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Watch the Horizon

Whenever we begin to take on airs and think ourselves, now that we have obtained sobriety, just a bit better than anyone else, even superior to the next rehabilitated drunk, it is well to recall the account of the self-respecting pig who got up out of the gutter mire and walked away when the souse staggered over and flopped beside him.

That was us. Each of us. The story is pertinent whether we actually reached the physical gutter or not. We reached it morally and mentally and emotionally. We made pigs- of ourselves one way or the other. Often ~~it was in several ways.~~

As the saying goes "pigs is pigs" and remain so, but you can make a purse out of a sow's ear and you can make a good, **respectable** citizen out of a lush. We say "you can" advisedly. The drunk can, and must, want to get out the muck. But he can't do it alone. The pig could and did get up and walk away. The **drunk** has to be picked up. He must want to be picked up. And only a power higher than himself can put him on his hind feet and teach him to walk again as a man who is made in the image of God.

A little **bit** silly, not to say **indecent**, isn't it, to be putting on **this** affectation? In the sight of God and before the law no man is better or worse than another. This is the thing to remember.

Naturally everyone finds his station in life and attains a certain social status. The economic level a person reaches most often determines what sort of neighborhood he lives in, what make of car he **drives**, where and how far he sends his children to school. This is fine and high a level, within reason, as possible should be obtained. The important point to keep in mind is that this is the result of faith in a Higher Power more than any intrinsic merit that may dwell within the now clean shirt of the fellow

---who-not so -long -ago ~~was a shirtless companion of~~ pigs.

Levels should be set high. Everyone should drive toward the horizon of their choice. But nothing binds men together like the common tragic experiences of alcoholism. No economic or social distinction can intervene there. This is quite a different matter from members choosing their own friends within or without the group. Tastes vary as people vary, like attracts like. The stamp collectors in AA will find more in common with the other stamp collectors than with the golfers and so on. This is the variety of the human **personality** that makes life interesting and enjoyable. **It is the** antithesis of the snobbery that comes with a total lack of humility and tolerance.

Just as inflation of the ego is a dangerous business, so is deflation of the ego. To underestimate one's powers, especially when faith in a Higher Power is held, is a wicked waste of talent. The thought that you cannot attain the other fellow's place, or something equally as attractive to you, or that he is better than you are and probably wouldn't notice you, are false premises. **Remember**, he was there with the pigs, too. There is such a thing as loving yourself properly. This means having enough gumption to keep striving and putting a proper

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Hear Both Sides

We hate gossip. Particularly do we hate to hear the tearing down of the reputation of one for whom we have high esteem. And as we rise up to question the veracity of the damaging story we hear, we sense a dull feeling of let-downness, as we fear that what we hear might possibly be true. We have learned from experience however, that there are always two sides to every story and the grand feeling which comes over us as we find the very opposite of what we hear true, offsets the momentary pain of fearing we had misplaced our faith again.

We have such volatile natures **in our AA** membership. We're all guilty of judging superficially. This fault of

jumping at conclusions is certainly not confined to AA personalities, of course, but it seems to be more reprehensible in an AA, whose glass house certainly should warn him to be extra careful.

We who have been guilty of so many sins of commission and omission, are being taught at every AA meeting the need of developing the four Absolutes of Honesty, Purity, Love and Unselfishness. Each of us has many faults and personality peculiarities. These are relatively offensive. In some cases they are unbearable. Many one of such persons is conscious of them and is trying daily to change. This person needs counsel and tolerance, patience and love.

One of the most pernicious "knockers" we know has so many personality maladjustments in our opinion that he's most "uncomfortable company" to have around. But even he

has changed perceptibly in the past year. The nettle has been buffed off through the extraordinary patience and kindness of a few, who evinced admirable tolerance and true brotherly love. We marveled at their patience.

So let's follow the example of these "masters of AA principles" (and we title them that advisedly) and if we are intolerant, seek **tolerance every day**. If we are impetuous in our judgment of our fellowman, let us ask God **each day** for patience. If we are constantly suspicious of the motives of our brother in AA, let us get on our knees **daily** and ask for faith.

There's so much good in each of us, though some of it may not be too evident, that development of the traits for good mentioned in the preceding paragraph will sweeten all our lives and make living more joyful.

Get the other side of any story you hear about anyone. Be ready to help him if he has really fallen, just as you were understood and helped in greater or lesser degree when you embraced the fellowship.

Fellowship is our goal. You and I can achieve it together.

*You will make more friends
in a week by getting yourself
genuinely interested in other
people than you can in a year
by trying to get other people
interested in you.*

WAY TO HAPPINESS

"Keep your heart free from hate, your mind from worry. Live simply. Expect little. Give much. Fill your life with love. Scatter sunshine. Forget **self**—think of others. Do as you would be done by. Try this for a week and you will be surprised.

—Norman Vincent Peale in "Confident Living."

WATCH THE HORIZON

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and fair estimate-neither over nor under-on your abilities.

We may not fly with the angels, if we keep our eyes on the proper horizons, but neither will we wallow with the hogs.

RATIONALIZATION AND ALIBIS ^(b)

It's My Nerves! and **Quit Stamping Those Big Feet!**—There are no nerves so frayed as those of a bottle baby. . . I wouldn't deny a man a drink, but nerves . . . that's something else. When liquor is what you need to keep you normal, my friend, you're in sore need of a doctor.

My Job Get's Me Down-Talk straight, mister, I didn't hear you. Did you say you're getting your job down? Well, that's what you meant. . . When you start drinking heavily you've changed jobs. The old man in the front office isn't your boss — ALCOHOL IS.

It Helps Me Think-Great thinkers have been great drinkers . . . but not for long. The only successful alcoholic is a dead one. Alcohol is a stimulant. yes, but like other **drugs** it is depressively reactionary. . . It keeps you from acting. You only think you think.

Zt'e The Only Way Z Can Relax-You mean, of course, COLLAPSE. This is unavoidable in an alcoholic. No matter how long he's been sober, one drink is enough to start the circle. He relaxes on the street, in doorways, in gutters . . . Just don't relax your resistance to suggestion.

I'm alright as long as Z stick to beer-Well, good for beer. Only trouble is it gnaws at an alcoholic's weak spots until he switches to something stronger. That's the way I did it . . . Beer will nickel and dime you to death. . . No, it's not beer, baby — it's only you.

Z Can Take It or Leave It Alone-Listen, if you were clear-headed enough to have any choice in the matter you'd have no need even to make such a statement . . . Ever ask yourself why you always decide to take it. An alcoholic must say: . . . "I CAN'T LEAVE IT ALONE."

I'm a Very Sick Man-The common cold is an alcoholic's best friend. Yes, he's a sick man, but not with a cold. No germ could last in a system saturated with alcohol. . . When you sober up, you'll feel so healthy friends will avoid you. Maybe you need new friends.

Nobody Understands Me-The sorry part of this excuse is that **you** get to believe it yourself. It sounds so convincing! You don't need understanding, you need treatment. But settle down, most drunks wind up talking to themselves anyway.

It's My Mother-In-Law—Why, the old hay bag! What a ferocious, meddle-some, insufferable fiend from the pit she is. She's been your best excuse for over 2000 years. . . But give her a chance, son . . . Don't blame her for sniping. After all, she is somebody's mother.

Z Owe Everybody—Sure you do! There is not a case on record of a man who drank-his way out of debt . . . Figure out what and whom you owe and make up. your mind to pay it off-and start paying-and watch your self-respect zoom. It may work.

Zf You Want To Be Successful You Have To Entertain—So look at the most entertaining fellow at the party—under the table! What entertainment this stew will supply will come **after** the party. **People** will talk about him for months to come. An alcoholic is a big success. He's also a sure thing for the undertaker.

—The Beacon.

BANATER HALL GROUPS EVICTED

For nine years Banater Hall Annex has housed two important west side groups, the **Lorain Avenue Monday** and the **Lorain Avenue Thursday** groups. The parties holding the lease desired to extend their activities to include these two precious nights and the AA **groups** were forced to seek other quarters.

The Monday group meets in Chester's Restaurant, corner of Triskett and **Lorain** at **8:30 P. M.** The owner, Chester S., is a long time member of **Doan Men's** group.

The Thursday group meets in the basement of West Park Baptist Church, 16218 **Lorain Ave.**, also at **8:30 P. M.**

Attendance at both groups has improved since they moved.

ARE YOU IN DOUBT?

Is there **really** a God? There seems to be a difference of opinion about it. A scientist once said there are seven reasons why a scientist believes in God. As their profession is scientific research, they get in touch with many secrets, which are beyond the layman's reach, such as the study of the atom, etc.

Of course we know the earth has been spinning around the sun more than 5000 years, at 1000 miles per hour without failure. What would happen if the speed of the earth should slow down to 100 miles per hour? The result would be the days and nights would be ten times longer; during the day the heat would be so terrific everything would be burned and the nights so cold whatever escaped the heat of the day would freeze.

The slant of the earth is 23 degrees, which divides the time into a year. The moon is supposed to be 239,000 miles from the earth. What would happen if the moon was **only** 50,000 miles from the earth? The consequences would be an immense tide which would inundate the earth, even the highest mountains would disappear under the water.

What about the crust of the earth: what has it to do with **us being alive?** I quote Mr. A. Morrison, who said: If the crust of the earth was ten feet deeper, every living being would die from lack of oxygen.

We must not forget to include man in the list for he is the work of a Master mind.

Now who put all these things in their respective positions: what keeps the earth going around the sun; what is holding the earth, weighing millions of tons, in its position? Is it air pressure, if so, where does that enormous pressure come from? Is all this accidental?

We must say no. All these and many more are the work of a great engineer—an omnipotent Power—and we call him **GOD**.

(The above article taken from The Presidio, Fort Madison, Iowa prison house organ, by A. Lantto, and reprinted by the Brighter Side. We think there is a lot of food for thought for every AA new member and a lot of older ones who might have a faint suspicion they are masters of their own destinies.)

CONSOLIDATED MEETING

A good sized crowd attended the January Consolidated Meeting in spite of the filthy weather, at which **pinch-hitter Warren C.** gave a most impressive talk. Warren was pressed into service at the last moment when the scheduled speaker wired his inability to appear.

After vividly portraying the pitiable state he was in eleven years ago, he described the method by which he overcame his bankruptcy in moral, spiritual and financial substance.

Only 12 or 13 people comprised the one AA contingent in Cleveland, in May, 1939 and he pointed to their steadfast devotion to what appeared to be the only cause which would save them from destruction. He paid tribute to his sponsor Clarence S., whose dogged perseverance over cruel obstacles made possible the present 90 groups and its 4000 to 5000 adherents, whose influence has been felt in all corners of the country.

He stressed the need of complete surrender, full acceptance of step one, humility and faith in Almighty God as the only Power which could help him, honesty, love for neighbor and then laid particular stress on making the first amends at home. He vilified those who were good AA's away from home and who displayed all their objectionable traits at home.

THE ROAD BACK

Our Dublin, Ireland AA contingent included us on the mailing list of their newsy publication titled "The Road Back." In mimeograph form, the content of the six pages was quite interesting. More power to 'em. The group has just completed its third year of existence.

Nature gives everybody five senses—touch, taste, sight, smell and hearing. Everybody needs two more—horse and common.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Twenty-one groups were represented at the January 3rd meeting of Central Committee and elected the following officers for 1950: Roy G. of Gordon Square, moderator; John N. D., of Borton, vice moderator; Crawford W., Euclid-Wade, secretary-treasurer, with former treasurer Bert M. of Doan as alternate, and Harry D. of Edgelake, co-signer of checks.

Because the treasury reflected a healthy balance it was recommended that the customary \$6.00 semi-annual solicitation to groups be dispensed with until necessary.

The hospital report is contained in a separate item elsewhere in the Bulletin.

The consolidated meeting committee was instructed to invite Bill W., founder of AA to observe the 16th anniversary of our fellowship in a mass meeting in June.

The Central Bulletin editor, Harry D., reported satisfactory response from slips enclosed in the December issue of the Bulletin, but pointed out that expirations averaging 125 each month necessitated constant reminders by the group secretaries to renew. Often renewals lapsed several months. A deficit of \$109.66 was announced. Financial help from the opulent treasury was refused.

A proposal that the meeting place of Central Committee be shifted to the Arcade was rejected.

The next meeting will be held February 7 in 370 Hanna Bldg. at 8:30 P. M.

WARRENSVILLE

Too much credit cannot be given to the faithful who regularly trek to the Warrensville House of Correction to salvage human material which has taken terrific beatings by alcohol. Particular mention must be made of Hilda H., whose devotion has been truly extraordinary.

In order to provide as happy a Christmas as possible under the circumstances, she held a raffle (unsuccessful, financially) to secure funds for the purchase of gifts and refreshments for the unfortunates placed there because of alcoholism. And a fine party was held, brightening the lives of the inmates for a short period of time any way.

John F., three weeks old as a member was the winner of the raffle, a Mixmaster

She has worked indefatigably with the women, oftentimes taken some who had no place to readapt themselves into her own home. Her dream and hope is that the city or state or even AA will eventually supply a haven similar or better than now available to men in Cleveland.

She would welcome receiving women's clothing, hats, shoes, "unmentionables" etc., so she can outfit the "graduates" and make them presentable for job placement. She can be reached at Montrose 2459-J. Her address is 21004 Kenyon Dr.

Tony K. of Smith-Wilson has also been faithful, as has Hilda's husband, Ed. They supplied the men prisoners each with a box containing two packages of cigarettes, gum, candy and fruit. Iva Jane W., secretary of the group and a resident has also been most helpful and sincere.

COLLINWOOD

The new secretary of Collinwood Sunday group, Emil Z. celebrated his fifth year of uninterrupted sobriety at a meeting which he led on January 2. He enjoys a perfect record of attendance at meetings since he joined five years ago. And to top this he has never been late.

Collinwood also meets on Wednesday evenings at 14709 St. Clair. John L., bowler extraordinary, is secretary of this contingent. Doing a top job too.

DOAN DATA

We must keep the sawdust out of our shoes and keep both feet together the coming year. Doan is anticipating a continuous enthusiastic attendance. The speakers continue to be the tops in the "league."

December speakers who impressed were Ralph K. and Johnny H. of Doan, Fred S. of Euclid-Wade and Bill D. of Akron.

AA DISTRICT OFFICE

The Staff of your District Office wishes to thank the many members of AA who sent in cards and good wishes over the holiday season. We are now settled and doing business at the new stand in the Arcade (Room 780). We look forward to welcoming you when you find an opportunity to come in and see the office.

A lady called us on the phone last week and asked us how to get to Akron. We supplied the information and wanting to be of as much help as possible, were about to follow up with what we knew of meeting times and locations there when she interrupted us to inquire if we also knew what the Dodge Convertible was selling for now. Another question on our part cleared it all up and we set it right by suggesting that in this case her problem could be solved by the AAA-not AA.

During the month of December 63 calls for help received at the office were turned over to 28 groups. Of these, 41 were receptive to first contact, 5 were not ready and not interested, 1 was not an AA case, 6 could not be reached when contacts were attempted.

During the same time 67 general services were performed for members and groups; 43 requests for literature and information were filled and 12 speakers were supplied.

HOSPITAL COMMITTEE

The third training course in public speaking conducted by Charles McCune of the Cleveland Plain Dealer will open on Tuesday, January 7th at 7:00 P. M.

There are opportunities also available in the cabinet making and upholstery classes at the same time.

This opportunity to "take up the slack" has been provided for AA's who are looking for something to fill their idle time over and above meetings and hospital calls. Occunvine, their time in fruitful endeavor provides an excellent* outlet of energy.

Each Tuesday night these classes are held from 7 to 9:30 P. M. They are open to AA's only. At 9:30 all assemble for coffee and doughnuts and from time to time a regular AA meeting is held with an outstanding speaker as leader.

Each class costs \$2.00 per person. The address is 2239 East 55th Street.

Many requests are received by the committee to provide beds in more general hospitals, but the committee felt that present facilities seemed adequate inasmuch as they were not always filled to capacity.

Marymount hospital with 9 beds will be available soon as details such as medication, fees and hospitalization have been satisfactorily arranged.

BOWLING NOTES

St. Clair Lakeview got the bits in their combined teeth and plunged three games ahead of last month's leaders, Glenville who incidentally were tied with Arcade for first. Arcade trails Glenville by one game.

Valley View No. 2 experienced a sudden reversal of form and blew a commanding lead in the past month. Possibly the Bulletin is to blame. In our last issue we referred to them as 1948-49 champs. They weren't! 'Twas the Valley View No. 1 team. Sorry! The present leaders are Northeast No. 1 with 40 points followed by Suburban with 38 and Collinwood with 37. Valley View No. 2, Berea and Miles-Lee are tied for fourth with 36. Still a very tight race. Al H. and John L. of Collinwood lead the individuals with 178 and 175 respectively.

Clark increased its lead over Lorain Yanks and now leads them by seven points in the Friday early shift league, but Angle No. 1 snuck into second place, 4 points behind Clark. Addison had its great lead shortened to seven over Angle No. 3 in the late shift.

LEE ROAD WEDNESDAY

Harley McH, steadfast member of Lee Road, Wednesday, was elected secretary to succeed retiring secretary Wynn W. Wynn was presented with a beautiful watch in recognition of his faithful service and his wife Marcella almost fainted with surprise as she was given a box of linen by the women of the group. They were visibly affected and the crowd loved them for it.

Cleveland Group Meetings

MONDAY

Table listing Cleveland Group Meetings for Monday, including ADDISON, BORTON, DETROIT MONDAY, FAIRMOUNT, LAKE SHORE, LAKEWOOD, LAKEWOOD MEN'S, LAKEWOOD WOMEN, LEE MONDAY, LORAIN AVE., MARINE HOSPITAL, PEARL, SHAKER HEIGHTS, SOUTH EAST GROUP, UNION, WEST 25th St., WILLOUGHBY, and WOMEN'S.

TUESDAY

Table listing Cleveland Group Meetings for Tuesday, including ARCADE, CHARITY, CLARK, EAGLE TRAINING, EDGELAKE, EUCLID-WADE, FAIRVIEW PARK, MAYFIELD VILLAGE, MILES-LEE, SMITH-WILSON, SUPERIOR, WEST PARK, WEST SJDE MEN'S, ELYRIA, LORAIN, O., MEDINA, O., PAINESVILLE, O., and STRONGSVILLE, O.

WEDNESDAY

Table listing Cleveland Group Meetings for Wednesday, including ALCOLA, BAXTER AVE., BROOKLYN, COLLINWOOD, DENISON, DOAN MEN'S, EAST SIDE MORNING, GARFIELD HEIGHTS, LEE ROAD, ST. JAMES, WARRENSVILLE, BEDFORD, O., ELYRIA, O., and LORAIN, O.

THURSDAY

Table listing Cleveland Group Meetings for Thursday, including ALLENDALE, ANGLE, BROADWAY-55th, COVENTRY, EDDY ROAD, GLENVILLE, LORAIN AVE., OUTHWAITE, THURSDAY AFTERNOON WOMEN, WARRENSVILLE, WEST SIDE, WYANDOTTE MEN'S, BERA, O., EAST LAKE, and PAINESVILLE, O.

FRIDAY

Table listing Cleveland Group Meetings for Friday, including ANSEL ROAD, CEDAR, GORDON SQUARE, LEE ROAD, MILES MEN'S, NORTHEAST, ROCKY RIVER, ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL, WEST SIDE YOUNG PEOPLE, BERA, CHAGRIN FALLS, O., CHARDON, O., CONNEAUT, O., EUCLID, O., LORAIN-AVON, and MENTOR, O.

SATURDAY

Table listing Cleveland Group Meetings for Saturday, including ALCOLA, BROADWAY MEN'S, CROSSROADS, GLENVILLE, GOSPEL CENTER, LAKEWOOD Sat. Nite, MATT TALBOT, PARMA, REDWOOD, TRINITY, VALLEY VIEW, WINDEMERE, 8005 GROUP, ASHTABULA, O., and ELYRIA, O.

THE ART OF SAYING NO

Every member of Alcoholics Anonymous has got to learn one all important fundamental lesson which is: alcohol for him is taboo-that there is no compromise—there is no such a thing as just one drink. Quite a lot of our younger members seem to think they are going to lose popularity when they persist in refusing a drink— but there is only one alternative when it is a choice between principles and popularity. In any event, popularity of this kind isn't even worth the price. When dealing with people who will not accept a determined and definite NO, then it is time to bow out without any lingering or looking back. In more situations than one, doing just this has saved many a man his sobriety and peace of mind. In AA we have to consider propriety and principle and when we meet any proposal that passes their limits-it is time we took a definite stand. Our safety and self respect suggest that we adhere to that credo wherein we conduct our lives and beyond which we will not be moved. We've got to learn the art of saying NO is saying and meaning it in a very definite manner. When we have decided what we are not going to do—we shall be free to do vigorously what we ought to do.

-The Lifeline, Vancouver, B. C.

SAVE SALES TAX STAMPS FOR DOWNTOWN OFFICE



Well, the holidays are over, and honestly Bill, though I was offered more than fifty drinks. I didn't even drool as I turned them all down. That's achievement, isn't it?

Good for you, Al! When you can turn down drinks and not feel sorry for yourself, you are over the hump. It's the fellows who feel sorry for themselves because they CAN'T drink who usually have trouble. They ought to thank God they don't HAVE TO.

SUNDAY

Table listing Cleveland Group Meetings for Sunday, including COLLINWOOD, LAKEVIEW, MISTLETOE, NEWBURGH, OUTHWAITE, STERLING, SPONSORSHIP MEETING, TRAINING MEETING, WEST SIDE, WARRENSVILLE, GENEVA, O., LORAIN, O., and PAINESVILLE, O.

1st TUESDAY EVERY MONTH

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

3rd TUESDAY EVERY MONTH

HOSPITAL COMMITTEE—Hanna Building, Room 370.....8:30

FOR AUTHORITATIVE AA INFORMATION AND LITERATURE

AA CLEVELAND DISTRICT OFFICE-780 The Arcade.....CH 7387

LIST OF COOPERATING AA HOSPITALS

Table listing cooperating AA hospitals, including Betty's Home, Charity Hospital, Cleveland Alcoholic Clinic, Farquharson's, MacGillis Nursing Home, Ryan's Nursing Home, and St. John's Hospital.

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Don't Give Up

It is sometimes difficult but it is always necessary to retain a mental picture of the patience, the kindness and the firm direction of **the people who** sponsored us in our first feeble steps in Alcoholics Anonymous.

No being is more sensitive than a drunk with the jitters. Certainly we want to sober up after being battered about, physically, financially and emotionally, for years. But at the beginning it is a race between this newly acquired and often tentatively held desire and, **the** fear that someone will again "hop our frame," as wives, **relatives**, friends and business associates have done for years, for being a drunk.

The sponsor who has grown intolerant, who has **fortotten** his own feeble beginnings, can be discouraging in the **extreme** if **great** care is not exercised.

Some times tolerance is heavily **taxed**. We may be working with **someone** who says he wishes to sober up, yet he gets drunk repeatedly. It is frequently difficult to draw the line and say that those who do such and so want sobriety and the others do not.

We know one chap who has been worked on by a score of **members** to no avail. "Worked on" is an inadequate phrase, for this man has **been** taken into the homes of AA's for weeks and months at a time. He has **been** given outside **help** of one kind or another to act him over **the** hump. He has **been** given jobs repeatedly. All this, so far, has **added** up to nothing but the latest **sprce**. Yet, we are, convinced that this man **really**, almost pathetically.. **wants** sobriety. The **obvious rejoinder** that he doesn't want it enough to do **something** about it is not true. He does something about it repeatedly, but he doesn't do it consistently and **continuously**.

Should this man be written off? WC don't think so. Certainly he should not **be** denounced or condemned as a weakling as we have heard some disappointed **members** do. He should be viewed for what he is: a man who is **sicker** with the **disease** of alcoholism than others: a man who needs more help, more **patience**, **more** care than the average. Some day, with the help of God, this man may achieve sobriety.

Another "problem" drunk who has **been** in and out of our life for some time is another type. He wants sobriety, but he also **cuddles** the idea that he is an "incorrigible alcoholic," as he puts it **himself**. He will stay on the beam for a week or so. Then he falls off, takes a **few** drinks and invariably goes to the phone to **tell** us about it. **There** isn't much, we fear, that can be done for this man. WC have told him that the first **time** he calls us **before** he takes the drinks **instead** of in the first rosy glow of his new binge we will **believe** he truly wants to sober up.

Yet, who knows? **The** point is that patience should not be lost with either of **these men** or with **scores** like **them** who can be helped.

Too long is the list of **men**, given up by **someone** as **hopeless**, who have found **the** way to a sober and useful **life** because someone **else** thought it worth the time and effort to work with **them**.

Only understanding, **patience** and **tolerance** can bring

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In the Mail

Many letters cross our desk from friends across the country. Many of them are supplemented with clippings **from** newspapers and **magazines** or original **ideas** for editorials. They are all welcome and greatly appreciated. On the **same** day, several weeks ago, came two letters. Excerpts of each follow herewith. They offer striking lessons in the lives of people.

From Elliott **K.**, former Clevelander, now in Houston: "Knowing that most editors at some time or other crop out with a dramatic flair, I, wondered if the following would **appeal** to you for a little mention in the Bulletin. In my mind, reflecting on it, I have titled it

A. A. Graduation Valedictory

Many of us would probably prefer to call it

Perfect Death

"The Austin Texas Group has among its members one Sergeant George **B.**, a retired Army man, having served in the Army thirty-one years. He came into AA after knocking around a while and spent his time in the kitchen and as custodian of the Club.

On December 28, 1949, at a birthday party given by the group, this being his third anniversary in AA, he was called upon to make a **few** remarks. His eyes filled up as he began to speak. He expressed his gratitude to AA for all it had done for him and for all it meant to him. He further expressed the hope that he would remain constant in his sobriety until his dying day. Then he **slumped** to the floor-dead. The crowd was stunned, **but** suddenly came the **realization** that his wish **had** been

fulfilled and God's Will had been done. Someone said Well, he died sober'; the greatest tribute I think that can **be** paid **any** of us when our time **comes**."

Comment on this stirring experience obviously would be **superfluous**.

The other letter written by a lady in the far **west**, and who **returned** the renewal card **sans** check, disturbed us not a little. In major part, here is her comment:

"Tragic experience in my life, caused by alcoholism, **impelled** me to call your Cleveland Office, when living at Statler Hotel there. I purchased your book-'Alcoholics Anonymous'; subsequently **have** read much of your **literature**.

"At this time I was glad to **learn** you welcomed **all**—agnostics, atheists, etc., so long as **they** understood they must **believe** in **some** higher power. We know that **there** can be **interest** in **others**, beauty of nature, art, etc.

"I **have** noted, however, your **Bulletin** stresses God with the capital '**G**'—the belief of 'Church-ism' which, in my opinion, is **one** of **the** most destructive '**isms**' in the world. Should I, as an agnostic, become an **alcoholic**, I could never join your organization. The **references** and **stress** in the bulletins, to me, are very undesirable and childish.

"As a former resident of Cleveland, I knew many of your **members** and, as related to me, the outstanding help in their reform was **their** association with those **formerly** addicted-whose stories made **theirs** seem so unimportant, **they** felt **even** their efforts at infamy **were** unsuccessful. So I've heard **here**—it is the way 'Jo' looks, etc., which convinces 'Jim', he wishes to **be** like him and that **desire** uplifted him, **spurred** him on—not the fact Jo **turned** himself

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DON'T GIVE UP

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about such results. These are the qualities that must be cultivated. And, let's admit it, it sometimes is difficult as WC pile up years of sobriety and forget our own groping start. In all cases let us ever remember that we are only the agents. God is the real sponsor.

WE BLUSH

Boy, did we get our come-uppance! And did we deserve it? We did! In November WC reprinted an article which appeared in one of our contemporary AA sheets. It was vaguely familiar—we liked it—we “puddit in.” Soon after mailing it we received four telephone calls giving us the bird for reprinting “something new” which was in the Big Book, our “AA Bible”—our ruidic to better living! we awaited further blasts, but either it was new to others or had been read originally with the same type of befogged mind as ours was some nine years ago, or (perish the thought!) wasn't read at all as it reappeared in our columns.

Very properly we were taken to task by the “Here's How” editor in his excellent article titled “Let's get back to Fundamentals.” He rightly pointed out that most of us begin to depend on collateral literature, group magazines and pamphlets, on the group discussions and talks at larger meetings. He advocated constant re-reading of the Big Book as a MUST in everyone's program, for on each trip through the pages, new thoughts will be brought forth, and old thoughts would take on different meanings.

We made a firm decision to re-read the Book so we wouldn't be caught with our-we wouldn't be embarrassed again. We looked around for one (we've owned as many as 20 in these years) and every blessed one has been loaned out and not returned.

Thanks, Here's How editor. And even tho it's Februnry and we haven't yet opened that Big Book, maybe this article will mnkc some of my “loanies” honest and return one of my books so I can get down to fundamentals again.

CHARITY HOSPITAL

Charity Hospital, which has given so much to AA in service, is making an appeal to all Clevelanders for money to completely replace its outmoded buildings. They are trying to raise \$975,000.00.

There is no question that this institution of mercy which donates 100,000 patient benefactions a year deserves support for perpetuation of its kindness to the stricken.

Any help you can give them will be appreciated.

SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION

Blood donors are urgently needed to save lives of veterans at Crile, Brecksville and Marine Hospitals. Surgery schedules are running over 400 operations a month and the demand for blood is greater than at any time since the war. Will you call the Blood Donor Recruitment Service at Red Cross Headquarters, SU. 1800, today, for a blood donor appointment?

One of our delightful AA women, May B. was operated on in St. John's Hospital in January and needed blood urgently. Many responded to the call but only the rich blood of Crawford W., Leo S., Martin T., John L. and J. B. W. was acceptable. Well on the road to recovery, she is deeply grateful to AA.

How about registering your type of blood at the office? The Red Cross won't mind if you give blood elsewhere once in a while.

TRINITY

An unusual gesture of appreciation of AA's contribution to the community as a spiritual factor was made by Rev. Elam Wiest, pastor of Trinity Evangelical and Reformed Church at 3525 West 25th St., as he invited three AA's to occupy the pulpit on Sunday, February 26th.

Speaking on the spiritual phase of AA will be Jack S. of Wyandotte; Charlie S. of Trinity on the Aims and Purposes of AA and Frede L. on the 24 Hour Plan.

They will speak at both regular services at 8:30 a. m. and 10:45 a. m.

The new secretary of Trinity is Marty McL.

MAYBE HE JOINED AA

A pink elephant, a green rat and a yellow snake entered the cocktail bar. “You're a little early, boys, he's not here yet.”

—Social Center Chatter..

IN THE MAIL

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over to God'. Self respect is the first requisite of a decent, respected person—the attribute, you earn.

“Generally, our scientists—the men responsible for our advancements—are at cross-purposes with the dogmatic churches and this ‘God’: also, according to statistics, these intelligent men are moral men. True character is instilled at home or, later, by good environment only.

“Tho you have done much for those desirous of reform, you know alcoholism is on the increase. Believe me, part of that increase is due to your theory that alcoholism is a disease. I've known those addicted, with complete lack of principle, who now call themselves ‘sick’.

“As Dr. Crane so aptly said: ‘alcoholism is not the disease but the out; the mechanism of a fearful person, basically an escape.’ It is not feasible to make men dislike liquor if the original inferiority complex is left untouched. The cure must be based on elimination of the inner fire so the fire escape of alcoholism is no longer needed.

“Your Book, etc., stresses the fact that no matter the tears and heartaches an alcoholic causes, reference to his over-imbibing must not be mentioned, unless he projects the idea. I, at first, was much impressed by this: later heard it said—“Why should all associates evolve their lives to the desire of one who is self-centered, selfish, lacking consideration for wife and family.” I finally agreed and now this opinion corroborated by a prominent physician.

“This ‘babying’ only furnished the addicted another alibi for the ‘out.’”

This party, evidently well read, in our opinion missed the most important factor revealed in the book “Alcoholics Anonymous?” To most of us, restoration of faith and hope in self and others, brought inevitable the attendant faith in a Divine Power. This faith overcame most obstacles and a “spiritual experience” was the result. Intelligent definition of this “spiritual experience” can be given by the thousands upon thousands who found that subservience to the God revealed to them in the Bible was necessary and only until this was accomplished did they find their answer.

Development of self is laudable and good, but without the help of God, the developer will fall far short, become frustrated and unhappy, and a likely convert to the false God of the Bottle.

Full surrender to God, the Creator of man, has supplied the miraculous recoveries of most AA's. The few who haven't surrendered to Him and are staying sober are the exceptions. They are carried along by the momentum of the believers.

Incidentally most scientists are believers. non-believers are the exception.

TAPCO CELEBRATES

The Tapco group, a unique AA group composed entirely of employes of the Thompson Products Co., will celebrate its first anniversary with an open meeting to which the public is invited on Thursday, March 16 at 4 p. m. The sponsors will be Judge Jim C. and John (Jack) D.

The Tapco group has attracted national attention for its great success, having processed a great number of employees who normally would have been threatened with discharge for excessive drinking. Less than a half dozen have fallen by the wayside.

Under the Tapco setup, the recalcitrant employee is given a choice to quit or listen to a committee of AA's who pass on his suitability for continuing employment. He usually listens and the results are noteworthy.

The Thompson Products Co. should be commended for its intelligent understanding and the finest method we know of communicating this is to attend the Open House on March 16th. Enter at Post 4 at 23555 Euclid Ave.

TEN YEAR MEN

Two loyal, hard working and respected men will be honored by their groups on their tenth anniversary of uninterrupted sobriety during the next two weeks.

First to be so honored will be beloved Tom F. of the Borton group, on Monday, February 27th at 9 p. m. in East Cleveland Congregational Church. Page and Euclid.

The second is Harry W. of the Lnk Shore group, which meets in Legion Hall, 1372 Warren Road at 8:30 p. m. This will occur on Monday, March 13th.

Both gentlemen will attract and deserve great crowds.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

The February 7th meeting was well attended. 31 groups being represented. Frank W., Hospital Committee chairman, reported availability of Marymount Hospital under direction of Dr. Ippolito . . . A balance of \$140.00 was reported by the treasurer . . . Central Bulletin reported 66 subscribers and a current deficit of \$131.23. Asked for continued support . . . Consolidated Meeting in April will be led by Dr. C. P. M. of Pontiac, Mich. An outstanding speaker . . . Action Committee took action on embarrassing article which appeared in Cleveland Plain Dealer . . . Bill W., founder, was invited to appear in line on 15th anniversary of AA. Complications involving possible trip to Europe made a definite answer impossible. Motion carried that if Bill can't come, no official recognition of the anniversary be observed.

NEW HOSPITAL FACILITY

Newly erected Marymount Hospital on McCracken Road near Broadway has shown extraordinary cooperation with the Hospital Committee and has made nine beds available in its beautiful building. Hospitalization cards are cognized. Sister Raymond has been a real understanding sister in ministering to the patients. Admission of patients is through the rear door of the hospital.

BOWLING NOTES

The two Friday West Side groups top teams met in a friendly fought but friendly match on Sunday, February 13th, with Addison emerging the victor over Clark with margin of 93 pins in the three games. The Addison team, backed by Jim McD., sure fought brilliantly for "Old Siwash." Both teams are leading their respective leagues by sizable margins. Art S. of Clark managed to rest top single game honors in league competition with 257, only to lose it the next week to a radiating guy with the initial B., who socked a nice 266 game for the honor.

In the Thursday West Side Berea is pulling away from Collinwood and Northenst. the latter team gaining but 20 points in four Weeks of bowling.

St. Clair-Lakeview is maintaining a stiff pace in the Friday East Side league, though Euclid-Wade No. 1 did manage to unseat them for team high three games with a total of 2632.

An anonymous writer suggests a rolloff at the end of the season between the four leagues for championship of Cleveland. He suggested that the Bulletin furnish a fitting trophy. We suggest he scan the item on Central Committee for his answer. We do believe it to be a good idea, that the teams meet to determine the Cleveland Championship. Get together, secretaries.

WOMEN'S OPEN HOUSE

Lakewood Women's Group will celebrate its first anniversary with an Open House on Monday, March 6th at 30 p. m. They meet in Lakewood U. P. Church at 12601 Detroit Ave. The speaker will be Polly F. of the New York AA office. The meeting will be open to all members and friends.

BEREA FRIDAY GROWING

Frank S. of Berea Friday is puzzled but pleased at the increasing attendance. Puzzled because he doesn't know how much food to purchase. A fine spirit is evident among the 50 to 75 who attend who have been bringing in new members.

WEST SIDE CHANGES LOCATION

The West Side Sunday group will meet in Chester's restaurant, Lorain Ave. and Triskett Road on and after March 5th at 8 p. m.

ALCOLA CHANGES TIME OF MEETING

The Saturday Alcola group has changed its meeting time from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m.

EUCLID-WADE

Square Dances will be held by the Euclid-Wade group on Saturday evenings, March 18th and April 25th, in the Alvary Presbyterian Church Auditorium. Pappy Doyle's orchestra will supply the music.

AA DISTRICT OFFICE

Since the first of the year the District Office has increased its stock of literature. Three new pamphlets from Birmingham and one from St. Louis are now available. If there is any literature in which you are interested or have heard about and would like to see, get in touch with the office. They will be glad to get it for you.

During the month of January 68 calls for help were received at your District Office and were turned over to 35 Groups. Of these, 47 were receptive to first contact, 13 were not ready when contact was made and 8 could not be located when contact was attempted.

In the same time 94 general services were performed for members and groups, 42 requests for literature and information were filled and 12 speakers were supplied.

NEW GROUPS

Larry S. of Chagrin Falls reminds us of our negligence in announcing the establishment of a thriving group in Solon, Ohio. WC were honored in being chosen the first speaker . . . and we hang our head in shame for neglecting to inform our readers of this excellent group. It meets in St. Rita's Church basement on Saturdays at 9 o'clock. That was several months ago and they're growing fast.

A group which emphasizes thorough sponsorship and AA indoctrination, fitly calls itself the Tradition Group. It meets on Friday evenings at 8:30 p. m. in St. Mary's Hall, Northfield Rd. and Union St., Bedford, Ohio. That's Route 8. Strictly stag. Barber and fellow-Lion Ceo. S., organized this group in November.

In Lakewood, Steve S. became secretary of the new Madison Park Group which meets in St. Gregory's Hall, Quail and Thrush Aves. each Friday at 8:45 p. m. This is a mixed group and visitors are welcome. 83 attended the opening meeting.

DOAN DATA

Excellent leaders have been heard at the Doan Men's meetings, including Dick C. and Dr. Leslie T. of Lakewood who were outstanding. Your reporter spent a joyful week in New York visiting relatives whom he hadn't seen in many years.

Our secretary, Bill T., was honored recently in being selected as a Cleveland Good Neighbor. Can't say he's anonymous anymore, but we all agree that he deserved the nice things said about him.

GLENVILLE

On the second Thursday in January, new officers were installed. The new secretary is Joe A., and the House Committee members are Joe P., Joe D., Bill F., Helen S. and Pat B.

A television set has been installed and free billiards are available to its members. The response has been most gratifying.

SMITH-WILSON

Over 300 persons crowded in to hear Franklyn S. and Jack D. at the fourth anniversary of the Smith-Wilson group. Elmer L. was also scheduled to speak, but was called out of town, so able and delightful Tommy F., the copper substituted. It was a grand evening.

LORAIN COUNTY

Warren C. of Cleveland Lake Shore will be the speaker at the monthly Lorain County Consolidated meeting in Lorain Social Center, 700 Broadway, Lorain, Ohio at 7 p. m., Sunday, March 5th.

Herbert S. H. of Cincinnati will be the guest speaker on April 2, which will inaugurate the 7th year of Consolidated meetings.

Saturday, March 13, the Elyria groups will feature the Cleveland "Sweethearts on Parade." Regular meeting at 8, show at 9.

A fledgling Women's group was started with five members and meets on Wednesdays at 8:30 p. m. at 421 Broadway, Apartment No. 6. Jean G. is secretary and Marie B. of Elyria is treasurer.

Women of the Friday Lorain-Avon group have for the past four months been serving pot-luck suppers. Cleveland visitors welcome. Only fee is to bring some kind of food. Starts at 7 p. m. Meeting at 9.

