us to practice doing good, to practice giving something of ourselves to others in **per**sonal services, doing something that is more than mere duty as we have always understood it.

New habits of thought and action guide our footsteps, protect ourselves from error, and open the way to enjoyment of life in ways that are good.

One trouble that so many of us have in drawing on experience for instruction is that our experience has been limited. When we wish to throw

off our cares and enjoy ourselves for an evening, when we wish to give way to elation, we may turn to the **only** ways of doing those things that our recent experience has taught us. The Devil, who is an enemy of prudence, steps up and **says**, "Yau've been teeteetotally dry for a whole year (or **two years** or three or five) and you haven't been out to kick up your heels all that time. Look at all the fun everybody else has! You can handle yourself now that you're really dried out. Three or four drinks will banish all care and won't do you any harm."

Well, look at the fun everybody else has, as the Devil suggested. But really look. The crowds that fill the cafes, the saloons, the night clubs, some of them regulars, some of them now-and-thens, still is a noisy minority. Many more people who live well ordered lives manage to find merriment and fun without next-morning headaches. Often they are far more successful in enjoying themselves than we were in our alcoholic parties.

The writer-of these lines enjoyed himself tremendously Christmas day in a family gathering in which every one present had to do a stunt for the entertainment of the others. New Year's Eve, as the clock struck midnight, the writer was in a gathering of seventy persons, most of whom drink now and then, but none of whom felt that they had to usher in the New Year half-tight. This was a meeting of old friends? glad to see one another, to chat and to joke and to talk seriously for a bit, and to feel the exhilaration of having been with friends as the New Year began.

There are many opportunities for non-alcoholic fun (yes, fun!). Most of us can find those opportunities if we'll make less than half the effort we would make if we were drinking. Most of us still have friends outside as well as inside AA,

Postwar Planning

As Marty M. tells us, plans affecting the health and welfare of the nation in all its communities must be accepted by the citizens as part of their responsibility; the proposals and plans must be implemented by the thought and action of the public if they are to work. This is the role of the citizen in all postwar planning.

Thus we see, the primary need is for public understanding. We, as AA's can help the public reach this understanding. We must help our fellow citizens to learn the facts. There are at least three important concepts which are absolutely essential for an adequate comprehension of the problem: (1) Alcoholism is a disease and the alcoholic is a

sick person; (2) the alcoholic can be helped and is worth helping; and (3) this problem is a public-health problem and a public responsibility. But, in order to accept these concepts, the public needs to *know* more about the facts from which these concepts are derived. We, through our first-hand experience can do unlimited work in this direction. Not only can we help the individual, but we can act as advisors to groups and agencies. We, as an established group already conducting a program for alcoholics, should be given responsibility and representation in the total community program. Considerable time and effort of a few, with the moral backing and occasional active support of the many, will be needed to launch a program of this nature. The major portion of the work will be borne and must be borne by those who

can give the time and who wish to do so. The ÅA must, by obligation, shoulder a great portion of this burden.

We, as citizens interested in the postwar problem of alcoholism, must begin discussion and action now. We can no longer wait for George to do it. The alcoholic veteran is a whole person, and we must strive to keep him whole and steer him from the sordid fate of continued alcoholism and the wrecking of values he potentially represents.

While our organization as a whole has but one aim, to help the alcoholic who wishes to recover, there are few of us, indeed, who as individuals do not wish to meet some of the broader responsibility for which we are especially fitted. And so, let us strive with all our power to see that this great war casualty, the alcoholic veteran, be rehabilitated so that he may once again take up the reins of peace and take his rightful place among the members of his community.

If you can't face temptation-run away from it.

and these will welcome us as long as we are not boorish, as long as we are willing to make ourselves pleasant.

Sobriety in AA isn't all prayer, and our badge isn't the mournful look. We live normal lives. We work hard, we find relaxation in play, and we don't limit ourselves to AA associations. Prudence teaches us how to keep out of trouble. how to enjoy ourselves and to learn to enjoy the company of others without alcohol. Prudence leads us to yet a higher enjoyment of life on the plane of constructive good, the joy of contributing to others happiness. This demands growth and the happy anticipation that the good will we show to others will return to us many fold.

PERSEVERANCE

Man is a creature of habit. This fact is most certainly recognized far more strongly by the alcoholic than by the non-alcoholic. The former now knows what habitual excess led to, whereas, the latter who has always lived moderately, regards habit as a matter of routine. In the strict sense, while drinking, we were persistent but not perseverant. We persisted in being fickle, **fitfull**, inconstant, irresolute and unsteady. The keynote of perseverance, employed in the good 'and high sense, which is the holding to a worthy cause against all difficulty, danger, hindrance or opposition, was completely lost in **us**.

We must now recreate and strengthen within ourselves, that which had been cast aside. We must newly acquire the act or habit of persevering in the attainment of and strict adherence to the Four Absolutes. The acquisition of happiness, contentment and peace of mind, can be reached only with effort and self discipline. However, as we go further and advance with the AA program, we find that only a modicum of effort is required to practice perseverance; until finally we reach the point where it becomes a habit and we no longer fores ourselves or give up if the going seems a little tough. So now, let us continue striving, in spite of all discouragement, to persevere in the right against all opposition, and thereby live a fuller and more useful life.

THE GROUP, NOT YOU!

Since the advent of AA, the group system of gathering and adhering to principles has been in **effect** and has proved a boon to fellowship. However, because we are human and the complexities of human nature are such, some among us are prone to fall into, or join forces with the disgruntled minority. This shows a lack of complete cooperation, or should we say a leaning toward the competitive rather than the cooperative method of arriving at a group decision.

It is tradition among us that the individual has the unlimited right to his own opinion on any subject under the sun. He is compelled to agree with no one; if he likes, he can disagree with everyone. And indeed, when on a "dry drunk", many AA's do. However. when we must arrive at a group decision, we must come together with the idea of gathering partial truths and bringing them to a group conclusion. With the individual thrust into the background, the members of the group will come together in a relaxed, receptive state of mind. The will to find agreement is present.

Each group is a big family, its members banded together for one purpose, the purpose of sharing our happiness with others. Not for **someones** personal triumph or glorification, but for the common good of all. If we are of a common mind there is no disgruntled minority and unanimity of thought overcomes the desire of the individual will to dominate. Personal triumph is cast into the shadows and cooperative agreement brought into light.

Helen W.

WHO'S WHO?

An absent-minded AA sent in a dollar for a subscription to the Bulletin and asked for a squib about his one-man group which was functioning for the past six months and going strong.

We've given him his write-up-now will he please write us and give us his name and address, so we can send him a Bulletin for a year. Tsk! Tsk!

JUST FOR TODAY

Just for today I will know that I am God's child, under **His protection** and that no plague can come nigh my dwelling.

Just for today I will remember that God is Good. That God is LOVE and He knoweth them that trust Him.

Just for today I will know that I have strength to meet and conquer every claim of error; that under the guidance of Divine Principle I will be led to throw open the door for the entrance of Truth, and know that through that same door error is cast forth.

Then with a sweet sense of God's nearness I will know that yesterday has gone and left no bitterness; that today is here and big with blessings; that tomorrow belongs to God; and to realize this today, eliminates worry and trouble and pain and brings us peace.

STAG GROUP IN YOUNGSTOWN

In the latter part of November a group of about 10 attended the first meeting of the newly tormed stag group and heard Harry D. of Cleveland. They have grown since then and are meeting regularly under the leadershin of hardworking John K. They meet in the Pearl St. Community House on 334 N. Pearl St. Phone 38496.

A stag group in Youngstown should be a great asset to

that community.

TAXI SERVICE PROVIDED

A taxi fund has been established by the women who have been supporting Katherine Kilbane's Nursing Home at Triskett and Gramaton Avenues. This fund has been established to encourage the hospitalization of women patients living a considerable distance from the nursing home and who have no means of transportation. The facilities and high standards are still upheld.

AA ON THE AIR

While listening to the Revere Ware program "Exploring the Unknown," on Sunday, January 13th. in which the development of alcohol was dramatized-its use in making aviation successes possible and in the development of synthetic rubber, to our pleasant surprise the last ten minutes was devoted to a dramatic story of a person finding sobriety through Alcoholics Anonymous.

HOME REOPENS

After a period of illness and convalescence over a period of four months, Irene H., announces the reopening of her nursing home, located at 12214 Detroit Avenue. Irene asks us to express her sincere appreciation to AA for the support given her in the past and trusts that this support will once again be in evidence. Irene's Home is also the gathering place of the **Lakewood** Women's Group, which meets Wednesday of each week, the first Wednesday of the month being open house.

PORT CLINTON, OHIO

We hear from our alert intelligence department of the newly formed Port Clinton Group. Only 6 months ago J. N. came out of the hospital and since then has been an ardent 12th step enthusiast. Alone, he has brought six new men in and has twelve prospects. They have attended meetings in Toledo, Bellevue, Sandusky, etc., but deep snow and freezing arctic temperatures made them long for the comfort of meetings in front of their own fireplaces. So-any day now the date will be announced of the initial meeting of this new group. When it happens, try and get there and give them a boost.

You've gone further for a drink "back when".

CHARITY NEWS

Seventy-five former patients of Charity Hospital and representatives from other groups met on Thursday, January 3rd, at which a novel plan for more thoroughly acquainting patients with the AA program was introduced. This meeting, presided over by Carl K. of Rocky River, was a most impressive and informative meeting. John D., one of the "oldsters" in AA was the first speaker on the subject of "Proper Sponsorship." He gave a masterful talk and he was ably followed by Abby G. (one of the first in Cleveland), Fred B. (first to be hospitalized in Cleveland), and Ed B. (first to be hospitalized in E. Cleveland Clinic). The speakers emphasized their need of intelligent and thorough sponsorship. It was completely informative even though extemporaneous.

The new procedure adopted by these ex-patients will be to hold nightly half-hour meetings for patients to fully acquaint them with AA procedure. These meetings will be conducted by the volunteer workers who are on duty each night. This enables the patients to get an insight of how AA works before they leave the hospital and when they leave it will make them feel more at home in group

meetings.

Meetings of all workers will be held monthly on the last

Thursday of each month at 8:30 P. M.

If the therapy at Charity continues to receive the acceptance it has to date, more facilities will be added in the not too distant future. The intelligent and inspirational work of Sister Victorine and Rev. Fr. Nagel must be mentioned and acknowledged. They have been untiring in their efforts.

OUT OF TOWNERS

The Carnegie Group will play host to out of town leaders on consecutive Saturdays, January 19th and 26th. Al K., an attorney of Windsor and Detroit, takes up the reins and will be followed by Dr. Dean M. of Pontiac and Detroit. Space does not permit us to print the fine biographical &etches by Anne-S. on these two speakers and you may rest assured that missing their leads will be regretted. Both meetings are to be open and an invitation is extended to all members of the clergy and professional people. Let's give these two speakers a real Cleveland AA welcome!

NEW SUNDAY NIGHT GROUP

A new Sunday night group has been formed and holds its first meeting on Sunday, January 20th at 7:30 P. M. It will be called the **Newburgh** Sunday Group and meets at 3684 E. 93rd St. Bill **McG**. is the secretary. Eddie M. led the first meeting. Everyone welcome.

ASHTABULA'S NEW GROUP

On Friday, January 11th, a new group was formed and will be called the Main Avenue Group. Forty-one attended the organization meeting which was led by Fox S. of Cleveland. Very inspirational lead. Meetings will be held every Friday at 8:00 o'clock, with the first Friday being stag night. They meet over Marshall's on Main Avenue, Ashtabula, Ohio.

SMITH-WILSON GROUP STARTS

A new group will be launched on Tuesday evening, January 29th at 8:30 in Nativity School, 9510 Aetna Road. It will be titled the Smith-Wilson Group. Jack D. will start have the start of t the ceremonies and Frank S. will be the speaker. All AA's are welcome to attend.

DOUBLE HEADER

Two fourth termers, Joe B. and Doc H., the Berea Behemoth, jointly celebrated their anniversaries by addressing a congenial crowd of over 150 members and their wives and guests, in the Social Hall of the Berea Congregational Church on the evening of Friday the eleventh. A fine pot luck supper preceded the meeting and following the very constructive discussion period, ice cream and cake were served with the amiable Doc assisting the ladies in his own inimitable roly-poly way. Both Joe and Doc have done a fine job these past four years.

NORWALK

Norwalk celebrates its first anniversary on February 6th with a banquet meeting. Advise their secretary before January 31st if you're coming.

DOAN DATA

John H., Secretary of the Cleveland District Office, was chairman for December and fulfilled his job of arranging for speakers, but was able to attend only one meeting after which he was forced to undergo a series of painful operations. His recovery has been slow and we all wish him early success and relief so he can return to his AA activities. The Wednesday speakers were Edward H., Bill S., Harry D. and Sam A. The pre-holiday message of Harry D., editor of Central Bulletin, was very timely and well presented and in at least three known cases prevented a holiday calamity. Sam A., formerly of Chicago, gave an excellent presentation of his philosophy of AA.

In retrospect, the year 1946 was a wonderful year. Our meetings were attended by large crowds and our speakers were tops. Many new faces appeared in the audience which attested to the fact that our members were practicing the 12th step. **Doan** Group prospered and climaxed the year with an outstanding New Year's Eve party for its members and families. 240 people, including 45 children, had a glorious time. A good four-piece orchestra supplied the music for dancing-an extraordinarily good magician entertained for a solid hour and we mean entertained-door prizes were distributed and at 12 after the grand march the crowd really "gave". Food was prepared by that incomparable Kenny K., and brother, did that crowd eat! Bunny S. and his cohorts did an outstanding job on decorations. Reserve February 27th for our fifth anniversary celebra-

tion. The speaker will be Dr. T. Happy New Year everybody.

BORTON NEWS

Borton Group closed the year of 1945 with an excellent record of accomplishments in AA activities.

Following a policy of strict adherence to the principle of AA as given to us by the founders, Borton has been successful in maintaining their reputation of being one of the outstanding groups in the Cleveland Metropolitan area. Meetings have been well attended during the entire year. The speakers were generally very interesting, some, because of their clear interpretation of the AA program, others by their sincerity in accepting and making the program work under difficult conditions. Many new members have been added to the roster and have contributed considerably to the success of the group. Old members who have changed their residence are quite rrequent visitors and usually have something of interest to offer regarding the early work done

While too much emphasis has never been placed on social activities, **Borton** does have a special copyright **feature**—Sunday morning breakfast cooked in the outdoors during the summer months. These are always well attended and thoroughly enjoyed.

Enthusiasm for the program continues high and prospects for 1946 are very encouraging.

CONSOLIDATED MEETING

The editor's protracted illness prevented this issue from appearing in sufficient time to broadcast the Consolidated meeting to be held on Sunday, January 20th. This meeting will be ied by Clarence S. wno will celebrate his eighth year of continuous sobriety. He has been absent from Cleveland for the past year and this meeting should attract many of Clarence's grateful friends.

The next meeting will be held on Sunday, February 17th,

at 4:00 P. M. in Cleveland Hotel Ballroom.

PUBLIC SQUARE

The Public Square Group resumed activities after the holiday vacation, on Tuesday, January 8th. On the floor at the Hotel Cleveland was Dave S., whose fine lead prompted considerable discussion from the goodly crowd attending. Cliff B., the Cleveland's genïal greeter, did the Secretarial honors.

JUNE IN JANUARY

The male of the species first became sheepishly attentive and then listened spellbound as a slim raven haired young woman extemporaneously revealed the intense struggle that was hers in lifting herself from an alcoholic abyss back to the pinnacle of respected womanhood. June MC., on her anniversary, gave an inspired lead before the 8005 Lorain Group and her untiring efforts in caring for other alcoholics are indicative of the character of a tine AA.

Ed M., the popular florist presented June with a corsage of white **camellias** prior to the meeting, and following the discussion period a huge anniversary cake topped off a hot dog supper thoroughly enjoyed by the fifty present.

GLENVILLE NEW YEAR'S PARTY

The Glenville New Year's Parts, as usual went over with a bang, and 250 guests were **served** baked ham and all the trimmings. The affable Tony S. was on hand to greet his many friends. A three-piece orchestra furnished music until 2:00 a.m., but the crowd lingered on and played the jute box long after that, as the new floor recently installed proved excellent for dancing.

Many people dropped in after leaving other parties. The crowd consisted of AA's of 6 years down to one baby just out of the hospital the day before, and they all had an

equally good time.

LAKE SHORE

The rafters of the **Fairview** Community Center shook mightily, as the one hundred odd couples present rang out the old year and brought in the new to strains of Bill Martin's Music Makers. An excellent buffet supper climaxed the New Year's Eve of dancing and merriment.

Resuming their meetings after the holiday season, the group listened pleasurably to the lead of Clem L. whose sixth anniversary coincided with the regular Monday meeting date. The group membership was augmented by the presence of a great number of Clem's friends, both from Cleveland and out of town. A fine turnout for a fine gent.

AA BOWLING LEAGUE

A tremendous amount of interest is being shown in the spirited competition of the 32 teams in the AA Bowling League. But three games separate the first six teams in the Friday League, the leadership now being held by **the Euclid**-Wade Hearts. The **Westside** Morning team is leading the Thursday League by five games over the **second** place Northeast team, who lead the third place team by three full games. **183** is high individual average of the Thursday gang and 184 that of the Friday league.

An interleague match game was held Sunday, January 12th, between the Lakewood (Thursday) and Lorain Yanks

(Friday). Lorain Yanks won two games.

AA BOWLING LEAGUES Standings as Reported January 15. 1946

	Thursday League	Friday League
	W L	WL
1	West Side Morning35 13	1 Euclid-Wade Hearts 32 16
2	Northeast	2 South East No. 2 31 17
	Denison	3 Glenville No. 2
	Euclid-Wade Spades27 2 1	4 Lorain Ave. (Thurs.)30 18
5	Lakewood	5 Lorain-Hawks
6	South Fast No. 124 24	6 Glenville No. 1
7	Lorain Yanks 24 24	7 Mt. Pleasant
8	Doan	8 Arcade
9	Gordon Square 23	9 Union
10	Corinthians	10 Carnegie Hall
11	Brooklyn Parma22 26	11 Borton
12	Collinwood	12 Pearl Road
13	West 25th St. Champs2 2 26	13 West Side Men's
14	Brookiyn	14 West 26th St. Eagles 16 3 2
15	Berea	16 Lorain-Bears
	Lee . (Friday)17 31	16 Euclid Wade Diamonds15 32

Thursday Team. High Three—Southeast No. 1, 2545; Westside Morning, 2638; Lee Road, Friday, 2616.
Thursday Team. High Single—Southeast No. 1. 917; Brooklyn-Parma,

nursday Team. High Single—Southeast No. 1. 917; Brooklyn-Parma, 913; Lorain Yanks, 900.
Friday Team, High Three—Union, 2552; Southeast No. 2, 2561; Glenville No. 1. 2541.
Friday Team, High Single—Lorain Thursday. 971; Lorain Yanks. 935; Union. 920.

WEST PARK PARTY

R. M., of the West Park Group, now meeting in the 17th Precinct Hall at W. 157th and Lorain, announces that their first Xmas party was a huge success. Despite the bad weather a fine crowd attended. Santa Claus was played by the jovial Ernie E., of the Lorain Avenue, Monday Night group. Movies, magic and a buffet lunch completed the party.

LORAIN COUNTY

Elyria Hall at 108 Middle Avenue, was the scene of two fine events sponsored by the joint AA Groups of Lorain County. The annual New Year's Eve party and dance was a huge success. On Sunday, January 6th, Dr. W. F. W., of Lakewood, led the Lorain County Joint Meeting.

CEDAR SHAVINGS

The meetings of December 10th and 28th found Joseph G. and Peter W. celebrating their respective anniversaries by giving fine leads. The meeting of January 18th will be led by Jim B., who celebrates his first anniversary. All AA's are invited to attend meetings on Tuesday at 2179 E. 55th St. and on Friday at the Salvation Army Social Center.

DON'T QUIT

When things go wrong as they sometimes will, When the road you're trudging seems all up **hill**, When the funds are low and the debts are high And you want to smile, but you have to sigh. When care is pressing you down a bit, Rest, if you must-but don't you quit.

Life is queer with its twists and turns As everyone of us sometimes learns, And many a failure turns about When he might have won had he stuck it out; Don't give up though the pace seems **slow**—You may succeed with another blow.

Success is failure turned inside out— The silver tint of the clouds of doubt And you never can tell how close you are, It may be near when it seems afar; So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit— It's when things seem worst that you must not quit.

MARION MEETS

We are in possession of the weekly piece of mimeographed literature prepared and distributed by the Marion group. It summarizes the doings of the membership and contains an appropriate lesson for the period. This group has been in existence for eight months and has a membership of twenty-four. The group meets on Thursday at 8:30 P.M. See out-oftown listing for address. Good sailing, Marion!

UNION GROUP HOST

A sincere thank you from the Broadway E. 55th Group is extended to the Union Group for the wonderful time shown them at Union's annual New Year's party. An orchestra, buffet supper and prizes for the winners of various games made the night a huge success for the 150 attending.

Frank L., the friendly florist. tells us that Saturday, February lst, will mark the inauguration of monthly Bingo parties, the proceeds of which will be used to aid in the upkeep of Central Office. All AA's and their friends are invited. The group meeting of January 7 was led by Harry R., who is now back on his feet after a protracted

LAKEWOOD

The men were the hosts at a well prepared beef roast dinner which the group held **on** December 17th. Chief cook was Secretary Stanton **McD.**, and he merits great praise. The daughters of the members were the waitresses.

Since moving to their new quarters, this group is attracting more and more new members. Louis M. was chairman and did an excellent job.

AKRON **ATTRACTS** BLUEFIELD, W. VA.

Our peripatetic reporter, Dick T., visited St. Francis Hospital and returned with the interesting information that one patient from Bluefield, W. Va., after receiving a thorough indoctrination in AA has since made six trips back to Akron, O., each time bringing in a patient from Bluefield. That's a **900-mile** round trip. Probably has started a Group by now. Good going.

WYANDOTTE

We paid our first visit to the Wyandotte Group which now is about three months old. Their quarters are modest, but can easily accommodate 50 or more. From a modest start, they already fill practically every seat each week. Nice spirit is shown and discussion is intelligent.

The Pullman conductor one night found a red lantern the rulman conductor one light found a red fantern hanging on one of the upper berths, so he looked up George, the porter, and asked, "George, why is that red lantern hanging there?"

"Well, boss, Rule 26 in the rule book says that you should

always hang up a red lantern when the rear end of the sleeper is exposed."

A preacher announced his forthcoming subject in his bulletin: "Skiing on Sunday. Are our young people back-sliding on their week-ends?"

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Upon tomorrow:

Of joy or sorrow."

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His Will and Mine

Freedom of will amounts to my capability to act, in any given instance, toward a predetermined, freely chosen goal. In objective and academic terms, people may discuss this freedom all they please, but the very moment the idea of free will . . . of control of human acts . . . is taken out of the psychology book and put down in the street of life, a new word comes in. It is a word without which any working discussion of my will, or of God's, becomes pointless. The word is ought.

For, to all practical intents and purposes, and under all the protective restraints of civil, social, economic, political and moral society, my freedom of will amounts to this: I am free to do what I ought to do . . .

nothing else. The punishments that the laws of men and even of nature visit upon me for using my freedom otherwise, is constant proof that such use is illegitimate.

My freedom of will then . . . once the niceties of academic discussion are dropped . . . is really to choose between relative GOODS. Not freedom to choose a good course rather than a bad one . . . but to choose a BETTER course than a good one.

Actually (act-ually) , the success or failure of my life depends upon my consistent ability to choose these better courses. On this "batting average" is judged the reasonability of my actions. On the reasonability of my actions does society and God decide the quality of my humanity... decide the extent to which I fit the

pattern of a Man. It is precisely because the animal cannot but automatically move toward the first apparent good presented to him, that he is a beast. But I may bring a universal and reflective knowledge to bear and choose a better good. It is in the possession of that ability that I am different . . . that I am a Man.

How do you test that ability? By examining into what we may term our *moral perspective*. If we have a good and accurate "slant" on objective realities, then we can say that we see things in their proper moral perspective. The things that *ought* to be big and important DO *seem* big and important. The lesser values actually seem less valuable on the background against which we weigh the things we ought to do. And every man has a rule that measures the proper value of the oughts. That rule is CONSCIENCE. So, if the values things seem to have fit pretty well the values they ought to have . . . (the values that our Conscience gives them) . . . then the realities in our lives are in good moral perspective and our abilities to choose better8 is likely to be high is likely to be high.

But how does alcoholic disproportion come to so warp the perspective of our thinking that we lose all ability to reconcile what our Conscience tells us ought to be . . . with the ways things, for us, seem?

Almost two years of sobriety has at least cleared me up enough, now, to be able to appreciate how this curious dis-

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Cure for Complaining

We all know people who are **always** complaining. Nothing is to their liking. They don't like their neighbors, they are critical of their fellow employes, their friends and even their families. This was a typical alcoholics' trait. Thanks to AA therapy, we have learned that this trait could be corrected and was brought on through selfishness and

wrong thinking.

It behooves us to check ourselves and to see whether we have allowed this vicious habit to prosper in our hearts.

Instead of complaining, let us learn to regard even un-

pleasant experiences as lessons for growth. We pray for *Patience* and God sends those who tax us to the utmost. We

pray for Submission and God sends suffering, for we learn obedience through suffering. We pray for *Un-*selfishness, and God gives us opportunities to do things for others and our test comes on many seemingly inconvenient occasions. We pray for more *Love*, and God puts us with apparently unlovely people and lets them say and do things which rasp our nerves and wound our hearts. We pray for Gentleness, and there comes a fierce storm of temptation to yield to harshness. Christians are like tea. Their real strength comes when they get into hot water. God puts His own amongst such people and in such places as will serve to develop the spiritual graces and he enables us to change stumbling blocks into stepping stones.

We must steadily reaffirm our faith

as it is being tested daily.

Several weeks ago we attended the funeral service of one of the splendid AA *wives* of one of our members. She died three weeks after having given birth to a healthy baby boy. She was the mother of two other children, but the joy of the occasion was shortlived.

The pastor, who officiated at the funeral service, emphasized the need for faith in God and His judgment in taking her when human reason judged that she should stay; and he stressed some of the thoughts expressed in the previous paragraphs. It was a most comforting sermon to the bereaved relatives and to the many friends who had found her an indefatigable and sympathetic worker in the Bedford group which she and her husband organized after she had

Our heartiest sympathy goes out to Kenneth Van Allen.
His is one of the extreme tests of faith that a person is subjected to in his life. Ken has a strong faith and it will

It has been said that the truest test of civilization is, not the census nor the size of cities nor the crops raised-but it is the kind of man the country turns out. This applies to groups it isn't the size of the group that impresses us, it is the **caliber** of its membership.

AA to a friend: My wife does bird imitations-she watches me like a hawk.

HIS WILL AND MINE

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proportion came about in my own case. These are not original reflections on the problem, except that it is original for me to ever admit that they may be true.

I think that my mind, being a simple spiritual thing, can operate only as a total spiritual unit. Part of it can't do one thing, and part another. Because of this indivisibility, my mind cannot operate in two directions at the same time. And yet my alcoholic rationalization amounted to exactly an attempt to do that. I tried to reason from TWO princi-ples in every instance where the drinking problem was involved.

The normal drinker reasons this way:

Martinis are good. This is a martini. This, therefore, is

But the alcoholic, I think, goes through some such process as this . . . trying to reason two ways from two principles at the same time . . . so that he may cloak his unreasonable act with at least the fiction of sanity.

Martinis are good . . . (and then he bows to pseudo-honesty and, of course, immediately introduces an entirely new SECOND principle by adding. .) . . . for most people. This is a martini . . . (and then he adds his SECOND premise) ... and most people are like me.

At this stage the first clarification has to take place. But note that it cannot involve a DOUBLE decision . . that this martini is good or bad AND that I am or am not like most people. The mind has to decide one thing at a time. Naturally, the alcoholic mind moves to the decision that is farthest removed from the problem. It immediately takes up the question as to whether I am or am not like most people. Of course, there is little room for argument here.

Maybe I am not quite exactly like TOTAL ABSTAINERS but, on the other hand, I am certainly not so bad as that fellow in Lost Weekend. Z am like most people . . . that is, MOST of the time . . . and this is certain one of those

I now definitely AM one of those MOST people. My mind has moved to a decision and, right here, it also recalls the fact that martinis ARE good for *most people*. Of course there is no disputing this fact. And so I have an assent to the most people proposition and a second assent to the mar-tinis are good proposition. It now only remains to determine whether this is or is not a martini before me. A quick taste remedies that . . . and also finds me, in short order, taken quite suddenly drunk.

Upon fictions such as the above my whole moral perspective was twisted out of all semblance with the reality of things as they are. All my oughts were at odds with my conclusions about things (the way things seemed) and, because I could not dare doubt my own sanity, I always blamed this disproportion on the *things*. I piously admitted that the *ouahts* were **probably right** . . . that my Conscience was sound. And I' HAD to contend that my' reasoning about things was sound. So my whole problem resolved itself into one continuous attempt to reconcile the way things seemed (the confused web of circumstances that always seemed to surround MY drinking) with the way my Conscience said they *ought to* be.

The breaking out of this vicious circle of oughts and seems was the job I could never succeed at. This was MY alcoholic merry-go-round. Somehow, it seemed to me that to surrender . . . to give up . . . to admit the possibility that the way things *seemed* was all a product of my own convenient invention . . . that my perspective was out of line with things as they really were, and that I saw things only as they had to be to cloak my unreasonable drinking with the fiction of sanity... it seemed that this would amount to a confession of incompetence.

It is curious that this confession was literally the confession I finally had to make upon entering the AA fellowship. But, two years ago, it seemed that such a surrender would mean that I had been brought to a hopeless acceptance of a run-of-mine, follow-the-leader, viewpoint that I honestly believed would be a restraint and a bond on me,

under which I could never live happily. I was sure that it meant the end of FREEDOM OF MY WILL.

It is only now, at this distance, that I can see how utterly pathetic such reasoning was. That this type of rationalizing definitely marked me THEN as a man who had LOST

his freedom of will . . . and so failed & measure up to the pattern of Humanity itself.

It is only now that I am sure of these few things: that the world of oughts and the way things seem have to be reconciled to make my happiness out of the way things are. And this is so because the same POWER that creates the oughts in my Conscience keeps the realities of life in a perspective that just fits those otcghts. And when my mind gets in between and creates a picture of its own . . . a perspective that makes the things of reality seem out of proportion to the way Conscience tells me they *ought to* seem I just can't MEAN it when I say at the meetings: "THY will (not mine) be done!"

TOM O'C.-Lakewood, Ohio

NEW YORK OFFICE

In its semi-annual letter to groups, the New York Foundation brought to light some highly interesting figures. There are now 752 groups on their group list (Cleveland has over 50) and the membership has grown to 23,419. The next listing will be in August.

The Readers Digest article which appeared in the January issue brought 3117 inquiries to the New York office and taxed their staff terrifically. Many of these inquiries neces-

sitated the writing of two and three letters.

The report included a financial statement and hiehly necessary- added staff has increased its budget needs to \$15,000 for the current six months. Contributions are not compulsory but are voluntary. A recommended \$1.00 per member contribution for each period has been the accepted plan since 1941.

Why contribute? These moneys go to maintain the AA national headquarters where tens of thousands of inquiries are handled annually from alcoholics and their families all over the country. They sponsor new groups by mail and then contact them with travelling AA members. From here issues all the national publicity, maintains policy and public relations throughout the world.

We believe all groups should send in their contributions as early as possible. Make checks payable to Alcoholics Foundation, Inc. Send to 415 Lexington Ave., New York,

CONSOLIDATED MEETING-PUBLIC HALL

The February Consolidated meeting was held in Hotel Cleveland and attracted an overflow crowd. The ballroom was unavailable, having been issued to a convention. Fred S. held the audience's interest for over an hour with as fine an AA talk as has been our privilege to hear. Over 100 stood throughout the talk.

To avoid a repetition of this crowding, the committee has engaged Little Theatre of Cleveland Public Auditorium for the March 17th meeting where the speaker will be Eugene H. of Toledo, Ohio. He is one of the stalwart old-timers of the Toledo area and comes highly recommended.

The meeting starts at 4:00 p.m. 700 comfortable seats.

DOWNTOWN OFFICE

At a meeting at which 21 Groups were represented: a slate of six candidates were presented by the nominating committee. and W. Roy W. (a vital cog of the Central Bulletin) was elected to the board. We learned of this through a roundabout way. He will be a valuable asset to the downtown office and his only fault, as we know him, is his astounding modesty. We congratulate him officially.

MINSTRELS

Last call for any AA's wishing to participate in the annual Minstrel Show. The rehearsals are held each Monday evening at 8:00 p.m. at Calvary Presbyterian Aud-Gym entrance E. 79th and Euclid. The show will be held in Little Theatre, Public Hall, May 4th and 5th.

SANDUSKY

During the past month, Sandusky Group No. 1 has supplied speakers for Rotary, Kiwanis and Lions Clubs as well as speakers for two men's groups in local churches.

The intense interest shown at the meetings was heartening and this city is now fully informed as to how we operate and has assured full cooperation.

Ninety-six people attended our open meeting last week at which Paul J. of Cleveland spoke.

NURSING HOME NEWS

We were charged in a most friendly way by a charming little lady from the castern side of Cleveland for being on the payroll of the west side nursing homes. It seems that we were trying to give the impression to out-of-town readers that the only worth-while hospitals and nursing homes were on the west side. Goodness sakes!

We reminded the estimable little lady that all items we printed about these nursing homes and hospitals were news items of interest, and that we would gladly publish anything newsy about hospitals onthe east side that she would send in-and she refused! **What** in the world can you do with a

woman like that?

Since we have had no item, and since we can only speak authoritatively about the high quality of treatment at East Cleveland Clinic and at Webster's—and that "ain't" news—we can only suspect that the MacGillis Home, Emergency Clinic, Martha Irwin's Sanitarium and Nottingham Hospital are also good places to hospitalize patients-in, since they have been on the approved list of hospitals. The MacGillis Nursing Home was approved last December and is added to the list. It is located at 1560 Mistletoe Drive at Wade Park Avenue.

