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## Editorial -The Pit

*I waited patiently for the Lord, and He inclined unto me and heard my calling.*

*He brought me also out of the horrible pit, out of the mire and clay, and set my feet upon the rock, and ordered my doings.*

*And He hath put a new song into my mouth, even a thanksgiving unto the Lord."-Psalm 40. (Ps. 39 in Douay Version.)*

This is the song of ten thousand triumphs over the pit and the mire, of ten thousand whose feet are upon the rock, whose doings are ordered, whose goings are established. It is the song of ten thousand who have turned to a Power greater than their own and have found that with their earnest devotion that Power has heard their calling.

We were in the horrible pit, in the mirey clay, through headstrong devotion to ourselves, through insistence on making our own laws, through bullheaded effort to master alcohol in which we were taking flight.

We called upon our sick wills, mustered our determination again and again. We flourished for awhile and then fell back into the mire.

We used our unguided wills to wrong ends, to enjoy evil. We persisted in our egotistical efforts to go our own way. We derided all suggestions that the experience of mankind throughout the ages had anything to teach us.

The time came when we found ourselves in the pit and unable to get out, in the mire and unable to rise. Our strivings only heightened the disaster.

"Out of the deep" we called, and perhaps we heard no answer. Yet, when we called to something outside ourselves, we admitted that we no longer could find any resources in our own unique wills, we no longer help ourselves while walking alone.

This is the beginning of correction. When we called again from the deep, our voice was heard. A hand reached us to lead us to the rock.

How strong was our hope that the rock would be real-how fervent our thanksgiving when we found it was real!

Some of us, still very little children, have expected magical change the moment we set foot on the rock, like the magical changes in the fairy stories in which ugly beasts are made charming princes or beautiful girls.

Yet, most of us have been old enough, adult enough, to realize that after so many years of waywardness, so many years in which we knew no law but our own, so many years in which we sought to enjoy the fruits of evil, we would have much to learn. Our hearts and minds (actually, our nervous systems) are so full of evil experience that our reactions run automatically in the old channels.

When we have called to the Power greater than our own and have received a hand, we have made a beginning. Instruction comes next, and during instruction, we must

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## Just Be Glad

"Be glad you don't *hmfat!*"

This little sentence, following the remark "Don't feel sorry for yourself because you *can't* drink," sank home and highlighted a most interesting and instructive talk by Doc. C. C. H. at a recent Berea Fine Arts meeting. The portly optometrist summed up his five years of continued sobriety by emphasizing the need of finding joy in working for others.

Complete surrender is difficult for most newcomers in the movement and the shedding of old habits, thoughts and inclinations offer the greatest obstacles to attaining the peace of mind and happiness so alluringly promised.

Some get just enough AA to cause them to be unhappy. They hate the simple "musts" that AA restricts them with, such as you *must* admit you're powerless over alcohol; you *must* believe in a Power greater than yourself and you *must* turn your life and will over to Him; you *must* take an inventory-an *honest one*; you *must* admit to God, yourself and to another person, the exact nature of your wrongs and not hold anything back; you *must* make a list of all people you've harmed and you *must* make amends; you *must* pray *daily* for knowledge of His will and the power to carry it out; you *must* carry this message to other in grateful appreciation to Him for giving you freedom; you *must* attend meetings regularly!

Must, must, must! To an alcoholic that's like waving a red flag in front of a mad bovine! But *must* it *must* be if you want sobriety badly enough. Your success and eventual happiness is predicated on the measure of which you absorb the *musts*.

Look around you. Who are the happy ones? They're the ones who learned not, to question the program and in their desperation accepted it

in blind faith and with *complete surrender*. Then look at the unhappy ones-those that won't do this, don't like that, *won't* find time for Twelfth Step work, carp, complain, ridicule and wear expressions as though they had been weaned on a pickle.

Yes, learn from these also, for they're the ones who will do your experimenting for you. They'll test themselves to prove that they're not as bad alcoholics as others, and don't have to observe all the *musts*. Visit them in the hospital and listen to their self-pity and self-justification. You too will agree with the good doctor, when he said "*Don't feel sorry for yourself because you can't drink-be darn glad you don't hmfat!*"

Woman is an extravagant creature, but here are a few things she doesn't do:

Shoot two bucks worth of shells at a two-bit rabbit. Buy a 55-cent meal and give the waitress a quarter for smiling at her. Hire a boat for \$50.00 to get where the fish ain't. Play her winnings from a roll of quarters hack into the one-arm bandit. Pay \$8.00 for a quart of liquor. Buy the house a drink when she owes the rent, the butcher, etc.

**MEET THE SUCCESS FAMILY**

The father of **Success** is-Work.

The mother of **Success** is-Ambition.

The oldest son is-Common Sense.

Some of the other boys are-Perseverance, Honesty; Thoroughness, Cooperation, Enthusiasm and Foresight.

The oldest daughter is-Character.

Some of the other daughters are—Care, Cheerfulness, Economy, Sincerity, Courtesy and Loyalty.

The baby is-Opportunity.

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Get acquainted with the "old man" and you will be able to get along pretty well with the rest of the family.

## EDITORIAL-THE PIT

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wait patiently for the Lord's ways to be revealed to us, wait **patiently** while we learn how to reject the evil suggestions **that** come out of our **old** lives and put in **their** place a growing knowledge of good.

The Power greater than our own inclined unto us and heard our calling, and put our feet upon the rock and ordered our doings. All these the Power did as we applied ourselves to learning what we should do.

"He hath put a new song" into the mouths of those among us who have placed themselves most fully in the hands of the Supreme Power, who have sought most diligently to learn His ways.

It is well to keep our feet upon the rock. The Devil says, "Sit down, Son, take a load off your feet. Dangle your feet in the refreshing waters." Then he whispers, "How about a little Bourbon?"

That, as some have learned, is an **old** song. It is the prelude to the cry that comes out of the depths, a cry that can be avoided by those who wait patiently for the Lord, who keep their feet **on** the rock, and follow the Divine order that generations upon generations of men have discovered is the order that leads to peace and happiness.

## LIFE IS TOO SHORT TO BE LITTLE

This is a world filled with trouble for all of us. It **doesn't** matter who we are, how highly **educated** or **uneducated** we may be, we all see both **bright** and **dark** mental pictures.

Many people go through life wearing smoked mental glasses and never realize there **are** many **happy** hours to be enjoyed if they could change their thinking and learn how much unhappiness they cause for themselves because they cannot make others act or think the way they believe they should.

At times I feel disgusted; not only with myself, because of the way I sometimes think and act, but with the way other people think and act.

If we were wise enough to realize how little we know and stop trying to make others think we have more of what it takes to get along in this world than we really have, it would help us.

"The top" is never reached. When we feel we "have arrived" we soon learn we have **just** begun and the more we depend upon ourselves to reach **our** objective the steeper the hills and the more crooked the **road** we are traveling become.

How little we really are and how difficult it is for many of us to realize our weaknesses. Of course, **many** of **us** do, but we still put on the same old "phony front" and **seem** to enjoy making ourselves unhappy by trying to make a good impression. **Many** men and women who spread manure **around** the farm yard barn lot when **young**, **saturate** themselves with **rank** perfume because **the manufacturer** claims it is the "daintiest of daintiest" odor. **Of course, they** cannot be blamed. After gears of **cow** manure **all** over one's clothes perhaps a change of smell really does some people good.

Man has found a formula for most everything learned men have discovered, but **no** man has discovered a way to carry on alone. We must have, and do receive, "outside" help. If not, we will stumble and fall and eventually be unable to rise.

Every morning, before I start out to "battle" for a living, in a world we know is filled with fakers, demagogues and "make believe" people, I thank **my** Creator for what little I know, the understanding He has given me and the many blessings with which He has showered me.

If I were to believe what little success I have **had** was accomplished because of my own personal **knowledge** or good judgment I would be assuming too much for myself.

I want to be myself-an individual. It doesn't matter how little I know, the fact that "Something" helps me is all that matters.-Author unknown.

## MAD RIVER GROUP

The portentous sounding Mad River Group holds meetings each Monday at 8:30 in Carney Hall, Urbana, Ohio.

## DR. THOMPSON

Perhaps there is no such a thing as the irreplaceable man, but those whose lives were touched by Dr. Joseph R. Thompson will not assent to that easily. Dr. Thompson's death takes away a great physician and humanitarian, a man held in highest respect in his profession and deeply in the hearts of those for whose aid he gave unsparingly of his time and talents.

Dr. Thompson's 40-year career in medicine was centered about St. Ann's Maternity Hospital, where he devoted himself to the welfare of thousands of homeless and fatherless babies, in addition to a demanding private practice. To give them a chance to live and grow equally with those who came into the world under more promising circumstances, Dr. Thompson literally worked day and night. It was his great contribution to the common good, and it was wholly unselfish.

Dr. Thompson will be missed at St. Ann's, and in his professional circles. He set an inspiring example to scores of young doctors who came under his supervision. It was a full and satisfying life that came to an untimely end.

The above editorial appeared in one of the Cleveland newspapers and we reprint it verbatim. To us in AA circles his untiring work in AA left an indelible imprint and many a spirit was lifted and strengthened through him. He had the delightful faculty of explaining the program with utter simplicity and his beautiful faith and complete submission to God's will became infectious.

Yes, we too will sorely miss him, but we thank God for permitting us to learn from him these past live years.

The eternal life of which he so often spoke is now a part of his experience.

## DICK MILLER

A valued member of the Borton Group, Dick Miller, passed away suddenly on December 17. We join with the Group in offering our sincere sympathy to his bereaved family.

## WE LOSE OUR SPUR

We're downhearted and depressed! We feel like a ship without a rudder! Our "very necessary to us" prod has left us to take a responsible position in Chicago.

You see, we're a procrastinator. It's an awful habit which we're trying to lick. We needed the smooth, quiet, efficient urging for action which W. Roy W. supplied us on the 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th of every month. His methods were subtle and smooth and more often than not he'd never leave us until all the copy was written and sent over to the lintoypers.

He leaves Cleveland in a dickens of a spot. He was secretary of the highly efficient Doan Men's Group. He was a member of the executive staff of the Downtown Office where they claim they will need three men to replace him. He was chairman of many important committees and did such a thorough job that we can never thank him enough.

But he won't take any bows. In his book, he doesn't want applause. But we insist on giving it in these columns. He won't read this proof.

Best of success, Roy. Thanks! We'll miss you like the dickens!

## ORGAN RECITAL

The second in a series of organ recitals by our noted fellow member, Vince P., will be given on Sunday, January 19, in Euclid Avenue Congregational Church. All are invited.

The Christmas Concert was beautiful and Vince was in excellent form. The West Hi A Capella Choir also pleased the audience.

The third concert will be given February 16 with a splendid oratorio and concert tenor from Oberlin as soloist.

## REWARD

A post card from Youngstown's Howard W. reveals that he's finally out of the doghouse. He writes, "It looks like the wife has a lot of faith in AA. Seeing me sober for 16 months, she must be convinced, for she bought me a swell Gruen wrist watch for Christmas. Prior to this Christmas she never got me anything that could be hocked or sold for the price of a hottle."

## ALL-GROUPS MEETINGS

The All-Groups meetings opened on January 7 after a holiday rest with an auspicious start. Jim C. and Larry O'C. did a magnificent job of presenting the program. The Union Group supplied the four speakers for the 14th and also gave an excellent presentation. Collinwood supplied the speakers for the 21st and promise four of their best from this old and large group.

Thirty new members were added to the AA rosters scattered throughout the town through hearing of AA at these eleven meetings that have been held. Being "open meetings" they attract those who want to hide their identity before they admit they have a problem. We received a letter from a woman who was not an alcoholic who attended a meeting and was thrilled. She gave us two names to follow up and wants to be advised when and if we have a woman speaker.

If you haven't attended a meeting, attend one. They'll impress you. Ailtron Hotel, E. 13th anti Chester, at 8:45 sharp.

## BOWLING NEWS

In the East Side League the Gienville No. 1 team continues to hold the lead over the battling Corinthians and Mt. Pleasant No. 2 team, although four games separate the leaders from the latter two teams who are tied for second. The Cedar team pulled out of last place by winning 8 and only losing 4 and permitted the Boston Reds to hold the bottom crown. They won 2 and lost 10. Tsk!

In the West Side Thursday League the Southeast Group made the biggest leap to challenge the league leading Suburbans who still lead by three games. Brooklyn won one and lost 8 to wallow in the bottoms.

The Lakewood boys are high anti dry in first in the Friday League. They have won 17 of their last 18 games. Union holds bottom by a slim one-game margin.

## KILBANE'S UP PRICE

It costs sixty dollars for five clays' hospitalization at Katharine Kilbane's, from the 10th of January on. Increased cost of operation necessitated the increase.

## ALCOHOLIC CLINIC PROPOSED

A sample alcoholism clinic, set up with private funds, would soon show "how inexpensively and successfully the chronic drinker can be treated." Dr. E. M. Jellinek, Yale expert, told members of the Welfare Federation committee on alcoholics at the YMCA.

Several members of the Cleveland AA attended the sessions and were impressed with Dr. Jellinek's remarkable comprehension; They asked many questions on the Connecticut experiment—the attitude of AA toward them, before and after, and the good doctor claimed 95 per cent approval.

He stated that the clinic had accomplished much in making the community conscious of alcoholism as a disease and worthy of serious consideration.

The suspicion ever-present among AA's that the doctors and psychiatrists are trying to ride on the crest of the AA popularity is silly and unwarranted. AA will be rid of many of its present problem cases that create so much discouragement.

Let's keep an open mind on this. After all what we are all after is to supply help to alcoholics with their problem.

A clinic will be established without question and all decent, clear-thinking AA's should co-operate. Cases will be assigned to us and we will do the best sponsoring job we can.

## WEST SIDE WOMEN

The West Side Women's Group, now in its sixth year, elected one of its veterans, Margaret II., secretary at its meeting of January 6. Betty B., a very earnest worker, is our new treasurer.

On January 13, our newlywed, Mary L. F., celebrated her fourth anniversary by leading an excellent meeting. Our meetings are held in St. Helena's Hall, W. 65th and Detroit, each Monday at 8:45. All women AA's are cordially invited to attend these meetings.

## CENTRAL COMMITTEE

The Moderator announced the appointment of John G. as Secretary to Central Committee.

Hospital Committee: The new Chairman announced a meeting of Hospital Committee immediately following Central Committee meeting and promised a report at our next meeting.

All Groups Meeting: The Chairman announced that as a result of 11 meetings 30 people had been either hospitalized or placed in Groups, and in view of this the meetings are to continue.

Treasurer's Report: Bert M. reported a bank balance of \$54.97 and promised an itemized report of expenditures, etc., for our next meeting and said group contributions to support Central Committee were due and would be accepted gratefully.

Special Committee-Widow and Orphans Fund Committee: A report from Groups was asked for and a roll call showed too many Groups had not discussed the plan. A motion was carried to pass this matter to our next meeting in order that the Groups may give the question further study.

## DOAN DATA

The year of 1946 was a very busy one at Doan Men's Group. Our meetings have been very well attended—in fact there were occasions when we couldn't accommodate the crowds that came. We have found it possible to lend our financial aid to the Downtown office, the New York Foundation, as well as other local cooperative efforts.

It is hoped that the active members of our group will continue to exert themselves in 1947 as they did in '46, and if such is done we feel confident that the group will reach even greater heights of service to their fellowmen.

Charles C., who has shown remarkable absorption of the AA program in his one year of sobriety by his twelfth step work, was chairman for the month of December. His speakers were Dick R. of Euclid Wade; Frank W., secretary of Northeast group and longtime in AA; George McL. of Lee Rd. Thursday who gave us factual information on the inception and growth of AR in the Cleveland area.

At the Dec. 25th meeting, the former secretary W. Roy W. gave a resume of the group's activity since its start and pleaded for a continuance of the high standards set. Dr. K. and Bert M., members of the House committee also spoke. Bunny S. the newly elected secretary was officially installed.

Appointed to committee heads were: Charles C., Sunday Training; Bert M., Central Committee; Dr. K., Finance; "Old Buck" B., Art. McL. and Pat B., Warrensville; Central Bulletin subscriptions, Dr. K.

It is with deep regret that we announce the departure from our midst of W. Roy W., the smoothly operating dynamo who has been our secretary for the past two years. He is leaving for Chicago the early part of January to accept a highly important position with his firm. We'll need three guys to replace him.

The New Year was confettied in by over 200 joyous celebrants in our quarters. Extra entertainment was furnished by Jack D. and his hurriedly assembled but qualified quartet, who supplemented an excellent orchestra and a fine floor show.

## COLLINWOOD

Non-alcoholics want to join our "club" so they too can share in the grand times we've been having. Our New Year's Eve dance included a variety show arranged by Clarence S. The orchestra, made up of Collinwood talent, bids fair to become a permanent institution. At midnight Father Time and Baby 1947 led the grand march. The hall was packed and everyone had a hilarious time. Clair McG. supplied delicious refreshments.

On February 16 we will hold a Valentine Party and the Collinwood Players will present a play. Time 7:30 p. m. You'll enjoy yourself.

## MILES MEN'S GROUP

The Group started last September with a mere handful but the New Year finds 42 enrolled. A West Sider, Everett C., was elected secretary for 1947. Watch us grow.

### GLENVILLE NEWS

As we start this New Year, it becomes apparent that the Glenville Holiday Parties are becoming a tradition.

The Kiddies Party December 20, when 215 youngsters had a grand time, and each received a gift from Santa. Perhaps the happiest kid at the party was our indefatigable secretary, Tony S.

This party was followed on Saturday night by a "Party Meeting," which was led by Bill A., "the sage of Avon Lake, Ohio." This was topped off with a gala New Year's party, attended by between 450 and 500 rummies, who are always amazed to wake up New Year's morning, able to remember where they spent the night before.

We wish to extend our thanks to all who helped to make these parties a success, particularly the women who helped decorate the hall and the tree, and worked so hard in the kitchen; also those two faithful behind-the-scenes workers, Frankie G. and Mike C., without whose help Tony would not have been able to carry the load.

Dave L. was chairman for December and brought the year to a close with some fine speakers.

### SMITH-WILSON

Having had the pleasure of making many friends in the various AA Groups of Greater Cleveland and vicinity, and having experienced a successful year since its origin, the Smith-Wilson Group of AA wishes to invite all of their friends to join with them in celebrating their First Anniversary on Tuesday, January 28, 1947.

We will have the meeting start promptly at 8:30 p. m. The speakers will be Jack D. and Frank S., both of whom are setting an outstanding example in AA and who will have an instructive and interesting message for those present.

To assure you of having a pleasant evening, the meeting will be followed by refreshments. After refreshments, music will be provided for those who enjoy dancing.

In view of the occasion, we believe you will have an opportunity to meet many old friends and make some new friends.

### ASHTABULA COUNTY

The Ashtabula County Stag Group has discontinued its Ashtabula meetings but will meet every Tuesday night in the B. of L. E. Hall, Whitney Block, in Conneaut, Ohio.

They are having a training program on the 12 steps and are doing very nicely. The round table discussion is very interesting.

We're having wonderful support from the clergy and doctors.

### UNION GROUP

Over 150 children attended our Christmas party and 250 celebrated New Year's Eve with us. Eight groups were represented. A five-piece orchestra kept the crowd dancing until 2 o'clock.

The next Bingo Party will be held on Saturday, January 25, with admission at 75c per card which includes lunch and refreshments. Future dates are March 1 and April 12.

The Group's slogan is "AA-Always Active."



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### CLEVELAND GROUP MEETINGS

MONDAY	
BORTON-- E. Cleve. Cong. Church, Page & Euclid--	8:45
FAIRMOUNT--St. Paul's Episc. Church, Fairmount & Coventry	8:30
LAKEWOOD--Community Center Bldg., Detroit Ave. & St. Charles--	8:30
LAKEWOOD MEN'S--St. Peter's Episcopal, W. Clifton & Detroit	8:30
LAKEWOOD-CLIFTON--St. Luke's Church, Clifton Blvd., between	8:30
Bunts & Chase	8:30
LEE ROAD--1637 Lee Road	8:30
LORAIN AVE.--Banater Hall Annex, W. 120th at Lorain	8:30
MEMPHIS-RIDGE-7421 Taunton Ave.	8:30
PEARL--Good Counsel Hall, 4427 Pearl Rd.	8:30
UNION AVENUE--12907 Union Ave.	8:30
SHAKER HEIGHTS--Christ Episcopal Church, 3451 Warrensville Center Rd.	8:30
SOUTH EAST GROUP--Holy Name Hall, 8328 Broadway	8:30
WEST 25TH ST--Marvel Hall, 2858 W. 25th St.	8:30
WILLOUGHBY--Presbyterian Church, Willoughby, O.	8:30
WOMEN'S West Side, St. Helena's Church, 1367 W. 65th	8:30
WOMEN'S--(Third Monday each month) 601 The Arcade	9:00
VERMILION, O.--Contact anyone of the three churches	8:30

TUESDAY	
CALL-GROUPS--Allerton Hotel, E. 13th & Chester--promptly at	8:45
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. 79 & Euclid	8:30
LAKE SHORE--Community Center Bldg., St. Charles & Detroit	8:30
Dinner at 7:00 P. M.--Meeting	8:30
MT. PLEASANT--Eastview Cong. Church, 15615 Kinsman Rd.	8:30
PUBLIC SQUARE--Hotel Cleveland (See Bulletin Board)	8:30
SMITH-WILSON Nativity School, 9510 Aetna Road	8:30
SUPERIOR--Immaculate Conception, E. 43rd and Superior	8:30
WEST SIDE MEN'S--St. Patrick's Hall, Bridge Ave. near W. 38th	8:30
LORAIN, O.--Community Hall, 23rd and Beech Sts.	8:00

WEDNESDAY	
ADDISON--1467 Addison Rd. (side)	8:30
BROOKLYN-K of P. Hall, Broadview and Pearl Rd.	8:30
CHAGRIN FALLS, O.--American Legion, E. Orange St.	8:30
CHARLTON, O.--St. Mary's Church	9:00
COLLINGSWOOD--14709 St. Clair Ave.	8:30
DENISON--7403 Denison Ave.	8:30
DOAN MEN'S--2028 E. 105th St., 2nd floor, aide entrance	8:45
DOVER CENTER--Dover Congregational Church, Dover Road between Center Ridge Rd. and Detroit Rd.	8:30
LEE ROAD--Mayfield and Preyer, Heights Presbyterian Church	8:30
WEST PARK--17th Precinct Hall, W. 15th and Lorain (upstairs)	8:30
BEDFORD, O.--Y. M. C. A., Tarbell Ave.	8:30
ELYRIA, O.--St. Andrew's Episc. Church, Middle & Third	8:00
LORAIN, O.--ANTLERS--St. Mary's School, Reid Ave. between 7th and 8th	8:30

THURSDAY	
ANGLE--St. Malachi's Church, 2649 Washington Ave.	8:30
BEREA, O.--Fine Arts Club, E. Bagley Rd., 3 drs. east of Eastland	8:30
BROADWAY-55TH--Our Lady of Lourdes School Hall--E. 65th and Broadway	8:30
GLENVILLE-10421 St. Clair	9:00
LEE ROAD--1637 Lee Road	8:30
VALLEY VIEW--Community Center, W. 7th & Starkweather	8:30
LORAIN AVE.--Banater Hall Annex, W. 120th St. at Lorain	8:30
OUTHWAITE (Negro)--Portl. Outhw. Center, E. 46th St., 80, of Scovill	8:30
PAINESVILLE, O.--33 N. State St., Third Floor	8:30
SPONSORSHIP--Central Comm., 2nd & 4th Thurs., 2028 E. 105th	8:30

FRIDAY	
CEDAR--Salvation Army, 2181 E 55th St.	8:15
GORDON SQUARE--People's Meth. Church, W. 65th & Bridge	8:30
LEE ROAD--1637 Lee Road	8:30
MILES MEN'S--Sina Group, 4141 E. 116th St.	8:30
ROCKY RIVER--St. Christopher's Hall, Lakeview off Detroit Rd.	8:30
NEWBURGH--3684 E. 93rd St., Corner Inman Ave.	8:30
"999--St. Mary's Catholic Church Hall, 15519 Holmes	8:30
NORTHEAST--2028 E. 105th St.	8:30
LORAIN-AVON--1112 W. Erie St., Lorain, O.	8:30
BEREA--Social room of Berea Cong. Church, Seminary and Church Sts.	8:30
EUCLID, O.--St. Paul's Church, E. 200th St. off St. Clair	8:30

SATURDAY	
CARNEGIE--Euclid Ave. Baptist Church, E. 18th St., just north of Euclid	9:00
EAST SJDE YOUNG PEOPLE--Faith Luth. Church, Hayden & Glenside	9:00
GLENVILLE--10421 St. Clair	9:30
W. S. SOCIAL CLUB, 4127 Pearl Road	8:00
WYANDOTTE--Church of Redeemer, Andrews & Detroit (rear)	8:30
8005 GROUP-8005 Lorain Ave.	8:30
ELYRIA, O.--St. Andrew's Episc. Church, Middle & Third	8:30

SUNDAY	
COLLINGSWOOD-14709 St. Clair Avenue	7:30
DOAN MEN'S TRAINING MEETING-2028 E. 105th St.	3:00
NEWBURGH--3684 E. 93rd St., Corner Inman Ave.	8:30
SPONSORSHIP MEETING--Glenville Group, 10421 St. Clair Ave.	2:00
WARENSVILLE--Workhouse Library	10:00 A. M.
LORAIN, O.--Stag, 750 Broadway, Lorain, O.	9:00

IST TUESDAY EVERY MONTH  
CENTRAL COMMITTEE--Hanna Building, Room 370-----7:00

MORNING MEETINGS	
WEDNESDAY MORNINGS	
COLLINGSWOOD--14709 St. Clair Ave.	11:00 A. M.
THURSDAY MORNINGS	
WEST SIDE--7403 Denison Ave.	10:30 A. M.

John W. Hollister  
All Groups Meetings Discontinued  
Proposal For Monthly Consolidated Meeting

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## Self-Reliance

I take up my lute and sing a song with the Psalmist of old:

"The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?"

And I wonder that this should be so. I was not one of those fools who said, "There is no God."

I was another kind of fool, one who said, "What has this God to do with me? Does this God know I exist? Does this God know my goings and my comings? If I really needed help, would this God pay the slightest attention to me?"

One thing my experience had taught me was that I had never gotten anything for nothing, never gotten anything without working for it. so I would stand on my own feet, asking favor from neither God nor man. I would find my strength in self-reliance.

Now, self-reliance is a virtue. Without it, a man is a weakling. But it is a virtue only as long as it is held within the bounds of virtue. It becomes defective when it yields to egotism, more defective when egotism becomes despotic and the nature becomes unsocial.

With self-reliance, we make the most we can of our talents, to meet the problems of modern life, to grapple with the trials and tragedies that occasionally confront us, to win over adversity and find some measure of peace and happiness.

Self-reliance gone wrong is reliance on our ability to achieve dictatorial might, to triumph over the rules, conventions and usages that society in general has found useful in enabling its millions of members to live together. It becomes defiance and scorn; it is uncooperative; it lacks consideration of others. It produces a stubborn refusal to recognize our failings, even to recognize our inability to achieve our ends.

Man differs from the animals in that he has received for his responsible use a hit of the divine intellect, with which he may reason, with which he may reflect upon his experiences and upon the laws of life. Man has a power of will that is supposed to enable him to deal with the thousands of situations that arise in life, to make choices and to seek that which is good.

In the wrong use of our little share of the divine intellect, we make individual gods of ourselves, standing without God. We have mistaken the little that has been revealed to us as the whole; we think we have learned enough to be able to go alone. Too frequently, we strike out upon our own because we don't care for the restraints that have been put upon us from birth. We stretch the rules a little, to give us greater latitude, and then we strike out on our own tangent. Thus, we cut ourselves off from the source of revelation and we lose the strength of our lives. We boast, "of whom shall I be afraid," and end by being afraid of ourselves, or responsibility, of every problem that confronts us.

In the right use of our little share of divine intellect, we recognize that what we have is but a tiny speck of the whole of divine knowledge. That speck we may increase by keeping in contact with the source, by seeking greater revelation of the divine will.

Man has learned much through the ages about the

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## Inventory Time ☉

We were talking to a member the other day who had been in the program for a little less than a year, and he was in that critical state of mind that seems to occur to all of us at intermittent times.

He said he had been taking inventory of himself and had come to the conclusion that he had been cured of his alcoholism and no longer needed to devote a regular evening a week to an AA meeting, nor would he need to visit the hospitals any more, since he had noticed little result from his last visits. He was sure he had himself under control and now he could lead a normal life.

We were interested, because we recalled a similar trend

of thinking which led to our eventual "graduation" from AA and the attendant bitter, soul-searing awakening. We, too, had compared ourselves with those who had been jailed for drunkenness, for disturbance, for passing bum checks or other felonies; or those that had lost position after position, their homes and families and who finally landed on Skid Row. We compared ourselves with those that had less trouble than we encountered and questioned their right to membership. We found ourselves entirely different! We suddenly realized that we had found what was wrong! We weren't alcoholics—our only mistake was that we drank too much! So, since we weren't really such bad characters as the others, nor as neurotic as some, we were just in the wrong league! We convinced ourselves that we weren't alcoholics after all!

Forgotten were the phobias and the fears and the anguish of soul which existed in us when we came into AA, and the later blessed joy of recovery of our equilibrium and the quick solution of our problems. Without being aware of it our self-confidence and self-assurance came back with the attendant cock-sureness and conceit. With the latter came impatience, intolerance, resentments and then inevitably a nostalgic longing for freedom from the yoke of AA.

We gave him the benefit of our horrible awakening and then helped him to take a real inventory. We pointed out his assets—gifts of God. He was gifted with a fine, quick intelligence; he had been restored to sanity; he had perfect health, with no physical handicaps; he had a fine home and family; he had regained the respect, trust and confidence of his employer and had just been elevated to a position of importance; his financial status had never been better. But he was unhappy and discontented!! What more did he want? He didn't know.

Reluctantly he accompanied us to a nursing home where two men sat in their pajamas who had tried the "ignoble experiment." We let them tell their story. He finally understood.

Let's take a daily inventory and be grateful for all the assets which we are permitted to enjoy. Remember the Third Step and keep conscious of it.

Don't confuse God with Santa Claus.

Get rid of your regrets. You are what you are from what you have experienced and rightly understood and accepted. All experiences do us some good and the better ones best of all. Applying the AA program to your everyday life and business opens the pathway for you to enjoy the real good out of this life.

Worry does not empty the day of its trouble, but empties it only of its strength.

## SELF RELIANCE

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divine will, and he has learned much about how to live. He has learned about the great virtues, which are prudence, temperance, justice and fortitude, and about the greater virtues, which are faith, hope and charity. He has learned, too, about the defects in good, which are evil, and how to overcome them.

All this is part of our instruction on how to live, and how to find happiness. Through it, we can find self-reliance that we can rely upon in a troubled world because it is derived from a wisdom that is greater than our own.

"The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom, then shall I be afraid?"

## COMPLETESURRENDER

"Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God." 1 Peter 5:6.

Is it not a fact that some of us who are bearing crosses are doing so "under protest," bearing our crosses in a spirit of suppressed rebellion against the gracious will of God? Such cross-bearing surely has no virtue and is displeasing in God's sight.

"Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God," says Peter in the text above. In days of trial and trouble, when our human wisdom would dictate to God or would sit in judgment on His will, we are to silence our soul's complaints and surrender ourselves wholly, unreservedly, unconditionally, to His will.

We are to remember that it is the hand of our loving Father that is fashioning our life. Our fate, our destiny is but as clay in the hand of the Master Potter, and since we know He loves us, we know that He will shape our lives according to the directions of His tender mercy. Whether for the present He sends us joy or sorrow, success or failure, health or sickness, we know that He loves us and that He never makes mistakes. His judgments may be unsearchable and His ways past finding out, yet we know that His thoughts toward us are thoughts of peace and love.

Complete surrender to His loving care is the only path to peace. In every sorrow there is a strengthening angel waiting to come to those who in humble faith have learned to say: "Father, not my will, but Thine be done." Let us, then, day by day, surrender ourselves ever more and more completely to the gentle leading and tender care of Him of whom we know: He loves us!

## SUCCESSSTORY

The case of S- in a way was typical of all of us. Beaten, dejected, despondent and hopeless, in complete disrepute with his family and employer, he asked for help three years ago. He had tried AA two years before and just couldn't "jell." He was blacklisted in his professional field and thumbs were held down whenever he was mentioned.

In desperation he sought AA once more. His sponsor purchased a ticket on a raffle for him at the first meeting they attended. He won the AA book. At the next meeting they attended the sponsor bought another ticket and he won a substantial cash prize. Suspicion that these were planted to get him into AA, he again broke away, but quickly came back. Thoroughly indoctrinated he literally threw himself into AA work. He regained the confidence of his family and employers and finally that of his profession and in January was elected president of one of the largest associations of food processors in the state of Ohio. Confident, happy and a man of integrity he commands the respect and praise of all who knew him and when appealed to by customers who marvelled at the change in him he has sent eight people from western Ohio to Cleveland for hospitalization. Travelling as he does, he selects Cleveland sponsors to provide callers and follows through with them after "dehydration."

Great things hath God wrought!

## HOSPITAL POLICY

The established rate of \$55 or \$60 is for five days of hospitalization. Should patient determine to leave sooner, there is no rebate. But should the patient require added days, an additional per diem charge is made for each additional day. Each hospital has an established rate for such days and all sponsors should acquaint themselves with the rates in their hospitalizing agency.

## DOWNTOWN OFFICE MOVES

Forced to move from its quarters in the Williamson Bldg., because of the need of expansion of -Veteran Administration offices, the Cleveland District AA office was exceedingly fortunate in securing adequate space in the Schofield Bldg., located on E. 9th St. at Euclid.

Since being notified that they would have to vacate, the operating committee had been frantically searching for adequate quarters. When hope was almost gone, the present quarters were found and occupancy was made on February 1st.

## DOWNTOWN OFFICE SECRETARY RESIGNS

John H., executive secretary of Cleveland's Downtown office tendered his resignation to the operating committee and it was regretfully accepted. He has given two years of great devotion to the office, but an opportunity to make considerably more money dictates his decision. Crawford W., a highly capable member of AA, has consented to accept the position that Johnny vacates and we are assured that the office will be in good hands. Dick T. was elected to fill the vacancy on the board caused by the departure of W. Roy W., and John H. was unanimously elected to the three-year term. His great knowledge and experience will be an asset to Crawford W.

## JOHNNY H. IS PUBLICIZED

The National Kegler, a bowling magazine, issue of January, 1947, published an interesting article with action-picture on Johnny H., popular and capable secretary of the Downtown AA office. John, in spite of the fact he is a double-amputee, has overcome his handicap by serenely accepting facts and determining to make the best of it and gives intelligent advice and encouragement to others similarly afflicted, who want to participate in sports and feel Incapable because of their handicap.

He bowls in two leagues and is steadily improving. He is no star, of course, but he is an example of grit and courage to all who associate with him. He bowls in the AA League as well as the Possibilities Unlimited League.

## ALL GROUPS MEETING

All groups meetings were discontinued by action of Central Committee, when it was reported that the attendance had indicated a lack of interest. Ironically, at the last meeting which was very capably supplied by the North-East Group, three newcomers attended and expressed regret that this action was deemed necessary, as did the regular attendants.

That open meetings are desirable and will attract people who want to "look us over" before making a decision, is agreed to by all of the groups which sent speakers to the forum. However, as several members pointed out, most members of groups have at least two evenings devoted already to AA and are reluctant to give up one, or add a third to their weekly schedule.

A smaller room in the Allerton is available and at a small cost. The committee will present the matter of resumption to the next Central Committee meeting for further consideration.

Eleven new members were added to AA rolls as a result of the seven meetings held. There was no report on the three who attended the last session.

## 8 - 10 ROOM HOUSE WANTED

A greatly troubled father of eight children (with another on its way) who has been a faithful member of the Denison Group for three years, is in immediate danger of eviction and pleads for help through these columns in finding an 8 or 10-room house for him and his family. The secretary of the Denison Group, C. J. Y., can be reached at MAin 6906 if you have knowledge of such a place.

## WOOSTER

This enterprising group issues a newsy weekly bulletin which can't help but do a great deal of good. It contains good AA philosophy as well as apprising the members as to the local AA news. It's hand lettered and produced on a "Ditto" machine.

## TRAINING MEETINGS

Since the Hospital Committee has ceased operation of bi-monthly sponsorship training meetings, there has been a wave of interest in the necessity of proper training in many sectors of Cleveland.

Training meetings have been consistently held at the Glenville Group every Sunday at 2:00 p. m. as well as at Doan Men's at 3:00 p. m. On the West Side, the Lake Shore Group has a **splendidly** operating training program instituted and the Alcoholics' Abstinence Home at 8023 Detroit Ave., has been highly successful in their efforts.

Katherine Kilbane's Nursing Home on February 2nd instituted two meetings each week which have been well attended and highly acclaimed. The men's training meeting is being held on Sundays at 3:00 p. m. and the women's is held on each Wednesday evening at 8:00 p. m. All members are welcome.

The Memphis-Ridge Group holds training meeting on the first Sunday of each month from 2 to 4 at 7424 Taunton under the capable direction of Charley S.

Good attendance at these meetings indicates the desire for more information **and** more thorough indoctrination.

## OVER A HALF-TON IN "66"

With the acquisition of 320-pound John D., as a new member of Doan, a trio of "66" players became a quartet which regularly convenes to play the age-old game. Since the quartet regularly plays in one spot in the clubrooms, reinforcing the floor has been deemed necessary. The quartet, composed of Jack N., weight 240, Charlie E., at 250, Charlie S., at 260 and John D., at 320, total 1070 pounds of solid meat and bone. All that meat and no potatoes! Tsk!

## NEW GROUP AT AURORA

In the outskirts of southeastern Cleveland lies the little town of Aurora and on February 9th a new group was started under the direction of Clancy U. They meet in the Aurora Community House at 3 o'clock on Sunday afternoons and a big lunch is supplied after the meetings. They want you to come and visit them.

## ERIE, PA.

The Erie, Pa., Stag Group reached out to Connecticut for their speakers at an open meeting held at Strong-Vincent High School. The Rev. James P. Timmons of Hartford, Conn., and a member of the Manchester, Conn. Group were the speakers.

