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## 1% FUN—99% PENALTY

Once we make a decision-not a reservation-that the program of Alcoholics Anonymous is the way of life for us a whole world opens up.

When we are drinking we have time on our hands. We seek to consume it by having what we call fun. We want to enjoy ourselves. We even give humorous names to alcohol such as giggle water or jumping juice. A more appropriate name is brain remover.

But what, in our drinking days, do we think is fun?

We go into a bar and order a drink. It warms us up. The second one makes us gregarious and we strike up conversation with some of the other bar flies. A few more and we are getting confidential-this because our brain and with it all restraint and common sense are being removed.

The fun has gone. But we stagger blindly on under the illusion that this is the way to enjoy ourselves. By the way we have been living it is. Soon we remember nothing, we feel neither pain nor pleasure.

Then we come to, either the next day or several days later. Our car is gone, our overcoat is lost and that big bankroll we started out with has evaporated into thin air.

This is fun? As one respected member of A.A. recently said, drinking is 1% fun and 99% penalty. And this is the truth.

Time was when we even refused to go out on a social engagement unless we were certain beforehand that liquor would be served. And if we were cornered into any dry dates we made up for it and worked off our peeve by getting lordly drunk, especially alone.

We had plenty of time-for drinking. This was our only interest. Everything else was unimportant and boring.

Then we made the decision. It may have been a bit hard at the beginning. There seemed to be a void in our lives. We at first shunned association with other people, outside of A.A., because it conjured up an association with drinking. We had come to equate all social contacts in terms of how many highballs or cocktails we could get away with. We were moody at times.

But once the initial stage of sobriety was successfully passed what happened? We began to enjoy people because they were people. We began to look about us and take an interest in the world and its opportunities. We developed unexpected interests, sometimes hobbies. We took new pride in our means of livelihood. Life, we found, could be fun, could be interesting. We had so much to do that we couldn't find all the time we wanted.

One member recently said that "the ten and half years I have been in A.A. have passed more quickly than any one year of my drinking period."

Well, we are no longer removing our brains through the bottle. We have discovered they can be useful. We can use them to explore new fields, we can put them to profitable use, not only from the monetary side, but to enlarge our knowledge of our fellow man. We can learn

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## HOLIDAY TRAGEDY

On New Year's eve, 1955, a young man and a young woman, strangers to each other, met in a Cleveland bar room, each seeking excitement, and diversion . . . escape from the humdrum of conforming to prescribed standards of responsibility.

Before the new year of 1956 was three hours old, the young woman was found dead in a field, brutally and horribly beaten . . . her clothes ripped off her body . . . the young man slinking to the home of his parents, trying to destroy evidence of his guilt.

The young man was a sailor, home on leave from an East Coast Navy base and was easily traced by the police who arrested him. The young woman was an attractive one, but was already on record as a non-conformist with her family, her friends and police. Certainly neither of these two people had the slightest idea that stark tragedy would involve them as they started out to celebrate the coming of the new year.

The young man was father to one child and was separated from his wife, who was again pregnant. She had left him because of his brutality when drunk. Both she and the boy's family insisted he was a kind and considerate, likeable chap when he was sober . . . but vicious and untractable when he was drinking.

The girl, as stated before, resented any intrusion on her right to live her life as she wanted to. Parental control was ignored. She lost job after job because of her attitude and irregularity. She was the mother of an illegitimate child and was pronounced incorrigible by the police probation officers. She, too, young

as she was, drank heavily.

The parents and the brother of the boy were broken hearted when the murder was traced to him and he confessed that he beat her because she had flirted with him, and after several hours of drinking, agreed to an amorous tryst and then resisted his advances. The parents of the girl — in their grief, said they could never understand her or control her.

When apprised of the tragedy, the wife told reporters of his split personality and her reason for leaving him. When asked what her plans were, she stated positively that she would stick to him. When asked why, when he had beaten her and now committed murder, she replied, simply, "He fathered my children."

Many people ushered in the new year drinking more than was good for them, By the grace of God the drinks didn't affect them as they did these two people. None would have believed it possible that a tragedy as this could happen to them. Why not?

Tragedies such as this one made many a celebrant think for a moment, we'll wager. And we'll also wager that it caused many a heavy drinker to be reminded-of the blackouts which he experienced when he couldn't recall what he had done, where he had been or even how he'd gotten home.

How glad we all should be that God spared us.

Some people are like the bottom figures of a fraction . . . the bigger they try to be, the smaller they really are!

## 1% FUN, 99% PENALTY

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how to have fun that entails no penalty. We are able to take stock of ourselves and learn how to become useful citizens by seeing our defects of character and correcting them. Above all, we can take the time, however busy we may have become in the new life, to give thanks to that Higher Power who made it possible.

## ALCOHOLIC BEHAVIOR ⑤

Alcoholic beverages—beer, wine, whiskey, cordials, etc.—have different effects on different people. Each is a momentary stimulant yet each, **definitely**, is an **anaesthetic** or depressant. Reactions vary according to the length of habitual **consumption** and the temperament of the user.

“Alcoholic behavior” is indicated in the following **seven** examples as causes for a person to disregard nature’s warning and become reckless (there are many others):

1—Underlining all the rest of the symptoms is a feeling of being **affectionately** rejected . . . of not being wanted . . . of not being “one of the gang.”

2—A feeling of inadequacy and inferiority . . . a desire to escape the feeling of being unable to cope effectively with other people. This accounts for the domineering attitude of some drunks.

3—A deep, unconscious urge to inflict grievous injury upon oneself because of intense self-loathing.

4—An inability to enjoy normal sources of entertainment, especially if it involves mingling with strangers.

5—Among men, a tremendous amount of fear toward other men and of hostility toward women. This explains why many drunks are mean and belligerent.

6—A powerful drive to return to infancy . . . to the solace and protection of one’s mother. This is why some drunks become maudlin and childishly sentimental.

%—Bored . . . emotionally immature . . . unstable . . . moody . . . fickle interests . . . failure through fear in personal relationships.

Now that you know the answer to why you drink, take another inventory. Evaluate the costs of “the right to drink”—if drink affects your peace of mind, destroys your standing in the community and in the home and on the job, come regularly to AA meetings.

If you’re really trying to find fun in life and a reason for living, you’ll find it in AA. If, *you* haven’t found it yet, why not concentrate on the Fifth Step. The answer may be there.

## IF LINCOLN HAD BEEN AN AA

One score of years and seven months ago., our Co-founders brought forth a new plan, conceived in service and love, and dedicated to the principle that the alcoholic can be restored by the Grace of God, and the help of his fellow alcoholics.

Today we are engaged in a great and humane effort to demonstrate the success of this plan to all who **may** be concerned. We cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, nor advance this great cause by mere word of mouth, but rather by the giving of ourselves to the privilege of carrying the message to those who still suffer.

The world will little note nor long remember whom we are or what we are, but what we do here will never be forgotten. It is for us, who are willing and able, to ever increase our efforts in this field of endeavor, without hope of gain or reward.

It is ours to carry the torch and to work with increased devotion to the unfinished task that lies before us.

It is for us to highly resolve that our new way of life, granted by God, shall not have been given in vain and that this Fellowship of A.A., for A.A., and by A.A. shall not perish from the earth.

—DEWEY S., *San Mateo, Calif.*

## OBITUARIES

Two devoted veterans of AA, both solid bulwarks of their respective groups passed away during the **past** month. Their departure will not only leave a great gap in their groups but to AA as a whole in Cleveland.

A member of 14 years of continued sobriety, Dr. E. John Kreidler, was one of the founders of the large **Doan** Men’s group, serving as treasurer for most of these years. His good counsel, great generosity, and enthusiasm infected hundreds upon hundreds who found their way of life at Doan Men’s group.

Many a person was clothed, fed and housed by him as well as having his dental work done by him. Some repaid him, many did not. Doc never complained. He truly was a wonderful person. He died January 11, 1966.

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Harlan **Bigby** was a devoted member of the Outhwaite group! joining shortly after the group was founded. He and his wife were faithful in attendance, not only at their group meetings, but at Consolidated and Central Committee meetings as well.

Harlan was a splendid man of dignity, a kind *man* of practical talent and whose example and convictions helped many Outhwaite members to their sobriety. He passed away on December 26, 1955.

We accept God’s decision that their missions had been completed. May their constancy and their example imbue in us a willingness and determination to emulate their zeal.

## IT HAPPENED LAST WEEK

In Borton, back in 1942, Al V. had reached the **end** of his rope and turned to AA. For six months he stayed sober. But the novelty wore off and he returned to **drinking**. During the next seven years his fortunes were on a downward spiral. He turned to AA many times for help and received it, but back he’d flop again.

Six years ago he was wallowing in a fourth-rate dive on Central Avenue in Cleveland, drunk and broke, as Ralph K. of Doan Men walked in with a delivery. Approached for a touch, Ralph talked to him and invited him to a Doan meeting. He has been regular in attendance, but during the entire six years was never known to make even a comment, though he’s been happily sober ever since.

Last week he was persuaded to make his first lead. In the morning of the day of the meeting his pregnant wife was rushed to the hospital. At 8 p.m., a distracted Al collared the doctor, asking him when the baby would arrive. “Oh, about 9 p.m. or so,” the doctor replied. “But I’m supposed to make my first speech at an AA meeting at 9:00! Can’t you hurry it a little?” Al pleaded. The doctor advised him to pray. He did. The baby arrived at 8:30. It was a boy! A half hour later a joyous father opened the Doan meeting and gave an outstanding talk. He attributed it all to prayer.

## CONSOLIDATED MEETING

The January Consolidated meeting in Moose Hall attracted one of the largest crowds of the series. The audience was rewarded by hearing an outstanding talk by Jim C. of Pittsburgh, Pa. His story was typical in his qualification as a member, amusing, shocking and tragic, but his philosophy and adaption of the Twelve Steps to his present way of life was fresh, stimulating and fundamental.

We particularly liked his argument against likening alcoholics to diabetics. “Who ever heard of a diabetic calling to some fellow diabetics to come over and share a carefully hoarded stock of sugar for an old-fashioned binge?” said Jim.

The next Consolidated meeting will be Sunday, April 15, at Moose Hall, East 22nd Street at Carnegie.

**GROUP NEWS**

Brooklyn-Four speakers for February are members of the Brooklyn group and each is observing an anniversary. They are: Feb. 1—Vince **McK.** (3) ; 8—**Danny K.** (11); 15—**Pat F.** (2); 22—**Nick G.** (2). Ralph N. of *Avon* Lake will speak on the 29th.

Ashtabula Area Consolidated-The first monthly Consolidated meeting of the groups in the Northeastern Ohio area will be held in Geneva, Ohio, in the American Legion Hall, Eagle and Park, Wednesday evening, February 1, at 7:30 p.m. Invited to this and subsequent monthly meetings are the clergy, welfare workers, judges and community leaders. Harry D. of Cleveland will be the speaker.

**Collinwood**—On and after Wednesday, February 1, both Collinwood groups will occupy new quarters (5000 feet of floor space) at 945 East 152nd Street. The Wednesday meetings start at 8:30 p.m. and the Sunday meetings at 7:30 p.m.

**Doan** Men-Speakers for February are: 1—Bruce M., King School, Akron; 8—**Spencer I.**, Wednesday-Lee; 15—Neal C., Denison Men; 22—**Paul R.**, Rocky River; 29—Clifford D., Coventry. **Doan** meetings now start at 9 p.m.

Fairview-Speakers for February are: 1—Neil C., **Denison** Men; 14—**George O'H.**, Edgelake; 21—**Corne V.**, Wednesday Lee; 28—Harry D., Edgelake.

Gordon Square-Speakers for February are: 3—**Joe H.**, Matt Talbot; 10—**John C.**, Allendale; 17—**Franklyn S.**, **Doan** Men; 24—**Frank L.**, Miles Men.

Liberty-Now meets at 945 East 152nd St. (Collinwood group meeting place) on Saturdays at 9 p.m.

Memphis-Speakers for February are: 4—**Joe V.**, **Valleyview**; 11—Roy A., Brooklyn; 18—**Jim K.**, **Fairview** (his first lead); 25—Wilson B., Fairview.

Orchard Grove-Speakers for February are: 6—Bob W., Memphis; 13—**Jim M.**, Denison; 20—**Dick R.**, Orchard Grove; 27—**Howard B.**, Independence.

Pearl-The 12th anniversary of the Pearl group will be observed on Monday, January 30, at 8:30 p.m. The speaker will be Bert **McK.** of Akron. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments.

Traditions-Speakers for February are: 7—**Evelyn W.**, Trinity (observing her 6th anniversary); 14—Bill J., Trinity (observing his 3rd anniversary); 21—Mary L., Brooklyn; 28—**Jean C.**, Glenville.

Trinity-Speakers for February are: 4—**Frank K.**, Union; 11—No meeting scheduled in deference to the Brooklyn group's annual pre-Lenten dance, to which everyone is invited; 1&—Genevieve F., **Lakewood Women**; 25—**Ladd T.**, Lake Shore.

**GIGGLES**

"The greatest man who ever lived was **Huggins**—broad-minded, tolerant, generous, temperate, brilliant-yet he died with all his talents unsuspected."

"And how did you manage to find out so much about him?"

"I married **his** widow."

Small daughter: Mama, why did you marry Daddy?  
Mama: So, you've begun to wonder, too ?

**KENTUCKY CONFERENCE**

Registrations are being accepted now for the fifth annual Kentucky State Conference on February 17-18-19 in the Kentucky Hotel, Louisville, Kentucky.

Registration fee is \$4.00 per person and should be made through M. H. M., 4227 Rudy Lane, Louisville, Ky. Checks should be made payable to "Host Committee."

**RIB TICKLERS**

At the end of every examination paper in a certain school, students were required to sign a statement that they had neither given nor received any help during the test. One boy lingered after the others and when he was asked what the trouble was, replied that he did not know whether he could sign or not. He said that he had prayed for help in the examination and did not know whether he had received it or not.

The teacher looked over his paper. Turning to him, she said gently: "I think you can sign."

Superintendent: For this job we want a responsible man.

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

Wife: Well, what excuse have you for coming home at this hour ?

Husband: Well, my dear, I was playing golf with some friends and . . .

Wife: What? At 2 a. m.?

Husband: Sure. We were using night clubs.

"Mother, why aren't there any pictures of angels with whiskers ?"

"Because, dear, men get in by a very close shave."

Customer: Are you sure these lobsters are fresh?

Waiter: Fresh, Madame-they are perfectly insulting!

Son: "Did you go to Sunday school when you were a little boy?"

Father: "Why certainly. I never missed a Sunday."

Son: "See, Mother? It won't do me any good either."

"Who is that brunette over there?"

"That's John's wife. Don't you know her?"

"Oh, I thought he married a blonde!"

"He did, but she dyed."

Bridegroom: Would you mind if I went to the smoking compartment for a little while, dear?

Bride: To smoke?

Bridegroom: No! I only want to experience the agony of being away from you, so that the joy of my return will be more intensified.



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
EARLY-EARLY--St. Columkill Church, East 26th and Superior... 6:00
FRIENDLY SUBURBAN-6037 Pearl... 8:00
LAKEWOOD (Orchard Grove)-1417 St. Charles, "r. Detroit"... 8:30
LAKEWOOD MEN'S--St. Peter's Episcopal, W. Clifton and Detroit... 8:30
LEE MONDAY--First Presbyter. Church, East Cleveland, Nela and Euclid... 8:30
LORAIN AVE.--Banater Hall Annex, W. 120th St., at Lorain Ave... 8:30
MILES--St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 9721 Romona Boulevard... 8:30
PEARL-Corpus Chrsti Basement, 4850 Pearl Road... 8:30
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
WEST MONDAY-Above Tend R. Lea" Store, 1428 W. 25th at Detroit Ave... 8:30
WEST 25th ST.-Marvel Hall, 2858 W. 25th St... 8:30
WOMEN'S--Westside--West Boulevard Christian Church, Madison and W. 101... 8:45
ELYRIA MEN--St. Agnes Church, Lake Road at Bath St., Elyria, O... 8:30
SHELBY-Congregational Baptist Church, Jackson and Jefferson, Painesville... 8:30
VERMILION--Congregational Church... 8:30
WILLOUGHBY--Presbyterian Church, Willoughby, O... 8:30

TUESDAY

ARCADE--Typographical Union Hall, 1559 East 17th ("ear Payne Ave.)... 9:00
BELVOIR-SS, Margaret and Mary Church, Belvoir and Bluestone... 9:00
BUHRER-1 142 Buhrer Ave... 9:00
CHARITY-Last Tuesday of each month--Cafeteria... 9:00
CLARK--1917 Clark Ave... 8:30
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 Seminary, 17608 Euclid Ave... 8:45
LAKE SHORE--Ascension Clubhouse, N. W. corner Puritas & W. 140th... 8:30
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
TRADITIONS-Community Church of Brooklyn, 8720 Memphis Ave... 9:00
WEST PARK-West Park Baptist Church, W. 152"d and Lorain... 8:30
ASHLAND, O.-First Presbyterian Church, Corner Church and Third Sts... 9:00
LAKE COUNTY-Carpenter' Hall, Maple St., Mentor O., north of Rt. 20... 8:30
LORAIN, O.-St. Stanislaus School, 28th St. and Elyria Ave... 8:30
MEDINA, O.-St. Paul's Epis. Par.Hse... 8:30
STRONGSVILLE-Tuesday-Torn Hall... 9:00

WEDNESDAY

ALCOLA--6409 Detroit Ave... 9:00
ALL-AMERICAN Sportsmen, 1142 Buhrer, 3rd Wednesday each month... 8:30
BAXTER AVE.-6527 Baxter Ave... 8:30
BROOKLYN-K. of P. Hall, 3316 Broadview, East of Pearl Rd... 8:30
ASHTABULA CONSOLIDATED--Geneva, O., 1st Wed. each month, American Leg. Hall, Eagle and Park... 7:30

C. E. I.-Illuminating Co., Room 335-Rear Building... 8:30
COLLINWOOD-945 E. 152nd St... 8:30
DENISON MEN-7403 Denison Ave., (first Wednesday, joint meeting)... 8:30
DOAN MEN'S--2028 E. 105th St., Second floor, side entrance... 9:00
EAST SIDE MORNING, 2028 East 105th St... 10:30 A.M.
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
LORAIN AVE.-S.S. Philip & James Hall, 3689 Bosworth Road... 9:00
ST. JAMES-Ward's Convalescing Home, E. 71st and Cedar Ave... 8:15
ST. MARY-400 North S., Chardon, O... 9:00
TWENTY-FOUR HOUR-13216 Detroit, Training meeting 1st Wed. each month, Church of the Ascension... 8:30
WARRENSVILLE-Women's House Cor... 7:30
WOMEN'S-East Side-Cleveland Unitarian Society, Euclid and E. 82nd St... 8:30
WOMEN'S--Lorain County-St. Anthony's School Hall, E. Erie & Kansas (R.2 or 6)... 8:30
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
CORLETT MEN-Holy Family School, 3845 E. 131st at Chapelside... 9:00
COVENTRY-F&mount Presby. Church, Scarborough and Fairmount Blvd... 8:30
CRILE HOSPITAL--Library... 8:00
EDDY ROAD-Glenville Congregational Church, Eddy and St. Clair... 8:30
HAWTHORN DEN STATE HOSPITAL Macedonia, O., Basement of New Employees Bldg... 8:00
O. THWAITE--Woodland Center, 7100 Kinsman Ave... 8:30
ROCKY RIVER-Rockport Methodist Church, 3310 Wooster Road... 9:00
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 St... 8:30
HARBOR THURSDAY-Ashtabula, O., 1147 West Fifth Street... 8:30
INDEPENDENCE, O.-St. John's Lutheran Hall, Second and Sunset... 9:00

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-American Legion Hall, Post 163, 15544 Euclid Ave... 9:00
LIBERTY-K. of C. Hall, 14709 St. Clair... 9:00
NORTH EAST-St. Agatha's Church Hall, 1269 Lakeview Rd... 8:30
ROSARY HALL-Jordan Hall, Charity Nurses Auditorium... 8:30
STELLA MARIS (Men), 1320 Washington Ave... 8:15
TRIPLE A FAMILY GROUP, Rosary Hall, Charity Hospital... 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
CONNEAUT, O.-B. of L. E. Hall... 8:30
CHAGRIN FALLS, O.-American Legion, E. Orange St... 8:30
CHARDON, O.-Thrasher House, Water St., Chard... 8:30
EUCLID, O.-Holy Cross Church, E. 200th and Lake Shore Blvd... 8:30
WICKLIFFE-Lady of Mt. Carmel Hall, Euclid at E. 298th 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 Ave., Detroit... 8:30
LEAGUE PARK--St. Agnes School Hall, East 79th and Euclid Ave... 9:00
MAPLE HTS.--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
PLAINS-Plains Methodist Church, Lake Shore Blvd. and Reynolds 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
WEST RICHTFIELD-Consolidated Church, Route 303, just west of Route 21... 8:30

SUNDAY

ALCAMERICAN Sportsmen, 1142 Buhrer 1st Sunday each month... 4:00
BROOKPARK PROJECTS--Administration Bldg., 13100 DiHell off W. 130th... 8:00
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--945 E. 152nd St... 9:00
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 Sunday in month, Cafeteria, McCracken and Henry... 2:30
MISTLETOE--St. Thomas Church, 9205 Superior, A. P. C... 7:00
NEWBURGH--St. Catherine's Church, 3443 E. 93rd St... 8:30
OUTHWAITE--2903 E. 71st St., Corner Kinsman... 4:30
STRONGSVILLE-Royal Haven Farm, Royaltown Road, Strongville, O... 3:00
WEST SIDE DISCUSSION--6409 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 EVERY MONTH
CENTRAL COMMITTEE--Hanna Building, Room 370... 8:30
3rd TUESDAY EVERY MONTH
HOSPITAL COMMITTEE--Hanna Building, Room 370... 8:30

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Cleveland Alcoholic Clinic (MW)
EXpress 1-8998... 7809 Euclid Ave.
Elmwood Sanitarium (M)
KENmore 1-2299... 17322 Euclid Ave.
Euclid Rest Haves (MW) ULater 1-6296
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## FEBRUARY GLOOM

The debate still goes on without issue as to whether heredity or environment has the greatest weight in **shaping** our lives.