CHARITY GROUP

The former patients of Charity held their second meeting on January 29th (on Tuesday, not Thursday) with Frank W. as chairman. Over 100 attended. Paul J. spoke of the history w. as charman. Over 100 attended, Faut 3, spoke of the first-tory of Charity's AA help and the future plans for the exoansion of its service. Jack N.. formerls of New York, described the efforts of the New York groups in finally interesting Knickerbocker Hospital and the excellent results that-were achieved.

The meetings are held on the last Tuesday of each month in the Nurses' Auditorium of Charity at 8:30 p.m. (E. 24th

Street entrance).

DOAN DATA

The January chairman was Roger C. and his fine corps of speakers filled our hall to capacity during the month of January. The speakers were Chas. D. of Willoughby, Earl B. of Shaker, Herb T. of Rocky River, Ben T. and Jack N., formerly of New York and now Cleveland. Each speaker was very impressive, particularly Charlie D., who held his audience in the palm of his hand and Jack N. pulled no punches in expressing his views on the practice of throwing drunks in jail without medical examination. 4 very enlightening discussion followed this talk and will undoubtedly have an effect on the local situation. Certainly among those who heard the talk were some who have influence with local authorities and will transmit the ideas culminating from this meeting.

We will celebrate our fifth anniversary on Wednesday, February 27. An **overflow** crowd is expected and if you want a seat you had better come 'early. The speaker will be the eminent Dr. T. Harry S. is in charge of the activity.

The speaker for Saturday, March **9th**, will be Warren C. of Mt. Vernon, 0. Chas. C. of Box-ton will speak March 16th.

VERMILLION SOLO

We who are fortunate in living where A.A. is available in large doses frequently forget the courage required to maintain the program where AA's are few and far between.

Scattered throughout our great land are AA's living in isolated sections where they have to rely on "the book", their prayers and perhaps infrequent correspondence to

them going.

Perhaps you have heard of or have been fortunate enough to meet the "one man group" at **Vermillion**, Ohio. He is Jack G. a tall, lanky, bald-headed, smiling individual whose accent reveals the place of his birth-the Land of the Shamrock.

Jack is approaching his first birthday and it hasn't been an easy year. A month ago, seized with panic, he drove through a blinding blizzard and put in five days at a Cleveland nursing home because he was afraid he might take a drink. That, gentlemen, takes guts. There wouldn't

be so many slips if more used that system.

Of course, Jack has been aided and abetted by the
Lorain, Elyria and other groups who have helped to make

his meetings possible.

Some Monday night when you want to do a real Christian deed-load up the car and drive the 25 miles to Vermillion and help swell the "one man group".

Your alert reporter J. P. S.

BORTON NEWS

At the January business meeting of the Borton Group two important matters were decided that aroused considerable interest and discussion. One was the appointment of a hospital committee whose duties it would be to assist those of the group who have prospective members ready for hospitalization, and otherwise to keep the group informed as to general conditions affecting this branch of the AA movement.

Since the inception of the Borton Group it has been the practice to make an annual contribution, based on its membership, to the New York Headquarters. Several of those present spoke of the excellent work being done by the New York office in sending their message of hope to individuals and small groups in remote sections of the country and of the expense involved in such a large undertaking. It was unanimously agreed to continue this financial support. Voluntary donations will be accepted from individual members with any additional amount required to be made up from the Group Fund.

Among the speakers for February was **Doc** Bob S., who spoke before a vast crowd on February 25th.

PORT CLINTON

We told you last month about the hard-working John N. of Port Clinton, Ohio and the tentative plans for their new group and meeting. The first meeting was held on Thursday evening. Feb. 21st at 8:30 p.m. at K of C Hall, 117 Madison Ave. After the first night their meetings will start at 8:00 p.m. (they hope). The speaker for this gala occasion was Jack S. of the Lakewood Men's Group who has functioned on 4 previous occasions as leader on opening night of new groups. Jack is amazed that they are all still operating.

LORAIN AVE. MONDAY

Lefty B. did an excellent job as chairman in January, his five speakers including Tony S. of Glenville and Jack

(Three Star) H.
Our three bowling teams, the Yanks, Bears and the Hawks have started to hit their stride and promise to be

in there at the wire.

Our jovial chef Charlev R. and his faithful assistance still serve refreshments in fine fashion. Look them up some Monday evening.

UNION BINGO

We're putting in another advertisement for this group's unselfish effort in promoting fun and refreshments for AA's and their wives with an honest bingo game, proceeds of which go to the Central Office's maintenance fund. Over 175 attended the February party in spite of discouraging weather.

These parties are held on the first Saturday of each month in their hall at 12907 Union Ave. The next will be held on April 6th and they can accommodate about 100 more. Cost is 50 cents per card with free checking and a buffet lunch and soft drinks.

A May Dance will be held in May open to all AA's in Cleveland.

DOVER

The Rocky River group had its first baby, when three of its staunch members opened a new group titled the Dover Group, which meets on Wednesday evenings in Dover Congregational Church, Dover Rd. between Center Ridge and Detroit Roads. Good luck, John M. He's the elected secretary and a fine worker.

LAKEWOOD

An old-time, get-together was held by the group in their old Orchard Grove Hall on Saturday evening, February 23rd. A large crowd turned out, and after cards, were served ham sandwiches prepared by Rick. R., recently returned from the Pacific Theatre.

CARNEGIE CAPERS

Wayne W. formerly of Detroit, proved a capable chairman by presenting four fine speakers from Detroit. Last, but not least, Dr. Dean M. drew a record crowd of about 600. Apologies to those who had to stand and we hope they were well repaid for attending.

Coffee served before the meetings is always cheering on

a cold night.

J. G.

WHAT IS FAITH?

What is this thing called "faith"? It is not something that we can put in a test tube and analyze scientifically. It is not some vague and hazy virtue which in times of stress, people say, "we must have." It is not something magical that we can wear around our neck like a charm to ward off the stings of evil fortune. It is not a process of the mind, not even the memorizing of prooftexts.

No, faith is "the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Faith is the hand that reaches out into the dark and grasps there the unseen hand of God. Faith accepts God's promise, not because we can prove it,

but because we trust Him.

Faith is not something remote, abstract, learned out of a book, but it is the Spirit's work within us. Faith is personal

and very real, because it brings our Lord so close to us.
Faith offers a challenge to something higher than our reason, than our mental and physical powers alone. The Apostle says: "He that **cometh** to God must *believe* that He Apostic says: He that **cometn** to God must believe that He is and that He is a Rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." He gives us the power to seek Him, He shows us where to find Him, and then He rewards us for it!

The Christian's faith is focused upon one object alone-the compelling, magnetic figure of Christ. By faith we enshrine Him in our hearts as the Prince of Life, the Lord

of Glory.

GLENVILLE GROUP

A spirit of sadness hangs over Glenville Group, for its popular Secretary Tony "S". has been ordered away for his health. Due to a bad heart and a highly nervous condition brought on by over work, in behalf of the group.

Tony has been told by his doctor to go away for a rest "or else". The old boy is taking it in stride and remarked with a smile, "Well, the Venetian blinds are up, and now I can rest easy".

The familiar chair will be waiting when he returns, and we will all be on hand to welcome him home. Have a good rest Tony, and we will all be pulling for you.

MAKING FRIENDS

If nobody smiled and nobody cheered And nobody helped us along, If every man looked after himself, And good things all went to the strong, If nobody cared just a little for you,
And nobody thought about me; And we all stood alone in the battle of life,

What a dreary old world it would be.
Life is sweet just because of the friends we have made,
And the things which in common we share;

We want to live on, not because of ourselves,
But because of the people who care.
It's giving and doing for somebody else,
On that all life's splendor depends;
And the joy of the world, when you have summed it all up,

Is found in the making of friends.
D. H., Lorain Ave. Thursday

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

On Saturday, March **16th**, the West Side groups will hold a St. Patrick's Day dance at Swiss Hall, 2710 Walton Ave. Everything is free. All AA's are invited to attend. A fine orchestra will supply the music.

PAGE DINTY MOORE

The West Side Social Group will serve a corned beef and cabbage dinner at **6:30** o'clock on March 17th at Our Lady of Good Counsel Hall, 4427 Pearl Rd. Bingo after dinner. Total cost. . . one dollar for bingo and dinner! They have fine cooks.

He was sick of living! Everybody was down on him. Nobody credited him with anything and he was blamed for everything. Finally he couldn't take it anymore, so he decided to hang himself. As he was adjusting the noose around his throat, he looked up to explain to his Lord why he was taking his life-he recounted all his misfortunes and couldn't take it anymore—a bird flying overhead, with homb sight precision dropped a you know what in his eye with bomb sight precision dropped a you-know-what in his eye. With a forlorn gesture he said, "See what I mean? For other people they sing!"

MINNEAPOLIS EXPERIENCE

Cur roving reporter was on a business trip out west and decided to visit the Minneapolis set-up. He returned with a glowing report of the hospitality shown him by dynamic Pat C., founder of the Minneapolis movement which has shown amazing growth. The train was three hours late and Pat waited. (Who says alkies have no patience?) Through his efforts our reporter was able to get a room in the best hotel in these days when there are gleafly the recement. hotel, in these days when there are absolutely no rooms to be had. Pat then took him to the hospital and showed him their method of hospitalization, took him to a meeting and then to the pretentious Minneapolis AA club house where a Saturday night dance and "feed" was in process. Our reporter had heard of this beautiful home, but never expected anything as fine as he saw. It is a \$150,000 residence converted to a club house. The \$10,000 mortgage required for conversion was burned last year, and now plans are being made for an auditorium and conversion. made for an auditorium and squad meeting rooms which project will cost in the neighborhood of \$40,000. He met many fine people, among them the well-known "Rip" from whom he derived much fine philosophy as only "Rip"

A highly pleasurable aftermath was the thoughtfulness of Pat in arranging airplane passage which had been impossible for our reporter to obtain. He's enthusiastic about Minneapolis-and Pat C.

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At one of the **USO** clubs a hostess was talking to a sailor, just returned to the United States after three years in the Pacific. "1'11 bet that right now there's nothing but pictures of beautiful girls running through your mind," she said. "Yeah," replied the sailor, "they don't dare walk."

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What brought us into AA?

It was the realization that we had no power to help ourselves.

We had relied entirely upon ourselves because we liked the rules we made for ourselves better than those rules that generations upon generations of mankind had found necessary for living without personal disaster. We had considered ourselves above those who lived by the universal rules.

When trouble came, we sought to help ourselves. With self-imposed **discip**line, we usually succeeded, for a while. But again, we made our own rules, and as we got the upper

hand **over our** troubles we compromised with evil. A little evil would be all right: it was too much evil that got us into trouble. The particular evil that we compromised with was luring because we wished to recognize no responsibilities and because that evil destroyed all reminders of responsibility. Simple first grade arithmetic ought

to have been enough to teach us. But we wouldn't believe the simple addition because we wouldn't believe that what was meat for moderate, disciplined men was poison for the undisciplined.

Many of us still have trouble in believing it, and in accepting the simplest facts of our experience. We still want to make our own rules. We still want to avoid responsibility. We still are unwilling to accept our lots in life.

Let us look back at our efforts to help ourselves. How did we reach-the position in which we found ourselves

when we grabbed desperately at the help that AA offered? Very few of us were on an unbroken downward descent. We stopped the slide 'many times' and tried to walk up hill. Then we compromised with evil and tried to ride **up** hill, with no power other than our own feeble wills. It wasn't long before we found ourselves sliding backwards at breakneck speed.

Let us keep on looking back at our efforts to help ourselves. Each successive time that we tried to help ourselves, we were on a lower level than we had been before. Each effort to rise was less successful. Sometimes we thought we had gained a pinnacle, but we never looked back to see the towering mountain from which we had slid.

When we landed in a heap at the bottom of the slide, or banged up near the bottom, we realized at last that we had no power to help ourselves. We could not get up, we couldn't walk, and we surely couldn't climb. We seized the hand that was offered us. We took the nourishment that restored our ability to stand and then helped us to climb. We were restored outwardly and we found an inward strength.

The hand that was offered us was the hand of AA, the hand of another alcoholic. The strength that that hand found to pull us to our feet was not the hand's own but it was the strength that the hand had found after it had learned that it had no power to help itself. It had found a power greater than its own. It had found it in the realization that if the body is to be saved the Spirit must also be

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Conquest

One of the most delicate subjects in AA to discuss is that "purity" and we have wanted to write something about it for some time. It is something we usually feel hesitant to include in our presentation of the program to a new prospect, for fear of developing resentment in his mind. Our first mission is to sober him up and while he is in this stage we try to explain the steps. We point out the importance of the complete acceptance of the first three steps—the searching inventory and those steps that require making mends for the great requirement we have been guilt requirements. amends for the wrongs we have been guilty of-emphasize the 24-hour plan and the need for getting the "ice cream" or "coupon clippings" in carrying the message to others

after he **gets out.**We personally have been reluctant to probe too deeply into the prospect's past. We try to convey the thought to him that we are primarily interested in getting him sober and that his future behavior (if he truly wants to be successful in the program), must needs conform to moral and civil laws. We point out the need of a clear conscience and that if he makes an honest and sincere effort daily to keep "right with his God as he understands Him", he won't have trouble.

most or all the steps seriously.

The commonest cause is an **over**-active ego. Here follow typical cases.

They weren't as alcoholic as some of the people they met in AA. They hadn't

reached the gutter. This turning of our will and lives to the care of God without reservation insulted their intelligence. They didn't have to make amends for harm they had done. Their inventory convinced them that they weren't as bad as most of the other guys. They hadn't beaten their wives or their children. They hadn't killed anybody while driving under the influence of liquor. They hadn't-ad nauseum. And they couldn't afford to endanger their standing in the community by admitting they were associated with AA. They couldn't stand the meetings which were constant reminders that they weren't masters of their own souls!

But the toughest ones are those who have had "woman trouble". We personally believe that these represent only a small section of our membership. Most of them were too busy to bother with the opposite sex.

A recent case of ours was receiving his "last chance" after eight visits to hospitals and nursing homes. He finally came across and confessed that he found it impossible to resist women. He was a married man and he wanted to be loyal to his family, but women just wouldn't let him alone. To dull his conscience, he got drunk-so he wasn't responsible for his actions. We listened with astonishing patience until he was through, and then gave him both barrels. Honesty? Truth? Loyalty? Faithfulness? Love? Devotion? Appreciation? Trust? Where were they in his program?

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golden opportunity For you to win or lose. New aims, new plans, new vistas Now open wide to you; For brain and hand and muscle, There's useful work to do. But when he has trouble, we do take the liberty of probing into his behavior. We want to know why he didn't get it-what caused him to take that first drink and we find usually that he has neglected to take Life begins this morning; Be up and strong of heart; Ignore past fears and failures; Today fill well your part.

THE AWAKENING

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saved. It had found that since it is not able to defend itself

it must seek the help of a higher power than itself.

This power is not a crutch that can be used for a while and then thrown away. Our whole experience should teach us that. And so should the experience of those who thought that the power was a mere crutch. Our experience should teach us that when we try to make our own rules the temptation comes to embrace evil because a little evil seems pleasant; or we eagerly seize upon evil because we cannot stand in the face of a new adversity or because we are not willing to accept the realization that our stature is less than we wish it to be.

No, the power is not a crutch: it is a backbone. It is a backbone whose living **fluid** is the Spirit, and that living fluid must be defended against assaults of evil and against the temptation to believe that we have the power to walk

alone in any direction that we choose.

Those of us who are wise have learned that we have no power to help ourselves. Our help is in a power outside ourselves, a help that first comes to us through

the hand of AA.

MY TONGUE

Control that tongue! What a task! Those who have never seriously tried it will probably imagine this to be an easy task. The Apostle James says men have succeeded in taming all kinds of monsters, both on land and sea, but have made small headway with the tongue. "It is a restless evil." Even as a wild beast, pacing back and forth in its cage, is ready to snap at an arm or a hand that gets too close, or is ready to dash back to a life of savagery at the first opportunity, so it is with the restless tongue. The tongue kills-not all at once, but slowly. It hurls shafts that work their way ever deeper where they fester and spread their poison through-out the whole body. Our tongues need constant guarding if

we want to live in peace with one another.

But how control the tongue? Putting a padlock on our mouth won't help matters. We must take captive the heart. The mouth merely utters what lies in the heart. Keep the heart clean, and the tongue will be tamed. Therefore we have reason to pray daily: "Create in me a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within me." God the Holy Spirit is ever

ready to renew a right spirit within us.

With the heart cleansed and filled with godly thoughts and desires, the tongue is not going to utter perverse things.

DOWNTOWN OFFICE CLICKS

Each month we will publish a human interest story drawn from the files of the Cleveland downtown office. We do this because we believe the majority of the rank and file members in Cleveland don't realize that the office exists and that it performs a most valuable service-a service almost impossible to render if the office wasn't in existence.

Fresh out of the hospital today comes a lad whom we found asleep on the steps adjacent to the office five days ago. He hailed from Eau Claire, Wis., and had come here on the advice of his physician. Having alcoholic tendencies didn't prevent him from being accepted in the service in the war. When he was discharged he sought his old haunts and there began a series of binges which finally hospitalized him in Eau Claire. This failed to stop him and finally, in desperation, his doctor advised him to go to Cleveland and learn about AA there-that AA was his **only** help. (We are unable to say whether he was aware that there are some fine AA's in Eau Claire.) He promised to do so and was put on the train. Three weeks later he arrived and a week later finally looked up the downtown office, which did its usual thorough job.

Without the downtown office where would he have found AA-a stranger in a strange town. This case is typical of

many that come to the office daily.

It is worthy of your loyal support.

GROUP LISTINGS

We will endeavor to publish the list of local and **out-of**town groups as often as space permits and when we are overwhelmed with changes. If the present listing is incorrect, please advise us at once. We wish we could afford to publish a national list, but that is out of the question at the present time. We try to serve a radius of about 200 miles from Cleveland.

CONQUEST

(Continued from page one)

In all he had to admit he was found wanting and that his ego and *desire for another conquest* was his major motive. Desire for conquest? Another scalp to hang on his belt!

Until he and those who still feel they can't relinquish this "right to cheat a little" get hep to themselves, they can't expect AA to help keep them sober.

RAINING MEETING QUESTIONS

In the **Doan** Men's Sunday Training Meeting, the following list of questions are provided the leader of the session and he answers them to the best of his ability. Some keep their copy and it provides them with the skeleton for several different leads. How would you answer them?

Below are a few questions that might come up in the mind of a new man. Today we shall try to have some of the more experienced members answer them. Do not be surprised if you hear a difference of opinion on some of these points. AA is a highly individualized program and we all like what worked for us and we are all influenced by our own personal experiences.

1. What is AA?

2. Why is AA?

Who is AA? Who can be an AA?

Where is AA?

What do the words "Alcoholic Anonymous" mean? Is AA a lodge, club, religious cult, or a bunch of screwballs who've got religion?

How can I be certain I need AA?

Do I have to attend meetings, visit hospitals, and otherwise take active part, to be successful? What is the so-called 24-hour plan?

Why can't one of us take a beer or two after we get back on our feet?

How should I explain AA to my employer and former drinking friends? 11.

What is meant by a daily schedule and program? What should I do if my work prevents me from attend-

ing meetings?

How many meetings per week should I attend? Should I take my wife to meetings with me? How often should I visit hospitals?

16.

- What do others-doctors, lawyers, judges, church, etc., think of AA?
- How is it possible for AA to help a person who has tried everything, doctors cures church sanitariums-etc.:
- 19. What does the word HONESTY mean as applied to us?
 20. What is meant by First Things First? Easy Does It?
 21: How can honest, straight-thinking help me get dry and
- stav dry?
 Maybe I'm too young or too old and I never was' good in learning things-How about it?

How important should I make AA?

How soon and how fast can I expect results? What 5 points should I try to keep in mind at the beginning?

BLOOD DONOR SERVICE

Because of the need for a particular type of blood for a member of an AA's family, the blood dmor list at the Downtown Office was discussed at the last Central Committee meeting. Anyone caring to list his name and phone number with the Downtown Office may do so by ealling the

number with the Downtown Office may to so by calling the secretary at Cherry 7387 or Cherry 0640.

This should be a "MUST" on your schedule. Many members were donors during the Red Cross Plasma campaign and should be willing to be available for a fellow AA

in need.

AA IN BRAILLE

The trustees of Cleveland Public Library gratefully acknowledged the gift of seven volumes of the Braille edition of Alcoholics Anonymous presented and prepared by our fine Canton blind AA member, Norman Y. This is indeed a valuable contribution and should do a lot of good.

Norman lost his vision by drinking poisoned hooch and has been an immensely impressive speaker before many groups. His conception of the program is "tops".

LORAIN-AVON

The group will celebrate its stag night with W. Roy W. of Cleveland as its speaker on Friday, April 5.

HOSPITAL COMMITTEE

On Tuesday, February 26, a new AA unit was formed, called the Greater Cleveland Hospital Committee. It will meet on the last Tuesday of each month in 370 Hanna Bldg. at 8:30 P. M. sharp. Each group is entitled to two representatives on the committee. The function of this committee is to see to it that the best possible AA procedure is practiced in the AA hospitals and nursing homes and to regulate and standardize the method to be followed by sponsors in placing patients in the hospitals and nursing homes. placing patients in the hospitals and nursing homes.

The committee was formed with the idea that the new men and women entering AA should have the best possible opportunity to absorb the program that lies within the power of Alcoholics Anonymous to give them.

CHARITY NEWS

The monthly meeting of Charity workers and ex-patients was held on Tuesday, February 26, and attracted over 100 persons. Harry H. of Lakewood was the speaker and emphasized sponsorship. He said that until he had sponsored a person, he hadn't fully appreciated the scope of the program. As far as he was concerned, until a member becomes a sponsor he was just viewing the parade--after he became one, he was an integral part of the show. The necessity of thoroughly analyzing the prospective patient was stressed by the speaker. He advised the sponsor to explain to LISTEN and to *PLAN* a definite procedure. Very effective talk. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, March 26, at 8:30 in the Nurses' Auditorium of Charity Hospital Hospital.

COLUMBUS, OHIO

Columbus, Ohio, now boasts of having two nursing homes. One is located at 1686 Summit St. Telephone University 6264—and is operated by Art Eisel. The other is located at 1134 E. Broad St. Telephone Evergreen 4000—and is operated by A. T. Switzer and F. L. Johnson. These facilities were sorely needed and will enable the AA's in Columbus to find an outlet for their energies.

FARQUHARSON'S

Sophie Farquharson announces that get-togethers will be held on the first Saturday of each month for sponsors and former patients. Good idea. Incidentally, each month she issues cards to local groups which convey prayers, poems and thoughts helpful to **AA's.** Excellent advertising.

CARNEGIE CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY

Harry S. of Borton and Doan Mens Group is guest chairman at Carnegie for March. His selection of speakers offers Dale T., Warren C., Chas. C. and Chas. E. The group appreciates the effort shown in having such top notch speakers. It has been our desire to offer our members and guests that could be obtained.

Buss 0 of Lakoshoro group will be guest chairman for

Russ 0. of Lakeshore group will be guest chairman for April. Since its inception on April 7 of last year, the group has tripled in attendance. It can rightly be called the "Crossroads Group", as you meet guests from all parts of the city as well as out of town. It is a pleasure to see them

come back again and again.

On April 6 Carnegie will celebrate its first birthday and Russ offers Dewey S. for speaker. Of course the occasion will be punctuated with the usual birthday cake, etc. Everyone is welcome. Meeting starts at 9:00 P. M., prompt.

BOSTON OPENS OFFICE

The Boston, Mass., group has opened a central office with a paid secretary. It is maintained at 30 Huntington Ave., Boston,. Mass., with the telephone number of KEN. 4642. Visiting firemen are guaranteed a cordial welcome.

MIDWEST MEETING

Doc Bob S. will be the speaker at a mammoth midwest AA gathering in Iowa City, Ia., Sunday, April 14. Cleveland is urged to attend.

STUBBORN GUY

Pat was giving us quite a bit of trouble. He wanted AA, Pat was giving us quite a bit of trouble. He wanted AA, but couldn't grab the handles and hold on to them. He couldn't stay completely honest. The inevitable happened and the doctor held scant hope for his recovery. His sponsor dropped in to see the doctor to ask about him and the doctor informed him that "Pat was lying at death's door." The sponsor dryly remarked, "That's Pat for you! Swell guy, but stubborn as hell. At death's door and still lying."

DOAN DATA

Harry S., the genial, smiling, prematurely gray and handsome gent who has been a pillar of our group since its inception, was chairman during February. His years of AA contact enabled him to prepare a well balanced program which included Jerry McG., Felix R., John (the Baptist) S. and Dr. T. as the speakers. Incidentally John the B. astonished the group with his eloquence and breadth of understanding of the program. Doc T. was in his incomparable form and the crowd which helped us celebrate our fifth anniversary was well rewarded in coming. The place was literally filled to the rafters. The growth of the **Doan** Men's group has been phenomenal in the past five years and accolades could be handed to many individuals. The facts are that the general spirit of the group is high and the spirit is contagious, which accounts for its growth and popularity.

CONSOLIDATED MEETING

One of our popular women speakers, Ethel M. of Akron, O., has been selected to lead the closing meeting of the present series of Consolidated Meetings on Easter Sunday, April 21 at 4:00 P. M. The meeting will be held in the Ballroom of Public Hall, as the Little Theatre is not available for that date. Meetings will be resumed in the Fall.

The March meeting was held in Little Theatre of Public Auditorium and even though it was St. Patrick's Day and the local Irish held a grand parade, our Irish speaker, Gene H. of Toledo attracted a grand crowd which almost

filled the auditorium.

Gene is an attorney and he gave a sterling talk which covered the 12 steps and emphasized the importance of changing one's habit of thinking-correcting evil habits and developing character.

LORAIN COUNTY CHANGES SITE

The Lorain County joint meetings which have been held for the past several years on the first Sunday of each month at 7:00 P. M. in Elyria have changed their meeting place to Lorain, Ohio, in K. of P. Hall, located at 20th and Broadway. These meetings have meant much to the supporting towns in this area and usually attract good size crowds. The first meeting in **Lorain** will be held on April 7.

LORAIN-ANTLERS MOVES

The Lorain-Antlers group which meets on Thursdays at 8:30 in Lorain, Ohio, has fand new quarters in the Ohio Public Service Electric kitchen, located at 200 Oberlin Ave. They're proud of their new quarters and invite your inspection.

AA BOWLER HITS 279

Roy E., the star bowler of the Denison Group and currently sporting an average of 189 in the Thursday night AA league, crashed the Cleveland sports page headlines with a nifty 279 score. It was Roy's highest lifetime game and is a record for the AA leagues.

AA BOWLING LEAGUES
Standings as Reported March 15. 1946

Thursday League			Friday League		
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1	West Side Morning 50 22	1	Lorain (Thursday)44 28		
2	Lakewood	2	Glenville No. 143 29		
3	Denison 4 1 31	3	Euclid-Wade Hearts43 29		
4	Northeast	4	Lorain Hawks 42 30		
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6	Lorain Yanks38 34	6	Southeast No. 2 ,40 32		
7	Euclid-Wade Spades37 35	7	Glenville No. 2		
8	Southeast No. 1 36 3 6	8	Arcade		
9	Collinwood	9	West Side Men's 35 37		
10	Gordon Square35 37	10	Borton		
11	Corinthians	11	Union		
12	Brooklyn 33 39	i i	Pearl		
13	Brooklyn-Parma31 41	13	Euclid-Wade Diamonds, 31 41		
14	West 25th St. Champs.31 41	14	Lorain Bears30 42		
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16	Lee Road (Friday) 27 45	16	West 25th St. Eagles27 45		

LIST OF APPROVED AA HOSPITALS

Bender's (Melrose 1635) CM)8023 Detroit Ave.
Charity Hospital (Main 9400) (MW)
Deaconess Evangelical Hospital (Florida 0070) (MW). 4233 Pearl Road
East Cleveland Clinic (Glenville 3244) (MW)13240 Euclid Ave.
Emergency Clinic (Glenville 4400) (MW)
Farquharson's (Shadyside 8374) (M)
Kath. Kilbane's Nursing Home (OR. 1281) (W) 14401 Gramatan Ave.
MacGillis Nursina Home (RA. 2656) (MW), 1560 Mistletoe Dr. at Wade Pk.
Martha Irwin's (MW)
Betty Smith's (Shadyside 4692) (M)3480 Scranton Road
Webster's (Express 0180) (MW)
W. 89th St. Nursina Home (Woodbine 4870) (M) 2240 W. 89th St.
*(M j men only. (MW) men and women. (W) women only.

CLEVELAND GROUP MEETINGS	NEW PHILADELPHIA, O.—Tuscarawas County Group. Assembly Hall, 2nd floor Tuscarawas Savings & Loan Bldg
MONDAY	NORWALK, Q.—Elk's Grill. E. Main St. (downstairs)
RORTON-13631 Euclid Ave	TOLEDO. 02411/2 Superior St. (2nd Floor)
LAKEWOOD—Community Center Bldg., Detroit Ave. & St. Charles. 8:30 LAICEWOOD MEN'S—St. Peter's Episcopal. W. Clifton end Detroit 8:30	TUESDAY AKRON, 0 Morning, 897 E. Market St
LAKE SHORE—Lake Shore Hotel, Dinner at 7:00 P. MMeeting., 8:00 LEE ROAD-1637 Lee Road	AKRON, 0 St. Vincent High School Auditorium, cor. Walnut & W. Market St
LORAIN AVE.—Banater Hall Annex. W. 129th at Lorain	ASHTABULA, O(Except Second Monday) Linne Hall, 8403 Station Ave. 8:00
PEARL—Good Counsel Hall, 4427 Pearl Rd. 8:80 UNION AVENUE—12907 Union Ave. 8:30	BELLEVUE, OSumner C. Fehl, Sec'y, 600 E. Center St.; YMCA Hall
SHAKER HEIGHTS—Christ Episcopal Church. 3461 Warrensville Center Rd. 8:30	CHARLESTON, W. VAGroup 1—Uptown—1116 Kanawha
SOUTH EAST GROUP-10203 Miles Ave8:80	Blvd. East 8:30 CINCINNATI 0405 Oak St. 8:30
WEST 25TH ST.—Marvel Hall, 2858 W. 25th St	COLUMBUS OWest Side 3178 W. Broad St. 8:30 DAYTON, O.—124 W. Monument Ave. 8:30
WOMEN'S—West Side, 8701 Detroit Ave	DETROIT, MICH., East Group, Community Hall, E. Jefferson & Manastique
Madison	DETROIT MICH.—Pontiac Group, YMCA, Mt. Clemens and Seneca.8:30 MANSFIELD, ONorth Lake Park. Sec. Address, 175½ Lexington,
CHARITY-last Tues. of each month—Charity Hosp. Nurses' Aud8:30	Mansfield
EAGLE TRAINING-Salvation Army. E. 9th & Eagle	AKRON GROUP NO, 1-King School. W. Tallmadge at Aqueduct
MT. PLEASANT—Eastview Cong. Church. 16616 Kinsman Rd	Street
SMITH-WILSON-Nativity School. 9510 Aetna Road 8:30 WEST SIDE MEN'S-St. Patrick's Hall, Bridge Ave. near W. 38th.8:30	BEAVER, PA., Beaver Valley Group, Home of J. E. Pittinger8:00 CHARLESTON, W. VA.—Group 5—So. Charleston8:00
LORAIN, OCommunity Hall, 23rd and Beech Sts 8:00	CINCINNATI O-405 Oak St
WEDNESDAY BROOKLYN-K. of P. Hall. Broadview and Pearl Rd	DAYTON, O124 W. Monument Ave
CHAGRIN FALLS, OAmerican Legion, E. Orange St	DETROIT, MICH.—North East Group, 19521 Van Dyke
DENISON-7403 Denison Ave	ERIE, PA.—Lawrence Group, 315 Plum St8:00
DOVER CENTER-Dover Congregational Church. Dover Road between	JAMESTOWN, N. Y.—Allen Sq. Bldg., Main and Second Sts8:00 SANDUSKY, O.—Providence Hospital8:30
Center Ridge Rd. and Detroit Rd	TOLEDO, O.—241½ Superior St. (2nd Floor)
I.EE ROAD—Mayfield and Preyer, Heights Presbyterian Church 8:30 WEST PARK-17th Precinct Hall. W. 157th and Lorain (upstairs) . 8:30	WARREN, O.—Welsh Club, High St. (except second Wednesday). 8:30 WHEELING, W. VA.—McLure Hotel
BEDFORD, O.—Y. M. C. A. Tarbell Ave	YOUNGSTOWN, O.—Southside Group, 60 W. Indianola8:80 THURSDAY
SANDUSKY. 0.—Assembly Hall Providence Hospital	CINCINNATI 0405 Oak St
ARCADE—601 The Arcade (Superior Entrance)	COLUMBUS, OMen's Group, Broad St. Church of Christ, E. Broad and 21st Sts
BROADWAY-55TH—Our Lady of Lourdes School Hall— E. 66th and Broadway	DAYTON, O.—124 W. Monument Ave
E. 66th and Broadway GLENVILLB-10421 St. Clair. 8:30 LEE ROAD-1637 Lee Rosd. 8:30	EAST AKRON-897 E. Market Street
LORAIN AVE.—Banater Hall Annex. W. 120th St. at Lorain 8:30	OIL CITY, PAC. of C. Auditorium, Odd Fellows Bldg., Seneca St 8 :80 PORT CLINTON. OK of C Hall. 117 Madison Ave
WARRENSVILLE. Workhouse Chapel-1st Thurs. each mo7:00 P.M. PAINESVILLE. Q.—33 N. State St Third Floor	TOLEDO, OHighland Park Shelter House
LORAIN, OOhio Public Service Electric Kitchen. 200 Oberlin Ave8.30	FRIDAY
FRIDAY CEDAR-Salvation Army. 2181 E. 66th St	AKRON, 0 Night Group, Firestone Local Hall. So. Main St., just south of Railroad Bridge
GORDON SQUARE—People's Meth. Church, W. 66th & Bridge Ave 8:30 LEE ROAD-1637 Lee Road	AKRON, 0 Noon Group. De Lucca's Bismark Cafe. N. Main St
KOCKY RIVER-St. Christopher's Hall Lakeview off Detroit Rd8:30	ASHLAND, OG. A. R. Hall, 140 Arthur St
NEWBURGH—3684 E. 93rd St., Comer Inman Ave	CHARLESTON, W. VACentral-1116 Kanawha Blvd., East
NORTHEAST—2028 E. 106th St	COLUMBUS, OSouth End, 246% So. High St. (2nd Floor)
Sta	Sts Route 20
EUCLID, OSt. Paul's Church E. 200th St. off St. Clair	DAYTON, OUptown Group, Fraternity Room. Miami Hotel
CARNEGIE-Euclid Ave. Baptist Church, E. 18th St.,	Ont., Canada
just north of Euclid. 9:00 GLENVILLE—10421 St. Clair. 8:30 W. S. SOCIAL CLUB, 4427 Pearl Road. 8:00	KENT, 0. K. of C. Hall. No. Depuyster St
8005 GROUP-8006 Lorain Ave	NORWALK, OElks Grill. E. Main St
SUNDAY COLLINWOOD-14709 St. Clair Avenue	TOLEDO, O.—241 ½ Superior St. (2nd Floor)
DOAN MEN'S TRAINING MEETING-2028 E. 106th St	CINCINNATI O.—Open House, 405 Oak St
1ST TUESDAY EVERY YONTH	CANTON, O., I.O.O.F. Temple, 1439 Cleveland Ave
CENTRAL COMMITTEE—Hanna Building Room 3708:80 LAST TUESDAY EVERY MONTH	GALION, O.—A. F. of L. Hall
GREATER CLEVELAND HOSPITAL COMMITTEE, Hanna Bldg. Room 370	DETROIT, MICH.—Uptown, Maccabee Bldg., 5057 Putnam9:00
MORNING MEETINGS	GALION, O.—A. F. of L. Hall
Monday Mornings	DAYTON, O.—Social Night—For location, Phone ADams 9611 for information
BOLTON SQUARE-2028 E. 106th St	TOLEDO, OW. Side, Redman's Hall. 8368 Monroe St
COLLINWOOD-14700 St. Clair Ave	334 N. Pearl8:00 SUNDAY
WEST SIDE-7403 Denison Ave	AKRON, ON. Main St., Opp. St. Thomas Hospital 6:00
	ASHTABULA. O.—Linne Hall, 3403 Station Ave. (Second Sunday in month)
OUT OF TOWN MEETINGS	DAYTON, O.—124 W. Monument Ave
MONDAY AKRON, OMen's Group. N. Main St., Opp. St. Thomas Hospital8:30	INDIANAPOLIS, INDRiley Hotel, Capitol Ave. & 16th St. (Breakfast)
ASHTABULA, O.—Linne Hall, 3403 Station Ave 8:00	Weekly meetings Mon Wed., Thurs., Friday in homes of members. Telephone Franklin 2743.
BARBERTON. 0 Homes of group members	JAMESTOWN, N. YAllen Sq. Bldg., Main and Second Sts
CINCINNATI. OTraining Meeting 405 Oak St8:00 COLUMBUS. OUpper Arlington-Grandview. 1st Community	PITTSBURGH (No. Side)-North Side Y. M. C. A
Church, 1320 Cambridge Pl. 9:00 ERIE. PA. Perry Group, 1110 Parade St. 3:00	
DETROIT, MICH.—North Group. 11629 Linwood. .8:30 MT. VERNON, OOn the Square .8:30	DETROIT, MICH AA Club of Detroit, 14 W. Milwaukee Ave., open from 11:00 A. M. to 11:00 P. M.