MONDAY

ADDISON—Westminster Church, N.E. Cor. Addison & Wade Park. 8:30
 BORTON—E. Cleve. Cone. Church, Page & Euclid. 8:45
 DETROIT MONDAY—8023 Detroit Ave. 8:30
 FAIRMOUNT—St. Paul's Episcopal, Fairmount and Coventry. 8:30
 LAKE SHORE—Legion Hall, 1372 Warren Rd. 8:30
 LAKEWOOD (Orchard Grove)—1417 St. Charles, n.r. Detroit. 8:30
 LAKEWOOD MEN'S—St. Peter's Episc. W. Clifton & Detroit. 8:30
 LAKEWOOD WOMEN—United Presby. Church, 12601 Detroit. 8:30
 LEE MONDAY—First Presb. Church, E. Cleve, Nela and Euclid. 8:30
 LORAIN AVE.—Chester's Restaurant, Lorain and Triskett. 8:30
 MARINE HOSPITAL—E. 124th and Fairb. 7:50
 PEARL—Corpus Christi, 420 2 Stickney (E. of Pearl Rd). 8:30
 SHAKER HEIGHTS—Christ Episc., Church, 3451 Warrensville. 8:30
 SOUTH EAST GROUP—Holy Name Hall, 8328 Broadway. 8:30
 UNION—American Legion Hall, 13913 Kinsman (in rear). 8:30
 WEST 25th ST.—Marvel Hall, 2858 W. 25th St. 8:30
 WILLOUGHBY—Presbyterian Church, Willoughby, O. 8:30
 WOMEN'S—East Side—Emmanuel Church, 8610 Euclid. 8:30
 WOMEN'S—West Side—West Blvd. Christ., W. Blvd. & W. 101. 8:30

TUESDAY

ARCADE—Euclid Ave. Baptist, E. 18th & Euclid. 8:30
 CHARITY—Last Tues. of each month—Charity Hosp. Nurses' Awd. 8:30
 CLARK—4105 Clark Ave. Upstairs. 8:30
 EAGLE TRAINING—Salvation Army, E. 9th & P I. 8:00
 EDGELAKE—Community Center Bldg., St. Charles and Detroit. 8:30
 EUCLID-WADE—Calvary Presbyterian Church, E. 79 & Euclid. 8:30
 FAIRVIEW PARK—Masonic Hall, 22082 Lorain Road. 8:30
 MAYFIELD VILLAGE—Dahlgren's SOM Center & Wilson Mills. 8:30
 MILES-LEE-MOUNT Hope Church, E. 164th, north of Miles. 8:30
 SMITH-WILSON-Nativity School, 9510 Aetna Road. 8:50
 SUPERIOR—Immaculate Conception, E. 43rd and Superior. 8:30
 WEST PARK—West Park Baptist Church, W. 152nd and Lorain. 8:30
 WEST SIDE MEN'S—St. Patrick's Hall, Bridge at W. 38th. 8:30
 ELYRIA (Colored)—335 Columbus St. 8:30
 LORAIN, O.—Community Hall, 23rd and Beech Sts. 8:00
 MEDINA O.—St. Paul's Episcopal Parish House. 8:30
 PAINESVILLE, O.—Stag-31 N. State Street. 8:30
 STRONGSVILLE, O.—Towa Hall. 8:30

WEDNESDAY

ALCCILA-6409 Detroit Ave. 9:00
 BAXTER AVE.—6527 Baxter Ave. 8:30
 BROOKLYN-K of P Hall, 1316 Broadway, east of Pearl Rd. 8:45
 COLLINWOOD-147,09 St. Clair Ave. 8:30
 DENISON-7403 Denison Ave. 8:30
 DOAN MEN'S—2028 E. 105th St., 2nd floor, ride entrance. 8:45
 EAST SIDE MORNING—2028 E. 105th St. 10:00 A. M.
 GARFIELD HEIGHTS-Trinity Baptist, E. 94th and Garfield Blvd. 8:30
 LEE ROAD-First Eng. Luth., Derbyshire and Euclid Hts. Blvd. 8:30
 ST. JAMES-(Colored) St. James A.M.E., 8401 Cedar. 8:30
 WARRENSVILLE-Women's House of Correction. 6:50
 BEDFORD O.—W. hl. C. A., Tarbell Arc. 8:30
 ELYRIA, O.—St. Andrew's Episcop. Church, Middle and Third. 8:00
 LORAIN, O.—WYLLERS—St. Mary's School, Reid Ave. 8:30
 LORAIN COUNTY WOMEN—421 Broadway, Apt. 6. 8:30

THURSDAY

ALLENDALE—St. Paul's Episc. Church., 15837 Euclid Ave. 8:30
 ANGLE—St. Malachi's Church, 2549 Washington Ave. 8:30
 BROADWAY-55th—Our Lady of Lourdes School Hall. 8:30
 COVENTRY—Fairmount Presbyterian Chapel, Scarborough. 8:30
 EDDY ROAD—Glenville Congregational Church, Eddy & St. Clair. 8:30
 GLENVILLE-10421 St. Clair. 9:00
 LORAIN AVE.—West Park Baptist Church, 15218 Lorain. 8:30
 OUTHWAITE—(Negro) Woodland Center, 7100 Kinsman. 8:30
 THURSDAY AFTERNOON WOMEN—6409 Detroit Ave. 2:00
 WARRENSVILLE—(Infirmary) Administration Building. 7:00
 WEST SIDE-7403 Denison Ave. 10:30 A. M.
 WYANDOTTE MEN'S—Redeemer Hall, Andrew & Detroit (rear). 8:30
 BERA O.—Fine Arts Club, E. Bagley Rd., 3 drs. east of Eastland. 8:30
 EAST LAKE—Vine and Campbell, Willoughby, O. 8:30
 PAINESVILLE, O.—33 N. State St., Third Floor. 8:30

FRIDAY

ANSEL ROAD—St. Thomas Church, 9205 Superior Ave. 9:00
 CEDAR—Salvation Army, 2181 E. 55th St. 8:15
 GORDON SQUARE—St. Helena's Hall, 1367 W. 65th St. 8:30
 LEE ROAD—2056 East 105th St., K. of P. Hall. 9:00
 MADISON PARK—St. Gregory Hall, Quail and Thrush. 8:45
 MILES MEN'S—Stag Group, 4141 E. 116th St. 8:30
 NORTHEAST—2028 E. 105th St. 8:30
 ROCKY RIVER—St. Christopher's Hall, Lakeview off Detroit. 8:30
 ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL—First Friday of each month. 8:30
 TRADITION—Northfield Rd. and Union (Route 8) Bedford. 8:30
 WEST SIDE YOUNG PEOPLE—St. Rose's Hall, W. 116-Detroit. 8:30
 BERA—Social room of Berea Cong. Church, Seminary and Church. 8:30
 CHAGRIN FALLS, O.—American Legion, E. Orange St. 8:30
 CHARDON, O.—Thrasher House, Water St., Chardon O. 8:30
 CONNEAUT, O.—R. of L. E. Hall. 8:30
 EUCLID, O.—Holy Cross Church, E. 200th and Lake Shore Blvd. 8:30
 LORAIN-AVON—AA Social Center, 700 Broadway. 8:30
 MENTOR, O.—Mentor Methodist Church. 8:30
 OBERLIN, O.—American Legion Home, S. Main and Hamilton. 8:30

SATURDAY

ALCOLA—6409 Detroit Ave. 2:00
 BROADWAY MEN'S—St. John's Luth. Church, Cable at Broad. 8:30
 CROSSROADS—Euclid Avenue Baptist Church, East 18th. 9:00
 GLENVILLE—10421 St. Clair. 9:30
 GOSPEL CENTER—6920 Lexington Ave. 8:30
 LAKEWOOD Sat. Nite—Redeemer Hall, Andrews, near Detroit. 8:30
 MATT TALBOT—St. Philip Neri Church, E. 82nd and St. Clair. 8:30
 PARMA—Public Library, 5850 Ridge Road. 8:30
 REDWOOD—Euclid Lutheran Church, E. 260 and Oriole. 8:30
 TRINITY—Trinity Evangelical Church, 3525 W. 25th St. 8:30
 VALLEY VIEW—Community Center, W. 7th and Starkweather. 8:30
 WINDEMERE—East Cleveland Women's Club, 1747 Lakewood. 9:00
 8005 GROUP—8005 Lorain Ave. 8:30
 ASHTABULA, O.—K. of P. Hall, Elm Ave. 8:30
 ELYRIA, O.—St. Andrew's Episc. Church, Middle and Third. 8:30
 SOLON, O.—St. Rita's Church basement. 9:00

THAT BIG OP GROUP

Yes the Ghio Penitentiary Group is a big group, 200 strong, 200 men who have made written application to join and who have been screened to see what their alcoholic background is. Yes, a bin strong, enthusiastic group, who conduct their own meetings in a skillful way, led by their chairman, Homer S. and their Secretary Walter F.

With the meeting in the dining hall, on December 18th, the group finished their first half year. Since the first meeting on June 19th some 250 men have passed through the group. Some 40 have been transferred to the London Prison Farm, where practically all are members of the group of 120 members there. Prison discipline is 100% among our members. There were four cases of drunkenness before the prison courts lately but they were not from our AA Group.

Pete G. of Parma was one of the speakers at a recent meeting. —Today in AA, Columbus, O.

NEW CLUB ROOMS ON SOUTH SIDE

A new diversion center for AA's was opened by Johnny G. during February at 8437 Broadway. It will be called Newburgh AA Recreation Center and is open to all members of AA.

SAVE SALES TAX STAMPS FOR DOWNTOWN OFFICE



SUNDAY

COLLINWOOD—14709 St. Clair Avenue 7:30
 LAKEVIEW—Cyo Hall, St. Aloysius Church, E. 109th & St. Clair. 8:00
 MISTLETOE—MacGillis Home, 1560 Mistletoe at Wade Park. 7:00
 NEWBURGH—St. Catherine's Church, 3443 E. 93rd St. 8:30
 OUTWAITE (Negro)—7100 Kinsman. 4:00
 STERLING—St. Columbkil's School Hall, 2642 Superior. 8:30
 SPONSORSHIP MEETING—Glenville Group, 10421 St. Clair Ave. 2:00
 TRAINING MEETING—8021 Detroit Ave. 8:00
 WEST SIDE—Chester's Restaurant, Lorain and Triskett. 8:00
 WARRENSVILLE—Cooley Farms Recreation Room. 10:00 A. M.
 GENEVA, O.—Legion Hall, Park St., corner of So. Eagle. 7:30
 LORAIN, O.—(Stag) AA Social Center, 700 Broadway. 10:00 A. M.
 PAINESVILLE, O.—33 N. State Street, Third Floor. 8:00

1st TUESDAY EVERY MONTH

CENTRAL COMMITTEE—Rama Building, Room 370. 8:30

3rd TUESDAY EVERY MONTH

HOSPITAL COMMITTEE—Hanna Building, Room 370. 8:30

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 Charity Hospital (MAin 1-9400) (MW) Central and E. 22nd St.
 Cleveland Alcoholic Clinic (EXpress 1-8998) (MW) 7809 Euclid Ave.
 Farquharson's (TUxedo 5-1882) (A1) 6037 Pearl Rd.
 MacGillis Nursing Home (RA. 1-2556) (MW)
 Marymont Hospital (VUlcian J-2310) (MW) 12300 McCracken Rd.
 Ryan's Nursing Home (MElrose 1-1635) (M) 8023 Detroit Ave.
 St. John's Hospital (WOnsiline 1-5750) (A1) 7911 Detroit Ave.
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Admitting Mistakes

"A man should never be ashamed to own he has been in the wrong, which is but saying, in other words, that he is wiser today than he was yesterday."

Alexander Pope, the English poet, expressed that thought many decades ago but it seems to fit the book of every member of Alcoholics Anonymous.

The most miserable people we have ever known are those who believe themselves always in the right. They are edgy, they are touchy, they are supersensitive, they are peevish and, worst of all, they are condemned to live with themselves without respite.

One of the first axioms we learn when we come into this fellowship is that we are not always right. We acknowledge that we erred, some times in ways that were scarcely human, in one of the major matters of life. We injured ourselves and others by our unbridled indulgence.

We always were so sure that we could handle it, that we had no problem, that it was nobody's business, that we had everything, not only drinking but business and family affairs completely under control. Then one day, licked, we admitted we had been wrong, horribly wrong.

That was the first victory. Others had to follow if we would retain the first. And they were not always easy. It was so-convenient to assume that, since we made the first admission of our mistake and sobered up, no further effort was needed.

Not only is it necessary to change actions, but also to alter our thinking and to strive always to reshape our character. To do these things successfully we must admit that we are wrong from time to time. Otherwise we slip into the feeling, comfortable, deadening, that we are pretty much all right.

One of our friends has a system of keeping himself alert on these matters. When he leads-- a-meeting he starts by telling of the things he did that he should not have done and the thoughts he should not have entertained that day. But he says, I'm sober. Then he recalls some shortcomings of last week. But, I was sober. And the months before. But, I was sober, he reiterates.

Not only is this a therapeutic method of great value, admitting one's errors, but it teaches a great lesson. Had our friend not been sober he would have been unable to recognize and appraise his errors and his wrongs!

Look again at Pope's very thoughtful sentence. Our friend is a wiser man today than he was yesterday because he can see these mistakes. And to see them implies an intention of correcting them and not allowing them to occur again.

In this world, in human experience, nothing is sure except the certainty of that help from a Higher Power in any circumstance. It is so foolish for us to take unto ourselves the attributes of infallibility that we wonder why anyone attempts it. Vanity, ego may be the answer. But in doing so we injure our real selves, our honest ego, the personality that God has given us and which it is our task to protect and improve. In this the Almighty will help us if we are humble enough to ask for that help, admitting we are very, very often in the wrong when we try to do things alone.

We Will Be Hosts

The first International Conference of Alcoholic Anonymous will be held in our fair city July 28-30, the fifteenth anniversary of the founding of the fellowship will be observed at this time with the founders, Bill W. and Doctor Bob attending.

The decision to offer Cleveland's facilities was made at the March Central Committee meeting at which 66 groups were represented by over 200 persons. Collaborating with Cleveland groups will be Akron and New York. Bill W. sat in the meeting and gave it "authoritative sanction." This was later endorsed by the Foundation of Alcoholic Anonymous.

Alcoholic Anonymous has grown to such great proportions that sometimes it seems as though it even got out-of-hand in some sectors. The original simple philosophy with its basic fundamentals has in too many instances been vitiated by the intrusion of other purposes or attractions.

The trial and error periods are about over and the general acceptance of the "Twelve Points of Tradition" which augments the Big Book so practically, probably will be the basis of discussion at this first International Conference. A confirmation or re-dedication to these important principles will do much in bringing a consistent and uniform practice throughout the entire AA world.

Dick S., Trustee of the Alcoholic Foundation, formerly of Akron and now of Cleveland, was placed in charge of this vast undertaking. He will devote his entire time until its conclusion to make this first International Conference a success.

Dick was in charge of the Tenth Anniversary held in Cleveland in 1946, and this was considered one of the most outstandingly successful affairs ever held in AA. Cleveland gives Dick credit for his masterful handling of this great affair which attracted 6,000 AA people from coast to coast.

Dick and his staff will be employed to devote, their entire time to handle the multitudinous details, rather than rely upon a volunteer staff of AA's who would give part of their time and certainly less efficiently.

Cleveland's facilities are enormous. The Public Auditorium, with excellent acoustics, will seat 12,000 persons. Bill and Doctor Bob will be the only speakers at this great convention. There will be numerous other discussion meetings which will make the three-day period seem all too short. There will be special meetings for secretaries, of groups, secretaries of district office; publication editors, hospital and nursing home operators, clubhouse managers, women's groups, young people's, institutional activity and others as their needs occur.

Adequate hotel accommodations have been arranged. In the traditional manner of AA, everyone attending will wish to do his part in sharing the expense. A small nominal registration fee will provide a sufficient amount to reimburse the Cleveland AA groups and the Alcoholic Foundation who advanced the the necessary monies as working capital to get the wheels in motion. If by any chance the project is not financially successful the return to the guarantors will be prorata-plus or minus.

Cleveland is proud of the honor conferred upon it, and awaits the renewal of friendships developed in 1945.

Glasses have a definite effect upon a person's vision . . especially if emptied too many times.

HELPING YOURSELF

It is the erroneous belief of many people (both in and out of AA) that all you have to do to correct a fault is to ask God to do it for you. NOW it's altogether proper to ask your God in your way for anything you want . . . but, the things we think we should have may not be **the best** for us.

Nature has endowed us with a mind and body . . . some with strong bodies and minds not so strong . . . others just the reverse . . . still others with both. It is evident that nature did not want us to be regimented with sameness. Imagine a world with everyone alike in every respect.

The old saying "God helps those who help themselves" has stood the test for many years. Look back over your drinking days and you will recall how you asked God to keep you from taking another drink. Did you make an honest and sincere effort to help yourself? Did you analyze yourself **to** determine the cause of your drinking and make an effort to remove it? No, under all probabilities you blamed God when you awoke with a terrific hangover and that terrible obsession so common to all alcoholics. You fell deeper into despair and found yourself thinking along agnostic lines.

People have prayed for rain **to** save their crops, and the rain failed to come, so they blamed God. On the other hand **prayers** have been offered for rain and the heavens **opened** up almost immediately and the crops were saved. **While** you may be praying for rain to save your crops, some outdoor sportsman or amusement park operator may be praying for sunshine.

Now we have learned to store water in ponds and reservoirs and release it upon the dry soil when and where needed. Through irrigation we have learned to make the most arid lands produce in abundance . . . we are helping ourselves.

No, God is not going to snatch that jigger of whisky out of your hand and tell you to go home to your family, but if you have faith in yourself and your fellowman, you will not buy that drink in the first place. You can! help yourself by associating with other members of AA and keeping your mind active along other lines.

Remember the phrase in the Lord's Prayer—"Lead us not into temptation"—and then make an honest and sincere effort to stay away from temptation. You cannot continue to associate with your old drinking buddies and remain sober.

In other words, work for AA and AA will work for you.
-The Paradox, via the Brighter Side.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

It has been suggested that we take our readers into our confidence and render a detailed financial statement to qualify our pleas for sustained effort in getting **subscriptions**. So, here goes. Printing costs for 2,000 issues average \$90.00 per month. Total **\$1,080.00**. Envelopes for monthly mailing \$146.00; return envelopes for expirations and reminders total \$26.00; subscription cards, \$18.00; **addressograph** plates, \$64.00; **postage**, \$222.00, making a total of **\$1,555.00**.

These figures accordingly indicate that 1,600 subscriptions are needed **to** break about even. 200 free reminders to procrastinating subscribers are mailed each month. 100 are sent free to institutions and the District Office, and 100 are retained in our files.

Mailing is done by volunteer workers, such as loyal Stuart I. and Bob W., the editor and his wife. The latter also maintains the everchanging stencils and addressing without **charge**.

The present mailing list is just shy of 1,500.

Honestly we hate **to** bring this to your attention so often, but we hear from so many people that the Bulletin is vital to them, as well as many other cherished compliments, that we wish we could send it free. But we aint fixed that way financially, unfortunately.

A little personal direct effort in each group such has been given by individuals in some groups, notably **Collinwood**, Berea Thursday and Brooklyn, would do the trick. And wouldn't we be grateful!

The place for the "knocker" is outside the door.
The most profitless thing to manufacture is excuses.

BASIC PRESCRIPTION FOR HAPPINESS

Ask the man who has been through the A.A. mill and he will tell you that one of the most difficult and trying periods is the "discontented slowdowns" between the third and the sixth month. Up until the third month, the sincere A.A. embryo is carried along on the wave of his own enthusiasm. He ardently swaps ideas, criticizes and challenges. He has trimmed the program, as he thinks, to fit his individual needs; for he now believes that he understands all the practical applications to maintain his sobriety.

Along about the fourth month, however, he is inclined **to become** a bit restless. Sobriety, he has; but it doesn't seem to make a whit of difference to his associates. He doesn't get the sort of commendation he thinks he's entitled to; he begins to think the time he is spending in this Center is deterring him from establishing a future outside; but, most of all, some little angle that prevents him from having peace of mind and complete happiness dances elusively away from his undertaking.

This failure to comprehend the basic prescription for happiness and freedom from worry results in a frustration which, if not treated slowly and sanely, may result in his return to drink. What eludes the man in this predicament is the fact that he has not turned the management of his life over to God—a prerequisite to his ever conquering the alcoholic habit.

Most of the men who fail in this respect are not **anti-God**; instead they are misled by the concept that people who turn their lives over to God are a hallowed lot trudging through life in sackcloth; and, that, they cannot see for themselves. It seems so difficult to convince a man, in those second three months, that he can live a normal, practical life, and still be guided by the hand of God. If he survives this period, **he** becomes increasingly aware of his dependency on God. A good many of the spiritual experiences you hear repeated are not the result of any celestial visitations, but reflect the sudden awakening of a man to the fact that he **DOES** really and truly believe; that he **DOES** trust, and that he **IS** being rewarded.

He may tie the date of that realization to a spiritual experience, but actually the metamorphosis has been in process **since** his first feeble call on some person other than himself for help.
-Social Center Chatter.

WOMEN'S CLOTHING NEEDED

Just before Hilda H. entered St. Alexis Hospital for surgery, she requested space in the Bulletin to express appreciation for the articles of apparel which she received from kind **A.A.'s**. Four or five dresses, several coats and sweaters were turned over to Miss Peterson of the Women's House of Correction, Box 2, **Warrens-ville, O.** There is a pressing need for unmentionables (man's language) such as lingerie, underwear, stockings, shoes and coats. Some of these women lost everything they had and have neither money or family to provide them with these **necessaries**. To find work, they must appear presentable. Send anything you can spare **to** Miss Peterson.

WILLIAM H. WATKINS, JR.

Stricken with a coronary thrombosis in his sleep, Bill Watkins, secretary of the Willoughby group passed away recently. A prominent business man, he was withal so proud of his A.A. affiliation that he devoted every bit of his spare time to it. He was the spark plug of the Willoughby group and will be sorely missed. His **wife** Lucille survives him and our deep sympathy goes out to her.

MILWAUKEE LEADER KILLED

David L. D., manager of Ivanhoe Sanitarium in Milwaukee was killed in an automobile accident in Milwaukee recently. Riding with him was "Dusty" H., well known throughout this area. Dusty was seriously injured but is recovering. Both were on an AA errand of mercy.

HELP ! POLICE !

The annual Police Night will be held at Trinity group on Saturday night, April 1st no fooling! Speakers will be Harold S., Jack N., Joe B., Dave B. and Arthur M. of the Arcade group and Tommy F. of Gordon Square. Each is an active officer in Cleveland's police force and the meeting promises to be most interesting. Come.

QUARTERLY CONSOLIDATED MEETING

Towne Club, 2612 Prospect Ave.

Sunday, April 16th, 4:00 P. M.

Dr. C. P. M., Medical Director of Oakland Country Tuberculosis Sanatorium of Pontiac, Mich., will be the speaker at the quarterly consolidated meeting in Towne Hall, 2612 Prospect on Sunday, April 16th at 4:00 o'clock.

A devoted member of A.A. and an indefatigable worker in the Detroit area, this famed and kindly doctor has helped many with his great philosophy and inspiration.

He appeared in Cleveland several years ago before the Crossroads group and was considered one of the most outstanding of that group's imposing list of speakers.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Sixty-six groups were represented among the 200 who attended the March Central Committee meeting held for the occasion in Doan Men's Hall. Each group had been notified that Bill W., founder, was to be present to discuss the possibility of holding the first International Convention in Cleveland sometime in July.

Regular business included reports from committee chairmen. Frank W. of the Hospital Committee reported a change in rate of Marymount Hospital. New fee with hospitalization insurance is \$20.00. He reemphasized the just rule for offering complaints on hospitals and nursing homes. *They must be made in writing* to be considered.

John B. of Outhwaite announces the formation of a Rehabilitation Center for Alcoholics and asked for formal approval of Central Committee. Since they intended to finance this project by appealing to the public, they were reminded of the tradition of AA and asked to abide. A definite decision will be reached at the April 4th meeting.

Bill W. was introduced to offer an opinion on the possibility of observing the 16th anniversary of AA in Cleveland, pursuant to an invitation extended to him several months ago. He suggested the plan which was ultimately approved without a dissenting voice, which is given in greater detail on page one of this issue.

Chairman Roy G., appointed Jack D. and Franklyn S. as a committee to serve with him in arranging details with Dick S., who was voted executive chairman of the enterprise.

LAKE SHORE CHANGES LOCATION

Very active and popular Lake Shore group has moved its meeting place to the spacious St. Luke's Parish Hall, Bunts Road and Clifton Boulevard. Dinners are served each meeting night at 7:00 p. m. with the meeting starting promptly at 8:30 p. m.

A great crowd which included some 40 Salvation Army group members turned out on Monday, March 13th to honor popular Harry W. as he observed his 10th anniversary of uninterrupted sobriety.

The group was saddened by the sudden passing of member Lee Carl who fell victim of a heart attack as he was returning to his home from the group meeting.

BOWLING NOTES

The end of the bowling season is approaching, and the battles in two of the leagues are excitingly close. Clark group in the Friday (early shift) Westside league appear to have their pennant in the bag, leading second place Lorain Yanks by eight big points. They've won 74 and lost 30.

In the Friday (9:30 shift) Westside league, Addition enjoys even a larger lead over second place Angle No. 2. They lead by 13 points.

In the Thursday Westside, Berea led for a while only to see both Northeast No. 1 and Collinwood pass them in the last week. Northeast leads with 60 points, Collinwood follows with 69, Berea 57 and Miles-Lee with 66 points.

Some scrap.

In the Eastside league, St. Clair-Lakeview is maintaining a four game lead over Glenville No. 3. Glenville No. 4 is third, but one game out of second. Arcade No. 1 is one game behind in fourth place. This is as of March 10, 1960. Election of officers for 1950-51 will be held at Doan, March 26th.

AA DISTRICT OFFICE

Contributions toward the maintenance of the office have been coming in so poorly that it is necessary to remind our members of their dereliction. If you haven't contributed yet, please do so as quickly as possible.

Without great fanfare this office daily renders service efficiently. During the first quarter 233 calls were received and properly disposed of to 59 groups located throughout the city. Besides that 266 general services were performed for members and groups. 42 speakers were supplied and 238 requests for literature and information were received.

In defending the office to a visiting member, an old-timer who deprecated the office's need of existence, we reminded him that without it, the chances for someone desperate finding AA would indeed be slim. He countered that by stating that every policeman, judge or welfare worker knew someone in AA and could direct the applicant properly. But would the average person with a problem go to these people for advice? We personally would have stayed far from them. So only by chance would one like us find someone to direct us. To whom? Just as some cop or judge or welfare worker, he would direct us to one or two of the most active and/or prominent. Just like in the old days, when AA was smaller, the load fell on just a few who had to sacrifice time from their business. Most of these spent the major part of their time and many calls were wild goose chases.

The office came into being because the burden was too much to bear for the loyal few. True it costs money to maintain an office downtown. True it costs money to maintain a paid office staff. But think of the little it costs you, to know that when a call is assigned to you or your secretary, this call has been screened and is usually within a short distance of you-not way across town.

The thousands who have come into AA through this office are loud in their praise and in expressing appreciation for its availability. Let them and us who came in before the office was established dig deep and relieve them of worry about meeting expenses, Now!

NEW GROUP

The Alan group, a new mixed group, will hold its opening meeting on Thursday, April 6th at 8:30 P. M. in the Alan Club, 1820 East 79th Street, near Hough Avenue. Franklyn S. will be the speaker. Ed. C. is the secretary. Everyone welcome.

LAKESIDE MEN

Speakers for February were Fred H. of Lake Shore, William K., Ray K. of Parma and Russ S. of Berea and our group. A staunch list of speakers are scheduled for March and you are urged to attend. Meetings start at 9:00 P. M. Good discussion.

COLLINWOOD

Uninterrupted sobriety anniversaries were observed on March 8th by Johnny L. with two years and by nine men on March 12th. They were Herb F., six years; Dick R., six; Paul B., six; Emil M., six; H. W-n, five; H. S-s, four; James Y., three! and Johnny L. and Walter L., each two years. It was quite an event.

Jim B. of Windemere leads on March 19th and Wynn W. on the 26th.

ANSEL ROAD

350 persons celebrated St. Patrick's Day with us on March 17 in St. Thomas Aquinas School Hall. "Ten Nights in the Bar Room," "Wings to Ireland" were pictures shown and a hilarious stage play was also offered. Even the Germans enjoyed the fun.

REHABILITATION CENTER

Spring classes opened on March 7th and 14th in upholstery, cabinet making and public speaking. Each class meets from 7 to 9 under excellent teachers. Good way to develop a hobby.

The Center is at 2239 E. 55th. Every Tuesday for AA's.

LORAIN COUNTY

Lorain County Consolidated meeting will be held on Sunday, April 2, at 7:00 P. M. in Lorain AA Social Center, 700 Broadway, Lorain, Ohio. Guest speaker will be Herbert S. H. of Cincinnati.

Everyone is urged to attend. It's an open meeting.

MONDAY

ADDISON—Westminster Church, N.E. Cor. Addison & Wade Park	8:30
BORTON—E. Cleve. Cong. Church, Page & Euclid	8:45
DETROIT MONDAY—8023 Detroit Ave.	8:30
FAIRMOUNT—St. Paul's Episcopal, Fairmount and Coventry	8:30
LAKE SHORE—St. Luke's Parish, Clifton and Bunts Rd.	8:30
LAKEWOOD (Orchard Grove)—1417 St. Charles, nr. Detroit	8:30
LAKEWOOD MEN'S—St. Peter's Episc., W. Clifton & Detroit	8:30
LAKEWOOD WOMEN—United Presby. Church, 12601 Detroit	8:30
LEE MONDAY—First Presb. Church, E. Cleve., Nela and Euclid	8:30
LORAIN AVE.—Chester's Restaurant, Lorain and Triskett	8:30
MARINE HOSPITAL—E. 124th and Fairhill	7:30
PEARL—Corpus Christi Basement, 4202 Stickney (E. of Pearl Rd)	8:30
SHAKER HEIGHTS—Christ Episc. Church, 3451 Warrensville	8:30
SOUTH EAST GROUP—Holy Name Hall, 8328 Broadway	8:30
UNION—American Legion Hall, 13913 Kinsman (in rear)	8:30
WEST 25th ST.—Marvel Hall, 2858 W. 25th St.	8:30
WILLOUGHBY—Presbyterian Church, Willoughby, O.	8:30
WOMEN'S—East Side—Emmanuel Church, 8610 Euclid	8:30
WOMEN'S—West Side—West Blvd. Christ., W. Blvd. & W. 101	8:30

TUESDAY

ARCADE—Euclid Ave Baptist, E. 18th & Euclid	8:30
CHARITY—Last Tues. of each month—Charity Hosp. Nurses' Aud.	8:30
CLARK—4105 Clark Ave. Upstairs	8:30
EAGLE TRAINING—Salvation Army, E. 9th & Eagle	8:00
EDGE LAKE—Community Center Bldg., St. Charles and Detroit	8:30
EUCLID-WADE—Calvary Presbyterian Church, E. 79 & Euclid	8:30
FAIRVIEW PARK—Masonic Hall, 22082 Lorain Road	8:30
MAYFIELD VILLAGE—Dahlgren's SOM Center & Wilson Mills	8:30
MILES-LEE—Mount Hope Church, E. 164th, north of Miles	8:30
SMITH-WILSON—Nativity School, 9510 Aetna Road	8:30
SUPERIOR—Immaculate Conception, E. 43rd and Superior	8:30
WEST PARK—West Park Baptist Church, W. 152nd and Lorain	8:30
WEST SIDE MEN'S—St. Patrick's Hall, Bridge at W. 38th	8:30
ELYRIA (Colored)—335 Columbus St.	8:30
LORAIN, O.—Community Hall, 23rd and Beech Sts.	8:00
MEDINA, O.—St. Paul's Episcopal Parish House	8:30
PAINESVILLE, O.—Stag—33 N. State Street	8:30
STRONGSVILLE—St. Joseph's Church, 10,000 Pearl Rd.	8:30

WEDNESDAY

ALCOLA—6409 Detroit Ave.	9:00
BAXTER AVE.—6527 Baxter Ave.	8:30
BROOKLYN—K of P Hall, 3316 Broadview, east of Pearl Rd.	8:45
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
EAST SIDE MORNING—2028 E. 105th St.	10:00 A. M.
GARFIELD HEIGHTS—Trinity Baptist, E. 94th and Garfield Blvd.	8:30
LEE ROAD—First Eng. Luth., Derbyshire and Euclid Hts. Blvd.	8:30
ST. JAMES (Colored)—St. James A.M.E., 8401 Cedar	8:30
WARRENSVILLE—Women's House of Correction	8:30
BEDFORD, O.—Y. M. C. A., Tarbell Ave.	8:30
ELYRIA, O.—St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Middle and Third	8:00
LORAIN, O.—ANTLERS—St. Mary's School, Reid Ave.	8:30
LORAIN COUNTY WOMEN—421 Broadway, Apt. 6	8:30

THURSDAY

ALAN—1820 East 79th St.	8:30
ALLENDALE—St. Paul's Episc. Church, 15837 Euclid Ave.	8:30
ANGLE—St. Malachi's Church, 2549 Washington Ave.	8:30
BROADWAY-55th—Our Lady of Lourdes School Hall	8:30
COVENTRY—Fairmount Presbyterian Chapel, Scarborough	8:30
EDDY ROAD—Glenville Congregational Church, Eddy & St. Clair	8:30
GLENVILLE—10421 St. Clair	9:00
LORAIN AVE.—West Park Baptist Church, 15218 Lorain	8:30
OUTHWAITE (Negro)—Woodland Center, 7100 Kinsman	8:30
THURSDAY AFTERNOON WOMEN—6409 Detroit Ave.	2:00
WARRENSVILLE (Infirmary)—Administration Building	7:00
WEST SIDE—7403 Denison Ave.	10:30 A. M.
WYANDOTTE MEN'S—Redeemer Hall, Andrews & Detroit (rear)	8:30
BEREA, O.—Fine Arts Club, E. Bagley Rd., 3 dra. east of Eastland	8:30
EAST LAKE—Vine and Campbell, Willoughby, O.	8:30
PAINESVILLE, O.—33 N. State St., Third Floor	8:30
SHEFFIELD LAKE—West Shore Club, Stop 8 1/2 Lake Rd.	8:30

FRIDAY

ANSEL ROAD—St. Thomas Church, 9205 Superior Ave.	9:00
CEDAR—Salvation Army, 2181 E. 55th St.	8:15
GORDON SQUARE—St. Helena's Hall, 1367 W. 65th St.	8:30
LEE ROAD—2056 East 105th St., K. of P. Hall	9:00
MADISON PARK—St. Gregory Hall, Quail and Thrush	8:45
MILES MEN'S—Stag Group, 4141 E. 116th St.	8:30
NORTHEAST—2028 E. 105th St.	8:30
ROCKY RIVER—St. Christopher's Hall, Lakeview off Detroit	8:30
ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL—First Friday of each month	8:30
TRADITION—Northfield Rd. and Union (Route 8) Bedford	8:30
WEST SIDE YOUNG PEOPLE—St. Rose's Hall, W. 116-Detroit	8:30
BEREA—Social room of Berea Cong. Church, Seminary and Church	8:30
CHAGRIN FALLS, O.—American Legion, E. Orange St.	8:30
CHARDON, O.—Thrasher House, Water St., Chardon O.	8:30
CONNEAUT, O.—B. of L. E. Hall	8:30
EUCLID, O.—Holy Cross Church, E. 200th and Lake Shore Blvd.	8:30
LORAIN-AVON—AA Social Center, 700 Broadway	8:30
MENTOR, O.—Mentor Methodist Church	8:30
OSBERLIN, O.—American Legion Home, S. Main and Hamilton	8:30

SATURDAY

ALCOLA—6409 Detroit Ave.	2:00
BROADWAY MEN'S—St. John's Luth. Church, Cable at Broad	8:30
CROSSROADS—Euclid Avenue Baptist Church, East 18th	9:00
GLENVILLE—10421 St. Clair	9:30
GOSPEL CENTER—6920 Lexington Ave.	8:30
LAKEWOOD Sat. Nite—Redeemer Hall, Andrews, near Detroit	8:30
MATT TALBOT—St. Philip Neri Church, E. 82nd and St. Clair	8:30
PARMA—Public Library, 5850 Ridge Road	8:30
REDWOOD—Euclid Lutheran Church, E. 260 and Oriole	8:30
TRINITY—Trinity Evangelical Church, 3525 W. 25th St.	8:30
VALLEY VIEW—Community Center, W. 7th and Starkweather	8:30
WINDEMERE—East Cleveland Women's Club, 1747 Lakefront	9:00
8005 GROUP—8005 Lorain Ave.	8:30
ASHTABULA, O.—K. of P. Hall, Elm Ave.	8:30

OHIO PENITENTIARY

253 Stonetowners (inmates) and 17 outsiders attended a recent meeting of the Ohio Pen Alcoholics Anonymous group. It would be worth anyone's while to visit these meetings which are held on the first and third Sundays of every month at 1:15 P. M. Men only. The London Prison farm group is also very active, Ladies may attend.

They're doing a truly remarkable job of rehabilitation. Our hats are doffed to Cleveland Al. F. for his great heart and persistence in getting this activity in motion. They're off too, to the grand gang of AA's in Columbus, who under Henry R., are loyally guiding the way.

IMPORTANT WORKERS STRICKEN

Hospitalized and demobilized from A.A. activity for too long a period of time were such outstanding workers as Frank L. of Miles Men's; Hilda H. of Broadway-55th, and a tireless, loyal worker in the Women's House of Correction in Warrensville and Judge Jim C. Each underwent serious operations, and we thank God are now successfully recuperating. They had to get well quickly, for they're indispensable to the cause.

DOAN DATA

John L. reports as a matter of record the impressive leads of Doc T. of Lake Shore; Hank S. of Doan Men's; Chuck M. of Shaker and Joe K. of Euclid Wade. These men appeared before the group in February.



Just heard that Cleveland will be host to the fifteenth anniversary celebration of AA. That ought to bring a big crowd! And all of them sober too! Not a drink in a carload!

Yes, Al, it will be a big affair. I'll never forget the thrill I experienced in 1945 when the tenth anniversary was observed in Cleveland. It'll be a grand treat seeing and hearing Bill and Doctor Bob again.

SATURDAY (Continued)

ELYRIA, O.—St. Andrew's Episc. Church, Middle and Third	8:30
SOLOIN, O.—St. Rita's Church basement	9:00

SUNDAY

COLLINWOOD—14709 St. Clair Avenue	7:30
LAKEVIEW—CYO Hall, St. Aloysius Church, E. 109th & St. Clair	8:00
MISTLETOE—MacGillis Home, 1560 Mistletoe at Wade Park	7:00
NEWBURGH—St. Catherine's Church, 3443 E. 93rd St	8:30
OUTWAITE (Negro)—7100 Kinsman	4:00
STERLING—St. Columbkil's School Hall, 2642 Superior	8:30
SPONSORSHIP MEETING—Glenville Group, 10421 St. Clair Ave.	2:00
TRAINING MEETING—8023 Detroit Ave.	8:00
WEST SIDE—Chester's Restaurant, Lorain and Triskett	8:00
WARRENSVILLE—Cooley Farms Recreation Room	10:00 A. M.
GENEVA, O.—Legion Hall, Park St., corner of So. Eagle	7:30
LORAIN, O.—(Stag) AA Social Center, 700 Broadway	10:00 A. M.
PAINESVILLE, O.—33 N. State Street, Third Floor	8:00

1st TUESDAY EVERY MONTH

CENTRAL COMMITTEE—Hanna Building, Room 370	8:30
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3rd TUESDAY EVERY MONTH

HOSPITAL COMMITTEE—Hanna Building, Room 370	8:30
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FOR AUTHORITATIVE AA INFORMATION

AA CLEVELAND DISTRICT OFFICE—780 The Arcade	CH 1-7357
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LIST OF COOPERATING AA HOSPITALS

Betty's Home (SHadySide 1.4692) (M)	3480 Scranton Road
Charity Hospital (MAIN 1.9400) (MW)	Central and E. 22nd St.
Cleveland Alcoholic Clinic (EXpress 1.8998) (MW)	7809 Euclid Ave.
Farquharson's (Tuxedo 5.1882) (M)	6037 Pearl Rd.
MacGillis Nursing Home (RA. 1-2556) (MW)	
	1560 Mistletoe Dr. at Wade Park
Marymount Hospital (VUJcan 3.2310) (MW)	12300 McCracken Rd.
Ryan's Nursing Home (MElrose 1-1635) (M)	8023 Detroit Ave.
St. John's Hospital (WOOdline 1-5750) (M)	7911 Detroit Ave.
(M) men only. (MW) men and women. (W) women only.	

Editorial-Simplicity

Sometimes we wonder if civilization-should not be defined as society on a binge.

So many complications, contradictions, unnecessary and dishonest trimmings are added to human relationships by the complexities of the age in which we live that the result reminds us of nothing so much as ourselves when we used to mess up everything about us.

Mankind seems to hypnotize itself into difficult situations. Mankind seems to run from simplicity as from the plague. There has grown up a premium on the **devious** and the obscure.

Isn't this like a drunk? Anything simple is not good. There must be complicated answers to everything-none greater than the answers we formerly spouted to the question: "Why don't you sober up?"

Our almost hopeless state of affairs got worse and worse. We were so mentally tangled up a way out seemed impossible. We couldn't trench on our drinking. Like the world today the only answer seemed to be more and bigger binges.

Whoever said that the program of Alcoholics Anonymous is nothing but simple, first century Christianity knew whereof he spoke.