Whatever the scientists may ultimately decide, it seems pretty clear that most alcoholics are more affected by external forces in their everyday lives than by any inherited characteristics. At least their conduct of the moment seems inspired by the **pressures** and the conditions in which they live.

Naturally it is possible for this writer to speak only from his personal experience and from observation. Over the years one conclusion has been inevitable. This is that weather has a great deal to do with our moods. Those blue slumps we go into may not be wholly induced by a gray, gloomy day, but they certainly are deepened by one.

We have discovered that if, on such a day (and February is the gloomiest month of the year) things do not go right in the morning the whole day can be tossed for a loss. Breakfast is late and anyway the fare offered doesn't suit our taste. Words follow. We are not understood. Everybody is against us. All of 'em. In fact, we believe there's a conspiracy to make us miserable.

That is how they start. Then through the gloom and mist and slush to the office where **everything** goes wrong and we don't give a hoot by the time noon comes whether school keeps or not. Unless we snap out of it the whole day can be ruined and the evening, instead of being a period of relaxation and enjoyment, tends to resemble a hornet's nest.

Are they against us? The family, that is. Is there a conspiracy? Are we really misunderstood?

The answer to the last one supplies the answer to all. Yes, we are misunderstood by ourselves. We **have** allowed our feelings to give way to external **circumstances**. No one is to **blame** but No. 1. And if these spells are not checked they can lead to drinking. Verily, the alcoholic is a sensitive barometer to the weather-too sensitive. Knowing this he can, with all honesty, check the tendency and finally overcome it.

In the life of sobriety, for all of us, there is a period like February. Shortly after we have sobered up we are more than prone to fall into mental and emotional depressions. We go through the gloom of incomprehension, the mist of misunderstanding and the slush of discouragement. This is the battle every one of us must fight.

At the end of it come the first signs of spring, the fresh breezes of sobriety and finally the summer of full comprehension and working of the program. It's worth the pull.

We will slip in the puddle of alcoholism again only if we forget to call on the Higher Power for help and bypass the marvelous method of working the program one day at a time. We can help ourselves in these tight spots if we even reduce the time period by remembering that even the blackest hour has only sixty minutes.

The reason most people are not happy is because they want to be happy in their own way, without any purchase price.

## REAL PRIDE

Away back in the depression days of 1933, a customer of ours came into the office and announced that he was unable to pay his bill of less than \$100. He had been wiped out. He didn't want to enter into bankruptcy, **so** he asked us, as he was asking his other creditors, to **accept** his plan of payment.

Every week he would distribute to each creditor an exact percentage according to each debt over and above his absolute needs. Some weeks it might **be** only a **dollar**, but it would be there regularly.

We appreciated his frankness and sincerity, but we suggested that he let the weekly payments accumulate and pay us monthly. This he refused to do, so we concurred, fully expecting that this weekly shock to his ego would be too much for him.

Four months later after 18 weekly visits, his account was fully paid up as were the others whose amounts were far in excess of what he owed us.

We have never forgotten **this man**. He was a prominent man, highly respected in the business world. Certainly, we thought, he could have saved himself this weekly humiliation by mailing a check or sending his secretary or an errand boy!

"No," he said, when we expressed this opinion to him, "**my** reputation is vital to me. I couldn't live with myself if I felt that anyone would suspect me of dishonesty. These weekly contacts with each of you creditors has given me courage and a faith in the goodness and understanding of people, which I feared was lost."

"Why didn't you do as many others have done during this crisis," we asked—"offer to settle for a lesser sum?"

"How could I face these people in the future?" he exclaimed, "How could I ask them to give me credit again? No, I want no one to ever say that I had victimized him."

We have suggested this course of action to some of our debt-laden members whose lives have become unbearable because they can't face their creditors. What do they mean they **CAN'T**? They're still holding on to that silly ragged, besmirched "**pride**" of theirs! The Big Shot complex, still dominant in most alcoholic personalities, shudders at the thought of losing face.

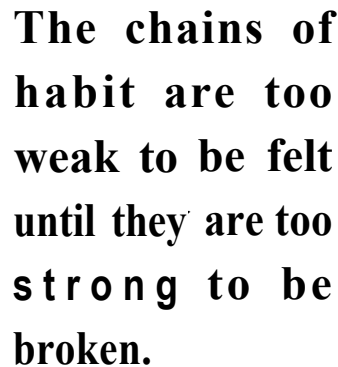
When we **embraced** the AA Fellowship, morally we agreed to follow each of the 12 Steps. We were told that we should take it easy and not try to accomplish all the things we had to do overnight.

Unfortunately, however, too many of us lean on that "take it easy" advice and procrastinate of Step 8. It's hard to make amends, be truly humble and seemingly lose face with the people we approach by admitting our **short-comings**.

The man who came to us back there in '33 was not an alcoholic. He was a proud man. But he, too, was humble! It takes a **BIG** man to do what he did.

Even if it takes a couple of years to do it, only one dollar a week will pay off a \$100 debt and put an end to cowardly, hateful, skulking and alibiing.

A speedier return of the public's faith and confidence can't be offered if that honestly what is desired.



The chains of habit are too weak to be felt until they are too strong to be broken.

## THAT ENDLESS FOURTH STEP

Some of us have found that the Twelve Steps have endless possibilities; that they can never be lived up to 100 per cent. For myself, the first three years were easy. I had admitted my powerlessness over alcohol several years before joining AA. As one who was long in the habit of turning to God when in distress (and having many prayers answered, undeserving as I was) the second step was as easy as it was welcome; to believe that a Power greater than my self could restore me to sanity. The third, to turn my life and will over to the care of God was like shifting a great burden. There is a lot of the old "I will" in this writer's system, but when I am confused as to whether I'm right or wrong, I rest on the third step and proper decisions are the invariable result.

I have been a member of this wonderful society for one year and seven months. Acting on the repeated advice of older members, I started working on the Twelve Steps early. After the first few weeks I came to Step 4, and I'm still on it. That moral inventory. By now, I am familiar with all the steps, but I'm still stuck on Step 4, as far as application is concerned.

Step 4 caused me to stop before the mirror and take a good long look. How many costumes had I worn, how many characteristics had I adapted, how often and easily had I answered to some misnomer when some person called my name wrong? For a number of years, I never paused before a mirror any longer than it took to comb my hair and dress just enough to be presentable for work. Even when dressing for a special occasion, my eyes would avoid their own reflection. There was no Me, just a series of desperate pretenses.

As a harmless method of passing time and changing the personal scenery, pretense is really fun. To adopt a new characteristic can be a fine thing, if it is a good characteristic and an uplifting one. But to have to change your personality continually in a dread flight from a Self you can no longer bear is a terrible thing.

Step 4 caused me to pause in my flight, face Me in the mirror and accuse, "You have brought unhappiness to two human beings who loved you and needed you." Then for a moment, I didn't see me any more. I saw the faces of the two I had hurt and remembered the cruel occasions. "I didn't do it. I couldn't be that mean. It just couldn't be me. It was drink that did it." But the mirror answer, "You did the drinking. And if you want to be able to face you in this mirror, you better do something about it."

I am doing something about it now, and I won't stop until I have done the best I can. That was the big thing I had to face in Step 4. Though I still get a lump in my throat occasionally from the memories of cruelty to two people, I at least found relief in admitting to myself finally, that I was wrong and in being willing to try to make amends.

Step 4 wasn't ready for my departure at this one point, however. As looking at myself became less intolerable, the moral inventory continued and with each point the mirror presented, I wage a battle. When you know you are wrong and know that you have to make things right in order to maintain your sobriety, what can you do?

Step 4 has forced me to tears I didn't think I could shed while cold sober. This step has forced me to a sane humility, at least in my private heart and mind.

Step 4 is making me well in spite of its painful and lengthy insistence, and I'm staying right with it until I am ready to weed out all the defects and forgive myself long enough to acknowledge sanely my good qualities as well. Until I can look in the mirror and find an acceptable Me amid such light and refreshing pretense in which I may be indulging, I'll remain on Step 4 if it takes years!  
-Anonymous, The Gateway.

SAVE SALES TAX STAMPS FOR DOWNTOWN OFFICE

## "AA POLICY" ON ANONYMITY

Recently a well-written article appeared in the Cleveland News revealing the wonderful comeback of a member of its staff through acceptance of the AA program. Many tradition-bound members were annoyed because the comeback's full name was revealed in the article.

The columnist was reminded of the generally accepted Tradition on anonymity but he defended the use of the man's name because he received his consent to publish it. We disagree, for we, with many others, believe it to set a dangerous precedent. We accordingly print the following article which appeared shortly after the last conference in St. Louis as a reminder to all readers to guard against possible repetition.

"Confusion arises from time to time when someone identifies himself in print, on the air or in other media as a 'member of Alcoholics Anonymous.' As a result, editors, publishers, writers, radio and television people and others have asked us to define 'AA policy' on public identification of members. The guiding principles of the AA movement have been expressed in 'Twelve Traditions' adopted unanimously at the time of our International Convention in Cleveland in 1950, when the movement was 15 years old. The 11th and 12 Traditions are particularly pertinent: 'Always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio and films.' 'Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles above personalities.' Clearly, the vast majority of AA members believe it harmful to themselves, and to the movement to discard personal anonymity. There are compelling practical reasons for this belief.

(First) Experience shows that many who want and need help with their problem drinking will hesitate to turn to AA when they see members identified publicly: they are concerned lest their anonymity not be preserved.

(Second) There is the danger that an AA member whose sobriety has been well publicized may depart from the recovery program and revert to equally well-publicized drinking. Obviously, such occurrences tend to give a distorted picture of AA and its contributions to the solution of the terrible problem of alcoholism.

(Third) Over the years a few men and women have undoubtedly sought to exploit their association with AA for purposes of personal prestige or financial gain. We believe, however, that most 'breaks' in anonymity result from two factors: (1) Members themselves have not always appreciated fully the underlying significance of the concept of personal anonymity in AA. . . . (2) Editors and others in our great communications media have not always been aware of AA's traditional position on this subject."

## HAVE YOU EVER KNOWN

A man to lose his job because he drank too little?

A doctor to advise his patients. "Your chances would have been better if you would have been a drinker?"

An employer seeking a man for a responsible place to say, "Give me a drinker every time?"

A wife to explain, "My husband would be the best man in the world if he would only drink?"

A husband to say his wife would be a better mother to the children if she spent some of her time at the cocktail bar?

A defendant in a court to seek acquittal with a plea, "If I had been drunk, I never would have done it?"

An insurance company to offer reduced premiums on drinkers?

The value of a business or home to rise when a tavern is opened next door?

A community that listed its taverns, beer parlors, and roadhouses among its advertised assets?

A chief of police who advocated more liquor-selling places as a means of reducing crime?

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## GROUP NEWS

Alan-The Alcoholics Anonymous group which meets at the Alan Club still holds its regular Thursday meetings despite the false rumors and unfortunate publicity. The meetings on Thursday are well attended and are absolutely fundamental in AA Tradition.

Avon Lake- Have moved to beautiful new quarters in the First Congregational Church, 32801 Electric Blvd. They meet at 8:45 p. m. each Friday.

Brooklyn-Speakers for March are: 7—Joe K., Brooklyn (his second anniversary); 14—Bill D., Trinity; 21—Charlie S., Brooklyn (his fourth anniversary); 28—Eddie K., Brooklyn (his 15th anniversary).

Collinwood—Sunday, March 18, is the day after St. Patrick's Day and for the fifteenth year in a row, the indefatigable, plain-spoken son of Erin, Jim B., will be the speaker at their 7:30 p. m. meeting.

Early-Early-This group was formed for the benefit of members who work on the night shifts. The attendance has been good and the speakers outstanding. They meet in St. Columbkille Church basement, E. 26th and Superior, Mondays at 6 p. m.

Fairview Park-Speakers for March are: 6—Ed T., Broadway-55th; 13—John T., Doan Men; 20—Wyn W., Lee-Wednesday; 27—Franklyn S., Doan Men.

Gordon Square-Speakers for March are: 2—Marie C., Westside Women (her third anniversary); 9—"Skid" S., Newburgh; 16—Walter K, Mistletoe; 23—Jack B., Doan Men; 30—Jack D., Borton.

Independence-Speakers for March are: 1—John M., West Monday; 8—"Woody" McG., Parma; 15—Dick P., Parma; 22—Cal S., Outhwaite; 29—Ken W., Parma.

Lorain, O., Eastside-This is a new group in suburban Lorain which meets on Monday evenings at 8:30 in the Delaware Methodist Church, East Erie and Delaware (Routes 2 and 6).

Orchard Grove-Speakers for March are: 5—Bob H., Memphis; 12—Mary V., Euclid-Wade; 19—Bill O'R., Lorain Ave. Monday; 26—Paul V., Euclid-Wade.

Parma—Speakers for March are: 3—Henry W., Euclid-Wade; 10—Helen S., Westside Women; 17—Al A., Ashland, O.; 24—Bob B., Lee-Wednesday; 31—Peter Y., Berea Thursday.

Solidarity-A new Cleveland group, titling itself the Solidarity Group and serving the well-populated north E. 105th section, will hold its first meeting on Friday, March 23, at 8 p. m. They will meet in the Incarnation Church, 616 E. 105th St. (north of St. Clair). Harry D. of Edgelaque will be the speaker.

Trinity-Speakers for March are: 3—John P., Doan Men; 10—a panel of speakers with over 75 years of sobriety to their credit will present their program of enthusiastic sobriety. The panel includes Judge Jim C., Harold S., Larry O'C., Joseph B., Edward C., and John N., M. C. Proceeds will be donated to the AA District Office; 17—Kitty M., Wrongsville; 24—Spencer I., Lee-Wednesday; 31—Charles K., Brooklyn.

## BIG SISTERS

A new organization of members of AA has been formed dedicated to the rehabilitation of women incarcerated in corrective institutions. Their work will parallel the highly successful work of Big Brothers of AA, results of which have been outstanding.

Their immediate need is housing, job placement and a great deal of feminine clothing in reasonably good condition to enable the prospect to make a presentable appearance for job placement.

Anyone interested in joining the Big Sisters or helping in any way may contact Clara R. B., Secretary, P. O. Box 272, Elgria, Ohio.

## TOLERANCE

When will we in AA learn, that we who live in glass houses can't afford to throw stones? Have you ever stood on the fringe of the gang waiting for a meeting to start? Haven't you heard the uncharitable remarks that one fellow makes about another? Don't you know that malicious gossip is damaging not only to the soul, but also to the heart? Why is it necessary for us to criticize and slander and detract and gossip about our fellowmen? Tolerance is based upon charity, and true charity is to accept a person as he is and to love him as such. One of Christ's cardinal tenets is to "Love thy neighbor as thyself." We in AA have a faculty of preaching, but not practicing what we preach. We are all human. We all have lots of faults, and yet we are all seeking the same answer-sobriety, which in turn brings peace of mind and happiness. Let's give more thought to Steps 4, 8 and 10. These steps bring out the necessity of daily inventory, but remember that this is our personal inventory. Too often, we confuse taking somebody else's inventory with taking our own.

There are some 150,000 members in AA and thus, perhaps 150,000 different ways to work the program, but all of them are based on our 12 steps. And the man who realizes that he has to work for his sobriety-realizes that sobriety has been given to him and to all members of AA irrespective of color or creed, social class or financial standing. He is the man who benefits most. True charity must embrace everybody-and the man who truly attempts to grant tolerance to those around him actually derives the greatest benefit from our program because to him true happiness comes. Remember, the 12 steps of AA require positive ACTION on our part. One of the greatest acts that we can do for the fellow next to us is to accept him for what he is, and to help him, regardless of whether we agree with him or not.

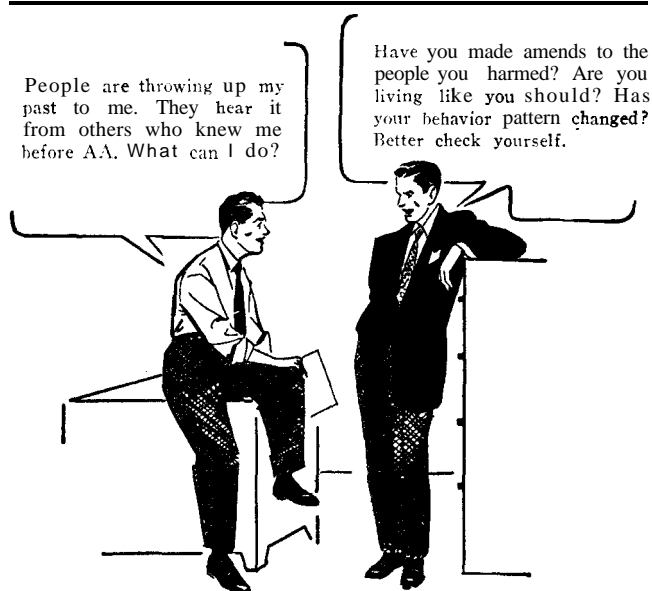
-Chit-Chat, Robesonia, Pa.

## GRAND BALL

A Grand Ball, sponsored by dancing-inclined and responsible members of AA will be held in Masonic Temple, E. 35th Street and Euclid Avenue on Friday, April 20. All proceeds, above expenses, will be given to the AA district office. More details will be given in the next issue of the Bulletin.

## MATHEMATICS

"I am not a mathematician," said the glass of beer, but I can-and do-add to a man's nervous troubles . . . subtract from his physical energy . . . multiply his aches and pains . . . divide his mental powers . . . take interest from his work . . . and discount his chances of success."