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PRAYER

Z know not by what method rare— But this Z know. God answers

Z know not if the blessing sought

Will come in just the guise I

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AA extended its hand toward us in our hour of desperation, an hour in which we realized that we had no power of ourselves to help ourselves. We were at the brink of the pit of darkness, and the darkness was closing us in.

As the hand reached toward us, we heard the words of the mouth.

"We have found help; come with us."
"What is that help?" we asked.
"It is the help of a power greater than our own."

"Is that your way of saying that you turn to God? That's all right for children, but it's no help for men!"

So we returned to our own sick wills. The darkness closed in, and again we realized that we had no power of ourselves to help ourselves. Again the hand reached toward us. We

knew it, now.
"AA? No, not AA; not that God stuff; that's for children, not for

grown men.

How often did it happen to us, this realization of helplessness and then rejection of the proffered help? How long was it before we reached that final extremity, when the last spark of willfulness was crushed out and we were prepared to accept any help? Any help would be a power greater than our own.

Even then, many of us just joined AA, as if association with a group of sober men were all the help we needed. We accepted the hand and went to meetings and rekindled the spark of willfulness.

We winced at the talks about "a power greater than our own," and wished that "those parsons" would quit talking about God. Thus the spark of willfulness grew. We found ourselves struggling against alcohol again, and sometimes we yielded.

As long as we continued to struggle against the surrender of our wills to something outside us we have failed to find release.

That something doesn't need a name, or a particular name, or a particular set of characteristics. It does need to be something that we can talk to in our minds; something that demands that we be honest; something that makes us feel that it is possessed of wider experience and knowledge; something whose answers, spoken in our minds, we know to be right; something that can be addressed at any moment and that can be addressed for a moment or for an hour.

When we find that something and talk to it and listen to the answers in our minds, we feel relief, we gain courage and confidence. The more we turn to that something the more we find we gain. Some of us never try to give that something a name. Some invent queer names. But many of us recognize that that something, that Power greater than our own that has given us help, is the same something, the same Power that men always have known as God.

Those of us who don't struggle against names and who have no hesitancy in saying that our help comes from God receive additional help since we are able to benefit by the experiences of all others who acknowledge that their help comes from God. We can read those experiences, read about God's revelations to men on the way they must live. We can join a company of worshippers, if we wish, and broaden our experience in seeking and receiving help in new ways.

Once we have experienced the relief that comes with turning to a Power greater than our own, we have opened the way to freedom. The freest of all men are those who con-tinuously talk with the Supreme Power.

The Color Line

Considerable thought has been given by quite a few of our members on the question of admitting negroes into our AA setup, and the problem has become particularly acute at this time because a colored woman patient was denied admittance to each of our accredited hospitals.

The colored people have been receiving considerable information on how AA works in their own Cleveland newspaper, The Call and Post, and the articles have been well written. Inquiries have been directed to a splendid colored woman who has quietly and faithfully done a remarkable job with her prospects. Some have been hospitalized at a Cleveland AA nursing home, but recently this nursing home has ceased accepting women patients, regardless of color.

Last Saturday a colored girl, well educated and a graduate nurse, finally appealed to AA for help, recognizing she was powerless over alcohol, and raised sufficient cash to pay for her hospitalization. She represented three months of pains-taking AA effort. She was finally admitted to a nursing home where she absorbed the AA lesson.

We are presenting this problem as We are presenting this problem as it was given us and since it *IS* a problem of policy which will have to be decided by all groups it is well to examine it. New York, Chicago, Washington, Philadelphia and St. Louis had similar experiences. We understand that there is a colored group in St. Louis and in the Bronx

group in St. Louis and in the Bronx.
It is argued that the color line should not be recognized because we are all creatures of God and that the individual soul is the all important issue-that God does not look at the color of the individual but at his soul

the individual but at his soul.

However, we must all agree that this social differentiation has always existed and probably will for ages. Certainly the negro has a right to this program. It isn't denied to anyone regardless of race, creed or color. But isn't it also an accepted fact that the negro would resent and resist intrusion of the whites in his social endeavors? Wouldn't they make a white person feel unwanted if they had the majority in any gathering of their own?

We believe the answer should lie in their recognizing that there is a racial difference and for everybody's peace of mind, develop their own groups on the AA principles, and drive out resentment from their hearts as well as the **wrong** feeling that we deny them the right to enjoy the **same** urivileees that we enjoy.

We honestly believe that fraternization will bring nothing but disharmony, suspicion and intolerance, weapons of the devil which will wreck the peace of mind of both black and white. We should share our knowledge and our experiences

And we whites, if we preach brotherly love we must practice it, and should a Negro appeal to us for help and guidance it is our Christian duty to give the best that is in us, recognizing that a human soul is given into our hands to help or destroy.

If we tell the colored person that he should drive resentment, suspicion and infolerance from his heart, we should do likewise.

CONSOLIDATED MEETING SUNDAY, APRIL 21st BALL ROOM PUBLIC HALL

IS SEPARATION WISE

We note with concern the report of Central Committee and the report of the Hospital Committee which seems to infer that the **Hospital** Committee plans to set up an organization independent of Central Committee.

We note on the Central Committee minutes that this

matter was the subject of much confusion, and was to be clarified at the May 7th meeting of Central Committee.

We also note in the Hospital Committee report a sentence

that reads "This unit should be independent of the Central

Committee

Why SHOULD this committee be independent? Isn't Central Committee the logical clearing house for ALL groups? It has been functioning as **such** for the **past** four years of our experience and we believe it has never swerved from that policy in that time.

We referred to our files to get the exact wording of the

aims and purposes of Central Committee and we republish

them herewith

THE PURPOSE OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE

- It provides a central meeting place, with regular monthly meetings.

 It is a discussion center. It is not a governing body, each group maintains self-government.

 It provides facilities for receiving names of prospective members, by providing a central AA telephone and a post office box, it provides for practical distribution of these names, to all groups in Greater Cleveland, to conserve the time and travel of our members.

 It provides a central hospital committee to establish proper liaison between all groups and all AA approved hospitals and nursing homes in the Greater Cleveland Area.

- It provides a central sponsorship committee to encourage proper and adequate sponsorship educational programs in all groups in the
- Greater Cleveland area.

 It provides a unified clearing house to eliminate haphazard hospitalization plans. racketeering and unfavorable publicity.

 It provides for the publishing of Central Bulletin each month.

 It provides a co-ordinated functioning committee to deal with individual unfavorable influences, which might reflect discredit upon

dividual unfavorable influences, which might reflect discrete specific the entire fellowship.

It provides a convenient place to plan for the future of the Greater Cleveland AA Fellowship.

Central Committee Has One Objective — "SERVICE".

.We make an ardent appeal to the Hospital Committee to continue to be responsible to Central Committee which voices the opinions of the majority of the groups in the Cleveland area. Group opinion controls the principle of AA and group opinion should always guide the policy of all groups. Central Committee cannot dominate nor dictate, and it never could do so. Group opinion establishes the policy of the Bulletin, the Consolidated Meetings Committee and • ntral Office. If we had no Central Committee, who would **arrect** and advise these functions?

DILEMMA

The inevitable costs of production has created a disturbing situation in the Central Bulletin's etup. When the Bulletin was first established three years and seven months ago, the committee confidently expected to operate in its established budget. A goal of 1000 subscribers was set, and though it never quite reached that mark, we were willing to assume the deficit. However, costs have mounted so that the Bulletin costs us \$20.00 more per issue. We have offered several solutions to our problem to Central Committee in our plea to them for advice and we trust we'll get the correct answer.

We are agreed that charging \$1.25 or \$1.50 a year would solve the problem if all present subscribers continued to support us. But we also realize the difficulty in mailing those

two or four bits with the dollar.

Five hundred more subscribers would do the trick. This means that some of you friends will have to push the Bulletin amopg your friends. Why not try it? We'll

appreciate it.

We have received gifts from several individuals who claimed the Bulletin was of great help to them-one even said it was indispensable to him in keeping him sober. We like to hear that, and we appreciate gifts, though we are hesitant in soliciting them since we feel that the Bulletin, in order to live must merit its existence.

Is it really a necessary expense each month? Let us know by your response **to** our first plea for assistance since we started by getting another subscriber for us. Your response

will guide us.

PORT CLINTON, OHIO

Port Clinton staged a fish fry after their regular meeting on Thursday, March 28th. Everything was free and naturally they attracted a hungry crowd. Ernie G. of Toledo led a fine meeting.

PAUL B. JOHNSTON

It is with a deep sense of loss that we write of the death of one of the finest characters it has been our good fortune to know. Paul has been a member of AA for several years and during that time had endeared himself to thousands of AA's in Cleveland as well as many parts of the country where he was called on to present his message. Ever seeking for knowledge in his quiet, humble way, he was sound in his judgment, keen in his ability to seemingly find just the words to quiet a disturbed mind. He was an indefatigable worker in AA and was a valued member of the Downtown Office Committee. His chairmanship of Central Committee was outstanding. His devotion to problems in establishing the hospitalization ward at Charity Hospital was indicative of his desire to serve his fellowman in the best possible way.

He prefaced his every lead with the prayer which he found ideally fitting to what he wanted to achieve.

God grant me thr serenity to accept things 1 cannot change courage to change things Z can . . . and the wisdom to know the difference.

The sermon delivered by Rev. Naegle, chaplain at Charity was short, but was a masterpiece of love for Paul Johnston, the man and the Christian, who realized in his last years what he had been seeking for all his Hfe.

As the pastor said, anyone who knew Paul Johnston, especially in the last year of his life, was the better person because of having known him.

We believe his prayer was answered. He found serenity.

MRS. J. PAUL STANLEY

It is with a deep sense of compassion that we report the untimely death of a fine friend of many AA's, Mrs. J. Paul Stanley of Akron, Ohio. Her counsel and her unselfishness was a comfort and joy to her many friends.

Her bereaved, family has asked us to assist them in expressing its deep and sincere appreciation for the loyalty and love which was expressed during their crushing experience. As the message from the family reads, "It was made easier to accept the loss for wisdom greater than our own by the many people who came from distant cities as well as Akron and shared our sorrow. We thank God for that most valuable of all treasures-loyal friends, and for AA which made it so.

DOWNTOWN OFFICE CLICKS AGAIN

Two loyal AA's were standing at the Information Desk in Cleveland's Union Station wondering what they should do. They had responded to a plea from one of our nursing homes to meet a drunk who had been deposited on the train in Erie, Pa., with instructions to meet them here. The train came in, but the man didn't show up. But they waited.

In the meantime, a call came to the downtown office from a fuzzy, excited individual who claimed he was to meet two guys who were to take him to "——" Nursing Home. Where were they? The alert secretary asked him where he was. He told him he was near the station-had wandered away from it and didn't know how to get back. He had spent a nickel of his last dime to phone. Thinking fast, the alert secretary asked him for the number of the phone he was calling from and instructed him to stay at the phone for an immediate call back. He recognized from the telephone exchange that the man had gotten off at the East Cleveland station.

He called the nursing home, arranged for them to contact the men waiting at the Terminal, and called back the fuzzy one, telling him to stay right there until the boys came. He did and the boy is back in Erie now, a dehydrated, sober and happy man-thanks to the vigilance of our downtown office.

Why didn't the drunk call the nursing home? You ask him! He didn't. Ask a drunk why he does things.

Who knows what would have become of him if he hadn't called CHerry 7387. The office needs YOUR support.

ATCH LEAVES **LORAIN** COUNTY Popular L. D. A.-Atch to you-has left the **Lorain** County area and is now working in Detroit. He was a tower of strength in the area and much of the success of AA and the enthusiasm of its members can be attributed to indefatigable "Atch". Lorain County's loss is Detroit's gain.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Twenty-two groups answered rollcall at the April 2nd meeting of Central Committee.

The major part of the meeting was devoted to the Hospital Committee's report which resulted in a motion being passed "that the chairman of the Hospital Committee be instructed to meet with the Hospital Committee and report to Central Committee whether or not the Hospital Committee had seceded from Central Committee.

The Moderator appointed Elmer L. of Lake Shore to prepare a form letter or pamphlet telling about the work-

resulted in W. Roy W. being appointed as chairman of a committee to determine a procedure to follow in making the Bulletin self-sustaining.

ONE-MAN GROUP IS LOCATED

In our January Bulletin WC mentioned that an absent-minded AA sent in a dollar for a subscription and asked for a sauib about his one-mar: group which had been functioning for six months and going strong. Through expert sleuthing on our part we located him in Vermillion, Ohio. He's Jack G., and he's no one-man group any more. It's a twoman group now although his meetings attract enthusiastic supporters from Sanduskr, **Lorain**, Elyria and Cleveland. They meet each Monday night in one of the three Vermillion churches, alternating each Monday. We like sleuthing. You find out SO many things.

SIXTH ANNIVERSARY

The Brooklyn (Cleveland) Group stages its sixth anniversary with a gala meeting on Wednesday, May 8th at 8:45 P.M. The meeting will be held in historical St. Luke's Evangelical Church, Pearl Rd. and Memphis, which can accommodate 600 persons.

An excellent panel of women speakers, consisting of Elizabeth B. and Billy O'D. from the East Side Women's group, and Margaret H. and Billy P. of the West Side Women with Kate N. as honorary chairman.

LORAIN CELEBRATES FIFTH

The Lorain-Avon group celebrates its fifth anniversary on Friday, May 10th, at 8:15 P.M., and extends a hearty invitation to all to share this happy event. It will be held in American Legion Hall, first floor rear, 1112 Erie St., Lorain, Ohio. It's on Route 2. Elmer L. of Lakeshore will be

The group will hold its regular stagnight on May 3rd with Frank B. of the Lee-Mayfield (Cleveland) Group as

the speaker.

YOUNG PEOPLE

A quietly determined, but enthusiastic young AA member walked in the downtown office to request the mailing list of all group secretaries. We learned that he wanted to send notices, to all groups that he was starting a new group. for young people. He was advised to start less ambitiously by sounding out other young people first to determine whether they wanted one or not. We suggested this item and if you are interested in forming this group, advise the downtown office or write.

COLLINWOOD

On St. Patrick's Day, the Collinwood Group had as their sneaker Jim B.. who has been their sneaker on this day for the past five years. His talk was up to his customary stan-dard of excellence. The discussion period, however, was omitted, and after a delicious lunch a vaudeville show was put on by talent drawn entirely from the group. The entertainment seemed to be mutually satisfactory to the audience as well as the entertainers-both had a grand time. Ace E's son, just back from the Pacific where his specialty was photography, took pictures of the show so that the group has a permanent pictorial record of the evening.

CONNEAUT, OHIO

The Conneaut group which meets on Friday evenings, now meets in their new quarters in the B. of L. E. Hall, Whitney Block, on Main Street.

A Cleveland speaker, Jack S., was "covered" by the Conneaut News-Herald of March 9th and was given 13% inches of writers. inches of writeup. The meeting attracted representatives of the nursing, medical and ministerial professions. The writeup indicates that Jack gave a splendid and an understandable talk. He's sharp, that man.

MINSTRELS STRUT MAY 3RD & 4TH

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The tlnird annual AA minstrel show will be held in Little Theatre of Public Auditorium on Friday and Saturday, May 3rd and 4th. The directors feel that two nights are needed to accommodate all that want to see this good show. In fact the Saturday night show is practically sold out already. Only a few seats available. The cast is made up entirely of members of Alcoholics Anonymous and their families. This year six beautiful AA women are an important part of the cast. For the sake of the public, the group of sixty call themselves the Mack's Merrie Minstrels.

Tickets are \$1.80 and \$1.20 and if you enjoy good singing and a really good minstrel show come on and hear them.

Should be a sellout for both nights.

All profits will go to the Downtown Office Fund.

AA BOXING SHOW MAY 10TH

An all-star eight-bout boxing show, featuring recent Golden Gloves champs, will be held in Masonic Temple, May 10th at 8:30 P.M. The promoter is Tom D., of the West Side Men's group, who has successfully promoted similar shows for AA's in the past. All profits will go toward the Downtown Office Fund and Tom promises a fine show. Tickets are \$1.25 Tickets are \$1.25.

DOAN DATA

Seven hundred and forty-four persons attended the four meetings held during March, which exceeded all previous attendance records for "4-meeting" months. Thanks to Gerry B., who was chairman for March. The speakers were Frank B., Clinton C., Al. C. (formerly of Detroit, Mich.), and John H. (downtown office secretary)-We regret that Matt C. was forced to relinquish the reins at the Warrens willo Workhouse due to husiness pressure. ville Workhouse, due to business pressure. His two years of personal sacrifice brought outstanding results. His successor is able Leo K., who is showing great enthusiasm and interest. He has, for the time being, instituted regular Sunday morning sessions in Workhouse Library at 10 o'clock. Anyone desiring to aid in this work each Sunday will be welcomed by Leo.

AA BOWLING LEAGUE

A very successful season was enjoyed by the two Cleveland AA bowling leagues in which 32 teams and 247 bowlers participated on thirty nights since September 20th. The fellowship engendered was invaluable. The season ends April 25th and West Side Morning Group is the official champion of the Thursday league and Glenville No. 1 the champ of the Friday league, even though each have three more games to bowl.

The banquet, to which all AA's are invited, will be held in the Rainbow Room of Hotel Carter on Thursday, May 9.

EUCLID-WADE DOINGS

On Saturday, March 16,225 guests enjoyed a St. Patrick's party at Emanuel Church. They had 12 games of Bingo, and three lucky girls went home -with Nylon hosiery,-others with cash prizes up to \$15. Then followed a full length feature movie, "So's Your Aunt Emma" with Zazu Pitts. A fine lunch was served-Coney Island Redhots, Coffee, Ice Cream and Cookies. The party was such a success that their popular secretary, Ed. C.—has promised another in the near future.

Wedding bells rang out on Thursday, April 11, for Ellis L. and Helen B. of our group. We never witnessed a more nervous bridegroom in our experience. He held together, however, long enough to have the knot securely tied.

CARNEGIE

Dewey S. of Lakeshore gave a splendid performance at Carnegie's first anniversary. A thank you to all our friends Carnegie's first anniversary. A thank you to all our friends and members who have helped to make Carnegie the great success it is. It is inspiring to see greater Cleveland cooperating so capably in guest chairmen and "cream of the crop" speakers. The attendance shows that these efforts are being appreciated. Women AA's will be pleased to know that Marian R. of Westside Women's Group will be our speaker for Saturday, April 27th. Marian is one of the earliest femining members in Cleveland and her story earliest feminine members in Cleveland and her story should prove helpful to all.

Our good friend Jim B. of Preyer Rd. Group will officiate as guest chairman for May. And his first speaker, May 4th, will be Pete Mc. of the Monday Lee Rd. Group. The "Cross-roads" Group invites you to come and get acquainted and

enjoy a Saturday evening downtown.

CLEVELAND GROUP MEETINGS	NEW PHILADELPHIA, O.—Tuscarawas County Group, Assembly Hell, 2nd Boor Tuscarawas Savings & Loan Bldg
MONDAY	NORWALK, O.—Elk's Grill. E. Main St. (downstairs)
MORTON-18931 Euclid Ave	STEUBENVILLE, OY. M. C. A. North 4th St
LAKEWOOD Community Center Bldg. Detroit Ave. & St. Charles .8 :30 LAKEWOOD MEN'S—St. Peter's Episcopal, W. Clifton and Detroit .8:30	TUESDAY AKRON, 0 Morning. 897 E. Market St
LAKE SHORE—Lake Shore Hotel. Dinner at 7:00 P. YMeeting .8:00 LEE ROAD-1837 Lee Road	AKRON. 0 St. Vincent High School Auditorium. cor. Walnut & W. Market St
LORAIN AVE.—Banater Hall Annex. W. 126th at Lorain	ASHTARIILA O.—(Except Second Monday) Linne Hall 3408 Ste-
PEARL—Good Counsel Hall, 4427 Purl 8:80 UNION AVENUE—12907 Union Ave. 8:8 0	tion Ave
SHAKER HEIGHTS—Christ Episcopal Church, 3461 Warrensville	CHARLESTON, W. VA.—Group 1—Uptown—1116 Kanawha
Center .8.3 0 SOUTH EAST GROUP-10203 Miles Av e. .8.2 0 WEST 26TH ST.—Marvel Hall. 2868 W. 26tb St. .8.20	Blvd., East 8:30 CINCINNATI O-405 O a k 8:30 COLUMBUS OWest Side 3178 W. Broad St 3:30
WILLOUGHBY—Presbyterian Church, Willoughby. 0. 8:30 WOMEN'S—West Side, 8701 Detroit Ave. 8:30	COLUMBUS, OVolunteers of America, W. Broad & Starling8:30 DAYTON, O.—124 W. Monument Ave
WYANDOTTE MEN'S—Parkwood Cong'l Church, Parkwood and Madison I 8:80	DETROIT, MICH East Group. Community Hall Jefferson &
VERMILLION, OContact anyone of the three churches8:30	DETROIT MICEPontiac Group. YMCA, Mt. Clemens and Seneca.8:30 ERIE, PA.—Perry Group. 1110 Parade St
TUESDAY CHARITY-Lest Tues, of each month—Charity Hosp. Nurses' And8:30	JAMESTOWN, N. Y Jamestown Hotel
EAGLE TRAINING-Salvation Army, E. 9th & Eagle	PITTSBURGH, PAE. Liberty. Calvary Church Parish House. Shady & Walnut Sts
MT. PLEASANT—Eastview Cong. Church, 15616 Kinsman Rd8:30 PUBLIC SQUARE—Hotel Cleveland (See Bulletin Board)8:30	WEDNESDAY
SMITH-WILSON-Nativity School, 9610 Aetna Road	AKRON GROUP NO. 1—King School. W. Tallmadge at Aqueduct Street
LORAIN, O.—Community Hall. 23rd and Beech Sts	BEAVER, PA., Beaver Valley Group, Home of J. E. Pittinger 8:00
BROOKLYN-K. of P. Hell. Broadview and Pearl Rd8:80	CHARLESTON, W. VA.—Group 5—So. Charleston. 8:00 CINCINNATI O-406 Oak St 8:30
CHAGRIN FALLS , OAmerican Legion, E. Orange St	COLUMBUS, O780 E. Broad St,
DENISON-7402 Denison Ave	DETROIT, MICH.—Central Group. 4242. Cass. near Canfield 8:30 DETROIT. MICH.—North East Group. 19621 Van Dyke
DOVER CENTER-Dover Congregational Church, Dover Road between Center Ridge Rd. and Detroit Rd	ELYRIA, 0.—108 Middle Avenue (on the Square)
LAKEWOOD WOMEN'S-12214 Detroit Avenue	JAMESTOWN. N. YS E. Second St
WEST PARK-170 Precinct Hall, W. 167th and Lorain (upstairs)8:30 BEDFORD, OY. M. C. A Tarbell Ave	TOLEDO, O.—241½ Superior St. (2nd Floor)
ELYRIA. O.—108 Middle Ave., "On the Square" (3rd Floor)8:00 SANDUSKY. O.—Assembly Hall Providence Hospital8:00	WARREN, OWelsh Club. High St. (except second Wednesday)8:30 WHEELING. W. VA.—McLure Hotel
THURSDAY .	YOUNGSTOWN. O.—Southside Group. 60 W. Indianola
ARCADE—601 The Arcade (Superior Entrance)	CINCINNATI O-405.0ak St
E. 66th and Broadway8:30	E. Broad and 21st Sts
E. 66th and Broadway. 8:3 0 GLENVILLE—10421 St. Clair. 8:8 0 LEE ROAD-1637 Lee Road 8:30	DETROIT, MICH. Northwest Group. Club Hall, 10216 Plymouth. S:00 EAST AKRON-897 E. Market Street
WARRENSVILLB, Workhouse Chapel-1st Thurs. each mo 7:00 P.M.	JAMESTOWN, N. YS E. Second St .8:00 MARION, OE. Center and High Sts .8.8
PAINESVILLE, 0.—33 N. State St., Third Floor	OIL CITY, PA.—C. of C. Auditorium. Odd Fellows Bldg., Seneca St8:30 PORT CLINTON, OK of C Hall, 117 Madison Ave
200 Oberlin Av e	TOLEDO, O.—Highland Park Shelter House
CEDAR-Salvation Army, 2181 E. 66th St	FRIDAY
LEE ROAD-1637 Lee Road	AKRON, 0 Night Group , Firestone Local Hall. So. Main St just south of Railroad Bridge
NEWBURGH—3684 E 93rd St., Comer Inman Ave	AKRON, O., Noo n Group, De Lucca's Bismark Cafe, N. Main St
NORTHEAST—2028 E. 106th St	ASHLAND, OG. A. R. Hall. 140 Arthur St
BEREA—Social room of Berea Cong. Church, Seminary and Church Sts. 8:30	CHARLESTON, W. VACentral—1116 Kanawha Blvd., East.
EUCLID, O.—St. Paul's Church E. 200th St. off St. Clair8:30	CONNEAUT. OB. of L. E. Hall, Whitney Block, Main St8:00
SATURDAY CARNEGIE—Euclid Ave. Baptist Church. E. 18th St.,	DAYTON, O.—124 W. Monument
just north of Euclid 9:0 0 GLENVILLE-10421 St. Clair 8:30	DETROIT, MICH Windsor Group. 1616 Ouellette, Windsor, Ont Canada
W. S. SOCIAL CLUB, 4427 Pearl Road	ERIE, PAStag Group. Room 206, Ford Hotel
SUNDAY	LOUISVILLE, KY.—Ky. Dairies. 3rd and Breckinridge
COLLINWOOD-14702 St. Clair Avenue	TOLEDO. O.—2414 Superior St (2nd Floor)
SPONSORSHIP MEETING—Glenville Group, 10421 St. Clair Ave2:00 1ST TUESDAY EVERY MONTH	CINCINNATI OOpen House , 406 Oak St S:00 CUYAHOGA FALLS-2160 Front Street
CENTRAL COMMITTEE—Hanna Building Room 3708:30	CANTON, 0 I.O.O.F. Temple, 1489 Cleveland Ave
LAST TUESDAY EVERY MONTE GREATER CLEVELAND HOSPITAL COMMITTEE, Hanna Bldg.	GALION, OA. F. of L. Hall
Room 3708:30	DAYTON. OParty124 W. Monument
HORNING MEETINGS Monday Mornings	GALION, OA. F. of L. Hall. 8:30 OBERLIN, OLegion Hall, North Main St. 8:00
BOLTON SQUARE—2028 E. 105th St	DAYTON, OSocial Night-For location, Phone ADams 9611 for
Wednesday Mornings COLLINWOOD-14709 St. Clair Ave	information 8:30 TOLEDO, OW. Side, Redman's Hall. 8368 Monroe St 8:30 YOUNGSTOWN, OStag-Pearl St. Community Howe.
Thursday Mornings WEST SIDE-7403 Denison Ave	334 N. Pearl8:0 0
	AKRON. ON. Main St., Opp. St. Thomas Hospital
OUT OF TOWN MEETINGS	ASHTABULA, O.—Linne Hall. 3403 Station Ave. (Second Sunday in month)
MONDAY	COLUMBUS,' O.—Neil House (See Bulletin Board)
AKRON, O.—Men's Group, N. Main St Opp. St. Thomas Hospital8:30 ASHTABULA. O.—Linne Hall, 3403 Station Ave	INDIANAPOLIS. IND.—Rilev Hotel, Capitol Ave. & 16th St
BARBERTON. W. VA.—Group 3—202 Tennesee Ave	(Breakfast)
CINCINNATI, OTraining Meeting 406 Oak St	members. Telephone Franklin 2743. JAMESTOWN. N. YAllen St. Main and Second Sts8:00
Church. 1328 Cambridge Pl.	PITTSBURGH, PA.—Coraopolis YMCA 2:80 PITTSBURGH (No. Side)-North Side Y. M. C. A. 2:00
DETROIT, MICE-North Group, 11629 Linwood	YOUNGSTOWN, OY. M. C. A. Champion St
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RESOLUTIONS

A little less impatient with those we deem too slow . . . A little less arrogance because of what we know . . .

A little more humility, seeing our worth so slight . . . We are such small, dim candles, compared to star-set night . . . A little more forgiving and trying to be kind . . . A little more often the word of **praise** to find. The word of praise to find

to find . . . The word of praise to give

and make a heart rejoice . . . A little more careful to speak in gentle

voice . . . A little more eagerness to

understand the other . . . A little

more striving to help a shipwrecked brother. . . A little more courage to the hard task that must be done. . These our daily resolutions-God help us to know a ship with the ship was a ship wa

help us to keep each one.

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Editorial—Taking Inventory

While we were playing hooky from the school of life, we were building antisocial habits of thought and action. We thought we had the right to go as we chose, do as we wished.

No one objected very much to our having a little fling. In fact, many of the stories we hear in our meetings indicate that our friends and associates showed surprising indulgence. But when the fling no longer was little, when we took advantage of generous treatment, people got tired of our snarling and of our unreasonableness and of our broken promises and of our unreliability. Censure took the place of indulgence, and our reaction to that was greater hostility. Instead of seeing our faults, we became resentful and seif-pitying. We **magnified** our

By the time we have come into AA, most of us have had several years of alcoholic conduct, since we were alcoholics long before we ever admitted it. Our bad habits of thought and action were deeply engraved in our minds and in our nervous systems.

Whatever reasons we may have had at the outset for drinking too much, our bad habits of thought and action became additional reasons for drinking too much. Alcohol became a refuge as well as a lure.

The way we react to a situation is the product of that situation and our past experiences. Every experience is recorded in our nervous systems and affects our conduct. We, as alcoholics have a vast accumulation of bad reactions.

When we have recognized that we are alcoholics and that our lives are unmanageable, we have made the first

step. We have to stop drinking; we can't do it by ourselves; so we accept

help. With that help, we suppress the demand for alcohol. But when the liquor vapors are cleared from our minds and we have suppressed the urgent calls of our nervous systems for alcohol, most of us discover that we still have much to do. Working against our determination to live better lives, to be the men and women we are supposed to be, is the vast accumulation of our bad habits of thought and action. We cannot stamp out these bad habits over night, however strong our wills and however strong our faith. Our new faith has to move whole ranges of mountains.

Moral inventory is needed not merely to show us the need of changing our way of life; it is needed to reveal the particulars of change. The deeply rooted bad tendencies have to be identified and then we have to go to work on them. Resentment and self pity require our particular attention.

We have to guard against new flowering of egotism, the insistence on being boss, on running things our way. We have to guard against the refusal to co-operate because others won't accept our viewpoint.

Self discipline is a lifetime effort, even for non-alcoholics. It takes time to get the upper hand over bad habits of thought and action, and then we have to keep on guard continuously to see to it that we do not slip back or that we do not fall prey to the evils of egotism in other ways. That

18 why it is well to keep on taking inventory.

DON'T FORGET 11th ANNIVERSARY MEETING Public Hall-Sunday, June 16, 1946

Temptation

We took a train trip last week which necessitated leaving Cleveland about dinner time. Our pullman seats were none too comfortable, so after dinner we relaxed in comfort in the club car where we tried to concentrate on a mystery novel in our favorite magazine.