Christianity in that period immediately after the death of the Master was an uncomplicated philosophy. It had not yet acquired its trimmings and trappings so characteristic of the rest of the civilization in which it evolved. It taught its followers not only to believe but to do something about it.

Therein is the analogy between primitive Christianity and AA. The philosophy of Alcoholics Anonymous not only holds the belief that something constructive can be done for those whose lives have become unmanageable through drink, it does something **about it.**

Not many people would win sobriety if those who had already attained it merely got together once in a while and said, "Now, wouldn't it be nice if the other drunks would only see the light and sober up? Thank God, we have sobered up, but of course we are not like the others. We're special."

Christianity itself would never have reached beyond the Holy Land had not its devotees, particularly men like St. Paul, been dissatisfied with merely engaging in rhetoric and gone out and done something about it.

The time to do AA. work is right now and right now is all the time. You can't wish people into the association. You can't hypnotize them into sobriety. You can earnestly tell them what your experience has been. You can show them that they can win the same happiness that you have won if they turn to the Power greater than themselves.

This simple formula cannot work if its practitioners are lazy, if they are intolerant of the beliefs of the shortcomings of others or if they are selfish to the point that they don't care as long as they alone stay sober.

It is as simple as that. And, incidentally, since we started out on the theme of civilization and went to the individual we can close on that theme with the thought

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Count Your Blessings

During the past three weeks we have gone through the harrowing experience of being "hospitalized" with an infected ear and we felt pretty sorry for **ourselves** (speaking editorially, of course). During that period of inactivity, mountains of work piled up and the compiling of the Bulletin material necessarily had to be side-tracked. Only a few days remain in this month and only a sense of fear compels us to dump aside our "bread and butter" duties, so we can issue the Bulletin in the month.

This sense of fear is that we might lapse into an old habit of procrastinating. Though the Bulletin is an avocation, we feel it to be a responsibility-a trust. And if we permit ourselves to be late this month because we

have the excuse of illness, possibly next month a lesser excuse will offer itself.

You see, we had a great opportunity to check upon **ourselves** during our illness. We were in no position to write, but we did do a lot of thinking. After the permissible indulgence in self-pity, we began to think of the many good things we had to be thankful for. We had loving care . . . a better than ordinary constitution . . . a fine family . . . a livable income . . . a nice home . . . a host of friends in and out of AA. . . and countless others.

Our thoughts drifted back to ten years ago. The picture was different then what with financial insecurity . . . fear . . . uncontrolled resentment at the injustice of the glaringly apparent fact that we couldn't drink without disturbing or destroying all that we believed life was worth living for . . .

wilfully continuing unsuccessfully to control our drinking while our family and friends sought to dissuade us in the course which all of them saw destroying us . . . and we, stupified with alcohol; unable to see ourselves as they saw us.

It is well to dust off that picture every so often. Though we'd like to forget it . . . rationalize . . . compare it with others more sordid, thereby applying balm to our ego. . . we believe it wise to see it often, so that the thought of a drink or two does not hold a single allure.

But we also realized as we lay there thinking, that drinking excessively wasn't our only trouble. Had we made any improvement in those faults of character which we found while clearing the debris cluttering our soul?

The Seventh Step, one of the most important and most easily overlooked step in our program advises us to **humbly** ask **God to remove our shortcomings**. Were we truly humble? We impulsively admitted it. But would those that knew us intimately say that? We, too, are afraid to ask. And having admitted that we had shortcomings, what have we done about them? Have we improved 50% or 25%, or God forbid, not perceptibly.

All the truly successful AAs we have been privileged to know have made a studied practice of trying daily to eliminate traits which they have learned have been objectionable to others. They have lost many **characteristics** but have gained **character!** They have profited by listening to their critics and in making a sincere effort they have found the key to abundant living.

The key is there for all of us. Let's use it.

Of all the causes which conspire to blind

Man's erring judgment, and misguide the mind,

What the weak head with strongest bias rules,

Is pride, the never-failing vice of fools.

Alexander Pope

SIMPLICITY

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that until society begins to practice some of the simplicity of Alcoholics Anonymous, which is to say the philosophy of the Twelve Steps, it won't sober up either. Sadly, it may crash into a light post.

TIME OUT

Whenever we experience that feeling of being just a little bit smug, it is high time we got re-acquainted with ourselves. Time to ask ourselves some hard questions—to see what kind of a fellow we really are. Time to ascertain if we are always honest—if we always tell the square perfect truth—if we really are the man we would have others believe we are. Time to ask ourselves if the slate is as clean when we bring it home at night as it was when we left in the morning. Time to inquire if we are as good an AA. when people aren't looking as when people are—or as good an AA. at home as we seem to be at our meetings. Time to find out if we are still striving to be the man we had hoped to be—and the man our parents prayed we would be. Time out in self analysis is time well spent—it is bound to leave us feeling cleaner—finer—and more honest in ourselves and our purpose.—Lifeline, Vancouver, B. C.

AN OPEN MIND

To many of us who are turning away from old paths and old habits, comes the sobering thought of how best can we provide and prepare for our new way of life and what shall we do to make it reasonably sure for all time. It would seem highly important that we keep an open mind so that we may be able to sift the facts from fallacies—the truths from theories—the essentials from non-essentials. We have to learn that quality of character ranks ahead of intellectual acumen—and assuming that we may know a little—not to assume to the point of thinking our education is complete. If we do this, we shall be all the better prepared to meet and make the many adjustments in our lives that will be required of us. We've got to learn and accept the fact that every man regardless of race, color or creed, is one of "God's Children"—so we can't afford to indulge in intolerant dogmatism. For us, let's adhere to that credo of "I am my brother's brother." If we spend more time daily on our fourth step—and spend that time with an open mind and an open heart—we shall be developing character—faith—intelligence—loyalty and reliability. It is only those who have lost the capacity to learn who will not or cannot learn. For most of us, the best part of our life has just commenced—and it can well be added—our education, too. For every one who has joined this wonderful organization of ours—in all honesty and humility—there are still worlds to conquer, if we but keep an open mind. The only tragedies lie with those who think they have learned all there is to know—or lack the honesty or sincerity or the will for it.—The Lifeline, Vancouver, B. C.

UTOPIA

Wouldn't this old world be better,
If the folks we meet would say,
"I know something good about you,"
And then treat us just that way.
Wouldn't it be fine and dandy,
If each hand-clasp warm and true,
Carried with it this assurance
I know something good about you.
Wouldn't things here be more pleasant
If the good that's in us all,
Were the only thing about us,
That folks bother to recall.
Wouldn't life be lots more happy
If we'd praise the good we see,
For there's such a lot of goodness
In the worst of you and me.
Wouldn't it be nice to practice
This fine way of thinking, too,
You know something good about me
I know something good about you.
Submitted by Dr. C.L.K., Euclid-Wade.

A DEVOUT PRAYER

A devout and sincere prayer, not found in the ordinary prayer book was submitted by our good friend, "Rick" R. of Lakewood Saturday night group. We offer it for your use.

"My God, I believe in Thee; I hope in Thee; I love Thee above all things with my whole soul, my whole heart, my whole strength. I love Thee because Thou art infinitely good and worthy to be loved; and because I love Thee, it grieves me from my whole heart that I have offended Thee. Have mercy on me, a sinner. Amen.

A LETTER FROM A FRIEND

Dear Harry and Crawford:

Just a line to let you know how much I appreciate receiving the Bulletin each month and since I do not know when my subscription runs out will you please accept the enclosed check for renewal when needed.

While I no longer reside in Cleveland believe me we do miss our many friends and we would like to feel that we are still a part of the Cleveland Family. Therefore we are enclosing our check also for the Central Office expense.

I shall always be grateful to the Central Office when some years back during the wee hours of the morning it was a decision whether to jump out of the window or call AA. for help. I shall never forget the cheerful voice that responded about 5 a. m., asking me to please stay where I was at and some one would be up to see me at day-break. Thank God this gave me the courage to go over and close the window and shortly afterward I was talking to a couple of real fellows who understood my problem and I was on the road to victorious living. This, believe me I shall be grateful to GOD and AA. for the rest of my life. Say hello to all. Matt. T.

LORAIN COUNTY LOSES LEADER

Nick Livingston, a valued member of the Lorain Central group for five years and eight months was buried Monday, April 24th. His steady influence and excellent example of AA philosophy has meant much to the growth of AA in Lorain County. Nick will be sorely missed.

RESPONSE TO PLEA EXCELLENT

Up to Saturday, April 22, 156 subscriptions to the Bulletin were turned in. Twenty-seven were advance or extended subscriptions, 68 were new ones, 35 were prompt renewals and 26 were renewals of those that had to be renewed several times.

Clint C. and Helen S. worked very hard in contacting people and each brought in 24 subscriptions. Several others sent in four, five and six including James G. of McDonald, O. We are grateful to all who responded so nicely to our plea.

Two subscriptions were received marked "Prize from the W. S. Sun group." There's an idea, group secretaries. Several generous checks were also received to ease the financial burden.

AA GROUP ORGANIZES BAND

The Collinwood Group is about to form an AA. military band, composed of members and their families of Greater Cleveland. Instructions in grand opera, concert, popular and dance music will be given free of charge by Lt. Philip S., a well qualified member of the group and a former director of the 145th Inf. 37th Div. army band. For information, call PO. 1-9676 or write to 12208 Scottwood Avenue, or contact at a near future Collinwood meeting. Formation of band is possible in time for our International Convention.

CONSOLIDATED MEETING

Dr. Dean M. of Pontiac, Mich., made a profound impression on the crowd of 300 which gathered on Sunday, April 16th at the quarterly Consolidated Meeting.

Holding the attention of every listener, he masterfully painted a picture of a typical alcoholic (himself) and his mental gyrations before he found his answer in AA. Comment from many dissimilar types of persons conveyed the impression that each felt the doctor was describing that person's own thinking processes.

We are indebted to this comparatively young doctor (we expected a sage old man of 70) for a valuable contribution.

The next consolidated meeting will be held in September.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Reservations have been coming in to the offices of the International Convention Committee from an astonishing number of distant points. These came soon after the announcement appeared in last month's Grapevine.

Dick S. expects the crowd which will attend to number about 16,000. Cleveland's facilities fortunately will easily accommodate that many and more.

Committees have been set up to take care of every detail. Included in the great plans are special meetings for discussing Women's Activities, Group Secretaries, Publications, Institutional Activities, Hospitalization, AA Clubs, Young People's Activities and others as the needs occur.

It will be an **important** meeting and an interesting one. **July 28-30** should be marked on your calendar with a big red-circle and plans should be made now to gather your clan and come to Cleveland.

The 126 Cleveland and Akron groups will make you glad you came.

BOWLING NOTES

The end of the bowling season is at hand and only this month did we learn that another bowling league exists in AA. Where **was their** publicity man? The Southeast league has 12 teams and **bow**l at the Golden Pin Recreation alleys on Saturday nights. A close race is in progress between Southeast and Broadway-66th. Ted P. of Southeast made the "impossible" 4, 6, 7, 10 "double pin-ochle split" last month. **Congratulations.**

In the Thursday **Westside** league, Northeast No. 1 leads with 80 **points**, with Berea and Collinwood tied for second with 75, **Johnny L.** of Collinwood holds high single with 267 but trails H-k for individual average of 177 by a fraction of a point.

In the Friday (early shift) **Westside** league Art S. and his Clark **group** seem fitly destined to finish in first place. Art has a 181 average and is a great competitor, as is his team.

In the Friday (late shift) **Westside** league, Addison is far ahead of Angle No. 3 and also seems destined to cop the pennant. Bill S. enjoys the lead in individual averages with 176. Joe K. is still high with 263 in a single game.

In the **Eastside** league, it looks as though the fight for first won't be decided until the final night. St. Clair **Lakeview** still leads with 67 wins and 36 losses. Glenville No. 4 and No. 3 teams are breathing scorching breaths on the leader's necks, tied for second and only one game behind. Arcade No. 1 follows, only two behind and **Alendale** and Euclid-Wade No. 1 are each but two behind Arcade No. 1. Phew! What a battle! Arcade No. 2 is only six games behind, first place and they insist they're going to win! That's the spirit!

GLENVILLE WOMEN MEET

A new women's group, meeting at 10421 St. Clair (Glenville AA. Hall), invites all AA women to their Open House on Tuesday, May 2 at 8:15 p. m. "Big Josephine," their secretary, will observe her third anniversary and will lead.

NEW GROUP IN SUBURB

The Sheffield Lake group, newly organized in March, meets at West Shore Club, Stop 81½ Lake Road, Route 2 on Thursday evening at 8:30 p. m. Emil D. is secretary.

DOAN DATA

Speakers for March were Warren C., Harry O., Sam C., Chester S., and Kenny V. in a joint lead and Pete McN. Each did a masterful job.

MAY PARTY

A May party will be given on Friday, May 6th at Hubbard First Methodist Church by the combined Girard and Hubbard groups. Everyone is welcome. No tickets are required.

ANOTHER AA CLUB OPENS

Another AA. Social Club was opened during this month at 11034 **Lorain** Avenue. It is titled Alto-Only Association and is operated by H. H., a disabled war veteran and a member of AA.

AA DISTRICT OFFICE

The April Grapevine carries the announcement of the First International Conference of AA to be held in Cleveland July 28-30. In order to handle the nationwide response to this announcement the Chairman of the Conference, Dick S., has established Conference headquarters at 449 The Arcade. The telephone number is PR 1-6660.

Cleveland AA work continues at your District Office and we submit herewith the monthly report of work done.

SERVICE REPORT FOR MARCH

62 calls turned over to 34 groups.
63 receptive,
2 not ready.
6 no contact possible.
2 not AA cases.
71 general services to members and groups.
68 literature requests filled.
12 speakers supplied.

We wish the First International Conference every success and feel that the majority of Cleveland and Akron AA's will make the Conference a landmark in the history of our fellowship.

PENTOWN GROUP

Pete G. of **Parma** spoke before a crowd of 270 members of the fast-growing **Pentown** group in Columbus. Pete has been a diligent and frequent visitor and he pleased and helped the group with his excellent analysis of resentment and self-pity. He made the front page headlines of the prison paper. Fine work.

HOSPITAL COMMITTEE

There are still a few vacancies in the two AA training classes which meet at the Rehabilitation Center. Cabinet making and upholstery can accept three trainees each.

With spring at hand and housecleaning and repairing facing all homes, now is the time to learn how to repair and reupholster your own furniture. Have a workbench in your own basement.

Register now in these two classes. They meet regularly every Tuesday from 7:00 to 9:30 o'clock at the Rehabilitation Center, 2239 E. 66th Street. Tuition fee is \$2.00 per person per evening unless other arrangements are made.

Adequate parking in lot in rear of building.

NEWS ABOUT GUYS

Free advertising goes to a certain behemoth optician who has closed his downtown office in the Schofield building and concentrated his business in Berea. His office was quite a spot for spirited AA discussions. He'll be missed around 9th and Euclid by many of us old timers.

A certain garrulous attorney rather prominent in **most** Cleveland activities has become a public speaker of some stature. He spoke before the Oberlin Exchange Club as well as hitting the high spot in a Michigan shindig. His talk was on AA of course. He knows little else.

SO TRUE

Never bear more than one kind of trouble at a time. Some people bear three kinds at once—all they have had—all they now have—and all they expect to have.—AA Grapevine, October, 1948.

Want to get into the movies? We get word via the Dallas police dept. they will help these people. They intend producing their own films. As you might've guessed, there's a catch to the show. Stars will be "unknowns" in their cinema world, just John Q. Citizen. And this is how he will get into the act. Should an intoxicated driver be found in the city, he'll be visited promptly by a traffic-cap and a movie cameraman. If he's still operating the car, the driver's actions will be recorded on celluloid. There won't be any sound effects. In fact, we're sure there'll be no sounds at all when the film is run off before the drunk-driver in traffic court the next day.

A soldier gave this one as an excuse for being A.W.O.L. "You see, Sir, it was like this. I fell in with some bad company. We had a quart of whiskey and the other three fellows didn't drink."

Definition of spirituality—an inner urge to do good.

MONDAY

ADDISON—Westminster Church, N.E. Cor. Add+ & Wade Park	8:30
BORTON—E. Cleve. Cong. Church, Page & Euclid	8:30
DETROIT MONDAY-8023 Detroit Ave.	8:30
FAIRMOUNT—St. Paul's Episcopal, Fairmount and Coventry	8:30
LAKE SHORE—St. Luke's Parish, Clifton and Bunts Rd.	8:30
LAKEWOOD (Orchard Grove)—1417 St. Charles, nr. Detroit	8:30
LAKEWOOD MEN'S—St. Peter's Episc., W. Clifton & Detroit	8:30
LAKEWOOD WOMEN—United Presby. Church, 12601 Detroit	8:30
LEE MONDAY—First Presb. Church, E. Cleve., Nela and Euclid	8:30
LORAIN AVE.—Chester's Restaurant, Lorain and Triskett	8:30
MARINE HOSPITAL—E. 124th and Fairhill	7:30
PEARL—Corpus Christi baseant, 4202 Stickney (E. of Pearl Rd.)	8:30
SHAKER HEIGHTS—Christ Episc. Church, 3451 Warrenville	8:30
SOUTH EAST GROUP—Holy lame Hall, 8328 Broadway	8:30
UNION—American Legion Hall, 13913 Kinsman (in rear)	8:30
WEST 25th ST.—Marvel Hall, 28.58 W. 25th St.	8:30
WILLOUGHBY—Presbyterian Church, Willoughby, O.	8:30
WOMEN'S—East Side—Emmanuel Church, 8610 Euclid	8:30
WOMEN'S—West Side—West Blvd. Christ.. W. Blvd. & W. 101	8:30

TUESDAY

ARCADE—Euclid Ave. Baptist, E. 18th & Euclid	8:30
CHARITY—Last Tues. of each month—Charity Hosp. Nurses' Aud.	8:30
CLARK4105 Clark Ave. Upstairs	8:30
EAGLE TRAINING—Salvation Army, E. 9th & Eagle	8:00
EDGE LAKE—Community Center Bldg., St. Charles and Detroit	8:30
EUCLID-WADE—Calvary Presbyterian Church, E. 79 & Euclid	8:30
FAIRVIEW PARK—Masonic Hall, 22082 Lorain Road	8:30
MAYFIELD VILLAGE—Dahlgren's SOM Center & Wilson Mills	8:30
MILES-LEE—Mount Hope Church, E. 164th, north of Miles	8:30
SMITH-WILSON—Nativity School, 9510 Aetna Road	8:30
SUPERIOR—Immaculate Conception, E. 43rd and Superior	8:30
WEST PARK—West Park Baptist Church, W. 152nd and Lorain	8:30
WEST SJDE MEN'S—St. Patrick's Hall, Bridge at W. 38th	8:30
WOMEN'S—East Side—Glenville Hall 10421 St. Clair Ave	8:15
ELYRIA (Colored)—335 Columbus St.	8:30
LORAIN, O.—Community Hall, 23rd and Beech Sts.	8:00
MEDINA, O.—St. Paul's Episcopal Parish House	8:30
PAINESVILLE, O.—Stag-33 N. State Street	8:30
STROSGSVILLE—St. Joseph's Church, 10,000 Pearl Rd.	8:30

WEDNESDAY

ALCOLA—6409 Detroit Ave.	9:00
BAXTER AVE.—6527 Baxter Ave	8:30
BROOKLYN-K of P Hall, 3316 Broadview, east of Pearl Rd.	8:45
COLLINWOOD-14709 St. Clair Ave.	8:30
DENISON-7403 Denison Ave.	8:30
DOAN MEN'S—2028 E. 105th St., 2nd floor, ride entrance	8:45
EAST SIDE MORNING—2028 E. 105th St.	10:00 A. M.
GARFIELD HEIGHTS—Trinity Baptist, E. 94th and Garfield Blvd.	8:30
LEE ROAD—First Eng. Luth., Derbyshire and Euclid Hts. Blvd.	8:30
ST. JAMES—(Colored) St. James A.M.E., 8401 Cedar	8:30
WARRENSVILLE—Women's House of Correction	8:00
BEDFORD O.—Y. M. C. A., Tarbell Ave.	8:30
ELYRIA, O.—St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Middle and Third	8:00
LORAIN, O.—ANTLERS—St. Mary's School, Reid Ave	8:30
LORAIN COUNTY WOMEN—421 Broadway, Apt. 6	8:30

THURSDAY

ALAN—1820 East 79th St.	8:30
ALLENDALE—St. Paul's Episc. Church, 15837 Euclid Ave.	8:30
ANGLE—St. Malachi's Church, 2549 Washington Ave.	8:30
BROADWAY-55th—Our Lady of Lourdes School Hall	8:30
COVENTRY—Fairmount Presbyterian Chapel, Scarborough	8:30
EDDY ROAD—Glenville Congregational Church, Eddy & St. Clair	8:30
GLENVILLE-10421 St. Clair	9:00
LORAIN AVE.—West Park Baptist Church, 15218 Lorain	8:30
OUTHWAITE—(Negro) Woodland Center, 7100 Kinsman	8:30
THURSDAY AFTERNOON WOMEN-6409 Detroit Ave.	2:00
WARRENSVILLE—(Infirmary) Administration Building	7:00
WEST SIDE-7403 Denison Ave.	10:30 A. M.
WYANDOTTE MEN'S—Redeemer Hall, Andrew & Detroit (rear)	8:30
BEREA O.—Fine Arts Club, E. Bagley Rd., 3 dra. east of Eastland	8:30
EAST LAKE—Vine and Campbell, Willoughby, O.	8:30
PAINESVILLE, O.—33 N. State St., Third Floor	8:30
SHEFFIELD LAKE—West Shore Club, Stop 81 1/2 Lake Rd.	8:30

FRIDAY

ANSEL ROAD—St. Thomas Church, 9205 Superior Ave.	9:00
CEDAR—Salvation Army, 2181 E. 55th St.	8:15
GORDON SQUARE—St. Helena's Hall, 1367 W. 65th St.	8:30
LEE ROAD-2056 East 105th St., K. of P. Hall	9:00
MADISON PARK—St. Gregory Hall, Oval and Thrush	8:45
MILES MEN'S—Stag Group-4141 E. 116th St.	8:30
NORTHEAST—28 E. 105th St.	8:30
ROCKY RIVER—St. Christopher's Hall, Lakeview off Detroit	8:30
ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL—First Friday of each month	8:30
WEST SIDE YOUNG PEOPLE—St. Rose's Hall W. 116-Detroit	8:30
BEREA—Social room of Berea Cong. Church, Seminary and Church	8:30
CHAGRIN FALLS, O.—American Legion, E. Orange St.	8:30
CHARDON, O.—Thrasher House, Water St., Chardon 0	8:30
CONNEAUT, O.—B. of L. E. Hall	8:30
EUCLID, O.—Holy Cross Church, E. 200th and Lake Shore Blvd.	8:30
LORAIN-AVON-AA Social Center, 700 Broadway	8:30
MENTOR, O.—Mentor Methodist Church	8:30
OBERLIN, O.—American Legion Home, S. Main and Hamilton	8:30

SATURDAY

ALCOLA—6409 Detroit Ave.	2:00
BROADWAY MEN'S—St. John's Luth. Church, Cable at Broad	8:30
CROSSROADS—Euclid Avenue Baptist Church, East 18th,	9:00
GLENVILLE-10421 St. Clair	9:30
GOSPEL CENTER-6920 Lexington Ave.	8:30
LAKEWOOD Sat. Nite—Redeemer Hall Andrews, near Detroit	8:30
MATT TALBOT—St. Philip Neri Church, E. 82nd and St. Clair	8:30
PARMA—Public Library, 5850 Ridge Road	8:30
REDWOOD—Euclid Lutheran Church, E. 260 and Oriole	8:30
TRINITY—Trinity Evangelical Church, 3525 W. 25th St.	8:30
VALLEY VIEW—Community Center, W. 7th and Starkweather	8:30
WINDEMERE—East Cleveland Women's Club, 1747 Lakefront	9:00
8005 GROUP-8005 Lorain Ave.	8:30
ASHTABULA, O.—K. of P. Hall, Elm Ave	8:30

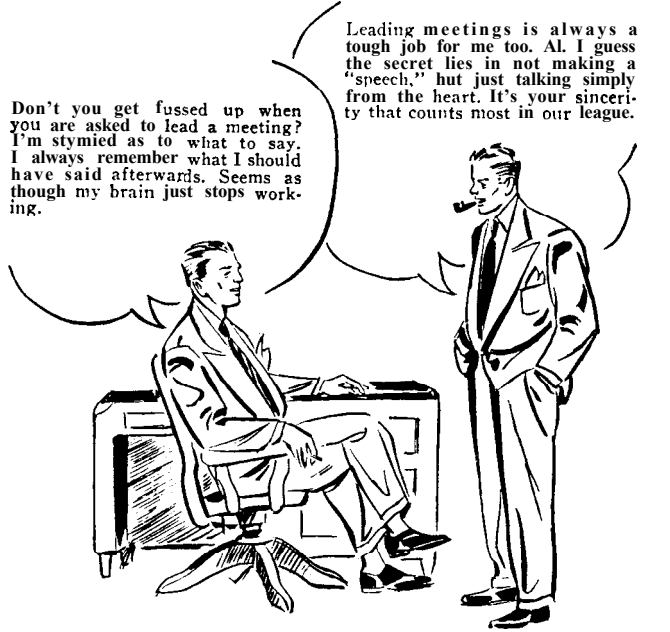
HE COULDN'T TAKE IT!

A 66 year old man was hospitalized recently in one of our local AA hospitals. He was the father of 19 children of which 17 are still living. He's sober now in spite of everything. All of his trouble (if you'll pardon the expression, please) seem to have been little ones.

REMEMBER, SOMEONE FOLLOWS

Somebody is catching a glimpse of you as you tread your way through life and is unconsciously going your way, perhaps merely because he knows no better direction to take. The fatal power of leading others is inescapable. And nobody is so insignificant and commonplace that he does not determine by his example the life of someone else. People do things because others do, more than for any other reason. This is the strange force of crowds, where we can be swept away by the cumulative power of example to do what in our sober judgment we never-would have done. A little of this pulling power rests in every one of us. No matter how small a person you seem to yourself to be, someone is being led by you. Unconsciously, even more than consciously, you are making this world a better or worse place. You are adding to its pile of happiness or its heap of misery, you are shedding light or spreading gloom.

—Alky Ally, Denver, Colo.



SATURDAY (Continued)

ELYRIA, O.—St. Andrew's Episc. Church, Middle and Third	8:30
SOLOON, O.—St. Rita's Church basement	9:00

SUNDAY

COLLINWOOD—14709 St. Clair Avenue	7:30
LAKEVIEW—CYO Hall, St. Aloysius Church, E. 109th & St. Clair	8:00
MISTLETOE—MacGillis Home, 1560 Mistletoe at Wade Park	7:00
NEWBURGH—St. Catherine's Church, 3443 E. 93rd St	8:30
OUTWAITE (Negro)—7100 Kinsman	4:00
STERLING—St. Columbkil's School Hall, 2642 Superior	8:30
SPONSORSHIP MEETING—Glenville Group, 10421 St. Clair Ave.	2:00
TRAINING MEETING—8023 Detroit Ave.	8:00
WARRENSVILLE—Cooley Farms Recreation Room	10:00 A. M.
GENEVA, O.—Legion Hall, Park St., corner of So. Eagle	7:30
LORAIN, O.—(Stag) AA Social Center, 700 Broadway	10:00 A. M.
PAINESVILLE, O.—33 N. State Street, Third Floor	8:00

1st TUESDAY EVERY MONTH

CENTRAL COMMITTEE—Hanna Building, Room 370	8:30
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3rd TUESDAY EVERY-MONTH

HOSPITAL COMMITTEE—Hanna Building, Room 370	8:30
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AA CLEVELAND DISTRICT OFFICE-780 The Arcade—CH 1-7387	
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LIST OF COOPERATING AA HOSPITALS

Betty's Home (SHadyside 1-469) (M)	3480	Scranton Road
Charity Hospital (MAIN 1-9400) (MW)		Central and E. 22nd St.
Cleveland Alcoholic Clinic (EXpress 1-5998) (MW)	7809	Euclid Ave.
Farquharson's (TUxedo S-1582) (M)		6037 Pearl Rd.
MacGillis Nursing Home (RA. 1-2556) (MW)		
	1560	Mistletoe Dr. at Wade Park
Marymount Hospital (VULcan 3-2310) (MW)	12300	McCracken Rd.
Ryan's Nursing Home (MElrose 1-1635) (M)		8023 Detroit Ave.
St. John's Hospital (WOOdbine 1-5750) (M)		7911 Detroit Ave.

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No Trumpets Needed

Many solid results in life are achieved quietly, without announcement or fanfare.

It is not necessary to **beat** a bass drum to announce a change in thinking.

Nor is a brass band an essential prop to proclaim an alteration in spiritual life or a decision to change our character.

These **raucous** ways, and they sometimes are used, ~~would make a hippodrome spectacle~~ of existence; They would cheapen it for most of us. Their very employment proclaims the insincerity of the change they are employed to proclaim.

Great changes come gradually. And for that reason they are the more noticeable.

None of us goes around button-holing all our friends and acquaintances, saying:

"Look at me. I'm sober. Don't you think I'm a great guy to have quit drinking?"

We just quit drinking with the help of God and the multitude of people who for years were painfully aware of our illness gradually realize that no longer are we a victim.

It dawns on them that we have changed our personalities, our mode of life and our relationship with everyone. They are surprised and happy about the regularity of our existence, the way in which we meet our obligations promptly and face up to the routine problems of living instead of hiding from them behind a bottle.

In nine cases out of ten they wonder what happened. Curiosity may impel them to ask. It is the personal decision of the member of Alcoholics Anonymous whether he will tell of membership in the group, just say he quit drinking, doesn't like it any more or what.

The course-taken-is-unimportant. -What is important- is that **membership** be not **proclaimed** blatantly from the housetops.

But whatever the decision, the fact cannot be hid that by continued sobriety we become the **best possible** announcement of the great change that has taken place in our lives. Sobriety, by contrast with our previous fumbling existence, is the most startling proclamation possible.

Continued sobriety is, in itself, a form of Twelfth Step work. This should be remembered by members who cannot visit hospitals, sponsor new members or actively take part in this phase of the program.

There is no need for remorse or recrimination because circumstances or abilities make this impossible. It is wise to recall from time to time that section of Acts 1:8 which says:

"* * * ye shall be witnesses unto me. * * * unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Ye also serve who remain sober. By finding a new way of life you proclaim to all others that such a way exists and such a way can be found. No trumpets are needed.

Keep your temper-nobody wants it.
Grow with responsibility-don't just swell.
Conceit is an attribute of the weak,

Psychiatry — Honesty

One of our recent visitors was a troubled soul who made his regular monthly treks to our office in an endeavor to find out why AA doesn't work for him. He had tried to follow our advice, **but** somehow that which he was seeking was ever elusive-and it made him unhappy. He had found many things wrong with AA. This fellow irked him and that fellow was a fourflusher and those whom he respected and admired seemed to avoid him or **were short and seemingly** unsympathetic with him.

He sure was in a tizzy! He had tried psychiatrists (two of them) before adopting AA. They didn't help him. He'd tried the church. It had failed him. He had joined AA, and though he was dry, the answer he was seeking didn't seem to be there, either.

We happened to have been "in a mood" ourselves when he called and our impulse was to toss him out on his ear. We wanted sympathy and understanding ourselves. We wanted to be coddled, too, and here he comes and wants us to do the coddling! Tsk! Tsk!

But the fact that he came to us for advice struck our fancy, we guess for we soon fell into our characteristic polite and judicial, listening pose (ever tried it? Don't have a mirror handy. It'll spoil the attempted effect) and heard him out. In that listening we forgot some of the things which had bothered us, and suggested that a competent psychiatrist seemed to be his only recourse. But he refused! He had spent hundreds of dollars with them and they didn't help him.

We remembered hearing someone, somewhere, tell in a meeting that he had gone to a **psychiatrist** after he had been in AA four years and how much he had been helped. This **man too** had been **prejudiced** against them for **they** had not **helped** a whit. prior to AA. But when he heard that Bill W. had gone to one ten years after founding AA, he decided to emulate Bill's example. What was good for Bill was good enough for him. He'd try again.

There was a difference this time. He was helped! He did find the answer! Why? He just told the truth! This time he was honest. He was sincerely trying to find an answer to his problem, so he revealed everything without any bull. And then he followed the prescribed course which the doctor recommended and his problem was solved.

Too many people in AA condemn this science and they make themselves and us look ridiculous when they make these statements in public and in the name of AA. The facts of the matter are that they're trying to rationalize their own failure, by refusing to admit that they themselves had failed to cooperate.

This visitor tried it-sincerely this time-and the change in this man was so apparent after only two visits that we were amazed! He told the truth! He was honestly cooperating at last. How long will it last? Probably only as long as he continues to find that honesty IS the best policy! And if we were a betting man, we'd place a good-sized wager on him to succeed. We'd find many takers if we'd reveal his name.

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*One swallow does
not make a summer
-but it only takes
one to cause a fall.*

PSYCHIATRY-HONESTY

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It always pays to be patient, even though it requires an extraordinary effort once in a while. A good lesson lies too in listening to the experiences of others at AA meetings. This one came in handy.

A POOR CRUTCH

We have the greatest sympathy for the man who finds himself thoroughly sober, physically well and mentally torn with dozens of conflicting notions.

We can imagine the nearest comparison to be the mental processes of a life-terminer, paroled after 20 or 25 years behind stone walls and bars—the awe and wonder-with which he would survey a changed outside world, the belligerent hope that he can fit in and make his way, the gnawing fear that he will be lost in a free maelstrom so foreign to his sheltered and ordered life, his stubborn effort to appear blase, and the inner quaking and feeling of unfitness.

So it is for some alcoholics, enslaved for years by the habit of escape from responsibility and reality, when they suddenly become aware of their sobriety and the absence of the bottle crutch which has sustained them so long.

In our cups, we always knew we could and would succeed if ever we decided to forego drinking, but we continued to drink because we were afraid to face the test. We used liquor as an excuse for lack of courage.

In the first flush of AA membership, we forgot, for a time, our dependence on alcohol. But when the novelty wears off, our subconscious fear of responsibility returns and hastens that mental groping for reasons that will excuse our return to alcohol ad escape.

One of the easiest excuses is that we have not advanced any further materially sober than we did drinking. We convince ourselves that we are missing a lot of fun by not drinking. We go further and accuse our AA advisers of pushing us around. We criticize their genuine (if somewhat fumbling) efforts to set us straight. We imagine ourselves discriminated against. We hate this fear. We want the exaltation we feel at the pinnacle of a drunk. We forget the shuddering hopelessness at the finish.

There is an absolute escape from this fear, far more effective than the temporary escape liquor provides. And the escape is found in this passage from Corinthians: "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."

With trust in God, there is absolute liberty and freedom. Jack F., Social Center Pratter.

DEBT TO SOCIETY

While a man should endeavor to be independent and self-reliant, he must at the same time realize that no matter how creative and productive he may be, he does not stand alone. Much of what he is and what he has he owes to others-to society and to the contributions of former generations, not to mention the gift of those abilities, powers and special aptitudes with which God has endowed him. A man must realize his own worth-what he owes to himself. But he should also realize what he owes to others. Hence the dictum of Hillel: "If I am not for myself, who will be for me? And being only for myself, what am I?" and he added: "Separate not thyself from the community." -Rabbi N. Zelizer, Ohio Pen News

VISITORS COMING FROM AFAR

We learn from Dick S. that reservations for room and banquet were ordered by John E. of Saudi, Arabia. Another reservation came from John H. in Kwajalien, Marshall Islands. The latter party will leave the islands, 6000 miles away, on July 23, fly to Honolulu, where he is a member, and there take off for Cleveland, arriving here on July 27th. A twelve thousand mile trip to hear Bill and Bob! And to meet the gang on a memorable occasion!

Reservations have come in great numbers from every state in the Union. A delegation of 61 is coming from Baltimore. Their banquet tickets were mailed. Canada will be well represented with members from many cities, notably Toronto and Montreal.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM

A tentative program of activity for the great AA Conference in Cleveland, July 28 to 30, 1950, has been issued by the convention office.

CONFERENCE MEETING (Saturday, July 29, 2 P. M.) devoted to discussing and adopting the Twelve Traditions of AA.. as well as other matters of international importance.

"BIG MEETING"-(Sunday, July 30, 2. P. M.) Doctor Bob and Bill will be the only speakers at the general meeting. Husbands and wives will be welcome.

AA. WOMEN'S MEETING. Certainly this meeting will be most important. The purpose of AA itself carrying the word to those who don't know, should prove a most productive topic and might be followed by a tea at which AA wives would be welcomed. Here the non-Alcoholic meets the Alcoholic in that whole-hearted AA spirit of sisterly affection.

NON-AA AFFILIATE MEETING. At this meeting of non-alcoholic husbands and wives of AA members, Lois Wilson (Mrs. Bill) will be one of the principal speakers. A discussion period will follow the meeting.

INDUSTRIAL MEETING. This meeting will disclose the growing influence of AA in industry. The movement has gained recognition in many of our large industrial plants such as Duponts, Eastman Kodak and Thompson Products. Representatives of industry, including personnel managers, will take an active part in the meeting, as well as qualified AA speakers.

AA PUBLICATIONS MEETING. We cannot underestimate the role these publications have played in the development of the movement. At this meeting editors and managers will pool their experience and plan for future service to AA.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING. Many AA's "under 35" feel that they have special problems. This meeting will give them a chance to discuss them together.

INSTITUTIONAL GROUPS MEETING. Our new Directory discloses ninety hospital groups and seventy prison groups. Doctors, hospital workers and prison wardens deeply appreciate the-help AA is giving' in their work with the many individuals affected. They are eager to learn more through sharing experiences.

AA OFFICE SECRETARIES' MEETING. These self-sacrificing, overworked and usually underpaid folk have in thousands of cases been the link-between the desperate alcoholic and AA. They will exchange ideas on how they can serve 'even better in the future.

GROUP SECRETARIES' MEETING. These important guys can pool experiences and perhaps set up procedures that may make group activity easier for groups yet to come.

THE BANQUET. Reservations must be in early to insure preparations to serve the hundreds we expect will attend the banquet. We will have a good dinner and enjoy hearing from AA's from far and near via traveling mike. There will be no formal speeches. After the banquet, we shall have an hour of excellent professional entertainment followed by dancing. Over 600 reservations have been filled.

If interest enough develops in any other special subjects, meetings will be arranged for discussion of same. Actual scheduling of smaller meetings must wait until we know how many are attending each.

We cannot impress YOU too much with the importance of the over-all benefits that can accrue to you and the AA movement as a whole, as a result of this Conference. This means making it easier for the suffering alcoholic to find us and our being able to help him quietly, quickly and most of all-effectively.

NEWS FROM DEWEY S.

A grand letter from Dewey S., formerly of Lakewood-Cleveland was received. He organized a thriving group in Glendora, Cal. His mailing address is 206 E. Foothill Blvd., Glendora, Cal. He sends regards to his many friends.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Twenty-nine groups answered rbl call at the May meeting at Central Corn-mitte.

A health-v treasury balance of \$177.38 was reported.

The Hospital Committee reported that a number of written complaints had been received on non-segregation of first-timers and repeaters in hospitals and nursing homes. A sub-committee was named, consisting of Marie R., Nancy W., Eleanor R., Jim J. and Ted R. to investigate the charges.

Each group was to emphasize the announce; St. John's Hospital and Charity Hospital only accept patients who have not been previously hospitalized.

Dick S., executive secretary of the First International Conference Committee, reported that 67 Cleveland groups had contributed \$1276.56 to date to the underwriting fund and the Akron group had contributed \$40.00 with an assurance of more to come in the very near future. Those groups who have as yet not contributed are asked to do their share, for about \$700.00 more is needed.

Disposition of money remaining after Underwriting Funds have been returned will be left to the discretion of the participating groups.

THE ANNE SMITH MEMORIAL

Several hundred people gathered in Akron St. Thomas Hospital on Saturday, April 8th to witness the unveiling of a bronze plaque, memorializing beloved Anne Smith, who contributed so much to AA.

Attending and speaking were Bill W. and Lois W. who shared the honor of presenting the plaque. A vivid picture of Anne's great influence on the growth of AA was painted by Bill and will be forever etched on the memories of those that heard him. She was a great lady.

The plaque can be seen on the wall of the alcoholic ward.

LORAIN MONDAY CELEBRATES NINTH

The ninth anniversary of the Lorain Monday Group was observed by a good sized crowd at Chester's, 15324 Lorain at Triskett Road, on Monday, May 22nd. Jack N. was the speaker.

LAKWOOD MEN

Speakers for May were Charles A., Harry D., Gordon T., Earl McG. and Jim V. It's Jim's tenth anniversary, May 29.

This stag group in Lakewood draws many visitors each week. Good discussion, good eats, excellent coffee. Mondays at 9:00 p. m. sharp in St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 18001 Detroit Ave., at West Clifton.