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  
EARLY-EARLY—St. Columkill Church,  
East 26th and Superior.....6:00  
FRIENDLY SUBURBAN-6037 Pearl.....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, Nela and Euclid.....8:30  
LORAIN AVE.-Banater Hall Annex,  
W. 120th St., at Lorain Ave..... 8:30  
MILES—St. Mary's Episcopal Church,  
9721 Romona Boulevard.....8:30  
PEARL—Corpus Christi Basement,  
4850 Pearl Road.....8:30  
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  
WEST MONDAY-Above Tend R. Lean  
Store, 1428 W. 25th at Detroit Ave.....8:30  
WEST 25th ST.-Marvel Hall..... 8:30  
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  
LORAIN, O., East Side—Delaware Meth.  
Church, E. Erie (Rts. 2 & 6)  
and Delaware Ave..... 8:30  
SHELBY-Congregational Baptist Church,  
Jackson and Jefferson, Painesville..... 8:30  
VERMILION-Congregational Church.....8:30  
WILLOUGHBY—Presbyterian Church,  
Willoughby, O.....8:30

TUESDAY

ARCADE-Typographical Union Hall,  
1559 East 17th (near Payne Ave.)..... 9:00  
BELVOIR-SS. Margaret and Mary Church,  
Belvoir and Bluestone.....9:00  
BUHRER-1142 Buhrer Ave.....9:00  
CHARITY-Last Tuesday of each month—  
Cafeteria..... 9:00  
CLARK-1917 Clark Ave..... 8:30  
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..... 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  
LAKE SHORE-Ascension Clubhouse,  
N. W. corner Puritas & W. 140th.....8:30  
MILES-LEE-Mt. Hope Lutheran Church,  
E. 164th, north of Miles Ave..... 8:30  
NEW HOPE-Women-Ward's Convales-  
cenn 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  
TRADITIONS-Community Church of  
Brooklyn, 8720 Memphis Ave.....9:00  
WEST PARK-West Park Baptist Church,  
W. 152nd and Lorain.....8:30  
ASHLAND, O.-First Presbyterian Church,  
Corner Church and Third Sts..... 9:00  
LAKE COUNTY-Carpenter' Hall  
Maple St., Mentor O., north of Rt. 20.....8:30  
LORAIN, O.-St. Stanislaus School,  
28th St. and Elyria Ave..... 8:30  
MEDINA, O.-St. Paul's Epis. Par.Hse.....8:30  
STRONGSVILLE-Tuesday-Town Hall.....9:00

WEDNESDAY

ALCOLA—6409 Detroit Ave..... 9:00  
ALL-AMERICAN Sportsmen, 1142 Buhrer,  
3rd Wednesday each month..... 8:30  
BAXTER AVE.-6527 Baxter Ave.....8:30  
BROOKLYN-K. of P. Hall,  
3316 Broadvinn, East of Pearl Rd.....8:30  
ASHTABULA CONSOLIDATED—  
Geneva, O., 1st Wed. each month,  
American Leg. Hall, Eagle and Park.....7:30  
C. E. I-Illuminating Co.,  
Room 335—Rear Building.....8:30  
COLLINWOOD—945 E. 152nd St.....8:30

DENISON MEN-7403 Denison Ave.,  
(first Wednesday, joint meeting)..... 8:30  
DOAN MEN'S-2028 E. 105th St.,  
Second floor, side entrance..... 9:00  
EAST SIDE MORNING  
2028 East 105th St.....10:30 A.M.  
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  
LORAIN AVE.-S.S. Philip & James Hall,  
3689 Bosworth Road.....9:00  
ST. JAMES-Ward's Convalescing Home,  
E. 71st and Cedar Ave..... 8:15  
ST. MARY—400 North S. Chardon, O..... 9:00  
TWENTY-FOUR HOUR—13216 Detroit,  
Training meeting 1st Wed. each month,  
Church of the Ascension.....8:30  
WARRENSVILLE-Women's House Cor.....7:30  
WOMEN'S-East Side—Cleveland Unitarian  
Society, Euclid and E. 82nd St..... 8:30  
WOMEN'S—Lorain County-St. Anthony's  
School Hall, E. Erie & Kansas (R.2 or 6).....8:30  
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  
CORLETT MEN-Holy Family School,  
3845 E. 131st at Chapelside.....9:00  
COVENTRY-Fairmount Presby. Church,  
Scarborough and Fairmount Blvd..... 8:30  
CRILE HOSPITAL-Library.....8:00  
EDDY ROAD-Glenville Cnrogregational  
Church, Eddy and St. Clair..... 8:30  
HAWTHORNDEN STATE HOSPITAL  
Macedonia, O., Basement of New  
Employees Bldg..... 8:00  
OUTHWAITE-Woodland Center,  
7100 Kinsman Ave.....8:30  
ROCKY RIVER-Rockport Methodist  
Church, 3310 Wooster Road..... 9:00  
THURSDAY WOMEN-St. Patrick's Hall,  
Bridge Ave. at W. 38th St..... 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 St.....8:30  
HARBOR THURSDAY-Ashtahula, O.,  
1147 West Fifth Street..... 8:30  
INDEPENDENCE, O.-St. John's Lutheran  
Hall, Second and Sunset..... 9:00

FRIDAY

ANSEL ROAD-St. Thomas Church,  
9205 Superior Ave..... 9:W  
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  
GORDON SQUARE-St. Helena's Hall,  
367 W. 65th St..... 8:30  
LEE ROAD-American Legion Hall,  
Post 163, 15544 Euclid Ave..... 9:00  
LIBERTY-K. of C. Hall, 14709 St. Clair.....9:00  
NORTH EAST-St. Agatha's Church Hall,  
1269 Lakeview Rd.....  
ROSARY HALL-Jordan Hall  
Charity Nurses Auditorium.....8:30  
SOLIDARITY—Incarncation Church,  
616 E. 105th (North of St. Clair)..... 8:30  
(First meeting, March 23, 1956)  
STELLA MARIS (Men)  
1320 Washington Ave..... 8:15  
TRIPLE A FAMILY GROUP  
Rosary Hall, Charity Hospital..... 8:30  
WEST SIDE YOUNG PEOPLE—  
Lkwd. Cong. Ch., Detroit & W. Clifton 9:00  
AVON LAKE—First Congregational Church,  
32801 Electric Blvd..... 8:45  
BEREA-Social room of Berea Cong.  
Church, Seminary and Church..... 8:30  
CONNEAUT, O.-B. of L. E. Hall..... 8:30  
CHAGRIN FALLS, O.-American Legion,  
E. Orange St..... 8:30

CHARDON, O.-Thrasher House,  
Water St., Chardon, O..... 8:30  
EUCLID, O.-Holy Cross Church,  
E. 200th and Lake Shore Blvd..... 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  
MAPLE HTS.-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 Broadvinn, East of Pearl Rd.....9:00  
PARMA—Public Library, 5850 Ridge Rd.....8:30  
PLAINS-Plains Methodist Church,  
Lake Shore Blvd. and Reynolds 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.....I.....8:30  
SOLOM, O.-St. Rita's Church basement.....9:00  
WEST RICHFIELD-Consolidated Church,  
Route 303, just west of Route 21..... 8:30

SUNDAY

ALLAMERICAN Sportsmen.....1142 Buhrer  
1st Sunday each month.....4:00  
BROOKPARK PROJECTS—Administration  
Bldg., 13100 Dibell, off W. 130th.....8:00  
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—945 E. 152nd St.....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 Sunday 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  
OUTHWAITE—2903 E. 71st St.,  
Corner Kinsman..... 4:30  
STRONGSVILLE—Royal Haven Farm,  
Royalton Road, Strongville, O.....3:03  
WEST SIDE DISCUSSION—  
6409 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 EVERY MONTH  
CENTRAL COMMITTEE—  
Hanna Building, Room 370..... 8:30  
3rd TUESDAY EVERY MONTH  
HOSPITAL COMMITTEE—  
Hanna Building, Room 370..... 8:30

NURSING HOMES THAT TREAT ALCOHOLICS  
(This listing doer not necessarily indicate endorsement or approval)

Alcoholics Abstinence Nursing Home (MW)  
MErose 1-1633..... 8023 Detroit Ave.  
Cleveland Alcohollic 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.  
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.



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CONSOL. MATING  
SUN APR. 15TH - MOORE HALL  
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## JUST 'TIL TOMORROW

"Hi pal. Say-ah-let me take a five. You know, just 'til tomorrow."

The guy who made the request was flushed of face under his three-day growth of stubble. He weaved a bit as he walked to his pal's (?) desk in the business office.

This was an old routine. For a long time the pal had acceded to the drunk's request from time to time, but he had fallen into the habit of forgetting to pay back the loans. The intended benefactor soon learned that tomorrow never comes to an alcoholic.

Who was this pitiful creature? You, me, all of us. From bar to bar, from one soft touch to the next, until we encountered someone who had the good sense to give us the glassy eye, whether to protect his five or for our own good made no difference, and we were forced finally to come off it. Somehow, some way! Tomorrow!

Not only in our cups, but in the sober interludes, we were always looking forward to tomorrow in our thinking.

Unknown to us, this was an automatic, that is to say subconscious mental device to avoid facing ourselves and our status. Deep down we knew that both were unpleasent and precarious. But we continued to delude ourselves with the thought that tomorrow everything would be different. We would pay back the five spots we had borrowed-if we remembered-we would straighten everything up. We consoled ourselves with the thought that we would begin tomorrow to treat our families decently, we would pay more attention to the job and we would forge ahead to our rightful place in life.

But this world of tomorrow was never born. The tomorrows did not become the day after today, they became some vague, future period, that somehow always eluded us.

Not until we were able to face today-now-did we gain a realistic estimate of our problem. Then we were in a position to do something about it. And once we admitted we were tired of chasing tomorrows, that we were powerless over alcohol, that we were licked, we forgot about tomorrow and became aware of the immediacy of our troubles.

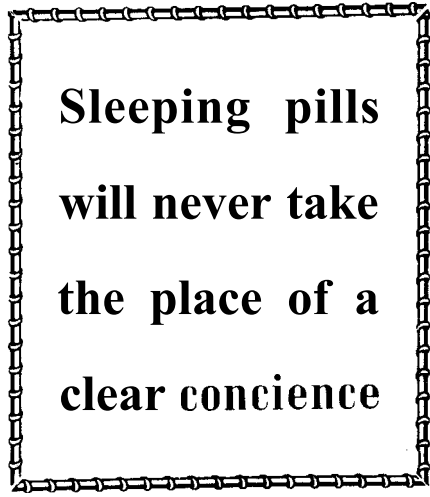
This transformation was like rising from the dead. For we had been dead to all the decent things in life, to our privileges as well as our responsibilities.

It is good to think upon these things at this season of the year. With spring and the Easter holy day upon us it is opportune to look around the world a bit and realize what a different place it is than it used to be.

Now we can look upon today with pleasure and expectancy instead of brooding on tomorrow with dread and foreboding. The world, the one we inhabit individually, the one we make for ourselves, is just as good or just as bad a place as we make it by our own thinking and our own actions. Sober, if a slang expression will be pardoned, the world is our oyster.

This doesn't mean that everything will automatically come our way. This new world will have its ups and downs. But these we learn to take in our stride, to face

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## SAFE MOORING

Sinbad, the Sailor, according to the story, saw a storm approaching and wisely decided to head for the nearest shore and its protection until the storm's fury was spent.

He sighted what he thought was rocky land and moored his boat to its slippery sides. Suddenly this moorage, which was a sea monster, awakened and began to move. Faster and faster it swam to rid itself of its unknown impediment. Into the turbulent storm and raging seas went Sinbad in his boat.

What happened to Sinbad, if you are curious, you can learn by going to the library and asking for the classic, for this article isn't particularly about Sinbad except that he gave us a moral to write about.

Too many people in this hectic world, in our humble opinion, are due for a rough awakening. We're referring to the ever-increasing element which has made alcohol its port of refuge at the slightest sign of a storm. Many use it as a springboard for success, foolishly believing that the artificial personality it produces -joyous, exuberant, witty, worldly, daring-will bring contacts that will ensure a great future.

We don't want to sound pontifical, but since this article will be read by members of AA, relatives of them, or people who have an alcoholic problem and yet foolishly believe they can drink socially by controlling it, we want to emphasize the need of successful and happy moorage.

Our moorage is not a sea-monster. It is a loving and patient God to whom we have turned over our lives in a Daily Plan of living after having come to a shocking realization that over-indulgence in alcohol and subsequent disregard for His commandments made our life unmanageable.

Some of the serious "storms" we must be concerned about in this sea of life are boredom and discouragement. The story of "The Devil's Auction" conveys more than any words which we could pen. It follows—

The Devil announced, once upon a time, that he was thinking of retiring from business and would offer all of his diabolical inventions for sale to anyone who would pay the price. On the day of the sale the tools were all attractively displayed, in spite of the ugliness of most of them. Malice, Hatred, Envy, Jealousy, Sensuality, Deceit and all the other instrumentalities of evil were spread out, each marked with its price.

Apart from the rest lay a plain wedge-shaped tool, most worn, and priced higher than any of the others. Asked what it was, the Devil replied, "Discouragement."

"Why have you priced such a simple tool so high?"

"Because," the Devil answered, "it is more useful to me than any of the others. I can pry open and get inside a man's consciousness with that when I could not get near him with any of the others; and when once inside, I can use him in whatever way suits me best. It is much worn, 'because I have used it on nearly everybody; yet very few know that it belongs to me."

And it came to pass that the Devil's price for Discouragement was so high that it never was sold. He still

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owns it, is still using it, and it is still devastatingly effective

When we came to believe that AA was our only answer we agreed to turn our life and our will to the care of God as we understood Him.

He alone guarantees us solid mooring.

## "JUST 'TIL TOMORROW"

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and handle without being thrown back into the realm of tomorrow. We have junked the old phrase. Our new one is, not in mooching, but in every positive aspect of life, in the giving of help to others above all, "Just for today."

## BUSY DYING

"Don't bother me, I am busy dying." This quotation is said to have been uttered by the late H. G. Wells, noted author, to some friends gathered around his death-bed.

I wonder if you and I sometimes are not saying the same thing unconsciously, when it comes to our AA. Although science tells us that our physical death starts two or three days after birth, it sometimes takes a number of years to occur. But not so our death in AA spirit.

Too many of us soon forget we once vowed we would do anything to stay sober. All of us had a desire and made a promise to sober up. It may have been in our home, at work or in some saloon. We wanted to get sober. But after finding AA we wanted to stay sober.

Sometime in the first year of sobriety the true spirit of AA became imbedded in our hearts. Hearts bursting with the desire to give. Give of ourselves, our time, our money and our talents. What a glorious world. We loved it. The spirit of AA was with us in every waking moment. Every leisure hour was filled with AA meetings, hospital calls, twelve step work, or maybe just talking AA to a fellow on the corner. At last we were really living. The days were far too short. Then the months and the years began to add up fast. Slowly but surely for some of us enthusiasm began to fade. All too soon we forgot that first year's determination to do anything to stay sober. Oh yes, sometimes we see or hear something that reminds us of the time we decided we had enough and wanted to quit, but we seem to forget who and what it was that gave us the desire to stay quit.

So we began to die. We take our sobriety for granted. We have forgotten the thrill it was to awake to a new day unafraid. We have forgotten what an adventure it was to eat breakfast. We have forgotten how wonderful it was to hear children laugh, to receive encouragement from another AA. The pat on the back, the hearty handshake, the look of peace and pride on the wife's face. All too soon we forget or become complacent. "Let the newer men do it," is a favorite expression of some.

We try to condone our actions by saying, "It will do the new man good." We entered a new year, 1956. To the young ladies it is a big year. To you and I this year simply gives us an additional twenty-four hours. Twenty-four more hours in which to thank God for giving us our sobriety and thank AA for maintaining it, or we can say: "Don't bother me, I'm dying."—Interclub News, Akron, O.

## "I AM YOUR GOD . . ."

There are some things which cannot be put down on paper. There are emotions which cannot be confined within the four corners of the written page. How can a few twisted symbols capture a baby's smile? How can dark ink lines retain the warmth of a friend's handclasp? How can the most beautifully tailored sentence—the most exquisitely fashioned phrase even brush the magnitude of God's presence?

A few days ago I experienced the poignant realization of this pitiful inadequacy.

Apparently some valuable papers had been lost. It presented a crisis. We had looked high and low but, they could not be found. You can well imagine my state of mind. I was frantic bordering on panic. I didn't know where to turn.

Fortunately, even when my hopes were at their lowest

ebb, something seemed to keep saying, "Take it easy lad. I have never let you down yet. This will come out all right."

On the last evening of the last day before I simply had to have these papers I went to my office for one more look. I had gone through every file. I had searched every cubby hole but they could not be found and my despair was so thick it could have been rolled up like an asphalt pavement.

Just then the phone rang. It was my wife. "You need look no further," she said. In cleaning house she had placed the papers in another file where I would never have thought to look.

This should have been enough to confirm my faith but it was only the beginning. I went home and my wife handed me the package containing the papers. It was a square cardboard box, the bottom just big enough to contain two large envelopes side by side. There were two stacks of envelopes in the box. I reached for the envelopes to remove them when I saw what I thought was a scrap of white paper lodged between the two piles. I removed the scrap of paper and started to crumple it up to toss it away when I happened to look at it. Here's what it said:

"I am your God . . . and I stand close by you . . . Is not this enough? What more do you desire on earth than My love of which My Heart is full?"

"I am your God and I remain faithful to you even when I send you sorrows; remember only that I am with you . . . what more do you desire?"

"I am your God . . . and I think of you . . . From all eternity I have thought of you; I have written your name in the depths of my heart in order that I might never forget you . . ."

"I am your God . . . and I arrange all for your happiness . . . If you do not understand now, one day you shall see clearly . . ."

"I am your God . . . and I truly love you . . . I know all that grieves you . . . I see every glance, I hear every word that pains you . . ."

"Accept all with tranquility and peace, because I, Myself, have allowed and ordered all; you be faithful to Me and persevere, and I shall reward you for all . . ."

"I am your God . . . Are you alone? . . . I shall be your friend . . . No one sneaks kindly to you? . . . Come close to ME and I shall be your all "in the Blessed Sacrament . . . I shall be to you a compensation for all that the world denies you . . ."

"I am your God . . . What more do you desire? . . . Be of good cheer . . . May nothing seem too hard for you, because he who possesses My Heart and My Love has all that he needs . . ."

"The world passes away . . . Time is fleeting . . . Men forsake one . . . Death shall carry off everything from you . . . One thing alone shall always remain to you . . . your God . . ."

So far as I am able to recall I had never seen this paper before. It certainly had no place in the file where I found it. Yet at the very moment when I needed help most, when my spirits were at the lowest possible depths, there it was—the first thing to catch my eye and right under my hand. I know some will say, "It was merely a coincidence," and at one time I might have accepted this but I have seen so many of these supposed coincidences that, insofar as I am concerned, they *cease* to be coincidences. I believe that message was placed there to do the very thing it did-impress upon me that no matter how gloomy the situation might seem I still had a Friend Who would see me through and that's the way it was.

As soon as I read it, I felt as light as a feather—I felt good. It seemed as though a loving Friend and Father were standing by my side giving me a gentle pat on the shoulder and saying: "There, there, sonny, you see everything comes out all right as long as you have faith."

I humbly pray that I shall never lose sight of that moment; that I shall never lose that feeling of absolute security which came to me then and that I may continue to improve "my conscious contact with God" until this feeling is ever-present.

—Anonymous

## GROUP NEWS

**Brooklyn—Speakers** for April are: 4—“Chuck” I., Mt. Vernon, O.; 11—Dick C., Cedar; 18—Tom E., Brooklyn (his 13th anniversary); 25—George H., Brooklyn (his 4th anniversary).

Collinwood—Celebrates its 15th anniversary Sunday, May 6, at 7:30 p. m. (promptly), with Judge James C. as speaker.

**Doan Men**—Celebrated its fifteenth anniversary on March 7. Although it wasn't publicized, many old-timers attended who had attached themselves to neighborhood groups. After a fine talk by Elliott K., some of the original members were singled out by M.C. Bill T. to recall some of the events which gave Doan Men its admirable record of effectiveness. Among those who responded were Harry R. of Stella Maris, Hank S., Frank L (the coffee expert), Franklyn S., Bill F., Howard B. of W. Richfield; Dick T., Kenny K., Chester S., Felix R., Bert M. and Clint C. Affectionately remembered were Charley E., who has been hospitalized for some time, and W. Roy W. of Chicago. Nearly 100 men attended.

**Elyria Women**—This new Women's group meets on Mondays at 8:30 p. m. at 374 E. Bridge St., Elyria. Male members are welcome to attend the open meeting on the last Monday of each month.

**Fairview Park—Speakers** for April are: 3—Jean F., Char-don; 10—David O'B., Pearl; 17—Warren C., Jr., Fairview Park; 24—Jim B., the peripatetic Irishman who annually appears on Collinwood's St. Patrick's Day program—no-one knows what group he's affiliated with. Tsk! Tsk!

**Gordon Square—Speakers** for April are: B—Stan McG., (deceased). A tape recording of his talk at his 5th anniversary will be heard; 13—Henry F., Gordon Square (his first lead); 20—Tom McG., Edgelake (his sixth anniversary); 27—Norma P., Westside Women.