We didn't concentrate very well because we became interested in the noisy and jovial repartee of five drinking fellow travellers who were evidently returning from a sales conference in Cleveland and where, (as we adduced from the resentful remarks) drinks were not tolerated. They were a snappy, clean-cut and energetic crew and the quick ex-change of wit gave us quite a few chuckles and laughs. We

remembered how many times we had participated in similar bouts of "abundant living", and we experienced a momentary feeling of nostalgia.

The train ride lasted four hours and we were privileged (?) to see the effects of this "abundant living". Of the five one was still able to reason

the five, one was still able to reason intelligently-in fact he fairly scintillated. Three were in varying stages of intoxication, eyes dulled, voices raised in loud insistence on being heard, trying to combat the rapierlike, biting razzing thrusts of the scintillating one. The fifth was completely out, snoring like a trooper and little resembling the dapper and alert person of four hours earlier.

We wondered, as they left the train, how they would fare that night-and the next morning. Would they need a "bracer" to regain that feeling of confidence and self-sufficiency, or would they regard this as just another interlude in a well-ordered life?

It is when we see others apparently "getting away" with drinking and enjoying it that we are tempted and to wonder whether we could "handle liquor" again. We would not drink "as much" as we used to-we would respect the potency of the stuff. We would be men among men and throw off the shackles which our conscience was burdening us with! We would take a social drink at weddings hantisms birthday parties. take a social drink at weddings, baptisms, birthday parties, poker, bridge, pinochle or cribbage parties, wakes, clambakes or just an innocent get-to-gether when a friend, lone not seem, has been met up with-again, and quit at one well mavbe two.

We reasoned that way four years and several months ago, and we sound this warning to all who have permitted themselves to get slack in their AA thinking. We warn all who feel that several months of sobriety-yes, even several years of sobriety-that we *cannot* graduate into social drinkers, if we are alcoholics. Learn from the dreadful, soul-shaking experiences of others who have tried it. Talk to them and realize that it is ten times as hard to regain self-respect and self-confidence and the highly desired respect and confidence of others as it was when we first accepted AA as our only hope.

Step number one in our minds is *the* vital step that we must first be honest about. We admitted that we were powerless over alcohol. As long as we believe it-are convinced of it, we are in little danger. As a Columbus (0.) member expressed it, "I know that. alcohol makes me do crazy things. If I took another drink I would be crazy. So why should I."

Don't 'glamorize the good times you had. Remember the hell that went with them and overshadowed them.

ARE WE CASUAL?

We read an interesting little treatise on "Faith" the other day and its **contents** jerked us to our mental feet. The writer disclosed a beautiful faith in his Creator and pleaded that the reader examine himself as to whether he was truly aware of what he was doing when he contacted

that "Power Greater Than Himself"

He claimed that most of us, he included, were inclined to be hasty, slipshod and casual when we prayed. That we would spend more time in worrying and preparing for a business conference or preparing a talk if we were called upon for a few remarks at a dinner, than we do about the most **important** conference of all-a conference with God. We, who have completely accepted the third step of turning our will and lives over to the care of God-do we take the time daily to properly "tune in" with the most important Consultant that we know?

The writer claims that if most of us were to treat our neighbor as casually as we treat God, as abrupt and hurried in what we had to say to them as we sometimes have in presuming to say something or ask something of our Maker, we wouldn't even be noticed by that neighbor.

We must learn to cultivate more that Person who has answered our pitious pleas for help when we once felt that all was lost. Tune in carefully. Eliminate the static of selfish and distracting thoughts. Make each contact the most important contact you can possibly make. For it is.

THE TWELVE NEW POINTS

The twelve additional new points prepared and presented by Bill W. in the Grapevine and in pamphlet form to the groups are timely and a necessary adjunct to the "big book". As Bill **points** out, "Nobody invented AA. It grew. Trial and error has produced a rich experience. Little by little we have been adopting the lessons of that experience, first as policy and then as tradition. That process still goes on and we hope it never stops.

We are inclined to publish the entire pamphlet, for we fear that all our readers haven't seen the pamphlet or the Grapevine. If this is the case, contact your secretary and receive your copy and *digest* it. It should be read by

everyone.

MANSFIELD

We trekked to Mansfield to lead their meeting last week and found a most responsive audience. This after a splendid dinner of ham and all imaginable trimmings, which

they prepared.

The pastor of the church, Rev. Samuel U. J. Peard. was not present, but he has evidenced a great interest in AA. He wrote a fine article titled "AA's Challenge to the Church" for the Ohio Episcopal monthly magazine, Church Life, for April. After explaining what AA had to offer, he closed with the following

This is the AA Challenge to the Church!

(1)

How can we meet the Challenge? We must recognize that Alcoholics Anonymous has an answer to the problem of alcoholism, a 'problem which every week becomes a cross to some minister or some layman because he doesn't know that answer.

We must make the effort to understand Alcoholics Anonymous by reading, by conference with AA's and by a willingness to cooperate in their program.

We must become aware of the vast missionary movement that is in our midst and seek to integrate Alcoholics with the Church.

There are two things of which any AA must be certain about a Church. First, its sincerity and second, if it really has a working Christian program.

Do we have the answer?

ROSTERS

Fine printed rosters have been circulated among the members of both Collinwood and Glenville groups, which contain the names, addresses, telephone numbers and the wife's name of each accredited member of these large groups.

DOWNTOWN OFFICE

A desperate individual entered the downtown office several weeks ago and asked for help with his liquor problem. Sitting in a bar, broke and dispirited, he cried to a fellow barfly, "God, I wish I could quit this stuff." The barfly jokingly told him, "Well, you can always join AA." All the barfly could tell him about AA was that he knew they had an efficience may be not in the Williams Puilling.

they had an office somewhere in the Williamson Building. How they cured 'em, he didn't know, nor was he interested

for himself.

So the desperate individual, sick and hopeless, left the bar and came to the office and learned about AA. To see him now, one would scarcely recognize the same person. Those who have contacted him are convinced that this man truly wants AA and he found it in a low dive from a "guy who wasn't ready yet.

The downtown office clicked again. This is only one of many interesting cases that come up daily. Come in and

participate.

CENTRAL **COMMITTEE**

Twenty-four groups answered the roll call on May 7th at the regular monthly meeting of Central Committee.

A committee of three will attend the next Hospital Com-

mittee meeting on May 28th to clarify the hospital committee relation to the Central Committee.

The Central Bulletin reported a net increase in circulation of 146 and insisted that the goal of 500 added subscriptions could be reached if all secretaries would stress its need and importance.

Plans for making the June Consolidated Meeting a "11th Anniversary" meeting are held up pending approval of

groups.

A plea was made to all groups planning affairs to which all Cleveland groups would be invited to clear them at Central office or through the Bulletin to prevent conflict in dates. If you're planning an affair, contact the office.

CONSOLIDATED MEETING

The man from Georgia, Sam D., made a powerful contribution to Cleveland when he addressed the monthly consolidated meeting at Little Theatre, Sunday, May 19th.

Though he is an accredited and respected minister, in Rome, Ga., he freely admitted that he was an alcoholic and freely told of his experiences to prove it.

Probably the best tribute we heard, extracted from a great many, came from a member who perversely refuses to go to a church even though he's been a stalwart in Cleveland AA for five years, was, "If that guy should start a church here, I'd join and go every Sunday." It was gen-erally accepted that it was one of the two best presentations

in the Consolidated series.

Word comes to us that the majority of Groups returned the postcard vote giving assent to celebrating the 11th anniversary of the founding of AA in Public Hall, Sunday, June 16th. Another fine speaker from out of town has

been selected as the speaker.

LORAIN AVENUE MONDAY

The Lorain Ave. Monday group celebrated its fifth anniversary with a meeting and dance on Monday, May 20th at Banater Hall. Howard B. was the masterful M.C. and called on 16 members who had made the group successful. He performed a miracle in getting popular Charlie R., one of the originators of the group and who has been devoting most of his five years in the kitchen, to make his first speech. It was roundly applauded.

AA BOXING SHOW

Five hundred fight fans attended the third annual AA boxing show held in Masonic Hall, May 10th and saw nine well contested bouts, aarticularly the last which was worth at least five bucks alone.

It is too bad that this event had to clash with another festive AA affair occurring on the same night, for the show

should have attracted many more.

A fine twenty-eight page program was printed and Tom D. wishes to express appreciation to all advertisers for their support.

Little Amelia (saying her prayers)-"Please, Lord, take care of Papa, take care of Mamma, take care of Grandma; and be sure to take care of yourself, or else we're sunk!"

DOAN DATA

Five years ago, four men made their first, anpearance at an AA meeting, each from a different station of life. One was from a noted and wealthy family and completely disowned, the second from a lowly shack in the poorest part of Cleveland, the third a bankrupt coal baron and the fourth a discredited C.P.A. Each had reached the end of his **rope** and sought a solution to their **problem** at the Crawford Men's **Group** (our former name) and they found it. Each has been a vital cog in the growth of AA in Cleveland, by their fine examples and their unabated enthusiasm. Their record of continued sobriety without a single slip was an inspiration to the crowd which jammed the meeting which was held on April 3rd to celebrate their "birthdays". Mark H. of Buffalo was the first speaker and gave a fine talk and he was followed by good old Frank L., loquacious Jack N. and that great, silent man, Hank S. The speakers for the other nights were Don A. of Erie, Pa., John S. of Mansfield and Leo B of the Euclid-Wade Group. Jerry McG. was chairman and did a fine job. Records of attendance were again broken reaching an all time high of 796 for the four meetings.

In the last Bulletin was published a training guide used by our group and we have now printed this in pamphlet form by our group and we have now printed this in pamphlet form with the twelve steps. The demand for this pamphlet was so great we printed another batch. At the last training meeting four of our oldsters analyzed the 26 questions and the later discussion indicated that the booklet will be a "must" in the kit of those that heard it. These training meetings are held each Sunday at 3:00 P. M. except on Consolidated Meeting Sundays when we start at 2:00 o'clock.

THROUGH THE DOOR

A splendidly written booklet, titled "Through the Door" has been printed by Farquharson's Home. It is presented to the patient on the day of his departure from the hospital and its purpose is to get him "over the hump" on his first few days in the cold, cruel, friendless world. It should be of great help to every patient.

CHARITY NEWS

The April monthly meeting of Charity was led by Fred S. the scholarly feature editorial writer of the Bulletin, and the consensus of opinion was that he never was in better form. The talk was recorded on a recording machine and reproduced splendidly for the ears of Sister V. and others who could not attend the meeting. Next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 28th, at 8:30.P. M. in the Nurses Auditorium.

BOWLING BANQUET

Two hundred attended the AA Bowling League Banquet Two hundred attended the AA Bowling League Banquet held in the swank Carter Hotel Rainbow Room on Thursday, May 9th. Most of the 32 participating teams were fully represented. Bill O'R. proved to be an able master of ceremonies and presented handsome electric clocks to the hardworking secretary, Howard F., and Jack H., the treasurer. The wife of the h.w. secretary, Mrs. F., was also rewarded for her weekly typing and mimeographing. In fact it was insinuated that Howard did nothing except talk and that she did all the work. They seem to know Howard. The 1945-46 championship went to the Glenville No. 1

The 1945-46 championship went to the Glenville No. 1 team which met the Thursday night champs, the West Side Morning Group, in a best two-out-of-three match. The games were well contested and though the West Side Morning team accrued a higher total, the Glenville team won 'the two important games to make them champions. The scores were Glenville 832, 804 and '721 to W.S.M. '704, 797

Plans for next year's bowling will be taken up at a future meeting which now include a possible women's league.

LAKEWOOD

Our attractive and comfortable quarters have undoubtedly been responsible for the splendid attendance at every meeting. The members have shown an excellent

willingness to work too, and the increased roster shows it.

A dinner outing will be held Sunday, May **26th**, from noon to dark at Schluter's Tavern, Center Ridge Rd., Route 20, about 4 miles west of Wooster Road. A chicken dinner at \$2.00 will be served at **4:30** P. M. in the main dining room. Reservations are necessary.

GLENVILLE

With the return of Secretary Tony S. things began to

happen at The Glenvilie Hall.
Forty or more new Chrome and Red Leather Chairs were installed, and it is planned to eventually replace most of the present folding chairs. So Glenville is taking on the aspects of a comfortable club. Even the "Powder Room" has been redecorated. Come out and powder your noses, gals.

Tony and his able assistant, Mike C., are planning increased social activities at the hall and all AA's are welcome.

Thursday Meeting at 9:00 P. M. Saturday Meeting at

9:30 P. M.

BENDERS TAKE OVER

Ruth and Vern Bender have taken over the operation of the West Side Nursing Home at 8023 Detroit Ave. again after having retired in January. They are making extensive plans for redecorating and providing for complete segregation of new patients from repeaters. One entire floor will be for first-time patients only, with separate bath room and tray food service. This will be completed early in June.

WESTSIDE MEN'S

Our secretary, Tom D., who worked terrifically hard in presenting the AA Boxing Show, was finally downed and slapped into bed. He is recovering from a successful hernia operation at St. John's Hospital.

NEWBURGH

We hasten to correct the listing of the Friday meeting of this fine group which calls for a meeting at 7:30. This should be 8:30. Their Sunday meeting starts at 7:30.

BROOKLYN

A splendid crowd heard a panel of five women speakers give an unusually fine presentation of AA at the sixth anniversary meeting of the Brooklyn Group on Wednesday, May 8th, at St. Luke's Evangelical Church.

It was an excellent lift for the women of Cleveland, but the men felt that they had also benefitted the most. Who's right?

CANTON

Meetings of the Canton, O., group are now held in St. John's Auditorium, McKinley Ave. at 8th St., N.W., beginning Saturday, April 27th, at which meeting Jack D. of Cleveland led.

Ample parking place for 200 cars.

BLUEFIELD, W. VA.

We predicted that Bluefield eventually would organize a group some time ago and we learn that they are organized and are meeting in West Virginia Hotel? Bridge Room, on Tuesdays at 8:00 P. M. They welcome visitors.

LORAIN-AVON

The Lorain-Avon Group celebrated its fifth anniversary with an elaborate celebration on Friday, May 10th. A large crowd listened to Elmer L., our first leader five years ago, Dr. Bob S., several pastors and five or more of the old timers.

A feature of the evening was an elaborately printed program which diagrammed the history of its inception. Great credit should go to Harry J. F., the secretary, for a fine job.

NEW GROUP

A new group, composed of former Shaker group members and others and calling itself the St. Paul group, meeting in St. Paul's Church at Coventry and Fairmount Blvd. on Mondays at 8:30, was recently formed.

SOCIAL PICNIC

The West Side Social Club's first picnic will be held at Clague Park, Sunday, June 16th, Hilliard and Clague Rd.

DIFFERENCE IN APPROACH

The zealous workers for WCTU cannot understand why AA has succeeded in drying up certain individuals when they were unable to. Here's why. They take the drink away from man-we take a man away from drink.

As the husband of a woman AA, I feel fortunate, because it isn't every husband who has the opportunity to live with two different wives without benefit of divorce.

MINSTREL SHOW

Good crowds were attracted to Little Theatre on May 3rd and 4th when Mack's Merrie Minstrels presented their third annual minstrel show. The show was even better than last year. The end men were particularly funny and the chorus did an unusually fine job. An orchid should also go to Jack D. as interlocutor for he did a professional job.

The only criticism we would offer, and we offer it constructively only because it came repeatedly to our ears, is that the program was too long. The olio represented a tremendous amount of work, but it could have been eliminated and the audience would still have gotten more than its money's worth.

THE BOOK IS TRANSLATED

Ricardo P., of the Mexican Consullate in Cleveland, and tremendously impressed with the work of AA, has translated the entire AA book in the Spanish language, and it will soon be printed in Mexico for the benefit of its people. Ric is to be commended for this fine demonstration of the 12th step.

NEW SECRETARIES

The newly elected secretary of the **Galion,** O., group which meets on Saturday nights is Arthur D., '716 S. Boston St., Galion, 0.

Ashtabula's secretary, Harold **McG.**, has resigned. He's taken a job sailing on the lakes. The new secretary is Herbert S., 1705 W. 5th St.

Passing along . . . by Bill W.

"Myself"

I have to live with myself, and so I want to be fit for myself to know I want to be able as days go by Always to look myself straight in the eye.

I don't want to stand with the setting sun And hate myself for the things I've done, I never can hide myself from me I see what others may never see.

I know what others may never know I never can fool myself and so . . . Whatever happens I want to be Self-respecting and conscience-free. By Edgar A. Guest

LIST OF APPROVED AA HOSPITALS

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Center Rd. SOUTH EAST GROUP-10203 Miles Are. ST. PAUL—St. Paul Church. Coventry and Fairmount Blvd. WEST 25TH ST.—Marvel Hall, 2868 W. 26th St WILLOUGHBY—Presbyterian Church, Willoughby, O WOMEN'S—West Side, 8701 Detroit Ave. WYANDOTTE MEN'S—Parkwood Cong'l Church, Parkwood and Madison	.8:30 .8:30 .8:30 .8:30 .8:30
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It took three policemen to arrest a drunken woman in New York last week. Hell hath no fury like a woman corned!—Jack Raper, Cleveland Press.

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Know Your Limitations

The ancient advice that we should sell all that we have. take no heed of tomorrow and thus become as free as the birds seems to us to be extreme. Any prudent man knows that we all must work and that it is well to provide for tomorrow's bread as well as todag's. No decent man sponges off another. No decent man fails to provide for his own needs by honest labor.

Yet the ancient advice, which was given to us in figurative terms, remains the highest wisdom. Pride of material possession and concern for material gain are traps for all men, and they are particularly dangerous traps for us. Most of us fell because of that pride and that concern:

some of us because we couldn't handle what he had, many others of us because we couldn't get what we thought

we should have.
One of our fictions is that all alcoholics are exceptionally able people, that they are, in fact, better than most non-alcoholics. This fiction may be helpful in restoring selfrespect, but it is harmful if it becomes one of the foundations in our efforts to build a new life. Sooner or later we have to learn our own limitations. Perhaps we have to learn that we never were as good as we thought we were. Some of us never were as able as others once thought us to be. We oversold ourselves and reached positions that we were not able to handle. Every one of us demonstrated that we could not be trusted with responsibility. The greater the responsibility

we had, the higher the position we occupied, the greater was our failure.

We cannot escape our records. AA does not nullify our records. Our value to society is based upon our ability to perform, and society is bound to consider both what we could do at our best and what we have done. The longer our record of misconduct the more patiently we have to labor

to offset it. One thing that we might do in making our inventories is to see whether we were not yearning for position and income beyond our reach, to see whether frustration of our aims was not a major cause of our misconduct. Self-respect depends on our ability to reach our goals. When the goal we have set is out of reach, the thing to do is to set a less ambitious goal. A job that we got drunk on may be just as much out of our reach as one we never could get.

Another thing we should do in taking our inventories is to recognize that we may have passed the peak of oppor-tunity and that we may have to be satisfied with less. Here, particularly, we must take ourselves in hand to keep ourselves from becoming again the drunken victims

of frustration.
What alcoholic has any real claim to material success? Our only claims are those-that arise out of our performance

today and tomorrow.

It is well to have goals in life, even at the age that most of us have reached. But our immediate goal can be only to do the best we can with today's work, to show that we can honestly meet our responsibilities. We should seek satisfaction in doing the best we can today, with no thought for faction in doing on the morrow's rewards.

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It Can't Happen to Me!

During the past weeks we have witnessed the sorry spectacle of three people who just couldn't believe that misfortune and tragedy would be their lot if they wouldn't quit "horsing around" with the AA program. They just didn't believe it could happen to them--they were different.

One is in a federal prison for issuing a fraudulent check. Once he was the wealthy owner of a prosperous midwestern steel concern. In ten years everything was gone because of his insensate appetite for liquor and wild living. Friends warned him. His family pleaded with him. The banks warned him. It couldn't happen to him. During the past two years he tried AA and seemed to be succeeding. Just when

the breaks were coming to him, he took that first drink. He migrated from city to city receiving AA help. Each time the story was the same. He caught on in Cleveland and seemed well on his way to success. But again drink caught up with him. He was sentenced to from one to fourteen years for issuing a fraudulent fifty dollar check to a liquor store. He didn't remember the incident, but two witnesses and a handwriting expert convinced him that he was guilty. His letter to the editor of the Bulletin was replete with contrition, and he blames no **one** but himself. He was full of praise for the kindly treatment he received in Cleveland and trusts that he can rehabilitate himself and be-come a decent member of society after he has completed his sentence.

Another was an executive of one of Cleveland's finest business establishments. Excessive drink brought reprimands and repeated warnings, and finally demotion. Loss of prestige and nnaily demotion. Loss of prestige and position apparently aggravated his drinking problem and finally he was given his "last" chance. He joined AA. One year of sobriety brought him up a notch or two but his progress was too slow for him and in

a fit of despondency he turned to the bottle. He was given another chance and another until finally to his amazement the employers meant what they said after the sixth forgiveness. It couldn't happen to him! Irregular and spasmodic attendance at meetings and no

true sense of gratitude, plus a conviction that the firm couldn't get along without him proved to be his undoing. Almost twenty-five years with this concern and now he's looking for a job. (Yes, he's still drinking.)

Another was a \$25,000-per-year sales manager for a highly respected concern. Twenty-six years with this concern made him believe that they couldn't get along without him. They did. However, his ability was highly regarded by his competitors and he seem efficiented himself regarded by his competitors and he soon affiliated himself with a local concern. After five months and two binges they decided to do without him. Incredible! It couldn't happen to him! A pleasant aftermath to this is that he joined AA and today, we are happy to report, he returns to his job, thanks to AA's who intervened with the employer. There's still resentment in his heart toward his former employer. That must be corrected, for resentment and rancor disturb the mind and a disturbed mind most times leads to disaster.

Why must some natures be so perverse when the evidence is so conclusive that experimenting is so devastatingly final

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Know Your Limitations

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Our chief goal should be in the spiritual realm, not in the material. It should be to learn how to live in the realm of **the** good, to learn the eternal lessons, to learn to think not in terms of selfish gain but in terms of what we can do for the betterment of others.

Let us dispose of material yearning, and in so doing we may become free. Let it be enough for us to have faith that we shall receive such rewards as our sincere labors of

today merit.

ELEVENTH ANNIVERSARY

Eleven years ago two men met and through divince guidance formed Alcoholics Anonymous. Little did they dream that their formula for staying dry would reach the successful proportions that prevail today. Eleven years-over 4,000 days-over 25,000 members.

Almost 100,000 hours of joy, peace of mind and happiness for the founders to whom we owe such a debt of gratitude.

The standards they set and held is truly an inspiration. As one able speaker pointed out, when referring to the substandards of some who were having difficulty with the program, how successful would the plan be if Bill and Doc had not set their goals quite so high. What if they had permitted themselves one bout apiece, once a year? Common sense, tells us that there would not have been "an AA move-

ment". It simply would not have worked.
So, let's join the throng in Public Auditorium Ball Room Sunday, June **16th**, at 4:00 o'clock and show our appreciation of Bill and **Doc's** contribution to our happiness. They won't be here in person but will be in spirit. The speaker will be the dynamic and capable Jake H., the sparkplug of

the Pittsburgh area. He never disappoints

No elaborate celebration such as was held last year is planned. However, for the benefit of out of town visitors, Open House will be held at the Glenville group's quarters, 10421 St. Clair on Saturday night, June 15th. Dancing, cards and refreshments at Glenville after the meeting.

The Carnegie group will also welcome visitors at their

regular Saturday meeting in Euclid Baptist Church at 9:00 o'clock.
PAY UP THOSE **DEBTS**

In seven cases out of eleven of persons who had difficulty with the AA program it was discovered that what bothered them most was 'their inability to pay up all their debts. They owed so much to Joe, so much to Frank and so much to Jim and others that they would offend two if they paid up one, et cetera.

We know of one man who solved this problem who once a

week regularly paid as low as 50 cents in installments until as much as \$300.00 was paid off to seven persons. He ex-plained to each what he was doing and each at first was inclined to humor him. Before he was paid up, his reputa-

tion for absolute honesty soared throughout the city.

We all would like to make the grand gesture and 50 cents on a ten dollar debt seems so little. We fear we're losing face by admitting we cannot pay more. Determine what you can afford to spare from your income, figure up all your debts, and commit yourself to regular weekly payments and though you think you are humbling yourself unnecessarily you'll be surprised. how you gain in stature.

You must pay up your debts. You can if you really

want to.

COLORED GROUP

Cleveland's first colored group, the Oothwaite, was formed and met on Friday, May 31st, in Cedar Y.M.C.A. About twenty people attended the first meeting which was ablydirected by Bill H., whose unselfish devotion to this end must be heartily commended. Their nucleus of four sincere and earnest members foretells a hardy growth. Bill gave an interesting account of the first years of AA in Cleveland and pointed to the trials and tribulations that were encountered, and he prepared them for what they

might expect.
Their permanent quarters are located on E. 46th St. in the Portland-Outhwaite Center, just south of Scovill Ave. Meetings will be held every Thursday evening at 8:30 p. m. Howard B. led the meeting of June 6 and Harry D. on

June 13th.

Mrs. Ruth H., a highly capable person of excellent character, is the secretary.

It Can't Happen to Me!

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in its effects. Each forgiving by an indulgent employer seems to callous the conscience and pride of the offender. It can't happen to ME! Don't fool yourself, brother. It could!

Most of us stretched out the rubber of indulgent associates so far that it can never be mended again. AA offers us a substitute band. Stretch it too far and break it too **often**-sometimes even this one can't be repaired or substituted.

AA SAVES HOMES-CHAPLAIN
This article appeared in Catholic Universe Bulletin. May 17. 1946
A hospital chaplain who has seen decent men and women try to kill themselves because they were beaten by drink draws a sharp distinction between a drunkard and an

alcoholic.

"The former is **one** who has the habit of excessive drinking. The latter is one who has a disease," said the Rev. James W. Nagle of St. Vincent Charity Hospital before the

Family Life Institute.

"The one can stop any time he or she chooses. The other can stop only with medical, social and spiritual assistance. Spiking the popular notion that an alcoholic is an old

bum sleeping in a slum doorway, Father Nagle said:

"In my years as a hospital chaplain, I have seen men and women who wanted to live good, decent, sober lives as much as anyone present in this room. I have seen the type that society says is hopeless because they are down. dirty and unattractive; the type that comes from the better side of life: old men and women: youngsters in the morning of their lives.

"I have seen mothers of small children and grandmothers admitted to our hospital because they were misusing a gift of God. The fearful part is that it can

happen to you and me."

With some the nroblem started with their first drink. Others were for a-while what we call normal drinkers. Then for some reason the day arrived when they no longer drank occasionally. Once they started they had to continue until it was physically impossible to drink further.

"For a while they were able to keep up a front. They went to work and suffered. Naturally they tried to keep up

this front at home before their wife and children.

"Eventually as the alcoholic periods increased they began to grow tired of their efforts of subterfuge. The home was the first place to notice the change. Habits had to be rearranged. Excuses had to be invented. Visitors had to be discouraged. An unhappy home was in the making.'
IS THERE a remedy? Yes.

"The Alcoholics Anonymous. They live a **24-hour** plan. They have won a victory in their own lives by putting two commandments above everything else: 'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart and with thy whole soul and with thy whole mind,' and 'Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.'

"I have seen wives get down on their knees to thank God

for Alcoholics Anonymous," said Father Nagle.

FOR WOMEN ONLY!

Many women feel the need for a women's meeting, but are unable to attend a regular weekly meeting. Perhaps a monthly meeting will help. At any rate, let's try it. The first meeting will be held Monday evenmg, June 17th, at 8:30 p. m., Room 601 The Arcade. The speaker will be Ed. A. who leads an excellent meeting. This meeting is open to all AA women members in the Cits of Cleveland.

Every effort will be made to make these meetings as helpful and interesting as possible and all that is needed is your co-operation in attending. Remember, there are women who do not feel too much at home in a mixed group and if

who do not feel too much at home in a mixed group and if these proposed meetings are successful, it will-be an added laurel to the already splendid work done by the women of Cleveland

FREDERICK T. STAFFORD

One of Cleveland's traffic fatalities was a well-known Clevelander active in AA for about five years. He was a member of the Pearl group and we offer the family our condolences. He died on May 25th.

APPRECIATION

Mrs. Paul B. Johnston wishes to express her sincere appreciation for the many expressions of condolence sent her. She hopes all will be reached through this medium, since it is impossible to contact each individual personally.

DOWNTOWN OFFICE

Since the mailing of informative material relative to XX operation to all Co veland doctors, quite a number of people have beer sent to the office by physicians and nave

accepted AA.

One physician, located in the Rose Building, who has sent eight or nine prospects to us, called the **office** last week included a woman in a three-way discussion of her **problem**. Full of suspicion and uncertainty, she finally was persuaded to come to the AA office. After an hour of patient talking with a woman AA who had dropped in to visit, she was finally convinced that she was powerless over alcohol and expressed a desire to place herself entirely in the hands of the woman AA.

She was hospitalized and is evidencing a real interest in

making a complete recovery.

One physician, treating an alcoholic for a serious skin disease as well as for alcoholism, was able to crack stringent visiting hour rules at a Cleveland hospital to permit the patient to receive AA visitors while he was convalescing from the other disease.

We have heard from quite a few sources that doctors are beginning to recognize the efficacy of AA and are reluctantly admitting that we are more successful than they.

CHARITY NEWS

The well-known "peripatetic twins" were the leaders at the monthly Charity meeting and scored again with their unusual and finished presentation. The two distinctly different personalities combine to bring home points that new and old members can and will hold on to and strengthen them in their program.

One hundred and five attended the meeting.

BREAKFAST AT BORTON

The Borton annual group breakfast was held Sunday, June 9th, in Welsh Woods, a picturesque garden spot in the heart of Metropolitan Park. Rare bacon (fried well, but

neart of Metropolitan Fark. Rare bacon (fried well, but rare just the same) and eggs (hen's eggs, fresh out of storage), fruit, rolls and coffee comprised the menu.

Felix R., secretary and sage of the philosophy of self-discipline and proper deportment was conspicuouly present. Great executive that he is, he proved his ability by assigning the preparation of the food, serving and washing up to capable Dorothy R., who incidentally is his wife. She did a highly excellent job and deserved Felix's approbation.

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GLENVILLE NEWS

Ralph L. was guest chairman for May and brought some fine speakers to the mike.

We hope to have a cooling system installed before the

extremely warm weather arrives.

I wonder if those of us who enjoy those fine sandwiches and coffee, ever eive a thought to the time and effort spent by faithful Frankie G., who-quietly goes about the business of seeing that the groceries are always on hand, helps in the kitchen and does whatever is to be done without any fuss. Let's all give Frankie a vote of thanks.

TH OF JULY PICNIC

The Canton and Massillon AA groups cordially invite members of all other AA groups to attend our Annual Emmet Freeman Memorial Picnic on Thursday, July 4th, at

Hoover Park, North Canton, Ohio.

Bring your wives and children and, of course, your baskets of eats. We will furnish coffee, ice cream and soft drinks. Come rain or shine! There is ample shelter should

the weather be bad.

A program of contests and games will be arranged for the children and prizes will be awarded to the winners.
Sid. R. one of Akron AA's outstanding speakers will

.address us.

CEDAR GROUPS

This group, a combination of AA and Salvation Army, has done a remarkable job of rehabilitation and has established a program which merits support of all Cleveland **AA's.** The least that members can do is to lend it moral support by attending their training meetings at the Eagle meeting and the regular Friday session at the Cedar Social Center.

They have some good, reliable AA's directing them and deserve your support.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Thirty-one groups participated in the June 4th meeting

of Central Committee.

Highlights of the excellent meeting were: The Hospital Committee "jurisdictional dispute", if we may call it that in these days of labor discussions. A committee of six meets June 11th to settle the differences of opinion and it is hoped will **reach** an amicable agreement.

Plans for the 11th Anniversary meeting were disclosed and are reported in a separate article in these columns

Ricardo I'. presented a translated copy of the small AA pamphlet in the Spanish language which will soon be in print. A tremendous job, well done and deserving of special commendation. He also read a letter of grateful appreciation from a woman in Monterey, Mexico, who wrote the Cleveland Downtown office a year ago for help for her bushend and who found entinued solviety through husband and who found continued sobriety through Ricardo's correspondence, the letter having been referred

bill O'R., prominent westsider, was elected moderator for the ensuing six months and John W., the barrister from Shaker, was named vice-moderator. Bert M. was re-elected

treasurer.

A committee of seven was named to study the possibility of holding weekly Tuesday Night Consolidated Meetings, such as are held in most prominent cities. It was offered, because many visitors arrange their visits to Cleveland so as to attend the main meeting of the week on Tuesday as they are led to expect that we conform to national custom. Jack N., formerly of New York, offered the suggestion and has offered to underwrite the first meeting. Groups will be contacted for opinions and the committee will be guided accordingly and report at the next Central Committee

The first showing of the March of Time picture on alcoholism will be given during the week starting June 14th in Telenews Theatre. Other releases will be made in

neighborhood theatres.

NEW GROUPS

Three more groups were formed during the past month. One of them is the East Side Young People's group which meets in Faith Lutheran Church, Hayden and Glenside, on Saturday evening at 8:00 p. m. Their first meeting was held June 8th. Parking and entrance is in the rear of the church.

Another is the Fairmount group, meeting in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, at Fairmount and Coventry Roads, on

Monday evenings at 8:30.

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The most recent is the Lakewood-Clifton group, composed of former members of Orchard Grove, who will hold their first meeting on Monday, June 17th, in the Social Quarters of St. Luke's Church, Clifton Blvd., between Chase and Bunts, Lakewood. They meet at 8:30 sharp.

Another just phoned-The Angle Group holds its first meeting in St. Malachi's Hall, Thursday, June 13th, at 8:30 p. m., 2459 Washington Ave. Good spot.

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EUCLID-WADE PICNIC

Save the date of Sunday, July **28th**, for the annual picnic of Euclid-Wade at Wiegand's Lake. These picnics of **Euclid-**Wade have proved very popular and all AA's are invited to come and help us celebrate our fourth anniversary. More details will be given in the July Bulletin.

YOUNGSTOWN

We have received the latest listings of the Youngstown groups and note that meetings are held on every day but Thursday, culminating in a weekly consolidated meeting in Y.M.C.A. Youth Center, 21 E. Rayen Ave. at 8:00 p.m.
They also maintain a central office at 145 Lincoln Ave.

