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## RESOLUTIONS

Aren't you glad now that you didn't make that old New Year's resolution?

It would have been busted days ago and you would be once more on the glory road, rationalizing every drink that you knew deep in your heart you shouldn't take.

It has been said that New Year resolutions are made just to be broken. The experience of those of us who are alcoholics seems to confirm this verbal flippancy. At least we made them with the prior reservation that we would break them. They were often taken to please the wife, some members of the family, friends or employers. They were taken, so to speak, under mental duress.

Those of us who have found sobriety have discovered that only one resolution is necessary and it does not have to be made at the beginning of the year. It can be made any day of the year.

That resolution is that at long last we have recognized the fact that we cannot handle alcohol, we have made a mess of our lives and the only answer is to turn our affairs over to a Higher Power.

Once that step was sincerely taken there was no question of breaking it. To begin with, if we were sincere, we did it for ourselves, not to win the approval of those around us or just to avoid another family argument. Any pre-resolution reservations had been beaten out of us by the awful experiences we had been through. We had been cut down to size and had reached the conclusion, however reluctantly, that we could not lick the world. We first had to defeat our own defects.

While the Western world engages in the pastime of making resolutions as the calendar changes, the Chinese have another habit. At the turn of the year they pay up all their outstanding debts. We have never heard whether the Chinese follow through on this tradition any better than we do on resolutions, but the idea is a good one. It also applies to us.

We have debts to pay when we have sobered up. And we do not have to wait for the end of every year to meet them. We can and must make reparations, as far as lies within our power, for the damage and harm we have done in our irresponsible drinking days. The sooner we start the sooner we will begin to reap the full benefit of the new program to which we have committed ourselves.

After all, resolutions of the holiday type are only declarations of good intentions. The old adage says that the road to hell is paved with good intentions. They are the cheapest paving material available, but the sort of road they build simply doesn't lead anywhere.

It is not the words we use but the degree of sincerity behind those words that makes the difference. If the sincerity is there, however fumbling it may be at the beginning, the end will be achieved with the help of the Higher Power. We have learned that action counts. The words can come later if we like, but the words themselves mean little. Only our conduct, our pursuit of the Twelve Steps, can give them content.

## THE COMMON TOUCH

One of Cleveland's early members dropped in on us early this week to discuss what had bothered him for some time. For all these years he has been an ardent AA, a zealous worker and a conscientious sponsor, but during the past several years he had had an unusual number of disappointing experiences with the people he had introduced to AA. He was very thorough in his sponsoring, and excellent example of reliability and endowed with seeming endless patience and understanding. What was wrong?

He believed he found his answer at the Cleveland Consolidated meeting, January 17, when he listened to the philosophy of Ken B. of Toronto, Canada who was the speaker for that day.

Many things impressed him in Ken's talk, which in his opinion was the most effective he had heard. (This opinion was shared by many others in the "standing room only" crowd.) Our visitor liked Ken's "Foul H" program and suggested that he add another to make it a "Five H" program — Humaneness. The other H's referred to Hope — inspired by AA when he was hopeless; Honesty — diligently practiced and daily checked; Humility — an awesome realization of God's great mercy and beneficence. These three, consciously made a part of his daily life, brought the reward of Happiness, or peace of mind, the fourth H.

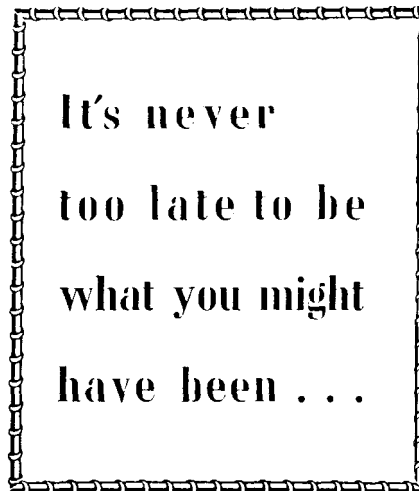
Our visitor was in perfect accord with this for he had experienced the same result, thanks to excellent indoctrination plus full surrender. But the essence of effectiveness which he sensed he was losing was revealed

to him by the speaker — totally blind, diabetic, crippled and suffering with a dangerous heart condition which allowed him very limited activity.

One could understand by listening to Ken why he was sought for counsel by so many problem-ridden people in Toronto, who were otherwise "disgustingly healthy." Here was Ken, fated to lie on his bed the balance of his life except for several precious hours each week, uncomplaining, resigned but completely happy and content, giving counsel and comfort to persons blessed with sight and no apparent physical disabilities. What a guy!

Our visitor recognized the gift which Ken unconsciously possessed — that attribute so necessary to reach the troubled person. Humaneness — having feelings and inclinations creditable to a man — understanding — helpfulness — not preaching — not talking down to the person addressed, but with him — on the same level — never pontifical — in other words he had the common touch.

Our visitor had sponsored many people and every group in Cleveland, we believe, gratefully recognizes him as one who has given generously of himself. He is beloved. Yet he isn't satisfied. He wants to improve his effectiveness and we are sure he will. We are grateful for his visit and for revealing this discovery of a shining nugget which we overlooked in Sunday's memorable talk. We just took it for granted.



## TOO THIN

I once heard of a widow who was so poor she could afford but one pat of butter each day. Since she had ten children this proved quite a problem. But she tried. She warmed it, pressed it, shaved it and chipped it. But however she tried, she had great difficulty spreading the one pat over ten slices of bread.

Finally one little fellow said, "The butter is spread so thin that none of us can taste it. So let's just each day select one or two who need it most and let them have it. It will do them some good and the rest of us won't know the difference anyway."

I wonder if perhaps we are not falling into the widow's error in AA.—We are becoming employment agencies, relief agencies, do-gooders, reformers, and bleeding hearts. It would not-surprise me to see one day where some AA Dorothy Dix has started a column of advice to the lovelorn.

This brings to mind Bill D's (Akron) story about the lady who said to him, "Mr. D this AA is the greatest thing I have ever known. If everybody belonged it would stop wars, and poverty, and cure just about everything bad. I am going right out and try to get everybody to join."

Bill said, "Lady, that's just fine. You go right out and convert the world—as for me, I am going to stick to drunks."

Employers, creditors and others have been disappointed so many times in AAs for whom we have interceded that it is almost suicide to even tell a prospective employer that one belongs to the fellowship.

We try to tell people who have invested their own money how to run their own nursing homes, how to run hospitals, when as a matter of fact most of us when we came into AA couldn't lick a postage stamp without directions on the back. But give us two weeks of sobriety and we are executives. We produce more executives per square inch and with less justification than any other outfit on earth.

This brings us to BB-AA then BB, or Big Brothers. No doubt CC-Coddling Cuties is just around the corner, which logically should be followed by DD—Dabbling Dopes. On second thought, perhaps we should skip a few letters to NN-Nosey Nuisances.

By latest count there are 570 AAs in the Ohio penal institutions. Taking a national average of alcoholics per population, there should be only about 150 alcoholics in these institutions. If this is true, what has happened? The answer is obvious. There are 150 true alcoholics and 420 fakers in these groups. In other words, the fakers outnumber the real alcoholics by about three to one. Yet BBs accept them all at face value and try to rehabilitate them without distinction. Is it any wonder that out of eleven parolees coming to nip personal attention, only two are making good? The other nine, manifestly, were fakers who had no business in AA in the first place. We had no more business trying to reform them than we would have in trying to instruct a new mother how to powder her baby: Not only that, but the situation is rapidly curdling the attitude of parole officers toward AA. It has reached the point where the parolee coming out under the banner of AA is suspect.

so I make this humble suggestion—let's get back to Bill D's simple philosophy—let's stick to drunks. Let the clergy handle religion. Let charity organizations handle charity. Let hospitals run their hospitals, and businessmen run their business.

We are spreading AA so thin it is starting to curl at the edges. It is time we started minding our own business, and stay sober, and letting other people mind theirs, which simply is carrying the message of how to get sober. Otherwise, we will wind up with the reputation of starry-eyed Pollyannas, whose recommendations are about as valuable as an alcoholic's promise. --Anonymous

SAVE SALES TAX STAMPS FOR DOWNTOWN OFFICE

## REBUTTAL

Being a firm believer in the policy of BB, the organization of which was inevitable when the rehabilitation and assimilation of parolees from Ohio penal institutions who had embraced the AA program in these institutions was bogging down, we hasten to defend it after reading the article "Too Thin," which is published in the left column.

We know Mr. Anonymous well. He has been truly self-sacrificing in his attempts to help returnees. We can't blame him for becoming disheartened when only two out of eleven of his contacts make the grade and nine kicked him in the face.

Also knowing him, we believe we see the reason why the others failed him. Mr. Anonymous is so sentimental, so naive, so trusting, so confident in his ability to inspire the returnee that he failed to recognize the anti-social, vindictive attitude of the returnee, who, in spite of all, still hasn't learned his lesson.

Mr. Anonymous must embrace the BB program which he unconsciously suggested—"let's stick to the simple philosophy of AA—let's stick to drunks." That's what the BB plan advocates. Let the experienced probation department and the sponsor keep their responsibility and let AAs limit their activity in the parolee's behalf to AA education.

If we cooperate with the probation office and don't alienate them or even try to run their office, we'll be of greater service to the returnee and there'll be fewer casualties.

The BB plan is producing signal results in other areas where it is followed. It should work here too.

## OBITUARIES

On Friday morning, December 17, one of Cleveland AA's most beloved members, Peter A. McNamara, passed away. The following prayer, read at the Wednesday-Lee group, we believe expresses what his many friends feel.

"We thank Thee, our God, for all the goodness and courage which has passed from the life of Thy servant Peter McNamara into the life of others and left the world richer for his presence—for a life's task faithfully and honorably discharged; for good humor and gracious affection and kindly generosity.

"We thank Thee, our God, for Florence, the wife, whose devotions have prevailed as an instrument in Thy hand to recover Peter for Thy service. Again endow her with Thy wisdom so that she may find comfort in sorrow.

"Give us grace, our God, that we may follow the trail that his life has so plainly marked. Amen."

On Monday, January 4, Clayton B. Bull was summoned to eternal rest. Clayton was also an early member of AA and has been a most effective worker. We recall a letter written by him from camp in 1943, just after being made lieutenant, where he revealed his joy in applying the Third Step of AA and attributing his success to that fact.

On Wednesday, January 13, Elmer P. Praedel passed away suddenly. Elmer was secretary of the West Park group and was a devoted and enthusiastic member in the past four years.

Buried the day before Christmas was Hubert Johnson, chairman of the Trinity group, who died on December 21. For the past two years Hubert had been a most zealous and enthusiastic worker in AA and unusually busy in Twelfth Step work. He will be sorely missed. Our deepest sympathy goes to his wife Eva and children.

We bow to God's decision in calling these four fine people to Him. Their mission on earth was accomplished. We were enriched by their presence.

"The greatest battle ever fought!"

Shall I tell you where and when?

On the maps you'll find them not—

They're fought in the hearts of man.

—Theme, F. C. I., Texarkana, Texas

**GROUP NEWS**

Buhrer-Composed mostly of All American Sportsmen, this group held its first meeting as a mixed discussion group on Tuesday, Jan. 12 at 8:30. They meet at 1142 Buhrer Ave., south of Clark and east of W. 14th. John F. is secretary.

Coventry-Meetings have been advanced to 8:30.

**Friday Afternoon Women**—A newly organized group which meets at 1 p. m. each Friday in the Krumbine Room of Plymouth Church (North Wing) at Coventry and Drexmore Ave. Women only. Call Frances C., SK. 1-0189 if more information is desired.

Sabbath-Many people find it difficult to attend evening meetings or are lonely on Sunday. Accordingly John B., former secretary of Euclid-Wade helped organize this group which held its first meeting on December 13 at 3 p. m. 25 attended and the attendance since continues to warrant the group's continuance. They meet at 13240 Euclid Avenue. Doug McC. is assistant secretary.

Scheduled speakers are: Jan. 31—Roy E., Denison; Feb. 7—Dr. York P., Fairmount; Feb. 14—Evelyn B. Bedford.

Oakwood-Speakers for February are: 1—Dick B., Oakwood; 14—Ed S. Angle; 21—Pete Rl., Northeast; 28—Pat McL., Clark.

Trinity-Speakers for February are: G-Kenny K., Borton; 13—Ann M., Lakewood Women; 20—Bill O'R., Lorain Monday; 27—Corny V. and Wynn W., Lee Wednesday (Corny's seventh and Wynn's thirteenth anniversary). Rex B. is the nrw chairman and Gus A. the new secretary.

Traditions-Speakers for February are: 2—Woodie McG., Parma; 9—Bill J., Traditions (first anniversary) ; 16—Katherine K., Sabbath; 23—Charles S., Brooklyn. Brooklyn-Speakers for February are: 3—Tommy C., Brooklyn (his 13th anniversary) ; 10—Danny K., Brooklyn (his 9th anniversary); 17—Vince McC., Brooklyn (his 1st anniversary) 24—Howard T., Rocky River.

New Mixed-Holding its first meeting on Sunday, January 24 at 8 p. m. in Blessed Sacrament Church, Fulton road and Storer Ave.

**IN OUR CORRESPONDENCE**

Personal note to V. C. S.—The editor acknowledges your note on the misuse of the word "mitigating." His face is unnaturally red every time he thinks of it. He now submits his writings to his best critic-his wife-before publishing. Thanks. Tsk; Tsk!

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"A man whom you tried very hard and long to help passed away here yesterday. He had been doing well for two years-but he couldn't stand prosperity and good health. Cause of death-whiskey, goof balls, etc. His name (censored for obvious reasons). Signed J. W. S. 12/26/53, Lebanon,O.

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"Recently I sent in a subscription for a friend in Peoria, Ill. Just last week came this response: 'Took your Central Bulletin to our meeting. The scheduled speaker failed to show and I read the Thanksgiving story of the Old Timer, offered my comment and from then on they took over the meeting. They were still talking about what a good feeling they had from it three days later at another meeting. After fully digesting everything in the Bulletin, I put it on the Bulletin Board for others to enjoy too.' Thought you'd be glad to know the far-reaching effects of thr Bulletin and the good it is doing"—Freda L., Cleveland.

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"Yours of Jan. 19 read and filed. Enclosed check for \$5.00 guarantees I receive two copies each month. Send three subscriptions to any person on your list-prisons preferably."—Arnold N., Antigo, Wis.

**ATTENTION. TWELFTH STEPPERS**

A real need for consecrated and appreciative men and women AAs to do effective Twelfth Step work has developed again at the Women's House of Correction in Warrensville. Here are housed about thirty-eight inmates, victims of alcohol—troubled, forgotten, frightened, maladjusted, unloved. Each of them have a soul which can be reached—by someone, possibly you.

For years the message and the thankless work has been carried on by Hilda H. and her husband of Macedonia, O. Hilda has secured promises of speakers, but too often many have failed to show up. When this occurs, Hilda or her husband give the talk, drawing from the wealth of their experience. They feel inadequate and think that fresh faces and many different stories will inspire hope and faith in the hearts and souls of these people whose fates are in jeopardy.

Possibly what has made the work less interesting is that visitors are not permitted to interview the inmates personally. Those are the rules. But the story of your success reaches and causes these inmates to think' and some to decide to change their lives for the better.

It means just a little sacrifice of time and effort once a week for ten or twenty people. Can't some of our readers show their appreciation for all they're received by making this a project of their own?

The meeting starts at 7:30 and must close at 8:30.

**BOWLING**

The AA Independent League finished the year with the Commercial Enterprise team in first place, with the F. J. Kares and Dad's Root Beer trams close behind.

On Dec. 26, Vince 15. bit 255 and a total of 667; Jeff F.'s 221 helped his total of 609 and Richard Rl. had to hit 246 to total 586.

High individual average, Frank N., 181. High three, Frank N. Gi5. Individual high single game, Vince E. 255. Team high, single game—Commercial Enterprise. 968; Team high, three games, Commercial Enterprise, 2681.

The doctor left the sickroom and joined the pacing husband. "I don't like the way your wife looks, Mr. Cassidy," he said.

"Well, doc," said the husband, "I'm not crazy about her looks either, but she sure takes good care of me and the kids."



CLEVELAND AREA GROUP MEETINGS

MONDAY

ADDISON-Westminster Church. Cor. Addison and Wade Park 8:30
BORTON--L. Cleve. Congrega. Church Page and Euclid Avenue- 8:30
FRIENDLY SUBURBAN-6037 Pearl-8:00
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, nr. Detroit 8:30
LAKEWOOD MEN'S--St. Peter's Episcopal, W. Clifton and Detroit 8:30
LEE MONDAY-First Presbyterian 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
SHARER 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 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-Fainiew Grace Church, W. 224th and Iarain 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--Ward's Convalescing Home, E. 71st and Cedar 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
TRADITIONS--Community Church of Brooklyn, 8720 Memphis Ave. 9:00
WEST PARK--West Park Baptist Church, W. 152nd and Iarain 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
Bridge at W. 3Rth 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 Buhner, 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 335--Rear Building 8:30

COLLINWOOD--14709 St. Clair Ave. 8:30
DENISON MEN--7403 Denison Ave., (first Wednesday, joint meeting) 8:30
UOAN 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. J AMES--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. 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 7 Yrb 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 Road 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 Iarain 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
VEREA, 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
FRIDAY AFTERNOON WOMEN-- Plymouth Church, Coventry and Drexmore, Krumbine Room 1:00
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, Stoo 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 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
GLENVILLE--10421 St. Clair Ave. 9:00
LA KEW OOD--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
SHILLOH--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 GROUPE--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
SOLON, O.--St. Rita's Church basement 9:00

SUNDAY

ALL AMERICAN Sportsmen, 1142 Buhner 1st Sunday each month 4:03
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
Greater Cleve. Young People (Consolidated) Cathedral Hall--First Sunday each month. 2:00
LAKEVIEW--CYO Hall, St. Agnes 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. 931-d St. 8:30
NEW MIXED--Blessed Sacrament Church, 8235 Memphis Ave. 9:00
OAKWOOD--Alcoholic Annex, 8909 Detroit Ave. 11:00 A.M.
OUTHWAITE--7100 Kinsman Ave. 4:00
SABRATH--13240 Euclid Ave. 3:00
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), Al Erlise 1-1635 3023 Detroit Ave
Alcoholic Annex--Oakwood Sanitarium (AI) AT. 1-0346 890 Y 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) 7809 Euclid Ave.
KENmore 1-2299 17323 Euclid Ave.
Euclid Hospital (MW) Ulster 1-6296 and Mulberry 1-9584, 13240 Euclid Ave.
Farquharson's (Tuxedo 5-1882) (M) 6037 Pearl
MacGillis Nursing Home (MW) RA 1-2556...1560 Mistletoe Dr. at Wade Pk
Pathway (Tyler 1-6698) (MW) 1635 E. 93rd St.
John's Hospital (M) Woodbine 1-5750 7911 Detroit Ave
(AI) 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

GIGGLES

Every chair in the doctor's waiting room was taken. Some of the patients talked for a while and then silence fell. Finally one old man stood up wearily and remarked: "Well, I guess I'll just go home and die a natural death."

Mother (horrified) : "Kissing a man you just met! You never saw me doing that!"

Daughter: "No, but I'll bet grandma did."

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## ANONYMITY

Moderation is an approach to life that members of Alcoholics Anonymous must acquire. It is not an inborn characteristic. We are extremists, otherwise the chances are we would not have become alcoholics.

Moderation applies to our anonymity no less than to other matters, such as our personal conduct and our way of thinking.

The iron-bound tradition of absolute anonymity is itself immoderate. It has grown up, we suspect, as a counteraction to the public spectacle we made of ourselves in our drinking days. The psychologists might have some pat, scientific explanation for it.

We can forego any such diagnosis if we look at the tradition calmly and with moderation.

When we come into the fellowship of AA most of us are fearful. We are not thinking logically or sensibly. We have swallowed a big lump—the admission that we are alcoholics. Our false pride has taken a beating. We want to keep the fact secret, except for those around us in the group. We are afraid of misunderstanding.

In those early days anonymity serves a useful purpose. But, the time comes when we have our feet on the ground and our thinking is ventilated with fresh air instead of alcoholic fumes. One of the main reasons for anonymity has been put behind us.

Now let us not go overboard at this point, and forget the moderation. We are not advocating a parade down Main Street to proclaim our membership; we do not advocate the wearing of a celluloid badge as big as your fist to make sure no one misses us.

Neither are we arguing that members should seek publicity in the newspapers or on the radio or TV. This, indeed, would be going to another extreme.

What we are saying is that no harm can come from letting our friends know we now are sober and have made an effort to follow a program to retain that sobriety. Much good, in fact, can come from it.

Many of us have had experiences that demonstrate this fact. People who know we are in AA turn to us when they need help for members of their families or friends. Not everyone is aware that Alcoholics Anonymous is listed in the telephone directory.

In the writer's case he once was thrown off the faculty of a college because he showed up once too often too drunk to teach. When the dean of that institution learned that we had become affiliated with AA we were put back on the faculty and even on an advisory board on curriculum.

Aside from any personal benefit, we must think of the social good acknowledgement of our membership can do.

Each individual must be the judge of how far he or she can go. We should neither hide all our light under a bushel nor should we, again with false pride, parade our membership. Moderation is the key.

No one can speak for AA. Nor can any of us speak for anyone else in AA. But we can be living examples of its program and, with reason, having become adults in our thinking and our conduct, no longer hide our membership in a cloak and dagger fashion.

## TOO MUCH ANONYMITY

Since I am one of the editors of this issue of "Our Baby," I can sound off on a pet gripe of mine—and that is "Too Much Anonymity", particularly in a small town.

Bill W., one of the co-founders of AA, insists upon anonymity at the level of "Press and Radio." Our is a program of attraction—how can we attract "those who still suffer" to AA if we do not do so by example—and how can we attract others to AA unless we let it be known that we belong to AA—and that it is AA that has transformed us into reasonably good citizens from drunken, lying, cheating bums—high or low bottom.

Of course we should not use the AA program, or our "good works" in AA (if any) for our personal aggrandizement. The moment we become proud of our accomplishments and begin to use AA rather than to be of service—then we had better look at our hole card.

However, letting people know we belong to AA and spreading the "good news" concerning AA and what it has done for us personally—can never hurt any man.

Many hesitate to join AA particularly in a small town, because they feel it is degrading to admit they are alcoholics and because association with AA will hurt them in their job, social position or business. Don't you believe it! Any one who would try to use AA membership against you is no friend of yours and the sooner you find it out the better off you will be. In the first place knowledge of AA membership can never hurt you—the boss, the family, your friends and business associates, (even

the bartender)—will all be so damn happy you are sober that they will thank God and any group and person that can help keep you sober and out of their hair.

What I am about to say, I say with all humility and only only for the purpose of proving my point. Membership in AA and the fact that people know you are in AA cannot and will not hurt you and will encourage others "who still suffer" to contact and join AA.

I am not a "professional" AA in any sense of the word. However, I know for a positive fact that because of my own non-anonymity, people have joined AA who otherwise might have held back.

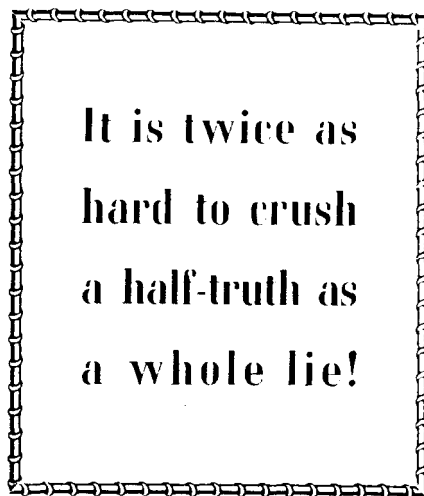
Each AA must make up his own mind on this important point—but don't let any one kid you and don't kid yourself—public knowledge of the fact that you belong to or are active in AA—never hurt anyone—in any way, and it never will.

But we must always remember that we should not use AA to our personal material benefit—but always be of service to AA and to those alcoholics who have not found the glorious AA way of life; and always we must respect the other fellow's confidences and anonymity.

—Our Baby, AA, Portland, Ore.

We publish the above in defense of ourselves. We appeared on an informative panel with Sister M. Ignatia before the Cleveland Women's City Club last week and

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## TOO MUCH ANONYMITY

though we specifically mentioned that our full name not be used, the moderator forgot. As a result the Cleveland Plain Dealer also forgot our repeated request not to use surnames in news pertaining to AA and published a complete report of the meeting and printed our full name.

In urerense of our appearing before lay audiences, we are under moral obligation to do so. In 1948, the Cleveland Welfare Federation provided us with a full scholarship to the Pale School Un Alcoholic Studies. Accordingly, we are expected to appear on request before groups concerned about the growth of alcoholism and to offer suggestions on how these people can help.

We always stress the fact that we appear without portfolio—that we do not speak for AA, but as a member offer our own personal opinions. And we studiously avoid personal publicity, though since we are fairly well known all over town, our stressing of anonymity is quite farcial to occasional friends in the audience.

We heartily agree with the editor of "Our Baby" that "public knowledge of the fact that you belong or are active in AA doesn't hurt anyone." We have found it the most effective way of correcting a long held opinion that we were hopeless.

## BUSINESS IS EASY

The Old Timer whacked the ashes out of his pipe on the heel of his shoe, leaned back against the storefront, pulled his hat low over his eyes and wrapped one leg around the other like a serpent on a saplin'.

"Trouble with business," he began, "is nobocly knows nothin' about runnin' it."

"Take Cal Withers, fer instance" he said. "Been in that store for 40 years and did you ever see such a mess of junk. Got everything in there from toothpicks to plow shares. Don't know no more about runnin' a business than when he started out."

"But Cal works hard" one of the audience suggested. "He's always on the job, late and early."

"That's just the point" the Old Timer argued. "He's always workin'. Traipsin' out in the country & all hours to deliver some fool thing that they could just as well wait till Saturday to come in and git. If he had a little system in his business he wouldn't need to do all that runnin' around."

"Just the same," persisted the listener, "Cal owns about half the town, spends three months in Florida each winter, gets a new Cadillac every spring and they say he can write a check in six figures anytime he wants to."

"Humph" the Old Timer snapped, "Luck- just plain dumb luck."

The Old Timer glared- "You think you're so smart. What about George Spivey. Poorest excuse for a farmer I ever seen. Got the best corn land in the state, and what does he do? 'Stead of raisin' corn he puts in clover one year, wheat the next and then corn. Blamedest fool thing I ever heard of."

"But," his listener protested, "George just bought another quarter section so he's got about 750 acres now and he started out rentin'. Besides, when he raises corn it's the best corn in the county. He must do somethin' right."

The Old Timer snorted, "All he done right was start farmin' when prices was goin' up." The listener smiled and said, "By the way Old Timer, speakin' of farmin', I notice your garden is pretty much overrun with weeds. Haven't hoed it lately have you?"

The Old Timer's eyes popped open. He brought his chair down with a clump. "Dad blast it," he &outed, "That's what I been tryin' to tell you. Business — Business-It's the easiest thing on earth to run providin' its the other feller's!"

The Old Timer stood up. He put his pipe in his pocket — yawned and stretched. "Guess I better git over home" he said. "Ma was hemmin' some curtains when I left and I got to be there to show her how to hang 'em."

—Anonymous

## AN OPEN LETTER TO ANONYMOUS

(Ed. note: Many letters came to our desk agreeing and disagreeing with Anonymous, the writer of "Too Thin." We believe this letter to be the best and most brief and which is in accord with the thinking of most of those interested in prisoner rehabilitation.)

Cleveland's splendid little AA paper, "The Bulletin", recently caused quite a furor with the publication of an article headed, "Too Thin," and bylined "Anonymous". The writer of this article seems to resent the infiltration of alphabetical division into AA—such as the much publicized B.B. movement. Explicitly stating his viewpoints on the varied services expected and demanded of AA sponsors, he advocates a return of the movement to its original purpose . . . keeping a drunk sober . . .

Bravo! I go along with Anonymous. I joined AA in hopes of attaining sobriety and so far as I'm concerned everything else is secondary. I cannot picture AA as a big charitable organization where the drunks are fed, clothed, petted and pampered. Treatment of that sort, on a wholesale basis, will only attract the leeches that naturally prey on any "Everything for Free" arrangement.

The new way of life offered by AA is the one basic principle that has made the program successful. Surely we cannot become more successful by changing into little beggars wit ha "gimme" attitude. I would rather heliere that we receive a greater measure of victory by being ready to help, to offer aid and succor to those who are in need.

The B.B. movement is a commendable gesture and will be a grand success if we will try to be a big brother. But if our ranks become infested with parasitic members calling themselves "little brothers" then it will fail. There will always arise occasions when an AA needs help. He will art it freely and gladly; that's 12th Step work. But our prime purpose and aim is to stay sober and help the other drunk stay sober.—Charles C.

## MAYBE YOU DIDN'T KNOW—

THAT . . . 2.5 owners of large factories are enthusiastic AA members because they themselves were helped by AA.

THAT . . . more than 1800 churches have recommended AA from their pulpits.

THAT . . . more than 40,000 editorials in favor of AA have appeared in 619 news papers and magazines.

THAT . . . as a general average each AA member has helped at least 9 others back on the road to self respect.

THAT . . . every person helped by AA will live an average of 7 years longer because of this help. That's 265.5 extra days.

THAT . . . in New York City there is a special court for alcoholics with special judges, psychiatrists and social workers.

## TELEVIEWING TIP

You may already be a viewer of the locally produced, Ohio-wide TV show, "Prescription for Living", co-presented by the Cleveland Health Museum and the Academy of Medicine of Cleveland. If you're not a regular follower of this informative half-hour of down-to-earth, homespun health education, you may want to start this month with the program entitled "What We Know About Alcohol."

John H. Nichols, M.D., representing the Academy, will be the guest physician interviewed by Warren Guthrie, program host. Free printed digests of their discussion are available by postcard request from the Health Museum, 891 I Euclid Avenue, Cleveland 6.

Meanwhile, see "Prescription for Living" at 4:30 p.m., Sunday, February 28 over WXEL, channel 8.

"I took the first step toward divorce yesterday."

"What happened?"

"I got married."

## GROUP NEWS

**Collinwood**—St. Patrick rides again for the thirteenth time at the Collinwood group, Sunday, March 14. For popular Jim B. will again be the speaker as he has been each St. Patrick's Day meeting. Typical of all Irishmen, he starts observing The Day three days early for in our mind, the proper day is on March 17.

Brooklyn-Speakers for March are: 3—Robert H. Memphis; 10—Arthur C., Brooklyn Y. P.; 17—Charlie S., Brooklyn (first anniversary); 24—Eddie K., Brooklyn (13th anniversary); 31—Danny K., Akron, Ohio.

Brookside—The new mixed group meeting in Blessed Sacrament Church, Fulton and Storer Ave. has adopted the name "Brooklyn." They welcome visitors.

Buhrer-Speakers for March are: 2—Bill M., Doan Men (1.2 years); 9—Tony K., Smith-Wilson (10 years); 1b—Walter K., Ansel Road (10 years); 23—Tony M., Norwood (4 years); 30—Gene R., Mistletoe (one year).

East Side Morning-Speakers for March are: 3—Henry D., Wed. Lee; 10—Roger L., Wed. Lee; 17—Robert A., Superior; 24—Harry R., Stella Maris and Doan Men; 31—Cal. S., Outhwaite.

Elyria—Observed its eleventh anniversary on Feb. 10 with Franklyn S. of Doan Men and three founders, "Atch" A, Bert M. and John B. as speakers. Secretary Tony W. expressed appreciation for large turnout.

The annual St. Patrick's Day Party which includes a meeting at 7:30 p. m. and a dance at 9 p. m. will be held on Saturday, March 20 in the Elyria Alcanon Club, 345 Broad St. Everyone is welcome.

**Glenville**—Speakers for March are: 6—Bill L., Matt Talbot; 13—Henry W., Euclid Wade; 20—John H., Lake Shore; 27—Joe McK., Lakeview.

**Lorain** Ave. Monday—The group happily returned to its original quarters on February 15 at Banater Hall Annex, W. 120th at Lorain Avenue.

Oakwood-March speakers scheduled are: 7—Harry R., Gordon Square; 14—William S., Traditions; 21—Jerry R., Gordon Square; 28—Alvin P., Memphis.

Sabbath—Helen and Frank P. of Coventry will speak on Sunday, February 28 at 3 p. m.

Traditions-Speaker schedule for March: 2—Art N., Pearl; S—Pete G., Parma; 16—Herb J., Independence; 23—Bob C., Brooklyn; 30—John K., Trinity.

Trinity-Speakers for March are: 6—Ray K., Lakewood 24 Hour; 13—Dr. York P., Fairmount; 20—Jack S., Denison; 27—Charlotte F., Mistletoe.

## BULLETIN STATEMENT

Reported to Central Committee on February 2 were the following statistics: 2100 issues were printed. Mailed were 1577 current subscriptions of which 148 expired in January; 173 reminders were sent to lapsed subscribers (Oct., Nov., Dec.); 140 sent to groups and institutions (groups paid-institutions free); 100 sent to Cleveland District Office. Total 1990.

An interesting observation can be made from the fact that only about 50% of the 367 expirations for the months were received on regular notice. Typical of the alcoholic, many procrastinate and accordingly we send three extra reminders. We are indebted to our wife for her patient handling of the mailing list. She'd appreciate better cooperation.

Our present deficit is \$175.29, which will increase with the printing of needed mailing envelopes and subscription cards. If we had 100 more subscribers and maintain an average of 1700 paid subscribers we could operate without a deficit. We would prefer this to any direct contributions of cash, for what heartens us in our effort to publish a paper each month is the belief that it helps those who read it to broaden their conception of the AA philosophy.

If you believe it helps you, share your knowledge and faith in its messages, by persuading others to subscribe.