NEW MIXED GROUP

Howard B., one of the original parapetic twins, until this was broken up by the demise of beloved Earl A., has started a group in Independence, O. The first meeting, attended by about 150 persons, was held in St. John's Lutheran beautiful new auditorium on Thursday, May 11. The church hall is located at Second and Sunset, (first street off village center).

This group has dedicated itself to upholding the sound AA traditions. Great things are predicted for it. Speakers at the initial meeting were Warren C. and Harry H. with Harry D. as M.C.

SHEFFIELD LAKE

We were misinformed and published erroneous information in last month's issue on the new Sheffield Lake group. We're sorry. The group meets in Secretary "Tad" T's home at 640 Sunset Drive. (Turn south at the fire station. It meets on Thursday at 8:30 p. m.

NEW WOMEN'S GROUP

Broadway Women's group held its first meeting on Sunday, May 21. It will meet every Sunday afternoon at 3:00 p. m. at 8437 Broadway. Inimitable Katherine K. was the speaker. Helen N. is secretary.

WEST 25th CHANGES NIGHT

Since May 3rd, the W. 25th Street group has been meeting on Wednesday nights. They changed over from Monday. Their meetings are held in Marvel Hall, 2868 W. 26th St. at 8:30 p. m.

CLEVELAND DISTRICT OFFICE BULLETIN

The third quarterly meeting of the office advisory committee will be held on Friday, May 26th at 8:00 P. M. in the assembly room of the Arcade on the Superior side. At this meeting the chairman of the operating committee will report on services rendered by the office since the start of the current year. Discussion will be invited as to how the district office can best serve the membership.

The list of secretaries sent out by the office last month indicated continual increase in the number of greater Cleveland groups. There are now 93 groups in Cleveland and 14 out of town groups located in Ashtabula, Chardon, Conneaut, Elyria, Geneva, Lorain, Mentor, Painesville, Sheffield Lake and Willoughby, making a total of 107 groups served by the Cleveland district office.

In April 55 calls for help received by the office were turned over to 29 groups. 40 were receptive to first contact, 11 were not ready when contact was made, 4 no contacts possible, 40 general services were performed for members and groups, 23 requests for literature and information were filled and 9 speakers were supplied.

THOSE CURE-ALLS AGAIN

Clipped from the editorial page of a Cleveland newspaper is the following editorial:

"The latest medical news about drinking is much more significant than the mere announcement that certain hormones will replace suicide as the one sure cure for a hangover.

"Alcoholics and alcoholism are no joke. They are a top American problem and their damage to our society has been increasing dangerously. There is refreshing hope for many families in the considered statement of Dr. James J. Smith, alcoholism research director at the New York University-Bellevue Medical Center, that within five years it will be possible for even an alcoholic to take alcohol normally. This is based on successful research involving 2000 cases."

Haven't they learned yet that you can't sure alcoholics with pills? It's evident that this editorial writer doesn't understand alcoholism-or alcoholics!

BOWLING

Two Glenville teams, Nos. 3 and 4, finished in a tie for first place and divided \$365.00 worth of prize money. St. Clair-Lakeview ended in third place, just one game behind the leaders. T'was a torrid race. Superior No. 1 graced the bottom of the list in 24th place and carried it honorably. Banquets of the West Side Leagues were held on May 13th at Colonial Gardens, Route 42.

DOAN MEN

Speakers for April were Ralph H. of Glenville; Peter S. of Borton; Frank K. of Union and Tom V. of Collinwood. Each was very good.

PARMA

The third anniversary of the Parma group will be held in Parma Cotnunity Mall, Ridge at Ridgeway on Saturday, July 22nd at 9:00 P. M.

JACKSON DRAWS CROWD

A crowd of 468 people, which included AA's and their families, clergymen and civil authorities, spent an enjoyable and informative two hours in Jackson (Ohio) High School Auditorium. Visitors came from Kentucky, West Virginia and Pennsylvania.

Billy B. of Steubenville and Nancy L. of Columbus were the speakers and Ed. S. of Newark was the chairman.

A meeting long to be remembered.

PENTOWN GROUPS

A crowd of 294 attended the May 7th meeting in Ohio State Penitentiary. It is truly remarkable what effect this program has had on the majority of the inmates who have accepted the program. Congratulations must be offered to Mr. R. T. Sommers, Supervisor of Training, for his great interest in this work.

As we go through life each of us learns that we never get dizzy doing good turns.

MONDAY

ADDISON—Westminster Church, N.E. Cor. Addison & Wade Park	8:30
BORTON—E. Cleve. Cong. Church, Page & Euclid	8:45
DETROIT MONDAY—8023 Detroit Ave.	8:30
FAIRMOUNT—St. Paul's Episcopal, Fairmount and Coventry	8:30
LAKE SHORE—St. Luke's Parish, Clifton and Bunts Rd.	8:30
LAKEWOOD (Orchard Grove)—1417 St. Charles, nr. Detroit	8:30
LAKEWOOD MEN'S—St. Peter's Episc., W. Clifton & Detroit	8:30
LAKEWOOD WOMEN—United Presby. Church, 12601 Detroit	8:30
LEE MONDAY—First Presb. Church, E. Cleve., Nela and Euclid	8:30
LORAIN AVE.—Chester's Restaurant, Lorain and Triskett	8:30
MARINE HOSPITAL—E. 124th and Fairhill	7:30
PEARL—Corpus Christi Basement, 4202 Stickney (E. of Pearl Rd.)	8:30
SHAKER HEIGHTS—Christ Episc., Church, 3451 Warrensville	8:30
SOUTH EAST GROUP—Holy Name Hall, 8328 Broadway	8:30
UNION—American Legion Hall, 13913 Kinsman (in rear)	8:30
WILLOUGHBY—Presbyterian Church, Willoughby, O.	8:30
WOMEN'S—East Side—Emmanuel Church, 8610 Euclid	8:30
WOMEN'S—West Side—West Blvd. Christ., W. Blvd. & W. 101	8:30

TUESDAY

ARCADE—Euclid Ave. Baptist, E. 18th & Euclid	8:30
CHARITY—Last Tues. of each month—Charity Hosp. Nurses' Aud.	8:30
CLARK—4105 Clark Ave. Upstairs	8:30
EAGLE TRAINING—Salvation Army, E. 9th & Eagle	8:00
EDGE LAKE—Community Center Bldg., St. Charles and Detroit	8:30
EUCLID-WADE—Calvary Presbyterian Church, E. 79 & Euclid	8:30
FAIRVIEW PARK—Masonic Hall, 22082 Lorain Road	8:30
MAYFIELD VILLAGE—Dahlgren's SOM Center & Wilson Mills	8:30
MILES-LEE—Mount Hope Church, E. 164th, north of Miles	8:30
SMITH-WILSON—Nativity School, 9510 Aetna Road	8:30
SUPERIOR—Immaculate Conception, E. 43rd and Superior	8:30
WEST PARK—West Park Baptist Church, W. 152nd and Lorain	8:30
WEST SIDE MEN'S—St. Patrick's Hall, Bridge at W. 38th	8:30
WOMEN'S—East Side—Glenville Hall 10421 St. Clair Ave.	8:15
LYRIA (Colored)—335 Columbus St.	8:30
LORAIN, O.—Community Hall, 23rd and Beech Sts.	8:00
MEDINA, O.—St. Paul's Episcopal Parish House	8:30
PAINESVILLE, O.—Stag—33 N. State Street	8:30
STRONGSVILLE—St. Joseph's Church, 10,000 Pearl Rd.	8:30

WEDNESDAY

ALCOLA—6409 Detroit Ave.	9:00
BAXTER AVE.—6527 Baxter Ave.	8:30
BROOKLYN—K of P Hall, 3316 Broadview, east of Pearl Rd.	8:45
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
EAST SIDE MORNING—2028 E. 105th St.	10:00 A. M.
GARFIELD HEIGHTS—Trinity Baptist, E. 94th and Garfield Blvd.	8:30
LEE ROAD—First Eng. Luth., Derbyshire and Euclid Hts. Blvd.	8:30
ST. JAMES (Colored)—St. James A.M.E., 8401 Cedar	8:30
WARRENSVILLE—Women's House of Correction	8:30
WEST 25th ST.—Marvel Hall, 2858 W. 25th St.	8:30
BEDFORD, O.—Y. M. C. A., Tarbell Ave.	8:30
LYRIA, O.—St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Middle and Third	8:00
LORAIN, O.—ANTLERS—St. Mary's School, Reid Ave.	8:30
LORAIN COUNTY WOMEN—421 Broadway, Apt. 6	8:30

THURSDAY

ALAN—1820 East 79th St.	8:30
ALLENDALE—St. Paul's Episc. Church, 15837 Euclid Ave.	8:30
ANGLE—St. Malachi's Church, 2549 Washington Ave.	8:30
BROADWAY—55th—Our Lady of Lourdes School Hall	8:30
COVENTRY—Fairmount Presbyterian Chapel, Scarborough	8:30
EDDY ROAD—Glenville Congregational Church, Eddy & St. Clair	8:30
GLENVILLE—10421 St. Clair	9:00
LORAIN AVE.—West Park Baptist Church, 15218 Lorain	8:30
OUTHWAITE (Negro) Woodland Center, 7100 Kinsman	8:30
THURSDAY AFTERNOON WOMEN—6409 Detroit Ave.	2:00
WARRENSVILLE (Infirmary) Administration Building	7:00
WEST SIDE—7403 Denison Ave.	10:30 A. M.
WYANDOTTE MEN'S—Redeemer Hall, Andrews & Detroit (rear)	8:30
BEREA, O.—Fine Arts Club, E. Bagley Rd., 3 drs. east of Eastland	8:30
EAST LAKE—Vine and Campbell, Willoughby, O.	8:30
INDEPENDENCE, O.—St. John's Lutheran Hall, Second & Sunset	9:00
PAINESVILLE, O.—33 N. State St., Third Floor	8:30
SHEFFIELD LAKE—640 Sunset Drive	8:30

FRIDAY

ANSEL ROAD—St. Thomas Church, 9205 Superior Ave.	9:00
CEDAR—Salvation Army, 2181 E. 55th St.	8:15
GORDON SQUARE—St. Helena's Hall, 1367 W. 65th St.	8:30
LEE ROAD—2056 East 105th St., K. of P. Hall	9:00
MADISON PARK—St. Gregory Hall, Quail and Thrush	8:45
MILES MEN'S—Stag Group, 4141 E. 116th St.	8:30
NORTHEAST—2028 E. 105th St.	8:30
ROCKY RIVER—St. Christopher's Hall, Lakeview off Detroit	8:30
ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL—First Friday of each month	8:30
WEST SIDE YOUNG PEOPLE—St. Rose's Hall, W. 116 Detroit	8:30
BEREA—Social room of Berea Cong. Church, Seminary and Church	8:30
CHAGRIN FALLS, O.—American Legion, E. Orange St.	8:30
CHARDON, O.—Thrasher House, Water St., Chardon O.	8:30
CONNEAUT, O.—B. of L. E. Hall	8:30
EUCLID, O.—Holy Cross Church, E. 200th and Lake Shore Blvd.	8:30
LORAIN-AVON—AA Social Center, 700 Broadway	8:30
MENTOR, O.—Mentor Methodist Church	8:30
OBERLIN, O.—American Legion Home, S. Main and Hamilton	8:30

SATURDAY

ALCOLA—6409 Detroit Ave.	2:00
BROADWAY MEN'S—St. John's Luth. Church, Cable at Broad	8:30
CROSSROADS—Euclid Avenue Baptist Church, East 18th	9:00
GLENVILLE—10421 St. Clair	9:30
GOSPEL CENTER—6920 Lexington Ave.	8:30
LAKEWOOD Sat. Nite—Redeemer Hall, Andrews, near Detroit	8:30
MATT TALBOT—St. Philip Neri Church, E. 82nd and St. Clair	8:30
PARMA—Public Library, 5850 Ridge Road	8:30
REDWOOD—Euclid Lutheran Church, E. 260 and Oriole	8:30
TRINITY—Trinity Evangelical Church, 3525 W. 25th St.	8:30
VALLEY VIEW—Community Center, W. 7th and Starkweather	8:30
WINDEMERE—East Cleveland Women's Club, 1747 Lakefront	9:00
8005 GROUP—8005 Lorain Ave.	8:30

GIGGLES

A local citizen in a small town fell behind in his car payments. He got a steady stream of letters from the finance company which started mildly enough but gradually built up to a truly threatening crescendo. Finally came the coup de grace intended to touch the man's sense of shame. "Dear Mr. Smith" the letter said, "What would your neighbors think if we came and repossessed your car?" Back came this answer which so far the finance company has not been able to cap: "Dear Sirs: I took the matter up with my neighbors and they all think it would be a very lousy trick."

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A cub reporter was told to cut his stories to the bare essentials. He submitted the following: John Smith looked up the elevator shaft to see if the elevator was on its way down. It was. He would have been forty-five this April.

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I sure don't want to like anything so much that it's going to be denied me all the time.

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Now's the time for mufflers, and a lot of them would do more good worn above the chin.



That First International Conference is certainly going to be some big affair. I don't want to miss it!

SATURDAY (Continued)

ASHTABULA, O.—K. of P. Hall, Elm Ave.	8:30
LYRIA, O.—St. Andrew's Episc. Church, Middle and Third	8:30
OLON, O.—St. Rita's Church basement	9:00

SUNDAY

BROADWAY WOMEN—8437 Broadway	3:00
COLLINWOOD—14709 St. Clair Avenue	8:30
LAKEVIEW-CYO Hall, St. Aloysius Church, E. 109th & St. Clair	8:00
MISTLETOE—MacGillis Home, 1560 Mistletoe at Wade Park	7:00
NEWBURGH—St. Catherine's Church, 3443 E. 93rd St.	8:30
OUTWAITE (Negro)—7100 Kinsman	4:00
STERLING—St. Columbkil's School Hall, 2642 Superior	8:30
SPONSORSHIP MEETING—Glenville Group, 10421 St. Clair Ave.	2:00
TRAINING MEETING—8023 Detroit Ave.	8:00
WARRENSVILLE—Cooly Farms Recreation Room	10:00 A. M.
GENEVA, O.—Legion Hall, Park St., corner of So. Eagle	7:30
LORAIN, O.—(Stag) AA Social Center, 700 Broadway	10:00 A. M.
PAINESVILLE, O.—33 N. State Street, Third Floor	8:00

1st TUESDAY EVERY MONTH
CENTRAL COMMITTEE—Hanna Building, Room 370.....8:30

3rd TUESDAY EVERY MONTH
HOSPITAL COMMITTEE—Hanna Building, Room 3708:30

FOR AUTHORITATIVE AA INFORMATION
AA CLEVELAND DISTRICT OFFICE—780 The Arcade...CH 1.7387

LIST OF COOPERATING AA HOSPITALS

Betty's Home (SHadyside 1-4692) (M)	3480 Scranton Road
Charity Hospital (MAIN 1-9400) (MW)	Central and E. 22nd St.
Farquand Alcoholic Clinic (EXpress 1-8998) (MW)	7809 Euclid Ave.
Clegharson's (TUxedo S-1882) (M)	6037 Pearl Rd.
MacGillis Nursing Home (RA. 1-2556) (MW)	1560 Mistletoe Dr. at Wade Park
Marymount Hospital (VUlean 3-2310) (MW)	12300 McCracken Rd.
Ryan's Nursing Home (MElrose 1-635) (M)	8023 Detroit Ave.
St. John's Hospital (WOOdbine 1-5750) (M)	7911 Detroit Ave.

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What Bailey didn't know

A book of proverbs compiled in 1721 by Nathan Bailey who added explanations of his own contains one that comes close to all members of Alcoholics Anonymous. It reads:

"After Sweet Meat comes Sour Sauce.

"This proverb is an excellent Monition of Temperance and Sobriety," adds the worthy Bailey, "for that whatsoever is excessive and unreasonable, either in our Actions or our Passions and Appetites, in either drinking or eating to Gluttony; either in point of Wit, Mirth, or Wantonness to Intemperance; of Lust, Lechery, or Lewdness to Iniquity, will certainly make the sweetest meat we can eat rise as sour as a Crab in our Stomachs: for that there is rank Poison in the Tail of all unlawful Pleasures, a bitter Sweet, or a deadly sour Dreg in the bottom of the Vessel, which will be Wormwood and Gall in the Belly."

We never belonged to the brigade of Half Way boys and girls. For us, whatever we did, it was all or nothing. Whole hog, the slang puts it, and with us it was with emphasis on the hog.

Therefore, what this old compiler of proverbs says in his pompous and formal way contains much truth. He cautions against extremism. Alcoholics are extremists. First in their thinking and then in their acting.

There were some aspects of this business of going to extremes in "either drinking or eating" that neither Bailey nor anyone else was aware of in the eighteenth century.

In those days they talked of "unlawful Pleasures." Alcoholics do not become alcoholics because it is an "unlawful Pleasure." We get that way because we suffer from an illness, an answer that might surprise Bailey and those like him who still think, in the twentieth century, along the archaic lines of two centuries ago.

Bailey would have been surprised had he been told that alcoholism was often (in most cases, in fact) an outgrowth of a defect in character or in the arrangement of our lives. He would have put us down for rattled-pated duffers had he been told that it was, in short, 'the result of twisted thinking.

Yet, these answers are commonplace to us. And because we recognize our illness for what it is and approach it on a rational basis we can with the help of a Higher Power, find the way to sobriety and health.

Yet Bailey and the people of his time had no monopoly on ignorance. Some ignorance persists to this day even in the face of the enlightenment that has been brought to bear on the problem through the program of Alcoholics Anonymous.

There are some of us who think that leaving liquor alone is all that is necessary. Excessive use of liquor leading to alcoholism is just a manifestation of the deeper, basic problem: the tendency to carry anything we do to extremes. It is this tendency in all its manifestations, not just its alcoholic outcropping, that must be corrected.

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Standards

It was quite a shock to hear a visitor argue quite sincerely that in his opinion, if AA kept an habitual drunk sober half of the time, it deserved just as much credit as if the patient remained sober all the time. He used such platitudes as "Better to have tried and lost, than never to have tried at all," and "At least he was sober SOME of the time."

The attitude of this member seems to be getting rather prevalent among too many people. It's something to think about for all of us. Are we relaxing too much in the maintenance of high principle?

Just because a man or woman still has a home, a job, a car, and still has money is no excuse for countenancing occasional binges. Too many people in this class seem to think they're entitled to more chances, gambling with their lives and particularly their souls because they haven't, in their distorted minds, qualified as alcoholics yet.

Too many selfishly, have hitched themselves to AA, because they find among the membership so many who have become dangerously over tolerant. Or perhaps they have become lazy in their own thinking. Perhaps they themselves, even though they are not drinking, are setting a low evaluation of the AA standards of absolute abstinence.

We believe that the greater percentage of AA's are constant. We believe too that they deplore the glaring disregard of the fundamentals of AA-absolute abstinence and the important surrender to accepting the help of God. We believe there is a

growing tendency in the part of some to minimize the utter importance of the latter with the consequent inevitable result in weakening the former.

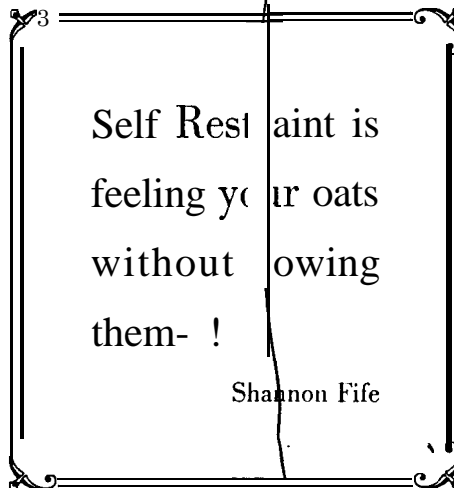
We believe more and more emphasis should be made of the spiritual side of our program. It will not survive without emphasis, for the essence of each of the twelve steps is spiritual.

We believe there is a growing tendency toward making the AA groups into social clubs, emphasizing the entertainment and lessening the very reason for the group's existence. Going to extremes is so easy for all of us and if AA work is secondary, very soon that group will have a great number of casualties.

We remember when AA claimed 85% success in rescuing alcoholics from their personal hells. What percentage can we honestly claim now? 60% — 50% — 40%. Definitely we are slipping. We believe the cause is over-tolerance.

It would be interesting to take a census, and with honest answers, determine how many (or how few) have made a complete surrender and have not had a drink of wine, whisky or beer since they embraced AA.

We cannot lower our standards. If you have, rededicate yourself to "absolutism" and the twelve steps and we will be in a far better position to help the guy who is honestly seeking help with his drinking problem.



WHAT BAILEY DIDN'T KNOW

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Too often the dried up alcoholic finds an outlet in some other way: cards, food, temper, any one of a thousand of life's myriad activities. It is to curb these excesses that emphasis is placed on the alteration of character which, at bottom, means a change in thinking. With God's help we can change our mental outlook and thus alter all other aspects of our lives so we will not incur the risk Bailey warned about of getting sour sauce after sweet meat.

KEEP MOUTH SHUT-EARS OPEN

One of the first recommendations made to a new man in AA is to keep his mouth shut and his ears open. This is good advice which is seldom followed. There is something about the movement that loosens a man's tongue. The longer he is in AA, the more he is suffused with the miracle of sobriety, and the more anxious he is to pass it along—mostly by the sheer weight of words, with little logic or understanding.

It isn't that he is talking through his hat, or that he doesn't know what he is talking about. It's simply that he is overwhelmed.

How come?

Well, his sobriety is a miracle: and who can explain a miracle? The dictionary tries thusly: "An event or effect in the physical world deviating from the known laws of nature, or transcending our knowledge of these laws." Mary Baker Eddy makes it more understandable for us alcoholics by explaining that a miracle "is divinely natural, but must be learned humanly."

Time and experience has proven that all alcoholics can't be rescued by AA at the whim of sponsors. Prospects who have had the best of sponsorship have at times proved to be the least tractable. For this, there must be some explanation; and the writer chooses to believe that no alcoholic is a good prospect until God has taken a hand.

Sooner or later in every alcoholic's career, he is divinely gifted with an insight into his own problem. He is not given the strength to correct it but he is given the option of asking for that strength. Failing this, there is absolutely nothing in his future but continued ignominy.

We choose to believe what Jesus said: "Suffer sinners to come unto me," he meant that and nothing more. He meant to give the sinners an insight into their own lives—an opportunity to clearly distinguish between right and wrong—and the choice of how to continue. For the penitent he offered forgiveness; for the unrepentant, despair.

AA follows this policy right down the line, without deviation. AA distinguishes between right and wrong, gives a prospect his choice and demonstrates that he is forgiven. It adds only in providing a material fellowship to bolster the spiritual development.

Perhaps this is why we talk in circles when trying to explain how we got and maintain our sobriety. We can explain the known factors, such as the four absolutes of AA and the twelve steps, but we simply can't cope with the intangibles.

But we can be thankful: That's why we open all AA meetings with prayer. Jack F.-Social Center Chatter.

JUST FOR TODAY

"I am an old man and have had many troubles, but most of them never happened". This sentence was carved over a dilapidated mantel. It is the wisdom which comes from experience. Most of our troubles are imagined ones. They would have no existence without our permission. They only exist because we tolerate them. They rob us of sleep—upset our digestion—put furrows in our faces—and anguish in our hearts—in fact they are masters of our house. Small wonder in times like these we turned to booze—yet we know now—that no situation can be so bad but what booze cannot make worse. Contentment—and a longer and happier life—is ours if we live but for today. Today is all we are sure of—so let's live it to the full. It's not difficult to stay on the programme and thus stay sober, JUST FOR TODAY.—Lifeline, Vancouver, B.C.

MANY STATES WILL BE REPRESENTED

Thirty of the United States and three Canadian provinces will be represented at the International Conference, July 28-30. Probably during the next month this number will be increased, since this figure was tabulated from paid reservations to June 16.

In addition to the adjoining states, reservations have been received from Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Tennessee, North and South Carolina, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Arizona, Montana, Minnesota, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Wisconsin, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Maryland, District of Columbia, California and Texas.

Clevelanders who plan to attend the Conference are requested to register now to avoid the inevitable last minute rush. Make reservations through your group secretary or direct to 449 The Arcade.

Bill's letters to the Committee from Europe where he is at present making a tour of established A. A. Groups and laying the foundation for others indicate the growing importance of the report he will make to the Conference.

Warden Clinton T. Duffy of San Quentin Prison, a pioneer in establishing the Prison Group, has definitely confirmed his acceptance of the invitation of the Conference Committee to attend and address the special meeting on Institutional Groups.

DON'T SPOIL YOUR DAY

Every habit we have come about by cultivation. If we want good ones, we can get them in a similar manner. How often we hear the enjoiner, "take it easy". In other words, "keep your composure". Well; try to keep your composure, make a study of it, too often we allow ourselves to be upset by small things—things we could afford to despise and forget. Lots of little things can spoil our day—some one has spoken ill of us—some one unappreciative of a favor—some reward we thought we had earned has been denied us. We feel the disappointment stonally—it spoils our work for us and disturbs our sleep and so we start to brood. When we stop to think of it— isn't it absurd? When we look back now over the things we had worried about, none of them really mattered and those benders we went on as a result, couldn't and never did help. So let's keep composed and enjoy what's left for us in worth while feelings—in high ideals and great thoughts. Life is too short to worry—and worry only spoils your day.—Lifeline, Vancouver, B. C.

WATCH YOUR STEP

There are some things in AA which, at times, we are apt to forget. One is the effect our attitudes and actions have on us—and the other—the effect our actions and attitudes have on others. Especially should we be mindful of the effect of our actions and utterances on the newcomer, for first impressions, (more often than not), are lasting. Our attitude with regard to slips is important. True, to most it may be only a passing departure—but if we treat it lightly we may plant impressions in others that may be permanent. Some of us have progressed far enough in AA to feel that we ourselves have well anchored standards. But that does not give us license to condone or condemn, or for ill chosen words or off colored actions. In AA there is no such thing as maturity or seniority, so none of us had better presume such privileges. Yet, there are those who because of their record are looked upon as leaders and to set the pace. Here, then, is a responsibility for those who hold such records and of which they must be ever mindful. The newcomer is influenced by their opinions and actions—influenced by them—just as much when they are at their worst—as when they are at their best. Because of this, and if for no other reason, it is important that all of us watch our step.—Lifeline, Vancouver, B. C.

EDGELAKE

The annual picnic of the Edgelake group was held at member Al H.'s estate in Strongsville on Sunday, June 25th. Grand time was had by members and their families.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

To properly remind all members of the conditions under which patients can be admitted to Charity and St. John's Hospitals, Central Committee instructed the Bulletin to emphasize them.

These two hospitals do not accept repeaters. The limited space allotted to AA was a great concession to us and the integrity of AA must be maintained. Please don't jeopardize our grant by trying to break the rules.

CHANGES IN LISTINGS

The **Fairview** Park group now meets in **Fairview** Grace Church, **Lorain** Road and W. 224th St. They meet on Tuesdays at **8:30** p. m.

The **Edgewater** group meets at 10034 **Lorain** Ave. at W. **101st** St. on Tuesday evenings at **8:30** p. m.

The **Arcade** group, starting June 13, meets in Central Y.M.C.A., E. 22nd and Prospett on Tuesday evenings at **8:30** p. m.

The **Thompson Products** group is now open to all members. It meets in the main plant on **Oakwood** Ave., on Mondays at **4:30** p. m. Those wishing to attend can obtain visitor's passes at the Employment office, Cedar and **Oakwood** Avenues.

The **Broadway-Harvard** group started April 14th with 87 people attending. **George P.** is secretary. They meet on Fridays at 8437 **Broadway** at 9:00 p. m.

The **Wyandotte** group has discontinued meetings until further notice.

The **Railroad** AA group supplies those AA's who are seeking a south-side morning group with a place to meet. They meet at 8437 **Broadway** on Tuesdays at 11 a. m. **Joe G.** is secretary.

Lorain Monday group now meets at 10034 **Lorain** Ave. Their meetings on Monday start at the same time, **8:30** p. m.

MILES CELEBRATES NINTH

A gala celebration was held on Monday evening, June 19th when the Union group observed its ninth anniversary. **Clarence S.** was the speaker and he put the great crowd of 350 in a good mood to further enjoy two hours of extraordinary entertainment. Quite an achievement for **Frank L.** and his committee.

LAKWOOD MEN

Speakers for the **Lakewood Men's** group for June were **Dr. F.** of **Painesville**, **Pete G.** of **Parma**, **Cliff B.** of **Lake Shore** and **Harry H.** of our own group..

LORAIN COUNTY CONSOLIDATED

Consolidated meetings have been discontinued for the summer months. If sufficient interest is generated, they will be resumed in September or October.

RECORD CROWD INAUGURATES NEW CLUB

The new **westside** club, the **Alto-Only**, located at 10034 **Lorain** Ave., was host to a capacity crowd on Wednesday, June 7. The club rooms are housed in a former bank-site and its cool high-ceilinged rooms make it quite attractive and comfortable during the hot summer months. Television is also an attraction.

The club houses two groups, the **Lorain** Monday and the **Edgewater**, the former meeting on Mondays and the latter on Tuesdays at **8:30** p. m. A social afternoon is held once a month for the wives of AA members.

Managing the place is genial **Harry H.** and his gracious wife.

OHIO PEN ANNIVERSARY

Just a year ago the great humanitarian endeavor in Ohio Penitentiary began when the **Columbus** groups started the first **AA** meeting there. This effort has been astoundingly successful in rehabilitating men and making possible their easier adjustment to life after serving their time. AA has given them a new outlook on life. They are better fortified to prove their right to respect and honor, with a thorough indoctrination of AA principle. It has given them hope. **Columbus** is to be congratulated for its fine contribution.

A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Mark Twain once said "Everybody talks about the weather, but nothing is ever done about it." Well it seems to me that we in AA talk about the support of our Central Office, but about 65% do NOTHING about it. I believe the time has come to settle this once and for all time to come. What do you think?

What has become of the old Elbow benders, the Big I **AMs**, the Spending Big Shots that used to go in a saloon and put a 10 or 20 dollar bill on the bar and tell the bartender to give 'em all a drink? Are those days forgotten?

Or are we turning into a bunch of penny-pinchers, nickel-nursers, not giving a hoot, now that we've got so much out of AA, and adopting a "Let George do it" policy." All of you remember the old slogan "To hell with you, so long as I'm alright and getting mine."

If you've read this far and are getting mad, I'm glad. I hope you're beginning to cuss and suspect that I have a "wet-brain." For your information, a doctor in Indianapolis, Ind., diagnosed my case that way. So just keep cussing and get good and mad, for as **Al Jolson** used to say "You aint heard nuthin' yet!"

Do you want our office workers to keep begging a dime here and there like a bunch of creeps on Skid row? I don't think so.

I sincerely hope I haven't hurt the feelings of anyone. If I have, I apologize humbly. I've gotten quite a kick out of writing this letter and I hope all you who read this will start talking. Keep talking and talk and talk and talk.

If you talk against the office be prepared to defend yourself with honest arguments. If you talk for it, be prepared to give facts. It has been a tremendous boon to Clevelanders and should be a "MUST" as a project to support 100% in every group and by every member.

-**John R.**, Secretary West Park Group.

BROOKLYN ELECTS

Big things are popping out in Brooklyn. **Charley S.**, one of Brooklyn's charter members, has taken over the secretaryship. **Charley** never does things half-way. Any group he takes an interest in, draws crowds mainly because of **Charley's** great promotional ability. The Brooklyn meetings start at **8:30** and are held on Wednesdays in **K. of P. Hall**, 3316 **Broadview**, just east of **Pearl Road**.

MEETING ON FOURTH OF JULY

Though it's a holiday, the Superior group will hold its meeting and it invites everyone who wishes to attend. Heartened by the attendance of 55 at the **Memorial** Day meeting, the group decided not to cancel its July 4th meeting. They meet in **Immaculate Conception Hall**, East 43rd and Superior at **8:30** p. m.

DOAN DATA

Speakers for the past month were **Johnny McG.** of **Newburgh**, **Joe O.** of **Newburgh**, **Cal D.** former boxer of **Gordon Square**, **Harry K.** of **Broadway** and **Ace E.**, veteran of **Collinwood**. This was an all star cast and the large crowds were benefitted by their appearances as well as entertained.

HITS JACKPOT

Another thing to remind us of the blessing of sobriety in AA was a news item in a recent Cleveland paper. A 55 year old man, named **Ben G.** (not a member of **AA**—yet) hit the jackpot for an all-time accident total in one merry cruise. He pleaded guilty to drunken driving before Judge **Frank Celebrezze** and had his case continued. "Six beers" said **Ben**, enumerating his drinks before he sailed down **E. 79th St.** Saturday afternoon and in a space of 1200 feet—longest crash distance on record here—smashed into 11 parked cars. Damage total \$2000. Which for six beers makes two cars and some \$200 a beer—not counting **Ben's** car.

DEPARTMENT OF SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENT*
A device to make the brakes get tight on an automobile when the driver does.

MONDAY

ADDISON—Westminster Church, N.E. Cor. Addison & Wade Park.	8:30
BORTON—E. Cleve. Cong. Church, Page & Euclid.	8:45
DETROIT MONDAY—8023 Detroit Ave.	8:30
FAIRMOUNT—St. Paul's Episcopal, Fairmount and Coventry.	8:30
LAKE SHORE—St. Luke's Parish, Clifton and Bunts Rd.	8:30
LAKEWOOD (Orchard Grove)—1417 St. Charles, nr. Detroit.	8:30
LAKEWOOD MEN'S—St. Peter's Episc., W. Clifton & Detroit.	8:30
LAKEWOOD WOMEN—United Presby. Church, 12601 Detroit.	8:30
LEE MONDAY—First Presb. Church, E. Cleve., Nela and Euclid.	8:30
LORAIN AVE.—10034 Lorain Ave.	8:30
MARINE HOSPITAL—E. 124th and Fairhill.	7:30
PEARL—Corpus Christi Basement, 4202 Stickney (E. of Pearl Rd.)	8:30
SHAKER HEIGHTS—Christ Episc., Church, 3451 Warrensville.	8:30
SOUTH EAST GROUP—Holy Name Hall, 8328 Broadway.	8:30
THOMPSON PRODUCTS—Main Plant, Clarkwood Ave.	
(Permit at Employment Office)	4:30
UNION—American Legion Hall, 13913 Kinsman (in rear)	8:30
WILLOUGHBY—Presbyterian Church, Willoughby, O.	8:30
WOMEN'S—East Side—Emmanuel Church, 8610 Euclid.	8:30
WOMEN'S—West Side—West Blvd. Christ., W. Blvd. & W. 101.	8:30

TUESDAY

ARCADE—Central Y.M.C.A., Last 22nd and Prospect.	8:30
CHARITY—Last Tues. of each month—Charity Hosp. Nurses' Aud.	8:30
CLARK—4105 Clark Ave. Upstairs.	8:30
EAGLE TRAINING—Salvation Army, E. 9th & Eagle.	8:00
EDGE LAKE—Community Center Bldg., St. Charles and Detroit.	8:30
EDGEWATER—10034 Lorain Ave., Cor. W. 101st St.	8:30
EUCLID-WADE—Calvary Presbyterian Church, E. 79 & Euclid.	8:30
FAIRVIEW PARK—Fairview Grace Church, W. 224 & Lorain.	8:30
MAYFIELD VILLAGE—Dahlgren's SOM Center & Wilson Mills.	8:30
MILES-LEE—Mount Hope Church, E. 164th, north of Miles.	8:30
RAILROAD HOUR—8437 Broadway	11 A. M.
SMITH-WILSON—Nativity School, 9510 Aetna Road.	8:30
SUPERIOR—Immaculate Conception, E. 43rd and Superior.	8:30
WEST PARK—West Park Baptist Church, W. 152nd and Lorain.	8:30
WEST SJDE MEN'S—St. Patrick's Hall, Bridge at W. 38th.	8:30
WOMEN'S—East Side—Glenville Hall 10421 St. Clair Ave.	8:15
ELYRIA (Colored)—335 Columbus St.	8:30
LORAIN, O.—Community Hall, 23rd and Beech Sts.	8:00
MEDINA, O.—St. Paul's Episcopal Parish House.	8:30
PAINESVILLE, O.—Stag—33 N. State Street.	8:30
STRONGSVILLE—St. Joseph's Church, 10,000 Pearl Rd.	8:30

WEDNESDAY

ALCOLA—6409 Detroit Ave.	9:00
BAXTER AVE.—6527 Baxter Ave.	8:30
BROOKLYN—K. of P. Hall, 3316 Broadview, East of Pearl Rd.	8:30
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
EAST SIDE MORNING—2028 E. 105th St.	10:00 A. M.
GARFIELD HEIGHTS—Trinity Baptist, E. 94th and Garfield Bldg.	8:30
LEE ROAD—First Eng. Luth., Derbyshire and Euclid Hts. Blvd.	8:30
ST. JAMES (Colored) St. James A.M.E., 8401 Cedar.	8:30
WARRENSVILLE—Women's House of Correction.	8:30
WEST 25th ST.—Marvel Hall, 2858 W. 25th St.	8:30
BEDFORD, O.—Y. M. C. A., Tarbell Ave.	8:30
ELYRIA, O.—St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Middle and Third.	8:00
LORAIN, O.—ANTLERS—St. Mary's School, Reid Ave.	8:30
LORAIN COUNTY WOMEN—421 Broadway, Apt. 6.	8:30

THURSDAY

ALAN—1820 East 79th St.	8:30
ALLENDALE—St. Paul's Episc. Church, 15837 Euclid Ave.	8:30
ANGLE—St. Malachi's Church, 2549 Washington Ave.	8:30
BROADWAY-55th—Our Lady of Lourdes School Hall.	8:30
COVENTRY—Fairmount Presbyterian Chapel, Scarborough.	8:30
EDDY ROAD—Glenville Congregational Church, Eddy & St. Clair.	8:30
GLENVILLE—10421 St. Clair.	9:00
LORAIN AVE.—West Park Baptist Church, 15218 Lorain.	8:30
OUTHWAITE (Negro) Woodland Center, 7100 Kinsman.	8:30
THURSDAY AFTERNOON WOMEN—6409 Detroit Ave.	2:00
WEST SIDE—7403 Denison Ave.	10:30 A. M.
BEREA, O.—Fine Arts Club, E. Bagley Rd., 3 drs. east of Eastland.	8:30
EAST LAKE—Vine and Campbell, Willoughby, O.	8:30
INDEPENDENCE, O.—St. John's Lutheran Hall, Second & Sunset	9:00
PAINESVILLE, O.—33 N. State St., Third Floor.	8:30
SHEFFIELD LAKE—640 Sunset Drive.	8:30

FRIDAY

ANSEL ROAD—St. Thomas Church, 9205 Superior Ave.	9:00
BROADWAY-HARVARD—8437 Broadway	8:30
CEDAR—Salvation Army, 2181 E. 55th St.	8:15
GORDON SQUARE—St. Helena's Hall, 1367 W. 65th St.	8:30
LEE ROAD—2056 East 105th St., K. of P. Hall.	9:00
MADISON PARK—St. Gregory Hall, Quail and Thrush.	8:45
MILES MEN'S—Stag Group, 4141 E. 116th St.	8:30
NORTHEAST—2028 E. 105th St.	8:30
ROCKY RIVER—St. Christopher's Hall, Lakeview off Detroit.	8:30
ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL—First Friday of each month.	8:30
WEST SIDE YOUNG PEOPLE—St. Rose's Hall, W. 116-Detroit.	8:30
BEREA—Social room of Berea Cong. Church, Seminary and Church.	8:30
CHAGRIN FALLS, O.—American Legion, E. Orange St.	8:30
CHARDON, O.—Thrasher House, Water St., Chardon O.	8:30
CONNEAUT, O.—B. of L. E. Hall.	8:30
EUCLID, O.—Holy Cross Church, E. 200th and Lake Shore Blvd.	8:30
LORAIN-AVON—AA Social Center, 700 Broadway.	8:30
MENTOR, O.—Mentor Methodist Church.	8:30
OBERLIN, O.—American Legion Home, S. Main and Hamilton.	8:30

SATURDAY

ALCOLA—6409 Detroit Ave.	2:00
BROADWAY MEN'S—St. John's Luth. Church, Cable at Broad.	8:30
CROSSROADS—Euclid Avenue Baptist Church, East 18th.	9:00
GLENVILLE—10421 St. Clair.	9:30
GOPEL CENTER—6920 Lexington Ave.	8:30
LAKEWOOD Sat. Nite—Redemer Hall, Andrews, near Detroit.	8:30
MATT TALBOT—St. Philip Neri Church, E. 82nd and St. Clair.	8:30
PARMA—Public Library, 5850 Ridge Road.	8:30
REDWOOD—Euclid Lutheran Church, E. 260 and Oriole.	8:30
TRINITY—Trinity Evangelical Church, 3525 W. 25th St.	8:30

GIGGLES

Inebriate to Bartender: "On one occasion, I suddenly rame face to face with an enormous lion. I had never before seen such a huge beast. He stood only a few feet from me and was the perfect picture of ferocity. He roared; I fired; I hit him right between the yours."
Bartender: "Yours ? What's yours ?"
Inebriate: I'll have a scotch and soda, thank you.