Phones are 3-8750 and 4-2641

And they publish a monthly bulletin which we have as yet not seen, but have just subscribed for. Splendid progress.

ASHLAND, OHIO

Ashland, Ohio, has formed a new group which meets in G.A.R. Hall at 140 **Arthur** St. on Wednesdays at **8:30.**

LAKEWOOD

Hard-working and loyal Stanton McD. tendered his resignation as secretary of our group as he is leaving town for an indefinite period. The newly-elect is Harry D., who will endeavor to fill Mac's highly polished shoes.

DOAN DATA

There were no aching backs among the members this time as our quarters were given the annual spring cleaning. With money in the kitty, we did what we would have done with money in the kitty, we did what we would have done at home-hired corn petent help and we really received a professional job-and we have no aching backs! The brightness of the surroundings may be responsible for attracting the huge crowds at each meeting. At the five meetings in May, 1,003 people attended. That's "erl", brother. Many were out of town visitors. They're always welcome.

The Youngstown Stag group sent delegations on two occasions to get ideas. We're always glad to share our experiences.

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One of the **young** oldtimers, Franklin S., was the chairman for May and with excellent judgment chose Tom V. (his sponsor), Len K., Charles K., Pete McN., and Stewart M. All were excellent. but outstanding was the talk by Pete McN. His was truly a finished performance. Leo K., director of the workhouse group, has received

unusual, continuous help from Old Buck and Old Bill S. Meetings are held each Sunday morning at 10 a.m. in workhouse library. It would enlighten more AA's if they'd take a trip out there some Sunday. Grand opportunity for 'you.

Our Sunday Training meeting of May 26th was led by

Mike L., who left a profound impression on those who heard him. Suffering with an incurable disease, his beautiful, great faith in God, found through the agency of AA, has brought him peace of mind and strength to sustain him.

BELLEVUE

Four groups, Norwalk, Sandusky, Port Clinton and Fremont came to this fair town for a consolidated district conclave which was held in Bellevue City Hall Sunday, May 26th. The meeting was ably led by Don W., the staunch "seven-year-old" of Bellevue.

The five groups will hold their next district meeting in Norwalk on Sunday, June 30th, at 3:00 p. m. in the club

rooms of Elk's Lodge.

SANDUSKY

Our faithful and hard-working secretary, Chuck Carroll, was forced to give up his job because of ill health. Doctor's orders, and he's actually following them! What progress Chuck is making since AA!! No word regarding his successor.

FREMONT

This enterprising town organized a group early in May and on May 27th opened its regular meeting place in the Dining Room of the Elk's Lodge Building, located at Crogham and Justice Sts. Mail address: Box 221. Frank C-R. is the secretary.

BOXING SHOW PROFIT

The net proceeds from the boxing show was \$412.05, and this sum was turned over to the Downtown Office Fund. Congratulations to Tom D. and his West Side Men's Group for the splendid job they did. Tom was disappointed in the amount. He says there should have been \$1,000.00 more had the show been better supported.

AA SERVICEMEN

AA Servicemen-leave name and address at Downtown Office. You will be notified of a meeting to be held on Thursday, June **27th**, at Peck's Hall.

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"A man changes his life pat-

tern only when he himself is

ready for such a change. Until

he is ready, no pressure, no

reason or persuasion on earth

can influence him one iota. Z am

convinced, also, that reform is

wholly a matter of transcending

old desires and habits of life, and

not the suppression of them

through fears and other forces of will. No man can claim to be reformed who is still in conflict with the old habits of his life. So

long as such habits are not risen

above, a relapse into them is constantly an imminent possibility."

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Editorial-Fortitude

Of all virtues, our most immediate and most constant need is Fortitude. For fortitude, the ability to endure adversity or peril, is the quality that we call upon to resist the assaults of our enemies. (And here, by "enemies" we do not mean people; we mean the evils that ensnared us.) Fortitude is a foundation stone, both of virtue and of the will. It is courage in endurance that enables us to restore

the will to health.

We have need of fortitude in several ways. In our **first** days of sobriety, we are like soldiers under heavy artillery fire. Our hungry nerves are screaming for alcohol, and alcohol suggestion comes to us a hundred times a day. Every sign we see says "Bar" or "Cafe':;

every strain of music on the radio reminds us of a saloon juke-box; the hours of the day remind us that it is time for a drink. The smallest problem is a mountain, which we think only alcohol will enable us to surmount. Some of us have not fortitude enough, and we fall before the campaign is half begun. Most of us succeed, not only in the first great struggle but also in the weeks and months of guerrilla warfare that our habit ridden nerves wage against us.

However, this is but the beginning of fortitude. For, Fortitude, as virtue, has a higher meaning than the courageous quality that we call upon in times of great crisis. Evil attacks us not only in frontal assault but also through infiltration. More frequently, infiltra-tion precedes frontal assault. Fortitude must concern itself with little things, with small deviations from the right path, with small compromises with

right, with little omissions, today, tomorrow and always. It must help us against rashness in thought as well as deed, against self-love as well as resent-

ment. It must help us not to turn normal instincts into lusts.
Fortitude has still higher meaning than endurance against these big and little assaults of our enemies. This still higher meaning has to do with the essence of virtue, with the essence of moral excellence, which, as we have said before, is much more than the absence of evil and the lack of evil-doing. Here, Fortitude takes us above the market place, above the common level of selfish life. Here, Fortitude no longer is passive. It is endurance in action, and that action is for good, by good, in good, through good. It not only guards against omission but bids us to strive for new expressions of good, new realizations of good, new thankfulness for good.

Is this higher fortitude of concern to us? Very much so, even though to most of us now it can be little more than an aim. Yet, the aim we must have. We cannot trust ourselves to be satisfied with mere sobriety. We must improve our work each day, or else we stagnate and then die. We have had illustrations of too easy satisfaction with the progress

of our work.

MARCH OFTIMECLICKS

The March of Time picture which presents the AA program simply and honestly, attracted great favorable attention in the Cleveland area. The manager of the Telenews was most co-operative and ASKED for literature in quantity to give to inquirers. Some 600 AA pamphlets were distributed.

Frustration

We saw evidence of growing pains during the past month and they were indeed troublous times. We saw fine people filled with zeal and ambition lose tempers and express remarks that may leave lasting scars unless treated with the most healing ointment at our command. We heard personalities exchanged, belying the true characters of the

persons indulging in them.

The only healing ointment which we can proffer is a common-sense evaluation of facts and calm judgment. Calm judgment is only possible when it is viewed dispassionately and with the serious application of the Four Absolutes which should be the basis of all settlement of conflicting

theories-Honesty, Love, Purity and Unselfishness!

We refer to the differences of opinion existing between the Hospital Committee and Central Committee, which was settled officially, legally and properly at the last Central Committee meeting. Though it was "settled", we hear from different sources that the settlement did not meet with the approval of several individuals, who had worked hard to develop their Hospital Committee so it would be an established entity independent of Cen-

the accepted spokesmen for their groups, conjure all sorts of crimes which Central Committee's "brass hats" are guilty of. (We use the word "conjure" advisedly.) We smile indulgently at the "brass hat" domination charge, but we wonder how persons an be so credulous as to believe this

to be possible.

tral Committee's supervision. We hear violent diatribes against Central Committee. Individuals, often

Let's get the facts straight, honestly and sensibly. Central Committee has NO powers except that given by the groups in common assent. It is a discussion center, NOT a governing body. Each group remains autonomous and if it is not in accord with the majority opinion on a policy agreed upon, the dissenting group need not follow it. It provides a central hospital committee to establish proper liaison between all groups and all AA approved hospitals and nursing homes in the Cleveland metropolitan area. It provides a unified clearing house to eliminate haphazard hospitalization plans, racketeering and unfavorable publicity. And it provides a co-ordinated functioning committee to deal with individual unfavorable influences which might reflect discredit upon the entire fellowship. Its one objective is service.

What better curb can any individual or any group have than a clearing house like Central Committee for the presenting of some idea which seems sane and sensible to him or to his group. If the idea is sound and has merit it will stand a better chance for success if brought before Central Committee for discussion than if done in a limited way by some individual or group. If it does NOT weather the opinions of the majority of the groups, isn't there a possibility that the plan has no merit and was the honest result of over-enthusiasm? And if a person or group honestly has the interest of AA at heart, he will be governed by the majority opinion.

Many promotion ideas have been discussed at these Central Committee meetings and many have been rejected and many adopted. We have seen to our regret some splendid AA's resenting deeply the curb which Central Committee

has placed on their plans. Some have been so embittered that they ridicule any progressive move that Central Committee makes. They're frustrated.

Let's be adult and let's co-operate. Let's keep on presenting ideas for the good of all. But above everything let's be big enough to accept defeat if our plan does not meet with the approval of the majority. Common sense tells us that this is the only logical thing to do.

If your plan has merit it will live-if not it SHOULD die.

GOSSIP

This article appeared in our second issue **in** November, 1942, and bears repetition. **It** is reprinted **by** request.

Gossip is one of the cardinal sins. It is not a single act, like murder, that stops one's life and falls back to punish the offender. It is the breath of the Devil, soiling every ear it touches. It is the most deadly of poisons. It blights many lives. It smites the innocent with the guilty.

An old Italian legend tells the following:

In the old days, a peasant confessed to a priest that he had slandered an innocent man. The priest said to him, "For your penance do this now. Take a bag of chicken feathers. Go to every yard in the town and drop one bit of down into each garden. Do not miss one yard. When you have finished, return to me.

The sinner believed the punishment was light. With his bag of down he made the circuit of the village and carefully dropped one soft feather into each garden. Then he reported to the priest saying: "I have done my penance."

"No, my son," replied the old abbe. "You will not have done your penance until you've taken the bag, go again on your rounds, collect every feather you have dropped, and bring it here to me.

The gossip protested that it would be impossible! He could not find the bits of down in a lifetime; many of them had blown far away.

"So it is with gossip," replied the priest. "It is easily dropped. But never agam, no matter how hard you try, can you gather back the words you have so thoughtlessly scattered."

"Create in me a clean heart, 0 Lord!"

DRUNK AND DISORDERLY

By Richard L. Grovner

This article was submitted to us for reprinting. We do not know its source, but we believe it's worth reading and using on AA prospects.

Bill Blank stood up and stared blankly at the judge. He had the drawn and stupid look that drunks get the morning after, and he was shaking like a leaf in a high wind.

He listened to the charge read by the court clerk, but it

was clearly obvious that he was incapable of complete comprehension of what was being said.

"... wilfully smashing... and thereby injuring... resisting an officer..." The voice of the law rose higher and light materials. higher as each new indignity was mentioned, then it demanded sharply and defiantly, "Guilty or not guilty?"

The man looked at the judge helplessly, bewilderment and

hopelessness mirrored in his murky gaze. He had the obscurely pathetic air of a beaten man as he lowered his head and muttered almost inaudily, "I don't know, I can't remember."

He didn't know-that was true. He didn't remember;

he'd drawn an alcoholic blank.

But what is true is that he was guilty.

He *had* picked up a bottle of rye whiskey from the worn wooden bar and brought it down, hard and viciously, on the head of a man standing next to him; he *had* flailed his fists wildly and violently and sent a **young** woman **sprawling** to the floor where she had hit her face against the brass rail with such force that it broke her nose; he *had* shattered the bar mirror by expertly hurling a wooden stool into it; and in the ensuing struggle with a policeman, he *had* pulled a knife from his pocket and carved it deeply into the officer's weatherbeaten face.

The judge threw the book at Blank, and no wonder. The

only crime he hadn't committed was murder, and that was

a sheer miracle.

A chronic alcoholic is a habitual drinker who can't

help it. He cannot face reality without liquor, but his readjustment to reality is impossible as long as he has liquor. He is emotionally immature, suffering from a deep inner conflict and unhappiness. He is hopeless and confused • and is driven to drink by some profound inner compulsion which he himself recognizes only as a vague desire which it can do little harm to fulfill. Often he is neurotic and suffers from an inferiority complex.

He is touchy and suspicious of all who attempt to help him, and he is able to coldly disregard the havoc and tragedy he inflicts on those close to him.

He honestly believes that at any time he puts his mind to it he can control his drinking although there is never a particular necessity for demonstrating this today.

His background is varied. Sometimes he comes from a broken home, sometimes he is the child of a drunkard, sometimes he is the child of a too strict parent, sometimes he is the black sheep of a normal, respectable family, sometimes he is a society souse who got that way through boredom and habit.

Alcoholism may transform him into the village drunk, a cop fighter, a wife beater, a wheezing, good natured bum,

or a middle-aged playboy.

Drunkards are not born that way, although childhood environment and experience may be leading factors. Drunkards come from the large reservoir of moderate drinkers. And according to statistics, that means you and

you and you.

In 1940, the Yale Laboratory at the School of Alcohol
Link showed that some 44,000,000 persons between the ages of fifteen and sixty used alcohol in the

United States.

This figure included occasional drinkers, moderate drinkers, heavy drinkers and chronic drunkards. Breaking it down 'even more, it showed that 57% of the total male population between the ages of fifteen and sixty, and 30% of the corresponding female population, or 42% of everyone, male and female combined, used alcohol to some extent.

Today, basing an estimate on figures since gathered, that all-over 42% figure has increased to at least 55 or 56%. How has the war affected our drinking habits? In every

possible way, from the high school youngster up to the returned veteran.

The kids start with beers in the dine and dance joints where they go to dance, with their dim lights and inviting booths; or in the juke Joints; or in the roadhouse, with its name band, where they are served Tom Collinses with green cherries in them to make them look like lemonades, in case

any snooping officer happens along. Seldom do parents know of this. Sometimes because they are stupid and blind to the changing world; sometimes because they "just know my Ruth wouldn't do anything like that"; and sometimes 'because they themselves are too busy partying around; sometimes because of broken homes caused either by death, or a husband away in the service, or a mother employed away from the home.

Usually, it is only when a bewildered and frightened mother receives a call fro-m the police station-many a drink has led to stealing a car, automobile accidents, stick-ups-that she has her first inkling that Junior drinks anythink but coke.

Women drinkers have increased today to the point where they are almost as numerous as men drinkers, and women dipsomaniacs have gone up accordingly. Many of these are new drinkers, many are ex-moderate drinkers who drifted into being chronics and often aren't aware of it.

Some women, earning money for the first time, are attempting to conform to masculine mannerisms. Others, made lonely by the war desperately sought companionship and surcease within the noisy bounds of a barroom.

A large percentage of veterans, too, are drinking more now. Many are having difficulties readjusting themselves, many are faced with bitter economic problems, domestic problems-it all leads to a sharp increase in drinking.

Is prohibition the answer? No. Liquor, used in moderational descriptions of the contraction of the contraction

tion by adults and responsible persons, is a stimulent, a social lubricant. The normal, the moderate, drinker knows when to stop. He is more interested in the persons he is drinking with than in the drink. He seldom feels an intense craving for alcohol and seldom drinks alone.

But the transition from a moderate drinker to a chronic

alcoholic is both swift and subtle.

Today, alcoholism is recognized as a disease, and a particularly vicious one, since it affects both the mind and the body and the victim and his loved one

No longer is the chronic drunkard regarded as a social and moral outcast, or a figure of fun. He is someone worth helping. He is usually a sensitive person who feels strongly the ills and tensions of life, and therefore seeks escape. But he must realize that &cape is not the answer. He

must catch hold of himself and take into consideration his moral obligations to himself, his family, and society.

He must understand that it is not liquor that will give him the necessary fortitude that leads to accomplishment. On the contrary, it is liquor that weakens him physically and morally so that he cannot face any problem and deal with it adequately.

But help is all that science and religion can do for the chronic alcoholic. He must cure himself. he must honestly want to cure himself. And the only way to do that is to

stop drinking.

In only one way can a chronic alcoholic redeem himself and that is by complete abstinence.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Twenty-five groups answered roll call.
Howard B., Hospital Committee Chairman, reported
Report from Dick P., that in addition to his transcription
of the pamphlet and book into the Spanish language he will
be able to take with him to New York, the transcript of a
radio broadcast made by Dick in Chicago. The broadcast, too, is in Spanish.

Secretary reports that a new site for the Downtown

Office has not yet been found.

Al F., former Hospital Committee Chairman, gave his report and told why he thought the established procedure of operation should not be followed with the outgoing Hospital Committee Chairman. He admitted the former committee had been in error in collecting \$5.00 per group and states the moneys collected was to be returned to the respective groups. Dave L. disagreed with Al F. on some of his points but suggested a green light be given that we all the points but suggested a green light be given that we all the second in the second state of the second state nis points but suggested a green light be given that we all proceed in a co-operative spirit with the hospital committee. Harry D., for the sake of clarifying the situation, explained the failure of the former Hospital Committee to understand their commission came from Central Committee, and that a divorcement from Central Committee, written into their own meeting minutes was ill-advised; that this had caused most of the misunderstanding. At this point a motion was made, seconded and passed that the Moderator be given a vote of confidence in following the regular procedure of vote of confidence in following the regular procedure of

Central Committee since its inception.

In the report by W. R. W., the proposed Weekly Meeting Chairman, he stated whenever desired, the meetings can be arranged for. This meeting would be in conformity with the regular practice of a combined group meeting, every Tuesday in the larger metropolitan areas throughout the United States. In questioning many Cleveland AA's and in response to most visiting AA's from other cities, the consensus of opinion seems to indicate now is the time to inaugurate such a meeting. Groups will be contacted to express their opinions

via postcard.

An urgent plea goes out to all groups to have their representative attend the Central Committee's meetings. Central Committee is the recognized agency for all AA activity in the area by the public and its institutions. It's the duty of every group to be represented. Remember, group opinion determines the policy of AA in this area.

CONSOLIDATED MEETING

The Eleventh Anniversary meeting, June 16th, attracted a near-capacity crowd of nearly 1400 people who heard the inimitable Jake H. of Pittsburgh give an excellent discourse on sound AA philosophy. He interjected some fine humor in his talk which made listening easy. He guaranteed the following dividends if AA principles were followed with honesty and sincerity: health, prosperity, social position and abstract well have

J. Paul S. of Akron, O., also contributed a lot to the meeting by describing the early beginning of the group in Akron with its trials and tribulations.

Telegrams were received from many parts of the country and are herewith gratefully acknowledged.

HOSPITALS AND SPONSORSHIP

The newly appointed chairman of the Hospital Committee. How, rd D., recognizing the crying need of a better understanding between the members and the hospitalizing agencies, called representatives of these hospitals to a meeting which was held on July lst, and at which their problems were discussed.

A vital, intelligent and spirited discussion resulted in an agreement to meet regularly every month with the Hospital Committee of six to formulate plans for improving their

The hospitals were asked to submit the names of those that in their opinion were doing a good job of sponsorship and who withal were giving an intelligent, concise interpre-

tation of the AA program.

These will be asked to co-operate in preparing an intensive sponsorship training program, it being the Hospitals' and the Committee's feeling that many abuses and improper sponsorship could be avoided if new members as well as old could be inducted into a better hospitalizing procedure.

It was agreed that sponsorship was a serious responsibility and the enthusiastic support of each agency

was assured

The complete plan will be submitted to all groups shortly after the next meeting of the committee and operators on August 5th.

LAKE SHORE GROUP MOVES

Since July 2 Lake Shore has occupied new quarters as well as meeting on Tuesday nights instead of its former Monday. It now meets in Lakewood Community Center Building, St. Charles and Detroit. An excellent dinner is served at 7:00 P. M. with the meeting following at 8:30.

On June 23 we picnicked in the Fairview Community Cabin and we pressured the Entertainment Committee in duplicating the affair on July 28th

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Our Operating Committee felt that the City's heat was not conducive to heavy thinking so one of our Avon Lake brethren who also lives on the lake shore, furnished the landscape where the committee proposed, pondered, passed, played and pokered. Anyhow they did the job and had a good time.

WOMEN'S DOWNTOWN

On July 15th, fifty-four women attended the monthly meeting of this group which formerly comprised the East Side Women's Group. They heard Harold S. give an **outstanding** talk. The next meeting will be held on Monday, August 19th, at 601 The Arcade at 9:00 P. M.

WYANDOTTE CHANGES

The Wyandotte group., heretofore meeting on Monday nights, has changed its **night** to Saturday and also changed its meeting place to the Church of the Redeemer, Andrews and Detroit Avenues (rear)

The first meeting was held July 6. Charlie G. is secretary.

BEREA THURSDAY

The group celebrated the Fourth with a family picnic on the grounds surrounding the Fine Arts meeting place. Games were conducted by masterful Sully, who did a professional job. A short meeting closed an enjoyable day. Louis M. M. is the new secretary.

EAST SIDE AA PICNIC

The Fourth Anniversary picnic of the Euclid-Wade and Friday-Lee Rd. groups, always a big affair, will be held at Weigand's Lake, Sunday, July 28th.

A Transit Bus will leave E. 86th and Euclid at 10:30 and leaves at 10 P. M.

Bring your bathing suit. Excellent bathing and boating

If you drive, follow Route 87 (Kinsman Rd.) about 11/2 miles past Chillicothe Rd.

GLENVILLE PICNIC, AUG. 4

Clint C., with an eye on the feminine slant of AA, as chairman for June, provided three women speakers, each

of whom were a credit to themselves and AA.

We look for a large crowd at our picnic which will be held Sunday, Aug. 4, at the American Legion Home, W. 220th and Brook Park Road. Everyone is welcome.

DOAN DATA

Sam A., formerly of Chicago, was chairman for June. The first two speakers were from Toledo, Bob W. and Jack W., Bob's story being particularly graphic with a happy ending. Leonard H. of Shaker and Ladd T. of Lake Shore were the other fine speakers. Three meetings attracted the usual crowds of 200 and over one slightly over 100—competition was the Louis-Conn fight broadcast-they missed an exceptionally good talk by Leonard H.

FIVE WOMEN PANEL

A panel of five women speakers will provide the AA program at West Park's July 31 (Wednesday) meeting. They are Kate N., Margaret H., Mary L., Katharine M. and May B. The meeting will start at 8:30 in our meeting hall, 17th Precinct Hall, W. 157th and Lorain (upstairs).

Each of these women are well versed in AA dogma and the meeting should attract a good crowd. We can take care of you.

BROOKLYN

A panel of four members who had never before led a meeting did an outstanding job which elicited much favorable comment at our meeting of June 26. Tom E. is our new secretary, replacing Charlie S., who did an exceptionally fine job in his 18 months of service. Set a high standard for his successor who is deemed very capable.

LORAIN AVE. MONDAY

We are exceedingly proud of the fact that one of our hard working members has been selected as moderator of Central Committee . . . Nelson D. has been doing an excellent Central Committee . . . Nelson D. has been doing an excellent job in organizing the softball league on Sunday mornings. He needs more players . . . Our genial chef, Charlie R., finally went on a sit-down strike after 5 years of unselfish service. We are having difficulty in replacing him.

Our first secretary, Tom D., has been persuaded to take over the helm once more, replacing Al. S., who asked to be relieved. Al did an excellent job during his prolonged term.

BENDER'S

It's costing more to get drunk and it will cost the drunk five dollars more to be hospitalized at Bender's from July 15th on. This conforms to charges prevailing at other hospitals.

ELYRIA SATURDAY GROUP

With the aid and co-operation of the Elyria Wednesday group, Saturday night group was formed and held its first meeting on July 6th. The meeting attracted a good crowd and it appears that it was just what everybody wanted in this territory.

Should you get that restless and jittery feeling some Saturday, hop in the car and **come** to our meeting which will be held every Saturday at **8:30** P. M. in St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Basement at Middle and 3rd in Elyria. You'll find a warm welcome.

LAKEWOOD

A crowd of 125 attended the 7th AA birthday of Warren C. of Mt. Vernon, 0. The evening was quite humid, prompting one of his admirers to remark that he wished Warren had received AA in a cooler month than July so he could enjoy his anniversaries the better. There were many of the early members of AA in attendance.
Our meetings will start promptly at 8:30 from now on,

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AA BASEBALL

If you want to play indoor baseball (easy pitchin') on Sunday mornings at 10:00 A. M., call Nelson D. after 6 o'clock any day at Orchard 9967. Lots of fun and good exercise.

Who is a Member of ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS?

By Bill In the August 1946 Issue of The Grapevine

The first edition of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* makes this brief statement about membership: "The only requirement for membershin is an honest desire to stop drinking. We are not allied with any particular faith, sect-or denomination nor do we oppose anyone. We simply wish to be helpful to those who are afflicted." This expressed our feeling as of 1939, the year our book was published.

Since that day all kinds of experiments with. membership have been tried. The number of membership rules which have been made (and mostly broken!) are legion. Two or three years ago the Central Office asked the groups to list their membership rules and send them in. After they arrived we set them all down. They took a great many sheets of paper. A little reflection upon these many rules brought us to an astonishing conclusion. If all of these edicts had been in force everywhere at once it would have been practically impossible for any alcoholic to have ever joined Alcoholics Anonymous. About nine-tenths of our oldest and best members could never have got by!

Who'd Have Lasted?

In some cases we would have been too discouraged by the demands made upon us. Most of the early members of AA would have been thrown out because they slipped too much, because their morals were too bad, because they had mental as well as alcoholic difficulties. Or, believe it or not, because they did not come from the so-called better classes of society. We oldsters could have been excluded for our failure to read the book Alcoholics Anonymous or the refusal of our sponsor to vouch for us as a candidate. And so on ad infinitum. The way our "worthy" alcoholics have sometime tried to judge the "less worthy" is, as we look back on it, rather comical. Imagine, if you can, one alcoholic judging another!

At one time or another most AA Groups go on rule-making benders. Naturally enough, too, as a Group commences to grow rapidly it is confronted with many alarming problems. Pan-handlers begin to pan-handle. Members get drunk and sometimes get others drunk with them. Those with mental difficulties throw depressions or break out into paranoid denunciations of fellow members. Gossips gossip, and righteously denounce the local Wolves and Red Riding Hoods. Newcomers argue that they aren't alcoholics at all, but keep coming around anyway. "Slipees" trade on the fair name of AA, in order to get themselves jobs. Others refuse to accept all the 12 Steps of the Recovery Program. Some go still further, saying that the "God business" is bunk and quite unnecessary. Under these conditions our conservative program-abiding members get scared. These appalling conditions must be controlled, they think. Else AA will surely go to rack and ruin. They view with alarm for the good of the Movement!

At this point the Group enters the rule and regulation phase. Charters, by-laws and membership rules are excitedly passed and authority is granted committees to filter out undesirables and discipline-the evil doers. Then the Group Elders, now clothed with authority, commence to get busy. Recalcitrants are cast into the outer darkness, respectable busybodies throw stones at the sinners. As for the so-called sinners, they either insist on staying around, or else they form a new Group of their own. Or maybe they join a more congenial and less intolerant crowd in their neighborhood. The Elders soon discover that the rules and regulations aren't working very well. Most attempts at enforcement generate such waves of dissension and intolerance in the

Group that this condition is presently recognized to be worse for the Group life than the very worst that the worst ever did.

After a time fear and intolerance subside. The Group survives unscathed. Everybody has learned a great deal. So it is, that few of us are any longer afraid of what any newcomer can do to our AA reputation or effectiveness. Those who slip, those who pan-handle, those who scandalize. those with mental twists. those who rebel at the **pro**gram, those who trade on the AA.reputation-all such persons seldom harm an AA Group for long. Some of these have become our most respected-and best loved. Some have remained to try our patience, sober nevertheless. Others have drifted away. We have begun to regard these ones not as menaces, but rather as our teachers. They oblige us to cultivate patience, tolerance and humility. We finally see that they are only people sicker than the rest of us, that we who condemn them are the Pharisees whose false righteousness does our Group the deeper spiritual damage.

Ours Not to Judge

Every older AA shudders when he remembers the names of persons he once condemned; people he confidently predicted would never sober up; persons he was sure ought to be thrown out of AA for the good of the movement. Now that some of these very persons have been sober for years, and may be numbered among his best friends, the old-timer thinks to himself "What if everybody had judged these people as I once did? What if AA had slammed its door in their faces? Where would they be now?"

That is why we all judge the newcomer less and less. If alcohol is an uncontrollable problem to him and he wishes to do something about it, that is enough for us. We care not whether his case is severe or light. whether his morals are good or bad, whether he has **other** complications or not. Our AA door stands wide open, and if he passes through it and commences to do anything at all about his problem, he is considered a member of Alcoholics Anonymous. He **signs** nothing, agrees to nothing, promises **nothing**. We demand nothing. He joins us on his own say so. Nowadays, in most Groups, he doesn't even have to admit he is an alcoholic. He can join AA on the mere suspicion that he may be one, that he may already show the fatal symptoms of our malady.

Of course this is not the universal state of affairs throughout AA. Membership rules still exist. If a member persists in coming to meetings drunk he may be led outside: we may ask someone to take-him away. But in most Groups he can come back next day, if sober. Though he may be thrown out of a club, nobody thinks of throwing him out of AA. He is a member as long as he says he is. While this broad concept of AA membership is not yet unanimous, it does represent the main current of AA thought today. We do not wish to deny anyone his chance to recover from alcoholism. We wish to be just as inclusive as we can, never exclusive.

Perhaps this trend signifies something much deeper than a mere change of attitude on the question of membership. Perhaps it means that we are losing all fear of those violent emotional storms which sometimes cross our alcoholic world; perhaps it bespeaks our confidence that every storm will be followed by a calm; a calm which is more understanding, more compassionate, more tolerant than any we ever knew before.

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Vanity's Treachery

The longer you are dry, the simpler this program becomes. But it never becomes so simple that we can cease to

apply the fundamental principles.

The trouble with most of us is that the Devil won't let us alone. He keeps working on our vanity, and we who have had so much practice in vanity find it easy to yield. After Solomon's death, the young men who surrounded King Rehoboam counseled him to ignore the wise advice of the elders and to proclaim that "my little finger shall be thicker than my father's loins." It is easy for us to yield to this whispering of the Devil and to ask whether any power can be greater than our own should be. Most of us never cease

to be willful, never cease to resent the rules that have guided civilized society

throughout the ages.

Our experience should have taught us the evils of vanity. Yet vanity is hard to root out. Most of us were humble enough when we came into AA, but with success in sobriety and a measure of success in the other concerns of life, vanity creeps in. We get big ideas of our importance, ideas that frequently outrun our worth.

So, we are back on the old path. Why is it that, when we have no conscious desire for alcohol, we find ourselves on the verge of a binge? We find ourselves being driven toward a blackout, with all the old feeling of helplessness, or with inward hysteria?

Perhaps there are several reasons. But the commonest seems to be the result of vanity. We have slipped away from our humble recognition of the Power that is

humble recognition of the Power that is greater than our own. We have begun to violate the First Commandment, to make ourselves a god greater than God. In vanity, we have started to campaign for bigger things than we are capable of, bigger than we deserve. We have started again to be high-handed and top-lofty. The result is frustration. Blindly, we batter our heads against stone walls, and we find ourselves shaken apart.

In these self-administered assaults that result from our

In these self-administered assaults that result from our vanity, we have two courses. The temptation is to flee into alcohol. We can yield to that temptation without thinking and without caring about our past alcoholic experience. The prudent course is to recognize the folly of flight and to start to work on the causes of the desire to flee. We have to take ourselves in hand, suppress vanity and learn again to look up to something that is bigger than we are.

ALCOHOLIC FOUNDATION

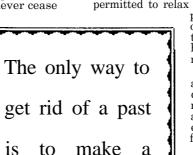
Secretaries of all groups have been sent the semi-annual budget proposal of the Alcoholic Foundation, which handles inquiries from every section of the country.

Their proposal calls for \$18,000 for the six months beginning August 1, 1946. The voluntary group contribution asked for is the same as in the past-about \$1.00 per member.

This office answers tens of thousands of inquiries yearly. We believe this to be a "MUST" on every group's calender.

SPONSORSHIP MEETING

Sponsorship meetings, under the direction of the Hospital Committee, have attracted more members at each meeting. They will be held on the second and forth Thursday of each month at **8:30** at 2028 E. 55th St.



-Coronet, Aug. '46

future of it.

Gambling

We have been asked many times **to devote** an article on gambling in these columns by well-meaning people who saw in the habit another evil besides drink which disturbed the mind. Recognizing the extremist tendencies characteristic in most alcoholics they (the well-meaning people) advanced the argument that the AA cause would suffer if the groups didn't ban it from their halls entirely-and at once.

We know several highly successful groups which have an excellent record of growth and twelfth-step observance, and whose meetings are well conducted, well attended and the members exceedingly attentive. That their membership is permitted to relax in cards after the meeting is that groups

prerogative. In Cleveland we have well over 65 groups and if the operation of the group is disturbing to any member, he can attach himself to one which more nearly meets his esthetic tastes.

But what we do want to stress in this article is the control of the gambling we do with the love, faith and trust of those nearest and dearest to us-our relatives and our friends. Just getting sober isn't enough. We must correct the many little faults that contributed to our delinquency.

During our early life we undoubtedly had many traits that endeared us to our family and our friends. And certainly we must have had a greater percentage of good traits than bad.

Then we probably were considered basically honest, truthful, **dependable**, **de**cent, ambitious, industrious and **spiritu**ally sound.

It was also probably then when we started drinking and alcohol transformed our natures so that baser impulses asserted themselves. Since most of us inherently resented correction, we began to gamble with our finer virtues-honor and truth. We began to develop cunning and deceit to avoid correction and lived the typical gambler's life of excitement. Excitement got in our blood and we foolishly believed that this exhilaration of spirit was living the "life abundant."

Repeated promises to change and an apparent contrite spirit brought endlessly repeated forgiveness until we stretched the rubber of patience taut to the point of breaking. Some of us gambled until it broke-never to be repaired or even reclaimed. Remorse at this stage brought thoughts of suicide and our grief overwhelmed us. Why, oh why, should this happen to us, we reasonetl alcoholically and then returned to the only "help" we knew by this time which was the blackout through the bottle.

We who found *sobriety* through AA soon learned through wise counsel that we had to correct many faults in our character and with the daily contact with the Greater Power we found we could make improvement.

Let's recapture the ideals which we once had and regain and merit the love, affection and respect of our relatives and friends. We won't find true happiness until we do this. This means the end of gambling. We must train ourselves to accentuate the following virtues which mean absolute honesty: freedom of deceit; straight forwardness; fairness; veracity; uprightneess; sincerity; honor; integrity; probity and rectitude.

The odds are terrific-don't gamble, for you can't win.

Charity comes from the heart. Fear comes from lack of faith.