## HOWLING

In the Eastside AA league the Glenville No. 3 team wrested the lead from Lee Monday in mid-February and now enjoys a slender half-point lead over the former leaders. Glenville No. 1 is in third place closely behind, only two points behind their fellow members of Glenville.

Miles-Lee heads the high game total with 1046 and also the high three total with 2806. Bill S. of Miles-Lee rolled 266 for high single game and Louis P. of Glenville a beautiful, round 700 for high three. That's something to brag to the grandchildren about.

In the Westside AA league (early shift) the Lorain-Yanks (Monday group) are away out in front with a nine game lead over second place Trinity, probably due to the excellent work of Eddie B. who sports a fine 193 average. (He must be a professional). The Lorain Yanks are leaders in high single and high three team scores also, with 968 and 267, respectively. Oakwood crashed through with 945 last week for second place. Andy G. has a 692 for high three and Sil (or Gil) N. leads in high single with 218.

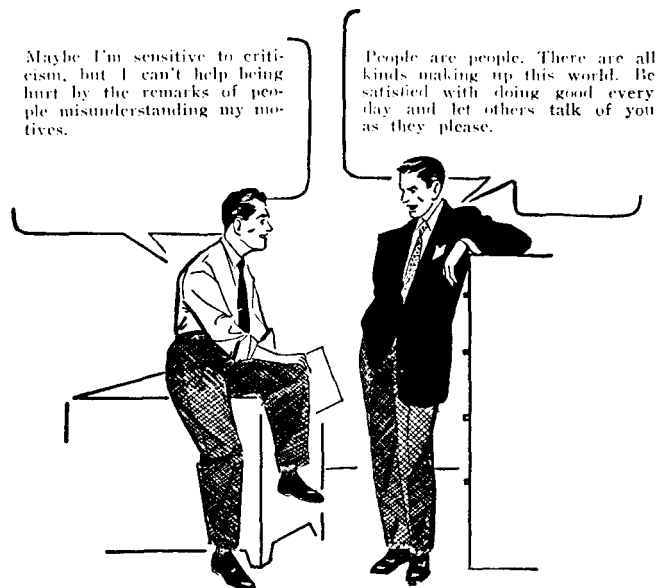
In the late shift, Benhoff Bodies (Memphis Mixed) are tops with a five game lead over R. J. Heating (mixed groups). The Wolverines of the Angle group lead in high three with 2802 and Parma missed the coveted 1000 for high single game by one pin. Joe R. leads in high three with 657 and also with high average of 182 and Stanley S. almost made history with a sterling 280.

## AN AA SUCCESS STORY

Seven years ago a harried and disgusted employer gave George J. of the Smith-Wilson group "just one more chance—the last one" to straighten up and behave. George was a valuable man, but his drinking bouts made him useless to his employer.

He took stock of himself, and properly convinced that the boss meant it this time, embraced AA. This week his employer rewarded him by placing him in charge of its large Canadian steel plant in Hamilton, Ontario. He certainly deserved this, for he has done an outstanding job in AA.

Tony K., Smith-Wilson secretary, reported the happy news to us and in the course of our conversation it leaked out that Tony will observe his tenth anniversary of uninterrupted sobriety on February 28. We had to worm it out of this modest soul. Congratulations.



CLEVELAND AREA GROUP MEETINGS

MONDAY

ADDISON--Westminster Church, Cor. Addison and Wade Park 8:30
BORTON--E. Cleve. Congrega. Church Page and Euclid Ave. 8:30
FRIENDLY SUBURBAN--6037 Pearl 8:00
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, nr. Detroit 8:30
LAKEWOOD MEN'S--St. Peter's Episcopal, W. Clifton and Detroit 8:30
LEE MONDAY--First Presbyterian Church, East Cleveland, Nela and Euclid 8:30
LORAIN AVE.--Banater Hall Annex, W. 120th St., at Lorain Ave. 8:30
MARINE HOSPITAL--E. 124 & Fairhill 7:30
MILES-LEE--Mt. Hope Lutheran Church, E. 164th, north of Miles Ave. 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, Kinman 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 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
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--Ward's Convalescing Home, E. 71st and Cedar 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
TRADITIONS--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
ASHTABULA COUNTY MEN, Conneaut, O., Bridge at W. 38th 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
STRONCSVILLE--Tuesday-Town Hall 9:00

WEDNESDAY

ALCOLA--6409 Detroit Ave. 9:00
ALL-AMERICAN Sportsmen, 1142 Buhner, 3rd Wednesday each month 8:00
BAXTER AVE.--6527 Baxter Ave. 8:30
BROOKLYN--K. of P. Hall, 3316 Broadway, 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) 8:31
DOAN MEN--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 Vetroit Ave. 8:30
LEE KOAV--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 8:30
TWENTY-FOUR HOUR--13216 Vetroit, 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 (K.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 71th 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 Road 8:30
CRUISE HOSPITAL--Library 8:00
EDDY ROAD--Glensville Congregational Church, Eddy and St. Clair 8:30
GLENSVILLE--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 Venison Ave. 10:30 A.M.
AMHERST--St. Peter's Ev. & Ref. Church, Church St., North Amherst, O. 9:00
BEREA, O.--Fine Arts Club, H 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
FRIDAY AFTERNOON WOMEN--Plymouth Church, Coventry and Drexmore, Krumhine Room. 1011
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

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
GLENSVILLE--10421 St. Clair Ave. 9:00
LAKEWOOD--Sat. Nite--Redeemer Hall, Andrews, near Vetroit 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. 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 GROUPE--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

ALL-AMERICAN Sportsmen, 1142 Buhner 1st Sunday each month 4:00
BROOKSIDE--Blessed Sacrament Church, Stover and Fulton (downstairs) 8:30
C.A.T. DISCUSSION--C.A.C. clubrooms, 7809 Euclid Avenue. 10:45 AM.
COLLINWOOD--14709 St. Clair Ave. 7:30
DETROIT--Mixed--8023 Detroit Ave. 8:00
Greater Cleve. Young People (Consolidated) Cathedral Hall--First Sunday each month. 2:00
LAKEVIEW--CYO Hall, St. Aloysius Church, E. 109th and St. Clair 8:30
MARYMOUNT--2nd Sun. in month, Cafeteria, McFarcken 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.
OUTLIWAITE--7100 Kinsman Ave. 4:00
SABBATH--13240 Euclid Ave. 3:00
STRONGHILL--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
Alcoholics Abstinence Nursing Home (MW)
Mifflin I-1 635 8023 Detroit Ave
Alcoholic Annex--Oakwood Sanitarium (M)
AT-1-0346 8909 Vetroit Ave.
Charity Hospital (MW)
Main I-9400 Central at E. 22nd St
Cleveland Alcoholic Clinic (MW)
Express I-8998 7809 Euclid Ave
Elmwood Sanitarium (M)
Kenneore I-2299 17322 Euclid Ave.
Euclid Hospital (MW) Ulster I-6296
and Mulberry I-9584, 13240 Euclid Ave.
Farquharson's (Tuxedo 5-1882) (M) 6037 Pearl
MacGillis Nursing Home (MW)
RA I-2556 1560 Mistletoe Dr. at Wade Pk
Pathway (Tyler I-6698) (MW) 1635 E. 93rd
St. John's Hospital (M)
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GIGGLES

Excited wife: "Doctor, please hurry! My husband is at death's door!"

Co-operative doctor: "Don't worry lady, I'll pull him through."

Wifey: "I was a fool to marry you!"
Hubby: "Yes, but I was so infatuated with you that I didn't even notice it."



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## 24 HOURS TO WHERE?

There is little need to expound on the benefits of the 24-hour program. Its virtues have been related, with chapter and verse, from every platform in every AA meeting ball in the world.

The idea of living one-day at a time has given a new lease on life to thousands of men and women. The reason, to a great degree, is a psychological one. When we are told that we must never again do this or that the notion is staggering. Eternity is a very long time. And in trying to do something forever, especially when the going is rough as it is in the early days of sobriety with alcoholics, discouragement often overcomes us. We say, "what is the use?"—and then give up.

To stay sober today, however, is an assignment that is comprehensible to the human mind and not too difficult of achievement. It can be accomplished. If we have caught one of the basic tenets of Alcoholics Anonymous: that we cannot sober up by our own efforts and must rely on the guidance of a Higher Power, the 24-hour method is really nothing that mortal man should preen himself about. It is simplicity itself.

We have recalled these truisms in some detail only to highlight an aspect of the 24-hour program that is not often discussed—that is, its dangers.

The day-to-day principle will work only when there is a goal in sight. The philosophy is not an end in itself. It is only a method. The goal is the fundamental determination, with the help of a Higher Power, to attain sobriety and sanity.

Some members have run into difficulties because they have misinterpreted the 24-hour program. They have had mental reservations. They have assumed that they could stay sober this 24 hours, go on a binge the next 24 hours, and then come back sober, with everything in order, in the 24 hours after that.

This was not the intent of the originators of the 24-hour program. They assumed that those who would endeavor to utilize it would, first of all, really intend to achieve sobriety. They never designed it as a cloak for stumbling, yet that is too often what it has become.

When a group of people leave a meeting they scatter to their homes and their businesses and 24 hours later some may be hundreds of miles away.

If, however, a group of people get together and decide that one year from now, barring accident and death, they will all meet in a certain place, but will travel to that place only 24 hours at a time, whether they walk, drive their car, hitch-hike, fly or take a bus or train, they have a goal.

When we start out to gain sobriety 24-hours at a time we must have a goal—absolute sobriety. Unless we have that goal we are wandering aimlessly, stumbling over every little difficulty and fooling ourselves that tomorrow we will sober up and continue the journey. This is foolish. Under such conditions we are not going any place. We have not changed our way of life. We have no purpose other than a new form of finding alibis for continuing to drink. And alibis are counterfeit tickets on the 24-hour train.

## HANDICAPPED

Every day we see a blind person. We see her groping her way along in strange places, walking carefully but confidently in familiar places. It takes her some time to get where she wants to go—but she gets there.

We marvel at her spirit. We've never heard her complain. She has a most pleasant disposition and her ever-ready smile and delightful sense of humor are a tonic to us. She's adjusted! She has a host of friends who come to her with their troubles, and she comforts them. An amazing person in a world filled with complainers and belly-achers. What has she got?

We believe it's a serene acceptance of a condition she cannot change and a fine purpose to make herself useful in helping others as well as herself.

We know other people who have been maimed and crippled. We know people living confidently, bravely and happily while suffering grievously with cancer-doomed to die, but facing it like good soldiers, uncomplainingly. And we marvel at them too. They are object lessons to all of us.

Now let's look at some of the specimens that come to our immediate attention—the alcoholics. Most of them have perfect sight, normally. Rarely are they deformed physically. Practically all have both arms and both legs. When they come to us for help, the eyes are not functioning properly and the legs usually are rubbery and the arms numb.

When they come to us for help, they're frightened. We give them faith, comfort them, hospitalize them, nurse them, restore their self-respect, inspire them to new purpose and launch them back into the sea of life.

Most of them go to meetings for a period of time, and apparently they've adjusted themselves to a life without alcohol. The critical time for most of them from our personal observation, is six months after they've been in the Fellowship. The first to fall off, of course, is the faker—the scamp who "joined" because his wife threatened to leave him or whose boss gave him the "either, or." These will skip meetings. They'll listen to "friends" outside of AA who scoff at the idea that he can't ever take a drink again; that one drink would start a chain reaction; who point out that they know a lot of AAs whom they've seen drinking! These "friends" are the alcoholic addict's worst enemies.

But the addict, if he's not thoroughly indoctrinated, listens to them and quickly the memory of the frightening condition he was in when he sought help, will fade and the memory of the "good" times he had when he was drinking will loom enticingly in his thoughts. If he entertains these thoughts of good times too often, he's a gone goose—and we mean "gone." Will he call his sponsor? Will he discuss his thinking problem at a group meeting? We doubt it.

We wonder, often, how the alcoholic addict would take it if he lost his eyesight, his arm or his leg. Would he adjust himself? All an alcoholic addict has to do to live normally is to stop drinking—completely. That means not only whisky, but ANY alcoholic beverage! He can't even DROOL and be safe!

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No one can be truly handicapped unless he enters into a conspiracy with himself.

## HANDICAPPED

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Don't feel sorry for yourself because you can't drink. Think of the blind, the lame and the halt, and be darned glad your only handicap is that you can't drink like a normal person.

Who *wants* to be normal?

### ∴ FRONT

The forum had gathered at the usual place of assembly - the porch of the village store. The subject under discussion was the **spellbinding** stump spalcrr who had appeared at a political rally the night before. He had put on quite a show. He *knew when* to toss *his* head, thump his chest, **stomp** his feet, point with **pride** and view with alarm but opinion **was about** evenly divided as to his merit. Some allowed he was the **best** that had ever hit the town while others figured he should be rated slightly below Demosthenes.

During **the** debate The Old Timer had remained **settled** in his favorite spot, his chair propped back against the store front, chin on his chest, his hat pulled low, apparently asleep.

However, as the pros and cons were presented he **slowly** opened one eye and said, "Dad blamedest humbug I ever see!" He spat it out as though it had been dipped in gall and wormwood.

All eyes turned to The Old Timer. Seeing he was the center of attention he slowly pushed back his hat, reached in his pocket and twisted off a small cud of tobacco.

"Why that feller's as phoney as a tom-cat's courtin'," he roared. "How do I know? Well I'll tell you how I know. When I was a young un' my pappy always says to me, '*never* go 'round **showin'** off and braggin'. If *You're good*, folks'll find out soon enough and if you ain't, it'll **only make** you look sillier when they find out *you're* a faker!"

"Now this guy was just a show-off. I've seen **generals**, politicians, elders and lots of others, prctendin' to be somethin' they wasn't, and the minute I do, I mark 'em down as not so good. They haven't got what it takes, or they wouldn't have to go around all the time **tryin'** to convince other folks."

The Old **Timer** switched legs and shifted his cud.

"Minds me of Old **Doc Stackpole**," he went on. "Doc had been **practicin'** around here so long hardly anybody remembered when he started. There was scarce a body in *town* that he hadn't 'brought in to this world and lots of folks who should have been **pushin'** up daisies long ago was leickin' up **their heels, farmin'**, runnin' businesses, **goin'** to church, raisin' families and gittin, drunk because old **Doc** knowed just about all **there** was to know about medicine and **takin'** care of folks.

"Course **Doc** never had any money. If anybody **ask** him fer a bill he'd laugh and say he'd have to wait till his secretary got **back**—and he didn't have *no* **secretary**. Besides oftener'n not when he did git paid it was a side of sow **belly**, a basket of eggs, a bag of potatoes or some such, most of which he give away 'cause he always had **more'n** he could use. Between crops when funds got **kinda** low, **Doc** would go down to the bank and **make** a short loan.

"One day **Doc** went to **see** **George Paley**, the banker, about his usual loan. George was **feelin'** kinda important that day so he figgered he'd **give** **Doc** some **advice**. He said '**Doc** you **been** around here a long time and you got the **biggest** practice in the county **but** you're always broke, besides you go around **lookin'** like a vet'inary. Why don't you t&e some money, dress up and fix **up** that old office of yours and start **actin'** and **lookin'** like a doctor?'

'Old **Doc** just set right **still** for a couple of minutes, then he reached out slow like, picked up his hat and stood up, stiff as a ramrod. 'You know, Bub,' he says, **lookin'** George right in **the eye**, 'I'm **the** first **feller** that ever smacked your butt. If it hadn't been for me you wouldn't even be here and neither would your ma **because**, like everything **else** you do, you decided to git born hind **side**

to. Now I can pit along without your money and I shore as hell don't need your advice. I **don't** have to act like a doctor and I don't have to look like a doctor. I **AM** a doctor!"

The Old **Timer** stood **up** and **loosened** his knees.

"\*Guess I **better** git **over** home and **shake** the moth balls outta my wccddin' and funeral suit," he said. "Ma **says** the preacher's comin' over tonight and he's **thinkin** about **makin'** me a deacon. She says if I can't act like a deacon I can at least try to look like one."

—Anonymous

## JUST AN OPINION

Probably **nowhere** csccept in AA are we likely to **meet** such a **complete** cross-section of personalities. **AA** has no screening process, the only requirement **being** . . . an **honest** desire for sobriety. **WC** **assume** and take for granted that anyone coming to AA is at least honest in his **desire**, for we have no way to judge what is in a person's mind or **heart** . . . we also assume his desire is for **permanent** sobriety . . . for what other kind is **there** ? . . . **Of** course **WC** are **aware** of the many who come with ulterior motives, and to prey dishonestly on the gullibility of many who bend over backward trying to **believe** the **best** of **everyone** . . . we are aware too of the many whose **problem** is much more complicated than alcoholism . . . but generally speaking . . . most of **these** are either eliminated through circumstance or eliminate themselves . . . and **those** that remain are alcoholics in all stages of the **dis**-case.

It seems to us that the first and most important **thing** that happens to all of us, is a change in attitude . . . and this is really the **beginning** of the personality change we must all undergo in **order** to acquire physical and-emotional sobriety . . . We **understand** the alcoholic as a **compulsive** drinker . . . the compulsion developed and **derived** from **certain** needs based in certain personality defects. First . . . immaturity in dealing with life and its problems in relation to ourselves and our attitude towards others . . . **second** our violent emotional **reaction** to situations outside and towards our own desires and impulses that **permits** no reasoning . . . third . . . our **exaggerated** fears . . . many **nameless** . . . but devastatingly **real** and forceful . . . many with **some** basis in fact . . . fear that we are inadequate to sustain ourselves in the battle of life that can **only** be relieved and made bearable in the **bottle** . . . thus to **eliminate** the drinking . . . on any **permanent** basis **WC** must **eliminate** the need to drink. This we do through willing **effort** to apply honestly and completely the 12 suggested steps of AA. In almost all cases where individuals fail to **achieve** either physical or emotional sobriety, it is because we are avoiding some part of the program, **or** effort is half-hearted. Our Big Book states clearly that "half-way **measures** avail us **nothing**." And our **experience** and the experience of **those** who formulated the pattern for **recovery**, has proved that if we give **ourselves** **completely** and whole-heartedly we do **evolve** a new and balanced personality, gain **emotional** stability and are able to grow along spiritual lines that **make** us well **adjusted** and happy individuals. If we **have** trouble . . . it would seem that honest . . . and intelligent analysis of ourselves and the way we are or aren't **trying** to **apply** the 12 Steps will give us the key to success. . . IF . . . **complete** and happy sobriety is what **WC** **really** **are** after . . . if not . . . you are only kidding yourself . . . and YOU are the **one** who will **have** to pay . . . the DECI-SION is yours . . . —High and Dry, Seattle, Wash.

## LIKE BAND MUSIC?

The famous Salvation Army Band of Tranas, Sweden will present a sacred concert of band music on Good Friday evening, April 16, at Studio One, **WHK** at 6000 Euclid Avenue, opposite the Social Center.

This should interest many of our **members** who **have** found the Social Center an **invaluable** aid in **rehabilitating** themselves as well as their "babies" in their early **stages** of indoctrination. We should try to pack the house.

Tickets are reasonably priced at one dollar. They can be secured at 5005 Euclid or 2304 E. 9th St.

## GROUP NEWS

Allendale—The sixth anniversary of this happy, thriving group will be observed on Thursday, April 22. At each anniversary the peripatetic, inseparable and effective pair of speakers, **Corne V.** and **Wynn W.**, have spoken. They have (happily) agreed to appear again. Entertainment and special eatables will also be on the program. Visitors are, of course, welcome. St. Paul's Episc. Church, 15837 Euclid Ave.

Broadway-Harvard-Because Good Friday falls on April 16, the fourth anniversary of this fine group will properly be observed a week later, Friday, April 23. Frank L. of Union will again be the speaker as he has in the past three years. Other speakers for April are: 2-Bill O'R., Lorain Ave. Monday; O-Kenny K. and Chester S., Doan Men's; 16—Franklyn S., Doan Men's; 30-Harry R., Steila Maris.

Brooklyn—Speakers for April are: 7—Robert M., Memphis; 14—George H., Brooklyn (second anniv.) 21—Tom E., Brooklyn (eleventh anniv.); 28-All AA Ladies' Question and Answer Panel. Keep Friday, the 7th of May open for the group's 14th anniversary. An all-Akron panel consisting of Bill D., Ethel M. and Bert McK. will be on the program. This will be held in Trinity Ev. & Ref. Church, 3525 W. 25th St.

Buhr-Speakers for April include: 6—Felix R., Borton; 13—Bill B., Sportsmen; 20-Bob M., Angle; 27—Art G., Trinity.

Fairmount-Their meetings start promptly at 9 p. m., Tuesdays.

League Park-Their meetings start promptly at 9 p. m., Saturdays.

Lee Road-Friday-Starting Friday, March 26, this group will meet in Euclid Rest Haven Auditorium, 13240 Euclid Ave., at 9 p. m.

Sabbath-Speakers for April are: 4—John and Marge K., Newburgh; 11-Bob B., Allendale; 18—Bill O'R., Lorain Ave., Monday; 25—Emil M., Collinwood.

Traditions-April speakers are: G-Stan McG., Superior; 13—Kitty and Russ M., Clark; 20—Warren C., Lakeshore; 27—Jack D. Borton.

Trinity-April speakers are: 3—John and Marge K., Newburgh; 10—Police Night (also observing the thirteenth anniversary of Harold S.); 17—Orrie H., Brooklyn; 24—John M., Newcomerstown, O.

Ashtabula County-The Ashtabula County Men's group now meets each Wednesday evening at 8:30 in the B. of L. E. Hall on Main street, Conneaut, Ohio. They formerly met on Tuesday. Lin S., is secretary.

## CONSOLIDATED MEETING

The quarterly Consolidated Meetings held in Cleveland at Moose Hall, It., 22nd and Carnegie, in January, April and October under the auspices of the groups of the Cleveland area are designed to bring together members from other groups in the outlying districts who rarely have the opportunity of meeting each other, except at this type of meeting.

The speaker is usually an outstanding member of AA, usually from out of town, whom every group would like to and should hear. With 104 or more groups in the area, logically this selected person could not be expected to appear before most of them. Accordingly, for the benefit of all groups and the person, the Consolidated Meetings were initiated.

The April meeting will not be held on the third Sunday as is the custom, but a week later, on Sunday, April 25 at 4 p. m. The festival of Easter falls on the third Sunday, this year.

The speaker will be Eugene H., an attorney from Toledo, O., who has appeared twice before during the past ten years. He is outstanding.

## AA DISTRICT OFFICE

Fifty-one groups were represented at the AA District Office Advisory meeting on Feb'y 15. The importance of the Office was indicated by the report for the first quarter that 132 calls for help were turned over to 61 group secretaries. Of these 132, 88 were receptive at the first contact; 35 were not ready when contacted; 7, no contact possible and two had no AA problem.

In addition, the Office supplied 41 speakers; sent out 49 sets of informative material and prepared and mailed one secretaries list.

The financial condition was reported satisfactory.

Elected to serve three years on the Operating Committee were John F., of Shaker and John W., of Fairmount.

The annual Inter-group Dinner will be held at Hotel Carter, Thursday, May 27, 1954. Program details will be announced later.

## BOWLING

The Eastside AA Bowling League is enjoying a thrilling battle for first place as the season is nearing its end. Four teams have a chance for the gonfalon and as WC scan the report sheets for the past three weeks, we sense the excitement that must prevail among the bowlers. At the present, Lee Road Monday is in first place a scant 1% points ahead of Glenville No. 1. Just one point behind the latter is Glenville No. 3. In fourth position is Miles-Lee, only 3½ points behind the third placers. Miles-Lee has a very good team and could be the dark horse in this race.

No news from the two Westside leagues as we go to press.

Mrs. Smith: It is amazing that Mrs. Brown can never see any faults in her children.

Mr. Smith: Mothers never can.

Mrs. Smith: What a silly thing to say! Just like a man! I'm sure I could see faults in our children-if they had any.

There are six stages of drunkenness: Dry and decent; delighted and devilish; dizzy and delirious; dazed and dejected; dead drunk; and just plain dead.

Every minute you are angry you lose sixty seconds of happiness.



CLEVELAND AREA GROUP MEETINGS

MONDAY

ADDISON—Westminster Church, Cor. Addison and Wade Park... 8:30
BORTON—E. Cleve. Congrega. Church Page and Euclid Ave... 8:30
FRIENDLY SUBURBAN-6037 Pearl... 8:00
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, 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.—Banater Hall Annex, W. 120th St., at 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 17th (near Payne Ave.)... 9:00
CHARITY—Last Tuesday of each month—Cafeteria... 8:30
CLARK-1917 Clark Ave... 8:34
EAGLE TRAINING—Salvation Army, E. 9th and Eagle... 8:00
EDGE LAKE—1417 St. Charles Ave., Dinner at 7:00 p. a Meeting at 8:30
EUCLID-WADE—Calvary Presbyterian Church, E. 79th and Euclid Ave... 9:00
FAIRMOUNT—St. Paul's Episcopal, Fairmount and Coventry... 9:00
FAIRVIEW PARK—Fairview Grace Church, W. 224th and Lorain Ave... 8:30
HILLTOP—St. Joseph's Seminary, 17608 Euclid Ave... 8:45
MILES-LEE—Mt. Hope Lutheran Church, E. 164th, north of bljies Ave... 8:30
SEW HOPE—Women—Ward's Convalescing Home, E. 71st and Cedar... 8:30
SMITH-WILSON—Nativity School, 9510 Actna Road... 8:30
SUPERIOR—North Presbyterian Church, F 40th and Superior... 9:04
TAPCO—Post 4, 23555 Euclid, 2nd shift... 1:00
TAPCO—Post 4, 23555 Euclid, 3rd shift... 9:00
TRADITIONS—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, Bridge at W. 38th 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 Buhler, 3rd Wednesday each month... 8:00
BAXTER AVE. 4327 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 S t Clair Ave... 8:30

DENISON MEN—7403 Denison Ave., (first Wednesday, joint meeting) 8:30
DOAN MEN'S—2028 L 103th St... 8:45
EAST SIDE MORN'NG—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 Arc... 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
ASHTABULA COUNTY MEN, Conneaut, O., B. of L.E. Hall, Whitney Block, Main St... 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 7th 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—S5th-Our Lady of Lourdes School Hall... 8:30
BROOKLYN Y. P.—United Presbyterian, Spokane and Paul... 9:00
COVENTRY—Fairmount Presbyterian Chapel, Scarborough Road... 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
PEREA, 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.—J.J. 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
FRIDAY AFTERNOON WOMEN—Plymouth Church, Coventry and Drexmore, Krumbine Room... 1:00
GORDON SQUARE—St. Helena's Hall, 1367 W. 65th St... 8:30
LEE ROAD—13240 Euclid Ave... 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, Lnke Road, Stop 554... 8:30
BEREA—Social room of Berea Cong. Church, Seminary and Church... 9:30
CHAGRIN FALLS, O.—American L&O, E. Orange St... 8:30
CHARDON, O.—Thrasher House, Water St., Chardon, O... 8:30
CONNEAUT, O.—U. 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 bit. Carmel Hall, Wickliffe, O... 8:48
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... 9:00
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
RED WOOD—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.—St. Peter's Epir Church, Main Avenue at South Park... 8:30
ELYRIA, O.—sc. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Middle and Third... 8:30
SOLON, O.—St. Rita's Church basement... 9:00

SUNDAY

ALL-AMERICAN Sportsmen... 1142 Buhler 1st Sunday each month... 4:00
BROOKSIDE—Blessed Sacrament Church, Storer and Fulton (downstairs)... 8:30
C. A. C. DISCUSSION—C. A. C. clubrooms, 7809 Euclid Avenue... 10:45 A.M.
COLLINWOOD—14709 St. Clair Ave... 7:30
DETROIT—Mixed—2023 Detroit Ave... 8:00
Greater Cleve. Young People (Consolidated) Cathedral Hall—First Sundry each month... 2:00
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
SABBATH—13240 Euclid Ave... 3:00
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) M Floss-1-6615 3023 Detroit Ave
Alcoholic Annex—Oakwood Sanitarium (M) AT 1-0346 8909 Detroit Ave.
Charity Hospital (MW) Main 1-9400 Central at E. 220d St
Cleveland Alcoholic Clinic (M W), Express 1-8998 7809 Euclid Ave.
Elmwood Sanitarium (M) Kenmore 1-2299 17323 Euclid Ave.
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1st TUESDAY EVERY MONTH
CENTRAL COMMITTEE—Hanna Building, Room 370... 8:30
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HOSPITAL COMMITTEE—Hanna Building, Room 370... 8:30
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GIGGLES

Drunkenness, Anger and Madness go together. Only the first two are voluntary and to be removed, while the last is perpetual. —The Inca Pachacutec (1200 A. D.)

Census Taker: "What is your husband's name?"
Mrs. Murphy: "Pat."
Census Taker: "I want his full name!"
Mrs. Murphy: "Well, when he's full he thinks he's

## SIMPLE JOY

The complexities of modern life have gone far to crowd out a taste for those simplicities that, in an easier age, gave great joy. Even our pleasures today are often taken under pressure and with a sense of urgency and tension that makes them more a chore than a delight.

Consider April Fool's day. Time was when practical jokes were played that were whimsical, that did no harm, that really brought as big a laugh to the victim as to the perpetrator of the deed.-

What do we find now? Some joker with a perverted sense of humor sent ambulances, the fire department and police to the home of his victim on April 1. If the instigator of this stupid folly had any enjoyment from his act he is a candidate for an institution. But maybe we should not condemn. Perhaps he is just an extreme example of the condition that more or less affects all of us.

It is this crass state of mind that the alcoholic must avoid. Perhaps we drank to ease the tensions of modern living. That is not an infrequent excuse. We were prone, due to the nature of our ailment, to take a dour attitude in our pleasures. This attitude we must shake off. To put it another way: we used to drink like roughnecks and we retain a tendency to play in the same fashion. It is a continuation of the feeling that we never could have a good time at any social gathering unless we got well oiled. When circumstances did not make this possible we were bored, we were mean and short-tempered. We made up for it at the first occasion.

Once we sobered up we began to feel a lightness and a happiness we had never known in our drinking days. The new life attracted us. Once our minds were made up that we wanted sobriety above everything else we experienced that simple joy of which I speak.

Then there came a time when our morale and our outlook sagged. There were periods aptly described as dry binges. Some were pretty tough. All the joy seemed taken out of life. But we emerged from them.

It is these periods we must strive to avoid as we build up seniority in sobriety. It can be done by keeping our minds on the demonstrable benefits of the new life. That in itself should be our greatest source of joy. To complement it we should develop new interests, in the home, in hobbies, in cultivating the worthwhile things of life that we neglected and even scoffed at when we were drinking.

You might even calculate the situation mathematically. Make an estimate of the average time per week you spent in saloons, plus the time knocked out while sleeping it off and sobering up, and ask yourself what you do with that time in the new life. Maybe your restlessness is due to boredom or just plain physical and mental idleness. Are you helping others to sober up? What greater satisfaction, what greater joy can there be than to pull some one out of the rut?

To be happy the sober alcoholic does not have to have a three-ring circus to amuse him. We have found that the material aspects of pleasure are ephemeral at best, while the pleasure that lasts, that counts, that gives us real and abiding joy, is the intangible and the spiritual.

## HE WITHOUT GLORY

To human eyes there was little glory in the earthly life of our Lord Jesus Christ. There was no glory in being born in a stable, wrapped in swaddling clothes, and laid in a manger. There was no glory in being associated in the public mind with publicans and sinners. Nor was there glory in riding into Jerusalem on a beast of burden, surrounded by a shouting rabble. Least of all was there any glory in being betrayed, arrested, insulted, cruelly treated, falsely accused, tried and convicted, and finally crucified and left to die. To human eyes there was in all this nothing but humiliation, shame, and disgrace.

It seems that the shadow of the cross was on Christ's path from the beginning. Jesus came not to shun death, but to seek it. He died not as a victim, but as a self-elected sufferer. He was not put to death, he accomplished his decease. He went to Calvary with a fixed purpose that nothing could turn aside. He steadfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem.

The agony in Gethsemane therefore must not be regarded as any wavering in the divine program, but rather as an exhibition of the humaneness of Christ and a proof of the reality of His passion.

Jesus was no actor, feigning a part. Paul tells us that He emptied Himself of His godhood for His humiliation. He did so that He might be tempted in all points like as we are. His sufferings were real, not spectacular.

John in his Gospel relates a similar experience which Jesus seems to have had in the city of Jerusalem during Holy week. His soul was greatly troubled. He seemed for the moment

about to pray for exemption, but conquering the loneliness, cried, "Father, glorify Thy name."

It must have been the same mood that forced from His lips the cry on the cross. "My God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

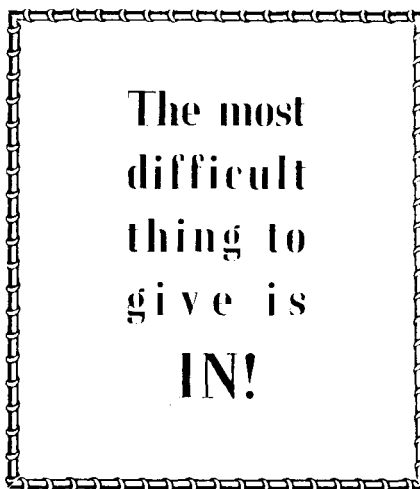
Jesus was fighting the battle before the battle field was reached. He felt the pains of Calvary before He climbed the cross-crowned hill.

No, to human eyes there was little glory in the earthly life of Christ, and yet there was glory -an indescribable undercurrent of glory. Throughout all of it Christ was being glorified, albeit in a manner unseen by the eyes of man. It was and is a glory perceived by the eyes of faith alone. The Christian world will never cease to glorify that inconspicuous life, spotless, stainless, unselfish, devoted to service of mercy, reaching out alike for sinner and saint with His infinite tender love.