Chief: My wife explored my pockets the other night.
Second Chief: What did she get?
Chief: About the same as any other explorer-enough material for a lecture.

A SPECIAL GIGGLE

We received a post card from Virginia Beach, Va., which brought a couple of chuckles and we hope will give you some. Signed Equal Justice B., it reads "This card was given to me. I found an unused stamp, borrowed a hotel pen. So I thought of you, the Central Bull, the convention and other disturbing things. Tonight I shall go to a meeting. If you can't convince 'em, confuse 'em."

Yeah! They'd have made history alright. But so will this one hnt in a different way. Incidentally, tell your local friends they had better register. Procrastination will cause a lot of disappoint. ments.
Gee, it's June already. And next month Cleveland will be packed with ex-drunks in Convention. Imagine that crowd assembled before they embraced AA!



SATURDAY (Continued)

VALLEY VIEW-Community Center, W. 7th and Starkweather.	8:30
WINDEMERE—East Cleveland Women's Club, 1747 Lakefront.	9:00
8005 GROUP-8005 Lorain Ave.	8:30
ASHTABULAA, O.-K. of P. Hall, Elm Ave.	8:30
ELYRIA, O.—St. Andrew's Episc. Church, Middle and Third.	8:30
SOLOIN, O.—St. Rita's Church basement.	9:00

SUNDAY

BROADWAY WOMEN-8437 Broadway	3:00
COLLINWOOD—14709 St. Clair Avenue	7:30
LAKEVIEW-CYO Hall, St. Aloysius church, E. 109th & St. Clair.	8:00
M ISTLETOWE—MacGillis Home, 1560 Mistletoe at Wade Park.	7:00
NEWBURGH—St. Catherine's Church, 3443 E. 93rd St.	8:30
OUTWAITE (Negro)-7 100 Kinsman	4:00
STERLING—St. Columbkil's School Hall, 2642 Superior	8:30
SPONSORSHIP MEETING—Glenville Group, 10421 St. Clair Ave.	2:00
TRAINING MEETING-6023 Detroit Ave.	8:00
WARRENSVILLE-Cooley Farms Recreation R---	10:00 A. M.
GENEVA, O.-Legion Hall, Park St., corner of So. Eagle	7:30
LORAIN, O.—(Stag) AA Social Center, 700 Broadway	10:00 A. M.
PAINESVILLE, O.-33 N. State Street, Third Floor	8:00

1st TUESDAY EVERY MONTH

CENTRAL COMMITTEE—Hanna Building, Room 370	8:30
3rd TUESDAY EVERY-MONTH	
HOSPITAL COMMITTEE—Hanna Building, Room 370	8:30
FOR AUTHORITYTIVE AA INFORMATION	
AA CLEVELAND DISTRICT OFFICE-780 The Arcade...CH 1-7387	

LIST OF COOPERATING AA HOSPITALS

Betty's Home (SHadyside 1-4692) (M)	3480 Scranton Road
Cleveland Alcoholic Clinic (EXpress 1-8998) (MW)	7809 Euclid Ave.
Farquharson's (TUXedo 5-1882) (M)	6037 Pearl Rd.
MacGillis Nursing Home (RA. 1-2556) (MW)	
	1560 Mistletoe Dr. at Wade Park
Marymount Hospital (VULcan 3-2310) (MW)	12300 McCracken Rd.
Ryan's Nursing Home (MEIrose 1-1635) (M)	8023 Detroit Ave.
HOSPITALIZATION FOR FIRST TIMERS ONLY	
Charity Hospital (MAIN 1-9400) (MW)	Central and E. 22nd St.
St. John's Hospital (Woodbine 1-5750) (M)	7911 Detroit Ave.
(M) men only. (MW) men and women. (W) women only.	

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Danger of Repetition

Is Alcoholics Anonymous becoming a fellowship with a tedious and repetitious character?

Sometimes, in making the rounds of various groups, a fear that such is the case assails us.

We attend Group A on Monday and who should be leading but good old Joe Q. Nice lead, Joe, etc. And Tuesday we run over to Group B, haven't been out there in a long time. And who should be leading but good old Joe Q. Maybe Wednesday we run into somebody who mumbles in his beard. On Thursday we cross the Cuyahoga and visit Group C on the West Side. And what do you, think? Yes. You're right. It's good old Joe. Q. again. Quite a boy, Joe. He's doing a good job but after all, didn't anybody else in this league get drunk and then get sobered up enough to talk about it?

An exaggeration, this. Certainly. But you get the point. It may not be far amiss, either. Should you sit down and tally up you might be surprised to learn that in this vast county with all its groups and all its members there may not be more than 100 men and women who do 90% of the leading.

Because of this the fellowship is petting tongue-tied. It is not depreciation of the willing workers who carry so much of the load to say that unless this is changed the organization is going to lose its punch, its attractiveness. However good it may be, the same speech soon gets tiresome. And if a leader doesn't give pretty much the same speech—the story of his experiences, his approach to A.A. and the way in which he is trying to make the program work—he is not leading but preaching or lecturing.

However fumbling, however poorly constructed as a speech or an oration a lead may be it is nevertheless of the highest importance both to the member who gives it and to the members who listen to it and comment on it. In this way, without staging, without fanfare, common problems can be discussed and greater help can be obtained by all. The less formality there is about a lead the greater its value.

In recent years we have lost sight of the purpose of the lead. It is entertaining and inspiring to sit back and listen to a polished and confident speaker. It is more important to listen attentively to the hesitant and nervous speaker. It is important to help him. More and more the business of leading drifts into the realm of entertainment, where it does not primarily belong, and out of the area of mutual help, the process it was intended to be.

Secretaries and chairmen it seems to us, could exercise a little more care, make a bit more effort than is common practice. It is so easy for a chairman to decide that since good old Joe Q. led a nice meeting a year or even six months ago it will be fine to have him back. Joe Q. is a willing horse anyway. It is easier than coaxing a new man into leading. This is dangerous laziness.

No one should lead a group more often than once a year. And since there is not dearth of members, but a constantly increasing roster, even this should be a rare practice. New talent must be brought to the front of the groups. Hundreds upon hundreds of untold stories remain

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Cleveland Milestones

On July 28th and through July 30th Cleveland will again be the center of public interest in the great humanitarian work of Alcoholics Anonymous when the First International Conference will meet in celebration of its Fifteenth Anniversary.

Just thirty-five miles to the south of Cleveland, in the city of Akron, A. A. was cradled by the grace of God. Here Bill and Doctor Bob met, each seeking in his own way an answer to the problem which threatened to ruin their lives. Their theory was reluctantly accepted by a few who needed help desperately, and at first progress was slow. However, when several apparently miraculous recoveries had established the soundness of their procedure,

the movement began to grow, as any plan divinely conceived and directed must flourish. It attracted Clevelanders in considerable numbers, and these eventually organized their own local meetings to supplement the weekly Akron meetings.

Jack Alexander's Saturday Evening Post article, which had much to do with the subsequent growth of A. A., was written as a result of his study of the activity in Akron, Cleveland, and New York. The illustrations accompanying the article showed Cleveland members in various anonymous poses.

The fifth anniversary was observed by five hundred members at the Statler Hotel in 1940.

Soon after this a mimeographed bulletin was distributed among the local groups and from this grew the idea of publishing Central Bulletin.

Its original purpose was to supply members of the Cleveland groups in the armed forces during the war with monthly "leads" in lieu of meetings. Since then it has become medium for the publication of group news of general interest to all subscribers, the listing of local and suburban meetings, and editorial material which it is hoped is beneficial to all who take their A.A. work seriously. In addition to local subscribers, the Bulletin has readers in many Ohio towns, in twenty-seven states, in Ireland, and just recently in Norway.

The tenth anniversary of A.A. in 1945 was an outstanding event in our history. It brought to Cleveland visitors from most of the States and Canada who were thrilled to the core by the simple yet dramatic talks by Doctor Bob and Bill as they modestly refused to accept any credit for being the God-chosen vehicles of "an idea". The audience of three thousand was an inspiring sight to see and hear as they closed this momentous session with the Lord's Prayer.

Now comes the fifteenth anniversary and with it the initial conference where it is hoped the movement will crystalize into a common purpose. The "Twelve Points of Tradition", the torchlight of principle, will be confirmed as a guide to every group which has as its primary objective the sharing of the great gift of knowledge of how to stay sober—how to live and to be an asset to the community rather than a liability.

Here, too, history will be made as noted representatives of hospitals, penal institutions, industries, publica-

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*Want and sorrow
are the wages that
folly earns for itself
.. and they are
generally paid.*

—Selected

First INTERNATIONAL AA CONFERENCE

CLEVELAND, OHIO — JULY 28, 29, 30, 1950

To bring together in understanding and friendship representatives of groups around the world, to solidify traditions and policies, and to mark the maturity of the movement on its 15th anniversary, are the purposes of the First International Conference which will be held in Cleveland the weekend of July 28, 29 and 30.

Response to the conference call has been tremendous. Already reservations have been received from 47 of the 48 states, all the provinces in Canada, and such far off places as **Saudi** Arabia, Porto Rico, Sweden and the Marshall Islands. It is estimated that individual attendance will run between 12 and 15 thousand with 1800 groups represented.

The phenomenal spread of the movement around the globe is reflected by the recent trip to Europe of Bill W. who found a thousand members in a group in **Oslo**, Norway, as well as thriving groups in every country this side of the iron curtain.

Because the movement has no constitution, by-laws, rules or regulations of any sort, it is necessary to keep the policy firm through traditions alone. Members in **Cleveland** are familiar with the minor differences in various groups, and they can easily imagine how these differences in **practice** and **policy** would be magnified on a global **scale**. Some variations are necessary as each group-much serve the spiritual and social needs of its members, but there is always the danger, so far avoided, of unhealthy **practices** getting established.

Widespread **dissemination**, through publication and word of mouth, of the basic traditions is highly important as the fellowship adapts itself to local conditions in distant parts of the country and hidden corners of the world.

While the fellowship does not partake in social work as a unit, it does represent a social force in the solution of the age old alcoholic problem, and many individual members are now engaged-in helping industrial agencies, social **agencies** and **hospitals** and clinics in the rehabilitation of alcoholics.

The International Conference will have major meetings on this phase of activity. Warden Clinton S. Duffey of San Quentin will speak at the meeting on Corrective Institutions where the growth of the fellowship has been great and where actual statistics on parole violations show that membership has a tremendously beneficial effect.

Large business organizations are now enlisting the cooperation of members in their personnel programs. Louis B. Seltzer, editor of the **Cleveland Press**, Dr. John H. Morse of Eastman Kodak and Dr. G. H. Gehrman of E. I. Dupont Nemours will be **among** the speakers at the Industrial Meeting.

Hospitalization programs, confined to Cleveland and Akron- during the early years of the movement, have spread in the last five years to many cities. The latest practices in hospitals, and the benefits of cooperation with the fellowship will be stressed in the meeting on hospitalization. Dr. W. D. Silkworth, whose early appraisal of the fellowship in the A. A. book is familiar to most of us, will be one of the speakers on this subject. There are many areas which do **not** have hospitals or even nursing homes available for alcoholic patients under the A. A. program. In some communities, hospitals do not cooperate **with** A. A. members and one of the better by-products of the conference will be to focus attention upon the advantages to hospitals of adopting a policy of cooperation on this problem.

There will be special meeting for group secretaries, and a discussion of their problems; and a meeting for office personnel, the people who staff district and regional A. A. offices.

A special meeting has been set up for those interested in A. A. publications, such as the one you are now reading.

The growth of the movement has seen more and more young people come within its field of activity and these young people feel that they have special problems. For them there will be a meeting for A. A.'s under 35.

The Non A. A. Affiliates, the wives, husbands and other relatives of A. A. members will have a meeting of their own. This type of meeting was first staged at Toronto and was led by an all Canadian **panel**. It **proved** to be so interesting that it was repeated at Syracuse, and the same panel will lead the meeting in Cleveland.

A general meeting, for A. A.'s only, known as the Conference meeting will be held Saturday afternoon. At this meeting the policy and the traditions will be discussed, and members asked to appraise A. A.'s position in the year of its maturity. This is a most important meeting for it will help determine the direction of the future growth of the fellowship.

On Sunday morning a meeting will be held which will stress the spiritual philosophy of the program, and on Sunday afternoon there will be a big A. A. meeting in the huge auditorium of Public Hall.

There will be only two speakers at this meeting, the founders, Bill and Doctor Bob. Seldom in the 15 years since the movement began when they first met, have **these** two appeared together at a **large** meeting. Both men have consistently sought to avoid the **limelight**, neither has ever attempted to assume the prerogatives of leadership, but in the interests of strengthen the knowledge of the fundamental principles and traditions, they will face the largest audience of A. A.'s in history.

Few A. A.'s realize how important it has been to the growth of the movement that these two brilliant men have had the humility to avoid the efforts of both outsiders and members to set them up as leaders of the fellowship. Since the movement first grew into a national thing, neither has had an easy time **pursuing** his normal career; the requests upon their time and **patience** have been enough to break ordinary men. Had they been less humble, they could have allowed themselves "to be **worshipped** as high priests, instead they have served the movement to a magnificent degree **by** trying to remain as close to ordinary members as **possible**. As a result they do represent a great force, not because of the power they could have accepted, but because they have attempted to practice the humility they taught.

On the entertainment side of the conference, there will be open houses held by various groups, a banquet on Saturday night, with **NO** speeches but with lots of professional entertainment, music and dancing, and for some out of town affiliates, visits to the Stadium where the Cleveland Indians will be playing the Boston Red Sox.

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to be heard, variations of experiences that would do the speakers a world of good to relate and the rest of us an equal amount of benefit to hear.

CLEVELAND MILESTONES

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tions, women's groups, young people's groups, office secretaries, etc., will meet to share their knowledge and experience for mutual benefit and the ultimate goal-a more closely knit, synchronized A.A.

Cleveland welcomes the world.

TRINITY OPEN HOUSE

Because practically all of our members have signed up for the Saturday Conference Banquet, the Trinity group has transferred its meeting night to Friday evening the 28th when it will hold open house at 8:30. The speakers will be George and **Bess** De L. of 8005 group. The group meets in spacious Trinity Auditorium, 3525 West 25th Street.

CROSSROADS

The Crossroads group still meets at the Euclid Avenue Baptist Church, E. 18th at Euclid on Saturday evenings, promptly at 9:00 p. m. Evidently some of our occasional visitors were confused by the moving of the Arcade group to Central Y.M.C.A.

A great crowd is expected for the 29th. We're ready;

CLEVELAND DISTRICT OFFICE

Your District Office joins all Cleveland AA's in welcoming the visiting members of our fellowship to the First International Conference commemorating our fifteenth anniversary.

In keeping with the A.A. tradition all of us will do our utmost to make this a noteworthy and memorable landmark in our history.

The most recent list of Group Secretaries shows 90 Groups in Greater Cleveland and 19 out of town Groups making 109 Groups now served by the Cleveland District Office.

From June 1-30, 1960, 102 general services involving use of District Office facilities were performed for members and groups; 16 speakers were supplied; 34 requests for literature concerning the A.A. program were filled; 61 requests for A.A. contact were referred to 31 Group Secretaries.

Reports on these requests for contact show: 36 were receptive to first contact, 11 were not ready, 3 no contact possible and 1 was not an A.A. case.

WARRENSVILLE WOMEN

The Sweethearts on Parade with Red E. will entertain the women at the Women's House of Correction in Warrensville on Tuesday, the 26th of July. (Note the change from the regular Wednesday meeting). Refreshments will be served.

Hilda H. who has been so outstandingly persevering and helpful in this work will be honored on her second anniversary of work at the House of Correction at this meeting.

Incidentally, women's clothing is badly needed for these inmates who have served their time and must go to seek honorable employment. Equipped with a decent front, a new purpose and a new faith in themselves, they have a chance. With a poor front, the other newly developed factors become weak. So gather up your "still-nice-to-wear" dresses, underclothing, etc., that you can spare and call Hilda H. at Montrose 2469 J. (Dial operator).

P I C N I C S

The annual Euclid-Wade and Friday Lee family picnic will again be held at Wiegand's Lake on Sunday, July 23 where games, prizes, free dancing and good fun will prevail. Everyone is cordially invited.

The Miles Men and Union groups invite all A.A.'s and their families to their annual family basket picnic on Sunday, July 23rd. The picnic will be held at Valley Brook Farms, Schreiber Road. To reach the spot, follow Turney Road to Dunham Road, turn right to Schreiber Road and follow the A.A. signs.

A good program has been arranged, especially for the kids.

Five groups, comprising the Ansel, Addison, Superior, Sterling and Gospel Center groups will hold a joint picnic on Sunday, August 27th from 9:00 a. m. to 10:00 p. m. It will be held at Richmond Country Club, in Section B.

There'll be games galore, and dancing. Free coffee will be on tap. Don C. of Ansel is the chairman and he invites all A.A.'s to attend.

NEW GROUP IN ELYRIA

The Elyria Young People group with George M. of Grafton, O., as secretary, has been formed and meets on Tuesday evenings in the Junior Chamber of Commerce Bldg., Harwood St., Elyria, O., at 9:00 p. m. Open to alcoholics only.

DOAN DATA

Speakers for June were inimitable Jimmie K. of Lorain Monday, Papacita S. of Borton, Dr. T. of Euclid-Wade and Howard B. of Independence. Each made an important contribution to the welfare of their many listeners.

PARMA ANNIVERSARY

The Parma group observes its third anniversary on Saturday, July 22 at 8:30 p. m. in Parma Community Hall, Ridge Road and Ridgewood. The speaker will be veteran Harry W. of Lake Shore. Entertainment and refreshments.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

19 groups answered roll call at the July 11th meeting of Central Committee. Business consisted of approval of sending statements to groups for 1960 "dues," since the treasury is now under \$100.00; receiving Central Bulletin report of subscriptions coming in satisfactorily; appointment of a committee of seven, including two women on the Consolidated Meeting Committee and a report on the progress of the preparations for the First International Conference. Members present were urged to impress the importance of early registration upon members of their respective groups.

TEN YEAR MAN HONORED

"Equal Justice" Edmund J. B. of Lee Road was affectionately heckled and greeted by a host of friends who observed his tenth anniversary of complete sobriety Friday, July 7th. A package of very sharp needles were to be presented to him by one of his booin' friends was mislaid, but delivery was promised to him eventually.

The speaker was John D., a long time member formerly of Cleveland and now a resident of Chicago who gave a noteworthy talk, stressing the importance of the spiritual phase of the program.

The meeting was held in Newburgh A.A. Recreation Hall, 8437 Broadway.

HARRY BLOOMFIELD DIES

One of Cleveland A.A.'s colorful and important members, Harry W. Bloomfield, passed away Tuesday, July 11th, after six months of illness at Polyclinic Hospital. Harry was a member of Edgelake group and was chairman of the Office Advisory Committee for the past year.

Services were conducted on Thursday, July 13. He was buried in Mantua, O.

He is survived by his wife, Blanche, and a son, Bob, to whom go our deepest sympathies for the loss of a splendid, high principled person.

LAKEWOOD MEN MOURN LOSS

One of Lakewood Men's valued members, Ernie J. Tyler went to his eternal reward on June 30th. May God bless his soul.

Speakers for July are, on July 3, Chuck S., Bereu Friday; July 10, Herschel H., Parma; July 17, Oscar C., Strongsville; July 24, Hoot G., Lakewood Men; July 31, Dave L., Matt Talbot.

MARYMOUNT

The Marymount Hospital workers have organized and will hold meetings on the second Sunday of each month in the Cafeteria at 2:30 p. m. These meetings will be sponsored by the various groups in the southeast area. The first meeting on July 9th attracted 41 visitors. Speakers were Jack M. and Frank W. of Northeast group and Jack N. of Doan.

The hospital is located on McCracken Rd. at Henry St.

BROADWAY WOMEN

The Broadway Women's group, meeting at 8437 Broadway, have changed their meeting night from Sunday to Wednesday nights at 8:30 p. m.

CHAGRIN FALLS

The Chagrin Falls meeting scheduled for Saturday the 29th has been cancelled to enable its members to participate in the conference activities.

PENTOWN CELEBRATES

The Pentown group in Ohio Penitentiary observed its first anniversary Sunday, June 18th with 61 "outside members," 10 institutional officials, a parole officer and 313 inmates. It was the largest attendance in the history of the group and had a most impressive effect on the inmates.

GIGGLE

The colored barber's corn likker had left his hand a little unsteady so that when he shaved the Colonel he left a number of knicks and scratches. The Colonel grimaced ruefully in the mirror and observed: "See what drinking of hard liquor does to a man, Zeb?" "Yassah," replied Zeb. "It sho' do leab de skin tender, doan' it?"

MONDAY

ADDISON—Westminster Church, N. E. Cor. Addison & Wade Park. 8:30
BORTON—E. Cleve. Cong. Church, Page & Euclid. 8:45
DETROIT MONDAY—8023 Detroit Ave. 8:30
FAIRMOUNT—St. Paul's Episcopal, Fairmount and Coventry. 8:30
LAKE SHORE—St. Luke's Parish, Clifton and Runtz Rd. 8:30
LAKEWOOD (Orchard Grove)—1417 St. Charles, nr. Detroit. 8:30
LAKEWOOD MEN'S—St. Peter's Episc., W. Clifton & Detroit. 8:30
LAKEWOOD WOMEN—United Presby. Church, 12601 Detroit. 8:30
LEE MONDAY—First Presb. Church, E. Cleve., Nela and Euclid. 8:30
LORAIN AVE.—10034 Lorain Ave. 8:30
MARINE HOSPITAL—E. 124th and Fairhill. 7:30
PEARL—Corpus Christi basement, 4202 Stickney (E. of Pearl Rd.) 8:30
SHAKER HEIGHTS—Christ Episc. Church, 3451 Warrensville. 8:30
SOUTH EAST GROUP—Holy Name Hall, 8328 Broadway. 8:30
THOMPSON PRODUCTS—Main Plant, Clarkwood Ave. (Permit at Employment Office) 4:30
UNION-American Legion Hall, 13913 Kinsman (in rear) 8:30
WILLOUGHBY—Presbyterian Church, Willoughby, O. 8:30
WOMEN'S-East Side—Emmanuel Church, 8610 Euclid. 8:30
WOMEN'S—West Side—West Blvd. Christ., W. Blvd. & W. 101. 8:30

TUESDAY

ARCADE—Central Y.M.C.A., East 22nd and Prospect. 8:30
CHARITY—Last Tues. of each month—charity Hosp. Nurses Aud. 8:30
CLARK—4105 Clark Ave. Upstairs. 8:30
EAGLE TRAINING—Salvation Army, E. 9th & Eagle. 8:00
EDGE LAKE—Community Center Bldg., St. Charles and Detroit. 8:30
EDGE WATER—Lorain Ave., Cor. W. 101st St. 8:30
EUCLID-WADE—Calvary Presbyterian Church, E. 79 & Euclid. 8:30
FAIRVIEW PARK—Fairview Grace Church, W. 224 & Lorain. 8:30
MAYFIELD VILLAGE—Dahlgren's SOM Center & Wilson Mills. 8:30
MILES LEE—Mount Hope Church, E. 164th, north of Miles. 8:30
RAILROAD HOUR—8437 Broadway. I I A. M.
SMITH-WILSON—Nativity School, 9510 Aetna Road. 8:30
SUPERIOR—Immaculate Conception, E. 43rd and Superior. 8:30
WEST PARK—West Park Baptist Church, W. 152nd and Lorain. 8:30
WEST SIDE MEN'S—St. Patrick's Hall, Bridge & W. 38th. 8:30
WOMEN'S—East Side—Glenville Hall 10421 St. Clair Ave. 8:15
ELYRIA YOUNG PEOPLE—Junior Ch. of C. Bldg., Harwood St. 9:00
ELYRIA (Colored)—335 Columbus St. 8:30
LORAIN, O.—Community Hall, 23rd and Beech Sts. 8:00
MEDINA, O.—St. Paul's Episcopal Parish House. 8:30
PAINESVILLE, O.—Stag-33 N. State Street. 8:30
STRONGSVILLE—St. Joseph's Church, 10,000 Pearl Rd. 8:30

WEDNESDAY

ALCOLA—6409 Detroit Ave. 9:00
BAXTER AVE.—6527 Baxter Ave. 8:30
BROADWAY WOMEN—8437 Broadway. 8:30
BROOKLYN-K. of P. Hall, 3316 Broadview, East of Pearl Rd. 8:30
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
EAST SIDE MORNING—2028 E. 105th St. 10:00 A. M.
GARFIELD HEIGHTS—Trinity Baptist, E. 94th and Garfield Blvd. 8:30
LEE ROAD—First Eng. Luth., Derbyshire and Euclid Hts. Blvd. 8:30
ST. JAMES (Colored) St. James A.M.E., 8401 Cedar. 8:30
WARRENSVILLE—Women's House of Correction. 8:40
WEST 25th ST.—Marvel Hall, 2858 W. 25th St. 8:30
BEDFORD, O.—V. M. C. A. Terbell Ave. 8:30
ELYRIA, O.—St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Middle and Third. 8:00
LORAIN, O.—ANTLERS—St. Mary's School, Reid Ave. 8:30
LORAIN COUNTY WOMEN—421 Broadway, Apt. 6. 8:30

THURSDAY

ALAN—1820 East 79th St. 8:30
ALLENDALE—St. Paul's Episc. Church, 15837 Euclid Ave. 8:30
ANGLE—St. Malachi's Church, 2549 Washington Ave. 8:30
BROADWAY-55th—Our Lady of Lourdes School Hall. 8:30
COVENTRY—F&M Mount Presbyterian Chapel, Scarborough. 8:30
EDDY ROAD—Glenville Congregational Church, Eddy & St. Clair. 8:30
GLENVILLE—10421 St. Clair. 9:00
LORAIN AVE.—West Park Baptist Church, 15218 Lorain. 8:30
OUTWAITE—(Negro) Woodland Center, 7100 Kinsman. 8:30
THURSDAY AFTERNOON WOMEN—6409 Detroit Ave. 10:30 A. M.
WEST SIDE—7411 Broadway Ave. 10:30 A. M.
BEREA—Berea Arts Club, E. Bagley Rd., 3 drs. east of Eastland. 8:30
EAST LAKE—Vine and Campbell, Willoughby, O. 8:30
INDEPENDENCE, O.—St. John's Lutheran Hall, Second & Sunset. 9:00
PAINESVILLE, O.—33 N. State St., Third Floor. 8:30
SHEFFIELD LAKE—640 Sunset Drive. 8:30

FRIDAY

ANSEL ROAD—St. Thomas Church, 9205 Superior Ave. 9:00
BROADWAY-HARVARD—8437 Broadway. 8:30
CEDAR-Salvation Army, 2181 E. 55th St. 8:15
GORDON SQUARE—St. Helena's Hall, 1367 W. 65th St. 8:30
LEE ROAD—2056 East 105th St., K. of P. Hall. 9:00
MADISON PARK—St. Gregory Hall, Quigan & Thrush. 8:45
MILES MEN'S—Stag Group, 4141 E. 116th St. 8:30
NORTHEAST—2028 E. 105th St. 8:30
ROCKY RIVER—St. Christopher's Hall, Lakewood off Detroit. 8:30
ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL—First Friday of each month. 8:30
WEST SIDE YOUNG PEOPLE—St. Rose's Hall, W. 116-Detroit. 8:30
BEREA—Social room of Berea Cong. Church, Seminary and Church. 8:30
CHAGRIN FALLS, O.—American Legion, E. Orange St. 8:30
CHARDON, O.—Thrasher House, Water St., Chardon O. 8:30
CONNEAUT, O.—B. of L. E. Hall. 8:30
EUCLID, O.—Holy Cross Church, E. 200th and Lake Shore Blvd. 8:30
LORAIN-AVON-AA Social Center, 700 Broadway. 8:30
MENTOR, O.—Mentor Methodist Church. 8:30
OBERLIN, O.—American Legion Home, S. Main and Hamilton. 8:30

SATURDAY

ALCOLA—6409 Detroit Ave. 2:00
BROADWAY MEN'S—St. John's Luth. Church, Cable at Broad. 8:30
CROSSROADS—Euclid Avenue Baptist Church, East 18th. 9:00
GLENVILLE—10421 St. Clair. 9:30
GOSPEL CENTER—6920 Lexington Ave. 8:30
LAKEWOOD Sat. Nite—Redemer Hall Andrews, near Detroit. 8:30
MATT TALBOT—St. Philip Neri Church, E. 82nd and St. Clair. 8:30
PARMA—Public Library, 5850 Ridge Road. 8:30

GIGGLES

An old colored preacher was warning his parishioners about sin. "Sin is like a big dog," he began. "There's the big dog of pride and the big dog of envy and the big dog of gluttony and finally, brothers, there's the big dog of sex. Now folks, you got to kill those big dogs before you ever go to heaven. It can be done-I know-because I did it. I killed the big dog of envy and the big dog of pride and the big dog of gluttony-and yes, brethren, I killed the big dog of sex!"

A small voice rose from the rear of the church: "Brother, are you sure that last dog didn't die a natural death?"

Guest: "Colonel, I've always wondered why Kentucky gentlemen not only drink their bourbon straight but also close their eyes when drinking."

Colonel: "Why suh, the sight of good likker just naturally makes our mouth watah, and we don't like to dilute our whiskey, suh!"

This convention will certainly be a new experience for me. Every one I used to go to always ended up in a binge.

Yes, ours will be a new experience for many. Conventions accomplish a lot, for the majority DO stay sober. They are the coats and pants in the old saying "The coat and pants do all the work and the vest gets all the gray"! We were the vests!



SATURDAY (Continued)

REDWOOD—Euclid Lutheran Church, E. 260 and Oriole. 8:30
TRINITY—Trinity Evangelical Church, 3525 W. 25th St. 8:30
VALLEY VIEW—Community Center, W. 7th and Starkweather. 8:30
WINDEMERE—East Cleveland Women's Club, 1747 Lakefront. 9:00
8005 GROUP—8005 Lorain Ave. 8:30
ASHTABULA, O.—K. of P. Hall, Elm Ave. 8:30
ELYRIA, O.—St. Andrew's Episc. Church, Middle and Third. 8:30
OLON, O.—St. Rita's Church basement. 9:00

SUNDAY

COLLINWOOD—14709 St. Clair Avenue. 7:30
LAKEVIEW—CYO Hall, St. Aloysius Church, E. 109th & St. Clair. 8:00
MARYMOUNT—2nd Sun. in month, Cafeteria, McCracken & Henry. 2:30
MISTLETOE—MacGillis Home, 1560 Mistletoe at Wade Park. 7:00
NEWBURGH—St. Catherine's Church, 3443 E. 93rd St. 8:30
OUTWAITE (Negro)—7100 Kinsman. 4:00
STERLING—St. Columbkil's School Hall, 2642 Superior. 8:30
SPONSORSHIP MEETING—Glenville Group, 10421 St. Clair Ave. 2:00
TRAINING MEETING—8023 Detroit Ave. 8:00
WARRENSVILLE—Cooley Farms Recreation Room. 10:00 A. M.
GENEVA, O.—Legion Hall, Park St., corner of So. Eagle. 7:30
LORAIN, O.—(Stag) AA Social Center, 700 Broadway. 10:00 A. M.
PAINESVILLE, O.—33 N. State Street, Third Floor. 8:00

1st TUESDAY EVERY MONTH

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

3rd TUESDAY EVERY MONTH

HOSPITAL COMMITTEE—Hanna Building, Room 370. 8:30

FOR AUTHORITATIVE AA INFORMATION

AA CLEVELAND DISTRICT OFFICE—780 The Arcade...CH 1-7387

LIST OF COOPERATING AA HOSPITALS

Betty's Home (SHadyside 1-4692) (M) 3480 Scranton Road
 Cleveland Alcoholic Clinic (Express 1-8998) (MW) 7809 Euclid Ave.
 Farquharson's (TUxedo S-1882) (M) 6037 Pearl Rd.
 MacGillis Nursing Home (RA. 1-2556) (MW) 1560 Mistletoe Dr. at Wade Park
 Marymount Hospital (VULcan 3-2310) (MW) 12300 McCracken Rd.
 Ryan's Nursing Home (MEIrose 1.1635) (M) 8023 Detroit Ave.
 HOSPITALIZATION FOR FIRST TIMERS ONLY
 Charity Hospital (MAIN 1-9400) (MW) Central and E. 22nd St.
 St. John's Hospital (WQndhine 1-5750) (M) 7911 Detroit Ave.
 (M) men only. (MW) men and women. (W) women only.

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The Conference

Bottoms

Reaffirmation of the principles of AA was the final plea made at the great inspirational closing meeting which was addressed by Doctor Bob and Bill W. as a crowd estimated from 6000 to 8000 rose at the conclusion of the impressive talks to recite the Lord's Prayer. No more beautiful and awe-inspiring setting could have been conceived as the prayer was offered. We doubt if there was anyone in this vast audience who wasn't profoundly moved.

This meeting closed a most successful three day session of important meetings which fully rewarded those who travelled great distances to attend this first International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous at the 15th anniversary of its founding. Approximately 6000 people registered.

Highlights of each meeting can only be reflected in these meager columns. A complete digest of all meetings is being made from the 25 or so recordings which were made at each session. It had been hoped to have this digested transcript available early, but such a digest will require much more time.

The Hospitalization meeting was addressed by Dr. Meyer Texon of Knickerbocker Hospital. He told of his experiences with various types of alcoholics sent to the hospital for treatment. One of the doctor's statements was that in many cases the alcoholic who stumbled to a bar pleading for a drink actually needed that drink to satisfy a "craving phenomenon." In many cases, he said, the craving comes from a chemical imbalance in the body. Restore the chemicals to balance and the craving should end. The answer, he stated, to this craving was salt. He admitted that doctors were divided on whether chronic alcoholism is a psychiatric or an organic disturbance so far as origin is concerned, though he admitted that the addict craved liquor as an antidote for perhaps a social-failing. The most common age group for both sexes is 40 to 45. A very interesting meeting.

The "AA in Industry" meeting was disappointing to us, because of the crowded condition of the Hollenden Ballroom. 1500 people packed in the room with almost that same number trying to get in. The day was hot and sultry and the speakers lost the attention of many. However an impressive report was made by the medical director of E. I. Dupont de Nemours & Co., Wilmington, Del., who stated that cooperation with AA was the most successful way to handle employed alcoholics. He cited interesting figures.

Warden Duffy gave us nothing more than what appeared in his book the "San Quentin Story". This meeting was transferred to the roomy Music Hall and attracted 2000 persons.

The women had a most enjoyable session from what we hear (we're men, you see) and Lois W. and her Canadian panel were highly impressive and made the trip to Cleveland worth while to many.

The great Conference meeting for AA's only also attracted a packed house of 2500 to 3000 in Music Hall. The all important AA traditions were analyzed by several speakers with Bill W. summing up. Not a dissenting voice was raised as the meeting reaffirmed its allegiance

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"How low can a person get?" was a seemingly silly question offered to a speaker at a recent meeting we attended. But the questioner was honestly seeking an answer and the speaker recognized his sincerity. After a moment's hesitation, he offered: "There are different conceptions of depths. They depend upon the person's environment, upbringing, conscience and capacity for absorbing punishment in bucking the standards which each of these factors demand." We liked that answer as we enjoyed the varied expressions of opinion which the question and the answer elicited from others.

One member observed that the question probably was the cause of many forsaking the program, for in his judgment, it was instinctive for a person to seek some balm to assuage his sorely wounded pride. That balm usually was in hearing speakers describe in sordid detail the depths they had fallen to before they embraced AA. The balm salved their conscience as they told themselves, "Thank God, I never did that-I never sunk that low!"

He continued, (rather lengthily, but pitifully) "There are bottoms for all of us in this scheme of things. Some drink themselves out of everything—job, money, home, family, and others just get into a peck of trouble but remain in a measure these possessions. The danger lies in not recognizing when you've reached your bottom. It's when you're sick and tired of being sick and tired when you're ripe."

"It isn't how much you drink," he added, "but what the drinks do to you that causes you to feel and be low.

A person can get this feeling before he gets into trouble after his minute absorption, he has reached his low."

He said a mouthful, we think, and he provided a telling argument which should be passed on to those who are unhappy because they can't stay on the program. Inevitably it's because they have misinterpreted Step I, isn't it? They have not made the complete surrender to the fact known to everyone but themselves that they can't drink and be acceptable in the society with which they wish to mingle. And the bugaboo has been always, that they have not divined their bottom.

The Alcoholics Anonymous program offers a ladder upward to that state of well-being which generates respect, faith in oneself, and being an asset rather than a liability to the community.

It is essential of course to make a complete change-over in behavior, recognizing and then eliminating those character defects which attended the drinking problem—worry, envy, resentment, etc.

Douglas Freeman once wrote, "Life, after all contains only one great problem—that of so adjusting yourself to the inevitable that you can keep your peace of mind and yourself-respect. The great victory of life is the conquest of worry. The greatest discovery a man can make is how to escape envy and hate."

Keep heading for the top. Keep those sights high.

THE CONFERENCE

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to the cause of continuing to spread the principles of AA with greater zeal and inspiration. A marvelous meeting.

The spiritual significance of AA was presented in a symposium of highly capable AA speakers. Several qualified observers offered the opinion that it was the greatest meeting of the entire convention. We missed it, we're sorry to say, for we attended the Publications meeting. Only six papers were represented, but full accord was reached on the recommendation that we use the Book and the Traditions as our guide in all our writings.

The Banquet was a huge success. The Carter Hotel served an unusually fine dinner to the 2079 people they fed. (This incidentally was the largest crowd ever served by any Cleveland hotel at one sitting.) The service was excellent and the entertainment was "out of this world."

We are full of happiness at the success of this Convention. Full credit must be given to Dick S., who performed a masterful job. He was a sick man, having had an appendectomy a month before the convention!

Nice meeting all you nice people.

Recordings are available of each of the sessions. The Big Meeting with Doctor Bob and Bill is on three records, 5 sides. Cost \$8.50. The AA Traditions Meeting is on two records, four sides. Cost \$7.00 A special price of \$15.00 is offered for both sets.

Each of the other four meetings, Hospitalization, Industry, Institutional and the AA family are being prepared and will cost probably \$7.00 for each set.

They can be ordered from the First International Committee, 449 The Arcade, Cleveland 14, Ohio. The prices include ordinary mailing and a check or money order should be sent with the order.

ALCOHOLIC WOMEN GET REFUGE

The prayers of many people were finally answered when at long last the hopeless plight of homeless, jobless and friendless alcoholic women was recognized and action was taken. A haven was finally established, the first of its kind in the nation, by the Catholic Church. It had noted success with the rehabilitation of men in like circumstances in the Stella Maris project.

For more than a year the Stella Maris experiment has proved its worth in aiding men to conquer alcohol, restore order to their lives and take a useful place in the scheme of things. Now this home becomes the instrument in launching of the Maryanne Home. Proceeds from the salvage department of Stella Maris will go toward the upkeep of the Maryanne.

Homelessness is more degrading to a woman than to a man, and those women who descend to the Workhouse level stay there, as records of repeated arrests indicate. They lead a life which mires them in guilt, remorse and self-debasement. In their sorry circles, they are offered no help—only contempt and abuse.

Several women, notably Hilda H., have made great sacrifices of time and money and worked under discouraging handicaps. They have pledged and prayed for the establishment of such a home and their prayers have been heard.

The Maryanne Home is a beautiful residence located at 1421 East Blvd. It has ten attractively furnished rooms, beds for ten women, an orderly and homelike sitting room and kitchen.

The Daughters of the Heart of Mary are in charge and are working in conjunction with the women members of Alcoholics Anonymous. The Maryanne was named after the Virgin Mary and for the wife of Doctor Bob.

God will bless this wonderful endeavor, we're sure.

SOUND ADVICE

He who knows not and knows not that he knows not
Is a fool-shun him.

He who knows not, and knows that he knows not
Is simple-teach him.

He who knows, and knows not that he knows
Is asleep-wake him.

He who knows, and knows that he knows
Is wise-follow him.

SAVE SALES TAX STAMPS FOR DOWNTOWN OFFICE

IOWAN DIES AT CONVENTION

Adelard (Jack) B. a five year member of AA from Waterloo, Ia., suffered a heart attack in his hotel room on July 29th. He attended the ballgame in the evening and later retired to his room. Failing to meet his companions at breakfast, they investigated and found him dead.

He was well-known throughout the middle west for his spiritual interpretation of the twelve steps. He spent all of his spare time visiting groups and helping many.

A widower, he was survived by a daughter.

LOGICAL ANSWER

One of the most over-worked and confusing expressions in the movement of A.A. seems to be: "I am just as close to the next drink as the man who has just come into the movement today."

What a promise! What dreadful anticipation for the man who has just made up his mind to get rid of the fears, the tremors, the sickness and the troubles brought upon him by the use of alcohol!