**Lake County—Moves** to its new quarters in Fellowship Hall, Mentor Methodist Church, Route 20 and South Wood St., Mentor, Ohio, on April 3 at 8:30 p. m. Plenty of parking in the rear.

**Lakewood Women**—The annual Open House meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 11, at 8:30 p. m., in United Presbyterian Church, 12601 Detroit Ave. Members of both sexes from all groups are invited to attend. Speaker will be Bert McK. of Akron.

**Liberty**—Observes its third anniversary on Saturday, April 14. Speaker, Ace E., who has spoken at the two previous anniversaries.

**Memphis**—Beginning with the April 7 meeting the group will meet in the Lakewood Congregational Church, 1375 W. Clifton, corner of Detroit Avenue.

**Orchard Grove—Speakers** for April are: 2—Luther M., Berea Friday; 9—Rex B., Trinity; 16—Bob W., Orchard Grove; 23—Chuck I., Mt. Vernon, O.; 30—Herschel H., Parma.

**Trinity—Speakers** for April are: 7—Elliott and Eleanor K., Doan Men and Eastside Women, respectively; 14—Frank L., Corlett Men; 21—Jean C., Glenville; 28—Harry R., Doan Men.

**Your—A** new group holding its first meeting Sunday, April 8 at 7 p. m. in St. Felicitas School, has selected its name in a novel way by incorporating the capital letters of its slogan—Young and Old United we Recover. The speaker at its first meeting will be Judge James C. of Arcade. The school is located on Richmond Road, just south of Euclid Avenue.

One week an employee got a dollar too much in his *pay envelope*. The next week the paymaster, who had discovered the error, deducted the dollar.

“Hey,” the fellow squawked, “I'm a dollar short.”

“Well,” said the paymaster, “you didn't complain last week when you were a dollar over.”

“That's right, but a guy can overlook one mistake. When it happens a second time, it's time to complain.”

One way to get a perfect hatch over your troubles is to brood over them.

## CONSOLIDATED MEETING

Moose Hall, East 22nd at Carnegie  
Sunday, April 15, at 4 p. m.

Clevelanders who attended Bill W.'s annual birthday banquet in New York City last November were united in praise of the stirring message Joe D. of New York offered at the banquet. As a result, Joe D. was invited to repeat his message at the Spring Consolidated meeting in Moose Hall, E. 22nd St. at Carnegie, Sunday, April 15, at 4 o'clock.

These meetings give all groups an opportunity to hear outstanding speakers from other cities and are worth attending.

## CARL GERHAN DIES

Carl Gerhan, a former Cleveland and effectively active in West Side groups before transferring to Indianapolis, where he and his wife, Etta, continued their fine work for the past five years, passed away February 27. His many friends in Cleveland join us in offering our sincere condolences to his devoted wife.

## SACKVILLE O'C. REVISITS AMERICA

Sackville O'C., editor of The Road Back and Ireland's first AA member will make a return visit to the United States and Canada in April, May and June. He has a delightful personality and a positive message to offer as was indicated on his last trip here. He won the affections of all who heard him.

Here is his itinerary: April 16 to 23, New York City; 23-30, Philadelphia; 30 to May 3, Reading and Pittsburgh; 3-10, Chicago; 10-11, St. Louis; 11-14, Oklahoma City; 14-21, San Antonio and other Texas cities; 21-23, Kansas City; May 25, Kent, O.; May 26, Akron, O.; May 27, Newburgh group; May 28, Shaker group; May 29, Clark group; May 30, Lakewood 24-Hour group; May 31, Angle group; June 1-5, Toronto, Canada; 5-8, Montreal, Canada; 8-13, Boston, Mass.; 13-17 New York City.

He flies back to Dublin on June 18.

If you lean over backward in being fair, it's harder for your enemies to kick you in the pants.

M. P. Cunious: I say, old man, I'm in a terrible fix. I need some money badly, and I haven't the slightest idea where on earth I'm going to get it from.

T. I. Twadd: I'm relieved to hear that. I was afraid that you might have an idea you could borrow it from me.

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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
EARLY-EARLY-St. Columkill Church, East 26th and Superior 6:00
FRIENDLY SUBURBAN-6037 Pearl 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, Nela and Euclid 8:30
LORAIN AVE.-Banater Hall Annex, W. 120th St. at Lorain Ave 8:30
MILES-St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 9721 Romona Boulevard 8:30
PEAR&Corpus Christi Basement, 4850 Pearl Road 8:30
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
WEST MONDAY-Above Tend R. Lean Store, 1428 W. 25th at Detroit Ave 8:30
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
ELYRIA (Women)-374 E. Bridge, Elyria 8:30
LORAIN, O., East Side-Delaware Meth. Church, E. Erie (Rts. 2 & 6) and Delaware Ave. 8:30
SHELBY-Congregational Baptist Church, Jackson and Jefferson, Painville 8:30
VERMILION-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 9:00
CLARK-19 17 Clark Ave. 8:30
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 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
LAKE SHORE--Ascension Clubhouse, N. W. corner Puritas & W. 140th 8:30
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
TRADITIONS-Community Church of Brooklyn, 8720 Memphis Ave 9:00
WEST PARK-West Park Baptist Church, W. 152nd and Lorain 8:30
ASHLAND, O.-First Presbyterian Church, Corner Church and Third Sts 9:00
LAKE COUNTY-Fellowship Hall, Methodist Ch., Rt. 20, E. So. Wood, Mentor 8:30
LORAIN, O.-St. Stanislaus School, 28th St and Elyria Ave. 8:30
MFDINA, O.-St. Paul's Epis. Par.Hsc. 8:30
STRONGSVILLE--Tuesday--Town Hall 9:00

WEDNESDAY

ALCOI,A-6409 Detroit Ave 9:00
ALL-AMERICAN Sportsmen, 1142 Buhrer, 3rd Wednesday each month 8:30
BAXTER AVE.-6527 Baxter Ave. 8:30
BROOKLYN-KK. of P. Hall, 3316 Broadview, Fast of Pearl Rd 8:30
ASHTABULA CONSOLIDATED- Geneva, O., 1st Wed. each month, American Leg. Hall, Eagle and Park 7:30
C. E. I.-Illuminating Co., Room 335--Rear Building 8:30
COLLITNWOOD-945 E. 152nd St. 8:30
DENISON MEN-7403 Denison Ave. (first Wednesday, joint meeting) 8:30

DOAN MEN'S-2028 E. 105th St., Second floor, side entrance 9:00
EAST SIDE MORNING-- 2028 East 105th St 10:30 A.M.
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
LORAIN AVE.-S.S. Philip & James Hall, 3689 Bosworth Road 9:00
ST. JAMES-Ward's Convalescing Home, E. 71st and Cedar Ave 8:15
ST. MARY-400 North S. Chardon, O. 9:00
TWENTY-FOUR HOUR-13216 Detroit, Training meeting 1st Wed. each month, Church of the Ascension 8:30
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. Eric & Kansas (R.2 or 6) 8:30
ASHTABULA COUNTY MEN, Conneaut, O., Bof 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
CORLETT MEN-Holy Family School, 3845 E.131st at Chaucerside 9:00
COVENTRY-Fairmount Presby. Church, Scarborough and Fairmount Blvd. 8:30
CRILE HOSPITAL--Library 8:00
EDDY ROAD--Glenville Congregational Church, Eddy and St. Clair 8:30
HAWTHORNDEN STATE HOSPITAL Macedonia, O. Employees Bldg. 8:00
OUTHWAITE--Woodland Center, 7100 Kinsman Ave 8:30
ROCKY RR--Rockport Methodist Church, 3310 Wooster Road 9:00
THURSDAY WOMEN-St. Patrick's Hall, Bridge Ave. at W. 38th St. 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 St. 8:30
HARBOR THURSDAY--Ashtabula, O., 1147 West Fifth Street 8:30
INDEPENDENCE, O.-St. John's Lutheran Hall, Second and Sunset 9:00

FRIDAY

ANSEL ROAD-St. Thomas Church, 9205 Superior Ave. 9:00
BROADWAY-HARVARD-8497 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, 3367 W. 65th St. 8:30
LEE ROAD-American Legion Hall, Post 1063 13554 E. Euclid Ave 9:00
NORTH EAST-St. Agatha's Church Hall, 1269 Lakeview Rd. 8:30
ROSARY HALL-John J. Hill Charity Nurses Auditorium 8:30
SOLIDARITY--Incarnation Church, 616 E. E. 105th (North of St. Clair) 8:30
STRILLAMMARIS (Men) 1320 Washington Ave. 8:15
TRIPLE A FAMILY GROUP Rosary Hall, Charity Hospital 8:30
WEST SIDE YOUNG PEOPLE--Llewellyn Cong. Ch., Detroit & W. Clifton 9:00
AVON LAKE--First Congregational Church, 32801 Electric Blvd. d. 8:45
RERE--Social room of Berea Cong. Church, Seminary and Church 8:30
CONNELLY CO.-B. No. 11, E. Hill 8:30
CHAGRIN FALLS, O.-American Legion, E. Orange St. 8:30
CFPARDON, O.-Thrasher House, Water St., Chardon, O. 8:30
EUCLID, O.-Holy Cross Church, E. 200th and Lake Shore Blvd. 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-945 E. 152nd St. 9:00
MAPLE HTS.--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--Lakewood Congregational Ch., 1375 W. Clifton, Cor. Detroit Ave. 9:00
PARMA--Public Library, 5850 Ridge Rd. 8:30
PLAINS--Plains Methodist Church, Lake Shore Blvd. and Reynolds 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
WEST RICHFIELD--Consolidated Church, Route 303, just west of Route 21 8:30

SUNDAY

AI-L-AMERICAN Sportsmen 1142 Buhrer 1st Sunday each month 4:00
BROOKPARK PROJECTS-Administration Bldg., 13100 Dibell, off W. 130th 8:00
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-945 E. 152nd St. 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 Sunday in month, Cafeteria, McCracken and Henry 2:30
MISTLETOE-St. Thomas Church, 9205 Superior Ave. 7:00
NEWBURGI-I-St. Catherine's Church, 3443 E. 93rd St. 8:30
OUTHWAITE-2903 E. 71st St., Corner Kinsman 4:30
YOUR-St. Felicitas School, Richmond Rd., just south of Euclid 7:00
STRONGSVILLE--Royal Haven Farm, Royalton Road, Strongsville, O. 3:03
WEST SIDE DISCUSSION--6409 Detroit Ave. 11:00 AM
WARRENSVILLE--Cooley Farms Recreation Room 10:00 A.M.
GENEVA, O.-Legion Hall, Park St., corner of So. Eagle 7:30
1st TUESDAY EVERY MONTH
CENTRAL COMMITTEE--Hanna Building, Room 370 8:30
3rd TUESDAY EVERY MONTH
HOSPITAL COMMITTEE--Hanna Building, Room 370 8:30

NURSING HOMES THAT TREAT ALCOHOLICS

(This listing does not necessarily indicate endorsement or approval)

Alcoholics Abstinence Nursing Home (MW) MErose 1-1633 8023 Detroit Ave.
Cleveland Alcoholics 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.
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.

"REFRESHED COURSE"  
RE: RAY SCHAFFEL.  
LOG. CONTROL. MEETING

"POINT OF VIEW"

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## CHAIN REACTION

Probably it is the scent of spring in the air with its promise of new life that started us but, whatever the reason, we have been thinking lately about sponsorship. When we successfully sponsor a man or woman we give them a new life.

Our thoughts were not primed, however, by any gloating over successes. Quite the opposite. We were thinking of the many efforts, some stretching over months, we had made with some alcoholics without result. We may have been inclined to be a bit discouraged.

Actually, there are some consoling ways of viewing attempts to apply the Twelfth step which fail. There are some people who just are not capable of comprehending what the program is all about no matter how simply and clearly it is laid out for them. Some may benefit from other methods. A few are beyond the reach of any approach. This is not alibiing; it is a recognition of realities.

If we have done the best we can, been conscious of all the responsibilities of sponsorship, seen to it that our "baby" had the right visitors, explained the matters to his family, taken him to meetings to get him started, there need be no regrets over failure.

Let it be underlined that too often we become careless in sponsoring. How many times have we seen alcoholics placed in a hospital and allowed to fend for themselves and their counselling taken over by anybody who has the charity to make a visit? How often has a sponsor failed to meet his man when he came out of a hospital and guided his first feeble steps in sobriety?

If these pitfalls have been avoided we cannot hold ourselves in any way blameworthy. We keep on trying, hoping that the next one will be more successful, maybe because we have profited by past mistakes we ourselves have made in acting as guides.

But no effort of sponsorship, whatever its result, is without value!

If we have kept the alcoholic sober for only five days, that is five times more than none. We have, at least, given him a lease on life, a chance to think about his own problem with a somber and sane mind that otherwise he would not have had.

Often when we think the effort a failure we find later that it was not. In sponsorship there is such a thing as chain reaction. By definition chain reaction "is any series of events or happenings, each caused by the preceding one or ones."

Frequently we lay the ground work by our efforts with an alcoholic that another and later sponsor builds on successfully. Yet, without our preliminary efforts the second sponsor might not have been successful. This is not an infrequent development.

We were reminded of this by receipt of a letter this week from a man with whom we had worked very closely for years. He would have lucid, sober interludes of a few weeks and then he was off again. We had despaired of

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## GIVE OF YOURSELF

We heard a story over the radio the other morning which gives us a theme to write about. We suppose its a fable, but its message applies to all of us who sometimes wonder if we're not giving too much of ourselves in the cause of AA.

The story was about a rural village which attracted to itself a number of refugees. They were quickly assimilated and every year at harvest time a fete was held where there was dancing and singing-and drinking.

Each brought the items of food which the committee in charge asked them to bring and each brought the traditional jug of wine made from the grapes on his farm.

It was soon discovered that some farmers were better vintners than the rest and accordingly the jugs these vintners had brought were soon emptied . . . all too soon. Each year, as the word got around, the popularity of the best vintner's product grew to such an extent that many were deprived of a swig.

This created dissension. So the committee in charge ordered all jugs to be brought to a designated spot and each was emptied into a large barrel - the good and the bad-and everything was serene again.

One year a scheming farmer decided to save his wine for himself, so to keep up appearances, he stopped at the river and filled the jug with river water. Arriving at the festive scene, he brazenly poured the river water into the vat and no one was the wiser. What harm could one gallon of river water do to such a vast amount of wine?

But inevitably someone saw him fill his jug w&h river water, and instead of exposing him, thought it was a good idea, so he did it too.

And it came to pass finally that the festive day came again, and after all farmers had emptied their jugs, the serving was made-it was ALL pure river water!

The moral obviously is that you get out of any endeavor as much as you put in!

For the past twenty years, North Eastern Ohio has been the scene of great AA activity. AA was conceived in this area and soon spread throughout the world. The Cleveland-Akron area became the mecca for many seeking an answer to their desperate problem. People who had been outcasts of society suddenly were plummeted into prominence. Their advice and counsel was sought.

Interpretations of the program, hastily assimilated, were established in communities from coast to coast and soon problems developed. Accordingly, wisely and prayerfully, Bill and Doc, the founders, developed the Twelve Traditions as a guide for group policy and an endeavor to keep AA on the high level it set out to be.

Then, when Doctor Bob was stricken and Bill's health too was cause for concern, the Conference plan was adopted. In St. Louis, last year, Bill turned over the reins of responsibility to the chosen representatives of 48 areas of AA activity. AA had reached a state of stability and agreement.

Every area, however, except the North-eastern Ohio area has a representative in the Conference. Why? Are

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The fellow who  
is stuck on him-  
self is usually  
stuck with him-  
self.

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ever getting him into the program.

The letter, incidentally returning some borrowed cash which we had long ago kissed good-bye, announced that he had been sober for six months—the longest period in his adult life—and not only was he secretary of one AA group, but had been chairman for a month of another.

Discouragement in **sponsorship** is out of order. However brief, however fleeting its immediate results may seem to be, it plants a seed that in subsequent months or years, possibly unknown to us, bears fruit.

## GIVE OF YOURSELF

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we so self-sufficient that we don't need the counsel or advice of others? Do we have ALL the answers? We don't think so.

If we become complacent and think we have all the answers, we stand in danger of losing the respect the world has granted us and by not sharing our rich experience with others at all times on the national level we are derelict in our responsibility.

We dare not be self-sufficient! Let's get on the bandwagon!

## SOBRIETY INSURANCE

Is your sobriety insurance policy paid up? Most Americans are insurance minded. We carry policies on our lives, our health, our homes, our possessions, and our businesses. Sometimes, we complain a little when it comes time to pay the premiums, but then we decide that they're worth the cost and we send off our check and hope that we never have to collect on the policy.

The members of Alcoholics Anonymous have an extra insurance policy—called SOBRIETY INSURANCE. It's a policy that pays off every morning when you awaken, and ask the Power Greater than yourself, to please help you stay sober for the next 24 hours, and to help you accept your condition gracefully and humbly.

This extra insurance policy of yours will help to guide you in the path of tolerance and understanding of your fellow men; guide you away from the path of criticism, intolerance, jealousy, and envy of your fellow man. The dividends of this policy are multifold. To the alcoholic they mean—Sobriety, Tolerance, Humility and Unselfishness. They also insure Peace of Mind for you and your family. The premium on this policy—just a little Twelve-Step work. The sober alcoholic possesses the greatest of all boons; "That of being able to help his fellow sufferer in his search out of the morass that has encompassed him. —Brighter Side, Waterloo, Ia.

## POWER OF WORDS

Someone has aptly said . . . "Words are the ambassadors of the soul." Imagine a spring landscape without the light of the sun! So it is with words.

What would you choose as the 10 most beautiful-sounding words in the English language? A British novelist nominated "Carnation, azure, peril, moon, forlorn, heart, silence, shadow, April and apricot."

A distinguished American poet preferred, "Dawn, hush, lullaby, murmuring, tranquil, mist, luminous chimes golden and melody."

The late George Ade insisted that the six sweetest phrases he ever heard were . . . "Dinner is served," "All is forgiven," "Sleep until noon," "Here's that Ten," "Check is enclosed" and "Okay, I'll buy."

We in AA who truly enjoy and appreciate absolute sobriety would add "peace of mind," "serenity, faith, trust, respect and love.

## NEW YORKER TOPS

A delightful personality, rugged and individualistic, won the hearts and well merited applause of a good-sized crowd at the Spring Consolidated Meeting, April 16.

Joe D. of Brooklyn, N. Y. lived up to his press notices prepared and distributed by chairman Bob L. of the Parma group.

## REFRESHER COURSE

A refresher course will be started under the auspices of Central Committee on Sunday, May 6 at 2:30 p. m. in the C.T.S. Building, Room 510, 1404 E. 9th St., corner Rockwell Avenue, next to the Cleveland Press.

It will be operated on the same plan as was tried on the west side several years ago when the location evidently was a handicap. At the first meeting, Step one and Tradition one will be discussed for 15 minutes by two speakers . . . a five minute qualification as an alcoholic by another . . . ending with a summarization by a moderator.

At each successive meeting each step and tradition will be analyzed and explained by a qualified speaker until all twelve will be covered. As in the past, every effort will be made to confine the meeting to one hour.

Old members, as well as new, were enthusiastic in their praise of the first effort, stating that their grasp of the AA program was helped immeasurably as each Step and Tradition was analyzed and presented by speakers who studied and prepared them.

The speakers themselves claimed that they had benefited hugely by concentrating their thoughts on one particular Step or Tradition.

If you are seeking an answer and a complete knowledge of the program we guarantee you will find it by attending these sessions regularly. We urge you to attend.

It's an ideal opportunity for sponsors to bring their "babies" to these sessions. If they want the program badly enough to do ANYTHING, put it up to them to attend.

Every Sunday at 2:30 p. m. sharp. An open meeting. No collection. No refreshments. No raffle.

## POINT OF VIEW

When the other fellow acts that way, he's ugly—when you do, it's nerves. When he's set in his ways, he's obstinate . . . when you are, it's firmness. When he doesn't like your friends, he is prejudiced—when you don't like his, you are simply showing good judgment. When he takes time to do things, he is exasperatingly slow . . . when you take ages, you are deliberate. When he picks flaws, he is cranky . . . when you do, you are discriminating.