The Day of the Cross passes and with Easter we come face to face with the mystery and majesty of the Resurrection. We ponder-and we cannot find words to express the thoughts in our hearts. From that first Easter morn until now, that Risen Life has been growing in reality, in intensity and in power upon this earth. Out of the Life, and out of the words He spoke comes the surest hope for all the rest of us that we, too, shall have our Easter morning, that the grave cannot hold us or our loved ones any more than it held Him. We shall see again those whom we have "loved long since and lost awhile."

Yes, in 1954, Easter will speak to us again of a career, enduring and eternal.

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## HE WITHOUT GLORY

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We planned to write an Easter message in our column for this month, but after reading this excellent article in Social Center Chatter, we humbly withdraw so our readers might share these inspiring words for all Christians.

## ARE WE ALCOHOLICS?

We alcoholics resent being called alcoholics because that nasty word describes the foul boozy derelicts on skid row whose forerunner we were fast becoming when AA so fortunately interrupted our Rakes' progress. After we emerge from that horrible trip through the sewer and get cleaned up and clothed in the armor of righteousness, we forget the details of that miserable puss we were hacking to remove enough rummy stubble to gain admission to the nearest bar for "openers"—or what the bar porter feasted his eyes upon while we rattled his door-knob and quivered for gin.

Recognizing that an alcoholic's ego has been fatally deflated when he reluctantly turns to AA for succor, we must cautiously try to pump up enough air for sound traction on the road back. But we must beware of any hot air pressure that will cause a disastrous blow-out. We usually get sufficient lift from the refreshing before-and-after contrast to carry us along the path to normalcy. But sometimes we fly over the heads of the common multitude and reach out for some mystical star-dust to sprinkle over our crown to prove that we were not common stumble bums and that our alcohol was something lofty and unique like the alcohol used as the solvent for rose petals in Chanel No. 5. When we get to floating too long in the stratosphere we can find some handy ballast for a quick descent in an early study of alcohol by Dr. Raymond Pearl of Johns Hopkins.

Dr. Pearl was a pure mathematical scientist whose aim was not to find a cause or a cure for drinking, but to analyze the vital statistics of a cross-section of the population in a detailed and well documented medical survey of the incidence of tuberculosis. His subject was alcohol and longevity, and the learned doctor only wanted the facts in the case. His major stumbling-block was to first define Drunkenness.

After much confusing data obtained from quantitative laboratory tests for which he furnished pure medical alcohol for free (a worthy project during prohibition) he finally adopted the ancient London police court definition, to wit: "A person is intoxicated when he becomes a danger or a nuisance to himself or to the public" Using this standard he then classified his subjects into three groups: (1) total abstainers; (2) moderate drinkers; (3) persons whose drinking led to intoxication. This study dug up some intriguing data—such as the subject who got roaring drunk on one fifth ounce of alcohol in contrast to a doughty longshoreman who drank a full nint on every visit without a flicker until the doctor had to drop him out or close the project for want of alcohol; also the ironic fact that moderate drinkers live longer than total abstainers. However, such trivia is not the ballast that we need. What vitally concerns us is his classification. Were you and I (1) total abstainers, (2) moderate drinkers, (3) or did we get DRUNK?

After all, why disturb ourselves in trying to find out whether we are an alcoholic or not. Our founders solved this problem for us by asking us to admit that we were powerless over alcohol and that alcohol had made our life unmanageable.

We're convinced.

Jack H., Edgelake

## FAMOUS IRISHMAN VISITS AMERICA

The founder of AA in Ireland, Major Sackville O'C. M., editor of "The Road Back," Ireland's splendid AA Bulletin is visiting the States for the purpose of studying hospitalization and seeing how AA functions here. He is general secretary of all AA groups in Ireland.

He will be in Cleveland on May 20-21, Cuyahoga Falls on the 22nd and Akron on the 23d. He will address the Angle group which meets in St. Malachi's School, 2549 Washington Ave. on the 20th and the Charity group in the Nurse's Auditorium on the 21st.

While he is in the States he will pass his seventh year of happy sobriety.

## GAMBLING CHANCES

One of the common weaknesses noticed in alcoholics is their penchant for gambling. At a recent meeting we attended a member observed that in his opinion it was a greater gamble for an alcoholic to take that first drink than to play Russian roulette with a pistol. With the pistol he had one chance in six. With alcohol, in his opinion, that first drink would mean certain death to his new way of life, his happiness, his home, his job, his self-confidence, his self-respect and the respect of others. We agree.

## PRIDE'S A FUNNY THING

Has anyone ever told you that you don't look like an alcoholic? We remember how we blew up inside in resentment when a member of AA sneered in doubt of our qualifying in this league of two-fisted, rot-gut drinkers.

How can you explain a little tinge of resentment that hit us the other day when we were told by an AA friend that she had overheard some ladies talking about our talk before their church group the evening before. One of the women (a very hoity-toity type of person, according to our informant) described us as appearing "disso-lute—put him in a room with ten or more other men and you would unhesitatingly pick him out as the alcoholic."

We looked in the mirror this morning. We agree with both.

## HIC!

Don't frighten your cat at mealtime—you may drive it to drink. In Switzerland the World Health Organization turned 16 cats into temporary alcoholics simply by startling them at mealtime, as part of a test to show that alcoholism is a disease rooted in psychological conflict and not a vice. Scientists gave the frightened cats a choice of "straight" milk, or milk spiked with alcohol. All the cats soon took a liking to the alcoholic milk which, incidentally, was served in a cocktail glass. Six of the cats even learned to go right to the cocktail glass before sampling the pure milk. But when thr researchers stopped frightening the cats at their meals, that is, when their neuroses were removed, they returned of their own free will to the plain milk.

## SOMETHING TO CONSIDER

Liquor consumption is the leading social problem in the U. S. today, far graver than Communism, the Rev. John W. Keogh of Philadelphia, president of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America, said before the group's 81st annual convention, meeting in Pittsfield, Mass., last year. "Communism in America is yet only a threat to our life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness, "but the drink problem undermines our social status and life. It is a tremendous, active, visible force, causing havoc and chaos. There are 7,000,000 alcoholics and problem drinkers in our country, and unitedly they equal the population of ten of our United States," he declared. He deplored the intemperance of teen-age drivers on roads and liquor-firm-sponsored broadcasts.

## VACATION IN CANADA

Stevie and Helen Stevenson of Midland, Ontario, who opened Camp Oucndake, a summer camp for members of AA are accepting reservations for 1954 for dates between June 1 and October 1.

They've changed the name to one more pronounceable—Beaver Lodge. Located on an island in Georgian Bay, it offers ideal surroundings for a happy, restful, sober vacation with fellow AAs from Canada and many parts of U. S. A.

Beaver Lodge is operated solely for AAs and adult members of the family Rates are \$7.50 per day per person.

Write Charles Stevenson, 353 Manley St., Midland, Ontario.

Scene: Crowded elevator.

Suffering Male: "Madam, would you mind getting off my foot?"

Heavy Lady: "Why don't you put your big foot where it belongs?"

Suffering Male: "Don't tempt me, Lady; just don't tempt me!"

**GROUP NEWS**

Brooklyn-Speakers for May are: 5—Elliott and Eleanor K., Doan Men and Eastside Women; 12—Joe K., Brooklyn (his 7th anniversary) ; 19—John W., Monday-Lee; 26—Jack S., Denison.

Glenville—Saturday speakers for May are: 1—Glen B., Lakeview; 8—Joe V., Ansel Road; 15—Art W., Elyria; 22—Bob C., Brooklyn; 29—Al M., Elyria.

Glenville-Thursdays speakers for May are: G—Louise C., Hilltop; 13—Walter K., Ansel Road; 20—Jim S., Lakeview; 27—Bill P., Superior.

Hilltop-Speakers for May are: 4—Charlotte F., Mistletoe; 11—The group observes its first anniversary with Corne V. of Wed-Lee as speaker; 18—John W., Monday-Lee; 25—Mose Y., Hartville, O.

Independence—Celebrates its fourth anniversary on Thursday, May 20 at 9:00 p. m. Speakers will be Warren C., Lakewood Satnite and Harry H., Rocky River.

Herb J., a valued member of our group and a zealous worker in AA, leaves Cleveland on May 1, for St. Louis where a big job awaits him. He and his wife Allie will be sorely missed.

Lakewood Women--Observe their fifth anniversary with an Open House on Wednesday evening, April 28th in United Presbyterian Church, 12601 Detroit Ave., corner Lakewood Ave. at 8:30 p. m. Both sexes are welcome at this meeting.

Liberty-A new group which held its first meeting on Saturday, April 10, with Asa E. of Collinwood speaking. They meet in the Euclid Hospital, 13240 Euclid Ave. every Saturday at 9 p. m. sharp.

Memphis-The schedule of speakers are: April 24—Marge K., Eastside Women; May 1—Irwin F., Fairview Park; 8—Eddie P., W. 25th; 15—Howard F., Bowler; 22—Bill R., Memphis; 29—Red and May M., Oakwood.

Mistletoe—Observes its first anniversary on April 25 at 7:30 p. m. It will be held in St. Thomas Aquinas Church basement, 9205 Superior. Bill D. of Akron will be the speaker.

Oakwood—Rumors to the contrary, this group still is functioning and meets regularly on Sunday mornings at 8909 Detroit at 11 a. m. In loyalty to Oakwood Hospital who provide our meeting place, we wish to refute the rumor that the hospital is closed to alcoholics. It is under new management and still has registered nurses and its excellent doctor on its staff.

Speakers for May are: 2—Ladd T., Lake Shore; 9—Robert M., Oakwood; 16—John B., Lakewood Men; 23—Frank B., Oakwood; 30—Walter H., Gordon Square.

Orchard Grove—Speakers for May are: 3—Irwin F., Fairview Park; 10—George M., Brookside; 17—Rollie F., Memphis; 24—Irene W., Brooklyn Y. P.; 31—Questions and Answers.

Pearl—One of our most popular members, Jim Killim passed away suddenly April 17. He has been in AA for 12 years and his joyous spirit will be sorely missed.

Sabbath-Speakers for May are: 2—Tony M.; 9—Bill F.; 16—Art D.; 23—Frank W., 30—Open. Milton M. replaces Jacques B. as secretary.

Solon—Many AA friends of Larry S. nobly offered blood when they read in the newspapers that he was in dire need of it. We are glad to report that it wasn't the founder of this group who needed it, but his father, and also are we glad that his father's condition is greatly improved.

Traditions-Speakers for May are: 4—Joe II., St. dames; 11—Harry H., Rocky River (also Chairman James R's 2nd anniversary. Harry was the speaker at Jim's first meeting); 18—Steve L., Memphis; 25—Bill S., Traditions (his third anniversary).

Trinity-Speakers for May are: 1—James P., Ansel Road; 8—Mary MC., Clark; 15—Joseph V., Ansel Road; 22—Dr. Franklin F., Painesville; 29—John W., Monday Lee.

**THIRD ANNUAL DINNER—MAY 27, 1954**

The third annual dinner sponsored by the AA District Office will be held in the Rainbow Room of Hotel Carter, Thursday, May 27, 1954 at 7:30 p m. The dinner price is \$4.00 per plate.

Speakers for the great occasion will be the famous Norman B. of radio and television fame from New York and Mrs. Polly F. L. of Zanesville, formerly a secretary of General Service office in New York City.

The early demand for tickets have been astonishing. Tables for eight can still be reserved on a cash basis only.

**BB OF AA**

We were so filled with anger and shock at the disclosure of information that several members of AA were victimizing parolees whom they "sponsored" by demanding and receiving regular weekly "cuts" from their pay in return for their sponsorship, that we found ourselves unable to write an editorial this month.

It is no wonder that the Cleveland area has such a poor record of success in rehabilitating returnees. At the correctional institutions where they get their first taste of A A , their ideals are raised, determination to better themselves by leading ordinate lives has been kindled and their faith in mankind is restored. Then when they come out some predatory rats quickly disillusion them with their demands for payment in return for their "Twelfth Step work."

We are getting complete facts on this vile abuse of AA principle and will disclose them at the earliest opportunity. May God have mercy on their souls.

Vermilion—The once-upon-a-time one-man group has grown and accordingly has changed its meeting place to the Congregational Church in Vermilion.

Westside Sunday Morning—Organized about a month ago, meets on Sunday mornings at 11 a. m. at G409 Detroit Ave. Ted R. is secretary.

Women's Eastside—Will hold its fourth annual Consolidated meeting to which only women AAs are invited. Sharing hostess honors will be the women of the Friday Afternoon Women's group. The date is Wednesday, the 12th of May at 8:30 p. m. at First Unitarian Church, Euclid & E. 82nd St.

Women's Westside—The first women's group in AA will observe its thirteenth anniversary on Monday, May 10th at 8:45 p. m. They meet in West Boulevard Christian Church, Madison and W. 101st. Mary L. F. will be the speaker.



CLEVELAND AREA GROUP MEETINGS

MONDAY

ADDISON-Westminster Church. Cor. Addison and Wade Park... 8:30
BORION-E. Cleve. Congrega. Church Page and Euclid Ave... 8:30
FRIENDLY SUBURBAN-6037 Pearl... 8:00
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, 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.-Banater Hall Annex, W. 120th St., at 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 Warrenville... 8:30
SOUTH EAST-7526 Broadway... 8:30
UNION-East View Cong. Church, Kin 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-Congregational Church, 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
BUHRER-1142 Buhner Ave... 8:30
CHARITY-Last Tuesday of each month-Cafeteria... 8:30
CLARK-1917 Clark Arc... 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... 9:00
FAIRVIEW PARK-Fairview Grace Church, W. 224th and Lorain Ave... 8:30
HILLTOP-St. Joseph's Seminary, 17608 Euclid Ave... 8:45
MILES-LEE-Mt. Hope Lutheran Church, E. 164th, north of Miles Ave... 8:30
NEW HOPE-Women-Ward's Convalescing Home, E. 71st and Cedar... 8:30
SMITH-WILSON-Nativity School, 9510 Aetna Road... 8:30
SUPERIOR-North Presbyterian Church, E. 41th and Superior... 9:01
TAPCO-Post 4, 23555 Euclid, 2nd shift... 1:00
TAPCO-Post 4, 23555 Euclid, 3rd shift... 9:00
TRADITIONS-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, Bridge at W. 38th 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 Buhner, 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 335-Rear Building... 8:30
COLLINWOOD-14709 St. Clair Ave... 8:30

DENISON MEN-7403 Denison Ave., (1st Wednesday, joint meeting)... 8:31
LJOAN MEN'S-2028 E. 105th St., 2nd Boor. 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 KOAD-First Eng. Lutheran, Derbyshire and Euclid lts. 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.
WARREN'SVILLE-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
ASHTABULA COUNTY MEN, Conneaut, O., B. of I. E. Hall, Whitney Block, Main St... 8:30
BEDFORD, O.-Y.M.C.A., Farbell 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 Road... 8:30
CRUIE 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 Alchodist 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
FRIDAY AFTERNOON WOMEN-Plymouth Church, Coventry and Drexmore, Krumbine Room... 1:00
GORDON SQUARE-St. Helena's Hall, 1367 W. 65th bt... 9:30
131st ROAD-13240 Euclid Ave... 9:00
NORTHEAST-21128 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 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

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 UUU-Sat. Nite-Redeemer Hall, Andrews, near Detroit... 8:30
LEAGUE PARK-St. Agnes School Hall, East 79th and Euclid Ave... 9:00
LIBERTY-13240 Euclid Ave... 9:00
MALT FABRI-Philis 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
RED WOOD-Euclid Lutheran Church, E. 26th and Oriole... 8:30
SHILOH-Bethel A. Al. 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, U.-St. Peter's Episc. Church, Main Avenue at South Park... 8:30
ELYRIA, O.-St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Middle and Third... 8:30
SOLOIN, O.-St. Rita's Church basement Y... 8:00

SUNDAY

ALL-AMERICAN Sportsmen... 1142 Buhner 1st Sunday each month... 4:00
BROOKSIDE-Blessed Sacrament Church, Storer and Fulton (downstairs)... 8:30
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
Greater Cleve. Young People (Consolidated) Cathedral Hall-First Sunday each month... 2:00
LAKEVIEW-CYO Hall, St. Aloysius Church, E. 109th and St. Clair... 8:30
LORAIN COUNTY CONSOLIDATED-First Sunday of each month, Alconon Club, 345 1/2 Broad St., Elyria... 7:30
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
SABBATH-13240 Euclid Ave... 3:00
STRONGVILLE-Royal Haven Farm, Royalton Road, Strongville, O... 3:00
WARENSVILLE-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) MErose 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) Express 1-8998 7809 Euclid Ave.
Elmwood Sanitarium (M) Kenmore 1-2299 17323 Euclid Ave.
Euclid Rest Haven (MW) Ulster 1-6296 and Mulberry 1-9584, 13240 Euclid Ave.
Farquharson's (M) Tuxedo 5-1882...6037 Pearl
MacGillis Nursing Home (MW) RA 1-2556...1560 Mistletoe Dr. at Wade Pk
Pathway (Tyler 1-6698) (MW)...1635 E. 93rd St. John's Hospital (M) Woodbine 1-5750 7911 Detroit Arc
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Asylum Patient (meeting new superintendent). "Who are you?"

Superintendent: "Why, I'm in charge here now."

Asylum Patient: "Ha-it won't take them long to knock that out of you! I was Napoleon when I first came here."

Cannibal Cook: "Shall I boil the missionary, boss?"

Cannibal Boss: "Don't be silly, that's a friar."



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## -AND FOR THE LIVING

Once more we approach Memorial Day. Originally this day was set aside by order of General Logan as a day of reverent memory for those who had died in defense of the Union. Now it is generally accepted as a day of tribute for all those who have gone before.

This is as it should be. WC. should have a day consecrated to those who have lived and loved and helped.

And what a beautiful memorial this day is.. Stones and tombs and monuments are erased by the ravages of time but the tender memories of a good life are enshrined forever. Throughout the world on this day! thousands of grateful men and women will whisper a silent prayer to the memory of Doctor Bob and his beloved Ann who did so much for so many. There will also be prayers of gratitude for many another who, in a lesser degree—perhaps in only one instance—has pointed a new way of life to some lonely helpless soul or who possibly by only one deed or one example has made the path a little easier. These all deserve our prayers and our gratitude.

But might we not further enrich this day by dedicating it also, to the memory of the living who have endured and suffered and helped so much? It has been said "Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friend." But what of those who live for their loved ones rather than die for them though they may, in truth, die a thousand deaths in the living? True, living may not seem so glamorous or heroic as dying. In fact living, at times, is dull and drab and wholly unglamorous. Nevertheless, it seems to me that the wife who through years of tortured agony has helplessly watched her husband steadily drink himself to degradation and destruction and yet has remained steadfast and loyal, ready and anxious to receive him with open arms when he turns to better ways; who has encouraged and helped him and lent a hand to steady his first faltering steps, surely she deserves a day of remembrance.

And the children who endured painful years of neglect, who were forced to walk in shame because their father was the town clown and drunkard—what about them? They who gladly accepted him and once more became proud of him—why not this day as a day of grateful tribute to them?

Yes, it is a beautiful gesture to honor the dead but on this day dedicated to memory let us remember the living. Let us recall to mind our wives, our children, sponsors, friends and all the others who have done so much to help restore us to a place in decent society.

And as we honor the dead let us also bow our heads and with gratitude and reverence say to the living, "Thanks, so much. God Bless you!" -Anonymous.

## MIRAGE

Ploughing their way through underbrush on an unusually hot and humid Fall day, two hunters stopped for a rest. Wiping his brow, one said to the other, "I'd give a hundred bucks for a nice big cold glass of beer right now!" The other told him matter-of-factly to forget it.

They resumed their hiking and their resting, with the thirsty one repeating the remark at each resting place. The value of the drink had increased in the thirsty one's mind to \$300 and the sensible guy was getting impatient as he told him again and again to forget it.

All day long they trekked through the fields and forest. Just as the sun was setting in the west they came to the crest of a hill. They decided it was time to make camp and rest for the night, when suddenly the thirsty one gave a yell. "Lookee there, lookee there—a saloon!" Sure enough, miles away on another hill across the densely wooded valley was a building with a neon sign which read "Saloon."

Overriding the protests of the sensible one, off they trekked once more, down through the valley, fording a stream, the thirsty one stumbling and tripping over roots and difficult to see obstacles. The saloon was just ahead—always just ahead. Finally, tired and bruised, they came to the entrance of the building in the little village. It was closed. They shook the door in frustration.

Thinking there was possibly another entrance, they walked to the side of the building where they saw to their chagrin a delicately lettered sign "Beauty Salon."

This actually happened to a friend of ours. It gave us just the kind of

a start we needed for our regular monthly column which we find harder to accomplish each month without repeating ourselves.

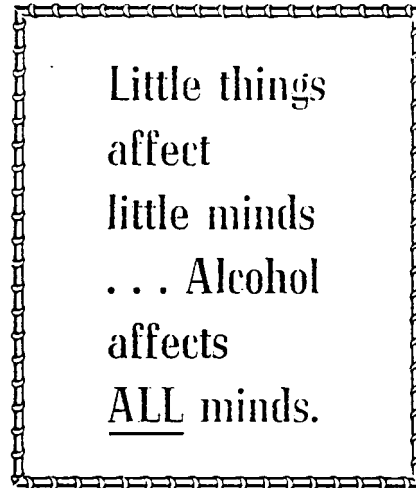
The story suggests a moral in that WC should learn to be less impulsive in our actions, listen to reason and logic, control our appetites, conserve our energies for worthwhile things rather than waste them on unessentials.

Most of us are inclined to rush headlong and enthusiastically into projects without thinking them through first as to their necessity, importance and practicability. Sometimes our enthusiasm overwhelms the more stable, prudent and less daring people whom we seem to attract. Their feeble protests for thorough investigation, often we brashly brush aside.

It's a virtue to "keep your eye on the ball" and fight your way to your objective, stoically taking the risks and the hurts and the falls on the way.

The important thing is that WC take time out to consider whether the objective is worthwhile and if it is possible to achieve.

We, of all people, must learn to listen to reason and we must keep our enthusiasm under control, for often that clearly (?) seen objective is a mirage.



## PUTTIN' OUT

"Guess, maybe, Josh Billings was right," the Old Timer observed as he tilted his chair back against the storefront. He tossed one leg over the other, hooked one heel over the lower rung, reached into his hip pocket and twisted off a small cud of long green. "You know Josh said," he continued, "The trouble with most folks is, they know so much that ain't so."

The Old Timer wiggled himself into a comfortable position. "I was thinkin' about this the other day when I happened to run into Lem Stout and his Missus." He said, "You know most folks got a notion you can make people like you by doin' things for 'em. At any rate, Lem's wife thought so. She and Lcm hadn't been gittin' along too good so she decided to try to be extra nice to him. If she happened to think of somethin' he liked to eat right well she fixed it. She took special care in washin' and ironin' his clothes and puttin' 'em where he'd know right where they was. She darned his socks and patched his britches and jest done everything she could think of but Lcm he kept gittin' ornric and ornrier and they was about to split up. But she couldn't quite make up her mind to do it. She didn't seem to be gittin' anyplace with Lem and yet for some reason she seemed more attached to him than ever and where she used to git mad she kinda felt sorry fer him.

"Long about this time Lcm went in to town one day and as he was wallcin' along he happened to see a right purty dress in the winder that was just about her size and fore he knowed it he went in and bought it. When he got home he went up to her kinda sheepish like and give her the package and a course she was so surprised she almost fainted and she put the dress on right away to see how it looked. Funny thing was that Lem, though he wasn't givin' up, had a little notion that, maybe he had been jest a little stubborn at times. He saw somethin' he hadn't noticed fer quite a spell the gal didn't look half bad and he felt pretty proud of hisself.

"Well, Lem's wife, figurin' she was makin' some headway at last, outdone herself, and Lem, the next time he went into town got her some real thin stoclin's and a pair a shoes and the next Saturday he took her to a movie.

"The upshot of the whole thing was that Lem kept buyin' his wife a little somethin' here and there, started hangin' around the house more and in a little while you'd a never thought he had been about the ornricest critter that ever walked on two feet and his wife was as happy as a lark on the wing."

The Old Timer shifted legs and pushed his hat back. He went on.

"One day it came to Lew that he and the missus was gittin' along about as well as two people could and he set down to figure out why. As he went over it the answer hit him like a bombshell. He suddenly saw that as long as it was just his wife doin' things for him he was mean as a turpentine cat but when he started doin' things for her he begun to like her better and the more he clone the better he liked her and it hit him like a bolt that it ain't what people do for you its what you do for them that makes you like 'em. Ever time you do somethin' for somebody else whether it's your wife, your kids or jest anybody, you got an investment in that feller-its a part of yourself. It's nearly always the problem child the family loves most because they've all tried to help him.

"So Lcm he jest keeps doin' more and more for his Missus and she keeps doin' more and more for him, and, by Christopher, they're jest about the happiest folks you ever see."

The Old Timer stood up, stretched and shook his legs.

"Guess I better get over and let Maw sew this gallus button on my pants," he said. "Give her a chance to build 'up a little more affection."

-Anonymous.

## GIGGLES

Two spinsters were discussing men, oddly enough.

"Which would you desire most in your husband," asked one, "brains, wealth, or appearance?"

"Appearance," snapped the other, "and the sooner the better."

## JUST A N OPINION

Occasionally in AA WC come across an obnoxious individual who is the one rotten apple who spoils the whole barrel! He is easily identifiable, because he takes a fiendish delight in creating disunity and confusion. He is against everything . . . he likes to throw his weight around and impress people with his importance . . . he is never willing to cooperate with others . . . he never has anything constructive to offer for the good of the whole . . . He refuses the little humble tasks that are so necessary, because he would receive no acclaim . . . he is too good for the dirty little jobs . . . he is not willing to do ANYTHING he can . . . he is guided only by HIS selfish wants . . . he is the guy who greets the newcomer with "Well—here it is—take it or leave it!" . . . he really has no compassion for his fellow man, and no understanding of an alcoholic . . . if he does take on a customer, you can be sure he lets the newcomer understand that HE (not AA) is responsible for any success (if any) the new man may have . . . and obligates the poor man unfairly to the egomaniac sponsor . . . he twists weird and peculiar meanings from the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions . . . he bullies and blusters and pushes other people around . . . he is easily identifiable . . . for he is in the center of every hissel . . . he is easily identifiable . . . because he usually is the only one to oppose ALL the rest . . . he is no HERO . . . and he isn't fighting for a principle . . . he is a misfit in life itself, and it could be God had directed him into our midst merely to test our tolerance . . . but it is possible to push too hard and too far . . . for even Jesus, in righteous anger, drove the money changers from the Temple . . . AA is our Temple . . . and we must preserve it for all those yet to come . . . if you know a man like this . . . beware! . . . for the only thing that can EVER destroy AA . . . is the one bad apple on the inside.

—High & Dry, Seattle, Wash.

## IT'S NECESSARY

A candidate for AA membership said to his sponsor, "look here, old chap, I've read the "twelve steps" from cover to cover. I guess I understand it thoroughly but I don't see yet how it's going to keep me perpetually sober." "Well," answered the sponsor, "just pick up that book on my desk and open it at any page and read to me whatever is written there." The man opened the book and said, "But this page is just a recipe for a chocolate cake." "Read it aloud." The fellow did—"Now read it again," demanded the sponsor. When the chap had done so he asked him to read it yet once again -aloud. When the reading of this recipe had been completed for the third time the sponsor said, "Right-you have studied and read this recipe for a chocolate cake three times. But you haven't got a chocolate cake, have you? You have read the twelve steps from cover to cover, but you haven't got sobriety either-both need practical application. YOU certainly won't get the cake unless you obtain and use the ingredients and make the cake and YOU won't obtain sobriety unless you do the same."

-Via South Africa and Chit Chat, Robesonia, Pa.

## VACATION IN CAN-ADA

Judging from the calls WC have been getting regarding the AA summer camp in Honey Harbor, there will be a considerable number of Clvclanders at Beaver Lodge, Honey Harbor in Georgian Bay this year between June 1 and October 1.

In general the information sought is about fishing, food, rest, dress, comfort, entertainment and activity. Let's take 'em in order: Fishing-excellent; Food-plain: Rest-wc personally have never found a quieter place at night. No radios, no noise whatsoever except possibly the lapping of the waves; Dress-always informal . . . shorts, slacks, etc.; Comfort-plenty of chairs, beautiful lawn, clean and comfortable bedding; Entertainment—plenty of home-made; Activity-fishing, bathing, boating, cards (limited and controlled), AA meetings at all hours.

We've been there three summers and we're going again in the middle of August and are looking forward to it avidly.

For reservations, write Charles Stevenson, 353 Manley St., Midland, Ontario. Rates are \$7.50 per day per person. Adults only.

## GROUP NEWS

Brooklyn-Speakers for June are: P-Henry C., Lake Shore; 9-Tom P., Barberton; 16-Katharine D., Brooklyn (her 3d anniversary); 23-Hugh G., Angle; 30-Clarence S., Lake Shore.

Buhrer-Speakers for June are: 1-Fred L., Crile Hospital; S-Ed II.; 15-Esther M.; 22-Charles R.; 29-Charles S. Ed G. is chairman.

Crile Hospital-Fred L., chairman of the Crile Hospital group asked for space to publicly thank the following groups for their unwavering support of the effort to make AA available to the Hospital patients for the past two years-Trinity, Fairview, Berea Friday, Newburgh Heights and Clark. These groups not only provided speakers once each month but a substantial crowd as well. We're glad to add our praise to hers for this laudable devotion to a worthy cause. Visitors are always welcome. 13 patients attended a meeting recently.

Glenville-Speakers for June are: 5-Bill H., Cedar; 12-Larry O'C., Arcade; 19-Judge Jim C., Arcade; 26-Elliott and Eleanore K., Doan Men's and Eastside Women, respectively.

Friendly Suburban-The first anniversary of this group will be held on Monday evening, June '7. The speaker will be Stanley G. of the Lakewood-Orchard Grove group. 6037 Pearl Road at 8 p. m.

Independence-The group observed its fourth anniversary on Thursday, May 20. The hall was packed and the audience was rewarded with two exceptional talks by Warren C., Sr. and Harry H. of Lakewood. Both were at their very best.

A very valued member and his wife, Herb "Jake" J. and his wife Arrie moved to St. Louis just a week before the meeting. They will be sorely missed. Jake cut a very much deserved coupon by being rewarded with a big position in a concern he was fired from ten years ago because of drinking. Nay his success be unlimited.

League Park-There will be no meeting on June 12 because of a Church Bazaar being held where they meet.

Memphis-Speakers for June are: 5-Eddie B., Lorain Monday; 12-Scotty C., Memphis; 19-Leo H., Memphis; 26-Irv. F., Fairview.

Outhwaite--About three hundred men and women attended the eighth anniversary meeting of the Outhwaite group, Sunday, May 22d. The speaker was W. A. P. of the Shaker group. This group, founded by Mrs. Ruth H. was the first colored group in AA and has contributed much to the fine tradition of AA in Cleveland and surrounding territory.

Traditions--Speakers for June are: 1-Katharine D., Brooklyn; 8-Arlene and Bill C., Orchard Grove; 15-Howard B., Independence; 22-Frank W., Northeast; 29-Doc C. C., Berea Friday.

Trinity-Speakers for June are: 5-Joseph G., Newburgh; 12-Mac M.; 19-Irvin F., Fairview Park; 26-Bill D., Erie; Pa.

## AA DISTRICT OFFICE

When this item is read by you, the annual dinner of the Cleveland AA District Office will long have been digested and you will still be enjoying the thrilling message of the speaker, Norman B. of radio fame. We hope, as we write this the day before, that the Rainbow Room of the Carter Hotel will be filled to capacity-1000 people.

Attention, you loyal people who contribute sales tax stamps to the office. Should a merchant give you unbroken packages of stamps, please don't tear them apart, for devoted tax stamp counter Helen S. of Glenville then has to sort them and count them all over again. In package form she can have them cut by a friendly printer and this saves her many precious hours. They will never be used or be resold.

## OHIO PEN ANNIVERSARY

One hundred visiting male AAs from all parts of Ohio will be privileged to share the celebration of the Ohio Pen AA Fellowship as it observes its fifth anniversary of its founding on Sunday, June 27. Custodial restrictions limit the outside attendance to a mere 100, tho many more would surely come if the restriction was lifted.

During the past five years, over 2000 men have been affiliated with AA through this medium. Without the program a great majority of these men would have returned to their evil ways. With this program, their hopes, their dreams and their faith was developed, enabling them to become assets to society instead of liabilities.

Presiding at the meeting will be Roger W. of Cincinnati. Principal speaker will be Jim H. of Portsmouth, O., formerly of New York, and now working on the Atomic Project. He is a sound AA member and an excellent speaker. Other speakers who are limited to a few minutes each will complete the program which should make this anniversary a memorable one.

Those privileged to attend must be at the Pen at 11 a. m. Meeting starts promptly at 11:30.

## BOWLING

The bowling season is over and the prizes have been distributed. Remaining only is the rehashing of some games that could have been won-IF!, and the reiteration of alibis by the culprits who fell down when the teams needed them the most.

Champions are the Lorain-Yanks and typical of all sports, the have-nots are demanding that this team be broken up. Tsk! Tsk! The Champs won 107 games and lost 25 in the 7:30 shift league. In second place was Trinity with 83 won and 49 lost.

Champions of the 9:30 league were the Bcnhoff Bodies with 91½ games won and 40½ lost (we can't figure out how a team can win a half game-Editor). This was a closer battle as second place R. J. Heating ended with 86 wins and 46 losses.

