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BALANCE

MILWAUKEE, Wis., UP—Mrs. Ceil L. 42, complained in her divorce suit that her husband spent too much of his time and money on Alcoholics Anonymous. She charged that her husband, Sam, 44, "spends the larger part of his leisure and his income in and for the AA." She said he also embarrassed her publicly by accusing her of drunkenness and insisting that she join the group.

This is a new twist to an old problem. It might be described as too much Twelfth Step work. It presents an issue for serious thought by all of us, however we may analyze it.

We do not know how the case came out, but one possibility would be that the husband's sobriety was interfering with the wife's drinking. The charge might be an expression of resentment. Then, again, it could contain an element of truth. It is that element we should consider seriously.

There cannot possibly be too much sobriety. Sobriety does not come in degrees. You are either sober or you are not. But there are degrees—or stages—by which sobriety is maintained. Like anything else in life these can be overdone. There is always that possibility among us alcoholics who are extremists to begin with. We are the original whole-hog-or-nothing boys and girls.

When finally we decide to sober up, turning our problems over to a Higher Power, we first must find a substitute for the void left in our lives. The habit, the routine, the sociability, the false glamour that attracted us to the bar is gone. What to do? It is natural and inevitable that we turn to our new-found friends, our sponsor and our new sober associates, and lean on them very heavily. The sense of relief, the happy discovery that we are not alone, pulls us closer and closer to the work of the new association: the meetings, the hospitals, the hopes of sobering up another alcoholic and into all the extra-curricular activities that abound in the new world we have found.

Then comes a stage when the initial void of sobriety is filled. We reach the place where our thinking has straightened out. No longer do we need props to keep us from drinking; we have reached the point where we want not to drink, automatically.

Here is a dangerous stage from the point of view of the brother in the Milwaukee story. We continue to hang on to the props and make them our all-in-all, forgetting that we have obligations to our families and to others. We develop a blind spot for the goal of AA.: to restore us to sanity and make us self-respecting, natural, balanced citizens.

If we neglect our families, letting the little woman and the kids sit home alone, while we indulge in a poker game to the wee small hours on the alibi that all the players are members of AA., we have not reached the goal. Then the difference between drinking and sobriety for the wife and kids is one of degree more than kind. At least, the old man isn't home any more now than when he was hitting the bright spots.

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LOVE ONE ANOTHER

Someone has said: "He that cannot forgive others breaks the bridge over which he must pass himself; for every man has need to be forgiven."

One of the seldom mentioned "absolutes" which were the measuring sticks for the early A.A. pioneers for marking self-improvement is "Absolute Love." Most of us were full of resentments when we came into the fellowship. We found it hard to rid ourselves of resentments toward our kin, our puzzled and deserting friends, our employers, police and all mankind as a whole.

That we should love these people who had ceased having patience with us, who criticized and humiliated us so unmercifully, was unthinkable! It was a stumbling block to full acceptance of a program that seemed possible except for this impossible "must."

We forgot, or didn't know, that a hater is a murderer in God's sight, because a hater kills by inches.

God wants us to love everyone because we have received His love in hesitant faith. Being human we judge God's attitudes by our own. We are inclined to picture him as a vindictive, unforgiving and cruel God, when our Bible is full of evidence that he is loving, considerate and understanding.

We believe that to love others does not always mean that we must have a feeling of affection for them. Isn't it true that we are often not even fond of our own selves, and are often disgusted with ourselves and our weaknesses? We can't always find everyone attractive and be bosom pals with them. Yet God admonishes us to love everyone.

We are allowed to hate certain things in others, even as we hate certain things in ourselves. Oftentimes the very thing we hate in other people, we are guilty of ourselves. We can hate a person's bad actions, but we are not to hate the person. We despise our own conceit, greed, lust, false pride . . . but we still go on loving ourselves.

If we honestly and sincerely pray God's blessing upon others, then we can be sure we love such persons. If we find it difficult to love people who have nothing lovable about them, let's never forget that God has done that for us. Some may not be deserving of our love, but neither are we deserving of God's love.

Since our entire philosophy is spiritual, let's face the facts. God offered us food—we said we'd buy our own. God offered advice—we said we didn't need it. God offered wisdom—we preferred our own. God offered help—we could take care of ourselves. We wanted to run things OUR way. Now that we've found Him let's practice His principles.

Those who have discovered the secret of love have found the secret of happiness and the joy of living.

Those that haven't, just aint happy.

Bad news always travels by the shortest route.

People argue to win, not to clarify their thinking.

BALANCE

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This is not to **inveigh** against poker. It makes little difference what the attraction may be—volley ball or basket picnics—the point is that something is being **overdone** and that is not the balance that should be the **purpose** of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Let each of us take stock.

DEVOTED

A man lost his dog in California. After seven months the dog, having walked the entire distance, arrived home in Tennessee. How often animals in their loyalty put man to shame!

Man has been **endowed** with the capacity to reason, but often he asserts that capacity against the very God who gave this blessing. Multitudes of people about us don't have a good word for God, don't want anything to do with Him, don't like the idea of getting near Him. They don't give Him a minute of their time, don't show Him **any reverence**, don't listen to His words, don't **prize** and **cherish** His way of salvation. As far as they are concerned, God can **just** stay out of their lives. The **only time** they care to use His **name** is when they want to express **something vile** and ugly. What a tragedy!

Man will try about everything in his own power **before** he tries God. He must be **overwhelmed** with sorrow, must be **bowed** down by sickness and reverse **before** he **ever** feels a **need** for God. "The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's **crib**." A dog can go two thirds of the way across our nation to find his **home**, but man will not recognize that God **alone** is the Source of his strength and the Secret of his **happiness now** and forever.

NEWSPAPERS ERR

An article in a Cleveland newspaper November 30, created a false impression regarding the Royal Haven rest home for alcoholics. No patients have died in Royal Haven rest home since Mrs. Levada **Schramm**, the owner and founder, took over its operation, April 17, 1951.

Here are the facts.

A few months ago a handicapped man, a worker on the Schramm farm drank methyl **alcohol**, an anti-freeze used in the farm equipment. He was rushed to Crile hospital where he died. The death was not connected with Royal Haven.

Last summer a **77-year-old** guest on the Schramm farm **suffered** a stroke and **died** three days later. He was not a patient at Royal Haven.

Mrs. Schramm, though not an alcoholic, has **been** interested in the AA movement since attending **meetings** of the first group in Cleveland 13 years ago. **Concerned** about rehabilitation of the alcoholic she founded Royal Haven rest home.

BEGINNERS TRAINING

The first three Beginners' Training meetings held in Brooklyn **Acres** Community Hall, West 63rd Street, south of Memphis, on Sunday afternoons at **2:30** have been **highly** acclaimed and surprisingly **well** attended.

At the opening meeting, **about** 70 persons were **privileged** to hear Ken B. of Toronto, Canada. Ken and his wife flew here at their own **expense**. Ken **served** as moderator or **summarizer** at the first meeting and did a masterful job.

The **second** meeting attracted even a **larger** crowd and again an **exceptional** analysis was the **reward**.

Attendance at the third meeting was **smaller**, accountable to the fact that the Consolidated meeting was also an attraction, even though **there** was no conflict in **time**. The training **meeting** was completed in **record** 55 minutes and **most** of the audience were able to make the **Consolidated** meeting in time.

We urge everyone to attend. They're instructive. They're interesting. They're constructive. They're necessary. You'll get **plenty** of "handles" to hang on to.

Begins at **2:30** sharp. Ends at 4 P. M.

EXCUSES

Some excuses are legitimate and are acceptable. If you are in the habit of **making** excuses often, take stock of yourself.

Common among **excuses** is the **one** offered for failing to complete an **assignment**. "I wasn't feeling well!" A highly regarded professor at an eastern college observed, when offered this excuse, "I think you will find in **time** that most of the work of the world is done by **people** who **aren't** feeling very well."

There are, of course, such things as incapacitating **sickness**. But it's often hard to tell the difference between not feeling **well** and not feeling like doing a hard job; and that it's wise, when having an assignment to complete by Sunday, to do much of it on Tuesday or Wednesday so that a headache on the succeeding days won't **matter** much.

This wise man **knows** that in planning the job he has to do he can fit his pleasures into the chinks between them. Most of us plan our pleasures first and let the job come as it will—most **times** not completed.

BEDSIDE GROUP

Twelve members of the **Fairview** group made up their minds that they wanted to **have** Rube F. of Rocky River group **share** his philosophy with them on January 24. He has **been** unable to leave his bed for many months, so they came to his **house** and from his sick **bed** he gave a typical, **fine** Rube F. **lead**.

It gratified **Rube**, who was a visitor and **speaker** in many groups in the **Cleveland** area for many years.

GROUP HOLDS TRAINING MEETING

Recognizing the **need** for training new members as well as **developing** the **older** members, the Twenty-four Hour group meeting in **Ascension** Church, 13216 Detroit Ave., on Wednesdays at **8:30** P. M. started their January 7th meeting with a thorough discussion of the **First** Step. On February 4 the **Second** Step will be discussed. Each of the **succeeding** Steps will be covered in the ensuing months on the first Wednesday of **each** month.

Hy C. was selected as secretary at the **beginning** of the year.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Only twenty groups were represented at a most interesting Central **Committee** meeting, January 6. Hospital committee reported the reinstatement of the nursing home which was ordered removed from the accredited hospital list . . . it also reported the opening and accreditation of a new nursing home, Alcoholic Annex of **Oakwood** Sanitarium on January 11 . . . it cautioned **members** about hospitalizing repeaters at Marymount. Central Bulletin reported happy increase in circulation . . . and black figures in the credit column . . . also requested members who do not receive Bulletin after **subscribing** to call **Harry** D. at CH. 1-5910 . . . Thanks for cooperation of groups in urging Bulletin subscriptions was expressed. Henry D. reported on the initial success of the Beginners training meeting and indicated that an **effort** is being made to duplicate this activity on the East Side. Consolidated meeting . . . Moderator read the resignation of Chas. S. as **chairman** of the committee after serving in that capacity for two years. Charles was given a **vote** of appreciation for his **devoted** service. **Harry** D. was **appointed** his successor with **Peter** G. of Parma and John F. of Shaker as his co-chairmen. Matt T. of Grand Rapids, will be the **speaker** at the April 18th **meeting**. Matt is a former Clevelander.

DEATH SUMMONS

Two well-known and hard-working AA **members** died during the past month and are sorely **missed**.

Trinity's loss was Raymond Jackson, a loyal member for **three** years, who died on **November 16**. He left a devoted **wife** and a **16-month-old** boy.

Superior's loss was John L. Reddy who served faithfully as secretary of his group for several years. He died January 5. His **immediate** survivor was his wife. Our **sincere** sympathies go to the **bereaved**.

AA DISTRICT OFFICE

May I walk my way . . . clear eyed and free . . .
and do some good . . . anonymously

Like it? . . . **There** is a story . . .

Each year *this Office has received a contribution from an anonymous donor . . . by mail. Each year the donation has increased from One Dollar . . . to Two . . . to Three . . . Four and this year it is Five. Written in a clear precise and steady hand, attached to the bill, this green inked note has restated this prayer each year.

A prayer of faith, forward thinking and hope.

The money we appreciate very much-but the Prayer can be shared by all. We're passing it on to you . . . pass it on to others. A one time thought . . . activated into a prayer for each of us. We are grateful.

The District Office has a now list of secretaries in preparation. If your group has changed secretaries recently please inform us so that the list will be complete and correct.

SOUTHEASTERN AA CONFERENCE

Louisville, Ky., will be host to the ninth annual South-eastern AA Conference on October 2, 3 and 4, 1953. The program is being planned, and further information will be given through these columns.

PARMA

The Parma group broke all attendance records Saturday, January 10, when the meeting was led by James C. An excellent series of speakers has been scheduled for the ensuing weeks. They are: January 31, Harry D., Edgelake; Feb. 7, Franklin S., Doan Men; Feb. 14, Stanley McG., C. E. I.; Feb. 21, Cornelius V., Lee Wednesday; Feb. 28, Spencer I.

The group meets in Parma Public Library, 5759 Ridge Road, just south of Snow Road.

It has been the purpose of the group to secure speakers well versed in fundamental AA. And it is hoped that AA friends may avail themselves of this opportunity to spend a Saturday evening in what it is hoped will be a real AA atmosphere.

SOUTHEAST MOVES

The Southcast group will hold an Open House on Monday, February 2, in its new quarters, the Polish Women's Home, 7526 Broadway at 8:30 P. M. The speaker at this meeting will be Katherine K. of Lakewood. Plenty of parking in the rear. There will be refreshments.

NEW GROUP

The Oakwood group will hold its first meeting on Sunday, February 1 in Alcoholic Annex, 8909 Detroit Avenue at 11 A. M. On the 8th, Neil C., of Brooklyn YP will be the speaker; on the 15th, George DeL. of Gordon Square; the 22nd, Bill O'R., Lorain, Monday.

LONDON TREK

Twenty-five Clevelanders, piloted by Ralph K., observed Cleveland Day at London, Ohio, Prison Farm: Sunday, January 25, Hilda and Ed. H. of Warrcnsville were the speakers.

BROOKLYN

Speakers for February at Brooklyn are: Stanley G., Cedar; 11, Danny K., Brooklyn (8th anniversary); 18, Marie K., Westside Women; 25, Ladd T., Lake Shore.

TRINITY EVENTS

Speakers for February: 7, Jim B., Lee Thursday; 14, Harold S., Arcade; 21, Larry O'C., Arcade; 26, Glenn B., Lakeview.

These four speakers combined have totalled over 40 years of uninterrupted sobriety. You're invited to hear them.

SMITH-WILSON ANNIVERSARY

The Smith-Wilson group observed its seventh anniversary on Tuesday, January 27th. Speakers were Jack D. of Borton and Franklyn S., of Doan Men's. Good cats followed.

GLENVILLE

Speakers for February are: 7, Jack D., Borton; 14, Ann C., Niles, O.; 21, Warren C., Lakewood Satnite; 28, Ethel M., Barberton.

BOWLING DATA

Our blurb in last month's Bulletin, trying to root out information in the other A.4 bowling leagues brought one league in line, but we lost the other two which had been reporting regularly. What happened?

The Eastside Bowling League reports Miles-Lee in first place with 53 points and Superior No. 1 in second with 49 1/2. Trailing in third place is Lee Monday with 47%.

Glenville No. 2 leads in high single games with 1029 and Lee-Monday in high place with 2743.

Match games were held on December 27 and 28 between the five leading bowlers of Eastside and the AA Independent Leagues. The first set was bowled at the Golden Pin Alleys and the second at Savoy Palace Recreation. Eastside bowlers took both sets by over 350 pins.

LAKEWOOD-ORCHARD GROVE

Speakers for February are: 2, Charles S., Brooklyn; 9, Hershel H., Parma; 16, Chet S., Doan Men; 23, Mrs. Billie W., Lakewood Women.

Sis or seven of our group have been attending the new Beginners' Training meetings and are very enthusiastic about the project.

OHIO PEN FELLOWSHIP

Meetings of the Ohio Penitentiary AA Fellowship were resumed on Sunday, January 18. Meetings were stopped following the Hallow'een uprising among the prisoners.

Gratifying to note is the news that no active members of the Fellowship participated in the uprising. They meet every other Sunday.

GIGGLES

Tommy: "Mom, is it true that we come from dust and will return to dust?"

Mom: "Yes, dear, that's what the Bible says. Why?"

Tommy: "Well, I just looked under my bed and there's someone there, either comin' or goin'."

Waitress: "This is your fifth cup, sir. You must like coffee."

Diner: "I do, I do. That's why I am willing to drink all this water to get a little of it!"

"Our friend Dodge tells me that he is doing settlement work lately."

"Yes, his creditors finally cornered him."

She: "Did anyone ever tell you how wonderful you are?"

He: "No, I don't believe they ever did."

She: "Then where'd you get the idea?"



CLEVELAND AREA GROUP MEETINGS

MONDAY
ADDISON—Westminster Church, Cor. Addison and Wade Park... 8:30
BORTON—E. Cleve. Congrega. Church... 8:30
LAKE SHORE—St. Luke's Parish... 8:30
LAKEWOOD MEN'S—St. Peter's Episcopal... 8:30
LEE MONDAY—First Presbyterian Church... 8:30
LORAIN AVE.—West Park Baptist Church... 8:30
MARINE HOSPITAL—E. 124 & Fairhill... 7:30
MILES—St. Mary's Episcopal Church... 8:30
PEARL—Corpus Christi Basement... 8:30
ROWDY ROW—Salvation Army Corps Hall... 8:00
SHAKER HEIGHTS—Christ Episcopal Church... 8:30
SOUTH EAST—7526 Broadway... 8:30
UNION—East View Cong. Church... 9:00
WEST 25th ST.—Marvel Hall... 8:30
WOMEN'S—Westside—West Boulevard... 8:45
ELY Rih MEN—St. Agnes Church... 8:30
VERMILLION, St. Mary's Church, Exchange St... 8:30
WILLOUGHBY—Presbyterian Church... 8:30
TUESDAY
ARCADE—Central Y. N. C. A... 8:30
CHARITY—Last Tuesday of each month... 8:30
CLARK-1917 Clark Ave... 8:30
EAGLE TRAINING—Salvation Army... 8:00
EDGE LAKE—1417 St. Charles Ave... 8:30
EUCLID-WADE—Calvary Presbyterian Church... 9:00
FAIRMOUNT—St. Paul's Episcopal... 8:30
FAIRVIEW PARK—Fairview Grace Church... 8:30
FOREST HILLS N EN—Markad Motors... 8:30
MILES-LEE—Mount Hope Church... 8:30
SMITH-WILSON—Nativity School... 8:30
SUPERIOR—North Presbyterian Church... 9:00
TAPCO—Post 4, 23555 Euclid, 2nd shift... 9:00
TAPCO—Post 4, 23555 Euclid, 3rd shift... 9:00
WEST PARK—West Park Baptist Church... 8:30
WEST SIDE MEN'S—St. Patrick's Hall... 8:30
ASHTABULA COUNTY MEN—Room 4, Dorman Block, Conneaut, O... 8:30
LORAIN, O.—Community Hall... 8:00
M EDINA, O.—St. Paul's Epis. Par. Hse... 8:30
PAINESVILLE, O.—Star, 33 N. State St... 8:30
STRONGSVILLE—St. Joseph's Church... 8:30
WEDNESDAY
A I COLA—6409 Detroit Ave... 9:00
BAXTER AVE.—4527 Baxter Ave... 8:30
BROOKLYN—K. of P. Hall... 8:30
COLLINGSWOOD—14709 S t. Clair Ave... 8:30
DES T SON MEN—7403 Denison Ave... 8:30

DOAN MEN'S—2028 E. 105th St... 8:45
EAST SIDE MORNING—2028 E. 105th St... 10:00 A. M.
GARFIELD HEIGHTS—Trinity Baptist... 8:30
LAKEWOOD WOMEN—United Presby. Church... 8:30
LEE ROAD—First Eng. Lutheran... 8:30
NORWOOD—St. Vitus School... 8:30
ST. JAMES—Ward's Convalescing Home... 8:15
TAPCO—Post 4, 23555 Euclid, 1st shift... 8:30
TWENTY-FOUR HOUR—13216 Detroit... 8:30
WARRENSVILLE—Women's House Cor... 7:30
WOMEN'S—East Side—Cleveland Unitarian Society... 8:30
WOMEN'S—Lorain County—St. Anthony's School Hall... 8:30
BEDFORD, O.—Y.M.C.A., Tarbell Ave... 8:30
ELYRIA, O.—St. Andrew's Episcopal Church... 8:00
LORAIN, O.—ANTLERS—St. Mary's School, Reid A v e... 8:30
THURSDAY
ALAN-1820 East 79th St... 8:30
ALLENDALE—St. Paul's Episcopal Church... 8:30
ANGLE—St. Malachi's Church... 8:30
BROADWAY-55th—Our Lady of Lourdes School Hall... 8:30
BROOKLYN Y. P.—United Presbyterian... 9:00
COVENTRY—F&M Mount Presbyterian Chapel... 8:30
CRILE HOSPITAL—Library... 8:00
EDDY ROAD—Glenville Congregational Church... 8:30
GENVILLE—10421 St. Clair Ave... 8:30
LORAIN AVE.—West Park Baptist Church... 8:30
OUTHWAITE—Woodland Center... 8:30
ROCKY RIVER—Rockport Methodist Church... 8:30
WEST SIDE—7403 Denison Ave... 10:30 A.M.
BEREA, O.—Fine Arts Club, E. Bagley Rd... 8:30
EAST LARK—Bethel Lutheran Church... 8:30
INDEPENDENCE, O.—St. John's Lutheran Hall... 9:00
PAINESVILLE, O.—33 N. State, 3rd fl... 8:30
ST. ANTHONY—St. Anthony's School... 8:30
FRIDAY
ANSEL ROAD—St. Thomas Church... 9:00
BROADWAY-HARVARD—8437 Broadway... 8:30
CEDAR—Salvation Army, 5005 Euclid... 8:15
GORDON SQUARE—St. Helena's Hall... 8:30
LEE ROAD—St. Philomena's Church... 9:00
NORTHEAST—2028 E. 105th St... 8:30
WESTSIDE YOUNG PEOPLE—St. Luke's Hall, Bunts and Clifton... 9:00
AVON LAKE—Congregational Church... 8:30
BEREA—Social room of Berea Cong. Church... 8:30
CHAGRIN FALLS, O.—American Legion... 8:30
CHARDON, O.—Thrasher House... 8:30
CONNEAUT, O.—B. of L. E. Hall... 8:30
EUCLID, O.—Holy Cross Church... 8:30
MENTOR, O.—Mentor Methodist Church... 8:30

OBERLIN, O.—American Legion Home, S. Main and Hamilton... 8:30
WICKLIFFE MEN—Lady of Mt. Carmel Hall, Wickliffe, O... 8:00
SATURDAY
BROADWAY-CABLE—St. John's Lutheran Church... 8:30
CATHEDRAL—(Star) St. John's Cathedral... 8:30
GLENNVILLE—10421 S t. Clair Ave... 9:00
HILLIARD—Central Y. M. C. A... 9:00
LAKEWOOD—Sot. Nite—Redeemer Hall... 8:30
LEAGUE PARK—St. Agnes School Hall... 8:30
MATT TALBOT—St. Philip Neri Church... 8:30
MEMPHIS—Church of Good Shepherd... 9:00
PARMA—Public Library, 5850 Ridae Rd... 8:30
REDWOOD—Euclid Lutheran Church... 8:30
TRINITY—Trinity Evangelical Church... 8:30
VALLEY VIEW—Community Center... 8:30
8005 GROUP—BOOS Lorain Ave... 8:30
ASHTABULA, O.—K. of P. Hall, Elm Av... 8:30
ELYRIA, O.—St. Andrew's Episcopal Church... 8:30
SOLON, O.—St. Rita's Church basement... 9:00
SUNDAY
BEGINNER TRAINING—Buddy Acres Community Hall... 2:30
C. A. C. DISCUSSION—C. A. C. clubrooms... 10:45 A.M.
COLLINGSWOOD—14709 St. Clair Ave... 7:30
DETROIT—Mixed—8023 Detroit Ave... 8:00
LAKEVIEW—CYO Hall, S t. Aloysius Church... 8:30
MARYMOUNT—2nd Sun in month... 2:30
NEWBURGH—St. Catherine's Church... 8:30
OAKWOOD—Alcoholic Annex... 11:00 A.M.
OUTHWAITE—7100 Kinsman Ave... 4:00
WARRENSVILLE—Cooley Farms Recreation Room... 10:00 A. M.
GENEVA, O.—Legion Hall, Park St., corner of so. Eazle... 7:30
LIST OF COOPERATING AA HOSPITALS
Alcoholics Abstinence Nursing Home (MW)
M Elrose 1-1635... 8023 Detroit Ave
Alcoholic Annex—Oakwood Sanitarium (MW)
Woodbine 1-1433... 8909 Detroit Ave.
Cleveland Alcoholic Clinic (MW)
EXpress 1-8998... 7809 Euclid Ave.
Elmwood Sanitarium (M)
KENmore 1-2299... 17322 Euclid Ave.
Farquharson's (TUxedo 5-1882) (M)... 6037 Pearl
MacGillis Nursing Home (MW)
RA 1-2556... 1560 Mistletoe Dr. at Wade Pk
Marymount Hospital (MW)
VU 1-0500... 12300 McCracken Rd.
Pathway (Tyler 1-6698) (MW)... 1635 E. 93rd
FOR FIRST TIMERS ONLY
Charity Hospital (MW)
Main 1-9400... Central at E. 22nd S t
St. John's Hospital (M)
Woodbine 1-5750... 7911 Detroit Ave
(M) men only. (W) women only.
(MW) men and women.
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—Cherry 1-7387... 780 The Arcade

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GIGGLES

"I'm sorry to keep you waiting, but I've been setting a trap for my wife."
"Good heavens! Whom do you suspect?"
"A mouse in the kitchen."
Little Girl: "What are prayers, Mother,?"
Mother: "Prayers, darling, are little messages to God."
Little Girl: "Oh, and we send them at night to get the cheaper rate?"—Selected.

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While the month of February has fewer days to get drunk in than any other month of the year, it is loaded with dates of both alcoholic and historical significance.

February tees off with Ground Hog Day, a day symbolic of the alcoholic binge drinker. We can recall the times we have crawled out of a whiskey hibernation in some flea-bag to blink a bleary eye at the bright sunshine, only to retreat in fright at our own shadows. And there are witnesses who would testify that we were goaty enough to look and smell like we had actually lived in a hole at such times.

Next is Lincoln's birthday, significant because this great but simple man signed an Emancipation Proclamation to free all slaves. But our slavery to the bottle can never be lifted by a political proclamation. Freedom comes to us only when we humbly and completely turn our will and our lives over to that Power greater than ourselves and buy our freedom by working our way through sobriety. It is only by our constant service to our families and our fellow alcoholics that we can wear away the chains that bind us.

Friday the 13th is always a handy day for alcoholic (or stinking) thinking. Its ominous implication helps to explain away our chronic failures by our screwy theory that the Universe harbours a personal conspiracy designed to thwart us at every turn and build an obstacle course along our merry way.

Valentine's Day, for us drunks, should be a day of memories of broken hearts and broken promises to those who loved us, even though we would gaily stagger home bearing an extra quart of gin and a new washboard in the shape of a heart for the little woman.

We should remember some of our Mardi Gras brawls when we think of Ash Wednesday, or if we were the iron will power type, of how we nobly postponed our annual spring binge until Easter Week as a grand gesture of temporary abstinence to prove to the world that we could either take it or leave it alone.

Washington's birthday is more than a national holiday for us drunks; it is a study in contrasts. According to Parson Weems' naive story of young George Washington and the cherry tree, Washington could not tell a lie. In contrast we, as alcoholics, could not tell the truth. Alcoholics not only have no real truth in them, but have the chameleon-like property of actually living a lie. Escaping into our bottled dream world we became boozy Walter Mittys in a triumphant super world of most amazing achievements. If all the colossal orders, new and improved machinery, brilliant speeches and amorous conquests that we spilled out over the bars became realities, all history would have to be re-written.

The measure of our progress in this league of the common decencies lies in the completeness of our return to truth and reality. The final elimination of our double talk, our double lives, and our double dealings are the milestones of our sobriety. The height to which we pile

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REACTIONS

Together, with a copy of the February Here's How, of Chicago, came the following note from Bill Y., its editor. He drew the conclusion that we (the writer of column two, page one and compiler of the sundry material on the subsequent pages) were the writer of the article titled "Balance", which appeared in the January issue.

We must make it clear to all of our readers, once and for all—we do not write column one except in great emergencies. We dare not take credit for the excellent articles appearing there. They are the inspired thoughts of Spencer I., an excellent AA member and an experienced writer. He always seems to produce something which is timely and causes us to wish WC had written

it. Our readers seem to agree with us. (Incidentally, Spencer has been ordered to bed by his doctor and we had to draft one of our occasional contributors, Jack H., to fill column one for this issue.)

Here's the letter (in part) which prompted this article: "I was amused, delighted and amazed that two such great minds as ours should have seized on the Milwaukee divorce story at about the same time, to have it hit us in much the same way, and to set down our reactions, taking different routes, but arriving at the same place. I question my judgment so many times when I 'sermonize' in Here's How, and always am fearful that some solid member will say, 'who in the hell does that ——— think he is? Why I still remember him when he was drunk, etc., etc.'" So, when someone else backs my judgment, I feel better. Frankly, I wish I had written your piece. I liked

me tell you again how much I enjoy it better. And let me tell you again how much I enjoy the Bulletin."

We had four reasons for publishing this letter: One was to clarify position and the second to coddle our precious contributor of column one. We get so many compliments on the excellence of our articles and we often neglect to pass on these plaudits to our collaborator. Maybe there's a wee small hope abornin' in our bosom, that it is OUR article they like—and we're hesitant to ask lest we are plummeted to earth.

The third reason was to marvel with Billy Y. of Chicago at the remarkable similarity in discussing the subject. Both writers came to the same excellent conclusions. Incidentally, Bill need never apologize for his writings. He too is a newspaper man and Here's How is an excellent publication. Our only regret is that the length of their editorials make reprinting in our little paper almost impossible—and we hate to louse them up by "digesting" them.

The fourth reason is to answer those that took issue with the article. It seems that some of our members read into the article something that wasn't there—at least, we're sure it wasn't in Spencer's mind when he wrote it. We dare to take up his defense while he's "inbedded."

The sentences "we reached the place where our thinking has straightened out. No longer do we need props to keep us from drinking," drew from several critics that this

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*Our right behavior
NOW is a splendid
apology for wrong
behavior in the past*

TOPER'S ALMANAC

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our Absolute Honesties is the full measure of our AA. stature. Thus we should strive to become true disciples of Washington, and keep a bright circle around February 22 as a constant reminder-J. H., Edgelake.

A GIGGLE WITH A MORAL

One of the pesky character defects of most alcoholics is selfishness or self-centeredness. We went blithely on our way demanding attention and service disregarding the rights of others or how we discommoded them. From a delightful house organ published by Detex Watchclock Corp. we "borrowed" the following stories which should bring a chuckle or two as well as teach a lesson.

A very superstitious person dropped his fork and promptly tossed salt over his left shoulder. A girl in a low-cut evening gown caught the salt on her back and it slid down. Whereupon she slapped his face and said, "You're not going to catch me that way, smarty. I'm no bird!" How often our innocent actions are misunderstood and misinterpreted.

A veteran returning from Korea had difficulty finding a seat in a crowded train. A haughty dame and her perfumed poodle occupied adjoining seats.

"Madam," said the soldier, "I've been GO hours without sleep. I just came back after 59 missions in Korea. May I sit on the seat with the dog?"

The lady glared. "You most certainly may not," she said icily. "I paid for that seat and the dog shall not be disturbed."

The soldier slunk away. Presently he returned to plead again. "Madam, I'm so tired. I can't stand. If you let me sit down I'll gladly hold the dog on my lap."

"You go away from here," stormed the woman, "I don't know who you think you are but you may not sit down."

Again the soldier crept away. He returned shortly with a pillow under his arm. "Madam," he said, "the porter won't let me sleep in the aisle. But he gave me this pillow if I can find a seat. If you let me sit down I'll let the dog sit on this pillow. In no time I'll be fast asleep and the dog will be even more comfortable than he is now."

The woman glared. "Just because you wear a uniform you think you can do anything," she shouted. "If you don't go away I'll ring for the conductor and have you put off this train!"

Whereupon the soldier picked up the dog and tossed it out of the window.

The shocked silence was broken by a polite voice with a clipped English accent. "By jove, you Americans are funny," it exclaimed. "You drive on the wrong side of the road-and now this soldier has thrown the wrong bitch out of the window."

The parents of identical twins were plagued by the fact that one was a cheerful optimist and his brother a morbid pessimist. Not knowing how to cope with the problem, they sought the advice of a psychiatrist. He pondered a few moments and then made a proposal.

"Go home," he told the parents, "and fill one room with toys-everything that a boy desires. Have all the packages beautifully gift-wrapped. Put the pessimist in this room at 7:30 tomorrow morning.

"Fill the other room with fertilizer-and maybe a shovel-but that's all. Put the optimist in this room at 7:30. I'll be around at 9 o'clock and we shall see what we see."

Next morning the psychiatrist was prompt. He followed the parents into the room with the wonderful toys. The kid was slouched in a chair with a dejected look on his face. He hadn't even removed the gift wrappings. "What's the use?" he asked glumly, "I probably won't like what I find-and if I do, I won't get to keep it."

A marked contrast greeted them in the other room. With a broad grin on his face, the optimist was shoveling for all he was worth. "With all this fertilizer," he declared, "there's got to be a pony somewhere."

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inferred that one could reach a place in life when we didn't need AA atmosphere or activity any more. In other words-that we would graduate-that we needn't attend meetings anymore or do Twelfth Step work-that we could mingle freely with drinkers anywhere and not suffer a whit-not even drool.

In reading the article we find repeated evidence that this danger was recognized and that Spencer was only pleading for temperate living in ALL of our affairs.

Spencer practices what he preaches.

ALCOHOLICS ARE LIKEABLE

Today more people are drinking more liquor than ever before in the Nation's history. Alcoholism is now exceeded as a public health menace only by cancer and tuberculosis, according to the U. S. Public Health Service. At Yale University Dr. E. R. Jellinek estimates that there are now close to 4,000,000 intemperate drinkers in the United States, of whom some 375,000 are chronic alcoholics-that is, addicts who think they are taking a drink when really the drink is taking them.

The average alcoholic is a likable person when he is not drinking, and it is important to know this, for he must be liked before he can be helped. Society, while condoning drinking, condemns the drunkard. The alcoholic's inner guilt feeling coupled with his realization of the public's condemnation, creates a situation in which the first step towards rehabilitation must be the creation of a feeling of fellowship between the alcoholic and his sponsor.

The heads and hearts of habitual drunkards will bear an advantageous comparison with those of any other class. John Barleycorn seems to delight in picking those of genius and generosity. Are these people not worth helping? Today these very same people, these intemperate drinkers have flocked together and worked out a simple program of recovery from the ravages of alcoholism. Alcoholism is the best example of what doctors are now calling psychosomatic sickness-illness which is a combination of physical, mental and emotional factors. It is primarily a symptom of emotional unbalance, and when the cause is found and treated the symptom disappears.

Medical science has found no cure or help in treating alcoholism that can compare with one simple word, "FAITH." Alcoholics Anonymous has shown how FAITH can redeem men and women from alcoholism. By admitting they are powerless over alcohol and that alcohol is controlling their lives and the realization that a Power greater than themselves could restore them to normal, useful citizens, they found they could again live a normal, happy life without the bottle.

We often speak of how the sick or handicapped must have faith in himself. He must admit he is licked and that he must depend on a Power greater than himself which can restore him to sanity. When he or she admits his own defeat and sickness and has learned the value of sharing his experiences with others similarly afflicted, then miracles happen. --*Barleycorn Side, Waterloo, Iowa.*

I would be careful, for the words I say
Will be as thorns or blossoms on life's way.
I would be thoughtful-kindness on my part
Is remedy for someone's aching heart.
I would be watchful, lest my actions be
A stumbling block for those who walk with me.
Lord, go with me that I may hold on high.
A beacon light for others passing by.

--Selected, thanks to Ed. V.

ST. PATRICK HIMSELF

Most of the people he has sponsored successfully call him "St. Patrick, himself" stemming from the fact that for twelve years (including this year) Jim B. has been the St. Patrick's Day speaker at Collinwood. Many were inspired by him at these meetings and the group as a whole and Jim have been sober ever since.

You're welcome to attend this memorable meeting on March 18th.

AA DISTRICT OFFICE

Thirty groups were represented at the Office Advisory meeting on February 12th, who witnessed the retirement of three directors who rendered signal service during their three-year terms of office. They served untiringly and well beyond the ordinary and well deserved the sustained applause given them at the meeting. They were Jack D. of Borton, Frank M. S. of Doan Men and Clarence S. of Lake Shore.

Replacing them for the coming three years are three very able men, highly respected in the community, Warren C., Lakewood, Satnite; Harry R., Lee, Monday, and Tom McG., Edgelake.

Other members of the board with unexpired terms are John W. of Fairview who is serving as Finance Chairman, Frank K. of Union, Walter K. of Ansel and Ed. H. of Shaker.

TRINITY EVENTS

Speakers for Trinity in March are: 7—Thomas N., Redwood; 14—Policemen's Panel with Tommy F. as moderator; 21—Alice B., Clark; 28—Addie P., League Park.

Hubert J. is the new chairman and Arthur F., the new secretary.

CENTRAL BULLETIN HELPERS

We have just checked the Brooklyn Group roster for Charles S. who is one of our big boosters and find that he has more than 75% of the members of his group signed up as subscribers to Central Bulletin. About twice a year he sends us a list of members and we check our list of subscribers giving him the expiration dates of each of his members and also marking the few who are not subscribers. He does the rest.

It would certainly be helpful to the "circulation department" if about eighty more groups would appoint a Bulletin secretary to do the same thing. We will give our best cooperation in the way of subscription blanks, return envelopes and sample copies to anyone requesting them by mail, telephone? telegraph, radio or telepathy (if anyone knows that trick).

We have a number of free subscribers on the list and several good friends of the Bulletin send in contributions to cover the mailing of these. We sincerely thank these contributors and if we have failed to thank any of them personally, we hope they will forgive us and accept our thanks herewith.

It might be interesting to know that we send packages of Bulletins each month to London Prison Farm, Warrensville, Ohio Penitentiary, and Indiana State Prison.

MEMPHIS

Speakers for Memphis in March are: ?-Richard P., W. 25th; 14-Frank W., Northeast; 21—Bob K., West Park; 28—John G., Sr., Angle.

TRAINING MEETINGS

Many of our Cleveland members are missing some great opportunities for broadening their knowledge and aiding them in sponsorship by failing to attend the Sunday afternoon training meetings held in Brooklyn Acres Community Hall from 2:30 to 4 p. m. The place is located on W. 63rd street off Memphis.