DOWNTOWN OFFICE

At the August 16th meeting the Downtown office reports were read and it can be reported unofficially that the budget is being met. All of the groups who made pledges have as yet not fulfilled their obligations, while some have over-

subscribed. About \$1400 is still forthcoming.

As part of the secretary's report, a typical day's telephone activity was read to answer the question that has been asked so often, namely "Is the Downtown Office necessary". Upon motion from the floor, the editor of Central Bulletin was asked to print the digest of a typical day's business in the Bulletin. He assented and here it is.

List of Calls at Cleveland Downtown District Office August **12, 1946**

A Director of Veteran Personnel called and asked for literature to be given to Veterans who *should* be interested ... A member called for an attornev ... Member's wife called-a message to her husband who will be in office today . . . A call for information about AA office hours and general information . . . A call from an interested third party who wanted information on Negro AA in Pittsburgh . A call from a member re hospitalizing new patient. . . . **Call** from man interested in AA for himself . . . A member called, and left information concerning a group for Mr. Hiliard . . . A call from a new member who wanted some help in hospitalizing a patient . . . Mr. H. called . . . Personal call from home . . . A call from a member leaving his name and phone, and is available for call during the day... A call regarding office hours and if there was a charge for AA... A call from a member re hospital routine . . . A call from a member re office space. . Call from member regarding a legal uroblem... Probation officer called re book on Yale Clinic Studies . . . Member called re legal matter . . . A member Called seeking employment, for another member. . A call from a family friend regarding AA. . . A call regarding hospitalizing-former member . . A call re member who is in hospital . . . A call re unlisted number of one of the group's meeting place . . . A call re employment of member . . . A call for out-of-town speaker tomorrow night . . . A Call re information about AA for interested third party...
A call from a former member who is in need of help...
Wrong number... Call from man seeking help for himself... A call requesting location of a particular meeting . . Emergency last minute call to secure speaker for meeting . . . A call from a man attempting to locate his sponsor . . . A drunken woman who had been unable to make **program** work . . . A woman reporting fine treatment **she** received in one of the hospitalizing agencies . . . A call from woman seeking help **for** her **brother** . . . Member reported he had found employment. Take name off list . . . Secretary of group to report a particular **speaker** for Saturday night Wrong number . . . Call re women ready to go to **hos**&al . . . Man called for help in his problem. Turned over to proper group... Member called for hotel reservation in Sandusky... Member called who is willing to lead meetings... Member from West Side called and gave name and address of an interested man who lives on the East Side and member wants an east side contact for him... Member called wanting address of Minni Fla group. called wanting address of Miami, Fla. group . . . A member called seeking help in keeping his job . . . Member called for another member's phone number . . . Mother called seeking help for daughter . . . Call from a visitor AA in Detroit, seeking office location . . . A call from a member of Boston AA visiting Claushand saling information of mosting

BOWLING LEAGUES

AA, visiting Cleveland, asking information of meeting

places and where the office is located . . . A call from interested 2nd party who would like literature sent to her . . .

Bowling became a very popular medium for keeping a great number of Clevelanders sober since the rules prevented anyone from participating if he "played around"

with the program.

Member called re legal problem.

This year the demand for participation became so great, that the East Siders formed their own league. This league opens its season with a twenty-six team league starting Sunday, Sept. 8th at 2 p.m. at Linsz Recreation, E. 13th near Euclid. 130 men will participate.

The West Siders will bowl in the same alleys, Franklin Recreation and start in September, again on Thursdays and Fridays with 32 teams participating. Attempts are

also being made to form a Ladies' league.

YALE SCHOOL OF ALCOHOL STUDY

The Yale School of Alcohol Studies is a four-weeks lecture course covering subjects designed to give teachers, school administrators, clergymen, welfare workers, writers, AA's and others an understanding of these problems which will qualify them to be a source of guidance in their respective communities. The main object therefore of the school is to make the findings of scientific research available for annlication in the community.

The 1946 'personnel consisted of 169 people from 41 states.

Their classification follows:

	No.	Pct.
Ministers, priests, etc.	68	40.2
AA's	30	17.8
Social workers, probation officers,		10
Y.M.C.A. enforcement, etc	21	12.4
Teachers, educators, etc.		12.4
Liquor Industry		5.9
Temperance representatives	- 7	4.1
National Committee for Alcohol Education	n 4	2.4
Salvation Army	5	3.0
Doctors	3	1.8
	169	100.0

Many items were covered, differences of **opinion** were softened and the personnel were unanimous in their praise for the Director, Dr. E. M. Jellinek. This is quite an accomplishment due to the wide experiences of the personnel and controversial nature of the subject material

All AA's will be interested to know that the Yale School is very generous in its praise of the work in rehabilitation being accomplished by Alcoholics Anonymous and that none of the activities recommended by the School is in any way in conflict with AA. The contributions to science being made by Alcoholics Anonymous is of untold significance, according to Dr. Jellinek.

As far as Cleveland is concerned there are two immediate needs that seem to me to be paramount. The establishment of the Yale-Plan Clinic and a concentrated drive for the public education in the problems of Alcoholism in co-operation and affiliation with The National Committee for Alcohol Education.

Jack U., Shaker Group

THE MOVIE

From reports that we hear, a dramatic motion picture is to be made depicting a typical AA family, which a highly capable script writer is now preparing, subject to the scrutiny of a committee selected from each major city in the country. This picture, which will have for its cast some of the best-known stars, is expected to be a million dollar production.

The only objection that seems to be prevalent is the concern about the possible commercialization of our movement. We have been told that the profits, if any, will go to some charitable institution-that 'no members 'are to receive a farthing (how much is a farthing worth?)-that the selection of the beneficiary is the greatest problem confronting

the Foundation.

That the picture will be made is a certainty and we devoutly pray that mercenary tendencies will not tend to

destroy our ideallic discovery.

Let's have faith in the committee, since the majority of roups have given assent, and trust that the picture will

do the good that the proponents claim for it.

We-well,-we're a little old-fashioned and have re-

served judgment.

WOMEN'S WORKHOUSE PROJECT

The women have been doing remarkable work at Warrensville with the women placed there because of alcoholism. Each Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. several cars meet at Kilbane's Nursing Home, pick up passengers and drive to the Workhouse Chapel for the one-hour meeting which starts at 6:30 p.m.

More cars are needed and volunteers are urged to par-

ticipate.

WEST SIDE WOMEN

The new location of these enterprising ladies is in St. Helena's Church, 1367 W. 65th St. They meet on Mondays at 8:30 p.m.

TAXI RIDE FOR SOBRIETY

The setting was Ciarksburg, West Va. and the rider actually hired the cal-from Ciarksburg to the A. Ward

in Charity Hospital.

The whole episode started some weeks before when two men from Clarksburg came into the Cleveland Office seeking information, guidance and literature to start an AA group in their community. After spending an entire week, attending meetings and spending days with several Cleveland AA's they returned to Clarksburg, found they had a nucleus of some six or seven persons who had had some knowledge of AA, and went to work. Last week one of the original pioneers returned to Cleveland Office for further contact. He told us of one of his prospects who, lo and behold, arrived via taxi two days after contact. Cab bill, \$75.00! Certainly a sincere desire to do something about non's problem must exist in a man's heart to ride a coh one's problem must exist in a man's heart to ride a cab that distance for AA help. That power of example is a mighty weapon.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Bert M., treasurer, reported 7 groups as having paid their last half contributions and a balance of \$132.35. At this point a motion was carried that the Secretary of the former Hosnital Committee be reimbursed in the amount of \$16.15 for personal expenditures in the functioning of the previous Hospital Committee. This was done.

Howard B., hospital committee chairman, reported a Sponsorship Meeting at the **Doan** Men's meeting hall, July 25, at which the problems arising in Sponsorship were discussed. Those present were delegated to find out from the patients in bed what they thought would be their most immediate problems upon leaving the hospital. These reports are to be at the next meeting August 8 at the same meeting hall. Howard also **reported** on the Meeting of August 5 of the Hospital Committee and the Operators of the hospitalizing agencies. At this meeting the discussion revolved around where responsibility started and ended with the hospital and with the AA membership. It is the hospital obligation to put the patient in the best physical condition possible. From this point on it is the sponsor's obligation to give the AA program plainly, completely and without false promises. It was suggested that the patient not be taken out of the institution before the five-day period is up for any reason. It was further suggested that the patient not be taken to a meeting until at least 24 hours had elasped from the time of his release. Further that the conversation in the institutions be confined strictly to AA and its ramification. It is also well for all of us to remember that a hospital visit is the best possible way for us to express and expose our gratitude. The operators find that women patients do not have enough contact in the hospital and feel there should be both men and women visitors. The operators have promised to give the Committee the number of new patients hospitalized each month.

The Secretary reported that a new site for the Downtown Office has not yet been found.

Weekly Tuesday Meeting: W. Roy W., reported 69% of the groups answered were in favor of the discussed meeting. ing. The arrangements can be made and there will be a fuller report from the whole Committee at the next Central Committee Meeting, September 3, 1946. The tentative date for the 1st meeting is September 10. At this point there was a motion carried that the meetings be started on September 10 for a trial period of three months, subject to continuance if proved successful

DOAN DATA

The chairman for July was good "Ole Bill" S. and he performed in highly creditable fashion. His selection of performed in highly creditable fashion. His selection of speakers gave **a** fine cross-section of the program. The speakers were "Pappy" S., the candy man, Russell 0. of Cedar, Chas. C. of **Doan**, Tommy C., the bellweather of W. 25th St., and Art S. of Lakewood. We entertained an unusual number of out-of-town visitors, and one meeting even attracted Earl A. "Jr.", the **loud-speaker from** the west side. Round total of attendance for the five meetings

The Warrensville project now meets at 10:00 a.m. Sunday in Prison Library. It is under the capable direction of "Buck" B. and Bill S. Matt C. postcards us from California that he's led three meetings on the West Coast, the last in Hollywood.

EUCLID-WADE

The boys and girls of the Minstrel cast have been very busy doing a couple of benefit performances. On June 16th they traveled to Akron and put the show on for 100 orphans of the Summit County Orphanage. Needless to say the orphans enjoyed the show and ice cream and cake that followed. One of the cast. Snowball F. fell in love with one of the little girls and brought her home for a week's visit.

On July 25th, Charity Hospital invited the cast to do the show in honor of Father Nagel and Father Harvey for show in honor of Father Nagel and Father Harvey for their Feast Day. About 150 guests including the Sisters and Nurses gave their whole-hearted approval. Sister Victorine then had a grand surprise for the cast and had them in for lunch after the show. The boys and girls really enjoy doing these shows, and anyone knowing of any worthy cause or group who would like to have them for a charity show should contact the Show chairman, Fred S.

It is with deep regret that we approunce the passing of

It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of Mike Loomis who had been with us for the last 38 months. About a year ago Mike had his first attack of what he was with Mike just a few hours before his passing and his faith was unshaken. He said, "Hold on to AA with all your strength. Don't ever let anything turn you away, it's the only way of life". Mike passed on peacefully and firm in his faith in a Don't ever better then himself

On July 28th, at Weigand's Lake 1000 guests attended one of the finest picnics ever given. The day was perfect, the crowd was happy, and there wasn't a dull moment. Some went swimming, some played ball, some tried their fortunes at the wheel, others with cards, and some just sat and marveled. One member who has only been in about six months said, "Here it is seven o'clock and not a fight started, not even a little one". In the evening everyone gathered at the Dance Hall and we really saw some rug cutting. At 10 p.m. the big Transit System Buses gathered the tired but happy picnickers and started homeward. Our hats are off to the committees of Euclid-Wade and Lee Rd. Friday who sponsored the affair.

EUCLID-WADE'S NEW LOCATION

Euclid-Wade Group who for the last three years have been meeting at the Emanuel Church will be moving to Calvary Presbyterian E. 79th and Euclid, holding their first meeting in the new location Tuesday, Sept. 10th. Ample parking space in the lot just west of the church, entrance off Euclid. The Group will use the gym entrance just west of the main entrance on Euclid Ave. Our new quarters will accommodate 300 and everyone is welcome.

GLENVILLE NEWS

The Glenville Group was Host to some 500 Picnickers, Sunday, Aug. 4th. Rain interrupted the festivities, but the

ball games were played as scheduled.
"Those West Siders" showed us some fancy fielding, and won the feature game 8-l after the Glenville Boys had won

preliminary game. Ethel M. who has not missed a Meeting Night in the Glenville kitchen since the group was formed, was excused from all culinary activities, and enjoyed a well-earned day

May we extend a belated vote of thanks to "Little Ethel."

CHARITY NOTES

Sister Victorine, who has been a remarkable help to AA in Charity with her devotion and kindly understanding, has been transferred to St. John's Hospital in Cleveland, where she will be the Sister Superior. She will be sorely missed.

LEE ROAD FRIDAY

Wilson B. was greeted by an overflow crowd who braved a cloud-burst which inundated many streets, to help celebrate his fifth anniversary in AA. He has been a tireless and energetic worker in the movement as well as an excellent example.

LORAIN AVE. MONDAY

Happy days are here again for the members of our group, for Charles R., who was the ealley slave for five years, reconsidered his resignation as chef and again presides in the kitchen. At its recent anniversary party, 375 sandwiches were served.

VERMILION

Vermilion's one-man group, publicized in previous issues of the Bulletin, which grew to six in a year, celebrated its first anniversary and attracted a huge throng estimated at over **250** on the 29th of July. Jack D. of Burton led in his usual masterful fashion, Under the able guidance of Jack G. (the original) the ladies in the village fed the multitude.

Incidentally, we were asked to qualify the six members in the group. Four are solid and sound and two are "hesitant members," the kind that stutter a bit. Watch 'em grow.

LORAIN COUNTY PICNIC

The annual **Lorsin** County AA picnic will be held on Sunday, September 1st at the West Shore Club, Stop 81, Lake Rd. at Sheffield Lake. This will be a consolidated meeting of the **Lorsin**, Elyria, Oberlin and Vermilion groups.

Cleveland members and others are invited.

Wm. (Bill) A. succeeded Harry F. as **secretary** at Lorain-Avon, Friday group.

OIL CITY, PA.

The second anniversary of the Oil City group will be celebrated on Thursday, September 19th with an open meeting at which **several** prominent AA's will lead. The celebration will be held in the YMCA on Seneca St. at

Their own **clubrooms**, located at Center and Elm above Triangle Shoe store will be open for the convenience of

City

BUCYRUS AND UPPER SANDUSKY

On August 9th, the Bucyrus group held its first meeting and will meet each Friday hereafter at the YMCA Hall.

Carl H. of the Sheriff's office is secretary.
Upper Sandusky, 0. will hold its first meeting Wednesday, August 14th. No more details were available at press

WEST PARK

The five women **pa**nel dwindled to four at the **well**-attended meeting **held** on July **31st**, in which these highly capable women interpreted the AA program. The inimitable Kate N. was unable to participate because of illness.

NEW MEN'S GROUP STARTED

A new men's group has been formed and will hold its first session at **8:30** p.m. on Friday, Sept. 6, in a certain florist's shop, located at 4141 E. 106th St. It's name will be the Miles Men's Group. Accommodations available for about **50** and more will be provided if necessary.

SOUTHEAST MOVES

New location is Holy Name Church Hall, 8328 Broadway. 8 P.M.

THIS IS MY DUTY

"To use what gifts I have as best I may To help some weaker brothers where I can; To be as blameless at the close of day As when the duties of the day began : To do without complaint what must be done; To grant my rival all that may be just; To win through kindness all that may be won;
To fight with knightly valor when I must."

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RESPONSIBILITY

In looking over the various responsibilities that we all assume in a normal, average life. we find many and varied kinds. To mention just a few: That of being a good American; those assumed at baptism, confirmation, marriage and on our job.

But none of those mentioned can we succeed in unless we assume our AA responsibilities and discharge them in a satisfactory manner. Therefore our AA responsibilities must come first. If we can't be good AA's we won't be good

at anything else.

The AA program, as often stated, is a program of attraction. By our performance we attract others who are seeking a way out. We have conclusive proof in our own experience that AA has NEVER failed, so why shouldn't we perform in such a way that doubt will never occur in the minds of others.
This is only a small part of AA responsibility.

FAITHFUL SERVANT

The faithful servant is the one . . . Who does his duty well . . . And by his very faithfulness . . . Forever will excel . . . Who keep8 the promises he make8 . . . However great they are . . . And even though fulfilling them. . . May cover up his star... He never misses meetings when... May cover up his star... He never misses meetings when... He says he will be there... And when the work is passed around... He gladly taken his share... He does not mumble or complain... When things are not all right... But he is always brave enough... To carry on the fight... He is not one who changes with... The weather of the day... But he may be depended on... In every single way.

-Portraits by James J. Metcalfe

THE SECRET

I met God in the morning When the day was at its best, And His presence came like sunrise, Like a glory in my breast.

All day long the Presence lingered, All day long He stayed with me, And we sailed in perfect calmness O'er a very troubled sea.

Other ships were blown and battered, Other ships were sore distressed, But the winds that seem to drive them Brought us to a peace and rest.

When I thought of other mornings With a keen remorse of mind, When I too had loosed the moorings With the Presence left behind.

So I think I know the secret Learned from many a troubled way; You must seek Him in the morning If you want Him thru the day

K. S. C.

Employment manager: "For this job we want a responsible man.'

Applicant: "That's me. Wherever I have worked, if anything went wrong they told me I was responsible.

What we mostly need is more brain and less brayin'.

LIST OF APPROVED AA HOSPITALS

Bender's (Melrose 1686) (M)	
Deaconess Evangelical Hospital (Florida 0070)	
East Cleveland Clinic (Glenville 3244) (MW)	Euclid Ave.
Emergency Clinic (Glenville 4400) (MW)	
Farquharson's (Shadyside 8374) (M)	
Kath. Kilbane's Nursing Home (OR. 1281) (W.) .14401 Gramatan Ave.
MacGillis Nursing Home (RA. 2556) (MW), 1560	Mistletoe Dr. at Wade Pk.
Martha Irwin's (MW)	Mentor 0 P.O. Box 122
Betty Smith's (Shadyside 4692) (M)	3480 Scranton Road
Webster's (Express 0180) (MW)	
W. 89th St. Nursing Home (Woodbine 4870)	M)2240 W. 89th St.
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CLEVELAND GROUP MEETINGS MONDAY
BORTON—13981 Euclid Ave8:45
FAIRMOUNT—St. Paul's Episc. Church, Fairmount & Coventry 8:30 LAKEWOOD—Community Center Bldg., Detroit Ave. & St. Charles. 8:30 LAKEWOOD—CLIFTON—St. Luke's Church, Clifton Blvd., betw.
LEE ROAD—1637 Lee Road
WADE PARK—1467 Addison Road (Side Entrance). 8:30 PEARL—Good Counsel Hall, 4427 Pearl Rd. 8:30 UNION AVENUE—12907 Union Ave. 8:30 SHAKER HEIGHTS—Chysiat Entrancel Church 8451 Warrenstills
Center Rd. 8:30 SOUTH EAST GROUP—Holy Name Hall, 8328 Broadway 8:30 WEST 25TH ST.—Marvel Hall, 2888 W. 26th S t 8:30
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TUESDAY ARCADE-Euclid Ave Baptist, E. 18th & Euclid
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Center Ridge and Detroit Rd
LAKEWOOD WOMEN'S—12214 Detroit Rd
THURSDAY ANGLE—St. Malachi's Church, 2469 Washington Ave
E. 55th and Broadway. 8:30 GLENVILLE—10421 St. Clair 9:00 LEE BOAD 1687 Loc Rest 8:30
LORAIN AVE.—Banater Hall Annex, W. 120th St. at Lorain
BROADWAY-55TH—Our Lady of Lourdes School Hall— E. 55th and Broadway
GORDON SQUARE—People's Moth. Church, W. 66th & Bridge Ave8:30
ROCKY RIVER-St. Christopher's Hall Lakeview off Detroit Rd 8:30 MILES MEN'S—Stag Group. 4141 E. 106th St 8:30 NEWBURGH-E. 98rd St., Comer Imman Ave 8:30 "999"—St. Mary's Catholic Church Hall, 15510 Holmes. 8:30
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COLUMBUS, O.—Upper Arlington-Grandview, 1st Community	• ••
DAYTON, 0.—124 W. Monument	.8.00 8.00
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I've just been thinking, as I start off on a trip to the east and recall the pitfalls of travel, about the Second Commandment. And I've been thinking about the Second Step, the step in which we come to the conclusion that a Power

greater than our own can help us to master our problem.

The Second Commandment declares "Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain." Many of us need to guard against the profane use of holy names, for the obvious reason that respect for the various names that are applied to the Supreme Power enhances the value of that power to us. If we always respect the names, we are in better position to receive God's help.

However, this is but a beginning of thinking about the Second Commandment. Neglect of the Supreme Power, neglect of our duties to that Power, with only occasional. **perfunctory** reference to that Power. is a **violation** of that commandment. Moreover, it also is a violation of the com-mandment to ask the Supreme Power's help for partial ends, to ask for help to escape the penalty for one kind of evil doing while we continue other kinds of evil doing.

As a hearty, full blooded sinner, hate to sound like a parson; but I know from my experience and from the experience of others that the maxim that the violation of one Commandment is a violation of all the Commandments is no priestly invention.

I was standing under a tree the other day talking with a brother, about the difficulties of a **third**

brother who was trying to stay dry while enjoying violation of another Commandment. We both agreed that the brother would not succeed in staying dry while he continued acts that violate the moral law. His conscience won't let him. His application to the Supreme Power is useless if he continues in acts that he knows the Supreme Power and the moral law forbid.

Now, this is true about us, as well as about him. And it also is true that any neglect of the things that we are supposed to do is harmful to us.

Do we turn to the Supreme Power every day, or only occasionally? Do we continue our daily self examination, or have we begun to neglect that vital step? Do we still strive to correct our evil ways of thinking, to curb resentment and envy, or have we begun to condone evil and find justifications for our habitual resentments?

Laxity in our attention to the Supreme Power puts us on the road to trouble. With laxity, it becomes easier to tell ourselves as Old Rip Van Winkle used to say, "This time won't count.

All Groups Meetings ALLERTON BALLROOM, East 13th & Chester

Speakers will be four members of the Doan Men's Group. Speakers for Oct. 15 will be supplied by the **Lakewood Group** and the Borton Group will provide speakers on Oct. 22

For the next three months these meetings will be held

Four Years Old

This issue of the Central Bulletin completes four years of service.

These have been years of tremendous interest, as we look back to **the** year when we started so ambitiously. The Cleveland area numbered 25 groups which claimed a **combined** membership of less than 1,000. Nationally, there were 6,500 active members and, it was estimated that possibly 2,500 more could be listed because the war had dislocated so many individuals.

We have marveled at the sustained **growth** each vear and though we haven't the official figure; for Cleveland as vet. we confidently expect the number in Cleveland to **ap**-

proximate 3,000. and we **under-stand** that nationally, we number

It has been interesting to browse through the past 4'7 issues and recall the instances which inspired the editorials. Possibly our readers would be interested to know that the main editorial is written by a professional writer an editor of one of our major Cleveland newspapers, and **al**so an active AA. The other material is written and compiled by the writer, who modestly confesses no editorial experience. The material presented by the latter writer is assiduously absorbed in various leads, where a wealth of philosophy can be gleaned.

This philosophy the writer endeavors to transmit to you readers as regularly as possible **each** month. Read them for their worth and we implore you to be charitable in judging them for their literary value. In his opinion they

reflect a thought for the month. These are intended to provide "handles" to hang on to when the going is rough.

Highlights in our four years were the series on the twelve steps and the series on the Lord's Prayer. The y were written by our stellar Fred (the professional) and we believe were divinely inspired.

The policy of the Bulletin is to refrain from being dictatorial. We have no axes to grind and we do not at any time expect to receive remuneration for our services.

If we, through the medium of the Bulletin can strengthen 10 per cent of our readers in their desire to find ways to stay sober we will feel our labor well repaid.

in the Ballroom of the Allerton Hotel. Each meeting will be sponsored by one of the groups in this area, with the sponsoring group supplying the four speakers from its membership.

These meetings supplant the Sunday consolidated meetings and are being held to conform to what has turned out to be a "National Policy" or habit. Most large cities have a general weekly meeting on Tuesday and the many out of the project of the pr town visitors, having made their plans to visit Cleveland mainly because of our excellent AA record, receive their first disappointment when they find our set-up different. We are trying it for three months and their continuation will be determined by the support these meetings receive.

The meetings are open to the public. There will be no discussion period. Strictest observance of **the** anonymity of the speakers will be assured.

Listen to the Exhortation of the Dawn; Look to this Day! For it is Life, the very Life of Life. In its brief course lie all the Varieties and Realties of your Existence: The Bliss of Growth, The Glory of Action, The Splendour of Beauty; For Yesterday is but a Dream, And To-morrow is only a Vision, But To-day well lived makes Every Yesterday a Dream of Happiness, And every To-morrow a Vision of Hope. Look well, therefore, to this Day! Such is the Salutation of the Dawn.

-Sanskrit.

The Salutation of the Dawn

EVIL IMPS

One of the most cheering facts is that the evil imps of hate, envy, fear, anger and the like have no power of their own to enter our minds and poison us. It is only when we welcome them that they come in. Sometimes we are merely careless. At other times we actually *invite* those imps to take up their abode **with** us.

There is no room for evil in a mind that is filled with good. The loving mind is without hate. Our mind is like a house. If we fill our house with guests who are rough and brutal and evil, naturally we keep away guests who are desirable.

Always the **responsibility** is our own. As individuals we have the power to choose what kind of thoughts and emotions we want to entertain. Our words, our speech and our actions depict the **guests** which are within our minds.

There is no escape from the operation of the law which brings about the externalization—the visible—outward presence—of the inmost thoughts we make our constant companions. We are what we think. What we think always finds outward expression.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Hospital Committee Chairman Howard B. reported on the two sponsorship meetings which are being held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 2028 East 105th Street at **8:30.** On August 8, there were 30 members present at which time the aims and purposes of the Sponsorship Meetings were discussed. The object being to familiirize the new members with the tools which we use in maintaining a happy sobriety. At the August 22 meeting, three of the older members spoke to the 34 members

present on assigned topics relative to Sponsorship.

It was the opinion of **the** Hospital Committee that if as the Hospital records indicate, there are 100 new members per month coming into AA, it might **be** well to take an anonymous census so that the published total membership in AA in Cleveland won't range from 1500 to 10,000. This census would be taken simply by the raising of hand once during any meeting during the next month. It was the opinion of the body as indicated by discussion from the floor that we should have a somewhat true approximate of the membership in Cleveland. With this thought in mind a motion was made, seconded, and passed that a census be taken by each secretary for a four-week period beginning September 9, 1946. The results to be directed to the Secretary of Central Committee.

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The secretary reported the AA Cleveland Office as still functioning at 436 Williamson Building.

W. Roy W., reported on the regular Quarterly meeting, August 16, 1946, of the Cleveland Office Advisory Committee, held at Hotel Cleveland. It was suggested by the Moderator that the members present alert their groups and any other groups they may attend, regarding the next Quarterly Meeting, to be held in November as the budget for the Cleveland Office operation will be taken up at that meeting.

Dick T., speaking for Dick S., newly elected member of the Alcoholic foundation and Vice-president of the Committee handling motion picture project gave that informa-tion that is now available regarding the picture. The script is now being written and will be considered by the dore-mentioned Committee and the Alcoholic Foundation before casting or projection will be started. Paramount will do the producing and Hal B. Wallace will do the directing. Paramount has employed a qualified script writer who has been visiting and who will continue to visit AA groups and individuals throughout the country. groups and individuals throughout the country. Dick further stated that the Foundation had the alternative of doing nothing and having a secondary company make a picture as they saw fit, or granting permission to a first grade company and rigidly supervise the script. Not the Foundation or any group or any individual in AA or anyone connected with AA is to receive one cent from the picture.

We can easily manage our affairs, if we only take each day the burden appointed for it. But the load will be too heavy for us if we add to its weight the burden of tomorrow before we are called to bear it.

A VOICE FROM CALIFORNIA

In August we received a most interesting letter from a former Clevelander and his wife who celebrated their fifth year of sobriety by expressing their appreciation in an open letter to Cleveland. They are Ruby and Ed G—. Both were in Warrensville. hopeless and dejected, and AA found them and straightened them out. They attended their first meeting in Banater Hall and after two years moved to California where they continued in

AA and are active. Five years of continued sobriety.

The letter was read before several groups and a few of the old timers recalled the circumstances and were happy to hear of the continued success and that they had

had a part in it.

SPONSORSHIP MEETINGS

October 10

October 24

November 14 These vitally important meetings should be a "must" with every person who intends to be a sponsor. The present Hospital Committee, sitting in meetings with the operators of hospitalizing agencies, found that the majority of sponsors, (in the opinion of these agencies) were not aware of their responsibilities and that most patients were improperly handled. To overcome this sad situation, these meetings are being held and conducted by men whose sponsoring record is highly successful.

INDISPENSABLE

Last month a man dressed in Amish garb approached a sightseeing bus driver and timidly drew him aside to ask him a question. He wore a harried exuression as he asked the driver in a whisper: "Can you-direct me to a Turkish Bath, or some place where I could take my son, who is in terrible shape because of drink?"

The bus driver, a member of AA, questioned the man a little further and directed him to the downtown office, where he received literature and procedural advice. Highly impressed and filled with joyful purpose the father left for down-state.

Contact was arranged for him in the area in which the man lives and we are sure the father's hopes and prayers will be answered.

This is another of the many incidents which prove the publish a human-interest story which confirms the fact that the office is indispensable.

It is your duty to some

It is your duty to support it.

DOWNTOWN- OFFICE QUARTERLY MEETING

On November 14th, the fourth quarterly meeting of the Cleveland District AA office Committee will be held in Hotel Cleveland at 7:30 oclock-promptly. Purpose will be discussion of the 1946-47 operating budget.

All groups should be represented.

SPENCER, IOWA

We note with interest the initial issue of "The Weekly Aridity Review" published by three groups in **Iowa**—Spirit Lake, Milford and Spencer. It has sound philosophy and we're sure will be a great moral aid to the members in the area. Best wishes for continued success.

WE LIKE THIS

Rochester 13, New York.

Central Bulletin, 435 Williamson Bldg., Cleveland 14, Ohio.

Your paper in the past year has meant a great deal to me. It may even be that there are others in A. A. that have found out as I have that it is far better living by quotes than by quarts.

Thanks again for the job you fellows are doing and in the event that you do find it necessary to increase the cost of your subscription to \$1.50—may I suggest that we that have to mall our money in could do so by taking out two-year subscriptions for \$3.00.

C. A. S.

TYPOGRAPHICAL ERRORS

We hope we didn't discommode too many people by announcing in our last Bulletin that the Miles Men's group met on 106th.

The correct address is 4141 E. 116th St.

There were several other mistakes in the last issue and we (that's me -D.) abjectly assume the blame, because we (Meaning me -D.) proofread it in an awful hurry. We'll try to be more careful.

Sponsorship meetings are held at 2028 E. 105th St. Jack D. is a member of Borton-not **Bolton** group. Uprightneess is incorrect, we know. Should be uprightness. We grovel in the dust.

EUCLID-WADE

The group moved "lock, stock and barrel" over to its new quarters at E. 79th St. and Euclid on September 7th when we held open house for our members and families and a few guests. Movies were shown and a ham spread banquet followed.

350 persons attended the opening meeting in Calvary Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, September 10th. The speakers were Paul S. and Bill D. of Akron, 0. and Gene H. and Dr. H. of Toledo, 0. Congratulations were extended to this group for its splendid spirit.

CLAM BAKE

The Lorain Ave. Monday group will hold its annual Clambake and social evening on Sunday, October 6 at Bohemian Hall, 4314 Clark Ave. They give you more than your money's worth.

LAKEWOOD

Stanton McD., former secretary of the group has consented to take the job again as of September 1st.

The group has been divided into five geographical sections of five to six members, who are responsible for candidates in their section. This will mean more personal

contact with each member and prospective member.

CORINTHIANS

Jack R. celebrated his sixth anniversary in AA at his home, Sat. Sept. 14. An innovation was the garb of the 18 who attended a hilarious party. Each came clothed in the garb he was wearing the instant he was notified. You can imagine!

The annual Corinthian Clambake was held on Saturday, Sept. **28th**, in Euclid Park, Euclid, 0. The Bake was under the direction of Wilson B. who did a yeoman's job. The party included cards and lasted until midnight. Confidential report: Attorney Ed B. only casualty. Severe burns in pocketbook.

DAYTON, 0.

Correction:-We meet at 2:30 on Sunday afternoons. No dinner on Sunday at 7:00. Week day meetings start at 8:00 colock-not at 8:30.

ASHTABULA COUNTY STAG

A stag group has been formed, embracing Ashtabula County and meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month in B. of L. E. Hall, Conneaut and on the second and fourth in Ashtabula in the YMCA. Meetings start at 8:30 in both places.

Henry 0. of Warren, 0. was the initial speaker.

Joe McK. is secretary.

LORAIN-AVON

This group is losing one of its most faithful workers when Harry F., our secretary, leaves for Florida in early October to take up his residence there. We know that the Floridians will feel his presence for he will keen active. His address will be Harry J. F., Oklawaha, Fla., Route 441. Should you wend your way there, drop in on him. He says you're all welcome.

MILAN, 0.

Milan held its first meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 5th which attracted a large crowd from the surrounding towns. Eddy E. of Toledo was the speaker. Ambrose O'M. is the secretary but was unable to attend because he twisted his back trying to mount a horse. We suggest using a derrick next time, for secretaries are delicate and are necessary people.

DOAN DATA

Jack W., who divides his AA affections between Glenville and Doan with both the gainer and neither the loser, was our chairman for August. His selection of speakers attracted large crowds. Dave L. of Glenville pulled 218 and Tracted large crowds. Dave L. of Glenville pulled 218 and Tony S.. the wily Scot, would not be outdone and personally ordered over 60 to attend and Tony's crowd beat Dave's by two, namely 220. Matt C. and Elliott K. were the other two speakers who helped draw a crowd totalling 813 for August. One of the "peripatetic twins," Howard B. was hospitalized this week-not fer likker of course. Doctor opined

the big behemoth was too careless with his diet and Howard is behaving docilely. Hasta cut out that double

order of pie a-la-mode.