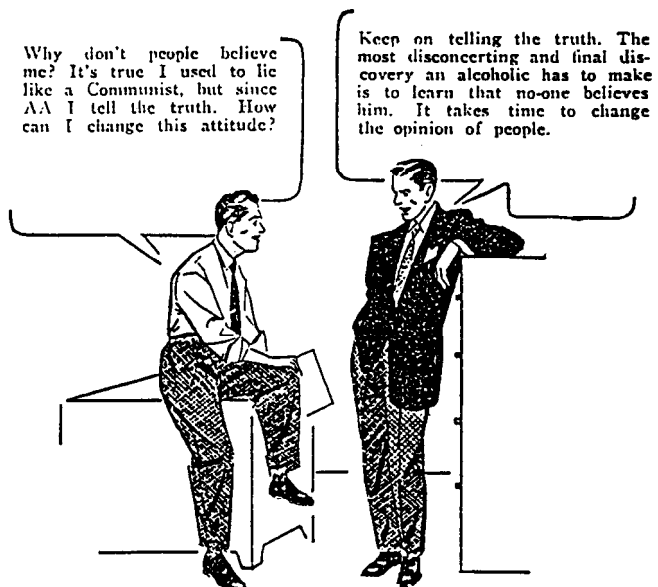
In the roll-off for THE championship, the Lorain Yanks won the match by five pins, 2764 to 2759. Their scores were 880, 953 and 931 to the Bcnhoffs' 919, 933 and 907.

Hail to the champs-the lucky stiff.

Two women chatted pleasantly as they started off shopping one day.

"That neighbor of yours," said one, "she's a bit of a gossip, isn't she?"

"I don't like to say," replied the other, "but when she came home from her summer's vacation, her tongue was sunburned."



CLEVELAND AREA GROUP MEETINGS

MONDAY

ADDISON--Westminster Church. Cor. Addison and Wade Park.....8:30
BORTON--E. Cleve. Congrega. Church Page and Euclid Ave.....8:30
FRIENDLY SUBURBAN--6037 Pearl.....8:00
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, Tr. 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.--Banater Hall Annex, W. 120th St., at Lorain Ave.....8:30
MARINE HOSPITAL--E. 124 & Fairhill.....7:30
MILES--St. Nary'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--Eat 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--Congregational Church, 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
BUHRER--1142 Buhrer 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
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.....9:00
FAIRVIEW PARK--Fairview Grace Church, W. 224th and Lorain Ave.....8:30
HILLTOP--St. Joseph's Seminary, 17608 Euclid Ave.....8:45
MILES-LEE--Mt. Hope Lutheran Church, E. 164th, north of Miles Ave.....8:30
NEW HOPE--Women--Ward's Convalescing Home, E. 71st and Cedar.....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.....9:00
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TRADITIONS--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, Bridge at W. 38th St.....8:30
LORAIN, O.--St. Stanislaus School, 23th 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 Broadway, East of Purl Rd.....8:30
C. E. I.--Illuminating Co. Room 335--Rear Building.....8:30

COLLINWOOD--14709 S. 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 Htr. Blvd.....8:30
NORWOOD--St. Vitus School, 6105 Glass Ave.....8:30
ST. JAMES--Ward's Convalescing Home, 1171st 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. Eric & Kansas (11.2 or 6) 8:30
ASHTABULA COUNTY MEN, Conneaut, O., E. of L. E. Hall, Whitney Block, Main St.....8:30
BEDFORD, O.--Y.M.C.A., Tarell 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 B. 11.....8:30
BROOKLYN Y. P.--United Presbyterian, Spokane and Pearl.....9:00
COVENTRY--Fairmount Presbyterian Chapel, Searborough Road.....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, 33 10 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 Vin Street.....8:30
HARBOR TUESDAY--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
FRIDAY AFTERNOON WOMEN--Plymouth Church, Coventry and Drexmore, Krumbine Room.....4:00
GORDON SQUARE--St. Helena's Hall, 1367 W. 65th St.....8:30
LEE ROAD--13240 Euclid Ave.....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.--II. 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, Wickliff e, 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--Redcemer Hall, Andrews, near Detroit.....8:30
LEAGUE PARK--St. Agnes School Hall, East 79th and Euclid Ave.....9:00
LIBERTY--13240 Euclid Ave.....9:00
MATT TALBOT--St. Philip Neri Church, E. 82nd and St. Clair.....8:30
MEMPHIS--Church of Good Shepherd, 8235 Memphis Ave.....8:00
PARMA--Public Library, 5850 Ridge Rd.....8:30
REDWOOD--Euclid Lutheran Church, E. 260th and Oriole.....8:30
SHILOH--Bethel A. hf. 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

ALL-AMERICAN Sportsmen.....1142 Buhrer 1st Sunday each month.....4:00
BROOKSIDE--Blessed Sacrament Church, Storer and Fulton (downstairs).....8:30
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
Greater Cleve. Young People (Consolidated) Cathedral Hall-First Sunday each month.....2:00
LAKEVIEW--CYO Hall, St. Aloysius Church, E. 109th and St. Clair.....8:30
LORAIN COUNTY CONSOLIDATED--First Sunday of each month, Alconon Club, 345 E. Broad St., Elyria.....7:30
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. 91rd St.....8:30
OAHWOOD--Alcoholic Annex, 8909 Detroit Ave.....11:00 A.M.
OUTH WAITE--7100 Kinsman Ave.....4:00
SABBATH--13240 Euclid Ave.....3:00
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
Alcoholics Abstinence Nursing Home (MW) M. Prose 1-1635.....8023 Detroit Ave
Alcoholic Annex--Oakwood Sanitarium (M) AT. 1-0346.....8907 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 An.
Euclid Rest Haven (MW) Ulster 1-6296 and Mulberry 1-9584, 13240 Euclid Ave.
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1st TUESDAY EVERY MONTH
CENTRAL COMMITTEE--Hanna Building, Room 370.....8:30
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HOSPITAL COMMITTEE--Hanna Building, Room 370.....8:30

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Hubby sneaked home at 3:00 a. m. His angry wife met him at the door.

"So home is the best place nfter all!" she snorted.

"I don't know about that," her mate replied. "But it's the only place open."

"I just heard your husband's in the hospital. What's the trouble?"

"It's his knee. I found a strange woman on it."

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## A RARE DAY

*And what is so rare as a day in June?  
Then, if ever, come perfect days;  
Then Heaven tries earth if it be in tune,  
And over it softly her warm ear lays.*

\* \* \* \* \*

We have an answer to that question about the rarity of a June day, posed years ago by the American poet, James Russell Lowell.

Rarer than a day in June, more satisfying than any of nature's days from January to December, is the day and every day that the alcoholic lives in sobriety.

Our thoughts were impelled along this line because of the thermometer. It has been soaring in the 90's and the humidity has kept us in a physical lather.

It took no great exercise of the memory to recall those days when the answer to such a mercury reading was the shortest distance out of the office to the air-cooled haven of Max's little emporium of delight. From foaming beer to Tom Collins, the refreshments made you forget the heat. The company was congenial (or so we thought at the time.)

But then we came out into the heat of reality. The pavement rose up and smacked us in the face. We dragged our weary way home, with a few more stops to keep the temperature down, and after an evening made miserable by wrangles and recriminations, to bed in a sweat-encrusted stupor.

The morning after is bad even when the snow drifts are piled against the second-story windows, but in the heat of a summer day it is just about the lowest form of animal existence.

And then the pattern was repeated. In the desert the wanderer follows mirage after mirage created by the heat waves. In our previous mode of existence we were following mirages even more elusive than the illusions of the heated sands.

We were getting nowhere. We had lost our way. Then, with the help of a Higher Power, a compass was placed in our hands. Instead of the usual North, South, East and West markings it bore only two letters: A. A.

The mirages vanished. We found our way. We discovered to our surprise that it was not the presence of humidity that bothered us, but the lack of humility. We learned to accept that which we could not change—like the weather—and change that which we could. Little things no longer bothered us and we did not seek the answer to every problem in a glass. Instead we faced up to them and did our best, using the sense with which the Higher Power endowed us at birth, to find rational solutions.

The day we forsook the heat of drunkenness and came into the cool, refreshing air of sobriety was a rare day. It was the greatest day of our lives. And every day that has followed in which we have given thanks for that sobriety and endeavored in our feeble way to follow the

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## THIRTEEN CHANCES

He was sitting disconsolately in his living room. He had just shut off the radio. He was bored! Before he "was forced to join AA" at his wife's and boss' insistence he was never bored. Now he was bored all the time.

AA meetings bored him. People in AA bored him. So he stopped going to meetings and began hobnobbing with his former drinking pals who kidded him unmercifully on being tied to his wife's apron strings. Just last night he'd been with them, and the gang relived some of the escapades and wild parties they'd had together when he was the star of the cast. He was happy then. AA had ruined his chances for happiness.

Just then was his first chance to think—to remember the terrors of what that right to drink cost him. But in his present mood he thought, "yeah, I got in some awful jams. But if I ever drink again, I'll drink differently. I'll control it this time!"

On a sudden resolve, he reached for his hat and coat, deciding to make his experiment. He had his second chance to think. He could still lay his hat and coat down again, go back to his uneasy chair and evaluate his thinking. Pausing just a second, he slapped his hat violently on his head, threw his coat on his back and grabbed the door knob.

Before he turned the knob he had his third chance to think. He could still go back and settle down. But he ripped the door open and headed down street toward the nearest bistro. On the way he began justifying his act—his fourth chance to think! He could still turn around and go home.

But he was drooling by this time as his eyes focused on his neon-lighted goal and he quickened his steps. Here was a promise of relief from boredom, a return of the old happy days (his fifth chance to think—to think of how artificial that happiness was! He could, if he would, recall them as evil days—days of recrimination and degradation.)

He reached the portals of the bistro and as he readied himself to open the door, he had his sixth chance to think! He could take a Coca Cola. He could turn back and shrug off the sneer which was on the face of the bartender who had already seen him at the door—the bartender who had predicted he wouldn't last in AA very long—who had laughed at the news and said, "That guy? He CAN'T stop! He's too far gone." He had full intentions once to show him how wrong he was. (Here was his seventh chance to think.)

Stubbornly resisting his hatred for the bartender, he walked nonchalantly up to the bar, rapped insistently on the bar for service and as he waited he had his eighth chance to think!

He disregarded this chance and ordered a double-header, resenting the smirk on the bartender's face. That smirk gave him his ninth chance to think. (Fair weather friend! Double crosser! Backslapper and stabber-in-the-

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It isn't difficult to  
make a mountain  
out of a molehill  
. . . all you have  
to do is add a  
little dirt.

## A RARE DAY

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program has been just such a day.

And in the words of Lowell, heaven, trying the earth, finds that it is in tune. Or to put it another way, we are in tune with heaven and earth for me first time in years. We find that neither earth nor heaven has changed. We have changed within. We may not, in the poet's words, find perfect days, for perfection is 3 state toward which we strive, but the change is so great that none can deny the rarity of the new life.

## HOW BIG IS YOUR CONCEPT?

When we pray to God, how big is our concept of Him? We read something last night which we liked and what we like we pass on to you in these columns. In essence, it assumes that we love God and ask Him for help because we believe He can do all things and we bring to Him problems such as are possible in OUR thinking, but do we ever stop to realize that God has already given us the strength, the talents, and the ability to do the possible. We need the courage to step to the Throne of Grace and ask God for the impossible.

Then is when our faith really begins to shine. For then we have made God the really great God He is. May He grant us the wisdom to recognize our talents and His guidance in using them.

## HAVEN NEARLY READY

The new Stella Maris Home is in the last stages of construction and it is hoped that the haven for homeless men who are being readjusted to social conformity will be completed next month. The building cost \$1-0,000 and will provide dormitory space for 100 men-five times the number that could be accommodated heretofore in the modest frame building on Winslow Avenue, the site of the present structure.

While not officially an AA project, it is operated by solid members of AA and opportunities are given the people coming to this haven to absorb the program. We personally believe it's a wonderful thing that we now will have a decent place to put our "problem babies" until they get normalized rather than the risky hotel room or boarding house without AA atmosphere.

Longtime member Harry R. (Doan's Men) has given up his regular business to dedicate his entire life to the cause of developing these men to their rightful dignity in life. He is to be commended for his great sacrifice.

Incidentally, they need many thousands of dollars yet to pay the contractor. A quiet campaign is being waged at the moment. If you would care to help, send your contribution to the Stella Maris Home, c-o T. C. O'Reilly, 110 Union Commerce Bldg., Cleveland 15, Ohio, or to Central Bulletin. We will forward it, of course.

## CRITICISM

It's easy enough to pick out the flaws, in the work that others have done. To point out the errors that others have made, when your own tasks often haven't begun. It's easy enough to fuss and find fault, when others are doing their best. To sneer at their little achievements; when you have done nothing but rest. It's easy enough to cavil and carp, to criticize, scoff and deride. For few of us ever have done perfect work, no matter how hard we have tried. It's easy enough not to speak of the best, and to dwell all the time on the worst, and perhaps it's proper sometimes to find fault, but be sure you've done something first.

Submitted by A. I. B., Wed-Lee from "Theme," Texarcana

## CORRECTXON

The heat must have affected our mind (?) when we wrote about the wonderful work Freda L. was doing at Crile Hospital. Of course Freda is a fine woman, but the accolade should have been directed to Miriam G., my pall. We have already eaten crow in front of Miriam, but now we'll eat it publicly. Tastes lousy! Tsk! Tsk! The work at Crile goes on in spite of the Bulletin's error.

## THIRTEEN CHANCES TO THINK

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back! That's what that bartender was. He'd show him he was a man.)

As the amber poison glugged into the glass our "hero" had his tenth chance to think. That glug-glug should have brought fear in his soul. It had ruined his life before. It had caused him to lose his home, his Job, his wife—his everything.

But he reached for the glass. If he used his eleventh chance to think, he could still draw his hand back.

He ignored the chance and grabbed the glass defiantly. The old familiar feeling of independence suffused him as he held it lovingly and admired the beauty of its color. He had his twelfth chance to think. He could still dash the contents on the bar.

His thirteenth and last chance came when he brought the glass to his lips. Could be, he thought, that if God didn't want him to have this drink he'd knock it out of his hand! Will he? Think, poor man, think!

If he had really thought, and thought rightly and sanely—having dared to bring God into his thoughts on his thirteenth chance to justify his act, if he'd only remember again the agony of soul he had suffered when he solemnly promised "to turn his life and will over to Him" in all his affairs!

If we could only counsel him and remind him of it and beg him not to virtually kick God in the face. If he does—may He have mercy on his soul!

## ONE TOO MANY

This graphic photo was made of a man who was found dead in bed. 386 empty bottles were removed from the scene after the body was removed. We publish it for the tragic lesson it tells. We draw the conclusion that he probably prided himself in the fact that he wasn't an alcoholic because he didn't do his drinking in saloons. Poor soul.



## TRI-STATE CONFERENCE

There'll be a large assembly of AA's from Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York at the first tri-state AA Conference being held at Chautauqua Lake, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 27, 28, 29. Well known speakers will be on the program which will cover every phase of the AA program. Three men from the Cleveland area will discuss the spiritual phase of the AA program—a Catholic, a Protestant and a Jew—as each applies his religion to the program. They are William McE., Edgelake, Harry D., Edgelake and Bill S. of Shaker.

These will be open meetings for both men and women. Hotel or cabin accommodations at \$2.50-\$3.00 per day are available. A fee of \$3.00 per person includes both registration and admittance to all meetings. Three large and excellent cafeterias will assure your being well fed.

**GROUP NEWS**

**Alcola**-All of the speakers for July will come from Alcron. They are: 7—Joe M.; 14—Dan K.; 21—Father H. (St. Thomas Hospital Staff); 28—Jess C. The group starts its meetings at nine sharp.

**Brooklyn**—Speakers for July are: 7—Mose Y., the Amishman from Hartville, O.; 14—A panel of four Brooklyn ladies discussing the 12 steps; 21—Wyn W., Wed. Lee; 28—Jerry W., Brooklyn (his ninth anniversary).

**Buhrer**—Speakers for July are: 6—Mickey McG., Lakewood Y. P.; 13—John G.; 20—Warren C., Jr., Fairview; 27—High G.

**Charity**—The monthly Charity group meeting in the Cafeteria on the last Tuesday of each month is now held at 9 p. m., for the later time assures more parking facilities on the hospital grounds.

**Coventry**—Because the church which houses this group's meeting place is making extensive repairs, the group will suspend its meetings until further notice.

**Glenville**—Speakers for July are: 3—Kitty M.; 10—Jerry R., Westside Women; 17—Jean L., Wednesday morning group; 24—Mary R., Westside Women.

**Lakewood-Orchard Grove**—Speakers for July are: 5—Bill C., Fairview; 12—Warren C., Jr., Fairview; 19—John W., Lee Monday; 26—Motion picture, "Problem Drinkers"

**Memphis**—The group moved on Saturday, June 5th to new quarters at 3316 Broadway Road. Their speakers for July are: 3—Marty C., Rosary Hall; 10—Jack S., Pearl; 17—Emil H., Memphis (first anniversary to the day); 24—Frank P., Valley View; 31—Don E., 8005 group.

**Traditions**—Speakers for July are: 6—William C., Outhwaite; 13—Kelly E., Alcola; 20—William R., Pearl; 27—Red M., Oakwood.

**Trinity**—It will be Trinity night at Crile Hospital on Thursday, July 8. Speaker will be Ted Ft. of the Valley View group. Speakers for July at our Saturday meetings will be: 3—Kelly (Crutchy) E., Alcola; 10—Keith W., Shaker; 17—William F., Sr., Newburgh; 24—Tom B., Clark; 31—Malcolm McL., Gordon Square.

**Sportsmen**—Male AA's are invited to a fishing party at Clarendon Lake, Ontario. The cavalcade of autos will leave Cleveland on July 17, four to a car, sharing expenses. They also plan to attend meetings in Toronto and Kingston. The estimated cost will be from \$30 to \$40 per person. Contact Floyd K. at CE. 13763.

There are several openings on four separate trolling parties, two in July and two in August, on Fr. Schaefer's boat to Pelee Island. Average cost is five dollars per person. If interested, call Joe K. at HE. 1-5682.

**PARMA SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY**

Ken and Olive B. of Toronto, Canada will be the speakers at the seventh anniversary of the Parma group on Saturday evening, July 17, at nine o'clock.

Because the two have won the hearts of so many people in their several previous appearances in Cleveland, the group decided to hold the meeting in more spacious quarters in Parma Senior High School Auditorium, 6285 W. 54th St., at Ackley Avenue.

**SISTER IGNATIA HONORED**

As the Bulletin goes to press we read the Cleveland Plain Dealer's account of the awarding of the Catherine Lena medal—an annual award to a Catholic woman who has made the greatest contribution to American cultural and social life—to our beloved Sister Ignatia, formerly of St. Thomas Hospital in Akron and presently at Cleveland Charity Hospital. In our opinion she deserves the best.

**AA NINETEEN YEARS OLD**

The nineteenth anniversary AA Founders' meeting was held on Sunday, June 20, in Akron. Founder Bill W. and Ethel M. were the speakers.

We regret that we didn't find out about this affair until 3 week ago. Undoubtedly many of our readers would have liked to attend.

**CHARLEY WEST DIES**

One of the most effective and beloved AA's in the Washington Court House area as well as in many parts of Ohio died Saturday, June 14, from a sudden heart attack. He was Charles West and his great activity belied his age of 72.

He was responsible for the formation of the Circle-ville group, the group at the U.S. Veterans Hospital and the Fellowship in the Reformatory in Chillicothe, O.

He is survived by his wife and six sons to whom we express our sincere condolences.

**WOMEN'S HOUSE OF CORRECTION**

Hilda H. will shortly observe her sixth year of continuous service as secretary of the pitifully small group which steadfastly and efficiently works with the women alcoholic prisoners in this institution. Among the inmates are many who could be "salvaged" and made substantial members of society if enough interest could be aroused in their cause. If there were only a place for them to come to while they get their feet on the ground again like Stella Maris has for men. These women certainly need sympathetic understanding. Hilda H. has accomplished great things there in six years. Ten more Hildas could do wonders.

Women's clothing is desperately needed—shoes, underthings, pocketbooks and anything wearable. Jobs are also needed.

**AA PICNICS**

The annual picnic sponsored by the Euclid-Wade, League Park and Friday-Lee groups will be held on Sunday, July 11, in Wiggand's Lake Park on Kinsman Road (Route 87), one and one-half miles east of Russell, Ohio. Everyone is welcome. Everything's free. Swimming, boating, dancing and games for young and old. Picnic tables and outdoor fireplaces are plentiful.

The annual Westside Orchard Grove and Lorain Monday picnic will be held in the early afternoon of Saturday, July 31, in Columbia Park (South on Columbia Road to Route 82, Columbia). Coffee and popcorn will be furnished. Games and contests for children and grownups. Everyone is welcome.



Glad to see that the Editor wrote that article on "Thirteen Chances to Think." It made me aware of the pitfalls of wrong thinking.

Those thoughts were expressed by Earl A. (now deceased) many years ago, and made a profound impression on the editor. Maybe it will help someone else, too.

CLEVELAND AREA GROUP MEETINGS

MONDAY

- ADDISON—Westminster Church. Cur. Addison and Wade Park 8:30
- BOKI ON—E. Cleve. Congrega. Church Eagle and Euclid Ave. 8:30
- FRIENDLY SUBURBAN—6037 Pearl 8:00
- 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.—Banater Hall Annex, W. 120th St. at Lorain Ave. 8:30
- MAKINE 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 Warrenville 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, 2858 W. 25th St. 8:30
- WOMEN'S—Westside—West Boulevard Christian Church, Madison and W. 101 8:45
- ELYRIA MEN'S—St. Agnes Church, Lake Road at Bath St., Elyria, O. 8:30
- SHELBY—Congregational Baptist Church, Jackson and Jefferson, Painesville 8:30
- VERMILLION—Congregational Church, 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
- BUHRER—1142 Buhrer Ave. 8:30
- CHARITY—Last Tuesday of each month—Cafeteria 9:00
- 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 9:00
- FAIRVIEW PARK—Fair & Grace Church, W. 224th and Lorain Ave. 8:30
- HILLTOP—St. Joseph's Seminary, 17608 Euclid Ave. 8:45
- MILES-LEE—Mt. Hope Lutheran Church, E. 164th, north of Miles Ave. 8:30
- NEW HOPE—Women—Ward's Convalescing Home, E. 71st and Cedar 8:30
- SMITH-WILSON—Nativity School, 9110 Aetna Rad 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
- TRADITIONS—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, Bridge at W. 38th 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-R. of P. Hall, 3316 Broadview, East of Pearl Rd. 8:30

- C. E. I.—Illuminating Co. Room 335—Rear Building 8:30
- COLLINWOOD—14709 S. E. 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 MORN'G—2028 E. 105th St. 10:00 A. M.
- GARFIELD HEIGHTS—Trinity Baptist, E. 94th and Garfield Blvd. 8:30
- LAKEWOOD WOMEN—United Prerby. Church, 12601 Detroit Ave. 8:30
- LEE ROAD—First Enr. 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
- WARENSVILLE—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
- ASHTABULA COUNTY MEN, Conneaut, O., B. of L. E. Hall, Whitney Block, Main St. 8:30
- BEDFORD, O.—Y. M. C. A., Tarbell Ave. 8:30
- ELYRIA, O.—St. Mary's Church, Middle and F ourth 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 Road 8:30
- 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
- CERA, 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. E. 9:00
- BROADWAY-HARVARD—8437 Broadway 8:30
- CEDAR—Salvation Army, 5005 Euclid 8:15
- FRIDAY AFTERNOON WOMEN—Plymouth Church, Coventry and Drexmore, Krumbine Square 1:00
- GORDON SQUARE—St. Helena's Hall, 1567 W. 65th St. 8:30
- LEE ROAD—11240 Euclid Ave. 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 College, Church, Schumann and Gand Church-1:30
- 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
- CATHEDRAL—(Stag) St. John's Cathedral, E. 9th and Superior 8:30
- 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. 9:00
- LIBERTY—11240 Euclid Ave. 9:00
- MATT TALBOT—St. Martin Nert Church, E. 82nd and St. Clair 8:30
- MEMPHIS—K o f P Hall, 3316 Broadview, East of Pearl Rd. 9:00
- PARMA—Public Library, 5850 Ridge Rd. 8:30
- REDWOOD—Euclid Lutheran Church, E. 260th and Riole 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 GROUV—8005 Lorain Ave. 8:30
- ASHTABULA, O.—St. Peter's Epis. 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

- ALL-AMERICAN Sportsmen, 1142 Buhrer 1st Sunday each month 4:00
- BROOKSIDE—Blessed Sacrament Church, Storer and Fulton (downstairs) 8:30
- 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
- Greater Cleve. Young People (Consolidated) Cathedral Hall—First Sundry each month 2:00
- LAKEVIEW—CYO Hall, St. Aloysius Church, E. 109th and St. Clair 8:30
- LORAIN COUNTY CONSOLIDATED—First Sunday of each month, Alconon Club, 345 E. Brood St., Elyria 7:30
- 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
- SABBATH--13240 Euclid Ave. 3:00
- 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

- Alcoholics Abstinence Nursing Home (MW) MEIrose 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) Express 1-89 98 7809 Euclid Ave.
- Elmwood Sanitarium (M) Kenmore 1-2299 17322 Euclid Ave.
- Euclid Rest Haven (MW) Ulster 1-6296 and Mulberry J-9584. 13240 Euclid Ave.
- Farquharson's (M) Tuxedo S-1882-6037 Pearl Pathway (Tyler 1-6698) (MW) 1635 E. 9Jrd (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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- HOSPITAL COMMITTEE—Hanna Building, Room 370 8:30

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Nothing of worth *can* be achieved with half a mind, with a faint heart, and with a lame endeavor.—Barrow.

While *the* right to talk may be the beginning of freedom, the necessity of listening is what makes the right important. —Walter Lippman.

There are two ways of meeting difficulties: you *alter* the difficulties, or you *alter* yourself to meet them. —Phyllis Bottom.



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## WALK, BROTHER, WALK

We are all familiar with the admonition not to wall; until you can crawl and not to run **until** you can walk. Like all general statements, the validity of this one **depends** on how it is applied. It is indisputable if we are thinking of **the** physical act of locomotion. But if we think **in** spiritual terms, and we do, it is open to **question**. Especially is this so if the person to whom it is **applied** is an alcoholic.

The idea was well expounded the **other** day in a talk we **heard**. This was the theme:

In **the** course of growing up **mentally** and spiritually **men** are like **little** toddlers whose every step must be watched. They must be held **by** the hand and **guided**.

But with each **faltering** endeavor the toddlers grow stronger, **more** skilfull and more confident.

Then comes a **period**, in childhood, when, happy over the new found ability, the neophytes gambol. They start to run and jump **beyond** their ability. They stumble. They skin their shins, bruise their knees and bump their heads. They sometimes learn by **experience**. Sometimes they do not and keep stumbling and falling through life.

But if **they** have learned to handle **themselves** properly in their prime, the time still comes in **old age** when again they must be guided. Someone must hold **them** by the arm, direct their steps and prevent **them** from toppling.

The point is that all of us need guidance through our **lives**. Often we **repel** it or **shake** it off in the over-**confidence** that we can **get** along **alone**. But no man, whatever his **belief**, has ever been able to **get** along without the help of a Higher Power. Least of all are alcoholics capable of putting their faith in nothing but their own mortal strength. Sooner or later it fails **them**. They stumble, slip, if you please-and have to be **picked** up and **guided** again.

It is foolhardy in **the extreme** to cultivate the idea that we are a power unto ourselves. Especially in the early days of sobriety must we lean **heavily** upon a Power **greater** than ourselves. But at no time, while we are **conscientiously** practicing sobriety, can we dispense with that guidance. To do so is to court a fall that **may leave** us badly bruised in our hearts and in our **spirit**.

In Alcoholics Anonymous there is a saying that covers this **very** well. "Easy does it," should be a motto for all of us who wish to grow in spiritual strength. We should forsake all foolish ideas of running, jumping or **even** walking alone.

None of us is really capable of **walking** alone in anything we do. On the job we rely on **others**. In every aspect of daily living we are dependent on others for the **elementary** needs of existence. It is twice foolish to think that in our spiritual life we do not have to depend on the Source of spiritual power. **The reliable**, the truly confident man, the man who insures his sobriety is **the** man who humbly admits his **need** for a Power greater than himself at all times.

## FOOLISH PRIDE

Pride is a wonderful thing in any person's make-up. The presence of it in our soul **caused** many of us to seek and find AA. It can be a terrible thing too and be his undoing, bringing in it's wake such misery and a stalemate where, but for it, a solution was possible.

We in A.A. see many examples of this **latter type**—self-righteous people, hurt people, disillusioned, humiliated and shaken **people** whose "pride" blinds them to what probably was the underlying **basic cause** of their disturbed condition-alcohol.

In most cases these proud people can't (or won't) admit that alcohol and **the abusive** absorption of it was the cause of the maze of trouble they are in.

We have in mind a proud **person** we met in Skid Row some time ago. He had been a prominent banker in a small town and was considered quite wealthy. He had been a member of Rotary, a country **club** and the town's civic committee. In fact he had been president of several of **these** organizations.

**However**, he drank quite heavily. He was a sociable cuss, loved to sing in impromptu quartets (which he organized) and many, many times was poured home by his pals, who many times were greeted with torrid **abuse**, instead of gratitude, by our friend's scandalized and highly indignant **wife**.

One eventful night, this righteously indignant wife decided to teach this errant husband a lesson. She had **used** every **device** to make him listen to reason in **the** past. She saw the looks of **decision** aimed at her husband which he was entirely oblivious

to when he was "six and seven-eighth," and she was tired of it.

She was hurt from many slights she had suffered because of **her** husband's unconventional behavior.

She missed the social functions they weren't invited to any **more**. She was tired of denying, defending, lying and covering up for him. So she made a decision. On this eventful night she called the police and had **him** locked up as a common drunk in the local calaboose.

He was so shocked and so horribly hurt when he faced the judge and heard **his** wife's bitter revelation of his drinking past, he scarcely heard the judge's advice as he placed him on probation and **warned** him that in spite of his prominence, no leniency could be **expected** if he appeared before him again.

Upon leaving **the** courtroom he refused to talk to his wife. He went directly to his attorney's office, **wrote** letters of resignation to the various posts he held, placed his bonds and properties in trust, withdrew a **considerable** sum of money and promptly disappeared.

Two **years** later, detectives hired by his family found him in Skid Row—a bum. They tried to **persuade** him to **return**, as did his beloved daughter and haughty, yet tearful **wife** and many friends. But he was adamant! "You put me here and here **I'll** stay until I die! **I'll never** return! I'd **rather** be a **bum** among friends here than ever

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Your conscience  
does not lead you  
... it merely  
points the way.

FOOLISH PRIDE

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mingle with you-especially my wife again."

We AAs can understand this attitude. This man will not permit us to reach him. His "pride" won't permit him to shed his martyr's mantle and crown. So he wallows in his sack cloth and ashes and withers away.

We haven't seen him for years. Maybe he has. What a price to pay for "the right to drink"! For indpendence!

THREE PROMINENT MEMBERS DIE

Fred Schleicher, one of the most active and valued members of the Brooklyn group, passed away suddenly on July 1.

He observed his eleventh anniversary in AA on May 15. Sincere condolences.

Jack Fenner, former efficient secretary of the Broadway-55th group and a solid member for nearly 14 years, passed away in his sleep on June 29th. He leaves a devoted wife, who always attended meetings with him, and ten children. Our condolences go to them and the group.

Frank Heller, a fourteen-year-old member of the Borton group, passed away suddenly from a heart attack on Tuesday, July 13. He was one of the group's most steadfast members and will be sorely missed. Our condolences go to his bereaved family and to the group.

JUST A THOUGHT.

This AA program of ours enables you and me to stop, look and listen. It gives us a chance to review what happened yesterday, compare it with today-and the hope of tomorrow. As you, yourself have found out, the application of our AA principles to one's life is a long, tough and hard job. It doesn't come easy, nor does it come without a great deal of work. But isn't the work worth it? "AA is a simple program, but not an easy one." The immediate and urgent need for a drink disappeared from my life a long time ago-but the effort that it requires of me to maintain clear thinking and good living, is an unending one. It's a hell of a lot of hard work. And that's where the 12 steps of AA enter into each and everyone of our lives. Attempting to put "these practices in all our affairs" is the keystone to continued sobriety and eventual happiness and peace of mind. There are 12 steps to the program-not 10 or 5 or 2. Each and every one of them are like a spoke in a wheel. As long as they are all in operation, the wheel is strong and gives no trouble. But as we attempt to remove a spoke-we gradually weaken the wheel until such time as it comes crashing down on our heads, then we take a drink.

Don't sell AA short. This program can and will work for the individual who honestly and sincerely desires sobriety. If it will work for me, it will work for you. The basis of AA is personal honesty. Cut out the sham and pretense. It is immaterial what others think of you-you are the only guy who knows whether or not you are telling the truth. AA is a simple, but not an easy program. There is a price to pay for your sobriety. Put something into it-and as you put something into it, you will find that you will take a great deal more out of it. Quit figuring out why you are an alcoholic, and change your line of thinking and reasoning, to a more positive approach and concentrating on how you are going to stop drinking.

- H. - Personal Honesty
O. - Open-mindedness
W. - Willingness

TRY IT! -Chit Chat, Robesonia, Pa.

Pears that whiskey cannot cure the common cold, according to medical science . . . but then neither can medical science.



This same medical science says that hard work will not kill a man. I've known some though that it almost scared to death.

OHIO PEN ANNIVERSARY

The fifth anniversary of the AA Fellowship at Ohio Penitentiary, Columbus; was held on Sunday, June 27 at noon. Attending were 117 AA visitors and 550 inmates. The latter group included 41 men who attended their first meeting.