Eight sessions have been held at this writing and each has been outstanding. We urge you to attend just one, and we're positive that nothing but ill health or lack of enthusiasm for twelfth step work will keep you away.

The meetings are open to both men and women.

Five groups have consented to provide speakers from their ranks. Lee Road Wednesday and Orchard Grove each have already contributed with four outstanding speakers. Fairview Park, Broadway-Harvard and Berea Thursday have agreed to provide speakers for the next three Sundays. We trust other groups will respond as graciously as these five have.

There is no collection taken because no expense is involved. No coffee or lunch is served and the quarters are provided free.

Groups should contact the AA District Office for open dates if they wish to provide a panel.

HOWLING

At lot of things that shouldn't happen even to a dog, happened to the secretary of the Friday AA bowling leagues. The mystery of no report to us is cleared and we're sorry we added to the misery by calling attention to it. It brought action though.

Benhoff Bodies with 58 points hold a slender lead of two points over Fairview Park who fell for the jinx of Friday the 13th in the 7:30 league.

Orchard Grove leads Parma by 13 points in the 9:30 shift. Three men are tied for first in individual averages. They are Roy E., Stan S. and Ben K. Each averages 188. Phew!

LAKWOOD- ORCHARD GROVE

Speakers for Orchard Grove in March are: 2—Wally L., Lakewood Satnite; 9—Dave L., Matt Talbot Home; 16—Ed B., Broadway-55th; 23—Chuck S., Berea; 30—Bob S., Lorain Monday.

NEW GROUP

A new group was organized by 35 members of the Outhwaite and St.. James groups in Painesville around the first of the year. They met in private homes until they finally located a permanent meeting place in the Congregational Baptist Church, Jackson and Jefferson. Painesville. They call themselves the Shelby group.

The first meeting in their new quarters will be conducted by Cory V. of Lee, Wednesday; on Monday March 2 at 8:30 p. m.

The first secretary is Willie W.

C. E. I. CHANGES

The Cleveland Electric Illuminating group (C. E. I. for short) changed its meeting night to Wednesday beginning March 18.

They meet in Room 335, Rear Building of the Illuminating Co. on the Public Square.

P A R M A

Speakers for Parma in March are: 7—Bart McI., Edgelake; 14—Jim B., Lee-Thursday; 21— Katherine K., Oakwood; 28—Tom F., Borton.

BROOKLYN

Speakers at Brooklyn for March are: 4—Al S., Cedar; 11—Marge K., Eastside Women; 18—Frank K., Union; 25—Eddie K., Brooklyn. Eddie will observe his twelfth anniversary.

Many enter a tavern OPTIMISTICALLY—many come out MISTY OPTICALLY.--Arthur I. M.



CLEVELAND AREA GROUP MEETINGS

MONDAY

ADDISON-Westminster Church, Cor. Addison and Wade Park... 8:30
BORTON-E. Cleve. Congrega. Church Page and Euclid Avenue... 8:30
LAKE SHORE-St. Luke's Parish. Clifton and Bunts Rd... 8:30
LAKEWOOD (Overhard Grove)-1417 St. Charles, nr. Detroit... 8:30
LAKEWOOD MEN'S-St. Peter's Episcopal W. Clifton and Detroit... 8:30
LEE MONDAY-First Presbyter. Church. East Cleveland, Nela and Euclid... 8:30
LORAIN AVE.-West Park Baptist Church. 15218 Lorain Ave... 8:30
MARINE HOSPITAL-E. 124 & Fairhill... 7:30
MILES-St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 9721 Romona Boulevard... 8:30
PEARL-Corpus Christi Basement, 4202 Stickney (E. of Pearl Rd)... 8:30
ROWDY ROW-Salvation Army Corps Hall, 2042 W. 26th St... 8:00
SHAKER HEIGHTS-Christ Episcopal Church, 3451 Warrensville... 8:30
SOUTH EAST-7526 Broadway... 8:30
UNION-East View Cong. Church, Kinsman at E. 156th St... 9:00
WEST 25th ST.-Marvel Hall, 2858 W. 25th St... 8:30
WOMEN'S-Westside-West Boulevard Christian Church, Madison and W. 101... 8:45
ELYRIA MEN-St. Agnes Church, Lake Road at Bath St., Elyria, O... 8:30
SHELBY-Congregational Baptist Church, Jackson and Jefferson, Painesville... 8:30
VERMILLION, St. Mary's Church, Exchange St... 8:30
WILLOUGHBY-Presbyterian Church Willoughby, O... 8:30

TUESDAY

ARCADE-Central Y. Hsp. C. A., East 22nd and Prospect Ave... 8:30
CHARITY-Last Tuesday of each month-Charity Hospital, Nurses' Auditorium... 8:30
CLARK-1917 Clark Ave... 8:30
EAGLE TRAINING-Salvation Army E. 9th and Eagle... 8:00
EDGELAKE-1417 St. Charles Ave. Dinner at 7:00 p. m. Meeting at 8:30
EUCLID-WADE-Calvary Presbyterian Church, E. 79th and Euclid Ave... 9:00
FAIRMOUNT-St. Paul's Episcopal, Fairmount and Coventry... 8:30
FAIRVIEW PARK-Fairview Grace Church, W. 224th and Lorain Ave... 8:30
FOREST HILLS MEN-Markad Motors, 13219 Superior Ave... 8:30
MILES-LEE-Mou... E. 164th, north of Miles... 8:30
SMITH-WILSON-Nativity School, 9510 Aetna Road... 8:30
SUPERIOR-North Presbyterian Church, F 40th and Superior... 9:00
TAPCO-Post 4, 23555 Euclid, 2nd shift... 9:00
TAPCO-Post 4, 23555 Euclid, 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 St... 8:30
ASHTABULA COUNTY MEN-Room 4, Dorman Block, Conneaut, O... 8:30
LORAIN, O.-Community Hall, 23rd and Beech Sts... 8:00
MEDINA, O.-St. Paul's Epis. Par. Hse... 8:30
PAINESVILLE, O.-Stag, 33 N. State St... 8:30
STRONCSVILLE-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
C. E. I.-Illuminating Co., Room 335-Rear Building... 8:30
COLLINWOOD-14709 St. Clair Ave... 8:30

DENISON MEN-7403 Denison Ave., (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
LAKEWOOD WOMEN-United Presby., Church, 12601 Detroit Ave... 8:30
LEE ROAD-First Eng. Lutheran, Derbyshire and Euclid Hts. Blvd... 8:30
NORWOOD-St. Vitus School, 6105 Glass Ave... 8:30
ST. JAMES-Ward's Convalescing Home, E. 71st and Cedar Ave... 8:15
TAPCO-Post 4, 23555 Euclid, 1st shift... 3:30
WENTY-FOUR HOUR-13216 Detroit, Church of the Ascension... 8:30
WARRENSVILLE-Women's House Cor. 7:30
WOMEN'S-East Side-Cleveland Unitarian Society, Euclid and E. 82nd St... 8:30
WOMEN'S-Lorain County-St. Anthony's School Hall, E Erie & Kansas (R.2 or 6) 8:30
BEYERD, O.-Y.M.C.A., Tarbell Ave... 8:30
ELYRIA, O.-St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Middle and Third... 8:00
LORAIN, O.-ANTI-FURS, St. Mary's School, Reid Ave... 8:30

THURSDAY

ALAN-1820 East 79th St... 8:30
ALLENDALE-St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 15837 Euclid Ave... 8:30
ANGIE-St. Malachi's Church, 2549 Washington Ave... 8:30
BROADWAY-55th-Our Lady of Lourdes School Hall... 8:30
BROOKLYN Y. P.-United Presbyterian, Spokane and Pearl... 9:00
COVENTRY-Fairmount Presbyterian Chapel, Scarborough... 8:30
CRUIE HOSPITAL-Library... 8:00
EDDY ROAD-Glenville Congregational Church, Eddy and St. Clair... 8:30
GLENVILLE-10421 St. Clair Ave... 8:30
LORAIN AVE.-West Park Baptist Church, 15218 Lorain Ave... 8:30
OUTHWAITE-Woodland Center, 7100 Kinsman Ave... 8:30
ROCKY RIVER-Rockport Methodist Church, 3310 Wooster Rd... 8:30
WEST SIDE-7403 Denison Ave... 10:30 A.M.
BEREA, O.-Fine Arts Club, E. Bagley Rd., 3 doors east of Eastland... 8:30
EAST LAKE-Bethel Lutheran Church, 32400 Vine Street... 8:30
INDEPENDENCE, O.-St. John's Lutheran Hall, Second and Sunset... 9:00
PAINESVILLE, O.-33 N. State, 3rd fl... 8:30
ST. ANTHONY-St. Anthony's School, Route 2 and 6, Lake Road, Lorain, O... 8:30

FRIDAY

ANSEL ROAD-St. Thomas Church, 9205 Superior Ave... 9:00
BROADWAY-HARVARD-8437 Broadway... 8:30
CEDAR-Salvation Army, 5005 Euclid... 8:15
GORDON SQUARE-St. Helena's Hall, 13667 W. 65th St... 8:30
LE E ROAD-St. Philomena's Church, Instruction Hall, 13824 Euclid... 9:00
NORTHEAST-2028 E. 105th St... 8:30
WESTSIDE YOUNG PEOPLE-St. Luke's Hall, Bunts and Clifton... 9:00
AVON LAKE-Congregational Church, Lake Road, Stop 55 1/2... 8:30
RERA-Social room of Berea Cong. Church, Seminary and Church... 8:30
CHAGRIN FALLS, O.-American Legion, F. 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
MENTOR, O.-Mentor Methodist Church... 8:30

OBERLIN, O.-American Legion Home, S. Main and Hamilton... 8:30
WICKLIFFE MEN-Lady of Mt. Carmel Hall, Wickliffe, O... 8:00

SATURDAY

BROADWAY-CABLE-St. John's Lutheran Church, Cable and Broadway... 8:30
CATHEDRAL-(Stag) St. John's Cathedral, E. 9th and Superior... 8:30
GLENVILLE-10421 St. Clair Ave... 9:00
HILLIARD-Central Y. M. C. A., E. 22nd and Prospect Ave... 9:00
LAKEWOOD-Sat. Nite-Redeemer Hall, Andrews, near Detroit... 8:30
LEAGUE PARK-St. Agnes School Hall, East 79th and Euclid Ave... 8:30
MATT TALBOT-St. Philip Neri Church, E. 82nd and St. Clair... 8:30
MEMPHIS-Church of Good Shepherd, 8235 Memphis Ave... 9:00
PARMA-Public Library, 5850 Ridge Rd... 8:30
REDWOOD-Euclid Lutheran Church, E. 26th and Oriole... 8:30
TRINITY-Trinity Evangelical Church, 3525 W. 25th St... 8:30
VALLEY VIEW-Community Center, West 7th and Starkweather... 8:30
8005 GROUP-8005 Lorain Ave... 8:30
ASHTABULA, O.-K. of P. Hall, Elm Av... 8:30
ELYRIA, O.-St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Middle and Third... 8:30
SOLON, O.-St. Rita's Church basement... 9:00

SUNDAY

BEGINNER TRAINING-Brooklyn Acres Community Hall, W. 63rd off Memphis... 2:30
C. A. C. DISCUSSION-C. A. C. clubrooms, 7809 Euclid Avenue... 10:45 A.M.
COLLINWOOD-14709 St. Clair Ave... 7:30
DETROIT-Mixed-8023 Detroit Ave... 8:00
LAKEVIEW-CYO Hall, S. t., Aloysius Church, E. 109th and St. Clair... 8:30
MARYMOUNT-2nd Sun. in month, Cafeteria, McCracken and Henry... 2:30
NEWBURGH-St. Catherine's Church, 3443 F. 93rd St... 8:30
OAKWOOD-Alcoholic Annex, 8909 Detroit Ave... 11:00 A.M.
OUTHWAITE-7100 Kinsman Ave... 10:45 A.M.
WARRENSVILLE-Cooley Farms Recreation Room 10:00 A. M. h. f.
GENEVA, O.-Lexion Hall, Park St., corner of S. Eagle... 7:30

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Alcoholic Abstinence Nursing Home (MW) MF 1-1635 8023 Detroit Ave
Alcoholic Annex-Oakwood Sanitarium (MW) AT 1-0346 8909 Detroit Ave
Cleveland Alcoholic Clinic (MW) EN 1-8998 7809 Euclid Ave
Elmwood Sanitarium (M) KENmore 1-2299 17322 Euclid Ave
Farquharson's (Tuxedo 5-1882) (M) 6037 Pearl
MacGillis Nursing Home (MW) RA 1-2556 1560 Mistletoe Dr. at Wade Pk
Marvinmount Hospital (MW) VU 1-0500 12300 McCracken Rd.
Pathway (Tyler 1-6698) (MW) 1635 N. 93rd

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St. John's Hospital (M) WOODhine 1-5750 7911 Detroit Ave
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"Tommy, why are you scratching yourself?"
"No one else knows where I itch."

Professor: "Why can't all the nations live as one big family?"
Student: "They do!"

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EASTER

Easter, in one form or another, is as old as man. Every race and religion that history has brought forth has observed it. This was natural. In pagan times the festival marked the coming of spring, the opening of a new life. Eostre, goddess of the dawn or spring in ancient mythology, gave the time its name. But whatever the occasion was called, man, from the dawn of time, has welcomed the vernal equinox.

To the faithful in the Christian era Easter is associated with the resurrection of Jesus Christ. To the members of the Jewish faith it marks the Passover, the anniversary of the deliverance of the ancient Hebrews from slavery in Egypt. Even the religiously indifferent cannot be indifferent to the coming of new life to the earth.

Members of Alcoholics Anonymous, whatever their faith or beliefs, should find special significance in Easter in whatever way they observe the season. It should be a vivid reminder to them of their personal Easter, their individual resurrection from the long winter of alcoholism.

To few people is the sense of the renewal of life, implicit in the Easter festival, more real than to those of us who went through the dissolute night of drunkenness, irresponsibility and unhappiness. In those years the idea of a new life seemed fantastic. Why a new life? We were doing all right. So went our reasoning, or what passed for thinking in our disordered minds.

Some place along the line we reached our vernal equinox, the real turning point. Time after time most of us made false starts. We were filled with determination and good intentions, especially in the wake of a particularly strong or long bender. Never were any of these resolutions to start a new life realized. Most of them, in retrospect, appear for what they really were, refugees in time of storm, propitiation of the powers that be in the hope that the full consequences of our dereliction would not be visited upon us. And once we escaped, we were back at the old routine.

Not until we were seized by a conviction that our own efforts were vain, that we were only fooling ourselves and were individually weak and helpless did we come to the point where we turned to a Higher Power.

That moment was our Easter. From it sprang the new life that we enjoy today. True, every step of the way was not strewn with blossoms and buds, but there was no mistaking the direction we had at last taken.

It makes little difference whether our Easter came in the spring, the dead of winter or the heat of August. Easter, actually, is a matter of the spirit, not the calendar. But in observing the chronological Easter we should recall our own, the time when we came out of the darkness and began again to live in the light of sobriety.

BOUND VOLUMES WANTED

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IT DOESN'T BOTHER ME

"Liquor doesn't bother me any more" the guy said. "I go into saloons just like I always did. I have a coke and the fellows I used to drink with have their shots. We go around just as we did before, and I don't have a bit of trouble. It doesn't bother me at all."

Unless I have my dates mixed our friend is due for discharge from the AA ward this coming Tuesday.

"Why, I like to see people drink" another former active member said. "Just because I can't drink doesn't mean I have to spoil the fun for everybody else. I even serve liquor in my home and in my office. I probably have more whiskey in stock than anybody at my home. It doesn't bother me at all."

This "fortunate" gentleman, who isn't bothered at all, now is earnestly drinking his way back to the nursing home and bankruptcy.

"I no longer have an alcoholic problem," remarked another old timer. "I no longer need meetings, hospital calls, twelfth step work, or anything like that. Those things are fine for the new man. But eventually we reach the place where, by habit, we want not to drink. I believe I've paid my debt to AA."

The last time I saw him, the Old Timer still looked pretty sick in his nice, fresh pajamas. They were going to let him out the next day.

When I come across people expressing these sentiments, two things flash in my mind—"How long, oh Lord?" and "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."

I speak only for myself, but when I came into AA I came in not only

to stop drinking, but to get away from everything associated with booze. As one speaker so aptly said, "The only thing a saloon has for sale which I can't buy someplace else, is whiskey." So there is no need for me to hang around bars.

A saloon has nothing to offer an alcoholic but grief. It was wrong thinking which caused his problem in the first place. His saloon associates indulged in the same kind of thinking. That's why they understood one another and were so companionable. If he persists in the same associations, it can mean only one thing—he likes that kind of thinking and he is a dead-eyed cinch to start drinking again.

Insofar as I am concerned, the statement "It doesn't bother me," is the red light, the S.O.S., and the storm signal for the alcoholic. It does bother him, or he wouldn't be in the saloon in the first place.

I was much impressed by the answer of a respected and successful member of AA when someone asked him whether the alcoholic should serve liquor in his home. He replied, "I don't have that problem. I find that over the Years I have surrounded myself with AA friends who don't come to my home to drink. If the others can't visit me without a drink they will just have to stay away."

If I go on an emotional binge, blow my stack or start feeling sorry for myself, it is possible I might not take a drink even though I had a little handy. This I believe.

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God seems to have granted the greatest favors to the greatest sinners . . . as more signal monuments of His mercy.

-Submitted by
Willis K. B., Warren, O.

IT DOESN'T BOTHER ME

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But I know I am not going to **take** that drink if **there** is nothing to drink-so why take chances? I don't **believe** there is such a thing as a social drinker. **People** drink for one of two reasons. Either they like liquor or **they** like its **effects**. The so-called social drinker is often someone who **doesn't** care for a drink, but **takes** it so as not to appear to be different.

If **we** **doubt** this, just recall the last cocktail party you attended. How **many** **guests** **remained** social? How many got amorous, **risque** or just plain **cockeyed** drunk? If we really want sociability, what's wrong with a cup of coffee?

There are a **few** AA's who **never** attend meetings. They're cured-it says here. But are they? Within the last two or three **years** I have **seen** dozens of people who were "cured." **Where** did I meet them? In hospitals and nursing homes, and without exception **everyone** in substance said, "I got too big for my **britches**. I forgot to be grateful. I didn't **need** AA."

And the reason is so simple. All of our lives we **have** been thinking **left-handed**. We **permitted** **ourselves** the luxury of **tantrums**, egotism, self pity and evasion. Our whole **life** pattern was fashioned in this style. Now we want to **change** that to reverse ourselves and **adopt** a new way of **life**. To do this, the 12th **step** says, "We should practice **these** principles in our daily affairs."

Practice is the key. It is said that although he was the greatest artist the world has ever known, **Paderewski** practiced eight hours a day. Hard, grueling practice. Scales, exercises, chords-all **the** prosaic dullness of constant repetition. But Paderewski knew that if he did not practice, his reflexes and his subconscious (which **really** make habit) would become unbalanced and **he** would cease to be a great artist.

So it is with **the** alcoholic. **He** must keep in practice. He must maintain the AA atmosphere which induces AA thinking, and the best way to do that is by regular attendance at meetings, where he associates with **those** having a similar problem. **After** all, Paderewski did not remain a great pianist by hanging around with **the** piccolo players.

The change which takes place in our thinking is insidious. We do not realize it is taking place until **after** it has occurred. Perhaps you were a baseball star, but you **haven't** played for **years**. You still think you can **perform** as well as you **once** did. But try it. Your skill has departed and you are a gilt-edged **stumble-bum**. But you wouldn't **have** **believed** it if you hadn't tried it. **The** same is **true** of AA. We've got to **keep** in training and AA meetings are our training camp.

It seems strange indeed that any AA can **pray**, at every meeting. "And **lead** us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil," and then go right out and wilfully wallow in temptation himself by hanging around the bars or tossing drinking parties in his **home**. That's **like** asking God to save you from smallpox and then moving into **the** pest house.

I am one of those naive persons who believes that winning **friends** and influencing people **does** not require me to return and pat the head of the rattlesnake that bit me. **Those** who can truly say, "It doesn't bother me at all" are usually those who do not bother with it at all.

—Anonymous.

SUNDAY TRAINING

A lot of sponsors are missing a **great** opportunity to **ease** their burden by not bringing their **new** babies to the Beginners' Training meetings in Brooklyn Acres Community Hall, West 63rd off Memphis each Sunday afternoon at **2:30** sharp. It's over at 4 p. **m**.

Sunday, March 22, will complete the twelfth meeting of this great contribution to AA education and assimilation. On Sunday, March 29 **another** round of **twelve** meetings will start. At this meeting, the first **Step** and first Tradition will be discussed.

The speakers for the first twelve **meetings** have been outstanding. Many **new** facets of the "AA diamond" have been revealed and those who **have** **attended** regularly have been eloquent in voicing their appreciation.

EDITOR'S NOTE

We're truly happy to recourt the return of **Spencer** 1. to our columns. While he is still under strict orders from his doctor, we can report that he will soon be in circulation again. So column one is filled.

Column two we relinquish this month to one of our good friends who prefers to remain anonymous. We believe his message, though a bit **lengthy**, surpasses anything we could contribute this month. We urge you to **read** it and apply it. It's good for all of us.

WC received a most interesting letter from Willis B. which was **replete** with **some** fine AA philosophy and written with such **fine** style we were tempted to publish it **in** the Bulletin. But it too was long. We'll refer to some of his **reflections** in future Bulletins. He submitted the cartoon quips for this issue which we gratefully accepted.

Another, Mrs. **Martie** C., a former Elyrian, writes from Annapolis, Md., "I made many dear friends back in October 1947, and December 1946. Those months of my eight years of uninterrupted, blessed sobriety were spent with the two groups in Elyria and it was there that the big spiritual experience came to me and where I was taught those things that made it possible for me to continue the AA philosophy, although my following two **years** were spent overseas from Norway to Java, **Indonesia**, with a group **per se**."

"So I am very glad that a friend of **mine** sent a copy of **the** Central Bulletin so I could clip the blank. If any of you folks **get** in **the** vicinity of Annapolis, be sure to **look** us up. My undying gratitude to the Cleveland area for **their** brand of AA.-God bless you all."

To all who have written to us personally-please don't be **offended** at our negligence in acknowledging your **messages**. We are truly always **pressed** for time. **Once** we **get** this Bulletin off our **chest**, we're allergic even to **the** thought of writing-until **the** next issue is due.

Just be patient. We truly appreciate your letters.

OUR CARTOON OFFENDS

We **were** accused of being flippant and taking tragic things like past misdeeds too lightly in our cartoon "**Al** and **Bill**," in last month's issue by an anonymous writer.

"What about **the** **dear** children of alcoholic parents who were deprived of **decent** clothes, a high school education, a decent home and a place for their young friends to come to in safety? You can't live down a harm you did to **innocent** children, no matter how many times you re-study **Step** 3. Never **let** the man in the black coat (**Bill**) take it so lightly. Too many children have suffered and it can **never** be made up to them."

We're indeed sorry our cartoon in which we try to insinuate some AA advice gave offense. We probably should have emphasized "make amends" more strongly, for it is in constantly trying to **make** amends for past neglect that **some** of the rottenest of us have accomplished miracles.

In the past eleven years we have witnessed so many heart-warming miracles of family rehabilitation, that possibly we are blinded into **believing** it will happen every time. It hasn't **come** overnight in all instances, of course; in quite a few it has **taken** years and years of decent, Christian living, patient acceptance of many **rebuffs** and a lot of faith in God's ultimate answer to their **prayers**.

"Forgive us our trespasses, O Lord, as we forgive those who trespass against **us**." We believe that we are forgiven in the **measure** that we forgive others. Forgetting is **difficult** and **often** impossible, but forgiving is a mandate of our Creator.

Many a well meaning, truly repentant soul with a sincere **desire** to **make** amends has withered in the frozen atmosphere of a self-pitying martyr who wilfully **hardens** himself or **herself** to the approach of the penitent.

God have pity on that martyr's soul.

GROUP INFORMATION

Another new **group** will hold its first meeting Friday, April 10 at 9 p. m. It's the Amherst group, meeting in St. Peter's Ev. and **Ref.** Church, North Amherst. Harry D. of Cleveland will be speaker.

AA DISTRICT OFFICE

Cleveland is world famous as the publishing center of many foreign language books and newspapers. Your District Office is gaining a reputation in AA for having **literature** on hand for **people** who need AA **help** but who do not **speak** or **read** English. Our publication "A Way of **Life**" is available in Polish, translated by **one** of our **members**. And, in response to **requests** from **Canada** and from **Europe**, we have copies in **French**. We **hope** the lady who asked us for a copy of "The Twelve Steps" in Chinese reads this. If she will call the **Office** we will send her "The **Twelve Steps**" in Chinese. AA is **international** because **the** drinking problem is a problem in any language.

And sponsorship has **the same** problems, too, in any language. The **Office** has found sponsors for people who need help but who only speak German, or Slovenian or Hungarian or Greek. We have been grateful to make this service available. If you are able to tell someone else about AA in a language we have not listed here, will you let us know so that we can answer the call for help and be understood.

Members are always **welcome** at the **office** to **come** in and hear news of other groups, news about AA around the country, or just to visit and tell us about their group. Three times last month **when** a **member** was in the Office there was a call for help (twice by phone, once in person) from someone who lived in **the same** neighborhood as the member visiting **the office**. Call it a coincidence, if you want to: we think of it as Providence when a call for help can be answered **immediately!**

DOAN DATA

Bert M. is **the** newly elected **secretary** of Doan M. He has been **one** of **the** group's most loyal **members** and is a charter member. We offer congratulations to both.

GLENVILLE

Speakers for the coming Saturdays at Glenville are: March **28—Everett** C., Valley View; April **4—Kenny** K. and Chester **S., Doan** Men; April **11—Judge** Jim C., Arcade; April **18—Katherine** K., Oakwood.

MEMPHIS

Speakers for April at Memphis are: April **4—Ray** B., All groups; April **11—Steven** L., Memphis; April **18—Hank** S., Baxter; April **25—Earl** S., Lake Shore.

The Memphis group will supply the **speakers** for the April 5, Sunday training meeting. Speakers will be **Steven** L., Bill R., **Anson** W. and Jim R.

AA SPORTSMEN'S GROUP

The AA Sportmen's group is now six months old and is gaining members at every meeting. Forty-five avid fisherman and hunters meet on the first Wednesday and the third Sunday of each month in Glenville Hall, 10421 St. Clair where they listen to lectures by sportsmen or **see** films on hunting and fishing.

Most of these members have cards in fishing and hunting clubs, and each has experienced the **embarrassment** of being figurative square pegs in round **holes**, for drinking **seem** to be the accepted part of being an ideal sportsman in most clubs.

For mutual protection these avid AA sportsmen are arranging **their own** AA fishing and hunting **parties**—without embarrassing **themselves** or others—sober and in AA atmosphere.

Membership in the group is limited to **active** members of one of the AA groups in the **Cleveland** area. The applicant must be sponsored. Only male members are admitted, though spouses can participate in the activities. They are aiming for 100 members.

On March 24, fifty attended **the** Cleveland Sportsman's **Show** in a body. On April **26**, a group of 40 members and their families **will** go on a group-fishing party in **Lake Erie**.

A Lyman boat and Johnson motor was **raffled** last month. It was won by lucky Mas P.

Further information on this novel group's activity can be gotten by calling **Joe** K., Addison group, HE. 1-5882. Floyd K. of Glenville is: **president**.

BOWLING

The Enstside Bowling league reports Miles Lee in front with 7G points and Superior No. 1 trailing with **68½**. (How do you **get** a half point?—Eel.) High team single, **Lee**, Monday with 2743; high **team** single, Glenville No. 2 with 1029; high **single game**, **George** M., Glenville No. 2 with 269; high **three**, Tom M., Glenville No. 3 with 674.

George M. of Glenville No. 2 holds the lead in high average with 190, but Ray L., Superior No. 1 is yapping at his heels with 188.

In the AA Independent league (Golden Pin), the Romode Awnings have **clinched** first place, **leading** by 18 points. **Vargo Realty**, Bican Funerals and **Kares** Builders are fighting for runner ups.

James V. has high **three** of GG3; Albert W. high single of 257, Frank N. and John B. are tied up at **176** for high average.

In the Westside **early** shift Friday league, the **Benhoff** Bodies **continuc** to hold a slender two point lead over **Fairview** Park No. 1. The **Lorain** Yanks, last year's champs are **five** points back in third place. Good scrap.

In **the late** shift, Orchard **Grove** has it all the way. They're 17 points ahead of the Jalovec Motors and 19 ahead of **Parma**. **They're** in !

The bowling banquet and **dance** will be held Sunday, May 17 at 4 p. m. in Colonial Gardens, Strongsville, route 42. **Tickets** are \$3.50, include a family **style**, Swiss steak **dinner**. Two hundred and ten attended last year. Everyone is invited.

TRINITY EVENTS

Speakers for April at Trinity are: 4—Tony M., **Norwood**; 11—**Mary** R., **Westside** Women; 18—**Tom** C., W. 25th; 25—**Moses** Y., **Hartville**, 0.

CONSOLIDATED MEETING

Moose Hall, **E.** 22nd and Carnegie

Sunday, April 19, 4:00 P. M.

The Spring **Consolidated** meeting on April 19 will probably attract a large gathering for one of Cleveland's former popular and zealous workers. Matt T. of Grand Rapids, **Mich.**, will be **the** speaker.

The **meeting** as indicated above will be in Moose Hall where plenty of **free** parking is available.

BROOKLYN

Speakers for April at Brooklyn are: 1—Bob C., Brooklyn (1st Anniversary) **8—David** L., Matt Talbot; **15—George** H., Brooklyn (1st anniversary); **22—Tom** E., Brooklyn (10th anniversary); **29—Billie** P., Westside Women.



CLEVELAND AREA GROUP MEETINGS

MONDAY

ADDISON—Westminster Church, Cor. Addison and Wade Park 8:10
 BORTON—E. Cleve. Congrega. Church Page and Euclid Avenue 8:30
 LAKE SHORE—St. Luke's Parish, Clifton and Bunts Rd. 9:10
 LAKEWOOD (Orchard Grove)—1417 St. Charles, nr. Detroit 8:30
 LAKEWOOD MEN'S—St Peter's Episcopal, W. Clifton and Detroit 8:30
 LEE MONDAY—First Presbyter. Church, East Cleveland, Nela and Euclid 8:30
 LORAIN AVE.—West Park Baptist Church, 15218 Lorain Ave. 8:30
 MARINE HOSPITAL—E. 124 & Fairhill 7:30
 MILES—St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 9721 Rosoma Boulevard 8:30
 PEARL—Corpus Christi Basement, 4202 Stickney (E. of Pearl Rd.) 8:30
 ROWDY ROW—Salvation Army Corps Hall, 2042 W. 26th St. 8:00
 SHAKER HEIGHTS—Christ Episcopal Church, 3451 Warrenville 8:30
 SOUTH EAST—7526 Broadway 8:30
 UNION—East View Cong. Church, Kinsman at E. 156th St. 9:00
 WEST 25th ST.—Marvel Hall, 2858 W. 25th St. 8:10
 WOMEN'S—Westside West Boulevard Christian Church, Madison and W. 101 8:45
 ELYRIA MEN—St. Agnes Church, Lake Road at Buck St., Elyria, O. 8:30
 SHELBY—Congregational Baptist Church, Jackson and Jefferson, Painesville 8:30
 VERMILLION, St. Mary's Church, Exchange St. 8:30
 WILLOUGHBY—Presbyterian Church, Willoughby, O. 8:30

TUESDAY

ARCADE—Central Y. M. C. A., East 22nd and Prospect Ave. 8:10
 CHARITY—Last Tuesday of each month Cafeteria 8:30
 CLARK—1917 Clark Ave. 8:30
 EAGLE TRAINING—Salvation Army, E. 9th and Eagle 8:00
 EDGLAKE—1417 St. Charles Ave. Dinner at 7:00 p. m., Meeting at 8:30
 EUCLID-WADE—Calvary Presbyterian Church, E. 79th and Euclid Ave. 9:00
 FAIRMOUNT—St. Paul's Episcopal, Fairmount and Coventry 8:30
 FAIRVIEW PARK—Fairview Grace Church, W. 224th and Lorain Ave. 8:30
 HILLCREST—St. Francis Church, Mayfield Rd., east of Rt. 91 9:00
 MILES-LEE—Mount Hope Church, E. 164th, north of Miles 8:30
 SMITH-WILSON—Nativity School, 9510 Aetna Road 8:30
 SUPERIOR—North Presbyterian Church, F. 40th and Superior 9:00
 TAPCO—Post 4, 23555 Euclid, 2nd shift 1:00
 TAPCO—Post 4, 23555 Euclid, 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 St. 8:30
 ASHTABULA COUNTY MEN - Room 4, Dorman Block, Conneaut, O. 8:30
 LORAIN, O.—Community Hall, 23rd and Beech St. 8:00
 MEDINA, O.—St. Paul's Epis. Par. Hse. 8:30
 PAINESVILLE, O.—Star, 33 N. State St. 8:30
 STRONGVILLE—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 Purl Rd. 8:30
 C. E. I.—Illuminating Co., Room 335—Rear Building 8:30
 COLLINWOOD—14709 St. Clair Ave. 8:30

DENISON MEN-7403 Denison Ave. (first, Wednesday, joint meeting) 8:30
 DOAN MEN'S—2028 E. 105th St., 2nd floor, 3rd 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
 LAKEWOOD WOMEN'S—United Presby. Church, 12601 Detroit Ave. 8:30
 LEE ROAD—First Eng. Lutheran, Derbyshire and Euclid Hts. Blvd. 8:30
 NORWOOD—St. Vitus School, 4193 Glass Ave. 8:30
 ST. JAMES—Ward's Convalescing Home, E. 71st and Cedar Arc. 8:15
 TAPCO—Post 4, 23555 Euclid, 1st shift 3:30
 TWENTY-FOUR HOUR—13216 Detroit, Church of the Ascension 8:30
 Training meeting 1st Wed. each month.
 WARRENSVILLE—Women's House Cor. 7:30
 WOMEN'S—East Side—Cleveland Unitarian Society, Euclid and E. 82nd St. 8:30
 WOMEN'S—Lorain County—St. Anthony's School Hall, E. Erie & Kansas (R2 or 6) 8:30
 BEDFORD, O.—Y.M.C.A., Tarbell Ave. 8:30
 ELYRIA, O.—St. Mary's Church, Middle and Fourth 8:30
 LORAIN, O.—ANTLERS—St. Mary's School, Reid Ave. 8:30

THURSDAY

ALAN-1820 East 79th St. 8:30
 ALLENDALE—St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 1583 7 Euclid Ave. 8:30
 ANGLE—St. Malachi's Church, 2549 Washington Ave. 8:30
 BROADWAY-SS th—Our Lady of Lourdes School Hall 8:30
 BROOKLYN, P.—United Presbyterian, Spokane and Pearl 9:00
 COVENTRY—Fairmount Presbyterian Chapel, Scarborough 8:30
 CRILE HOSPITAL—Library 8:00
 EDDY ROAD—Glenville Congregational Church, Eddy and St. Clair 8:30
 GLENVILLE—10421 St. Clair Ave. 8:30
 LORAIN AVE.—West Park Baptist Church, 15218 Lorain Ave. 8:30
 OUTHWAITE—Woodland Curter, 7700 Kingsman Ave. 8:30
 ROCKY RIVER—Rockport Methodist Church, 3310 Wooster Rd. 8:30
 WEST SIDE 7403 Denison Ave. 10:30 A.M.
 BERE, O.—Fine Arts Club, E. Bagley Rd., 3 doors east of Eastland 8:30
 EAST LAKE—Bethel Lutheran Church, 32400 Vine Street 8:30
 INDEPENDENCE, O.—St. John's Lutheran Hall, Second and Sunset 9:00
 PAINESVILLE, O.—33 N. State, 3rd fl. 8:30
 ST. ANTHONY—St. Anthony's School, Route 2 and 6, Lake Road, Lorain, O. 8:30

FRIDAY

ANSEL ROAD—St. Thomas Church, 9205 Superior Ave. 9:00
 BROADWAY-HARVARD—8437 Broadway 8:30
 CEDAR—Salvation Army, 5005 Euclid 8:15
 GORDON SQUARE—St. Helena's Hall, 1367 W. 65th St. 8:30
 LEE ROAD—St. Philomena's Church, Instruction Hall, 13824 Euclid 9:00
 NORTHEAST—2028 E. 105th St. 8:30
 WESTSIDE YOUNG PEOPLE—St. Luke's Hall, Bunts and Clifton 9:00
 AMHERST—St. Peter's Ev. & Ref. Church, Church St., North Amherst, O. 9:00
 AVON LAKE—Congregational Church, Lake Road, Stop 554 8:30
 BERE, O.—Social room of Berea Cas. 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. H. a 11 8:30
 EUCLID, O.—Holy Cross Church, E. 200th and Lake Shore Blvd. 8:30
 MENTOR, O.—Mentor Methodist Church 8:30

OBERLIN, O.—American Legion Home, S. Main and Hamilton 8:30
 WICKLIFFE MEN—Lady of Mt. Carmel Hall, Wickliffe, O. 8:00

SATURDAY

BROADWAY-CADLE—St. John's Lutheran Church, Cable at Broadway 8:30
 CATHEDRAL—(Stag) St. John's Cathedral, E. 9th and Superior 8:30
 GLENVILLE—10421 St. Clair Ave. 9:00
 HILL IARD—Central Y. M. C. A., E. 22nd and Prospect Ave. 9:00
 LAKEWOOD—Sat. Nite—Redeemer Hall, Andrews, near Detroit 8:30
 LEAGUE PARK—St. Agnes School Hall, East 79th and Euclid Ave. 8:30
 MATT TALBOT—St. Philip Neri Church, E. 82nd and St. Clair 8:30
 MEMPHIS—Church of Good Shepherd, 8235 Memphis Ave. 9:00
 PARMA—Public Library, 5850 Ridge Rd. 8:30
 REDWOOD—Euclid Lutheran Church, E. 260th and Oriole 8:30
 TRINITY—Trinity Evangelical Church, 3525 W. 25th St. 8:30
 VALLEY VIEW—Community Curter, West 7th and Starkweather 8:30
 8005 GROUP-8005 Lorain Ave. 8:30
 ASHTABULA, O.—K. of P. Hall, Elm Av. 8:30
 ELYRIA, O.—St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Middle and Third 8:30
 SOLON, O.—St. Rita's Church basement 9:00

SUNDAY

BEGINNER TRAINING—Brooklyn Area Community Hall, W. 61rd off Memphis 2:30
 C. A. C. DISCUSSION—C. A. C. clubrooms, 7809 Euclid Avenue 10:45 A.M.
 COLLINWOOD—14709 St. Clair Ave. 7:30
 DETROIT—Mixed 4023 Detroit Ave. 8:00
 LAKEVIEW—CYO Hall, St. Aloysius Church, E. 109th and St. Clair 8:30
 MARYMOUNT—2nd Sun. in month, Cafeteria, McCracken and Henry 2:30
 NEWBURGH—St. Catherine's Church, 3443 E. 93rd St. 8:30
 OAKWOOD—Alcoholic Annex, 8909 Detroit Ave. 11:00 A.M.
 OUTHWAITE—7100 Kingsman Ave. 4:00
 STRONGVILLE—Royal Haven Farm, Royalton Road, Strongsville, O. 3:00
 WARRENSVILLE—Cooley Farms Recreation Room 10:00 A. M.
 GENEVA, O.—Ledon Hall, Park St., corner of Sr. Eagle 7:30
 LIST OF COOPERATING AA HOSPITALS
 Alcoholic Abstinence Nursing Home (MW) Melrose 1 - 1 6 3 5 - 8023 Detroit Ave
 Alcoholic Annex—Oakwood Sanitarium (MW) AT. 1-0346 8909 Detroit Ave.
 Cleveland Alcoholic Clinic (MW) Express 1-8998 7809 Euclid Ave.
 Elmwood Sanitarium (M) Kenmore 1-2299 17322 Euclid An.
 Ferguson's (Tuxedo S-1882) (M) 6037 Pearl
 MacGillis Nursing Home (MW) RA 1-2556 1560 Mistletoe Dr. at Wade Pk
 Marymount Hospital (MW) VU 1-0500 12300 McCracken Rd.
 Pathway (Tyler 1-6698) (MW) 1635 E. 91rd
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 St. John's Hospital (M) Woodbine 1-5750 7911 Detroit Ave
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 1st TUESDAY EVERY MONTH
 CENTRAL COMMITTEE—Hanna Building, Room 370 8:30
 3rd TUESDAY EVERY MONTH
 HOSPITAL COMMITTEE—Hanna Building, Room 370 8:30
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LAKEWOOD-ORCHARD GROVE

Speakers for April at Orchard Grove are: April 6—Ray K., Lakewood 24 Hour; April 13—Ed B., Gordon Square; April 20—Johnny G., Angle; April 27—Earl S., Lake Shore.