Such an expression is the direct antithesis of the A.A. promise of serenity and happiness in sobriety.

I can well remember the night one of our Cedar Group leaders was asked the following question in discussion: "Don't you, after five years of sobriety, think you are as close to the first drink as any of us in our first year?"

"No," he replied.

"Well," argued the questioner, "perhaps not normally, but under emotional stress you are, aren't you?"

Although I cannot quote the thoughtful answer verbatim, it was to this effect: "Emotional stress? During the five years I have been sober. I have been divorced by my wife, lost some near and dear to me and have had difficulties at work, but I did not feel close to the first drink. No; I would hate to think that I had not learned anything during the five years in this movement and that exactly would not be the case if I was as close to the first drink as a new man."

How much more sensible is this thoughtful evaluation against the bald, ugly statement that, "I am as close to the first drink as the new man."

Certainly, five, ten or 15 years of sobriety do not guarantee a lifetime of abstinence, but any man who has worked this program to the best of his ability would have to undergo a complete change of mental attitude before he could take his first drink. The decision to take that drink just as certainly would take a sober man longer to make than it would, for instance, the man whose nerves are screaming for an antidote the morning after.

You can forget A.A. principles and, in the doing, leave yourself wide open to temptation, but you never again can take a drink without weighing exactly what the drink is going to do to you mentally, morally and physically.

No, you newcomers can relax. There is no enduring hand-to-hand, fearsome struggle with John Barleycorn after you have accepted-without reservation—that second A.A. step.

God is on the side of right. If he wasn't, there would be an altogether different balance in this world. When you submit to a Power greater than yourself, you are on the side of right.

But submit, son, submit. Quit bargaining.

-Jack F., Social Center Chatter.

WAYNESBORO, PENNA. INVITES

An open meeting will be held on Sunday, October 1 at 2:30 p. m. (E.S.T.) by the Waynesboro, Pa., group in the Auditorium of Senior High School on East Main Street. A cordial invitation is extended to all AA members and their friends.

The speakers will be Norman Y. of Canton and Moses Y. of Fredericksburg. Both are capable of delivering an inspiring message.

The affair is being conducted by a committee consisting of Peg W., Melvin H., Matie R., Lester W. and George with Walter W. as chairman.

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You'll find that if you're too far ahead of the procession you're just as much alone as though you were way behind it.

CLEVELAND DISTRICT OFFICE

The third quarterly meeting of the Office Advisory Committee will be held on Wednesday, August 30th at 8:00 p. m. in the Assembly Room of The Arcade on the Superior side. Plans for the year 1950-51 will be discussed at this meeting and the customary financial and activity reports will be submitted. We hope your group will be represented at this meeting to lend help and guidance in making your office of greater service to all the AA's in our district.

During the past weekend visitors attending the first International Conference from Maine, California, Florida, Oregon and almost all points in between came in to see the office and sign our guest register.

During July 5 requests for AA contact were referred to 38 group secretaries. Reports on these requests for contact show: 47 receptive to first contact; 9 were ready; 77 general services involving use of district office facilities were performed for members and groups; 10 speakers were supplied; 15 requests for literature concerning the AA program were filled.

CORINTHIANS

The Corinthians held their annual bus-ride to Cedar Point August 6th, where they were graciously received by Jerry J., the manager of the Breakers Hotel. So gracious was he, he informed the grateful members that the party was "on the house." Any thing for AA members. The party was arranged by Johnny G.

BROOKLYN HONORS CHARLIE

Charley S. was the speaker at the celebration of his own tenth anniversary on Wednesday, August 9th. Charlie lives and breathes AA and besides being secretary of this group, he is chairman and promoter of many other AA activities. A host of staunch friends helped Charlie celebrate his anniversary-ten uninterrupted years of sobriety and grateful service.

APPRECIATION

Hilda H. wishes to thank everyone "a million" for the contributions to her thrilling evening as she celebrated her second anniversary of AA work in the Women's House of Correction. Grand crowd, a special show by Red E. and the Allendale Players and an orchid from the Broadway-55th group.

The meetings at the workhouse H. of C. will start at 7:00 p. m. from now on, each Wednesday.

With cold weather approaching, warm clothing will be desperately needed. If you can spare any, dial MO 2-5425.

ALLENDALE

Speakers for August inspiring our group were Scotty R., Joe H., Pat L. of Erie, Pa., John D. and Crawford W. The chairman was Chuck S.

The Allendale-Lee Monday combined picnic August 6th was a huge success. Wonderful weather-wonderful time.

BROADWAY - HARVARD

August was an eventful month which saw the group grow in number with the inclusion of quite a number of new members—a great crowd visited us during the convention—the first AA woman, Ethel M. of Barberton addressed our meeting—Eddie B., the peripatetic counsellor who modestly admits that the Prince Edward Hotel in Windsor, Ontario, was named after him (He led there on August 4th)—a pot-luck supper on the 25th, arranged by member Sophia G.-preparing for a bangup evening on September 1 when we help Johnny G., the Newburgh Club manager celebrates his eighth anniversary—August chairman was Bill M-September chairman Helen N. with George P. as secretary.

NURSING HOME CLOSE;

After serving the community for many years with notable achievement, Betty's Home has ceased operation as a nursing home for alcoholics. AA owes Betty and her husband gratitude for the splendid self-sacrifice and great service they rendered.

SAVE SALES TAX STAMPS FOR DOWNTOWN OFFICE

And then there's the homely bachelor who sent his photo to a "Lonely Hearts" club and got it back with a note: "We're not that lonely!"

QUARTERLY CONSOLIDATED MEETING

Towne Club, 2612 Prospect, Cleveland

Sunday Afternoon, September 17 at 4:00 P. M.

The Quarterly Consolidated Meeting, sponsored by Central Committee, will be held in Towne Hall, 2612 Prospect on Sunday afternoon, September 17th at 4:00 o'clock. Speakers will be Paul K. and Mrs. Jean F. of Chardon. Both sneakers are thorough grounded in the AA noeram and their talks will be of great help to every listener.

These meetings are worth attending, for several reasons. First of course, the message by the sneakers carefully chosen and second for the opportunity of-seeing and meeting AA's from other groups in Cleveland as well as the surrounding towns.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Twenty-one groups responded to roll call. A summary of action taken is as follows—Treasury Balance as of August 1, \$95.90 with all current bills paid—Central Bulletin reported 1597 subscriptions and announced that 1000 free copies were distributed at the Convention—Joe K. and Nat S., members of the First International Conference Committee expressed thanks for great cooperation of many Cleveland members and groups—Consolidated Meeting Committee consists of Charles S., Brooklyn, chairman; Joe P. Edgelake, Mary F., Westside Women, Lucille S., Allendale, John W., Collinwood, Joe K., Euclid-Wade, and Tony K., Smith-Wilson, Harry D. advisory. The first Consolidated will be held on September 17th. It was decided to confine the publicity for this meeting to group announcement. Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 5th.

DOAN DATA

The group was favored by an unusual "lead" by the Superintendent of Training at Ohio Penitentiary, R. T. Sommers. He expressed amazement at the results obtained since AA was started in the Ohio Pen a year ago. He had viewed the effort with jaundiced eye and with little enthusiasm at the beginning, but now claims to have adopted the noeram as his way of life.

Speakers for July w&outstanding. They were Harold S. of Arcade, John S. of Doan, Art M. and Judge C. of A r c a d e .

Your reporter John L. speaks at Ohio Pen September 3. He was a former inmate and deems this an unusually fine gesture.

NEW NURSING HOME OPENS

A new nursing home for the treatment of men and women alcoholics was opened August 6th. It operates under the name of Pathway, Inc., and is located at 1635 East 93rd Street.

A qualified registered physician is medical advisor and the three operators, Clara McT., Mildred R., and Agnes B. have had extensive experience in the care of alcoholics.

They invite your inspection.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY

The Eddy Road group will observe the first anniversary of its founding on Thursday, August 31. The speaker will be Joe D., the dour and doughty Scotsman. Their meeting place is in Glenville Congregational Church, at Eddy and St. Clair.

NEW SUNDAY GROUP

A new Sunday afternoon group has been formed by members of the disbanding Windemere group which met on Saturday evenings. It will hold its first meeting on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p.m., September 24, in the Veteran's Convention Club, 8815 St. Clair Ave. It will be titled the Gordon Park group. The speaker will be Tom F. of Boston. Malcom A. is the secretary.

GIGGLES

Before leaving his office to go to lunch, a real estate dealer who was building a new house at the edge of town, dispatched to the site a painter who was to find out when the interior decorating could be started. When the real estate dealer returned from lunch he found on his desk this note: "On account of Joe and Fred was, your house not plastered yet.-Sam."

MONDAY

ADDISON—Westminster Church, N.E. Cor. Addison & Wade Park	8:30
BORTON—E. Cleve. Cong. Church, Page & Euclid	8:45
DETROIT MONDAY—8023 Detroit Ave.	8:30
FAIRMOUNT—St. Paul's Episcopal, Fairmount and Coventry	8:30
LAKE SHORE—St. Luke's Parish, Clifton and Bunts Rd.	8:30
LAKEWOOD (Orchard Grove)—1417 St. Charles, nr. Detroit	8:30
LAKEWOOD MEN'S—St. Peter's Episc., W. Clifton & Detroit	8:30
LAKEWOOD WOMEN—United Presby. Church, 12601 Detroit	8:30
LEE MONDAY—First Presb. Church, E. Cleve., Nela and Euclid	8:30
LORAIN AVE.—10034 Lorain Ave.	8:30
MARINE HOSPITAL—E. 124th and Fairhill	7:30
PEARL—Corpus Christi Base, 4202 Stickney (E. of Pearl Rd.)	8:30
SHAKER HEIGHTS—Christ Episc., Church, 3451 Warrensville	8:30
SOUTH EAST GROUP—Holy Name Hall, 8328 Broadway	8:30
THOMPSON PRODUCTS—Main Plant, Clarkwood Ave. (Permit at Employment Office)	4:30
UNION—American Legion Hall, 13913 Kinsman (in rear)	8:30
WILLOUGHBY—Presbyterian Church, Willoughby, O.	8:30
WOMEN'S—East Side—Emmanuel Church, 8610 Euclid	8:30
WOMEN'S—West Side—West Blvd. Christ., W. Blvd. & W. 101	8:30

TUESDAY

ARCADE—Central Y.M.C.A., East 22nd and Prospect	8:30
CHARITY—Last Tues. of each month—Charity Hosp. Nurses' Aud.	8:30
CLARK—4105 Clark Ave. Upstairs	8:30
EAGLE TRAINING—Salvation Army, E. 9th & Eagle	8:00
EDGE LAKE—Community Center Bldg., St. Charles and Detroit	8:30
EDGEWATER—10034 Lorain Ave., Cor. W. 101st St.	8:30
EUCLID-WADE—Calvary Presbyterian Church, E. 79 & Euclid	8:30
FAIRVIEW PARK—Fairview Grace Church, W. 224 & Lorain	8:30
MAYFIELD VILLAGE—Dahlgren's SOM Center & Wilson Mills	8:30
MILES-LEE—Mount Hope Church, E. 164th, north of Miles	8:30
RAILROAD HOUR—8437 Broadway	11 A. M.
SMITH-WILSON—Nativity School, 9510 Aetna Road	8:30
SUPERIOR—Immaculate Conception, E. 43rd and Superior	8:30
WEST PARK—West Park Baptist Church, W. 152nd and Lorain	8:30
WEST SIDE MEN'S—St. Patrick's Hall, Bridge at W. 38th	8:30
WOMEN'S—East Side—Glenville Hall 10421 St. Clair Ave.	8:15
ELYRIA YOUNG PEOPLE—Junior Ch. of C. Bldg., Harwood St.	9:00
ELYRIA (Colored)—335 Columbus St.	8:30
LORAIN, O.—Community Hall, 23rd and Beech Sts.	8:00
MEDINA, O.—St. Paul's Episcopal Parish House	8:30
PAINESVILLE, O.—Stag—33 N. State Street	8:30
STRONGSVILLE—St. Joseph's Church, 10,000 Pearl Rd.	8:30

WEDNESDAY

ALCOLA—6409 Detroit Ave.	9:00
BAXTER AVE.—6527 Baxter Ave.	8:30
BROADWAY WOMEN—8437 Broadway	8:30
BROOKLYN—K. of P. Hall, 3316 Broadview, East of Pearl Rd.	8:30
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
EAST SIDE MORNING—2028 E. 105th St.	10:00 A. M.
GARFIELD HEIGHTS—Trinity Baptist, E. 94th and Garfield Blvd.	8:30
LEE ROAD—First Eng. Luth., Derbyshire and Euclid Hts. Blvd.	8:30
ST. JAMES—(Colored) St. James A.M.E., 8401 Cedar	8:30
WARRENSVILLE—Women's House of Correction	6:30
WEST 25th ST.—Marvel Hall, 2858 W. 25th St.	8:30
BEDFORD, O.—Y. M. C. A., Tarbell Ave.	8:30
ELYRIA, O.—St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Middle and Third	8:00
LORAIN, O.—ANTLERS—St. Mary's School, Reid Ave.	8:30
LORAIN COUNTY WOMEN—421 Broadway, Apt. 6	8:30

THURSDAY

ALAN—1820 East 79th St.	8:30
ALLENDALE—St. Paul's Episc. Church, 15837 Euclid Ave.	8:30
ANGLE—St. Malachi's Church, 2549 Washington Ave.	8:30
BROADWAY—55th—Our Lady of Lourdes School Hall	8:30
COVENTRY—Fairmount Presbyterian Chapel, Scarborough	8:30
EDDY ROAD—Glenville Congregational Church, Eddy & St. Clair	8:30
GLENVILLE—10421 St. Clair	9:00
LORAIN AVE.—West Park Baptist Church, 15218 Lorain	8:30
OUTHWAITE—(Negro) Woodland Center, 7100 Kinsman	8:30
THURSDAY AFTERNOON WOMEN—6409 Detroit Ave.	2:00
WEST SIDE—7403 Denison Ave.	10:30 A. M.
BEREA, O.—Fine Arts Club, E. Bagley Rd., 3 drs. east of Eastland	8:30
EAST LAKE—Vine and Campbell, Willoughby, O.	8:30
INDEPENDENCE, O.—St. John's Lutheran Hall, Second & Sunset	9:00
PAINESVILLE, O.—33 N. State St., Third Floor	8:30
SHEFFIELD LAKE—640 Sunset Drive	8:30

FRIDAY

ANSEL ROAD—St. Thomas Church, 9205 Superior Ave.	9:00
BROADWAY-HARVARD—8437 Broadway	8:30
CEDAR—Salvation Army, 2181 E. 55th St.	8:15
GORDON SQUARE—St. Helena's Hall, 1367 W. 65th St.	8:30
LEE ROAD—2056 East 105th St., K. of P. Hall	9:00
MADISON PARK—St. Gregory Hall, Quail and Thrush	8:45
MILES MEN'S—Stag Group, 4141 E. 116th St.	8:30
NORTHEAST—2028 E. 105th St.	8:30
ROCKY RIVER—St. Christopher's Hall, Lakeview off Detroit	8:30
ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL—First Friday of each month	8:30
WEST SIDE YOUNG PEOPLE—St. Rose's Hall, W. 116-Detroit	8:30
BEREA—Social room of Berea Cong. Church, Seminary and Church	8:30
CHAGRIN FALLS, O.—American Legion, E. Orange St.	8:30
CHARDON, O.—Thrasher House, Water St., Chardon O.	8:30
CONNEAUT, O.—B. of L. E. Hall	8:30
EUCLID, O.—Holy Cross Church, E. 200th and Lake Shore Blvd.	8:30
LORAIN-AVON—AA Social Center, 700 Broadway	8:30
MENTOR, O.—Mentor Methodist Church	8:30
OBERLIN, O.—American Legion Home, S. Main and Hamilton	8:30

SATURDAY

ALCOLA—6409 Detroit Ave.	2:00
BROADWAY MEN'S—St. John's Luth. Church, Cable at Broad	8:30
CROSSROADS—Euclid Avenue Baptist Church, East 18th	9:00
GLENVILLE—10421 St. Clair	9:30
GOSPEL CENTER—6920 Lexington Ave.	8:30
LAKEWOOD Sat. Nite—Redeemer Hall, Andrews, near Detroit	8:30
MATT TALBOT—St. Philip Neri Church, E. 82nd and St. Clair	8:30
PARMA—Public Library, 5850 Ridge Road	8:30

GIGGLES

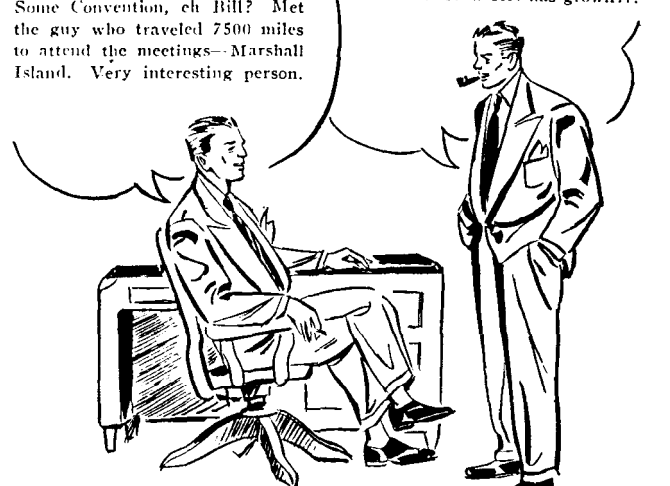
A young priest asked the older priest how he had done on taking his first confession. The old priest said, "There is only one correction I have to offer, my boy, and that is, when the young folks come to you and tell you of some of their experiences, you should learn to go 'tch, tch, tch' instead of saying 'boy, oh boy!'"

Man at bus stop: "Madam, could you be kind and give a cripple four bits for bus fare?"
Old lady: "You poor chap. How are you crippled?"
Man: "Financially."

A proud mother walked into the "Small Monthly Payments" store clutching a small payment. "There," she said as she threw it on the counter, "that's the last one on our baby carriage." "And how is the baby?" asked the friendly clerk. "Fine, fine," said she, "She's getting married next week."

You're right Al—it was a great experience. I met another who traveled about the same distance from the opposite direction—Saudi Arabia! How AA has grown!!!

Some Convention, eh Bill? Met the guy who traveled 7500 miles to attend the meetings—Marshall Island. Very interesting person.



SATURDAY (Continued)

REDWOOD—Euclid Lutheran Church, E. 260 and Oriole	8:30
TRINITY—Trinity Evangelical Church, 3525 W. 25th St.	8:30
VALLEY VIEW—Community Center, W. 7th and Starkweather	8:30
8005 GROUP—8005 Lorain Ave.	8:30
ASHTABULA, O.—K. of P. Hall, Elm Ave.	8:30
ELYRIA, O.—St. Andrew's Episc. Church, Middle and Third	8:30
SOLOON, O.—St. Rita's Church basement	9:00

SUNDAY

COLLINWOOD—14709 St. Clair Avenue	7:30
GORDON PARK—Veteran's Convention Club, 8815 St. Clair	2:30
LAKEVIEW-CYO Hall, St. Aloysius Church, E. 109th & St. Clair	8:00
MARYMOUNT—2nd Sun. in month Cafeteria, McCracken & Henry	2:30
MISTLETOE—MacGillis Home, 1560 Mistletoe at Wade Park	7:00
NEWBURGH—St. Catherine's Church, 3443 E. 93rd St.	8:30
OUTWAITE (Negro)—7100 Kinsman	4:00
STERLING—St. Columbkil's School Hall, 2642 Superior	8:30
SPONSORSHIP MEETING—Glenville Group, 10421 St. Clair Ave.	2:00
TRAINING MEETING—8023 Detroit Ave.	8:00
WARRENSVILLE—Cooley Farms Recreation Room	10:00 A. M.
GENEVA, O.—Legion Hall, Park St., corner of So. Eagle	7:30
LORAIN, O.—(Stag) AA Social Center, 700 Broadway	10:00 A. M.
PAINESVILLE, O.—33 N. State Street, Third Floor	8:00

1st TUESDAY EVERY MONTH

CENTRAL COMMITTEE—Hanna Building, Room 370 8:30

3rd TUESDAY EVERY MONTH

HOSPITAL COMMITTEE—Hanna Building, Room 370 8:30

FOR AUTHORITATIVE AA INFORMATION

AA CLEVELAND DISTRICT OFFICE—780 The Arcade...CH 1-7387

LIST OF COOPERATING AA HOSPITALS

Cleveland Alcoholic Clinic (EXpress 1-8998) (MW)	7809 Euclid Av. 7
Farrughson's (TUXedo 5.1882) (M)	6037 Pearl R.
MacGillis Nursing Home (RA. 1-2556) (MW)	1560 Mistletoe Dr. at Wade Park
Marymount Hospital (VULcan 3.2310) (MW)	12300 McCracken Rd.
Ryan's Nursing Home (MEtrose 1-1635) (M)	8023 Detroit Ave.
FOR FIRST TIMERS ONLY	
Charity Hospital (MAIn 1-9400) (MW)	Central and E. 22nd St.
St. John's Hospital (WOodbine 1-5750) (M)	7911 Detroit Ave.

(M) men only. (MW) men and women. (W) women only.

Our Charge

If we are truly seeking social security in its real sense we can find it in diligently attending meetings and listening with open minds. This practice of keeping an open and receptive mind is difficult for many of us to master, but master it we must if we would grow.

At the observation of the tenth anniversary of the Berea Friday group we received one of those dividends which rewards those who seek to add to their fund of knowledge. It was offered by Clarence S., fondly regarded as Cleveland's greatest contributor to the growth of the AA fellowship. After introducing four speakers, each of whom had achieved a minimum of ten years of continued sobriety, we read an article which we believe should be read by every person who embraces our philosophy. The author was unknown to Clarence and we are indeed indebted to him. It follows:

God in His wisdom has selected this group of men to be the purveyors of His Goodness. In selecting them through whom to bring about this phenomenon, He went not to the proud, the mighty, the famous or the brilliant. He went to the humble, to the sick, to the unfortunate—He went right to the drunkard, the so-called weakling of the world.

Well might He have said to us—into your weak and feeble hands I have entrusted a power beyond estimate. To you has been given that which had been denied the most learned of your fellows. Not to scientists or statesmen, not to wives or mothers, not even to my priests or ministers have I given this gift of healing other alcoholics which I entrust to you.

It must be used unselfishly. It carries with it grave responsibility. No day can be too long, no demands upon your time can be too urgent, no case too pitiable, no task too hard, no effort too great. It must be used with tolerance for I have restricted its application to no race, no creed and no denomination. Personal criticism you must expect, lack of appreciation will be common, ridicule will be your lot — your motives will be misjudged. Success will not always attend your efforts in your work with other alcoholics. You must be prepared for adversity, for what men call adversity is the ladder you must use to ascend the rungs toward spiritual perfection. And remember, in the exercise of this power I shall not exact of you beyond your capabilities.

You are not selected because of exceptional talents, and be careful always if success attends your efforts, not to ascribe to personal superiority, that to which you can lay claim only by virtue of My gift.

If I had wanted learned men to accomplish this mission, the power would have been entrusted to the physician and the scientist. If I had wanted eloquent men, there would have been many anxious for the assignment, for talk is the easiest used of all talents with which I have endowed mankind. If I had wanted scholarly men, the world is filled with better qualified men than you who would have been available.

You were selected because you have been the outcasts of the world, and your long experience as drunkards has

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Chiseling

No one likes a chiseler. He's always on the make, seldom giving anything in return. In fact, if denied, he will heap abuse and maledictions on any person who denies him.

One of the first lessons we must learn in AA is to become givers. Having received a priceless gift—the gift of sobriety and a glimpse of a new way of life!—we must, as quickly as possible, shed the weakling's habit and learn to give. Give of our talents and our time, as others showed us the way before us.

Until we develop this important attribute of independence, we won't find the ultimate in happiness which the other fellow seems to have and which is so elusive to us.

Let's examine that fellow, or the several fellows, who are so outstanding.

They've got peace of mind. They're impeccably honest. They are utterly dependable. They're generous. They have been generously blessed with worldly goods. They're moral. They're regular in their habits. They have understanding. They're unusually tolerant. They never speak ill of another, ever seeking to find justification or cause for a violation of decent behavior. They're devoid of envy. They seem genuinely happy in the good fortune of others. They're slow to anger. They're never vindictive.

You say you'd like to meet these men? You want to know them better? Why? To emulate them? Or to victimize them? Oh yes, they've been victimized many, many times. But they remain constant, only slightly disconcerted as their faith in their fellowman was momentarily shaken.

Would you be like them? You can, if you are willing and appreciative enough. If you'll make an honest sincere effort every day, you can. If you faint not.

For the AA program makes this possible. You can't do it alone. Only that Power greater than yourself—God—can make it possible. No, don't toss this aside. You indicated a desire to be like these people described. You've got to do what they did. They too were weak. They too had been chiselers, hacking away at the faith and confidence of their fellowmen until the pedestal once erected for them to occupy was destroyed. Their fellowmen didn't destroy it—they did. By their behavior—their disregard for everything that was decent—selfishly disregarding the comfort and the rights of others. But when they finally completely surrendered their wills and their lives to their God, as they understood Him (Step 3), they achieved their goal. Their pedestal was again erected.

Chiseling on the AA program is the major cause of "slips." Accepting only a part of the program and disdaining the other, definitely is chiseling. It's chopping down the base of the pedestal.

You don't like to be on a pedestal? Don't try to fool yourself. By instinct, each of us wants to be respected and admired for what we do. The people who respect us, erect this pedestal for us and put us on it. Let's not demolish it again. Let's polish it up.

We cannot chisel. We must, as quickly as possible get rid of the habit of leaning upon friends for favors—special

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OUR CHARGE

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made, or should make you **humbly** alert to the cries of distress that come from the lonely hearts of alcoholics everywhere. Keep ever in mind the admission you made on the day of your entrance into AA, namely, that you are powerless and **that** it was only with your willingness to turn your life and will into My keeping, that relief came to you.

FLAGRANT OMISSION

In our summary of the Conference meetings in the last issue of the Bulletin we unconsciously omitted mentioning the important Women AA session, which we understand was considered one of the highlights of the Conference. We humbly apologize, offering only the excuse that we're male **and** that we had not been in close contact with the feminine element during those historic days. We must get a woman reporter on our staff.

When we prepared our report we used **the** printed program as our guide to cover each meeting. The AA Women's meeting was not listed. So much for excuses. We hate to make them.

Through the devoted interest of members of the six Cleveland Women's groups, notably efficient and modest Helen S., devoted Jean G. of Lorain and Adele R., reception rooms were secured and the successful meeting was organized.

Margaret K. of the Cleveland East Side Women's group presided capably as she introduced Elizabeth B. of Cleveland, Kate N. of Cleveland, who incidentally is the first lady in the first women's group in the world, Ethel M. of Akron, first woman member of Akron, Lucille S., one of Cleveland's effective workers desnite **comparatively** short membership, and Helen B. of New York.

Many others gave much of their time, we wish we could mention them all, but space and lack of contacts forbids. **Hail**, however, to all of you!

EIGHT YEARS COMPLETED

This issue of Central Bulletin completes eight years of publication. This monthly service to our fellow AA's has meant much to your editors, for regularly each month we are expected to produce articles which indicate the considered and accepted opinion of AA members, in general? in the Cleveland area. Our subject matter is gleaned from meetings we attend. This means that we must need be attentive listeners. It's been fun. The many letters and interesting little notes attached to the renewals have been greatly appreciated. We wish we could acknowledge them all. Will this suffice? We hope so.

Speaking about renewals, this month shows an unusually heavy number of subscriptions expiring- 168. How many will respond with renewals? From experience about 100. The 68 others will need prodding, darn it. Procrastination. As a birthday gift, won't you surprise us and send yours in without delay?

We wish to express appreciation to the many who have been on our subscription list from the beginning in 1942. About 60 we believe. That's loyalty. And we also appreciate those zealous supporters who are bringing in new subscriptions *every* week, as well as the loyal secretaries who boost **the** paper at *every* meeting.

BOUND BULLETINS

Orders for bound copies of Central Bulletins will be accepted. Only 50 will be bound. The books will contain Volumes 7 and 8. or the **past** two **years** publications. A very few of Volumes 6 and 6 can **still** be purchased. The price is \$2.60 per book which represents the actual cost of assembling and binding.

CONSOLIDATED MEETING

Both speakers, Paul K. and Mrs. Jean F. of Chardon, thrilled the medium-sized crowd which appeared for the initial Consolidated meeting on Sunday, September 17 in Towne Hall. A more complete analysis of the program and the twelve **steps** has seldom been heard. A most satisfactory meeting.

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CHISELING

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favors-undeserved favors. We must learn to DO favors without thought of return, for a favor done with a selfish motive behind it loses all of its effectiveness. Once we can shift the balances to the other side where giving outweighs receiving and are genuinely happy about it we will have discovered a great secret and revel in it.

Try it today. Repeat it tomorrow.

EASIER TO LIVE WITH

Casting back into the not to distant **past** we are certain that we **were** hard to get along with. Resentment and self pity had walled us into a little dark world of our own. In order to live with **ourselves** we found it necessary to hate everyone and everything. We were certain that we were **right** and if we were then everyone else must be wrong. **We** thought that our mental attitude was concealed from everyone except **ourselves**. We felt that we were being a long suffering patient soul in bottling up all of our trials within **ourselves**. We know now that our thinking was being reflected in our every action and that all with whom we came in contact were uncomfortable because they could sense our distrust and lack of faith.

Our greatest need was to find a "Way of Life" that would make us "Easy to Live With." The twelve steps of the A.A. program have filled this need. Now, as we are on this program a day at a time, our mental outlook is changing. We have looked at our shortcomings honestly, and are trying to do something to make **ourselves** over into an acceptable member of society. Gradually a personality change is being effected. People now sense the difference in us and are glad to be with us. Each succeeding day makes us "Easier to Live with."—*Today* in A. A.

F E A R

I imagine that Fear, fear of the future, fear of losing one's job, fear in many forms, is a vital problem in the lives of most AA members; it certainly is in mine. There is an old saying that your tools are only worth as much as you put them to use, and so it is with AA. You gather only as much as you put into the Twelve Steps, the first right through to the twelfth.

Fear is one of human nature's greatest enemies. To me, there is only one thing to overcome it, and that is the application of these principles and faith. A review of one's life of sobriety should make a man sit up and take notice. In my case, it has made me realize all the good that has come to me. Where, at one time, my life was degradation, now it is peace. Where the thought of me was repugnant to my wife, now there is love. Where my business acquaintances and friends would cross the streets to avoid me. now I have their **respect**. I have a good job, the respect of my employers, a **dime** or two in the bank and good health. What more should a man want? . . . But it seems that, just as we get a little success, our patience, faith and understanding fly out of the window. Then it is that Fear takes hold and gets into the driver's seat. . . . When that happens we should start remembering. When we first started the programme, we appeared to have all the patience and all the faith in the world, and good things happen to us. Now doubts have arrived . . . Fear

Where is our Faith now? We should remember then that, back to the beginning of time, **things** that were worthwhile and lasting were only earned through hard **labour** and toil. They did not come from impatient thinking and fear. Easy Does It, not only for the first few weeks, but for the rest of our lives.

—*The Road Back, Dublin, Ireland.*

G I G G L E S

"Just straight ginger ale."

"Pale?"

"No, just a glass."

When the grocer's little girl came home after a holiday at her **aunt's**, she found that trinkets had been added to the family. "How silly of you, mummy," she said. "You should have done the ordering-you know how daddy stutters!"

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Twenty groups were represented at the September 5 meeting of Central Committee. A balance of \$113.89 was reported by the treasurer.

The major interest was in the report of the First International Conference Committee. Diok S., Chairman reported that the Conference had been a success from every point of view. He said that he had seen Dr. Bob and that Dr. Bob had expressed himself as being greatly pleased with the Conference and what it accomplished. The current work of the Conference Committee is to distribute a pamphlet written by Bill W., summarizing all the Conference meetings, which will be sent to all persons who registered at the Conference. This decision was made when it became apparent that a verbatim transcript of all meetings would run to some 500 pages. In addition, recordings of the Conference meetings will be available for sale and a preliminary mailing on these recordings has already been sent out to the groups. In response to questions he said that it was hoped that the pamphlet would be ready for mailing within a week and the records two weeks after that.

Asked about recordings of the women's meeting, Dr. S. said that two of the speakers at this meeting had not recorded well, but if sufficient interest in this meeting was expressed, the two speakers could re-record their remarks, thus making possible the issue of a full recording of the meeting.

BEREA TENTH ANNIVERSARY

A banquet attended by 169 persons preceded the observance of the tenth anniversary of Berea Friday group. Directed by Luther M., the meeting was led by four tried and true west-siders who had contributed in some measure to the growth of the group. Each of the speakers had enjoyed over ten years of uninterrupted sobriety. Introduced by Clarence S., (12 years) they were Tom D., Warren C., Wally L. and Clem L. It was a most enjoyable occasion.

EUCLID-WADE ROUND TABLE

An interesting panel of four speakers is scheduled for Tuesday, October 24 at 8:30 p.m., for the Euclid-Wade group, meeting in Calvary Presbyterian Church, East 79th and Euclid.

Max L. will discuss "Solidarity in AA;" Franklyn S. "Twelve Steps and Traditions;" Frank W. "Hospitalization and Sponsorship;" Herschell H. "The Spiritual Side of Our Program." A question and answer period will follow.

Other speakers scheduled for October are Harry D. of Edgelake on the 10th, Jim B. of Lee Road on the 17th and Pat W. of Gordon Square on the 31st.

ADDISON SIXTH ANNIVERSARY

Addison observes its sixth anniversary on Monday, October 16 with proceedings starting at 8:30 with a short talk by secretary Ben R., followed by entertainment, dancing and refreshments. The affair will be held in Westminster Cong. Church, Addison and Wade Park.

DOAN DATA

Speakers for August were Pat P. of Lakeside; R. T. Sommers official at the Ohio Penitentiary; Jim B. self-styled free lance member of all groups; Tom F. of Borton and Len K. of Borton.

Special flash bulletin-Benedict W. after seven years of sobriety was rewarded with a baby son, Monday, September 18, weighing nine pounds and three ounces. Congratulations.

UNION GROUP MOVES

On September 11 the Union group opened its new quarters in beautiful and spacious East View Congregational Church, Kinsman Road at East 156th Street. Bill P. observed his ninth anniversary as speaker at the opening. They meet at 9 p.m.

The only way to have a friend is to be one.
If you feel yourself a **slippin'** . . . it's your **thinkin'**
that's a **stinkin'** . . . not your **drinkin'**.—The Paradox.

CLEVELAND DISTRICT OFFICE

The third quarterly meeting of the office advisory committee held on August 30 was attended by representatives of twenty-four groups.
of 24 groups.

The AA Cleveland District Office has as its purpose, to establish, maintain and administer a service organization for the benefit of Alcoholics Anonymous and to promote the general welfare of such fellowship through a centrally located office. In accordance with this purpose we respectfully submit the following report of work done by your District Office during the past nine months to August 26, 1950.

Five hundred and fifty-seven calls for help received at the office were turned over to 83 groups. Reports of these contacts show: 423 receptive, 75 not ready, 48 no contact possible and 11 not AA cases. During this period 699 general services were performed for members and groups. Four hundred and nine requests for literature and general information were filled. One hundred and one speakers were supplied.

LEE ROAD-MONDAY

Three long term members will appear on their anniversaries during the month of October. On October 2 Harry R. will observe his tenth. On October 9 John W. will observe his ninth as will Joe D. on the 16th. These should be outstanding meetings for these men have given much of themselves during their combined years of sobriety. Art L. will speak on October 23.

LORAIN COUNTY CONSOLIDATED

On Sunday, October 1 the Lorain County Consolidated meetings will be resumed. The speaker will be Harry H. of Rocky River. The meeting will be held in the Alconon clubrooms, 345 Broad Street, Elyria, at 7 p. m.

BOWLING NEWS

Only one secretary of the four or five leagues sent in reports of actual action. The East Side league shows the Matt Talbot group's team leading the pack with six wins and no losses. Allendale with 2527 leads in total high three which includes a nice 901 high single. B. S-i socked a gorgeous 256 for high single.

The Westside Friday league started on September 8 with 12 teams. They changed their bowling spot to **Bowl-Mor** Alleys, 15330 Detroit Avenue. They bowl every Friday at 7:30 p.m. Bill R. is secretary.

BROADWAY - 55th

The Broadway-55th group celebrated its fifth anniversary in gala style before a huge crowd on Thursday, September 21. Besides the speaker there was dancing, entertainment and refreshments.

NEW MEN'S GROUP

The Forest Hills Men's group, just organized, meets at 13219 Superior Avenue (**Marked Motors**) on Tuesday evenings at 8:30 p.m. Howard McC. is secretary.

HAMPTON, VA.

Al K. of Hampton, Va., sends us a fervent letter of appreciation for the inspiration given his group by Cleveland's Mother P. She was guest speaker at their first anniversary. We're proud of her too.

CLAMBAKE

The third annual Clambake of the westside groups will be held in Bohemian Hall, 4314 Clark Avenue, Sunday, October 8 from 3 to 7. Tickets at \$3.50 can be purchased from group secretaries.

PENTOWN NEWS

Thirteen new members were added to the imposing list of Ohio State Pen group. Attendance is now 360. They are planning to compile and publish their own AA magazine carrying articles written by their own members. The London Prison Farm group too is growing rapidly and the records of their graduates are happily inspiring.