Quite an imposing list of speakers made the occasion a memorable one. The list included Warden Alves who made quite a hit with his talk as he thanked the group of AAs for their effective contribution to prisoner rehabilitation. Another important and interesting contribution was made by Chief Probation Officer Klopfenstein. Dr. Halliday, psychiatrist also made a fine talk, pointing out that after 3 years of observation he found the AA program most hopeful, most practical as well as most simple and that the percentage of people staying out of prison after absorbing the AA philosophy was greater than any previous program of rehabilitation attempted . . . that there was a change in surface toughness, selfishness and psychology. An able chairman was inmate secretary Pat K.

AA speakers introduced by M.C. Roger W. of Cincinnati included Chuck S. of Berea, Jim H. formerly of New York and now of Portsmouth, O., Lee K., Navarre-Canton, Chas. M., Northeast, O., Harry D. and Herschel H. of Cleveland and finally Educational Advisor M. J. Koloski, who has been an enthusiastic booster of the program. He stated that in 1949, when the group was organized, 68 inmates attended the first meeting with 29 AAs. Since then, 2106 inmates have become acquainted with the A.A. program.

That many of these 210G have found new hope and new purpose in life after paying their debt to society goes without saying. We shudder to think what price society would have had to pay had they gone out as many had gone out before the program was initiated-filled with resentment, embittered and vengeful.

May the Fellowship continue to reflect God's great mercy by its dedication to the traditions of AA.

May WC offer our personal accolade to Henry R. of Columbus who has done such a remarkable job with BB of AA, quietly, efficiently and unobtrusively? Thanks, Henry.

There will be another assembly of BB of AA members on Sunday, October 10 in the Virginia Hotel, Columbus. Lay plans now to attend.

CANADIAN VISITORS SCORE HIT

Beloved Ken and Olive B. of Toronto, Canada made another fine impression and shared their fund of AA, with several hundred enthusiastic people as they spoke at the seventh anniversary of the Parma group in-the new, beautiful Parma High School auditorium on Saturday, July 17.

This courageous, personable blind man won the affection of everyone as he revealed the depths of his faith in God. His -great sense of humor and his steadfast interpretation of the AA program-his complete, unwavering acceptance of God's will had a most stimulating effect on his rapt audience.

It was a memorable occasion for all who attended.

HOW TO START A GARDEN

First plant four rows of peas . . .

Presence, promptness, preparations, and perseverance.

Next to these plant threerows of squash . . .

Squash gossip, squash indifference, squash criticism, Then plant five rows of lettuce.

Let us obey that beautiful inner voice,

Let us be true to our obligations,

Let us be faithful to duty,

Let us be loyal and unselfish,

Let us love one another,

No garden is complete without turnips.

Turn up for meetings, turn up with a smile,

Turn up with new ideas, turn up with determination

To make everything count for -something good and worthwhile. (Via Australia and Chit Chat, Robcsonia.)

GROUP NEWS

**AA Sportsmen**—A wonderful fishing trip was enjoyed by a full party (full in the sense that the BOAT was full) of **AA's** aboard the chartered ship "Mona Lisa." Trolling off Pelee Island, the happy, sober gang of **AA's** caught 132 fish. The largest was a 5¼ lb. **pickereel** caught by "Silent Bill" L. of Redwood. **Three** more trips are scheduled. For details call Ed G. at **SU I-5837**.

Small bore Shooters' met at Aurora--champs for the day were Jack R. (.22 cal. pistol) and Floyd I. (.22 cal. rifle).

Alcola-Spacakers for August will be: **4—Mickey M., 6; 11—Madeline V., Akron; 18—Denet D., Akron; 25—Tom T., Lorain, Thursday.**

Angle-Speakers for **August** will be: Tom V., one of the first members of AA in **Cleveland; 12—Kenny K., Doan Men; 19—Judge Jim C., Arcade; 26—Harry D., Edgelake. Roofer Jimmy I. is ,&airman.**

Borton-The oldest group in Cleveland announces it's speakers for August: **2—Bill C., Euclid-Wade and C.E.I. groups; 9—Pete Y., Solon, O.; 16—Art W., Garfield Heights; 23—Roger L., Wad.-Lee; 30—Harry D., Edgelake. Be a Borton Booster.**

Brooklyn-All speakers for August are members of Brooklyn group. They are: **4—Kenny J. (his 11th anniversary) ; 11—Charlie S. (his 14th anniversary) ; 18—Bob C.; 25—Kenny S. (his 3rd anniversary).** Should be an imposing month for the Brooklynites.

Coventry-After closing its meetings **because** of repairs being made at their meeting place, the Coventry group, by popular demand resumed its meetings on July 8 in another **spot—Christ** Episcopal Church, 3445 **Warrensville** Center Road. They meet there every Thursday at 9 until further notice.

Crile-The third anniversary of this humanitarian group will be observed on-Thursday, August 12. Everyone is urged to attend. They will **be** privileged to hear Jack D. of Borton. Be in the Library at eight p. m.

**Glenville—Speakers** for August include: 1—Leo K., a good AA; **8—Robert O., Alcola; 15—Mel S., Chardon; 22—Frank W., Northeast; 29—Jerry R., Westside Women.** The group has discontinued all cards and other **activities.** It's strictly AA and is thriving. It welcomes the return of old **members.**

Northeast-This group **changed.** its meeting place, holding its first meeting in its new quarters on Friday, July **16,** at St. Agatha's Church Hall, **1269** Lakeview. Old friends will be welcomed in the splendid new quarters.

8801 Superior-This new group meets on Wednesday at **8:30** p. m. at 8801 Superior Ave.

Trinity-Speakers for August are: **7—Mike M., Miles Mixed; 14—Dr. F., Painesville; 21—Big Josephine of Col-**linwood; 28—Frank W., Northeast. The new secretary is Gust A. with Everett W. as chairman.

SLIDING DOWN IS SO SIMPLE

Have you ever climbed down into a gully or deep excavation or mountain side? So often it was just a matter of letting go and sliding to the bottom, it was **easier** and faster although some times quite painful. Simple wasn't it, **but** the problem is a lot tougher **when** you wish to get back to the crest. So it is with alcoholics: you can hit skid row awfully fast if you just let go and **the** painful repercussions are many but with the help of AA as a sturdy rope and a helping hand you can reach the top again. It is not always easy but it can be done. You can even put on the brakes before you reach the very **depth** of the bottom **and** so only go **half** way down. This eliminates the pain of the balance of that descent and it's not so hard nor does it take nearly so long to climb **back.**

-(Tommy, York, Pa.), Chit Chat, Robcsonia, Pa.

TRI-STATE CONFERENCE

Interest is high in this **arca** for the first Tri-State AA Conference which will be held at Chautauqua Lake, N. Y., on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 27, 28 and 29.

The Conference will open with a typical AA meeting scheduled for Friday evening, Saturday morning and **af-**ternoon, a banquet and talk in the evening and ending with a session on Sunday morning and afternoon. Well known speakers from three states will be on the program.

Hotel arrangements can be made by writing to **LeRoy E., 165 W. Washington St., Bradford, Pa.,** or Jack G., Box 277, Fair-view, Pa.

Single rooms, two dollars **per** night. Double rooms for Friday and Saturday nights are **three** dollars per person (two nights). Rooms with private **baths** are also available. Reservations must be made before arrival and assignments can be **picked** up at the reservation **desk.**

Bathing facilities are unexcelled.

All the meetings will **be** held in Norton Hall which has a capacity for seating 1,400 **persons.** Protestant, Catholic and Hebrew services will be held on the grounds.

The distance from Cleveland is about 150 miles. **Follow** Route 29 to Westfield, N. Y., where you turn right to the Park.

AA CAMP IN CANADA

We will be in Canada **before** this issue of the Bulletin is read by you, and we're anticipating a glorious, restful vacation. Sleep-beautiful, satisfying, undisturbed sleep -at Beaver Lodge (Camp Ouendake), Port **Severn,** Ontario. This is on the island in Georgian Bay, where the power is shut off at 11 p. m. sharp and where no radio is blasting, no horns are honking and no drunken quartets are practicing for a possible concert engagement in **Madi-**son Square Garden. Sweet precious silence-pregnant **si-**lence—**ah-ah-ah!** Wish you were there.

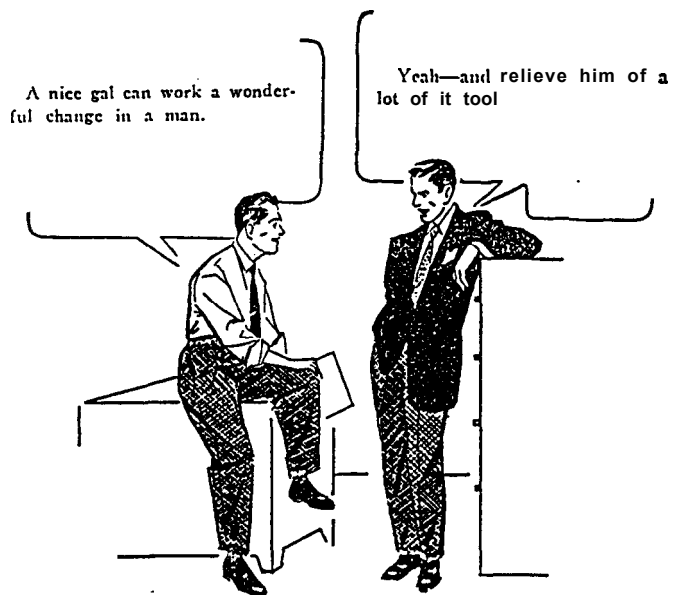
One shouldn't confuse self-love with self-respect.

An envious person is never satisfied .

The most difficult words to utter are: "I am wrong.,,

Any loud-mouth can **make** you **listen,** but only a wise man can make you think!

Just remember reading last **Christmas** that mistletoe is bad for trees. It may be **bad** for trees but it's fun for twos.



CLEVELAND AREA GROUP MEETINGS

MONDAY

ADDISON-Westminster Church. Cor. Addison and Wade Park 8:30
BORTON-E. Cleveland Congrega. Church, Page and Euclid Ave. 8:30
FRIENDLY SUBURBAN-6037 Pearl 3:00
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, nr. Detroit 8:30
LAKEWOOD MEN'S-St. Peter's Episcopal, W. Clifton and Detroit 8:30
LEE MONDAY-First Presbyter. Church, East Cleveland, Neia and Euclid 8:30
LORAIN AVE.-Banater Hall Annex, w 120th St., at 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 Purl Rd.) 8:30
ROWDY ROW-Salvation Army Corps Hall, 2042 W. 26th St. 8:00
SHARER HEIGHTS-Christ Episcopal Church, 3451 Warrensville 8:30
SOUTH EAST-7526 Broadway 8:30
UNION-Eat 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, kke Road at Bath Sr. Elyria, O. 8:30
SHELBY-Congregational Baptist Church, Jackson and Jefferson, Painesville 8:30
VERMILLION-Congregational Church 8:30
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
BUHRER-1142 Buhner Ave. 8:30
CHARITY-Last Tuesday of each month-Cafeteria 9:00
CLARK-1917 Clark Ave. 8:30
EAGLE TRAINING-Salvation Army, E. 9th and Eagle 8:00
EDGE LAKE-St. Charles App. m. Meeting at 7:00 p. 8:30
EUCLID-WADE-Calvary Presbyterian Church, E. 79th and Euclid Ave. 9:00
FAIRMOUNT-St. Paul's Episcopal, Fairmount and Coventry 9:00
FAIRVIEW PARK-Fairview Grace Church, W. 224th and Lorain Ave. 8:30
HILLTOP-St. Joseph's Seminary, 17608 Euclid Ave 8:45
MILES-LEE-Mt. Hope Lutheran Church, E. 164th, north of Miles Ave. 8:30
NEW HOP&Women-Ward's Convalesc-ing Home, E. 71st and Cedar 8:30
SMITH-WILSON-Nativity School, 9510 Aetna Rad 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
TRADITIONS-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, Bridge at W. 38th St 8:30
LORAIN, O.-St. Stanislaus School, 29th 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 Buhner, 3rd Wednesday each month 8:00
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 --- 6:30
COLLIN WOOD-14709 St. Clair Ave. 8:30
DENISON MEN-740 J. Denison Ave. (first Wednesday, joint meeting) 8:30
DOAN MEN'S-2028 E. 105th Sr. 2nd floor, side entrance 8:45
EAST SIDE MORNING 8801 Superior 8:30
GARFIELD HEIGHTS-Trieitr Baptist, E. 94th and Garfield Blvd. 8:30
LAKEWOOD WOMEN-United Presby. Cbumb. 12601 Detroit Ave. 8:30
LEE ROAD-First Eng. Lutheran, Derbyshire and Euclid Hts. Blvd. 8:30
NORWOOD-St. Vitus School, 6105 Class 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 Eubid, 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
ASHTABULA COUNTY MEN, Conneaut, O., B. of L. E. Hall, Whitney Block, Main St. 8:30
BEDFORD, O.-Y.M.C.A., Tarbell Ave. 8:30
ELYRIA, O.-St. Mary's Church, Middle and Fourth 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-Christ Episcopal Church, 3445 Warrensville Center Road. 9:00
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 AM.
AMHERST-St. Peter's Ev. & Ref. Church, Church St., North Amherst, O. 9:00
BEREA-Fine Arts Club, E. Bagley Rd., 3 doors east of Eastland 8:30
EAST LAKE-Bethel Lutheran Church, 32400 Vine Street. 6:30
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, 8205 Superior Ave. Y 8:00
BROADWAY-HARVARD-8437 Broadway 8:30
CEDAR-Salvation Army, 5005 Euclid 8:15
FRIDAY AFTERNOON WOMEN-PLYmouth Church, Coventry and Drexmore, Krumbine Room 1:00
GORDON SQUARE-St. Helena's Hall, 1367 W. 68th St. 8:30
LEE ROAD-13240 Euclid Ave. 9:00
NORTH EAST-St. Agatha's Church Hall, 1269 Lakeview Rd.
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. 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

BROADWAYCABLR-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. 9:00
LIBERTY-13240 Euclid Ave. 9:00
MATT TALBOT-Philip Neri Church, E. 82nd and St. Clair 8:30
MEMPHIS-K of P Hall, 3316 Broadview, East of Pearl Rd. 9:00
PARMA-Public Library, 5850 Ridge Rd. 8:30
REDWOOD-Euclid Lutheran Church, E. 260th and Oriole 8:30
SHILOH-Bethel A. hf. 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-3005 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
SOLON, O.-St. Rita's Church basement 9:00

SUNDAY

ALLAMERICAN Sportsme 1 1 4 2 Buhner 1st Sundry each month 4:00
BROOKSIDE-Blessed Sacrament Church, Storer and Fulton (downstairs) 8:30
C. A. C. DISCUSSION-C. A. C. clubrooms, 7809 Euclid Avenue 10:45 AM.
COLLINWOOD-14709 St. Clair Ave. 7:30
DETROIT-bixed-6023 Detroit Ave. 8:00
Greater Cleve. Young People Consolidated Cathedral Hall-First Sundry each month 2:00
LAKEVIEW-CYO Hall, St. Aloysius Church, E. 109th and St. Clair 8:30
LORAIN COUNTY CONSOLIDATED-First Sunday of each month, Alconon Club, 345 E. Broad St. Elyria 7:30
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 AM.
OUTHWAITE-7100 Kinsman A t e. 4:00
SABBATH-13240 Euclid Ave. 3:00
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
Alcoholics Abstinence Nursing Home (MW) MEIrose 1-1635 6023 Detroit Ave
Alcoholic Annex-Oakwood Sanitarium (M) AT. 1 - 0 3 4 - p8909 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.
Euclid Rest Haven (MW) ULster 1-6296 and MULberry 1-9584, 13240 Euclid Ave.
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Asked by her teacher to spell "straight," she replied immediately: "S-t-r-a-i-g-h-t." "Fine," said the teacher. "Now what does it mean?" "Without a chaser," she replied.



An alcoholic in the hospital was in the midst of a terrific battle with imaginary lions and tigers. The doctor asked him if he wanted to see his wife. "To heck with it," he said "Get me Frank Buck."

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## DIFFERENCES

None of us is **alike**. This is fortunntc. If we were, it would be a dull and **pointless** world. We arc all individuals. Through heredity, environment and associations our physical makeup, our mental capacity, our likes and dislikes and our character are molded.

It should not be astonishing, then, to discover that you are not like other people. It should not shatter your illusions to find that what **the** other fellow favors you dislike and **vice versa**. His business, his hobbies, his **interests** that reflect themselves in his conversation and his conduct may be just the opposite of yours. In fact, at times, they may clash.

These personal divergencies **have** nothing to do with economic- status, with education or with any of those **outside** influences that **more** or less determine our place in life.

Yet the alcoholic is a sensitive individual. All his life **he has** sought to be **like** other people. He has been reminded, openly by his family and his **friends**, and by **the** circumstances that his drinking has built around him, that he is different. He has so long had the feeling of **an** outcast that when he sobers up and joins Alcoholics Anonymous he strives desperately to belong, to become **identified with** a group of **sober, sane** people.

It often happens that he comes into a group **where** the members, in the main, have other interests than his, a different outlook. There is, of course, the common denominator that all are alcoholics, **but** often this is not **sufficient** to hold interest. In some **cases** the **new** member drifts away.

Now the **evidence** that this incompatibility is not based on economic position or education is found in the fact that frequently you will find a **millionaire** and a day laborer who are the best of **friends** in the **movement**. **Instances** of persons whose status differs almost as widely arc common.

The newcomer must **not** feel that **the** fault is his. He must, instead, find **another** group that is **congenial**. This isn't difficult in Cleveland with its 104 groups that meet **every week**.

Some times a man or woman is thrown off base through loyalty to the sponsor. This loyalty, **commendable** as it is, should not **become** a **burden**. That feeling of affinity continues. **But the** sober alcoholic must stand on his own feet. **The** sooner he sprouts wings that will carry him **alone** the happier he will be. Your sponsor is just that, not your nurse or your keeper, although you can and are expected to turn to him or some other member of **the** group in whom you have confidence, to confide your troubles and your problems and **seek** a solution.

There is no **reason** for **discouragement** in **these** basic differences of **life**. They are found everywhere. Even on skid row there are some drunks who will not associate with other drunks because the others **have** a different outlook on life-and different standards, limited and circumscribed though **they** may be.

We are all always going to be different in most ways. But in Alcoholics Anonymous **these differences** are provided for. We can each find those associations in sobriety which are most congenial and most helpful to us.

## OVER-STRETCHING

"Johnny Johnny! Stop that! What a wasteful thing to do! **Stretching** and breaking all those nice **new** rubber bands! Papa's going to be awfully angry with you when he comes home, and he'll spank you good!"

We'd **been** watching that brat for some time, wondering how long it would be **before** his doting mother would put a stop to this senseless waste. **He'd been** in his mother's hair in other ways during the past hour we'd been visiting and we (as **other people** do with out children of their own) mentally chided **the** distracted mother for her lack of control over this destructive child. We believed a good swat on the tail would have stopped him.

Then **we recalled** that when we were kids, we did exactly the **same** things. Oh; we were punished occasionally, but we learned **early** how far we could stretch the rubber band of **patience** of those in authority, parents, teachers, friends, and later, **police—anyone** who might frown on our abuses of liberty.

It has been our observation that **over-indulgence** and too much tolerance with little effort at discipline does a child a great damage in later life when it gets into school, in the teens and early manhood. There, unless he's made of real stuff, he'll have to learn the hard way and if he's overly precocious and extra hard-willed and selfish, he's going to suffer some awful shocks to his ego.

Shall we blame our parents for our later disregard for conventional behaviour? No. Our purpose in this article is to **stress** a common fault in alcoholics—a **selfish** disregard for the rights of **others** and a tendency to disregard authority.

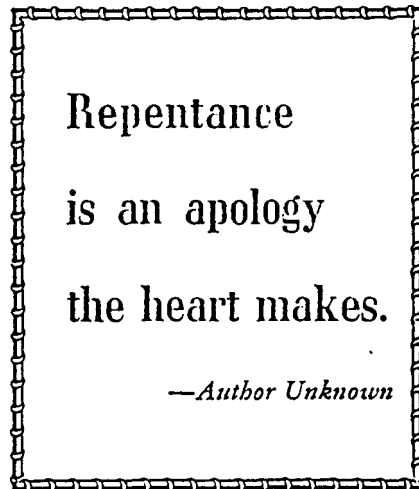
Many **members** of AA have admitted ruefully in their talks before groups that they had **been** spoiled brats and that they had **abused** privileges, stretched **the** rubber band of the love and **the** faith and **the** confidence of everyone with whom they had any contact. In many, many instances they **tyed** the ends of the last figurative **rubber** band together and found a limited **resiliency left** in the patched up band.

For a while **they** would be careful and wouldn't gamble on stretching it too far. Soon, however, their spirits would **rebel** at the restrictions and the old gambling instinct would assert **itself** and again they'd **see** how far **they** could **stretch** it.

In making **amends** to all whom we have harmed, after **we'd** been properly humbled, we **were given** a brand new **rubber** band of patience, guaranteed by the manufacturer, Alcoholics Anonymous, with instructions on use together with warnings on misuse. Used intelligently, this new band with limited resiliency brought us closer to the people we had abused, **together** with a new-found joy in living. Real living, which we had sought for so fruitlessly before.

Let's **keep** the rubber band in bounds and stop **re-**bellling at the restrictions to our impulses. In doing so, we will create a rubber band with a characteristic that has eluded chemists in **the** rubber industry—one that will grow **stronger** and **more resilient** with age.

We are all inclined to judge ourselves by our ideals; others by their **acts**.—Selected.



## HUMAN BEHAVIOR PATTERN

By Dr. William Duncan Silkworth

The mystery of slips is **not** as **deep** as it may appear. While it does seem odd that an alcoholic who has restored himself to a dignified place among his fellow-men, and **continued** dry for years, should suddenly throw all his happiness overboard and find himself again in mortal peril of drowning in liquor-often the reason is **simple**.

People are inclined to say: "**There** is something peculiar about alcoholics. They may seem to be well, **yet** at any moment they may turn back to their old ways. You can **never** be sure."

This is largely twaddle. The alcoholic is a sick person. Under the technique of Alcoholics Anonymous he gets well-that is to say, his disease is arrested. There is nothing unpredictable about him any **more** than there is anything weird about a person who has **arrested** diabetes.

Let's get it clear, **once** and **for** all, that alcoholics **are** human beings just like **other** human beings-then we can safeguard ourselves intelligently against most of the slips.

Both in professional and lay circles, there is a tendency to label everything that an alcoholic may do as "alcoholic behaviour." The truth is, it is simply human nature.

It is very **wrong** to consider many of the personality traits observed in liquor addicts as peculiar to the alcoholic. Emotional and mental quirks are classified as symptoms of alcoholism merely because alcoholics have them, **yet** these **same** quirks can be found among non-alcoholics too. Actually, they **are** symptoms of mankind. Of course, the alcoholic himself **tends** to think of himself as different, someone special, with **unique** tendencies and reactions. Many psychiatrists, doctors and therapists carry the **same** idea to extremes in their analyses and **treatment** of alcoholics. Sometimes they make a complicated mystery of a condition which is found in all human beings, **whether** they drink whiskey or buttermilk.

To be sure, alcoholism, like every **other** disease, does manifest itself **in** some unique ways. It does **have** a number of baffling peculiarities which differ from all other diseases. At the same time, many of the symptoms and **much** of the behaviour of alcoholism are closely paralleled and even duplicated in other diseases. The alcoholic "slip," as it is known in Alcoholics Anonymous, furnishes a **perfect example** of how human **nature** can be mistaken for alcoholic behaviour. The "slip" is a relapse! It is a **relapse** that occurs **after** the alcoholic has stopped drinking and started on the AA programme of recovery. "Slips" usually occur in the early stages of the alcoholic's indoctrination, before he has had time to **learn** enough of the AA technique and AA philosophy to give him solid footing. But "slips" may also occur after an alcoholic has **been a member** of AA for many months, or even several years, and it is in this kind above all, that **one** finds a marked similarity between the alcoholic's behaviour and "normal" victims of other diseases.

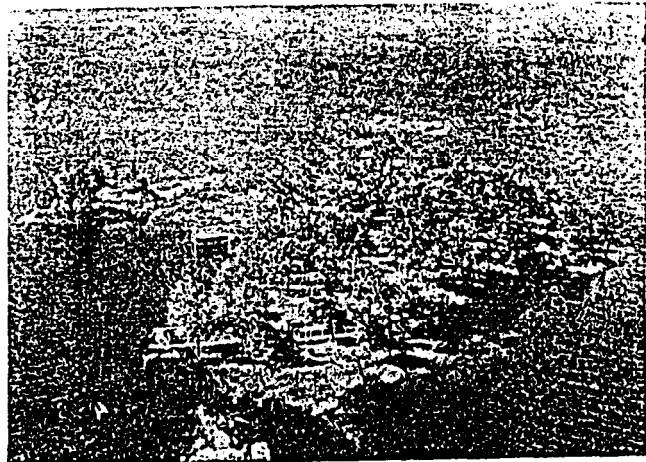
No one is startled by **the** fact that **relapses** are not uncommon among arrested tubercular patients. But **here** is a startling fact-the cause is often the same as that which leads to "slips" for **the** alcoholic. **In** both cardiac and tubercular cases, the acts which **lead** to a **relapse** are preceded by **wrong** thinking. The patient deliberately turns away from the fact that he had been the victim of a serious disease. He grows over-confident. He decides he doesn't have to follow directions. Now that is precisely what happens with the alcoholic-the arrested alcoholic, or the alcoholic in AA-who has a "slip." Obviously he decides again to take a drink sometime **before** he actually takes it. He starts thinking wrong before he actually embarks on **the** course leading to a "slip." **There** is no **more reason** to charge **the** "slip" to alcoholic behaviour than there is to lay a tubercular relapse to tubercular behaviour or a second heart attack to cardiac behaviour.

The alcoholic "slip" is not a symptom of a psychotic condition. There's nothing "**screwy**" about it at all. The patient simply didn't follow directions. And that's human nature! It's life! It's happening **all** the time, not merely among alcoholics, but among all kinds of people. The preventive is plain. The patient must **have** full **knowledge** of his condition, **keep** in mind **the** facts of his case and the nature of his **disease** and follow orders. For the alcoholic, AA offers the directions. A vital factor ingredient, of

the preventive, especially for the alcoholic is sustained emotion. The alcoholic who learns some of **the technique** or **the mechanics** of AA but **misses** the philosophy or the spirit, may get tired of **following** directions-not because he is alcoholic, but because he is human. Rules and **regulations** irk almost anyone, **because** they are restraining, prohibitive, negative. **The** philosophy of AA, however, is positive **and** provides **ample** sustained emotion-a sustained **desire** to follow directions voluntarily.

In any **event**, the psychology of **the** alcoholic is not as different as some **people** try to make it. The disease has **certain** physical differences, **yes**, and the alcoholic has problems **peculiar** to him **perhaps**, in that he has **been** put on the **defensive** and consequently has developed nervous frustrations. But in many instances there is no more **reason** to be talking about the "alcoholic mind" than there is to try to describe something **called** the "cardiac mind" or the "T.B. mind."

I think we'll help **the** alcoholic more if we can first **recognize** that he is primarily **a human** being-afflicted with human nature! -Via Chit Chat, Robeson, Pa.



BEAVER LODGE, PORT SERN, ONTARIO, CANADA  
Located on an island in Georgian Bay

## CHAMPIONSHIP REGAINED

Beaver Lodge, the Canadian **mecca** of many American and Canadian AA's seeking an **ideal** vacation from noise and turmoil, **excitement**-and work-was the **scene** again of the **annual cribbage meet**. Your editor modestly wore **the** international championship crown two years ago, only to lose it to **Elcanor** C. of Toronto at last year's session. This **year's** session was **brief**, merciless and convincing and **the** crown again rests on our blond (?) and curly (?) locks, jauntily, it's **true**, but firmly (looks pretty too).

AA discussions **were** held daily-in the lodge and in the boats while fishing. Much good was accomplished with **several** newcomers to the program who left the camp well fortified with "handles" to help them over the rough road. In our opinion, Beaver Lodge offers **the** finest opportunity for complete **indoctrination** of **neophytes** possible anywhere. The lodge is on an island in the **middle** of **Georgian** Bay. There's no place within miles to **sneak over** for a fortifier-too far to swim, so the guy **HAS** to listen. We compliment **Stevic** (the operator) for his dedication and great personal sacrifice to **the** cause of rehabilitation of people with an alcoholic **problem**.

**Ted** K. of the Lakewood Men's group (Cleveland area) came equipped with a **boxfull** of **lures**, tackle, rod and two reels-but no **handle** to attach to either reel. He **landed** a **beautiful one-ounce-short** of a **2-pound** black bass, using a **borrowed** rod and **reel**, in a most unorthodox manner. **Feeling** a tug on his line, he gave a powerful yank. Up the fish **came** in the **air**, the hook **dropped** out of **the** fish's mouth-and landed, wriggling, inside **the** boat. **Ted** was as white as a sheet, but finally **subdued** and secured the prize. We heartily **recommend** this spot for fun and fine AA atmosphere-and great relaxation. It's **open** to October 1 for AA members and adult **relatives** only. **Address** Beaver Lodge, R. R. No. 1, Port Severn, Ontario. **Phone** 94-R-2.

## GROUP NEWS

New Group-Invitations arc out for everyone to welcome the newest Cleveland group, the Maple Heights group, which will hold its first meeting on Saturday, August 21, in Zion Lutheran School, Dunham and Rockside Roads at 9 p. m. Judge Jim C. of the Arcade Group will be the speaker.

**Alcola—Speakers** for September will be: 1-Irene W.; 8—Warren C., Jr.; 15—Frances W.; 22—Edward P.; 29—Father Wilson.

**Borton—Speakers** for September will be: G-Harry S., old time absentee member of Borton on his annual visit; 13—Ray K., Lakewood 24 Hour; 20—Bill T., Doan Men; 27—Kenny K. and Chester S., Doan Men.

Brooklyn-Speakers for September will be: 1-Roy A., Brooklyn (his 8th anniversary); 8-Tony T., Brooklyn (5th anniversary); 15—Eddy G., Brooklyn (3rd anniversary); BP-Charlotte S., Chardon; 29—Leo R., Trinity.

Memphis-Speakers for September are: 4—Alex M., Ravenna, O. (15 years sobriety—a friend of Dr. Bob); 11—Frank K., Union; 18, Harry W., Lake Shore; 25—Bob H., Memphis (4th anniversary).

Trinity-Speakers for September are: 4—Billy H., Newburgh; 11—Leo M., Shaker; 18—Tony D., Parma; 25—Stewart M., Lakeview.

AA Sportsmen-Bowling teams for East and West sides will be formed at Sept 5 and 15 meetings. . . . At least four trap shoots and small bore meets scheduled for September and October. Help set the dates at the meetings. New members welcome. AA's only, please. . . . Art N. and Julius S. to release pheasants on our hunting grounds. Pheasant and rabbit season starts Nov. 15. If you own a young Beagle and want to start with older dogs, see Jack F. or Floyd K. . . . Thanks to Ed G. for a swell job in managing the five fine trolling parties with Father Schaeffer.

We regret the death of our member, Joe Marcey, and want to express our sincere sympathy to his family and to the Glenville group

## SICK FRIEND

The many friends of Bob A., itinerant peddler out of Chicago and a frequenter of Berwin's when in Cleveland, will be saddened to hear that he is seriously ill after an abdominal operation in Ravenswood Hospital, 1917 Wilson Ave., Chicago, Ill. Send him a card.

## WHY AA IN INSTITUTIONS?

Many an unthinking person queries, "Why take AA into the prisons and jails, they couldn't drink anyway." The best answer to this it would seem, is the first step of our AA program—"We admitted we were powerless over alcohol—and that our lives had become unmanageable!" It is more obvious, that a man who's life has become so unmanageable through his drinking, that he must be locked away from society, qualifies for all assistance AA can offer.

We recognize that there is no cure for this disease, for if there was then we would all be able to return to social or controlled drinking after a personality re-adjustment. This we know, too, is an impossibility for the true alcoholic, therefore, exactly the same solution applies to an inmate, or a person in free society. Actually, it would seem that if an efficient and thoughtful job of carrying the message is done, it could be even better received and applied, for there is even more incentive for recovery, plus the fact that the man in an institution will be completely physically sober, and with a mind clear and receptive. The fact is, we sometimes confuse statistics with human values—and it doesn't work.

If we can help in the process of reordering even one man's life—let us not forget that it is a life and not a statistic. Any inconvenience is worth a try—and we know AA inside the walls does work; and a man can come out and stay free-happily sober and make his life manageable through continuous application of the 12 steps of AA.

—High and Dry, Seattle, Wash.

## TRI-STATE AA ASSEMBLY

The first Tri-State Assembly, embracing Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York, will be held in Chautauqua Institute, Chautauqua, N. Y., on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 27, 28 and 29. Great interest in this meeting of AA's is evidenced by the 600 reservations which have already been made at the time of this writing. Following is the program for the conference:

FRIDAY, 8:30 P. M.—A typical AA Meeting

Ernest G., Chippewa Lake, O., Speaker

SATURDAY, 9:30 A. M.—Panel Discussion (AA Speakers)

(a) "Physical Side of Sobriety"—James Mc., Ridgeway, Pa.

(b) "Spiritual Side of Sobriety"—Fred E., Pittsburgh, Pa.

(c) "Anonymity of AA"—William H., Wellsville, N. Y.

(d) "Importance of Attending Meetings"—Donald A., Erie, Pa.