Civic, business and professional leaders were invited **and** were given a most comprehensive conception of the AA program.

## PITTSBURGH HOSPITALIZES

The ice has been broken in the Pittsburgh area when St. Joseph's House of Hospitalization agreed to open a two-bed ward for the treatment of alcoholism. Patterned after the Charity Hospital plan it is hoped that the **success** of this experiment will soon make more beds available for the AA therapy. Father H., who assisted Father Nagel at Charity during the past year was the instrumentalist. The hospital is located on Frankstown Ave., East end.

## LORAIN COUNTY

The Sunday morning Lorain County Consolidated meetings have been attracting an average attendance of 40 and over. These meetings are held each Sunday morning **at** 10 o'clock at 750 Broadway, IOOF Hall.

## CLARK GROUP MOVES

The Clark Ave. Group announces that it has moved its meeting place to 4105 Clark Ave., upstairs. It still meets on Tuesday evenings at 8:30 p. m.

## NEW GROUP IN LAKEWOOD

On Wednesday! February 12th another group was formed in a **fertile** territory. Meetings are held each Wednesday in St. Cyril's Church, Madison Ave., corner of Lakewood Ave. Meetings start at 8:30 p. m. Mike C. is secretary. The group is called the Madison-Lakewood Group.

## CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Hospital Committee: Chairman Jack U. reported that the monthly meeting with the operators would continue. The bi-monthly sponsorship meetings would be discontinued due to lack of attendance. A suggestion was offered from the floor that an educational program be **instituted consisting** of pamphlets to be sent to groups monthly. The chairman said his committee would give this plan further study and report at our next meeting.

Central Bulletin: Editor "D" reported subscriptions at 1242 and still showing a deficit which 250 new subscriptions would wipe out.

All Groups Meeting Committee The Chairman reported the meetings were showing a deficit of approximately \$35.00 to date and a lack of general interest. This brought a motion to discontinue these meetings after the February 11th meeting. Motion was carried.

A suggestion that we consider a monthly consolidated meeting was referred to our next meeting.

A motion to change the time of Central Committee meetings to 8:30 p. m. was carried.

## CEDAR HONORS ROBBIE

Nearly 200 men and women crowded the chapel of Salvation Army Men's Social Center, Friday, February 21st, to help Jesse R. celebrate his first **anniversary** of complete sobriety. The story of Jesse and his victory over harbitrates and alcohol was dramatic enough to merit over twelve inches in the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

His great devotion to the rehabilitation of alcoholics in the Cedar Group has earned him great respect and he **deserved** the acclaim he modestly received.

## AA BOWLER HITS 300

One of our East Side AA Bowling leaguers, Frank Z., who maintains a 173 average in that league entered the Hall of Bowling Fame, by hitting a perfect score of 300 in another league. Congratulations! Another coupon as a result of staying sober.

Glenville No. 2 leads Mt. Pleasant No. 2 by one game. The Euclid Group is in third, four games out of first, in the Sunday League.

In the Women's League, but three games separate the leaders and the third place team.

In the Thursday League, the Suburbans are in the lead by three games over Southeast No. 2. Berea is in third three games behind.

In the Friday League, Lakewood leads by seven games over the Lorain Bears who have a one-game lead over Pearl. The above standings are as of February 22nd.

## UNION GROUP

The January 25th Saturday Bingo Party was acclaimed by the large crowd that participated. The next Bingo Party will be held on Saturday, March 1st. Plenty of hams **and** grocery baskets.

The regular AA meetings which are held each Monday at 12907 Union continue to attract excellent crowds. Tying in the Saturday parties has kept our **members** out of mischief as a whole.

## DOAN DATA !

Thanks to the fine selection of speakers by our January chairman Elliott K., our hall was filled to capacity the entire month. The speakers were Joe G., Everett C., Fred W., Gus G., and Frank K. Their sincere and interesting presentations were inspiring.

The ease on travelling restrictions has been the factor which **enable** an unusually large number of out-of-town visitors to attend our meetings during the past month. From all comments heard, they were highly impressed with our Men's Group.

Our coffee problem has been sweetened temporarily through the generous donation of Mickey D.

The Doan Men's Group will celebrate its sixth anniversary Wednesday, February 26. Hank S. will lead the meeting and a special plea is **made** for all members to attend.

GLENVILLE NEWS

Johnny O., who has a fourth anniversary coming up next month, was chairman for January and did a good job of getting a number of men on the rostrum for the first time. He balanced it off with several old timers.

John D., of the Lee Road Monday Group though surprised at the size of the crowd, dished up a lead that was "tops" in this writer's book.

Secretary Tony S., is confined to bed at the McGilliv Hospital with pneumonia, but is expected to be on his pins by the time this reaches print. You can keep him in bed, but you can't keep him quiet.

CORINTHIANS

The Corinthians will hold their annual election on March 4th and the annual banquet and installation of officers will take place on March 11th. Sun-tanned and refreshed from a long deserved trip to Florida, Edward J. B., has returned to his legal duties, marvelling at the skill and artistry exhibited by the Floridans in relieving him of his closely guarded shekels.

The Aid-ets (our ladies, bless 'em) swung a theatre party followed by a dinner. This to honor their newly elected officers.

SMITH-WILSON

A splendid crowd gathered to hear Jack D. and Franklyn S. at the first anniversary of our group. Floral offerings came from Frank L. and Tom T. and an anniversary cake from "Whitey" A. The members were heartened to greater endeavor.

LOUDONVILLE

This new group meets Fridays, 9:00 p. m. in Eagle Hall on Main St. Visitors are welcome.

"The purchaser of drinks over the counter of a barroom seldom knows or is told what he is getting, or, if he is told, it soon becomes a matter of indifference."

Lose money, you lose a lot; lose family or health, you lose much more. But if you lose courage, you lose everything.

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CLEVELAND GROUP MEETINGS

MONDAY

Table listing Monday meetings: BORTON--E. Cleve. Cong. Church, Page & Euclid 8:45; FAIRMOUNT--St. Paul's Episc. Church, Fairmount & Coventry-B 1:30; LAKEWOOD--Community Center Bldg., Detroit Ave. & St. Charles-S 8:30; LAKWOOD MEN'S--St. Peter's Episcopal, W. Clifton & Detroit-S 8:30; LAKWOOD-CLIFTON--St. Luke's Church, Clifton Blvd., between Bunts & Chase 8:30; LEE ROAD-1637 Lee Road 8:30; LORAIN AVE.--Banater Hall Annex, W. 120th at Lorain 8:30; MEMPHIS-RIDGE--7424 Taunton Ave. 8:30; PEARL--Good Counsel Hall, 4427 Pearl Rd. 8:30; UNION AVENUE-12907 Union Ave. 8:30; SHAKER HEIGHTS--Christ Episcopal Church, 3461 Warrensviie Center Rd. 8:30; SOUTH EAST GROUP--Holy Name Hall, 8325 Broadway 8:30; WEST 25TH ST--Marvel Hall, 2555 W. 26th St. 8:30; WILLOUGHBY--Presbyterian Church, Willoughby, O. 8:30; WOMEN'S--West Side, St. Helena's Church, 1367 W. 65th 8:30; WOMEN'S--(Third Monday each month) 601 The Arcade 9:00; VERMILION, O.--Contact anyone of the three churches 8:30

TUESDAY

Table listing Tuesday meetings: CALL-GROUPS--Ailerton Hotel, E. 13th & Chester-promptly at 8:45; ARCADE--Euclid Ave. Baptist, E. 15th & Euclid 8:30; CHARITY--Last Tues. of each month--charity Hosp. Nurses' Aid 8:30; CLARK--4105 Clark Ave. (Upstairs) 8:30; EAGLE TRAINING--Salvation Army, E. 9th & Eagle 8:00; EUCLID-WADE--Calvary Presbyterian Church, E. 79 & Euclid 8:30; LAKE SHORE--Community Center Bldg., St. Charles & Detroit Dinner at 7:00 P. M.--Meeting-- 8:30; MT. PLEASANT--Eastview Cong. Church, 15615 Kinsman Rd. 8:30; PUBLIC SQUARE--Hotel Cleveland (See Bulletin Board) 8:30; SMITH-WILSON--Nativity School, 9510 Aetna Road 8:30; SUPERIOR--Immaculate Conception, E. 43rd and Superior 8:30; WEST SIDE MEN'S--St. Patrick's Hall, Bridge Ave. near W. 38th 8:30; LORAIN, O.--Community Hall, 23rd and Beech Sts. 5:00

WEDNESDAY

Table listing Wednesday meetings: ADDISON--1467 Addison Hd. (side) 8:30; BROOKLYN--K. of P. Hall, Broadview and Pearl Rd. 8:30; CHAGRIN FALLS, O.--American Legion, E. Orange St. 8:30; CHARDON--St. Maw's Church 9:00; COLLINWOOD-14709 St. Clair Ave. 8:30; DENISON-7403 Denison Ave. 8:30; DOAN MEN'S--2028 E. 105th St., 2nd floor, side entrance 8:45; DOVER CENTER--Dover Congregational Church, Dover Road between Center Ridge Rd. and Detroit Rd. 8:30; LEE ROAD--Mayfield and Preyer, Heights Presbyterian Church 8:30; MADISON-LAKEWOOD St. Cyril's Churrh, Madison and Lakewood Aves. 8:30; VALLEY VIEW--Community Center, W. 7th & Starkweather 8:30; WEST PARK-17th Precinct Hall, W. 157th and Lorain (upstairs) 8:30; BEDFORD, O.-Y. M. C. A. Tarbell Ave. 8:30; ELYRIA, O.-St. Andrew's Episc. Church, Middle & Third 8:00; LORAIN, O.-ANTLERS--St. Mary's School, Reid Ave., between 7th and 8th 8:30

THURSDAY

Table listing Thursday meetings: ANGLE--St. Malachi's Church, 2649 Washington Ave. 8:30; BERE A, O.-Fine Arts Club, E. Bagley Rd., 3 drs. east of Eastland 8:30; BROADWAY-55TH--Our Lady of Lourdes School Hall-E. 65th and Broadway 8:30; GLENVILLE-10421 St. Clair 9:00; LEE ROAD-1637 Lee Road 8:30; LORAIN AVE.--Banater Hall Annex, W. 120th St. at Lorain 8:30; OUTHWAITE (Negro)--Portl. Outhw. Center, E. 46th St., so. of Scovill 8:30; PAINESVILLE, O.-33 N. State St., Third Floor 8:30; SPONSORSHIP--Central Comm., 2nd & 4th Thurs., 2028 E. 105th 8:30

FRIDAY

Table listing Friday meetings: CEDAR--Salvation Army, 2181 E 55th St. 8:15; GORDON SQUARE--People's Meth. Church, W. 66th & Bridge 8:30; LEE ROAD-1637 Lee Road 8:30; MILES MEN'S--Stag Group, 4141 E. 116th St. 8:30; ROCKY RIVER--St. Christopher's Hall, Lakeview off Detroit Rd. 8:30; NEWBURGH--3684 E. 93rd St., Corner Inman Ave. 8:30; '999--St. Mary's Catholic Church Hall, 16519 Holmes 8:30; NORTHEAST--2028 E. 105th St. 8:30; LORAIN-AVON-1112 W. Erie St., Lorain, O. 8:30; BERE A--Social room of Berea Cong. Church, Seminary and Church Sts. 8:30; EUCLID, O.-St. Paul's Church, E. 200th St. off St. Clair 8:30

SATURDAY

Table listing Saturday meetings: CARNEGIE--Euclid Ave. Baptist Church, E. 15th St., just north of Euclid 9:00; EAST SIDE YOUNG PEOPLE--Faith Luth. Church, Hayden & Glenside 9:00; GLENVILLE--10421 St. Clair 9:30; W. S. SOCIAL CLUB, 4127 Pearl Road 8:00; WYANDOTTE--Church of Redeemer, Andrews & Detroit (rear) 8:30; 8005 GROUP--BOOR Lorain Ave. 8:30; ELYRIA, O.-St. Andrew's Episc. Church, Middle & Third 8:30

SUNDAY

Table listing Sunday meetings: COLLINWOOD--14709 St. Clair Avenue 7:30; DOAN MEN'S TRAINING MEETING-2028 E. 106th St. 3:00; NEWBURGH--3684 E. 93rd St., Corner Inman Ave. 8:30; SPONSORSHIP MEETING--Glenville Group, 10421 St. Clair Ave. 2:00; WARRENSVILLE--Workhouse Library 10:00 A. M.; AURORA--Aurora Community Church, Rts. 43 and 306 3:00; LORAIN, O.--Stag, 750 Broadway, Lorain, O. 9:00

1ST TUESDAY EVERY MONTH

Table listing 1st Tuesday meetings: CENTRAL COMMITTEE--Hanna Building, Room 370 8:30

MORNING MEETINGS

Table listing 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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## WILL POWER

Freedom of will enables us to meet the many individual circumstances of life. It is reason, which directs the activities of the material body in all things in which there is a choice. In its direction of the appetites, it may have no other guide than experience, acknowledge no authority other than broadly interpreted human and civil law.

Will applied in this way demands strong despotic control over the sense appetites. Every action of appetite challenges control. The individual who is his own judge of what is good, following his own interpretation of natural law, is likely to encourage the appetites with the idea of keeping them in reasonable control. The difficulty here is that the automatic action of the nervous system, developed through repeated acts of the same kind, becomes stronger than the will to control.

The will is not a muscle that becomes stronger as challenges to it become stronger. It has to operate not only despotically but also diplomatically. It has to anticipate challenges that come through irrational development of appetites, build habits of responses that keep action within due bounds.

On what principles do we operate when meeting challenges to the will, particularly those challenges that have become so great that the will no longer gives us mastery?

Who of us needs any further demonstration that the individual will, operating on individual reason in the light of sense experience, is effective as a safe guide in determining conduct? Who of us needs any further demonstration that such a will can cope with habits that have gone out of control?

When we make our own definitions of what is good, we are likely to make these definitions the servants of our own desires, and thus we are likely to experience a gradual but continuous reduction in the level of our standards.

Our experience should have taught us that reason based on sense experience is not the sole source of knowledge, that knowledge so based is incomplete, that action so directed is likely to lead to error.

What is missing is knowledge drawn from revelation of a power that is higher than either the individual or the collective human will, of a law that is higher than human law.

Quite independently of what appears in the formal theologies of the churches, people in many levels of life have been coming to the conclusion that in the personal life and in the public life in areas of political and economic action human reason is not enough. So much has been going wrong, both in individual and with group conduct, that our experience indicates that something vital has been missing.

What has been missing in group conduct, on local, national and international levels, is an inner core of law derived from sources higher than the human mind, a recognition of a higher law of good that binds us all.

What has been missing in individual conduct has been recognition that such higher law exists for all men and that we all must adhere to it.

We are obliged to ask not what is most convenient for

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## AA and Our Foreign Policy

*This article, written by the foreign editor of the Cleveland Plain Dealer, appeared in the Salvation Army's Social Service Chatter and we reprint it for the purpose of greater dissemination.*

If the head or foreign minister of a nation were so fearless as to admit that his country was "powerless to keep the peace and that international relations, as such, had become unmanageable" he would be confessing only to what is evident from every day's newspaper.

None has, however, been so bold, although many confess it in their hearts when they find conference after conference and the employment of all the traditional diplomatic methods lead, not to peace among nations, but to greater confusion.

Were this admission made it would only call forth the question, "What do we do about it?" And the honest citizen or statesman would have to admit that conditions had become so involved that only by coming to believe that a power greater than the nation would restore it to peace and stability." It would have to make a decision to "turn its will and its life over to the care of God," which in public life would mean to the moral precepts which civilization has aspired to through the centuries.

The quoted phrases in the above paragraph are, as many have already recognized, paraphrases of the first three steps of the program of Alcoholics Anonymous. Thousands of men and women throughout the United States have found their personal peace and happiness in these steps and in the endeavor to apply the remaining nine which constitute the method, the way of life, of Alcoholics Anonymous.

It is my conviction that these steps applied to the life of nations, as they have been so successfully applied to the lives of individuals, would supply the answer to peace which all the world is seeking. A nation which "made a searching and fearless moral inventory of itself would find that it behooved it to first set its own house in order so that it would be in an unassailable moral position not to preach to other nations, but to help them to likewise.

This would lead to other steps the frank, honest admission of wrongs, the attempt to right them as far as possible, the ability to take stock periodically of the nation's policy, what our general moral attitude should be and how it was affecting others, and an overwhelming desire to help improve conditions everywhere.

The cynics will say that it cannot be done. We disagree! It can be done if the effort is honestly made. Nations can be rescued from the time-battered addiction to imperialism - the frustration of the aims of other peoples - the tyranny in their methods at home and abroad just as surely as the individual is rescued from alcohol. The twelve steps, tested by experience, are universal. They apply to individuals as well as to groups we call nations.

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There's nothing like self-support to bring on self-respect.

Just because a man's burning with enthusiasm doesn't mean he's so hot.

## WILL POWER

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us, not what best serves our own selfish wills, but what is this **higher** law of good?

If we make our motives correspond to the higher law, can will be made to dominate the appetites?

Indeed it can. For it is through devotion to the **higher** law that we rid ourselves of our external faults, that we establish diplomatic control over our actions. If we meditate upon the higher law day and night, as the Psalmist did, we win internal correction that aids us in correction of our external action.

If we turn to the revelation of that higher law and strive to make our actions conform to that law we put ourselves on the way to mastery over the evils that have befallen us. The rewards we **gain** from our efforts in this right direction increase **day** by day.

## WE'RE FUNNY PEOPLE

Someone, commenting at a recent meeting, said, "We AA's are funny people. We are so full of self-consciousness that we **seldom** realize that our troubles are negligible compared to those of others. We magnify fancied wrongs, are all too-easily hurt and since we've come into AA and have been told we have a "disease," we expect to be handled with kid gloves. Our wives and associates must be oh! so careful in what they say and what they do, so that we're not offended and hurt."

He went on to describe how he had reveled in the role of semi-invalid, flying into tantrums because conditions weren't precisely how he would have them—yes, flying into tantrums just for the sake of frightening the devoted ones into "obedience." The radio was too loud or wasn't loud enough. The wife talked too much and then didn't talk enough! He had made a great sacrifice, hadn't he? He had quit drinking!

The patience of everyone around him was great until human nature finally asserted itself. Was HE **told off**. In anger he tried to defend himself and for days he sulked and wept and licked his wounds.

Fortunately he told his sponsor about it—how grievously hurt he had been made to feel—so little appreciation—so unfair. The sponsor, however, had heard the other side of it and mincing no words he gave him the works. Who in all tuppert (those weren't the exact words that were used, Ed.) did he think he was? What had he done to make amends for the heartaches and worry he had caused? Why couldn't he realize that the wife and family were human and had certain inalienable rights too? Why couldn't he get it through **his** skull that his aches and pains; his comfort and convenience; his wishes and wants had to be co-ordinated with that of his family? They had feelings and desires too! They had aches and pains too, but bore them as adults and not as childishly as he.

And lo and behold, and doggone! The guy took it! That was two and a half years ago and he's a changed man. The whole family is changed. You **never** saw a happier one.

Too many times, as we have experienced, tactics such as this sponsor took boomeranged and the weakling went out and got drunk and blamed the sponsor, the wife, the kids, the boss, the Republican Party as well as the Democrats and Communists. But of course, being an unregenerate alcoholic and a **blankety** blank blank, he couldn't and wouldn't recognize his own selfishness.

Let's check ourselves. Are we fair at home and at work. Do we exact special favors and consideration just because we quit drinking? Hm? Hmmm!

## CLEVELANDERS IN FLORIDA

We have received several letters from Vern B. of nursing home fame, who is sojourning in cold, cold Florida. He wishes to be remembered to all of his many friends in the Cleveland area. He means half of them, for he says the other half are down in Florida. We heard from Clarence S., Johnny K. and Ed B. also. We still like Cleveland with its changeable weather typically alcoholic for its unpredictableness. But we like it, so there!

## 'OLD BUCK' IS REWARDED

A fine old guy is "Old Buck," as the Doan gang fondly call him. In his regular AA call at Sunny Acres, he dropped in to visit a nun who was grievously ill with tuberculosis. He had been making regular calls on her and tried to leave a cheery word with her. One day she said, "Buck. I've aot some good news for you! Through you, I understand that I **have** the AA's praying for me."

Buck had led a meeting at the Superior Group which meets in the Immaculate Conception Hall. In his talk he mentioned the nun as an example of how he was trying to do a good deed wherever he went as his policy since he'd joined AA. He asked the group to include a prayer for her that night. One of the members mentioned it at home; his child mentioned it at school; the nun at school brought the message to the invalid. And Buck is deservedly happy.

## CHARLEY JOHNS

One of the founders of AA in Cleveland, Charley Johns passed away on the 3d of March and was buried on the 6th. He suffered a heart attack and died of pneumonia. He received his "indoctrination" in Akron.

He was one of the founders of the Corinthians and was the originator of the name the group adopted upon hearing his dramatic story of the early Corinthians.

He will be sorely missed.

## PEGGY THOMPSON

Last August we received a bulletin that a Mrs. A. Thompson had **passed** away and the news had to us little news value for most of our readers, though we sympathized with the bereaved husband. Had we known that she was "Peggy," one of the original West Side women members, we certainly would have published the news. We publish it now, since Peg had an excellent record in AA work. She would have enjoyed 5 years of absolute sobriety had she lived to read this item.

We sincerely regret not publishing this item sooner, and our sympathy goes out to her bereaved husband, Alva.

## NEW YORK FOUNDATION

Contributions for the support of the New York Central office are being asked for the six months' period beginning February 1, 1947. A deficit of \$3000.25 was incurred during the last six months' period.

For your information, 45,848 letters were mailed in 1946. 2000 traveling members made visits, some coming from Australia, England, Bermuda, Iceland and Alaska. Three telephones are kept busy with calls from all over the country. The first trans-oceanic call just came from Nordholz, Germany.

The office is vitally necessary and is deserving of your support. Voluntary Group contributions should be made to The Alcoholic Foundation, Inc., 4 15 Lexington Ave., New York, N. Y. Average contributions are \$1.00 per member for each period.

## CLEVELAND PITCHER JOINS

In the sports columns of the Cleveland Press of Monday, March 3, a splendid article appeared announcing that Don Black, Cleveland pitcher, had joined AA in Cleveland six months ago.

We well remember when he visited the Downtown office. He was serious and sober, and casual in mentioning his name. When we asked him his occupation it finally dawned on us that this was THE Don Black, problem child of Connie Mack and also Lou Boudreau. He listened attentively to such highly capable men as Jack D. and Johnny H. and with Bill T. as sponsor has become a regular attendant at Doan Men's meeting.

With his extraordinary natural ability as a pitcher and with himself under control, we feel certain that Don will profit materially. He's a splendid guy and all Cleveland AA's are pulling for him.

The article by Frank Gibbons gave an excellent outline of the AA methods and principles as Don explained them.

Let's give him a hearty boost at the ball park.

## MACK'S MERRY MINSTRELS

The fourth annual AA minstrel show promises to astonish the most skeptical. The well planned show has a mystery as its theme and the individual minstrel acts are cleverly interwoven. The talent is exceptionally good and we urge you to apply for tickets. The advance ticket sale is much **greater** than last year and Little Theater will without question be sold out for both performances.

The premiere performance will be given on Saturday evening, April 26, at 8:30 p. m., and the afternoon show will be held the following afternoon, Sunday, April 27, at 3:00 p. m.

Reserved seats will be mailed to advance purchasers. The prices of tickets are \$2.10 for orchestra and \$1.50 for balcony seats. Price includes tax. Mail orders to Cleveland District AA Office, 1007 Schofield Bldg., Zone 15.

Advertising space in the program is available to AA members only.

## MAC GILLIS' NEW DIRECTOR

Tony S., popular dynamo of the Glenville Group, has assumed the position of director of MacGillis Nursing Home. Newly redecorated, the hospital will hold a formal opening at 1560 Mistletoe Dr., corner Wade Park Ave. Saturday, Sunday and Monday, March 22 to 24. Open house. A buffet lunch will be served and all AA's are invited.

## BOWLING NEWS

Plans are being made for the city AA championship which will be held late in April or early May. The champions of the Thursday, Friday and Sunday leagues will meet and there should be some grand competition.

A banquet and prize distribution for all leagues will be held at Carter Hotel some time in Mar. and arrangements are being made to handle a crowd of about 1000.

The Glenville No. 1 team leads Mt. Pleasant No. 2 by four games and Arcade is three behind the Mt. Pleasants in the Sunday League.

In the Thursday League, the Suburbans lead Southeast No. 2 by four games with Berea and Gordon Square tied for third, eight games out of first place. The Lakewood (Orchard Grove) team is well out in front, leading the Lorain Bears by seven games. Pearl Road is in third, trailing by one game.

The above standings of teams are as of Saturday, March 15.

## ANGLE GROUP

The Angle Group is sponsoring a boxing show for the benefit of St. Malachi's Church where their meetings have been held every Thursday. The school which held the auditorium burned recently. The show will be given Thursday, April 17, at 8 p. m. at Swiss Hall, Walton and W. 25th St. Tickets are \$1.20. Tom D. is M.C. Seven bouts. with four Golden Gloves champs as contestants.

## DOAN DATA

The fine selection of speakers chosen by our February chairman, Pappy S., was well appreciated by our overflowing audiences the past month. Fr. B. opened the month with a most inspiring account of the new way of life; followed by Dick T. and Fred B., both oldsters in AA activities; Hank S. completed the month with one of his best leads and which, incidentally, was Doan Men's Sixth Anniversary. The history of Doan Men's Group conception and highlights of our phenomenal growth was handled very capably by the ever active Harry S. The past month's attendance reached 750 which is an indication of the fine spirit and harmonious feeling in the group, thus accounting for its growth and popularity.

We cannot stress the Sunday Training Meetings too much. Held at three o'clock every Sunday (2:00 p. m. 01) Sunday of monthly Consolidated Meeting) we find evidence of the need and importance of these training meetings. They serve this purpose, that they remove the first "dread" which all newcomers to the movement seem to possess. After the thorough session, they are ready for assimilation in any group.

Our belated congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. K. on a belated arrival of "Frankie."

## CONSOLIDATED MEETING

Parlor "B," Public Auditorium  
Lakeside Entrance

SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 4:00 P. M.

Monthly Consolidated meetings will be resumed on Sunday, March 23, at Public Auditorium. Eugene H., eminent Toledo attorney, will be the speaker. Gene "went over bin" last year and we believe will attract even a larger crowd than he did the last time. His talks are delightful as well as inspiring. Elmer L. of Lake Shore will preside and Dr. Victor-R. will sing. Crawford W. will offer piano selections from 3:45 to 4:00.

## CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Ellis L. of Euclid-Wade Group was appointed chairman of a committee to arrange monthly Consolidated meetings. Other members of this committee will be announced later.

Burt M., treasurer, reported cash on hand \$49.42 with outstanding bills approximately, \$127.00. leaving a deficit of \$77.58.

It has been customary for Central Committee to ask for voluntary contributions of \$5.00 per group for each six months. So far in 1947 only seven groups have contributed in the amount of \$47.00.

These outstanding bills are for printing and mailing reports and letters to the various groups and your Central Committee secretary has been advised to appeal to the group secretaries for cooperation in this matter.

Central Bulletin Editor Harry D. reported subscriptions at 1295 and said if we could bring this up to 1500, Central Bulletin would break even. It was recommended that from time to time secretaries of groups announce at their meetings the need for more subscriptions. A suggestion was offered by Felix R. that where finances permit, groups themselves might take out a number of subscriptions and these copies made available to new members who were not yet in a position to subscribe. Rocky River Group promptly responded by ordering five subscriptions for their group.

## VETERANS HOSPITAL

A group of twelve vets was organized in the Crile Veterans Administration Hospital in Parma in mid-February. The remarkable results that were obtained in several cases prompted the establishment of a group. They meet in Ward 23-A and AA's are welcome. Frank N. is secretary of the group.

## WARREN HOLDS SUNDAY MEETINGS

This city of 60,000 souls has offered one lone Wednesday meeting for AA's for nearly five years and bravely launched a Sunday night meeting on January 5 and the action struck a popular chord. With Tommy F., Cornelius V. and Franklyn S. of Cleveland and speakers from Akron and Youngstown the meetings have attracted excellent crowds. The editor of the Bulletin is scheduled for the 23d of March.

The meetings are held at 8:00 o'clock in the K. of P. Hall, 174 N. Park Ave.

## ROCKY RIVER

Harry H., the ambassador of good will, will lead our meeting on Friday, March 21. The meeting marks his fourth year of absolute sobriety and we expect a great crowd.

Charley A. has been elected as secretary and he already has proven to be a wise choice. Carl H. was elected treasurer.

The Bulletin appreciates the group-subscriptions this group sent in.

## WOMEN CHANGE

The heading probably means nothing new to you, but to the women who have enjoyed attending the monthly meeting in 601 The Arcade, it means that these meetings are transferred to Glenville, 10421 St. Clair, every Monday night at 9:00 o'clock. As an added attraction, Bingo is played after the meeting. All women AA's are welcome.

# CLEVELAND GROUP MEETINGS

## MONDAY

BORTON-E. Cleve. Cong. Church, Page & Euclid	8:45
CRILE V.A. HOSPITAL--Parma, O., Ward 23-A	8:30
FAIRMOUNT--St. Paul's Episc. Church, Fairmount & Coventry	8:30
LAKEWOOD-Community Center Bldg., Detroit Ave. & St. Charles	8:30
LAKEWOOD MEN'S-St. Peter's Episcopal, W. Clifton & Detroit	8:30
LAKEWOOD-CLIFTON-St. Luke's Church, Clifton Blvd., between Bunts & Chase	8:30
LEE ROAD-1637 Lee Road	8:30
LORAIN AVE.-Banater Hall Annex, W. 120th at Lorain	8:30
MEMPHIS RIDGE-7424 Taunton Ave.	8:30
PEARL & Good Counsel Hall, 4427 Pearl Rd	8:30
UNION AVENUE-12907 Union Ave.	8:30
SHAKER HEIGHTS-Christ Episcopal Church, 3451 Warrensville Center Rd.	8:30
SOUTH EAST GROUP-Holy Nnme Hall, 8328 Broadway	8:30
WEST 25TH ST.-Marvel Hall, 2858 W. 25th St	8:30
WILLOUGHBY-Presbyterian Church, Willoughby, O.	8:30
WOMEN'S-West Side, St. Helena's Church, 1367 W. 66th	8:30
WOMEN'S-EAST SIDE--Glenville Hall, 10421 St. Clair	8:30
VERMILION, O.-Contact anyone of the three churches	8:30

## TUESDAY

ARCADE-Euclid Ave. Baptist, E. 18th & Euclid	8:30
CHARITY-Lark Tues. of each month-charity Hosp. Nurses' Aid	8:30
CLARK-4106 Clark Ave. (Upstairs)	8:30
EAGLE TRAINING--Salvation Army, E. 9th & Eagle	8:00
EUCLID-WADE-Calvary Presbyterian Church, E. 79 & Euclid	8:30
LAKE SHORE-Community Center Bldg., St. Charles & Detroit	8:30
Dinner at 7:00 P. M. Meeting	8:30
MT. PLEASANT-Eastview Cong. Church, 16616 Kinsman Rd.	8:30
PUBLIC SQUARE-Hotel Cleveland (See Bulletin Board)	8:30
SMITH-WILSON-Nativity School, 9510 Aetna Road	8:30
SUPERIOR--Immaculate Conception, E. 43rd and Superior	8:30
WEST SIDE MEN'S--St. Patrick's Hall, Bridge Ave. near W. 38th	8:30
LORAIN, O.-Community Hall, 23rd and Beech Sts.	8:00

## WEDNESDAY

ADDISON--1467 Addison Rd. (side)	8:30
BROOKLYN-K. of P. Hall, Broadway and Pearl Rd	8:30
CHAGRIN FALLS, O.--American Legion, E. Orange St.	8:30
CHARDON-St. Mary's Church	9:00
COLLINGSWOOD-14709 St. Clair Ave	8:30
DENISON--7403 Denison Ave.	8:30
DOAN MEN'S--2028 E. 105th St., 2nd floor, side entrance	8:45
DOVER CENTER--Dover Congregational Church, Dover Road between Center Ridge Rd. and Detroit Rd.	8:30
LEE ROAD-Mayfield and Preyer, Heights Presbyterian Church	8:30
MADISON-LAKEWOOD-St. Cyril's Church, Madison and Lakewood Aves.	8:30
VALLEY VIEW-Community Center, W. 7th & Starkweather	8:30
WEST PARK-17th Precinct Hall, W. 157th and Lorain (upstairs)	8:30
BEDFORD, O.-Y. M. C. A., Tarbell Ave	8:30
ELYRIA, O.-St. Andrew's Episc. Church, Middle & Third	8:00
LORAIN, O.-ANTLERS-St. Mary's School, Reid Ave. between 7th and 8th	8:30

## THURSDAY

ANGLE-St. Malachi's Church, 2549 Washington Ave	8:30
BEREA, O.-Fine Arts Club, E. Bagley Rd., 3 drs. east of Eastland	8:30
BROADWAY-56TH--Our Lady of Lourdes School Hall-E. 65th and Broadway	8:30
CLEVELAND-10421 St. Clair	9:00
LEE ROAD-1637 Lee Road	8:30
LORAIN AVE.-Banater Hall Annex, W. 120th St. at Lorain	8:30
OUTHWAITE (Negro)--Portl. Outhw. Center, E. 46th St., so. of Scovill	8:30
PAINESVILLE, O.-33 N. State St., Third Floor	8:30
SPONSORSHIP-Central Comm., 2nd & 4th Thurs., 2028 E. 105th	8:30

## FRIDAY

CEDAR -- Salvation Army, 2181 E. 55th St.	8:15
GORDON SQUARE-People's Meth. Church, W. 65th & Bridge	8:30
LEE ROAD--1637 Lee Road	8:30
MILES MEN'S--Stag Group, 4141 E. 116th St.	8:30
ROCKY RIVER-St. Christopher's Hall, Lakeview off Detroit Rd.	8:30
NEWBURGH- E. 93rd St., Corner Inman Ave	8:30
999--St. Mary's Catholic Church Hall, 16619 Holmes	8:30
NORTHEAST-2028 E. 105th St.	8:30
LORAIN-AVON-1112 W. Erie St., Lorain, O.	8:30
BEREA--Social room of Berea Cong. Church, Seminary and Church Sts.	8:30
EUCLID, O.-St. Paul's Church, E. 200th St. off St. Clair	8:30

## SATURDAY

CARNEGIE--Euclid Ave. Baptist Church, E. 18th St., just north of Euclid	9:00
EAST SIDE YOUNG PEOPLE-Faith Luth. Church, Hayden & Glenside	9:00
GLENVILLE-10421 St. Clair	9:30
W. S. SOCIAL CLUB, 4427 Pearl Road	8:00
WYANDOTTE--Church of Redeemer, Andrews & Detroit (rear)	8:30
8005 GROUP-8005 Lorain Ave.	8:30
ELYRIA, O.-St. Andrew's Episc. Church, Middle & Third	8:30

## SUNDAY

COLLINGSWOOD--14709 St. Clair Avenue	7:30
DOAN MEN'S TRAINING MEETING-2028 E. 105th St.	3:00
NEWBURGH -- 3684 E. 93rd St., Corner Inman Ave.	8:30
SPONSORSHIP MEETING-Glenville Group, 10421 St. Clair Ave.	2:00
WARRENSVILLE--Workhouse Library	10:00 A. M.
AURORA-Aurora Community Church, Rts. 43 and 306	3:00
LORAIN, O.--Stag, 750 Broadway, Lorain, O.	9:00

### 1ST TUESDAY EVERY MONTH

CENTRAL COMMITTEE--Hanna Building, Room 370	8:30
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### MORNING MEETINGS

#### Thursday Mornings

WEST SIDE--7403 Denison Ave	10:30 A. M.
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# OUT OF TOWN MEETINGS

## MONDAY

ASHTABULA, O.-YMCA Canteen, Park Ave. & Progress	8:30
COLUMBUS, O.-Upper Arlington-Grandview, 1st Community Church, 1320 Cambridge Pl.	9:00
ERIE, PA.-Perry Group, 1110 Parade St.	8:30

FREMONT, O.--Elk's Lodge Bldg., Croghan & Justice Sts.	8:30
MT. VERNON, O.-On the Square	8:30
NEW PHILADELPHIA, O.--Tuscarawas County Councils Group, Assembly Hall, 2nd floor Tuscarawas Savings & Loan Bldg.	8:00
NORWALK, O.-Elk's Grill, E. Main St. (downstairs)	8:00
STEBENVILLE, O.--Y. M. C. A., North 4th St.	8:00
URBANA, O.-Mad River Group-Cnrny Hall	8:30
YOUNGSTOWN, O.-West Side, W. S. Library, 2816 Mahoning	8:30

## TUESDAY

AKRON, O., Morning, 897 E. Market St.	10:00 A. M.
AKRON, O., St. Vincent High School Auditorium, cor Walnut & W. Market St.	8:15
ASHTABULA COUNTY--Stag--B. of L. E. Hall, Conneaut, O.	8:30
BELLEVUE, O.--Sumner C. Fehl, Socy, 600 E. Center St.: YMCA Hall	8:00
BLUEFIELD, W. V.--West Virginia Hotel, Bridge Room	8:00
CHARLESTON, W. VA.--Group 1 Uptown--1116 Kanawha Blvd., East	8:30
CINCINNATI, O.--405 Oak St.	8:30
COLUMBUS, O.-West Side 3178 W. Broad St.	8:30
COLUMBUS, O.-Volunteers of America, W. Broad & Starling	8:30
DAYTON, O.-124 Monument Ave.	8:00
GALLIPOLIS, O.-Tri-County Group--Ohio Valley Bank Bldg.	8:00
JAMESTOWN, N. Y.--Jamestown Hotel	8:00
MANSFIELD, O.--Grace Episcopal Church, 3rd & Bowman	8:30
PITTSBURGH, PA.--E. Liberty, Calvary Church Parish House, Shady & Walnut Sts.	8:30
TIFFIN, O.--Women's Club, First Parkway	8:30
YOUNGSTOWN, O., North Side-Unitarian Church, Elm & Illinois	8:30
YOUNGSTOWN, O., East Side-E. Side Library, 6 N. Jackson St.	8:30

## WEDNESDAY

AKRON GROUP No. 1--King School, W. Tallmadge at Aqueduct Street	8:15
ASHLAND, O.--G.A.R. Hall, 140 Arthur St.	8:30
ASHTABULA, O.-YMCA Canteen, Park Ave. and Progress	8:00
BEAVER, PA.--Beaver Valley Group, Home of J. E. Pittinger	8:00
CHARLESTON, W. VA.--Group 5--So. Charleston	8:00
CINCINNATI, O. 405 Oak St.	8:30
CLARKSBURG, W. VA.--100 Summit Court	8:00
COLUMBUS, O.--780 E. Broad St.	8:30
DAYTON, O.-124 Monument Ave.	8:00
ELYRIA, O.-St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Middle and Third	8:30
ERIE, PA.--Lawrence Group, 315 Plum St.	8:00
JAMESTOWN, N. Y. 9 E. Second St.	8:00
MANSFIELD, O. Central Group, 36 1/2 N. Main St., upstairs	8:15
SANDUSKY, O. Providence Hospital	8:30
WARREN, O.--Welsh Club, High St. (except second Wednesday)	8:30
WHEELING, W. VA.--McLure Hotel	8:30
YOUNGSTOWN, O.--Southside Group, 60 W. Indianola	8:30

## THURSDAY

CINCINNATI, O.--405 Oak St.	8:30
COLUMBUS, O.-Men's Group, Broad St. Church of Christ	8:00
DAYTON, O.-124 Monument Ave.	8:00
E. Broad and 21st Sts	8:30
EAST AKRON--897 E. Market Street	8:00
JAMESTOWN, N. Y.--9 1/2 Second St.	8:00
MARION, O.--E. renter and High Sts.	8:30
OIL CITY, PA.--C. of C. Auditorium, Odd Fellows Bldg., Seneca St.	8:30
FORT CLINTON, O.-K. of C. Hall, lii Madison Ave.	8:00
TOLEDO, O.--Highland Park Shelter House	8:30
WARREN, O.--Welsh Club, High St. (second Thurs. in month only)	8:30

## FRIDAY

AKRON, O., Night Group, Firestone Local Hall, So. Main St., just south of Railroad Bridge	8:00
AKRON, O., Noon Group, De Luca's Bismark Cafe, N. Main St.	12 noon
ASHLAND, O.--G. A. R. Hall, 140 Arthur St.	8:30
ASHTABULA, O.-Main Ave. Group--Over Marshall's, Main Ave.	8:00
BUCYRUS, O.-YMCA Hall	8:30
CHARLESTON, W. VA.-Central-1116 Kanawha Blvd., East	8:30
CINCINNATI, O.-405 Oak St.	8:30
COLUMBUS, O.-South End, 245 1/2 So. High St. (2nd Floor)	8:30
CONNEAUT, O.-B. of L. E. Hall, Whitney Block, Main St.	8:00
ERIE, PA.-Stag, Erie Public Library, 2nd Floor	8:30
KENT, O.--Cong'l Church Gym, Gouglar Ave. and Park	8:30
LOUDONVILLE, O. Eagle Hall, Main St.	9:00
LOUISVILLE, KY.--Ky. Dairies, 3 rd and Breckinridge	8:30
NORWALK, O.-Elk's Grill, E. Main St.	8:00
WOOSTER, O.-Episcopal Parish, North and Market	8:30
YOUNGSTOWN, O.--Suburban, Boardman, O.	8:30
YOUNGSTOWN, O., Salvation Army--254 E. Federal St.	7:00

## SATURDAY

CINCINNATI, O.--Open House-405 Oak St.	9:00
CUYAHOGA FALLS--2150 Front Street	8:30
CANTON, O.-St. John's Auditorium, McKinley Ave. at 8th St. N. W.	8:45
CENTRAL, COLUMBUS, O.--I.O.O.F. Temple, 24 W. Goodale St.	8:30
NO. SIDE, COLUMBUS, O.--Olentangy Village, 2929 N. High St.	8:30
DETROIT, MICH.--General Maccabees Bldg., Woodward and Putnam	8:30
GALION, O.--A. F. of L. Hall	8:30
MARION, O.--Center and High Sts.	8:30
MEADVILLE, PA.-Y. M. C. A. on Chestnut Street	8:30
OBERLIN, O.-Legion Hall, North Main St.	8:00
TOLEDO, O.--515 1/2 Jackson St.	8:30
YOUNGSTOWN, O.--Stag--310 W. Federal St.	8:30

## SUNDAY

AKRON, O.-N. Main St., Opp. St. Thomas Hospital	6:00
ASHTABULA, O.-YMCA Canteen (Park & Progress)	5:00
COLUMBUS, O.-Neil House (See Bulletin Board)	7:30
DAYTON, O.-124 Monument Ave.	2:30
FINDLAY, O. 1st Presh. Church, S. Main and Lincoln	8:00
LISBON, O. Columbiana Group, American Legion Hall	8:00
JAMESTOWN, N. Y.--Allen Sq. Rldg., Main and Second Sts	8:00
MANSFIELD, O.--Central Stag, 36 1/2 N. Main St., upstairs	3:00
MARION, O.--Center and High Sts.	2:30
PITTSBURGH, PA.-Coraopolis YMCA	2:30
PITTSBURGH (No. Side)-North Side Y. M. C. A.	2:00
WARREN, O.--K. of P. Hall, li4 N. Park Ave.	8:00
YOUNGSTOWN, O.-Consolidated, YMCA Youth Center, 21 E. Rayen Ave.	8:00

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## Editorial — Help Wanted

When our lives have become unmanageable and we decide at last to turn to the help of a power that is greater than our own, how do we win that help?