Now that vacations are over, the Sunday Training Sessions are again attracting a goodly number. Remember, these Sunday Training meetings are open for all groups. They're stag of course.

CHARITY NOTES

Your editor was the leader at the August 27th monthly meeting at which over 100 former AA patients were present. Proper sponsorship was the theme and emphasis was laid on the personal interest in the patient with the man's very life and soul at stake. Following through with the family was also emphasized as well as nurturing him during the readjustment period-the first 3, 6, and 12 months.

BEREA FRIDAY

The Berea Friday group celebrated its sixth anniversary with Dr. Dilworth Lupton, a Cleveland newspaper columnist as its main speaker. Clarence S., one of the early Clevelanders also spoke.

PUBLIC **SQUARE**

This group, which meets Tuesday evenings at Hotel Cleveland has appointed Q. H. F. as it's new secretary. The group has decided to continue it's Tuesday night meetings for the present, as many out of town members attend due to the listing on the hotel directory and **in** the newspapers.

LORAIN STAGS

An innovation in stag ideas was started in Lorain, 0. All groups in Lorain consolidated to form this group which meets on Sunday mornings at nine oclock at 750 Broadway. Alfred D- is secretary.

EUCLID CELEBRATES THIRD

The Euclid, 0. group will celebrate its third anniversary on Friday, October 4th at 8:30 P.M., in St. Paul's Church, E. 200th St., at **Chardon** Rd., north of Euclid Avenue. You're invited.

LAKE SHORE NEWS

Such marked interest in and enthusiasm for our sponsorship program has been displayed that some comment seems in order at this time. However, we have by no means

completed or crystalized our efforts.

Our oldsters had, for some time, felt the need for more adequate sponsorship and proper sponsorship, instruction for the newer men, all with the view of doing the best job

possible for the prospect.

Under our plan, which has been in oueration since June, our entire membership has been divided into fifteen home districts. Each district group comprising from four to nine members, who live quite close to one another, has been meeting on an averane of every two or three weeks. So far, some fifty **such** district meetings have been held. These neighborhood units are studying and discussing all available material and pamphlets on sponsorship and are submitting their own recommendations to our group Operating Committee. We expect to correlate all these comments; thoughts and recommendations and then refer those findings back to the entire **group** membershin for any **additional** action-necessary.

We have found that better understanding of sponsorship

is being promoted; inactive members are becoming active; closer individual relationships are being formed and better

cooperation on contacts is secured.

CINCINNATI

The Greater Cincinnati Group of Alcoholics Anonymous requested the following information be forwarded to you, because of changes in the listing which appeared in Au-

They hold a meeting on Tuesday evening in Boom 520 of the Brotherhood Building at **8:30 p.** m. These are closed meetings except for one night per-month when an open

meetings is held.

On Thursday evening, at 8:30 p. m., a closed meeting is held at the Fenwick Club, 435 Commercial Square.

The Price Hill. Group holds a closed meeting each Wed-

nesday, at 8:30 p. m., at the St. Lawrence Church.
There is a rest home operated by an "AA" at 4014
Montgomery Road. At 405 Oak Street is an "AA" club
house where the boys gather at all times.
The Greater Cincinnati Group, with offices in the Brotherhood Building, maintain telephone service each night

from 8 to 10 p. m. and the phone number is PA 8608

Plans are being formulated now, through this group, for the establishment in the very near future for **groups** in Covington, Kentucky, Walnut Hills, Evanston and Norwood subdivisions. Plans are under discussion, also, for establishment of groups in Madeira and **Wyoming**, **Ohio**, perhaps by the middle of the winter.

BROADWAY-55th

A large crowd attended the Broadway-65th Group First Anniversary Party at Our Lady of Lourdes School Hall, Broadway and Hamm Ave., on September 26. Johnny H. was the master of ceremonies with Frank S.

and Jack D as guest speakers.

A **good** orchestra, dancing, entertainment, refershments, and **dor prizes** galore completed a gala evening.

BROOKLYN HOME-COMING

On Wednesday, October 23, the Brooklyn Group will celebrate Home-Coming Week and they have asked all of their early members and supporters to attend. The meeting will be held at K of P Hall, 3316 Broadview at 8:45 P.M. We are informed that a dozen of the old-timers are scheduled for a short talk.

Last month we had the pleasure of listening to Bill F. of the Seaman's Union in New York. Best talk we've

had in our history.

BOWLING LEAGUES

Each of the three bowling leagues are in full swing and the pins are flying merrily. Even though over sixty teams are bowling, there are many left on the side lines who perforce are spectators because more alleys are unavailable. We cannot publish the standings regularly, but will do so when space permits.

MEMPHIS-RIDGE

The ebullient Howard F. has formed a new group called Memphis-Ridge which meets temporarily in his home at 7424 **Tauton** Ave. The first meeting was held on August 19th. They meet on Monday at **8:30** P.M. William R. is secretary.

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ASHTABULA MOVES

The mother group of Ashtabula moved its brood from Station Ave. to YMCA Canteen on Park Ave and Progress **Pl.** They still meet on Monday evenings at **8:30**.

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Analyzing Myself

PER YEAR

It is five years since I halted, about three-fourths the way down the hill, started on the way back. About all that I can say for myself on my fifth anniversary is that, thanks to AA, I am sober and I am a little easier to live

In five years I have attended about 250 meetings, led 65 meetings, made a number of hospital calls, interviewed several dozens of persons and have been played for a sap by chronic slippers and moochers. I am the least successful sponsor in AA and I have no indication that anything I have said has ever done anyone, inside or outside AA, the slightest good. But I have been sober five years and my various stumbling efforts in behalf of others have helped me greatly.

In the course of my personal inventbry, I have discovered that there is much I still have to do. In the last 50-or-so of the 65 meetings I have led, I have talked about resentment and similar troublesome factors. I have written about resentment many times in this space. I have talked about the evils of egotism and about the dangers of beating one's head against a stone wall. With all that, you'd think that any reasonably intelligent person would have himself in hand.

Yet, in the last year I've had occasion

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to observe how so ingrained a tendency keeps on popping up. I've given myself difficult weeks because of resentment and frustration. The'

difficulty has been made greater because there have been good grounds for resentment and good reasons for feeling frustration.

One of my associates keeps on saying "Take it easy!" Certainly there is no better advice for an alcoholic. I have found a great many satisfactions these last few years and have made much material progress. By being slow to anger, patient in the presence of obstacles, realistic in self-evaluation, I find that progress continues.

In my own particular field of work, most of the values that have been of use to me for 20 years have become useless, because of the war and the world-wide revolt of the masses. Instead of being able to coast easily on accumulated knowledge, I find that I have to work harder than ever, discovering the new bases of human thinking. Moreover, I have to learn to devote my energies to regions in which some good can be accomplished, not to waste time in futile struggles.

. Mine is a special case; yet we all have to learn to adapt ourselves to the world of today, and we have to learn to devote ourselves to labors in which some useful progress can be made. Coasting has become a tendency with too many of our people; there is too much tendency to avoid labor, 'seek material benefits that are more than our use-

ful work.

For us in AA, after we have learned how to stay sober, it is necessary that we devote ourselves sincerely to the work of a peaceful world, by doing the best we can with the responsibilities that are put upon us, by giving the most we can for what we receive. It is well for us not to struggle to get ahead of ourselves; it is well to regulate our aims so that they keep in step with our opportunities for useful work.

NO ADVERTISING

We had been offered many opportunities to ease our budget by accepting advertising and we again repeat that we cannot change our policy.

The Griper ®

We were speaking to a troubled member the other day about why he couldn't "get the hang" of the AA program. He was bored with the meetings-most of the members were far beneath him in intelligence-most of the enthusiasts were fellows who had spent time in the workhouse and had hit the "jungle" or had lost their families, their jobs, etc.-he felt completely incapable of visiting hospitals or nursing homes because he couldn't arouse sincere sympathy for drunks-his family and former friends ridiculed him for affiliating himself with

Instead of tossing up the sponge as we were tempted to, we left the patient, in his misery for a rew minutes while we wrote down his specific gripes on a card. Then we returned to him, showed him the card and then took up each gripe individually.

So he was bored with the meetings! Did he ever stop to realize that the speaker was probably going through a highly emotional experience? That the speaker was probably for the first time declaring his opinions out loud and in doing so cementing his convictions? That by only occupying a chair and evidencing interest h e might be practicing one little phase of the 12th step in the program?

And by voicing an opinion he might have helped the discussion and therein made the meeting interesting?

So most of the members were beneath him in intelligence! That was a laugh! These members whose intelligence gence he deprecated had more sense than he. They were sober and he, though he claimed he wanted sobriety, couldn't apply his so-called education and accept or understand the simple AA program.

Most of the enthusiasts had worse records! Sure! And they had plenty of reason to be enthusiastic and zealous with their reborn faith in God and themselves. Why not accept the lesson they portrayed, that continued gambling with health and wealth could reward even him

gambling with health and wealth could reward even him with such experiences as the worst had suffered. Why deliberately lose everything, when you could save all .by looking at facts squarely and honestly. A mental gutter is just as slimy, filthy and degrading as an actual gutter. Why go all the way.

He felt incapable of visiting hospitals! Where was even a spark of human charity, gratitude, love and unselfishness in his make-up. In the year or more of experimenting that he had done with the AA program, he had been contacted by more than a hundred members, each endeavoring in his own way to straighten out his thinking-each sacrificing hours of their time. Why? thinking-each sacrificing hours of their time. Why? In sheer gratitude for having found an answer to their problem and anxious and will be to their time. problem and anxious and willing to share their knowledge with him. The more they gave the more they received. Our patient, we pointed out, had only been on the receiving end and not once on the giving end.

His family and former friends ridiculed him for joining AA! How many times we've heard that and how ridiculous it sounds. Most families, when properly informed by the sponsor, are ready and willing to cooperate. The patient, full of fears and phobias tends to exaggerate every overture that family or friends make to help him, even to the extent of "feeding his vanity" and telling him he certainly was never as bad as the cases which he hears of on his hospital hed and which he recounts in hears of on his hospital bed and which he recounts in

ageable by alcohol.

One of the most colorful and valued members of our Cleveland AA activity passed away Saturday, Oct. 19, and his death leaves a void which will be impossible to fill. For Earl was a character, if you know what I mean. He "was decided in his view and opinions and vociferous in expressing them. Fortunately in the great majority of cases his judgment was sound.

Earl was definite. He never straddled an issue. You knew exactly where he stood. He wasn't impulsive, but gave thought to most issues before expressing his opinions. And when he expressed them, you could **fairly** well rest assured that what he advocated was right.

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Earl was a loyal AA and an able speaker. One of the "peripatetic twins" as we were wont to describe him in these columns, his able presentation sprinkled with many amusing witteisms made the twins in constant demand, not only in Cleveland but in many distant places. Suffering with asthma and a bad heart, the pace was tough for him, but he loved it. He was an attentive 'listener at many meetings, attending at least two each week besides those which he led. Incidentally he led a meeting at Euclid-Wade four days before his death.

Earl's interest and enthusiam permeated every group to which he identified himself. He started with the Laketo which he identified himself. He started with the Lake-wood Orchard Grove group six years ago, left to help form the Gordon Square group which he-helped to become a noteworthy factor on the West Side. He also joined the Men's Group and when that group, troubled in finding adequate quarters, was faced with burdening itself with a great financial obligation, Earl. by sheer guts and enthusiasm helped build this Doan Men's Group into one of the most active and potent factors in AA. In the past years, when cautioned to curb his efforts, he attached himself to the Berea Thursday group which had just started, and there again helped to make this group one of the delightful groups to visit.

started, and there again helped to make this group one of the delightful groups to visit.

Earl interested himself in the Central Bulletin in its infancy. Single handed he brought in over 360 subcriptions. We smile in memory of his audaciousness. Many of those early subscribers didn't know what they were signing up for when Earl demanded a dollar from them. We hope they weren't disappointed in the end.

When the consolidated meetings were considered, Earl barnstormed every group exporting them in no unscriptions.

Earl barnstormed every group exhorting them in no uncertain manner to attend. His energy in behalf of the Downtown Office, -when groups were hesitant in assuming this obligation, was untiring and he deplored the fact that (as he put it) many free-spending drunks, after they got. AA, attached fish hooks in their pockets so they couldn't get any money out. He was liberal, almost to a fault and was a particular friend to hundreds of unfortunates.

He was at once very tolerant-and decidedly intolerant. He couldn't stomach a four-flusher, faker or a phonie. His lurid excoriations of a "slipper" developed resentment-but usually only in the characters he despised.

His conversation was considerably colored with profanity'but for some reason we who know' him well accepted it without flinching-it didn't sound as bad coming

To In

from his lips as it did from others.

A professed atheist for the first two years, his "power greater than himself" was the spirit of AA. AA was his church. He religiously lived for just one day at a time, staying sober, being scrupulously honest, playing fair schowing his gratifude by doing some mighty fin and showing his gratitude by doing some mighty fine twelfth step work. Twelfth step work occupied most of his normal idle time and of which he had plenty: In the last two and half years there finally came a capitulation.

A miracle had occurred. He finally admitted a firm belief in God and he stopped referring to Him in his customary irreverent way as "The Guy Upstairs."

He referred to philosophies or thoughts that helped him straighten out his thinking as "handles to hang on to." One of these "handles" I personally grasped and I've been ever grateful to him for it. I had been bemoaning the fact that I was giving up so much fun. I wasn't enjoying my sobriety. He suggested that I stop glamorizing the good times I had had and to remember the trouble these "good times" had brought me. That if I would walk down the street and repeat rythmically with each step the words "drink-trouble--drink-trouble" at least a hundred times a day for a week that the two words would become synonymous. They did! When I see a bottle or a drink, I see trouble. I'see trouble.

He left hundreds of other handles for others to grasp and in the books of the many he helped. Earl was the means to bringing them to see the light, and find their

I'll miss the old gray thatched P-H. May God rest

his soul.

ALL-GROWS MEETINGS ATTRACT NEWSPAPER ATTENTION

The Cleveland Press gave the All-Groups meetings some nice publicity in their issue of October 25. The article was so well written we publish it in toto. Headed across five columns the caption read "Alcoholics Anonymous Plans Open Meeting as Aid to Addicts," and the copy follows:

Alcoholics Anonymous, the fellowship of former heavy drinkers who have found sobriety and happiness through a 12-point program for living, made another step forward

here today.

The **new** step, as are all moves made by the associa-

tion, was to bring **help** to others with an alcoholic nroblem. It consists of a series of regular weekly meetings at Hotel Allerton each Tuesday evening, when speakers will

discuss the A. A. program for the benefit of non-members as well as those already in the fellowship.

Started as a monthly affair, the first of the open meetings at the downtown hotel proved of such widespread public interest that the city's A. A.'s decided to provide more of them

provide more of them.

Physicians Attend

Noteworthy at the first meetings was the number of physicians present, as well as the large attendance of mothers and wives who have relatives with an alcoholic problem.

Members of the medical profession who have had difficulty in the successful treatment of alcoholism asked numerous questions of the speakers, who remained

anonymous.

The mothers and wives who sought help for those members of their families whose lives have become unmanageable through addiction to alcohol represented what has become one of the great potentialities of Alcoholics Anonymous.

With 76 groups meeting once weekly in the general Cleveland area, the fellowship has just completed its first membership poll here since its organization 11 years ago.

2300 at Meetings
It found that there are 2,300 men and women in the area who at least once a week attend a meeting of one of the groups with which they have affiliated.

This roll call does not include the many wives, mothers, sisters, fathers or brothers who attend meetings

regularly with an alcoholic relative.

These thousands of relatives are among the most ardent supporters of Alcoholics Annonymous. Indirect beneficiaries of its work with those near to them, they form a legion of friends who make many sacrifices for the welfare of the groups and to assist in the work with others,

It was many persons like them who have begun to attend the "open" meetings of A. A. at Hotel Allerton seek-

ing the same relief.

The first roll call of Alcoholics Anonymous in the Cleveland area of northern Ohio likewise does not include the numbers who have attained sobriety through study of the A. A. program and adaption of **their** own lives to it without formally affiliating with any of the groups.

Almost every member of A. A. knows somebody outside the fellowshin who has learned of the program, studied it and changed his manner of living.

Another large group of former hard drinkers who have benefited from A. A. is not included in the roll call of professed members. This is the group of those who are become sober through the good example of others in A. have

in A. A.

They are those who sometimes remark that " if Joe or Jack or Bill can stay sober in the A. A. organization, I certainly can. I was never as bad as that guy."

So again the members of A. A. are reaching out to

help those who need it and who have the desire to change their lives.

Ages Show Decrease All of these and the relatives who are interested in them are now welcome at the weekly Tuesday evening where men and women who have adopted the A. A. program and are living sober, happy and industrious lives speak frankly to them and discuss the program step

by step.
In its first revue of itself in 10 years, Alcoholics Anonymous has noted another great change from the

Anonymous has noted another great change from the days of its beginning here.

The average age of its members is decreasing greatly. When A. A. began its work in Cleveland most of the members were 50 years old. As years went by the average decreased into the 40's. Now it is in the 30's.

Older A. A.'s declared this has been a source of preat satisfaction to them. It means that the men and women coming into the fellowship today have a greater chance for longer years of happiness and are beginning to live soberly before going through sometimes as many as 20 to 30 years of alcoholic misery.

While the meetings have not attracted the crowds

While the meetings have not attracted the crowds that were anticipated the three first meetings were outstanding and the listeners were enthusiastic in their praise.

The meetings are held Tuesday evening at 8:45 sharp. The Brooklyn Group supplies the panel of speakers for Oct. 29, Shaker Heights, Nov. 5, Gordon Square, Nov. 12, and Lee Road (Wednesday) on Nov. 19.

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In recent meetings quite a number of non-members have requested and received literature to give to their relatives and their friends-another justification for the need of these open meetings.

JIM BEERS

The Cedar group mourns the loss of one of its hardest The Cedar group mourns the loss of one of its hardest working members in Jim Beers whose infectious smile and great energy won many a skid-row inhabitant to AA and self respect. A good crowd of AA's attended his funeral at the Salvation Army Citadel on Monday, Oct. 28th. Handicapped by the loss of one of his legs, he was a striking figure at many AA meetings as he dexterously moved about on his crutches greeting his many friends with his ever ready smile. with his ever ready smile.

The services were a splendid tribute to Jimmy and were very capably handled by Major Hoffman and the

Citadel pastor.

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GLENVILLE

This group has been a particularly busy place during October, with Elliott K as chairman. Bob McG. of the Doan Men's gave a particularly helpful lead to young GIs. Jim B. of Lee Wednesday, Art McC., Kay B also gave fine leads. Unusually large crowds nttended the meetings led by Rev. Fr. A of Vermilion and Jack D. and these two held the crowd spellbound.

On October 26th we celebrate our secretary Tony S.'s anniversary. Fittingly we think, for we also will fifth anniversary.

have our annual big Hallowe'en Party.

VALLEY VIEW

The Valley View group has changed its meeting night from Friday to Wednesday night at **8:30.** They meet in the Community Center, W. 7th and Starkweather.

NOONDAY LUNCHEON

For several years there have been, luncheon meetings for downtown AA's on Tuesday noons. They meet in the **Madon** Room, 8th floor, CAC. If, you're downtown drop eat and chat.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

7:00 P M., Tuesday, Nov. 5th, 370 Hanna Bldg.

At the October 1st meeting, 22 Groups answered roll call. Howard B., chairman of the Hospital Committee reported, the sponsorship meetings were not being as well attended as the purpose merits. The meeting between the Hospital Committee and the Hospital Operators is working out well because through such a meeting the the' Hospital Committee and the Hospital Operators is working out well because through such a meeting the operators and the Committee are able to iron out the wrinkles that detract from intelligent hospital contacts. Howard B. asked for guidance in **getting** the full cooperation of all agencies that accept **patients**. out of the discussion that followed the motion was carried to wit: "The Hospital listing in the Bulletin be changed from, "Approved" to "Cooperating" and that only the agencies having a representative at the Hospital Committee meetings be carried on the list. mittee meetings be carried on the list.

Secretary read four newspaper articles from the "Mexico City Universal" which Dick P., so graciously translated for us. They tell of Dick's effort to help people afflicted as we, to get a group started in Mexico City. Dick will give a detailed report at the next Central Committee meeting.

Committee meeting.

The committee was to report back to its members a motion which would change the policy regarding the selection of the Chairman of the Hospital Committee, the new proposal is that the Chairman of the Hospital Committee be elected for a term of one year by the members of Cen-Committee.

In the light of the proposed All Group Meeting falling on Tuesday, and since it is a Central Committee project and should be supported by them, a motion was carried that Central Committee meetings should from this

time forward start at 7:00 o'clock promptly.

LAKEWOOD SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY St. Charles at Detroit, Monday. Nw. 18. 8:30 P. M.

The parent group of West Side Cleveland, organized The parent group of West Side Cleveland, organized seven years ago in Lakewood and often referred to as the Orchard Grove group will celebrate its seventh annual anniversary in their beautiful and spacious quarters on Monday, Nov. 18 at 8:30 p. m.

Most of the West Side neighborhood groups were formed during the gasoline rationing period, and the founders of them received their early training and indectrination in the Lakewood group

The speakers will be Dr. Bob S., one of the cofounders of A. A. and J. Paul S. of Akron one of the first
five in A. A. Doc has been spending the past month in
Vermont, recuperating from a severe illness.

We owe much to these stalwarts, whose high standards have been our inspiration. We'd like to pack the hall and WC can accommodate 500 or more.

The Lorain Avenue Monday group will again forego their regular meeting as they have in past years and will attend as a group.

DOWNTOWN OFFICE CLICKS

Several months ago an appeal for blood donors was made through the columns of the Bulletin. Donors were made through the columns of the Bulletin. Donors were asked to list their availability at the Downtown Office. Most of these were typed at various hospitals. One of these had a particularly rare type of blood-BRH, and an attempt was made to reach him at the address given at the time of typing. He was listed only with annonymous initials of H. H. and frantic efforts were made to locate him at the address given at the time.

Fortunately, he was known at the Downtown Office.

Fortunately, he was known at the Downtown Office and through zealous tracing, he was finally located and quickly sent to St. John's Hospital, where he was able to help in an urgent case. Yes, just another incidental and interesting occurrence in a day at the Downtown Office.

DOWNTOWN OFFICE ADVISORY MEETING Hotel Cleveland, Thursday, Nov. 14. 7:00 P. M.

All groups are requested to send a representative to this important meeting when the 1945-46 report will be read and the 1946-47 budget will be presented for consideration.

It is important that we have an honest and accurate expression from each group and the delegate should be

so instructed.

HOSPITAL COMMITTEE

At the October meeting of the committee and hospital operators, a thorough and comprehensive as well as co-operative discussion was held. The operators present were Farquharson's, Betty Smith's, Tom Tobin's, McGillis',

Kilbane's and Charity.

All were in definite agreement that sponsors would have to be instructed in hospital procedure. That the operators be accorded the privilege of deciding when the patient would be receptive to AA therapy-not an over-zealous and impatient sponsor. That the operators also should be accorded the right to decide the length of calls

made by anyone.

The committee was sure that if this was called to the attention of AA members, the logic of the operators'

request would be self-evident.

HOSPITAL CHANGES

A new nursing home was opened on October 15 at 12910 Detroit Avenue, Lakewood. It is called the William Sheil Home. Treating men only, their facilities include vapor baths and rub down.

Vern gender, who revolutionized nursing home technique, has retired once more and the nursing home is now being operated by Tom T., former secretary of the Lorain Avenue Thursday group. Vern wishes to thank his many friends for their co-operation. He's heading for Florida.

Al Webster has closed his 3730 Euclid location, and now is located in the Fairhill Road-East 116th Street

district. His new telephone number is RAndolph 8069.

DOAN DATA

Member Jack U. (also of Shaker) was Chairman for September. His lead off man was Harry R., who by example and sacrifice of time, has contributed greatly to the growth of AA in the Cleveland area for the past six or seven years. All this in spite or because of a conspicuous schnozzle. He was followed by Nelson B., John W. and old Buck B. Attendance for the four meetings was 847.

We reported in the last issue that Howard B. was hospitalized. He's in circulation again although hc drools something awful when he sees sugar, candy and ice-

We are backing two teams in the Bowling League. Evidently they have not achieved great success as yet, for we know if they had, we would have heard plenty knowing them as we do.

LAKE WOOD-CLIFTON

On' Monday evening, Nov. 18, we are planning a get-together of the first West Side members of AA. Al G. at whose home a number of us got acquainted and got started will be honorary chairman. Clarence S.. Warren C., Elmer L., Pat S. and others of the ten of the original thirteen will speak. Everybody is invited to this novel affair.

The meeting will be held in St. Luke's Catholic Church, Clifton Boulevard between Bunts Road and Chase.

GOBBLE, GOBBLE-BANG!

In reading the copy sent us by Frank L., diligent secretary of the Union group, we sensed that a big time was in store for any AA who entered Novak Hall, 12907. Union Ave., Saturday night, Nov. 23 around 8:30 P. M. The occasion will be the Union Group's annual Turkey Raffle and Bingo Party.

A suckling pig or a large dressed turkey wil! be the door prize. Free checking and free soft drinks. Buffet inch. A goodly stock of nylon stockings will also be raffled off. lunch.

Carlotte Carlotte

Social parties by this group are held on the third **Saturday** of each month.

MILES MEN

This recently formed group is already seeking new quarters. The limited quarters in which this group meets each Friday is already inadequate. We'd like to stay in

territory.
Instead of electing a permanent secretary, we op-

erate with an acting monthly secretary.

PUBLICITY AFTERMATH

A wildeyed man, obviously much the worse for wear because of drink approached the information desk of the Allerton the day after the Press published its lengthy article and wanted to know what time the AA meeting started-and where. He created quite a bit of trouble until the clerk desperately thought of the telephone book. He found AA listed, called the downtown office and gratefully got rid of what was to him an awful headache. Just another run of mine headache for the office however.

NEW YORK ANNUAL DINNER

Annually a considerable number of appreciative and Annually a considerable number of appreciative and grateful AAs from many parts of the country trek to New York to help celebrate Bill W.'s anniversary. It's twelve years on the 7th of November, and the annual dinner will be held on that evening in the Commodore Hotel Grand Ballroom. You may write or wire your reservation to the Intergroup Association of AA, 405 W. 41st St., New York, N. Y. Cost is five dollars per plate.

MINNEAPOLIS CELEBRATES

At its sixth anniversary, the Minneapolis group will At its sixth anniversary, the Minneapons group with honor its founders. Founder's Day banquets had been held **twice** yearly at which one-year members were honored. **These** will be honored at the annual anniversary henceforth. Nicollet Hotel, Saturday, Nov. 16 at 7 o'clock.

YOUNGSTOWN

On Sunday,. November 3 a meeting of former pa-On Sunday, **November** 3 a meeting of former patients of the Lincoln Ave. Hospital in Youngstown will be held for the purpose of developing a greater interest in twelfth step work. Many of the patients after having received the benefit of AA have neglected this very important part of the AA **program**, and have been having trouble. Harry D. of Cleveland will be the guest speaker.

CHARITY NOTES

Jim B. of the Lee Road Wednesday group was the speaker at the regular monthly meeting. Extremely hospital-minded, his approach on sponsorship methods were highly interesting. Jim has enjoyed six years of sobriety and has contributed much of his time to the movement.

ATTENTION, SECRETARIES!

We received a letter from an indignant AA, who while lauding the Bulletin for its excellence (we puffed up with pride when we read them there words) he deup with pride when we read them there words) he deplicated the fact that we seemed to be favoring certain groups and their activities and rarely if ever writing up his group! The letter was signed with initials and therefor anonymous so we could not answer him directly.

There are over 70 groups in the Cleveland area and surely there are many interesting experiences and occurrences as well as important future events or parties planned. Why not let all of Cleveland in on it?

The groups whose activities are regularly reported have specially appointed secretaries, who get their copy

have specially appointed secretaries, who get their copy in to the Bulletin by the 12th of each month.

If it's news, we want it. Won't you please send it in.

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A PRAYER

Please help me understand each day

Thy love and works that sometimes

Seem vague and oh, so hard to see Please help me keep my trust in Thee.

Help me to bear my cross with Thee Oh Lord, please never let me flee Nor give up easy in despair Oh God in Heaven, make me care.

Dear God, please help me do what's

Tho' just a sinner gone astray Please help me if I cannot pray. Show unto me Thy guiding light

Oh please forgive me if I doubt Or feel that I can live without Thy constant graces from above, Don't let me cast away Thy love.

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Thanks Giving

This is the season of the year in which we give thanks to the Divine Power for the fruits of the earth. It is appropriate for us to take time this Thanksgiving Day to meditate on the blessings that have come to us in the last year, and be thankful for our newness of life in the spirit.

It is written in the Epistle of St. dames, which is of special worth to us because that is where our Twelfth Step comes from, that "every good gift and every perfect gift is from above." The "good gifts" are the fruits of the earth, which thrive for our benefit. To win them, we

have to apply ourselves, as tillers of the soil, as miners of minerals, or as workers in useful lines of toil. No man is entitled to receive the fruits of the earth

without doing his share of work. The Perfect Gift, which comes from above, is the Grace of God. It brings us the peace of mind we all so earnestly seek. It brings us understanding of the higher nature of man. It brings us knowledge of Good, which is the realm of the Supreme Power.

This gift, too, must be earnetl. For, knowledge of Good does not persist in the minds of those who arc ton slothful to cease living in evil. Nor can Good occupy the minds of those who yield to pride, or those who habitually speak in anger. Pride and covetousness and envy and anger and sloth and cluttony and lust are deadly evils. gluttony and lust are deadly evils. They are evils that have gripped most of us. They are evils that most of us must consciously seek

to destroy.

It is not enough to be hearers of the word of the Divine Power,

St. James wrote. We must be doers of the word. A man who merely has ceased doing evi! is an empty vessel. The vessel will not remain empty. We can drift, and allow pride and envy to seep in to be followed by lust and gluttony. Or we can consciously strive to make the

gluttony. Or we can consciously strive to make the contents of the vessel good, not merely by hearing what is good, but by hearing and by doing.

St. James s&cl that we should "visit the fatherless and the widows in their affliction, and keep ourselves unspotted from the world." The "fatherless and widows" are any who need help, whether their trouble is with alcohol or with something else. Our Twelfth Step work should not be linked to telling alcoholics how to deal with their sickness. Indeed, the "fatherless and widows" may evel be the members of our own immediate families, who sometimes are in want of more considerate treatment sometimes are in want of more considerate treatment

than they receive from dried-up alcoholtes.

We should have an active interest in the conditions of life around us, political, economic, social and cultural, local, national and international. We should think responsibly ant! do our full part as citizens toward the betterment of the conditions of life.

The best teacher is the one who makes you WANT to learn

The most expensive indulgence is hate. The most dangerous person is a liar.

The greatest trouble-maker is a gossip. The meanest feeling of which a human being can he guilty of is feeling unhappy at another's success.

True Greatness

Many people have expressed a stonishment at the remarkable growth of the AA movement—how in twelve short years an idea grew into a philosophy which has at the present estimate attracteci over 30,000 persons who adopted it as their way of life, when seemingly doomed to a senseless ant! hopeless existence. Twelve years ago all alcoholic didn't have a gueles's charge years ago all alcoholic didn't have a sucker's chance.

The early pioneers have earned our everlasting gratitude for the adherence to the high standards set by Bill and Doc. "Just think," one of our members said, "how long would this have lasted had Bill and Doc lowered their standards a little and permitted one binge a year in the program? A program like t h i s certainly would still have been

better than either of their records had shown before!"

Tes, fortunately for us, they set their standards high, and the entire meir standards high, and the entire philosophy has permeated into 30,000 families, probably, affecting the lives of from four to five times that many people. Just getting sober wasn't the answer. All of us had gotten sober by ourselves many, many times—and got drunk again. It was the application and the absorption of each of the ever-i 111 port a 11 t Twelve Steps that changed our decadent lives into purposeful ones.

What tremendous personality changes took place! Craven, abject, frustrated and beaten individuals guiding light

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M. R. D.

Itustrated and beaten individuals were transformed into humble, firm, confident and happy persons filled with hope and faith, and gratefully did they go out and happily do their Twelfth Step work. No sacrifice was too great of their reward—their reward was their happiness in finding themselves necessary to someone: there finally was a

themselves necessary to someone; there finally was a reason for their existence.

What kinds of people were these early pioneers? Were they endowed with unusual intelligence, great leadership potentials, great sagacity and philosophical or psychiatric knowledge? No, most of them had had just an ordinary Some had high-school and a few college education. educations.

How then did these once-nondescripts we at her their sudden thrust into the limelight? Some fell by the wayside, hut most of them very well, and a few spectacularly well. Those that had the constant success and who grew in stature were those who remained humbly grateful to their Got!, daily living their lives in serene acceptance of God's will.

Human nature asserted itself in many instances as the membership grew. Praise, public acclaim and suddenly acquired prestige in a community which had show11 nothing acquired prestige in a community which had showll nothing hut contempt for these pioneers, tested the ego of ego-starved individuals. It was natural for some of these stalwarts to want to bask in the glare of the spotlights. Some even weathered these temptations to exploit themselves. Some unfortunately did not. Some felt that their seniority 'in AA should accord them special privileges. They refusee to grow with the movement and became moss-barks, and even became mountebanks, discrediting anyone's opinion if it dared to differ from their own. Growing resentful at this lack of appreciation and respect.

several got drunk again.

As we add years to our "age in AA," let us be constantly concerned about the danger of becoming intolerant or pontifical. Seniority does not necessarily merit, and certainly should not demand nor command acceptance of our judgment or opinion.

The secret of the early success of AA--it's present

greatness and its future greatness and growth, lies not in the glory of the individual. AA will remain great and individuals in it will become great only if they recognize that God alone is deserving of full credit for their success.

Praise and adoration is good, shunt it in the direction

it should go.

WE SAW' BILL

Our editorial on Greatness was inspired by our delightful trip to New York on the occasion of Bill W.'s twelfth anniversary. 1'700 men and women from all parts of anniversary. 1'700 men and women from all parts of the country, (including two from Bermuda) were at the banquet at the Commodore on November 7th to honor Bill. With W, Roy and Bert M. we visited the offices and were treated to several evidences of Bill's greatness and humility. 110 attended the informal luncheon for out-of-town visitors. Both Bill and Bobbie B. have been recovering from illnesses. Bill appears to be fit again, but Bobbie hasn't hit on all twelve yet. In the meantime highly capable Charlotte L. (formerly of Cleveland) has kept the office running smoothly. They turn out a tremendous amount of correspondence there in suite of tremendous amount of correspondence there in spite of all us yokel visitors.