SATURDAY, 10:30 A. M.—Panel Discussion (non-AA Speakers)

(a) "Psychiatry in Relation to Alcohol"—Dr. John Urboitis, Asst. Supt. of Warren State Hospital

(a) "Method of Co-operation with AA Mote"—Evelyn Von Pless, Buffalo, New York

(c) "Contidenc versus Complacency"—Florence Ronan, Buffalo, New York

(d) "Attitude of Non-AA Women Toward AA Women"—Helen Dinimy, Jamestown, New York

SATURDAY, 2:00 P. M.—Panel Discussion (AA Speakers)

(a) "Alcoholism as a Disease"—Florence D., Olson, New York

(b) "Advantages and Disadvantages of Hospitalization"—Mildred F., Phillipsburg, Pennsylvania

(c) "Does a Woman Have a Deeper Personality Problem?"—Jane M., Buffalo, New York

(d) "Attitude of a Non-Alcoholic Husband as a Determining Factor in Recovery"—Anne C., Niles, Ohio

(e) Discussion period

SATURDAY, 8:00 P. M.—A Typical AA Meeting

Dr. Leslie J., Olean, New York, Speaker

SUNDAY, 10:00 A. M.—The Spiritual Side of AA

"Interpretation of a Higher Power"—William B. McE., Clewland, Ohio

(b) "God As We Understand Him"—Harry W. D., Cleveland, Ohio

(c) "Freedom of the Individual in Choosing His Own Conception of a Power Greater Than Himself"—William S., Cleveland, O.

(d) Discussion Period

SUNDAY, 2:00 P. M.—Harry H., formerly of Washington, D. C., now Kane, Pennsylvania.

JACK G., Fairview, Pa., General Chairman

Reservations can still be made to "The Tri-State Assembly at Chautauqua," attention Jack G., Box 277, Fairview, Pa. Registration fee is \$1.00; bed, \$3.00 for first night, \$1.00 for second night. Grounds admission is \$2.00 (this entitles you to attend any concert, piano quartet or lecture). Meals will cost you whatever your appetite demands.

See you at Chautauqua, August 27, 28, 29.



# CLEVELAND AREA GROUP MEETINGS

## MONDAY

**ADDISON**—Westminster Church, Cor. Addison and Wade Park 8:30  
**BORTON**—E. Cleveland Congrega. Church, Page and Euclid Ave. 8:30  
**FRIENDLY SUBURBAN**—6037 Pearl 8:00  
**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, 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.**—Banater Hall Annex, W. 120th St., at 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  
**SHARER 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**—Congregational Church, 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  
**BUHRER**—1142 Buhrer Ave. 8:30  
**CHARITY**—Last Tuesday of each month—Cafeteria 9:00  
**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 9:00  
**FAIRVIEW PARK**—Fairview Grace Church, W. 224th and Lorain Ave. 8:30  
**HILLTOP**—St. Joseph's Seminary, 17608 Euclid Ave. 8:45  
**MILES-LEE**—bit Hope Lutheran Church, E. 164th, north of Miles Ave. 8:30  
**NEW HOPE**—Women—Ward's Convalescing Home, E. 71st and Cedar 8:30  
**SMITH-WILSON**—Nativity School, 9510 Aetna Rd. 8:30  
**SUPERIOR**—North Presbyterian Church, F 40th and Superior 9:00  
**TAPCO**—Post 4, 23555 Euclid, 2nd shift 1:00  
**TRADITIONS**—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, Bridge at W. 38th St. 8:30  
**LORAIN, O.**—St. Stanislaus School, 28th Street and Elyria Ave. 8:30  
**YEDINA, O.**—St. Paul's Epis. Par. Hse. 8:30  
**PAINESVILLE, O.**—Stag, 33 N. State St. 8:30  
**STRONCSVILLE**—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. HPI, 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, ride entrance 8:45  
**8801 SUPERIOR**—8801 Superior 8:30  
**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  
**TAPCO**—Post 4, 23555 Euclid, 3rd shift 9:00  
**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  
**ASXTABULA COUNTY MEN**, Conneaut, O., B. of L. E. Hall, Whitney Block, Main St. 8:30  
**BEDFORD, O.**—Y. M. C. A., Tarbell Ave. 8:30  
**ELYRIA, O.**—St. Mary's Church, Middle and Fourth 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**—Christ Episcopal Church, 3445 Warrensville Center Road 9:00  
**CRILE HOSPITAL**—Library 8:00  
**EDDY ROAD**—Glenville Congregational Church, Eddy and St. Clair 8:30  
**GLENVIEW**—10421 St. Clair Ave. 8:30  
**HAWTHORNDEN STATE HOSPITAL**, Macedonia, O., Basement of New Employees Bldg. - - - - - a :00  
**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 SID E**—7403 Denison Ave. 10:30 A.Y.  
**AMHERST**—St. Peter's Ev. & Ref. Church, Church St., North Amherst, O. 9:00  
**BEREA**—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  
**FRIDAY AFTERNOON WOMEN**—Plymouth Church, Coventry and Drexmore, Krumbine Room 1:00  
**FRIDAY NITE DISCUSSION**, Jordan Hall, Cbnrity Hospital 8:30  
**GORDON SQUARE**—St. Helena's Hall, 1367 W. 68th St. 8:30  
**LEE ROAD**—13240 Euclid Ave. 9:00  
**NORTH EAST**—St. Agatha's Church Hall, 1269 Lakeview Rd. 8:30  
**WESTSIDE YOUNG PEOPLE**, St. Luke's Hall, Bunts and Clifton 9:00  
**AVON LAKE**—Congregational Church, Lake Road, S to p 5 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

**CXARDON, O.**—Thrasher House, Water St., Chardon, O. 8:30  
**CONNWUT, O.**—B. of L. E. Hall 8:30  
**EUCLID, O.**—Holy Cross Church, E. 200th and kke Shore Blvd. 8:30  
**MENTOR, O.**—Mentor Methodist Church 8:30  
**WICKLIFFE MEN**—Lady of ML 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. 9:00  
**LIBERTY**—13240 Euclid Ave. 9:00  
**MATT TALBOT**—St. Philip Neri Church, E. 82nd and St. Clair 8:30  
**MEMPHIS**—K of P Hall, 3316 Broadview, East of Pearl Rd. 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  
**COO'S GROUP**—8005 Lorain Ave. 8:30  
**ASHTABULA, O.**—St. Peter's Epis. 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

**ALL-AMERICAN Sportsmen**—1142 Buhrer 1st Sunday each month 4:00  
**BROOKSIDE**—Blessed Sacrament Church, Storer and Fulton (downstairs) 8:30  
**C. A. C. DISCUSSION**—C. A. C. clubrooms, 7809 Euclid Avenue 10:45 A.x.  
**COLLINWOOD**—14701 St. Clair Ave. 7:30  
**DETROIT**—Mixed-6023 Detroit Ave. 8:00  
**Greater Cleve. Young People (Consolidated)**, Cathedral Hall—First Sunday each month 2:00  
**LAKEVIEW**—CYO Hall, St. Aloysius Church, E. 109th and St. Clair 8:30  
**LORAIN COUNTY CONSOLIDATED**—First Sunday of each month, Alconon Club, 345 E. Broad St., Elyria 7:30  
**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 A n 4:00  
**SABBATH**—13240 Euclid Ave. 3:00  
**STRONGVILLE**—Royal Haven Farm, Royalton Rd., 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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 EXpress 1-8998 7809 Euclid Ave.  
 Elmwood Sanitarium (M)  
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## BB OF AA

The second annual statewide conference of Big Brothers of AA, a group of AA members from most every city in Ohio, will assemble in Columbus, Ohio, Sunday, October 10, in the Virginia Hotel, 2 to 4:30 p. m.

We admit it is an early notice, but since new committee members are to be selected, this meeting deserves extra notice.

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## MEN AND NATIONS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y.-Like an arm of mankind raised in supplication rises the **narrow glass, stone** and steel structure of the United Nations along that section of the East River that once was known as Turtle Bay.

Once on this site **clustered some of the** worst slums of the East Side with **poverty** and misery their human **decor.**

The transformation, a tribute to man's genius as a builder, is not complete in the things of the mind or the spirit. All of us know that this attempt to bring the peoples of the earth together to live in peace and harmony, to command the resources of the powerful nations to abolish the novertv **and** disease of the underprivileged, has a long, long way to go.

In the magnificently decorated chambers of **the Security Council, the Social and Economic Council** and in the inspiring rotunda of the General Assembly Hall **one** is overwhelmed by **the refinement** of man's art.

But off to **the side** of the General Assembly Hall is a small room, very small. It is dimly lighted. Only a spotlight plays on a plant set upon a dais in front. The walls are **covered** with drapery and the chairs are few. Yet this modest room is more important in the **silence** that it **imposes** on the visitor than the debates that rage in the halls of the delegations from GO countries around the world. This room is the meditation room, set **aside** for delegates, secretariat and **visitors who wish to seek** the Source of Power as well as participate in and witness the manifestation of worldly power..

This quiet room has about **it much** that is akin to **the philosophy** of Alcoholics Anonymous. We who have found our **peace** of mind in AA have done so because we went to **the Source** of All Power for **help** when we admitted we were helpless ourselves. All our own efforts failed. All the efforts of the nations, questionably united, will fail as long as they rely solely on their own efforts and exclude, disdainfully, the Author of all creation.

Peace would be closer if more **delegates spent** some time in the meditation room before they took their seats in the **big hall.** Sooner or later, like the members of AA, whatever **their basic faith,** they will **realize** it.

The nations of the world **were more** in need of Twelve Steps than they were of a **35-story** architectural monument. But the symbolic **gesture** of the U.N. **tower** can receive an answer if **the simple fact** is **recognized** as members of AA have recognized it: there is no hope without the help of the Higher Power. And **the way** was shown by **the prayer** which those who established the meditation **room have** circulated:

"O God, Creator of the universe, who has given to man as a home this world of law and order, we ask forgiveness for all we have done to **create lawlessness** and disorder. Take from us, men and nations, **the selfianness** and pride that **beget** strife and stifle love. . . ."

Could there **be more** precise appeal for **the** application of the Twelve Steps? What **we** have succeeded in doing

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## TRI-STATE ASSEMBLY

The first Tri-State assembly held in Chautauqua Lake, N. Y. on August **27, 28** and **29** was an unqualified success, according to the enthusiastic comments heard from many lips. As a result, the **committee** which promoted the assembly, quickly augmented its number and plans are being **made** to double or triple the attendance next year. About 600 people attended all sessions. All **were housed** in **comfortable** private homes and hotels.

The program was **replete** with **surprises** and the talks **were** the best **we've** ever heard. Every speaker merits praise, though there **were** several who **deserve** special accolades for **their** outstanding contributions. Notable among these were **Florence** D., of **Olean, N. Y.** whose subject was "Alcoholism as a Disease". Dr. Leslie J. A., also of Olean, N. Y., who ascribed his success in his community by living the program **openly** and proudly as an admitted alcoholic, and thereby refuting the theory that a **professional** man endangered his standing in a community **when** openly **associated** with AA. He gained in stature in his community.

A Clevelander, Bill S. of **Doan Men,** was outstanding on the **Sunday morning** program. His scholarly **analysis** of **the** spiritual part of the AA program, was a highlight of the convention and caused much later favorable discussion. Bill warned his listeners of the dangers of confusing the spiritual **part** of the AA program with orthodox **religions—that** if- the trend was not checked it could undermine the structure of A. Bill. **spoke** as the **Jewish** member of **the panel** of three which included a Catholic and a Protestant. "One of the truisms that

**were** originally taught me," he said, "was that I should USC anything good that was helpful to me; and that, while AA is spiritual in both **concept** and practice, organized religion, as such, has no place in the AA program.

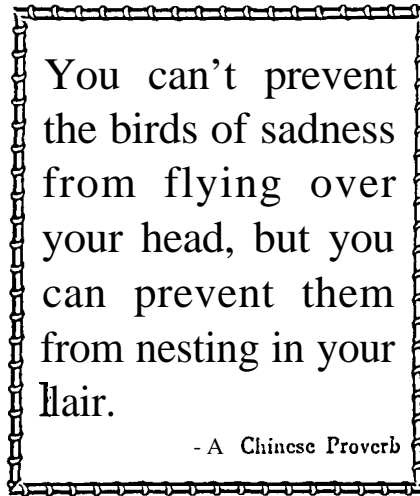
"The Big Book tells that many turned to religion and there received much strength and assistance. According to my **understanding,** the aid one obtains from religion is wonderful for HIM-but should remain his **personal,** private affair, and should not **become** part of Alcoholics Anonymous, per se.

"My personal opinion is that AA helped me more-helps all of us more-with our religion **more** than our religion **helps** AA. **Surely** religion alone was **insufficient** to sober up **people** like us, and just as surely, **Religion** alone will not **keep** us **happily sober.** Most of us **have** seen members who confused the good in religion with his need for AA.

"We know others who **were** pushed into a religion-ANY religion-soon **after** coming into AA. We have sympathized, and **later often worked** with such people. No-Religion alone is not enough-for if it were, there would **be** no need for AA.

"In my observation, those who became thoroughly grounded in AA, and then turn to their religion generally get more from both than the other way-probably because **they learn** to give more of themselves. **Frequently** these people are **able** to **make** helpful contributions to their groups **because** of their spiritual experience, and the **work-**

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in **eliminating** lawlessness and disorder from our lives, in shedding **selfishness** and pride, **others** can do, men and nations. Happy should WC be, in our humility, that the way has **been** opened to us and **the good fortune** given to pass it on to others.

## FAMOUS LAST WORDS

The guy raised up on one elbow. "Naw, I can't **see** why a man should waste all his time **goin'** to **meetings**. He's got other things to do **besides** AA."

He continued, "a course when I first come in I thought it was all right, but then I got tired **hearin'** that same old guff about how many times a guy got drunk, how many jails he was in, or how many women he had. I did all them things, so why should I listen to all that stuff? Then you get to know all **them talkin'** phonics. **Some** of these guys are like circuit riders. Everywhere you go they're leading meetings. Why don't they stay home once in a while?"

"I went to meetings regular for about four years. I figure, after that long a man ought to have all the booze out of his system, so why keep it up? I didn't drink for quite a spell after that, but, you know how it is. **Playin'** poker with the boys and **bowlin'** and fishin'-they always had a little beer on hand and I didn't want to be a wet blanket. **Besides** I drank for a long time and controlled it before I got to **drinkin'** too much. Now I had the habit broke, there wasn't any reason why I couldn't start out again like I did before--only this time I'd know enough to take it easy."

"I did **all** right too. Drank **nothin'** but **beer** for almost a **month**. Just goes to prove that **meetin's** and AA have **nothin'** to do with it. **It's** all will power. I had a little trouble, but **nothin'** serious!"

As the fellow talked, perspiration began to pop out on his forehead, his face flushed and his hands started to tremble. He **banged** on the wall and a lady appeared in the doorway.

"**Please** nurse, he said, "can't I have my shot now? I'm **feelin'** awful shaky."--Anonymous.

## MAKE 'EM WELCOME

We were discussing group procedure the **other** day and why some groups **were** successful and **others were retrogressing**. One ventured the opinion that the **successful** groups radiated good cheer and **seemed** glad they were sober and **made** the visitor welcome and acquainted. Those that **were** having difficulty in attracting **people**, reflected pessimism, **eyed** strangers with **sceming** suspicion and actually **scemed** to withdraw from **them**. No wonder they're **disintegrating**.

Be happy, **you're** lucky enough to be in AA. Reflect it! Share it!

## BILL DOTSON DIES

Bill **Dotson**, **AA's** fist "baby," died early Sunday, September 19, after a long **period** of illness brought on by a heart attack some months ago. He was buried in Akron, Ohio on **September** 21. Many from great distances attended the funeral.

Bill was an outstanding personality. His great sense of humor, his ever-willingness to serve, his fine interpretation of the **AA** program and his readiness to **share** it **won** him a host of friends throughout the country.

Facetiously referred to as the guinea-pig of Bill and Doctor Bob, he can correctly be given great honor as one of the founders of Alcoholics Anonymous.

He will forever remain in our hearts--a happy memory of a man worth knowing. God give him peace.

## FIRST TRI-STATE ASSEMBLY

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ing **together** of members of different- religious **back-**grounds **develops** a tolerance and understanding that contributes much to the **strength** of the AA program which **surely** would be lost should we have Catholic, Protestant and **Jewish** groups as such.

"As individuals we tend to be intemperatc in many habits in addition to our former drinking habits. We **have** strong spiritual bonds which hold us together. When we dilute **these** spiritual bonds with religion (organized, formal Religion), no matter how diluted at **the** start, then, I am afraid we will have reversed our direction and will have **made** a start toward group segregation according to denominational beliefs. This is diametrically opposite to AA, in my humble opinion. I dread its possibility.

"I pray that Religion, as such, becomes taboo at all AA meetings--no **matter** how innocent or helpful it might **appear** to the speaker."

Two Clevclanders, Mrs. Lucille S. (Mrs. Baseball) and Herschel H. (Tiny) were last-minute **replacements** for speakers who failed to appear. Both were well applauded for their **excellent** analysis of their subjects.

## "HE WHO ENTERS HERE LEAVES NOT HOPE BEHIND!"

This inscription which appears over the entrance to the London, Ohio Prison Farm is especially **true** of the alcoholic **prisoners** who find AA for **the** first time in penal institutions.

Many of the **nlkies** are incarcerated for doing the same things that we did, only we **were** not **apprehended**. These **men** are learning for **the** first **time** through the AA Group **behind** the walls why they can't drink. But thnt is only half **the** job, **because** if they do not continue to practice AA on the outside upon their **release**, they generally slip even as many others have.

Most of us would never have attended our first meeting if **some** AA had not **taken** us, and these men surely **deserve** the same **chance** that WC had. To fill this need a group of **AA's** throughout the state **have** formed the Big Brothers of AA. The only requirement to become a BB of AA is to agree to contact the **member** of an institutional group upon his return and take him to an AA **meeting**.

**Since** there are only about 20 parolees released throughout Ohio each **month**, a BB **need** only serve on **rare occasions**.

A **meeting** of BB of AA will be held on Sunday, October 10th in **the** Virginia **Hotel** in Columbus at 2 p. m. and all **AA's** are invited to attend.

Our founder, Bill, says, "**we** receive God's love just in proportion as we **have** love for others and as we try to give that love **away**."

If you are looking for something beyond sobriety and have glimpsed it **and** it has **dimmed**; if you would feel the thrill of happiness that comes from helping another to make a new start in life, then attend this meeting and you'll be happy to become a BB of AA.

## STELLA MARIS HOME

The new, beautiful Stella **Maris** Home for rehabilitating alcoholics, with a **capacity** of 80 beds, was formally opened with impressive **ceremonies** on Sunday **afternoon**, September 26.

A **beautiful yellow** brick building was built on the site of **the** old frame **house** which was adapted to serve a **long-**felt **need** to offer a friendly haven for homeless and **friendless** alcoholics by a **small** group of forward-thinking **AA's** and the Rev. Fr. Otis Winchester about six and a half **years** ago.

We hail this great evidence of brotherly **love** and **under-**standing. Particular accolades should go to such **AA stal-**warts as Harry **R.**, Matt C., Bob S., Frank E., Father Winchester and many others who gave much time and money for this **project**.

**GROUP NEWS**

Allendale—Speakers for October will be: 1—Edith A.; 14—Herman B.; 21—Joe G.; 28—Annual Hallowe'en Party.

Angle—Speakers for October will be an impressive panel of oldtimers: 1—Warren C., Sr., Lakewood Satnitc; 14—Jack D., Borton; 21—Jim B., Lec Road Wednesday; 28—Harry H., Rocky River.

Brooklyn—Speakers for October will be: G-Ralph B., Brooklyn (his 4th anniversary); 13—Hugh G., Angle; 20—Mary L., Brooklyn (her 8th anniversary); 27—Joe K., Brooklyn (his 4th anniversary).

Conncaut—The group holds its tenth anniversary on Sunday, **November 17** at 3 p. m. in their regular meeting place, the B. of L. E., Whitney Block, second floor on Main St. **The speaker will be announced in the next issue.**

Glenville—Speakers for October will be: 2—Pat T.; 9—Wilfred S., Cedar; 16—Harry R., Eddy Road; 23—Emil Z., Collinwood; 30—Bob O., Alcola.

Liberty—The group was saddened by the passing of **one** of its newer but well liked members, Clayton **Bebout**. After a year of happy AA, he spent nine months in **the** hospital, during which he maintained a high spiritual frame of mind, thanks to **AA**, and he remained grateful until his death on Sept. 4.

Lorain County Young People—The younger **AA**s in Lorain County held their first meeting on September 4 in St. Mary's School, 7th and Reid, **Lorain**, Ohio and will meet there every Saturday at **8:30** p. m. Everyone, young or old will be made welcome.

Maple Heights—After a month of highly successful and well attended meetings, this group met its first **setback**—they were asked to move! They found a beautiful and more accessible spot in Lutheran Church of the Covenant, 19000 Libby Rd., corner Maple Heights Blvd. **where** they held **their** first meeting in the new location on September 18. Their average attendance has **been** over 36.

Memphis—Speakers for October will be: 2—Bill R., Memphis, at **the** group's 3rd anniversary; 9—**The Holman** Twins, Outhwaite; 16—Pete G., Parma; 23—Al A., Brooklyn; 30—Joe H., St. James.

Trinity—Speakers for October will be: 2—Bill D., Trinity; 9—**Fircmen** Panel with Skid S. as moderator; 16—Scotty R., Norwood; 23—Russ and Kitty M., Clark; 30—Annual Hnllow'een Dance.

W. 25th—Speakers for October will be: 4—Tom C., Cathedral; 11—Steve L., Memphis; 1&Woody McG., Parma; 25—George W., no group.

AA Sportsmen—Bill B. of Buhrcr spent three days fishing in **Tennessee** and never got a nibble. This spot (Dale Hollow Lake) was touted **by** Cleveland newspapers as one of the best ten in the nation. . . **Free** archery **instruc-** tions by Alvin P. of **Arcade** at **the** Sportsmen's **meeting** or by calling him at TU. 4-1323. . . Color movies of our gang at East Harbor were shown **by** Vic W. of West Side Young People. . . Winners of the September 12th Shoot **were:** Small Bore Rifle—Bob C., Mon. Lee; Trap Shoot Alvin P., Arcade; Junior Trap **Shoot**—**Bobby V.** . . . Bill K. **Superior**, is our most improved trapshooter.

**CONSOLIDATED MEETING**

Sunday, **October 17**, 4 p. m.

Moose Hall, E. 22nd at Carnegie

**The** Fall Consolidated meeting will be addressed by **Walter B. McK.** of Akron. He is an outstanding speaker as well as an outstanding AA. Plenty of free **parking** is provided for immediately south of **the auditorium**, which should be packed for this speaker.

**CENTRAL COMMITTEE**

After discussing the possibilities of sponsoring a radio script series similar to **one** which was successfully sponsored by the Detroit groups some years ago, it was **de-** cided that WC should not attempt this program because it was felt that AA did more effective work by attraction than **by** "scilling."

Hospital Committee meetings resume on the third Tues- days of each month at 8 p. m.

AA nursing homes **were** to be asked to discontinue the practice of advertising that they were AA approved. It was pointed out that this approval is granted on a month- ly basis only. If a hospital or nursing home fails to live up to **the** standards mutually agreed upon, they forfeit **the** right to be listed in **the** Bulletin and the Hospital **Committee** representatives reports it to the group. Only by cooperating can we demand the best treatment for our patients.

**GIGGLES**

During a pause in a long, tiring speech, one guest said to another: What follows this speaker?

Second guest: Wednesday.

Howard: What becomes of all those love triangles?

Bruce: Most of them turn into wreck-tangles?

Policeman: Have you any explanation for wandering about at this time of the night?

Reveller: Loolc here, if I had an explanation I'd have gone home to **the** wife hours ago!

She: If we **get** married will you give up smoking?

He: Yes.

She: And drinking, too?

He: Yes.

She: And will you stop going to your club in the eve- ning?

He: Yes.

She: And what else arc you thinking of giving up, darling?

He: The idea of getting married.

Reporter: Now that you are wealthy, are you ever bothered **by** **the** friends you had when you were poor?

Man of Wealth: I never had any friends when I was poor.

Diner: **Look** here, waiter! This is supposed to be **oys-** ter stew, and I haven't found a single oyster yet!

Waiter: Sir, if you had Irish **stew**, would you expect to find an Irishman in it?



# CLEVELAND AREA GROUP MEETINGS

## MONDAY

ADDISON—Westminster Church.  
Cor. Addison and Waue Park..... 8:30  
BORTON—E. Cleveland Congrega. Church.  
Page and Euclid Ave..... 8:30  
FRIENDLY SUBURBAN—6037 Pearl..... 8:00  
HILLCREST—Lyndhurst Community Church  
5300 Mayfield Rd..... 9:00  
LAKE SHORE—St. Luke's Parish,  
Clifton and Bunts Rd..... a:30  
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..... a:30  
LORAIN AVE.—Banater Hall Annex,  
W. 120th St., at 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,  
2044 W. 26th St..... 8:00  
SHAKER HEIGHTS—Christ Episcopal  
Church, 3445 Warrensville Rd..... 9:00  
SOUTH EAST—7526 Broadway..... 8:30  
UNION—East View Cong. Church,  
Kinsman at E. 156th St..... 9:00  
W-EST 25th ST.—Marvel Hall,  
2858 W. 25th St..... a:JO  
WOMEN'S—Westside—West Boulevard  
Christian Church, Madison and W. 101..... 8:45  
ELYRIA MEN—St. Agnes Church,  
Lake Road 11 Bath St., Elyria, O..... 8:30  
SHELBY—Congregational Baptist Church,  
Jackson and Jefferson, Painesville..... 8:30  
VERMILLION—Congregational Church..... 8:30  
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  
BUHRER—1142 Buhrer Ave..... 8:30  
CHARITY—Last Tuesday of each month—  
Cafeteria..... 9:00  
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. a. Meeting at 8:30  
EUCLID-WADE—Calvary Presbyterian  
Church, E. 79th and Euclid Ave..... 9:00  
FAIRMOUNT—St. Paul's Episcopal,  
Fairmount and Coventry..... : 0 0  
FAIRVIEW PARK—Fairview Grace  
Church, W. 224th and Lorain Ave..... 8:30  
HILLTOP—St. Joseph's Seminary,  
17608 Euclid Ave..... 8:45  
MILES-LEE—Mt. Hope Lutheran Church,  
E. 164th, north of Miles Ave..... 8:30  
NEW HOPE—Women—Ward's Convalesc-  
ing Home, E. 71st and Cedar..... 8:30  
SMITH-WILSON—Nativity School,  
9310 Aetna Rd..... 8:30  
SUPERIOR—North Presbyterian Church,  
F. 40th and Superior..... 9:00  
TAPCO—Post 4, 23555 Euclid, 2nd shift..... 1:00  
TRADITIONS—Community Church of  
Brooklyn, a720 Memphis Ave..... 9:00  
WEST PARK—Wut Park, Baptist Church,  
W. 152nd and Lorain..... 8:30  
WEST SIDE MEN'S—St. Patrick's Hall,  
Bridge at W. 38th 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  
AL&AMERICAN Sportsmen, 1142 Buhrer,  
3rd Wednesday each month..... 8:00  
BAXTER AVE.—6527 Baxter Ave..... 8:30  
BROOKLYN-K. of P. Hall,  
3316 Broadway, East of Pearl Rd.—a:JO  
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. 103th St.,  
2nd door, side entrance..... 8:45  
8301 SUPERIOR—8301 Superior..... 8:30  
GARFIELD II EIGHTS—A unity Baptist,  
E. 94th and Garfield Blvd..... 8:30  
LAKEWOOD WOMEN—United Presby.  
Church, 12601 Detroit Ave..... 8:30  
L E E 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—100 North St., Chardon, O..... 9:00  
TAPCO—Post 4, 23555 Euclid, 1st shift..... 8:30  
TAPCO—Post 4, 23555 Euclid, 3rd shift..... 9:00  
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  
ASHTABULA COUNTY MEN, Conneaut, O.,  
B. of LE. Hall, Whitney Block, Main St..... 8:30  
BEDFORD, O.—Y.M.C.A., Tarbell Ave..... 8:30  
ELYRIA, O.—St. Mary's Church,  
Middle and Fourth..... a:30

## THURSDAY

ALAN-1820 East 79th St..... 1:10  
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—Christ Episcopal Church,  
3445 Warrensville Center Road..... 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  
HAWTHORNDEN STATE HOSPITAL  
Macedonia, O., Basement of New  
Employees Bldg..... 8:00  
LORAIN AVE.—West Park Baptist  
Church, 15218 Lorain Ave..... -1:10  
OUTHWAITE—Woodlind Center,  
7100 Kinsman Ave..... a:30  
ROCKY RIVER—Rockport Methodist  
Church, 3310 Wooster Rd..... a: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—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 Sunnyside..... 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-Solvitios Army, 5005 Euclid..... 8:15  
FRIDAY AFTERNOON WOMEN—My-  
mouth Church, Coventry and Drexmore,  
Krumbine Room..... 1:00  
FRIDAY NITE DISCUSSION  
Jordan Hall, Charity Hospital..... 8:30  
CORDON SQUARE—St. Helena's Hall,  
1367 W. 65th St..... 8:30  
LEE ROAD-13240 Euclid Ave..... 9:00  
NORTH EAST—St. Agatha's Church Hall,  
1267 Lakeview Rd..... 9:00  
WESTSIDE YOUNG PEOPLE—  
St. Luke's Hall, Bunts and Clifton..... 9:00  
AVON LAKE—Congregational Church,  
Lake Road, St. o p 53 1/2..... 8:30  
BEREA—Social room of Berea Chg.,  
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.—u. 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 Aft. 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. Yth and Superior..... 8:30  
GLENVILLE—10421 St. Clair Ave..... 9:00  
LAKEWOOD—Sat. Nite—Keulemer Hall,  
Andrews, near Detroit..... 8:30  
LEAGUE PARK—St. Agnes School Hall,  
East 79th and Euclid Ave..... 9:00  
LIBERTY—13240 Euclid Ave..... 9:00  
MAPLE HEIGHTS—Luth. Church of Covenant  
19000 Libby Rd., cor. Maple Hts. Blvd..... 8:30  
MATT TALBOT—St. Philip Neri Church,  
E. 82nd and St. Clair..... 8:30  
MEMPHIS—K o f P Hall,  
3316 Broadway, East of Pearl Rd..... 9:00  
PARMA—Public Library, 5450 Ridge Rd..... 8:30  
RED WOOD—Euclid Lutheran Church,  
E. 260th and Oriole..... 8:30  
SHILOH—Bethel A. A. E. Church,  
15021 Shiloh Road..... a: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

ALL-AMERICAN Sportsmen..... 1142 Buhrer  
1st Sunday each month..... 4:00  
BROOKSIDE—Blessed Sacrament Church,  
Storer and Fulton (downstairs)..... 8:30  
C. A. C. DISCUSSION—C. A. C. clubrooms,  
7809 Euclid Avenue..... 10:45 A.M.  
COLLIN WOOD-14709 St. Clair Ave..... 7:30  
DETROIT—Mixed—8023 Detroit Ave..... 8:00  
Greater Cleve. Young People (Consolidated)  
Cathedral Hall—First Sunday each month..... 2:00  
LAKEVIEW—CYO Hall, St. Aloysius  
Church, E. 109th and St. Clair..... 8:30  
LORAIN COUNTY CO INSOLIDATED—  
First Sunday of each month, Alconon  
Club, 345 E. Broad St., Elyria..... 7:30  
MARY MOUNT—2nd Sum. 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  
SABHATHI—13240 Euclid Ave..... 3:00  
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

Alcoholics Abstinence Nursing Home (MW)  
M. Elrose 1-1635..... 8023 Detroit Ave  
Alcoholic Annex—Oakwood Sanitarium (M)  
AT. 1-0346..... 8909 Detroit Ave.  
Charity Hospital (MFW)  
Main 1 - 9 4 0 0 - Central at E. 22nd St  
Cleveland Alcoholic Clinic (MW)  
Express 1 - 8 9 9 8 - 809 Euclid Ave.  
Elmwood Sanitarium (M)  
Kenmore 1-2299..... 17322 Euclid Ave.  
Euclid Rest Haven (MW) Ulster 1.6296  
and Mulberry 1-9584, 13240 Euclid Ave.  
Farquharson's (M) Tuxedo 5-1882, 6037 Pearl  
Pathway (Tyler 1-6698) (MW) 1635 E. 93rd  
(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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Friendly Guy: "I passed your house lost Sunday."  
Unfriendly Guy: "Thanks."

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Heard at an AA meeting recently:  
"Give me change for a dime, will ya?"  
"Here you are. I hope you enjoy the meeting."

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## GIVING THANKS

Legend tells us that the first Thanksgiving was celebrated by the Pilgrims out of their gratitude for having reached the New World safely and having survived the first, hard winter.

In the decades that have followed Thanksgiving has become a national holiday principally to rejoice over the material benefits that Providence has bestowed on the country. True, there is a spiritual element underlying the observance but it has too often and to too great a degree been obscured by the material aspect.

It is fitting that members of Alcoholics Anonymous keep alive and reemphasize the spiritual side. Is there not a strong similarity between our experience and that of the first New England settlers?

All of us have had a long, rough voyage through life. Time after time we came so close to shipwreck that to think back upon these occasions causes us to shudder. It was miraculous that we survived. Yet, at last, we were brought to the safe shore.

That first winter of our sobriety, that is to say, the first few months or the first year, was a trying period. Having determined to cut all connections with the past, with our Old World, we found the going difficult in what was a strange land. Habit patterns are not easily broken and the tendency to return to them is often strong in the early days.

We found our lot a difficult pioneering proposition. All this was new to us. We were often discouraged. But we had chosen to build our future on a strange and distant shore. And what could be more distant and strange to the alcoholic than an ordered life of sobriety?

As time went on we found that the shore was not so strange. We persevered and made a new home, a new career, for ourselves. We opened up new experiences. The difficulties became less and less and the advantages more and more apparent.

This status we achieved, like the Pilgrims, by putting our trust in a Higher Power and 'clinging to the faith that that Power would see us through.