The help is won by a simple act. That is the act of asking for help. It is the cry in which we turn to the Supreme Power. In that simple act we admit that we have fought against the universal laws that men have lived by since time began, and we admit that we have failed. We abandon our self-made laws and we turn to the universal laws. And because some good remains in even the worst of us, we are able to put ourselves in the hands of the Supreme Power.

Thus, we win the chance to save ourselves. The simple act of turning to the Supreme Power is all that is needed to win that chance.

For us, who have waited until the hour of desperation has overwhelmed us, this act is but the beginning of the things we must do. At first we cling to the helping hand as we would cling to a rock in the sea. We are in safe hands, but still too helpless to walk in newness of life.

We have to learn to walk in the same world that has caused us so much trouble, doing most of the same things that are the inescapable routine of life, facing the same temptations that pulled us down, facing the same demands upon will-power that has become shattered. All the old challenges are in front of us, and with them, we have a new challenge, which is to surmount the towering obstacles of our evil habits.

We can't demolish these great obstacles in a single blow. We can demolish them in the same way that we built them, that is through a long series of single acts.

We start at the beginning of each day, by turning our minds to the Supreme Power, the power greater than our own from which we have asked help. Most of us find it practical to say a short prayer, in which we ask for help for the day. In so doing, we dedicate ourselves to the day's task with the help of the Supreme Power.

At the end of each day many of us find it well to look over the day's work. We soon recognize that if we are to have the help of the power that is greater than our own, we must cease to do things that we know will be evil. The number of days in which we have triumphed over alcohol will be few if we fail to restrain our other evil actions. Evil contaminates good. It is particularly necessary for us to watch our tempers, eliminate resentment and avoid the temptation to judge the acts of others. If we devote part of our daily inventory to examination of those things that made us unhappy during the day, or that got us into difficulty, we will discover where our daily actions need our corrective attention.

So, at the end of the day, we thank the Supreme Power for the help we have received and we take notice of our failings for the day. The next day, we will try to correct these failings, for that day, at least.

In the story of the creation of the world in the Book of Genesis, we read that God looked over his work at the end of each day. At the end of the week, he looked over his whole week's work. That's a good program for us, too. A daily inventory of the things done that day, and a weekly

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## Wild Oats

"Everybody sows wild oats," one of the boys stated recently, "and it's just a matter of time when they sprout. Some times these sprouts thrive and grow to robust proportions before they're hacked down, but most people succeed in weeding them out before they become major problems."

This philosopher went on to describe the techniques of parents, and the importance of understanding in the serious job of bringing up youngsters in our fast-moving world. He properly drew from his own experience. His parents had been strict. He remembered his adolescent years as years of torture, of whippings and lecturings and warnings. That his parents loved him, he didn't doubt, but its he compared his life with other boys in

grade school, high school and college, he began to lose respect for them; they were old-fashioned and narrow; too strict; too religious.

However, he still feared them. As he entered manhood and was permitted to make decisions for himself, he began to revel in the luxury of first mild and then serious indiscretions. It was then when he began to throw off the shackles of parental direction and deliberately par-took of everything which had been denied him. Resentment, long buried and deep seated against any curb to his desires gave way to an orgy of behavior which finally ended

in serious trouble and its attendant contrition. Forgiven, but still resentful—probably resentful at being caught—his newly found liberty of expression soon tempted him and it wasn't long before he was in trouble again. Then he left home. Home to him meant constant encroachment of liberty. He wasn't happy.

Soon he found that this still wasn't the answer. He found a girl who met his requirements and "permitted" her to marry him, to supply him with his needs and his desires. For a year he was happy, though he was impatient with the monotony of responsibility. And when he began to indulge in occasional excursions with "the boys," these began to offer greater lures than the little woman could offer. The excursions became more frequent, and with them came tears, denunciation, loss of love and respect and finally separation. He had married into a situation which he had hoped to escape!

Ten years of "liberty" and free expression of his will finally brought him to realize that this wasn't bringing him happiness. Nobody loved him, nobody liked him, no one would employ him and no one had a kind word for him. Broke, dispirited and friendless, full of resentment and hatred against all people by a miracle he was "understood" by a sympathetic and patient member of AA. What a job of restoring this was. Fortunately he had sufficient latent character to build on and now after six years in AA he is a model of character and solid citizenry.

His advice to parents is: Be strict, but be understanding. Be understanding, but not too tolerant. Be tolerant but not too wordy. Be an example. If you lay down rules for your child, live up to them yourself. Don't deny the child a thing just because you were denied it. Keep a loose but firm rein. Wild oats are youth's spreading of wings. Teach him why clipping them early will develop sturdy and reliable wings for his flight in life.

Your faults appear as big to the other fellow as his faults appear to you . . . Look for his good points and keep yours active and displayed.

## EDITORIAL-HELP WANTED

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inventory of the things done in the whole week. In the weekly inventory, we get a better picture of our troublesome tendencies, and we can dedicate ourselves to the task of conquering at least one evil tendency in the week to come.

In this way, the help of the Supreme Power enables us to grow in a new life. We win strength by a series of daily acts.

## RESENTMENTS

Do you want to get the most out of "your wonderful human machine" or are you one of those people who are satisfied with mere sobriety? To get the most we must learn to be very critical of how much happiness we are "buying" with our thinking. Resentments are negative thoughts and you do not "buy" happiness with negative thoughts. Examine the resentments that you hold at the present time using our AA prayer as a yardstick:

"Grant me Almighty God, the serenity to accept that which I cannot change; the courage to change that which I can and the wisdom to know the difference."

Most of us who have been in AA for any length of time realize that we of ourselves cannot change another man unless that man is first willing to be changed. Clashes between various personalities have at different times resulted in bitter resentments on both sides. Are these bitter resentments necessary? Why is it that when some men have a resentment against another man or against another group that they want to "sell" the resentment to anybody who will listen? In our little AA prayer we ask Almighty God for the serenity to accept that which we cannot change. Can we change other personalities through BITTER RESENTMENT? Are we living the 24-Hour Program when we harbor resentments for weeks at a time? Are we SINCERE when we ask Almighty God for the serenity to accept that which we cannot change and then in the next breath spread BITTER RESENTMENT.

It is very possible that those of us who have been harboring resentments also have a different conception of our AA prayer than that which has just been stated. What of it? It's never too late to learn. Every day is New Year's Day! If placing "personalities" in that same category with other things which cannot be changed will help us to overcome our resentments then it is certainly worth a try. Think it over seriously. Don't be one of those people who are always ready to say "It can't be done."

Why is it that sometimes we do not realize that there are no perfect people? If we would but accept other people's ideas in that light we would not be so apt to declare war on some other individual or group of individuals who wanted to try a different approach to some problem than we did. Why is it that we will defend some of our own silly ideas long after we know that the other man has a better approach to the problem? Humility is a very necessary ingredient if we want our thinking to "buy" the most happiness. Do we have humility? If you have resentments and especially if you have been trying to "sell" them to others it might be well to re-check the quality of your HUMILITY.

When dealing with other people, remember you are not dealing with creatures of logic, but with creatures of emotion, creatures bristling with prejudices and motivated by pride and vanity. And if you want to stir up a resentment tomorrow that may rankle across the years to come, just indulge in a little stinging criticism—no matter how certain you are it is justified.—*The Thought Starter*, Minneapolis, Minn. March 8, '47.

## REV. LAWRENCE AHERN

On April 17 death overcame a priest who had made many friends in the AA movement in the Cleveland area, Rev. Lawrence Ahern. His demise was sudden and unexpected and many hundreds paid their last loving respects at his funeral which was held on Monday, April 21.

## AVERAGE AGE LOWERS

The average age of members of AA has decreased astonishingly in the past several years. Where the average age had been 44, it now has dropped to the middle thirties. This is undoubtedly due to the great number of returned servicemen who have joined since their mustering out.

The emotional disturbances brought on by release from fear, disillusionment, displacement, resentment and readjustment was fertile ground for many who have found their answer in AA.

A warning should be considered by these newcomers in our ranks. You don't have to be an old man or have to go down to the gutter to become an alcoholic. Be thankful to God that you've got from 10 to 30 years on some of us old-timers to put to good use. The mental gutter you were in when you joined AA should be remembered always as a deterrent when you're tempted to believe that you can drink like a normal person again.

Once an alcoholic, always an alcoholic. If your life had been made unmanageable by alcohol it will make it so again no matter how you try to control it.

If you're considering "resigning" visit the hospitals and nursing homes and save yourself a rueful awakening.

## CENTRAL OFFICE NEWS

On April 2 we received a call from a town in Indiana. The caller introduced herself as a wife of a man who was desirous of becoming affiliated with AA. She said he had left for Cleveland for that purpose and when he arrived at this office she would like him to call home.

The next morning we received a call from the man who said he was on his way into town and he would like instructions on how to get to our office. These were given him and he arrived shortly after noon. He called home and during the time he was here an AA group secretary came in, volunteered to sponsor him and see that he received a lot of visitors. He was not able to go with the man to the nursing home but another AA came in who could and did. He explained that he had been affiliated with AA elsewhere but it had not seemed to him at that time that it was the answer for him. His brother, who is in AA elsewhere, suggested that he come to Cleveland to the District Office and get started on the program here.

## THE WOMEN TELL HOW

It was a cold, rainy and miserable day in Cleveland, Sunday, April 20, but over 800 people who braved the weather to attend the monthly Consolidated Meeting were well rewarded in the inspiring and thrilling meeting completely and very ably conducted by the women AA's of Cleveland.

The stage was crowded with magnificent baskets of flowers which were sent by thoughtful and appreciative groups and individuals. The twelve really beautiful lady AA ushers added greatly to the occasion.

Both speakers were eloquent and gave intelligent and impressive talks. Both stressed the responsibility of motherhood, Billy P. advising "She should not spoil her child, a spoiled child being easy prey for the alcoholic 'germ'." She asserted that in her opinion, women required more patient treatment than men, because women were realists fundamentally, but as well were masters in the art of self-deception.

Elizabeth B. made a dramatic entrance, having been brought upon the stage in a wheel chair. She had sustained a broken ankle just two days before, but this did not deter her. This greatly impressed many, one man near us remarking, "If that had happened to me, I would probably have gotten drunk." She won the crowd with her cultured and pleasing talk which radiated faith and conviction.

We believe that visitors were given one of the finest impressions of AA in this meeting. There was pride of bearing and an evidence of a deep sense of humility and joy. It pervaded the atmosphere.

Thanks, ladies.

### MINSTREL SHOW

Only a few tickets are still available for the fourth annual AA Minstrel Show which will be held in Little Theater on Saturday evening, April 26, and Sunday afternoon, April 27.

A star added attraction will be Sonny Moore's Roustabouts, a professional dog act which will be an added laugh-provoker. This act was secured through the good graces of Katherine K.'s daughter who is the wife of Sonny Moore. (Katherine K. is that West Side Nursing Home proprietor you've heard about.)

The cast has been well trained and it will be a grand show.

### BOWLING BANQUETS

Unable to reconcile differences, there will be two AA bowling banquets this year.

The East Side Sunday League will banquet at the Allerton Hotel Thursday, May 23, at 7:00 p. m. Guests are welcome at \$2.75 per plate.

The Thursday and Friday Leagues will banquet at Swiss Hall, 2710 Walton Ave., on Wednesday, May 7, at 6:30. Three dollars covers all.

### COLLINWOOD PRESENTS

Written by Mrs. G. and played by a cast of ten young stalwart AA's the new comedy revue "Sweethearts off Parade" is a laugh riot. The Collinwood Group presented the show on April 5 for the East Side Young People's Group and on April 8 for the Superior Group. If your group is interested they might consider another engagement. It's an evening of fun for everybody and costs nothing.

### GLENVILLE NEWS

Tom D., the pride of "Pesco," was chairman for March and brought some new as well as old speakers to the platform.

Harry R., who is Glenville's traditional St. Patrick's Day speaker, gave us a great treat with his natural Irish wit, and Secretary Tony S. was in his glory, it being his birthday also.

The annual "St. Pats" party was a huge success with some 500 guests partaking of baked ham sandwiches, etc.

The following week brought our old friend Bill R. to the mike, to give one of the best leads of his career. One would never recognize the speaker for the Bill M. I met four years ago.

And so to Harry, Bill, and all the rest we say,

MERCI BEAUCOUP!"

### EAST SIDE WOMEN ELECT

Helen E. O'M. is the newly elected secretary of the East Side Women's Group which has been reactivated and meets on Monday nights at 9:00 o'clock in Glenville Hall, 10421 St. Clair. Her telephone number is HIE 4280.

### CROSSROADS

Since last October we have been reminded three or four times to change the name of the Carnegie Group to Crossroads. We insist that this was not deliberate—just careless.

This fine group meets every Saturday night in Euclid Ave. Baptist Church, 18th and Euclid, at 9:00 p. m. sharp. Good crowd. Nice people.

### CRILE HOSPITAL CHANGE

The meetings at the Veterans Hospital are now held at 7:30 p. m. instead of 8:30 and in Ward 23-B. Please note change in time and meeting room.

### CORINTHIANS

The Corinthians inducted their newly elected officers in grand style with a banquet in the McArthur Room of Hotel Carter on Tuesday, March 11. That effervescent master of ceremonies, Edward J. B., was in excellent form as was the food and entertainment.

Elmer S. succeeded the very capable Fred B. as president.

### CLEVELAND CELEBRATION

The twelfth anniversary of Alcoholics Anonymous will be celebrated on the 15th of June in Music Hall of Cleveland Public Hall with the first Akron men as speakers. Invitations will be sent all over the country.

On Saturday the 14th there will be Open House in several strategic spots in the Cleveland area.

Keep the date open—June 15, 1947.

### BROOKLYN 7th ANNIVERSARY

On Friday, May 9, starting at 8:45 p. m., the Brooklyn Group will celebrate its seventh anniversary. The speakers will be Harry D. of the Lakewood Group, Dale T. of the Fairmount group and William (Bill) F., Director of Seaman's Institute of New York City.

A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to attend this meeting which will be held in St. Luke's Evangelical Church, 4216 Pearl Rd., on the southwest corner of Memphis. The church will accommodate 600 in its comfortable pews. We hope it will be filled.

An organ recital will precede the meeting. Doors open at 8:00 p. m. Chas. A. S. is chairman for the occasion.

### DOAN DATA

Joe G. was in charge during March and did a swell job for both the Wednesday and Sunday Training Meetings. Our high standard of speakers was maintained and included Elliott L., Lloyd R., Ed B. and Jack D.

With Spring in the air we have contracted the cleaning fever and are planning a cleaning spree which will include a general painting of clubrooms, venetian blinds, etc.

This month marked the fifth anniversary of one of our "Hamburger Tycoons"—Chester S.

We are all glad to see the return of the numerous flu patients the past few weeks and trust they are all on the road to a speedy recovery.

Sunday Training meets are still well attended and the invitation is extended to all groups to bring their prospects to this open Sunday discussion.

Old Buck has compiled some interesting figures on his list of Warrensville Workhouse prospects. Of 75 prospects, 38 grasped AX right away and are good members; 10 are in and outers, 4 died and 23 flunked.

### EDGELAKE

Sixty-one signed as charter members of the newly formed Edgelake Group at its initial meeting on March 21, at which Clarence S. gave one of his finest talks. The advice on prejudice, resentment, jealousy and rancor as a guide to behavior was splendidly received, as was his plea for cooperation and friendliness with other groups.

Our meetings have been held on Thursdays and Fridays, but on Tuesday, May 6, we will meet regularly on Tuesday nights in Lakewood Community Center, St. Charles and Detroit. Dinner at 7:00 and meeting at 8:30. Elmer L. was elected secretary of the group.

### LAKE SHORE MOVES

We are asking our friends and visitors to note that we have changed our meeting night from Tuesday to Wednesday. Effective Wednesday, May 7th, meetings will be held at the same location, Lakewood Community Center, Detroit Ave., cor. St. Charles. Dinner will be served at 7:00 p. m. with the meeting starting at 8:30.

Ladd T. is the new secretary. Dan S. treasurer and Joe S. activities chairman. A council of five active members will assist these officers.

### BLACK HAS ROOTERS

A contingent of Cleveland AA's traveled to Detroit to witness Don Black win his first game since joining AA.

Your editor has ten various bets on his success: That he'll win fifteen games (at 1 to 3); that he'll win ten (evens); that he'll win more than Gettel; that in his second game he'll not allow more than six hits.

Other AA's have similar bets and Little taking money is easy among the people out of AA. We know his ability and we know the power of AA. And we believe that Don has the roots of AA deep in him.

Get out and root, boys and girls, for a swell gty.

THURSDAY LEE ROAD MOVES

Seven years ago this group established temporary quarters for their Thursday meetings at 1637 Lee Rd. and now have finally decided on their permanent location in Fairmount Presbyterian Church Chapel on Scarborough Road, just east of Coventry. The first meeting in their new location will be on April 24 at 8:30.

BEREA THURSDAY

On April 1 most of our members sent cards, letters and flowers to Frank McKelvy who observed his third anniversary in bed in Milan, Tennessee. He had been stricken with a heart attack. Four long months under doctor's care palled on him and he made a decision to return to Cleveland to be among his friends. On April 14 he was again stricken and died. A traveling salesman, his example in AA was grand. We'll miss him greatly.

COLLINWOOD SIXTH ANNIVERSARY

Everyone is invited to attend Collinwood's Sixth Anniversary celebration Sunday, May 4, particularly those who were members of the group in 1941. This will be our first anniversary celebration even though we are six years old. Tom V., who led the first Collinwood meeting, will lead. J. B. W. is chairman and Frank McN. (that canny Scot) will be in charge of an elaborate vaudeville show. Plenty of refreshments.

MT. PLEASANT

The Mount Pleasant Group was host to many visitors on March 25, including a delegation of eight members of the Outhwaite Group who listened to an outstanding talk by Major Hoffman of Salvation Army.

OUTHWAITE

The only Colored group in Cleveland has made rapid strides against terrific odds and now has moved to permanent quarters in Woodland Center, 7100 Kinsman Rd. We were greatly impressed with their fine spirit, interest and devotion.

On Sunday, May 4, the entire group will trek to Akron to give inspiration and encouragement to the new Colored group which was recently established there. They will leave in automobiles from their meeting place at 3:00 p. m.

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CLEVELAND GROUP MEETINGS

MONDAY

BORTON - E. Cleve. Cong. Church, Page & Euclid.....	8:45
CRILE V. A. HOSPITAL--Parma, O.--Ward 23-B.....	7:30
FAIRMOUNT--St. Paul's Episc. Church, Fairmount & Coventry.....	8:30
LAKEWOOD--Community Center Bldg., Detroit Ave. & St. Charles.....	8:30
LAKEWOOD MEN'S--St. Peter's Episcopal, W. Clifton & Detroit.....	8:30
LAKEWOOD-CLIFTON--St. Luke's Church, Clifton Blvd., between Bunts & Chase.....	8:30
LEE ROAD--1637 Lee Road.....	8:30
LORAIN AVE.--Banater Hall Annex, W. 120th at Lorain.....	8:30
MEMPHIS-RIDGE--7424 Taunton Ave.....	8:30
PEARL--Good Counsel Hall, 4427 Pearl Rd.....	8:30
UNION AVENUE--12907 Union Ave.....	8:30
SHAKER HEIGHTS--Christ Episcopal Church, 3451 Warrensville Center Rd.....	8:30
SOUTH EAST GROUP--Holy Name Hall, 8328 Broadway.....	8:30
WEST 25TH ST.--Marvel Hall, 2858 W. 25th St.....	8:30
WILLOUGHBY--Presbyterian Church, Willoughby, O.....	8:30
WOMEN'S--West Side, St. Helena's Church, 1867 W. 65th.....	8:30
WOMEN'S--EAST SIDE--Glenville Hall, 10421 St. Clair.....	8:30
VERMILION, O.--Contact anyone of the three churches.....	8:30

TUESDAY

ARCADE--Euclid Ave. Baptist, E. 18th & Euclid.....	8:30
CHARITY--Last Tues. of each month--Charity Hosp. Nurses' Aid.....	8:30
CLARK--4195 Clark Ave. (Upstairs).....	8:30
EAGLE TRAINING--Salvation Army, E. 9th & Eagle.....	8:00
EUCLID-WADE--Calvary Presbyterian Church, E. 79 & Euclid.....	8:30
EDGE LAKE--Community Center Bldg., St. Charles and Detroit--Dinner at 7:00 P. M.--Meeting.....	8:30
MT. PLEASANT--Eastview Cong. Church, 15615 Kinsman Rd.....	8:30
PUBLIC SQUARE--Hotel Cleveland (See Bulletin Board).....	8:30
SMITH-WILSON--Nativity School, 9510 Aetna Road.....	8:30
SUPERIOR--Immaculate Conception, E. 43rd and Superior.....	8:30
WEST SIDE MEN'S--St. Patrick's Hall, Bridge Ave. near W. 38th.....	8:30
LORAIN, O.--Community Hall, 23rd and Beech Sts.....	8:00

WEDNESDAY

ADDISON--1467 Addison Rd. (side).....	8:30
BROOKLYN--K. of P. Hall, Broadway and Pearl Rd.....	8:30
CHAGRIN FALLS, O.--American Legion, E. Orange St.....	8:30
CHARDON--St. Mary's Church.....	9:00
COLLINWOOD--14709 St. Clair Ave.....	8:30
DENISON--7403 Denison Ave.....	8:30
DOAN MEN'S--2028 E. 105th St., 2nd floor, side entrance.....	8:45
DOVER CENTER--Dover Congregational Church, Dover Road between Center Ridge Rd. and Detroit Rd.....	8:30
LAKE SHORE--Community Center Bldg., St. Charles & Detroit--Dinner at 7:00 P. M.....	8:30
LEE ROAD--Mayfield and Freyer, Heights Presbyterian Church.....	8:30
MADISON-LAKEWOOD--St. Cyril's Church, Madison and Lakewood Aves.....	8:30
VALLEY VIEW--Community Center, W. 7th & Starkweather.....	8:30
WEST PARK--17th Precinct Hall, W. 157th and Lorain (upstairs).....	8:30
BEDFORD, O.--Y. M. C. A., Tarbell Ave.....	8:30
ELYRIA, O.--St. Andrew's Episc. Church, Middle & Third.....	8:00
LORAIN, O.--ANTLERS--St. Mary's School, Reid Ave., between 7th and 8th.....	8:30

THURSDAY

ANGLE--St. Malachi's Church, 2549 Washington Ave.....	8:30
BEREA, O.--Fine Arts Club, E. Bagley Rd., 3 drs. east of Eastland.....	8:30
BROADWAY-65TH--Our Lady of Lourdes School Hall--E. 55th and Broadway.....	8:30
GLENVILLE--10421 St. Clair.....	9:00
LEE ROAD--Fairmount Presbyterian Chapel, Scarborough Road, East of Coventry.....	8:30
LORAIN AVE.--Banater Hall Annex, W. 120th St. at Lorain.....	8:30
OUTHWAITE--(Negro) Woodland Center, 7100 Kinsman.....	8:30
PAINESVILLE, O.--33 N. State St., Third Floor.....	8:30
SPONSORSHIP--Central Comm., 2nd & 4th Thurs., 2028 E. 105th.....	8:30

FRIDAY

CEDAR--Salvation Army, 2181 E. 55th St.....	8:15
GORDON SQUARE--People's Meth. Church, W. 65th & Bridge.....	8:30
LEE ROAD--1637 Lee Road.....	8:30
MILES MEN'S--Stag Group, 4141 E. 116th St.....	8:30
ROCKY RIVER--St. Christopher's Hall, Lakeview off Detroit Rd.....	8:30
NEWBURGH--3684 E. 93rd St., Corner Inman Ave.....	8:30
NORTHEAST--2028 E. 105th St.....	8:30
LORAIN-AVON--1112 W. Erie St., Lorain, O.....	8:30
BEREA--Social room of Brea Cong. Ch.....	8:30
EUCLID, O.--St. Paul's Church, E. 200th St. off St. Clair.....	8:30

SATURDAY

CROSSROADS--Euclid Avenue Baptist Church, East 18th, North of Euclid Avenue.....	9:00
EAST SIDE YOUNG PEOPLE--Faith Luth. Church, Hayden & Glenside.....	9:00
GLENVILLE--10421 St. Clair.....	9:30
W. S. SOCIAL CLUB, 4421 Pearl Road.....	8:00
WYANDOTTE MEN'S--Church of Redeemer, Andrews and Detroit Avenue (rear).....	8:30
8005 GROUP--8005 Lorain Ave.....	8:30
ELYRIA, O.--St. Andrew's Episc. Church, Middle & Third.....	8:30

SUNDAY

COLLINWOOD--14709 St. Clair Avenue.....	7:30
DOAN MEN'S TRAINING MEETING--2028 E. 106th St.....	3:00
NEWBURGH--3684 E. 93rd St., Corner Inman Ave.....	8:30
SPONSORSHIP MEETING--Glenville Group, 10421 St. Clair Ave.....	2:00
WARRENSVILLE--Workhouse Library.....	10:00 A. M.
AURORA--Aurora Community Church, Rts. 43 and 306.....	3:00
LORAIN, O.--Stag, 750 Broadway, Lorain, O.....	9:00

1ST TUESDAY EVERY MONTH

CENTRAL COMMITTEE--Hanna Building, Room 370..... 8:30

MORNING MEETINGS  
Thursday Mornings

WEST SIDE-7403 Denison Ave..... 10:30 A. M.



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## Loving Memories

In an old prayer that has stood the test of time we read this line: "Grant unto thy people that they may love the thing which thou commandest."

To these words we might well add words of our own: "Grant that we cease to love that which is evil for us."

Learnin g not to love that which is evil for us is one of our difficult problems.

We loved being mavericks. We loved the action of insubordination, of feeling responsible to no one, to no law, to no conventions of society. We loved the feeling of throwing off obligations. We loved alcohol that enabled us to escape our obligations, that gave us that feeling of freedom and unconcern.

Many of us seem to glory in our evil experiences. We retell our evil actions as if they were great achievements, and we are inclined to gloss over the more degrading aspects of those actions.

Why boast about evil? Perhaps some lives are so barren that there is nothing else to boast about. But then, why boast? Why feel the necessity of boasting? Why seek always to try to stress the maximum of self importance, whether in evil or in good?

Do we still long for the false freedom that we felt we found in alcohol? Do we still long to escape our obligations? Do we still resent playing our minor parts in the business of life?

The desire to escape exists in all people. But most people have sense enough to turn action on that desire into safe channels. Perhaps the desire is stronger in us because of our Super-egotism. But if we are grow? up we can look at our experience and say that we have tried escape and we have found that it doesn't work. If we are not grown up, we may try to look for some new wrinkle.

What has been evil for us, we must cease to love. We must give it up and do so without regret.

It is important that we do more. We must cease to love evil and learn to love good. We must learn to love the things that God has commanded for us. We must gain satisfaction from the honest fulfillment of our obligations, from doing a good day's work, from associating naturally and pleasantly with the people we work with, from efforts of our own that make our family lives and our other associations pleasant, from doing some good for some one.

While we cease to love evils, we should work to improve ourselves in the virtues, in prudence, in temperance, in fortitude, in justice, in faith, in hope and in charity. It is in positive acts of good that we grow. That growth begins with learning to love what God has commanded for all men.

### MEMORIAL DAY

Remember your departed AA, friend on Memorial Day!

## Twelfth Anniversary

Cleveland again will be host to out-of-towners, who will trek to this center of AA enthusiasm to participate in the joyous celebration of the anniversary of Alcoholics Anonymous.

A splendid program has been arranged which will open with the reception of visitors in the Saints and Sinners room of Hotel Carter on Saturday, June 14. A tea will be held for the ladies on Saturday afternoon. In the evening, Open House will prevail at Glenville and Doan Men's quarters on the east side, and at a large assembly hall on the west side at which places all visitors will be welcomed. Entertainment and refreshments will be provided.

On Sunday, a banquet will be held, at 6 o'clock in Masonic Hall which has accommodated a thousand persons. At 8 o'clock a half-hour organ recital will precede the mass meeting which will start promptly at 8:30 p. m.

The meeting will be presided over by Dr. Robert S., one of the co-founders of AA, who will introduce Bill D., the first "Guinea Pig" of Bill and Doc. Dick S., formerly of Akron and now of New York, and Paul S., the latter's brother, who has been such a vital and patent force in AA's growth.

This all-star Akron cast was chosen by the committee, so deep appreciation might be shown for their great devotion and sacrifice to a cause which brought sunshine and happiness into thousands of homes.

Out of town people can reserve hotel and dinner accommodations by writing to Twelfth Anniversary Committee, Carter Hotel, Cleveland 16, Ohio.

Dinner \$3.00 including tax and gratuity.  
CLEVELAND WILL WELCOME YOU!

### ALL OR NOTHING

If we go "dry" on the first step only and ignore the spiritual angle-neglect to make a moral inventory; neglect to ask the "Power Greater Than Ourselves" to remove all our defects of character-These defects and obsessions will remain to plague us and our associates and we will be unable to obtain even the dreadful oblivion afforded by the bottle. We shall be living a life of continuous fear and where there is fear there is neither love nor peace of mind.

The entire program must be accepted. The "TWELVE STEPS" are one unit, divided into parts merely for convenience in reading and that they may be more easily remembered. To reject or by-pass any one of the "Steps" is just as foolish as it would be for a sick man to cross out one of the ingredients from the prescription handed to him by his physician, or for a one-armed paper hanger to neglect to repair a broken step in his step ladder.

An alcoholic who attends meetings regularly, but has "reservations" is not a real member of ALCOHOLICS

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## ALL OR NOTHING

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ANONYMOUS, because he isn't "on the program." You can't have a triangle with only two sides; a circle with less than 360 degrees; or our BILL OF RIGHTS with two or three of the ten amendments excised; and, consequently, you can't be a real "AA" if you don't shoot the works on the program.

—Clipped from Camel Club Chronicle. Marshalltown, Ia.

## INTELLECTUAL HONESTY

This article is one of most difficult which we have attempted to write because it involves a confession and a deep sense of guilt. We are guilty of abusing a trust.

We, as editor and publisher of Central Bulletin have certain moral obligations. We must regularly convey inspirational material as well as local and national news without guile and without seeking personal reward or glory. We must, at all times respect and treasure the anonymity of our subscribers. Our only reason for existence must always be the continued dissemination of AA philosophy—all for the purpose of keeping ourselves as well as our readers sober with the "handles," we receive by reading books and hearing members at the meetings we attend.

Several weeks ago, we were asked to attend a preview of the motion picture, "Smash-up," with civic and welfare leaders. All who saw the picture were impressed and were enthusiastic in their praise. We were asked to write our opinions on slips of paper. We (I) were asked to publicize it in the Bulletin, and agreed to do so, but when they learned the publication date, they asked if we could supply a list of our subscribers. This we refused, but we unthinkingly agreed to give them the names of our women subscribers as well as those who were greatly active in the movement, who seeing the picture would urge their members to attend. The understanding was that a mat would be used giving the salient information. Several hundred names were given.

The list was returned immediately and it was then when qualms of conscience and fear began to assert themselves.

When the postcard was received by the members, they, naturally wondering why they had been singled out as being interested in a picture on an alcoholic's problem, besieged the downtown office with indignant inquiries. Two people called us, and we, now already fearful, dodged behind the old alcoholic subterfuge of cloaked denial. "Did you give Judge D the Bulletin list?" "No I had not." (I had given a partial list to the distributor). Other questions were ducked in similar fashion and so the day went.

In horrible and miserable mental state, we drove to a nursing home and finally unburdened ourselves. We of course turned to prayer and after a sleepless night, finally called the downtown office and cleared the mystery.

We have abused a trust. We cannot offer anything but this sincere and contrite apology, except to vow never under any circumstances to use the list for any purpose except for mailing the Central Bulletin to you. If we have hurt anyone, believe us, we are sincerely and abjectly sorry.

We have learned another lesson in intellectual honesty. The cost of education is heavy but we believe it will be lasting. Forgive us, please.

## DON BLACK

The well-wishers of Don Black are making it tough for him and the ball club. In their zeal, some have been pestering Bill Veeck with extraordinary requests, even to the extent of asking a transfer of a regularly scheduled game the Tribe plays in Philadelphia to Cleveland on June 15th, the day of our Twelfth Anniversary.

Let's not make pests of ourselves. Don has done a splendid job on the mound for Cleveland. His three wins gave us a great thrill and his three losses gave us chagrin. Even in his defeats we could point to the few runs he allowed and could cuss at the rest of the team for not batting in more than the opponents.