SMITH-WILSON

Tony K. of Smith-Wilson observed his ninth anniversary of uninterrupted sobriety on March 3. The group provided the regulation cake and inimitable luscious hot dogs for which the group is famous.

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USE THE KEY

In attaining **sobriety** we came into possession of a great key. It carries more honor than the traditional key to the city. It is more **valuable** than any **golden** key.

This key is the **means** of unlocking a fuller and richer life. It is the **secret** to man's relation to a **Higher Power**. Yet most of us **have** not used this key to even a fraction of its potentialities.

When we stumbled about in the darkness of **drunkenness** we had no key. **Often** we did not have a key to our own front doors. We were drifters in the universe. We had no moorings and we had no goal. In the shadowy world made by alcohol we created an imaginary realm to fit our own insufficiency and further **deluded ourselves** by ***believing** it real.

Through those who cared for us a key was **placed** in our hands. If we used it the world of nightmare would be left behind and we would find ourselves in a **different** realm. All that was **required** was an admission that we were helpless; an acknowledgment that a Higher Power existed that could and would help us to find a way out. **We made** that admission and that acknowledgment and sobriety resulted.

For too many of us **our use** of the key stopped **there**. Has it not occurred to us that a Power that can effect such a transformation in **one** aspect of our lives can also bring **changes** in **other** aspects? To all alcoholics this should be a rhetorical question, one whose **asking** poses its own self-evident answer. Most of us apparently **never stopped** to think **about** it.

Could the **reason** for this neglect be a lack of confidence in the ability of that key? There should be no misgivings or doubts on this point. The latent **powers** that the **Higher Power** has **placed** within the grasp of man are without limit. There is a realm of Possibilities Unlimited if we wish to enter.

For **example**, most of us are right **handed** and therefore have **developed** only the **left** lobe of the brain. Right handers **can** be trained to write with their left hand and develop the right lobe of the brain. And it is found that many other skills than writing **evolve** as a **result** of widening this one **field**.

This is a material illustration, but it is also **mental**. And who is to say where the material **ends** and the **mental** and the **spiritual** **begins**? **Science** is finding that they often **overlap**. For years in the last few **generations** **there** was a famous controversy between science and religion. There **was no** need for it except **man's** lack of knowledge and understanding. They are, many people hold today, parts of the **same** great **force**.

Recently Gerald Heard, the noted British philosopher, theologian and scientist, who has lived for many years in America, made a startling statement. The British scientists who **have** been devoting their lives to the study of hormones and genes, the little items in our bodies that make them tick and develop, have **come** to the conclusion that the force behind them is not a blind, mechanical force, but a force for good and improvement.

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LOOSEN UP

Baseball **season** is upon us and the sportswriters are trying to **defend** their **spring** training predictions by explaining that **Joe Doaks**, the promising **rookie** who was the **sensation** of the practice sessions had tightened up, but would be all that was predicted of him as soon as **he** rid himself of his tension.

Try ridding **yourself** of tension when you're tense! "Try to stop worrying," your friends tell you, when you're up to your neck **with** problems. You hate to bother **anyone** with a **recital** of your woes because no one would understand nor could **help**. **Besides**, they probably had their own problems too and might start to **reel them** off to you and **further depress** you. Naw, better shut up and try to figure it out for yourself.

Many of us **get** into such a dither **every once** in awhile, particularly if we are lax in AA activity. It happens more often in the early stages of a man's adjustment to the AA way of life. Problems that were carelessly shunted aside when alcohol **deadened** the sensitivity toward assuming responsibilities, loom large and impossible to fathom for the **sober re-builder**. It's **alright** for the advisers to say "Easy does it," but-

We believe it is characteristic of most alcoholics that **when** they finally **make up** their mind to really live the program they go **whole-hog—typical extremists—and overnight** want to clean up the **mess** they've made of their affairs. They **meet** with rebuffs, and again being typical, crawl into their **shell** to lick their wounds. Too **often** they don't **emerge** again and see the as they view the **success** of **others**, hear speakers **de-**

scribe the glorious peace of mind **which** they're enjoying, and develop a hatred for the way of **life** which they'd **been** "sold."

They wander past their old haunts, **hear** the ribald laughter from care-free **throats** emanating from the bistros and begin to yearn for the companionship which will **free** them from their plagues. Reasoning, "you only **live once**," they sometimes **enter** the joint—"just to **re-lax**." Famous last words.

We **agree** that it is difficult for alcoholic addicts who have run their lives as they saw fit, disregarding moral laws, to change completely and actually, daily, hourly turn their lives over to the care of God as they **understand** Him. But to attain that **serenity** and peace of mind so beautifully described, one must, must, must truly practice this step number three.

If your leg were cut off or you were suddenly blinded, you'd conceivably have a much **more** difficult time in adjusting **yourself** to God's will.

So relax-Loosen up. You've got a Mighty Power waiting for your **beckoning** to **take** over. Trust Him.

A **sober** reminder-If you keep your right eye cocked on yesterday and your left eye cocked on tomorrow, you're **likely** to be terrifically cockeyed today.

-Arizona Advocate

USE THE KEY

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This is a scientific way of saying that the Higher Power which helped us to sobriety has intelligence and direction and has constantly on tap forces for good if man will but use the key to release them.

There may be backslidings and eddies in the tide of human affairs, both for individuals, nations and civilizations, but if man uses the intelligence traditionally possessed by geese he can forge ahead to undreamed of heights. The alcoholic, already a practitioner and a beneficiary in one use of the key, should lead the van.

AN OLD WOMAN AND HER GOD

An old negress, crippled with arthritis, boarded the CTS bus painfully. She practically lunged toward a seat in the back of me with a friend supporting her. I didn't catch a glimpse of her face since I had been more concerned with her equilibrium on the jerking, fast-moving bus. But I listened when I heard her speak. Her voice was melodious, with only a slight Southern accent, but at the same time it was firm and determined.

"I am glad I found the way to the Cross," she commented. "Two weeks ago, I couldn't walk with this arthritis in my legs. Today, you see me." Just another Holy-Roller sermon, I thought-but I kept on listening. "I've developed a program," she went on, "and when my troubles are overwhelming, I work my program." Involuntarily, I leaned back in my seat to hear better, for "working the program" sounded familiar-reminded me of AA.

"I pray mostly kneeling, and when my knees get tired, I get up and go sit in a chair-and keep on praying. Good motives breed more good, I always say. Keep your motives good, and they sort of radiate around you. I don't think of myself as wearing wings, because that would be silly, but I keep telling my heart and my mind to feel good toward another person-to think good."

As the voice continued on, I no longer saw the traffic signals flashing, buildings dull and dirty in the early morning sunlight or other people jamming onto the bus.

"I bank in the Lord. Every day is payday for me because I make a deposit with Him. Course, I get impatient sometimes but then I always remind myself, when the Lord doesn't hurry, he's just actin' like God!

"Another thing, keep your biggest trouble with you and you will grow away from it. I don't want to leave that trouble until I feel that through prayer it's grown away from me, just like a child growing up big enough and strong to face the world itself."

My stop was next. I stood at the door waiting and I snatched a glimpse of the big, black face under the square black hat. There was squareness too in the jaw and plenty of wrinkles all over, but the eyes-the eyes were luminous and expressive for all their darkness. They looked upon that morning's drab world with a courage implicit with faith.

ALCOLA PROTESTS

The Westside Alcola group was erroneously reported closed up according to the Cleveland Plain Dealer and Cleveland Press. The club was first falsely charged with serving liquor, then beer, then gambling and finally as a fire hazard. Darby W. informs us that they're still functioning, however. Like Mark Twain, "the death was grossly exaggerated."

GROUP CHANGES

A new group, titled the Hillcrest group, holds its meetings in St. Francis' Church, Mayfield Road, east of route 91 in Solon. They meet on Tuesday evenings at 9. Dr. N. L. S. is secretary.

The Elyria group now meets in St. Mary's Church, corner Middle and Fourth Streets, Elyria, O., same night and time—Wednesday, 8:30 p. m. The secretary is Corbett P.

The Strongsville group meets at Royal Haven Farm, Rogalton Road, Strongsville, O., Sundays at 3 p. m. C. L. C. is secretary.

The Charity Hospital meetings are now held in the cafeteria.

DREARY MORALS

"If your morals make you dreary," wrote Robert Louis Stevenson, "depend upon it they are wrong."

Stevenson, truly devout, saw clearly what but few men dimly sense. The hair shirt, self flogging and personal degradation were once symbolic of man's attained conception of Christian virtue. Man was a victim of a cruel and vengeful God whose stern moral code he grudgingly accepted.

Goodness mean sacrifice. One must be miserable. Levity and lightness were certain evidence of wickedness. No man could be truly righteous unless he looked like a dark thundercloud just off Jove's brow. The story of Abraham and Isaac set the credo for this harsh philosophy and it is no mere accident that the sacrificial lamb is so securely interwoven into Christian concepts. A man had to hurt to be good.

Most folks in AA, thank Heaven, are no longer moved by such depressing doctrines. They know that a man who is truly good is bound to be happy. They have peace of mind which, as has been truly said, is "Nothing more than ease of conscience." As they improve their conscious contact with God, they realize His works are harmonious and that happiness and harmony are really one and the same thing. This is the positive law of nature.

The negative is discord and unhappiness which is the antithesis of every law of the universe and certainly cannot have the approval of any higher power.

Nevertheless and despite these evident truths, some of us insist upon our dreary morality. We will not shed our hair shirts. We recite with monotonous repetition every iota of our ills and woes. We nurse them and dwell upon them until the patience of our friends who also have troubles but keep quiet about them, is worn threadbare. These woebegone souls are the martyrs of sobriety. Decency has laid a cruel cross upon their shoulders and they are very sad.

Then there is the alcoholic gadfly. He is God's conscience. He has set a stiff standard which every one must accept and follow—everyone except himself—in order to be a true member of the fellowship. He literally drools when he learns that some other member has departed from these established rules of conduct. Woe be unto him who has transgressed this self appointed code. The gadfly's dove shuttles from Heaven like the bobbin on an old fashioned sewing machine proclaiming "This is my beloved Me in whom I am well pleased!"

There is also the type whom we might call the alcoholic mosquito. The mosquito, as we know, thrives in stagnant pools. He carries from such the dreadful diseases of Malaria and Yellow Fever which his venomous stinger injects into the blood stream of the hapless victim. Once this poison enters the system it is doubtful if it is ever completely removed. The victim may think himself cured only to suffer a relapse at any unexpected moment. The mosquito AA thrives in stagnant pools of malicious gossip. His sharp and reckless tongue is the stinger which injects the poison into the soul stream of the unsuspecting AA willing to listen. Once the poison is implanted the victim may never recover. There is no hope for this AA plague except a wholesome spray of God's DDT, kerosene or crude oil-and the cruder the better.

It would seem then, that the answer to dreariness is a hearty acceptance of God's judgments—not as sad faced martyrs but as happy celebrants who have found victory through submission. That being done we will have little time or occasion for self pity, for soothing our own insufficiency by pointing to the mistakes of others or for spreading evil tales.

We will find-ourselves fully occupied in living our own lives in grateful acknowledgment of God's continuing and everlasting love and in trying to carry the message to others. In this, our morality can never become dreary.

-Anonymous

FARQUHARSON'S CHANGES SUPERVISION

Due to Sophie Farquharson's serious illness which will incapacitate her for some time, the nursing home bearing her name will be under the supervision of Dr. John Hindulak until further notice.

BIG BROTHERS WANTED

One of the reasons the Bulletin is late this month is that we were in Columbus, Ohio on our normal writing day, April 18th, visiting with officials in charge of the AA Fellowship in the Ohio Penitentiary. The meetings have been resumed and are well attended by prisoners carefully screened. Only those whose crime held an alcoholic incident can become members of the Fellowship.

The problem which faces those in charge is how the man can be assimilated in society after having paid his debt to it. Will he find a welcome in AA? Will the AA members ostracize him when they learn he's an ex-convict? Should he stand on his AA traditional rights and barge in?

According to the officials we talked to, most returnees lose much of the effectiveness of the Fellowship program by a recognizable hesitancy in "barging in" on established groups. They have their pride with their humility and are understandably sensitive and fear being slapped down. These often slip back into old haunts.

Those of us who were guilty at least in thought, if not in act, of the very things these men were caught and punished for should be willing to give these men the chance we would hope for were our positions reversed.

Who will volunteer to do the one simple thing they ask? All they ask is that when a man is released, an AA member will call on him and take him to one meeting. The big brother can go further if he will and follow through until the man is completely adjusted to civilian life.

We will welcome volunteers. Please write to Editor, Central Bulletin, Box 6712, Cleveland, Ohio, giving your name, address and telephone number. About 100 big brothers are needed in the Cleveland area. We will welcome volunteers from other Ohio cities as well and will pass them on to Henry R., in Columbus.

Remember—"But by the grace of God, there go I."

HOSPITAL FOR ALCOHOLICS

One of the first hospitals to accept alcoholics in Cleveland was the East Cleveland Clinic and many of our old timers received their introduction to AA there. It was closed to alcoholics several years ago and since has undergone major changes as well as name. It now operates under the name of Forest Hill Clinic. It is located at 13240 Euclid Ave., with Drs. Arena and Hampton in charge.

Their terms are \$100.00 cash for the five day treatment. With hospitalization card, the fee is \$25.00.

Visiting hours are from 2 to 4 and 6 to 9 p. m. The restrictions on visiting hours are to permit the patient more rest and time to think. Some of our members were critical of this action, but sober thinking brought agreement that it was a good move.

DOAN DATA

Beginning with April 22, when Kenny K. and Chester C. jointly observed their eleventh anniversary of uninterupted sobriety, Doan Men's group will book old-timers. Their schedule is already completed for May and many reunions will be enjoyed.

GLENVILLE

Speakers for Glenville in May will be: 2—Mary D., Lake Shore; O—Thomas D., Glenville (his 10th anniversary); 16—Harry McG., Norwood; 23—Frank H. C., Coventry; 30—Ted R., Valley View.

ROLLIE HERE MAY 20

The second annual Inter-group Dinner sponsored by the AA District Office will be held on Wednesday, May 20th, in the Rainbow Room of Hotel Carter at 7:30 p. m.

Speaker will be Rollie H., former catcher of the Cleveland Indians. The newspaper releases of Rollie embracing AA flooded the country sport pages and these stories did much to help AA grow in the past fourteen years.

Tickets at \$3.75 per plate can still be secured at the AA District Office.

WOMEN ONLY

Women only will be privileged to hear Velma G., of Toronto, Canada when she addresses the Women's Consolidated Meeting, sponsored by the Eastside Women's group on Wednesday, May 6, at 8:30 p. m., sharp, in the Unitarian Church, Euclid and E. 82nd St.

BROOKLYN ANNIVERSARY

Rev. Floyd Faust of Columbus, Ohio will be the speaker at the observation of Brooklyn's thirteenth anniversary in Trinity Evangelical and Reformed Church, 3525 W. 25th St., Friday evening, May 8 at 8:30.

Rev. Faust has been a vital supporter of the AA Fellowship. He was greatly responsible for the development of the program in the Columbus area, though he himself is not an alcoholic.

An organ recital will precede the meeting with the doors of the church opening at 8:00 p. m.

Refreshments will be served after the meeting in the Social Room.

ORCHARD GROVE

Speakers for Orchard Grove in May will be: 4—Stan McG., C. E. I.; 11—"Obie" O'B., Rocky River; 18—Harry H., Rocky River; 25—Katherine K., Oakwood.

BOWLING

The Lorain Yanks finally managed to catch the Benhoff Bodies on the last night of bowling. After leading the league for the entire season, the Bodymen were beaten three to one by one of the lesser teams when a 150 average bowler went berserk with three games over 200. The Yanks in the meantime made three points and gained the tie. Accordingly these two teams will meet this week to decide the championship.

In the 9:30 shift, Orchard Grove are champions.

MEMPHIS

Speakers for Memphis in May will be: 2—Al S., Orchard Grove; 9—Dick B., Memphis; 16—Herb J., Independence; 23—Rollie F., Memphis; 30—Jim R., Memphis.

Doctor: "The best thing for you to do is to give up drinking and smoking, get up early every morning and go to bed early every night."

Patient: "Somchow, doctor. I don't deserve the best. What's the second best?"

Lawyer: "Well, if you want my honest opinion—"
Client: No, no. I want your professional advice."



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A GREAT WORK BEGUN

Part of that **humbleness** which is **one** of the Twelve Steps entails putting yourself in the **other** fellow's place and **honestly** trying to understand his lot in life.

This is not easy to do. **But many** members of Alcoholics Anonymous have **been** doing it in **one** of the most difficult fields, that of helping the convict who has **served** his time, or is on parole, to rehabilitate himself in society.

There are many men in penal institutions who are there because of alcohol. Something happened in the blackout. Consciousness **brought** the shattering realization that **he** was charged with a crime.

Who is there among us who has not escaped such a fate **by** the narrowest margin? If **the** thought is **father** to **the** act, who among us has not entertained criminal thoughts **when** under the influence of liquor and escaped carrying them out by the merest fluke?

It follows, then, that **members** of AA are the last **people** entitled to jump on a moral pedestal and look down upon anyone because he has "a criminal **record.**" How about our **own** "criminal records" in thought?

The starting of AA chapters in penitentiaries and reformatories is one of **the** finest therapeutic steps that has been **taken** in a long time. It is a direct way of getting at the basis of many cases, at least **those** which are **the** result of alcoholism.

Sometimes the statement is **made** that many inmates of penal institutions who may have **been** drinkers, but **whose** faults **were** not the result of alcoholism, flock to AA as a means of **getting** preferred consideration and getting out.

Perhaps this is **true** in some instances. It would be foolish, because it would **be** untrue, to maintain that there are no fakers. Fakers are found in everything. Their **presence** is no reason, however, for abandoning a work that already has paid off in the highest dividends. **Sooner**, rather than later, **the** frauds expose themselves.

Those who are sincere deserve our help. They are just as entitled to it as the next alcoholic who escaped a similar fate through no **mental** agility or **innate** goodness on his part. This category **embraces** most of us.

Every aid should be **given** these alcoholics to find a new place in normal life. We should **remember** that yesterday is dead and cannot be recalled. Today starts a new life for every **one** of us whatever our past records may be or **however** irregular our careers.

AU of us should encourage, and where possible work in this field. And if we have any compunctions or **reservations** we might remember that all great religions have found the basis of their strength among the lowly and the outcasts of society among whom we, **but** for **the** grace of a Higher Power, still would **be** numbered.

A long time ago a great faith started among the "publicans and the sinners." It was not concerned **with** those who wore mighty and always did the right thing, **preening** themselves on their superiority. This should not be lost sight of, for humility is one of the **tenets** of our sobriety as is the helping of all alcoholics whoever and whatever **they** may be.

SKID ROW

Disguised as a resident of Skid Row, a reporter from the Cleveland News has graphically **depicted** the sordid and distressing life of the hopeless, helpless and degraded inhabitants of that **sector** of Cleveland to which most of us **seemed** headed and to which some of us landed.

While some of **the** experiences he described appeared to us to be a bit exaggerated, in the main the reporter has succeeded in picturing the hapless life of the **bum** as exists day by day in Cleveland and undoubtedly in every large city.

What **effect** do **these** articles have on you? What effect do **they** have on **people** who have a drinking **problem** but still have a job, a family and a home? What effect do they **have** on normal people, **people** who rarely drink?

We venture to say that most of the people in these three categories will shrug their shoulders, shake their heads, and **if** they say anything at all, will admit it's too bad and **state** that somebody should do something about it-but **THEY'LL**, do nothing.

Some will argue that these bums deserve their lot-that they brought it upon themselves. If they'd stop drinking, use their **will** power, **get** a job, do useful work., **they** could rise above their surroundings.

Some will insist that they be put away in jail or the workhouse and **kept** there, out of **sight—out of** THEIR sight, because it offends them. Let George do it. They can't afford **to** help them.

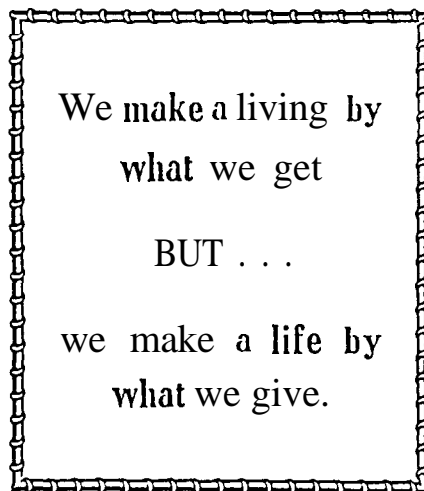
We had occasion to sit in the municipal drunk's court last week and we watched the parade of probably fifty or **more** who faced the judge after a night in the bullpen. We marvelled **at** the understanding of Judge Cassidy, who had to make proper decisions on the various types who faced him. When we heard the line they handed to the judge in their own defense we had **difficulty** in controlling our laughter, for a **mind** befuddled with alcohol can conjure up the most fantastic excuses and illogical reasons imaginable. To the drunk, **they** were brilliantly logical.

In the **line-up** were the habituals-the repeaters with a record of **twenty**, thirty and more trips to **the** workhouse. One had just **returned** from the workhouse **the** day before and within an hour was back in jail again. This one swore that if **the** judge would only release him this time he wouldn't take a single drink. The judge reminded him that that **was** the very thing he had promised several times before. "**This** time I mean it!" He got thirty days.

Most all of these derelicts are seeking escape. They return to **their** same surroundings and to the same acquaintances or relatives and to the same habit pattern. "**This** time they won't drink **so** much!" It's impossible for **them** to **believe** that **even** one drink loosens the floodgates and that all controls are gone.

We remember hearing someone say that he drank **heavily** to forget, but that **he** was unfortunate in having such a **fine** memory.

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THE TIES THAT BIND

Some of us progress but a little way along the road before we appear to mark time. We seem to be content or lulled into a feeling of false security by our new found sobriety. But the answer to our problem is much more than mere abstinence. It is a way of life, an attitude, and an inner condition. It calls for eternal vigilance and obedience to the principles of that way of life. Those of us who believe we can remain passive or indifferent have reached a critical point, and run the danger of losing by default the little we have gained. Even at this point, whether we realize it or not, we are engaged in false thinking—we are taking too much for granted. We are slipping back all too soon into an old alcoholic habit of drifting and dreaming of wishful thinking—of token adherence. It is high time we fully appreciated right here and now that we shall not receive without giving—to prosper and progress without playing our full part, to inherit without deserving. Rather, let us be thankful that we have come this far and be grateful for our new found freedom. Let us keep ever in mind that the things we strive for most can slip away from us by our own indifference; unless we are held fast by the ties that bind.—Lifeline, Vancouver, B. C.

STICKS AND STONES

If I were to try to read, much less answer all the attacks made on me, this shop might as well be closed for any other business.

I do the best I know how—the very best I can and I mean to keep doing so until the end.

If the end brings me out alright, what is said against me won't amount to anything.

If the end brings me out wrong, ten angels swearing I was right would make no difference.

—Abraham Lincoln.

CAMP OUENDAKE

We have received circulars from our good friend Stevie of Camp Oucndake (pronounced "Wendakee"), Georgian Bay, Canada indicating that he and his wife are ready to welcome members of AA and their adult families to their new lodge. Many Clevelanders (including us) thoroughly enjoyed every hour spent with them and other alcoholics.

The new camp is also located on an island in Maccy's Bay, Honey Harbour. All the necessary comforts are provided at an astonishingly low rate. Married couples as well as single persons will be made welcome. The friendly atmosphere assures one freedom of rowdyism for about the only "law" prevailing there is living the AA way of life. Absolutely no alcoholic beverages are tolerated. The rates per person, which include meals, are \$7.00 per day per person. Boats are available at \$1.00 per day.

There is no regimentation. Guests are free to come and go as they please. Dress is informal. One necessary item which you should include in your kit is rubber-soled footwear for the terrain is quite rocky.

The camp is open from June 15 to October 1. Reservations should be made to Camp Ouendake, 353 Manley St., Midland, Ontario, or by phoning Stevie at Midland 87G.

You won't regret going there.

CLOSED FOR SUMMER

Because the Training Meetings, conducted for twenty weeks, have been very poorly attended during the past month, and recognizing that summer vacations and other summer activities would be stronger magnets, the committee has decided to discontinue the meetings until further notice.

In our opinion it is regrettable, for these meetings have been most informative and educational. Many of our best minds, members of AA with long records of sustained sobriety, have revealed and shared their "secrets" of success. It is to be regretted that the committee did not think of recording each presentation, for they revealed careful preparation and dedicated thought.

Those that were fortunate enough to attend every session (there were several) expressed deep regret that the interest of others wasn't more pronounced. They have demanded a resumption of the sessions in September at the latest.

SKID ROW

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Anyone, even you and I, can descend to Skid Row. There are many well educated people bogged down in its mire. Their families and friends finally gave up on them. They could rise out of their surroundings as others have before them if they rid themselves of the obsession that they can't live without the right to drink plus the resentments which they harbor against society which placed them there.

Yes, they never blame themselves. They blame society. They need our prayers and our counsel. If one of us can pull just one out and restore him to useful life, we will have only partially repaid our debt to God for restoring us to acceptable society once more. It means effort and patience and understanding. You can give it.

You must want to.

NOTICE TO MIGRATING SUBSCRIBERS

When you move to that much nicer place to live in be sure to notify the Bulletin. The postoffice does not forward third class matter even if you have given your postman your change of address. We have tried sending the Bulletin first class when we receive "returns," but rarely receive any reply to our plea for the new address.

So if you move and then do not receive your Bulletin that indicates that it has been returned to us with a little hand pointing to a rubber stamp saying "moved." A postcard addressed to Central Bulletin, 1104 Prospect Avenue, or P. O. Box 6712 will reach us and we will make the change swiftly.

HOSPITAL RATES

Because of rising costs in hospitalization, the rates in the regular hospitals have been increased. The rates of most of the nursing homes remain the same, though several have increased their rates.

Because the rates published by the Hospital Committee need qualifying because of their disparity, the committee has sent to each secretary a list together with a reason for the disparity. In the main, the patient gets what he pays for.

ENTERTAINERS WANTED

During the past several years an enterprising group of AA members have banded together to provide fun and entertainment for various groups on special occasions. The demand for their services has been great and now they would like to give others with talent an opportunity to display it.

Anyone wishing to share his or her talents will be given that opportunity if he will call SW. 1-8889.

LUKE ROBERTSON

Many of his former friends will be shocked to hear of the sudden death of Luke Robertson, former secretary of the Coventry group. Luke suffered a heart attack on May 4, 1953.

We join them in offering our sincere condolences.

EXCERPTS FROM TALKS

No matter what joys you get out of life, if at the expense of self respect, it's not worth it.

Most Christians reach up to God with both hands and hang on. Those flirting with AA and holding it in contempt hang on with one hand while extending the other.

All we are supposed to do in AA is to live up to the established standards. We should never do anything to detract from them.

"I am not afraid of tomorrow, for I have seen yesterday, and I love today."—William Allen White.

Better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak out and remove all doubt. A be Lincoln.

ROLLIE HITS HOMER

Close to seven hundred happy faces greeted "Rollicking Rollie" H. at the second annual Dinner of the Cleveland AA District Office at Hotel Carter, Wednesday, May 20.

Rollie described some of his wild escapades, some of which had been published in the sports columns of newspapers throughout the country and some new to most listeners. He won the hearts of his audience, particularly with his tribute to his sponsor who was in the audience who rose at Rollie's insistence to receive a rousing round of applause. While not reputed to be a home-run hitter as a baseball player, he certainly hit a homer at the banquet table.

Other speakers were Abbie G., who graphically pictured the early struggles of the first group in Cleveland, which was flooded with calls for help when Rollie's story crashed the sports pages, and Crawford W., who gave a short, factual and humorous report on the Office's functions.

A very professional job was done by Ed H., member of the Shaker group and chairman of the Office Advisory Committee, in the role of master of ceremonies.

There were many out-of-town visitors.

LORAIN YANKS CHAMPS

In the roll-off for the championship of their league, the Lorain Yanks, champions for the preceding three years, outpointed the Benhoff Bodies. The Bodies won the first two games handily and though they had a cushion of over 100 points, they were swamped in the third game, being beaten by several hundred pins. Congratulations to the champs, sympathies to the would-be

Norman R. was the high individual average leader with 182 in the 730 shift and Bob W. led the 9:30 shift with a snappy, professional 188.

Bob W., incidentally is the new secretary of the two leagues, having been elected unanimously to succeed Bill R., who with his wife functioned most efficiently and unselfishly for the past many years. Bob probably will call upon some of his amazing ten children to assist him.

The bowlers' banquet, attended by over 200 people, was held at Colonial Gardens, Pearl Road on Sunday, May 17.

TRINITY EVENTS

Speakers for Trinity in June will be: 6—Tom C., W. 25th; 13—Wm. McG., St. Thomas; 20—Railroaders Panel. with Ray N. as moderator; 27—Tom V., Willoughby.

OUTHWAITE ANNIVERSARY

Outhwaite will celebrate its seventh anniversary on Sunday, June 14 at 4 p. m. at 7100 Kinsman Ave.

This group has done a remarkable job among the colored people and has maintained the highest standards in keeping with the AA traditions. From a small handful it has grown to become a highly successful group of active, enthusiastic workers who have sponsored an astonishing number of other similar successful groups in Cleveland and other cities.

The speaker will be E. R. R. of Chicago. Everyone is welcome.

ORCHARD GROVE

Speakers for June at Orchard Grove are: 1—Harry H., Rocky River; 8—Tom T., Lorain Thursday; 15—Sylvia M., Westside Women; 22—Doc Chauncey H., Berca; 29—Mary W., Lorain, 0.

PAINESVILLE ELECTS

The Painesville group's new secretary is Mrs. Ruby H., whose address is 103 Sterling Ave., Painesville, O. Change your records.

COLLINWOOD

Speakers scheduled for June on Wednesday at 8:30 p. m. are: 3—John T., Doan Men; 10—Paul V., Euclid-Wade; 17—Olen T., Doan Men; 24—Bill F., Solon.

For the Sunday meetings held at 7:30 are: 7—Loane R., Arcade; 14—Leonard McC., Euclid-Wade; 21—Leo M., Edgelake; 28—"Chick" H., East Liverpool, 0.

DOAN DATA

Calling on old-timers to lead their meetings caused the attendance to grow and saw the return of people not seen on the premises in months and in years. Very gratifying.

Ten year member "Kelly" F. returned from a vacation junket to Tennessee with a nightmare of a story. With his AA brother, they visited a sick uncle. On their way back their car unaccountably went out of control and was completely demolished. Police investigating the accident took one look at Kelly's face which never regained its original beauty after years of dissipation and promptly arrested him for driving while intoxicated. The judge also looked at Kelly's face, ignored Kelly's claims of absolute sobriety and membership in AA for 10 years, and convicted him for driving while intoxicated. Kelly can't believe it yet.

NEW GROUP — NEW IDEA

The Hilltop group is the newest addition to Cleveland's group activity and bids fair to be an important one. It was organized by members of the Redwood, Allendale and Collinwood groups. The secretary is John D.

Their procedure is to have a very short talk on some phase of the AA program, followed by questions from the floor. They believe that audience participation will increase the interest.

Their first meeting was held on May 12. They meet on Tuesdays at 8:45 sharp in the chapel of St. Joseph's Seminary at 17608 Euclid Ave. in beautiful surroundings.

BROOKLYN

Brooklyn's thirteenth anniversary observance was well attended and the audience was well rewarded with an outstanding down-to-earth talk by Rev. Floyd Faust of Columbus.

Speakers for June will be: 3—Walter B. McK. of Akron, an ex-minister; 10—Jerry M. of Doan; 17—Katherine D. of Brooklyn, observing her second anniversary; 24—Jack K., Orchard Grove.

BIG BROTHERS

Our plea for Big Brothers who would stand ready to take one of the graduates from the AA Fellowship in Ohio's several houses of correction to a meeting was met with a gratifying response. Additional names are being sought, particularly in the suburban areas.

We are certain that those brothers with big hearts will be gratified with the results. One little lift will do much to get the newcomer established.