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MONDAY

ADDISON—Westminster Church, N.E. Cor. Addison & Wade Park	8:30
BORTON—E. Cleve. Cong. Church, Page & Euclid	8:45
DETROIT MONDAY—8023 Detroit Ave.	8:30
FAIRMOUNT—St. Paul's Episcopal, Fairmount and Coventry	8:30
LAKE SHORE—St. Luke's Parish, Clifton and Bunts Rd.	8:30
LAKEWOOD (Orchard Grove)—1417 St. Charles, nr. Detroit	8:30
LAKEWOOD MEN'S—St. Peter's Episc., W. Clifton & Detroit	8:30
LAKEWOOD WOMEN—United Presby. Church, 12601 Detroit	8:30
LEE MONDAY—First Presb. Church, E. Cleve., Nela and Euclid	8:30
LORAIN AVE.—10034 Lorain Ave.	8:30
MARINE HOSPITAL—E. 124th and Fairhill	7:30
PEARL—Corpus Christi Basement, 4202 Stickney (E. of Pearl Rd)	8:30
SHAKER HEIGHTS—Christ Episc., Church, 3451 Warrenville	8:30
SOUTH EAST GROUP—Holy Name Hall, 8328 Broadway	8:30
THOMPSON PRODUCTS—Main Plant, Clarkwood Ave.	4:30
(Permit at Employment Office)	9:00
UNION—East View Cong. Church, Kinsman at E. 156th St.	8:30
WILLOUGHBY—Presbyterian Church, Willoughby, O.	8:30
WOMEN'S—East Side—Emmanuel Church, 8610 Euclid	8:30
WOMEN'S—West Side—West Blvd. Christ., W. Blvd. & W. 101	8:30

TUESDAY

ARCADE—Central Y.M.C.A., East 22nd and Prospect	8:30
CHARITY—Last Tues. of each month—Charity Hosp. Nurse Aud.	8:30
CLARK—4105 Clark Ave. Upstairs	8:30
EAGLE TRAINING—Salvation Army, E. 9th & Eagle	8:00
EDGE LAKE—Community Center Bldg., St. Charles and Detroit	8:30
EDGEWATER—10034 Lorain Ave., Cor. W. 101st St.	8:30
EUCLID-WADE—Calvary Presbyterian Church, E. 79 & Euclid	8:30
FAIRVIEW PARK—Fairview Grace Church, W. 224 & Lorain	8:30
FOREST HILLS MEN—Markad Motors, 13219 Superior Ave.	8:30
MAYFIELD VILLAGE—Dahlgren's SOM Center & Wilson Mills	8:30
MILES-LEE—Mount Hope Church, E. 164th, north of Miles	8:30
RAILROAD HOUR—8437 Broadway	11 A. M.
SMITH-WILSON—Nativity School, 9510 Aetna Road	8:30
SUPERIOR—Immaculate Conception, E. 43rd and Superior	8:30
WEST PARK—West Park Baptist Church, W. 152nd and Lorain	8:30
WEST SIDE MEN'S—St. Patrick's Hall, Bridge at W. 38th	8:30
WOMEN'S—East Side—Glenville Hall 10421 St. Clair Ave.	8:15
ELYRIA YOUNG PEOPLE—Junior Ch. of C. Bldg., Harwood St.	9:00
ELYRIA—335 Columbus St.	8:30
LORAIN, O.—Community Hall, 23rd and Beech Sts.	8:00
MEDINA, O.—St. Paul's Episcopal Parish House	8:30
PAINESVILLE, O.—Stag—33 N. State Street	8:30
STRONGSVILLE—St. Joseph's Church, 10,000 Pearl Rd.	8:30

WEDNESDAY

ALCOLA—6409 Detroit Ave.	9:00
BAXTER AVE.—6527 Baxter Ave.	8:30
BROADWAY WOMEN—8437 Broadway	8:30
BROOKLYN—K. of P. Hall, 3316 Broadview, East of Pearl Rd.	8:30
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
EAST SIDE MORNING—2028 E. 105th St.	10:00 A. M.
GARFIELD HEIGHTS—Trinity Baptist, E. 94th and Garfield Blvd.	8:30
LEE ROAD—First Eng. Luth., Derbyshire and Euclid Hts. Blvd.	8:30
ST. JAMES—St. James A.M.E., 8401 Cedar	8:30
WARRENSVILLE—Women's House of Correction	6:45
WEST 25th ST.—Marvel Hall, 2858 W. 25th St.	8:30
BEDFORD, O.—Y. M. C. A., Tarbell Ave.	8:30
ELYRIA, O.—St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Middle and Third	8:00
LORAIN, O.—ANTLERS—St. Mary's School, Reid Ave.	8:30
LORAIN COUNTY WOMEN—421 Broadway, Apt. 6	8:30

THURSDAY

ALAN—1820 East 79th St.	8:30
ALLENDALE—St. Paul's Episc. Church, 15837 Euclid Ave.	8:30
ANGLE—St. Malachi's Church, 2549 Washington Ave.	8:30
BROADWAY—55th—Our Lady of Lourdes School Hall	8:30
COVENTRY—Fairmount Presbyterian Chapel, Scarborough	8:30
EDDY ROAD—Glenville Congregational Church, Eddy & St. Clair	8:30
GLENVILLE—10421 St. Clair	9:00
LORAIN AVE.—West Park Baptist Church, 15218 Lorain	8:30
OUTHWAITE—Woodland Center, 7100 Kinsman	8:30
THURSDAY AFTERNOON WOMEN—6409 Detroit Ave.	2:00
WEST SIDE—7403 Denison Ave.	10:30 A. M.
BEREA, O.—Fine Arts Club, E. Bagley Rd., 3 drs. east of Eastland	8:30
EAST LAKE—Vine and Campbell, Willoughby, O.	8:30
INDEPENDENCE, O.—St. John's Lutheran Hall, Second & Sunset	9:00
PAINESVILLE, O.—33 N. State St., Third Floor	8:30
SHEFFIELD LAKE—640 Sunset Drive	8:30

FRIDAY

ANSEL ROAD—St. Thomas Church, 9205 Superior Ave.	9:00
BROADWAY-HARVARD—8437 Broadway	8:30
CEDAR—Salvation Army, 2181 E. 55th St.	8:15
GORDON SQUARE—St. Helena's Hall, 1367 W. 65th St.	8:30
LEE ROAD—2056 East 105th St., K. of P. Hall	9:00
MADISON PARK—St. Gregory Hall, Quail and Thrush	8:45
MILES MEN'S—Stag Group, 4141 E. 116th St.	8:30
NORTHEAST—2028 E. 105th St.	8:30
ROCKY RIVER—St. Christopher's Hall, Lakeview off Detroit	8:30
ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL—First Friday of each month	8:30
WEST SIDE YOUNG PEOPLE—St. Rose's Hall W. 116-Detroit	8:30
BEREA—Social room of Berea Cong. Church, Seminary and Church	8:30
CHAGRIN FALLS, O.—American Legion, E. Orange St.	8:30
CHARDON, O.—Thrasher House, Water St., Chardon O.	8:30
CONNEAUT, O.—B. of L. E. Hall	8:30
EUCLID, O.—Holy Cross Church, E. 200th and Lake Shore Blvd.	8:30
LORAIN-AVON—AA Social Center, 700 Broadway	8:30
MENTOR, O.—Mentor Methodist Church	8:30
OBERLIN, O.—American Legion Home, S. Main and Hamilton	8:30

SATURDAY

ALCOLA—6409 Detroit Ave.	2:00
BROADWAY MEN'S—St. John's Luth. Church, Cable at Broad	8:30
CROSSROADS—Euclid Avenue Baptist Church, East 18th	9:00
GLENVILLE—10421 St. Clair	9:30
GOSPEL CENTER—6920 Lexington Ave.	8:30

GIGGLES

"Could you possibly give me a raise in salary, sir?
Three other companies are after me."
"What companies?"
"Gas, electricity and telephone."

This world would be tiresome,
We'd all get the blues
If all the folks in it had all the same views
So just carry on to the best of your skill,
Some folks won't like you, but other folks will.

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What do you go to the meetings for? To be amused? Better get a grip on yourself, kid. Take an inventory! What did YOU contribute to the meeting to make it more interesting? AA meetings are a matter of life and death to most people. Get out of that dangerous rut! It will throw you!

Attended a lousy meeting last night. I was bored to tears. There wasn't a single laugh in the whole meeting.



SATURDAY (Continued)

LAKEWOOD Sat. Nite—Redcemer Hall Andrews, near Detroit	8:30
MATT TALBOT—St. Philip Neri Church, E. 82nd and St. Clair	8:30
PARMA—Public Library, 8850 Ridge Road	8:30
REDWOOD—Euclid Lutheran Church E. 260 and Oriole	8:30
TRINITY—Trinity Evangelical Church, 3525 W. 25th St.	8:30
VALLEY VIEW—Community Center, W. 7th and Starkweather	8:30
BOOS CROUP—8005 Lorain Ave.	8:30
ASHTABULA, O.—K. of P. Hall, Elm Ave	8:30
ELYRIA, O.—St. Andrew's Episc. Church, Middle and Third	8:30
OLON, O.—St. Rita's Church, basement	9:00

SUNDAY

COLLINWOOD—14709 St. Clair Avenue	7:30
GORDON PARK-Veteran's Convention Club, 8815 St. Clair	2:30
LAKEVIEW-CYO Hall, St. Aloysius Church, E. 109th & St. Clair	8:00
MARYMOUNT—2nd Sun. in month, Cafeteria, McCracken & Henry	2:30
M ISTLETOE—MacGillis Home, 1560 Mistletoe at Wade Park	7:00
NEWBURGH—St. Catherine's Church, 3443 E. 93rd St.	8:30
OUTHWAITE—7100 Kinsman	4:00
STERLING—St. Columbkil's School Hall, 2642 Superior	8:30
SPONSORSHIP MEETING—Glenville Group, 10421 St. Clair Ave.	2:00
TRAINING MEETING—8023 Detroit Ave.	8:00
WARRENSVILLE-Cooler Farms Recreation Room	10:00 A. M.
GENEVA, O.—Legion Hall, Park St., corner of St. Eagle	7:30
LORAIN, O.—(Stag) AA Social Center, 700 Broadway	10:00 A. M.
PAINESVILLE, O.—33 N. State Street, Third Floor	8:00

1st TUESDAY EVERY MONTH

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

3rd TUESDAY EVERY MONTH

HOSPITAL COMMITTEE—Hanna Building, Room 370.....8:30

FOR AUTHORITATIVE AA INFORMATION

AA CLEVELAND DISTRICT OFFICE-780 The Arcade...CH 1-7387

LIST OF COOPERATING AA HOSPITALS

Cleveland Alcoholic Clinic (EXpress 1.8998) (MW)	7809 Euclid Ave.
Farquharson's (TUXedo 5.1882) (M)	6037 Pearl Rd.
MacGillis Nursing Home (RA. 1-2556) (MW)	
	1560 Mistletoe Dr. at Wade Park
Marymount Hospital (VULcan 3-2310) (NW)	12300 McCracken Rd.
Pathway (TYler 1-6698) (MW)	1635 E. 93rd St.
Ryan's Nursing Home (MEIROse 1-16351) (M)	8023 Detroit Ave
FOR FIRST TIMERS ONLY	
Charity Hospital (MAIN 1-9400) (MW)	Central and E. 22nd St.
St. John's Hospital (WOODbine 1-5750) (M)	7914 Detroit Ave.
(M) men only. (MW) me and women. (W) women only.	

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Vignettes

In the absence of **Spencer I**, whose column appears in this space regularly, we happily found an illuminating piece of writing in the Social Center Chatter, written by the very capable **Jack F.**, which we are sure you will find edifying. **Spencer** has just returned from a two month trip to Europe and was so swamped with demands on his time that we gave him another month's leave of absence from this, his accustomed place.

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He staggered into the house, too drunk to know or care that he was alone. Ten hours later, he awoke, sick and trembling, to discover that his wife was not in the house and that she had not been in overnight. He called his mother-in-law and learned that his wife had given birth to a child alone while he had been out drinking.

Four days later he drew money out of the bank to pay the maternity bill. He stopped for a drink on the way and never reached the hospital with the money.

He was not an alcoholic, he said.

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Bricklayers were at a premium, but while his fellow tradesmen were out earning \$29 a day, he was sitting in a barroom cadging drinks. He accepted the drink offered by the earnest looking man sitting beside him. He listened half-heartedly to his benefactor's conversation, and then said: "Yeah, that **A. A.'s** all right for a guy that can't handle his drinks. Believe me, if I ever reach that stage, I'll take a crack at it myself . . . Say, can you set up another one? I'm a little short until I see the old lady; She don't get through work 'till 3:30."

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He was being taken home from the hospital by his brother. His head was bandaged, his arm was in a sling and, from his hip to his ankle his leg was a raw bruise: Eighteen hours earlier, in a drunken fog, he had walked into the side of a moving streetcar.

"You'll have to cut out this drinking before it kills you," his brother told him.

"Drinking!" he objected through swollen lips. "It wasn't the drinks. I only had a couple. But I was so darned tired from working overtime that they hit me all of a sudden."

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He was sitting, clad in pajamas, in a nursing home. He was well acquainted with all the visitors as they came in. This was his tenth time in less than a year. He'd been telling the guys that he knew all about AA. "AA isn't the answer to MY problem. Hope these birds don't stay too long. They bore me."

As one the AA visitors started to explain AA to those who would listen, the pajama-clad regular got up, groaned, and mumbling an unintelligible apology, walked out of the room.

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Every alcoholic, at some time was just as blind to his problem. Too many heavy drinkers remain blind . . . remain blind to the fact that penitentiaries, workhouses,

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Overzealousness

We have been following the story "Why I Know There is a God" by **Fulton Oursler**, appearing in chapter form in the Cleveland News. We suggest your reading them too. They're great, in our estimation. In Chapter 5, headed "Crusaders Wanted in a Sick World," he cites Judge **Louis D. Brandeis'** warning that the greatest dangers to liberty lurks in insidious encroachment by men of zeal, well-meaning, but without understanding.

Oursler clearly describes the flowering of new ideologies attempting to wean believing people away from their faiths with so-called logic. He indicts **Haeckel, Nietzsche** and **Marx** for filling the minds with "flummery, flappedoodle and fanaticism -leaving a void in the brains of men when faith was cast out." "Because man is incurably religious," he continues, "he must have some kind of vision or perish. Many times in history he has served a false faith with cruel and pleasurable excitement. So it is today."

He described the growth and development of Communism, whose members are filled with fanatical zeal, maddened with energies of fierce hatreds and are possessed of an unrelenting, galvanic and destructive force.

"In the West, we stand," we quote, "millions of us, confused and listless: ethics without zeal. In the East, behind the Iron Curtain, there stand millions of armed fanatics: zeal without ethics. Can there be any doubt which will be victorious-the indifferent or the zealous?"

"Never as now has the battle between good and evil been so frankly drawn. This is not a new war; it is the oldest of wars, It began in Eden and will not end until Armageddon. In many American homes, helpless parents meet its victims face to face in irreconcilable family clashes. Bring up your child in the way he should go, but once he is beyond your doorstep, out in the world by himself, every virtuous principle you have taught him becomes a target for the enemies of Christianity."

We know Oursler's story. We believe there is a parallel in his spiritual experience and that of many of our members who rediscovered their faith as they embraced the AA way of life- a faith stronger and more sustaining than they had had before having been brought to their knees in humility.

A member recently cautioned his audience, however, on overzealousness. He had been embarrassed too often at meetings where he had heard speakers trying to foist their religion on the cosmopolitan audiences. He expressed fear, because of his own reaction and that of others who had privately expressed themselves, that too, too many were trying to inject religion into AA. He believed that everyone should respect the other's right to worship God as he understood Him. He stated that while formal religion and AA principles dovetail, they must be kept separate.

He also feared that many sponsors were failing because they failed to differentiate between religion and AA, AA is not a religion. It is a spiritual program, it's true, but it respects every person's right to worship God in

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jails, hospitals and insane asylums are full of woes that came out of bottles: remain blind to the bewilderment of little children as their futures are being argued in courtrooms; remain blind to the neglected and aging parents who despairingly eke out a most meager existence with old-age assistance funds.

It takes an act of God to make us see.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP

The faithful few who have interested themselves in the great work of rehabilitating those unfortunates in the Women's House of Correction in Warrensville are temporarily without a leader. Hilda H., who has carried most of the burden for some time, has been hospitalized for a probable operation. Even though she was seriously ill, she found time to make preparations for the annual Christmas Party for these women.

To cover the expenses she has sent books of raffle tickets to group secretaries. She makes a plea through these columns for their sale-or the return of the books, so they can be sold.

Can some fine lady step in and take charge of this great work? Or a committee of two or three? Hilda is moving to a new district which will make it difficult for her to carry on during the winter.

The meetings are scheduled for one meeting a month the last Wednesday in each month with the exception of December. That meeting will be held on December 20th. However, the Social Worker has made an earnest plea for weekly meetings, maintaining that AA has been of inestimable help to the county in arousing hope and desire toward a better way of life.

All they need is for someone responsible to take hold. Come on, you women. Here's a wonderful opportunity for twelfth step work. It's a challenge.

THE FIRST MILE

A privilege — yet a grave responsibility — is carried with that member of our organization when he or she sets out to make that first contact. It is doubtful during the first interview, if anyone of us ever gets close enough to obtain other than a very small part of the picture. Usually we do little — other than to carry a message of hope and perhaps interest them to the point of attending a meeting.

Most alcoholics seeking a way out are usually desperate enough and in the mood to try anything once. What is more, when they first come to us they are so bewildered and confused they understand little of what is going on — except perhaps that they are not drinking for the time being. Because of mental weariness, they are incapable of grasping the programme. Their only response or reaction is in the form of a certain physical acquiescence.

How many of us, I wonder, have taken such newcomers to a meeting and after casual introduction to other members, and perhaps to our club, left our care to fend for themselves — considering that we had played our parts. There are those of us who can now look back and wonder what happened to some of them — and why? It could be suggested in defence, that a man either wants AA or he doesn't — that if he cannot make up his own mind, we can't do it for him. This is only too true. But, be that as it may — in this respect we make no decisions. Ours is a responsibility to walk the first mile — or at least that distance along the way where we are sure that the someone who is our care — can see and think clearly for themselves — stay with them until there is no doubt in our mind but that they fully understand and are capable of making a decision — their own decision. We owe this to them because someone did this for us. We owe this to ourselves, lest we lose a little of what we have — for the sake of our own peace of mind.

-Lifeline, Vancouver, B. C.

BOUND BULLETINS

Only fifteen bound books, containing the past two years' issues of Central Bulletin remain to be sold. First come first served. They cost \$2.60 each. Some good material for leads are contained therein.

OVERZEALOUSNESS

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his own way. If AA becomes the missionary agency for one church or the other, the program will become lost in religious expression.

The return to a place in God's radiant sun generates a joy which we would share with everyone. Let us reflect this glow in our behavior and in our acts. The effects will follow unerringly and without giving offense.

THE WORLD IS MINE

Today, upon a bus, I saw a lovely girl with golden hair; I envied her; she seemed so gay, and wished I were as fair.

When suddenly she rose to leave, I saw her hobble down the aisle;

She had one leg and wore a crutch, but as she passed, a smile.

Oh, God, forgive me when I whine; I have two legs, the world is mine.

And then I stopped to buy some sweets. The lad who sold them had such charm.

I talked with him — he said to me: "It's nice to talk with folks like you."

"You see," he said "I'm blind." Oh, God, forgive me when I whine;

I have two eyes, the world is mine.

Later, walking down the street, I saw a child with eyes of blue.

He stood and watched the others play; it seemed he knew not what to do.

I stopped a moment, then I said: "Why don't you join the others, dear!"

He looked ahead without a word, and then I knew, he could not hear.

Oh God, forgive me when I whine; I have two ears, the world is mine.

With legs to take me where I'd go, With eyes to see the sunset's glow,

With ears to hear what I would know, Oh God, forgive me when I whine;

Pm b'essed, indeed. The World is Mine.

EDGELAKE

The Edgelake group mourns the loss of one of its oldest members, Dr. George P., who with his wife Germaine were regular in their attendance. George passed away on October 2. Surviving him are his wife and son.

GRANDMA IS AGAIN MA

Mae B., a member of West Side Women's group astounded her many friends — and possibly herself — when she gave birth to a baby girl several months ago. She became a grandma two years ago. You'd never suspect it to look at her. And now she's a mother again. What wonders AA does accomplish! Our best wishes go out to this grand person.

TWO GROUPS CONSOLIDATE

The Wyandotte group and the Denison group consolidated as the Denison Men's group. However, they will hold a joint meeting on the first Wednesday in each month. They meet at 7403 Denison at 8:30 p. m. Charley G. formerly of Wyandotte is secretary.

WE WANT TO BELIEVE THIS

A letter from that irrepressible, peripatetic Cleveland barrister, Ed B. advises us that he and Fred S. (Cleveland Alcoholic Clinic) had talked to the inmates of Indiana State Prison in Michigan City, Ind. He claims to have told them that all they knew of AA was what they had learned from that great little magazine, the Central Bulletin. They took up a collection (he says) among the inmates and collected a sufficient amount to pay for one year's subscription. They claim to have boosted the Bulletin in Elkhart, South Bend and at the football game between Purdue and Notre Dame. O.K.! For a dollar we believe him.

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OLD ORCHARD GROVE

The **Lakewood** group (the old Orchard Grove) will observe its eleventh anniversary on Monday, November 13th with an imposing panel of speakers. Bill D. of Akron, Bill and **Doc's** first "baby"; Clarence S., the founder of the group; Warren C., one of the charter members and Judge Jim C.

From this first west side group sprang many other groups. Practically every group in Cleveland and its environs has at least one member who received his initiation in AA at Orchard Grove.

Preparations are being made to handle a great crowd. The meeting will be held in **Lakewood** Community Hall, 1417 St. Charles Ave., just south of Detroit Ave., at 9:00 o'clock sharp.

BOWLING NOTES

Analyzing the West Side Friday Bowling League weekly reports for the past four weeks indicates some hot contests were held each night. On October 6th the **Fairview** Park team was leading the Angle No. 2 team by three points. A man with the initial B is high in the individual averages with 184 and has a 267 high single game as well as a 678 total for three games. Good bowling. This is the 7:30 shift.

In the 9:30 shift, **Lakewood** Satnite took the lead away from the Denison No. 2 team, but is leading the next three teams by but one point. Art S. leads the individuals with an imposing average of 196. Must be a "pro."

The Eddy Road team hopped over three leaders to gain undisputed possession of first place in the East Side League, Superior No. 1, Mixed Group and Superior No. 2 are tied for second place, one point behind Eddy Road.

DOAN DATA

Speakers for September were Bob **McG.** of Young Men's group; Bob H. of Lake Shore; Mike D of Orchard Grove and Jack **McG.** of Superior.

Your reporter Jack L. will cast his first vote at this coming election. "Out of circulation" for most of the past 25 years. What a wonderful, wonderful privilege, thanks to AA.

TRINITY SQUARE DANCE

The Trinity group has resumed its practice of devoting the last Saturday of each month to an evening of Square Dancing. The September dance was a great success, due to a great extent to the extraordinary Pappy Doyle's Orchestra. They invite you to share their fun and fellowship.

TAPCO ISSUES INVITATION

The **Tapco** group (Thompson Products Co.) meetings are now open to all members of AA.

The Tuesday meetings are at 1:00 p. m. and 9:00 p. m. and the Wednesday meeting is at 3:30 p. m.

You must secure passes at Post 4.

BROOKLYN

Speakers for October were Bill Van H. of Kent on Oct. 4; Fred D. of Coventry on the 11th; Wilson B. and Ed. M. of Lee Road Friday on the 18th and the Warren Players of Warren, Ohio, on the 25th.

Speakers for November will be Margaret H. of West Side Women on Nov. 1; Cliff B. of Lake Shore the 8th; Howard B. of Independence on the 15th; Dick C. of Rocky River on the 22nd and Dan K. of Barberton on the 29th.

This old established group meets every Wednesday at 8:30 p. m. in K. of P. Hall, 3316 Broadview, just east of Pearl Road.

BROADWAY WOMEN

The Broadway Women's first open house on October 18, was an outstanding success. Frank L. of Miles Men's group was the speaker. Sandwiches and cakes baked by the women were served. Though only five months old, the group is growing rapidly. Chairman for **October** was Dorothy C. and for November it will be Margaret L., who will observe her eighth anniversary this month. The secretary Helen N. extends a welcome to other AA women.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

A balance of \$113.34 was reported with all bills paid. The Central Bulletin editor made a plea for more intensified effort to increase the Bulletin subscription list. He pointed to a slowly diminishing return over expiring subscriptions. Action was taken by the delegates "to recommend that each group in the Greater Cleveland area appoint a **Bulletin** representative to supervise renewals and stimulate new subscriptions." (Several groups have already responded. Their representative has brought in the group's roster and each name was checked with the expiration date, if he was a subscriber, and this indicated also who was not. The staff of Central Bulletin will be glad to check the rosters of every group.-Ed.)

Dick S., chairman of the International Conference Committee; reported that the Conference Office has now been closed, and that the work of the Conference Committee is in its final stages. A pamphlet by Bill W. entitled "We Come of Age" summarizing the Conference has been mailed out to all persons who were registered. Extra copies of the pamphlet are available at the Cleveland District Office at ten cents per copy. Work on recordings of the Conference has been completed and records are now being shipped to persons whose orders have been received.

He announced that the Alcoholic Foundation was considering a proposal to wait on the sale of these records for the return of their share of the Conference underwriting fund so that contributions to this fund by the Cleveland Groups can be returned in full. This proposal will be presented for final ratification at the Foundation meeting on October 23rd.

One delegate stated that his Group had voted to send its underwriting fund check to the Cleveland District Office when returned and suggested this plan for the consideration of other Groups.

LAKE SHORE

A good sized crowd congratulated Don S. as they helped him observe his tenth anniversary on September 11th. He's rendered outstanding service. He won't stop either. Congratulations.

BROADWAY - HARVARD

Johnny G.'s eighth anniversary was celebrated with a nice turnout. The speaker for the occasion was the renowned John D. of Chicago. The Broadway Women's group presented Johnny with a gold tie clasp which he treasures.

ALLENDALE

The Allendale group held a gala Hard Time Hallowe'en party on Thursday, October 26. It was a hilarious affair.

GROUP GOES VISITING BY BUS

Thirty-seven members of AA, mostly composed of members of the Independence group traveled via bus to Vermilion to attend that group's meeting. They stopped for dinner at Okagi's restaurant. This occurrence took place on Monday, October 16th. Bob T. delivered a most impressive talk.

MADISON GROUP DISBANDS

The Madison Park Friday group has discontinued its meetings until further notice.

G I G G L E S

The gentleman with the red nose paused in his excursions from one saloon to another and dropped into the library where he got to reading a volume on vital statistics.

"Great Scott" he commented, suddenly turning to the man on his right. "Do you know that every time I breathe a man dies?"

"Why don't you chew cloves?" the other replied, moving away.

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There may be shorter letters in the world, but the shortest one we know anything about was written by a New York man to his landlord who told him to vacate his house at once. The renter replied: "Sir, I remain. Yours truly."

MONDAY

ADDISON—Westminster Church, N.E. Cor. Addison & Wade Park. 8:30
BORTON—E. Cleve. Cong. Church, Page & Euclid. 8:45
DETROIT MONDAY-8023 Detroit Ave. 8:30
FAIRMOUNT—St. Paul's Episcopal, Fairmount and Coventry. 8:30
LAKE SHORE—St. Luke's Parish, Clifton and Bunts Rd. 8:30
LAKEWOOD (Orchard Grove), 1417 St. Charles, nr. Detroit. 8:30
LAKEWOOD MEN'S—St. Peter's Episc., W. Clifton & Detroit. 8:30
LAKEWOOD WOMEN—United Presby. Church, 12601 Detroit. 8:30
LEE MONDAY—First Presb. Church, E. Cleve., Nela and Euclid. 8:30
LORAIN AVE.—10034 Lorain Ave. 8:30
MARINE HOSPITAL—124th and Fairhill. 7:30
PEARL—Corpus Christi basement, 4202 Stickney (E. of Purl Rd.) 8:30
SHAKER HEIGHTS—Christ Episc. Church, 3451 Warrensville. 8:30
SOUTH EAST GROUP—Holy lame Hall, 8328 Broadway. 8:30
THOMPSON PRODUCTS—Main Plant, Clarkwood Ave. (Permit at Employment Office). 4:30
UNION—East View Cong. Church, Kinsman at E. 156th St. 9:00
WILLOUGHBY—Presbyterian Church, Willoughby, O. 8:30
WOMEN'S—East Side—Emmanuel Church, 8610 Euclid. 8:30
WOMEN'S—West Side—West Blvd. Christ., W. Blvd. & W. 101. 8:30

TUESDAY

ARCADE—Central Y.M.C.A., East 22nd and Prospect. 8:30
CHARITY—Last Tues. of each month—Charity Hosp. Nurses' Aud. 8:30
CLARK—4105 Clark Ave. Upstairs. 6:30
EAGLE TRAINING—Salvation Army, E. 9th & Eagle. 8:00
EDGE LAKE—Community Center Bldg., St. Charles and Detroit. 8:30
EDGEWATER—10034 Lorain Ave., Cor. W. 101st St. 8:30
EUCLID-WADE—Calvary Presbyterian Church, E. 79 & Euclid. 8:30
FAIRVIEW PARK—Fairview Grace Church, W. 224 & Lorain. 8:30
FOREST HILLS MEN—Markad Motors, 13219 Superior Ave. 8:30
MAYFIELD VILLAGE—Dahlgren's SOM Center & Wilson Mills. 8:30
MILES-LEE—Mount Hope Church, E. 164th, north of Miles. 8:30
RAILROAD HOUR—8437 Broadway. 11 A. M.
SMITH-WILSON—Nativity School, 9510 Aetna Road. 8:30
SUPERIOR—Immaculate Conception, E. 43rd and Superior. 8:30
TAPCO—Post Four, 23555 Euclid Ave. 2nd shift, 1:00
TAPCO—Post Four, 23555 Euclid Ave. 3rd shift, 9:00
WEST PARK—West Park Baptist Church, W. 152nd and Lorain. 8:30
WEST SIDE MEN'S—St. Patrick's Hall, Bridge at W. 38th. 8:30
WOMEN'S—East Side—Glenville Hall 10421 St. Clair Ave. 8:15
ELYRIA YOUNG PEOPLE—Junior Ch. of C. Bldg., Harwood St. 9:00
ELYRIA—335 Columbus St. 8:30
LORAIN, O.—Community Hall, 23rd and Beech Sts. 8:00
MEDINA, O.—St. Paul's Episcopal Parish House. 8:30
PAINESVILLE, O.—Stag—33 N. State Street. 8:30
STRONGSVILLE—St. Joseph's Church, 10,000 Pearl Rd. 8:30

WEDNESDAY

ALCOLA—6409 Detroit Ave. 9:00
BAXTER AVE.—6527 Baxter Ave. 8:30
BROADWAY WOMEN—8437 Broadway. 8:30
BROOKLYN—K. of P. Hall, 3316 Broadview, East of Pearl Rd. 8:30
COLLINWOOD—14709 St. Clair Ave. 8:30
DENISON MEN—7403 Denison (first Wednesday, joint meeting) 8:30
DOAN MEN'S—2028 E. 105th St., 2nd floor, side entrance. 8:45
EAST SIDE MORNING—2028 E. 105th St. 10:00 A. M.
GARFIELD HEIGHTS—Trinity Baptist, E. 94th and Garfield Blvd. 8:30
LEE ROAD—First Eng. Luth., Derbyshire and Euclid Hts. Blvd. 8:30
ST. JAMES—St. James A.M.E., 8401 Cedar. 8:30
TAPCO—Post Four, 23555 Euclid Ave. 1st shift, 3:30
WARRENSVILLE—Women's House of Correction. 6:30
WEST 25th ST.—Marvel Hall, 2858 W. 25th St. 8:30
BEDFORD, O.—Y. M. C. A., Tarbell Ave. 8:30
ELYRIA, O.—St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Middle and Third. 8:00
LORAIN, O.—ANTLERS—St. Mary's School, Reid Ave. 8:30
LORAIN COUNTY WOMEN—421 Broadway, Apt. 6. 8:30

THURSDAY

ALAN—1820 East 79th St. 8:30
ALLENDALE—St. Paul's Episc. Church, 15837 Euclid Ave. 8:30
ANGLE—St. Malachi's Church, 2549 Washington Ave. 8:30
BROADWAY 55th—Our Lady of Lourdes School Hall. 8:30
COVENTRY—Fairmount Presbyterian Chapel Scarborough. 8:30
EDDY ROAD—Glenville Congregational Church, Eddy & St. Clair. 8:30
GLENVILLE—10421 St. Clair. 9:00
LORAIN AVE.—West Park Baptist Church, 15218 Lorain. 8:30
OUTHWAITE—Woodland Center, 7100 Kinsman. 8:30
WEST SIDE—7403 Denison Ave. 10:30 A. M.
BEREA, O.—Fine Arts Club, E. Bagley Rd., 3 drs. east of Eastland. 8:30
EAST LAKE—Vine and Campbell, Willoughby, O. 8:30
INDEPENDENCE, O.—St. John's Lutheran Hall, Second & Sunset 9:00
PAINESVILLE, O.—33 N. State St., Third Floor. 8:30
SHEFFIELD LAKE—640 Sunset Drive. 8:30

FRIDAY

ANSEL ROAD—St. Thomas Church, 9205 Superior Ave. 9:00
BROADWAY-HARVARD—8437 Broadway. 8:30
CEDAR—Salvation Army, 2181 E. 55th St. 8:15
GORDON SQUARE—St. Helena's Hall, 1367 W. 65th St. 8:30
LEE ROAD—2056 East 5th St., K. of P. Hall. 9:00
MILES MEN'S—Stag Group, 4141 E. 116th St. 8:30
NORTHEAST—2028 E. 105th St. 8:30
ROCKY RIVER—St. Christopher's Hall, Lakeview off Detroit. 8:30
ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL—First Friday of each month. 8:30
WEST SIDE YOUNG PEOPLE—St. Rose's Hall W. 116 Detroit. 8:30
BEREA—Social room of Berea Cong. Church, Seminary and Church. 8:30
CHAGRIN FALLS—O. American Legion, E. Orange St. 8:30
CHARDON, O.—Thrasher House, Water St. Chardon O. 8:30
CONNEAUT, O.—B. of L. E. Hall. 8:30
EUCLID, O.—Holy Cross Church, E. 200th and Lake Shore Blvd. 8:30
LORAIN-AVON—AA Social Center, 700 Broadway. 8:30
MENTOR, O.—Mentor Methodist Church. 8:30
OBERLIN, O.—American Legion Home, S. Main and Hamilton. 8:30

SATURDAY

BROADWAY MEN'S—St. John's Luth. Church Cable at Broad. 8:30
CROSSROADS—Euclid Avenue Baptist Church, East 18th. 9:00
CLENNVILLE—10421 St. Clair. 9:30
GOSPEL CENTER—6920 Lexington Ave. 8:30

GIGGLE

It happened on a Vermont weekend. As the party was breaking up, I said good-bye to one of the guests, a sad-faced, elderly man who had kept us laughing all through the dinner and several hours afterward. After he left, I asked my hostess, "Who is that man? He's the most entertaining fellow I've ever met." "Why, I really don't know," she said. "He came to fix the furnace this morning and he's been here ever since."

No person can define happiness. You have to be unhappy to understand it.

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SATURDAY (Continued)

LAKEWOOD Sat. Nite—Redeemer Hall, Andrews, near Detroit. 8:30
MATT TALBOT—St. Philip Neri Church, E. 82nd and St. Clair. 8:30
PARMA—Public Library, 5850 Ridge Road. 8:30
REDWOOD—Euclid Lutheran Church, E. 260 and Oriole. 8:30
VALLEY VIEW—Community Center, W. 7th and Starkweather. 8:30
8005 GROUP—8005 Lorain Ave. 8:30
ASHTABULA, O.—K. of P. Hall, Elm Ave. 8:30
ELYRIA, O.—St. Andrew's Episc. Church, Middle and Third. 8:30
SOI ON, O.—St. Rita's Church basement. 9:00
TRINITY—Trinity Evangelical Church, 3525 W. 25th St. 8:30
 (Last Saturday each month the group holds a Barn Dance, No meeting)

SUNDAY

COLLINSWOOD—14709 St. Clair Avenue. 11:00
GORDON PARK—Veteran's Convention Club, 8815 St. Clair. 2:30
LAKEVIEW—CYO Hall, St. Aloysius Church, E. 109th & St. Clair. 8:00
MARYMOUNT—2nd Sun. in month, Cafeteria, McCracken & Henry. 2:30
MISTLETOE—MacGillis Home, 1560 Mistletoe at Wade Park. 7:00
NEWBURGH—St. Catherine's Church, 3443 E. 93rd St. 8:30
OUTHWAITE—7100 Kinsman. 4:00
STERLING—St. Columbkil's School Hall, 2642 Superior. 8:30
SPONSORSHIP MEETING—Glenville Group, 10421 St. Clair Ave. 2:00
TRAINING MEETING—8023 Detroit Ave. 8:00
WARRENSVILLE—Cooley Farms Recreation Room. 10:00 A. M.
GENEVA, O.—Legion Hall, Park St., corner of So. Eagle. 7:30
LORAIN, O.—(Stag) AA Social Center, 700 Broadway. 10:00 A. M.
PAINESVILLE, O.—33 N. State Street, Third Floor. 8:00

1st TUESDAY EVERY MONTH

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

3rd TUESDAY EVERY MONTH

HOSPITAL COMMITTEE—Hanna Building, Room 370. 8:30

FOR AUTHORITATIVE AA INFORMATION

AA CLEVELAND DISTRICT OFFICE—780 The Arcade. CH 1-7387

LIST OF COOPERATING AA HOSPITALS

Cleveland Alcoholic Clinic (EXpress 1-8998) (MW) 7809 Euclid Ave.
 Farquharson's (TUxedo 8-1882) (M) 6037 Pearl Rd.
 MacGillis Nursing Home (RA. 1-2556) (MW) 1560 Mistletoe Dr. at Wade Park
 Marymount Hospital (VUlcian 3-2310) (MW) 12300 McCracken Rd.
 Pathway (Tyler 1-6698) (MW) 1635 E. 93rd St.
 Ryan's Nursing Home (MElrose 1-1635) (M) 8023 Detroit Ave.
FOR FIRST TIMERS ONLY
 Charity Hospital (MAin 1-9400) (MW) Central and E. 22nd St.
 St. John's Hospital (WOodbine 1-5750) (M) 7911 Detroit Ave.
 (M) men only. (MW) men and women. (W) women only.

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Keep the Faith

Jesus had read the Book in the synagogue of his native Nazareth. Then he sat down and spoke to them.

"Ye will surely say unto me this proverb, Physician, heal thyself: whatsoever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in thy country."

But Jesus, knowing they lacked faith, refused, saying, "No prophet is accepted in his own country."

Nazareth today is a dirty, noisy, hot Arab town in the hill country of Galilee. Capernaum, these many centuries, has been and remains a pile of scattered stone on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, almost inaccessible and guarded only by a lone monastery and a solitary and loquacious monk.

Yet these words of Jesus bore fruit. Around the world and through the centuries there have been physicians who have healed themselves and healed others because their faith was great.

From time to time in human affairs that faith has risen and built a city magnificent far beyond the dreams of those gathered in the synagogue at Nazareth. It has been a city of the spirit.

Such an event happened in our time and you reader, member of Alcoholics Anonymous, are a dweller in that city. And the man who made it possible was a physician who healed himself because he had faith.

No earthly tribute, no eulogy, no panegyric would be adequate to the life of Robert Holbrook Smith and nothing would be more distasteful to him.

His was the exceptional privilege of seeing his faith move more than mountains. The faith of which "Doctor Bob" would be the first to say he was only the instrument that moved tens of thousands of men and women of all religious beliefs and none, of all races and conditions, to find a new life in sobriety. We are the participants, we are the beneficiaries. Upon us rests a responsibility beyond that of most men. We must keep the faith and spread it to others for, only by so doing, can we pay that debt which everyone of us owes to this physician.

"Doctor Bob" had an unshakable belief in the immortality of the human soul. He knew that when his earthly life was terminated he would live again. Had he not already found a new life on earth? No man or woman who fully accepts the Twelve Steps and sees their wonder working powers in their own lives and in the lives of those they aid can well escape a similar belief.

The very genesis of Alcoholics Anonymous enforces it. Suppose Bill W. had not come to Akron on a financial deal? Suppose the deal had successfully been closed and Bill W. never entertained the thought of taking another drink? Suppose Bill W. hadn't walked through the lobby of the Mayflower Hotel on the way to the bar room? Suppose he had gone behind the billboard bearing church notices instead of in front of it and had missed the key that led to his meeting with "Doctor Bob?" Ask yourself, fellow alcoholics, where we would be today—those of us who might have survived miserably until now?

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Whoa !

He was mad! The day was dank and drizzly and his face darkened as he bruted his way into the heavy traffic. Impatiently he blatted his horn as the slow-moving cars obstinately got in his way and refused to open up for him in the other lane. He was in a terrible tizzy of frustration and anger when he finally found an open road and gave it the gun with complete disregard to traffic regulations.

As he eased the tight grip on the driving wheel seemingly his tension relaxed a little and he was able to think over the rotten way the world was treating him. Even his wife had told him a half hour ago that she thought he was wrong. She agreed with THEM! Watta wife he had! He'd go out and get drunk! That'd fix her! What had a year of complete sobriety brought him?

He'd worked hard that past year proving to his boss and his wife that he was through with liquor forever. He'd gone to AA meetings and done twelfth-step work. He'd made a really remarkable recovery, if he did have to say it to himself! And was it appreciated? No!

The boss showed his appreciation by choosing another guy for that important job which he had been preparing himself for. Why he must have been nuts! This guy he hired didn't know half of what HE knew. No personality. No nothing! And HE would have to work under him! He'd fix him. Let him come to HIM for advice!

(Resentment and Frustration)
 He'd make the job tougher for him. He'd put all kinds of obstacles in his path. He'd lay down on the job and get the other guys to do the same. He'd ridicule his lack of knowledge-his uncertainty. He'd boast to the others how this guy had to come to HIM for advice. Of course, he'd exaggerate a little. Maybe lie a little.

(Add Envy to Frustration and Resentment)
 Lay down on the job. Do as little as possible. Make mistakes—some tough ones that would cost money. Since the Boss didn't apparently appreciate him, why should he kill himself working. Do just enough to get by. Let them tell HIM what to do!

(Add Dishonesty to Envy, Frustration and Resentment)
 Only God can explain why suddenly in this welter of furious rage a challenging "Whoa!" crashed through to his mind. The discipline of the AA program practiced diligently over the year began to take effect. Easing over to the curb, he parked his car and overcoming his own stubborn resistance, he began his day as he should have an hour before. He counted his blessings. He prayed for forgiveness and for guidance.

He was more fortunate than he realized. Trailing him for the last half-mile was a cop who had been about ready to pounce on him. The cop hesitated momentarily. Some Power made him go on.

When the whole blamed world seems wrong and gone to pot, let's just say "Whoa" to ourselves. Maybe we're the cause. Whoa!

Holiday Warning — Don't Take that First Drink!

Our beloved
DOCTOR BOB
 "THE ROCK"
 Co-founder of Alcoholics Anonymous
 died
 November 16, 1950
 *

He has fulfilled a noble destiny. His mortal body is gone, but his spirit remains to give us courage to carry the torchlight of a principle which he espoused and lived.

Requiescat in Pace

KEEP THE FAITH

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The skeptic may say that these are mere coincidences. Granted, but we add and insist that they were divine coincidences. And that behind them was a divine purpose.

Bill W. had been trying desperately to stop the habit. "Doctor Bob" had wrestled with his problem for years. Both men had glimmerings of faith and finally their faith was rewarded.

Alcoholics Anonymous didn't just happen through human fumbling. It came into the world to bring men sobriety and to bring them peace of mind in their daily lives and in their dealings with their fellow men in a time of stress and strain. It came to teach men anew the old lesson that they must give of their time, their substance and themselves if they would find happiness.

Faith? In the last years of his life "Doctor Bob" knew he was stricken with cancer. He was neither frightened nor dismayed. He did not sit dourly by waiting for death. He continued his work with the movement when his health permitted and he kept an accurate tabulation of the disease in himself in the hope that information might thus be gleaned which would relieve the suffering of others.