Let's let Don live a natural ball players life as well as a good AA life. That he is a member gives him no greater privileges. He is a grand fellow and shouldn't be subjected to unusual pressure of embarrassment. Refer your ideas to his sponsor, Bill T. of Doan Men's—please don't bother Veeck

## GOOD SUGGESTION

The Alcoholic Foundation has made a plea to secretaries of groups to establish P.O. boxes to expedite correspondence. Many groups change secretaries at intervals and quite often no notice of the change has been sent to the Foundation or to focal points which require this information for better dissemination of news to groups as well as the important referral of names for immediate action.

So why not rent a postoffice box in the name of the group and as each secretary is elected, he can be given the key. You'll have a permanent address too, even though you change the location of your meeting place.

## PHONOGRAPH RECORDS

Of great interest to all groups, should be the news that Bill Wilson, one of the co-founders has made a transcription of one of his talks and copies will be available around June 1st. The record was originally made for a large open meeting in Los Angeles in April and runs for 15 minutes. It is available on two U-inch non-breakable records and can be played on any phonograph. The talk is a general one about AA and is particularly desirable for open meetings.

The price of \$3.30 per set includes postage. Orders should include address (please print) and shipping and a check or money order made payable to Works Publishing, Inc. Mail orders to PO Box 469, New York 17, N. Y.

## CONSOLIDATED MEETING

Harry R. and Hank S. gave an extraordinarily fine dual lead at the monthly Consolidated meeting at Public Hall. Both speakers with a wealth of twelfth step experiences on their records drew from these experiences and inspired their listeners.

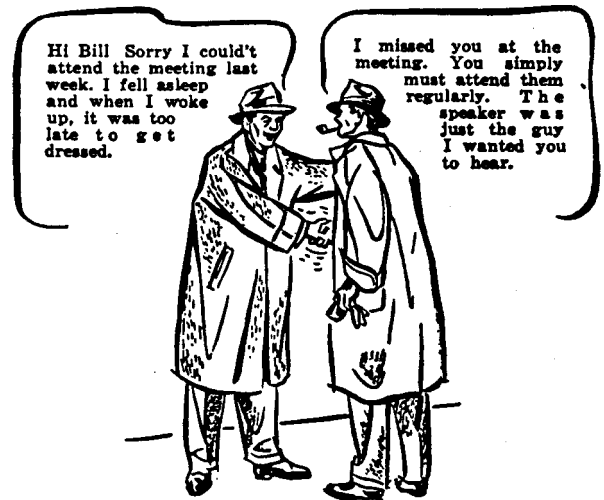
## WYANDOTTE,

Abbie G. will be our leader on Saturday, June 7th when we hold our monthly mixed meeting. We welcome visitors.

## WOMEN

The West Side Women have been meeting in the new quarters for over a month and our listing of the old address in the Bulletin caused great inconvenience to a speaker. We hasten to correct it.

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## DOWNTOWN OFFICE DATA

This is your report from the Cleveland District Office for the month of April.

Contacts requested and turned over to Groups, 102.  
Requests for general AA information and literature, 29.  
AA liaison services to individuals and Groups, 61.

Our records also show the following reports back to the office from Group Secretaries:

Individuals hospitalized 17, not hospitalized, 29.

Not ready or not interested when contact was made, 8.

New groups formed 2.

Included in the literature sent out by the office during the month of April were orders totalling 3,098 Way of Life, 98 AA Sponsorship and 919 Who Me, all of which are Cleveland publications, as well as pamphlets from other cities.

At a special meeting, the group representatives elected **Leo S. of Berea Thursday** to succeed **John H.** who was recently elected to a three-year term, and who resigned upon taking up the managership of a nursing sanitarium. All directors in the future will be elected, as a result of a vote of the representative body.

The result of the article on alcoholism in the Plain Dealer, Sunday May 18th. This Week magazine section, is being felt at the District Office. Within three days after its appearance two requests for contact by persons who had been made aware of AA and its work solely through this source were received by the office. Reports back from Group Secretaries to whom these calls were turned over indicate that both of these individuals are now attending meetings in their respective districts.

## DESPERATE PLIGHT

In our February issue we made a plea for a home for a family of 10 that faced eviction. The father and mother of eight children are both excellent members of the Denison Group. Their plight is truly desperate now. Only because her ninth child is about to be born has the court allowed a stay in the eviction.

Shelter MUST be found within thirty days. Anyone knowing of a place which could house this family whose personal record is excellent, please call **MAin 6906** and talk to **C.J.Y.** at the earliest moment.

And we think WE got trouble!!!

## NEW NURSING HOME

Over six hundred persons visited the newly established Cleveland Alcoholic Clinic at 7809 Euclid Avenue on May 17 and 18 and consumed uncounted gallons of coffee and  $3\frac{1}{2}$  gallons of cream.

An innovation to nursing homes, is their spacious third floor club rooms providing billiard, cards, ping pong and other diversions as well as the usual AA bull-sessions.

On the first floor they have installed a completely equipped dining room open to members of AA and their guests.

Patients will be segregated according to classification—men, women or repeaters. A doctor will give a thorough physical-examination and trained nurses will be in attendance at all times. **Fred S. of Euclid-Wade** is manager.

## LAKESWOOD

After many months of faithful service as secretary, **Stanton McD.**, finally tendered his resignation, due to Press of his newly formed business. **Art S.**, one of our old faithfuls, was elected to succeed him.

## BOWLING CHAMPIONS

The East Side League champions are **Glenville No. 1 team** who triumphed over **Arcade** by two games. In third place was **Mt. Pleasant No. 2**, just one game behind.

In the **Headpin** Tournament, **Sam J. of Glenville** won the **Class A** money with a nice 303 total. In **Class B**, **Whitey S.** won the cash with 266. Ninety-four participated.

At the banquet, the champs received a grand new trophy.

The West Side champs are the **Suburbans** who defeated **Lakewood**, champs of the **Friday League** in a roll-off, two out of three games.

## LEE ROAD GROUPS MOVE

The four Lee Road Groups now are all in new locations. The last two to change locations were the **Monday and Friday groups.**

The **Monday** group now meets in the **East Cleveland Presbyterian Church at Nelaview** and Euclid.

The **Friday** group meets at 2066 East 106th Street. The location should not be confused with the **Doan Men's quarters** at 2028.

## GLENVILLE

The April chairman was **Jimmy M.**, that most genial Scot and one of the "Old Guard" at Glenville. He brought some fine speakers to the microphone and they attracted capacity crowds.

The secretary and a fine working co&tee are busy making plans for the **Open House party** or **June 1<sup>st</sup>** which precedes the great **Twelfth Anniversary Sunday.**

## DOAN DATA

**Doan** celebrated the sixth anniversary of four of its stalwarts, **Jack N., Frank L., Hank S. and Mark H.** Jack gave a **vivid story** of their experiences.

**Jovial John B.** was chairman for April. Other speakers for the month besides **Jack N.** were **Andy S., Frank B.,** another **Andy S.** and **Jesse R.** the latter giving an account of the **Salvation Army AA** development.

Our quarters received a new coat of paint and we're awaiting the delivery of new furniture. The club rooms look grand.

## LORAIN AVENUE-MONDAY

The all-star trio of **Jim C., Jack D. and Warren C.** gave a capacity crowd an outstanding measure of sound AA philosophy. In our opinion it was the most informative and satisfying meeting we have ever listened to. Its revelations will be found in the forthcoming editorials of the Bulletin. There was enough "meat" for twelve editorials.

The **Lakewood** group, decided to forego their own meeting and attended in a body.

## NEWBURG CHANGES

After **June 20<sup>th</sup>**, the **Newburg** group will meet at **St. Catherine's church** at 3443 E. 93rd St. each Friday night at **8:30 p. m.**

## AURORA

**Aurora** meetings will be held on **Wednesdays at 8 o'clock**, starting in **June.** Same place, same station, say "**Clancy,**" the secy.

## COLLINWOOD SHOWS AT SMITH-WILSON

On **Tuesday, May 27,** **Chester S.**, the rollicking restaurateur of **St. Clair-E. 126th** comers will lead the meeting. As an added attraction, the **Collinwood Players** will present their playlet "Sweethearts on Parade." Everyone invited.

## ST. CLAIR IS NEWEST GROUP

A capacity crowd attended the opening of a new Saturday group at **St. Phil Neri Hall, E. 82nd and St. Clair Ed B.**, the bard of **Lee Rd.**, barrister extraordinaire, gave a masterful lead rich in humor and pathos. **Dave L.** is temporary secretary and **Jack W.**, chairman.

## CHAGRIN FALLS CHANGES NIGHT

Beginning **May 9** meetings will be held on **Fridays at 8:30** in the same hall, **American Legion Hall** on **E. Orange St.** Members went to visit **Bedford** and **Chardon** Wednesdays.

## EDGE LAKE

The past month was the first full month of operation for the new **Edgelake** Group and was highly successful. Our chairman presented a very fine group of inspirational speakers, most of whom stressed **twelfth step work and association** with other members of the Fellowship. Toward this latter end our entertainment chairman has lined up a program of social activities, one of which is a **dinner-dance** for the last part of this month. These activities in addition to the Fellowship Dinners which proceed each meeting will be of mutual benefit and a great enjoyment to all of us in the coming months.

# CLEVELAND GROUP MEETINGS

## MONDAY

BORTON-E. Clew. Cong. Church, Page & Euclid	8:45
CRILE V. A. HOSPITAL—Parma, O.—Ward 23-B	8:30
FAIRMOUNT—St. Paul's Episc. Church, Fairmount & Coventry	8:30
LAKEWOOD—Community Center Bldg., Detroit Ave. & St. Charles	8:30
LAKEWOOD YENS—St. Peter's Episcopal, W. Clifton & Detroit	8:30
LAKEWOOD-CLIFTON—St. Luke's Church, Clifton Blvd., between Bunts & Chase	8:30
LEE ROAD-E. C. Presb. Church, Nelaview & Euclid	8:30
LORAIN AVE.—Banater Hall Annex, W. 120th at Lorain	8:30
MEMPHIS-RIDGE-7124 Taunton Ave.	8:30
PEARL—Good Counsel Hall, 4421 Pearl Rd.	8:30
UNION AVENUE—12807 Union Ave.	8:30
SHAKER HEIGHTS—Christ Episcopal Church, 8461 Warrensville Center Rd.	8:30
SOUTH EAST GROUP—Holy Name Hall, 8328 Broadway	8:30
WEST 25TH ST.—Marvel Hall, 2868 W. 25th St.	8:30
WILLOUGHBY—Presbyterian Church, Willoughby, O.	8:30
WOMEN'S—EAST SIDE—Glenville Hall, 10421 St. Clair	8:30
WOMEN'S—West Side, Our Savior's Hall, W. 66th at Franklin	8:30
VERMILION, O.—Contact anyone of the three churches	8:30

## TUESDAY

ARCADE—Euclid Ave. Baptist, E. 18th & Euclid	8:30
CHARITY—Last Tues. of each month—Charity Hosp. Nurses' Aid	8:30
CLARK—4106 Clark Ave. (Upstairs)	8:30
EAGLE TRAINING—Salvation Army, E. 9th & Eagle	8:00
EUCLID-WADE—Calvary Presbyterian Church, E. 79 & Euclid	8:30
EDGE LAKE—Community Center Bldg., St. Charles and Detroit—Dinner at 7:00 P. M.—Meeting	8:30
MT. PLEASANT—Eastview Cong. Church, 16616 Kinsman Rd.	8:30
PUBLIC SQUARE—Hotel Cleveland (See Bulletin Board)	8:30
SMITH-WILSON—Nativity School, 9510 Aetna Road	8:30
SUPERIOR—Immaculate Conception, E. 43rd and Superior	8:30
WEST SIDE MEN'S—St. Patrick's Hall, Bridge Ave. near W. 38th St.	8:30
LORAIN, O.—Community Hall, 23rd and Beech Sts.	8:00

## WEDNESDAY

ADDISON—1467 Addison Rd. (side)	8:30
BROOKLYN-K. of P. Hall, Broadview and Pearl Road	8:30
CHARDON—St. Mary's Church	9:00
COLLINWOOD—14709 St. Clair Ave.	8:30
DENISON—7403 Denison Ave.	8:30
DOAN MEN'S—2028 E. 105th St., 2nd floor, side entrance	8:45
LAKE SHORE—Community Center Bldg., St. Charles & Detroit—Dinner at 7:00 P. M.	8:30
LEE ROAD—Mayfield and Freyer, Heights Presbyterian Church	8:30
MADISON-LAKEWOOD—St. Cyril's Church, Madison and Lakewood Aves.	8:30
VALLEY VIEW—Community Center, W. 7th & Starkweather	8:30
WEST PARK—17th Precinct Hall, W. 167th and Lorain (upstairs)	8:30
BEDFORD, O.-Y. M. C. A., Tarbell Ave.	8:30
ELYRIA, O.—St. Andrew's Episc. Church, Middle & Third	8:00
LORAIN, O.—ANTLERS—St. Mary's School, Reid Ave., between 7th and 8th	8:30

## THURSDAY

ANGLE—St. Malachi's Church, 2649 Washington Ave.	8:30
BEREA, O.—Fine Arts Club, E. Bagley Rd., 8 drs. east of Evtlnd-8	8:30
BROADWAY-65TH—Our Lady of Lourdes School Hall—E. 55th and Broadway	8:30
GLENVILLE—10421 St. Clair	9:00
LEE ROAD—Fairmount Presbyterian Chapel, Scarborough Rand, East of Coventry	8:30
LORAIN AVE.—Banater Hall Annex, W. 120th St. at Lorain	8:30
OUTHWAITE—(Negro) Woodland Center, 7100 Kinsman	8:30
PAINESVILLE, O.—33 N. State St., Third Floor	8:30
SPONSORSHIP-Central Comm., 2nd & 4th Thurs., 2028 E. 105th St.	8:30

## FRIDAY

CEDAR—Salvation Army, 2181 E. 55th St.	8:15
CHAGRIN FALLS, O.—American Legion, E. Orange St.	8:30
GORDON SQUARE—People's Meth. Church, W. 65th & Bridge	8:30
LEE ROAD-2056 E. 106th, K. of P. Hall	8:30
MILES MEN'S—Stag Group, 4141 E. 116th St.	8:30
ROCKY RIVER—St. Christopher's Hall, Lakeview off Detroit Rd.	8:30
NEWBURGH—St. Catherine's Church, 3443 E. 93rd St.	8:30
NORTHEAST-2028 E. 106th St.	8:30
LORAIN-AVON-1112 W. Erie St., Lorain, O.	8:30
BEREA—Social room of Berea Cong. Church, Seminary and Church Sts.	8:30
EUCLID, O.—St. Paul's Church, E. 200th St. off St. Clair	8:30

## SATURDAY

CROSSROADS—Euclid Avenue Baptist Church, East 18th, North of Euclid Avenue	9:00
EAST SIDE YOUNG PEOPLE—Faith Luth Church, Hvdms & Glenside	9:00
GLENVILLE—10421 St. Clair	9:30
ST. CLAIR—St. Philip-Neri Church, E. 82nd & St. Clair	8:30
W. S. SOCIAL CLUB, 4421 Pearl Road	8:00
WYANDOTTE MEN'S—Church of Redeemer, Andrews and Detroit Avenue (rear)	8:30
800b GROUP-8006 Lorain Ave.	8:30
ELYRIA, O.—St. Andrew's Episc. Church, Middle & Third	8:30

## SUNDAY

COLLINWOOD—14709 St. Clair Avenue	7:30
DOAN MEN'S TRAINING MEETING-2028 E. 106th St.	3:00
NEWBURGH—3684 E. 93rd St., Corner Inman Ave.	8:30
SPONSORSHIP MEETING—Glenville Group, 10421 St. Clair Ave.	2:00
WARRENSVILLE—Workhouse Library	10:00 A. M.
AURORA-Aurora Community Church, Rts. 43 and 306	8:00
LORAIN, O.—Stag, 750 Broadway, Lorain, O.	9:00
IST TUESDAY EVERY MONTH	
CENTRAL COMMITTEE—Hanna Building, Room 370	8:30

## MORNING MEETINGS

WEST SIDE—7403 Denison Ave.	10:30 A. M.
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# OUT OF TOWN MEETINGS

## MONDAY

COLUMBUS, O.—Upper Arlington-Grandview, 1st Community Church, 1320 Cambridge Pl.	9:00
ERIE, PA.—Perry Group, 1110 Parade St.	8:30

FREXONT, O.—Elk's Lodge Bldg., Croghan & Justice Sta.	8:30
MT. VERNON, O.—On the Square	8:30
NEW PHILADELPHIA, O.—Second Floor IOOF Building,	
145 South Broadway	8:30
STEBENVILLE, O.—Y. M. C. A., North 4th St.	8:00
URBANA, O.—Mod River Group—Carney Hall	8:30
YOUNGSTOWN, O.—West Side, W. S. Library, 2816 Mahoning	8:30

## TUESDAY

AKRON, O., Morning, 897 E. Market St.	10:00 A. M.
AKRON, O.—St. Vincent Hbh School Auditorium, cor Walnut & W. Market St.	8:15
ASHTABULA COUNTY—Stag—B. of L. E. Hall, Conneaut, O.	8:30
ASHTABU, O.—YMCA Canteen, Park Ave. & Progress	8:30
BELLVIEW, O.—Sumner C. Fehl, Sec'y, 600 E. Center St.; YMCA Hall	8:00
BLUEFIELD, W. V.—West Virginia Hotel, Bridge Room	8:00
CHARLESTON, W. VA.—Group 1 Uptown—1116 Kanawha Blvd., East	8:30
CINCINNATI, O., 406 Oak St.	8:30
COLUMBUS, O.—West Side 8178 W. Broad St.	8:30
COLUMBUS, O.—Volunteers of America, W. Broad & Starling	8:30
DAYTON, O.—124 Monument Ave.	8:00
GALLIPOLIS, O.—Tri-County Group—Ohio Valley Bank Bldg.	8:00
JAMESTOWN, N. Y.—Jamestown Hotel	8:00
MANSFIELD, O.—Grace Episcopal Church, 8rd & Bowman	8:30
NEWARK, O.—Trinity Church, E. Main & First	8:00
PITTSBURGH, PA.—E. Liberty, Calvary Church Parish House	8:30
Shady & Walnut Sts.	8:30
TIFFIN, O.—Women's Club, First Parkway	8:30
YOUNGSTOWN, O.—North Side—Unitrin Church, Elm & Illinois	8:30
YOUNGSTOWN, O.—East Side—E. Side Library, 6 N. Jackson St.	8:30

## WEDNESDAY

AKRON GROUP No. 1—King School, W. Tallmadge & Aqueduct Street	8:15
ASHLAND, O.—G.A.R. Hall, 140 Arthur St.	8:30
ASHTABULA, O.—YMCA Canteen, Puk Ave. and Progress	8:00
BEAVER, PA.—Beaver Valley Group, Home of J. E. Pittinger	8:00
CHARLESTON, W. VA.—Group 5—So. Charleston	8:00
CINCINNATI, O.—405 oak St.	8:30
CLARKSBURG, W. VA.—100 Summit Court	8:00
COLUMBUS, O.—180 E. Broad St.	8:30
DAYTON, O.—124 Monument Ave.	8:00
ELYRIA, O.—St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Middle and Third	8:30
ERIE, PA.—Lawrence Group, 81b Plum St.	8:00
JAMESTOWN, N. Y.—9 E. Second St.	8:00
MANSFIELD, O.—Central Group, 36 1/2 N. Main St., upstairs	8:15
SANDUSKY, O.—Providence Hospital	8:30
WARREN, O.—Welsh Club, High St. (except second Wednesday)	8:30
WHEELING, W. VA.—McLure Hotel	8:30
YOUNGSTOWN, O.—Southside Group, 60 W. Indianola	8:30

## THURSDAY

CINCINNATI, O.—405 Oak St.	8:30
COLUMBUS, O.—Men's Group, Broad St. Church of Christ	
DAYTON, O.—124 Monument Ave.	8:00
E. Broad and 21st Sts.	8:30
EAST AKRON-891 E. Market Street	8:00
JAMESTOWN, N. Y.—9 E. second St.	8:00
MARION, O.—E. Center and High Sts.	8:30
OIL CITY, PA.—C. of C. Auditorium, Odd Fellows Bldg., Seneca St.	8:30
PORT CLINTON, O.—K. of C. Hall, 117 Madison Ave.	8:00
TOLEDO, O.—Highland Park Shelter House	8:30
WARREN, O.—Welsh Club, High St. (second Thurs. in month only)	8:30

## FRIDAY

ASHLAND, O.—G. A. R. Hall, 140 Arthur St.	8:30
ASHTABULA, O.—Main Ave. Group—Over Marshal's, Main Ave.	8:00
BUYCRUS, O.—YMCA Hall	8:30
CHARLESTON, W. VA.—Central—1116 Kanawha Blvd., East	8:30
CINCINNATI, O.—405 Oak St.	8:30
COLUMBUS, O.—South End, 245 1/2 So. High St. (2nd Floor)	8:30
CONNEAUT, O.—B. of L. E. Hall, Whitney Block, Main St.	8:00
ERIE, PA.—Stag, Erie Public Library, 2nd Floor	8:30
KENT, O.—Cong'l Church Gym, Gouglie Ave. and Park	8:30
LOUDONVILLE, O.—Eagle Hall, Main St.	9:00
NORWALK, O.—Elk's Grill, E. Main St. (downstairs)	8:00
LOUISVILLE, KY.—Ky. Dairies, 3rd and Breckinridge	8:30
WOOSTER, O.—Episcopal Parish, North and Market	8:30
YOUNGSTOWN, O.—Suburban, Boardman, O.	8:30
YOUNGSTOWN, O., Salvation Army—254 E. Federal St.	7:00

## SATURDAY

AKRON, O.—O'Neill's Department Store	8:30
CINCINNATI, O.—Open House—405 Oak St.	9:00
CUYAHOGA FALLS—2150 Front Street	8:30
CANTON, O.—St. John's Auditorium, McKinley Ave. at 8th St. N. W.	8:45
CENTRAL, COLUMBUS, O.—I.O.O.F. Temple, 24 W. Goodale St.	8:30
NO. SIDE, COLUMBUS, O.—Oientangy Village, 2929 N. High St.	8:30
DETROIT, MICH.—General Maccabees Bldg., Woodward and Putnam	8:30
GALION, O.—A. F. of L. Hall	8:30
MARION, O.—Center and High Sts.	8:30
MEADVILLE, PA.—Y. M. C. A. on Chestnut Street	8:30
NEWARK, O.—Trinity Church, E. Main & First	8:30
OVERLIN, O.—Legion Hall, North Main St.	8:00
TOLEDO, O.—515 1/2 Jackson St.	8:30
YOUNGSTOWN, O.—Stag—810 W. Federal St.	8:30

## SUNDAY

AKRON, O.—N. Main St. Opp. St. Thomas Hospital	8:00
COLUMBUS, O.—Neil House (See Bulletin Board)	7:30
DAYTON, O.—124 Monument Ave.	2:30
FINDLAY, O.—1st Presb. Church, S. Main and Lincoln	8:00
LISBON, O.—Columbians Group, American Legion Hall	8:00
JAMESTOWN, N. Y.—Allen Sq. Bldg., Main and Second Sts.	8:00
MANSFIELD, O.—Central Stag, 36 1/2 N. Main St., upstairs	3:00
MARION, O.—Center and High Sts.	2:30
PITTSBURGH, PA.—Corapolis YMCA	2:30
PITTSBURGH (No. Side)—North Side Y. M. C. A.	2:00
WARREN, O.—K. of P. Hall, 174 N. Park Ave.	8:00
YOUNGSTOWN, O.—Consolidated, YMCA Youth Center, 21 E. Rayen Ave.	8:00

Bill Dodson - Paul Stanley etc.

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## Count Your Blessings

## That Anonymous Question

As I was walking up Euclid Avenue this noon, I hailed six men. I looked at them and marveled, for it was hard to believe that I had heard these men tell the stories that I had heard them tell not so long ago.

If I had met any of them six or seven years ago, on some rare day when I could observe my surroundings with a clear mind. I would have seen no evidence of happiness, none of assurance, little of manliness or of common decency. Some of them would have had no jobs; one or two, no homes, and several would have been recent occupants of Matty's hotel. But today, they have found release, a new life, and happiness.

We are a dozen years old, now. I like to think of the things we have done for ourselves and for others, even for others who have no connection with us. For what we have done has extended far beyond our own substantial movement of self help. I like to think of the things we have done for ourselves and others, and the inspiration we have given others in many fields of life because these things show how vital our efforts are.

Our own little individual rocks thrown into the pool of society make ever widening circles, and it pleases me to think how far our efforts do extend when they ease the burdens of troubled peoples whose problems have nothing to do with ours.

Yet, it is with our own that I marvel. The men and women I meet in a day's work, or see in an hour's stroll on the avenue. I marvel at the change that time has brought, and I know that "this is the Lord's doing." For, what I see, living in the newness of life is the power and the glory of God.

Sometimes I wonder if these brethren of mine ever are troubled as I am. Lucifer, you know, doesn't like to give up his flock. The Devil resents the loss of even a single soul that he called his own. The Devil would not be so famous a success did he not know a hundred dodges to persuade the will to turn back to an old groove.

I've been sober almost six years and at this moment I have no wish to drink. As I walk by saloons on a summer's day, the smells coming out the door often nauseate me. Sometimes I think I'd like to stop for just one glass of my favorite Scotch, but then I remember the last time I stopped in a saloon for just one glass of my favorite Scotch. I hope I never forget.

Where I'm troubled is in doing the things that I know that one who acknowledges the power of God should do. Too often my temper is short. How long have I known that resentment was my chief fault? For some years. But resentment continues to wreck my peace of mind and unsettle my nerves. Too often I neglect the duties of Christian love. Too often I fail in other duties. Too often I fail in sloth and envy and pride, to say nothing of the other deadly sins.

The temptation, of course, is to say, "To Hell with it." To Hell with it? To Hell with me, that would be!

The answer to the temptation, naturally, is to think  
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At the Twelfth Anniversary Meeting in Cleveland, June 15th, an interesting discussion took place in a group comprising visitors from several adjoining states and the subject was "Anonymity."

It seems generally agreed that anonymity, while possible, was improbable if a person was exceedingly active in the movement. It was pointed out by one who had a record of eight years of sobriety that the enthusiastic acceptance and endorsement of the public in the past few years had eliminated the factor which made AA so attractive—the lure of anonymity.

He continued by describing the general public attitude toward an alcoholic which existed eight and ten years ago. The alcoholic was a public disgrace, a nuisance and was generally a social outcast. Hospitals and even many physicians and psychologists refuse to tolerate them. Now, even though there still is a general feeling of repugnance toward him on the part of many, the wide-spread publicity which Alcoholics Anonymous received in the past six years and the miracles that became apparent in every community, first intrigued and then convinced quite a few. Many interpretations of these miracles created almost a mystic atmosphere around the movement and the very name was a lure which interested the still flourishing, posing and conniving alcoholic.

Most persons unless they were in skid row or completely derelict, hesitated the greatest on accepting the first step—that of admitting they were alcoholics. Those completely derelict had to have their faith in themselves restored as well as their faith in God and man. But the others—those that were definitely alcoholic, but had difficulty in making a completely honest admission that they were powerless over alcohol and that alcohol had made their lives unmanageable—they're the problem children. Among them are the ones who are squeamish on the subject of anonymity and its sanctity. It is true that among them are many who are in positions of public trust and confidence, and general and widespread knowledge of their affiliation with AA, and an attendant distorted report of "their story" might cause them serious embarrassment.

The visitor continued by insisting that it was everyone's right to absolute anonymity, but in his judgment, no member could reap all the benefits of AA unless he (a) attended meetings regularly; (b) let it be known to all his friends, relatives and associates what he was doing about his problem (which after all was common knowledge) and (c) being active in twelfth step work. And being active in twelfth step work, how in the world could he remain anonymous? And if he didn't do twelfth step work or attend meetings regularly, wasn't he jeopardizing his very sobriety?

He believed that the only emphasis on anonymity should be on the past experiences of any other individual, and of correcting the pernicious habit of some who indiscreetly used names of noted people as a "selling point" to prospects. "So and so is an alcoholic and so is this one and  
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*"The sages do not consider that making mistakes is a blessing. They believe, rather, that the great virtue of man lies in his ability to correct his mistakes and continually to make a new man of himself."*  
—15th Century Chinese Philosophy

## COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS

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back six years, and to think of things so easily forgotten. The answer to the temptation is to count my blessings.

Every day brings its joys, just in living. I can count the things I have thrown away and have regained. I rejoice in the friends I have regained and the new friends I have won, in the happiness within the family, the happiness at work.

Virtue seems hard to achieve. Yet, as I look back, I see I have won some little virtue. It does no good to be impatient, and it is folly to think that good comes automatically. Living a day at a time, I have had some growth in this newness of life. By living a day at a time, still with a high goal ahead, I may continue to grow and continue to win a little virtue.

We have to put aside impatience and yield not to frustration. We have to put as much time in the Lord's work as we did in the Devil's. The slothful do not win the help of the Lord.

## DON BLACK DAY

On Sunday, August 10th, Don Black will be honored with a "Day" in Cleveland Stadium, an observance which is promoted by his AA friends and to which AA's and their friends are invited.

A paragraph in the promotional letter reveals why the committee decided to honor Don for succeeding in his fight for victory over alcohol: "We agree that the activity in general is and should be scrupulously anonymous. However, persons in the sports world are considered in a different light than others. Their strengths and weaknesses, their hobbies and their outside interests are under constant observation by sports writers and publicists who are looking for a story. When a sports figure of outstanding talent makes such a spectacular comeback as, first Rollie Hemslev and now Don Black have done, and with the twelfth step in mind gratefully admitted the source of their recovery, their anonymity ceased. No one can ever evaluate the articles about Rollie or how many, many inquiries came to AA because of them.

The committee felt, since the newspapers in almost every major city had destroyed Don's anonymity, that now that the fact was known, it would benefit the movement in general and strengthen Don with a knowledge of the magnitude of his responsibility, if a day was dedicated to him for what he has done so far and what his example can mean in the future. The committee believes Don big enough, strong enough and capable enough to carry out the assignment.

We certainly will be out there rooting for him on THE DAY, as we have on each of his appearances in the past.

## DOWNTOWN OFFICE

A Way of Life. Who Me and AA Sponsorship publications originating in Cleveland, have a constantly widening circulation. In recent months the District Office has filled orders for pamphlets from Arkansas, Arizona, California, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, New Mexico, Nevada, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Canada and the Canal Zone.

During the month of May, 112 contacts were requested and turned over to groups. There was 29 requests for general AA information and literature, 52 liaison services to individuals and groups. Reports back to the office during the month show 16 hospitalized, 24 not hospitalized, 13 not ready or not interested when contact was made.

A recent visitor to the office from another city expressed extreme interest in the set-up and function of the office in Cleveland. She was inquiring about details of the district office operation to take back to her home town to use as the basis of a similar office to be established there.

The office served as liaison this month between an individual in another city who was desirous of becoming affiliated with AA in Cleveland and a group here, arranging a contact for her on arrival at the airport. Recent reports indicate that she is now attending meetings regularly.

## THAT ANONYMOUS QUESTION

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that one." Tell your own story with its sordid trimmings, let the other member tell his if he chooses, and concentrate your efforts on explaining the twelve steps and the promise of success they offer.

The world will forgive you if you honestly and openly admit a mistake and make amends. Membership in AA is and should be an honor. Value it and the public will honor you with respect. Our pride and our sense of guilt has blinded us in believing that society will not forgive. It will, if it knows we're doing something about our problem. By not being proud of affiliating, we're deprecating the very thing that saved us.

In fact many believe they are getting unusual and unexpected "breaks" since they lost their anonymity in becoming outstanding workers of the twelfth step, the kind of "breaks" they never could have received had they never "had a problem." Now people seem to go out of their way to help these "good AA's" re-establish themselves.

He may have something.

## THE CHINESE SAGE KNEW LIFE

In the fifteenth century a Chinese philosopher wrote the bit of wisdom which appears in the box on the first page.

It might be well for some AA's to remember the idea given us in this quotation, when we come to crisis and despair overtakes us. Our first impulse is to wish we were dead or seek an escape.

Why prolong worry over a mistake that has been made? Why torture ourselves? Nothing is gained by this procedure. Analyze the situation and see what is wrong and correct the error.

There is not much virtue in being faultless, but there is great merit in recognizing that errors can be corrected and in striving to correct them.

To aim to change our personality faults and not to let these well known errors recur again and again builds character and that makes a man a MAN. Jack K., Lkwd.

## RECOGNIZE HIM?

From the *Screwball*, a delightful AA paper published in Nacogdoches, Texas, we condense an article reporting a member's talk before a Houston, Texas Kiwanis Club.

"The first thing you should know is to recognize an alcoholic." Mr. Anonymous said.

"He is charming or you would have shot him sooner. He never tells the truth, always giving some good excuse for his actions. He is undependable, always promising to change, with tears in his eyes, but he never does."

He is also usually in shaky financial condition, unless his attorneys have carefully guarded his income so he can't get to all of it at once.

"His domestic relations, to put it mildly, are strained. The most obvious trademark of an alcoholic is that he is all mixed up inside."

## ADVICE TO SECRETARIES

We have been asked to suggest a procedure to all secretaries in the reading of bulletins and announcements which sometimes are lengthy and comprehensive. Usually the procedure is to announce that this notice or that report is on the desk, and if anyone should be interested, he could come up after the meeting to read it. In 99 out of 100 cases it isn't done. The person suggesting this article, a very efficient secretary of a fine, well-informed group, states that he reads every communication, digests it into a few words as possible and then offers the group an opportunity to discuss any particular item further. In this way each member is fully informed on local as well as national news. Even though the secretary may sometimes have personal opinions on some issues, he permits the group to determine its policy on all correspondence.

## RENEWAL SUGGESTION

Our circulation department suggests that you cut out the complete address from your envelope containing your final issue and attaching it to your check or dollar bill. That's all we need for a renewal, even though we like your commendatory letters.

## WE WERE HOST

It was a grand experience to the many who attended and participated in the Twelfth Anniversary Meeting and its attendant functions, such as the welcoming of visitors from out of town in the Saints and Sinners Room at the Carter on Saturday and Sunday, the Ladies Tea in the Carter Ballroom (which seemed to attract quite a few men—notable Hank S., who was even provided with a bib and tucker apron) and the splendid well attended Open Houses in Glenville, Doan and West Side quarters.

The two days were climaxed by the Sunday evening banquet and mass meeting in Masonic Hall, 900 being amply and quickly served in the spacious grand dining room of the hall. This banquet, incidentally was concluded in two hours, and the program included community singing and the introduction of twenty Clevelanders by that grand master of ceremonies, Elmer L., secretary of the Edgelake group. These twenty, chosen by the committee as representative of many great workers of Cleveland, were selected to represent each area of the county. Each spoke for two minutes or less, therefore establishing a record for themselves of great brevity.

Beloved Doc S. of Akron, one of the co-founders, was unable to appear with the all-Akron cast, even though the committee had his assurance that he would be there as late as Friday the 13th. But on that night complications set in and he was forced to send his regrets. Incidentally, both Mrs. S. and Doc occupied adjoining rooms in Akron City Hospital and both were there for surgery. Both are recovering nicely.

Bill D., the first man on whom Bill and Doc tried the experiment which was destined to bring so much joy in the hearts of thousands in the years to come was the first speaker. His droll description of the first contact, told with delightful drawl, thrilled the listeners as he saw the drama of early AA unfold and reveal the mighty hand of God.

Paul S., in one of his very finest talks, carried on this thought, that the mighty hand of God was in evidence. He stated that he believed the meeting of Doc and Bill was God directed and divinely ordained that 'twas no accident that Bill dialed the wrong number and received the right one. He gave the wives of the early members much credit for their faith and great encouragement, and insisted that this was still very vital and necessary today.

Dick S., brother of Paul, completed the Akron cast and gave some interesting statistics. In 1935, there were four members embracing the "idea," in 1936, there were ten, and in 1937 there were forty. As the "idea" became a movement, it began to attract national attention. Now there are approximately 1,500 groups with an excess of 50,000 members.

In tabulating the number of out of town visitors who registered for the Twelfth Anniversary meeting, we thought it would be of interest to segregate them according to states. There were 147 Ohioans (outside of Cleveland), 12 from No. Carolina, 41 from Michigan, 32 from New York, 6 from New Jersey, 4 from Vermont, 2 from Florida, 18 from Indiana, 13 from Illinois, 15 from Pennsylvania, 6 from W. Virginia, 2 from Delaware? 2 from Maryland and one each from Texas and Virginia.

Ellis L., chairman of the committee, deserves great credit for making the meeting a success. The committee members were well chosen and each member carried out his assignment capably.

The addresses at the dinner and the meeting were recorded and anyone caring to hear all or part can hear them by appointment by calling Curtiss Wright Recording Studio at CHerry 0605. No charge. Copies of all or part are obtainable at studio rates. For those who have no record player, typewritten transcripts are available from Curtiss Wright, 2921 Carnegie Avenue, Cleveland 15, Ohio.

## NURSING HOME EXECUTIVE QUILTS

As of May 30th, John H., former secretary of Cleveland Downtown Office, has severed all connections with the West Side Nursing Homes, located at 2040 W. 84th St. and 8023 Detroit Ave. He states that he has not now, nor intends to have any further connections with any nursing home in the future.

## CONSOLIDATED MEETING

JULY 20th

Consolidated meetings will continue during the summer months and will be on the third Sunday of each month as usual. The July meeting will be held in Little Theatre of Cleveland Public Hall at 4:00 p. m. An outstanding speaker has been engaged.

## DOAN DATA

Bill S. was our chairman for the month of May. His speakers included Steve P., John S., Cliff D. and Frank S. Frank was well supported by a large Berea following. All leaders were well grounded in AA and were fully appreciated by an overflowing crowd each night.

Incidentally the Sunday training meeting "of Bill R., Dick T. and Jim B. the past month made quite an impression on the new men. The favorable comments on this panel discussion was such that we are looking for another similar in the near future.

## MATT TALBOT GROUP

Originally listed as the St. Clair Group, this fast growing, well attended Saturday night group has adopted the official name of the Matt Talbot Group. Our famous, well-liked David L. is the secretary. Average attendance has been 150.