## WOES OF A SECRETARY

If we don't send out cards, we're lazy . . . If we send them early, you forget it . . . If we send them late you have another date . . . If we attend a committee meeting, we're butting in . . . If we don't attend, we're shirking . . . If we ask members for money, we are insulting . . . If we don't collect, we're slipping . . . If we ask for advice, we're incompetent . . . If we read all the notices, they're too long . . . If we condense them, they're incomplete . . . If we talk on any subject, we're trying to run things . . . If we remain silent, we've lost all interest—So it is, ashes to ashes, dust to dust, what others won't do secretaries must!  
—Bob W., Superior Group

## CANADIAN CAMP WILL OPEN

We are again delighted to report that "the AA plan camp," Beaver Lodge will open June 15 and will accept reservations for varying periods of time from a day to the entire period up to October 1. Beaver Lodge is a non-profit Foundation devoted to group and individual therapy for alcoholics.

It is located on an island in lower Georgian Bay (Macey's Bay) at Port Severn, Ontario. Excellent food and plenty of fishing.

New spring mattresses, new shower baths and a television have been installed. Rates \$7.00 per day. Write R.R. 1, Port Severn, Ontario.

SAVE SALES TAX STAMPS FOR DOWNTOWN OFFICE

## GROUP NEWS

Ashland-Daylight saving time does not affect Ashland which will still hold to the old time. Cleveland visitors are advised that the 8 p. m. meetings in Ashland will start at 9 p. m., Cleveland time.

Brooklyn-Observes its sixteenth anniversary on Wednesday, May 9 at 8:30 p. m. An organ recital at 8 p. m. will precede the meeting in Trinity Evangelical and Reformed Church, 3525 W. 25th St. Speaker will be James A. McG. of Barberton, O., a sixteen year member who established the first group in Barberton.

Speakers for May are: 2-Kitty M., Strongsville; 9—The anniversary meeting; 16—Joe K., Brooklyn (his 9th anniversary); 23-Harry R., Stella Maris; 30 -AA motion pictures.

**Brookpark Projects-Group** is dissolved.

**Edgelake-On** April 30, the group will hold its first meeting in beautiful, spacious Rocky River Community Center at Wagar and Hilliard. The group originally met on Monday evenings, but was forced to change to Tuesday night when the hall in which they held their meetings for the past ten years had only that evening available. The new quarters include a splendid kitchen and private room for private consultations. The Clifton bus 55N passes the doors and plenty of parking space is available for your car. So, it's Monday nights at Edgelake from now on. Visitors are always welcome.

Fairview-Speakers for May are: 1-Paul R., Rocky River; 8-Henry W., Euclid-Wade; 15—Walter K., Mistletoe; 25—George G., Forest City.

**Lake County-Speakers** for May are: 1-Gus P., Miles Mixed; 8—Howard B., Independence; 15-Floyd D., Broadway-Harvard; 22-An anonymous lady speaker; 29—Mike K., Miles Mixed.

Pearl-Speakers for May are: ?-Stanton McD., Orchard Grove; 14—Ed C., Newburgh; 21—Ben T., Berea; 28—Pete G., Parma.

**Lorain Consolidated**—Ray S., of Coshocton will be the speaker at the monthly Lorain County Consolidated meeting, 345 E. Broad St., Elyria, Ohio. Ray is the regional director from Southern Ohio of the National AA Service conference. Meeting at 7:30 p. m. conference. Meeting at 7:30 p. m., Sunday, May 9.

**Memphis-Speakers** for May are: 5—James S., Pearl; 12-Tom N., Hilltop; 19—Rollie F., Memphis (his 5th anniversary); 26-Ed H., Memphis (his 2nd anniversary). The group now meets in Lakewood Congregational Church, W. Clifton and Detroit at 9 p. m.

Orchard Grove-Speakers for May are: 7—Marge K., Westside Women; 14—No meeting as the group will attend Lorain-Avenue-Monday's anniversary meeting; 21—Neil C., Denison Men; 28—Jack K., Orchard Grove.

**Lorain Avenue--Monday**-Observes its anniversary meeting on Monday, May 14 in Banater Annex, W. 120th and Lorain Ave.

Trinity-Fifty dollars was turned over to the AA District Office as a large crowd attended an excellent panel meeting comprised of speakers from the Arcade group.

Speakers for May are: 5—Judge Herschel H., Parma; 12—Mary B., Shaker; 19—John C., Allendale; 26—Jack B., Shaker and Doan Men.

West Side **Women**—Observes its fifteenth anniversary on Monday, May 21 at 9 p. m. in West Boulevard Christian Church, W. 101st and Madison. Speaker will be Crawford W., AA District Office secretary.

## FOUNDERS DAY

Founders Day will be observed in Akron, Ohio on Sunday, June 24 in Goodyear Theatre, East Market St. at 2 p. m. The speaker will be Bill W., co-founder of AA. Many of us Clevelanders will be in the audience to hear and welcome him. He always has a stirring message.

## CHARLES ELLIS

One of Cleveland's first members, Charley Ellis, passed away April 18 after a long battle with cancer. He was buried in Richmond, Ind., April 21.

Charley's record of sustained sobriety and fine twelfth step work dates back to November 4, 1937.

He was a huge man, but withal was a gentle, affable and generous one. His counsel and friendliness will be sorely missed at Doan Men's group which he helped organize.

## CHARLES A. RODGERS

A valued and well liked member of the Brooklyn group, Charles A. Rodgers, died of leukemia in Crile Hospital Monday, April 2, after being hospitalized over a year.

The many AA friends who visited him marveled at his philosophy of acceptance of God's will which he had found in AA.

His devoted wife, Frances, expressed her appreciation for the regular visits of his many friends, practically all of them AA members.

## BIG SISTERS

The Big Sisters, dedicated to rehabilitation of women prisoners as well as working with BBs on wives of parolees will hold a benefit dance on Saturday, May 12, in Calvary Presbyterian Church, E. 79th and Euclid.

## GIGGLES

It was tough for Joe to get up in the morning so he went to his doctor who prescribed a certain pill. Joe took the pill, slept well, and was awake before he heard the alarm clock. He dressed and ate breakfast leisurely. Later he strolled into the office and said to the boss: "You know. I didn't have a bit of trouble getting up this morning."

"That's interesting," replied the boss, "but where were you yesterday?"

"We are having a raffle for a poor widow. Will you buy a ticket?"

"Nope, my wife wouldn't let me keep her if I won."

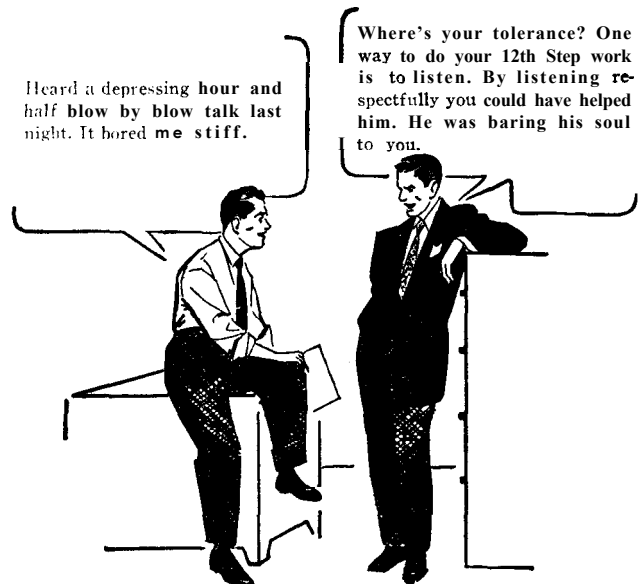
"I hear Doris is engaged to an X-ray specialist."

"I wonder what he sees in her?"

"Did the honor system work well in your math class?"

"Yes, until some sneak went and sauealed on us."

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**CLEVELAND AREA GROUP MEETINGS**

**MONDAY**

ADDISON-Westminster Church, ..... 8:30  
 Cor. Addison and Wade Park  
 BORTON-E. Cleveland Congrega. Church, ..... 8:30  
 Page and Euclid Ave.  
 EARLY-EARLY-St. Columkill Church, ..... 6:00  
 East 26th and Superior  
 EDGLAKE-Rocky River Community Cen., ..... 8:30  
 Wagar & Hilliard, Dinner 7; Meeting  
 FRIENDLY SUBURBAN-6037 Pearl ..... 8:00  
**LAKEWOOD** (Orchard Grove)- ..... 8:30  
 1417 St. Charles, nr. Detroit  
**LAKEWOOD MEN'S**-St. Peter's Episcopal, ..... 8:30  
 W. Clifton and Detroit  
 LEE MONDAY-First Presbyter. Church, ..... 8:30  
 East Cleveland, Nela and Euclid  
**LORAIN AVE.**-Banater Hall Annex, ..... 8:30  
 W. 120th St., at Lorain Ave.  
 MILES-St. Mary's Episcopal Church, ..... 8:30  
 9721 Romona Boulevard  
 PEARL-Corpus Christi Basement, ..... 8:30  
 4850 Pearl Road  
 SHAKER HEIGHTS-Christ Episcopal Church, 3445 Warrenville Rd ..... 9:00  
 SOUTH EAST-7526 Broadway ..... 8:30  
 UNION-East View Cong. Church, ..... 9:00  
 Kinsman at E. 156th St.  
 WEST MONDAY-Above Tend R. Lean Store, 1428 W. 25th at Detroit Ave. .... 8:30  
 WEST 25th ST.-Marvel Hall, ..... 8:30  
 2858 W. 25th St.  
 WOMEN'S-Westside-West Boulevard Christian Church, Madison and W. 101 ..... 8:45  
 ELYRIA MEN-St. Agnes Church, ..... 8:30  
 Lake Road at Bath St., Elyria, O.  
 ELYRIA (Women)-374 E. Bridge, Elyria ..... 8:30  
**LORAIN, O.**-East Side-Delaware Meth. Church, E. Erie (Rts. 2 & 6) and Delaware Ave. .... 8:30  
 SHELBY-Congregational Baptist Church, Jackson and Jefferson, Painesville ..... 8:30  
 VERMILION-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. .... 9:00  
 CLARK-1917 Clark Ave. .... 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  
**LAKE SHORE**-Ascension Clubhouse, N. W. corner Puritas & W. 140th ..... 8:30  
 MILES-LEE-Mt. Hope Lutheran Church, E. 164th, north of Miles Ave. .... 8:30  
**NEW WIFE 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  
**TRADITIONS**-Community Church of Brooklyn, 8720 Memphis Ave. .... 9:00  
**WEST PARK**-West Park Baptist Church, W. 152nd and Lorain ..... 8:30  
**ASHLAND, O.**-First Presbyterian Church, Corner Church and Third Sts ..... 9:00  
 8:30 Eastern Standard, 9:30 Daylight  
**LAKE COUNTY**-Fellowship Hall, Methodist Ch., Rt. 20, E. So. Wood, Mentor ..... 8:30  
**LORAIN, O.**-St. Stanislaus School, ..... 8:30  
 28th St. and Elyria Ave.  
**MEDINA, O.**-St. Paul's Epis. Par.Hse. .... 8:30  
**STRONGSVILLE**-Tuesday-Town Hall ..... 9:00

**WEDNESDAY**

**ALCOLA**-6409 Detroit Ave ..... 9:00  
**ALL-AMERICAN Sportsmen**, 1142 Buhrer, 3rd Wednesday each month ..... 8:30  
**RAXTER AVE.**-6527 Baxter Ave ..... 8:30  
**BROOKLYN**-K. of P. Hall, 3316 Broadview, East of Pearl Rd ..... 8:30  
**ASHTABULA CONSOLIDATED**-Geneva, O., 1st Wed. each month, American Leg. Hall, Eagle and Park ..... 7:30  
**C. E. I.**-Illuminating Co., Room 335-Rear Building ..... 8:30  
**COLLINWOOD**-945 E. 152nd St ..... 8:30  
**DENISON MEN**-7403 Denison Ave., (first Wednesday, joint meeting) ..... 8:30  
**DOAN MEN'S**-2028 E. 105th St., Second floor, side entrance ..... 9:00

**EAST SIDE MORNING**-2028 East 105th St ..... 10:30 A.M.  
**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  
**LORAIN AVE.**-S.S. Philip & James Hall, 3689 Bosworth Road ..... 9:00  
**ST. JAMES**-Mt. Zion Church, E. 103rd St. and Cedar ..... 8:15  
**ST. MARY**-400 North S. Chardon, O ..... 9:00  
**TWENTY-FOUR HOUR**-13216 Detroit, Training meeting 1st Wed. each month, Church of the Ascension ..... 8:30  
**WARRENSVILLE**-Women's House Cor. 7:30  
**WOMEN'S**-East Side-Cleveland Unitarian Society, Euclid and E. 82nd St. .... 8:30  
**WOMEN'S**-Lorain County-St. Anthony's School Hall, E. Erie & Kansas (R.2 or 6) ..... 8:30  
**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  
**CORLETT MEN**-Holy Family School, 3845 E. 131st at Chapelside ..... 8:30  
**COVENTRY**-Fairmount Presby. Church, Scarborough and Fairmount Blvd. .... 8:30  
**CRILE HOSPITAL**-Library ..... 8:00  
**HAWTHORNDEN STATE HOSPITAL** Macedonia, O., Basement of New Employees Bldg. .... 8:00  
**OUTHWAITE**-Woodland Center, 7100 Kinsman Ave. .... 8:30  
**ROCKY RIVER**-Rockport Methodist Church, 3310 Wooster Road ..... 9:00  
**THURSDAY WOMEN**-St. Patrick's Hall, Bridge Ave. at W. 38th St. .... 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 St. .... 8:30  
**HARBOR THURSDAY**-Ashtabula, O., 1147 West Fifth Street ..... 8:30  
**INDEPENDENCE, O.**-St. John's Lutheran Hall, Second and Sunset ..... 9:00

**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**-American Legion Hall, Post 163, 15544 Euclid Ave. .... 9:00  
**NORTH EAST**-St. Agatha's Church Hall, 1269 Lakeview Rd. ....  
**ROSARY HALL**-Jordan Hall, Charity Nurses Auditorium ..... 8:30  
**SOLIDARITY**-Incarnation Church, 616 E. 105th (North of St. Clair) ..... 8:30  
 (First meeting, March 23, 1956)  
**STELLA MARIS**(Men) 1320 Washington Ave ..... 8:15  
**ROSARY HALL AUXILIARY**, Cleveland Alcoholic Hospital (MW)  
**WEST SIDE YOUNG PEOPLE**-Lkwd. Cong. Ch., Detroit & W. Clifton 9:00  
**AVON LAKE**-First Congregational Church, 32801 Electric Blvd. .... 8:45  
**BEREA**-Social room of Berea Cong. Church, Seminary and Church ..... 8:30  
**CONNEAUT, O.**-B. of I., E. Hall ..... 8:30  
**CHAGRIN FALLS, O.**-American Legion, E. orange St. .... 8:30  
**CHARDON, O.**-Thrasher House, water St., Chardon, O. .... 8:30  
**EUCLID, O.**-Holy Cross Church, E. 200th and Lake Shore Blvd. .... 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, Andrea, near Detroit ..... 8:30  
**LEAGUE PARK**-St. Agnes School Hall, East 79th and Euclid Ave ..... 9:00  
**LIBERTY**-945 E. 152nd St ..... 9:00  
**MAPLE HTS.**-Luth. Church of Covenant, 19000 Liberty Rd cor. Maple Hts. Blvd. .... 8:30  
**MATT TALBOT**-St. Philip-Neri Church, F. 82nd and St. Clair ..... 8:30  
**MEMPHIS**-Lakewood Congregational Ch., 1375 W. Clifton, Cor. Detroit Ave. .... 9:00  
**PARMA**-Public Library, 5850 Ridge Rd ..... 8:30  
**PLAINS**-Plains Methodist Church, Lake Shore Blvd. and Reynolds 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  
**WEST RICHFIELD**-Consolidated Church, Route 303, just west of Route 21 ..... 8:30

**SUNDAY**

**ALL-AMERICAN Sportsmen**, 1142 Buhrer 1st Sunday each month ..... 4:00  
**BROOKPARK PROJECTS**-Administration Bldg., 13100 Dibell, off W. 130th ..... 8:00  
**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**-945 E. 152nd St ..... 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 Sunday 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  
**OUTHWAITE**-2903 E. 71st St., Corner Kinsman ..... 4:30  
**REFRESHER COURSE**-C. T. S. Bldg., Room 510, 1404 E. 9th St ..... 2:30  
**YOUR**-St. Felicitas School, Richmond Rd., just south of Euclid ..... 7:00  
**STRONGSVILLE**-Royal Haven Farm, Royalton Road, Strongsville, O ..... 3:00  
**WEST SIDE DISCUSSION**-6409 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

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**1st TUESDAY EVERY MONTH**  
**CENTRAL COMMITTEE**-Hanna Building, Room 3 7 0 ..... 8:30  
**3rd TUESDAY EVERY MONTH**  
**HOSPITAL COMMITTEE**-Hanna Building, Room 370. .... 8:30

**NURSING HOMES THAT TREAT ALCOHOLICS**  
*(This listing does not necessarily indicate endorsement or approval)*  
 Alcoholics Abstinence Nursing Home (MW)  
 MELrose 1-1633 ..... 8023 Detroit Ave.  
 Cleveland Alcoholic Clinic (MW)  
 EXpress 1-8998 ..... 7809 Euclid Ave.  
 Elmwood Sanitarium (M) ..... 17322 Euclid Ave.  
 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.



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## ANONYMITY AGAIN

A great deal of confusion exists on the meaning of the second word in our name—Anonymous.

To some it implies absolute secrecy on identification with the group, or about the group or any of its activities. To others it is an empty word without meaning or purpose.

Both viewpoints are wrong. In this, as in the whole of life, good sense and moderation must be the rule.

Certainly the anonymity of all other members must be respected. None of us has the right either in passing conversation or in confidence to some non-member to remark, "Oh, Joe Doaks, he's a member of Alcoholics Anonymous." The revelation of Joe Doaks as a member is strictly a matter for Joe and Joe alone to decide.

On the other side of the coin is the chap who goes about proclaiming his affiliation, sometimes even wearing a minute gold pin. "AA," at the tip of his lapel. This has its obvious dangers. No one is a spokesman for the organization. No one should pose, even to the slightest degree, as Mr. AA.

Sometimes identification is unsought and inevitable. The other day we talked to a group of junior executives down state on the program, its history and purpose. We thought we would be introduced as Mr. X. But the leader had announced our name the week before. There was no out, but to accept the identification and explain why anonymity is desirable.

All of us run into such situations occasionally. There are others, however, where we should take good care to make it known to the proper persons that we are affiliated. One of these is in changing jobs. Our superiors should be told quite frankly that we are members of Alcoholics Anonymous. "This makes for understanding—and in 99 cases out of 100, welcome acceptance.

If we try to conceal the fact from our employer we run the risk of being exposed some day and giving rise to a great many questions and doubts. Why didn't he say he belonged? Too often some old drinking acquaintance will say, "Well, he's an awful soak," not knowing of our new way of life. But the employer if he is informed can squelch any such falsehood by replying that such may have been the case in the old days, but he knows that now we are strictly on the beam.

Another risk if we take refuge in anonymity from those who should know is trying to explain why at company meetings we refuse to drink. This can put us in an ticklish spot, especially if we are supposed to be a good fellow with the company's best customer. If our position is understood before hand by management there is no such danger. Embarrassing explanations are avoided as is the danger—not to be minimized—of slipping just to cover things up.

Psychologically it can be said that the member who is touchy about anonymity and insists on it under all circumstances has not made up his mind to quit drinking. This holds true because there is something peculiar in the person who made a spectacle of himself in his drinking days, loud, noisy, boisterous and show-off, until

## FOUR-FLUSHING

The weathermen called it a severe thunderstorm. But the residents in a vast section of the area in which we live insist that it was a tornado that struck with devastating force last week, leveling mighty trees, ripping off roofs and causing millions of dollars worth of damage.

As we drove through neighborhoods where the damage was most serious, we saw mammoth trees which had majestically weathered storms for countless years, wearing their spring foliage, uprooted and broken in pieces as they crashed into houses or into the street.

Our course took us down one of our favorite streets. The tall majestic trees on both sides of the street formed a beautiful archway with their great foliated branches figuratively linking hands to welcome their visitors and admirers.