POSTCARDITIS

During my short term of three months as substitute secretary of one of the Cleveland groups, I was flooded with postcard announcements to be read at our group. Some secretaries weren't observing the sacred right of the speakers' anonymity, and several even went so far as being offensively frank on the speakers' personal

Now, certainty it is the group's right to do what they want-as long as it remains in bounds of propriety. But it is generally agreed that most members would prefer not to have their names broadcast too far on postcards that anyone might pick up.

Let's have less postcards. Use them only for specific

important occasions.

DOWNTOWN OFFICE CLICKS

Shortly after the office opened,, two years ago, a request came from a major in Crile Hospital for AA help for a veteran who was not responding to their treatment. This major had read about the wonders of AA and turned to this as the last resort to help a veteran in whom he was interested.

Arrangements were made thru the Colonel in charge for an Interview. After tearing up a lot of red tape the man was contacted, and during the talk which lasted about an hour, the major and colonel were quiet but attentive

listeners.

One year later, the colonel, now in retired life as a practicing physician in a neighboring small town, contacted the office again. He had been so impressed with the presentation made by the three men sent to Crile and their success with his patient, that he "wished" another on us-this time a woman-with whom he had been unable to help through medicine. She was hospitalized in Cleveland and returned to her home town, deeply moved by her experience. She was a member of one of the "first families" of the town and fall compalled to guard her families" of the town and felt compelled to guard her secret from the villagers. Once a month regularly she came to Cleveland to attend a group meeting and expressed her gratitude for AA.

Recently she sponsored her first patient-a man. We are told that last Sunday these two, together with two prospects and two AAs from a neighboring town held a meeting and formed the town's first group. Their listing among our out of town groups will appear when perma-

nent quarters are secured.

All hospitalizing arrangements and contacts were made through the Downtown office. Who says we can do with-

NEW YEARS EVE PARTIES

WEST SIDE (open invitation) - St. Wendelin's Hall,

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LEE RD. FRIDAY & CORINTHIANS (members)—Channing Hall. E. 82nd & Euclid Ave.
UNION GROUP (open invitation)—12907 Union Ave.
GLENVILLE (open invitation)—10421 St. Clair Ave.
ROCKY RIVER (open invitation)—St. Christopher's,
Lakeview Ave., Rocky River.
LAKE SHORE (members)—Fairview Community House,

Fairview, Ohio. ('OLLINWOOD (open invitation) —14709 St. ('lair Ave. DOAN MEN'S (limited)—2028 E. 105th.

ALL GROUPS

The All-Groups meetings are rapidly fulfilling the purpose for which they were started. At each meeting there have been new prospects and the November 12th meeting brought seven needy and greatly interested prospects. So far in the six meetings, 19 have affiliated themselves with some group as a direct result of these meetings.

The schedule for the forthcoming weeks is as follows:

November 19 Lee Road (Wednesday
November 26 Lorain Ave. (Monday)
December 3 Glenville
December 10 Rocky River

OFFICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

At the fourth quarterly meeting of the Downtown Office Committee, it was decided unanimously to adopt a budget of \$10,500 for the 1946-47 period. This is \$2400 more than last year, but it was satisfactorily explained that rising costs and increased demands warranted the increase.

Thanks to the over-subscription of several groups, last

year's budget was barely met.
An appeal was made by An appeal was made by Jack D., for more sustal cooperation from all groups. The board was then author-Jack D., for more sustained ized to select a committee for the purpose of enlightening all groups with the work and need of the office to secure fuller cooperation.

It was estimated that an average of about seven dollar?; per member should be the recommended contribu-tion goal. (The cost of a quart of good bonded liquor,

we understand, is more than this sum.)

The office IS necessary. Let who can afford it contribute liberally.

LEE ROAD-WEDNESDAY

our members are mourning the death of the wife of one of our older and valued members. She was Mary Agnes, wife of member Jim B. Our deepest sympathies go out to him.

THE LIFE OF AL and BILL-No. 1

Beginning with this issue we will attempt to portray the conversion of Al to Bill's philosophy of life and we hope with this series to develop an interest in Al's success or failure. Save these issues for the continuity.



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CENTRAL COMMITTEE

The Moderator opened the meeting with a prayer for the repose of the souls of Frank Borth, Earl Appleby, Jim Beers, Charlie Collier and Art Villwock, who passed away in the last month.

29 groups answered roll call.
Hospital Committee: Howard B. submitted the report to the Secretary later. in which he stated that the Committee feels the sponsorship meetings are not being presented to the membership by the Group Secretaries as faithfully as they might be. The Committee further feels, based on the participation of these people who do attend these meetings that they could be of trempedous attend these meetings, that they could be of tremendous benefit to the movement in Cleveland.

The monthly meeting with the approved hospital operators is showing much progress and many of the difficulties

heretofore encountered are being straightened out. Bulletin: Harry D., the editor, reported the subscriptions 1,253. It becomes more necessary that the goal of 1,500 subscriptions be reached because of the increased cost, in publication, due to increased wages in the printers

rade. cost, of paper, etc.

- All Groups Meeting: W. Roy W. reported four meetings having been successfully held in the Allerton Ballroom, but because the attendance so indicated, the meeting has been changed to the Chester Room and will be held there from now on. Roy further reported the Committee had

on cancelled the meetings that formerly were to be held on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve,
Old Business: The motion presented at the October 1
Central Committee Meeting which changed the policy of selecting the Chairman of the Hospital Committee to electing that Chairman for one year was accepted by Central Committee unanimously. The Moderator stressed also the importance of the December 3rd Central Committee presents because at that meeting there will be

also the importance of the December 3rd Central Committee meeting because at that meeting there will be the election of the new officers for 1947.

Bill H. introduced the idea of a Widows and Orphans Fund. Bill presented a sample set-up that is used by several lodges and all the comment from the floor was favorable. At this point a Committee was appointed to investigate its possibilities. The Moderator appointed Bill H. chairman with Harry D. and Ed. A.

COLLINWOOD PLAYERS

It can never be said that the Collinwood group doesn't appreciate all the entertainment which has been provided at different times. On September 30th a skit, The Last Weak End, was put on which had been written by Frank MacN and shortly thereafter when Ace E led a meeting at Ashtabula he praised it so highly that out there they felt it must be well worth seeing, so they arranged a joint meeting of the Ashtabula, Geneva and Conneaut groups and invited the Collinwood crowd to come out there and put on The Last Weak End. At the same time they requested that one of the visitors lead the meeting, which job was taken over by Emil M.

The skit has to do with a courtroom scene in which

Judge Ambrose Soakem has brought before him three prisoners on different charges, all of them resulting from extreme intoxication. Laugh-provoking, the skit brings out, many wild situations but everything is straightened out in the end.

The cordial hospitality and genial fellowship of the hosts gave the Collinwood players and visitors a pleasant feeling of being well repaid for their part in the evening's entertainment.

CHARDON

Attendance at this new group has reached 30 and the group is very enthusiastic. Our meetings start at 9:00 o'clock to allow some of our members time to wipe milk from their hands and the "stuff" from their shoes which accumulates after chores, to hie to the meeting. Mrs. Jean F. is secretary. They meet at St. Mary's Church on Walnesday. Wednesdays.

LORAIN-ANTLERS MOVE

Since November 6th the Lorain-Antlers group have occupied nice, new quarters in St. Mary's School, Reid Ave., between 7th and 8th Sts. They meet on Wednesdays at 8:30 p.m. J. E. H. is secretary.

LAKEWOOD

Lakewood's seventh anniversary promises to attract a large crowd on Monday, November 18th. The Lorain Ave. Monday, W. 25th St., Lakewood Men's and Lakewood Women's groups have cancelled their meetings and are coming in a body. The opportunity to honor Doc S. and J. Paul S. doesn't come too often. We appreciate the unselfishness of the aforementioned groups for their meting.

Our group felt highly complimented at being asked to supply the speakers at the second All-Groups meeting at the Allerton. Our panel of four gave an excellent presentation. They were Bill L., a three month man; Paul S., two years; Art S. with five years of experiment and Stanton McD of over five years of continued sobriety.

HOSPITAL COMMITTEE

After a discussion on the progress of the sponsorship educational plan with the hospital operators, the operators were urged to cooperate in popularizing the Sponsorship

Mrs. Farguharson urged the formation of an association of hospitalizing agencies which should establish standards and be licensed under the city, county and state laws. Already there has been some activity in the welfare department of the state and city and legislation is being prepared for presentation at the next slate session of Legislature for the establishment and building of two state hospitals for the treatment of alcoholism. One institution will be located in or near Cleveland and the other down-state. A great deal of attention is being focused on the alcoholic A great dear of attention is being focused on the alcoholic treatment, problem and it behooves the operators to raise and uphold standards to remain in existence.

Hospitals represented a t the meeting were: MacGillis', Betty Smith's, Wm. Shirl's. Katherine Kilbane's and

Farguharson's.

Katherine Kilbane's Nursing Home has rearranged its facilities and will now hospitalize men as well as women.

Word comes to us that Toledo has set up some fine clubrooms for themselves at 515½ Jackson St. They are open seven days in the week. Whether they hold meetings every night or not we are not fully informed. We do know that they hold their Saturday night meeting at 8:30. There is a snack bar available as well as nicely equipped card rooms.

BORTON

The first group which established itself in Cleveland celebrates the eighth anniversary of its founding on Monday. Nov. 18th. New quarters have been established in Prospect School, Shaw Ave. at Euclid Ave., East Cleveland More details later.

We mourn the loss of, one of our fine members, Chas. Collier. He died Wednesday, October 30.

DOAN DATA

October was another good attendance month. 810 attended the four meetings which were in charge of Clint C. The need of true self-analysis and self-discipline was emphasized by Johnny G., who did an excellent job. Dee II., with over seven years of constancy gave a fine talk on the spiritual phase. Doe F. F. and Max L. completed a highly satisfactory month of AA presentation.

Ree F., one of the East Side women, led an excellent meeting on Sunday, October 20th at the Warrensville Workhouse. A considerable interest is being shown by the inmates in these meetings. The several constant zealous

inmates in these meetings. The several constant, zealous and faithful AAs who make this trek each Sunday are to be commended for their work. Old Buck, who has functioned excellently as chairman for some time has asked to be relieved. He will be succeeded by Art McI. and Pat B.

WATERLOO BECKONS CANTON

Waterloo, Iowa is ballyhooing their December 1st meeting at which they wilt hear Norman Y.. the blind AA enthusiast from Canton, Ohio as well as a member from Cincinnati, Both had visited Iowa on a tour this summer and arrangements were made for them to appear as a real attraction. Norm tells a most impressive story.

CLEVELAND GROUP MEETINGS

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OR US of Alcoholics Anonymous this season marks the passage of one more Christmas anniversary since our beginning over a decade ago. What was then a flickering beacon of hope for those who suffer alcoholism has now become a strong clear light, seemingly destined to reach every alcoholic in his cave, beckoning him to that new life thousands of ns have found.

To us, more than most mortals, Christmas is a time of great joy and thanksgiving. We have been permitted to know how suffering may lead to rebirth, how rebirth may lead to resurrection. As beneficiaries of such a Grace, we are among the fortunate of all people. And let us always believe that we are surely among those the most thankful for His coming at Bethlehem.

So, Merry Christmas to you all from Dr. Bob and Ann, from the Trustees, from Bobbie and the Central Office, from Tom Y. and the Grapeviners—and from Lois and me.

Affectionately,
Bill

The Rebirth

This is the season of rebirth in the forces of nature, when the dying sun reaches its lowest point and begins Lo retrace its steps. There is still a period of darkness and tried that was all as and trial that we call winter, hut the growth of the heat as the sun continues on its new course finally enables vegetation to burst out anew, to grow and to thrive. As spring advances into summer, we see nature in the fulness of life.

This, too is the season of spiritual rebirth, the season in which the spirit of man is born again, the season in which the spirit of man receives the grace that enables him to "cast away the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

The season is of particular significances to US, since we have been reborn again in a special sense. We were reborn when we accepted the fact that we had become alcoholics, that we were powerless over alcohol and our lives were unmanageable. In our rebirth, we turned to a power greater than ourselves. In (lue season, we observe the beginning of spiritual growth. That growth will continue and give us seed for greater growth as long

we continue in that growth.

We have to cultivate our new growth by turning continuously to the Divine Power. We have to cultivate our new growth hy daily inventory, by rooting out. the weeds of pride, of covetousness, of envy, of anger, (If sloth, of gluttony, of lust. Any one of these weeds, left to thrive, will crowd out our new growth. Finally we have to (levelop our new growth by giving something of ourselves to others.

Those of us who are new in this new way of life, still have to learn the first steps in personal control. We have to be thorough and honest with our inventories and diligent in our work. We must avoid the temptation of making a n exception whether an exception in taking "one little drink," or an exception in some kind of wrongdoing.

Those of us who are not new in this new may of life, still have to learn. Some of us still have to learn the first steps, still have to learn not to make exceptions. Others of us may have reached the level at which we can learn something on the positive side of good.

Pride and covetousness and gluttony and anger and envy and sloth and lust are the great sins that me have to watch all the time. We must learn too, to develop in the virtues. When we have learned prudence and temper-(Continued on page two)

Isolation

Webster's dictionary defines isolation as follows: To set aside; to place apart; to insulate, as, he insul insulate, as, he insulated himself from all societ y.

We chose this title as our subject for discussion, rather than the subject of "cooperation" which is the primary purpose of this writing. For conditions have developed recently which require the earnest consideration of every member of the Cleveland area. And similar conditions can arise elsewhere as alcholics get themselves straightened around and when liquor isn't the top obsession. The natural neurotic instincts of an alcoholic make him restless with a sedentary existence. He needs action, If this action-demand is directed and controlled in the right direction great good can be accomplished.

When one stops to consider the "dynamite" contained in the great assortment o f personalities gathered in the folds of the AA movement, it's remarkable—yes miraculous—that the basic principles of AA are still live and dormant. Truly it is only by the grace of God that it is But as obstacles arise such as clashing of personalities, differences of opinion on group operation, differences of opinion on inter-group cooperation, calm, sober and patient consideration for the penultimate good must prevail.

In the early, struggling days of AA when there were no rules or standards o f operation, t h e early pioneers collaborated with each other in spite of violent differences of opinion. Was it fair and was it wise and were unselfishness, honesty, love and purity the prime motives? Would it enable the individual to most ably help another? Decisions were weighed according to these standards. They were interesting and exciting times.

Naturally as the movement grew swiftly to tremendous proportions there were greatly divergent opinions on procedure. Some of the old-timers still feel that the old "horse and buggy" technic is the only and best may. They, with their seniority and their record of performance are still rightfully regarded with respect, deep appreciation and loyalty, because of gratitude for their deliverance. Some of these—and we're glad there are only a few—decry the need of supporting Central Committee supporting Central Committee, The New York Foundation, the Downtown office or any group-cooperative endeavor. They advocate isolation and thereby insulate the group in which they hold sway from participation in doing the greatest amount of good for

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A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year

THE RE-BIRTH

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ance and justice and fortitude, then we may $k now \ also$ faith and hope and charity.

As we tight the lights of this Cristmas season and thus celebrate our rebirth, our newness of life, may we feel the the elessing that comestous from Godthe Father Almighty, and may we face the new year with determination to continue our growth in the things that are good.

ISOLATION

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the greatest number of people in the shortest possible time

In the old "horse and buggy" days, a west-sider often contacted an east-side prospect or vice versa—and all too often the contact was made days and weeks after the call was made. Compare that with the service the Downtown Office renders. Now, except in particular casees, a member or secretary is assigned a call in his immediate neighborhood, and the contact is usually made within a few hours, before the prospect has changed his mind.

We're for the present method, which sifts out unnecessary and needless calls, allows members a less heetle and less sacrificing existence, widens our scope and gives us a greater chance to learn from newer and younger members how best to serve our prospects. We still have much to learn in welfare activity.

Our primary purpose is service, better and better service, and if we can improve it by streamlining it, let's do it. Issues should be settled on what is right, not on who is right.

Beware of isolation! We still have an awful lot to learn.

BEING NEIGHBORS

No group can afford to be isolationist! (Read editorial.)

The story is told of a man who moved into a new neighborhood which he did like especially and so informed his nearest neighbor that he expected to be independent. That he would neither ask nor accept favors, neither lend nor borrow. A few months passed and the man enjoyed his independence. The neighbors saw to it that he was left severely alone. But one day his house caught fire on the roof and tic found tie had no ladder long enough to reach the roof. One of his sugglors possessed just a ladder but the neighbor reminded him of his expresses.

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"No, I will not lend you my ladder" replied the neighbor "but I will take it over and put the fire out in your residence, on which I have no insurance." The man felt upon his knees and entreated his neighbors to enter upon a new covenant, to be neighborly, helpful, lending and borrowing as the needs might arise. Sometimes people get the idea they can live alone and do not need a friend, but it is all a delusion.

-Camel Club Chronicle

WHY WORRY

There are only two things to worry about. Either you are well or you are sick. If you are well, there is nothing to worry about. But if you are sick, there are two things to worry about. Either you will get well or you will die. If you get well there is nothing to worry about. If you die, there are two things to worry about. Either you will go to heaven, or you will go to hell. If you go to heaven, there is nothing to worry about. But if you go to hell, you'll be so damned busy shalting hands with your friends you won't have time to worry.

—Seaman's Club Rope Yarn

Holiday Warning-Don't take that first drink!

ORGAN RECITAL

One of Cleveland's foremost organists, and a very active member, Vince P. will give a Christmas concert in conjunction with the West High School A Capella Choir at the Euclid Ave. Congregational Church, 9606 Euclid Ave., on Sunday, Dec. 22, at 8:00 p. m. There will be no service.

All AA's are invited to attend.

SPECIAL HOSPITAL BULLETIN

A distinct blow was handed to the future alcoholic patients who thoughtfully provided themselves with hospitalization insurance before going on a binge when the Cleveland Hospital Service Association filed suit in Common Pleas Court to determine the status of nine nursing homes and whether they qualify for hospitalization insurance payments for alcoholism.

The organization contended that the institutions are chiefly devoted to the care of alcoholic patients, are not open to the public 24 hours a day, are not equipped for medical or surgical care of bed patients and are operated

for profit.

Some repeators have abused the priveleges, and have probably provoked the situation thereby affecting the decision. But the number of applications by nursing homes newly organized caused the investigation and the privilege was taken away from all nursing homes.

This has been in effect since December 5th. Sponsors should be careful in making proper financial arrangements BEFORE applying to the institutions for admit-

tance of their patients.

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SMORGASBORD

A whole family of four adults were recently hospitalized at one time at Katherine Kilbane's Nursing Home. A mother, father, daughter and the father's brother. The sponsor, believe it or not, was a non-alcoholic taxidriver of a town about 50 miles from Cleveland.

This taxi-driver had interested himself in AA upon daily observing the miracle of AA in a member who lived in his town. He marveled at the transformation

in this man's character.

One day last month he had as his passenger the mother and he proceeded to tell her about AA as he drove her to her home. There he found the family in a similar condition and he continued to talk about the wonders of AA.

As a result, he contacted the man he had been impressed with, went to Youngstown for further information and then taxied the entire family to the nursing home. He was so interested he made a special trip of his own to visit them during their hospitalization as well as coming to pick them up to drive them home.

And some people think our actions aren't being noticed! It behooves every one of us to keep our standards of behavior high. A thousand eyes are on us. Who knows whom we might have impressed?

BOUND BULLETINS AVAILABLE

A plan to wipe out a part of the Bulletin deficit was OK'd by Central Committee at the December meeting. We had planned to bind 100 copies of volumes III and IV but found only 78 copies of one issue, so only 78 bound volumns are available. Many fine editorials and articles are contained in these 24 issues and we believe will offer a good deal of help for every possessor.

We are asking a minimum of \$5.00 per book. To those admirers who sent us "appreciation checks" of five dollars and more we will mail a complimentary book

properly inscribed.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank the many people who have encouraged us with their letters of appreciation.

To all our readers we extend our sincere holiday greetings.

WATCH YOUR HOLIDAY STEPS

We trust every member will be on his guard during the coming holidays. Don't take that innocent-looking drink! Just because a general atmosphere of convivality prevails, don't start to drool and let your desire get the best of you. You should know by now that an alcoholic can't take that first drink! That means you! You simply cah't afford to gamble!

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

An excerpt from the pamphlet "AA in Cleveland" entitled "Central Committee" was read.

Treasurer's Report: Bert M. gave the balance as

\$55.34 with two outstanding bills unpaid.

Hospital Committee: Howard B. in his report, stated that the committee's success in getting the operators and owners together, eliminated their chief gripe, which was that favoritism was being shown to certain institutions by the Downtown Office. By all getting together the operators found that the office sends no business to any These operators found that it was just plain institution. good business to cooperate with the Hospital Committee's suggestions. Further, they found that there had been not one written complaint regarding the hospitals turned in by any member since July 1. The Sponsorship Meetings sponsored by the Hospital Committee to eliminate haphazard sponsorship had made progress, but should have been better attended. In answer to a question from the floor, Howard stated that the committee felt that they had been able to get the institutions to cooperate better with each other and to clarify the responsibilities of the membership as differentiating from those of the operators. All Croups Meeting: In the absence of W. Roy W., Harry D. read the report that in 8 meetings the attendance had been exactly 900. The meetings were not successful financially, but all expenses had been paid and there will be no call for funds from the Central Committee. The operation is self-sustaining as it is now set up. active members of the committee believe that the meetings should be continued after the first of the year, since these meetings have a mission which the individual groups cannot perform. At every meeting there has been more than one definite contact for an inquiring individual with

Howard B. gave the report at the meeting of the Downtown Office Promotional Committee born out of the November 14th meeting. There has been formed a committee of 20 members, 10 to work on the East Side and 10 to work on the West Side, to contact each group. The groups will be visited and the secretaries asked permission to talk to the members of the groups to give them the particulars strictly on the basis of merit.

Widows and Orphans Fund Committee: Bill H., Chairman of the Committee, presented the proposal which will be included with the minutes. The proposal was read to

the Committee by the Moderator.

New Business: The regular election of officers was held. The results were: John W., Moderator, Harry D., Vice Moderator, Bert M., Treasurer and Jack U., Chairman of the Hospital Committee. All were elected unanimously.

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CROSSROADS

The Crossroads group, meeting at Euclid Ave. Baptist Church in downtown Cleveland on Saturday nights have been attracting unusually fine crowds at their meetings. James McA, is their new secretary. Franklin S. is the chairman for the month of December.

VALLEY VIEW

The Valley View group wishes to stress the fact that they are located in the very heart of Cleveland and not in its suburbs. They meet in the Administration Bldg. of the Valley View Home Project on Starkweather and W. 7th St. It's a fertile territory and the members are enthusiastic.

EUCLID INVITES

The Euclid group will celebrate New Year's Eve at St. Paul's Church, E. 200th and St. Clair and invite all AA's to come and see the new year in with them.

FARQUHARSON'S

The increased cost of operation has necessitated increasing the charge for hospitalization at Farquharson's Home to \$60.00 for five days. Trained nurses are in attendance for the full twenty-four hours.

HISTORICAL CORRECTION

There were several ambiguities in the Borton item in the November Bulletin which we hasten to correct. It will also enable us to give facts which should have been published in these columns before, as a matter of record of Cleveland's history.

The first known Cleveland AA who traveled to Akron for indoctrination was Lloyd (Hezzy) T.; the second was Bill J.; the third was Art. V.; the fourth Clarence S.; the fifth Charlie J.; the sixth John D.; the seventh Vaughn P.; and the eighth Abbie G. at whose home finally the first contingent met, not as a group, for there was no organization then, nor was one contemplated. That was over eight years ago.

As the numbers increased an eastside group was formed, calling itself the Borton group and the westside Lakewood group was also organized. This was in mid-November SEVEN years ago--not eight as announced

in the Bulletin.

TWO NEW GROUPS

Two new groups were formed during the past several weeks in very fertile territories. One is the Superior group which meet on Tuesday evenings at 8:30 p. m. in the Immaculate Conception Hall, E. 43rd and Superior. They held their first meeting on November 20.

The other group which started auspiciously on Tuesday, December 3rd, is called the Clark Ave. Group and meets in Bohemian Hall, at 4314 Clark Ave. A nice crowd heard Jack S. of the Wyandotte group give a fine

falk.

LAKEWOOD ANNIVERSARY

Between 400 and 450 persons attended the Seventh anniversary of the founding of this group. They heard Paul S. of Akron give one of his fine leads as well as honoring Doc Bob, the co-founder. Doc made his first appearance after a confining illness and was unable to speak. We're bappy that he's well on the road to recovery and his presence and Paul's talk inspired every-

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EUCLID WADE

Children's Xmas Party-Dec. 23, 1946—Calvary Presbyterian Church, E. 79th and Euclid Ave., 7:30 p. m. Gifts for every child Entertainment.—Games—Hot Dogs, Ice Cream and Cookies all for the children-Adults are welcome but must be quiet. Euclid-Wade plays Santa

Euclid-Wade will be closed Xmas Eve., Tuesday Dec. 24th but will be open and hold their regular meeting New Year's Eve., Tuesday, Dec. 31.

Everybody is welcome,

CORINTHIAN WIVES ACTIVE

The Corinthians, a social group composed of members who have enjoyed sustained sobriety for a minimum of one year, have decidedly cooperative wives. Fifteen of them meet every other Tuesday where they discuss ways and means of helping the AA movement. They have They have coined a name for themselves yelept AID 'ET, which partially explains their purpose. Naively we wonder which part they emphasize, the "AID" or the "ET", or doesn't "ET" mean what we think it is?

SMITH-WILSON

There will be no meeting of this group on the 24th or 31st, because of the holidays, but a meeting will be held on Sunday, December 29th at 8:30. On January 7th we will again resume our regular Tuesday night meetings.

NEW BOOKLET

The new booklet "AA in Cleveland" is a splendid, well written story giving a complete and informative story on AA, Cleveland style. It is particularly necessary to the newer members who are seeking factual informa-

CLEVELAND GROUP MEETINGS

MONDAY
BORTON Prospect School, Shaw at Euclid., E. Cleveland 8:45
FAIRMOUNT—St. Paul's Episc. Church, Fairmount & Coventry 8:30 LAKEWOOD—Community Center Bldg., Detroit Ave. & St. Charles 8:30
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Bunts & Chase
RAKEWOOD CHIFTON St. Luke's Couren, Chicon Brut, between Bunts & Chase 8:30
MEMPHIS-RIDGE 7424 Taunton Ave.
PEARL Good Counsel Hall, 4427 Pearl Rd
SHAKER HEIGHTS -Christ Episcopal Church, 3451 Warrensville
Center Rd.
WEST 25TH STMarvel Hall, 2858 W. 25th St
WOMEN'S West Side, St. Helena's Church, 1367 W, 65th
WOMEN'S (Third Monday each month) 601 The Arcade9:00 VERMILION, O. Contact anyone of the three churches8:30
TUESDAY
*A11.GROUPS Alberton Hotel E 13th & Chester promptly at 8:45
CHARITY - Last Tues, of each month Charity Hosp. Nurses' Aid8:30
ARCADE Euclid Ave. Baptist, E. 18th & Euclid 8:30 CHARITY Last Tues, of each month Charity Hosp. Nurses Aid 8:30 CLARK Bohemian Hall, 4314 Clark Ave. 8:30 EAGLE TRAINING Salvation Army, E. 9th & Eagle 8:00
EUCLID-WADE Calvary Presbyterian Church, E. 19 & Euclid.
LAKE SHORE Community Center Bidg., St. Unaries & Detroit
Dinner at 7:00 P. MMeeting
SMITH-WILSON Nativity School, 9510 Actua Road
SUPERIOR Immaculate Conception, E. 43rd and Superior 8:30 WEST SIDE MEN'S St. Patrick's Hall, Bridge Ave. near W. 38th. 8:50
LORAIN, O. Community Hall, 23rd and Beech Sts. 8:00
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LORAIN, O. ANTLERS St. Mary's School, Reid Ave., between 7th and 8th St. St. Mary's School, Reid Ave., 8:30
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PAINESVILLE, O. 33 N. State St., Third Floor 8:30 SPONSORSHIP Central Comm., 2nd & 4th Thurs., 2028 E 405th 8:30
FRIDAY
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LEE ROAD 1637 Lee Road 8430
MILES MEN'S Stag Group, 4111 E. 116th St. 8:30 ROCKY RIVER St. Christopher's Hall, Lakeview of Detroit Rd. 8:30
NEWBURGH 3684 E. 93rd St., Corner Inman Ave. 8:30
"999 St. Mary's Catholic Church Hall, 15519 Holmes S:30 NORTHEAST 2028 E. 105th St
LORAIN-AVON 1112 W Erie St., Lorain, O. 8:30 BEREA Social room of Berea Cong. Church, Seminary and Church
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EUCLID, O. St. Paul's Church, E. 200th St. off St. Clair 8:30
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CENTRAL COMMITTEE Hanna Building, Room 370 7:00
MORNING MEETINGS
Wednesday Mornings COLLINWOOD 14709 St. Clair Ave. 11:00 A. M.
Thursday Mornings WEST SIDE 7403 Denison Ave. 10:30 A. M.
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	Upper Arlington-Grandview, 1st Community
Church, 1320	Cambridge Pl. 9:00
ERIE, PA. Perry	Group, 1110 Parade St 8:30
FREMONT O. E	ik's Lodge Bldg., Crogban & Justice Sts 8:30

GLENVILLE GROUP

Another year has rolled by, and as the Holiday Season approaches, we are happy to announce our usual Glenville Parties.

There will be a Children's Party, Dec. 20th., with gifts for all the Youngsters. Our regular "Christmas Party" for the grownups, will be on Dec. 21st., and our "New Year's Party" Dec. 31st.

All members o f A, A, and their families are welcome at these parties. Those having children attending the children's party, please notify the group of the number and age of the children.

Johnny I I., our downtown Secretary, was guest chairman for November, and brought some splendid speakers to the "mike." Taking 011 this chore with all the other activities his official position entails, is real Twelfth Step work for which we offer our sincere thanks.

WAN DATA

Four years ago on November 5th, Paddy F. found hi., way into the fellowship of AA. He ha:, been very active since joining and he radiates happiness. He hasn't missed a meeting during these four years and in November the acted as chairman. Fittingly, the attendance records w e r e broken for the four meetings conducted by him--878 attending.

His selection of speakers were "tops." They included t h e inspiring Norman Y of Canton; Rev. Fr. A., an alcoholic, and who attracted 278 listeners; Bill M., the swashbuckler who celebrated his fifth anniversary of continued sobriety with his usual power and color; Bill H., who helped one of his boys "Old Buck" celebrate his fifth. A massive birthday cake was speedily demolished by the hungry wolves.

The New Year's Eve party promises to be a real affair. Entertainment starts at 9:15--dancing from 10

to 2. A sumptous repast will be provided.

Holiday Warning—Don't take that first drink!

CHARITY NOTES

Frank W., emphasized cooperation in his talk before 110 former patients, as well as the need for intelligent sponsorship. Ham sandwiches and coffee were a welcome surprise.

WEST SIDE MEN'S

The second anniversary of this group was celebrated by a crowd of 350 who heard the Rev. Fr. A. deliver a stirring and impressive AA talk.

LAKEWOOD CLIFTON

The round-up of old timers attracted about 150 people on Nov. 18. The meeting attracted many seven year men, most of whom made short talks. Al. G., at whose home many got their start in AA was honorary chairman of the meeting.

Visitors came from Mansfield and Shelby and many of the local groups.

BORTON CELEBRATES

On Monday evening November t 8th the Borton Group celebrated the 7th anniversary of their formation. It was held at their new location. Prospect School, Shaw at Euclid, East Cleveland.

Toni F- as chairman introduced Jack D- who then took over as the principal speaker and gave an impressive talk on the principles of AA and the results that could be expected from their application in finding a more satisfactory way of life.

A number of the original members were present. After the meeting pot luck supper was served try the wives of the members, under the supervision of Dorothy R- wife of Secretary Felix.

On Monday, December 23rd and 30th only, the Borton Group will meet at East Cleveland Congregational Church, corner of Page and Euclid Ave.

After January 1, 1947, meetings will be resumed at Prospect School as usual.

EAST SIDE BOWLING LEAGUE Including Sunday, December 8, 1946

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Corinthian No. 1 30	12	Doan Bears 20	
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Euclid Group 25	17	South East No. 3 19	
Euclid W. Hearts 24	18	Glenville No. 2	24
Euclid W. Diamonds 24	18	Smith Wilson 18	24
Broadway 55th 23	19	Young People 17	25
Doan Tigers 22	20	Crossroads 15	27
Mt. Pleasant No. 2 22	20	Borton Red 13	29
Corinthians No. 2	21	Cedar 9	33
Euclid W. Spades 20	22		

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PITTSBURGH

Our own W, Roy W, was one O the speakers at the sixth anniversary celebration of the Pittsburgh group which attracted a great crowd. Clarksburg W. Va. and Johnstown, Pa. sent a goodly delegation and Youngstown sent 70 i two busses. n

BOSTON, MASS.

One of the pleasant memories of our trip to New York to participate in Bill's twelfth anniversary party was our

long talks with the Boston delegation.

They had celebrated their sixth anniversary of Greater They had celebrated their sixth anniversary of Greater Boston and New England with a banquet on October 22nd in the Copley Plaza. There were 550 at the affair with many o u t of town guests. There were five speakers from Montpelier, Springfield, Hartford, Boston and Charlotte 1.. of the New York Foundation.

The meeting was conducted under the auspices of the Central Service Committee. Their All-Groups meetings are held every Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. a t 30 Huntington Ave. Boston and each meeting is handled by one of the

Ave. Boston and each meeting is handled by one of the groups in the New England set up.

Inimitable and affable Arthur D, is the executive sec-

retary and seems to b e quite a sparkplug. The entire contingent seemed to radiate good will and happiness.



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PORT CLINTON, O.— K. of C. Hall, 117 Madison Av TOLEDO, O.—Highland Park Shelter House WARREN, O.—Welsh Club, High St. (second Thurs	8:30
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