## LAKE SHORE

Warren C., again a resident of Lakewood, will observe his eight anniversary on July 2nd at the regular Wednesday meeting of the Lake Shore Group. This group serves a dinner at 7:00 and its meeting opens at 8:30. If you plan to attend the dinner, please make reservations with the secretary.

## CENTRAL CORIRIITTEE

New officers for the ensuing six months period are: Harry W. D., Lakewood Group, moderator; Elliot K., Glenville Group, vice moderator; Bert M., Doan Men's Group, treasurer, and Alex C., W. 25th Group, secretary.

The retiring moderator, John W., Shaker Group thanked the committee for its co-operation and expressed his pleasure at having served, perhaps, the most harmonious six months in the history of Central Committee.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 1, and it is hoped that every group will be represented.

## LAKWOOD-CLIFTON

On June 16th we celebrated our first anniversary with a dinner at 6:30 and a meeting at 8:30.

We hope the next year will bring more visitors and their constructive comments. An inventory of our first year would recall regular everyday, down-to-earth AA activity and charity.

## CRILE HOSPITAL

Crile AA Group held its 18th consecutive meeting June 16th, with over seventy in attendance. Their previous average has been 25 in attendance.

The secretary, Arthur K., suggests they would appreciate receiving mail addressed to Crile A. A. Group, c/o Contact Office, Crile V. A. Hospital, Cleveland 9, Ohio.

## SMITH-WILSON

If laughter and applause is a criterion, the Collinwood Players were a huge success, on their appearance before our group on May 27. 125 were in attendance to see them as well as to hear Chester S. give an inspiring lead.

## ANNUAL PICNIC

Wiegand's Lake, Sunday, July 13, 1947

The Fifth Annual picnic, sponsored jointly by the Euclid Wade and Friday Lee Rd. groups will be held on July 13th at Wiegand's Lake.

A Transit bus will leave E. 86th and Euclid at 10:30 a. m. and leaves the picnic spot at 10 p. m. There are excellent facilities for fishing and boating.

If you drive, follow Route 87, (Kinsman Rd.) to about 1½ miles past Chillicothe Road. Everybody welcome.

## COLLINWOOD

The Collinwood Group Players presented the NINTH performance of the Revue "SWEETHARTS ON PARADE" on Friday, June 20th, at Cedar Group. This was the closing performance of the season owing to vacations, etc. They appeared twice on the eve of the Twelfth Anniversary Meeting, presenting the revue at St. Wendlin's Hall and at Glenville Hall. The benefit to the individuals appearing in the revue has been justification for continuing the activity and they will resume presentation in the Fall. The idea has caught on, according to our informant, and Groups in outlying areas who have seen the revue have indicated they are going to incorporate a company in their Group activities.

## EAST SIDE YOUNG PEOPLE MOVE

The East Side Young People's Group had its first meeting in their new location, Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Euclid at East 86th Street on Thursday, June 19th at 9:00 p. m.

The four W. brothers led an inspiring meeting followed by an unusually interesting discussion period. This Group now meets on Thursday night, instead of Saturday night, and the meetings will start promptly at 9:00 p. m.

## SUPERIOR GROUP

The popular secretary and organizer of Superior Group, Pete Paulin, was stricken suddenly and died Wednesday, May 28th and was buried on May 31st. His example and leadership will be sorely missed.

## NEW GROUP IN WILLOUGHBY

The heading tells the story, except that it meets on Thursday evenings at Vine and Campbell Rds., Willoughby, Ohio. No time was stated. Try 8:30 p. m.

## LONELY MAN

He must be quite a lonely man . . . As he pursues his way . . . With never any smile or nod . . . And nothing much to say . . . He keeps his troubles to himself . . . If truly he is sad . . . But also he displays no sign . . . Of ever being glad . . . Of course the fact is recognized . . . When all is said and done . . . That he does not disturb the peace . . . Or bother anyone . . . And yet he is not liked or praised . . . Or given a reward . . . And it is doubtful that he has . . . The blessings of The Lord . . . He may have lots of money but . . . He is of little worth . . . Because he does not give himself . . . To others on this earth.

By James J. Metcalfe.

## PIONEER

The Pioneer Group meets on Sunday Morning 10:00 a. m. at 7100 Kinsman. This group has been formed for the benefit of members of Outhwaite Group who are unable to attend evening meetings.

The secretary is T. R. P., 3886 E. 144th St., LO 1367., who explained this will be primarily a Men's group.

## I HAVEN'T TIME

"I haven't time," I'm prone to say,  
But when I analyze my day  
I find it is no shorter than  
The day of any other man.

The greatest artist of all time,  
Master of rhythm and of rhyme,  
Philanthropist, surgeon of fame—  
Their days and mine are just the same.

I have the dawn, the starlit night,  
High noon is mine, and soft twilight.  
I have a day as long and fair  
As God gives to men anywhere.

No man has more than I of time,  
And if I let this gift sublime,  
Unfilled, stream into yesterday,  
Then time is lost, life thrown away.

## CLEVELAND GROUP MEETINGS

MONDAY	
BURTON-E. Cleve. Cong. Church, Page & Euclid	8:45
CRILE V. A. HOSPITAL—Parma, O.—Ward 23-B	7:30
FAIRMOUNT—St. Paul's Episc. Church, Fairmount & Coventry	8:30
LAKEWOOD—Community Center Bldg., Detroit Ave. & St. Charles	8:30
LAKEWOOD MEN'S—St. Peter's Episcopal, W. Chilton & Detroit	8:30
LAKEWOOD-CLIFTON—St. Luke's Church, Clifton Blvd. between Hurts & Chase	8:30
LEE ROAD—E. C. Presb. Church, Nelaview & Euclid	8:30
LORAIN AVE.—Banater Hall Annex, W. 120th at Lorain	8:30
MEMPHIS-RIDGE—7424 Taunton Ave.	8:30
PEARL—Good Counsel Hall 4427 Pearl Rd.	8:30
UNION AVENUE—12907 Union Ave.	8:30
SHAKER HEIGHTS—Christ Episcopal Church, 3461 Warrensville Center Rd.	8:30
SOUTH EAST GROUP—Holy Name Hall, 8328 Broadway	8:30
WEST 25TH ST.—Marvel Hall, 2858 W. 25th St.	8:30
WILLOUGHBY—Presbyterian Church, Willoughby, O.	8:30
WOMEN'S—EAST SIDE—Glenville Hall, 10421 St. Clair	8:30
WOMEN'S—West Side, Our Savior's Hall, W. 58th at Franklin	8:30
VERMILION, O.—Contact anyone of the three churches	8:30
TUESDAY	
ARCADE—Euclid Ave. Baptist, E. 18th & Euclid	8:30
CHARITY—Last Tues. of each month—Charity Hosp. Nurses' Aid	8:30
CLARK-4105 Clark Ave. (Upstairs)	8:30
EAGLE TRAINING—Salvation Army, E. 9th & Eagle	8:00
EUCLID-WADE—Calvary Presbyterian Church, E. 79 & Euclid	8:30
EDGE LAKE—Community Center Bldg., St. Charles and Detroit—Dinner at 7:00 P. M.—Meeting	8:30
MT. PLEASANT—Eastview Cong. Church, 15615 Kinsman Rd.	8:30
SMITH WILSON—Nativity School, 9510 A et n a Road	8:30
SUPERIOR—Immaculate Conception, E. 43rd and Superior	8:30
WEST SIDE MEN'S—St. Patrick's Hall, Bridge Ave. near W. 38th	8:30
LORAIN, O.—Community Hall, 23rd and Beech Sts.	8:00
WEDNESDAY	
ADDISON 1467 Addison Rd. (side)	8:30
BROOKLYN K. of P. Hall, Broadview and Pearl Road	8:30
CLARDON—St. Mary's Church	9:00
COLLINWOOD—14709 St. Clair Ave	8:30
DENISON—7403 Denison Ave.	8:30
DOAN MEN'S 2028 E. 105th St., 2nd floor, side entrance	8:45
LAKE SHORE—Community Center Bldg., St. Charles & Detroit—Dinner at 7:00 P. M.	8:30
LEE ROAD—Mayfield and Preyer, Heights Presbyterian Church	8:30
MADISON-LAKEWOOD—St. Cyril's Church, Madison and Lakewood Aves.	8:30
VALLEY VIEW—Community Center, W. 7th & Starkweather	8:30
WEST PARK—17th Precinct Hall, W. 157th and Lorain (upstairs)	8:30
BEDFORD, O.—Y. M. C. A., Tarbell Ave.	8:30
ELYRIA, O.—St. Andrew's Episc. Church, Middle & Third	8:00
LORAIN, O.—ANTLERS—St. Mary's School, Reid Ave. between 7th and 8th	8:30
THURSDAY	
ANGLE—St. Malachi's Church, 2549 Washington Ave.	8:30
BEREA, O.—Fine Arts Club, E. Bagley Rd., 3 drs. east of Eastland	8:30
BROADWAY-65TH—Our Lady of Lourdes School Hall—E. 65th and Broadway	8:30
COVENTRY—Fairmount Presbyterian Chapel, Scarborough Road, East of Coventry	8:30
EAST SIDE YOUNG PEOPLE—Emmanuel Church Euclid at E. 86th	9:00
GLENVILLE-10421 St. Clair	9:00
EAST LAKE—Vine and Campbell, Willoughby, O.	8:30
LORAIN AVE.—Banater Hall Annex, W. 120th St. at Lorain	8:30
OUTHWAITE—(Negro) Woodland Center, 7100 Kinsman	8:30
PAINESVILLE, O.—33 N. State St., Third Floor	8:30
SPONSORSHIP—Central Comm., 2nd & 4th Thurs., 2028 E. 105th	8:30
FRIDAY	
CEDAR—Salvation Army, 2181 E. 65th St.	8:15
CHAGRIN FALLS, O.—American Legion, E. Orange St.	8:30
GORDON SQUARE—People's Meth. Church, W. 65th & Bridge	8:30
LEE ROAD—2056 E. 105th, K. of P. Hall	8:30
MILES MEN'S—Stag Group, 4141 E. 116th St.	8:30
ROCKY RIVER—St. Christopher's Hall, Lakeview off Detroit Rd.	8:30
NEWBURGH—St. Catherine's Church, 3413 E. 93rd St.	8:30
NORTHEAST—2028 E. 106th St.	8:30
LORAIN-AVON-1112 W. Erie St., Lorain, O.	8:30
BEREA—Social room of Berea Cong. Church, Seminary and Church Sts.	8:30
EUCLID, O.—St. Paul's Church, E. 200th St. off St. Clair	8:30
SATURDAY	
CROSSROADS—Euclid Avenue Baptist Church, East 18th, North of Euclid Avenue	9:00
GLENVILLE—10421 St. Clair	9:30
MATT TALBOT—St. Philip Neri Church, E. 82 and St. Clair	8:30
W. S. SOCIAL CLUB, 4427 Pearl Road	8:00
WYANDOTTE MEN'S—Church of Redeemer, Andrews and Detroit Avenue (rear)	8:30
8005 GROUP-8005 Lorain Ave.	8:30
ELYRIA, O.—St. Andrew's Episc. Church, Middle & Third	8:30
SUNDAY	
COLLINWOOD-14709 St. Clair Avenue	7:30
DOAN MEN'S TRAINING MEETING—2028 E. 106th St.	3:00
NEWBURGH St. Catherine's Church, 3443 E. 93	8:30
PIONEER (Negro)—7100 Kinsman	10:00 A. M.
SPONSORSHIP MEETING—Glenville Group, 10421 St. Clair Ave.	2:00
WARRENSVILLE—Workhouse Library	10:00 A. M.
AURORA—Aurora Community Church, Rts. 43 and 306	3:00
LORAIN, O.—Stag, 750 Broadway, Lorain, O.	9:00
1ST TUESDAY EVERY MONTH	
CENTRAL COMMITTEE—Hanna Building, Room 370	8:30
MORNING MEETINGS	
Thursdays Mornings	
WEST SIDE—7403 Denison Ave.	10:30 A. M.



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## Sight Restored

"And behold, two blind men sitting by the wayside. . .  
"O Lord, thou Son of David, have mercy upon us."  
"What wilt thou that I do to thee?"  
"Lord, that we may see!"  
"And immediately they saw, and followed him."  
—Extract from Matt. 20, 29-34.

We poor blind men, powerless over alcohol, our lives unmanageable, cried long in the darkness. Some of us tried to regain mastery over our lives and over the alcohol that had carried us down. We loved the lures of the Devil, or thought we did.

This little Hell we made for ourselves seemed at the outset a bit of Heaven. We felt ourselves soaring. We felt the elation of the irresponsible crowd. We could turn our backs on work and on responsibility, take off our burdens and throw ourselves to the winds. The pleasures we enjoyed were fleeting, but we had tasted them for a brief moment and hoped, in vain, that we could regain them.

At first our vision was clouded just a little as we chased the will-o'-wispish imp. But soon we were just lunging blindly through the dark marshes. Some of us kept on trying. We called to the Devil to help and we didn't hear the Devil laugh. But we did hear him say, "Try a little more to beat that whisky. Drink more, that's the idea!"

Some of us kept on trying, while we cried in the darkness. Some of us gave up trying and sought to blot out the images in the mind by turning to Smoke.

When you drink Smoke, you're at the bottom of the heap. You're in the quicksands, seemingly beyond all help. That's the end of those who tried to treat with the Devil. Surrender to your fate. One more soul for the realm below.

We poor blind men cried out, "Have mercy upon us!" Perhaps we didn't cry to anything in particular. Most of us were groping for a power that could save us, even while we poured down more alcohol to blot out the world.

Then someone passed by, and offered a hand. We spurned the hand, because we trusted no one. In the grip of alcohol, we refused to admit that we had to do without alcohol. A second and a third time we spurned the hand before we admitted that there was no way for us to master alcohol, no way for us to find sure ground while we continued to drink.

For weeks, for months, sometimes for a year or more, we remained blind. But we had hands to guide us, and we felt the ground growing solid under our feet. When the time came that we could feel the presence of the Supreme Power, when we could direct our hearts and minds to God, we cried again, "Have mercy upon us . . . that we may see."

So the scales fell from our eyes.

We still see through a glass darkly. The Tempter hasn't gone out of business, and the ways of virtue are not always easy. It is easy to think that we have been cured and thus that we can handle alcohol. The Bright Spots and the whisky glass, the feeling of elation and

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## Air It!

We listened intently as a very sincere and estimable little lady from Chardon unfolded her story. She lost none of her dignity as she described her difficulty in controlling her drinking, her fears for her sanity and the attendant phobias which we in the audience remembered too well.

She described how quickly and gratefully she grasped the program when she attended her first meeting in Washington, D. C., and how she embraced it and found the answer to her problem. And after a year how she suddenly "got the urge," when the meetings began to pall and her early enthusiasm began to wane. How she began to tire of the regularity and the compulsion of attending meetings each week. How she minimized the possible consequences of resuming her drinking to find an escape from some hidden fear—a fear which she refused to analyze.

While she weighed these consequences, she turned to her memory and recalled the twelve steps, and came to a decision that in spite of herself and her knowledge that she was an alcoholic, and her faith in God, she could resist no longer. Alcoholics Anonymous was a wonderful idea, but could not help her. She was different than the others. She HAD TO drink. So she dressed and headed for the liquor store.

En route she met another member whom she told of her decision—that she'd gone over each of the twelve steps again and again, but to no avail. This member wisely counselled her to go over them once more, this at the very entrance of the liquor store. On step Number Five she finally had to admit that she had not taken another person into her confidence. She had admitted to God and to herself, but not to another human being the exact nature of her wrongs. She was honest enough to admit this, and when she finally aired her troubled conscience to the party, whom she believed was God-directed as an answer to her devout prayer, she found her answer and in "cleaning house" saw that what was worrying and distracting her was ridiculously unimportant in its airing.

The thought in the box on the first page of this issue certainly applies to her case and the cases of so many of us who magnify our fears of completely opening up and making a frank admission of our faults, and taking "the rap" for our derelictions. The more they're hidden and cooped up, the greater they loom, when immediate action will enable the confidant to offer a solution oftentimes so simple that it causes us wonder that we were so goofy.

Have you cleaned your attic thoroughly, lately?

## CONSOLIDATED MEETING

Members in the Cleveland area are in for a treat, according to advance information, when Jim A. M. of Detroit, Mich., addresses the monthly Consolidated meeting, Sunday, July 20, in Little Theater of Cleveland Public Auditorium at 4 o'clock. One of our members scouted him in Detroit and returned with a glowing account of this man's inspirational, highly interesting and amusing presentation. All meetings for the next six months will be

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## SIGHT RESTORED

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the sense of irresponsibility draw 'us again and again.

It is in such times that we need to pray, "Lord, that we may see!" That we may see all that is past will come again when we turn aside from our new course. That we may see what we have to do to continue in the new way of life.

Discouragements do come. People disappoint us and sometimes victimize us. We feel frustrated. We see evil about us, and we see it thrive, and wonder why we should try to hold to higher standards. When we have made little progress in virtue, our lives seem empty.

So again we must pray, "Lord, that we may see!"

Our lives are not empty when we learn to fill them with the Spirit of the Supreme Power. Our lives are not empty when we have learned not merely to root out vices but also to replace them with works of virtue. We can start by doing the best that we can with each day.

## DON BLACK DAY

We come to the defense of the Don Black Day Committee, and of Don Black as we read in the newspapers that, we quote, "There developed militant opposition, and it came, of all places, from the camp of Alcoholics Anonymous themselves. Briefly, there are a great many former drunkards who believe that to honor Black on the strength of his reformation not only is in questionable taste, but who contend that the inevitable publicity associated with such a venture is at odds with the tradition of AA."

The sports writer, Ed McCauley of the Cleveland News, also cited the remarks of some of the objectors and then expressed the opinions of others as well as his own which was, "Personally, I'm in favor of getting for Alcoholics Anonymous all possible publicity. It's the answer and the salvation for hundreds of thousands of intemperate drinkers.

Let's get the facts straight.

Not a single protest was offered at Central Committee.

Don Black definitely did not favor a "Day" for himself. He is unusually modest and retiring and only consented when he was convinced by the committee that AA would be made available to a greater number of persons. Since the story broke in the sports columns last spring, every time he pitched, reference was made to AA and his connection all over the country.

No member of the committee or any other AA will appear on the field at the time of presentation. The presentation will be made by Charles Otis, a prominent Cleveland and of course, not a member.

There will be no banners over the section reserved for us by the ball club.

No solicitation of funds is being made to members, nor to people "out of the pale." All contributions are of course voluntary. Why should there be contributions? The committee knows how sports figures, publicized as they are and especially Don (now definitely labeled), are constantly subject to "touches" wherever they go. Don will be subjected to this fifty to one hundred times more than any individual member however active.

To top all ordinary publicity, Don went to typical AA extremes, by pitching a no-hit shutout against Philadelphia on July 10th, thereby gaining enormous publicity in every hamlet in the United States.

His proud public answer was: "I owe everything to Alcoholics Anonymous." And we who know him, can attest that he's sincere. Incidentally! we were gratified with the splendid and intelligent handling of AA on the part of each newspaper.

One publicist remarked that he was surprised that there should be any issue of anonymity. He said, "If the discoverer of penicillin had kept the use of it for a limited number of his friends subject to his choice, how much suffering would the world have endured?"

We wish Don had as many years as he has months of sobriety, so his recovery would be more convincing. So does he.

Let's get out there on August 10th and show him that we're proud that he's our "exhibit of what AA can do."

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held in Little Theater, the entrance of which is on the west end of the building on St. Clair Ave.

The speaker for August 17 will be Jim F., secretary of the Seaman's Union of New York City, who has attracted an enthusiastic following in this area as a result of his fine leads.

## NEW YORK FOUNDATION

Many traveling members who come into General Headquarters while visiting New York, are surprised to learn we have reprints available of seven of Bill's articles on AA Traditions, first published in the AA Grapevine. These are "Twelve Points to Assure Our Future," "Anonymity-Part I and Part II," "Money-Part I and Part II," "Who Is a Member of AA-Will AA Ever Have Personal Government?" These may be ordered in any quantity without charge. Perhaps it might be helpful to make a list of these for your bulletin board so that when your supply runs low the individual members may write to us for copies. Our Traditions are a vital part of the AA group today. Bill hopes that all members will one day know these Traditions as well as they do the Twelve steps.

Vacations for our employees will soon start so, for the next three months, one or more of our fourteen office workers will be out on vacation at various times. This naturally puts additional work on those left and it will be a great help if you will anticipate your need for books and literature. Last minute rush orders are hard to handle at any time but especially during the summer vacation period.

We are re-ordering another 200 sets of the phonograph records by Bill after shipping almost 600 to our groups all over the world. Orders can still be filled for the next month at least. Refer to the May issue of Central Bulletin for advice on ordering.

## DOWNTOWN OFFICE

During the past few months your District Office has had calls for contacts in the German, Polish, Greek, Romanian, Hungarian, Lithuanian and Czech languages. If Cleveland AA's who speak these languages, or any others, will be kind enough to let us know where they can be reached, they will have an opportunity to be of great service in this specialized field.

Your office recently received a request from an AA stationed in Japan asking that a contact be arranged for a friend of his in Florida. According to our figures this makes your office a station on an 8,831-mile AA relay.

In the month of June 83 contacts were requested and turned over to groups. There were 39 requests for general AA information and literature, 80 liaison services to individuals and groups. There was one request from a woman who wanted to know if we could locate the owner of an automobile if she gave us the license number. Reports back to the office during the month show 12 hospitalized, 20 not hospitalized, and 14 not ready or not interested when the contact was made.

## COMFORT FOR THE LADIES

There were more women drunkards in grandma's day than there are today, according to Professor E. M. Jellinek, a Yale physiologist who has been looking into the problem.

What's more, he says, although more people are drinking, they don't drink much, if any, more than before.

Professor Jellinek's conclusions, appearing in an article in the current issue of the quarterly journal on studies in alcohol, were made public by Yale.

Disputing statements concerning alcoholism among women, the professor had this to say:

"The female rate of chronic alcoholism was higher in 1910 (384 per 100,000) than in 1945 (242 per 100,000).

"The drop from 1915 to the prohibition years was less in the female than in the male rate. On the other hand, the rise of the female rate between the last prohibition years and 1945 was only 12.6 per cent as compared with an increase of 43.6 per cent in the male rate of chronic alcoholism."

## CENTRAL COMMITTEE

In the absence of a moderator, the vice-moderator opened the meeting with a prayer.

Hospital Committee: It is the opinion of the Hospital Committee that hospital and nursing home facilities in Cleveland are generally being run in the best interest of the patient and the AA movement. This is evidenced by their almost universal willingness to cooperate with the spirit of the movement. It is not the responsibility of the AA sponsor to interfere with the operation of the hospital or nursing home. We believe that such questions as segregation of the first-time patient, isolation of family, business associates and friends, carefulness in conversation, judgment in length of interview, admittance by sponsor only, are very important questions and most essential to the patient's recovery. Most nursing homes and hospitals are in agreement with these principles, those that are not don't have to be patronized by AA sponsors. It is not within the province of any AA sponsor to:

1. Insist that patient be given liquor for longer periods than the doctor or institution have prescribed.
2. Seek credit for patient at variance with the rules of the institution.
3. Insist on shorter or longer periods of hospitalization than is mutually agreed upon by the sponsor and the management of the institution.
4. Expect special favors or consideration for his patient which the institution does not permit at all.

These things and more have all happened in the operation of our Cleveland AA setup. All Cleveland AA's should be most thankful and appreciative of the facilities available; while not always ideal they are far above those that are available in other cities.

We believe that the greatest improvements can be secured by greater understanding and knowledge by the individual sponsor. It is therefore an educational program. This is nothing new, but past experience indicates that little or nothing can be done except by an active and constructive program by the individual groups.

Your hospital committee therefore recommends that the Central Committee suggest to the groups to initiate an active, regularly training program within the group to enhance the individual's knowledge on sponsorship in Cleveland.

Source material for any program so planned can be taken from:

1. The experience of the individuals in group present.
2. The AA Sponsorship Pamphlet.
3. The mimeographed notes of the Hospital Committee.
4. The pertinent items discussed in articles appearing in past issues of the Central Bulletin and the AA Grapevine.

In Bill W.'s article in the AA Grapevine, "Adequate Hospitalization-Our Great Need," he states:

"With each passing year we increasingly realize the immense importance of adequately presenting the program to every new prospect who is in the least inclined to listen. Many of us feel this to be our greatest obligation to him and our failure to do so our greatest dereliction. The difference between a good approach and a bad one can mean life and death to those who seek our help."

Treasury: Bert M. reported a bank balance of \$30.00 with outstanding bills of approximately \$60.00. He makes an appeal to those groups who have not paid their donation. This leaves your committee with a bank balance of \$20.00, the second time this year we have been on the right side of the ledger.

Anniversary Committee: Report not completed.

New Business: Motion was carried to find out how many groups would like to have copies of the mimeographed sheets on Sponsorship Instructions entitled "How Great Is the Responsibility We Assume When We Become Members of Alcoholics Anonymous?" All inquiries should be made to the Downtown Office, 1005-1007 Schofield Bldg. Hospital Chairman also stressed the importance for all of us to avail ourselves of the booklet entitled "AA Sponsorship."

## AURORA

Due to remodeling of the church in which we were meeting we were forced to discontinue our Sunday night meetings until further notice.

## CORRECTING AN IMPRESSION

A visitor from Charleston, W. Va., tells us that a member of his group, attending our Twelfth Anniversary Meeting, had returned with the impression that all Cleveland group meetings were open meetings, and asked that we correct that impression.

Open meetings are the rare exception rather than the rule in this area.

## LORAIN, OHIO

Popular and zealous Bill A. and his wife were treated to a grand surprise as they attended their regular group meeting. Bill and his wife celebrated their silver wedding anniversary and the group gave them special "treatment" in appreciation of his fine example and unselfish service. We add our belated congratulations.

## LAKESWOOD

Louis M., one of our long time members! received a splendid letter from a Buffalonian whom Louis gave out-of-the-ordinary service at the Twelfth Anniversary Meeting. This man passed through Cleveland on a lake cruise Sunday, July 5, at 7 in the morning leaving again at 8:30. In that scant hour and one half, Louis transported him to church and got him back to the boat in time. He's one of our fine boys, is Louis.

## EDGELAKE

The first really perfect weather that Cleveland enjoyed this spring or summer on a Sunday marked a perfect day for members of our group who cavorted and rodeoed at Al H.'s country estate on June 22. Pony and hay rides for the children . . . aerial and equestrian exhibitions . . . games and delightful fun. The twelve hours of association lifted the morale of the group to even greater heights, thanks to ye perfect host, Sir Al.

## DOAN DATA

June chairman, Eddie V., selected four topnotchers who filled the hall to capacity at each meeting. They were Jerry H., Jim B., Frank S. and Chester S. Chas., incidentally, flew from Chicago to fulfill his obligation. In spite of the warm evenings and vacations our attendance has not suffered.

Our old clothes storage room needs replenishing. Look around at home and if you can spare some shoes, shirts, suits, etc., bring them over to help outfit some needy fellow who's just starting on his way up again.

## BORTON

Popular and devoted Felix R. and his highly efficient wife resigned as secretary after three years of extraordinary devotion. Restaurateur Kenny K. was elected their successor. Good man. Has a job filling those petite pumps and enormous brogans.

## GLENVILLE PICNIC

One of the original members of our group, Joe M., did a masterful job as chairman for June.

The annual Glenville picnic will be held on Sunday, August 17, at American Legion Post grounds, W. 220th. and Brookpark. This will be a typical Glenville picnic, with fine prizes, games and entertainment.

Free transportation will be available.

## IT HAS BEEN SAID

The man who shows up best shows off least.  
If there were no difficulties, there would be no triumphs.  
Cowards never have any luck.  
More of us get what we deserve than what we want;  
Incompetence often springs from indifference.  
The promising man keeps his promises.  
Conscience reflects the sentiments of the soul.  
Men, like water, when stagnant are worthless.  
In the end the things that count are the things you can't count.

Life isn't complex if we walk straight.  
Good luck is another term for tenacity of purpose.  
Use your friends by being of use to them.  
Hate hurts the hater more than the hated.  
To become an all-around man, be on the square.  
Prejudice is opinion without reason.

APPLY THIS TO AA

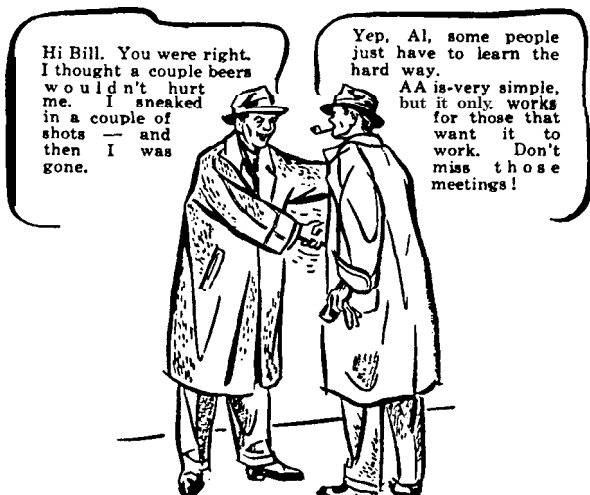
How to Pull Down an Association

1. Do not come to the meetings.
2. But if you do come, come late.
3. If you do attend a meeting, find fault with the work of the officers and the other members.
4. Never accept an office, as it is easier to criticize than to do things.
5. Nevertheless get sore if you are not appointed on a committee, but if you are, don't attend committee meetings.
6. If asked by the chairman to give your opinion regarding some important matter, tell him you have nothing to say. After the meeting tell everyone how things ought to be done.
7. Do nothing more than is absolutely necessary but when other members roll up their sleeves and willingly and unselfishly use their ability to help matters along, howl that the organization is run by a clique.
8. Hold back your dues as long as possible or do not pay it at all.
9. Do not bother about getting new members. Let the secretary do it.
10. When a banquet is given, tell everybody money is being wasted on blowouts which make a big noise and accomplish nothing.
11. When no banquets are given, say the organization is dead and needs a tin can tied to it.
12. Do not tell the organization how it can help you, but if it does not help you, resign.
13. If you receive service without paying dues, do not think of paying.
14. Agree with everything said at a meeting and disagree with it outside.
15. Get all the organization gives, but do not give the organization anything.
16. Take cooperation from the other fellow, but never cooperate with him.
17. When everything else fails, curse the officers, the executive director, or the editor.

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THE LIFE OF AL AND BILL-No; 7

We had no report on Al last month. The previous month showed his disregard of the importance of attending meetings. He's back and we hope, to stay.



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CLEVELAND GROUP MEETINGS

MONDAY

BORTON—E. Cleve. Cong. Church, Page & Euclid	8:41
CRILE V. A. HOSPITAL—Parma, O.—Ward 23-B	7:30
FAIRMOUNT—St. Paul's Episc. Church, Fairmount & Coventry	8:30
LAKEWOOD—Community Center Bldg., Detroit Ave. & St. Charles	8:30
LAKEWOOD MEN'S—St. Peter's Episcopal, W. Clifton & Detroit	8:30
LAKEWOOD-CLIFTON—St. Luke's Church, Clifton Blvd., between Bunts & Chase	8:30
LEE ROAD—E. C. Presb. Church, Nelaview & Euclid	8:30
LORAIN AVE.—Banater Hall Annex, W. 120th at Lorain	8:30
MEMPHIS-RIDGE—7424 Taunton Ave.	8:30
PEARL—Good Counsel Hall, 4427 Pearl Rd.	8:30
UNION AVENUE—12907 Union Ave.	8:30
SHAKER HEIGHTS—Christ Episcopal Church, 3451 Warrenville Center Rd.	8:30
SOUTH EAST GROUP—Holy Name Hall, 8328 Broadway	8:30
WEST 25TH ST.—Marvel Hall, 2858 W. 25th St.	8:30
WILLOUGHBY—Presbyterian Church, Willoughby, O.	8:30
WOMEN'S—EAST SIDE—Glenville Hall, 10421 St. Clair	8:30
WOMEN'S—West Side, Our Savior's Hall, W. 58th at Franklin	8:30
VERMILION, O.—Con&t anyone of the three churches	8:30

TUESDAY

ARCADE—Euclid Ave. Baptist, E. 18th & Euclid	8:30
CHARITY—Last Tues. of each month—Charity Hosp. Nurses' Aid	8:30
CLARK—4105 Clark Ave. (Upstairs)	8:30
EAGLE TRAINING—Salvation Army, E. 9th & Eagle	8:30
EUCLID-WADE—Calvary Presbyterian Church, E. 79 & Euclid	8:30
EDGE LAKE—Community Center Bldg., St. Charles and Detroit—Dinner at 7:00 P. M.—Meeting	8:30
MT. PLEASANT—Eastview Cong. Church, 15615 Kinsman Rd.	8:30
SMITH-WILSON—Nativity School, 9610 Aetna Road	8:30
SUPERIOR—Immaculate Conception, E. 43rd and Superior	8:30
WEST SIDE MEN'S—St. Patrick's Hall, Bridge Ave. near W. 88th	8:30
LORAIN, O.—Community Hall, 23rd and Beech Sts.	8:30

WEDNESDAY

ADDISON—1407 Addison Rd. (side)	8:30
BROOKLYN-K of P. Hall, Broadview and Pearl Road	8:30
CHARDON—St. Mary's Church	8:30
COLLINSWOOD—14709 St. Clair Ave.	8:30
DENISON—7403 Denison Ave.	8:30
DOAN MEN'S—2028 E 106th St., 2nd floor, side entrance	8:30
LAKE SHORE—Community Center Bldg., St. Charles & Detroit—Dinner at 7:00 P. M.	8:30
LEE ROAD—Mayfield and Preyer, Heights Presbyterian Church	8:30
MADISON-LAKEWOOD—St. Cyril's Church, Madison and Lakewood Aves.	8:30
VALLEY VIEW—Community Center, W. 7th & Starkweather	8:30
WEST PARK—17th Precinct Hall, W. 157th and Lorain (upstairs)	8:30
BEDFORD, O.—Y. M. C. A., Tarbell Ave.	8:30
ELYRIA, O.—St. Andrew's Episc. Church, Middle & Third	8:30
LORAIN, O.—ANTLERS—St. Mary's School, Reid Ave., between 7th and 8th	8:30

THURSDAY

ANGLE-S+ Malachi's Church, 2649 Washington Ave.	8:30
BEREA, O.—Fine Arts Club, E. Bagley Rd., 3 drs. east of Eastland	8:30
BROADWAY-55TH—Our Lady of Lourdes School Hall—E. 66th and Broadway	8:30
COVENTRY—Fairmount Presbyterian Chapel, Scarborough Road, East of Coventry	8:30
EAST SIDE YOUNG PEOPLE—Emmanuel Church, Euclid at E. 86th	8:30
GLENVILLE—10421 St. Clair	8:30
EAST LAKE—Vine and Campbell, Willoughby, O.	8:30
LORAIN AVE.—Banater Hall Annex, W. 120th St. at Lorain	8:30
OUTHWAITE—(Negro) Woodland Center, 7100 Kinsman	8:30
PAINESVILLE, O.—33 N. State St. Third Floor	8:30
SPONSORSHIP—Central Comm., 2nd & 4th Thurs., 2028 E. 105th	8:30

FRIDAY

CEDAR—Salvation Army, 2181 E 55th St.	8:30
CHAGRIN FALLS, O.—American Legion, E. Orange St.	8:30
GORDON SQUARE—People's Meth. Church, W. 65th & Bridge	8:30
LEE ROAD—2056 E. 105th, K. of P. Hall	8:30
MILES MEN'S—Stag Group, 4141 E. 116th St.	8:30
ROCKY RIVER—St. Christopher's Hall, Lakeview off Detroit Rd.	8:30
NEWBURGH—St. Catherine's Church, 3443 E. 93rd St.	8:30
NORTHEAST—2028 E. 105th St.	8:30
LORAIN-AVON—1112 W. Eric St., Lorain, O.	8:30
BEREA—Social room of Berea Cong. Church, Seminary and Church Sts.	8:30
EUCLID, O.—St. Paul's Church, E. 200th St. off St. Clair	8:30

SATURDAY

CROSSROADS—Euclid Avenue Baptist Church, East 18th, North of Euclid Avenue	9:00
GLENVILLE—10421 St. Clair	9:00
MATT TALBOT—St. Philip Neri Church, E. 82 and St. Clair	8:30
W. S. SOCIAL CLUB, 4421 Pearl Road	8:30
WYANDOTTE MEN'S—Church of Redeemer, Andrews and Detroit Avenue (rear)	8:30
8005 GROUP—8006 Lorain Ave.	8:30
ELYRIA, O.—St. Andrew's Episc. Church, Middle & Third	8:30

SUNDAY

COLLINSWOOD—14709 St. Clair Avenue	7:30
DOAN MEN'S TRAINING MEETING—2028 E. 105th St.	8:30
NEWBURGH—St. Catherine's Church, 2442 E. 93	8:30
PIONEER (Negro)—7100 Kinsman	10:00 A. M.
SPONSORSHIP MEETING—Glenville Group, 10421 St. Clair Ave.	2:30
WARRENSVILLE—Workhouse Library	10:00 A. M.
LORAIN, O.—Stag, 750 Broadway, Lorain, O.	9:30

18T TUESDAY EVERY MONTE CENTRAL COMMITTEE—Hanna Building, Room 270	2:00
MORNING MEETINGS Thursday Mornings	
WEST SIDE—7403 Denison Ave.	10:30 A. M.

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## Reminiscing

The writer of these lines is about to walk alone in the familiar paths of temptation. It is exactly five years and 10 months since the day on which he arrived at the conclusion that he was powerless over alcohol. It is almost five years since he passed, a physical crisis. Today, he can walk upstairs without hanging on the banister and he feels like a new man. And now, on business, he is about to walk alone.

This Central Bulletin was created for the benefit of those members of the fellowship who had to walk alone, for men in armed services, where temptations are great and where men who can't drink are scorned as weaklings, for men on other jobs in distant places, for men working odd hours, and for others with peculiar situations. The chief aim in the articles appearing in this space has been to offer help to those who have to walk alone. (But, at the same time, the writer has sought to say something, out of his own personal experience, that might be of use to all members of the fellowship, even those who attend two or three meetings a week.)