These trees looked as though they would last forever. But now many were down and the street will have a different look.

We were shocked to see the condition of many of these seemingly imperishable trees as their insides were revealed. Their outside appearance did not reveal the rottenness inside. We suppose the owners of these trees never suspected it either for the trees looked so healthy.

These trees, from outward appearances were solid and substantial, but it wasn't their fault that their insides were deteriorating. Trees depend upon humans to nurture them and watch for diseases which would kill them.

Seeing these trees, which the day before had looked so perfect brought to mind the condition of many of us who have forsaken our former evil

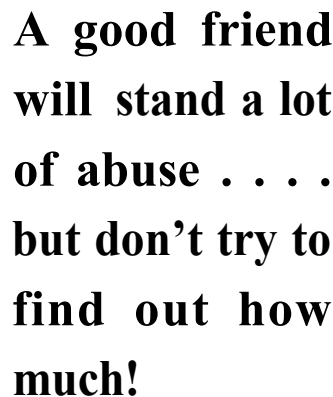
ways and changed into apparently solid, perfect citizens. The trees could do nothing to keep their insides sound, but we can. The large areas of rotted wood inside those beautiful trunks might be compared with the condition of our hearts, our minds, and our souls. Does our "fearless moral inventory" reveal such rot as dishonesty, impurity, selfishness, spitefulness, resentment? If so, should we not take steps to practice a little "tree surgery" and clean out the "rot"?

An excellent guide in determining whether or not we have started to deteriorate since those first shining days in AA would be a close study and analysis of the so-called Four Absolutes — absolute honesty, purity, unselfishness and love. These are good measuring sticks which show if we are living the twenty-four hour program as outlined in the Twelve Steps.

Let us be firm, solid, and healthy all the way through, so that when the storms (or tornados) of adversity begin to rage about us we will only bow our heads and not break.

everybody in town had him pegged for the drunk be is. But he sobers up and he is scared out of his wits that people will learn he is sane and sensible. It just doesn't parse.

Those who maintain this suspicious reserve, this false front, must remember that it is the soundness of their thinking that will enable them to meet the test successfully.



A good friend  
will stand a lot  
of abuse . . . .  
but don't try to  
find out how  
much!

## TRANQUILIZERS

Magazines and newspapers have been featuring articles on a new miracle drug which, it is claimed, will be another solution to the alcoholic problem as well as other nervous afflictions. Its discoverer cites case histories to prove its effectiveness.

Ho hum! we say, at the risk of being considered closed-minded and backward. We recall other recent miracle drugs-ACHT, Antibus and others. Each was hailed as THE answer, THE cure, but the patient, perverse as only an alcoholic can be, inevitably got drunk again because he didn't eliminate the primary cause of his trouble -the refusal to admit he couldn't drink, period, and correct his character defects.

The only effective tranquilizer in the long run is the philosophy of AA and the complete application of its comprehensive principles. Constant patient and sincere application of its treatment will guarantee a healthy body and brain-and a tranquil soul!

Read the following excellent article, titled "Give Us a Tranquilizer", written by Mary Ann Callan, Los Angeles Times Women's Editor. She nits the nail on the head.

"During May, Mental Health month, we hope some genius will discover a new kind of tranquilizer, not in a bottle, a pill, a capsule, but inside the person.

Whoever the genius is, he will have to discover it without benefit of a pacifying drug, for if he's under the influence of the stuff, he'll never know where to find real tranquillity.

He has to be the kind who isn't relieved synthetically of all pressures of everyday living and who does feel all the minor (and normal) depressions and annoyances. He will have to know when he's angered, low, tired or happy. Because only when he feels all these things and is able to make unconscious or conscious comparisons does he know real happiness.

He will have to be the kind who doesn't want to achieve a plateau of calmness and thereby live in a vacuum, but must want to feel the heat and cold of life to be challenged to a full existence.

He will have to, once in a while, blow his top and know what he's angered at and therein give a very healthy performance. (If he were tranquilized by pill, his body would go right on being mad, but he wouldn't know it.)

He will also want to solve his problems, rather than avoid them . . . by looking squarely at them, rather than numbing them out of the way. He will find joy in the struggle to solve them because he's a human being, and that's the history of mankind.

And when he's tired, he will know it, and will go to sleep, without benefit of any synthetic support, not dreading-the new day or the fact that his bottle of pills may not last out that day or the rest of the week. He's got his supply, inside himself.

Do we really need a genius to discover that?"

## O. P. FELLOWSHIP ANNIVERSARY

The Ohio Penitentiary Fellowship group will observe its seventh anniversary on Sunday, June 17. The meetings will start promptly at 11:30 a. m. and close at 1:45 p. m. (Eastern Standard Time). Visitors will meet in the front lobby of the penitentiary at 11 a. m. where they will be met by the prison psychologist, S. M. Patterson, and escorted to the auditorium.

Only male visitors are permitted to attend and reservations should be made through Mr. Patterson by addressing him as follows "AA Advisor, Box 511, Columbus 15, Ohio.

These meetings are well worth attending.

The fellow who is least able to pass judgment on his neighbors is usually the most severe.

True happiness is found only in contentment.

Footprints on the sands of time are not made by sitting down.

## CINCINNATI SHOWS UNDERSTANDING

In 1953, several members of AA were studying the plight of the women alcoholics finishing their terms in Cincinnati Workhouse and the difficulties these women faced upon release. Statistically, about 70 women alcoholics from every strata of society are sentenced to the Workhouse each year. A large percentage of these women had no family or friends who could or would provide them with proper environment as well as a material start. Upon release the prisoner would be given only a street car ticket and usually would gravitate back to where her trouble with the law began.

The program of Alcoholics Anonymous does not have, and should not have, any facilities or funds to "stake" these people, so the members contacted social agencies.

Finally in August, 1955, a contact was made with an interdenominational prayer group who had a sum of money ear-marked for aiding needy women. Four AAs and four members of the Prayer Group discussed ways and means of helping. After several months of realistic discussion a third group was interested-The Women's City Club.

In December, 1955, the three groups decided that AA should bring the message to the alcoholics at the Workhouse and the two civic groups provide quarters, food, clothing, medical aid (if needed) and job finding assistance.

In January, 1956, sixteen women from the "inside" attended their first meeting, and the message seemed well received. A noticeable improvement in personal appearance was evident at the next week's meeting as well as a change in attitude.

On January 17, the first girl came out. She is still on the beam. In February several more. By May 14, a total of 10 have been released to the committee. Of the ten girls helped, five are on the beam and doing fine; two are still in the early rehabilitation stage and staying at the "residence"; three are back to the bottle and one of these is back in the Workhouse. At the May 10 meeting, 32 inside members were present.

Materially, a very sincere and stable member of the Committee has provided a "residence" of two rooms for the girls. She also boards and "oversees" them in a limited way . . . clothes were gathered from every possible source . . . as soon as they were adjusted psychologically they were urged to find jobs and helped in this by the Committee . . . were persuaded to go on their own as soon as was advisable. The cost to date for each girl helped has been \$54.00.

Our Big Sister movement would do well to study the Cincinnati plan by contacting welfare officials and the various Women's Clubs in the Cleveland area.

## CLEAN-UP TIME

Clean-up time properly comes when a person first embraces the fellowship and makes an honest effort to remove the shortcomings which directly or indirectly caused him to drink.

Be careful to scrape off all the scale and rust of deceit and insincerity before you apply the paint of right living.. Otherwise you will suffer the same fate that the careless painter experiences if he foolishly applies paint over a rusty or scaly surface. You'd think he was a goof, wouldn't you? WE-E-L-L !

## TAVERN NOW ALCOHOLIC'S RETREAT

Tarry Tavern, the scene of a 1945 murder and a notorious drinking spot in Chippewa Lake, will do an about face on June 1 and become a nursing home for alcoholics.

It will be operated by Glynn Clark, director of the Cleveland Alcoholic Clinic, 7809 Euclid Ave., and will be called the Guy Clark Memorial Hospital, named after Glenn's brother who died about a month ago.

The spacious lake level lounge will be converted into clubrooms and a dance hall for use by northern Ohio members. The hospital will have about 90 beds and will occupy the upper floors.

## GROUP NEWS

All group news should be mailed to the editor by the 15th of each month to assure listing

Angle-Speakers for June are: 7—George A., formerly of Newburg, now a resident of Florida; 14—Joe V., Ansel Road; 21—Danny K., Barberton; 20—Father Wilson of St. Columbkille's Church.

Baxter—Since the first of the year the group has been meeting in Newburg Recreation, 8437 Broadway. Their old meeting place was destroyed by fire. They meet at 8:30 on Wednesday.

Brooklyn—Speakers for June are: 6—Bill H., Brooklyn (his first anniversary); 13—Mike Y., Free lance—a short lead and an AA movie; 20—Bob T., Free lance; 27—Brown L., Brooklyn (his fourth anniversary).

Fairview—Speakers for June are: 5—Paul L., Berea Thursday; 12—John M., Edgelake; 19—Open; 25—"Pappy" S., Coventry.

Gordon Square—Observes its fourteenth anniversary on Friday, June 29 at 9 p. m. Jack D. of Borton will be the speaker. Plenty of good food and door prizes. Visitors are welcome. Other speakers for June are: 1—Jack B., Doan Men; 8—Bill J., Geneva, O.; 15—Joe R., Lorain-Monday; 22—Harry R., Stella Mans.

Lake County—Speakers for June are: 5—Grover S., Willoughby; 12—Ace E., Collinwood; 19—Irene M., Euclid-Wade and Eastside Women; 26—Clint C., Doan Men.

Memphis—Speakers for June are: 2—Chas S'z, Brooklyn; 9—Charley S. and Geo. H., Brooklyn; 16—Bob E., Clark; 23—Rex B., Trinity; 30—Kelly (Crutchey) E. Valleyview.

Parma—Ken B. of Toronto, Canada will be the speaker at the Saturday, June 2 meeting. Ken was written up in the Central Bulletin as the author's "most unforgettable character." (He still holds that esteem.—Ed.)

Trinity—Speakers for June are: 6—Albert S., Brooklyn; 9—A recording of the Three Legacies by founder Bill W. -Don't miss it. 16—Panel of Trinity members including Everett W., Robert H., Tom E. and Lawrence H.; 23—John H., Doan Men; 30—Mary R., Westside Women.

W. 25th—Speakers for June are: 4—Tom R., League Park; 11—Jack H., W. 25th St. (his 15th anniversary); 18—Orin M., W. 25th St., (his 2nd anniversary); 25—Harry W., Lake Shore.

## FOUNDERS DAY

Founders Day will be observed in Akron, Ohio on Sunday, June 24 in Goodyear Theatre, East Market St. at 2 p. m. The speaker will be Bill W., co-founder of AA. Many of us Clevelanders will be in the audience to hear and welcome him. He always has a stirring message.

## GIGGLES

"Are you a clock-watcher?" asked the employer of an applicant for a job.

"No, sir, I don't like inside work," replied the applicant, "I'm a whistle-listener."

Hubby (at the golden wedding) : "Well, dear, all the years have flitted by, and I haven't deceived you yet, have I?"

Wifie : "No, John; but goodness knows you've tried hard and often enough."

A child was teasing the kitten, when her mother remonstrated : "Phyllis, the next time you hurt that kitten, I'm going to do the same to you; if you hit or pinch it, I'll hit or pinch you. If you pull its ears, I'll pull yours."

Silence for a moment, the: "Mummy, I've pulled its tail."

**SAVE BALES TAX STAMPS FOR DOWNTOWN OFFICE**

## HENRY SCHWERING JERRY PARKS

As we go to press we hear that two valued members of AA who contributed much to its growth were called to their eternal rest. No definite details were given us except that Jerry died Thursday, May 17 and Hank on Sunday, May 20.

Hank enjoyed continued sobriety for about 16 years and Jerry about 8 or 10.

Both were exceptional men and our sincere condolences go out to their families.

## REFRESHER COURSE

At the time of this writing, two Refresher Course meetings have been held in the C. T. S. Building (Room 510) at 1404 East 9th St., on Sunday afternoons at 2:30 p. m. Both have been intensely interesting and profitable to those attending.

In our opinion there is no better way of indoctrinating a new member. At each session one step and one tradition is explained and later summarized and discussed. They will be taken in chronological order until all twelve have been covered.

Every Sunday at 2:30 p. m. sharp. It is an open meeting. No collection. No refreshments. No raffle.

## SACKVILLE O'C. F. HERE

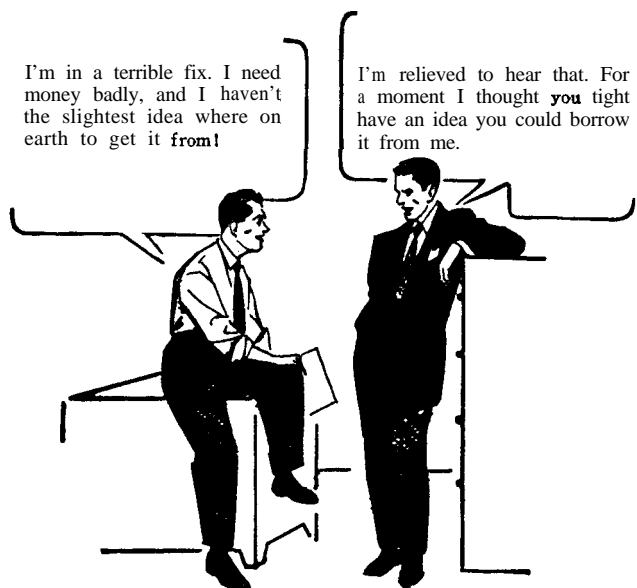
Colorful Sackville O'C. F., editor of The Road Back, Ireland's first AA member will speak at the Kent, Ohio group meeting on Friday, May 25; Akron, Ohio, Saturday, May 26; Newburgh group-Cleveland, Sunday, May 27; Shaker group, Monday, May 28; Clark group, Tuesday, May 29; Twenty-four Hour group, Wednesday, May 30; Angle group (St. Malachi), Thursday, May 31. He's quite a guy!

One of the penalties of matrimony is being compelled to listen to someone describe our faults.

Denying a fault-doubles it.

Silence does not always mean contempt-sometimes it means ignorance.

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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
EARLY-EARLY-St. Columkill Church, East 26th and Superior... 6:00
EDGE LAKE-Rocky River Community Cen., Wagar & Hilliard. Dinner 7; Meeting... 8:30
FRIENDLY SUBURBAN-6037 Pearl... 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, Nela and Euclid... 8:30
LORAIN AVE.-Banater Hall Annex, W. 120th St. at Lorain Ave... 8:30
MILES-St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 9721 Romona Boulevard... 8:30
PEARL-Corpus Christi Basement, 4850 Pearl Road... 8:30
SHAKER HEIGHTS-Christ. Episcopal Church, 3445 Warrenville Rd... 9:00
SOUTH EAST-7526 Broadway... 8:30
UNION-East View Cong. Church, Kinsman at E. 186th St... 9:00
WEST MONDAY-Above Tend R. Lean Store, 1428 W. 25th at Detroit Ave... 8:30
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
ELYRIA (Women)-374 E. Bridge, Elyria 8:30
SHELBY-Congregational Baptist Church, Jackson and Jefferson, Painesville... 8:30
VERMILION-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 Buhner Ave... 9:00
CLARK-1917 Clark Ave... 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 Semin&y, 17608 Euclid Ave... 8:45
LAKE SHORE-Ascension Clubhouse, N. W. corner Puritas & W. 140th... 8:30
MILES-LEE-Mt. Hope Lutheran Church, E. 164th, north of Miles Ave... 8:30
NEW HOME-Women Ward, Convalescing Home, E. 71st and Cedar... 8:30
SMITH-WILSON-Nativity School, 9513 Aetna Road... 8:30
SUPERIOR-North Presbyterian Church, E. 40th and Superior... 9:00
TRADITIONS-Community Church of Brooklyn, 8720 Memphis Ave... 9:00
WEST PARK-Puritas Lutheran Church, Puritas Ave. & W. 138th Street... 8:30
ASHLAND, O.-First Presbyterian Church, Corner Church and Third Sts... 9:00
8 p.m. Eastern Standard, 9 p.m. Daylight
LAKE COUNTY-Fellowship Hall, Methodist Ch., Rt. 20, E. So. Wood, Mentor... 8:30
LORAIN, O.-St. Stanislaus School, 28th St. and Elyria Ave... 8:30
MEDINA, O.-St. Paul's Epis. Par.Hse... 8:30
SANDUSKY, O.-(Firelands)-First Presbyterian, Across from Post Office... 8:30
STRONGSVILLE-Tuesday-Town Hall... 9:00

WEDNESDAY

ALCOLA-6409 Detroit Ave... 9:00
ALL-AMERICAN Sportsmen, 1142 Buhner, 3rd Wednesday each month... 8:30
BAXTER-2437 Broadway... 8:30
BROOKLYN-K. of P. Hall, 3316 Broadv. East of Pearl Rd... 8:30
ASHTABULA CONSOLIDATED-Geneva, O., 1st Wed. each month, American Leg. Hall, Eagle and Park... 7:30
C. E. L-Illuminating Co., Room 335-Rear Building... 8:30
COLLINWOOD-945 E. 152nd St... 8:30
DENISON MEN'S-7403 Denison Ave., (First Wednesday, joint meeting)... 8:30
DOAN MEN'S-2028 E. 105th St., Second floor, side entrance... 9:00

EAST SIDE MORNING-

2028 East 105th St... 10:30 A.M.
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
LORAIN AVE.-S.S. Philip & James Hall, 3689 Bosworth Road... 9:00
ST. JAMES-Mt. Zion Church, E. 103rd St and Cedar... 8:15
ST. MARY 400 North S. Chardon, O... 9:00
TWENTY-FOUR HOUR-13216 Detroit, Training meeting 1st Wed. each month, Church of the Ascension... 8:30
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., Bof 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
CORLETT MEN-Holy Family School, 3845 E. 131st at Chapelside... 8:30
COVENTRY-F&mount Presby. Church, Scarborough and Fairmount Blvd... 8:30
CRILE HOSPITAL-Library... 8:00
BAWTHORNDEN STATE HOSPITAL Macedonia, O., Basement of New Employees Bldg... 8:00
OUTHWAITE-Woodland Center, 7100 Kinsman Ave... 8:30
ROCKY RIVER-Rockport Methodist Church, 3310 Wooster Road... 9:00
THURSDAY WOMEN-St. Patrick's Hall, Bridge Ave. at W. 38th St... 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 St... 8:30
HARBOR THURSDAY-Ashtabula, O., 1147 West Fifth Street... 8:30
INDEPENDENCE, O.-St. John's Lutheran Hall, Second and Sunset... 9:00

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, Covtry and Drexmore, Krumbine Room... 1:00
GORDON SQUARE-St. Helena's Hall, 1367 W. 65th St... 8:30
LEE ROAD-American Legion Hall, Post 163, 15544 Euclid Ave... 9:00
NORTH EAST-St. Agatha's Church Hall, 1269 Lakeview Rd... 8:30
ROSARY HALL-Jordan Hall, Charity Nurse Auditorium... 8:30
SOLIDARITY-Incarnation Church, 616 E. 105th (North of St. Clair)... 8:30
(STELLA MARIS (Men) 1320 Washington Ave... 8:15
ROSARY HALL AUXILIARY\* Cleveland Alcoholic Hospital (MW) WEST STDE YOUNG PEOPLE Lkwd. Cong. Ch., Detroit & W. Clifton... 9:00
AVON LAKE-First Congregational Church, 32801 Electric Blvd... 8:45
BERFA-Social room of Berea Cong. Church, Seminary and Church... 8:30
CONNEAUT, O.-R. of L. E. Hall... 8:30
CHAGRIN FALLS, O.-American Legion, E. Orange St... 8:30
CHARDON, O.-Thrasher House, Water St., Chardon, O... 8:30
EUCLID, O.-Holy Cross Church, E. 200th and Lake Shore Blvd... 8:30
WICKLIFFE-Lady of Mt. Cannel 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
FOREST CITY-6619 Denison Ave... 9:00
GLENNVILLE-10421 St. Clair Ave... 9:00
LAKEWOOD-Sat. Nite-Redeemer Hall, Andrews, near Detroit... 8:30
LEAGUE PARK-St. Amps School Hall, East 79th and Euclid Ave... 9:00
LIBERTY-945 E. 152nd St... 9:00
MAPLE HTS.-Luth. Church of Covenant, 19000 Libby Rd., cor. Maple Htr. Blvd... 8:30
MATT TALBOT-St. Philip Neri Church, E. 82nd and St. Clair... 8:30
MEMPHIS-Lakewwd Congregational Ch., 1375 W. Clifton, Cor. Detroit Ave... 9:00
PARMA-Public Library, 5850 Ridge Rd... 8:30
PLAIN-Plains Methodist Church, Lake Shore Blvd. and Reynolds 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
WEST RICHPFIELD-Consolidated Church, Route 303, just west of Route 21... 8:30

SUNDAY

ALLAMERICAN Sportsmen... 1142 Buhner 1st Sunday each month... 4:00
BROOKPARK PROJECTS-Administration Bldg., 13100 Dibell, off W. 130th... 8:00
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-945 E. 152nd St... 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 Sunday 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
OUTHWAITE-2903 E. 71st St., Corner Kinsman... 4:30
REFRESHER COURSE-C. T. S. Bldg., Room 510, 1404 E. 9th St... 2:30
YOUR-St. Felicitas School, Richmond Rd., just south of Euclid... 7:00
STRONGSVILLE-Royal Haven Farm, Royalton Road, Strongville, O... 3:00
WEST SIDE DISCUSSION-6409 Detroit Ave... 11:00 A.M.
WARENSVILLE-Cooley Farms Recreation Room... 10:00 A.M.
GENEVA, O.-Legion Hall, Park St., corner of So. Eagle... 7:30

AA CLEVELAND DISTRICT OFFICE 780 The Arcade... Cherry 1-7387

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

3rd TUESDAY EVERY MONTH HOSPITAL COMMITTEE-Hanna Building, Room 370... 8:30

NURSING HOMES THAT TREAT ALCOHOLICS

(This listing does not necessarily indicate endorsement or approval)
Alcoholics Abstinence Nursing Home (MW) Melrose 1-1635... 8023 Detroit Ave.
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.
Farquharson's (M) Tuxedo 5-1882... 6037 Pearl Pathway (Tyler 1-6698) (MW)... 1635 E. 93rd (M) m m only. (W) women only. (MW) men and women.