It is fitting that the nation should give thanks and collectively express its gratitude once a year. But members of Alcoholics Anonymous should give thanks every day of the year. They need not wait for a stated occasion on which to put themselves in a grateful frame of mind. That happy attitude is part and parcel of their new life. It is automatic. It is essential, for should any of us forget to be grateful to the Source of our sobriety we are in danger of losing it.

Certainly, none of us who has found a new life, needs any official proclamation or any reminder that we should be thankful for what has become our happy lot. No promptings or urgings are called for. We just are happy. Therefore, while the new life may become somewhat routine, we must think back on what life would have been like had we continued to languish in our Old World of drinking. Then thanks spontaneously rise in our hearts.

## IN A RUT

Many of our local AA citizens who make it an excellent practice to visit hospitals and nursing homes regularly have become alarmed at the rash of old-timers clad in pajamas-old timers who worked zealously in their groups and in intergroup activities. They scratched their heads as they sought the reason for this epidemic.

All of them had excuses which to them were reasons. What could the visitors say to them, except to offer encouragement, while inside of themselves they felt a shock of disappointment and disillusionment? "Carry on," they counselled, "you just had a relapse! That's human nature! Come back to your group, and show them a more humble and wiser person than they had ever seen before! You'll be richer in experience and of greater help than you ever were before!"

But not all visitors were kind. The pajama-clad patients couldn't forget the shocked looks and the brush-offs and the open sneers of some of the unthinking and uncharitable. In the eyes and looks of these, the "relapsers" believed they saw most of the AAs in groups in which they'd seek refuge and understanding when discharged. Unless they're made of finer stuff and forget their foolish pride, they'll never find the answer and will either walk around with a chip on their shoulder, daring anyone to knock it off, or they'll crawl into retirement, shunning meetings and avoiding people who might help them and who would in turn be benefitted by the association.

In almost all cases they had lost zest and interest. Most had skipped meetings. Several resented being shunted aside by newcomers who seldom sought advice from them-in fact completely ignored them! Several had been on the speaking circuit in earlier days and lately hadn't been asked to speak. They felt out of it.

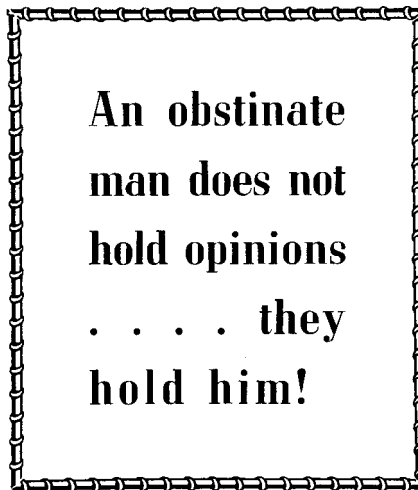
We quizzed one of them frankly on this latter "reason," asking him if he had ever changed his talk which consisted almost entirely of qualifying as an alcoholic-a colorful and shocking story but, in our recollection, containing little, if any, information on how he stayed sober. He admitted that he never changed his lead-that people seemed to be entertained by it.

That brings up a point. What do people want to hear at meetings? To seek added "handles" to grasp when the going is rough or to be shocked and entertained? Do they want to hear how low the speaker has sunk so they can nudge their spouses to compare the minor depths of their own "depravity" with that of the speaker?

Alcoholics Anonymous grew out of the Oxford movement, which emphasized "qualifying" to attract the timorous soul seeking an understanding person.

We personally believe qualifying is necessary but that it could and should be de-emphasized by most of our speakers. Everybody knows how to get drunk, but certainly AA meetings are for the purpose of showing a newcomer how to get and stay sober.

Let's us all take an inventory.



## GET BACK ON THE TRACK

The other day I watched a game of Canadian football. Seems like they've changed everything except the mentality of the spectator. The field's bigger. They have more men on the team. The scoring's different and they have different rules for tackling, carrying the ball and what not. I thought to myself "That's a hell of a game. Why don't they play football or quit."

Then I picked up our esteemed Bulletin and there was an announcement of the scheduled meeting of the B. B.'s of A. A. in Columbus. Again muttering to myself I says "Well I guess the canucks ain't the only ones that're nuts."

Seriously, why do we need to embellish AA? Why must we create special classes or castes? What's wrong with just plain AA? If a prisoner is in AA then he is an AA and every other AA is, in fact, his big brother willing to counsel him and advise him to the best of his ability. He doesn't need any special title to enable him to do this nor does the prisoner need any special brand of AA to guide his erring steps.

I am heartily in favor of the aims and purposes of B. B. Let's leave it there. Other agencies have done it-notably Stella Maris and The Salvation Army in Cleveland. The alcoholic entering either of these institutions is handled according to AA practices. He is indoctrinated with AA principles but there it stops. These places are not labelled Stella Maris of AA nor Salvation Army of AA and AA bears no responsibility for the results or lack of results.

Those who have sponsored the B. B. movement are deserving of much credit. They have worked hard. Let them continue but let them continue not as an adjunct of AA but as a separate and independent organization which may or may not co-operate with AA as it chooses. Then each can go its own way serving its own ends in its own fashion and neither will be responsible for the other. Unless we do this we may wind up looking as though some one had been playing games with the alphabet soup as Al Smith once remarked of another bevy of do-gooders.

I think the danger of this is far greater than we imagine. Look at some of our fraternal-organizations. They started with a few degrees. Then some ambitious Joe wanted to be different so he added a degree and got a few of his friends in. This happened so many times that some of these organizations seem to have more degrees than they have members and about the only effect they have is to confuse the new man.

Recently we have noted several of the erudite who wanted to tamper with AA. Some of the elder statesmen, as it were, who now say attendance at meetings isn't necessary; that the twenty-four hour plan is the bunk or who are trying to edge us into some religious denomination. They advocate everything from hypnotism to table rapping and the laying on of hands as a substitute for AA. Let's not add any fuel to the flame by setting up auxiliaries. All we need to do is read and try to practice the Twelve Steps, the Twelve Traditions and the Four Absolutes and we will have enough to keep us busy. Doctor Bob in his last public appearance said: "Don't louse it up. Keep it simple." I'm for that one hundred per cent.

Wherever we have deviated from the principles and traditions of AA we have gotten burned. For example, The Central Bulletin for some time has published a list of "Cooperating AA Hospitals." So what happens? One of these enterprising institutions advertises in the telephone directory, "AA Approved." This should teach us that we have no more business publishing a listing of hospitals and nursing homes than we have in plugging Dr. Blister's bunion pads. We cannot lend our name to anything which is not strictly AA.

If we will just read the steps and the traditions before we go off half cocked we can always find the answers and we won't be like the man who jumped on his horse and took off in all directions.

-Anonymous.

## NEW VOLUME STARTED

We have completed twelve years of continuous monthly publication. One hundred and forty-four issues each requiring about three thousand words aimed to uplift, inspire and inform AAs locally and throughout the nation.

It's quite a responsibility and we are conscious of it each time we prepare an issue. We must mix with people, discuss varied subjects, listen attentively to all speakers, good and bad to get ideas to project to our readers. Unquestionably our views are slanted to the "Cleveland type" AA. Pardonably so, because the Cleveland area harbors so many members who have many, many years of continuous sobriety who continue to attend meetings, as well as responding to calls for help, just as any neophyte.

We want to go on record that this pride in "Cleveland type" of AA should in no way condemn or criticize the way other areas conduct their meetings. Our way works best for us here, and if theirs works better in other areas, the end result is the same-a happy, successful, good-working group seeking, by attraction, to help those who need help.

So, thanks to you many subscribers who have supported us these past years. We sincerely hope you'll continue to support us and help us maintain OUR sobriety to which this responsibility certainly can be credited.

Twenty-five volumes containing the past two years issues will be available sometime in November. They will also be neatly bound as in the past two years intervals and will cost \$2.50 per copy. We have some of each of the other years still in stock-except Volume's I and II.

## GRATITUDE

It was told to us this way, maybe it's true, maybe it ain't-but here it is: A fine, outstanding member was being severely criticized by one of his "babies." Someone butted in to remind him of all the things his sponsor had done for him-he had literally dragged him out of the gutter-he had paid for his hospitalization-he had taken him into his home until he was stable enough to work—he'd gotten him a job and loaned him money until he got his pay check-he'd found a nice room with a nice family for him-he finally patched up his home difficulties and got him back with his family again! How could he dare be so abusive?

"Yeah! He did do all those things for me," admitted the speaker," but, what has he done for me lately?"

## SUCKERS

Not a pleasant term, neither is the word alcoholic. But anyone who repeatedly tries to drink normally and repeatedly lands behind the eight ball is both. Perhaps this is the origin of the phrase "drinks like a fish"-not the gamey bass, rainbow trout or the like from clean, cold water, but more like the lowly carp or sucker variety.

We of AA who finally realized the status of things and accepted the fact of our condition, immediately ceased to be in the sucker category for this thing called booze. Barnum was probably right, doubtless there is one born every minute, but no one need remain in this classification. Let's have a look at ourselves.

We wouldn't buy an interest in the Eads Bridge from a stranger-a gold brick scheme, would make us smile. No indeed, we aren't hicks-we weren't born yesterday, we were born the day before.

Not one of us would knowingly take a quiet snooze in a tough saloon after flashing a good sized roll, or getting change from a barkeep for a twenty. We might be rolled. In many ways, we were "wise guys"-some even hard boiled-aquite wary of bunco games, fake oil stock and what not. We have the Better-Business Bureau conveniently near-but it won't function for our welfare and prevent us falling for the siren blandishments of liquor.

-Brighter Side, Waterloo, Zowa.

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**GROUP NEWS**

Alcola-Speakers for November are: 3-Marge K., Eastside Women; 10—Bob O., Alcola (his first anniversary); 17—Ray K., Lakewood 24 Hour; 24—Bob W., Alcola.

Borton-Observes its fifteenth anniversary on November 15 at 8:30 p. m. with Elizabeth B. of Borton as the speaker. An interesting program has been planned for the great occasion. Other November speakers are: 1—Jack D., Borton; 8—Clarence W.; 22—Dale T.; 29—Vern and Dudley H. of Toledo.

Brooklyn-Speakers for November are: 3—Franklyn S., 10—Warren C., Sr., Lakewood Satnite; 17—Jack D., Borton; 24—Harry W., Lake Shore. All speakers are veterans.

Buhrer-Speakers for November are: 2—Gee S., Monday Lee; O—Whitney C., Allendale; 16—Regina R., Lakewood Women; 23—Al J., Matt Talbot; 30—Art F., Addison.

Conneaut-The tenth anniversary of the Conneaut group will be held on Sunday, November 7 at 3 p. m. (Central Bulletin erroneously published the date as ten days later. Please excuse-Ed.) The speaker will be John J. of Weirton, W. Va. B of LE Hall, Whitney Block, second floor, Main St., above Syndicate Dress Shop.

Glenville-Thursdays night meetings have been discontinued. Saturday meeting speakers for November are: 6—Art D., Northeast; 13—Jimmie T., Eastside Morning; 20—Marie C., Geneva; 27—Perry B., Eastside Morning.

Hillcrest-After five weeks of non-operation due to difficulty in finding a new meeting place, the group finally located in St. Margaret Mary's School, Room 101 at Blue-stone and Belvoir Blvd., So. Euclid. They will meet on Tuesday nights at 9 sharp.

Hilltop-Speakers for November are: 2—Edith A., Col-linwood; 9—Bob S., Gordon Square; 16—Dorothy B.; 23—Mickey McG., Westside Y. P.; 30—Elliott and Eleanor K., Doan Men and Eastside Women, respectively.

Memphis-Speakers for November are: 6—Question and answer panel by Brooklyn Women; 13—Arlene F., Painesville; 20—Third anniversary of group. Art G., Trinity; 27—Frank K., Union.

Orchard Grove-Observes its fifteenth anniversary on Monday, November 8 with Judge James K. of Jackson, O. as speaker. His story is a thrilling one. All Cleveland AAs are invited.

Sportsmen-Meet on Sunday, Nov. 7 at 4 p. m. and Wednesday, Nov. 17 at 8:30 p. m. . . . Banqueted at first anniversary at Chin's Restaurant with Lou Gale of Plain Dealer as speaker, who showed a thrilling motion picture of hunting. Good happy and congenial crowd.

Superior-Observes its eighth anniversary on Saturday, Nov. 30. Everyone is invited. North Presbyterian Church, E. 40th and Superior.

Trinity-over one hundred attended the hilarious Firemen's Panel meeting in October. Speakers for November are: 6—Frank W., Northeast; 13—Charlotte S., Shaker; 20—Pete G., Parma; 27—Scotty C., Parma.

W. 25th-Speakers for November are: 1—Calvin S., Cuthwaite; 8—Jean C., Glenville; 15—Wilson T., Free lance; 22—Bill D., Trinity; 29—Edwin G., Brooklyn.

**BOWLERS WANTED**

A new league of mixed-couple AA bowlers is being formed to bowl at Bowl-Mor, 15330 Detroit Ave. There are openings for the Sunday afternoon (3:30 p. m.) league. Interested AAs can either register at the alleys or can call BO 2-7343 for assignment.

The Eastside AA league, bowling on Friday evenings at 9:30 at the Savoy Alleys, East 103rd and St. Clair also need added bowlers of both sexes. This league is not a mixed league. The women bowl on six alleys along side the AA men. AA women or wives of AAs will be made welcome.

**CONSOLIDATED MEETING**

A good sized crowd braved the elements on Sunday, October 17, to hear Walter B. McK. of Akron in a most interesting revelation and interpretation of the AA program with very little qualifying he launched into what kept him sober and the crowd was truly inspired.

A half hour before the meeting, the manager of Moose Hall had to be roused from an afternoon nap to open the hall to the crowd milling around on the side-walk, alternately watching the black clouds and the closed doors. When they were finally opened, the room had to be cleared of half empty highball glasses, beer bottles and other debris left from a party held the night before. Twenty loyal men cleared the decks, swept the joint, placed chairs and the meeting began-only five minutes late.

**BIG BROTHERS**

An overflow crowd attended the second annual Conference of the BB of AA in the Virginia Hotel, Columbus on October 10th.

Two more districts were added and Ohio is now serviced by eleven area service committeemen. They are according to areas as follows: 1—Pete G., Cleveland; 2—Al F., Toledo; 3—Dan K., Akron; 4—Percy W., E. Liverpool; 5—Fred R., Wooster; 6—Ray S., Coshocton; 7—George B., Columbus; 8—Allen R., Xenia; 9—Ed B., Mt. Healthy; 10—James H., Portsmouth; 11—Leonard H., Marietta. Able Henry R. of Columbus was unanimously re-elected Clearing House Clerk.

A panel of speakers made the meeting a most interesting one and procedures of rehabilitation were profitably discussed.

**LET'S APPLY THIS**

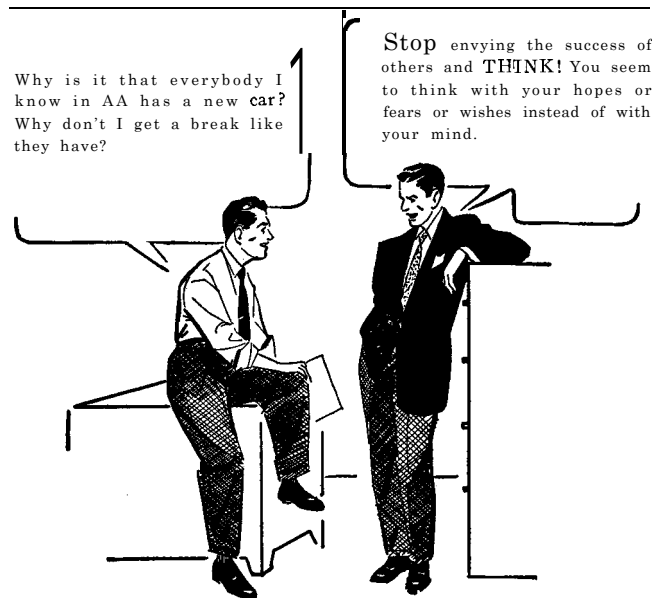
If we noticed little pleasures as we notice little pains, If we quite forgot our losses, and remembered all our gains. . . . If we looked for people's virtues, and their faults refused to see, . . . What a comfortable, happy cheerful place this world' would be. *-Anonymous.*

**GIGGLES**

An alcoholic doesn't always know where he's going; only that he isn't there. \* \* \*

The sorrow of yesterday is as nothing, that of today is bearable, but that of tomorrow is gigantic because indistinct. \* \* \*

There is only one way to happiness and that is to cease worrying about things which are beyond the power of our will.



CLEVELAND AREA GROUP MEETINGS

MONDAY

ADDISON-Westminster Church.  
Cor. Addison and Wade Park... 8:30  
BORTON-E. Cleveland Congrega. Church  
Page and Euclid Ave. .... 8:30  
FRIENDLY SUBURBAN-6037 Pearl... 8:00  
LAKE SHORE-St. Luke's Parish,  
Clifton and Bunts Rd. .... 8:30  
LAKEWOOD (Orchard Grave).  
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.—Banater Hall Annex,  
W. 120th St., at 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, 3445 Warrensville Rd. .... 9:00  
SOUTH EAST-7526 Broadway... 8:30  
UNION—East View Cong. Church.  
Kinsman at E. 156th St. -e---Y 0:0  
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-Congregational Church ..... 8:30  
St. Mary's Church, Exchange St. .... 8:30  
WILLOUGHBY-Presbyterian Church.  
Wiloughby, O. .... 8:30

TUESDAY

ARCADE-Typon-Anghical Union Hall,  
1559 East 17th (near Payne Ave.)... 9:00  
HUHRER-1142 Buhner Ave. .... 8:30  
CHARITY-Last Tuesday of each month—  
Cafeteria ..... 9:00  
CLARK-19 17 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  
CAIRMOUNT-St. Paul's Episcopal,  
Fairmount and Coventry ..... 9:00  
FAIRVIEW PARK—Fairview Grace  
Church, W. 224th and Lorain Ave. 8:30  
HILLCREST-St. Margaret Mary School,  
Room 101, Bluestone & Belvoir, S. Euclid. 9:00  
HILLTOP-St. Joseph's Seminary.  
17608 Euclid Ave. .... 8:45  
MILES-LEE-Mt. Hope Lutheran Church,  
E. 164th, north of Miles Ave. .... 8:30  
NEW HOPE-Women-Ward's Convalesc-  
inn Home, E. 71st and Cedar ..... 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  
TRADITIONS—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,  
Bridge at W. 38th 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. I-Illuminating Co.  
Room 335-Rear Building ..... 8:30  
COLLINWOOD-14709 St. Clair Ave. .... 8:30

DEKISON MEN—7403 Denison Ave.,  
(first Wednesday, joint meeting) 8:30  
DOAN MEN'S—2028 E. 105th St.,  
2nd floor, side entrance ..... 8:45  
8801 SUPERIOR-8801 Superior ..... 8:30  
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. Vitur 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  
TAPCO-Post 4, 23555 Euclid, 3rd shift. 9:00  
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  
ASHTABULA COUNTY MEN, Conneaut, O.,  
B. of L. E. Hall, Whitney Block, Main St. 8:30  
BEDFORD, O.—Y.M.C.A., Tarbell Ave. 8:30  
ELYRIA, O.—St. Mary's Church,  
Middle and Fourth ..... 8:30

THURSDAY

ALAN-1820 East 7th St. .... 8:30  
ALLENDALE—St. Paul's Episcopal  
Church, 15337 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-Christ Episcopal Church,  
3445 Warrensville Center Road ..... 9:00  
CRILEHOSPITAL—Library ..... 8:00  
EDDY ROAD—Glenville Congregational  
Church, Eddy and St. Clair. .... 8:30  
HAWTHORNDEN STATE HOSPITAL  
Macedonia, O., Basement of New  
Employees Bldg. .... 8:00  
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-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  
FRIDAY AFTERNOON WOMEN-Ply-  
mouth Church, Coventry and Drexmore,  
Krumbine Room ..... 1:00  
FRIDAY NITE DISCUSSION  
Jordan Hall, Charity Hospital ..... 8:30  
GORDON SQUARE-St. Helena's Hall,  
1367 W. 65th St. .... 8:30  
LEE ROAD-13240 Euclid Ave. .... 9:00  
NORTH EAST-St. Agatha's Church Hall,  
1269 Lakeview Rd. .... 8:30  
WESTSIDE YOUNG PEOPLE  
St. Luke's Hall, Bunts and Clifton. .... 9:00  
AVON LAKE&Congregational Church,  
Lake Road. Stop 551/2. .... 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  
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,  
Andrew, near Detroit ..... 8:30  
LEAGUE PARK-St. Agnes School Hall,  
East 79th and Euclid Ave. .... 9:00  
LIBERTY-13240 Euclid Ave. .... 9:00  
MAPLE HEIGHTS-Luth. Church of Covenant  
19000 Libby Rd., cor. Maple Hts. Blvd. 8:30  
MATT TALBOT—St. Philip Neri Church,  
E. 82nd and St. Clair ..... 8:30  
MEMPHIS—K. of P Hall  
3316 Broadview, East of Pearl Rd. .... 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.-St. Peter's Episc. Church,  
Main Avenue at South Park ..... 8:30  
ELYRIA, O.-St. Andrew's Episcopal  
Church, Middle and Third ..... 8:30  
SOLON, O.-St. Rita's Church basement. 9:00

SUNDAY

ALL-AMERICAN Sportsmen.....1142 Buhrer  
1st Sunday each month .....4:00  
BROOKSIDE—Blessed Sacrament Church,  
Storer and Fulton (downstairs) ..... 8:30  
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  
Greater Cleve. Young People (Consolidated)  
Cathedral Hall—First Sunday each month. 2:00  
LAKEVIEW—CYO Hall, St. Aloysius  
Church, E. 109th and St. Clair ..... 8:30  
LORAIN COUNTY CONSOLIDATED—  
First Sunday of each month. Alconon  
Club, 345 E. Broad St., Elyria. .... 7:30  
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  
SABBATH—13240 Euclid Ave. .... 3:00  
GTRONGVILLE-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

Alcoholics Abstinence Nursing Home (MW)  
MEIrose 1-1635 ..... 8023 Detroit Ave  
Alcoholic Annex—Oakwood Sanitarium (M)  
AT. 1-0346 ..... 8 9 0 9 Detroit Ave  
Charity Hospital (MW)  
Main 1-9400 Central at E. 22nd St  
Cleveland Alcoholic Clinic (M W)  
EXpress 1-8998 ..... 7809 Euclid Ave.  
Elmwood Sanitarium (M)  
KENmore 1-2299 ..... 17328 Euclid Ave.  
Euclid Rest Haven (MW) ULster 1-6296  
and Mulberry 1-9584, 13240 Euclid Ave.  
Farquharson's (M) TUXedo 5-1882...6037 Pearl  
Pathway (Tyler 1-6698) (MW) ..... 1635 E. 93rd  
(M) me" only. (W) women only.  
(MW) men and women.

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

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A failure establishes only this, that our determination to succeed was not strong enough.

One must blend the urge for the new and the untried, with the wisdom and achievement of the ages.

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## THE FESTIVE SEASON

The **approach** of another festive season should remind us of the difference between true and false values.

By the festive season we mean that time of year from Thanksgiving to New Years that once was a period **giving** us license to do a little more drinking than usual. We floated through it on a tide of brown October ale to Tom & Jerries to champagne with the turn of the calendar.

It was our notion in those days-how many ages away they seem-that we were sticks-in-the-mud at best or kill-joys at the worst if we did not **outdrink** everyone we knew. We thought we were real clever. But in fact we just made abominable nuisances of ourselves. We had become the bane of every host and hostess and if we got invited at all, after a few years of demonstrating our alcoholic inabilities, it was because of our wife or husband.

But during this season we made public pests of ourselves, too. Work was neglected a little bit more than usual. We justified this in our own soggy minds with the conclusion that it was the holiday season and the boss, who was a Mother Grundy to begin with, had no appreciation of the spirit of the times. If he fired us-and he often did-what of it? Occasionally that sobered us up enough to get another job.

This routine is pretty familiar and **pretty** dismal to all of us. We recall it **only** to paint a picture of sharp contrast.

What we thought was festive was tragic. In a world of our own illusions we could not, and did not want to see reality. When we thought of sobering up, when we **considered** those who abstained, we had the shudders. And the only way we could sustain this false vision was to take another drink. Those other people, the sober ones, were not enjoying life. We were, we thought.

This whole realm of false virtues is put in it proper perspective now that we have attained sobriety. We know today that a world built on alcohol is unreal. It is deceitful. It breeds wrong impressions and lures its denizens into a whirlpool of fantasy from which the escape is too often degradation and death.

Those of us who have escaped with the help of a Higher Power now know a joy that before was beyond our imaginations. We no longer need alcohol to implant a false sense of gaiety. What we thought was joy, really was courting tragedy. What we thought was dullness beyond bearing turned out to be a recognition of the facts of life. And in facing those facts and making our adjustments to them we have come up with a festive spirit that is based on the solid foundations of life, not the shifting sands.

There is another aspect to sobriety we should not forget. We now can enjoy the holidays for what they were meant to be: occasions of thanksgiving and rejoicing. But, more than that, we can enjoy life the whole year through. We need no false props, no artificial stimulants

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## NOT QUALIFIED?

We happened to be within earshot as we heard an **unhappy** member complain to another that there were too many "almost alcoholics" in the fellowship today. He recalled the early days when a candidate had been stripped of everything-home, job, family, health, honor, pride and hope-before he was ready for the program.

We didn't hear the comment of the listener, nor did we hear any further elaboration of the gripe. But it did set us to thinking- enough to warrant expressing our thoughts down on paper.

Should qualification for membership in AA require every applicant to lose everything worthwhile before he or she came in? Or should those, who, by a miracle of God were reestablished into decent society, gratefully offer their experience to prevent someone to head for certain destruction — if he asked for it?

We have heard disparaging remarks aimed at "panty-waists," who in their leads have indicated that their consumption of alcoholic beverages was in teaspoonful proportion to the average member. Even though the speaker admitted that his other faults were outrageously anti-social and were greater than his drinking problem, he revealed that his disregard for the rights of others increased when he had a "couple of drinks."

We believe that the majority of AA members will agree that their personality defects were greatly responsible for their degeneration into alcoholic qualification. Their alcoholic escape rapidly became a major problem when they found a convenient and seemingly acceptable alibi for their outrageous behavior.

We believe there is room for all types of problem drinkers in AA. We believe our founders were wise in **drafting** Step I- "We admitted we were powerless over alcohol -that our lives had become unmanageable."

It definitely does not limit membership to the "total alcoholic." Who can honestly define what a total alcoholic is? Shall we take the opinion of a doctor, a psychiatrist, a welfare worker, a priest or minister, a wife or a Policeman for positive judgment?

No, we believe AA has accomplished miracles and will continue to accomplish them as long as we continue our willingness to share our wonderful gift. The only judge as to whether a person qualifies for membership in AA is that person himself.

If he or she is "sick and tired of being sick and tired" and comes to believe that AA can restore the dignity of man, that should be sufficient.

It isn't how much **you** drink or what you drink that qualifies you. It is what the drinks do **TO** you that counts. It may be only a single glass of any beverage that causes a person to do the foolish things only an alcoholic can do.

If a candidate comes to accept this fact and makes an honest sincere effort to follow the Daily Plan offered by AA, he can become a valued member of the fellowship and the community.

There's a lot of work for all types!

## THE FESTIVE SEASON

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and none of that companionship which was not worth the hours it consumed. The world takes on its true shape. We can face its problems without the thought of running away from them by a method we knew down in our hearts held no answer. We found the right answers when we turned our problems over to a Higher Power. Today we are truly in a festive, mood.

### TIMELY WARNING

During the next month, shops, stores and offices will hold Christmas parties where bottles will be opened and everybody will be invited to drink. Some member, carried off by the spirit of the party will be sorely tempted to take a drink-to save face.

One way to avoid temptation is to skip the party. This, we believe, is a mistake unless the member is weak-willed or new in the program.

We believe (we speak from experience) that an alcoholic, knowing himself, can strengthen himself as well as his position with his friends by attending and quietly and firmly refusing any drink offered him, stating, if pressed that he's powerless over alcohol and accordingly CAN'T drink. If pressed still further, a sure stopper to further offers, is the frank admission, "I'm an AA"!

If you're an alcoholic, steel yourself by remembering what a mess you made of yourself and your affairs when you drank. Don't listen to the people who tell you, "one drink won't hurt you" or "come one, be sociable." These are famous last words.

Enjoy the holidays as they should be enjoyed. Think of your family, yourself and your God. Then rise above the momentary temptation to be "one of the crowd." Yield, you'll soon be "out of the crowd."

One drink will prime the pump. For when you "cheat just a little bit," it's the beginning of moral decay.

Don't gamble! Talk to those who tried it, to their sorrow.

### IN THOUGHT AND IN DEED

Now that we have finally decided to quit running away, let's determine to face life-and the facts of life-from here on. That never again will we take what seems to be the easier way out-for along this path we all know could lie the first drink. Let's promise ourselves 'here and now' that henceforth, in all truth, our conscience shall be our guide. Well may we reason-our peace of mind-our self respect-our very all-hangs in the balance. We alcoholics in the past have looked at life with materialistic eyes only from the 'what is there in it for me' angle. And some of the corners we have cut-some of the things we have done in this pursuit--wouldn't show to advantage in the light of day. Everyone of us has to make a living-but most of us have now begun to realize that some of the profits of a number of our ventures have been in the form of doubtful, dubious dividends-a little bit on the tinted side-of the kind that our conscience told us wasn't just right. We alcoholics must now strive to live so that whatever we do, leaves us with an untroubled mind. Thus we must realize early that some forms of material gain could well prove to be a loss spiritually. And so, as we face up to life and life's proposals—before we embark on, or accept any undertaking, let's look them square in the eye and recognize them for what they really are. Let's make sure it is right first. If it isn't right, we needn't go any further. If there is any question about it, we must leave it alone. Hidden somewhere within it-nearby-or perhaps at a little distance-could be that first drink. If we adopt this principle in all our dealings, we play safe-happily safe-if it isn't right-we leave it alone 'in thought and in deed'.

### CEDAR GROUP ANNIVERSARY

The Cedar group, sponsored by the Salvation Army, observed its tenth anniversary on Saturday, November 13 with an elaborate banquet at 6:30 in the spacious Men's Social Center, 5015 Euclid Ave. The meeting was in charge of Stanley G., who will observe his tenth anniversary-of uninterrupted sobriety in February.

This group has accomplished miracles in the Cleveland area. May they continue to shine.

## HOW MUCH DOES AA MEAN TO YOU?

We attended the fifteenth anniversary meeting of the Orchard Grove group, the first west-side group in the Cleveland area, on Monday, November 8. On Monday, November 15, the Borton group will observe its fifteenth anniversary. Its organization preceded Orchard Grove's by several days.

The contribution both groups made to Cleveland and the entire country cannot be measured. From coast to coast we hear that groups were started by someone who received his indoctrination from one of these groups or a group which grew out of them.

Cleveland has approximately 104 groups in its environs. These groups were formed by members of the original groups who felt they could advance the cause of AA better by bringing the meeting place nearer to their prospects and for holding the meeting on a more convenient night.

We still marvel at the stories told by the early members of AA who found traveling to Akron every week a hardship, for many had to hitch hike the 85 miles they had to travel to learn more about the new way of life.

They wanted AA so badly they very rarely missed these meetings. And they brought along new applicants. The Cleveland contingent grew to such numbers they decided to form a chapter in Cleveland. One of their number offered his home as a rendezvous — Abbie G. (still active).

They had no AA literature except Bill and Doc's "Daily Plan" and the Bible, chapters of which they read and discussed and applied. It was in these meetings as well as those in Akron that the Twelve Steps and the book Alcoholics Anonymous were conceived and adopted.

We, who were attracted by the examples of these early, hardy pioneers, now profit by the many hours of prayerful application and study which these pioneers gave-so they could stay sober and help others with a similar problem.

Before Borton and Orchard Grove, the assembled groups did not title themselves as AA groups. These groups, we believe were the first to definitely identify themselves as such.

How important is AA to you? If there were no group in Cleveland, would YOU travel thirty-five miles up and back to find an answer to YOUR drinking problem EVERY WEEK?

Attend every meeting. Attend joyously and gratefully. Thank God for the opportunity. It's right at your door!

### WON'T YOU MENTION ME?

Forgiveness may, perchance, be earned for friends within my sphere. I soon forget the oft-times debts of those I hold so dear. Resentment for a fancied wrong pays less as time goes by and why should I despise a man although he might belie the Golden Rule or social laws? Why I have done the same! So I forgive, if that's the word. If not, you give it name.

But what about the wrong I've done to me, my only aide? Who lives and breathes my every hour, knows every plan mislaid? This one to whom I owe the most, the one I can't escape. What happens when my own respect is twisted out of shape through mean abuse from one I've done the most for, did more to? If I could just forgive my sins and give the credit due, I know that every yesterday would vanish from my view. Tomorrow's fears would disappear before more glad todays.

Won't someone help to bear this load, and lend a word in prayer? That in this world in which we live I might find less despair? That in my waking solitude when I may not forgive my own disgrace won't someone face this fear so I may live in brighter hope? Faith! I'm alone within a shell of grief. Please lend a helping hand just now and help me find relief.

Each night I pray I might awake and know that I will find a heart's compassion, mine, you know. To soul's content, Peace, come and steal resentment from my heart and scrape away the scum.

Tell me my fate. Is it not soon to be a brighter thing? Will I not find a stronger faith to which my soul may cling? Faced forward to a heart's release, in prayer, you may agree to spend an hour with God alone—Oh, Won't You Mention Me?

—Jus' Pat, Recovery, Jackson, Mich.

## GROUP NEWS

Alcola-Speakers for December are: 1-Ann M., Lake-wood Women; 8-Whitey C. Allendale; 15-RUSS K., Sandusky, O.; 22-Jim J., Sandusky, O.; 29-Monte W., Akron, O.