CLEVELAND AREA GROUP MEETINGS

MONDAY

ADDISON—Westminster Church, Cor. Addison and Wade Park 8:30
BORTON—E. Cleve. Congrega. Church Page and Euclid Avenue 8:30
LAKE SHORE—St. Luke's Parish, Clifton and Bunts Rd. 8:30
LAKEWOOD (Orchard Grove)—1417 St. Charles, Br. Detroit 8:30
LAKEWOOD MEN'S—St. Peter's Episcopal, W. Clifton and Detroit 8:30
LEE MONDAY—First Presbyter. Church, East Cleveland, Nela and Euclid 8:30
LORAIN AVE.—West Park Baptist Church, 15218 Lorain Ave. 8:30
MARINE HOSPITAL—E. 124 & Fairhill 7:30
MILES—St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 9721 Romona Boulevard 8:30
PEARL—Corpus Christi Basement, 4202 Steiner (E. of Pearl Rd.) 8:30
ROWDY ROW—Salvation Army Corps Hall, 2042 W. 26th St. 8:00
SHAKER HEIGHTS—Christ Episcopal Church, 3451 Warrensville 8:30
SOUTH EAST—7526 Broadway 8:30
UNION—East View Cong. Church, Kinaman at E. 156th St. 9:00
WEST 25th ST.—Marvel Hall, 2888 W. 25th St. 8:30
WOMEN'S—Westside—West Boulevard Christian Church, Madison and W. 101 8:45
ELYRIA MEN—St. Agnes Church, Lake Road at Bath St., Elyria, O. 8:30
SHELBY—Congregational Baptist Church, Jackson and Jefferson, Painesville 8:30
VERMILLION, St. Mary's Church, Exchange St. 8:30
WILLOUGHBY—Presbyterian Church, Willoughby, O. 8:30

TUESDAY

ARCADE—Central Y. M. C. A., East 22nd and Prospect Ave. 8:30
CHARITY—Last Tuesday of each month—Cafeteria 8:30
CLARK—1917 Clark Ave. 8:30
EAGLE TRAINING—Salvation Army, E. 9th and Eagle 8:00
EDGELAKE—1417 St. Charles Ave. Dinner at 7:00 p.m. Meeting at 8:30
EUCLID-WADE—Wary Presbyter. Church, E. 79th and Euclid Ave. 9:00
FAIRMOUNT—St. Paul's E & cowl. F & Mount and Coventry 8:30
FAIRVIEW PARK—Fairview Grace Church, W. 224th and Lorain Ave. 8:30
HILLCREST—St. Francis Church, Mayfield Rd., east of Kl 91 9:00
HILLTOP—St. Joseph's Seminary, 17608 Euclid Ave. 8:45
MILES-LEE—Mount Hope Church, E. 164th, north of Miles 8:30
SMITH-WILSON—Nativity School, 9510 Actna Road 8:30
SUPERIOR—North Presbyter. Church, S. 40th and Superior 9:00
TAPCO—Post 4, 23555 Euclid, 2nd shift 1:00
TAPCO—Post 4, 23555 Euclid, 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 St. 8:30
ASHTABULA COUNTY MEN—Room 4, Dorman Block, Conneaut, O. 8:30
LORAIN, O.—Community Hall, 23rd and Beech Sts. 8:00
MEDINA, O.—St. Paul's Epis. Par. Hse. 8:30
PAINESVILLE, O.—Stag, 33 N. State St. 8:30
STRONGSVILLE—St. Joseph's Church, 10,006 Purl Rd. 8:30

WEDNESDAY

ALCOLA—6409 Detroit Ave. 9:00
BAXTER AVE.—4527 Baxter Ave. 8:30
BROOKLYN—K. of P. Hall, 3316 Broadview, East of Pearl Rd. 8:30
C. E. I.—Illuminating Co., Room 335—Rear Building 8:30
COLLINWOOD—14709 St. Clair Ave. 8:30
DENISON MEN—7403 Denison Ave., (first Wednesday, joint meeting) 8:30

DOAN MEN'S—2028 E. 105th S t . . 2nd floor, side entrance 8:45
EAST SIDE MORNING—2028 E. 105th 10:00 A. M.
GARFIELD HEIGHTS—Trinity Baptist, E. 94th and Garfield Blvd. 8:30
LAKEWOOD WOMEN—United Presby. Church, 12601 Detroit Ave. 8:30
LEE ROAD—First Empl. Lutheran, Derbyshire and Euclid Hts. Blvd. 8:30
NORWOOD—St. Vitus School, 6105 Glass Ave. 8:30
ST. JAMES—Ward's Convalescing Home, E. 71st and Cedar Ave. 8:15
TAPCO—Post 4, 23555 Euclid, 1st shift 3:30
TWENTY-FOUR HOUR—13216 Detroit, Church of the Ascension, Training meeting 1st Wed. each month, WARRENSVILLE—Women's House Cor. 7:30
WOMEN'S—East Side—Cleveland Unitarian Society, Euclid and E. 82nd St. 8:30
WOMEN'S—Lorain County—St. Anthony's School Hall, E. Erie & Kansas (R. 2 of 6) 8:30
BEDFORD, O.—Y. M. C. A., Tarbell Ave. 8:30
ELYRIA, O.—St. Mary's Church, Middle and Fourth 8:30
LORAIN, O.—ANTLERS—St. Mary's School, Reid Ave. 8:30

THURSDAY

ALAN—1820 East 79th St. 8:30
ALLENDALE—St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 15837 Euclid Ave. 8:30
ANGLE—St. Malachi's C. Church, 2549 Washington Ave. 8:30
BROADWAY-55th—Our Lady of Lourdes School Hall 8:30
BROOKLYN Y. P.—United Presbyterian, Spokane and Pearl 9:00
COVENTRY—Fairmount Presbyterian Chapel, Scarborough 8:30
CRILE HOSPITAL—Library 8:00
EDDY ROAD—Glenville Congregational Church, Eddy and St. Clair 8:30
GLENVILLE—10421 St. Clair Ave. 8:30
LORAIN AVE.—West Park Baptist Church, 15218 Lorain Ave. 8:30
OUTHWAITE—Woodland Center, 7100 Kinaman Ave. 8:30
ROCKY RIVER—Rockport Methodist Church, 3310 Wooster Rd. 8:30
WEST SIDE—7403 Denison Ave. 10:30 A.M.
BEREA, O.—Fine Arts Club, E. Bagley Rd., 3 doors east of Eastland 8:30
EAST LAKE—Bethel Lutheran Church, 32400 Vine Street 8:30
INDEPENDENCE, O.—St. John's Lutheran Hall, Second and Sunset 9:00
PAINESVILLE, O.—N. State, 3rd fl. 8:30
ST. ANTHONY—St. Anthony's School, Route 2 and 6. Lake Road, Lorain, O. 8:30

FRIDAY

ANSEL ROAD—St. Thomas Church, 9205 Superior Ave. 9:00
BROADWAY-HARVARD—8437 Broadway 8:30
CEDAR-Salvation Army, 5005 Euclid 8:15
GORDON SQUARE—St. Helena's Hall, 1167 W. 65th St. 8:30
LEE ROAD—St. Philomena's Church, Instruction Hall, 13824 Euclid 9:00
NORTHEAST-2028 E. 105th St. 8:30
WESTSIDE YOUNG PEOPLE—St. Luke's Hall, Bunts and Clifton 9:00
AMHERST—St. Peter's Ev. & Ref. Church, Church St., North Amherst, O. 9:00
AVON LAKE—Congregational Church, Lake Road, Stop 554 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
MENTOR, O.—Mentor Methodist Church 8:30
OBERLIN, O.—American Legion Home, S. Main and Hamilton 8:30
WICKUFFE MEN—Lady of Mt. Carmel Hall, Wickliffe, O. 8:00

SATURDAY

BROADWAY-CABLE—St. John's Lutheran Church, Cable at Broadway 8:30
CATHEDRAL—(Starg) St. John's Cathedral, E. 9th and Superior 8:30
GLENVILLE—10421 St. Clair Ave. 9:00
LAKEWOOD—Sat. Nite—Redeemer Hall, Andrews, near Detroit 8:30
LEAGUE PARK—St. Agnes School Hall, East 79th and Euclid Ave. 8:30
MATT TALBOT—St. Philip Neri Church, E. 82nd and St. Clair 8:30
MEMPHIS—Church of Good Shepherd, 8235 Nempbir Ave. 9:00
PARMA—Public Library, 5850 Ridge Rd. 8:30
REDWOOD—Euclid Lutheran Church, E. 260th and Oriole 8:30
SHILOH—Bethel A. M. E. Church, 15021 Shiloh Road 8:30
TRINITY—Trinity Evangelical Church, 3525 W. 25th St. 8:30
VALLEY VIEW—Community Center, West 7th and Starkweather 8:30
8005 GROUP-8005 Lorain Ave. 8:30
ASHTABULA, O.—E. of P. Hall, Elm Av. 8:30
ELYRIA, O.—St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Middle and Third 8:30
SOLOM, O.—SL Riti's Church basement 9:00

SUNDAY

C. A. C. DISCUSSION—C. A. C. clubroom, 7809 Euclid Avenue 10:45 A.M.
COLLINWOOD-14709 St. Clair Ave. 7:30
DETROIT—Mixed—8023 Detroit Ave. 8:00
LAKEVIEW—CYO Hall, St. Alawing Church, E. 109th and 8:30
MARYMOUNT—2nd Sun. in month, Cafeteria, McCracken and Henry 2:30
MISTLETOE—St. Thomas Church, 9205 Superior Ave. 7:00
NEWBURGH—St. Catherine's Church, 3443 E. 93rd St. 8:30
OAKWOOD—Alcoholic Annex, 8909 Detroit Ave. 1:00 A.M.
OUTHWAITE—7100 Kinaman Ave. 4:00
STRONGVILLE—Royal Haven Farm, Royalton Road, Strongville, O. 3:00
WARRENSVILLE—Coole, Farms Recreation Room 10:00 A. M.
GENEVA, O.—Legion Hall, Park S L. corner of So. Eagle 7:30
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Alcoholics Abstinence Nursing Home (MW) Melrose 1-1635 8023 Detroit Ave
Alcoholic Annex—Oakwood Sanitarium (MW) AT. 1-0346 8909 Detroit Ave.
Charity Hospital (MW) Main 1-9400 Central at E. 22nd St
Cleveland Alcoholic Clinic (MW) Express 1-8998 7809 Euclid Ave.
Elmwood Sanitarium (M) Kenmore 9-17322 Euclid Ave.
Farouharson's (Tuxedo 5-1882) (M) 6037 Pearl
Forest Hill Clinic (MW) CL. 1-3248 13240 Euclid Ave.
MacGillis Nursing Home (MW) RA 1-2556 1360 Mistletoe Dr. at Wade Pk
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A new group has been started by Walter E., a former Toledoan, in the Collinwood railroading sector of Cleveland, meeting on Saturday nights at 8:30 p. m. in Bethel A. M. E. Church, 15021 Shiloh Road (near Waterloo Rd.) Average attendance is 25. They have room for more.

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THE NEW BOOK

Great is the temptation to **quote** at length from the new book, "Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions" which has just **been published** by Harper & Bros. (192pp. \$2.75) but that would be like giving away the **end** of a mystery story.

We mean that **the** chapters of this **volume** by "a co-founder" of Alcoholics Anonymous are so beautifully and thoughtfully written that every **member** of the society should turn its pages for himself.

The purpose of the **book** is simply stated to be "to **broaden** and deepen the understanding of the **Twelve Steps** as first written" in "Alcoholics Anonymous" published in 1939. It is, therefore, the fruit of **experience**

over the years that AA has grown to maturity, reached more than 100,000 alcoholics and 'brought them sobriety and **spread** into 40 **countries**. Contained in it, too, are lucid expositions of the Twelve Traditions confirmed at the First International **Conference** held in **Cleveland** in 1950.

It is possible to obtain a taste of this excellent work by looking at the analysis of Step **Ten**: "Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it."

In Step **Ten**, says the "co-founder" whose identity **we** know **but** which, like **the identity** of all of us, must be kept from the public, "we commence to put our AA way of living to use, day by day, in fair weather or foul. Then comes the acid **test**: **can** we stay sober, **keep** in emotional balance, and live to good purpose under all conditions?"

What we have to fight to **make** Step **Ten** work **is** the -emotional hangover-anger, fear, jealousy, and **the like**. The **need** for this resistance should be evident to all of us, for no **people** have been "more **victimized** by resentments than **have** we alcoholics."

Reactions to these emotions should be assessed in terms of what they do to us. In this is the yardstick. **Whatever** the provocation, if we allow ourselves to become **emotionally** upset, we are wrong.

"Nothing pays off **like** **restraint** of tongue and pen," says the book. "We must avoid quick-tempered criticism and furious power-driven argument. The same goes for sulking and **silent** scorn. These are emotional booby traps **baited** with pride and vengefulness. * * * For we **can** neither think nor act to good purpose until the habit of self-restraint has become automatic."

Personal inventories are not **red ink** sessions. Each of us, every day does something good, something decent, some little act that helps another. But the **important development** is the **habit** of taking these inventories, occasionally, every day, or make "spot checks."

We **know** that just as the "pains of drinking had to come **before** sobriety, emotional turmoil had to come before serenity." We have to go through a period before we get out of the habit of **indulging** in dry binges. It takes time, it requires patience and, above all, it requires help from the Higher Power. When in doubt, it is **well** to follow the 'book's suggestion that we pause, saying, "Not my will, but Thine, be done."

I QUIT!

One of the most "unusual **reasons** for a person quitting drinking was related to us the other day by an ardent admirer of AA. His uncle had been a **heavy** drinker all his life. He was **a** good provider, worked regularly, but was the despair of his family **because** he spent **every** bit of his time away from work in the neighborhood saloon where he was very popular. Every night he came **home** drunk, boisterous, loud and unruly.

One **morning** after **an** unusually heavy bout with the bottle the night **before** he **stopped** at his favorite bistro and ordered a double header to remove the cobwebs; then he asked for a **beer** and **when** it was served, suggested that the **bistro-owner** toss in an egg. When the owner **told** him it would cost **him** a dime extra, he **blew** his top.

Indignantly he reminded **the** proprietor that he spent thousands of dollars in his crummy joint and he'd be darned if he'd **pay** that **ten cents** for an egg. **The** owner was just as determined and **the** guy walked out. **This** occurred ten **years** and seven months ago and he hasn't had a single drink since!

For years, his family, his spiritual adviser, relatives and friends had begged, pleaded and cajoled, had used threats and other devices to bring him to his senses, to **no** avail. It took the avarice of the saloon keeper to **do** it

Maybe he had reached **the** stage **where** all of us had landed-being "sick and tired of being sick and tired." And it proves **the** point too that no one can persuade a person to quit drinking unless that person **WANTS** to quit himself--desperate-

ly and longingly.

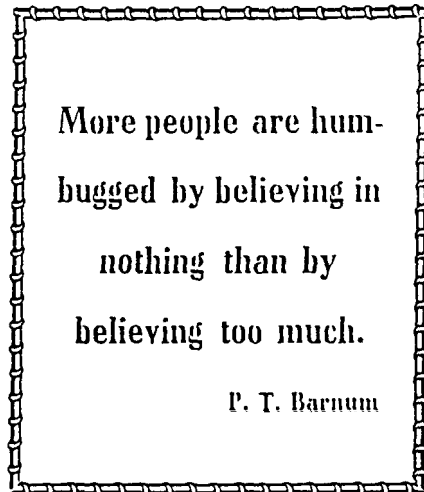
Too many people who **have** witnessed miracles in others seek out acquaintances who drink to excess according to their standards and without knowing anything about psychology as it affects **the** excessive drinker, erect an impenetrable curtain almost impossible for AA to **pierce** **when** the-time comes where he truly **needs** help. **These** people mean well but often do incalculable harm.

In our humble opinion it looks as though it will be **necessary** for us all to emphasize this to our well-meaning friends outside of AA. We should educate personnel officers in manufacturing plants who have had their faith in A.A. miracles almost completely **destroyed** by **the** evidence of **their** failures. In some plants, **where** AAs were welcomed several years ago, it's now suicidal for his **chances** for a **person** to apply and say he's an AA, even though the first applicants did and are doing a remarkable job.

The **mistake** this personnel manager made was to use **the** "either **or**" method with employes who came **before** them with a "drinking affecting their production" record up for consideration.

Forcing a person to join AA to hold his job, keep his **wife**, avoid **the** workhouse and sundry reasons develops resentments and invites cheating and moral **#breakdown**.

Don't **forc** AA down anyone's throat.



A SINGLE STEP

"The longest journey," to quote an old Chinese proverb, "is begun with but a single step."

What a **miraculous** accomplishment it would be if we could etch forever this simple truth into the consciousness of every AA **beginner**.

A few years ago I was fortunate to meet a man whom I consider as near perfection as one can become in AA. He is clean, kind, patient, decent and thoroughly honorable. I marvelled that a man with his alcoholic **back-ground** could **ever have** attained the **serenity** and **peace** of mind which this man **evidently possessed**.

Later I met some of this man's friends who told me a little of his **early** history in AA, and, lo and behold, I found that he was human just like **the rest** of us. He had had just **the** same troubles and the same experiences with **the program** that we **have** all had. Only his reactions to **these troubles** and his ability to profit from **these** experiences **were**, perhaps, different from ours.

I found, for instance, that for the first two or **three years** he was so convinced of his own importance and of the tremendous personal achievement he had gained in stopping drinking that he wanted to lord it over **everybody**-particularly his family. He had a notion that **because** he had sobered up folks ought to roll out the red carpet and strike up the band every **time** he **hove** in sight.

Finally one of his friends took **him aside** and told him that just **because** he had sobered up didn't make him **Napoleon**, Caesar or even Greta Garbo, and that if he **wanted** to stay sober he **had** better quit trying to be a dictator or a prima donna, **get** a little humility and try to learn **something** about this **new** way of life.

My friend was smart. He was **intelligent enough** to realize the wisdom of this sound **advice** and **resolved** to rebuild his life along these lines. This he did and **step** by **step**-little by little-day by day he has built **one** of the finest characters it's been my privilege of knowing.

One day I noticed the wall of a large building. There it was, a veritable mountain side of brick. I thought, "What a job it was to build that wall so true, so even, so perfect." Then it occurred to me that that wall was but a combination of many individual bricks. Each brick had to be laid perfectly-level, plumb and with just the right amount of mortar. One brick poorly laid could **have** weakened the entire structure.

But **more** important than this was the realization that this **great expanse** of wall so perfectly laid had to start with **one** lowly brick-the first **step**.

So it is with AA. As we **emerge** from our alcoholic fog and contemplate **the debris** and wreckage of our lives, it **seems** overwhelming. We are driven to the verge of despair. The task of rehabilitation is so tremendous that it **seems** impossible of achievement.

But **once** we pitch **in**-take that **first step**- and place our trust in the Power Greater than Ourselves, we find the other **steps** not so hard and the journey not **nearly** so long as it had seemed. Soon we **cease** to expect **flashes** of **light** and sudden revelation but **come** to realize that **character** is built day by day, step **by** step, deed by **deed**.

"The longest journey is begun with but a single step."
Queer people, **these** Chincsc. **They** make **sense**.

-Anonymous

IT'S YOU

If you want to **have** the kind of a group **like** the kind of a group you'd like . . . you **needn't** slip your clothes in a grip an' start on a long, long **hike**. . . . You'll only find what you left behind. For there's nothing really new . . . It's a knock at yourself when you knock the group; 'cause it isn't the group, . . . it's you. . . . So if you want to have the kind of a group, like the kind of a **group you'd like** . . . Put off Your guile and nut on a **smile and hike**, old **boy**; just hike. . . . To the-work at hand that has to **be** done-that work of saving a **few** . . . 'Cause it isn't the, group that's wrong, old *boy, no it isn't **the group**, . . . it **s** you.-Author **unknown**.

Submitted by J. E., Lorain, 0.

A GAME GUYS' PRAYER

Dear God: Help me to be a sport in the game of life. I don't ask for any place in **the** line-up, play **me** where you need me. I only ask for **the** stuff to give you **one** hundred **per** cent of what **I've** got. If all the hard drives **come** my way, I **thank** you for the compliment. Help me to remember that you won't let anything come that you **and** I can't handle. And help me to take the bad breaks as part of **the** game. Help make me thankful for them.

And, God, help me always to play on the square, no matter what the other fellows do. Help me to come clean. Help me to **see** that often the best part of the game is **helping** other guys. Help me to **be** a regular fellow with the other player.

Finally,-God, if fate seems to uppercute me with both hands and I'm laid **up on** the shelf in sickness or old **age**, **help** me to take that-as part of the game also. **Help** me not to whimper or squeal that the game **was** a frame-up, or that I had a raw deal. When in the dusk I get **the** final bell, I ask for no lying complimentary stones, I'd only **like** to know that, you **feel** I've been a good **guy**.—
Amen.

Submitted by Ed. G.

ARE WE TOLERANT?

Tolerance! How **many** of us would dare to ask God tonight to deal with us tomorrow as we **have** dealt with **others** today; to bestow on us the same understanding and tolerance we showed **others** today? What an idea, you say. **Yet**, how **often** we become intolerant of others when they do not conform to what we think is **right** and proper. When **people** spoke harshly of the **southern** people, Abraham Lincoln replied, "Don't criticize them; they are just what you and I would be under similar circumstances." An alcoholic seeking true tolerance must **keep** forever fresh in his mind that he too was once a hopeless drunk and his recovery was a slow process; that his recovery will never **be** anything **resembling** completeness as long as he entertains thoughts of intolerance toward anyone. Every individual is an individual. This means he **has** his own set of feelings, **his** own kind of training and education, his own peculiar habits, likes and dislikes and, although some of these may **need** changing to make **the** program simpler for him, we can't always win **him** over to our point of view no matter what we do or say. In ridding **ourselves** of intolerance we must understand **the** motivating power **behind** another's behavior and grant him the privilege of **being** just as queer as we are. **Maybe** we would act the same under **similar** circumstances. Tolerance is the positive effort to understand **another's** beliefs, habits and practices without necessarily accepting them ourselves.-Aridity Review,
via The Lifeline, Vancouver, B. C.

FOURTH ANNIVERSARY

The fourth anniversary of the AA Fellowship in Ohio Penitentiary was observed on Sunday, June 21. About 100 visitors from cities all over the state attended and were rewarded **by** hearing excellent speakers, particularly from Cincinnati, where a **remarkable** record of rehabilitating returnees has been effected by the parole **office** and its staff of understanding officers.

It was through the indefatigable efforts of Clevelander Al F. that this work was started. Al passed **away** about a year ago.

The records prove that an astonishing majority of those who had affiliated themselves with the AA Fellowship activity at the prison did not come **back** as compared to others not affiliated. **Those** that didn't come back have been steadfast in living the program and many **have** been absorbed in AA in cities throughout Ohio.

These people become **hard** workers in AA and are effective. They rise above the coolness of some **AA** members toward them because of their past and prove their sincerity and show their appreciation by their devotion to **their** fellowmen.

Great credit should go to Warden Alvis, group adviser, M. J. Koloski and the efficient staff for their cooperation. Our hats are off to them.

NEWS OF GROUPS

Hillcrest-Bringing the meeting place nearer to Cleveland and to better serve its members, the group changed its meeting place to Lyndhurst Community Church, opposite Lyndhurst Community Hall, Mayfield Road. They also changed their night from Tuesday to Monday. Their first meeting in their new quarters was on June 22.

Brooklyn Young People--The first anniversary of this enterprising and ambitious group will be observed on Thursday, July 9. Speaker will be Harry D. of Edgelake who addressed their first meeting.

Arcade-Now meet in Typographical Union Hall, 1559 E. 17th St. On Tuesdays at 9 p. m. Judge Jim C. is chairman for July.

St. Anthony, Lorain, O.-Changed nights and place. Starting June 26, they will meet every Friday at the U. S. Naval Training, Main and Cleveland Blvd. (One block south of R. 2 and G-Lake Road) at 9 p. m.

Amherst-Changes meeting day to Thursday at 9 p. m. from Friday at 8:30. They meet in St. Peter's Ev. and Ref. Church, Church St., Amherst, O.

Alcola--Speakers for July: 1-Nick McA., Angle; 8-Harry D., Edgelake; 15-George M., W. S. Young People; 22-Irwin F., Fairview; 29-Mary F., Westside Women.

Brooklyn-Speakers for July: 1-Rex B., Trinity; 8-Joe K., Brooklyn (his sixth anniversary); 15-Charlotte F., Eastside Women; 22-Jerry F., Brooklyn (his eighth anniversary); 29-Kenny J., Brooklyn (his tenth year).

Hilltop-Speakers for July: 7-Jim B., Lee-Wednesday; 14-Bill M., Doan Men; 21-Jack D., Borton; 28-Jean L., Eastside Women.

Orchard Grove--Speakers for July: 6-Jim C., 8005; 13-Luther M., Berea; 20-Vern H., Lorain Ave., Thursday; 27-Ed D., Fairview.

Trinity--Speakers for July: 4-Herschel H., Parma; 11-Frank W., Northeast; 18-Marie C., Lorain, O.; 25-Luther M., Berea.

BOUQUETS

From Rex B. of Trinity comes the following nice tribute: "I want to tell you how much we all enjoyed the article in the March issue, "It Doesn't Bother Me." It was read at our meeting for the benefit of our new men--old ones too. And the following Sunday, our minister, who also receives the Bulletin, spoke for about 15 minutes on this same article--so you can see how far-reaching this great AA work of yours is."

We like bouquets like that. The big guy that wrote it for us now can understand why we want him to write regularly. There's another of his fine articles in this June issue, titled "A Single Step."

We're late again this month, for most of our readers will receive this issue in July. Our regular "writing day" was last Saturday, the 20th. We were in Columbus readying for the 4th Anniversary of the Prison Fellowship. Sorry.

SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

The group of avid AA sportsmen who formed the All-American Sportsmen's Association so they could indulge in fishing, hunting, etc. in an AA atmosphere, showed their interest in underprivileged children by taking 35 of them to an outing at Euclid Beach Park, May 23.

According to reports, they had a whale of a time. But, from comments made by some of the members, this generous act was so heart-warming, it endeared AA to them the greater.

This large group of sportsmen meet at 10421 St. Clair twice a month on Sundays.

Don't worry about who's boss in your house; you'll be happier if you never find out.

THEY'RE MISSED

Annette Marek, the devoted wife of Jeff, passed away on March 20. Though not an alcoholic she was an enthusiastic supporter of the Miles Group and attended many other group meetings. We regret this belated mention of her passing, but publish it now to inform the many friends who miss her.

Earl Grenvcs, beloved member of the Bedford Group for over eight years died June 1. Earl was a victim of an unbelievable number of setbacks but never wavered in his application of the AA philosophy. HC served as secretary for his group before sickness incapacitated him.

To his wife Ann and her five children we offer our sincere condolences.

CAMP OUENDAKE

Judging from the number of calls we have received, Camp Quendalce, Honey Harbor, Ontario has attracted many Clevelanders. We hope to join them if they are still there the latter part of July.

The camp is open to AAs and their wives only. There are no particular attractions for children and accordingly are not included in the generous welcome Steve and Helen are noted for.

Stevic writes that Bill and Eleanor C. of Toronto caught 26 large pike just fifty feet off the dock.

Write for reservations to Camp Ouendake, 353 Manley St., Midland, Ontario. They're open to October 1.

JOINT PICNIC -- JULY 12

The annual AA picnic sponsored jointly by Euclid-Wade, League Park and Friday-Lee groups will be held again in Weigand's Lake Park on Sunday, July 12.

This annual picnic has always been well attended and members from practically every group in Cleveland make it their picnic, for the park offers a variety of interests.

Picnic tables, outdoor fireplaces--swimming, with a life-guard in attendance--games for young and old--dancing. Everything is free, though raffle tickets will be sold. Valuable and practical prizes.

Weigand's Park is located in Russell Center, Ohio, Route 87 (Kinsman Road) 1 1/2 miles east of Chillicothe Road.

A wife takes credit for all her husband's virtues, but holds him personally responsible for his weaknesses.

If those who use "in other words" would say right off, the bat what they will say in other words, that would settle that.



CLEVELAND AREA GROUP MEETINGS

MONDAY

ADDISON—Westminster Church, Cor. Addison and Wade Park... 8:30
BORTON—E. Cleve. Congreg. Church Page and Euclid Avenue... 8:30
HILLCREST—Lyndhurst Community Church 5300 Mayfield Rd... 9:00
LAKE SHORE—St. Luke's Parish, Clifton and Bunts Rd... 8:30
LAKEWOOD (Orchard Grove)- 1417 St. Charles, or. Detroit... 8:30
LAKEWOOD MEN'S—St. Peter's Episcopal, W. Clifton and Detroit... 8:30
LEE MONDAY-First Presbyter. Church, East Cleveland, Nela and Euclid... 8:30
LORAIN AVE.—West Park Baptist Church, 15218 Lorain Ave... 8:30
MARINE HOSPITAL—E. 124 & Fairhill... 7:30
MILES—St. Nary's Episcopal Church, 9271 Romona Boulevard... 8:30
PEARL—Corpus Christi Basement, 4202 Sickney (E. of Pearl Rd.)... 8:30
ROWDY ROW—Salvation Army Corps Hall, 2042 W. 26th St... 8:00
SHAKER HEIGHTS—Christ Episcopal Church, 3451 Warrensville... 8:30
SOUTH EAST-7526 Broadway... 8:30
UNION—East View Cong Church, Kinsman at E. 106th St... 9:00
WEST 25th ST.—Marvel Hall, 2858 W. 25th St... 8:30
WYANDOTTS—Westside—West Boulevard Christian Church, Madison and W. 101... 8:45
ELYRIA MEN—St. Agnes Church, Lake Road at Bath St. Elyria, O... 8:30
SHELBY-Congregational Baptist Church, Jackson and Jefferson, Painesville... 8:30
VERMILLION, 5 Mary's Church, Exchange St... 8:30
WILLOUGHBY—Presbyterian Church, Willoughby, O... 8:30

TUESDAY

ARCADE—Typographical Union Hall, 1559 East 17th (near Payne Ave.)... 9:00
CHARITY—Last Tuesday of each month—Cafeteria... 8:30
CLARK-1917 Clark Ave... 8:30
EAGLE TRAINING-Salvation Army, E. 9th and Eagle... 8:00
EDGE LAKE—1417 St. Charles Ave. Dinner at 7:00 p.m. Meeting at 8:30
EUCLID-WADE—Calvary Presbyterian Church, E. 79th and Euclid Ave... 9:00
FAIRMOUNT—St. Paul's Episcopal, Fairmount and Coventry... 8:30
FAIRVIEW PARK—Fairview Grace Church, W. 224th and Lorain Ave... 8:30
HILLTOP—St. Joseph's Seminary, 17609 Euclid Ave... 8:45
MILES-LEE—Mount Hope Church, E. 164th, north of Miles... 8:30
SMITH-WILSON—Nativity School, 9510 Aetna Road... 8:30
SUPERIOR—North Presbyterian Church, 740th and Superior... 9:00
TAPCO—Post 4, 2355 Euclid, 2nd shift... 1:00
TAPCO—Post 4, 2355 Euclid, 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 St... 8:30
ASHTABULA COUNTY MEN—Room 4, Dorman Block, Conneaut, O... 8:30
LORAIN, O.—Community Hall, 23rd and Beech Sts... 8:00
MEDINA, O.—St Paul's Epis. Par. Hse... 8:30
PAINESVILLE, O.—Staz. 33 N. State St... 8:30
STRONGSVILLE—St. Joseph Church, 10,000 Pearl Rd... 8:30

WEDNESDAY

ALCOLA—6409 Detroit Ave... 9:00
BAXTER AVE. 4527 Baxter Ave... 8:30
BROOKLYN-K. of P. Hall, 3316 Broadview, East of Pearl Rd... 8:30
C. E. Illuminating Co., Room 335—Rear Building... 8:30
COLLINWOOD—14709 S. Clair Ave... 8:30
DENTON MEN-7403 Denison Ave., (first Wednesday, joint meeting)... 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
LAKEWOOD WOMEN—United Presby. Church, 12601 Detroit Ave... 8:30
LEE ROAD—First Eng. Lutheran, Derbyshire and Euclid Hts. Blvd... 8:30
NORWOOD—St. Vitus School, 6105 Glass Ave... 8:30
ST. JAMES—Ward's Convalescing Home, E. 71st and Cedar Ave... 8:15
ST. MARY—400 North St., Chardon, O... 9:00
TAPCO—Post 4, 2355 Euclid, 1st shift... 3:30
TWENTY-FOUR HOUR—13216 Detroit, Church of the Ascension... 8:30
Training meeting 1st Wed. each month.
WARRENSVILLE—Women's House Cor... 7:30
WOMEN'S—East Side—Cleveland Unitarian Society, Euclid and E. 82nd St... 8:30
WOMEN'S—Lorain County-St. Anthony's School Hall, E. Erie & Kansas (R.2 of 6) 8:30
BEDFORD, O.—Y.M.C.A., Tarbell Ave... 8:30
ELYRIA, O.—St. Mary's Church, Middle and Fourth... 8:30
LORAIN, O.—AUNT LERS—St. Mary's School, Reid Ave... 8:30

THURSDAY

ALAN—1820 East 79th St.-s... 8:30
ALLENDALE—St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 18837 Euclid Ave... 8:30
ANGLE—St. Malachi's Church, 2549 Washington Arc... 8:30
BROADWAY-55th—Our Lady of Lourdes School Hall... 8:30
BROOKLYN Y. P.—United Presbyterian, Spokane and Pearl... 9:00
COVENTRY-Firmount Presbyterian Chapel, Scarborough... 8:30
CRILE HOSPITAL—Library... 8:00
EDDY ROAD—Glenview Congregational Church, Eddy and St. Clair... 8:30
GLENNVILLE—10421 St. Clair Ave... 8:30
LORAIN AVE.—West Park Baptist Church, 15218 Lorain Ave... 8:30
OUTHWAITE—Woodland Center, 7100 Kinsman Ave... 8:30
ROCKY RIVER—Rockport Methodist Church, 3310 Wooster Rd... 8:30
WEST SIDE—7403 Denison Ave... 10:30 A.M.
AMHERST—St. Peter's Ev. & Ref. Church, Chureb St., North Amherst, O... 9:00
DEBRA, O.—Fine Arts Club, E. Bagley Rd., 3 doors out of Eastland... 8:30
EAST LAKE—Bethel Lutheran Church, 32400 Vine Street... 8:30
INDEPENDENCE, O.—St. John's Lutheran Hall, Second and Sunset... 9:00
PAINESVILLE, O.—33 N. State, 3rd fl... 8:30

FRIDAY

ANSEL ROAD—St. Thomas Church, 9205 Superior Ave... 9:00
BROADWAY-HARVARD—8437 Broadway... 8:30
CEDAR—Salvation Army, 5005 Euclid... 8:15
GORDON SQUARE—St. Helena's Hall, 1367 W. 65th St... 8:30
LEE ROAD—St. Philomena's Church, Instruction Hall, 13824 Euclid... 9:00
NORTHEAST—2028 E. 105th St... 8:30
WESTSIDE YOUNG PEOPLE—St. Luke's Hall, Bunts and Clifton... 9:00
AVON LAKE—Congregational Church, Lake Road, Stop 55... 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 a : 3 0
EUCLID, O.—Holy Cross Church, E. 200th and Lake Shore Blvd... 8:30
MENTOR, O.—Mentor Methodist Church... 8:30
OBERLIN, O.—American Legion Home, S. Main and Hamilton... 8:30
ST. ANTHONY—U. S. Naval Training, Main Ave. and Cleveland Blvd... 9:00
WICKLIFFE MEN—Lady of Mt. Carmel Hall, Wickliffe, O... 8:00

SATURDAY

BROADWAY-CABLE—St. John's Lutheran, Church, Cable at Broadway... 8:30
CATHEDRAL—(Stag) St. John's Cathedral, E. 9th and Superior... 8:30
GLENNVILLE—10421 St. Clair Ave... 9:00
LAKEWOOD—Sat. Nite—Redeemer Hall, Andrews, near Detroit... 8:30
LEAGUE PARK—St. Agnes School Hall, East 79th and Euclid Ave... 8:30
MATT TALBOT—St. Philip Neri Church, E. 32nd and St. Clair... 8:30
MEMPHIS—Church of Good Shepherd, 8235 Memphis Ave... 9:00
PARMA—Public Library, 5850 Ridge Rd... 8:30
REDWOOD—Euclid Lutheran Church, E. 260th and Oriole... 8:30
SHILOH—Bethel A. M. E. Church, 15021 Shiloh Road... 8:30
TRINITY—Trinity Evangelical Church, 3525 W. 25th St... 8:30
VALLEY VIEW—Community Center, West 7th and Starkweather... 8:30
8005 GROUP—8005 Lorain Ave... 8:30
ASHTABULA, O.—K. of P. Hall, Elm Av... 8:30
ELYRIA, O.—St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Middle and Third... 8:30
SOLON, O.—St. Rita's Church basement... 9:00

SUNDAY

C. A. C. DISCUSSION—C. A. C. clubroom, 7809 Euclid Avenue... 10:45 A.M.
COLLINWOOD—14709 S. Clair Ave... 7:30
DETROIT-Mixed-8021, Detroit Ave... 8:00
LAKEVIEW—CYO Hall, St. Aloysius Church, E. 109th and St. Clair... 8:30
MARYMOUNT—2nd Sun. in month, Cafeteria, McCracken and Henry... 2:30
MISTLETOE—St. Tb. Church, 9205 Superior Ave... 7:00
NEWBURGH—St. Catherine's Church, 3443 E. 93rd St... 8:30
OAKWOOD—Alcoholic Annex, 8909 Detroit Ave... 11:00 A.M.
OUTHWAITE—7100 Kinsman Ave... 4:00
STRONGVILLE—Royal Haven Farm, Royalton Road, Strongville, O... 3:00
WARRENSVILLE—Cooley Farms Recreation Pavilion... 10:00 A. M.
GENEVA, O.—Legion Hall, Park St. corner of so. Eagle... 7:30

LIST OF COOPERATING AA HOSPITALS
Alcoholics Abstinence Nursing Home (MW)
MElrose 1-1635... 8025 Detroit Ave
Alcoholic Annex—Oakwood Sanitarium (MW)
AT. 1-0346... 8909 Detroit Ave.
Charity Hospital (MW)
Main 1-9400... Central at E. 22nd St
Cleveland Alcoholic Clinic (MW)
Express 1-8998... 7809 Euclid Ave.
Elmwood Sanitarium (M)
Kenmore 1-2299... 17322 Euclid Ave.
Farguharson's (TU) 5-1821 (M)... 6037 Pearl
MacGillis Nursing Home (MW)
RA 1-2556... 1560 Mistletoe Dr. at Wade Pt
Marymount Hospital (MW)
VU 1-0500... 12300 McCracken Rd.
Pathway (Tyler 1-6698) (MW)... 1635 E. 93rd

FOR FIRST TIMERS ONLY
St. John's Hospital (M)
Woodbine 1-5750... 7911 Detroit Ave
(M) men only. (W) women only.
(N W) men and women.

1st TUESDAY EVERY MONTH
CENTRAL COMMITTEE—
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OUR MOUNT EVEREST

Tenzing Norkcy probably never heard of Alcoholics Anonymous. Until a few days ago you probably had not heard of Tenzing. The odds are very great that you never would have known about this man had he not succeeded with Sir Edmund Hillary in scaling the great heights of Mount Everest.

Mount Everest and AA? What is the connection?

First meet Tenzing. He was born in Nepal, the native state north of India, that spreads out from the base of the world's highest peak. All his life, **Tenzing** looked up at that towering mass of rock and cuddled an ambition to reach the top. The local legend was that **the** Buddha god dwelt on the summit.

The world's greatest mountain climbers through the years tackled Mount Everest. It **defied** man. **Tenzing** often was guide to these European expeditions. Mountain climbing was his life and his **being**. **He** could only read and write his name. He made a poor living for his wife and **children** in India where he went to reside.

But **Tenzing** was never diverted from his ambition. Then in June he realized it. Before **he** and Sir Edmund descended a controversy arose among those who would make political capital out of every endeavor of man as to whether the Asian or the European **reached** the top first.

Finally **Tenzing** spoke. Was he Indian or **Nepali**, he was asked. Did he or Hillary **set** foot on the **pinnacle** first? Then this illiterate guide replied in **halting** English:

"If you agree, I like say both reach top together almost same time. If you, everybody write that way, no trouble.