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## PROBLEM - - - SOLUTION

Are you a part of the problem or a part of the solution? This is a searching question. We should ask it of ourselves when we take our personal inventory. If we give a phoney answer we will only be hurting ourselves. Therefore, there is no reason for being evasive.

Many of us may think we have found the whole solution to our problem when we have overcome alcohol. True, this is the basic part of the problem, but it is not the whole of it. If it were there would be only One step instead of Twelve. That step would consist in obtaining sobriety and letting it go at that.

Some of us, let us admit it, have never reached beyond that first stage. What is pathetic is that we have fooled ourselves into believing we have achieved the ultimate.

Let's be specific. The fellow who is sober but still has a nasty, touchy disposition and abuses his family and his fellow workers is still a part of the problem.

The man who is sober but spends all his money in unproductive activities like the horses or cards has merely shifted the emphasis and not found an answer. He, too, is still part of a problem.

The chap who doesn't make amends for his rash acts of drinking days; the fellow who dodges the responsibility of helping others attain sobriety is still part of a problem.

Reservations, mental or moral, about the program leaves the doubter very much part of the problem.

Right here let us warn that we are not hinting at perfection. None of us ever will "attain it. But what, we must strive for is a constant betterment in our outlook and this can be done by constantly taking a moral inventory and by making a conscientious effort to work the program.

Too many of us fail to see that the program is applicable through every phase of life. We try to confine it to the members and the meetings. It should apply to other members of the fellowship most certainly, but its principles, if we are to be part of the solution, must be carried outside in our relationship with everyone else.

It must apply especially in our thinking. "As a man thinketh, so is he," the old adage runs. We have to lose a lot of prejudices that we coddled when we were irresponsible individuals given to finding all the answers in alcohol. This is not easy. It requires an effort of will, of heart and mind.

One of the characteristic attributes of the alcoholic is what has been called "a negative, hostile feeling tone." This is an academic phrase denoting the customary alcoholic attitude of believing everybody else in the world is a so-and-so and showing it.

This habit hangs on. It is present in thoughts and feelings that we cover up in good company but unguardedly express on occasion. It often has to do with the parental rectitude of certain people, their religion or the color of their skin.

Any day at any hour we can, with a bit of honesty and heart-searching, cease being part of the problem and become part of the solution. It takes only a little effort and it puts the cap-stone on our sobriety.

## FEAR VERSUS DESIRE

After trying for four days to write an article which warranted publishing, we tossed five starts into the waste basket and sought help from our contemporary AA publications. In the most recent issue of Chit-Chat, Robeson, Pa., we found one, which in our opinion, was better than what we could do. It follows:

"FEAR," defines Webster, "is to be apprehensive or afraid of." Now let's take Lefty H's version. Fear has two sides-the negative and the positive. The negative includes Frustration, Ego, Anger and Anxiety, Resentment. The positive includes Faith, Endeavor, Accomplishment, Repose.

"DESIRE," defines Webster, "is to wish or long for the enjoyment of." According to Lefty's idea, it too can use the negative and positive treatment. Negatively it can mean Defeat, Escape, Suspicion, Insincerity, Reluctance, Envy. Positively it should create Dependability, Earnestness, Success, Interest, Reward, Encouragement.

Now let's compare FEAR vs. DESIRE, as they may apply to a prospect.

First of all, most everyone who comes into AA is motivated by some degree of FEAR. Fear of losing his job; fear of losing his wife (or husband); fear of losing his health; fear of losing his security-fear of something. Each prospect has his own conception.

What percentage of alcoholics come into AA through fear? Personally, I would say everyone. But to get to the point of this rambling —

A couple of years ago, (when I believe I at least started to reach up

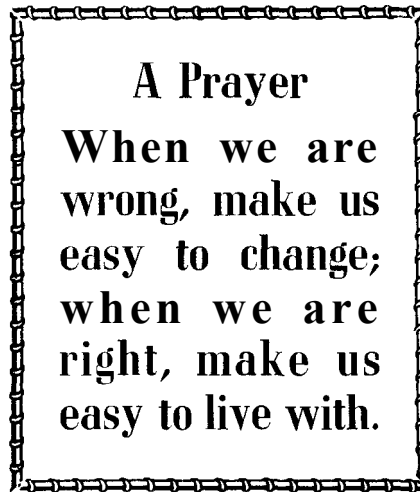
to that level known as AA normalcy), what happened was that I began to set down the real reasons why I did not resent the fellow who first presented me the possibility of a sane and sober life through AA, and every single one of my reasons spelt fear. Again I reflected: What happened after I became a regular attendant at meetings?

And then it all unfolded. I no longer attended meetings because of compulsion of fear-I found I really liked to go and actually missed the gang when business took me out of town. That was it. Fear had brought me in, but actual desire kept me going.

From that day forward I began to realize just how sticking to the program will change FEAR into DESIRE. You gain so much while the change is taking place without even realizing it. But to get back to my original point: One comes into AA through some degree of fear, BUT, after a few meetings, if one is sincere, the transition starts to take place and desire begins to predominate in one's thoughts. Then, and only then, in my opinion, does AA really take hold.

Desire brings boundless rewards, helps establish peace of mind and transforms the "hard way" into an easy way to enjoy the real of AA living. For without peace of mind, AA remains a task-a duty performed to avoid

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## FEAR VERSUS DESIRE

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repeating unwanted experiences. With it, AA becomes a happy way of living. At least that's my opinion, and I am deeply grateful for it. As a New Orleans member expresses it, "If I could be happier outside AA, I'd chuck it in a mmute-but, I know I wouldn't, and brother, that's enough for me."

### SACROSANCT OR SOBER — WHICH? ⑥

Experience, it has been said is simply the recollection of our past mistakes. That was, at any rate, the origin of our Traditions. "These were forged on the anvil of experience—the mistakes which we or other similar groups or organizations have made in the past. They were devised to help us avoid these pitfalls in the future. Why can't we learn to stop and consider them before, like the man in the story, we jump on our horse and ride off in all directions?"

Our first Tradition reads: "Our common welfare comes first. Personal recovery depends on AA unity."

Tradition five provides: "Each AA group has but one primary purpose—to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers."

Tradition six reads: "An AA group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the AA name to any related facility or outside interest."

Tradition ten provides: "AA has no opinions on outside issues, hence the AA name ought never be drawn into public controversy."

We constantly emphasize that AA is strictly non-sectarian. The new man is told that he may be a member of any church or no church at all. That is strictly his business.

One of the principal reasons for withdrawing from the Oxford group was because some denominations considered this a religious sect and frowned upon their members attending. AA was established as a separate entity so that everyone suffering from alcoholism, regardless of race or creed might be able to enjoy its benefits and privileges. Since then we have insisted that we had no more right to interfere in a man's religion than in his politics or his business.

Lately there seems to be a growing tendency to inject religion into the fellowship. It is true that, ordinarily, this is not done intentionally but results from our failure to read the Traditions and the Steps and understand just what our function is, we become eager beavers and forget that we are no evangelists. We lose sight of the fact that the Twelfth Step says only to "carry the message." It says nothing about conversion or missionary work.

If a new member feels it might help him, there is perhaps nothing wrong in his sponsor suggesting that he try returning to his church. But to endeavor to persuade him to do PO or to promote any sect or denomination in an AA meeting where there may be members of many denominations is wholly beyond the scope of our fellowship. We have no more business preaching religion per se than we have peddling peanuts. As far as AA is concerned religion is an outside interest like politics and is a controversial issue. The attempt to further any sect or creed or denomination certainly does not promote unity but rather disunity, and is strictly in violation of our first Tradition.

Generally, we have frowned upon any speakers at AA meetings unless they were members of the fellowship. Occasionally exceptions have been made where the talk may have been of a medical nature and relating to alcoholism or where the speaker, though not a member had been very active in assisting the fellowship and was very close to it. However, it has been the unwritten law that such speakers, who are members of the clergy, should refrain from any religious exposition. He is ordained by

his denomination and has a pulpit assigned to him for such purposes and all who choose may go and listen. He must not trespass on AA.

Recently some of our very fine members, with the best of intentions, but without consideration of the Traditions and functions of AA have held special services in connection with some one or another religious denomination. Why are these necessary? If we wish to honor AA's whether living or dead why not have AA services conducted by an AA speaker. We have many of them who are much more capable of conducting such services than any outsider, no matter how great a reputation he may have in his particular profession. And so far as churches are concerned the AA's we know started going to church after they sobered up—in many cases, after the churches had given up on them.

Even Jesus said "Render unto God the things that are God's and to Caesar the things that are Caesar's" Let us bear in mind that we are neither God nor Caesar. Simply bottle-scarred veterans who have been privileged to find the key to sobriety and a new way of life.

-Concerned.

### INTER-GROUP DINNER

About 600 people enjoyed a delightful occasion at the fourth annual inter-club dinner sponsored by the AA District Office, Wednesday, June 6, at the Carter Hotel. A delightful, informal affair it was, with practically every group in the Cleveland area represented.

The speaker was Sip H. of New York, former editor of the Grapevine. Sig gave a masterful talk which inspired everyone in the audience. He also stated that chronic alcoholism had crept into second position, next to heart disease as America's most killing diseases.

John W. was an excellent master of ceremonies, aided and abetted by an exceptional orchestra leader with a pixie sense of humor.

Many were so impressed with the invocation offered by Bob L. of the Parma group, we offered to print it in the Bulletin. Here it is:

"Kind Heavenly Father, we are gathered here in the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous, in our effort to solve our common problem. We know through our experience that only as we answer for ourselves the greatest question of all, can we find meaningful and satisfying answers to the questions of our daily lives.

"We ask Thy help to obtain the serenity, courage and wisdom that we especially need. We ask thy forgiveness of our imperfections . . . our resentments . . . our intolerance; yes, and our forgetfulness of Thee.

"We ask Thy patience with our human difficulties as we strive to place our will and our lives into Thy keeping. And we ask Thy blessing and Thy guidance as we try to help others who seek to know Thy power—which is so much greater than ourselves."

### TRI-STATE CONFERENCE

The third annual Tri-State Conference will be held on August 24, 25 and 26 at Chautauqua Lake, Chautauqua, N. Y. Groups from Western New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio comprise the Conference.

The Friday meetings will be conducted by the New York groups, Saturday by Ohio and Sunday by Pennsylvania.

A boatride and smorgasbord dinner which proved to be so popular last year will be repeated this year. Tickets for this affair will cost \$8.00. Reservations should be made to P. O. Box 277, Fairview, Pa.

More details on topics to be discussed will be given in next month's Bulletin.

### WE REGRET ERROR

There were several errors in the May issue due to poor proofreading and hurry. But one misstatement we must correct, and we do it gladly. Jerry Parks, who passed away May 17 had been dry fifteen years, not 8 to 10 AS was quoted. We apologize sincerely.

## GROUP NEWS

Brooklyn-Speakers for July include: 4--Frank M., Youngstown, O. (18 years in the Fellowship); 11--Mary G., Arcade; 18--Warren C., Sr., Lakewood Satnite; 25--Jerry W., Brooklyn (his 11th anniversary).

**East Shore Women**-A new women's group was started last month and meets in First Baptist Church, 1565 Char-don Road, near Euclid Ave. They meet at 8:30 p. m. on 1 hours days. They will hold a "get acquainted" meeting for all alcoholic women on June 28 at 9 p. m. (regular meetings are at 8:30). A panel of women, one from each women's group will give a short, but real AA talk.

**Elyria Women**-Now meets in the Alconon Club, 345 Broad St., Elyria, on Monday nights at 8:30 p. m. The last Monday of each month is an open meeting to which all members are welcome.

**Gordon Square**-Observes its 14th anniversary on Friday, June 29 with Jack D. of the Borton group as speaker. The affair will start at 9 p. m. in St. Helena's Hall, 1367 W. 5th St.

Speakers for July are: 6-Harry D., Edgelake; 13--Warren C., Jr., Fairview Park; 20-Ted S., League Park; 27--Howard B., Independence.

**Orchard Grove**-Speakers for July include: 2--Dr. York P., Fairmount; 9--"Big Josephine," Collinwood; 16--Joe M., Avon Lake; 23-A panel of three non-alcoholic wives and one non-alcoholic husband of AA members, consisting of Marie W., Elvira D., Nancy K. and Bill C.; 30--"Chuck" S., Matt Talbot.

Trinity-Speakers for July include: 7--Dave O'B., Pearl; 14--Walter K., Mistletoe; 21--Agnes N., Gordon Square; 28--Dick R., Lee Road Wednesday.

**Lorain County Women**-Now meet in St. Vincent de Paul Church, Detroit Road (Routes 254 and 57) at 8:30 p. m. on Wednesdays.

**Parma**--Observes its anniversary on Saturday, July 21 at 8:30 p. m., in Parma High School Cafeteria, W. 54th St. The speaker will be Dr. Leslie J. A. of Olean, N. Y., a prominent surgeon who made a remarkable recovery.

## CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Representatives of groups attending the June 5 meeting of Central Committee were privileged to receive a concise, interesting and complete explanation of the mechanics of the Service Conference by Dick C., Eastern Pennsylvania Delegate and editor of Chit-Chat, a weekly AA publication published by this amazingly energetic and enthusiastic person. He has been invited to present the same talk in September when all groups in the North-eastern Ohio area will be invited to consider selecting a Delegate to represent them at the Annual Conference in New York. Dick's talk supplemented one given last month by Ray S. of Coshocton, Ohio's lone Delegate representing Southern and Central Ohio.

Incidentally, Dick was our houseguest while he was in Cleveland and won a place in our hearts.

## EUCLID-WADE PICNIC

The fourteenth annual Euclid-Wade picnic will be held on July 8, at Wiegand's Lake Park, located on Route 87, about two miles east of Russell road (Route 306).

This affair annually attracts members from all local groups, as well as others in neighboring towns and townships and serves to bring members together who otherwise would not meet except by chance.

Swimming, boating and games for old and young are on the program with dancing from 6 to 9 p. m. There will be excellent prizes and raffles and \$200 in cash given to the holder of lucky tickets.

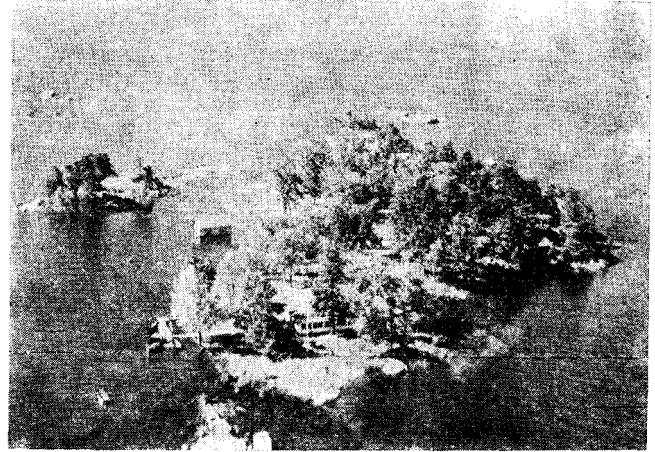
It's a basket picnic, but sandwiches and coffee can be purchased at the park. For any further information call MU 1-9449.

SAVE BALES TAX STAMPS FOR DOWNTOWN OFFICE

## NEW DOWNTOWN OFFICE

After June 13 the AA District Office will be located in the Frederick Bldg., Room 205, located at 2063 E. 4th St.

## CANADIAN AA CAMP



Beaver Lodge, located on a beautiful island in Macey's Bay, Port Severn, Ont., is ready to accept your reservations up to October first. It is operated by Chas. S. and his wife, a solid, dedicated member of AA as a non-profit foundation devoted to group and individual therapy for alcoholics.

We personally have spent our vacations at this camp for the past six years and are again looking forward to early August for our annual tranquilizer. Here we fished and bathed and talked and laughed, played and rested and slept and ate three excellent meals each day. And it only costs \$7.00 per person per day.

For reservations call "Stevie" at the camp or write to Beaver Lodge, RRI, Port Severn, Ontario, or phone 9-4 R2, Waubaushe, Ontario.

"Can you help me select a gift for a wealthy old uncle who is awfully weak and can hardly walk?"

"How about some floor wax?"

## BE A BULLETIN BOOSTER. GET A NEW SUBSCRIBER



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
EARLY-EARLY--St. Columkill Church, East 26th and Superior... 6:00
EDGE LAKE-Rocky River Community Cen., Wagar & Hilliard, Dinner 7; Meeting... 8:30
FRIENDLY SURURBAN-6037 Pearl... 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 Presbyterian Church, East Cleveland, Nela and Euclid... 8:30
LORAIN AVE.-Ilanater Hall Annex, W. 120th St., at Lorain Ave... 8:30
MILES-St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 9721 Romona Boulevard... 8:30
PEARL--Corpus Christi Basement, 4850 Pearl Road... 8:30
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
WEST MONDAY-Above Tend R. Lean Store, 1428 W. 25th at Detroit Ave... 8:30
WEST 25th St.-Marvel Hall, 2858 W. 25th St... 8:30
WOMEN'S-Weatside-West Boulevard Christian Church, Madison and W. 101... 8:45
ELYRIA MEN-St. Agnes Church, Lake Road at Bath St., Elyria, O... 8:30
ELYRIA (Women)--Alconon Club, 345 Broad St., Elyria, O... 8:30
SHELBY-Congregational Baptist Church, Jackson and Jefferson, Painesville... 8:30
VERMILION-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 Buhner Ave... 9:00
CLARK-1917 Clark Ave... 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
LAKE SHORE--Ascension Clubhouse, N. W. corner Puritas & W. 140th... 8:30
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
TRADITIONS-Community Church of Brooklyn, 8720 Memphis Ave... 9:00
WEST PARK-Puritas Lutheran Church, Puritas Ave. & W. 138th Street... 8:30
ASHLAND, O.--First Presbyterian Church, Corner Church and Third Sts... 9:00
8 p.m. Eastern Standard, 9 p.m., Daylight
LAKE COUNTY-Fellowship Hall, Methodist Ch., Rt. 20, E. So. Wood, Mentor... 8:30
LORAIN, O.--St. Stanislaus School, 28th St. and Elyria Ave... 8:30
MEDINA, O.-St. Paul's Epis. Par.Hsc... 8:30
SANDUSKY, O. (Firelands)--First Presbyterian, Across from Post Office... 8:30
STRONGSVILLE-Tuesday-Town Hall... 9:00

WEDNESDAY

ALCOLA--6409 Detroit Ave... 9:00
ALL-AMERICAN Sportsmen, 1142 Buhner, 3rd Wednesday each month... 8:30
BAXTER-8437 Broadway... 8:30
BROOKLYN-K. of P.Hall, 3316 BroadviewFast of Pearl Rd... 8:30
ASHTABULA CONSOLIDATED, Geneva, O., 1st Wed. each month, American Leg. Hall, Eagle and Park... 7:30
C. E. Illuminating Co., Room 335--Rear Building... 8:30
COLLINWOOD-945 E. 152nd St... 8:30
DENISON MEN-7403 Denison Ave., (first Wednesday, joint meeting)... 8:30
DOAN MFN'Sm-2028 E. 105th St., Second floor, de entrance... 9:00
EAST SIDE MORNING--2028 East 105th St... 10:30AM.