Well, now, let's open the capsule and see what there is to say to one walking alone, particularly to an old-timer who is bubbling over with self-confidence.

Five years and 10 months is a long time, and in such a time it is easy to forget some things that ought to be remembered.

Something never to be forgotten is that day of five years and 10 months ago. And never to be forgotten are the weeks that followed. Those were desperate weeks in the experience of one who had reached the end of the line. No previous experience in drying up was ever like it. The decision had been reached most reluctantly, and for weeks it was extremely hard to keep to the decision, simply because it no longer seemed worth while to try.

I am busy trying to recarve a career in an extremely active field that requires nearly all my waking hours. I look ahead, rather than backward, and think little of my own personal experiences. I have overcome most of my worst difficulties and have myself pretty well in check. What is there to worry about?

The Devil, as I may have remarked before in this space, is a sly spirit and quite tireless. He never gives up, and he puts on many disguises and offers many tempting excursions from the straight path. When you've taken those excursions before a long, long time ago it is easy to remember the apparent pleasures and to forget the pains. It's exciting to join the crowd in the bright places.

One traveling alone needs a good memory that recalls in ample time the right things to remember. Better still, he needs a guide, and a monitor. And what safer guide is there than the Power that is greater than our own in which we all have placed our trust?

Old Uncle Remus used to say, "Careful there! trouble is just around the corner." But if one chooses the Lord as his shepherd, he may avoid the corner. And if one remembers the right things, he may not be tempted to say, "Thanks, Lord, for the help so far, but I think I can get along all right by myself now."

As you can see, this one who is about to travel alone is doing a lot of talking to himself. Even after five years and 10 months, he isn't safe from trouble.

## Open That Parachute

We were talking over fundamentals of AA with a member who had overcome some terrific handicaps. His life story was one of the outstanding stories in the Cleveland area, and as we talked we agreed that his unswerving faith in AA brought him finally, though reluctantly at first, to a steadfast faith in God. That he survived to become one of the most effective workers in the Cleveland area for the past six or seven years is one for the book.

Faith in AA seemed to him to be the first elementary step. Most alcoholics seem to try every other method first and find them all ineffectual in solving their problem. Hesitatingly and even reluctantly they begin to concede that

AA "must have something" when they see visual evidence of continued success.

This member, Bill M., had been talking to some returned paratroopers, and in groping for some simile to use to penetrate the man's hopelessness, he got the paratrooper to talk about his experiences in the war. The paratrooper told about the fears he held when he made his first jumps. How he froze when his turn came to leap and how frightened he was when someone pushed him out. How he frantically fumbled with nerveless fingers to pull the cord which would open the chute. How the seconds seemed to be hours before it opened as he was plummeting down to earth. How grateful he felt as he was wafted gently to the ground and to safety. He had made many more

jumps before he found himself completely trusting the small packet of silk which constituted his parachute.

The average alcoholic, Bill went on to tell the paratrooper, comes to regard AA as just another system which society proffers to help him. He regards this help with suspicion, particularly when he hears there's a "religious angle" to the program and at first he rejects it. What did God ever do for him except to bring him trouble?

Slowly and gradually Bill pointed out to the paratrooper that AA offered him a different kind of packet—the AA parachute. All he had to do was to follow the instructions carefully and to learn how to handle it, even on his first leap into society he could operate it every time successfully. But he had to pull the cord himself. If his faith in the working of this AA parachute was as strong as his faith in the one he'd used in the Army, he would have no trouble.

And every day that he used the chute he'd examine it carefully, keeping it in the finest condition as his very life depended on it opening properly and bringing him home to safety.

Thanks, Bill, for material for this editorial at a time we'd come home from a vacation just as our contemporary on the left side of the page is leaving.

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### WILL A FINN HELP?

John L. writes us that he is adept in the Finnish language, and would like to help us in any way possible. So, by Yimminy, if you need a Finn, call the Downtown Office and Johnny will be on the spot. Thanks, John—your offer has been filed. Perhaps we should work out a file of various "Language Donors"—after all, AA is now spread out all over the world, and many languages are involved,

*Be not disturbed at  
being misunderstood;  
be disturbed at not  
understanding !*

## DON BLACK DAY

Alcoholic Anonymous was given a tremendous boost by the highly creditable handling of a delicate **problem**—that of honoring a man who had discredited himself in the estimation of millions of sports fans and who in one short year had regained his honor, respect and self-control by publicly announcing his affiliation with AA? not to seek publicity, but purely to give grateful appreciation for the vehicle which had restored him to sanity. Many in AA questioned the advisability of supporting this day, and a few were vehement in their condemnation of the committee for putting Don on the spot. But the committee, knowing Don and sincerely believing that many people would learn about AA who normally might not, went ahead and their objectives were achieved.

All newspapers and radio stations handled the story intelligently and the presentation was done masterfully by Ed Bang, sporting editor of the Cleveland News (a non-alcoholic, of course) and Bill Duggan, president and organizer of the Cleveland Amateur Baseball Federation (also a non-alcoholic). Don's two little daughters presented him with a basket of flowers which almost tripped them, and many eyes were moist when he kissed them.

The day would have been perfect if Don had won his game, but he was evidently trying too hard and was knocked out in the sixth inning. But the AA's in the audience were proud of the way "the day" was handled. It was successful.

Don's letter to his well wishers follows:

Dear Fellow AA's:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each one of you for your splendid tribute paid me on August 10th.

I can only say that it was the happiest' day of my life, and I wish I could thank each of you personally.

If it hadn't been for the help of **AA and** the wonderful people connected with this organization, I know that today I wouldn't be pitching in the big leagues.

So again I wish to thank you from the bottom of my heart and hope I can do my part in carrying on the work of AA to the best of my ability.

Sincerely,

DON BLACK.

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## CLOSED MEETING DEFINITION

In the last Bulletin we stated that all Cleveland group meetings were generally closed meetings. Clarence S., formerly of Cleveland, writes us from New Jersey that this might be misconstrued. He informs us that in most cities, closed meetings mean meetings for alcoholics only, and that wives and husbands of members were excluded. So we hasten to correct our statement. In practically every group in Cleveland, wives and husbands of members attend.

## LET'S MEET OUR OBLIGATION

Because of the fact that only 35 of the 83 groups in the Cleveland area contributed to the Twelfth Anniversary Fund, the committee is confronted with a debt of about \$500.00. This is the first time an emergency of this kind has arisen, and despite the fact that some of the groups were not in accord with the idea of being hosts on this occasion, the good name and good credit standing of AA must be maintained.

The financial statement is being audited and a complete report will be in your hands very shortly. In the meantime, if your group has not contributed, please take action favorably at once.

## NURSING HOME IN CANTON

A new nursing home for the treatment of alcoholics opened in Canton, Ohio, during the month of September. Irene Hirsch, who since 1941 operated the first hospital for women alcoholics in Cleveland, is the owner, and will devote her entire energy in this project. June McC. will be the nursing supervisor and a well-known Canton physician will be in attendance. Notices of the open house for inspection will be sent to all Secretaries.

## THE CORINTHIANS

Since the Corinthian Group was organized many people have wondered why they adopted the name. Ed B. supplies the answer.

Corinth was the capital of the Roman Province of Achaia in Roman times. It was the most important city in Greece, and the most important stretch on the eastern and western route between northern and southern Greece, and occupied a powerful position at the southern extremity of the Isthmus.

The population consisted of Roman Colonists, Greeks and Jews. Some of these people joined with St. Paul in his endeavor to preach the doctrine of Christ to the heathen Corinthians and create Corinth into a religious center for the spreading of the gospel. But when St. Paul preached Christ Crucified with all plainness of speech, they listened but retained their old heathen ideas on morals. He did not preach wisdom to the lawyer or Greek philosophy, but salvation to the plain man. The majority had no sense of shame, and preaching to them of a personal Saviour was folly. Naturally, there was an anti-feeling among those who did not believe in his teachings, and the extreme hatred of those anti-factions led to a plot against the life of St. Paul.

When this attempt was frustrated, and while St. Paul was in Corinth, the noted Roman statesman; Gallio became governor of Achaia, and the Jews then brought an action against St. Paul charging him with un-Christian teachings contrary to Roman law. St. Paul being a very wise man, immediately sought the advice of a lawyer (he was no dummy), and when the case came to trial it was dismissed by the judge for lack of jurisdiction, and the judge declared the teaching of St. Paul were not an offense against the Roman law.

After the court was dismissed, Gallio then permitted the populace to show their hatred against the Jews. It must have been a great satisfaction to St. Paul that Roman justice in the hands of the tolerant Gallio gave protection to Paul's missionary activity and that all of his hard work was not thrown away.

The original town of Corinth had been destroyed in the year 146 B.C., and for 100 years it lay in ruins, peopled by few but relic hunters who groped among the demolished temples for bits of sculpture or Corinthian bronze. The smart old Julius Caesar, however, could not overlook the excellence of the city and its strategic position, and soon a colony of Romans, the most industrious of the metropolitan population, consisting of brick layers, plumbers, steamfitters, etc., started to rebuild and replenish the city. Corinth, therefore, speedily regained something of its former beauty, all of its former wealth, and more than its original size. Sailors from all parts of the then known world - with money to spend, merchants eager to compensate for the privations of the voyage, refugees and adventurers of all kinds were continually passing through the city, introducing foreign customs and confounding moral distinctions, and it became quite a slogan that "to live as they do in Corinth" was the equivalent to living in luxury and licentiousness. It was a cosmopolitan city without the responsibilities of empire or nationality. Its gods were the gods of sensual pleasures and self-indulgence, and in its social condition it was proverbial for the open practice of sexual vice and the existence side by side of the worst extremes in poverty and riches. One common interest roused the enthusiasm of the populace and attracted visitors from all parts of the empire. The Isthmian games where the player reached the zenith of his fame, and the worship of physical skill and prowess filled the void left in men's minds by the decay of political ambition and national hope.

The ideal of the Corinthian was the reckless development of the individual. The merchant who made his gain by all and any means, and the man of pleasure, surrendering to every lust, were the true Corinthian types.

We see the type and class of people to whom St. Paul presumably wrote three letters in which he admonished them to practice tolerance, forbearance, honesty, purity and love, constantly to consider the rights of others and not always press our own rights to the fullest extent.

## CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Our moderator, Harry D., cited a few constructive criticisms regarding operation of AA Hospitals. These were discussed at length from the floor.

A serious charge was received against a local hospitalizing agency, with documentary evidence attached. Assigned to proper committee for investigation.

A motion was passed to have an audit made of the 12th Anniversary financial report. This will be filed for reference in connection with staging future Anniversaries, thus saving us unnecessary headaches.

Dr. T. of Lalce Shore group was appointed to the Hospital Committee. He offered many good suggestions for smoothing relations between the Hospital Committee and A.A. Home operators.

A plea was made for a donation from all groups to liquidate the balance of the debt owed Masonic Auditorium for the 12th Anniversary Party.

The Secretary read a card of thanks from Dr. Bob and Ann S. for flowers the committee sent during their illness.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 2, at 8:45 p. m. in Room 370, Hanna Bldg.

## CENTRAL OFFICE

Your District Office was host to a visitor from overseas early this month. He was Monseigneur Forgnier of Saint Venant, Pas de Calais, France. While visiting in Cleveland he had heard of the work of Alcoholics Anonymous and came to the office for information with a view of establishing a Group in Saint Venant on his return to France. He was given our literature and the Big Book and he promised that he would let us know how his work progressed.

Recently a French translation of The Twelve Steps was sent to him and a translation of "A Way of Life" is being prepared and will be mailed to him very soon.

During July 12 contracts were requested and turned over to Groups. There were 34 requests for literature and 75 various liaison services. Eight speakers were supplied and two new Groups were formed. Reports back to the office show 57 persons have affiliated themselves with the Fellowship and 18 were not ready or not interested when contact was made.

## THERE WAS ONE

In a recent short perusal of the Holy Bible which I occasionally open at random, I came across the story of the curing of the ten lepers by Christ, men ostracized from society, despicable in the eyes of their fellowmen, men suffering from a hideous, loathsome and foul disease, men awaiting the sure and inevitable end. Of these ten men so miraculously cured, only one, the humble Samaritan, saw fit to return and give thanks to his benefactor.

It should not be hard for the Alcoholic, a member of the AA, to find plenty of food for thought in this simple story. Am I one of the nine who, through the help of God, my fellow man and lastly myself, have accomplished the state of sobriety and forgot to give thanks for the greatest gift an alcoholic could receive? Do I feel smug and complacent and have I convinced myself that the principal purpose of AA is to remain dry oneself? I wonder how large AA would be today if its founders had assumed this attitude, also the original members of our own Kansas City group. Have we now done our two bits worth by sponsoring two members of AA? Have I become an inactive member? Have I become a preacher but not a doer of AA work? Am I one of the nine?

A personal inventory will give us the correct answer. From The Paradox, Kansas City.

## PITY YOUR EDITOR

Being an editor is a helluva job. When we print jokes, people say we are silly (this is a serious publication). If we clip things from other magazines we are too lazy to be original. If we don't want to blow our own horn. If we fail to print contributions, we are accused of not recognizing true genius. If we do print them, the result looks like a composite of the work of a class in high school journalism.

Like as not, someone will accuse us of swiping the above idea from some other magazine. Honesty (remember), a prime watchword in AA, compels us to say—we did.

## CONSOLIDATED MEETING

Little Theater, Public Auditorium  
Sunday, Sept. 21, 4:00 P. M.

Bill F. of New York was in his best form as he addressed the August Consolidated Meeting. The extreme heat held down the attendance, but those who were privileged to hear him were well rewarded. He described the phases the average member went through: The first phase inspired faith in the cause; then came the criticizing phase; the third was finding a workable or livable creed and the fourth the final achievement of confidence with humility.

The latter part of his talk was devoted to describing his work in the Seamen's Union which impressed the audience with its potentialities.

The September meeting will be addressed by Don A. of Eric, Pa. We have been hearing laudable reports about him and we trust that the Little Theater of Public Auditorium will be filled on September 21st at 4 o'clock. Don was formerly a member of Doan Men's Group.

## CROSSROADS

This Saturday night group continues to attract a good attendance. The speakers are secured by guest chairmen, who are active in other groups. Tony IL of Smith-Wilson was chairman for August.

The group participated in a Sunday morning picnic-breakfast on the estate of Earl S., originator of the Crossroads group, on Sunday, August 24, in Strongsville, O.

## ARCADE

The twelve steps were analyzed in able fashion on Tuesday, Aug. 13, by a panel of four speakers, two from the Lakewood Group and two from Arcade. Each were assigned three steps and three of the four brought out many facts which enlightened the listeners. The fourth member of the panel was your editor.

## GLENVILLE

Your editor had occasion to visit this thriving and popular group and saw a large sized doll ensconced in the private office of Tony S., secretary. Our lifted eyebrow elicited the information that one of the newer members had won the doll at the picnic but feared taking it home lest his neighbors might think he was on a binge again. He's going to bring his daughter over to carry it home.

## WARRENSVILLE WOMEN

The first meeting of this group was held on Wednesday, Aug. 20, at 6:30 p. m. in the Chapel. The time and place will be the same in the future. The time is placed so that if you are interested, you may attend these meetings and still can make a regular meeting elsewhere afterward.

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## BEREA CELEBRATES

Berea group celebrates its 5th Anniversary Friday, Sept. 5, at 8:30 p. m. Berea Congregational Church is the place, Seminary and Church Streets. Speakers will be Bert M. of Elyria, Warren C. of Lakewood, Luther M. of Berea and Bill D. of Akron.

## PARMA CHANGES SITE

Beginning Saturday, Aug. 23, this group meets in the St. Charles Clubhouse, Ridge Road and Wilber Ave.

## NEW GROUP

A new group for young people met for the first time on Friday, Aug. 22, at 8:30 p. m. You are invited to drop in on this meeting—the speakers at the first meeting were two young people and one "Old-Timer."

## COLLINWOOD-EUCLID FROLIC

A joint picnic was held on Sunday, Aug. 3. Collinwood licked Euclid in a tug-o-war, and Euclid retaliated by defeating Collinwood in baseball, both a. m. and p. m.

## GROUP CHANGES

Wyandotte group meets on Thursday evenings after July 31. First meeting each month is mixed—others stag. Same place.

Valley View, beginning July 26, have changed their night from Wednesday to Saturday. Same time and place.

BROOKLYN

We honored one of our hard-working old-timers, Charles S., on August 6th. 'Twas his seventh anniversary and in his lead he described some of the early trials and tribulations experienced by the Brooklynites. Charlie's been one of our fine examples.

BROADWAY-E. 55

Three hundred or more people attended a picnic held by our group and Smith-Wilson and Southeast groups on July 20th. Thirty-two cash prizes were awarded for games. The program included dancing in the evening. One of the casualties was a member's daughter who suffered a broken wrist in one of the races. Rushed to a hospital, she returned in time to receive a tidy little sum collected to compensate her for her pain.

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VERMILION

Meeting place of this group has been changed to Jack's Shack, located in back of the new school.

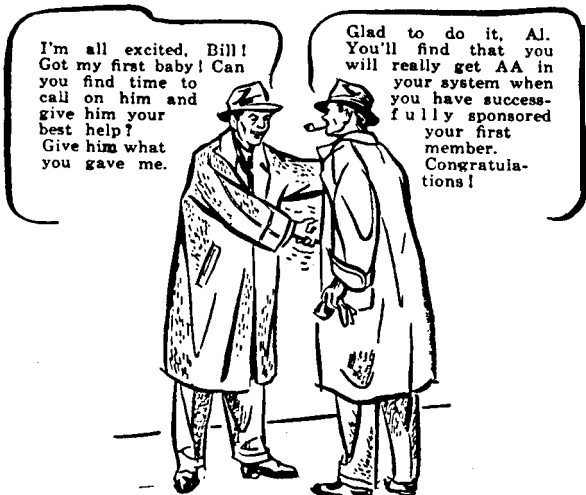
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

In 1650 there was a Prussian doctor who set out to write a book on the treatment of alcoholism. (Apparently 300 years ago there were those who could not handle their liquor. After a long and no doubt technical description of how alcohol affected the different faculties of the body he became discouraged, because he could not find a cure for alcoholism, so for his final sentence he wrote, "There is no cure for an alcoholic unless you can put a new heart in his body and a new brain in his head."

That in effect is what Alcoholics Anonymous has been able to do. The new heart in the body comes when we accept the third step of the program, which is "we made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God, as we understand Him." While it is impossible to put a new brain in a man's head, yet when you substitute positive thoughts for negative thoughts it gives the old brain a thorough renovating. The State Mental Institutions are proud of the fact that of their patients who are admitted for alcoholism they are able to claim 2 per cent success.

Alcoholics Anonymous know that out of every 100 people who come into the AA 50 will be successful from the start, 25 will have a relapse but will return and make it a success. The other 25 will fall by the wayside. AA experience has shown that if a person accepts the AA way of life for two years, the loss through slips is less than 1 per cent.-From Canton-Massillon, Ohio, Groups.

THE LIFE OF AL AND BILL-No. 8



I'm all excited, Bill! Got my first baby! Can you find time to call on him and give him your best help? Give him what you gave me.

Glad to do it, Al. You'll find that you will really get AA in your system when you have successfully sponsored your first member. Congratulations!

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CLEVELAND GROUP MEETINGS

MONDAY

Table listing Cleveland group meetings for Monday, including locations like Borton-E. Cleve. Cong. Church, Craile V. A. Hospital, and various churches and community centers with their respective meeting times.

TUESDAY

Table listing Cleveland group meetings for Tuesday, including locations like Arcade-Euclid Ave. Baptist, Charity-Last Tues. of each month, and various churches and community centers.

WEDNESDAY

Table listing Cleveland group meetings for Wednesday, including locations like Addison-1467 Addison Rd., Brooklyn-K. of P. Hall, and various churches and community centers.

THURSDAY

Table listing Cleveland group meetings for Thursday, including locations like Angle-St. Malachi's Church, Berea O-Fine Arts Club, and various churches and community centers.

FRIDAY

Table listing Cleveland group meetings for Friday, including locations like Cedar-Salvation Army, Chagrin Falls, O.-American Legion, and various churches and community centers.

SATURDAY

Table listing Cleveland group meetings for Saturday, including locations like Crossroads-Euclid Avenue Baptist Church, Glenville-10421 St. Clair, and various churches and community centers.

SUNDAY

Table listing Cleveland group meetings for Sunday, including locations like Collinwood-14709 St. Clair Avenue, Doan Men's Training Meeting, and various churches and community centers.

MORNING MEETINGS Thursday Mornings

Table listing morning meetings for Thursday, including West Side-7403 Denison Ave. at 10:30 A. M.



1st. COLUMN BY SPENCER IRWIN.  
**Higher Power**

The idea of "a Power greater than ourselves," belief in which is the cornerstone of Alcoholics Anonymous, often seems to be a difficult barrier.

The cause is to be found in man's habit of complicating the simple. He does it in all aspects of life. But in spiritual matters, which are not readily apparent in material form, the habit is widespread.

This thought is mentioned by Barbara Spofford Morgan in her recent book, "Skeptics Search for God." She writes: "What we do not know about nature is assumed to be there for us to find out but what we do not know about the supernatural is assumed to prove that the supernatural does not exist."

Because of this, assumption man has made complex his conception of that Higher Power and, in many instances, embroidered it with such folderol that many people cannot honestly accept it without doing violence to their intelligence.

The alcoholic, being highly individualistic if not egocentric, is a skeptic among skeptics. He has either forsaken his early religious ideas, if he had them, or actually turned against them. Whether he is or not he believes himself to be an intelligent and logical person.

Therefore it is often difficult to convince the candidate for this fellowship that there is a Higher Power.

Most effective is the simple approach. It can be pointed out convincingly that the alcoholic has been under the influence of a power greater than himself—the power that comes out of a bottle and masters him. If he is honest in his expressed desire to give up alcohol it is not difficult to demonstrate that this power is evil.

Therefore, if there is a power for evil admittedly stronger than the individual, it is only logical to conclude that there is also a Power for good that is mightier than the individual.

Every member of this fellowship has his or her own idea of the Greater Power. Whatever their conception, however, it is simple and workable. This is because the members of Alcoholics Anonymous live with that Power every hour of the day. He is called upon at any time to keep them sober, to change their thinking and their characters and to give them the power to help others.

That this Higher Power has done just these things for thousands is in itself a material and evident manifestation of the supernatural. No greater yardstick with which to measure the power of God exists than the living proofs of Alcoholics Anonymous.

It is toward an understanding of this Power that the doubtful candidate must be helped. Full understanding can be achieved by the individual only when he experiences the naturalness and the simplicity of man's relation to the Higher Power.

A beautiful expression of this relationship was written in 1892 by H. Emilie Cady in her "Lessons in Truth," a book which has guided many:

"God is the name we give to that unchangeable, inexorable principle at the source of all existence. To the individual consciousness God takes on personality, but as the creative underlying cause of all things, He is principle, impersonal; as expressed in each individual, He

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*One reason so few  
 recognize opportunity  
 is because it is disguised  
 as hard work*

## Something Should Be Done!

We were discussing sponsorship the other day, as is our wont. Seems as though there's a general agreement that correct sponsorship should be taught to every newcomer in the fellowship. The very soul of the newcomer is at stake and unless the sponsor conscientiously feeds him the proper AA diet, educates him and inculcates in him the spirit and essence of the program, he will fall by the wayside. Something should be done!

Something should be done! For years efforts have been made by committees of groups, groups themselves and even individuals, and pages upon pages have been printed to teach "correct sponsorship." All these have served good ends. Much was accomplished, but when the proponents of these group-accepted formulae themselves strayed from procedure (alcoholics will always tend to be inconsistent), interest waned and most programs were dropped or diffidently continued.

Is it because we've lost interest and enthusiasm, or does our very nature instinctively rebel at "regimentation?" We have been a part of several committees seeking an answer. Probably we have been guilty of trying to impose OUR way on others, believing that everyone should sponsor as we sponsored. And since the others didn't fully agree, we would still do it OUR way, despite the fact that in committee we agreed to a standard form. We have seen it happen again and again—this resistance to uniformity. Is it instinctive?

Or is the answer in the possibility that each newcomer offers a different problem? The initial approach probably is standard, where the prospect asks for help. This usually is fairly simple for every member. He's at least been made conscious of the one salient thing—only a rotter would refuse to go out on a call and he is selected to make it, be he willing or not. He might go through with some of the accepted fundamental procedures mechanically, transporting him to the hospital and visiting him while he is there. He might even call some of his fellow-members, asking them to visit the patient.

The real test of caliber comes when the patient is capable of listening intelligently and assimilating what the visitor has to say. If he is just going through the motions and is doing this "chore" because he didn't dare refuse or couldn't get out of it for one reason or another, the chance for the patient finding an answer to his problem will certainly be minimized.

Probably his is the answer to why too many are making "the horrid experiment" lately. Too many sponsors depend on the other guy giving the essence of AA to their baby, and in spite of what seems to them of having done all that they had agreed to do, they have done the newcomer a disservice unless they painstakingly explained each step and injected faith and courage in him, as well as pointing out the pitfalls which are on the narrow and straight way.

Remind him that it isn't the quantity or the quality of the liquor he drank, nor the depth he has sunk to, but that he qualify honestly and definitely in his own mind that he's "sick and tired of being sick and tired" and wants to do something about his problem. That he understands step number one for exactly what it means, and then is willing, with faith, to accept the other eleven.

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## HIGHER POWER

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becomes personal to that one—a personal, loving, all-forgiving Father-Mother. All that any human <sup>soul</sup> can ever need or desire is the infinite Father-Principle, the great reservoir of unexpressed good. There is no limit to the Source of our being, nor to his willingness to manifest more of Himself through us, when we are willing to do His will."

We have the power to draw **on** God "in whom we live, and move, and have our being" for all the good we are, or ever will be capable of desiring.

## THE SNAKES REMEDY

From the Cedar Group's Chatter we glean the following: Once again we get proof that there is nothing new under the sun. This time it is a cure for "the snakes." To someone who has had them, there is a striking resemblance between the new warm-water bath treatment of European specialists and the well-known "sweat-it-out" of the iron or coal shed.

Specialists tell us that "the snakes" is the most common "true alcoholic" mental disorder, and that one doesn't get "the snakes" at the snap of the fingers. Although the attack seems to come on rather suddenly, we learn that there are changes in behavior of the victim often four or five days before the attack. The belief that "a shot" is the best **remedy** is wrong, say scientists at Bellevue Hospital, who found that patients about to suffer an attack cannot keep alcohol down.

We learn that recovery comes in about four or five days after the system has been rested by a **deep** sleep, which may be induced by a sedative other than alcohol.

Since many of those who recovered resume heavy drinking, attacks are repeated as the system is weakened. The eventual effect is serious mental disorder or death.

## NOW WE UNDERSTAND

You've heard the expression, "He did make a show of himself," haven't you?

It seems that **as** applied to abusers of alcohol, these words date back into antiquity. Haggard and Jellinek's "Alcohol Explored" tells us that ancients of many nations explained the behavior of those who overindulged, thus:

It seems that when Noah was planting a vineyard, Satan offered to be a partner in the enterprise, was, accepted.

Satan brought a sheep, slew it underneath the vine; then a lion, a pig and a monkey. They let the blood of these animals flow upon the vineyard, causing the soil to drink it up.

By this Satan gave sign to Noah that before a man shall drink of the wine he is innocent like a sheep that knows no harm. If he drinks reasonably he is then brave as a lion, feels there is no equal to him in the world. As soon as he has drunk more than enough he becomes like a swine, befouling himself with his **own** filth. If he goes further he becomes like a monkey: he stands up and capers and frisks and utters obscene words.

Those animals! We understand them now.

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### GLENVILLE SERVICE LIMITATION

The reputation for willingness to be of service which the Glenville Group has established in the St. Clair-E. 105th area took an unusual turn when a call came from a distracted wife, who complained that her husband had been drunk for six months and she wanted help. "Does he want to quit drinking?" the woman was asked. No, she was sure he didn't want to, but she understood that the Glenville bunch could do wonders. All she wanted was for a couple of the boys to come over and give him a bath, for when he was drinking he never bathed, and she couldn't stand it any more. The opportunity for extraordinary service was lost for there were no volunteers.

It was Farmer, **McQuire's** first visit to the big city. In the window of the department store he read a sign: "Ladies Ready to Wear Clothes." "Gosh," he said, "it's about time."

## FACE YOUR PROBLEMS

Face your problems; they are many and varied. Talk them over with someone who can help you—a physician, a psychiatrist, a clergyman or a friend. Formulate them as clearly as you can and try to solve them objectively. Try and see what is going wrong; how it goes **wrong**; why it doesn't work; **what** can be done to make it **work** better, especially what we can do to make it go better.

In all our relationships with other people be sure to see that they benefit from the contact as much as we do. Remember that loving someone does not mean that we want to get out of them all that we can, but that we want to do those things which will be to their benefit even at the expense of some privation on our part, and at times even at the hurts of this displeasure. Try to love freely in this sense and not to be too concerned with the reward. To be sure, there may be instances in which we will have little return from the individual concerned, but on the whole the returns will be most gratifying. "Cast our bread upon the Waters."

Be kind to people; avoid hurting whenever you can. Try not to retaliate for every offense or to see every fault. Try to balance those faults which you do see with good qualities which are invariably present.

Be tolerant; accept, people as they are; try to bring out in them the type of behavior which is best. **Put up with** them and always remember they had to put up with **us**.

Try to look **upon** failure as an opportunity to learn. Failure indicates that there is something we know too little about what we **are** trying to do, or that we have not enough necessary skill for success. Examine each failure to see what went wrong and try to decide whether there is something we can do about it, or whether success in that particular instance would not be really worth the effort.

Let's try not to be afraid to face anxiety, depression, or frustration. **No** one ever arrives at that state of perfection that such reactions will not occur. Try to follow unsuccessful experiences with something that works better. **Keep on trying**. The important thing is the effort.

We must assume responsibilities first of all for ourselves and secondly for others. When we assume responsibilities we must learn to discharge them. We should make few promises—only those you are capable of carrying out.

Remember that it is people, not things that are most important.

## THERE ARE TWO SEAS

There are two seas in Palestine. One is fresh, and fish are in it. Splashes of green adorn its banks. Trees spread their branches over it, and stretch out their thirsty roots to sip of its healing water. Along its shores the children play.

The River Jordan makes this sea with sparkling water from the hills. So it laughs in the sunshine. And men build their houses near to it, and birds their nests; and every kind of life is **happier** because it is there.

The "River Jordan **flows** on south into another sea. Here is no splash of fish, no fluttering leaf, no song of birds, no children's laughter. Travellers choose another route, unless on urgent business. The air **hangs** above its waters and neither men nor beast nor fowl **will** drink. What makes this mighty difference in these neighbor seas? Not the River Jordan. It empties the same good water into both. Not the soil in which they lie; not the country round about.

This is the difference. The Sea of Galilee receives but does not keep the Jordan. For every drop that flows into it another drop flows out. The giving and receiving go on in equal measure. The other sea is shrewder, hoarding its income jealously. It will not be tempted into any generous impulse. Every drop it gets, it keeps. The Sea of Galilee gives and lives. This other sea gives nothing. It is named the Dead.

There are two seas in Palestine. There are two kinds of people in the world . . .

Which kind are we ?

## DOWNTOWN OFFICE

A splendid, cooperative and optimistic spirit prevailed at the quarterly meeting of the Cleveland District AA Office with 32 groups being represented.

A complete report of its functions was illuminating to many and these men made conscious of the fact that the probable reason for diffidence in supporting the office financially was the lack of information. Out of sight, out of mind.

A committee of six volunteers agreed to correct faulty impressions and pledged to acquaint various passive groups with the financial needs of the office. They were: Bill W., Fairmount; Dick R., Lee-Wednesday; Ben I., Denison; Lee K., Newburgh; Bert M., Doan; Joe K., Euclid-Wade.

The office will be open on Saturday afternoons as well as mornings for the convenience of secretaries and those needing help.

August Scoreboard: During the period between July 26, 1947, and August 25, 1947, 122 requests for AA contacts were received, and were referred to 39 groups and 34 individuals in AA. Reports on these referrals show that 75 have affiliated themselves with the fellowship, 30 were not ready or not interested when contact was made, in 12 cases no contact was possible because individual was unavailable, and at time of last office check 5 referrals were still unreported.

## CONSOLIDATED MEETING

Don A. of Erie gave a masterful interpretation of the AA program at the monthly Consolidated meeting to a pitifully small audience. His analysis of the working of the alcoholic mind was excellent. He placed special emphasis on "Know Thyself," with honesty with self as being the key. The final rewards for all who were successful in AA was the return of confidence, courage and contentment.

We are scheduled for the balance of the year for meetings on the third Sunday of each month at 4 o'clock. Excellent speakers, not easily available for most groups, bring their message. Many travel a great distance at a sacrifice of time and money. We owe them a goodly sized audience. We're asking the secretaries to emphasize the announcements in their groups. Next meeting Sunday, October 19,

## WEDNESDAY-LEE MOVES

The Wednesday Night Lee Road Group which has been meeting at Mayfield and Preyer for the past years, announces that it has secured beautiful quarters in the First English Lutheran Church, Derbyshire Road and Euclid Heights Boulevard. The first meeting in the new spot will be held on Wednesday evening, October 1, at 9:00 sharp. Pete McN., one of the real old timers, will be the speaker. Wynn W., secretary, extends an invitation to all groups to help them celebrate.

## WEST SIDE YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP

This enterprising group, formed to attract and to help the younger affiliates, will hear Mickey McG. lead on October 2 and on October 9 will hear Jim C. as he takes time out of his campaign for judge, deliver his inspiring AA message.

## DOAN DATA

We must have put the whammy on member Don B. for he has had mediocre success since "the Day." He has had no alibis to offer and his only explanation has been that maybe he's been trying too hard and thereby pressing. But though naturally disappointed, he accepts his lot with calm serenity. There's nothing wrong. He's got peace of mind and he's happy that he's got AA. To him that is what counts most.

Summer months and the attendant torrid heat had little effect on our attendance.

## PAINESVILLE STAG

The first meeting of a newly formed stag group was held Tuesday, September 9, at 33 N. State St. yclept Painesville Stag. It attracted forty men. Fred B. of Lee Friday led the first meeting. His eight years in AA gave him an excellent background in giving the group some important advice which will be followed. Ed A., the secretary, invites men of all groups to attend.

## CENTRAL CORIRITTEE

Twenty-four groups answered roll call.

Anniversary Committee: The audit and complete report of the twelfth Anniversary Committee will be mailed to all groups before the next Central Committee meeting.

Hospital Committee: The chairman reported no complaints. He was admonished to call a meeting of his committee to take up some pending action.

Consolidated Meeting: The September meeting will be addressed by Don A. of Erie, Pa. Lets try to fill the Little Theater of Public Auditorium on September 21, 1947, at 4 o'clock.

Treasurer: Burt M. reported contributions coming in, but slowly. Cash on hand, \$134.07; bills payable, ~~\$144.19~~, leaving a deficit of \$10.12. Two groups contributed at this meeting. A \$10.00 check was received from the West Side Women's Group to defray expenses of the 12th Anniversary Committee.

New Business: A motion was passed that any activity involving AA membership in Cleveland area must have approval of majority of groups in Cleveland area by mailed ballot.

## BOWLING

The fall season is officially here as three AA leagues opened up their seasons. While the scows do not as yet reflect the real ability of the bowlers, the friendly competitive spirit has done much to increase the desire of men to stay sober, if only to qualify for membership in the bowling league. One of the beginners had difficulty in orienting himself evidently, for upon completion of one game with prodigious effort, he had amassed the astonishing total of 30 pins. The mountain labored and begat a mouse.

Sixteen teams each on Thursday and Friday at Franklin Recreation, W. 25th near Franklin, and twenty-six teams on Friday night at Linsz Recreation, E. 13th and Euclid. Game time, 9:30 p. m.

## LAKE SHORE MOVES

Commencing October 6, 1947, we will regularly meet Monday nights (instead of Wednesday) at our new meeting place, the Legion Hall, 1372 Warren Road, above Marshall's, northwest corner Detroit Avenue and Warren Road. Our regular operation will still be in effect with fellowship dinners at 7:00 p. m. and the meeting starting promptly at 8:30 p. m. There will be no meeting on Wednesday, October 1.

## NEWBURGH GROUP

The Newburgh Group expects a great turnout on Friday, September 26, when Bill D. of Akron sneaks at their meeting in St. Catharine's Hall, E. 93d and Union. All groups welcome.

## LAKESIDE

The group will travel to Brunswick on Sunday, September 21, to enjoy a clam bake prepared by members under the direction of long Jim S. The site was furnished by former member Ed E.

## EAST SIDE WOMEN

Mrs. Eleanor K. (Elliott's better half) is the new secretary of the East Side Women's Group and has injected considerable enthusiasm. From a nucleus of six regulars, the attendance has leaped to 25 women and this during summer too. They meet on Monday evenings in the Glenville quarters, ladies only.

## BEREA FRIDAY

In the August Bulletin it was erroneously stated that the group would celebrate its fifth anniversary on Friday, September 5. It was the seventh. We're sorry. Telephone information is at best always unreliable. Our fault. We were there. Nice affair, good crowd.

## EDGELAKE

Three fifty-pound succulent roasts of beef were served to the members of the group and their wives by Wilson S. and his gracious wife on their beautiful estate, on Saturday, September 13. With the beef were scalloped potatoes, salad, cake and ice cream. Wilson himself did the carving and a masterful job did he.

## THANK SECRETARIES

During the past month the Bulletin has, sent subscription blanks to each secretary and the response in new subscriptions and renewals has been extremely gratifying. We appreciate it.

## ELPRIA CLUB ROOM

We are advised that Elyria has a splendid, well attended clubroom which is available to all AAs. The hours are from 6 a. m. to 12 p. m. It is located at 114% Middle Ave. (rear) above the Alley Grill.

## NEW NURSING HOME

A new nursing home for the treatment of alcoholism was opened on Sunday, September 7, in Steubenville, O. It is in excellent and capable hands. It is called Bethel's Home, and is located at 827 N. Fourth Street. Phone 2-6872.