"* * * For me Indian **Nepali** same. I am Nepali but I think I also Indian. "

"We should all be **same**—Hillary, myself, Indian, **Nepali**, everybody."

In that last sentence this simple man had reached heights greater than Mount Everest. Indeed, **he** had found **the** Buddha god on that summit. **He** spoke with the wisdom of the ages. He uttered a lesson for all mankind and particularly did he speak, unlearnedly, the central truth of our fellowship.

"We should all be same * * * everybody."

We obtain sobriety, we re-establish **our** place in **the** community, we enjoy happiness and we prosper. In our society the **tendency** too often is to look down on those less fortunate. But we as members of AA dare not succumb to that tendency. **Once** we do we are thrown down from the heights, we are not sober whether we are **drinking** or dry.

How trite are jealousies and prejudices in the **face** of this magnificent idea! Within the chapter, within the **vast** company of **us** alcoholics whatever the **degree** of sobriety, within the human family, in our relations with those around us, on and off the job, there is no place for pettiness. **There** is no time for the taking of **personal**

THE AA LADDER

A story we heard years ago deserves sharing, for in our opinion anything which will emphasize the **merits** of living the **AA** program should **be** common property. This story made a deep **impression** on us when we heard it and we hope it will have the same effect on our readers.

An ardent, happy member of the AA Fellowship was walking on AA Boulevard, a beautiful, wide avenue studded with stately trees. It was a beautiful, summer day and the soft, summer breezes wafted into his nostrils the perfume of freshly cut lawns and fragrant blooms.

Suddenly a scream for help intruded on his meditations and being a good AA, he responded immediately and quickly traced the call to an open man hole.

Peering down, he saw a man almost completely submerged in the stinking, stagnant sewer below. He called to the man who frantically struggled to gain footing and who, seeing a friendly face above begged him to jump down and boost him out.

The AA pointed out that if he jumped down into the sewer, he too **would** be messed up, so suggested the man struggle a moment longer and he'd help him. Running to the curb he found a conveniently placed ladder of sixteen rungs which he lowered into the sewer.

Frantically the man in the **sewer** grabbed **for** the ladder. The good AA cautioned him to wait until the ladder was **anchored** securely to the bottom and **then** to grasp both uprights firmly, place both feet on each rung and, taking it easy, gradually make his progress upward.

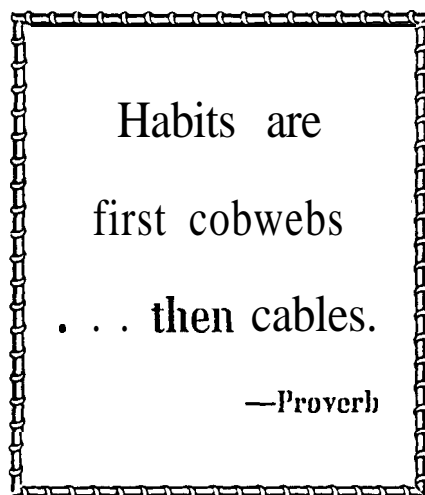
As the man hurried and tried to take two rungs at a time he slipped and almost fell **back** into the turbid waters. The AA warned him that each of the rungs was widely spaced and that if he tried to skip any again he might plummet head first into the slime.

As he progressed and finally made the top, he breathed the sweet clean air permeating AA Boulevard and arm in arm he walked the boulevard with his kind friend.

This was an AA ladder of sixteen rungs. **The** rungs are the Twelve Steps of AA and the Four Absolutes of Love, Purity, Honesty and Unselfishness, (measuring sticks for our daily spiritual growth). The stinking sewer is the foul mess we made of our lives. The right upright is God and the left is the group. Holding tight to each upright, anyone, regardless of his moral or physical filth **can** attain the dignity of man.

Use the ladder every day. Don't skip a rung!

credit. There is **no** room for those of us who would maintain our sobriety to go groveling in **meanness** and spite around the low crevices of the mountain we must scale. Each of us, too, has our Everest to climb and there, like **Tenzing**, we can find that Higher Power that alone **inspires** us.



SQUIRREL CAGE LOGIC

Frank Kent, who formerly wrote a column for one of the Cleveland newspapers, *once* said, "Some people get so smart **they** outsmart **themselves**." I was thinking of this observation the **other** day as I thumbed Will Durant's "Story of Philosophy." I was amazed as I scanned its they do not know.

For **instance**, Plato developed his **whole** philosophy from **the** proposition that **the** intellect was **the** cornerstone of **virtue**. **Therefore**, **whatever** improved **the** intellect was virtuous or good, and what did not, was bad. His Republic was fashioned **along these lines**. Children-at a tender age-were **to be taken** from their parents and given mass training. At intervals, **by** process of elimination, the very elite-from the standpoint of intellectual capacity-were to be **placed** into a special class **where** they were to be given intensive training. Those who survived **the** training course would automatically **become** the rulers of the Republic. Plato referred to it as the "Democracy of the intellect."

Nietscha read Darwin's theory of "The survival of the fittest" and concluded that strength, force or power was the one virtue, and that there was no sin **except weakness**. From this philosophy Nietsche glorified war, and laid the basis for the doctrine of the "master **race**," which Hitler borrowed.

There are also **the** determinists who insist that man is a sort of glorified machine, and that **when you** push a certain button you **get** a **certain** result. In other words, every action **of** man and every thought of man is predetermined by **some** previous experience. This school of thought concludes that if it **were possible** to obtain a complete index of all man's experiences one could **predict** exactly what **he** would do under a **given** set of circumstances.

From the dawn of history **men** have tried to solve the riddle of existence. They have pretty well agreed on the origin of organic material. But somewhere in the interim between today and that misty past, when **the** earth, a super-heated mass of **gases**, broke off from the sun, **there** emerged into history a **new substance**, which could not possibly have developed from any **material** element or combination of such elements **in the universe**. That substance **was** life.

Scientists and philosophers have been completely baffled in all efforts to determine the origin of **life**. **They** know the **chemistry** of the human body, and by **synthetic** processes can reproduce most of **these** elements. But **when** they mix **them** all together they have not life, nor man, but-merely a **mess of:goo**. Being thus frustrated in their efforts to determine the origin of **life**, **these** great thinkers attempted to **discover** what life is, and **therein** displayed their inadequacy. **They** **deviously** reason all around Robin Hood's barn and **come** up with weird conclusions,, because they constantly ignore the obvious. They cannot see the forest for the **trees**.

The one irrefutable theory as to **the** origin and purpose of life is the God **theory**. On every hand there is **undeniable** evidence to **support** it: **yet** it is so **patent** our weary thinkers overlook **it**. **They** probably think it is wrong **because** it is so plainly evident. Thus, **they** go blithely on their way trying to penetrate their **self-imposed iron** curtain of mystery, when the very thing they seek **lies** all about them.

We may debate **whether** God created man in His own image, or man created God in his. But the fact still remains that **we** can find no other **answer** to man, whatever his image, than God.

We may dispute whether God in creating man breathed life into a handful of clay, or whether He permitted him to develop **by** the slow **process** of evolution. But **we** cannot successfully dispute that without God there would be no man.

This being true, why should man **spend** precious time trying to determine **whether** intelligence, force or what-not is good or virtuous, when within his own heart the

same God that **created** him **provided** a conscience pointing **always** in the direction of good.

It has always **seemed** to me that all philosophers are a **rebellious** lot. **They** seek always, by a very fragile and specious **reasoning** to evade what **their** God-implemented **conscience** tells them is truth.

One of them, however, acquired wisdom-the wise old preacher Ecclesiastes. **After** a **lifetime** of **seeking** he says. "**Hear then**, **the** conclusion of **the** **whole** **matter**: **To** **love** **God** and **keep** **His** **Commandments**-**this** **is** **the** **whole** **duty** **of** **man**."
-Anonymous

GAMBLING

The good **name** of AA was jeopardized when the news **papers** gave frontpage publicity to a police raid of a local club operated by members of Alcoholics Anonymous. **Twelve** **people** **were** arrested for gambling and the manager was fined.

Since adverse publicity is the concern of all groups, a protest was voiced at Central Committee **on** July 7. Since Central Committee is only a "discussion center-and not a governing body" it can only serve as a sounding board for all groups. Opinions are voiced, debated and discussed. From these debates and discussions, groups are **held** in splendid conformity on maintaining the traditions of AA **good** practice.

It was recommended that the offending club and any **other** club or **group** which violated civil laws and accordingly brings **censure** from the public should be **counseled** by individuals and if the counselling is ignored, and the club or group persisted in giving **offense**, each group should blacklist it in its group meeting, suggesting to members that they stay away.

We have expressed our concern in the columns of **the** Bulletin on the increase of "side-shows" at AA meetings -that the "side-shows" have superseded the main purpose of **the** meeting-the AA program. Gambling **and** extraneous attractions should be eliminated if they interfere with **the** whole-hearted furtherance of the AA program.

APPRECIATION

We **wish** we could acknowledge all of the letters and cards which we receive from our readers, which comment on **specific** articles or editorials, **but** first we honestly **haven't** **the** time and second, we can't take personal credit for sharing **the** thoughts of others, the absorption of which prompted the writings. **But** when comment is **made** on an article submitted **by** **someone** else, we hasten to pass on **the** accolade.

Cliff F. of Wooster wishes to thank Ed G. through **the** Bulletin for the "Game Guy's Prayer" which impressed him **greatly** and caused him to write. **He** comments "I think and hope that most people in our wonderful fellowship are thinking like Ed G., and if they are, the result and good to the world is incalculable. Through your publication, I would **like** to personally thank Ed G. for submitting this wonderful thought.

Thanks, Cliff and to all of you who wrote.

BB IN AA

Big Brother in Alcoholics *Anonymous* was coined **by** Henry R. of Columbus who has been an untiring and enthusiastic worker for the intelligent rehabilitation of graduates of the Ohio penal **institutions** who embraced the AA program while incarcerated.

BB in AA is Big Brother *in* AA and the objective is to **perpetuate** the good behavior of those who have paid their debt to society. The **BBs** will cooperate with **the** returnee's sponsor and the probation officers and **lessen** his (the returnee's) chances of **being** recommitted, by urging him by word and example to continue practicing the **way** of life which **promises** him **happiness** and freedom of fear and becoming an asset instead of a **liability** in society.

Bc a BB in AA.

GROUP NEWS

Parma—Observes its sixth anniversary on July 25th. The speaker will be Spencer I. of the Bulletin staff. Because of the limited facilities of the regular meeting place, the anniversary meeting will be held in Parma Community Hall, Ridge and Ridgewood Drive at nine o'clock. A large crowd is anticipated.

St. James—Celebrates its fourth anniversary on Sunday, August 9 at 4 p. m. The affair will be held in Community Center, E. 84th and Cedar. Ed H. of Shaker will be the guest speaker.

Glenville—The annual, always well attended picnic of the group will be held Sunday afternoon, August 2 at Stiffler Farm, Highland Road, Richmond Heights. There'll be fun for everyone.

Brooklyn—All the speakers for August are members of the Brooklyn group. On the 5th, Charlie S., the hard-working and faithful secretary will observe his 13th anniversary. On the 12th, Mary J. and Norris M. will give a mother-daughter lead. On the 19th, Anne K. will give her first talk and on the 26th, Kenny S. will observe his second anniversary.

Friendly Suburban—Have been meeting for some period of time at 6037 Pearl Road on Mondays at 8 p. m.

Trinity—Speakers for August are: 1—Tom F., Gordon Square; S—Dorothy B., Lakewood Women; 15—Mary L., Brooklyn; 22—Frieda L., Brooklyn; 29—Edward V., Miles-Lee.

Orchard Grove—Speakers for August are: 3—Tom F., Gordon Square; 10—Harry D., Edgelack; 17—Herschel H.; Parma; 24—Dave L., Matt Talbot; 31—Judge Jim C. Arcade. Nelson D. is chairman for August.

Oakwood—Speakers for August are: 2—Johnny K., Gordon Square; 9—Marge K., Eastside Women; 16—Jack M., Parma; 23—Harry C., Memphis; 30—James R., Memphis.

Ashtabula County Men—Have moved to the B. of L. E. Hall, Main St., Conneaut, O. They meet on Tuesdays at 8:30 p. m. The group mourns the passing of Jack Reilly who did a great job in AA for two years. He was 61. He was secretary of the Ashtabula Men and the Conneaut Satnite groups. He died early in June.

Conneaut Sat-nite—Have discontinued their clubrooms in the Dorman Block and have affiliated with the Ashtabula Men.

WE'RE ON TIME

This issue of the Bulletin will actually go to press in the middle of the month. We were chided by quite a few (too many) indignant subscribers who complained of receiving their June Bulletin in July. Since the writing of the Bulletin is an avocation, its preparation must come when the editor has free time. We make an honest effort to get it to the printer around the 16th of the month. We can only find time to write without interruption on Saturday when we usually are free. There have been Saturdays which haven't been entirely free and there have been occasions when not a single idea would germinate and as a result the publication is shoved forward a week.

So far we have succeeded in publishing our little paper within every month of the 10 years and nine months, and even mailed it just before the first of the next month. We are doing the best we can, always aiming to do better.

This month everyone, far and near, should get the July Bulletin in July. If you don't, blame the postoffice.

SOPHIE STILL ACTIVE

We hasten to correct an impression created by a news item in these columns several months ago. We reported that Sophie Farquharson had retired from the operation of the nursing home she developed because of ill health.

It should have been stated that this was only temporary, and we regret that we were the cause for misinformation. She is very active once more in spite of a recent attack of (of all things!) the mumps.

THE BREADWINNER

No one has ever been able to put a Price tag on happiness, contentment or peace of mind. However, it is possible to measure the results of these achievements in the way they affect each of our daily lives.

Although the principle aim of the AA program is and will remain—the readjustment of the individual to a new way of life, the end results can be seen in tangible form. Restoring a man to his capacity as a family breadwinner, bringing his skills back into effective man-hours of labor . . . these are the concrete dollar-and-cents by-products of the AA way of life.

Due to the very nature of our movement, it is impossible to estimate the total number of persons restored to a productive life within any given period of time. But we do know that in the past eight years, 3,809 persons out of 6,325 requesting help from our downtown office—have been receptive to their first contact.

Let's assume, for the sake of illustrating a point, that 3,000 of these persons became practicing members of the AA program . . . were restored to productive lines. The cost of achieving these results over an eight year period—namely, the expenses of maintaining our central contact—has been about \$70,000. This means that every \$23.33 contributed by Cleveland groups made possible the beginning of a new life for some man or woman in our communities.

To carry the point one step further, consider that 2,500 of these 3,000 were breadwinners, capable of bringing an average of \$4,090 a year to the support of their families. Even in one year's time that amounts to \$10 million dollars, not considering the immeasurable return in constructive man-hours to the industries of Cleveland.

We should never lay the yardstick of dollars and cents along side the AA program as a measure of its worth. But we should be ever mindful of the tremendous opportunities that are before us to be of service to our friends and neighbors—in and out of AA—and to our communities through restoring broken lives to a healthy, happy, productive existence.

—Anonymously Yours

STELLA MARIS

A new building is in the process of building which will accommodate 100 to 150 men to replace the inadequate facilities of the Stella Maris Home at 1301 Winslow Ave. One floor will house the regulars and another will house the transients. The home has done an outstanding job of rehabilitation and merits great praise.

During the rebuilding, temporary quarters are being maintained at 7925 Superior Ave. Harry R. of Doan Men is the manager in charge.



CLEVELAND AREA GROUP MEETINGS

MONDAY

ADDISON-Westminster Church.
Cor. Addison and Wade Park 8:30
BORTON—E. Cleve. Congrega. Church
Page and Euclid Avenue 8:30
FRIENDLY SUBURBAN-6037 Pearl 8:30
HILLCREST—Lyndhurst Community Church
5300 Mayfield Rd. 9:00
LAKE SHORE—St. Luke's Parish,
Clifton and Bunts Rd. 8:30
LAKEWOOD (Orchard Grove)—
1417 S. Charles, nr. Detroit 8:30
LAKEWOOD MEN'S—St. Peter's Episcopal
W. Clifton and Detroit 8:30
LEE MONDAY-First Probyter. Church,
East Cleveland, Nela and Euclid 8:30
LORAIN AVE.—West Park Baptist Church,
15218 Lorain Ave. 8:30
MARINE HOSPITAL—E. 124 & Fairhill 7:30
MILES—St. Mary's Episcopal Church,
9721 Romona Boulevard 8:30
PEARL—Corpus Christi Basement,
4202 Stiekney (E. of Furl Rd.) 8:30
ROWDY ROW—Salvation Army Corps Hall,
2042 W. 26th St. 8:00
SHAKER HEIGHTS—Christ Episcopal
Church, 3451 Wargensville 8:30
SOUTH EAST-7526 Broadway 8:30
UNION-East View Cong. Church,
Kinsman at E. 156th St. 9:00
WEST 25th ST.—Marvel Hall,
2858 W. 25th St. 8:10
WOMEN'S—Westside—West Boulevard
Christian Church, Madison and W. 101 8:45
ELYRIA MEN—St. Agnes Church,
Lake Road at Bath St., Elyria, O. 8:30
SHELBY—Congregational Baptist Church,
Jackson and Jefferson, Painesville 8:30
VERMILLION,
St. Mary's Church, Exchange St. 8:30
WILLOUGHBY—Presbyterian Church,
Willoughby, O. 8:30

TUESDAY

ARCADE—Typographical Union Hall,
1559 East 17th (near Payne Ave.) 9:00
CHARITY—Last Tuesday of each month—
Cafeteria 8:30
CLARK-1917 Clark Ave. 8:30
EAGLE TRAINING—Salvation Army,
E. 9th and Eagle 8:00
EDGELAKE—St. Charles—
Dinner at 7:00 p. m. Meeting at 8:30
EUCLID-WAEE—Calvary Presbyterian
Church, E. 79th and Euclid Ave. 9:00
FAIRMOUNT—St. Paul's Episcopal,
Fairmount and Coventry 8:30
FAIRVIEW PARK—Fairview Grace
Church, W. 224th and Lorain Ave. 8:30
HILLTOP—St. Joseph Seminary,
17608 Euclid Ave. 8:45
MILES-LEE—Mount Hope Church,
E. 164th north of Miles 8:30
SMITH-WILSON—Nativity School,
9510 Actna Road 8:30
SUPERIOR—North Presbyterian Church,
F 40th and Superior 9:00
TAPCO—Post 4, 23555 Euclid, 2nd shift 1:00
TAPCO—Post 4, 23555 Euclid, 3rd shift 9:00
WEST PARK—West Park Baptist Church,
W. 152nd and Lorain 8:30
WEST SIDE MEN'S—St. Patrick's Hall,
ASHTABULA COUNTY MEN, Conneaut, O.,
B. of L. E. Hall, Whitney Block, Main St. 8:30
Bridg at W. 38th St. 8:30
LORAIN, O.—Community Hall,
23rd and Beech Sts. 8:00
MEDINA, O.—St. Paul's Epis. Par. Hse. 8:30
PAINESVILLE, O.—Stag, 13 N. Sate St. 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 Furl Rd. 8:30
C. E. I.—Illuminating Co.
Room 335—Rear Building 8:30
COLLINWOOD—14709 St. Clair Ave. 8:30
DENISON MEN-7403 Denison Ave.,
(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
LAKEWOOD WOMEN—United Presby.
Church, 12601 Detroit Ave. 8:30
LEE ROAD—First Eng. Lutheran,
Derbyshire and Euclid Hts. Blvd. 8:30
NORWOOD—St. Vitus School,
6105 Glass Ave. 8:30
ST. JAMES—Ward's Convalescing Home,
E. 71st and Cedar Ave. 8:15
ST. MARY400 North St., Chardon, O. 9:00
TAPCO—Post 4, 23555 Euclid, 1st shift 3:30
TWENTY-FOUR HOUR—13216 Detroit,
Church of the Ascension 8:30
Training meeting 1st Wed. each month,
WARRENSVILLE—Women's House Cor. 7:30
WOMEN'S—East Side—Cleveland Unitarian
Society, Euclid and E. 82nd St. 8:30
WOMEN'S—Lorain County—St. Anthony's
School Hall, E. Eric & Kansas (R. 2 or 6) 8:30
BEDFORD, O.—Y.M.C.A., Tarbell Ave. 8:30
ELYRIA, O.—St. Mary's Church,
Middle and Fourth 8:30
LORAIN, O.—ANTLERS—
St. Mary's School, Reid Ave. 8:30

THURSDAY

ALAN—1820 East 79th St. 8:30
ALLENDALE—St. Paul's Episcopal
Church, 15837 Euclid Ave. 8:30
ANGLE—St. Malachi's Church,
2549 Washington Ave. 8:30
BROADWAY-SSth—Our Lady of Lourdes
School Hall 8:30
BROOKLYN Y. P.—United Presbyterian,
Spokane and Pearl 9:00
COVENTRY-Fairmount Presbyterian
Chapel, Scarborough 8:30
CRILE HOSPITAL—Library 8:00
EDDY ROAD—Glenville Congregational
Church, Eddy and St. Clair 8:30
GLENVILLE-10421 St. Clair Ave. 8:30
LORAIN AVE.—West Park Baptist
Church, 15218 Lorain Ave. 8:30
OUTHWAITE—Woodland Center,
7100 Kinsman Ave. 8:30
ROCKY RIVER—Rockport Methodist
Church, 3310 Wooster Rd. 8:30
WEST SIDE-7403 Denison Ave. 10:30 A.M.
AMHERST—St. Peter's Ev. & Ref. Church,
Church St., North Amherst, O. 9:00
BEREA, O.—Fine Arts Club, E. Bagley Rd.,
3 doors east of Eastland 8:30
EAST LAKE—Bethel Lutheran Church,
32400 Vine Street 8:30
INDEPENDENCE, O.—St. John's Lutheran
Hall, Second and Sunset 9:00
PAINESVILLE, O.—33 N. State, 3rd fl. 8:30

FRIDAY

ANSEL ROAD-ST. Thomas Church,
9205 Superior Ave. 9:00
BROADWAY-HARVARD—3437 Broadway 8:30
CEDAR—Salvation Army, 5005 Euclid 8:15
GORDON SQUARE-ST. Helena's Hall,
1367 W. 65th St. 8:30
LEE ROAD—St. Philomena's Church,
Instruction Hall, 13824 Euclid 9:00
NORTHEAST-8028 E. 105th St. 8:30
WESTSIDE YOUNG PEOPLE—
St. Luke's Hall, Bunts and Clifton 9:00
AVON LAKE—Congregational Church,
Lake Road, S. top 934 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
MENTOR, O.—Mentor Methodist Church 8:30
OBERLIN, O.—American Legion Home,
S. Main and Hamilton 8:30
ST. ANTHONY-U. S. Naval Training,
Main Ave. and Cleveland Blvd. 9:00
WICKLIFFE MEN—
Lady of Mt. Carmel Hall, Wickliffe, O. 8:00

SATURDAY

BROADWAY-CABLE—St. John's Lutheran
Church, Cable at Broadway 8:30
CATHEDRAL—(Stag) St. John's
Cathedral, E. 9th and Superior 8:10
GLENVILLE—10421 St. Clair Ave. 9:00
LAKEWOOD—Sat. Nite—Redeemer Hall,
Andrew, near Detroit 8:30
LEAGUE PARK—St. Agnes School Hall,
East 79th and Euclid Ave. 8:30
MATT TALBOT—St. Philip Neri Church,
E. 87th and St. Clair 8:30
MEMPHIS—Church of Good Shepherd,
8235 Memphis Ave. 9:00
PARMA—Public Library, 5850 Ridge Rd. 8:30
REDWOOD—Euclid Lutheran Church,
E. 260th and Oriole 8:30
SHILOH—Bethel A. M. E. Church,
15021 Shiloh Road 8:30
TRINITY—Trinity Evangelical Church,
3525 W. 25th St. 8:30
VALLEY VIEW—Community Center,
West 7th and Starkweather 8:10
8005 GROUP—8005 Lorain Ave. 8:30
ASHTABULA, O.—K. of P. Hall, Elm Av. 8:30
ELYRIA, O.—St. Andrew's Episcopal
Church, Middle and Third 8:30
SOLOON, O.—St. Rita's Church basement 9:00

SUNDAY

C. A. C. DISCUSSION—C. A. C. clubrooms,
7809 Euclid Avenue 10:45 A.M.
COLLINWOOD—14709 St. Clair Ave. 7:30
DETROIT-bixed-8023 Detroit Ave. 8:00
LAKEVIEW-CYO Hall, St. Aloysius
Church, E. 109th and St. Clair 8:30
MARYMOUNT—2nd Sun. in month,
Cafeteria, McCracken and Henry 2:30
MISTLETOE—St. Thomas Church,
9205 Superior Ave. 7:00
NEWBURGH—St. Catherine's Church,
3443 E. 93rd St. 8:30
OAKWOOD—Alcoholic Annex,
8909 Detroit Ave. 11:00 A.M.
OUTHWAITE—7100 Kinsman Ave. 4:00
STRONGVILLE—Royal Haven Farm,
Royalton Road, Strongville, O. 3:00
WARRENSVILLE—Cooley Farms
Recreation Room 10:00 A.M.
GENEVA, O.—Legion Hall, Park St.,
corner of So. Eagle 7:30

LIST OF COOPERATING AA HOSPITALS
Alcoholic Abstinence Nursing Home (MW)
Melrose 1-1635 - 8023 Detroit Ave
Alcoholic Annex—Oakwood Sanitarium (MW)
AT. 1-0346 - 8909 Detroit Arc.
Charity Hospital (MW)
Main 1-9400 - Central at E. 22nd St
Cleveland Alcoholic Clinic (MW)
Express 1-8998 - 7809 Euclid Ave.
Elmwood Sanitarium (M)
Kenmore 1-2299 - 17322 Euclid Ave.
Farquharson's (Tuxedo 5-1882) (M), 6037 Pearl
MacGillis Nursing Home (MW)
RA 1-2556, 1560 Mistletoe Dr. at Wade Pk
Marymount Hospital (MW)
VU 1-0500 - 12300 McCracken R. d.
Pathway (Tyler 1-6698) (MW) 1635 E. 93rd

FOR FIRST TIMERS ONLY

St. John's Hospital (M)
Woodbine 1-5750 - 7911 Detroit Ave
(M) men only. (W) women only.
(MW) men and women.

1st TUESDAY EVERY MONTH

CENTRAL COMMITTEE—
Hanna Building, Room 370 8:30

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GIGGLES

Notice in a Scotch church: "Those in the habit of putting buttons instead of coins in the collection plate will please put in their own buttons and not buttons from the cushions on the pews."



Bride: "Darling, will you still love me if I grow fat?"
Groom: "Heck, no-I promised for better or for worse, not through thick and thin."

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"DANGEROUS WHEN WET"

There is a current picture going the rounds entitled, "Dangerous When Wet." We do not know the theme of this latest Hollywood contribution to American culture, but from the poster we take it to be the usual gorgeous doll-mince charming affair.

We are, however, acquainted with innumerable plots that could fit the title. Lots of people we know, including ourselves, were dangerous when wet.

The adjective dangerous does not always imply violence as is commonly assumed. When it does, of course, the wet person has to be placed under forcible restraint.

By definition, dangerous means: "likely to cause harm," "not safe" and "risky."

Aside from the violent aspect of dangerous, there is not one of us who did not fit all of these definitions.

When we were really wet there wasn't any modifying "likely" about the harm we caused. We harmed ourselves, our families, our friends, our business associates.

Certainly we were not safe. And nothing was safe with us. We could not, for example, be trusted with our weekly pay check with any safety. We were most assuredly unsafe financially. Some of us would borrow, beg and steal to get the price of the next one. We would pawn or sell anything of value around the house.

As for being risky-well, we were a risk to everyone. We were a risk to our employers—a debit rather than an asset. Even to ourselves, considering the sort of scrapes we got into and, very often, miraculously, got out of.

Yes, we're dangerous when wet.

But there is no axiom that does not have its exception. We heard of one to this idea the other day, in a lead by Charlotte F. She was telling of her alcoholic family in Tennessee. Not only her father, but her five uncles had the mountaineer's inclination for moonshine. She recalled an occasion when all five of them, higher than a hound dog's wail, gathered in the side yard at the family home. To sober them up, grandma turned on the hose and drenched the lot. They were less dangerous wet in this fashion than the-v had been.

It is notable, however, that while the hose put an end to the ruckus that day it did not permanently sober up the tribe.

While it is not an unfamiliar experience for some of us to have been pushed into a bathtub full of cold water to shock us into enough sobriety to confront the guests, this has never been known to solve any but a transient problem for those of us afflicted with alcoholism.

A wet outside added to a wet inside never has and never will add up to and spell out dry. There is only one answer. That is to dry up inside. And to do that effectively we must dry up our sloppy thinking as well as our sloppy habits. Only a drenching in the blessings of the Higher Power can accomplish this end. Only then will we cease to be dangerous to ourselves and to everyone else because we no longer get wet.

THE SNOW PLOW

It's odd to be thinking of a snowplow when the temperature is up in the nineties in the office right now. What brought it to mind was a thought-provoking discussion we had with delightful Ken B., and his wife Olive in Toronto last month.

The faithful subscribers of the Bulletin (bless 'em) will recall the article we published last year, titled "Unforgettable," wherein we described our meeting with Ken and the indelible impression it made upon us, causing us to publish his amazing story and part of his philosophy of living. He hasn't changed. He's still amazing!

During the twelve hours we were privileged to visit with him many facets of the AA program were discussed.

One of these will be the subject of this article—"What causes people to lose their interest in AA?" Invariably they start drinking again, or, if they don't, they become insufferably difficult to live with.

Ken advanced the opinion that many of us stop growing in AA stature because we stunt our spiritual growth. He quoted the Seventh Step—"We humbly ask Him to remove our shortcomings" in support of his argument and designated it as the climax of the AA program. To practice this step fully, he says, we must learn true humility, and this presupposes that we have turned our lives and our wills over to Him *completely*—not partially. Further, we must have taken the complete inventory, and recognized our weaknesses and shortcomings, and have come to believe they were a potent factor in our drinking problem.

Ken stated that, in his opinion, these defects of character are ever a part of our nature—like an inner volcano, ready to erupt at any time. That, though we ask in our prayers that our shortcomings be removed, God acts as a figurative snowplow in ploughing through the deepest drifts and making our road through life navigable. But, he pointed out, we must do *our* part in *continuing* to keep the road clear, for, in his opinion, God only *pushes them aside*. The winds of adversity and the evils of lassitude often cover the road just cleared.

In this simile, he describes those members who are on "dry drunks," even though they have years of seniority in AA. He deplores their attitudes and their pessimisms, for they often dishearten a new-comer who is seeking freedom from the same mental morass they seem to be in.

We are inclined to disagree in part with our good friend, for we personally believe that God *does* remove our shortcomings if we are *completely* sincere in asking their elimination. We have many evidences in AA of miraculous changes in character. Only God could have accomplished them.

Certainly after years of fidelity and daily living of the program, our foulest faults could not reappear,

Keep that snow shovel busy, however.

Most of us *could*
become wise . . . if
we could convince
ourselves that we
didn't know all the
answers.

ESSENCE OF HAPPINESS

I came to AA as beaten mentally and spiritually as my husband, the alcoholic. For every year he had of drinking, I had a year of trying to combat all the frustrations and resentments that go with living with an alcoholic. While he had hangovers from drinking, I had hangovers from thinking-while he tried running away from his responsibilities, I was running too, but in every direction. When he took his illness out on me, I took mine out on the children. I loved him-I hated him-I wished he would have an accident and I was terrified that he would. When he spent money, I saved like a martyr and when he, during a sober period, tried to save to make up, I blew the works. When he was drunk, I wanted him sober and yet many times, I told him to go on out and get drunk. When he was pleasant, I was not.

We were not a team in any sense of the word.

My need for AA was as great as his.

Through this philosophy, we have become a team again. I now have a personal awareness of the 12 Steps and know that I must work each and every step by myself and for myself alone. I cannot be part of a working team if I do not carry my share of the load and let the other half carry his.

There certainly has been a very great change in my attitude toward the problem, my husband and my family.

Gradually, as our daily living of this program began to straighten out the little problems, I came to realize that I had all my defects of character before I had the alcoholic. I stopped running and slowed to a walk, greeting each day with renewed hope and faith. I began to learn about self discipline, to be aware of the needs of others, to listen more and talk less, to keep an open mind and have more tolerance.

A new understanding of God has come to me even though these years of sobriety and AA in the home have not been without their problems. Three and one-half years ago, I was faced with the grave illness of my husband which still necessitates constant nursing, and his sudden blindness two years later took considerable adjustment on my part. But I have been able to meet it with loving kindness. The loss of our son in Korea was a profound lesson in acceptance, which with God's help I am still trying to learn. My care of our other son and our home is done now with considerably more tolerance, understanding and love.

Through this philosophy, I am able to live a daily life of happiness and gratitude. I am learning to live in the present and to be happy with those with whom I live and work, and gratitude for this new way of life and the privilege of helping others with a completely new understanding of my own and their problems.

I feel that I have become a wife and mother again and am part of the team. -O. B., Toronto.

JACK GOES WEST

Well-fortified with the AA philosophy, Jack G. of the Lorain Thursday group bade farewell to his many Cleveland friends before leaving in mid-August for California, where he plans to establish residence. We'll miss this intense young man.

His new address is 7747 Tampa Ave., Rcsda, Cal.

Our loss is California's gain.

BACHELOR WEDS

It seemed impossible that it could happen, but it did. A very nice little lady named Margaret K. lassoed bachelor Bill S. of the Angle group and will lead him to the altar in St. Patrick's Church at nine o'clock Saturday morning, September 5.

CLINT THOMPSON

Clint Thompson, a valued member of the Euclid-Wade group who enjoyed twelve years of uninterrupted sobriety as a devoted worker passed away June 27. He was originally a member of the old Miles group, but joined the Euclid-Wade group in 1944.

We offer our sincere condolences to his wife Eleanor.

TIME WILL TELL

I am a periodical alcoholic three-time loser, who once thought Short Vincent of Cleveland was heaven with its gorgeous shimmy girls, snappy-dressed racketeers, and many suckers that spent fast and freely.

Yes! I was the guy who appeared almost nightly before those characters: pretending; drinking; stealing; suffering—all for the sake of being one of the clique.

I chose gay times, contrary to the two previous chances given me by the parole commission to live normally. Fortunately, I lived out my paroles, but I couldn't outlive old habits.

Twenty months ago I again entered Ohio Pen to serve 2 to 40 years. I joined AA; started a school course, but dropped it in favor of a more-needed Bible course sponsored by the Salvation Army. This combination has led me to a far better understanding of myself.

This July I appeared before the parole commission and was given a two year continuance. Naturally, I was a little down-in-the-mouth about it, but after all-who am I? I am no different than any other criminal. I violated the law. I wanted wine, women, and song-only to learn that I couldn't sing, and didn't have the \$\$\$ to support all the bartenders and women.

No my friends, I won't be blue very long, for time is the best healer in the world. I L will help to further strengthen the mental sobriety that I have needed so badly. Nineteen months of AA has taught me to "accept the things I cannot change," and 24 months more will help to establish within me the wisdom that I need to "know the difference between right and wrong Linling."

Ephesians 5:15-16 says: "Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time." I thank God for AA. —Wm. G. c.

HAPPY SURPRISE

It happened twice to member Ralph K. Two people paid him back some ill-gotten gains.

Ralph was leading a meeting and noticed someone in the audience squirming in his seat. Though the fare was familiar, he couldn't place him. After the meeting, this fellow introduced himself as a fellow-worker who six years ago had "helped" Ralph look for a five dollar bill in a locker room, and which Ralph was planning to spend foolishly in some bistro. Ralph went home sober--the other guy got drunk. Both joined AA and at the meeting Ralph led, the other guy confessed and paid up. He was short of booze money that night, six years ago, too. He found the money and felt he needed it more than Ralph.

Just as he was marveling over this, a letter came in the mail enclosing another five-spot. Ralph was in a card game with some other AAs, and made change for someone for five dollars. He gave him the singles and the other guy didn't give him the five-spot. He wrote "We both lost that night, so I'll give you the fiver. If you had come out ahead, I might have kept it-but as they say in AA, you've got to get honest and stay that way."

Ralph was glad to get the money, but his greatest joy was in seeing evidence of the infiltration of AA principles in others.

RECORD AVAILABLE

"Milestones Ahead," a long playing recording of Founder Bill's talk at the Service Conference has been purchased by the Ansel Road group. (33 $\frac{1}{3}$ R.P.M.) It provides a vitally interesting hour and half program for any group that wishes to hear it. Any contribution for its use will be turned over to the AA District Office.

Call Bill H. at EDison 1-0624 for details.

SOUTHEASTERN AA CONFERENCE

Cleveland and Ohio members who like to travel, might be interested in knowing that the ninth annual Southeastern AA Conference will be held at Louisville, Ky., on October 2, 3 and 4.

Speakers of national importance have consented to appear and a wonderfully interesting program is indicated.

Anyone interested can secure further information as to hotel accommodations, etc. by writing to P.O. Box 631, Louisville, Ky.

GROUP NEWS

Eddy Road—The fourth anniversary of the group will be observed on Thursday, September 3 in the Glenville Congregational Church, Eddy Road and St. Clair. Jim B. will be the main speaker.

Ashtabula, O.—The Saturday night meeting place has been shifted to the beautiful, spacious auditorium of St. Peter's Episcopal Parish **House**, Main Avenue at South Park. They still meet at 8:30 p. m.

Brooklyn—Speakers for September are: 2—Tony McC., Brooklyn (his 4th anniversary); 9—Roy A., Brooklyn (his 7th anniversary); 16—Stanley G., Orchard Grove; 23—Cliff B., Edgelake; 30—Anne C., Niles, Ohio.

Oakwood—Speakers for September are: G—Pat L., West-side Morning; 13—Bill R., Memphis (his 8th anniversary); 20—James M., Fairview; 27—Steve L., Memphis.