Brooklyn-Speakers for December are: 1-Wilson B. and Ed M. of Lee-Friday in a joint lead; 8-Tom V., Free lance; 15-Al S., Brooklyn (his 8th anniversary); 22-Brown L., Trinity; 29-Harry D., Edgelake. The group will also sponsor a Christmas Party on Friday, December 10 at 8 p. m. in Trinity E. & R. Church, 3525 W. 25th St., to which members and their families are invited. Adults are to bring a 50 cent gift and children one valued at 25 cents.

Glenville-Speakers for December are: 4-Carlos N., Geneva, O.; 11-Jay D. Cedar; 18-Ray E., Eastlake; 25-Merry Christmas-no meeting.

Lake Shore-Holds its annual New Year's Eve dinner-dance in St. Luke's Parish Hall, Clifton and Bunts Road, Lakewood, on Friday, December 31. Reservations must be made for this three dollar affair. Call Academy 1-5158.

Ryan's-Speakers for December are: 5-Tom W., Valley View; 12-Mary McI., Clark; 19-Dick B., Tradition; 26-Kelley E., Alcola.

Trinity-Observes its eighth anniversary on Dec. 4 with Dick S. of Coventry as speaker. Other December speakers are: 11-Irwin F., Sr., Fair-view; 18-Fred D., Lake Shore; 25-Merry Christmas-no meeting; New Year's Day, Harry W., Lake Shore.

Rosary Hall, Charity Hospital will celebrate its second anniversary on Sunday, December 5 at 2:30 p. m. Speakers will be Jack D., Judge Jim C. and Elizabeth B., Nurses' Auditorium, East 24th and Charity.

## BOWLERS IMPROVE

A noticeable improvement in scores indicate that the AA bowlers have been practicing. A good fight is in progress in the 7:30 West Side Friday league with six teams in spirited contention-Ryan's, Gunn Painters, Brooklyn Y. P., Roamers, Lorain Yanks and Valley View in that order. Lorain Yanks lead in High Three with 2654 and in High Single with 974.

In the 9:30 shift (also Friday) the Wolverines are in first place with 32 games won and only 6 lost. Hot behind them are the R. J. Heating's team with 31 and 9. Oddly the last place team, the Wagner's are tops in High Three with 2563 and in Single Game with 924. They've won only 9 and have lost 7.

Both leagues have a few openings for bowlers. According to Bob W., league secretary, the only requirements are two hands, two legs, at least one good eye and a promise of regular attendance.

## DEATH STRIKES FAMILY TWICE

Just six days after her husband, Paul Hamlin, died suddenly and unexpectedly of a heart attack on November 3, Margaret, his newly bereaved wife also passed away unexpectedly as a result of a cerebral hemorrhage.

Paul and Margaret had been loyal and active members of the Trinity group for over six years. Paul, an unusually quiet, though friendly man, was treasurer of the group and Margaret was always to be found helping in the kitchen.

Just two months ago they had built a new home in a neighboring suburb and were just getting settled when the call came to face their Maker. Both, evidently, were ready.

To their bereaved family of two daughters, Helen and Patricia, we express our sincere condolences. They were fine people and will be sorely missed.

## SPONSORSHIP

Be a good sponsor. To be one you must know your subject. You must be an enthusiastic teacher and a good example. If the teacher doesn't love teaching, the pupil often hates learning. Before you feel yourself qualified as a teacher, make sure you have qualified as a student.

## CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Publication of the list of co-operating hospitals and nursing homes in the treatment of alcoholism in Central Bulletin was under discussion at the November meeting of Central Committee after it was discovered that one such approved hospitalizing agency had included this approval in its telephone book advertising.

AA, it was argued, cannot endorse any hospital, according to its fifth and sixth traditions. Accordingly, the Bulletin was ordered to omit the listing from its columns.

The Hospital Committee will still seek to have its co-operative principles effected and it will make available (through the District Office-CH 1-7387) any information which the Hospital Committee makes available.

Naturally the District Office will offer no recommendations. It will make available only the location and the telephone number of those hospitals and nursing homes which the Hospital Committee finds co-operating and maintaining its simple and proper standards of patient treatment.

The Hospital Committee does not attempt to dictate methods of treatment. It simply demands that any patient be treated honestly and effectively and be given every opportunity to absorb the AA program.

## GOOD PHILOSOPHY

Count your garden by its flowers-never by the leaves that fall; count your days by golden hours-don't remember clouds at all! Count your nights by stars — not shadows; count your days by joys-not tears. And above all, please remember-count your age by friends-not years.

## NEW NURSING HOME OPENS

The Sandusky area alcoholics are being treated in a new sixteen-bed nursing home, the Clay Street Clinic, 1922 Clay St., Sandusky, O.

It has the medical profession co-operating and employs three registered nurses. James J., a member of the Tuesday Sandusky group is the proprietor.

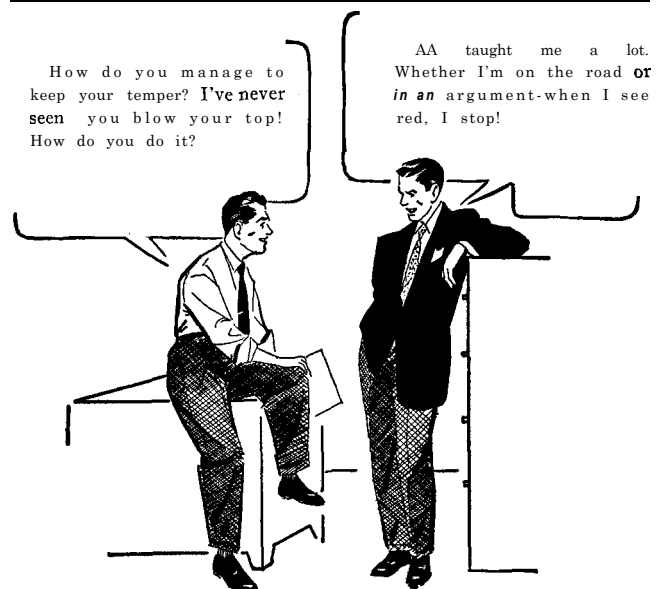
AA meetings are held at the Clinic every Sunday at 10:30 a. m.

## AA DISTRICT OFFICE

At the recent quarterly meeting of the AA District Office which was well attended the following report was given: 557 calls for help were assigned to 91 groups. Of these 337 were receptive; 164 not ready; 45 no contact possible and 11 no alcoholic problem.

Contributions from individuals and groups totaled \$8,374.60. The office has a balance of only \$330.12. Contributions to maintain the office are urgently sought.

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CLEVELAND AREA GROUP MEETINGS

MONDAY

ADDISON-Westminster Church, Cor. Addison and Wade Park 8:30
BORTON-E. Cleveland Congrega. Church, Page and Euclid Ave. 8:30
FRIENDLY SUBURBAN-6037 Pearl 8:00
LAKE SHORE-St. Luke's Parish, Clifton and Bunts Rd 8:00
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, Neia and Euclid 8:30
LORAIN AVE.-Banater Hall Annex, W. 120th St., at Lorain Ave. 8:30
MARINE HOSPITAL-E. 124 & Fairhill 7:30
MILES-St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 9721 Komona Boulevard 8:30
PEAKL-Corpus Christi Basement, 4404 Stuckney (E. of Pearl Rd.) 8:30
ROWDY RO W-Salvation Army Corms Hall, 4044 E. 40th St. 8:00
SHANER HEIGHTS-Christ Episcopal Church, 3445 Warrensville Rd. 9:00
SOL IN EAST-7520 Broadway 8:30
UNION-East View Cong. Church, Kinsman at L. 130th St. 9:00
WEST 20th St.-Marvel Hall, 2808 W. 20th St. 8:30
WOMEN'S-W estside-West Boulevard Christian Church, Madison and W. 101 8:45
ELYRIA MEN'S-St. Agnes Church, Lake Road at Bath St., Elyria, O 8:30
SHELBY-Congregational Baptist Church, Jackson and Jenterson, Painesville 8:30
VERMILLION-Congregational Church, St. Mary's Church, Exchange St. 8:30
WILLOUGHBY-Presbyterian Church, W iloughby, O. 8:30

TUESDAY

ARCADE-Typographical Union Hall, 1559 East 17th (near Payne Ave.) 9:00
BUHRER-1142 Buhrer Ave. 8:30
CHARITY-Last Tuesday of each month-Cafeteria 9:00
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 9:00
FAIRVIEW PARK-Fairview Grace Church, W. 224th and Lorain Ave. 8:30
HILLCREST-St. Margaret Mary School, Room 101, Bluestone & Belvoir, S. Euclid 9:00
HILLTOP-St. Joseph's Seminary, 17608 Euclid Ave. 8:45
MILES-LEE-Mt. Hope Lutheran Church, E. 164th, north of Miles Ave. 8:30
NEW HOPE-Women-Ward's Convalescing Home, E. 71st and Cedar 8:30
SMITH-WILSON-Nativity School, 9510 Aetna Road 8:30
SUPERIOR-North Presbyterian Church, E 40th and Superior 9:00
TAPCO-Post 4, 23555 Euclid, 2nd shift-1:00
TRADITIONS-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, Bridge at W. 38th 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 Broadway, East of Pearl Rd. 8:30
C. E. L-Illuminating Co., Room 335-Rear Building 8:30
COLLINSWOOD-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
8801 SUPERIOR-8801 Superior 8:30
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 8:30
TAPCO-Post 4, 23555 Euclid, 3rd shift 9:00
TWENTY-FOUR HULK-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
ASHTABULA COUNTY MEN, Conneaut, O., B. of L.E. Hall, Whitney Block, Main St. 8:30
BEDFORD, O.-Y.M.C.A., Tarbell Ave. 8:30
ELYRIA, O.-St. Mary's Church, Middle and Fourth 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-Christ Episcopal Church, 3445 Warrensville Center Road 9:00
CRILE HOSPITAL-Library 8:00
EDDY ROAD-Glenville Congregational Church, Eddy and St. Clair 8:30
HAWTHORNDEN STATE HOSPITAL Macedonia, O., Basement of New Employees Bldg. 8:00
LORAIN AVE.-West Park Baptist Church, 15218 Lorain Ave. 8:30
OUTHWAITE-Woodland Center, 7100 Kinsman An 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-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
PAINESVILLR, 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
FRIDAY AFTERNOON WOMEN-Ply. mouth Church, Coventry and Drexmore, Krumbine Room 1:00
FRIDAY NITE DISCUSSION Jordan Hall, Charity Hospital 8:30
GORDON SQUARE-St. Helena's Hall, 1367 W. 65th St. 8:30
LEE ROAD-13240 Euclid Ave. 9:00

NORTH EAST-St. Agatha's Church Hall, 1269 Lakeview Rd.
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 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, Ghle at Broadway 8:30
CATHEDRAL-(Stag) St. John's Cathedral, E. 9th and Superior 8:30
OLENVILLE-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 9:00
LI RERTY-13240 Euclid Ave 9:00
MAPLE HEIGHTS-Luth. Church of Covenant 19000 Lily Rd., cor. Maple Hts. Blvd. 8:30
MATT TALBOT-St. Philip Neri Church, E. 82nd and St. Clair 8:30
MEMPHIS-K of P Hall 3316 Broadway, East of Pearl Rd. 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 CROUP-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
SOLOH, O.-St. Rita's Church basement 9:00

SUNDAY

ALLAMERICAN Sportsmen 1142 Buhrer 1st Sunday each month 4:00
BROOKSIDE-Blessed Sacrament Church, Storer and Fulton (downstairs) 8:30
C. A. C. DISCUSSION-C. A. C. clubrooms, 7809 Euclid Avenue 10:45 A.M.
COLLINSWOOD-14709 St. Clair Ave. 7:30
DETROIT-Mixed-8023 Detroit Ave. 8:00
Greater Clev. Young People (Consolidated) Cathedral Hall-First Sunday each month 2:00
LAKEVIEW-CYO Hall, St. Aloysius Church, E. 109th and St. Clair 8:30
LORAIN COUNTY CONSOLIDATED-First Sunday of each month, Alconon Club, 345 E. Broad St., Elyria 7:30
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.Y.
OUTHWAITE-7100 Kinsman Ave. 4:00
SABBATH-13240 Euclid Ave. 3:00
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 S. Eagle 7:30

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CENTRAL COMMITTEE-Hanna Building, Room 370 8:30
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It's probably even later than the fellow who say it's later than you think, thinks it is!

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## SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

It occurs to us at this season that the philosophy of Alcoholics Anonymous is closer to the spirit of Christmas than a great number of other institutions whose members pay tribute to it-one day a year.

The kernel of Christmas is contained in one line sung by the heavenly host when it appeared with the angel to the shepherds guarding their flocks by night in the field between Jerusalem and Bethlehem.

"On earth peace, and good will to men," the host sang.

Never for a moment, the whole year through, can a member of Alcoholics Anonymous forget this idea, whatever words he uses to express it. What is more important: he expresses it in deeds more often than in words.

How could any of us sober up another alcoholic were our whole being not motivated by good will? You can never convince anyone of the merits of the program, or induce them to accept it, if you bear them resentment or disgust. It is this ability to put ourselves in the active alcoholic's place, recognize his weaknesses and shortcomings as our own, which is the very essence of good will.

On earth, peace? Like so much else of consequence in our lives peace must first be acquired by the individual before it can lay its beneficent hand on larger areas.

A man torn by inner hostilities, mad at the world, resentful of those around him, cannot know peace. And who—let us be very honest—harbors these negative qualities more than the active alcoholic?

Who among us would now trade the peace of mind and spirit that we enjoy for the mental and spiritual turmoil of our drinking years? To ask the question is to answer it.

And if with our good will toward men we can bring some measure of the peace we enjoy to others we have gone far to make alive what we are pleased to call the spirit of Christmas.

This spirit has nothing to do with religions or denominations. It is open to all men. There were no qualifications, restrictions or reservations placed upon the phrase by the heavenly host.

And where these words first were uttered, in sight of the ancient walls of Jerusalem, we have an example of this universalism of the Christmas thought. For here center three great religions: the Jewish, the Christian and the Moslem, to name them in the chronological order of their founding.

It is not so much, we suspect, the specific association of that city with each religion that makes it such an attraction, as it is this central idea of peace and good will of which we speak. And we, too, of AA should be twice attracted for we have found a way, limited though it may be, to give life and substance to that spirit in our daily living.

## STOPPED GROWING?

We were describing the remarkable growth of the AA fellowship at a meeting of people interested in public welfare who were alarmed at the evident increase in alcoholism in the Cleveland area, and who were seeking a way to curb it.

We gave them a brief history of the origin of AA, its slow acceptance in the first five years and how it mushroomed so remarkably into a fellowship of 150,000 (estimated) members in the past fifteen years.

We explained how AA functioned . . . that we didn't seek the alcoholic that only by the person seeking it himself could he be helped—that punitive methods treating him as a criminal were ineffective—that sym-

pathetic understanding by a person who'd gone through the same experience was, in our opinion, the most effective approach, and AA had proved it with its record of achievement.

A friend of AA, a welfare official, who had invited us to speak brought up a question we could not answer. In his official position he had dealt with alcoholics for thirty years and had been amazed at the recovery of some of his problem children of past years. Through them he became a better social worker—not only with alcoholics, but people with other problems.

He had heard us on several other occasions in the past three years, so he asked whether AA had reached its saturation point, since, according to what we'd just stated, our membership had reached a number of 150,000 and that that was the number we claimed for AA in 1951, when we ad-

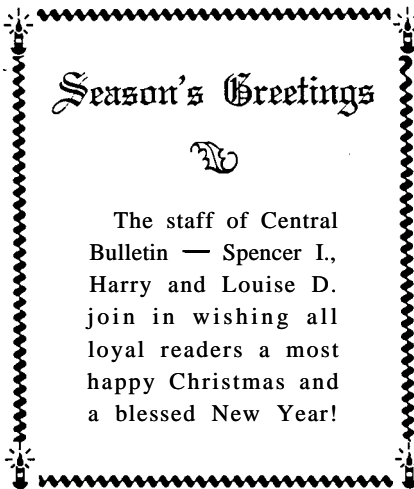
ressed a similar group.

He continued his remarks with the observation that had we continued our natural progression of growth we should number close to 200,000. What had happened? Were our members active? Were they making themselves available? Had the novelty of living a sane, sober life worn itself into a placid existence?

We were so amazed we could not answer. We took our own inventory. During the past year we personally sponsored at least ten men. They're still active. What about those we sponsored last year and the years before? We see them at meetings. Some have moved to other parts, some affiliated with other neighborhood groups.

What do we mean by active? Attending meetings, yes, is important, but have they "had a spiritual experience and carried this message on to other alcoholics"? Have you? Are we still grateful to our Heavenly Father for giving us this precious gift of knowledge without which we'd be either dead or miserable, skulking, shiftless, irresponsible specimens of humanity's worst?

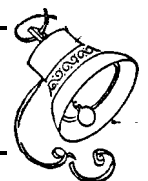
The new year is at hand. It's the proverbial time to make resolutions. It also is the time to take inventory. Have you taken one recently?



The staff of Central Bulletin — Spencer I., Harry and Louise D. join in wishing all loyal readers a most happy Christmas and a blessed New Year!



# Season's Greetings



### ERSATZ AA

We've heard secretaries admonish speakers to hold their talks down to a half-hour or less . . . "their members complained when a speaker took longer than that!"

Is this the reason for the decline in attendance at meetings and the seeming stop in progressive growth referred to in the editorial on the first page?

During the war years we were forced to eat "Ersatz" foods--such as sausages filled with little meat and much cereal or maybe sawdust for bulk . . . substitutes for the real thing!

Other activities are offered to attract the members to meetings. Lots of social events, entertainment, distractions to hold and bring them to meetings.

If the desire to learn more about staying sober is not the compelling reason for holding a member's interest, we'd better start worrying.

Diluting AA and giving it in small doses minimizes the chances of any prospect and the group's eventual effectiveness.

### POST MORTEM

**STEERING WHEEL:** He gripped me as a floundering man grips a life raft . . . we hit . . . I went into his stomach.

**THE STREET:** I was icy . . . he should have known.

**THE VIADUCT:** He wasn't the first to hit me, nor will he be the last.

**THE HEADLIGHTS:** I showed him the cement supports. I don't think he could see.

**THE ACCELERATOR:** He kept pushing me down.

**THE BRAKES:** I tried . . . it was too icy . . . no traction.

**THE POLICEMAN:** Dead drunk . . . bottle in the glove compartment.

**HIS WIFE:** He drank, but deep down he was a good man.

**THE DOCTOR:** Fractured skull . . . two broken ribs . . . D.O.A.

**THE BOTTLE:** He took too much from me.

**HIS BROTHER:** I could see it coming. You can't drink and drive.

**HIS CHILDREN:** It's Christmas eve . . . where's Daddy ?

**HIS GUARDIAN ANGEL:** There was always the spark of Goodness, but never the flame of Charity.

**DEATH:** He was easy prey . . . I took him quick.

**LIFE:** He could have had me, but he took the drink instead.

**GOD:** I gave him life, and he disregarded its responsibilities; I gave him an intellect, and he didn't use it; I gave him a free will, and he abused it; I gave him a place in heaven, and he covered it with cobwebs; my Son died for him . . . and he forgot.

**THE CRUCIFIX ON HIS CASKET:** I was a symbol. . . hidden by his own lust.

**HIS TOMBSTONE:** John Doe-1915-1954.

**JOHN DOE:** It's hot down here.

### ASHTABULA CELEBRATES

The Ashtabula group observed its thirteenth anniversary at a dinner in Hotel Ashtabula with Jack D. of Borton as the speaker. Attending were AAs from Geneva, No. Kingsville, Conneaut and from several towns in Pennsylvania.

### A LESSON IN ACCEPTANCE

A tornado, striking with awesome force, practically wiped out a small-town. A newspaper reporter covering the tragedy came upon a desolate family which was searching among the ruins of what had been their home for some salvageable possessions. Spotting a human interest story he interviewed the head of the family.

He learned that they had just bought the house a year before and still owed a considerable sum. "But you had insurance on it, of course," the reporter said. "That should help a great deal, shouldn't it?"

"Nope!" the man replied, "we just couldn't afford insurance. We're completely wiped out!"

The reporter had difficulty in finding words to comfort him. The man thanked him and started back to see what he could salvage in the debris.

"D'ye know," he paused to remark, "if anybody but the Lord did this thing to me, I'd 'a' been mighty peeved about it!"

### THE LITTLE LIGHT

A Christmas tree ablaze with light;  
Each little bulb was shining bright.  
Said one small light: "No one will care!"  
And so it ceased its shining there.  
Some other lights then did the same.  
Over the three a dimness came!  
And all because one little light  
Had dimmed itself way out of sight . . .  
Because it thought: "No one will care  
If I contribute not my share  
Of shining light . . . I am so small  
I am not seen, nor missed at all!"  
The world is like this Christmas tree.  
The little lights are you and me.  
Each has a little space to fill  
By showing God our own good will.

### PIECE OF MIND

In this age of specialization progress is made through mental sharing. A problem is like a jig-saw puzzle. My piece of mind by itself provides only part of the picture. Three, four, ten or more men may possess pieces of mind that will contribute to solving the problem. The task of AA is to take the pieces of mind of the alcoholic and fit them together to create the complete picture. A picture of sober and normal men and women.

AA needs mental team work. Someone has said that when we don't care who gets the credit, miracles can be accomplished. When men team up their ideas and work together their thinking power is multiplied to a remarkable degree. The pieces of minds of many men create a composite Master Mind.

The most brilliant mind, although it may have much to give, is inadequate and incomplete by itself. The most humble mind may often make a notable contribution, but alone its scope is limited. When we forge our pieces of mind together, like the links of a chain, we give power to each other and we attain a united mental strength with which we can achieve almost anything.

We have thousands of living examples that it can be done! We know that living the AA way of life, we too can attain not only sobriety, but that wonderful feeling of being at peace with our fellowmen; and the inner self cannot be denied, because we have Faith.

When we have helped another human being out of the abyss of despair we begin to feel the effects of our efforts. Faith without works is dead.

A good AA has cleaned up on the outside as well as on the inside. He neither looks up to the member with the big bank account or down on the guy who hasn't a dime; he can lose without squealing, win without bragging, is considerate of women, children, old people and slippees; who is too brave to lie, too generous to cheat, too sensible to loaf; who is concerned with his own sobriety and that of others who sincerely want help. -The Brighter Side

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## GROUP NEWS

Brooklyn-Speakers for January include: 5—Orrie K., Brooklyn (his 6th anniversary); 12—Freda D., Coventry; 19—Freda L., Brooklyn (her 9th anniversary); 26—Mary J. and Norris M. of Brooklyn, a mother and daughter lead observing the former's 3rd and the latter's 5th anniversary.

Buhrer-The first anniversary of the Buhrer group will be held Tuesday, January 11 with Lu and Chuck S. of Lee Rd.-Friday as speakers. Most of the members of this group are active in the AA Sportsmen's activity.

Other speakers for January include: 4—Chas. S., Brooklyn; 18—Bob C., Brooklyn; 25—Ralph B., Brooklyn.

Detroit Mixed-Speakers for January are: S-George De L., Clark; 9—Jack S., West Side Y. P.; 16—Leonard F., Clark; 23—Norm T.; 30—Harry R., Stella Maris.

Coventry-The group has returned, to its first quarters which they vacated during extensive renovation of the church. They again meet on Thursdays, 8:30 p. m. at Fairmount Presbyterian Church, Scarborough and Fairmount Blvd.

Glenville-Speakers for January are: 1—Milton M., Sabbath; 8—Stewart M., Lakeview; 15—Irene W., Alcola; 22—Joe V., Ansel Road; 29—Ethel F., Sabbath.

Memphis-Speakers for January are: 8—Anson W., Memphis (6th anniversary); 15—Alvin P., Memphis (6th anniversary); 22—Jim Y., Memphis (1st anniversary); 29—Scotty McA., Pearl.

Orchard Grove-Speakers for January are: 3—Wally L., Lakewood Satnite; 10—Tom T., Lorain Thursday; 17—Warren C., Sr., Lakewood Satnite; 24—Tom D., Lorain Monday. Each of these speakers were among the first members of Orchard Grove.

Pearl-The group now meets in the new Corpus Christi Church Basement Hall, 4850 Pearl Road Mondays at 8:30 p. m.

Traditions-The first anniversary of the Traditions group will be observed on Tuesday, January 4 in the regular meeting place, Community Church of Brooklyn, 8720 Memphis Ave., near Rodoan Road. The panel of fowl speakers include Mrs. Arlene C. of Orchard Grove, Mrs. Irene W. of Alcola, Eddie B. of Lorain Monday and Herschel H. of Parma. Harry D. of Edgelake will be Moderator. Everyone is invited and will be made welcome.

Trinity-Speakers for January are: 1—Harry W., Lake Shore; 8—Louise C., Collinwood; 15—Regina R., Lakewood Women; 22—Edward C., Collinwood; 29—Tony W., Elyria.

West 25th—Speakers for January are: 3—Bill D., Trinity; 10—Everett W., Trinity; 17—Mary L. Brooklyn; 25—Bob E., Clark.

## CENTRAL COMMITTEE ELECTS

Dr. Frank V. of the Independence group was named Moderator and Jack M. of Parma, Vice Moderator at the December Central Committee meeting. Crawford W. was reelected secretary-treasurer.

## CONSOLIDATED MEETING

Sunday, January 16, 1955, 4 p. m.  
Moose Hall, E. 22nd St. at Carnegie

Ernie G., one of the early members of the first Toledo, Ohio group and now a resident of Chippewa Lake and a member of the Medina group will be the speaker at the January Consolidated meeting in Moose Hall, E. 22nd at Carnegie Hall, Sunday afternoon, January 16 at 4 o'clock.

Ernie was a featured speaker at the first Tri-State Conference in Chautauqua Lake last Fall and the astute chairlady of the Consolidated Meeting Committee, Lu S., persuaded him to repeat his fine talk for the Cleveland area. He is "good, solid, fundamental AA."

## MAX KOHL DIES

Max Kohl, a valued member of the Lorain-Thursday group with a record of over twelve years of uninterrupted sobriety and faithful service passed away suddenly on November 15th while on an extended vacation trip in Prince George, Va.

We offer our sincere condolences to his bereaved wife and to the group.

## CHAMPIONSHIP HELD

We have extended our cribbage championship to include the state of Iowa. We made a trip west to visit relatives and friends around Thanksgiving and decided to include Waterloo, Iowa in our itinerary for we were interested in meeting the editor of Brighter Side, a most effective and well prepared AA publication from which we have often borrowed when we were stymied for material.

We found him and his wife to be a delightful couple. They entertained us generously, took us to a meeting in a neighboring village and "forced" us to lead the meeting.

After the meeting, the editor, George F., foolishly challenged us to a game of cribbage. We warned him, but, being a typical alcoholic, he insisted. He had read about our winning the international championship in Canada last year and questioned our right.

He plays a fair game, but two games were sufficient to convince us that he hadn't mastered the really fine points of the game. As a cribbage player he's really a fine man.

We're still champion, of course, we report in all modesty.

"Why did you give your lodger notice?"

"Well, I am not one to suspect people and do not distrust them, but when a man always hangs his hat over the keyhole, there is something mysterious."

Policemn: "If his wife shot him, it must have been at dose range."

Detective: "Then there'd be powder marks on him."

Policeman: "Sure. That's why she shot him."

Two battered old wrecks of humanity were sitting on a park bench when one remarked:

"I am a man who never took advice from anybody."

"Shake," said the other. "I'm a man who took everybody's advice."

A teacher in Brooklyn said, "Joey, give me a sentence using the word 'bewitches'." After deep thought, Joey replied, "Youse go ahead. I'll bewitches in a minute."

AA is not a complicated program-it is a simple program for complicated people.



CLEVELAND AREA G R O U P MEETINGS

MONDAY

ADDISON-Westminster Church, Cor. Addison and Wade Park..... 8:30
BORTON-E. Cleveland Congrega. Church, Page and Euclid Ave..... 8:30
FRIENDLY SUBURBAN-6037 Pearl.....8:00
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.-Banater H P 1 Annex, W. 120th St., at 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, 4850 Pearl Road.....8:30
ROWDY ROW-Salvation Army Corps Hall, 2042 W. 26th St.....8:00
SHAKER HEIGHTS-Christ Episcopal Church, 3445 Warrensville Rd.....9:00
SOUTH EAST-7526 Broadway.....8:30
UNION-East View Cong. Church, Kinaman at E. 156th St..... 9:00
WEST 25th St.-Marvel Hall, 2858 w. 15th 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-Co. gregational Baptist Church, Jacks " " and Jefferson, Painesville.....8:30
VERMILLION-Congregational Church.....8:30
WILLOUGHBY-Presbyterian Church, Willoughby, O..... 8:30

TUESDAY

ARCADE-Typographical Union Hall, 1559 East 17th (near Payne Ave.).....9:00
BUHRER-1142 Buhrer Ave..... 8:30
CHARITY-Last Tuesday of each month-Cafeteria.....9:00
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..... 9:00
FAIRVIEW PARK-Fairview Grace Church, W. 224th and Lorain Ave.....8:30
HILLCREST-St. Margaret Mary School, Room 101, Bluestone & Belvoir, S. Euclid.....9:00
HILLTOP-St. Joseph's Seminar, 17608 Euclid Ave.....8:45
MILES-LEE-Mt. Hope Lutheran Church, E. 164th, north of Miles Ave..... 8:30
NEW HOPE-Women-Ward's Convalescing Home E 71st and Cedar..... 8:30
SMITH-W&ON-Nativity School, 9510 Aetna Road.....8:30
SUPERIOR-North Presbyterian Church, E 40th and Superior.....9:00
TAPCO-Post 4, 23555 Euclid, 2nd shift.....1:00
TRADITIONS-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, Bridge at W. 38th 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 A v e..... 9:00
A&AMERICAN Sportsmen, 1142 Buhrer, 3rd Wednesday each month.....8:00
BAXTER AVE.-6327 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
COLLINSWOOD-14709 St. Clair Ave. 8:30
DENISON MEN-7403 Denison Ave., (frat Wednesday, joint meeting)..... 8:30
DOAN MEN'S-2028 E. 105th St., 2nd Boor, side entrance..... 8:45
8801 SUPERIOR-8801 Superior.....8:30
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
TAPCO-Post 4, 23555 Euclid, 3rd shift.....9:00
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
ASHTABULA COUNTY MEN, Conneaut, O., B.of L.E. Hall, Whitney Block, Main St.....8:30
BEDFORD, O.-Y.M.C.A., Tarbell Ave.....8:30
ELYRIA, O.-St. Mary's Church, Middle and Fourth..... 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 Presb. Church, Scarborough and Fairmount Blvd.....8:30
CRILE HOSPITAL-Library.....8:00
EDDY ROAD-Glenville Congregational Church, Eddy and St. Clair..... 8:30
HAWTHORNEN STATE HOSPITAL Macedonia, O., Basement of New Employees Bldg.....8:00
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.
AMHERST-St. Peter's Ev. & Ref. Church, Church St., North Amherst, O.....9:00
BEREA-Fine Arts Club, E. Bagley Rd., 3 door, 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.....8:30
BROADWAY-HARVARD-8437 Broadway 8:30
CEDAR-Salvation Army, 5005 Euclid 8:15
FRIDAY AFTERNOON WOMEN-Plymouth Church, Coventry and Drexmore, Krumbine Room.....-1.00
FRIDAY NITE DISCUSSION Jordan Hall, Charity Hospital.....8:30
GORDON SQUARE-St. Helena's Hall, 1367 W. 65th St.....8:30
LEE ROAD-13240 Euclid Ave.....9:00
NORTH EAST-St. Agatha's Church Hall, 1269 Lakeview Rd.....

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..... a .30
CHAGRIN FALLS, O.-America 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-Lady of Mt. Carmel Hall, Euclid at E. 296th St..... 8:30

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.....9:00
LIBERTY-13240 Euclid Ave.....9:00
MAPLE HEIGHTS-Luth. Church of Covenant 19000 Libby Rd., cor. Maple Hts. Blvd. 8:30
MATT TALBOT-St. Philip Neri Church, E. 82nd and St. Clair..... 8:30
MEMPHIS-K of P Hall 3316 Broadview, East of Pearl Rd.....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.-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

ALL-AMERICAN Sportsmen.....1142 Buhrer 1st Sunday each month.....4:00
BROOKSIDE-Blessed Sacrament Church, Storer and Fulton (down streets).....8:30
C. A. C. DISCUSSION-C. A. C. clubrooms, 7809 Euclid Avenue.....0:45 A.M.
COLLINSWOOD-14709 St. Clair Ave.....7:30
DETROIT-Mixed-8023 Detroit Ave..... 8:00
Greater Cleve. Young People (Consolidated) Cathedral Hall-First Sunday each month.....2:00
LAKEVIEW-CYO Hall, St. Aloysius Church, E. 109th and St. Clair.....8:30
LORAIN COUNTY CONSOLIDATED-First Sunday of each month. Alconon Club, 345 E. Broad St., Elyria.....7:30
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 Kinaman Ave.....4:00
SABBATH-13240 Euclid Ave.....3:00
STRONGVILLE-Royal Haven Farm, Royalton Road, Strongville, O.....3:00
ST. SID DISCUSSION-6-09 Detroit Ave.....11:00 A.M.
WARRENSVILLE-Cooley Farms Recreation Room 10:00 A.M.
GENEVA, O.-Legion Hall, Park St., corner of So. Eagle.....7:30
1st TUESDAY EVER7 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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Note from father, over his signature on back of report card: "Come up some time and meet her mother."

"Tell the truth, Mabel," asked her unmarried friend.
"Did you ever catch your husband flirting?"
"I certainly did. That's exactly how I caught him."

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