## OTHERS

Lord, help me to live from day to day  
In such a self-forgetful way  
That even when I kneel to pray  
My prayer shall be for others.

Help me in all the work I do  
Ever to be sincere and true,  
To know that all I do for You  
Must needs be done for others.

Let self be crucified and slain!  
And buried deep! and all in vain  
May efforts be to rise again  
Unless to live for others.

Others, Lord, just others!  
Let this my motto be!  
Help me to live for others  
That I may live for Thee!

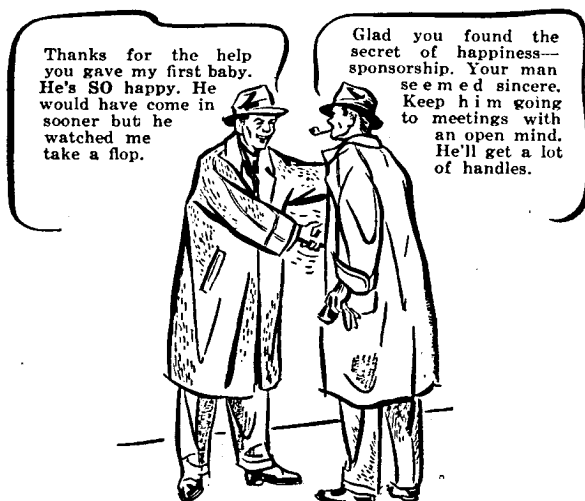
## Consolidated Meetings Third Sunday of Every Month!

The following information may be of interest to many of our members, through the medium of Central Bulletin—a list of Psalms to be read when thoughts become dominated by Grief, Impatience, Discouragement, etc.:

DOUBT—23rd Psalm.  
GRIEF—88th Psalm.  
DANGER—46th and 71st Psalms.  
LONELINESS—42nd Psalm.  
IMPATIENCE—37th Psalm.  
PENITENCE—38th Psalm.  
DISCOURAGEMENT—34th Psalm.

How about some other answers to Intolerance, Selfishness, Gossip, etc?

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## 'CLEVELAND GROUP MEETINGS

### MONDAY

BORTON—E. Cleve. Cong. Church, Page & Euclid	8:45
CRILE V. A. HOSPITAL—Parma, O. Ward 23-B	7:30
FAIRMOUNT—St. Paul's Episc. Church, Fairmount & Coventry	8:30
LAKEWOOD—Community Center Bldg., Detroit Ave. & St. Charles	8:30
LAKEWOOD MEN'S—St. Peter's Episcopal, W. Clifton & Detroit	8:30
LAKEWOOD-CLIFTON—St. Luke's Church, Clifton Blvd. between Bunts & Chase	8:30
LAKE SHORE—Legion Hall, 1372 Warren Rd.	
Dinner at 7:00 P. M. Meeting	8:30
LEE ROAD—E. C. Presb. Church, Nelaview & Euclid	8:30
LORAIN AVE.—Banater Hall Annex, W. 120th at Lorain	8:30
MEMPHIS-RIDGE—7424 Taunton Ave.	8:30
PEARL—Good Counsel Hall, 4427 Pearl Rd.	8:30
UNION AVENUE—12907 Union Ave.	8:30
SHAKER HEIGHTS—Christ Episcopal Church, 3451 Warrensville Center Rd.	8:30
SOUTH EAST GROUP—Holy Name Hall, 8328 Broadway	8:30
WEST 25TH ST.—Marvel Hall, 2855 W. 25th St.	8:30
WILLOUGHBY—Presbyterian Church, Willoughby, O.	8:30
WOMEN'S—EAST SIDE—Glenville Hall, 10421 St. Clair	8:30
WOMEN'S—West Side, Our Savior's Hall, W. 68th at Franklin	8:30
VERMILION, O.—Jack's Shack, rear of new school	8:30

### TUESDAY

ARCADE—Euclid Ave. Baptist, E. 18th & Euclid	8:30
CHARITY—Last Tues. of each month—Charity Hosp. Nurses' Aid	8:30
CLARK—4105 Clark Ave. (Upstairs)	8:30
EAGLE TRAINING—Salvation Army, E. 9th & Eagle	8:00
EUCLID-WADE—Calvary Presbyterian Church, E. 79 & Euclid	
EDGE LAKE—Community Center Bldg., St. Charles and Detroit—Dinner at 7:00 P. M.—Meeting	8:30
MT. PLEASANT—Eastview Cong. Church, 15615 Kinsman Rd.	8:30
SMITH-WILSON—Nativity School, 9510 Aetna Road	8:30
SUPERIOR—Immaculate Conception, E. 43rd and Superior	8:30
WEST SIDE MEN'S—St. Patrick's Hall, Bridge Ave. near W. 38th	8:30
LORAIN, O.—Community Hall, 23rd and Beech Sts.	8:00
PAINESVILLE, O.—Stag—33 N. State Street	8:30

### WEDNESDAY

ADDISON—1467 Addison Rd. (side)	8:30
BROOKLYN—K. of P. Hall, Broadview and Pearl Road	8:30
CHARDON—St. Mary's Church	9:00
COLLINWOOD—14709 St. Clair Ave.	8:30
DENISON—7403 Denison Ave.	8:30
DOAN MEN'S—2028 E. 105th St., 2nd floor, side entrance	8:45
LEE ROAD—First English Lutheran Church, Derbyshire and Euclid Heights Boulevard	8:30
MADISON-LAKEWOOD—St. Cyril's Church, Madison and Lakewood Aves.	8:30
WEST PARK—lith Precinct Hall, W. 167th and Lorain (upstairs)	8:30
BEDFORD, O.—Y. M. C. A., Tarbell Ave.	8:30
ELYRIA, O.—St. Andrew's Episc. Church, Middle & Third	8:30
LORAIN, O.—ANTLERS—St. Mary's School, Reid Ave., between 7th and 8th	8:30

### THURSDAY

ANGLE—St. Malachi's Church, 2649 Washington Ave	8:30
BEREA, O.—Fine Arts Club, E. Bagley Rd., 3 drs. east of Eastland	8:30
BROADWAY-56TH—Our Lady of Lourdes School Hall—E. 66th and Broadway	8:30
COVENTRY—F&mount Presbyterian Chapel, Scarborough Road, East of Coventry	8:30
EAST SIDE YOUNG PEOPLE—Emmanuel Church Euclid at E. 86th	9:00
GLENVILLE—10421 St. Clair	9:00
EAST LAKE—Vine and Campbell, Willoughby, O.	8:30
LORAIN AVE.—Banater Hall Annex, W. 120th St. at Lorain	8:30
OUTHWAITE (Negro) Woodland Center, 7100 Kinsman	8:30
WYANDOTTE MEN'S—Church of Redeemer, Andrew and Detroit Avenue (rear)	8:30
PAINESVILLE, O.—33 N. State St., Third Floor	8:30

### FRIDAY

CEDAR — Salvation Army, 2181 E 65th St.	8:15
CHAGRIN FALLS, O.—American Legion, E. Orange St.	8:30
GORDON SQUARE—People's Meth. Church, W. 66th & Bridge	8:30
LEE ROAD—2066 E. 105th, K. of P. Hall	8:30
MILES MEN'S—Stag Group, 4141 E. 116th St.	8:30
ROCKY RIVER—St. Christopher's Hall, Lakewood off Detroit Rd.	8:30
NEWBURGH—St. Catherine's Church, 3443 E. 93rd St.	8:30
NORTHEAST—2028 E. 106th St.	8:30
WEST SIDE YOUNG PEOPLE—St. Rose's Hall, W. 116—Detroit	8:30
LORAIN-AVON—1112 W. Erie St., Lorain, O.	8:30
BEREA—Social room of Berea Cony. Church, Seminary and Church Sts.	8:30
EUCLID, O.—St. Paul's Church, E. 200th St. off St. Clair	8:30

### SATURDAY

CROSSROADS—Euclid Avenue Baptist Church, East 18th, North of Euclid Avenue	9:00
GLENVILLE—10421 St. Clair	9:30
MATT TALBOT—St. Philip Neri Church, E. 82 and St. Clair	8:30
PARMA—St. Charles Clubhouse, Ridge Rd. and Wilber Ave.	8:30
VALLEY VIEW—Community Center, W. 7th & Starkweather	8:30
v. s. SOCIAL CLUB, 4427 Pearl Road	8:00
8005 GROUP—8005 Lorain Ave.	8:30
ELYRIA, O.—St. Andrew's Episc. Church, Middle & Third	8:30

### SUNDAY

COLLINWOOD—14709 St. Clair Avenue	7:30
DOAN MEN'S TRAINING MEETING—2028 E. 106th St.	3:00
NEWBURGH—St. Catherine's Church, 3443 E. 93	8:30
PIONEER (Negro)—7100 Kinsman	10:00 A. M.
SPONSORSHIP MEETING—Glenville Group, 10421 St. Clair Ave.	2:00
WARRENSVILLE—Workhouse Library	10:00 A. M.
LORAIN, O.—Stag, 750 Broadway, Lorain, O.	9:00
1ST TUESDAY EVERY MONTH	
CENTRAL COMMITTEE—Hanna Building, Room 370	8:30

### MORNING MEETINGS

Thursdays Mornings	
WEST SIDE-7403 Denison Ave.	10:30 A. M.

## Humility

SCENE I-(Any bistro. Customer, three sheets to, is giving a monolog)-"Yes sir, when I was in college I was the greatest half-back in the history of Old Siwash. Yeah, we played football in those days, what I mean. They're sissies now, just sissies. I always said you couldn't keep down an old timer who's made the varsity like I did. Take my own case. I really got ahead and made money by the barrel. Had everything. House, car, servants. Naw, they couldn't keep me down. I was out for all I could get and I got it. Yep, that's how it is. Well, gotta be goin'. Oh, Joe, come down here. Say, I'm a little short today, put it on the cuff, will ya?"

(Drop of the curtain indicates the passage of a year during which our hero finally admitted he was an alcoholic, spent five days in the hospital, and since then has faithfully followed the program)

SCENE II-(Any AA meeting. Same man, now completely sober, is leading his first meeting)-"I was a terrible drunk, but I found out how to sober up. I have done wonders for myself since coming into Alcoholics Anonymous. I am really going places today for the first time in my life. I am trying to help some other fellows and I think I will make a go of it for myself and be able to show them how to do it."

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These two scenes are poles apart. There is no comparison to be drawn between the bragging drunk and the sober citizen he has become. But both scenes have one thing in common. In neither is there any trace of humility.

In both instances, disparate as they are from moral and physical point of view, the individual is talking big to cover an inferiority complex. Both are an expression of the "smart aleck" in all immature, adolescent personalities. And all honest members of Alcoholics Anonymous will admit that when they were drinking their personalities were undeveloped spiritually and emotionally.

Humility is difficult to acquire. This is due to the natural ego found in every individual. It is due, too, to a misunderstanding of what is meant by humility.

One way of looking at it on the every-day level is always to remember that no matter who or what you are you are no better in the sight of God than the next man whoever or whatever he may be.

To acquire humility does not mean that the individual must become groveling, acquire a sense of inferiority or in any way become menial.

Humility means that the individual recognizes his dependence upon God. And with a conscious sense of that relationship, by always considering himself as a child of God, he cannot have peace of mind and vaunt himself above others.

Humility cannot be acquired by bolstering one's ego through criticism of others or by always finding fault. It requires a sense of fair play, of generosity and for&ness.

As the individual progresses in the work of and the understanding of the Twelve Steps he continues to make his conscious contact with God. He "sobers up" mentally

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## Five Years Have Passed@

Five years, considering everything, is a comparatively short time.

The ordinary span of life is computed to be about 70 years. But to us five years seems so much more as we begin our sixth year of publication.

We had been properly indoctrinated in AA but seven months, when the subject of publishing a monthly letter primarily to service the members who were being inducted into the armed forces was discussed. We were appointed to a committee with Fred S. and Mark H., and instead of a mimeographed letter, we proposed a printed publication of two pages. The first issue met with such favor, with the zealous promotion of Earl A. who personally secured over 300 subscriptions, it was decided to increase the pages to four, which it still remains.

Great credit must be given to Fred S., who steadfastly wrote the lead editorial which always appeared on the left side of the first page. His contributions were notable in maintaining the fine spiritual balance which has attracted country-wide attention. His series on "The Twelve Steps" and "The Lord's Prayer" were masterpieces. We regret to announce that the pressure of his work has prompted him to ask to be relieved from the regular assignment. We regretfully accepted his resignation.

His capable successor, Spencer I., graciously consented to prepare the monthly lead articles, and the excellent editorial titled "The Higher Power" which appeared in the September issue, and which elicited much complimentary comment, was written by him.

While we're at it, we must recognize the contributions sent in by many people, and particularly must we express our gratitude to those faithfuls who monthly came to the office and helped with the "stuffing" and mailing, which took two to three hours each month. W. Roy W., Dick T., Leo S. and Jack N. and my patient wife, as well as the many who came as often as they could. And to greatly ease our pressure on local news and in reading and editing contemporary publications, we receive valuable aid from Gus K., of Mt. Pleasant Group.

The Bulletin is the oldest AA publication, but we're mindful of the fact that it has its limitations. It was never designed for national distribution, though it is mailed to many in other states. It rightly functions as a newspaper for the Cleveland and Ohio area, with attention given to the activities in it. However, the editorials and the philosophy can be applied everywhere, since they are fundamental. We never consciously stray from the beaten path. The Big Book is our guide as well as the fine counsel of those known to be sagacious and wise. The policy has been to avoid controversial subjects; although we've been accused of trying to shove "our" pet promotions down unwilling throats, such as Central Committee, Cleveland Central Office, the New York Foundation and Consolidated Meetings. But we believe these are not controversial, except as individuals make them so.

The Bulletin is the official organ for ALL the groups. Its direction emanates from Central Committee. Each of the other offices requesting (and in our opinion, deserving)

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The desire of power in excess caused the angels to MI.

The desire of knowledge in excess caused man to fall.

But in Charity there is no excess.

Neither can angel or man come in danger of it.

Bacon — Essay on Goodness

## HUMILITY

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and emotionally. He grows spiritually and acquires humility.

Realization of humility gives the individual more dignity and causes him to view in a new light his responsibility to God, to his fellow man and to himself. As he appreciates his potential worth and innate greatness as a child of God, he is freed from all negative or destructive tendencies. Humility, handmaiden to peace of mind, is his.

## ON PSYCHOLOGY

Morgan and Webb, in their book "Strategy in Handling People," tell this story about Benjamin Franklin.

Franklin, when elected to the Legislature, wanted the friendship of a man on the other side of the social fence. He learned the man had a hobby of collecting first editions.

He sent a letter to the effect that a certain book in the man's collection was one he had always wanted to read.

The response was amazing. This man had never paid any attention to Franklin. He now sent him the book, became a staunch friend and later gave him full support in the Revolutionary war.

We in AA can use the same psychology on our prospects, learn their hobbies and interests, and gain their confidence, and consequently interest them in AA just so much faster.

Another book worth reading is "Return to Religion," by Dr. Henry Link.

He finds that spending our lives in fascinating interest concerning someone else is the surest way by which we can get happiness. So many people think that life is not worth living.

A girl once said "I feel just like drinking a bottle of Iodine. Life is gloomy and I am sick and tired of the dull routine."

The trouble with the girl was that she had nothing bigger than herself to think about. She magnified her feeling of gloom just as a hypochondriac magnifies his aches and pains. We can't be like that and be happy or make friends. Many people imagine that nobody likes them, that everybody else gets friends, that when they go to gatherings, nobody will talk to them.

Well, did such people ever go up and talk to anyone else? Making friends is a 50-50 proposition, and you should be the aggressor.

Benjamin Franklin said, "As we must account for every idle word, so we must account for every idle silence."

Let us apply this principle in our approach to prospects AA.

## LOOK UP

A young man was walking along a road, and happened to find a dollar bill.

From then on, he never lifted his eyes from the ground as he walked.

In forty years, he accumulated 37,522 buttons, 700,172 pins, 5 pennies, and a ball of lead foil from cigaret wrappers.

He is miserly, therefore, discontented. During all these years, he could not see the beautiful sun shining above him, the greenness of the trees about him, the smiles of his friends, the beautiful sky above that the Higher Power granted him, all that there is in life worth living for—the opportunity to serve one's fellow man and to spread happiness.

Can't we in AA be sure to Look Up, not down, and lend a hand to the other guy.

## THE BUMS AND THEIR BOWERY

Under the above title, an article appeared in the Cleveland Press of Oct. 9, 1947.

We quote a few of the reasons given by Bowery bums for having hit skid row.

A merchant seaman was blunt:-

"I cannot blame it on my wife," he wrote. "I have a wonderful wife. It was Booze."

Another wasted no words. He had a large sheet of paper, but his essay was concise:

"I came to see the sights. Now I am one."

**Consolidated Meetings Third Sunday of Every Month!**

## FIVE YEARS HAVE PASSED

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support are cooperative endeavors, each striving to make AA available to more people. Therefore we believe it incumbent upon ourselves to use these columns for their story.

We all must remember that we have been singularly blessed by "The Higher Power" with the wondrous gift of AA. Having received it, we gratefully carry the message to others. There are reportedly three million problem drinkers in the nation. You and I have been singled out to receive this blessing to use as we will. Most of us treasure it and appreciate it, and find a solution to our problems and others receive it and depreciate its value and continue living in their half-world.

The Bulletin appreciates your support and assures constant vigilance in maintaining the highest standards of AA. Your prayers, your help and your advice are cordially solicited for a finer and better service to you and your fellow AA's.

## PROCRASTINATION

Once upon a time, there was a man who had a young son who asked his dad to build a shanty to play in.

The father put the son off, saying that later he would have more money, and could then build a regular playhouse.

After several days, the son was run down by a car. At the hospital, the son, dying, said, "Daddy, we didn't get that shanty built, did we?"

Too many of us in A.A., by procrastination, do not "get that shanty built," until it's too late.

## CLEVELAND DISTRICT OFFICE

The Office now has on file a Polish translation of the pamphlet "A Way of Life" prepared by one of the AA members in Cleveland. If sufficient interest is expressed in having this translation available it may be practical to have a supply printed. All inquiries should be directed to the District Office.

During the period between August 25, 1947 and September, 27, 1947, 96 requests for AA contacts were received, and were referred to 36 Groups and 21 individuals in AA. Reports on these referrals show that 72 have affiliated themselves with the Fellowship, 11 were not ready or not interested when contact was made, in 6 cases no contact was possible because individual was unavailable and at time of last Office check 7 referrals were still unreported.

During the same period there were 34 requests for general AA information and literature, 55 liaison services to individuals and Groups and 10 speakers were supplied.

## THE GRAPEVINE

Every AA should be a subscriber to the Grapevine (as well as the Bulletin). It is replete with the finest articles and is edited by Bill W. (the man who found Doc S. in Akron).

Starting with the October issue a series of articles will appear on varied plans for conducting group meetings in different sections of the country. An article by Bill W. and Doc S. discusses "Why Can't We Join AA Too?" Only \$2.50 per year.

## BOWLING LEAGUES

Glenville #1 continues to lead the pack in the East Side League with Euclid and Wade Clubs one game behind them, Glenville #4 undoubtedly doesn't have the same coach as the #1 team for they are floundering in last place.

The West Side Thursday League uses the point system in rating their standings. One point for each game won and one for total pins. Northeast #1 leads the league with 17 points with W. 25th #1 in second with 15. North east #2 is a lowly sixteenth or last with 5. Tsk! Tsk!

The West Side Friday League also uses the point system with Pearl #1 leading with 15 points. Lakewood, Pearl #2 and Lorain #1 follow with 14. West. Park with 3 points is at the bottom. This surprises us for they have a good team (on paper). Bill O'R, the original "Smiling Irishman" must have taken some severe wallopings on that prodigious chin of his.

**CENTRAL COMMITTEE**

The Hospital Committee chairman, Jack U., submitted an interesting report on the result of the Sept. 23 meeting of representatives of groups. Ed B. gave a history of Alcoholic hospitalization in the Cleveland area. Two hours of lively and interesting discussion made the meeting of outstanding interest. Subjects were, the five-day hospitalization period, the doctor's fee, and a desirability for a more thorough and complete physical examination.

Hospitals and their doctors were to be invited to attend the next meeting to be held on Tuesday, Oct. 21 at 370 Hanna Bldg. Dr. Leslie T. of Lake Shore group will address the meeting.

**PARMA MOVES AGAIN**

They weren't allowed to smoke at the church in which they had been meeting, so this fast growing group moved to splendid quarters in St. Francis de Sales School Hall on State Rd. and George Ave. This is immediately south of Snow Road. They meet on Saturday nights at 8:30. **Yes, you can smoke if you wish.**

**STRONGSVILLE FORMS GROUP**

Just beyond the limits of Cleveland lies the thriving community of Strongsville and the city is blessed with its first AA group which will hold its first meeting on Tuesday, October 21 with Luther M. of Berea, Friday as speaker. The group meets in St. Joseph's Parish each Tuesday at 8:30 p. m.

**ROCKY RIVER BOWLS**

This enterprising group has a bowling league of its own. They have six teams comprising husbands and wives and though the scores are low, they have a hilarious time. Each Tuesday at 9 at 18206 Detroit Ave.

A monthly rotating plan, calculated to distribute the work of the group more equally was introduced on September 1st and has met with group approval. Two serve for one month as alternating chairman, securing and introducing speakers of their choice. Two also serve in the kitchen for a month, whereupon they "graduate" to serve as chairman for the next month. Each month, accordingly, the two new "KPs" are appointed. Carl H. is the newly elected secretary.

Good crowds averaging 100 continue to attend our meetings.

**COLLINWOOD**

Emil Z. is the newly elected secretary of this popular group and will serve for six months. An advisory committee, composed of ex-secretaries, maintains the standards.

The Sunday meetings continue to attract crowds of 200, while the Wednesday meetings attract 100. The Sunday meetings attract many visitors from other groups.

**CONNEAUT TO HAVE DINNER**

The third anniversary of the Conneaut group will be observed at a dinner in Cleveland Hotel, Conneaut on Sunday, Nov. 2 at four o'clock.

Art L. of Erie, Pa. will be the guest speaker. Tickets at \$2.00 per person can be obtained by writing P. O. Box 404, Conneaut, O., Reservations must be in by Oct. 25th.

**HOSPITAL ALTERS POLICY**

MacGillis Nursing Home announces that they can no longer accept women patients.

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**CONSOLIDATED MEETING**

Sunday, Nov. 16, 4 p. m.  
LITTLE THEATER, PUBLIC HALL

A good-sized crowd attended the October meeting and heard an excellent talk by talented Tecumseh W. M. of Youngstown. A full-blooded Cherokee Indian, and blessed with an excellent family background, his high educational advantages and social position were kicked away, even as yours and mine were.

He pleaded for good sponsorship and stated that if a person didn't feel like doing a hangup job as sponsor, he should rather step aside and let someone else do it.

The November 16th meeting will bring a famed New Yorker. We are not at liberty to publish his name or connections, but plan to attend.

**WARRENSVILLE**

When Felix R. resigned his "supposedly permanent" job as secretary of the Boston group, he tried to enjoy his freedom. But he was restless and itching and made of himself a natural selection for running the Workhouse setup. Old Buck and Snithy were and are still faithful workers, but they had to relinquish the job to a younger man. Felix is good.

Mrs. Ettie G., Women's group worker, reports that the attendance mounted to 70 at the last meeting and the speakers were inspired.

**BROADWAY-E. 55**

Our second anniversary attracted over 260 persons on Thursday, Sept. 25. Johnny H. was a highly capable M. C. The speaker was Frank S., who never was in better form. He is already booked for our third anniversary as is Johnny.

Msgr. Zlowa spoke in flowing praise of the effect the group had in his community and described with rare humor his early impressions of the group as they made arrangements to rent his spacious hall. He stated that AA had accomplished what the clergy had been trying vainly to do for centuries.

24 door prizes were distributed. Refreshments and dancing made the evening a most satisfactory affair.

**ST. JOHN'S OPENS WARD**

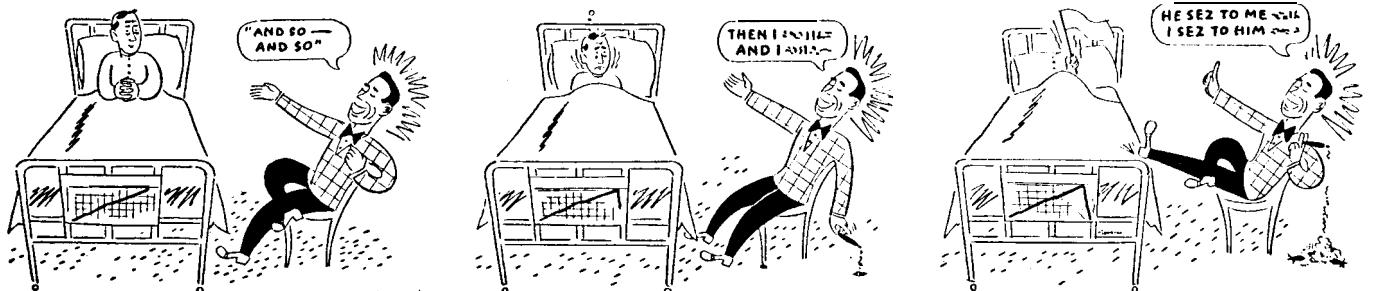
St. John's Hospital opened a ward for the treatment of alcoholics early in the month of October. Sister Victorine, now Sister Superior at St. John's, has long been regarded as a great influence in Cleveland AA circles through her great devotion to her work at St. Vincent's Charity Hospital, and West Side AA's have been pressing her to open a ward at St. John's. Visiting hours are limited to the following hours: 12:30 to 4 and 7:30 to 8:30. Calls are limited to 20 minutes and only two visitors are permitted, at one time. Apply at the desk for a pass and return the pass on leaving.

We suggest that you include St. John's on your visiting schedule. Visit room 118.

**HOSPITAL VISITORS**

A patient in Cleveland Alcoholic Clinic drew a rough cartoon to convey his reactions to some of his visitors while he lay helpless and defenseless in his bed. He observed that most of the visitors did an intelligent job of their visiting, but that there were five or six who almost spoiled what the majority had accomplished. For those five or six, he offers the cartoon, hoping they'll take the hint.

**ARE YOU THIS TYPE OF VISITOR?**



TOLEDO MARKS SEVENTH

The Toledo groups will observe their seventh anniversary on Sunday, October 26 in the Commodore Perry Hotel. A general meeting will be held at 3:00 p. m. at the hotel with Clem Lane, a Chicago editor as the speaker. Dinner at \$3.50 per plate will be served at 6:30.

An open-house party will be in continuous session in their clubrooms starting at 5:00 p. m. Sunday. Reservations to Anniversary Chairman, 515% Jackson St., Toledo 4, Ohio.

NEWBURGH

Friday meetings of the Newburgh Group will be discontinued as of October 10th. They will meet only on Sunday nights, same time and place.

OPEN HOUSE - WEST SIDE

The West Side Women's group will hold its annual Open House at Our Saviour's Hall, W. 58th St. just north of Franklin, on Monday, November 3 at 8:30 p. m. Marion R., old in AA, but not in person, is preparing a program a bit different than usual. You're welcome.

UNION GROUP MOVES

One of our older groups, the Union Group, announces that it is moving to new quarters on October 13. They meet in St. Wencelas Church Hall, Arch and Libby Rd., Maple Heights on Mondays at 8:30 p. m., so says Frank L. the group's secretary. Half hour bus service from Miles and Broadway.

LAKE SHORE ELECTS

Herb T. was elected secretary at the October 13th meeting. He succeeds Ladd T. who did an outstanding job.

LORAIN COUNTY

Luther M. of Berea will be the speaker at our monthly joint meeting, Sunday, Nov. 2 at 7:30 p. m., K. of P. Hall, 20th and Broadway, Lorain, Ohio. You're invited to mingle with a good crowd.

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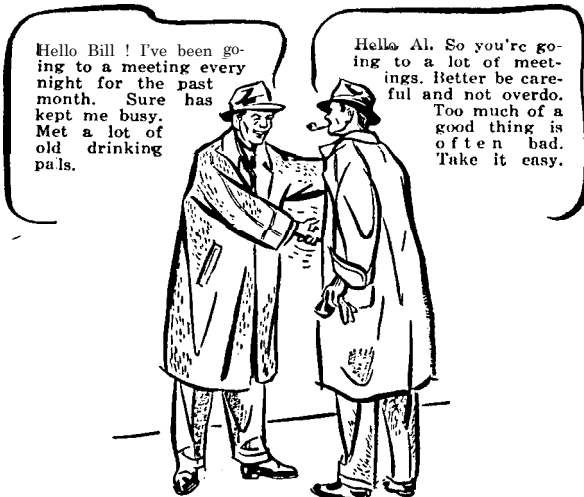
"So your grandfather lived to be 95. What finally got him?"

"Whiskey and women."

"Isn't that a shame?"

"Yes. When he was 94 he couldn't get either so he just laid down and died."

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CLEVELAND GROUP MEETINGS

MONDAY

Table listing Cleveland group meetings for Monday, including BORTON-E. Clew. Cong. Church, FAIRMOUNT-St. Paul's Episc. Church, LAKEWOOD-Community Center, etc.

TUESDAY

Table listing Cleveland group meetings for Tuesday, including ARCADE-Euclid Ave. Baptist, CHARITY-Last Tues. of each month, EAGLE TRAIN I, etc.

WEDNESDAY

Table listing Cleveland group meetings for Wednesday, including ADDISON-1457 Addison Rd., BROOKLYN-K. of P. Hall, COLLEGEWOOD-1700 St. Clair Ave., etc.

THURSDAY

Table listing Cleveland group meetings for Thursday, including ANGLE-St. Malachi's Church, BERE A-O. Fine Arts Club, BROADWAY-55TH-Our Lady of Lourdes School, etc.

FRIDAY

Table listing Cleveland group meetings for Friday, including CEDAR-Salvation Army, CHAGRIN FALLS-O. American Legion, GORDON SQUARE-People's Meth. Church, etc.

SATURDAY

Table listing Cleveland group meetings for Saturday, including CROSSROADS-Euclid Avenue Baptist Church, GLENVILLE-10421 St. Clair, MATT TALBOT-St. Philip Neri Church, etc.

SUNDAY

Table listing Cleveland group meetings for Sunday, including COLLINWOOD-14709 St. Clair Avenue, DOAN MEN'S TRAINING MEETING, NEWBURGH-St. Catherine's Church, etc.

MORNING MEETINGS

Table listing morning meetings, including WEST SIDE-7103 Denison Ave, 10:30 A. M.



## Thanksgiving

In the heart of every member of Alcoholics Anonymous, at the start of every day, during the trials and tribulations of the business hours, and in the quiet of the evening, should be the constant prayer, "Thank You, God, for sobriety."

Other people may put different reasons for thankfulness first, but the alcoholic can never escape nor does he desire to his debt of gratitude to God for making him whole again.

Without sobriety there could be little in our lives for which to be thankful. A moment of retrospect will prove this. All the blessings we have obtained since placing our hitherto unmanageable lives in the keeping of the Higher Power stem from the greatest personal blessing of all, deliverance from alcohol.

And the subsequent blessings have been numerous. They may not have been spectacular. They may not have brought us the wealth or position we desire as mundane creatures. There may even have been reverses and delays in achieving what we believed to be our just reward for sobriety.

The first thing to remember is that sobriety is the primary reward. The second point to bear always in mind is that if we have not developed as far as we believe we should the fault is to be found within ourselves and not in others or in circumstances.

By thanking God for what we want, as though we already had it, we make its realization possible. The Nazarene prayed that way when he said, "Father, I thank Thee that Thou hast heard me. And I know that Thou hearest me always." A prayer of thanksgiving is the highest form of faith.

The Thanksgiving season is an appropriate time for all of us to take counsel with ourselves and to have a quiet, private session with our Maker on this topic. It is time to give thanks for everything and it follows as the day succeeds the night that, when we are grateful for what we have and what we righteously desire, more follows without our asking. We have attained that confidence in the goodness and power of the Almighty which brings peace of mind and material rewards as well.

We must remember that true prayer is not the submission of a bill of particulars of what we would like to have, but an expression of humble gratitude for what we already have and what we are. It is, as someone expressed it, "a continuous, unbroken act of praise and thanksgiving."

When we learn to give thanks for the little things, in addition to the great miracle of sobriety; when we can find happiness in the small act of a friend or neighbor, in the smile and decent word of a stranger. Showing that all men are the children of God, we have truly learned how to pray. We will find that the affairs of our lives begin to harmonize. We find that we reciprocate. That we get joy in giving happiness, in being pleasant as well as in receiving joy and having other people be pleasant to us.

It is then that we abandon the negative approach to a wider spiritual experience and take on a positive attitude. By thanking God for what has been done, and asking only that His will be expressed through us, that the affairs of our 24 hours, including continued sobriety, be placed in His hands, we find a new happiness wherein every day is a day of Thanksgiving and spiritual and material abundance wait us.

## Tragedy

Tragedy struck in the homes of two AA's in the past week. Trouble has a way of coming at seemingly inopportune times, and affects all of us in varying degrees. I hanks to the re-awakened knowledge of facing it which we found in the way of life AA gave us, we can better meet it if we apply the age-old principles.

Member J. hit the front page of all the papers with a spectacular story of a shooting affray in which he barricaded his home after his family and a friend had left in haste. After shooting (and missing) at police who returned the fire, J. finally surrendered, and the morning after rued the fact that he had taken those drinks the day before. Now, J. really is a decent sort of fellow, when he is sober. In fact, when he made his comeback in AA he made a list of all people whom he owed money or had hurt and made his amends. But somewhere, somehow he lost his respect for the potency of liquor. Somehow, somewhere he dropped his guard. What his punishment will be has as yet not been determined, but the beating his pride and conscience are taking can well be imagined.

Member S. didn't hit the front page of the newspapers, but his tragedy hit home to all of his friends who were struck by his calm announcement that he was leaving for Philadelphia to undergo an operation for cancer of the throat. When he told us, within an hour after leaving the doctor, we were filled with deep sympathy. We looked around and saw fear and concern in the eyes of the other two friends who were

struck with the finality of the news. But we never will forget the thrill we experienced when S. quietly remarked, "After all, there's no use grieving about it. Thank God, I can accept this as a man and not a coward. AA has taught me to accept things intelligently and with absolute faith in God's judgment. A year ago I couldn't have taken the "sentence." Then I'd have gone out and would have wallowed in alcohol, bemoaning my fate, adding misery and woe to my family."

What a sane way of looking at it! All of us probably think that we would face such discouragement just as S. did. But honestly would we? Is our faith strong enough? Are we daily conscious of our third step. Have we actually and completely turned our will and our lives over to the care of God, as we understand Him, so that come what may we will accept His will with humility?

Examples are before us daily of ingratitude and faithlessness. Our observations of people are probably more pointed than before AA, for with the daily plan we are more conscious of our behavior and that of others. When we see faithlessness we bring up our guard; when we see ingratitude, we must check ourselves for evidences of the same. Oftentimes the sight of deficiencies in others tend to make us less concerned about ourselves falling into the same slovenly disregard of high moral standards.

We feel sorry for J. We feel sorry for S. The latter was zealous and made the complete surrender in AA and was rewarded with fortitude and strength in his emergency. The former may still find his answer if he makes the complete surrender and applies the principles of AA which he learned, accepted and then rejected. By the grace of God, he's still alive. Alive, he can still make it. We hope so.

*Be not disturbed about  
the future, for if you ever  
come to it, you will have  
the same reason for your  
guide which preserves you  
at the present.*

—Marcus Aurelius

## THAT NEW LOOK

Too many of us, whether we are new affiliates, or "old timers," like myself (all of one year, one month, two days, six hours and 15 minutes) enter the fellowship with a certain reservation.

This may be a conscious one, but more than likely it is one of those things that we would not admit to anyone, even ourselves, but which nevertheless is floating around back in that "alkyhollic" noodle which we use as a hat rack.

It is simply the idea that if things get tough, we can always "slip," have a relapse, climb out of it, with or without the assistance of our AA friends, and go on our merry way, none the worse for the experience.

We all learn eventually that this is strictly a fallacy, every "slip" adds to the agony of "beating your brains out," and adds to the length of time required and the effort necessary for complete recovery.

Let us instead use a philosophy something like this: "Slips? That's all right for some people, but it's not for me. If I try it, my AA friends will be tolerant, but what will the rest of the world—the people who are watching to see whether I am going to make the grade (pessimistically)—what will these critics say? Simply this: Pardon me brother, you may have that New Look, but Your Slip is Showing."

## TOLERANCE

Tolerance is a wonderful thing. It may be briefly defined as the ability to see the other fellow's viewpoint. It means being gracious to all creeds and nationalities, it means drawing no color line.

Recently I attended one of our east side group meetings, where the speakers were a colored couple. They were given the best of attention, and treated in typical AA style, even though the audience happened to have a different coloration of skin.

How many organizations can you name, regardless of their nature, which would at any time display such a spirit of cooperation and tolerance?

Perhaps this is just "wishful thinking," but if all the peoples of this earth were suddenly given the privilege of AA membership, the delegates of UNRA could stop their wrangling, go home and tend to their knitting, and the nations of this earth could give their undivided attention to rebuilding the ravages of the last conflict.

This would divert labor from the project of secret building of materials for another war to more humanitarian needs.

We perhaps could then all make use of a daily morning prayer somewhat along these lines:

"We, the peoples of this earth, pray to You dear God, that nothing will happen today that We and You together cannot handle."—G.K.

## FLORIDA WAVES

A welcome letter arrived from lonely Harry J. F., former hardworking secretary of the Lorain-Avon group, announcing his secretaryship of the Ocala, Fla. group. He hungers for news from the Cleveland area and would welcome visitors drinking up some of his coffee. Oklawaha is 20 miles south of Silver Springs on Route 441. He can accommodate guests.

## JUST PLAIN BILL

The Bulletin had no sooner gone to press when we realized that we had omitted mentioning Bill H. secretary of Mt. Pleasant group as we passed out orchids for extraordinary devotion to the publication of the Bulletin during the past five years. Bill's monthly hammering out of the mailing list on his addressograph was of great help. Bill knows we appreciated it greatly and we are horrified that we neglected mentioning his great contribution of time and effort.