Orchard Grove—Speakers for September are: 7—(No meeting, holiday); 14—Katherine M., Clark; 21—Harry O., Euclid-Wade; 28—Hugh McD., Orchard Grove.

Trinity—Speakers for September are: 5—"Chink" E., Matt Talbot; 12—Ted R., Valley View; 19—Marge K., Eastside Morning; 26—Arthur S., Orchard Grove.

ISNT HE NICE?

Tony W. of Elyria brightened our day last week with the following letter:

"Enclosed you will find my check for five dollars as an indication of my AA gratitude and Twelfth Step work. I offered, as prizes, five subscriptions to Central Bulletin at the Berea Friday group's picnic. The list of winners and addresses are enclosed."

We appreciate this thoughtfulness and that of the many who accompany their renewals with personal greetings and notes. They help much.

CANADIAN NEW CHAMPION

Our head is bloody, but unbowed, as we reluctantly report the crowning of a new international cribbage champion, Mrs. Eleanor C. of Toronto, Canada. (A woman, of all things! Tsk! Tsk!) Two hundred games were played—each bitterly fought—and the new champion was victor by a mere 55 points. The editor of what should be your favorite paper was the victim and has many perfectly logical alibis to offer, but in deference to a very fine young lady and a most excellent competitor, will admit she licked him fairly and decisively—by 55 points.

Readers will wonder why we devote so much valuable (?) space to report a cribbage match, but last year we admitted "casually and modestly" in the Bulletin columns that we had been crowned cribbage champion. This rankled in the hearts of the Canadians and they demanded that we publish their victory.

The championship is fought annually at Camp Ouedake, the AA island in Georgian Bay.

Visitors to the new camp operated by Steve and Helen S. of Midland, Ontario for AAs only generally agreed that the new location was even nicer than the first camp, mainly because the terrain was easier and safer to walk about on. There was even a spacious lawn to lounge on for sun bathing and shade trees surrounding it for those who just wanted to sit and enjoy the exhilarating air.

Stevie and Helen have accomplished wonders with this new site. When the government withdrew its welfare grant and demanded a too-high rental for the old site, Stevie and Helen purchased the present site and adapted it for camp use.

AA discussions, bringing opinions and experiences from many parts of America and Canada have made this camp a wholesome spot for summer vacationing. Many newcomers have attributed their sustained sobriety to their stay at this camp.

Continuance of its maintenance will depend on Stevie's ability to finance the deal. He is deserving of loyal support.

BB FOR AA

Eighteen members of AA, coming from twelve focal points in Ohio, met in Columbus, August 9, to discuss ways and means in handling "graduates" from Ohio's penal institutions who had embraced the AA program while incarcerated.

Articles of agreement were set up, discussed and agreed upon which in substance are that: BB of AA should provide automatic AA contact for all members of institutional groups who are discharged—that BBs for AA contact them and introduce them to at least one AA meeting—that BBs seek cooperation with prison officials, parole and probation officers, to fully inform them of the highest ideals of AA—help maintain the utmost anonymity of the returnee—fully inform and cooperate with the returnee's local sponsor.

It was agreed that AAs generally became poor sponsors of returnees because of their instinctive sympathy and flexible tolerance.

It was also admitted that too many parole officers had either little or no understanding of AA procedure or were intolerant of it. Where the parole and probation officers were fully aware of the AA program, marked success was achieved in adjusting returnees to normal life.

All AAs are asked to reserve judgment on this important venture in human rehabilitation. The returnees have an important role to fill. They have been indoctrinated in AA while incarcerated. If they live the program when they come out they'll be welcome. If too many try to take advantage of the groups by victimizing the members, the whole-souled efforts of many idealists will go down the drain.

The experiences which some of our members who had sponsored some irresponsible returnees in the past several years, make the work very difficult.

As one of these observed, commenting on our article on BB, "I'm willing to be a Big Brother, but I'll be doggoned if I'll be another Big Boot!"

A general open meeting for all those interested in becoming BBs will be held in Columbus on Sunday, October 11. Group secretaries will be informed as to the meeting place and exact time.

OAKWOOD — MEN ONLY

Ted R., active member of Valley View, has been engaged as the new manager of the Alcoholic Annex of Oakwood Sanitarium, 8909 Detroit Ave.

Only men patients will be admitted under the new policy of the management.



CLEVELAND AREA GROUP MEETINGS

MONDAY

ADDISON—Westminster Church. Cor. Addison and Wade Park... 8:30
BORTON—E. Cleve. Congrega. Church... 8:30
FRIENDLY SUBURBAN—6037 Pearl... 8:00
HILLCREST—Lyndhurst Community Church... 9:00
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 Episcopal... 8:30
LEE MONDAY—First Presbyter. Church... 8:30
LORAIN AVE.—West Park Baptist Church... 8:30
MARINE HOSPITAL—E. 124 & Fairhill... 7:30
MILES—St. Mary's Episcopal Church... 8:30
PEARL—Corpus Christi Basement... 8:30
ROWDY ROW—Salvation Army Corps Hall... 8:00
SHAKER HEIGHTS—Christ Episcopal Church... 8:30
SOUTH EAST—7526 Broadway... 8:30
UNION—East View Cong. Church... 9:00
WEST 25th St.—Marvel Hall... 8:30
WOMEN'S—Westside—West Boulevard... 8:45
ELYRIA MEN—St. Agnes Church... 8:30
SHELBY—Congregational Baptist Church... 8:30
VERMILLION, St. Mary's Church, Exchange St... 8:30
WILLOUGHBY—Presbyterian Church... 8:30

TUESDAY

ARCADE—Typographical Union Hall... 9:00
CHARITY—Last Tuesday of each month... 8:30
CLARK—1917 Clark Ave... 8:30
EAGLE TRAINING—Salvation Army... 8:00
EDGELAKE—St. Charles Ave... 8:30
EUCLID-WADE—Calvary Presbyterian Church... 9:00
PAIRMOUNT—St. Paul's Episcopal... 8:30
FAIRVIEW PARK—Fairview Grace Church... 8:30
HILLTOP—St. Joseph's Seminary... 8:45
MILES-LEE—Mount Hope Church... 8:30
SMITH-WILSON—Nativity School... 8:30
SUPERIOR—North Presbyterian Church... 9:00
TAPCO—Post 4... 1:00
IAPCO—Post 4... 9:00
WEST PARK—West Park Baptist Church... 8:30
WEST SIDE NEN'S—St. Patrick's Hall... 8:30
ASHTABULA COUNTY MEN, Conneaut, O... 8:30
LORAIN, O.—Community Hall... 8:00
MEDINA, O.—St. Paul's Epis. Par. Hse... 8:30
PAINESVILLE, O.—Stag... 8:30
STRONGSVILLE—St. Joseph's Church... 8:30

WEDNESDAY

ALCOLA—6409 Detroit Ave... 9:00
BAXTER AVE.—6527 Baxter Ave... 8:30
BROOKLYN-K. of P. Hall... 8:30
C. E. Illuminating Co. Room 335—Rear Building... 8:30
COLLINGSWOOD—14709 St. Clair Ave... 8:30
DENISON MEN—7403 Denison Ave... 8:30

DOAN MEN'S—2028 E. 105th St... 8:45
EAST SIDE MORNING—2028 E. 105th St... 10:00 A.M.
GARFIELD HEIGHTS—Trinity Baptist... 8:30
LAKEWOOD WOMEN—United Presby. Church... 8:30
LEE ROAD—First Eng. Lutheran... 8:30
NORWOOD—St. Vitus School... 8:30
ST. JAMES—Ward's Convalescing Home... 8:15
ST. MARY—400 North St., Chardon, O... 9:00
IAPCO—Post 4... 3:30
TWENTY-FOUR HOUR—13216 Detroit... 8:30
WARRENSVILLE—Women's House Cor... 7:30
WOMEN'S—East Side-Cleveland Unitarian Society... 8:30
WOMEN'S Lorain County—St. Anthony's School Hall... 8:30
BEDFORD, O.—Y.M.C.A., Tarbell Ave... 8:30
ELYRIA, O.—St. Mary's Church... 8:30
LORAIN, O.—AN FLERS—St. Mary's School, Reid Ave... 8:30

THURSDAY

ALAN—1820 East 79th St... 8:30
ALLENDALE—St. Paul's Episcopal Church... 8:30
ANGLE—St. Malachi's Church... 8:30
BROADWAY-55th—Our Lady of Lourdes School Hall... 8:30
BROOKLYN Y. P.—United Presbyterian... 9:00
COVENTRY—Fairmount Presbyterian Chapel... 8:30
CRILE HOSPITAL—Library... 8:00
EDDY ROAD—Glenview Congregational Church... 8:30
GLENVIEW—10421 St. Clair Ave... 8:30
LORAIN AVE.—West Park Baptist Church... 8:30
OUTHWAY—Woolland center... 8:30
ROCKY RIVER—Rockport Methodist Church... 8:30
WEST SIDE—7403 Denison Ave... 10:30 A.M.
AMHERST—St. Peter's Ev. & Ref. Church... 9:00
BEREA, U.—Fine Arts Club... 8:30
EAST LAKE—Bethel Lutheran Church... 8:30
INDEPENDENCE, U.—St. John's Lutheran Hall... 9:00
PAINESVILLE, O.—33 N. State, 3rd fl... 8:30

FRIDAY

ANSEL ROAD—St. Thomas Church... 9:00
BROADWAY-HARVARD—8437 Broadway... 8:30
CEDAR—Salvation Army... 8:15
GORDON SQUARE—St. Helena's Hall... 8:30
LEE ROAD—St. Philomena's Church... 9:00
NORTHEAST—2028 E. 105th St... 8:30
WESTSIDE YOUNG PEOPLE—St. Luke's Hall... 9:00
AVON LAKE—Congregational Church... 8:30
BEREA—Social room of Berea Cong. Church... 8:30
CHAGRIN FALLS, O.—America Legion... 8:30
CHARDON, O.—Thrasher House... 8:30
CONNEAUT, O.—B. of L. E. Hall... 8:30
EUCLID, O.—Holy Cross Church... 8:30
MENTOR, O.—Mentor Methodist Church... 8:30
OBERLIN, O.—American Legion Home... 8:30
ST. ANTHONY—U. S. Naval Training... 9:00
WICKLIFFE MEN—Lady of Mt. Carmel Hall... 8:00

SATURDAY

BROADWAY-CABLE—St. John's Lutheran Church... 8:30
CATHEDRAL—(Stag) St. John's cathedral... 8:30
GLENVIEW—10421 St. Clair Ave... 9:00
LAKEWOOD—Sat. Hite—Redeemer Hall... 8:30
LEAGUE PARK—St. Agnes School Hall... 8:30
MATT TALBOT—St. Philip Neri Church... 8:30
MEMPHIS—Church of Good Shepherd... 9:00
PARMA—Public Library... 8:30
REDWOOD—Euclid Lutheran Church... 8:30
SHILOH—Bethel A. M. E. Church... 8:30
TRINITY—Trinity Evangelical Church... 8:30
VALEY VIEW—Community Center... 8:30
8005 GROUP—8005 Lorain Ave... 8:30
ASHTABULA, O.—St. Peter's Episc. Church... 8:30
ELYRIA, O.—St. Andrew's Episcopal Church... 8:30
SOLOM, O.—St. Rita's Church basement... 9:00

SUNDAY

C. A. C. DISCUSSION—C. A. C. clubroom... 10:45 A.M.
COLLINGSWOOD—14709 St. Clair Ave... 7:30
DETROIT—Mixed—8023 Detroit Ave... 8:00
LAKEVIEW—CYO Hall, St. Aloysius Church... 8:30
MARYMOUNT—2nd Sun. in month... 2:30
MISTLETOE—St. Thomas Church... 7:00
NEWBURGH—St. Catherine's Church... 8:30
OAKWOOD—Alcoholic Annex... 11:00 A.M.
OUTHWAITE—7100 Kinsman Ave... 4:00
STRONGVILLE—Royal Haven Farm... 3:00
WARRENSVILLE—Cooley Farms Recreation Room... 10:00 A.M.
GENEVA, O.—Legion Hall, Park St... 7:30

LIST OF COOPERATING AA HOSPITALS

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Kenmore 1-2299... 17322 Euclid Ave.
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MacGillis Nursing Home (MW)
Marymount Hospital (MW)
Pathway (Tyler 1-6698) (MW)

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(MW) men and women.

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

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GIGGLES

"Now then, where's the fare for that boy?" asked the conductor in the crowded bus.

"He's only three years old," replied the child's father.

"Three years! Go on-look at him!" snorted the conductor. "He's six at least."

The father leaned over and gazed earnestly at the boy's face. Then he turned to the conductor: "Can I help it if he worries?" he asked.

THE TEMPTER

a mask. He tore off the mask and who do you suppose it was? You can't guess? It was me!

"I looked right at him for a minute then I said 'Who you think you're foolin'?' I knowed who it was all the time!

"Then I set down in the shade and opened myself a bottle of coke."
— Anonymous.

BB OF A A CONVENE

Are you truly AA grateful?

Have you ever done anything in your AA career, that if you had been caught doing it, would have meant a prison sentence?

Of course, you would have called on your influential friends to use their political ties to extricate you from the mess you were in! Maybe you've used this power, just as many of others have, successfully. Many fellows failed.

Every month, about twenty men are released from the Ohio State Penitentiary. They received varying periods of AA indoctrination. . . some several months. . . some several years. They have heard speakers tell them every two weeks at the Sunday AA Fellowship Meetings that when they had paid their debt to society, they could return to their home town, join AA, and be accepted as any other out-of-town AA member would be accepted.

They have been warned repeatedly about not taking that first drink. By the time they are released, they should have been convinced that alcohol was a large factor in the commission of the crime which caused their incarceration.

They will be released to a sponsor. Each will have to report regularly to the probation office in their community for a period of one year or more.

In many cases, the sponsor knows nothing of AA. In too many communities even the probation office knows nothing of AA, or has little respect for it.

Accordingly, when a returnee comes back to take his place in the community, he is usually advised by probation officers and sponsor to "keep his nose clean". . . "control his drinking". . . "keep out of trouble," etc. Rarely is he reminded that HE CAN'T TAKE EVEN ONE DRINK!

Recognizing that this well-meant advice often is an invitation to the returnee to control his drinking . . . that what he had heard in Fellowship meetings was just theoretical . . . that eventually anyone, if he practiced control, could become a social drinker! . . . AAs, who have spent much time in the development of the AA Fellowship program at Columbus State Prison have created BB of AA.

Experience has taught them that AA members are generally poor sponsors for the returnee. They're usually over-generous, over-indulgent, over-solicitous, over-confident and over-idealistic.

It is generally agreed that AA's can do most effective work in being a Big Brother to the returnee . . . by educating the parole and probation officers and the sponsor on AA practice . . . by taking the returnee to at least one meeting . . . and at all times maintaining his anonymity and his background of experience.

BB of AA gives the returnee the same opportunity that any new applicant for AA membership gets.

All a deserving, sincere and repentant returnee asks . . . is a chance!

Will you be a BB of AA?

If you're interested and are anxious to show your appreciation of what you have received in AA, come to Columbus on Sunday, October 11, at 2:30 p. m. in the Virginia Hotel and participate in the planning and engineering of this program.

It will be an open discussion meeting with several prominent speakers well acquainted with the problems of prisoner rehabilitation.

If you are against the ulan, attend. If you are for it, attend.

PAUL STANLEY

Members throughout the Cleveland area were grieved and shocked to hear of the untimely death of beloved Paul Stanley of Akron, who contributed greatly of his time and efforts to the development of AA.

One of the earliest members of the Fellowship, Paul was in constant demand as a speaker and advisor.

Paul suffered a fractured skull in an automobile accident and passed away on September 19. He was buried on September 22. He will be sorely missed.

DOUBLE HEADERS

Having read the article on B.B.s (Big Brothers) in the August issue of the Central Bulletin, it brought to mind the thought that as drinking alcoholics we always were in a generous mood, seeing double and drinking double-headers. Tour "B.B." reminds me that there are some double-headers (alphabetical not alcoholic) that we should still be taking as tonics for our continued recovery.

A.A.—Actively Appreciative—doing something for our sobriety.

B.B.—Banishing Boastfulness—being absolutely honest—it is basic.

C.C.—Complete Confession—practicing the 4th, 5th and 10th steps with complete honesty.

D.D.—Dry Drunk—avoiding this by taking all the others.

E.E.—Earnest Endeavor—working earnestly for our sobriety.

F.F.—Friendly Feeling—getting the "feel" of the fellowship by being a friendly guy.

G.G.—Generous Gestures—giving of self in gratitude.

H.H.—Honest Humility—being truly humble, but never humiliated.

I.I.—Individual Inventory—"of ourselves" (4th step)—the other members of the group are qualified to take their own inventory.

J.J.—Joyful Journey—making our adventure in sobriety a happy experience.

K.K.—Kingly Kindness—doing unto others as we would have others do unto us.

L.L.—Leading Learnedly—knowing what we are talking about when it is our turn to "lead" a meeting.

M.M.—Many Meetings—keeping in touch—this is a "must."

N.N.—Naked Naturalness—being ourselves.

O.O.—Orthodox Operation—doing things the right way, not our way.

P.P.—proving to others by each 24 hours of sobriety (power of example).

Q.Q.—Quality Quest—seeking the true value of sobriety.

R.R.—Realizing Responsibilities—assuming the obligations we have to God, to ourselves and to others.

S.S.—Solid Sponsorship—being a good A.A. ourself—the first requirement for successful sponsorship.

T.T.—Total Trust—having the FAITH and keeping it by living it.

U.U.—Unnecessary Unkindness—avoiding all gossip and criticism, all of which are based on unkindness.

V.V.—Vacating Vanity—ridding ourselves of that foolish and false pride, which was a contributing cause to our downfall.

W.W.—Wholesome Welcoming—making the new members feel that at last they are "at home."

X.X.—XXXXXX—frames for the skull and crossbones which our alcoholic vision should picture on all containers of alcohol.

Y.Y.—Youth Yearning—having been "born again" our actions should be those to keep us young.

Z.Z.—Zeal Zenith—taking it easy—there's a limit to everything. We can't be "fire balls" without burning out.
—Bob B., Lee-Wednesday.

GROUP NEWS

Brooklyn-Speakers for October are: 7—Ralph B., Brooklyn, (his 3d anniversary); 14—Mary L., Brooklyn, (her 7th anniversary); 21—Crawford W., Chardon; 28—Joe K., Brooklyn (his 3d anniversary).

Oakwood—Speakers for October are: 4—Bob E., Clerk; 11—Billie M., P. rma; 18—Tony M., Norwood; 25—Katharine M., Clark.

Orchard Grove—Speakers for October are: 5—Joe R., Lorain Thursday; 12—Joe K., Brooklyn; 19—Jerry W., Brooklyn; 26—Stanton McD., Orchard Grove.

Strongsville—The group has been re-organized after about a year of cessation. It will be called the **Strongsville-Tuesday** group and will meet at the new Town Hall at 9 p. m. Hall opens at 8 p. m. Tuesday, October 20, will be the formal revival day which will commemorate the original organization six years ago.

Trinity-Speakers for October are: 3—Joe K., Brooklyn; 10—Ann C., Niles, O.; 17—Frank M., Youngstown.; 24—Mary J. and Norris M., Brooklyn, (a mother and daughter lead); 31—Hallowe'en Dance. Come and have fun.

Wednesday-Lee—Speakers for October are: 7—James C. C., League Park; 14—Robert M., Monday-Lee; 21—Ellis H., Wednesday-Lee 28—Alan P., Shaker.

BULLETIN BIRTHDAY

This issue completes eleven years of publication of Central Bulletin. Its purpose has never changed since the first issue was printed. Every month it conveys to its subscribers the philosophy gleaned from speakers whom the editors heard while attending meetings or in the course of everyday contact with the ever-growing solid members in the community who discuss AA every **time they meet**.

The **Bulletin** has never sought national circulation, though it has many out-of-town subscribers. There are approximately 1600 subscribers; several **groups** subscribe for their new members, totalling 150; institutions and exchanges total about 200. We publish 2100 copies.

The costs of publication have risen greatly since we started, but the price remains at one dollar per year. This has been possible because of the fine support of our area groups. While another cost increase is imminent, according to our printers, who must grant a pay increase, we shall hold to the dollar price, asking only that groups continue to remind their members to renew their subscriptions and to get new ones to subscribe. If we get 1700 paid subscribers we'll come out **alright**.

The deficit to date is around \$300. Pretty small, considering that it's kept us sober for over eleven years.

Anybody have a stray bound copy of Volume I and II? We have two urgent requests for them. They're **rare**.

Thanks, everybody!

ELYRIAN HAS A GOOD IDEA

"Beginning September 7," Tony W. of Elyria writes, "anyone who registers his name and is present at the Elyria Monday AA Stag group will have a free chance to win a subscription to Central Bulletin."

"It is my belief that when anyone has good AA reading always available to remind him that at one time he or she attended an AA meeting, he'll have a better chance to stay on the beam. Central Bulletin will be that reminder."

(All subscriptions are donated by him, incidentally.)

Thank **you**, Mr. W.! You're a splendid example.

APPRECIATION

A recipient of a free subscription a year ago, paid for by one of our **blessed** subscribers enclosed two dollars, one to renew his subscription and another to help someone else whose finances were at low ebb as his were a year ago.

WC salute this Toronto member for this evidence of grateful appreciation and will find another recipient for him. We hope it will keep him sober **a year or more too**.

CONSOLIDATED MEETING

**Moose Hall, E. 22nd and Carnegie
Sunday, October 18, 4:00 P. M.**

The Fall Consolidated meeting on Sunday, October 18, promises to be another outstanding one, when Common Pleas Judge James E. K., of Jackson County, Jackson, Ohio will address the assembly.

The judge has a marvelous message and speaks from rich experience. He knows human nature and listeners will long remember him. The hall should be packed.

There is plenty of parking **space** to the right of the hall.

CARL URANSKY

A staunch and devoted member of AA, organizer of the Broadway-Cable group, Carl Uransky, passed away suddenly on September 12. He was an enthusiastic and **unselfish** member during his eight years of uninterrupted sobriety.

Our sincere condolences to his family and his group.

KEEP YOUR TRAP SHUT

A woman **reported** to the police that her husband had disappeared. In a few days she was called to the morgue in a nearby city to examine an unidentified stiff, which she identified as her husband. She sent the body home, bought it a new suit of clothes, had it shaved and prepared it for the wake by placing it in the front room of her home. The morning after the wake the wife moved in to take another loving look at the remains. She found that the mouth of the corpse had dropped open and the upper plate had dropped down. The wife knew that her husband did not have false teeth. She returned the body to the morgue; the suit and the casket and body were buried in the potters field. The moral of this story is—"If **you** keep your mouth shut you might get a decent burial."

-The Brighter Side, Waterloo, Ia.

GIGGLES

Three fellows walked into the railroad station and, after checking schedules, decided they had time for a few drinks. Finally they leaped up and ran, just in time for two of them to catch the train. The third fell down and began to laugh. "What are **you** laughing about?" asked a **cop**. "Those two guys," **said** the merrymaker, "came down to see me off."

She: "That speaker last night sure made a hit."

Her: "What did he talk about?"

She: "About five minutes!"



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LAKEWOOD (Orchard Grove)—1417 St. Charles, nr. Detroit 8:30
LAKEWOOD MEN'S—St. Peter's Episcopal, W. Clifton and Detroit 8:30
LEE MONDAY—First Presbyter. Church, East Cleveland Nela and Euclid 8:30
LORAIN AVE.—West Pork Baptist Church, 15218 Lorain Ave. 8:30
MARINE HOSPITAL—E. 124 & Fairhill 7:30
MILES—St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 9721 Romona Boulevard 8:30
PEARL—Corpus Christi Basement, 4202 Stickney (E. of Pearl Rd.) 8:30
ROWDY ROW—Salvation Army Corps Hall, 2042 W. 26th St. 8:00
SHAKER HEIGHTS—Christ Episcopal Church, 3451 Warrensville 8:30
SOUTH EAST—7526 Broadway 8:30
UNION—East View Cong. Church, Kinsman at E. 156th St. 9:00
WEST 25th ST.—Marvel Hall, 2858 W. 25th St. 8:30
WOMEN'S—Westside—West Boulevard Christian Church, Madison and W. 101 8:45
ELYRIA MEN-ST. Agnes Church, Lake Road at Bath St., Elyria, O 8:30
SHELBY—Congregational Baptist Church, Jackson and Jefferson, Painesville 8:30
VERMILLION, St. Mary's Church, Exchange St. 8:30
WILLOUGHBY—Presbyterian Church, Willoughby, O. 8:30

TUESDAY

ARCADE—Typographical Union Hall, 1559 East lith (near Payne Ave.) 9:00
CHARITY—Last Tuesday of each month—Cafeteria 8:30
CLARK—1 917 Clark Ave. 8:30
EAGLE TRAINING—Salvation Army, E. 9th and Eagle 8:00
EDGE LAKE—St. Charles Ave. Dinner at 7:00 p. m. Meeting at 8:30
EUCLID-WADE—Calvary Presbyterian Church, E. 79th and Euclid Ave. 9:00
FAIRMOUNT—St. Paul's Episcopal, Fairmount and Coventry 8:30
FAIRVIEW PARK—Fairview Grace Church, W. 224th and Lorain Ave. 8:30
HILLTOP—St. Joseph's Seminary, 17608 Euclid Ave. 8:45
MILES-LEE—Mount Hope church, E. 164th, north Miles 8:30
SMITH-WILSON—Nativity School, 9510 Aetna Road 8:30
SUPERIOR—North Presbyterian Church, F 40th and Superior 9:00
TAPCO—Post 4, 23555 Euclid, 2nd shift 1:00
TAPCO—Post 4, 23555 Euclid, 3rd shift 9:00
WEST PARK—West Park Baptist Church, W. 152nd and Lorain 8:30
WEST SIDE MEN'S—St. Patrick's Hall, ASHTARULA COUNTY MEN, Concaut, O., B. of L.E. Hall, Whitney Block, Main St. 8:30
LORAIN, O.—Community Hall, 23rd and Beech Sts 8:00
MEDINA, O.—St. Paul's Epis. Par. Hse. 8:30
PAINESVILLE, O.—Stag, 33 N. State St. 8:30
STRONGSVILLE—Tuesday—Town Hall 9:00

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
C. E. I.—Illuminating Co., Room 335—Rear Building 8:30
COLLINWOOD—14709 St. Clair Ave. 8:30
DENTON MEN—7403 Dmick 8:30 (first Wednesday, joint meeting)

DOAN MEN'S—2028 E. 105th St., 2nd floor, side entrance 8:45
EAST SIDE MORNING 10:00 A. M.
2028 E. 105th St.
GARFIELD HEIGHTS—Trinity Baptist, E. 94th and Garfield Blvd. 8:30
LAKEWOOD WOMEN—United Presby. Church, 12601 Detroit Ave. 8:30
LEE ROAD—First Eng. Lutheran, Derbyshire and Euclid Hts. Blvd. 8:30
NORWOOD—St. Vitus School, 6105 Glass Ave. 8:30
ST. JAMES—Ward's Convalescing Home, E. 71st and Cedar Ave. 8:15
ST. MARY—400 North St., Chardon, O. 9:00
TAPCO—Post 4, 23555 Euclid, 1st shift 3:30
TWENTY-FOUR HOUR—13216 Detroit, Church of the Ascension 8:30
Training meeting 1st Wed. each month.
WARRENSVILLE—Women's House Cor. 7:30
WOMEN'S—East Side—Cleveland Unitarian Society, Euclid and E. 82nd St. 8:30
WOMEN'S—Lorain County—St. Anthony's School Hall, E Erie & Kansas (R.2 or 6) 8:30
BEDFORD, O.—Y.M.C.A., Tarbell Ave. 8:30
ELTRIA, O.—St. Mary's Church, Middle and Fourth 8:30
LORAIN, O.—ANTLERS, St. Mary's School, Reid Ave. 8:30

THURSDAY

ALAN—1820 East 79th St. 8:30
ALJENDALE—St. Paul's Episcopal 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
BROOKLYN Y. P.—United Presbyterian, Spokane and Pearl 9:00
COVENTRY—Fairmount Presbyterian, Chapel, Scarborough 8:30
CRIE HOSPITAL—Library 8:00
EDDY ROAD—Glenville Congregational Church, Eddy and St. Clair 8:30
GLENVILLE—10421 St. Clair Ave. 8:30
LORAIN AVE.—West Park Baptist Church, 15218 Lorain Ave. 8:30
OUTHWAITE—Woodland Center, 7100 Kinsman Ave. 8:30
ROCKY RIVER—Rockport Methodist Church, 3310 Wooster Rd. 8:30
WEST SIDE—7403 Denison Ave. 10:30 A. M.
AMHERST—St. Peter's Ev. & Ref. Church, Church St., North Amherst, O. 9:00
BEREA, O.—Fine Arts Club, E. Bagley Rd., 3 doors east of Eastland 8:30
EAST LAKE—Bethel Lutheran Church, 52490 Vine Street 8:30
INDEPENDENCE, O.—St. John's Lutheran Hall, Second and Sunset 9:00
PAINESVILLE, O.—33 N. State, 3rd fl. 8:30

FRIDAY

ANSEL ROAD—St. Thomas Church, 9205 Superior Ave. 9:00
BROADWAY-HARVARD—8437 Broadway 8:30
CEDAR—Salvation Army, 5005 Euclid 8:15
GORDON SQUARE—St. Helena's Hall, 1367 W. 65th St. 8:30
L E E ROAD—St. Philomena's Church, Instruction Hall, 13824 Euclid 9:00
NORTHEAST—2028 E. 105th St. 8:30
WESTSIDE YOUNG PEOPLE—St. Luke's Hall, Bunts and Clifton 9:00
AVON LAKE—Conareational Church, Lake Road, Stop 55 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 I. E. Hall 8:30
EUCLID, O.—Holy Cross Church, E. 200th and Lake Shore Blvd. 8:30
MENTOR, O.—Mentor Methodist Church 8:30
OBERLIN, O.—American Legion Home, S. Main and Hamilton 8:30
ST. ANTHONY—U. S. Naval Training, Main Ave. and Cleveland Blvd 9:00
WICKLIFFE MEN—Lady of Mt. Carmel Hall, Wickliffe, O. 8:00

SATURDAY

BROADWAY-CABLE—St. John's Lutheran, Church, Cable at Broadway 8:30
CATHEDRAL—(Stag) St. John's Cathedral, E. 9th and Superior 8:30
GLENVILLE—10421 St. Clair Ave. 9:00
LAKEWOOD—Sat. Nite—Redeemer Hall, Andrews, near Detroit 8:30
LEAGUE PARK—St. Agnes' School Hall, East 79th and Euclid Ave. 8:30
MATT TALBOT—St. Philip Neri Church, E. 82nd and St. Clair 8:30
MEMPHIS—Church of Good Shepherd, 8235 Memphis Ave. 9:00
PARMA—Public Library, 5850 Ridge Rd. 8:30
REDWOOD—Euclid Lutheran Church, E. 260th and Oriole 8:30
SHILOH—Bethel A. Al. E. Church, 5021 Shiloh Road 8:30
TRINITY—Trinity Evangelical Church, 3525 W. 25th St. 8:30
VALLEY VIEW—Community Center, West 7th and Starkweather 8:30
8005 GROUP—8005 Lorain Ave. 8:30
ASHTABULA, O.—St. Peter's Episc. Church, Main Avenue at South Park 8:30
ELYRIA, O.—St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Middle and Third 8:30
SOLOM, O.—St. Rita's Church basement 9:00

SUNDAY

C. A. C. DISCUSSION—C. A. C. clubrooms, 7809 Euclid Avenue 10:45 A. M.
COLLINWOOD—14709 St. Clair Ave. 7:30
DETROIT—Mixed—8023 Detroit Ave. 8:00
LAKEVIEW—CVO Hall, St. Aloysius Church, E. 109th and St. Clair 8:30
MARYMOUNT—2nd Sun. in month, Cafeteria, McCracken and Henry 2:30
MISTLETOE—St. Thomas Church, 9205 Superior Ave. 7:00
NEWBURGH—St. Catherine's Church, 3443 E. 93rd St. 8:30
OAKWOOD—Alcoholic Annex, 8909 Detroit Ave. 11:00 A.M.
OUTHWAITE—7100 Kinsman Ave. 4:00
STRONGVILLE—Royal Haven Farm, Royalton Road, Strongville, O. 3:00
WARRENSVILLE—Cooley Farms Recreation Room 10:00 A. M.
GENEVA, O.—Legion Hall, Park St., corner of so. Eagle 7:30

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Alcoholics Abstinence Nursing Home (MW)
MFlrose 1-1635 8023 Detroit Ave
Alcoholic Annex—Oakwood Sanitarium (M)
AT. 1-0346 8909 Detroit Ave.
Charity Hospital (MW)
MAIN 1-9400 Central at E. 22nd St
Cleveland Alcoholic Clinic (MW)
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Ednwood Sanitarium (M)
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MacGillis Nursing Home (MW)
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Marymount Hospital (MW)
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CENTRAL COMMITTEE—
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GIGGLES

Jerry: I had a swell hunch at the races the other day. It was the seventh day of the seventh month, my wife and I had been married exactly seven years, it was the seventh race, so I play horse No. 7.

Perry: And he won?

Jerry: No, he came in seventh.

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FANTASY TO NIGHTMARE

Spencer D. I. left in mid-October for his annual trip to eighteen foreign countries to further his intimate knowledge of world affairs, upon which lie is a recognized national authority.

The lights are soft. The silver and the crystal gleams on the white tablecloth. The perfume of the women guests is dreamy. The food is something made for demi-gods. The semi-secrecy of the private dining room gives a sense of security.

At this private dinner given in an exclusive Paris restaurant no one is aware that I am an alcoholic. To them I am someone of interest from a far country. None ever saw me when I was "rime," looking more like a derelict of the jungle than a man. Wonder what they would think if they knew?

The conversation is scintillating in two languages. There are important people here, government officials, industrialists, cabinet members. This is for me, arranged by my French friend. I must be important. Maybe I am a big shot. ("Take it easy boy," says a small inaudible voice.)

The light from the candelabra plays on the row of glasses. What an assortment. Eight of them of as many shapes and sizes, each for a different vintage wine to fit each course. Hmmm!

No one would ever know. It has been years and years and certainly I wouldn't make a show of myself as I used to. I would hold my drinks and stand up with the best of them. It is a treacherous idea.

No one will ever know. The boys back home will never hear about it. The family would not be informed.

It would be just for tonight-no more drinking in Paris or on this trip after tonight. Intriguing notion.

That isn't so. You will know. The Higher Power that sobered you up and transferred you beyond the wonders of the miracles of old from a besOTTen animal to a man will know! Of course, that's only two.

You're right. That's two too many. Either one is one too many to know. What nonsense. What an idle illusion. It was never seriously entertained anyway.

And after tonight you may not see most of these people again. Some, of course, you will see on subsequent visits. but most of them are passing out of your life in a few hours.

But the one who would know and with whom you will have to live for the rest of your days will remember. Yes, you could start over again if anything happened, but why should anything happen? Could you look the boys and girls in the group in the eye and say, "I had a wonderful trip, no trouble?" Could you face the family and cover up? More important could you go on from day to day with yourself and kid yourself?

No, one drink 10,000 miles from home, is just as disastrous as a three-day binge in your own bailiwick. If we are going to be honest with ourselves-and if we are truly sober, we must be-any dereliction of this sort is unthinkable. It is a fantasy that can turn into a nightmare by lifting just one of those eight glasses. To the Higher Power goes the thanks for our ability to place our hand over them as the waiter comes around and say, "No, merci."

GUARD THAT TONGUE

It's time for admonition again! We hate to use these columns for scolding, but it seems the Bulletin is the only medium which will reach all groups in this area where the offense can properly be exposed, and, we hope eradicated. The offense is "gossipmongering."

A very indignant woman member of a Cleveland group fears that she will have to change to another group because of the pernicious habit of one loose-tongued wife of an AA member in telling all who would listen in whatever circle she travels, in and out of AA, that this prominent woman is an AA member. Her indignation reached a climax when a very important person, whom our indignant lady was trying to impress had been informed earlier by her loose-tongued friend that the now indignant lady was a member of AA.

This ynkkity-yakking informer has embarrassed two other women members of the group on numerous occasions by revealing intimate details of their past to all who would listen. Her field of operation has not been limited to women members only, for the gory past of men whose stories she has heard at meetings are revealed by this unthinking mesdame without consideration of that sacred word "anonymity."

Will the solution be in closing the meeting to alcoholics only, as is the custom in most cities? We hope not. For in the Cleveland area most groups have discovered that the alcoholic's spouse often absorbs much more of the speaker's philosophy than the nervous, fidgety, egocentric and critical alcoholic spouse.

We have discovered that these good people have gotten their spouses over some decidedly serious humps by drawing from the fund of philosophy and case histories they have heard at meetings.

Should a committee call on the offender and acquaint her with the seriousness of her offense? We doubt whether this would be possible, for, in the first place who would volunteer to stick his or her head in a hornet's nest? In the second place, this type of person probably would not change her ways, for she's been doing it for many years and has been verbally chastised by those she's hurt.

We believe an open discussion on this phase of our program would be in order at an early meeting. The alcoholic has a tough enough time re-building his or her life without having some dastard throw monkey-wrenches or what-have-you in his machinery.

We close this diatribe with a story we clipped which indicates how quick people are to hear the worst:

A man sitting at his window one evening casually called to his wife: "There goes that woman Bill Jones is so terribly in love with."

His wife, in the kitchen, dropped a cup she was drying, hurtled through the door, knocked over a lamp, and craned her neck to look out the window.