Can man be more selfless? Can man set a higher example for his fellows? Rarely in human experience have men had a greater inspiration.

On each of us rests an obligation that will be a joy and a triumph in its keeping. We must retain the faith of this humble man who sought nothing but the welfare of other men. This is the tribute that we will willingly pay to show that when faith is great, a prophet at times is accepted in his own country because he lives in the hearts and the new lives of his followers.

OUR CHARGE

The "Our Charge" masterpiece which we printed in the September Bulletin, and attributed to an unknown writer, was identified as a quotation from a talk given by Judge John T. of Illinois at the Chicago group's fourth anniversary seven years ago. It also has been on sale on Chicago AA's literature table and is well known to Chicago AA's. It certainly is time we pool our material. Our readers were deeply impressed and asked for extra copies. Thanks, Chicago.

TIMELY WARNING

During the next month, shops, stores and offices will hold Christmas parties where bottles will be opened and everybody will be invited to drink. Some, carried by the spirit of the party will be sorely tempted—just one, to save face.

If you're an alcoholic, steel yourself to this temptation to be one of the crowd. Nobody will criticize you! No, maybe not then. But they'll remember after a while. You're the person to whom they had granted a new respect—you were a member of AA!

Remember these people don't know what that "one drink" will do to you. They don't know that that one drink breaks down your respect for the potency of alcohol and that taking it, you will soon be on your way to another self-made hell.

Enjoy the holidays as they should be enjoyed. Think of your family, yourself and your God and rise above the momentary temptation to be "one of the crowd." Yielding, you'll soon be "out of the crowd."

CHRISTMAS FOR WARRENSVILLE

In last month's Bulletin a plea was made for help at Warrensville in the Women's House of Correction. Marie C. of Euclid-Wade and Margaret R. of Willoughby responded.

Hilda H. is quite concerned over the poor response to her raffle books. Only 16 books have been sold and she must know very early how much she can count on as she prepares to purchase gifts for the affair on December 16th. Please get this money to her. Rarely do we go all out for a plea for monetary help but this cause is truly a worthy one.

Winter clothes are also desperately needed. These can be deposited at Stone's Print Shop, 9104 Broadway.

CHECK YOUR OWN BEHAVIOUR

When someone close or near to us in AA "slips," it may be wiser for us to probe for the defects in our own behavior, rather than for the weakness of the "slipper." How well do we fit into the role which membership in the AA program thrusts upon us?

A serial story is running currently in the Red Book magazine, which presents the problem of a Godless man being forced by circumstances to masquerade as a priest. The act of doing so awakens in him the teachings and beliefs of his childhood, and he recognizes his pretense for the monstrous sacrilege it is. But, in witnessing the adoring faith of his congregation, he reaches the conclusion that, though he be damned himself, he cannot destroy the faith of these others.

Putting self-debate aside, this man continued to act as he believed a priest would, but he, himself, is becoming more and more aware of spiritual values as time goes on.

It is not the purpose of this text to review this story, or to agree or disagree with the subject matter, but I believe there is a parallel to be drawn between the experience of this man and the experience of any man who sincerely wants sobriety and endeavors to maintain it with the help of the AA program.

If we adopt the role of member in this great Fellowship, and we are sincere in wanting to lead others out of alcoholic disaster, then we must embrace and act the part which is expected of us. If we are to have followers, we cannot advise with tongue in cheek, nor can we say, "Don't do as I do, but do as I say."

Sooner or later, necessity requires that we make a decision whether to accept or reject this part. The decision isn't easy to make, but the situation becomes more unpromising the longer we delay. This realization hits us like a ton of bricks. It appalls us. A middle-of-the-road policy becomes untenable. If we are to be a force for good, we must be good-period!

Perhaps it is the failure to accept this unalterable truth which is responsible for so many AA's "slipping" after months, and even years of sobriety.

The problem is there. When the pseudo-priest in the Red Book story confessed his hoax to a Protestant minister, he was advised to notify Catholic authorities of his dereliction, but meanwhile to continue in his adopted role. The adventurer accepted the dictum, but ruefully stated he had hoped for another answer—something more spectacular.

"Problems are created spectacularly," the minister replied, "but seldom resolves that way. A man may dive into a pit with a flourish, but he gets out of it by slow, painful climbing, or by crawling." —Jack F., S. C. Chatter.

Holiday Warning — Don't Take that First Drink!

MY SHOPPING LIST

One of these days I must go shopping. I am completely out of self-respect. I want to exchange the self-righteousness I picked up the other day for some humility which they say is less expensive and wears better. I want to look at some tolerance which is being used for wraps this season. Someone showed me some pretty samples of peace of mind. We are a little low on that and one can never have too much of it. And, by the way, I must try to match some patience that my neighbor wears. It is very becoming on her and I think some might look well on me. I might try on that little garment of long-suffering they are showing. I never thought I wanted to wear it, but I feel myself coming to it. I mustn't forget to have my sense of humor mended and look for some everyday goodness. Yes I must go shopping soon.

—The Brighter Side.

COLUMBUS CELEBRATES NINTH

The Central group of Columbus observed its ninth anniversary on Saturday, November 11th. A great crowd assembled, comprising some of the early members and visiting from neighboring towns. Guest speaker was Harry D. of Cleveland. A dinner preceded the meeting.

CLEVELAND DISTRICT OFFICE

A helpful innovation which has struck a very responsive note among the 100 Cleveland groups has been the "News-Letter" which is issued bi-monthly by the office. News of group meetings and speakers is thus more speedily and directly offered than in the monthly Central Bulletin.

Training meetings for newcomers are being conducted at the District Office twice each month. The first held on Monday, November 13 was conducted by Jack D. The second will be conducted by Ed. H. on Monday, November 27. The office is located at 780 the Arcade. **Eight** o'clock.

LADIES CONSOLIDATED

One hundred and fifty women from the Cleveland area gathered at the meeting-place of the East Side Women's group, Friday night, Nov. 3rd to hear Polly F., formerly employed by the AA foundation, as the guest speaker.

Five Cleveland women's groups and the Lorain County women's group were represented. There also were members from Akron, Willoughby, Geneva and Ashtabula.

Everyone agreed that Polly's talk and her radiant personality will be long remembered. In fact the affair was so successful that a demand has been created for another **very** soon.

EDGELAKE MOURNS LOSS

Edgelake lost another valued member when popular, genial John S. passed away suddenly on Nov. 2nd. He suffered a heart attack. It is sad to reflect that a notable career has been cut short, but he leaves behind a fine record of achievement that gave him distinction and won him respect and esteem.

LAKWOOD-ORCHARD GROVE

350 people helped Orchard Grove observe its eleventh anniversary on November 13th in **Lakewood** Community Center. Speakers were Bill D. of Akron; Wm. **McD.**, one of the first Clevelanders to embrace the program, and a member of the first **eastside** group; Warren C., founder of the group, the first on the West Side and Judge Jim C. Master of ceremonies was Harry D., a former member of Orchard Grove. Louis M. and Sec'y Ralph W. also spoke.

CEDAR GROUP CELEBRATES

The sixth anniversary of the Cedar group was observed at a great dinner served to several hundred at Euclid Ave. Baptist Church, Saturday, November 18th. Attending were visitors from Youngstown, Erie, Dayton, Akron, and Cincinnati. The guest speaker was Clarence S. (not to be confused with the 13 year member). The Cedar group is fostered by the Salvation Army.

COLLINWOOD

Emil Z., secretary of Collinwood Sunday extended his excellent meeting attendance record to six years. In this period he has attended both Collinwood group meetings and has never been late. This makes 312 consecutive meetings. Quite a record. He's been secretary of the Sunday group for the past two years. His initials are E. Z. He claims that's the secret of his success-EZ does it.

Joe D. will lead his third successive Thanksgiving eve meeting at Collinwood on November 22 at 8:30 sharp. Johnny M. will lead on November 29.

GLENVILLE

Geraldine **McA.** was a most inspirational speaker at the October 26th meeting. She incidentally will be the guest speaker at Rochester, N. Y., on November 19th at a state's gathering of **AA's**.

The Halloween party was a huge success.

DOAN DATA

Speakers for October were Hank S. of **Doan**; Chuck W. of Euclid-Wade; John B. of St. John's Cathedral and Francis S. of **Doan**. Each were considered to be extraordinary speakers. Many thanks to them.

BROADWAY MEN CELEBRATE

The Broadway Men's Group celebrated its third anniversary on Sunday, November 19th. Bill M. of **Doan** was the speaker. He also observed his ninth anniversary of continued sobriety at this meeting. Harold S. was master of ceremonies.

BOWLING

Another of the AA leagues not heard from before comes up with some real news. It's a 12 team league, bowling at Golden Pin Recreation, 7005 Harvard. Jim J. is **secretary**.

He reports that Les S.; the printer, accomplished the "impossible", by knocking down the "double-pinochle split," the 4-6-7-10. Congratulations. Broadway-65th leads the twelve teams with 14 wins and 7 losses and are tops with a high single game of 900. Miles Men are high for three with 2579. Frank N. holds high single with 236 in his high 627 for three. Harry N. is second with 235.

In the Thursday West Side, Miles-Lee holds first place with 25 points with Brooklyn second with 20. Frank H. has high individual average with 180. Tom R. has high single with 256, and Walter K. leads in three game totals with 639. Suburban hit 1022 for high single game and leads with 2895 in the three game totals. Some bowling!

In the Friday **Westside** early shift, **Fairview** Park and Angle No. 2 are tied for first with 21 points. Andy P. is high in individual averages with 181 followed closely by Ray B. with 180. Angle No. 1 leads in team singles with 954 and the **Lorain** Yanks have high three with 2674.

In the Friday **Westside** late shift, there is also a tie. In fact four teams are closely bunched. **Lakewood** **Satnite** and Denison No. 2 each have 19 points, Wolverines 18 and Clark 17. Art S. of Clark has a nice 192 individual average to lead the pack. Clark leads in high single games with 945 and also is tops in the three games with 2642.

In the East Side League, Superior No. 3 leads with 27 points, while Eddy Road, Allendale and Glenville No. 2 and No. 3 follow with 25 points each. Borton No. 2 leads in high three with 2613 and No. 2 Glenville enjoys the distinction of leading the high single contingent with 945. Bill S. of Eddy Rd. No. 2 has an astonishing 288 for one single game. Jeppers!

CELEBRATING FORE AND AFT

A few years ago a patrolman, now a sergeant, was called to the residence of an acquaintance to kill a dog thought to have rabies.

"Where is he?" the officer asked. "He has been back under the porch for two days now. wal. and he won't come out," the dog owner said sadly. "Guess you'd better put him out of his misery. Good dog, too."

"Yes, too bad it is," the policeman agreed "I hate to do it, but it's my duty." Both men peered under the porch. The dog's owner motioned toward the kitchen door and the policeman followed. They went inside and sat at a table on which there was a bottle. They took several long swigs. That was 9 A. M. "Good dog he is and I hate to see him go like this," the owner said, opening another bottle. "Have to have it done, though..." "Yes it's one of them things," the policeman sniffed, fondling his pistol with one hand and the bottle with the other. "It's hell to be a policeman when you love dogs."

At 5 P. M. the two men were sobbing to an audience of half a dozen empty pint bottles. The policeman got up, put on his cap, and said, "Can't do her today, be back in the morning." So he went away. Next morning the policeman was back and the dog was still under the porch. "Let's get it over with," he said. "Hate to do it, though." "Gotta be done," the owner nodded, "but we ought to talk it over a bit. Come on..." So they went to the kitchen and hours later the policeman said: "Just can't do her today, I love dogs too much." So he went away. On the third morning back came the policeman. He was a little jittery and said: "Give me a fast one, pal; I'll have to do her today. And I want to steady myself." So they went inside. And at the end of the third day the policeman left. And the dog was still under the porch. On the fourth morning the front gate banged open and the policeman rushed in, peered under the porch, drew his pistol, aimed carefully and fired. The owner came out the door. "I did it," the policeman said. "Hated to, though. Good dog, he was." "Dam good dog," the owner said. "Now that he's gone, let's have a little one on him." So they went back to the kitchen.

MONDAY

ADDISON—Westminster Church, N.E. Cor. Addison & Wade Park 8:30
BORTON—E. Cleve. Cong. Church, Page & Euclid 8:43
FAIRMOUNT—St. Paul's Episcopal, Fairmount and Coventry 8:30
LAKE SHORE—St. Luke's Parish, Clifton and Bunts Rd. 8:30
LAKEWOOD (Orchard Grove)—1417 St. Charles, nr. Detroit 8:30
LAKEWOOD MEN'S—St. Peter's Episc., W. Clifton & Detroit 8:30
LAKEWOOD WOMEN—United Presby. Church, 12601 Detroit 8:30
LFE MONDAY—First Presb. Church, E. Cleve., Nela and Euclid 8:30
LORAIN AVE.—10034 Lorain Ave. 8:30
MARINE HOSPITAL—E. 124th and Fairhill 7:30
PEARL—Corpus Christi Basement, 4202 Stickney (E. of Pearl Rd.) 8:30
SHAKER HEIGHTS—Christ Episc., Church, 3451 Warrensville 8:30
SOUTH EAST GROUP—Holy Name Hall, 8328 Broadway 8:30
THOMPSON PRODUCTS—Main Plant, Clarkwood Ave. (Permit at Employment Office) 4:30
UNION—East View Cong. Church, Kinsman at E. 156th St. 9:00
WILLOUGHBY—Presbyterian Church, Willoughby, O. 8:30
WOMEN'S—East Side—Emmanuel Church, 8610 Euclid 8:30
WOMEN'S—West Side—West Blvd. Christ., W. Blvd. & W. 101 8:30

TUESDAY

ARCADE—Central Y.M.C.A., East 22nd and Prospect 8:30
CHARITY—Last Tues. of each month—Charity Hosp. Nurses' Aud. 8:30
CLARK—4105 Clark Ave. Upstairs 6:30
EAGLE TRAINING—Salvation Army, E. 9th & Eagle 8:00
EDGE LAKE—Community Center Bldg., St. Charles and Detroit 8:30
EDGEWATER—10034 Lorain Ave., Cor. W. 101st St. 8:30
EUCLID-WADE—Calvary Presbyterian Church, E. 79 & Euclid 8:30
FAIRVIEW PARK—Fairview Grace Church, W. 224 & Lorain 8:30
FOREST HILLS MEN—Markad Motors, 13219 Superior Ave. 8:30
MILES-LEE—Mount Hope Church, E. 164th, north of Miles 8:30
RAILROAD HOUR—8437 Broadway 11 A.M.
SMITH-WILSON—Nativity School, 9510 Aetna Road 8:30
SUPERIOR—Immaculate Conception, E. 43rd and Superior 8:30
TAPCO—Post Four, 23555 Euclid Ave. 2nd shift, 1:00
TAPCO—Post Four, 23555 Euclid Ave. 3rd shift, 9:00
WEST PARK—West Park Baptist Church, W. 152nd and Lorain 8:30
WEST SIDE MEN'S—St. Patrick's Hall, Bridge at W. 38th 8:30
WOMEN'S—East Side—Glenville Hall 10421 St. Clair Ave. 8:15
ELYRIA YOUNG PEOPLE—Junior Ch. of C. Bldg., Harwood St. 9:00
ELYRIA—335 Columbus St. 8:30
LORAIN, O.—Community Hall, 23rd and Beech Sts. 8:00
MEDINA O.—St. Paul's Episcopal Parish House 8:30
PAINESVILLE, O.—Stag—33 N. State Street 8:30
STRONGSVILLE—St. Joseph's Church, 10,000 Pearl Rd. 8:30

WEDNESDAY

ALCOIA—6409 Detroit Ave. 9:00
BAXTER AVE.—6527 Baxter Ave. 8:30
BROADWAY WOMEN—8437 Broadway 8:30
BROOKLYN—K. of P. Hall, 3316 Broadview, East of Pearl Rd. 8:30
COLLINWOOD—14709 St. Clair Ave. 8:30
DENISON MEN—7403 Denison (first Wednesday, joint meeting) 8:30
DOAN MEN'S—2028 E. 105th St., 2nd floor, side entrance 8:45
EAST SIDE MORNING—2028 E. 105th St. 10:00 A.M.
GARFIELD HEIGHTS—Trinity Baptist, E. 94th and Garfield Blvd. 8:30
I.E.E. ROAD—First Eng. Luth., Derbyshire and Euclid Hts. Bldg. 8:30
ST. JAMES—St. James A.M.E., 8401 Cedar 8:30
TAPCO—Post Four, 23555 Euclid Ave. 1st shift, 3:30
WARRENSVILLE—Women's House of Correction 6:30
WEST 25th ST.—Marvel Hall, 2858 W. 25th St. 8:30
BEDFORD, O.—Y. M. C. A., Tarbell Ave. 8:30
ELYRIA, O.—St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Middle and Third 8:00
LORAIN, O.—ANTLERS—St. Mary's School, Reid Ave. 8:30
LORAIN COUNTY WOMEN—421 Broadway, Apt. 6 8:30

THURSDAY

ALAN—1820 East 79th St. 8:30
ALLENDALE—St. Paul's Episc. Church, 15837 Euclid Ave. 8:30
ANGLE—St. Malachi's Church, 2549 Washington Ave. 8:30
BROADWAY 55th—Our Lady of Lourdes School Hall 8:30
COVENTRY—Fairmont Presbyterian Chapel Scarborough 8:30
EDDY ROAD—Glenville Congregational Church, Eddy & St. Clair 8:30
GLENVILLE—10421 St. Clair 9:00
LORAIN AVE.—West Park Baptist Church, 15218 Lorain 8:30
OUTHWAITE—Woodland Center, 7100 Kinsman 8:30
WEST SIDE—7403 Denison Ave. 10:30 A.M.
BEREA O.—Fine Arts Club, E. Bagley Rd., 3 drs. east of Eastland 8:30
EAST LAKE—Vine and Campbell, Willoughby, O. 8:30
INDEPENDENCE, O.—St. John's Lutheran Hall, Second & Sunset 9:00
PAINESVILLE, O.—33 N. State St., Third Floor 8:30
SHEFFIELD LAKE—640 Sunset Drive 8:30

FRIDAY

ANSEL ROAD-St. Thomas Church, 9205 Superior Ave. 9:03
BROADWAY-HARVARD-8437 Broadway 8:30
CHADAR—Salvation Army, 2181 E. 55th St. 8:15
GORDON SQUARE-St. Helena's Hall, 1367 W. 65th St. 8:30
LEE ROAD-2056 East 105th St., K. of P. Hall 9:00
MILES MEN'S-Stag Group, 4141 E. 116th St. 8:30
NORTHEAST-2028 E. 105th St. 8:30
ROCKY RIVER-St. Christopher's Hall, Lakeview off Detroit 8:30
ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL—First Friday of each month 8:30
WEST SIDE YOUNG PEOPLE-St. Rose's Hall, W. 116-Detroit 8:30
BEREA-Social room of Berea Cong. Church, Seminary and Church 8:30
CHAGRIN FALLS, O.—American Legion, E. Orange St. 8:30
CHARDON, O.—Thrasher House, Water St., Chardon O. 8:30
CONNEAUT, O.—B. of L. E. Hall 8:30
EUCLID, O.—Holy Cross Church, E. 200th and Lake Shore Blvd. 8:30
LORAIN-AVON—AA Social Center, 700 Broadway 8:30
MENTOR, O.—Mentor Methodist Church 8:30
OBERLIN, O.—American Legion Home, S. Main and Hamilton 8:30

SATURDAY

BROADWAY MEN'S—St. John's Luth Church, Cable at Broad 8:30
CATHEDRAL—(Stag) St. John's Cathedral, E. 9th and Superior 8:30
CROSSROADS—Euclid Avenue Baptist Church, East 18th, 9:00
GLENVILLE—10421 St. Clair 9:30
GO-SPEL CENTER—6920 Lexington Ave. 8:30
LAKEWOOD Sat. Nite—Redeemer Hall, Andrews, near Detroit 8:30

GIGGLES

The old vagrant stood before the magistrate, who boomed :

"What's the matter with you? Can't you behave yourself for one week? You've been before this court at least ten times. You've been charged with drunkenness, shoplifting, burglary, assault, and now you are accused of beating your wife. What have you to say to that? "Your honor," said the prisoner, "nobody's perfect."

Judge: "Who was driving when you collided with that car?"

Drunk (triumphantly) : "None of us. We were all in the back seat."



SATURDAY (Continued)

MATT TALBOT-St. Philip Neri Church, E. 82nd and St. Clair 8:30
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THE TRUTH—NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH

A great deal depends on how we go about facing up to life once we have decided to do something about *our* drinking problem. It would seem the only sensible thing to do would be to so live—that in our living—we lay foundations for the future. We shall be told many things—and the question *will* arise—what can we believe—and for which there is *only* one answer—the only thing we can believe is truth. We in AA know what the truth is—it is laid down for us in the twelve steps of our program, it is a spiritual answer to our problem.

Any other answer to our problem is a falsehood—and the fatal weakness of a falsehood is that it can only be supported by other falsehoods—and no person or combination of people has—or ever will be—smart enough to support any falsehood permanently. We have overwhelming evidence that our AA program for living offers the only known protection against ultimate **breakdown**—there is no safety or assurance in any other direction. The alcoholic—if he wants to live a decent—respectable—worthwhile life—yes, even if he wants to be **sure** he will live at all—must be prepared to face these facts. Every one of us—if we want strength—to live in peace with progress—must learn to live in truth—and for the truth—and nothing but the truth.

—*Lifeline, Vancouver, B. C.*

THE KNOCKER

After God had created the buzzard, the **snake**, the scorpion, the **cootie**, and all the other repulsive, **noisome** creatures which are nut on earth or in its waters to make decent mortals thankful that they are not such as they, He still had a little substance left which was so unspeakably vile that it could not be incorporated in anything else which He had yet made. But He had to do something with it, so He **made** the knocker.

A knocker is a two legged animal with corkscrew soul, a water-soaked brain, and a combination backbone of jelly and **glue**. Where other men have their hearts he carries a **tumor** of decayed principles. When the knocker comes down the street, honest men turn their backs, the angels weep in heaven, and the devil shuts tight the door of hell to keep him out. Therefore, *don't* be a knocker. You can't saw wood with a hammer. —*Brighter Side, Waterloo, Ia.*

EXPLANATIONS IN ORDER

In the rush of leaving Cleveland for a **Thanksgiving** vacation in Chicago and Milwaukee, we were unable to mail out last month's Bulletin before we left. Cleveland was snow bound and we were unable to return before December 1st. We regret that our staff is so under-manned.

We also noted that we failed to proof-read the issue properly, for in the article "Whoa," we were shocked to see our attempt to be cute in description aborted by the typesetters disregard of our "quote" marks. We thought "**bruting**" his way thru traffic" conveyed a greater impression than "**discourteously** weaving in and out of traffic." A rumor was **bruted** about that we didn't know any better. Well! Now you have it.

DOUBLE ANNIVERSARY

An unusual combination of circumstances led to the observance of two different anniversaries on December 6th at the Brooklyn group. Policeman Tommy F. was the speaker at his sixth anniversary of absolute sobriety. He revealed that the date was also his and Mary's fourth wedding anniversary. He could see no better way to give thanks to his God for the many blessings which these two anniversaries brought to mind. Tommy was in his inimitable true form and the occasion was a most impressive one. Everything he had, he said, he owed to AA—sobriety, job, wife, home and his great joy of living.

ANOTHER PASSES AWAY

Harry (Ben) L., one of the most colorful speakers in AA passed on to his eternal reward December 1. He was an ardent follower of the Oxford Plan and was one of its faithful disciples. He died suddenly of a heart **at-**tack while seemingly enjoying good health. We will miss him greatly.

WANNA MAKE US HAPPY?

This issue of the Central Bulletin is the 99th. You could make us extremely happy if you would approach your AA neighbor, and if he is not a subscriber, to sign him up for a year. Would you make this **effort** for us and make issue 100th the start of a new era in circulation? Out of the possible 5000 AA's in Cleveland, only one in four is a subscriber. Some actually haven't even heard of it! If the Bulletin has any merit for you, won't you help us a little by acquainting your fellow-members with its advantages. We'll appreciate it by trying constantly to improve its messages.

We receive many messages from subscribers. One which came this month was from Matt T., a former very active Cieveiander, and now also active in Grand Rapids as well as in the State of Michigan. He writes "Thank you so much for reminding me of my subscription. Believe me, I enjoy the Bulletin, as it is my only regular tie with many of my friends and groups in the city, where by God's grace I launched onto the road to **victorious** living." He added "Hello to all" at the end of the letter.

So won't you use the new subscription slip enclosed in the Bulletin? We'll try to do our part.

Available are a few bound volumes of Vol. III and IV, V and VI, and a very few of VII and VIII. These can be purchased at \$2.50 per book. Each book contains two years, or 24 issues.

Holiday Warning — Don't Take that First Drink!

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTIES

Many Cleveland groups are seeing the new year in with "open to members only" New Year's Eve parties, primarily because of the limited quarters. However, there will be several spots where everyone is invited. Allendale invites everyone who would come to its party which will be held in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 15837 Euclid Ave., at 9:00 p. m. **Fairview** Park group also invites everyone to come to Masonic Hall, **Fairview** Park, 22082 **Lorain** Ave., December 31, 9:00 p. m. Trinity group will celebrate on Saturday, the 30th with a buffet supper at two-fifty per person. Reservations must be made for this event. Call Art G., at SH. 1-0286 or Marty **McL**, at SH. 1-0295.

The club rooms at Cleveland Alcoholic Clinic, 7809 Euclid Ave., will be open to all with a free buffet lunch an attraction. December 31st, 9:00 p. m. until ? ? ? ?

The club rooms of **Alco**—only Club at 10034 **Lorain** Ave., will be the focal point for many New Year's Eve a; well as New Year's day.

We feel sure that there are other parties open to members. We listed those that notified us. We suggest that members contact their group secretaries for further information.

New Year's Eve celebrations are particularly impressive to new members whose previous "Eves" truly have been sad memories. Unless you attend them you won't believe you can have so much fun! Attend and find out. It's a valuable experience to find out that you can truly have fun without a drink!

NEW WIFE — NEW JOB

Harold S., popular and hard working **member** of the Arcade group, celebrated his retirement from the police force by marrying his wife Marguerite in San Diego, Cal., on November 8th. He is now employed at Thompson Products Co. Congratulations.

The traveling salesman was telling his cronies of an experience he had had a few days before. "I was driving through the hillbilly country, when I saw targets painted on every tree and **post** in sight, and each sported one bullet hole in the dead center of the **bull's-eye**. Curious to learn how any man could be such an **accurate** shot, I inquired at the village and was amazed to learn the marksman was the village dimwit. I went over to him and asked, 'How do you happen to be such a dead shot?' 'Easy as pie,' he answered. 'I just shoot first and paint the **target** afterwards.' "

One man in a thousand is a leader of men; the others follow women.

CONSOLIDATED MEETING
Towne Club, 2612 Prospect Avenue
Sunday, January 21, Four o'clock

The January Quarterly Consolidated Meeting will be held in Towne Club, 2612 Prospect Avenue, Cleveland on Sunday afternoon, January 21st, at four o'clock.

The speaker, Don A. of Erie, Pa., comes highly recommended. He has appeared before at one of our Consolidated meetings in Little Theatre. A disappointingly small number of people was in attendance and every effort will be made to assemble the large crowd which this excellent speaker merits.

DOAN DATA

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer has nothing on the newly elected secretary of the Doan Men's group, Harry R. Harry's proboscis brightened considerably as this large group vested its confidence in his leadership on Wednesday, December 6.

However, concern was expressed by one of its members, Hank S. of Avon, when Harry was observed buying a new suit the very next day after his election and receipt of the sizable treasury. Harry will be closely watched.

Retiring secretary, Bill T. was giving a rousing vote of thanks for his extraordinary service.

TRINITY

A large crowd helped Trinity observe its third anniversary on Saturday, December 9th. Several hundred were served a most satisfying dinner. The crowd was disappointed at the failure of the advertised speaker, Buzz W. to show up, but was rewarded with inspiring and interesting talks by a hastily selected panel of old timers consisting of Frank W. of Northeast, Hank S. of Doan, Wyn W. of Lee Road Wednesday, Ed. (Mayor) B. of Lee Friday, Marty McL. and Art G. of Trinity, with masterly Tommy (the cop) F. as master of ceremonies. The pastor of the church, Rev. Weist spoke in glowing terms of AA's effect on his congregation and the community.

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BOWLING

Superior No. 3 is leading the East Side league with 33 points, followed by Eddy Road No. 2 with 31. Alledale and Arcade are tied for third with 30 points. A very close race.

In the Friday (early shift) West Side league, the Fairview Park team did some sensational bowling under the leadership of Capt. Irwin F. to draw away from Angle No. 2, Lorain Yanks and Brooklyn. The Weaver, Inc., team also came up nicely and are tied with the Lorain Yanks for second place, each nine points behind the Fairview Park team. Fairview Park slammed out a pretty 1026 single game to amass a 2905 total during the first week in December. Andy P. with 181 leads Ed. B. with 180 and Red B. with 179 in the individual averages. Ray B. and Dick W. each have a 257 game.

In the Friday (late shift) West Side league, Denison No. 2 increased its lead to 12 points over Clark in second place. The Wolverines are in third place, a point behind. Art S. of Clark maintains a 185 individual average.

No reports from the other four leagues. Sorry.

TWO GROUPS DISBAND

The Railroad Hour group, meeting at 8437 Broadway on Tuesday mornings and the Training Meeting held Sundays at 8023 Detroit have ceased operations.

A new group has been formed which meets on Wednesday evenings at St. Benedict Labre Center, 1762 W. 28th St. This information came to us by letter from friend Al. K., who also deplors the absence of Sunday meetings on the West Side. He writes that he has met a number of West Siders at the East Side meetings, which would indicate a possible interest in a West Side group, if started.

A pink elephant, a green rat and a polka-dotted snake walked into a cocktail bar.

"You're a little early boys," said the bartender. He ain't here yet."

AA DISTRICT OFFICE

A most interesting and constructive meeting of the Office Advisory Committee was held on November 16th, where the activity of the office for the past year was considered. This report is revealed at the end of this article. The chairman's comment on the office's activity was noteworthy as he pictured the dilemma of the over seven hundred persons had no office been available. He also announced that Clarence S. of Lake Shore had assumed the responsible job of financial steward. The breakdown by Clarence was interesting as he revealed that 38 groups had contributed \$7260.00, 31 groups, \$460.00 and 34 groups nothing whatsoever. He indicated that the Office would not be in the "red" if these 65 groups had made equitable contributions. A plan to educate the non-supporting groups is being formulated.

Training meetings at the office, devised for the purpose of helping new members, and held by-weekly have been quite successful. These meetings are also open to older members.

Work report for the year:

711 calls for help turned over to 88 Groups.

621 persons receptive to first contact.

94 persons "not ready."

77 persons, no contact possible.

19 calls, not AA cases.

896 general services were given to members and Groups.

447 requests filled for literature and general information.

131 speakers supplied.

*These totals are for the fiscal year ending October 31, 1950.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

John N. D. of Borton was elected to serve as Moderator for the ensuing term. He has served as Vice-Moderator the past year. Charley S. of Brooklyn was elected Vice-Moderator and Crawford W. was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer.

Reports of all committees were heard-excepting the important Hospital Committee. The Moderator will contact this committee for a report at the next meeting.

LAKEWOOD-ORCHARD GROVE

No meetings will be held on Christmas and New Years which fall on Monday, Lakewood's meeting night. Meetings will be resumed on Monday, January 8th at 8:45 p. m.

WEST SIDE MORNING

An outstanding Thanksgiving message was delivered by Lake Shore's ten year Harry W. at the West Side morning groups Thanksgiving meeting. The message was so heartening and effective, the group deemed it worthy of mention in the Bulletin.

WE WANT NO MONOPOLY

I am of the opinion that we alcoholics are not the only confused people in the world, or the only ones who need the AA program. The husband or the wife of the alcoholic, if he or she has stuck by us during all the hell we have put them through, I sometimes feel is actually more confused than we are.

Let's look at Joe Doakes. He has found something and has taken AA for everything it's worth. He's sober now, feels fine and never misses a meeting. If he wants to play dominoes with the boys and not show up for a dinner it's o. k. He's sober. That's fine, but remember Joe, the little wife is still very much confused. How about helping her out a little bit? Bring her to the club and see that she meets the wife of an older member. We have some wives that are really living the program. Another thing, let her meet and get to know the female members of the group. She will find that most of them are married and the ones who aren't have been through so much punishment they are pretty sour on the question of men.

This may sound pretty straight, but I went through it . . . I am speaking from both sides of the fence.

Don't expect her to get straightened out as quickly as you do. Give her some consideration for a change. Supply her with literature and insist on her attending open meetings and joining in the Auxiliary activities.

And to the wives, keep an open mind and give yourself to the simple principles of AA. You will be amazed at the results.
 -Arid Pilgrim, Fort Worth, Texas.

MONDAY

ADDISON—Westminster Church, N.E. Cm. Addison & Wade Park.....	8:30
RORTON—E. Cleve. Cong. Church, Page & Euclid.....	8:45
FAIRMOUNT—St. Paul's Episcopal, Fairmount and Coventry.....	8:30
LAKE SHORE—St. Luke's Parish, Clifton and Bunts Rd.....	8:30
LAKEWOOD (Orchard Grove)—1417 St. Charles, nr. Detroit.....	8:30
LAKEWOOD MEN'S—St. Peter's Episc., W. Clifton & Detroit.....	8:30
LAKEWOOD WOMEN—United Presby. Church, 12601 Detroit.....	8:30
L.F.E MONDAY—First Preb. Church, E. Cleve., Nela and Euclid.....	8:30
LORAIN AVE.—10034 Lorain Ave.....	8:30
MARINE HOSPITAL—E. 124th and Fairhill.....	7:30
PEARL—Corpus Christi basent 4202 Stickney (E. of Pearl Rd).....	8:30
SHAKER HEIGHTS—Christ Episc. Church, 3451 Warrensville.....	8:30
SOUTH EAST GROUP—Holy Name Hall, 8328 Broadway.....	8:30
THOMPSON PRODUCTS—Main Plant, Clarkwood Ave. (Permit at Employment Office).....	4:30
UNION—East View Cong. Church, Kinsman at E. 156th St.....	9:00
WILLOUGHBY—Presbyterian Church, Willoughby, O.....	8:30
WOMEN'S—East Side—Emmanuel Church, 8610 Euclid.....	8:30
WOMEN'S—West Side—West Blvd. Christ., W. Blvd. & W. 101.....	8:30

TUESDAY

ARCADE—Central Y.M.C.A., East 22nd and Prospect.....	8:30
CHARITY—Last Tues. of each month—Charity Hosp. Nurses' Aud.....	8:30
CLARK—4105 Clark Ave. Upstairs.....	8:30
EAGLE TRAINING—Salvation Army, E. 9th & Eagle.....	8:00
EDGE LAKE—Community Center Bldg., St. Charles and Detroit.....	8:30
EDGEWATER—10034 Lorain Ave., Cor. W. 101st St.....	8:30
EUCIID WADE—Calvary Presbyterian Church, E. 79 & Euclid.....	8:30
FAIRVIEW PARK—Fairview Grace Church, W. 224 & Lorain.....	8:30
FOREST HILLS MEN—Markad Motors, 13219 Superior Ave.....	8:30
MILES-LEE—Mount Hope Church, E. 164th, north of Miles.....	8:30
SMITH-WILSON—Nativity School, 9510 Aetna Road.....	8:30
SUPERIOR—Immaculate Conception, E. 43rd and Superior.....	8:30
TAPCO—Post Four, 23555 Euclid Ave..... 2nd shift, 1:00	
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WEST PARK—West Park Baptist Church, W. 152nd and Lorain.....	8:30
WEST SIDE MEN'S—St. Patrick's Hall, Bridge at W. 38th.....	8:30
WOMEN'S—East Side—Glenville Hall 10421 St. Clair Ave.....	8:15
FLYRIA YOUNG PEOPLE—Junior Ch. of C. Bldg., Harwood St.....	9:00
ELYRIA—335 Columbus St.....	8:30
LORAIN, O.—Community Hall, 23rd and Beech Sts.....	8:00
MEDINA O.—St. Paul's Episcopal Parish House.....	8:30
PAINESVILLE, O.—Stag—33 N. State Street.....	8:30
STRONGSVILLE—St. Joseph's Church, 10,000 Pearl Rd.....	8:30

WEDNESDAY

ALCOLA—6409 Detroit Ave.....	9:00
BAXTER AVE.—6527 Baxter Ave.....	8:30
BROADWAY WOMEN—8437 Broadway.....	8:30
BROOKLYN—K. of P. Hall, 3316 Broadway, East of Pearl Rd.....	8:30
COLLINWOOD—14709 St. Clair Ave.....	8:30
DENISON MEN—7403 Denison (first Wednesday, joint meeting).....	8:30
DOAN MEN'S—2028 E. 105th St., 2nd floor, side entrance.....	8:45
EAST SIDE MORNING—2028 E. 105th St. 10:00 A. M.....	
GARFIELD HEIGHTS—Trinity Baptist, E. 94th and Garfield Blvd.....	8:30
LEE ROAD—First Eng. Luth., Derbyshire and Euclid Hts. Blvd.....	8:30
ST. JAMES—St. James A.M.E., 8401 Cedar.....	8:30
TAPCO—Post Four, 23555 Euclid Ave..... 1st shift, 3:30	
WARRENSVILLE—Women's House of Correction.....	6:30
WEST 25th ST.—Marvel Hall, 2858 W. 25th St.....	8:30
BEDFORD, O.—Y. M. C. A., Tarbell Ave.....	8:30
ELYRIA, O.—St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Middle and Third.....	8:00
LORAIN, O.—ANTLERS—St. Mary's School, Reid Ave.....	8:30
LORAIN COUNTY WOMEN—421 Broadway, Apt. 6.....	8:30

THURSDAY

ALAN—1820 East 79th St.....	8:30
ALLENDALE—St. Paul's Episc. Church, 15837 Euclid Ave.....	8:30
ANGLE—St. Malachi's Church, 2549 Washington Ave.....	8:30
BROADWAY—55th—Our Lady of Lourdes School Hall.....	8:30
COVENTRY—Fairmount Presbyterian Chapel, Scarborough.....	8:30
EDDY ROAD—Glenville Congregational Church, Eddy & St. Clair.....	8:30
GLENVILLE—10421 St. Clair.....	9:00
LORAIN AVE.—West Park Baptist Church, 15218 Lorain.....	8:30
OUTHWAITE—Woodland Center, 7100 Kinsman.....	8:30
WEST SIDE—7403 Denison Ave..... 10:30 A. M.....	
BEREA, O.—Fine Arts Club, E. Bagley Rd., 3 dra. east of Eastland.....	8:30
FAST LAKE—Vine and Campbell, Willoughby, O.....	8:30
INDEPENDENCE, O.—St. John's Lutheran Hall, Second & Sunset.....	9:00
PAINESVILLE, O.—33 N. State St., Third Floor.....	8:30
SHEFFIELD LAKE—640 Sunset Drive.....	8:30

FRIDAY

ANSEL ROAD—St. Thomas Church, 9205 Superior Ave.....	9:00
BROADWAY-HARVARD—8437 Broadway.....	8:30
CEDAR—Salvation Army, 2181 E. 55th St.....	8:15
GORDON. SQUARE—St. Helena's Hall, 1367 W. 65th St.....	8:30
LEE ROAD—2056 East 5th St., K. of P. Hall.....	9:00
MILES MEN'S—Stag Group, 4141 E. 116th St.....	8:30
NORTHEAST—2028 E. 105th St.....	8:30
ROCKY RIVER—St. Christopher's Hall, Lakeview off Detroit.....	8:30
ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL—First Friday of each month.....	8:30
WEST SIDE YOUNG PEOPLE—St. Rose's Hall, W. 116-Detroit.....	8:30
BEREA—Social room of Berea Cong. Church, Seminary and Church.....	8:30
CHAGRIN FALLS, O.—American Legion, E. Orange St.....	8:30
CHARDON, O.—Thrasher House, Water St., Chardon 0.....	8:30
CONNEAUT, O.—B. of L. E. Hall.....	8:30
EUCIID, O.—Holy Cross Church, E. 200th and Lake Shore Blvd.....	8:30
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MENTOR, O.—Mentor Methodist Church.....	8:30
OBERLIN, O.—American Legion Home, S. Main and Hamilton.....	8:30

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CROSSROADS—Euclid Avenue Baptist Church, East 18th.....	9:00
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GIGGLES

A Kansas newspaper tells about the man who was informed that he was the father of quadruplets and then went out and bought a fifth.

A somewhat drunk GI, haled before his superior officer, offered this excuse: "I got into bad company. I had a quart of whisky and my three buddies didn't drink."

A Michigan judge ruled that a man may be inoffensively drunk. That must mean GOOD and drunk.

Boston police found the body of a man in a south end apartment last week. He had been dead two and a half months. The wife when asked to explain her failure to report it calmly replied: "We were both heavy drinkers and I just ignored it."



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