## BOWLING

Glenville #1 still shows its superiority over its 25 contestants in the East Side Bowling League, altho the Euclid-Wade Cubs are hanging on doggedly in second place.

No bulletins have been received from the West Side Leagues.

## HABIT

"Habit is truly a powerful force. Scientists of the mind tell us that it is impossible to think about more than one thing at once or to feel more than one emotion at a time. This is a lucky circumstance for us alcoholics. If we keep our minds occupied with positive thoughts associated with AA, it is impossible to think about drinking. If we constantly fill our hearts with feelings of wanting to help others and live our own lives right, there will be no room for desire for drinking and the things associated with it. The easiest and most effective way to get and keep the right thoughts and emotions is by following until it becomes an ingrained habit! a prescribed AA regimen. Plan the week so that missing the meeting would be unthinkable. The attempt here to state the importance of the value of positive habit has a feeble sound in able routine. Just as we can fall into habits of doing the wrong things with very little conscious thinking, so can we lead ourselves into habits which will cause us automatically to do the right thing. If we are rightly conditioned, when the emergency of a drink offered us occurs, we will have refused before any thought of whether or not to take it has transpired."

—The Outline.

## IT IS NOT EASY

- To apologize . . . to begin over . . .
- To be unselfish . . . to take advice . . .
- To admit error . . . to face a sneer . . .
- To be charitable . . . to keep on trying . . .
- To be considerate . . . to avoid mistakes . . .
- To endure success . . . to profit by mistakes . . .
- To forgive and forget . . . to think and then act . . .
- To keep out of the rut . . . to make the best of little . . .
- To subdue an unruly temper . . . to maintain high standards . . .
- To shoulder a deserved blame . . . to recognize the silver lining . . .
- But it always pays.

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## DOWNTOWN OFFICE

The result of the annual census conducted by your Cleveland District Office shows that there are now approximately 2,317 persons in Greater Cleveland actively participating in the AA program. This total is comprised of Group membership figures submitted to the office by secretaries in response to a request for bona fide participants in groups.

The Cleveland District Office is interested in bringing its Blood Donor list up to date and if you are willing to make donations of blood please contact the office. If you know your blood type that information would be helpful.

Report of office activity for period Sept. 27-Oct. 29: During the period there were 91 requests for contact turned over to 18 individuals and 39 Groups. Reports back to the office show 58 were receptive to contact, 18 not ready and not interested; in 11 cases no contact was possible. 4 contacts proved not to be AA problems.

In the same period there were 52 requests for literature and information, 49 liaison services to Groups and individuals, and 8 speakers supplied.

## IT'S A FACT

It was generally accepted that Cleveland boasted of having about 80 or more groups. We ourselves plead guilty of mentioning that number in recent Bulletin articles, having accepted a careless statement as factual.

In revising the Central Committee roster for roll call, we were astounded when after double checking that in Cleveland's Metropolitan area actually only 60 groups exist. Two more were organized in November, so the honest official count is 62.

The new groups are Broadway Men's, organized Nov. 15th and Trinity, which will hold its first meeting December 6th.

The Broadway Men's group meets on Saturday evenings at St. John's Lutheran Church on Cable Ave., near Broadway at 8:30.

The Trinity group also meets on Saturday nights in Trinity Ev. Church, 3525 W. 25th St. at 8:30.

## CONSOLIDATED MEETING

Those fortunate persons who attended the November Monthly Consolidated meeting in Little Theater, Nov. 16, are still marveling over the fund of logic given them by Harold J., a New York attorney. It was in our opinion one of the finest and one of the most helpful we have heard. We believe every listener understood himself better after Mr. J. showed how simple it was to take himself apart.

His analysis of Love as the great motivating force in life, and the fine differentiation he made in the heartening Interpretation as we understand it, as against the Freudian interpretation. He described how Love was the mother of courage, of faith and hope, and painted a powerful contrasting picture of the debilitating effects of hatred and resentment.

The December meeting will be held on Sunday, December 21.

## CEDAR CELEBRATES

One of the most delightful and impressive banquet-anniversaries it has been our privilege to attend was the third anniversary dinner of the Cedar Group, in Salvation Army's Men's Social Service Center. Ranking officers of Salvation Army were in attendance as were AAs who had given of their time, and the residents and graduates of the Center. Aably handled by Alfred McD., the meeting was addressed by Major Hoffman, Harry W., Harry F., John P. and finally by Spencer I., editorial writer of the Bulletin (and the P. D.) Grand party.

## BROOKLYN NIGHT

Brooklyn's K of P Hall was packed to overflowing on Wednesday, October 29th as a dozen Old Timers gave five minute talks, each of which was happily received. Charley S. can be applauded for a fine treat.

## LORAIN O. HAS CLUB ROOMS

Splendid club rooms and a fine hall which can accommodate about 250 persons were opened in Lorain, O., during early November. Located on the third floor of the Thistle Bldg., 700 Broadway, it will be open daily from noon to 1:00 a. m. Congratulations, Lorain.

Titled AA Social Center, it houses the Thursday Training meeting, which meets at 8:30 and the Sunday Stag meeting at 10:00 a. m.

## ST. STANISLAUS-BAXTER

Approximately 175 AAs attended the opening meeting of this group on Nov. 5th and listened to inspired talks by Jack D., Dave L. and Rev. Fr. Protazy (pastor of SS. parish.) Hot dogs, cake and coffee were on the menu. Meeting place 3649 E. 65th each Wednesday at 8:30.

## OBERLIN

We hear that Oberlin has an excellent group meeting in K of P Hall each Saturday at 9:00, and that big Dan W., over five years in AA is the spark plug that keeps the group active.

## LORAIN COUNTY CONSOLIDATED

The monthly consolidated meeting of the Lorain County groups will be held in K of P Hall, 20th and Broadway, Lorain, O., on Sunday, December 7th at 7:00.

New Year's Eve will be celebrated by the joint groups in the new Social Center at 700 Broadway, Lorain, O. Your whole family is invited to this gala event. Dancing and good eats.

## WEST SIDE WOMEN'S GROUP

Open House held by the West Side Women's group on November 3rd was a huge success. Marion R., chairman, prepared an unusually interesting program. Lucille L. related the Twelve Steps, the four Absolutes were discussed by Helen O'N., Edith K., Kathryn M., and Anne D., Kate N. spoke on the 24-hour plan, and Kathryn K. was the main speaker. Phyllis G., secretary, presided.

The consensus was that Open House should be held more often.

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## EIGHT YEARS AGO

The Orchard Grove group was organized eight years ago as the first group on the west side and the second in Cleveland. A roundup of the old timers who contributed much to Cleveland AA's growth will be held in Lakewood Community Center, St. Charles and Detroit on Monday, November 24th at 8:30 p. m. The Lakewood and Lakewood-Clifton groups are collaborating to make this a memorable meeting.

## CENTRAL COMMITTEE

In spite of being held on city election night, 23 groups answered roll call.

The treasurer reported cash on hand of \$81.20 with \$206.09 in outstanding bills. A motion was passed to authorize the secretary to make an appeal for voluntary semi-annual \$5.00 contributions to groups who have as yet not contributed.

Twelfth Anniversary audit was not yet ready, but assurance was given that it would be completed within a few weeks.

Hospital Committee gave a report on a most successful cooperative meeting with doctors and hospitals and promised a report of the result of this meeting at the November 18th session which should be important.

Election of moderator, vice moderator, treasurer and hospital chairman will take place in the December meeting.

## WARRENSVILLE ACTIVITIES

We are taking the liberty of lifting some figures from a copy of a letter from Old Buck, to one of his many friends, on progress at Warrensville.

Buck compiled a list of 85 ex-inmates of the Work House who upon being discharged, took up AA.

Of these 85 made good at once, nineteen had some trouble along the way, but won out, and 29 failed to make the grade.

The final score is 55 active members in AA out of 85 originally interested.

Since we feel that this is a splendid record, and that it is to a great extent due to Buck's hard work, we take pleasure in commending him on his efforts.

We believe that this report is particularly appropriate at this time, since November 13th was Buck's Sixth Anniversary.

Congratulations from your many friends!

We also wish to call the attention of all members to the regular meeting of the women at Warrensville every Wednesday, at 7:00 p. m., in the Chapel. Men are also urged to attend these meetings, since they undoubtedly can contribute much on helping the morale of this group.

## DOAN DATA

Both halls were filled to capacity (about 500) as Don B., Cleveland's pitcher of no-hit fame, spoke into two microphones and gave an excellent talk on Wednesday, Nov. 12. Another great crowd is expected on Nov. 19 when newly-elected Municipal Judge Jim. C. will be the center of attraction at a post-election celebration of his victory at the polls.

## UNION'S ANNUAL FALL PARTY

The annual Union group's turkey raffle and bingo party will be held in Novak's Hall, 12907 Union Ave. on Tuesday, Nov. 25 at 9:00 p. m. They have lots of fun there.

A New Year's Eve party will be held in the same hall at which a six piece orchestra will give you the urge to dance. There will be favors and door prizes as well as an excellent lunch. All for \$1.50 the person, plus federal and state tax.

Florist Frank L. is the impresario.

## MT. PLEASANT GROUP

A good-sized crowd attended the regular meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 11, when we had the pleasure of seeing that staunch and hardworking AA, Bill H., cut his eighth anniversary cake. Bill has sponsored hundreds of AAs, and these, together with his untold number of other friends, certainly join in congratulating him on this enviable occasion.

### EAST SIDE-WEST WOMEN'S GET-TOGETHER

Ninety-one members of the East Side and West Side Women's Groups ushered in the fall season with a social evening, Monday, Sept. 22nd, at Glenville AA Hall.

The M. C. was Eleanor K., East Side secretary, and speakers were Phyllis G., West Side secretary and Mary F., also of the West Side group.

It is interesting to note that both these hard working groups show a definite increase in membership.

### ELYRIA GROUPS

Emil L. reports that both Elyria groups have decided to give away a subscription to the Bulletin each meeting, until further notice, so that each member eventually may be sure of getting a copy.

We are grateful to these groups for their interest in our efforts, and for a swell idea.

### YOUNGSTOWN STAG

Youngstown Stag will celebrate its third anniversary with a joint meeting on Saturday, Nov. 22 at 8:30 p. m. at 310 W. Federal St. Speakers will be Harry D., editor of Central Bulletin and Adele R. of Cleveland.

### BEHEMOTH UNDER SIJRVEY

We hear that Crile Hospital has a special construction problem on it's hands since the management agreed to accept portly Doc H., the optimistic optometrist of Berea as a patient on Nov. 25th. He will be out of circulation for several weeks. His (popularly estimated) 350 lbs. of avoirdupois will require four surgeons, three engineers and staff plus seven nurses. His business goes on as usual ( Advt.)

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### TRIBUTE TO A LOST FRIEND

IOU a debt of gratitude for calling me a friend;  
IOU for your attitude, which you so freely lend.  
IOU for the many hours which we spent,  
(which incidentally didn't cost a cent),  
But how was I to know, after loaning you some dough,  
That my gratitude and your attitude  
Would change to one of platitude,  
Since you gave me your IOU.

If you haven't heard this one, pull up a strait-jacket, but don't bust it laffin',—they're still hard to get. They tell us that in Mexico, you can get three pounds of sugar, a pound of coffee, a quart of whiskey, and a wife for three dollars. I'll bet it's rotten whiskey.  
-Kansas City Paradox.

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### CLEVELAND GROUP MEETINGS

MONDAY	
BORTON-E. Clew. Cong. Church, Page & Euclid	8 :45
CRILE V. A. HOSPITAL—Parma, O-Ward 23-B	7 :30
FAIRMOUNT—St. Paul's Episc. Church, Fairmount & Coventry	8 :30
LAKEWOOD-Community Center Bldg., Detroit Ave. & St. Charles	8 :30
LAKEWOOD MEN'S-St. Peter's Episcopal, W. Clifton & Detroit	8 :30
LAKEWOOD-CLIFTON-St. Luke's Church, Clifton Blvd.	8 :30
LAKE SHORE—Legion Hall, 1372 Warren Rd.	8 :30
Dinner at 7:00 P. M. Meeting	8 :30
LEE ROAD-E. C. Presb. Church, Nelaview & Euclid	8 :30
LORAIN AVE.—Banater Hall Annex, W. 120th at Lorain	8 :30
MEMPHIS-RIDGE-7424 Taunton Ave.	8 :30
PEARL-Good Counsel Hall, 427 Pearl Rd.	8 :30
UNION-St. Wencelas Hall, Arch & Libby Rds.	8 :30
SHAKER HEIGHTS-Christ Episcopal Church, 3451 Warrensville Center Rd.	8 :30
SOUTH EAST GROUP-Holy Name Hall, 8328 Broadway	8 :30
WEST 25TH ST.—Marvel Hall, 2868 W. 25th St.	8 :30
WILLOUGHBY-Presbyterian Church, Willoughby, O.	8 :30
WOMEN%EAST SIDE—Glenville Hall, 10421 St. Clair	8 :30
WOMEN'S-West Side, Our Savior's Hall, W. 68th at Franklin	8 :30
TUESDAY	
ARCADE-Euclid Ave. Baptist, E. 18th & Euclid	8 :30
CHARITY-Last Tues. of each month-charity Hosp. Nurses' Aid	8 :30
CLARK-4106 Clark Ave. (Upstairs)	8 :30
EAGLE TRAINING-Salvation Army, E. 9th & Eagle	8 :00
EUCLID-WADE-Calvary Presbyterian Church, E. 79 & Euclid	8 :30
EDGE LAKE-Community Center Bldg., St. Charles and Detroit	8 :30
Dinner at 7:00 P. M.-Meeting	8 :30
MT. PLEASANT-Eastview Cong. Church, 16616 Kinsman Rd.	8 :30
SMITH-WILSON-Nativity School, 9610 Aetna Road	8 :30
STRONGSVILLE, O. S. t. Joseph's Parish	8 :30
SUPERIOR -- Immaculate Conception, E. 43rd and Superior	8 :30
WEST SIDE MEN'S—St. Patrick's Hall, Bridge Ave. near W. 38th	8 :30
LORAIN, O.—Community Hall, 23rd and Beech Sts	8 :00
PAINESVILLE, O. Stag 33 N. State Street	8 :30
WEDNESDAY	
ADDISON-1467 Addison Rd. (side)	8 :30
BROOKLYN—K. of P. Hall, Broadway and Pearl Road	8 :30
CHARDON—St. Mary's Church	8 :00
COLLINSWOOD—14709 St. Clair Ave	8 :30
DENISON—7403 Denison Ave	8 :30
DOAN MEN'S—2028 E. 105th St., 2nd floor, side entrance	8 :45
LEE ROAD First English Lutheran, Derbyshire and Euclid Heights Boulevard	8 :30
MADISON-LAKEWOOD-St. Cyril's Church, Madison and Lakewood Aves.	8 :30
ST. STANISLAUS-BAXTER—3649 E. 65th St.	8 :30
WARRENSVILLE Women's House of Correction	6 :30
WEST PARK—17th Precinct Hall, W. 167th and Lorain (upstairs)	8 :30
BEDFORD, O.-Y. M. C. A., Tarbell Ave	8 :30
ELYRIA, O.—St. Andrew's Episc. Church, Middle & Third	8 :00
LORAIN, O.—ANTLERS-St. Mary's School, Reid Ave.	8 :30
THURSDAY	
ANGLE-St. Malachi's Church, 2549 Washington Ave.	8 :30
BEREA, O.-Fine Arts Club, E. Bagley Rd., 3 drs. east of Eastland	8 :30
BROADWAY-55TH—Our Lady of Lourdes School Hall	8 :30
COVENTRY-Fairmount Presbyterian Chapel, Scarborough Road, East of Coventry	8 :30
EAST SIDE YOUNG PEOPLE-Emmanuel Church Euclid at E. 86th	9 :00
GLENVILLE—10421 St. Clair	8 :00
EAST LAKE-Vine and Campbell, Willoughby, O.	8 :30
LORAIN AVE.—Banater Hall Annex, W. 120th St. at Lorain	8 :30
OIJTHWAITE-(Negro) Woodland Center, 7100 Kinsman	8 :30
WYANDOTTE MEN'S-Church of Redeemer, Andrews and Detroit Avenue (rear)	8 :30
LORAIN TRAINING A A Social Center, 700 Broadway	8 :30
PAINESVILLE, O.-33 N. State St., Third Floor	8 :30
WEST SIDE-7403 Denison Ave	10 :30 A. M.
FRIDAY	
CEDAR — Salvation Army, 2191 E 65th St.	8 :15
CHAGRIN FALLS, U-American Legion, E. Orange St	8 :30
GORDON SQUARE—People's Meth. Church, W. 65th & Bridge	8 :30
LEE ROAD-2066 E. 105th, K. of P. Hall	8 :30
MILES MEN'S—Stag Group, 4141 E. 116th St.	8 :30
ROCKY RIVER-St. Christopher's Hall, Lakeview off Detroit Rd.	8 :30
NORTHEAST—2028 E. 105th St.	8 :30
WEST SIDE YOUNG PEOPLE-St. Rose's Hall, W. 116-Detroit	8 :30
LORAIN-AVON—1112 W Erie St., Lorain, O	8 :30
BEREA—Social room of Berea Cong. Church, Seminary and Church	8 :30
EUCLID, O.-St. Paul's Church, E. 200th St. off St. Clair	8 :30
SATURDAY	
BROADWAY MEN'S St. John's Luther" Church. Cable at Broadway	8 :30
CROSSROADS-Euclid Avenue Baptist Church, East 18th. North of Euclid Avenue	9 :00
GLENVILLE—10421 St. Clair	9 :30
MATT TALBOT-St. Philip Neri Church, E. 82 and St. Clair	8 :30
PARMA—St. Frances de Sales School Hall, State Rd. & George Ave.	8 :30
TRINITY—Trinity Evangelical Church, 3525 W. 25th St.	8 :30
VALLEY VIEW—Community Center, W. 7th & Starkweather	8 :30
W. S. SOCIAL CLUB, 4427 Pearl Road	8 :00
8005 GROUP—8005 Lorain Ave.	8 :30
ELYRIA, O.-St. A'drew's Episc. Church, Middle & Third	8 :30
OBERLIN, OHIO -K. of P. Hall	9 :00
SUNDAY	
COLLINSWOOD-14709 St. Clair Avenue	7 :30
DOAN MEN'S TRAINING-MEETING-2028 E. 106th St.	3 :00
NEWBURGH—St. Catherine's Church, 3443 E. 93	8 :30
PIONEER (Negro)-7100 Kinsman	10:pO A. M.
SPONSORSHIP MEETING—Glenville Group, 10421 St. Clair Ave.	2 :00
WARRENSVILLE-Workhouse Library	10:00 A. M.
LORAIN, OHIO—Stag, AA Social Center, 700 Broadway,	10 :00 A. M.
1st TUESDAY EVERY MONTH	
CENTRAL COMMITTEE—Hanna Building, Room 370	8 :30

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## Holiday Spirit

Many AA's are subconsciously dreading the approaching holidays when conviviality and an exciting spirit of good will generally prevails, and the temptation to be "one of the gang" again will be great. When good friends, aware of our weakness as well as the fact that we have joined AA, ask us to join them in taking "just one" for old times' sake insist that surely ONE wouldn't hurt us. It's then when all the secret doubts assail us. Maybe one wouldn't hurt us. Certainly we deserve a little relaxation after all these months, years of abstinence. We'll take just this one and then stop. We won't take another!

If your convictions are weak and your desire to be a "regular fellow" (in the old misguided interpretation) is strong, you'll be a pushover for this form of temptation. Forgotten will be the misery and trouble which was your lot when you were a fellow-traveler in that company. Forgotten will be the mental suffering which was your lot, because the circle you traveled in had relegated you to the limbo of the lost, the undependable, unreliable, anti-social crack-pot who shouldn't be associated with because you couldn't drink like a gentleman or a lady. Forgotten will be the joy which you found in your deliverance. Forgotten will be the pleasant sensation of newly-acquired self-respect which could demand and command the respect of others.

When we let our guards down—when we relax in our vigilance and permit self-pity and envy of the privileges of others to enter into our minds. We tend to minimize the seriousness of our position when we first embraced the program. We lose respect for the potency of drink. Overconfidence in our will power and neglect of complete observance of all the steps, carelessness in observance of the daily plan of turning our lives over to the care of Him and then to obey Him, all tend to cause us to gamble on the consequences.

We personally have weathered five holiday seasons and we have seen many casualties each year. The answer is always the same—they let their guards down. The regrets and the misery (wit!) the attendant loss of self-confidence makes the recovery and return to AA many times harder. Alcoholics mostly are inclined to be resentful of criticism and in their self-condemnation oftentimes resist sincere efforts of members who come, not to criticize, but to help. But the erring brother or sister disturb & y reads condemning motive in every visitor's mind.

So let's face these holidays with the right spirit. What is the reason for celebrating Christmas? You may have forgotten it, but it's to observe the birthday of Christ, the deliverer of mankind. Christ, whose coming brought hope and happiness to a troubled world. Christ, whose teachings are infallible and whose example is our guide to behavior if we want to live with our neighbor in peace and harmony. We call ourselves Christians. Let's act like Christians during this holiday season, and let our Christmas truly be a joyous one.

## Star of Bethlehem

The star of Bethlehem that led the wise men to the stable brought into the world the knowledge that it is more blessed to give than to receive. This truth was unfolded in the life of Him whose birth the star proclaimed. It should be unfolded in the lives of each of us.

Some men have persisted since that day in following the old ways. They have devoted their energies, physical and mental, to the total exclusion of the spiritual, to getting as much as they could for themselves. The net result has been that they have never found the peace which the festival of Christ's nativity epitomizes.

Only those who have followed the star in their personal lives have discovered the great truth. Among them are the members of Alcoholics Anonymous who have learned that the Christmas spirit—not in the narrow calendar sense of the term—is a year-long and a life-long philosophy.

What this means was recently stated by James Dillet Precman in words upon which we could not improve:

"What is the spirit of Christmas? It is a sense of the wonder of things. It is the spirit of faith in life. It is a sense of the joy of living. It is the spirit of good will. It is the Christ spirit in man."

Not until we obtained with God's help the gift of sobriety did we possess any sense of the wonder of things. Not until we gave serious thought to and put into action the precepts of the Twelve Steps

did we give any thought to others, have any faith in life and experience the real joy of living.

But this gift cannot be coveted in private. It cannot be enjoyed alone. It is not a tinsel-wrapped trinket to be placed in a closet and taken out to be admired only on occasion. It can be possessed only if it is shared with others. Title to it is lent and leased to us on this condition.

At this Christmas season, with a new year approaching, the time is propitious to take stock of this custodianship. Have we shared this great gift as much as we should? Has the spirit of Christ in us been active, causing us to be, as humble, as tolerant and as thoughtful of others—their weaknesses, their problems, their happiness—as we know we should have been?

None of us has done as well as we could. Someone has said that "the loveliest part of the Christmas celebration every year is the renewal of the remembrance on the part of men that Christ still lives in them." All of us can celebrate by such a remembrance this year.

We can rededicate our title to the gift of sobriety by the firm resolution that with God's help, in the year ahead, we will help others to sobriety. We can do so by keeping alive throughout the year the real spirit of Christmas by making over our personal lives, by demonstrating that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

The wise man of to-day follows the star of Bethlehem to the manger which is the source of the happiness we enjoy. He does it every day. He finds room in the inn of his heart for Christ to enter. And he renews his daily faith by saying that "Christ is born in me this day. Hallowed be His presence within me."

## Greetings

For all men, Christmas is a season to rejoice that, of old time, there came into the darkening world a Great Light. We of Alcoholics Anonymous, with our own eyes, have seen that Light. By it we have been infused and reborn. May we ever cherish this, God's infinite gift of Grace: may we lovingly remember the words "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men."

Speaking for world-wide AA, we at your Service Center wish every one of you—and yours—a very joyous Christmas.

--Bill and Dr. Bob.

Merry Christmas Happy New Year

## PEACE OF MIND

Almost every member of AA enters the fellowship with many scars, all due to alcohol-scars which rankle and trouble us.

The memory of these "injustices," as we alcoholically consider them, is undoubtedly the cause, consciously or not, of a large proportion of "slips."

There is an oft quoted prayer, the true source of which I have not found, that begins, "God give us the strength to accept those things we cannot change . . ."

In these few simple words, we find the answer to the tremendous gulf between the alcoholically confused mind and genuine Peace of Mind.

Father Divine, a small, colored exhorter, shouts before a crowd, "Peace, it's wonderful," and untold numbers, both white and colored, rush to hear him. Many years ago, Ponce de Leon likewise gained throngs of supporters in seeking the "Water of Eternal Life."

Perhaps the attainment of "Peace of Mind" is the secret of eternal life.

This state of mind, whatever we desire to call it, is definitely the antithesis of Resentment.

To attain this, let us at this time of the Yule period, use as an example the life of Jesus. He had every cause for resentment, but with the aid of what we call the "Power within ourselves," attained this wonderful quality of intellectual peace, desired by every man, be he alcoholic or not.—G. K.

## HONESTY

It wasn't the newcomer this time, but one of the old-timers who came thru, at a recent "gab-fest" on living the program.

We had been talking about this, that, the other, when honesty was brought into the conversation.

And as the discussion wore on, one of those who has been happy more than several months; came thru with a thought which hit home.

Merely talking about honesty, practicing it in the usually accepted manner is not all that the program requires. It goes further, even to the point where a man's honesty can be questioned if his attitude towards his everyday duties is not what it should be.

Going through one's duties, on the job, for example, in a half-hearted manner, trying to pick out the easy angles, figuring how little can be done to make it appear as though we were doing the job right is not honesty, is not living the program or living up to it.

That man who does his work while employed by another in the same way and as well as if he were working for himself is honest about it, is living the program, said the old-timer.

Slipshod effort and passing-the-buck cannot be called honest, simply because they are merely evading honesty.

There is food for thought there. We were ready to agree.—Social Center Chatter.

## CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Twenty-five groups answered roll call.

Bert M., treasurer, reported outstanding bills of \$74.66 which he feels sure can be liquidated by a large attendance at the Consolidated meeting, December 21st. Seven groups contributed at this meeting. This included a \$25 contribution from Ashtabula.

The Hospital Committee chairman read a report of resolutions drawn up by the Doctor's attending the patients in the various rest homes. A copy of these resolutions will be mailed to secretaries of all groups, who are urged to read and discuss these resolutions at their meetings. Send any questions or information required, to hospital chairman Jack U. who will be glad to take care of them. The next meeting of this committee will be Tuesday, December 16th at 8:30 p. m., Room 370 Hanna Bldg.

The C.P.A.'s report of the 12th Anniversary Committee was read and accepted, and a vote of thanks was accorded him for the splendid job he did. A full report will be mailed to all secretaries.

Felix R. of Borton was elected Moderator; Herschel H. of Parma, Vice-Moderator; Bert S. of Doan, Treasurer; Jack U. of Shaker, Hospital Committee Chairman.

## INTERNATIONAL AA CONFERENCE

The Greater Detroit groups will sponsor the first International Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous in Detroit, Mich. on January 17th and 18th, 1948. Co-founder Bill W. will address each of two meetings scheduled: Saturday, 8:30 p. m., Jan. 17. Open meeting and Sunday, 11 a. m., Closed meeting for AA's, their wives/husbands only. Both meetings will be held in Cass Tech High School Auditorium, Second Avenue at Vernor Highway, Detroit, Mich.

The Windsor, Ontario groups will be hosts at a 2:30 p. m. Sunday dinner at the Elmwood Hotel, Windsor.

A charge of 50 cents per person will be made for the Saturday meeting. Admission by ticket only. Each request for tickets must be accompanied by remittance and will be honored in the order received-up to the seating capacity of the hall.

Address communications to: Greater Detroit Groups of AA, 615 Criswold St., Detroit, 26, Mich.

## CLEVELAND DISTRICT OFFICE

The Cleveland District Office is pleased to report that representatives of 36 Groups in the Cleveland District attended the Quarterly Meeting of the Office Advisory Committee in the Hotel Cleveland on November 20, 1947. These 36 delegates represented 1464 of the 2317 currently participating members of Alcoholics Anonymous in this area.

Anyone interested in listing his name as blood donor can do so by calling or writing the office. If possible, it would be helpful to indicate blood type for reference.

In the four week period from October 29 to November 27 there were 73 requests for contact turned over to 31 Groups and 14 individuals. Your reports show that 52 were receptive to first contact, nine were not ready at this time and that four were not AA problems. In four cases no contact was possible and there are still three turnovers unreported. During this same period there were 60 personal services to individuals and Groups, 31 requests for literature and information and two speakers supplied.

### Receipts and Disbursements

November 1, 1946, to October 31, 1947

#### RECEIPTS

Contributions	\$7,162.80	
Sale of Literature	3,217.88	
Total		\$10,380.68

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries	\$5,877.50	
Less Withholding Tax	72.50	5,805.00
Rent and Light		1,548.00
Literature Purchased		1,655.10
Telephone		693.77
Printing and Mimeographing		1,198.56
Postage		155.14
Bank Service Charge		11.68
Sundry Office Expense		358.55
Total Disbursements		\$11,425.80

#### Approved Budget for 1947-48

Salaries	\$6,000
Rent and Light	1,704
Printing	600
Telephone	700
Mimeographing Service	250
Postage	200
Office Supplies and Miscellaneous	250
Furniture and Fixtures	400
Total	\$10,164

## SAVE TAX STAMPS

An urgent appeal is made by the Downtown Office for Ohio Sales Tax stamps which will aid in its maintenance. Mail or bring them in, or give to a member of your group designated to collect them.

Consolidated Meeting, Little Theater, Dec. 21, at 4:00

The December 21st Consolidated meeting will be led by Lloyd H. of Shnker group. We are assured of an inspiring message and an afternoon well spent. Let's fill the Little Theatre, Public Auditorium, Sunday afternoon December 21st at 4 p. m. This will be a closed meeting.

### ANNIVERSARY ACCOUNT CLOSED

Thanks to the generous response of over one hundred preceptive AA's to the committee of fourteen selected by the Moderator of Central Committee, all bills will be fully paid before Christmas. Letters will be sent to each contributor, acknowledging the contribution.

The certified audit showed a final deficit of \$704.23. The solicitors, with copies of the financial report and an official credential, are to be praised for their instant action. They are: Felix R. of Borton, Max L. of Euclid-Wndc, Clem L., Lake Shore; Frank L., Union; Ed. B., Lee Road; Eerschel II., Parma; Tony S., Glenville, Bill McE., Berea; Edward B., Gordon Square; Ernie B., Edgelake; Bert. M., Joan; Charlie A., Rocky River, Nelson D., Orchard Grove, and Charles B., Brooklyn.

It was an expensive lesson. Mistakes in judgment and overconfidence will be avoided. Any large cooperative project, if any, must in the future have the full consent of the great majority of the groups. By having regular representation at Central Committee, the best interests of all groups will be better protected.

### HOSPITAL COMMITTEE

A most interesting and important meeting of the Hospital Committee and hospitalization agencies and their doctors was held in the Hanna Building, Tuesday, Dec. 16.

After discussing ideal hospital care, doctors' responsibility and fee, and the question of length of bed occupancy, it was decided to concentrate the study and findings of these questions in a meeting of hospital representatives, doctors and a committee of three AA's.

An urgent appeal for beds was made by two representatives of the Negro groups. At the present time no nursing home or hospital will grant them a bed in the AA wards. A committee is still trying to find a solution for them.

### BOWLING

The dirty crack we nixed at the West Side Bowling secretaries brought instant results and we have a down-to-the-minute dope on the standings as of December 13th.

In the Thursday League, Southeast has a comfortable lead of 8 points over W. 25th and Northeast who are tied for second with 32. The Corinthians, with 14 are a sad last. Howard L. (not a wolf) of the Suburban team leads in individual averages with 175.

In the Friday League, Pearl #1, has 42 points with Lorain #2 Collinwood and Clark tied for runnerup with 35. Lorain Bears bring up the discouraging last with 13. Popular Eddie B. of West Park leads the individuals with 177.

Both Glenville teams continue to be the class of the Eastside League, with the #1 team in first with 30 wins and 12 losses and #2 in second with 27 wins and 15 losses, incidentally tied with the Euclid-Wade Clubs. Matt Talbot brings up the rear with 12 wins and 30 losses. These standings include games rolled on December 5.

### A MORAL

"You know," says Art to Fred, "I've been watching that mechanic for the last 15 minutes. There's a man who really knows his business. He didn't spill a drop of oil. He put the hood down gently, fastened it securely and left no finger prints on it. He wiped his hands on a clean tissue before opening the door, spread a clean cloth over the upholstery, meshed the gears noiselessly, and drove carefully into the street."

Fred: Yea. That's his own car."

Sponsors can well draw a moral from this story—that we should exert the same effort and show the same sincerity in steering the people we sponsor, as we did in untangling our own troubled affairs.

SAVE SALES TAX STAMPS FOR DOWNTOWN OFFICE

### DOAN DATA

Patty E., after a record period of acting as an ideal chairman for this group, has relinquished the post to Kenny II.

Among the many highlights during the month of November, we may mention the following:

Don B. on his starting assignment, packed the house and required two microphones to reach the crowd with a most interesting address.

Charlie E., on his Tenth celebration gave a fine lesson in tolerance and appreciation.

Jim C., also celebrating his victory in the municipal election, gave a most impressive lead.

Sam R. gave the final lead of the month with a sincere demonstration of humility and perseverance.

The New Year's Eve party will include dancing, food, surprises, etc. beginning at 8:30 p. m. and continuing until, well, continuing.

### MILES MEN'S GROUP

Frank L., busy secretary of this group, reports that despite the fact that this branch is only 15 months old, membership already totals 60. In the near future, the group will be evicted by the landlord (he's the secretary) for more spacious quarters.

Frank is putting on his own drive for subscriptions to the Bulletin, for which we are grateful.

### UNION GROUP

Frank L. (he gets around doesn't he), reports that the Bingo Party held Nov. 25, was a huge success.

Plenty of tickets for the New Year's Eve. Caper are available at the night club price of \$1.50 plus 30 cents federal tax. You may be assured of plenty of action, since the program includes dancing to a six-piece orchestra, refreshments including baked ham, novelties, door prizes, etc.

Incidentally, the group looks forward to hearing Don B. on Jan. 12, and all members are invited.

### PITTSBURGH GROUPS' SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY

These groups will celebrate this occasion at Carnegie Music Hall, Forbes St., Pittsburgh, Pa. on December 17.

Principal speaker and honored guest will be Bill W., founder of the AA.

No reservations are necessary, and the hall seats about 2000 persons. All AA's are invited.

### MT. PLEASANT GROUP

There will be no meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 30, since the New Year's Eve party will be held the next evening, at the usual meeting place.

### WEST SIDE SOCIAL GROUP

An open invitation is extended to all members to attend the New Year's Eve party to be held at St. Wendelin's on Columbus Rd. Dancing, entertainment, etc. are promised from 8 p. m. until ??

### BAXTER GROUP

It seems that most of us in the past have been able to pronounce such difficult names as "Martini", "The Atomic Bomb", "Four Roses", etc., but when it came to such simple names as "St. Stanislaus", most secretaries couldn't make the grade when announcing our meetings.

At any rate Anthony M., secretary of the group formerly known by that name, informs us that the new name is "Baxter Ave. Group", meeting at 6527 Baxter Ave. (The address was given improperly by the Bulletin in a previous edition, for which we apologize.)

Visit this active group, and if you still wish to learn how to pronounce St. Stan—well, the former name, we feel sure that someone will set you right.

The aggressive wife of a meek little man was taking her husband apart. While she was raving at him for his stupidity, the doorbell rang and some friends came to visit. The little husband sat in dejected silence and listened to his wife and friends talk. Suddenly, during a lull in the conversation, his wife glared across at him and shouted, "And don't sit there making fists at me in your pockets, either."

Consolidated Meeting, Little Theater, Dec. 21, at 4:00

BEREA-FRIDAY

Thirty-four members and wives, calling themselves the Berea Ambassadors of Active Appreciation are making monthly treks by bus to cities within a radius of 60 miles of Cleveland having a meeting scheduled on Saturday or Sunday. On December 7th, this jolly crowd attended Lorain Consolidated and on January 10th will attend Crossroads in Cleveland. Any group meeting on these two nights who would like this crowd to visit them, contact Ann S., secretary or telephone Strongsville 6160.

BROOKLYN

The group was saddened by the sudden death of one of its newest members, Fred Becker. He passed away on Saturday, Nov. 29. He was well-liked and in spite of his short term in AA, had evinced great enthusiasm. We extend sympathy to his wife and family.

LAKEWOOD-ORCHARD GROVE

We are in receipt of a letter from the retiring secretary, Art S. that the group has decided to return to their old name, the Orchard Grove group, even though their meetings are still held in Community Center at St. Charles and Detroit on Mondays at 8:30 p. m. Nelson D. is the newly elected secretary.

BEHEMOTH ON DIET

The widely spread optician who recently went out of circulation is on a cruel diet of 800 calories a day—and his diet used to vary from 6000 to 8000 regularly! Tsk! Tsk! Still at Cric.

Consolidated Meeting, Little Theater, Dec. 21 at 4:00

CHAGRIN FALLS

Twenty-five members of the groups gorged themselves with venison at the expense of Franz T. who not only killed the deer, but cooked and served it himself in grand style. It was a sumptuous relmst.

LORAIN CONSOLIDATED

A grand New Year's Eve celebration will be sponsored by the Lorain County groups, beginning at 8:30 p. m. in the new Lorain County AA Social Center, 700 Broadway, Lorain, Ohio. You're invited if you're an Ah.

The regular monthly consolidated meeting will be held in the same quarters on Sunday, January 4th.

TRINITY

Wynn W. and "Corny" V. gave the 125 persons who attended our opening meeting a thrill with the wealth of wisdom they offered.

CLEVELAND VISITS AKRON

A bus load of 74 AA's traveled to East Akron to help their meeting on Sunday, December 14th.

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CLEVELAND GROUP MEETINGS

Table listing various group meetings including MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, and FRIDAY. Meetings are listed with their locations and times, such as 'BORTON - E. Cleve. Cong. Church, Page & Euclid 8:45' and 'LAKEWOOD MEN'S - St. Peter's Episcopal, W. Clifton & Detroit 8:30'.