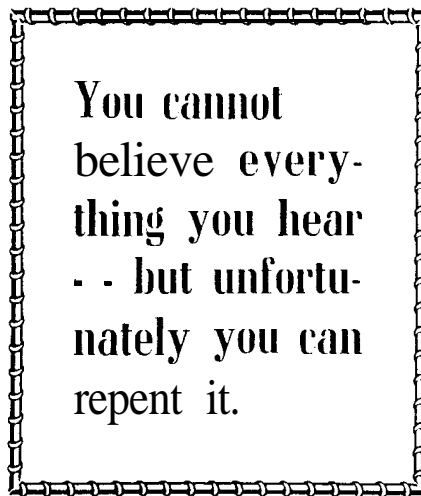
"Where?" she panted.

"There," he pointed, "that woman, with the tweed coat, on the corner."

"You idiot," she hissed, "that's his wife."

"Yes, of course," he replied.

Keep that lip buttoned, folks. An alcoholic's story is his own and only he has the right to tell it.



DRINKS CAN COME HIGH

I noticed somewhere the other day that the most expensive petroleum product is watch oil; it sells for \$800 a gallon. This seems to me to be an awful lot of money, and somehow, even if I were a watch repairman, I believe that I would hesitate for some time before laying out that kind of money for a gallon of fluid.

But I got to figuring the cost of some of the fluids I have bought and the amazing answers I got have actually staggered me. The fluid purchases I made the day I wrote that bum check, for instance. The actual expenditure at the time only amounted to about \$2.37, but to my utter chagrin this constituted only the down payment. Subsequent payments have amounted to over \$15,000, and this for only three-fifths of a gallon too. This is the way I figure it.

Wine (yes, I'm a wineo) is the cheapest of drinks and the easiest to buy—every other store in the neighborhood handles it. At 79c a fifth, three of them totalled the \$2.37. I emptied all three and went off foraging for more. It was Friday, payday, and every son in the community was cashing checks but me (I hadn't worked for weeks). Gosh, did I feel sorry for myself, but not for long. I went home to my typewriter and built a check that passed inspection in the first tavern, and I was on my way (to here at the O. P., it later developed).

Through continued drinking I managed to disregard the pleas and reasoning of the man who had accepted my worthless paper. He was patient for several weeks, but I wasn't sober. The end was inevitable, so the judge sent me down.

In the years prior to my last prolonged binge I had been paying income tax on better than \$5,000 a year. I have been here three years, and basing income on past performances (at the least) this represents a sum of \$15,000.

Considering that on the day of my uttering and publishing, I had consumed three fifths only (representing a loss of the aforementioned \$15,000 potential income), therefore the total cost of a gallon of the evil fluid in simple mathematics would amount to \$25,000 a gallon.

—By Jack Q., Ohio Pen Opener

DAILY MORAL INVENTORY

LIABILITIES

LIABILITIES	ASSETS
Watch for	Strive for
Self Pity	Self-Forgetfulness
Self Justification	Humility
Self Importance	Modesty
Self Condemnation	Self Valuation
Dishonesty	Honesty
Impatience	Patience
Hate	Love
Resentment	Forgiveness
False Pride	Simplicity
Jealousy	Trust
Envy	Generosity
Laziness	Activity
Procrastination	Promptness
Insincerity	Straightforwardness
Negative Thinking	Positive Thinking
Vulgar, Immoral, Trashy Thinking	High-Minded, Spiritual, Clean Thinking
Criticizing	Look for the Good
Eliminate the Negative	Accentuate the Positive

—Source Unknown

"There's a man outside who says he has a dual personality."

"Tell him to go chase himself."

BB OF AA

AAs interested in prisoner rehabilitation took intelligent and advanced steps in this work at a meeting in Columbus on Sunday, October 11, at which over 150 members attended.

The subject under discussion was "How best can the BBs help the parolee?"

It was generally agreed that a BB would best serve the parolee by limiting his activity to simple AA practice—that he recognize his limitations as a psychiatrist, reformer, religionist, welfare worker, sociologist, banker, etc., and remain within the limits of his talents—that he increase his effectiveness as an AA sponsor by more fully explaining the AA program to the probation officers in his area and, by example, increase the respect for AA effectiveness, sadly decreased through the thoughtlessness and over-zealousness of some ambitious and inexperienced would-be sponsors—that BBs avoid, wherever possible, being active sponsors to the parolee.

Ohio was divided into twelve areas and directors were chosen at the meeting. They are: Area 1 (Cleveland), Pete G. of Parma; Area 2 (Toledo), Al F.; Area 3 (Akron), Bert McK.; Area 4 (Youngstown), Scotty G. of Niles; Area 5-6 (Mansfield-Wooster), Cliff F. of Wooster; Area 7-8 (Newark-Zanesville), Dutch R. of Zanesville; Area 9 (Columbus), George B. . . . ; Area 10-11 (Dayton-Springfield), Bill T. of Xenia; Area 12 (Cincinnati), Roger W.

Mr. M. J. Koloski, Ohio Pen Advisor, was the main speaker at the meeting and complimented the assembly on its choice of outstanding citizens as Area Directors. He described the effectiveness of the AA program on prisoner rehabilitation and cited figures to prove that the work of the past four years had been very effective. He expressed confidence that the plan adopted at this meeting would bring even greater happy results.

To date over 1800 prisoners have had a brush with the AA program. There are 476 in the group at present; 449 have been paroled to AA of which 127 are still active; 171 mere returned for violating their parole and 151 evidently have learned their lesson but have not reportedly sought AA affiliation.

Great credit should be given to Henry D. R. of Columbus for his untiring and unselfish efforts in this sensible approach to the problem.

IT'S EASY TO FIND FAULT

We can usually find all the faults of the other fellow. But if, when we are trying to find the other fellow's shortcomings, we should take an inventory of our own past and present, I don't think we would be so anxious to tell them to someone or criticize another person. We learn through the AA program that in order to help ourselves, we must help others. To me this doesn't mean finding the other person's faults. That's for him to do! If he is sincere in arresting his alcoholic problem, he will find them soon enough for himself.

We can live only one life, our own. In order to do this we must first try and straighten out our own shortcomings. If we do this I'm sure we won't have the time to find those of others' but will begin to find this new way of life so many of our fellow AAs have through practicing and living the 12-suggested steps.

Take time out long enough each morning and night to say the AA prayer, but let's be sure that we are sincere and add no ifs and buts, or try to bargain with this Greater Power we believe in, regardless of who or what it may be. If we do this I feel sure that we, too, can begin to live a new way of life, of peace and of happiness.

—By Mel O., Ohio Pen Eye Opener

STEWART J. IRWIN

One of Cleveland's older members, Stewart I. Irwin, passed away on September 28. He was a regular member of the Lee Road Wednesday group until illness incapacitated him. He held a particular spot in our regard for whenever he was able he helped us mail the Central Bulletin by "stuffing" envelopes. A grand old man.

GROUP NEWS

Lorain, O.-The group now meets in St. Stanislaus School, 28th Street and Elyria Avenue at 8:30 on Tuesday nights. Harbor-The Ashtabula Harbor group has changed halls and meeting nights. They now meet on Thursday at 8:30 p. m. at 1147 W. 5th St., Ashtabula, Ohio.

Addison-Speakers for November at our Monday meetings will be: 2-Harvey S., Collinwood; 9-Bill B., Eastside Morning; 16-John W., Monday Lee; 23-Katherine K., Euclid Hospital; 30-Phil S., Redwood.

Brooklyn-Scheduled for our Wednesday November meetings are: 4-AA moving pictures. No speaker; 11-Gene F., Eastside Morning; 18-Joe R., Lorain Avenue Monday; 25-John and Mary K., Newburgh.

Oakwood-Speakers for the Sunday November meetings are: 1-Joe R., Lorain Ave. Monday; 8-Larry O'C., Arcade; 15-Stanley Z., Arcade (his 3d anniversary); 22-Edward "Morry" S., Shaker; 29-Billy M., Pnrma. A round table discussion meeting is held each Monday evening which has been particularly beneficial to the beginner.

Trinity-Speakers for the Saturday November meetings are: 7-Franklyn S., Borton; 14-John D., Hilltop; 21--John Z., Rocky River; 28--Barbara I., Shaker.

HAPPY EVENT

Art N. of Collinwood, just recovering from a serious operation was greeted with two surprise parties on his return to activity on his eleventh anniversary. Collinwood massed 200 (many of whom were old timers not seen for some time) on September 27. Euclid surprised him on the 25th.

TAX STAMPS HELP OFFICE

A weighty package of laboriously sorted and counted Ohio Sales Tax stamps was shipped by express this week for redemption. It will bring over \$500 to the Office operating fund and the job is only half done.

These stamps have been accumulating for almost a year, waiting to be sorted and counted. A very loyal and devoted Helen S. of Glenville deserves a particular salvo of applause for her hundreds of hours of selfless devotion to this arduous task.

Because of the confusion, it was impossible to keep record for credit to the senders, so the groups whose stamps were sent in and not credited will have to be big and understanding. Records are now being kept of each bag sent in and proper accreditation will be made.

Thanks everyone. Don't stop sending.

AA BOWLING

The AA Independent league reports that after six weeks of bowling, the Golden Pins lead by three games over second place Simms Bros. Furniture. The Commercial Enterprise team leads in both single and high three with 968 and 2588, respectively.

Bob R. is high with a single game of 244, followed by Andy Y. with 236 and Ed D. with 235. Chester S. leads in high three with 612 followed by John B. with 605 and Gus P. with 588.

STELLA MARIS HOME EXPANDS

A five year dream of building adequate facilities for the rehabilitation of skid-row derelicts and returnees from the workhouse was realized on Sunday, October 25 when ground was broken for an \$85,000 building on the old site of the Stella Maris Home.

It's to be a one story building and will be completed in January.

NEW HOSPITAL FACILITY

Euclid Hospital, formerly the East Cleveland Clinic, has opened and is now receiving both men and women patients at 13240 Euclid Avenue.

In charge are Katherine Kilbane and Jack Miller, who formerly operated Oakwood Alcoholic Annex.

ANNIVERSARY NIGHTS

Two groups will observe anniversaries during the month of November, their origin marking the beginning of AA's remarkable growth in Cleveland since 1939.

The first to observe its fourteenth anniversary will be Lakewood Orchard Grove on Monday evening, November 16. The speakers will be Walter M. and Dr. John B. A., of Toronto, Canada. Harry D. will m. c. Both speakers will be remembered for their outstanding talks at Consolidated meetings last year.

The meeting will be held in Lakewood Community Center, St. Charles and Detroit Aves., Lakewood at 9:00 p. m.

One week later, on Monday, November 23, the Borton group will observe its fourteenth. The speaker will be Jack D., one of the founders of the group. The meeting will be held in East Cleveland Congregational Church, Page and Euclid, starting at 8:30 p. m.

The Superior group observes its 7th anniversary on Tuesday, November 17 at 9:00 p. m.

They meet in North Presbyterian Church, East 40th and Superior.

Lakewood Satnite, composed of several members who own to fourteen years of sobriety observed its fifth anniversary on Saturday, October 17. Speakers were Wally L. (14 years), Frank I. (9 years) and Tom J. (6 years). Each are members of the group.

The Cedar group will observe its ninth on Saturday, October 31 in the main dining room of the Men's Social central of the Salvation Army at six o'clock.

A fine program is being arranged. The main speaker is a former attorney who is now a lieutenant in charge of the Detroit (Mich.) Bowery Corps.

Dinner tickets at \$3.00 are at a premium as indicated by the great demand for tickets.

SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE

A spiritual experience is a change of attitude of mind and heart which releases you from your fears, your insecurities, your resentments. These things take the glow from life. When you are freed from them by a new and strong upthrust of revitalized life within yourself, these personality conflicts and defeats pass away and a new confidence and happiness take their place. You experience a fresh delight in even the so-called commonplace of daily living. Tolstoy expressed it well, "To know God is to live."

The Bible in describing this experience says, "Old things are passed away-all things become new." Life becomes keenly interesting.

-Follower's Fellowship, Newark, N. Y.



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LEE MONDAY—First Presbyterian Church, East Cleveland, Nela and Euclid, 8:30
LORAIN AVE.—West Park Baptist Church, 15218 Lorain Ave. 8:38
MARINE HOSPITAL—E. 124 & Fairhill 7:30
MILES—St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 9721 Romona Boulevard 8:30
PEARL—Corpus Christi Basement, 4202 Sickney (E. of Pearl Rd.) 8:30
ROWDY ROW—Salvation Army Corps Hall, 2042 W. 26th St. 8:00
SHAKER HEIGHTS—Christ Episcopal Church, 3451 Warrensville 8:30
SOUTH EAST—7526 Broadway 8:30
UNION—East View Cong. Church, Kinsman at E. 156th St. 9:00
WEST—25th St.-Marvel Hall, 2858 W. 25th St. 8:30
WOMEN'S—Westside—West Boulevard Christian Church, Madison and W. 101 8:45
ELYRIA MEN—St. Agnes Church, Lake Road at Bath St., Elyria, O. 8:30
SIJELBY—Congregational Baptist Church, Jackson and Jefferson, Painesville 8:30
VERMILLION, St. Mary's Church, Exchange St. 8:30
WILLOUGHBY—Presbyterian Church, Willoughby, O. 8:30

TUESDAY

ARCADE—Typographical Union Hall, 1559 East 17th (near Payne Ave.) 9:00
CHARITY—Last Tuesday of each month—Cafeteria Clark Ave. 8:30
CLARK—1917 Clark Ave. 8:34
EAGLE TRAINING—Salvation Army, E. 9th and Eagle 8:00
EDGE LAKE—St. Chables Ave. Dinner at 7:00 p. m. Meeting at 8:30
EUCLID-WADE—Calvary Presbyterian Church, E. 79th and Euclid Ave. 9:00
FAIRMOUNT—St. Paul's Episcopal, Fairmount and Coventry 8:30
FAIRVIEW PARK—Fairview Grace Church, W. 224th and Lorain Ave. 8:30
HILLTOP—St. Joseph's Seminary, 17608 Euclid Ave. 8:45
MILES-LEE—Mount Hope Church, E. 164th, north of Miles 8:30
SMITH-WILSON—Nativity School, 9510 Aetna Road 8:30
SUPERIOR—North Presbyterian Church, F 40th and Superior 9:00
TAPCO—Post 4, 23555 Euclid, 2nd shift 1:00
TARCO—Post 4, 23555 Euclid, 3rd shift 9:00
WEST PARK—West Park Baptist Church, W. 152nd and Lorain 8:30
WEST SIDE MEN'S—St. Patrick's Hall, ASHTABULA COUNTY MEN, Conneaut, O., B. of L. E. Hall, Whitney Block, Main St. 8:30
LORAIN, O. - St. Stanislaus School, 28th Street and Elyria Ave. 8:30
MEDINA, O. - St. Paul's Epis. Par. Hse. 8:30
PAINESVILLE, O. - Stag, 33 N. State St. 8:30
STRONGSVILLE—Tuesday-Town Hall 9:00

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
C. E. I.—Illuminating Co., Room 335—Rear Building 8:30
COLLINGSWOOD—14709 St. Clair Ave. 8:30
DENISON MEN—7403 Denison Ave. (first Wednesday, joint meeting) 8:30

DOANMEN'S—2028 E. 105th St., 2nd Boor. side entrance 8:45
EAST SIDE MORNING—2028 E. 105th St. 10:00 A. M.
GARFIELD HIGHTS—Trinity Baptist, E. 94th and Garfield Blvd. 8:30
LAKEWOOD WOMEN—United Presby. Church, 12601 Detroit Ave. 8:30
LEE ROAD—First Eng. Lutheran, Derbyshire and Euclid Hts. Blvd. 8:30
NORWOOD—St. Vitus School, 6105 Glass Ave. 8:30
ST. JAMES—Ward's Convalescing Home, E. 71st and Cedar Ave. 8:15
ST. MARY—400 North St., Chardon, O. 9:00
1 APCO—Post 4, 23555 Euclid, 1st shift 3:30
TWENTY-FOUR HOUR—13216 Detroit, Church of the Ascension 8:30
Training meeting 1st Wed. each month, WARRENSVILLE—Women's House Cor. 7:30
WOMEN'S—East Side—Cleveland Unitarian Society, Euclid and E. 82nd St. 8:30
WOMEN'S—Lorain County—St. Anthony's School Hall, E. Erie & Kansas (R2 or 6) 8:30
BEDFORD, O.—Y.M.C.A., Tarbell Ave. 8:30
ELYRIA, O.—St. Mary's Church, Middle and Fourth 8:30
LORAIN, O.—ANTLERS—St. Mary's School, Reid Ave. 8:30

THURSDAY

ALAN—1820 East 79th St. 8:30
ALLENDALE—St. Paul's Episcopal 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
BROOKLYN Y. P.—United Presbyterian, Spokane and Pearl 9:00
COVENTRY—Fairmount Presbyterian Chapel, Scarborough 8:30
CRILE HOSPITAL—Library 8:00
EDDY ROAD—Glenville Congregational Church, Eddy and St. Clair 8:30
GLENVILLE—10421 St. Clair Ave. 8:30
LORAIN AVE.—West Park Baptist Church, 15218 Lorain Ave. 8:30
OUTHWAITE—Woodland Center, 7100 Kinsman Ave. 8:30
ROCKY RIVER—Rockport Methodist Church, 3310 Wooster Rd. 8:30
WEST SIDE—7403 Denison Ave. 10:30 A.M.
AMHERST—St. Peter's Ev. & Ref. Church, Church St., North Amherst, O. 9:00
BEREA, O.—Fine Arts Club, E. Bagley Rd., 3 doors east of Eastland 8:30
EAST LAKE—Bethel Lutheran Church, 32400 Vine Street 8:30
HARBOR THURSDAY—Ashtabula, Ohio, 1147 West Fifth Street 8:30
INDEPENDENCE, O.—St. John's Lutheran Hall, Second and Sunset 9:00
PAINESVILLE, O.—33 N. State, 3rd fl. 8:30

FRIDAY

ANSEL ROAD—St. Thomas Church, 9205 Superior Ave. 9:00
BROADWAY-HARVARD—8437 Broadway 8:30
CEDAR—Salvation Army, 5005 Euclid 8:15
GORDON SQUARE—St. Helena's Hall, 1367 W. 65th St. 8:30
LEE ROAD—St. Philomena's Church, Instruction Hall, 13824 Euclid 9:00
NORTHEAST—2028 E. 105th St. 8:30
WESTSIDE YOUNG PEOPLE—St. Luke's Hall, Bunts and Clifton 9:00
AVON LAKE—Congregational Church, Lake Road, Stop 55 1/2 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
MENTOR, O.—Mentor Methodist Church 8:30
OBERLIN, O.—American Legion Home, S. Main and Hamilton 8:30
ST. ANTHONY—U. S. Naval Training, Main Ave. and Cleveland Blvd. 9:00

WICKLIFFE MEN—

Lady of Mt. Carmel Hall, Wickliffe, O. 8:00

SATURDAY

BROADWAY-CABLE—St. John's Lutheran Church, Cable at Broadway --- 8:30
CATHEDRAL—(Stag) St. John's Cathedral, E. 9th and Superior 8:30
GLENVILLE—10421 St. Clair Ave. 9:00
LAKEWOOD—Sat. Nite—Redemer Hall, Andrews, near Detroit 8:30
LEAGUE PARK—St. Agnes School Hall, East 79th and Euclid Ave. 8:30
MATT TALBOT—St. Philip Neri Church, E. 82nd and St. Clair 8:30
MEMPHIS—Church of Good Shepherd, 8235 Memphis Ave. 9:00
PARMA—Public Library, 5850 Ridge Rd. 8:30
REDWOOD—Euclid Lutheran Church, E. 26th and Oriole 8:30
SHILOH—Bethel A. M. E. Church, 15021 Shiloh Road 8:30
TRINITY—Trinity Evangelical Church, 3525 W. 25th St. 8:30
VALLEY VIEW—Community Center, West 7th and Starkweather 8:30
8005 GROUP—8005 Lorain Ave. 8:30
ASHTABULA, O.—St. Peter's Episc. Church, Main Avenue at South Park 8:30
ELYRIA, O.—St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Middle and Third 8:30
SOLOM, O.—St. Rita's Church basement 9:00

SUNDAY

C. A. C. DISCUSSION—C. A. C. Clubrooms, 7809 Euclid Avenue 10:45 A.M.
COLLINGSWOOD—14709 St. Clair Ave. 7:30
DETROIT—Mixed-8023 Detroit Ave. 8:00
LAKEVIEW—CYO Hall, St. Aloysius Church, E. 109th and St. Clair 8:30
MARYMOUNT—2nd Sun. in month, Cafeteria, McCracken and Henry 2:30
MISTLETOE—St. Thomas Church, 9205 Superior Ave. 7:00
NEWBURGH—St. Catherine's Church, 3443 E. 93rd St. 8:30
OAKWOOD—Alcoholic Annex, 8909 Detroit Ave. 11:00 A.M.
OUTHWAITE—7100 Kinsman Ave. 4:00
STRONGVILLE—Royal Haven Farm, Royalton Road, Strongville, O. 3:00
WARRENSVILLE—Cooley Farms Recreation Room 10:00 A.M.
GENEVA, O.—Legion Hall, Park St., corner of so. Eagle 7:30

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 Alcoholics Abstinence Nursing Home (MW) Melrose 1-1635 X023 Detroit Ave
 Alcoholic Annex—Oakwood Sanitarium (M) AT 1-0-3-1-6 8909 Detroit Ave.
 Charity Hospital (MW) Main 1-9400 Central at E. 22nd St
 Cleveland Alcoholic Clinic (MW) Express 1-8998 7809 Euclid Ave
 Elmwood Sanitarium (M) Kenmore 1-2299 17328 Euclid An.
 Euclid Hospital (MW) Ulster 1-6-2-9-6 and Mulberry 1-9584, 13240 Euclid Ave.
 Farquharson's (Tuxedo 5-1882) (M), 6037 Pearl
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 Pathway (Twyler 1-6698) (MW) 1635 E. 93rd St.
 St. John's Hospital (M) Woodbine 1-5750 791 I Detroit Ave
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GIGGLES

A lad of 13 was waiting to get in to "South Pacific" when he was spied by one of his father's friends.

"Hello," said the man. "How did you happen to get here tonight, you lucky kid?"

"Oh, I came on my brother's ticket," said the boy.

"And where's your brother?"

"Home looking for his ticket, I suppose."

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Thanksgiving - 1953

It was late in the year, and autumn hung heavily in the air, yet the day was warm and the Old Timer was in his favorite spot, his chair tilted back against the store front, legs entwined with one heel hooked over the lower rung and his hat pushed low over his eyes.

"D'I ever tell you **about** my best Thanksgiving?" he asked, well knowing that he had not.

"Well sir," he began "when I was a young feller I **hoboed** around for a while and once along **about** this time a year-just before Thanksgiving-I got me a job diggin' coal.

"They give me a room to work 'way back at the end of the longest entry and one day I was back there all by myself when I heard a rumblin' and when I went out to see what it was, there was the whole entry caved in and I was sealed in like money in the safe, a mile underground.

"In school I'd read about sinners bein' walled up to suffocate and die and I guess I felt about like they did.

"I had no idea of time. All I **kn**owed was that I was hungry, wet and cold and scared like I'd never been scared before. Purty soon the air started to git bad and I got that smotherin' feelin'. I don't think I ever prayed before in my life, but down there in the dark I got right down on my belly and I told God that if He'd just git me out of there He could do whatever He wanted to with me but just get me out-please get me out-that was the only thing I'd ever want.

"I'd just about give up hope when I heard something. I thought it was another cave-m at **first** and was **scared** worse than ever, but it kept up and I **kn**owed it was somebody diggin'. They was comin after me!

"It probably wasn't long, but to me it seemed like a hundred years, till I heard somebody yell and I looked up and they had broke through-there was light!

Well sir, I've seen rainbows 'n' I've seen sunsets in every part of the country; I've seen the sun come up over a snow capped mountain 'n' I've seen it sparkle in the morning dew and on ice covered trees but the purtiest light I'd ever seen was the light comin' through that little six inch hole. You'll never know what light can mean till you've been trapped in the dark for a long time.

"It didn't take 'em long to get me out, and do you know what day it was ? Thanksgiving!

"Of course ever'boday was **slappin'** me on the back and **askin'** me to dinner, but I said 'No' and went down to the hamburger joint, grabbed me some sandwiches, soup and coffee, then I went out and walked. I wanted to walk. I wanted to look **up** at the sky where all that light come from. I wanted all the light I could get and with every step I said "Much obliged, Sir!"

The Old Timer gave his mustache a twist and the audience thought that was the end of the story, but he wasn't through.

"However," he continued, "that wasn't my best Thanksgiv-

ing. "Some years later the depression hit and I was out of a job and on the bum. I got to hittin' the bottle. I could usually rustle up a few drinks and I found if I was drunk enough I didn't want to eat and it kinda kept me warm. I kept this up for a long time, and by the time the depression was over I had been on every skid row in the country.

"If that mine was bad this was a thousand times worse. Down there I was young and, even if I felt helpless and scared, I **could** take it. That was **nothin'** compared to wakin' **up** in some doorway, flop house or dump, day after day, shakin' like a rattlesnake's tail, every nerve afire and pullin' in opposite directions, and wonderin' where I was and all the time scared to death without even knowin' what I was scared of. In the mine there wasn't anything **crawlin'** all over me and I wasn't seein' things that I **kn**owed wasn't there. Down there I **kn**owed that somebody would try to help me, but now I was past help and nobody cared.

"Then one day I opened my eyes and I saw a light. For a minute I thought I was back in that mine. Then I felt sheets on the bed and as I came to, I saw I was in a hospital and what I thought was the light in the mine was a man's face. I didn't know him and wondered what he was doin' there.

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"Well, I didn't know AA from Appalachian, and figured he wanted to sell 'something' but he began to talk about his drinkin' and how he had got in about the same fix I was in and how he had been helped.

"Purty soon he started **talkin'** about a new way of life and suddenly something clicked and weak as I was I popped up straight in bed. 'What day is this ?' I asks.

"This is Thanksgiving morning," he says. 'I **kn**owed it !' I says and he looks at me **kinda** funny and says 'You been out for a week, how can you know what day it is?' And I says, 'Mister, once before when I was trapped in the dark for a long time I wanted light more than I ever wanted anything in my life, and I found it on Thanksgiving day. Just now I found a light bigger and brighter and purtier than anything I ever dreampt, and this just had to be Thanksgiving!'"

The Old Timer brought his chair down and pushed his hat back.

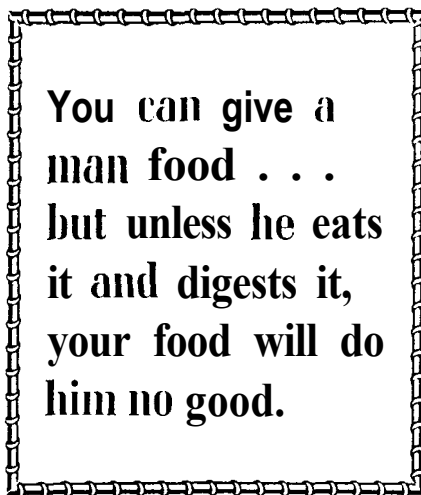
"That was my best Thanksgiving," he said. "I never had a drink since."

He stood up and shook a kink out of his leg.. "Guess I better mosey over home and dig up the candle for Thanksgiving," he said.

"For Thanksgiving?" someone queried.

"Yep," the Old Timer replied. "Ma and me always puts a big candle right beside the turkey on Thanksgiving day. It reminds us to always be thankful for **findin'** the Light."

-Anonymous.



"REDD UP"

We heard Charlie S. of the Brooklyn group at a meeting recently. Charlie does a lot of reading and when a quotation, article or poem appropos to the AA program catches his eye, he memorizes it or copies it and shares the richness of his findings with his listeners as he applies it to his story.

While all the quotations were excellent, one struck us as worth milling over in our monthly column in the Bulletin. (We had to move over to the next page because of the length of the contribution by Anonymous on the Thanksgiving theme.)

Charlie cited the comments of a famous psychiatrist who was discussing alcoholism and alcoholics and who claimed that an alcoholic could not be helped with his problem until he did two things, "Clean up his mind and clean up his heart." The doctor went on to explain that medicine could heal the body and rid it of the toxic poison of alcohol, but unless the patient rid himself of his obsessions, his resentments and other anti-social faults, he would undoubtedly return to alcohol when the wires were down.

We who have embraced AA, who grew to accept the AA way of life as suggested in the Twelve Steps and measured our spiritual growth with the "Four Absolutes measuring stick," can readily agree with this doctor. With the Psalmist David, we have learned to fervently ask in our prayers to "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me."

When we have truly reached our bottom, be it in skid row or in a penthouse, AA, with its offer of hope and its extended hand of friendship and understanding insists only that, if we would be successful, humbly embrace the Steps and learn to practice them in all of our affairs, one day at a time.

Just getting sober isn't sufficient. In "reducing up" our body and mind to properly merit this great gift of a Loving God (referred to as "a Power greater than yourself" for those who have heretofore rejected Him), we must use the "detergents" described in the Steps, the admission, the surrender, the acceptance, the inner scrutiny, the willingness to make amends, the sincere effort to remove our shortcomings and the evidence of gratitude, by sometimes delving into the deepest corner of our cluttered attics to remove the increment imbedded there.

We can't just absorb AA as though we were lying on a sandy beach in some sunny clime letting a benign sun daub us with a rich coat of tan. If we would be successful we'll avidly follow the example of those successful AAs who learned humility and who in their gratitude made the program of AA a beacon light for others to see and find a happy solution to their problem.

Check the attic — and the basement, too. Redd up!

I HAVE WONDERED

Do others sometimes wonder as do I? Surrounded by problems, haunted by past mistakes, I am alone wondering . . . is God conscious of my presence here on this troubled earth? Is He concerned with my moments of doubt? Is He a personal God, aware of my desire to serve Him in spite of my waverings?

In my moments of solitude I know God is able. But in the moments of difficulties do I really believe that statement? Of course, I may rather dogmatically affirm that God is almighty, omnipotent. I may say that I believe that God has power to create and sustain a universe, that He could remove mountains into the seas, and He could pluck stars from the skies. But oftentimes I do not act as if He had power to influence my life or serve as a beacon through my troubled days.

Perhaps my problem arises because it is so difficult for me to conceive of power in any other form than brute force.

Then come moments of satisfying and clarified thought and I know God, and God alone, is able . . . able to lift the load of sinful desire, to remove the burdens of sor-

row, to develop a friendly world, to make boys and girls grow as Jesus did, to make men and women true and kind, to transform my efforts for worthy goals, to lift me from an earthly death, and to grant me eternal life. Now, there is no wondering.

God's power is self-limited by allowing me the freedom of choice. God's power limited in my life only by the limitation of my commitments unto Him. What can I commit unto God? I can commit many things: my talents, by investing them in service for others; my time, by sharing it in the Master's work; my energy, by using it in the extension of the Kingdom; my influence, by publicly taking my stand for the right; my thought, by devoting it in worship, meditation, and study; my money, by giving it in support of my church; and my life, by dedicating and using it unto God.

Strangely enough, I had reason to suppose, and was finally prepared to find, that the immediate result of submission to God would be the sense of having my liberty cramped and restricted in a number of ways. The curious thing is that my experience has been exactly the opposite. I have been overwhelmed with the feeling of liberty—yes, and security, too. It was not until I had striven to become worthy of the name Christian that I became conscious of my former homelessness, my exile from the place I had a right to call my own.

In spite of "exterior hardships" which I know I must encounter day by day, I hope that I may continue to enjoy "interior sunshine."

-Dill H., Social Center Chatter.

HOLIDAYS NEAR

The Christmas holidays are near and shops and stores and offices will be holding Christmas parties . . . liquor will flow freely and will be offered in the most unexpected places . . . friends will be insistent . . . they'll demand that you share a drink . . . they'll tell you that one won't do you any harm!

Better fortify yourself with some solid AA thinking. Remember vividly what the "privilege" brought you. It will be worse if you disregard these storm signals. DON'T.

LET'S TRY IT!

Just for today I will try to live through this day only, and not tackle my whole life problem at once. I can do something for 12 hours that would appall me if I felt that I had to keep it up for a lifetime.

Just for today I will be happy. This assumes to be true what Abraham Lincoln said, that, "Most folks are as happy as they make up their minds to be."

Just for today I will try to strengthen my mind. I will study. I will learn something useful. I will not be a mental loafer. I will read something that requires effort, thought and concentration.

Just for today I will adjust myself to what is, and not try to adjust everything to my own desires. I will take my "luck" as it comes, and fit myself to it.

Just for today I will exercise my soul in three ways: I will do somebody a good turn, and not get found out. I will do at least two things I don't want to do—just for exercise. I will not show anyone that my feelings are hurt; they may be hurt, but today I will not show it.

Just for today I will be agreeable. I will look as well as I can, dress becomingly, talk low, act courteously, criticize not one bit, not find fault with anything and not try to improve or regulate anybody except myself.

Just for today I will have a program. I may not follow it exactly, but I will have it. I will save myself from two pests: hurry and indecision.

Just for today I will have a quiet half hour all by myself, and relax. During this half hour, sometime, I will try to get a better perspective of my life.

Just for today I will be unafraid. Especially I will not not be afraid to enjoy what is beautiful, and to believe that as I give to the world, so the world will give to me.

GROUP NEWS

Greater Cleveland Young People — 45 attended the organization meeting of this group on Sunday, November 8. They plan to meet monthly in Cathedral Hall, Superior at East 12 Street at 2 p. m. Many groups were represented at the initial meeting. Officers elected were: Jack F., of the Clark group as chairman; Judy Q. of League Park, secretary and Jim L. of League Park as treasurer. Next meeting Sunday, December 6.

Disbanded -Two groups in the Lorain County area have disbanded- the Oberlin Friday group and the St. Anthony's Naval Reserve group in Lorain.

Lee Road Friday — Because of the Christmas holidays, the group will meet on Saturday, December 26, and Saturday, January 2, instead of the usual Friday meeting. After this period the regular schedule will be resumed.

Coventry — Meetings will start promptly at 9 p. m., though regular assembly will begin at 8:30.

Brooklyn — Speakers scheduled for December are as follows: 2—George O., Edgelake; 9—Ed G., Brooklyn; 16—No meeting (Christmas party elsewhere); 23—Three-in-one; Fred, Alice and Bob G.; 30—Lee V., Lake Shore.

All-American Sportsmen — This group of sportsminded AA's held its first anniversary at Chin's Restaurant on Sunday, November 1. Over 100 attended and heard Lou Gail, Fish and Game Editor of the Plain Dealer. The group meets in its new quarters at 1142 Bulhrer Avenue, twice every month-on the first Sunday of each month at 4 p. m. and every third Wednesday evening of each month at 8 p. m. Visitors are welcome. No card games — just speakers.

Trinity -Speakers scheduled for December are: 5—Bert McK., Akron, Ohio. The group observes its sixth anniversary at this meeting; 12—John G., Angle; 19—Irene M., Westside Women; 26—George J., Smith-Wilson.

Lakewood-Over 300 attended the observation of the 14th anniversary of the Lakewood-Orchard Grove on Monday, Nov. 16. They were rewarded with two inspiring talks by two gifted Canadians, a physician and a former evangelist, Dr. John A. of Toronto and Walt M. of Hamilton, respectively.

GRIN AND BEAR IT

"Instead of being angry or distressed when people dislike you, suppose you regard it as amusing. For, if you are honestly trying to do your best and incur hatred for your pains, there is something funny about such a situation. If you can appreciate the humor of it, you are free. If selfish people try to take advantage of you, cross them off your list, but don't try to get even. When you try to get even, you hurt yourself more than you hurt the other fellow. When you hate your enemies, you are giving them power over you—power over your sleep, your appetite, your blood pressure, your health and your happiness. Your enemies would dance for joy if they only knew how they are worrying you."

-The Brighter Side, Waterloo, Iowa

GIGGLES

A brewer sent a sample of his beer to a laboratory for an analysis and the report came back as follows: "Dear Sir, Your horse has diabetes."

It was at the funeral of a woman who had been thoroughly disliked in a small town-and for cause. With a sharply barbed tongue and a violent temper, she henpecked her husband, hounded her children and quarreled with her neighbors. Even the animals on the place wore a hunted look.

The day was sultry, and as the minister's voice droned on, the sky grew darker and darker. Just as the service ended, the storm broke furiously. There was a blinding clap. In the stunned silence a voice was heard from the back row of the crowded room: "Waal, she's got there!"

CLEVELAND DISTRICT OFFICE

On Thursday evening, November 12th, secretaries and representatives of Cleveland Area Groups met at Hotel Cleveland for the first Office Advisory Committee meeting of the new fiscal year 1953-1954, and heard Service and Finance reports of the year which ended October 31, 1953.

The Finance Chairman reported that contributions from members and groups totaling nearly \$10,000.00 had been received during the year.

The Office Secretary reported that 776 persons seeking help were turned over to Groups for contact and that 60 per cent of these individuals were receptive to this contact. In addition, 127 speakers were supplied to AA Groups and to civic and church organizations, 215 sets of informative literature were sent out, and the usual lists of Secretaries compiled and distributed.

In summing up the reports submitted, John W., presiding, thanked members and Groups for the confidence shown by their continued support and pledged another year of service to AA in Cleveland by the Cleveland District Office.

TWO MEMBERS PASS AWAY

A very devoted and active member, James (Jimmie) R. Welch, was stricken with a heart attack while leading a meeting a week before he passed away on November 16 at Lakewood Hospital. He was a member of the Lakewood Satnite group.

Another very active and enthusiastic member, Bess DeLaurie of the 8005 group, passed away suddenly earlier in November. She had been in popular demand as a speaker and always left an indelible impression on her audience with her enthusiastic AA philosophy.

We join the many friends of the departed in expressing our sincere condolences to their families.

A PRAYER

Great God, give me strength, courage, patience and understanding in the work of this day. Let me not weaken myself by anger, cheapen myself by boasting, or play a fool by lying. Help me to remember that there are others in this world beside myself, and that both friend and foe are of my own making. And at the close of the day, lead me to my bedside with the knowledge that greed, malice, envy and hatred have played a lesser part in my thinking, and that my weariness is the result of well being. Amen.

-"Theme," Federal Correction Institution, Texarkana, Texas



CLEVELAND AREA GROUP MEETINGS

MONDAY

ADDISON-Westminster Church, 8:30
BORTON-E. Cleve. Congrega. Church 8:30
FRIENDLY SUBURBAN-6037 Pearl... 8:00
HILLCREST-Lyndhurst Community Church 9:00
LAKE SHORE-St. Luke's Parish, 8:30
LAKEWOOD (Orchard Grove)- 8:30
LAKEWOOD MEN'S-St. Peter's Episcopal, 8:30
LEE MONDAY-First Presbyter. Church, 8:30
LORAIN AVE.-West Park Baptist Church, 8:30
MARINE HOSPITAL-E. 124 & Fairhill, 7:30
MILES-St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 8:30
PEARL-Corpus Christi Basement, 8:30
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SHARER HEIGHTS-Christ Episcopal Church, 8:30
SOUTH EAST-7526 Broadway, 8:30
UNION-East View Cong. Church, 9:00
WEST 25th St.-Marvel Hall, 8:30
WOMEN'S-Westside-West Boulevard Christian Church, Madison and W. 101, 8:45
ELYRIA MEN-St. Agnes Church, 8:30
SHELBY-Congregational Baptist Church, Jackson and Jefferson, Painesville, 8:30
VERMILLION St. Mar. Church, Exchange St., 8:30
WILLOUGHBY-Presbyterian Church, Willoughby, O., 8:30

TUESDAY

ARCADE-Typographical Union Hall, 1559 East 17th (near Payne Ave.), 9:00
CHARITY-Last Tuesday of each month-Cafeteria, 8:30
CLARK-1917 Clark Ave., 8:30
EAGLE TRAINING-Salvation Army, E. 9th and Eagle, 8:00
EDGE LAKE-St. Charles Ave., Dinner at 7:00 p. m. Meeting at 8:30
EUCLID-WADE-Calvary Presbyterian Church, E. 79th and Euclid Ave., 9:00
PAIRMOUNT-St. Paul's Episcopal, Fairmount and Coventry, 8:30
FAIRVIEW PARK-Fairview Grace Church, W. 224th and Lorain Ave., 8:30
HILLTOP-St. Joseph's Seminary, 17608 Euclid Ave., 8:45
MILES-LEE-Mount Hope Church, E. 164th, north of Miles, 8:30
SMITH-WILSON-Nativity School, 9510 Aetna Road, 8:30
SUPERIOR-North Presbyterian Church, F. 40th and Superior, 9:00
TAPCO-Post 4, 23555 Euclid, 2nd shift, 1:00
TAPCO-Post 4, 23555 Euclid, 3rd shift, 9:00
WEST PARK-West Park Baptist Church, W. 152nd and Lorain, 8:30
WEST SIDE MEN'S-St. Patrick's Hall, ASHTABULA COUNTY MEN, Conneaut, O., B. of L. E. Hall, Whitney Block, Main St., 8:30
LORAIN, O.-St. Stanislaus School, 28th Street and Elyria Ave., 8:30
MEDINA, O.-St. Paul's Epis. Par. Hse., 8:30
PAINESVILLE, O.-Stag, 33 N. State St., 8:30
STRONGSVILLE-Tuesday-Town Hall, 9:00

WEDNESDAY

ALCOLA-6409 Detroit Ave., 9:00
ALL-AMERICAN Sportsmen, 1142 Buhrer, 3rd Wednesday each month, 8:00
BAXTER AVE.-6527 Baxter Ave., 8:30
BROOKLYN-K. of P. Hall, 3316 Broadview, East of Pearl Rd., 8:30
C. E. L.-Illuminating Co., Room 335-Rear Building, 8:30
COLLINWOOD-14709 St. Clair Ave., 8:30

DENISON MEN-1403 Denison Ave., (first Wednesday, joint meeting), 8:30
DOAN MEN-2028 E. 105th St., 2nd floor, side entrance, 8:45
EAST SIDE MORNING-2028 E. 105th St., 10:00 A. M.
GARET FIELD HEIGHTS-Trinity Baptist, E. 94th and Garfield Blvd., 8:30
LAKEWOOD WOMEN-United Presby. Church, 12601 Detroit Ave., 8:30
LEE ROAD-First Cong. Lutheran, Derbyshire and Euclid Hts. Blvd., 8:30
NORWOOD-St. Vitus School, 6195 Glass Ave., 8:30
ST. JAMES-Ward's Convalescing Home, E. 71st and Cedar Ave., 8:15
ST. MARY-400 North St., Chardon, O., 9:00
TAPCO-Post 4, 23555 Euclid, 1st shift, 3:30
TWENTY-FOUR HOUR-13216 Detroit, Church of the Ascension, 8:30
WARRENSVILLE-Women's House Cor. 7:30
WOMEN'S-East Side-Cleveland Unitarian Society, Euclid and E. 82nd St., 8:30
WOMEN'S-Lorain County-St. Anthony's School Hall, E. Erie & Kansas (R.2 or 6), 8:30
BEDFORD, O.-Y.M.C.A., Tarbell Ave., 8:30
ELYRIA, O.-St. Mary's Church, Middle and Fourth, 8:30
LORAIN, O.-ANTLERS-St. Mary's School, Held Ave., 8:30

THURSDAY

ALAN-1820 East 77th St., 8:30
ALLENDALE-St. Paul's Episcopal 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
BROOKLYN Y. P.-United Presbyterian, Spokane and Pearl, 9:00
COVENTRY-Fairmount Presbyterian Chapel, Scarborough Rd., 9:00
CRILE HOSPITAL-Library, 8:00
EDDY ROAD-Glenville Congregational Church, Eddy and St. Clair, 8:30
GLENNVILLE-10421 St. Clair Ave., 8:30
LORAIN AVE.-West Park Baptist Church, 15218 Lorain Ave., 8:30
OUTHWAITE-Woodland Center, 7100 Kinsman Ave., 8:30
ROCKY RIVER-Rockport Methodist Church, 3310 Wooster Rd., 8:30
WEST SIDE-7403 Denison Ave., 10:30 A.M.
AMHERST-St. Peter's Ev. & Ref. Church, Church St., North Amherst, O., 9:00
BEREA, U.-Fine Arts Club, E. Bagley Rd., 3rd floor, east of Eastland, 8:30
EAST LAKE-Bethel Lutheran Church, 32400 Vine Street, 8:30
HARBOR THURSDAY-Ashtabula, Ohio, 1147 West Fifth Street, 8:30
INDEPENDENCE, O.-St. John's Lutheran Hall, Second and Sunset, 9:00
PAINESVILLE, O.-33 N. State, 3rd fl., 8:30

FRIDAY

ANSEL ROAD-St. Thomas Church, 9205 Superior Ave., 9:00
BROADWAY-HARVARD-8437 Broadway, 9:00
CEDAR-Salvation Army, 5005 Euclid, 8:15
GORDON SQUARE-St. Heleña's Hall, 1167 W. 65th St., 8:30
LEE ROAD-St. Philomena's Church, Instruction Hall, 13824 Euclid, 9:00
NORTH EAST-2028 E. 105th St., 8:30
WESTSIDE YOUNG PEOPLE-St. Luke's Half, Bunts and Clifton, 9:00
AVON LAKE-Congregational Church, Lake Road, Stop 55 1/2, 8:30
BEREA-Social room of Berea Cong. Church, Seminary and Church, 8:30
CHAGRIN FALLS, O.-American Legion, F. 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
MENTOR, O.-Mentor Methodist Church, 8:30
WICKLIFFE MEN-Lady of Mt. Carmel Hall, Wickliffe, O., 8:00

SATURDAY

BROADWAY-CABLE-St. John's Lutheran, Church, Cable at Broadway, 8:30
CATHEDRAL (Stag) St. John's Cathedral, E. 9th and Superior, 8:30
GLENNVILLE-10421 St. Clair Ave., 9:00
LAKEWOOD Sat. Nite-Redeemer Hall, Andrew 5, near Detroit, 8:30
LEAGUE L.P.A. Kii-St. Agnes School Hall, East 79th and Euclid Ave., 8:30
MATT TALBOT-St. Philip Neri Church, E. 82nd and St. Clair, 8:30
MEMPHIS-Church of Good Shepherd, 8235 Memphis Ave., 9:00
PARMA-Public Library, 5850 Ridge Rd., 8:30
REDWOOD-Euclid Lutheran Church, E. 260th and Oriole, 8:30
SHILOH-Bethel A. XI. E. Church, 15021 Shiloh Road, 8:30
TRINITY-Trinity Evangelical Church, 3525 W. 25th St., 8:30
VALLEY VIEW-Community Center, West 7th and Starkweather, 8:30
8005 GROVE-8005 Lorain Ave., 8:30
ASHTABULA, O.-St. Peter's Episc. Church, Main Avenue at South Park, 8:30
ELYRIA, O.-St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Middle and Third, 8:30
SOLOMON, O.-St. Rita's Church basement, 9:00

SUNDAY

ALL-AMERICAN Sportsmen, 1142 Buhrer, 1st Sunday each month, 4:00
C. A. C. DISCUSSION-C. A. C. clubrooms, 7809 Euclid Avenue, 10:45 A.M.
COLLINWOOD-14709 St. Clair Ave., 7:30
DETROIT-Mixed-8021 Detroit Ave., Greater Cleve. Young People (Consolidated) Cathedral Hall-First Sunday each month, 2:00
LAKEVIEW-CVO Hall, St. Aloysius Church, E. 109th and St. Clair, 8:30
MARMOUNT-2nd Sun. in month, Cafeteria, McCracken and Henry, 2:30
MISTLETOE-St. Thomas Church, 9205 Superior Ave., 7:00
NEWBURGH St. Catherine's Church, 3443 E. 93rd St., 8:30
OAKWOOD-Alcoholic Annex, 8909 Detroit Ave., 11:00 A.M.
OUTHWAITE-7100 Kinsman Ave., 4:00
STRONGVILLE-Royal Haven Farm, Royalton Road, Strongsville, O., 3:00
WARRENSVILLE-Cooley Farms Recreation Room, 10:00 A. M.
GENEVA, O.-Legion Hall, Park St., corner of so. Eagle, 7:30

LIST OF COOPERATING AA HOSPITALS

Alcoholics Abstinence Nursing Home (MW), 16135, 8021 Detroit Ave.
Alcoholic Annex-Oakwood Sanitarium (M), AT 1-0346, 8909 Detroit Ave.
Charity Hospital (MW), Main, 1-9400 Central at E. 22nd St.
Cleveland Alcoholic Clinic (MW), EX press 1-8998, 7809 Euclid Ave.
Elmwood Sanitarium (M), Elmhurst-2299, 17321 Euclid Ave.
Euclid Hospital (MW) 1111ster 1-6296 and Millberry 1-9584, 13240 Euclid Ave.
Farquharson's (1-1882) (M) 6137 Pearl
MacGillis Nursing Home (MW), RA 1-2,556, 1560 Mistletoe Dr. at Wade Pk.
Pathway (Tyler 1-6698) (MW), 1635 E. 93rd St.
St. John's Hospital (M), Woodbine 1-5750, 7911 Detroit Ave.
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1st TUESDAY EVERY MONTH

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

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GIGGLES

Hearse Flay-Than drinking and driving, There's nothing worse. It's putting the quart Before the hearse. (Ouch!)

Parks: "The groom shot me for kissing the bride!" Selden: "But kissing the bride after a wedding is an old custom."

Parks: "That's what I told him, but he claimed waiting seven years after the wedding was too long!"

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RETURN TO CHRISTMAS

JERUSALEM. Jordan—To stand on the hallowed ground of this ancient city, to visit the Garden of Gethsemane and the Mount of Olives, or to go south to Bethlehem to the Church of the Nativity and view the underground cavern, the traditional site of the manger, gives one a sense of Christmas that is too often lacking in the modern western world.

Too many of our Christmas customs have veered away from the meaning of the holiday. They have taken on a veneer of paganism that loses sight of the season's meaning. And to those of us who are alcoholics the occasion became the excuse for a Bacchanalian binge that was positively Roman in its excesses and grossness.

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In the broad, sweeping valley that runs northeast from the hill on which Bethlehem is set is Shepherds' Field. Tradition has it that on that holy night while watching their flocks and protecting them against wolves, these simple herders saw the star over the town. They were impelled to follow it. They had to walk fat and to climb a hill until they came to the humble stable behind the inn where they found the Hope of the world.

In coming out of our old habits we followed a star. We had to climb up hill for a long time before we came to the place where hope was to be realized.

It is one thing to find hope fulfilled and another to develop it so it becomes a living part of our existence. Had only the shepherds followed the star and kept the knowledge of what they experienced to themselves it would have been a forgotten episode. But others heard of it. They spread the news.

We, too, must proclaim the news of what we have found at the summit of the hill of sobriety. The glad tidings must be shared. It is not enough just to tell about it. We must go down to the bottom of the hill and assist others to reach the top.

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These ideas are basic to those of us who are conscientious members of Alcoholics Anonymous. But we have an additional duty. From the realm of sobriety the hope we have found must permeate all our lives. It must become something more than a means of keeping ourselves in hand. It must affect our relationship with all others. We must regulate our lives by it.

To do this we must rid ourselves of all extraneous impediments. Like the visitor in this city who gets a new idea of the meaning of Christmas, one that is the opposite of the tinsel and the neon lights and the drinking parties that have become customary, we must get a new idea of our place in existence.

What happened here almost two thousands years ago was a simple event, powerful because of its simplicity. This should become our thought this holiday and throughout the year. The fundamentals of life are simple. We complicate them by succumbing to the environment, the

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GOOD FORTUNE

"The year's traffic death figures show that alcohol played a part in about 40% of the fatalities. Officers expect that figure to go upward as more liquor is washed downward by those celebrating the holiday season."

The foregoing is an excerpt from an article which appeared on the front page of the Cleveland Press December 10, and as we read it, we wondered what effect it would have on the drinking people—the problem drinkers—the incipient alcoholics—the simple addicts—yes, even the chronic alcoholics. Would it make them think for a moment? Would it impress them?

We recall back in OUR drinking days when such an article would provoke probably a shudder, then a shrug of the shoulders as we reasoned, that in all the years of our drinking we had been involved in only a few minor accidents—that drunk or sober, we were extraordinarily competent drivers.

On one of our trips to the Ohio Penitentiary, we talked with one of the inmates serving a long term sentence for auto manslaughter. It was a fearful accident and though he still insisted he wasn't to blame, he was found guilty and sentenced. Mitigating against him was his track record of earlier convictions for drunken driving and the damning evidence of intoxication sworn to by witnesses of the fatal accident.

Now the man, of course, is sorry for what happened. However, by still trying to absolve himself from blame, he shows evidence of alcoholic thinking. How long will it take him to realize the enormity of his crime? What will his attitude towards drinking be when he is finally released? Will he determine never to drink again? Or will he determine "not to drink too much"?

In Cleveland the records show that of the 107 deaths in traffic, alcohol was involved in 42 cases. The driver had been drinking in 35 of the cases. Twenty of these were drunk, according to the police.

Twelve pedestrians were killed who had been drinking, nine of whom were drunk.

How thankful we all should be who have been fortunate enough to have found AA in time. What possibly could induce anyone to envy the holiday revelers who sully the Christmas season with Bacchanalian orgies.

Let every one of us think about the seriousness of this especially during the balance of the year. With the holidays at hand, Christmas and New Year parties will offer many of our members temptations to "be one of the gang—sociable, you know"! Nice people—normal people—decent people will urge us to be "sociable." They'll assure us that they won't let us drink to excess. They'll even tell us we're not alcoholics in their opinion. Watch out!

Don't feel sorry for yourself that you can't drink during this holiday season. Be darn glad you don't have to anymore.

Season's Greetings

The staff of Central Bulletin — Spencer L. Harry and Louise D., join in wishing all loyal readers a most happy Christmas and a blessed New Year!

RETURN TO CHRISTMAS

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pressures and the lures about us in modern society. We can rid ourselves of these distractions by placing our faith Power expressed itself at Bethlehem and in this walled city two millenia ago. It can express itself in our lives in the Higher Power that brought us to sobriety. That every day of the year if we but return to the true spirit of Christmas.

WHO FINDS WHAT?

The Old Timer entwined one leg about the other and deftly hooked his right toe behind his left heel. He settled back against the store front, his chin resting on his wish-bone, and closed his eyes. It was his usual posture for philosophizing.

"People sure is funny," he observed, and slid his cud of long green from his right to his left jowl. His audience relaxed to await developments which were certain to be forthcoming.

"Yes, they sure are," the Old Timer resumed. "No n take t'other day. I see where some newspaper feller started out to find God. That struck me quite funny. I didn't know He was lost. But then I read on a piece and I saw this feller wasn't trying to find God, he was trying to find out what people thought about God and it reminded me of the time I was a Atheist."

The Old Tinter peeped out of one eye, stroked his mustache and paused for effect.

"I was a young sprout," he resumed "and down around our part of the country we had a lot of revival meetin's. Folks would get converted and whoop and holler and get baptized but mostly backslid afore the preacher could get out a town. But while it lasted every last one of 'em claimed he had found the one and only true God.

"I got to thinkin' about this and about how some Christians and some Jews and some Buddhists and some of a dozen others all claimed they was thr only ones who had made connections with the Main Switchboard, and I says to myself, 'Now these boys can't all be right' so I figgered they probably was all wrong and that they wasn't no God in the first place.

"I went around yappin' about atheism for quite a spell and makin' myself a general nuisance. Then one day my brother's wife had a baby. Bein' his only uncle I was right on the job and saw him before he was hardly dry and what do you think? There he was draggin' on a bottle like an old hand.

"That set me to thinkin'. Did you ever stop to figger what a job it would be to learn to suck a nipple if you had to start from scratch? They must be a hundred muscles that you hafta use and all of them at just the right time and in the right order. You see these fellers practicin' day in and day out learnin' how to play golf. Why man, that's easy as fallin' off a chunk compared to learnin' to nurse. But that little guy—he knew right off. He had her down pat and they wasn't a liviti' soul that could n't told him how. Right about then my atheism got quite a jolt.

"After I had give my O.K. to the new arrival I went in to the settin' room and while I was there I happened to notice thr bowl of guppies my brother was raisin'. Outta curiosity I went over and watched them and all thr time this nursin' business was runnin' through my mind. All at once I says to myself, 'Now I betchya if I asked one of them guppies where I could find some water he'd think I had gone off my rocker. He wouldn't evrn know what water is, just like a man wouldn't know what air is if some body didn't tell him. It's all around him all the time. He lives in it. He breathes it and yet he can't see it, or feel it, or smell it or taste it. Tell some native ott the middle of Africa that he is walkin' around carryin' several hundred pounds of air and he'd run for the medicine man. And so I figgered that's the way it is with God. He's everywhere all the time for everybody. Trouble is we're so used to Him we don't know He's around.

"And, compared to God, we ain't as smart as them guppies. We're like the blind men and the elephant. One pot hold of his tail and thought he was like a rope. Another touched his leg and said he was like a tree. Another rubbed his side and insisted he was like a wall. Each one of them was right accordin' to his understandin', yet each of them was wrong. Thnt elephant wasn't no rope or no tree or no wall. He was a elephant.

"So I kinda figgered that all these folks claim to have priority because none of us is stttart enough to understand all of God. We just get a little piece of Him and think that's all there is. That would be all right if somebody else didn't get another little piece. Thett trouble begins.

"So I decided God is a Christian. He's a Jew. He's a Buddhist. He's every thing to everybody yet He ain't the exclusive property of none of 'em. The reason they think so is because they can't possibly understand the whole of God. That's because they're people and that's what makes them funny.

"So you see we don't find God. We accept Hint. He's right there all thr time."

The Old Timer distentangled his legs. He stood up and shook out the kinks.

"Well," he said, "Guess I bet ter go feed my guppies afore I decide I'm the only one that's got a direct pipe line to glory."

—Anonymous

Holiday Warning — Don't Take that First Drink!

NO FOUNDATION — NO FUTURE

Most of us have learned by now that we cannot change the alcoholic—or anyone else as a matter of fact—simply by instituting rules and regulations. If the newcomer is not fundamentally honest, we can't make him hottest through the medium of restraints or penalties. There is no substitution for the desire which springs from the person who is of moral character. This is one indispensable element. Let us never presume that we can build without it. So few of us have learned, too, that sonic signatures ott notes weren't worth very much—that it didn't replace the character that later transpired was lackittp. So it matters very little what the commitment is—whether in professing to take the steps in our program or any other undertaking—they are not going to be worth much more than the sincerity of those responsible for them. A man may weaken a little at the start—that is only human—but if he has character we can count on him coming through. Of the others, we can't count on anything fot long. So let's not be disappointed with the failure—we must learn to expect him once in a while. Let's tell every newcomer to AA—who rally wants to build—that the only foundations in this world that have been enduring and worthwhile—are those secured in honesty—sincerity, humility and mutual trust.—Lifeline, Vancouver, B. C.

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And while we are talking about subscriptions, how about renewing your subscription as soon as you get your expiration notice? We have been forced to discontinue sending return envelopes with the expiration notices because so many find it necessary to wait until they have received three or four reminders.

DEFINITION

"Some people coming into AA," little Johnny M. of Parma said, "think that a good AA sponsor should be like thr sponsor of n television show—pay all the hills."

LAUDABLE START

A new group, naming itself the Tradition Group, will hold its initial meeting on Tuesday, January 5 at 9 p. m. and each Tuesday thereafter at Community Church of Brooklyn, 8720 Memphis Avenue. Speaker, Herschel H. of Parma.

They have adopted a policy in strict conformity to the Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous. Each member will be given a copy of the policy which was shown to the Community Church of Bdooklyn as evidence of sincerity when the group applied for permission to meet in the new church's eastwing auditorium.

The pastor of the church has been an intensely interested observer of AA's influence in the community.

Several of the paragraphs in the "Statement of Policy" indicate the seriousness of the founders of the group. These are:

"The group shall concern itself solely with the practice of the principles of AA as set forth in the Twelve Steps and the Four Absolutes, and to that end shall engage in no extra-curricular activity such as bowling, cards, parties, dinners, dances, or other similar activities. This shall not prevent the group from conducting an annual anniversary meeting at which food may be served, and provided that no entertainment is offered repugnant to the spirit and principles of AA, nor shall it prohibit serving of refreshments after regular meetings.

No gambling, raffles or games of chance of any kind or description shall be permitted or tolerated in the group meeting place or in connection with any group activities.

It shall be the policy of the group to present only such speakers who have established stability in sobriety and those only who are able to present the program in an instructive and constructive manner and who by their activity in AA have established themselves as examples to others.

Its primary motive is service.

We have a hunch this group will be successful. They will be as long as they remain true to their ideals, remain humble, and continue to serve in gratitude for what they have found.

We wish them Godspeed.

GROUP NEWS

Oakwood—Speakers at Oakwood during January will be: 3—John G., Angle; 10—Bill L., Trinity; 17—Tom B., Fairview; 24—Ed. D., Fairview; 31—Neil L., Fairview.

Greater Cleveland Young People—This consolidated group meets monthly at St. John's Cathedral on the second Sunday in the month at 2:30 p. m. Their next meeting will be on January 10.

Trinity—Speakers for January are: 2—Jim S., Oakwood; 9—Wm. McA., Pearl; 16—Franklyn S., Doan Men; 23—"Mickey" McG., Young Peoples; 30—Katherine D., Brooklyn. Over 300 attended the sixth anniversary meeting on December 5. Bert McK. of Akrott was the speaker.

ROSARY HALL

St. Vincent's Charity Hospital Rosary Hall observed its first anniversary on Sunday, December 13 in a most auspicious manner. A surprise speaker was Bill W., one of the co-founders of AA. He shared the speaking activities with Bill D., the first "baby" in AA and Ethel R. of Berton, the first woman in AA.

A large crowd packed the Nurses' Auditorium.

WIFE PASSES AWAY

Margaret P., the wife of Eddie, founder of the Westside Morning group passed away on November 28 and was buried on the 30th. His many friends whom Eddie has helped join us in expressing sincere condolences.

CONSOLIDATED MEETING

Moose Hall, E. 22nd at Carnegie

Sunday, January 17, 1953, 4:00 p. m.

In our humble opinion, one of AA's most impressive characters with a truly remarkable story, almost unbelievable, will be the speaker at the January Consolidated Meeting. He is Ken B. of Toronto. Blind, afflicted and a victim of many ailments, Ken radiates a personality and philosophy which puts most self-pityers to shame. He's exhilarating. An excellent and intensely interesting speaker, he will make you glad you came to hear him.

Moose Hall, Sunday afternoon, January 17 at four o'clock. There is ample parking space on both sides of the hall.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE ELECTS

Herschel H. of Parma was elected Moderator of Central Committee for 1954 and Dr. Frank W. of Independence, vice-Moderator at the December meeting of Central Committee. Appointed were Crawford W., Chardon as secretary-treasurer, Harry D., editor of Central Bulletin, Lucille S., Friday-Lee, chairman Consolidated meetings.

Beginner's meetings will be resumed some time during the coming year. Efforts are being made to secure a down-town location for these meetings. A twelve week course, similar to last year's Training Meeting will be instituted, each week's subject being one Step and one Tradition successively until all twelve are covered.

THE PURPOSE OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE

1. It provides a central meeting place, with regular monthly meetings.
2. It is a discussion center. It is not a governing body, each group maintains self-government.
3. It provides facilities for receiving names of prospective members, by providing a central AA telephone and a post office box, it provides for practical distribution of these names, to all groups in Greater Cleveland, to conserve the time and travel of our members.
4. It provides a central hospital committee to establish proper liaison between all groups and all AA approved hospitals and nursing homes in the Greater Cleveland Area.
5. It provides a central sponsorship committee to encourage proper and adequate sponsorship educational programs in all groups in the Greater Cleveland area.
6. It provides a unified clearing house to eliminate haphazard hospitalization plans, racketeering and unfavorable publicity.
7. It provides for the publishing of Central Bulletin each month.
8. It provides a co-ordinated functioning committee to deal with individual unfavorable influences, which might reflect discredit upon the entire fellowship.
9. It provides a convenient place to plan for the future of the Greater Cleveland AA Fellowship.

Central Committee Has One Objective — "SERVICE".

Merry Christmas

Happy New Year



CLEVELAND AREA GROUP MEETINGS

MONDAY

ADDISON--Westminster Church. Cor. Addison and Wade Parks... 8:30
BORLUS--Cleve. Congrega. Church Page and Euclid Avenue... 8:30
FRIENDLY SUBURBAN--6037 Pearl... 8:00
HILLCREST--Lynchhurst Community Church 5300 Mayfield Rd... 9:00
LAKE SHORE--St. Luke's Parish, Clifton and Bunts Rd... 8:30
LAKEWOOD (Orchard Grove)--1417 S. Charles, n. r. Detroit... 8:30
LAKEWOOD MEN'S--St. Peter's Episcopal, W. Clifton and Detroit... 8:30
LEE MONDAY--First Presbyter. Church, East Cleveland, Nela and Euclid... 8:30
LORAIN AVE.--West Park Baptist Church, 15218 Lorain Ave... 8:30
MARINE HOSPITAL--E. 123 & Fairhill 7:30
MILES--St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 9721 Romona Boulevard... 8:30
PEARL--Corpus Christi Basement, 4202 Stickney (E. of Pearl Rd.)... 8:30
ROWDY ROW--Salvation Army Corps Hall, 2042 W. 26th St... 8:00
SHAKER HEIGHTS--Christ Episcopal Church, 3451 Warrensville... 8:30
SOUTH EAST--7526 Broadway... 8:30
UNION--East View Cong. Church, Kinsman at E. 156th St... 9:00
WEST 25th ST.--Marvel Hall, 2858 W. 25th St... 8:30
WOMEN'S--Westside--West Boulevard Christian Church, Madison and W. 101... 8:45
ELYRIA MEN--St. Agnes Church, Lake Road at Bath St., Elyria, O... 8:30
SHELBY--Congregational Baptist Church, Jackson and Jefferson, Painesville... 8:30
VERMILION--St. Mary's Church, Exchange St... 8:30
WILLOUGHBY--Presbyterian Church, Willoughby, O... 8:30

TUESDAY

ARCADE--Typographical Union Hall, 1559 East 17th (near Payne Ave.)... 9:00
CHARITY--Last Tuesday of each month--Cafeteria... 8:30
CLARK--1917 Clark Ave... 8:30
EAGLE TRAINING--Salvation Army, E. 9th and Eagle... 8:00
EDGE LAKE--1417 St. Charles Ave, Dinner at 7:00 p. m. Meeting at 8:30
EUCLID-WADE--Calvary Presbyterian Church, E. 79th and Euclid Ave... 9:00
FAIRMOUNT--St. Paul's Episcopal, Fairmount and Coventry... 8:30
FAIRVIEW PARK--Fairview Grace Church, W. 224th and Lorain Ave... 8:30
HILLTOP--St. Joseph's Seminary, 17608 Euclid Ave... 8:45
MILES-LEE--Mount Hope Church, E. 164th, north of Miles... 8:30
NEW HOPE--Women-Award's Convalescing Home, E. 71st and Cedar... 8:30
SMITH-WILSON--Nativity School, 9519 Aetna Road... 8:30
SUPERIOR--North Presbyterian Church, F. 40th and Summit... 9:00
TAPCO--Post 4, 23555 Euclid, 2nd shift 1:00
TAPCO--Post 4, 23555 Euclid, 3rd shift 9:00
TRADITIONAL--Community Church of Brooklyn, 8720 Memphis Ave... 9:00
WEST PARK--West Park Baptist Church, W. 152nd and Lorain... 8:30
WEST SIDE MEN'S--St. Patrick's Hall, B. of L. E. Hall, Whitney Block, Main St... 8:30
ASH TABULA COUNTY MEN, Conneaut, O., B. of L. E. Hall, Whitney Block, Main St... 8:30
LORAIN, O.--St. Stanislaus School, 28th Street and Elyria Ave... 8:30
MEDINA, O.--St. Paul's Episc. Par. Hse. 8:30
PAINESVILLE, O.--Stag. 33 N. State St. 8:30
STRONGSVILLE--Tuesday--Town Hall 9:00

WEDNESDAY

ALCOLA--6409 Detroit Ave... 9:00
ALL-AMERICAN Sportsmen, 1142 Buhler, 3rd Wednesday each month... 8:00
BAXTER AVE.--6527 Baxter Ave... 8:30
BROOKLYN--K. of P. Hall, 3316 Broadview, East of Pearl Rd... 8:30

C. E. I.--Illuminating Co., Room 345--Rear Building... 8:30
COLLINWOOD--14709 St. Clair Ave... 8:30
DENISON MEN--7403 Denison Ave., (Just 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: Ut J. A. M.
GARETIELD HEIGHTS--Trinity Baptist, E. 94th and Garfield Blvd... 8:30
LAKEWOOD WOMEN--United Pirry, Church, 12601 Detroit Ave... 8:30
LEE ROAD--First Eng. Lutheran, Derbyshire and Euclid Hts. Blvd... 8:30
NORWOOD--St. Vitus School, 6105 Glass Ave... 8:30
ST. JAMES--Ward's Convalescing Home, E. 75th and Cedar Ave... 8:15
ST. MARY--400 North St., Chardon, O. 9:00
LAPCO--Post 4, 23555 Euclid, 1st shift 3:30
TWENTY-FOUR HOUR--13216 Detroit, Church of the Ascension on... 8:30
Training meeting 1st Wed, each 111011th.
WARRENSVILLE--Women's House Cor. 7:30
WOMEN'S--East Side--Cleveland Unitarian Society, Euclid and E. 82nd St... 8:30
WOMEN'S--Lorain County--St. Anthony's School Hall, Erie & Kansas (R.2 or 6) 8:30
BEDFORD, O.--Y.M.C.A., Tarbell Ave... 8:30
ELYRIA, O.--St. Mary's Church, Middle and Fourth... 8:30
LORAIN, O.--ANTLERS, St. Mary's School, Reid Ave... 8:30

THURSDAY

ALAN--1820 East 79th St... 8:30
ALLEN DALE--St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 15837 Euclid Ave... 8:30
ANGLE--St. Malachi's Church, 2549 Washington Ave... 8:30
BROADWAY--55th Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Lynn L... 8:30
BROOKLYN Y. P.--United Presbyterian, Spokane and Pearl... 9:00
COVENTRY--Fairmount Presbyterian Chapel, Scarborough Rd... 9:00
CRILE HOSPITAL--Library... 8:00
EDDY ROAD--Glenview Congregational Church, Eddy and St. Clair... 8:30
GLENVILLE--10421 St. Clair Ave... 8:30
LORAIN AVE.--West Park Baptist Church, 15218 Lorain Ave... 8:30
OUTHWAITE--Woodland Center, 7100 Kinsman Ave... 8:30
ROCKY RIVER--Rockport Methodist Church, 3310 Wooster Rd... 8:30
WEST SIDE--7403 Denison Ave... 10:30 A.M.
AMHERST--St. Peter's Ev. & Ref. Church, Church St., North Amherst, O... 9:00
THEREA, O.--Fine Arts Club, E. Bagley Rd., 3 doors east of Eastland... 8:30
EAST LAKE--Bethel Lutheran Church, 32400 Vine Street... 8:30
HARBOR THURSDAY--Ashabula, Ohio, 1147 West Fifth Street... 8:30
INDEPENDENCE, O.--St. John's Lutheran Hall, Second and Sunset... 9:00
PAINESVILLE, O.--33 N. State, 3rd fl... 8:30

FRIDAY

ANSEL ROAD--St. Thomas Church, 2005 Superior Ave... 9:00
BROADWAY-HARVARD 8437 Broadway 8:30
CEDAR--Salvation Army, 5005 Euclid 8:15
GORDON SQUARE--St. Helena's Hall, 1367 W. 65th St... 8:30
LEE ROAD--St. Philomena's Church, Instruction Hall, 13824 Euclid... 9:00
NOR THEAST 20288 E. 105th St. 8:30
WESTSIDE YOUNG PEOPLE--St. Luke's Hall, Bunts and Clifton... 9:00
AVON LAKE--Congregational Church, Lake Road, S. to p. 5815, 5512... 8:30:30
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
MENTOR, O.--Mentor Methodist Church 8:30

WICKLIFFE MEN--Lady of Mt. Carmel Hall, Wickliffe, O... 8:00
SATURDAY
BROADWAY-CABLE--St. John's Lutheran, Church, Cable at Broadway... 8:30
CATHOLIC--St. John's Cathedral, E. 9th and Superior... 8:30
GLENSVILLE--10421 St. Clair Ave... 9:00
LAKEWOOD--Sat. Nite, Redeemer Hall, Andrews, near Detroit... 8:30
LEAGUE PARK--St. Agnes School Hall, East 79th and Euclid Ave... 8:30
MATT TALBOT--St. Philip Neri Church, E. 82nd and St. Clair... 8:30
MEMPHIS--Church of Good Shepherd, 8235 Memphis Ave... 9:00
PARMA--Public Library, 5850 Ridge Rd. 8:30
REDWOOD--Euclid Lutheran Church, E. 26th and Orinda... 8:30
SHILOH--Bethel A. M. E. Church, 15021 Shiloh Road... 8:30
TRINITY--Trinity Evangelical Church, 3525 W. 25th St... 8:30
VALLEY VIEW--Community Center, West 7th and Starkweather... 8:30
8005 GROVE--8005 Lorain Ave... 8:30
ASH TABULA, O.--St. Peter's Episc. Church, Main Avenue at South Park... 8:30
ELYRIA, O.--St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Middle and Third... 8:30
SOLOON, O.--St. Rita's Church basement 9:00

SUNDAY

ALL-AMERICAN Sportsmen, 1142 Buhler, 1st Sunday each month... 4:00
C. A. C. PISCISSI--C. A. C. clubroom, 7809 Euclid Avenue... 10:45 A.M.
COLLINWOOD--14709 St. Clair Ave... 7:30
DETROIT--Mixed, 8923 Detroit Ave... 8:00
Greater City Young People (Consolidated) Catholic Hall, First Sunday each month... 2:00
LAKETAKE--CYO Hall, St. Abasyria Church, E. 109th and St. Clair... 8:30
MARYMONT--2nd Sun. in month, Cafeteria, Metcaben and Henry... 2:30
MIDDLEBURY--St. Thomas Church, 2905 Superior Ave... 7:00
NEWBURGH--St. Catherine's Church, 3443 E. 91st St... 8:30
OAKWOOD--Alcoholic Annex, 8909 Detroit Ave... 11:00 A.M.
OUTHWAITE--7100 Kinsman Ave... 4:00
STRONGSVILLE--Royal Haven Farm, Royalton Road, Strongsville, O... 3:00
WARRENSVILLE--Cooley Farms Recreation Room... 10:00 A.M.
GENEVA, O.--Legion Hall, Park St., corner of So. Eagle... 7:30

LIST OF COOPERATING AA HOSPITALS

Alcoholic Abstinence Nursing Home (MW)
Alcoholic Annex, 8923 Detroit Ave
Alcoholic Annex, Oakwood Sanitarium (M)
Alcoholic Annex, 8909 Detroit Ave
Charity Hospital (MW)
Central at E. 22nd St
Cleveland Alcoholic Clinic (MW)
Expense 15233, 7809 Euclid Ave.
Fluwood Sanitarium (M)
Hesperia 13299, 17322 Euclid Ave.
Euclid Hospital (MW)
Lester 16296 and Mt. Royal 19581, 1320 Euclid Ave
Paraphernalia (L.E.S.), 51823 (M) 6037 Pearl
MacGillis Nursing Home (MW)
RA 1-2876, 1569 Mistletoe Dr. at Wade Pk Pathway (L.E.S.) (MW) 1635 E. 93rd
St. John's Hospital (M)
Woolbine 15750, 7911 Detroit Ave
(M) men only, (W) women only, (MW) men and women.

1st TUESDAY EVERY MONTH

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

3rd TUESDAY EVERY MONTH

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

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