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
LORAIN AVE.--S.S. Philip & James Hall, 3689 Bosworth Road... 9:00
ST. JAMES--Mt. Zion Church, E. 103rd St. and Cedar... 8:15
ST. MARY--400 North S., Chardon, O... 8:30
TWENTY-FOUR HOUR--13216 Detroit, Training meeting 1st Wed. each month, Church of the Ascension... 8:30
WARRENSVILLE--Women's House Cor. 7:30
WOMEN'S--East Side--Cleveland Unitarian Society, Euclid and E. 82nd St... 8:30
WOMEN'S--Lorain County--St. Vincent De Paul Church, Detroit Rd., (Rt. 254 & 57)... 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
CORLETT MEN-Holy Family School, 3845 E. 131st at Chapelside... 8:30
COVENTRY-F&mount Presby. Church, Scarborough and Fairmont Blvd... 8:30
CRILE HOSPITAL--Library... 8:00
EASTSIDE WOMEN-First Baptist Church, 1565 Chardon Rd., near Euclid... 8:30
HAWTHORNDEN STATE HOSPITAL, Macedonia, O., Basement of New Employees Bldg... 8:00
OUTHWAITE-Woodland Center, 7100 Kinsman Ave... 8:30
ROCKY RIVER--Rockport Methodist Church, 33 10 Wooster Road... 9:00
THURSDAY WOMEN-St. Patrick's Hall, Bridge Ave. at W. 38th St... 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 St... 8:30
HARBOR THURSDAY--Ashtabula, O., 1147 West Fifth Street... 8:30
INDEPENDENCE, O.-St. John's Lutheran Hall, Second and Sunset... 9:00

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-American Legion Hall, Post 163, 15544 Euclid Ave... 9:00
NORTH EAST-St. Agatha's Church Hall, 1269 Lakeview Rd... 8:30
ROSARY HALL--Jordan Hall, Charity Nurses Auditorium... 8:30
SOLIDARITY--Incarnation Church, 616 E. 105th (North of St. Clair)... 8:30
(ST. meeting, March 23, 1956)
STELLA MAHS (Men), 1320 Wainston Ave... 8:15
ROSARY HALL AUXILIARY, Rosary Hall, Charity Hospital... 8:30
WEST SIDE YOUNG PEOPLE--Lkwd. Cong. Ch., Detroit, & W. Clifton... 9:00
AVON LAKE--First Congregational Church, 32801 Electric Blvd... 8:45
BEREA-Social room of Berea Cong. Church, Seminary and Church... 8:30
CONNEAUT, O.-B. of L. E. Hall... 8:30
CHAGRIN FALLS, O.-American Legion, E. Orange St... 8:30
CWARDON, O.--Thrasher House, Water bet. Chardon, O... 9:00
EUCLID, O.--Holy Cross Church, E. 200th and Lake Shore Blvd... 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. Yth and Superior... 8:30
FOREST CITY-6619 Denison Ave... 9:00
GLENNVILLE--10421 St. Clair Ave... 9:00
LAKEWOOD-Sat. Nite--Redeemer Hall, Andrews, near Detroit... 8:30
LEAGUE PARK-St. Agnes School Hall, East 79th and Euclid Ave... 9:00
LIBERTY-945 E. 152nd St... 9:00
MAPLE HTS.--Luth. Church of Covenant, 19000 Libby Rd., cur. Maple Hts. Blvd... 8:30
MATT TALBOT-St. Philip Neri Church, E. 82nd and St. Clair... 8:30
MEMPHIS--Lakewood Congregational Ch., 1375 W. Clifton, Cor. Detroit Ave... 9:00
PARMA--Public Library, 8850 Ridge Rd... 8:30
PLAINES-Plains Methodist Church, Lake Shore Blvd. and Reynolds Rd... 8:30
REDWOOD-Euclid Lutheran Church, E. 260th and Oriole... 8:30
SIILLOH-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
WEST RICHIFFIELD-Consolidated Church, Route 303, just west of Route 21... 8:30

SUNDAY

ALL-AMERICAN Sportsmen... 1142 Buhner 1st Sunday each month... 4:00
BROOKPARK PROJECTS-Administration Bldg., 13100 Dibley, W. 130th... 8:00
BROOKSIDE-Blessed Sacrament Church, Storer and Fulton (downstairs)... 8:30
C.A.H. DISCUSSION-C.A.H. Clubrooms, 7809 Euclid Avenue... 10:45 A.M.
COLLINWOOD-945 E. 152nd St... 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 Sunday in month, Cafeteria, McCracken and Henry... 2:30
MISTLETOE-St. Thomas Church, 9205 Superior Ave... 7:00
NEWBURGFI-St. Catherine's Church, 3443 E. 93rd St... 8:30
OUTHWAITE--2903 E. 71st St., Corner Kinsman... 4:30
REFRESHER COURSE-C. T. S. Bldg., Room 510, 1404 E. 9th St... 2:30
YOUR ST. Felicitas School, Richmond Rd., just south of Euclid... 7:00
STRONGSVILLE--Royal Haven Farm, Royaltown Road, Strongville, O... 3:00
WEST SIDE DISCUSSION--6409 Detroit Ave... 11:00 A.M.
WARRENSVILLE-Cooly Farms Recreation Room... 10:00 A.M.
GENEVA, O.-Legion Hall, Ark St., corner of So. Eagle... 7:30

AA CLEVELAND DISTRICT OFFICE, 205 Frederick Bldg., 2063 E. 4th St. CH 1-7387
AKRON INTERGROUP OFFICE, 41 So. High Street... BL 3-8455
AKRON ARID CLUB--46 1/2 S. Howard street... Always Open

1st TUESDAY EVERY MONTH
CENTRAL COMMITTEE--Hanna Building, Room 370... 8:30
3rd TUESDAY EVERY MONTH
HOSPITAL COMMITTEE--Hanna Building, Room 370... 8:30

NURSING HOMES THAT TREAT ALCOHOLICS (This listing does not necessarily indicate endorsement or approval)
Alcoholics Abstinence Nursing Home (MW) MELrose 1-1633... 8023 Detroit Ave.
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.
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.



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## THE POSITIVE NEGATIVE

There is a psychological pitfall in the allegation made by those alcoholics who take the pledge or make a personal promise that they will "never take another drink."

Never is a long time. It's so long a time it never comes. And so, while waiting for never to arrive, what better to do than take a drink?

In other words, this impossible imposition is too much for the human mind to grasp. It cannot be viewed in finite terms. In fact it does not mean anything because it sets no comprehensible limits.

This is why so-called "cures" and solemnly given pledges seldom succeed. It was not until Alcoholics Anonymous devised a workable formula—the 24-hour method—that alcoholics were able to grasp their problem and, realizing that God helps those who help themselves, do something toward its solution.

Were we to abandon the 24-hour system we would put ourselves in the position of the shipwrecked sailor in mid-ocean who cast aside his life preserver because it impeded his ability to swim to shore. We would then have as much chance of remaining sober as the sailor would in reaching a coast 1500 miles away.

By happily following the 24-hour method, day by day, week by week, month by month and year by year, we subconsciously build up a resistance that is firmer than the deepest vow not to take a drink ever could be.

In this fashion we rely not on any method of our own, but on that Power which keeps us sober. It infiltrates the fibre of our being and becomes as much a part of us as breathing. It amounts in the end to doing what comes naturally: wanting not to take a drink.

This frame of mind can be called, paradoxically, a positive negative. It is the most positive feeling an alcoholic can have. It marks the turnover from that period when we want to take a drink, but refrain from doing so because with the help of a Higher Power we are standing firm today, to the point where all our feelings and subconscious thinking, imperceptibly and almost automatically, is directed by one desire—not to drink.

This sort of thinking becomes our "never." But we must always bear in mind that it is built one day at a time, and it is constructed from the front, not from that ever receding future that "never" connotes.

We alcoholics must, to survive, ever live in the present. As we cannot set our sights on that indefinite future, so we cannot be dragged back by thoughts of the past. We build our future, but we do it one day at a time.

Men that complain that the Boss is dumb would be out of a job if he were any smarter.

"I'm sorry, George, but I make it a rule never to lend money. It ruins a friendship."

"Don't worry about that; we never were what you would really call good friends."

## HE COULDN'T WAIT

We feel quite low in spirit tonight as we pen this. We had to report a serious parole violation on a parolee from Ohio Pen whom we had under our wing.

We had great hopes for this comparatively young man (34) who has brushed with the law for the past eighteen years. He was the product of a broken home and had an irrepensible attraction for other people's automobiles and driving them away without the owner's permission. It was a nasty habit and was quite inconvenient for the owners.

The yen for "borrowing" the cars was uncontrollable, particularly when he was hopped up with beer or liquor. The records show that he never converted them into cash: he merely abandoned them.

In Ohio Pen he was attracted to the AA program and during the five years he was incarcerated there he rarely missed a meeting, listening intently until he was convinced that drinking was the cause of his misdemeanors. He wrote some excellent articles which were (published in the Eye Opener, the O.P. AA publication.

We were so impressed with his ambition to succeed and prove his sincerity that we decided to take him in to live with us while we tried to find a job for him. The steel strike most likely made our job-finding more difficult and increased our boy's impatience and lessened his tolerance.

In our discussions we sensed an inner resentment against society for having inflicted so many years of incarceration on him for crimes of minor seriousness as he compared them with the sentences of other fellow prisoners who had committed

murder, embezzlement, assault, etc.

He was particularly indignant against the state and its parole system. At prison, he stated, psychiatrists and advisers made studied efforts to rehabilitate the prisoners and made it possible for them to learn trades which would permit them to become gainfully employed after they had served their term and paid their "debt to society."

He bitterly resented the lack of interest by the state in not providing a service for the parolee commensurate with the service rendered "inside." His pattern of living while in prison is properly regimented and eventually he becomes adjusted to the prison life.

When he is released, his environment is completely changed. No longer do people think or act for him. He must face this environment alone with all the petty temptations which tripped him in the past. His family, friends and former associates avoid him—keep him at arms length! If he's learned a trade, no union will accept him when they determine where he learned the trade.

Our boy, in spite of our sincere reassurances was so filled with frustration and bitterness he gave up and in spite of all we could do, went berserk—just as a job was opening for him.

He couldn't wait another day. We're sick with deep disappointment.

All of us are  
manufacturers  
. . . some of us  
make good . . . .  
others make  
trouble . . . .  
still others make  
excuses.

## COMPLACENCY

The other day I ran across a member whose awareness of some of the workings of AA came to him in a surprising and somewhat confusing manner. This, after two years of regular attendance at meetings of a rather large group. His progress in the movement, coupled with zeal and gratitude for his sobriety, had won him the job of secretary.

**Comes** the mail-a post card inviting him to a meeting of the Central Committee-what's this? He had never heard of it. Meeting of the Hospital Committee-same story. Action Committee, traditions, etc., etc., etc. No one had ever mentioned these things in his presence during his two years in this new and wonderful way of life.

Isolated case? NO-I have since talked with a number of members having about the same length of sobriety and find about the same lack of knowledge about some of the things that help make AA work.

What can be done about this condition? Much-and it's quite simple. Those of us who are older in the movement, having a definite obligation to the newer members, too often sloughed off with the feeling that "easy does it," or, they'll-pick it up as they go along. Many groups, here, and elsewhere throughout the world, have the twelve steps and the four absolutes read before the meeting. And at the proper time all the announcements are read, not just a selected few. The statement that a lot of mail has been received, but it's too much to read aloud, has killed many a worthwhile AA project and prevented many of us from knowing what's going on.

As the years of blessed sobriety pile up one day at a time we gradually acquire many of the answers to our various problems. Let us all remember that the new man or woman is actually a baby in this movement, with so very much to learn. Let's give them all the tools, not just a few. —Chuck S.

## THE BIG BOOK IN BRAILLE

Our good friend Norman Y. of Canton asks us to use our columns to inform groups outside of Cleveland that six sets of the book "Alcoholics Anonymous" are available to any blind person, anywhere, on application to the Cleveland Public Library. This is a public service and there is no charge.

## VISITOR FROM NORWAY

Anders H., formerly a member of the Lorain Ave. Monday group, visited Cleveland from Norway, his native land, while making a tour of the United States before he finally retires. He traveled to the coast, visiting many groups en route.

We were thrilled to hear of his AA activity in Norway. From a quiet, bashful and quiet type he has blossomed into a vital, forceful AA enthusiast. We are proud to acknowledge him as one of our finest "babies."

He has received great cooperation from a doctor in Arendal, Norway, his home town, who, though not an alcoholic, has helped tremendously in establishing groups in a wide area with Anders as "Exhibit AA from Cleveland, the cradle of Alcoholics Anonymous." They painstakingly translate and interpret much of our AA literature.

And here in America many AAs are sitting on their fannies, finding fault with the program and grudgingly responding to calls for help! Tsk! Tsk! In Norway they can't get enough!

## BOWLERS' OPPORTUNITY

Men and women bowlers, stars or neophytes, have an opportunity to bowl with the Brooklyn Thursday AA Mixed Bowling League and have a lot of fun, exercise and AA fellowship by joining the league. Twelve beautiful alleys at Lorain Ave. & W. 41st St. with starting time at 7 p. m.

Contact Jack R. at FLorida 1-2254 after six p. m.

## ARE WE REALLY SO VERY SICK? (6)

To some AA members the same alibi is always in their mind. If perchance they themselves, or some of their friends do something that normal people consider improper, immediately they cry: "Well you know after all WE are very sick."

This excuse is used so often about all or nothing that, in my opinion, it is becoming not only ridiculous but also dangerous.

To some alcoholics the sickness is the cause of everything especially after we have committed a blunder, done a stupid act, or taken a wrong decision. The root of everything is alcoholism.

Because I am not a doctor, it is far from my intention to decide for one and all whether we are really very sick. Since attaining sobriety through AA my personal experience, added too that of many other members, leads me to believe that such a frame of mind indicates a lack of serenity and more so of sincerity.

We are told that as long as we drink we suffer from a progressive disease; but also that as soon as we stop drinking it remains in a sleeping state. It is dormant in us and will only become active if we return to alcohol.

Often we hear that it is a physical sickness with a mental obsession and a spiritual deficiency. That I admit and concede to anyone. But our type of sickness is not without a remedy.

The physical sickness is kept in check by not having the first drink. To treat the mental and spiritual sides of our sickness we have on hand the best panacea of them all: the Twelve Steps.

In the last twenty years thousands of alcoholics have rehabilitated themselves through the two remedies mentioned above. Today these non-drinking alcoholics are perfectly normal people, going through life with serenity and confidence.

"Today these people, if they pull a blunder, do not make shifty excuses; do not make themselves think that they are so "very sick." Simply they tell themselves sincerely: "Well, I acted like a fool. Why? Because I lacked sincerity and I did not follow the suggestions to be found in the Twelve Steps. That's all. Period."

Writing these few lines I must admit, full of shame. that more than once a week I must call myself worse than a simple fool. But from there to go and call myself "very, very sick" and blame everything on alcoholism? No, a thousand times NO!

-Marcel G., AA Newsletter, Montreal, Que.

## DIFFERENT SORTS OF HUMILITY

All of us who are alcoholics are compelled by the necessity of our condition to be humble.

I don't mean in all things in life. I have no use for the snivelling, hand-rubbing, kow-towing, Uriah Heap sort of person. A man is entitled to be a man's man in every sphere on which he is proficient, to hold up his head among his peers, to take pride in jobs of work well done.

Being humble in the AA sense, it seems to me, does not mean being a milk-sop.

It does mean that we realize that in one respect we are not our own. We are not masters of our fate when it comes to this vital point. We must humbly admit the fact and put our dependence in the hands of our Higher Power.

We are offered peace of mind, strength for today, and hope for the future . . . but only if we acknowledge that we need them desperately and are personally powerless to bring them about.

Humility, as we in AA mean it, is not cad self-depreciation. It is a sense of our inability to command sobriety, even with our best effort and intelligence.

Humility is not an excuse for relaxing our effort, but an incentive to make us prize every opportunity of accomplishment, hand-in-hand with the Power that is offered us. -Phil D. in AA News Letter, Montreal, Que.

**GROUP NEWS**

To insure publication, group news articles must be in our hands before the 15th of each month

Angle-Speakers for August are: Z-Martin (Skids) S., Newburgh; 9—John G., Doan Men; 16—Fred S., Doan Men; 23-Dave L. Matt Talbot; 30-Farrell G., Angle.

Brooklyn-Speakers for August are: 1-John W., Fairmount; 8-Charlie S., Brooklyn (his 16th anniversary) ; 15-Gus G., Independence, with a recording of a talk by Bill W., co-founder of AA; 22-Bob C., Brooklyn (3d anniversary) ; 29-Dave W., Lorain, Ohio.

Buhrer-Beginning September 6, this group will meet on Thursday evenings at nine o'clock, instead of Tuesdays.

**Crite** Hospital-Celebrates its sixth anniversary on Thursday, August 16 at 8 p. m. sharp, in the library. The speaker will be John (Jack) D., of Borton.

**Gordon Square-Speakers** for August are: 3—Earl S., Newburgh; 10—Mildred M., Westside Women; 17—Dr. C. C. H., Berea Fridays; 24-George G., Forest City; 31—Spencer I., Central Bulletin and Lee Wed.

**Lake County-Speakers** for August are: 7—Mike M., Youngstown; 14-Harley K., Akron; 21—Thelma D., Cuyahoga Falls; 28-Open.

**Lee Road Wednesday-Speakers** for August are: 1-Joe A., Garfield Hts.; 8-Tom O'M., Shaker; 15-Henry D., Lee Wednesday; 22--Tom A., Lee Monday; 29-Tom F., League Park.

**Orchard Grove-Speakers** for August are: G-Joe H., St. James; 13-Wm. "Buffalo" McA., Angle; 20—Dick H., Newburgh; 27—Joe G., Newburgh.

**Parma-A** large crowd attended the ninth anniversary celebration in Parma High School, July 21, and was enthused by the fine, forthright talk given by Dr. Leslie J. A., a member from Olean, N. Y.

On Saturday, August 18, the group will be privileged to hear a recording of the last AA talk given by Rube Fogel from his bedside shortly before he was called to his eternal rest. Rube's many friends in other groups are cordially invited to attend.

St. James-Observes its seventh anniversary on Sunday, August 12 in Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, E. 103rd and Cedar at 4 p. m. The speaker will be that "bodacious" attorney, Ed. B. of Lee Road Friday. An interesting program is being arranged by colorful Joe H. and his committee.

**Trinity-Speakers** for August are: Chuck I., Mt. Vernon, O.; 11—Firemen's Panel with Skids S. as m.c.; 18—Lu and Chuck S., Matt Talbot; 25-Dr. Franklin F., Painesville.

**Bore:** Talking about Africa makes me think of the time . . .

**Blackwell:** Good gracious, you're quite right. I had no idea it was so late. **Goodby.**

**Recession :** A period in which you tighten your belt.  
**Depression:** A period in which you have no belt.

**Doctor :** You'll have to stop worrying and thinking about yourself so much. Throw yourself into your work.

**Patient:** But, **Doc,** I'm a cement **mixer.**

A prim little old lady was telling her friend about her awful shock upon finding two empty whiskey bottles in her garbage can. "You can imagine my embarrassment," she said. "I got them out fast because I didn't want the garbage man to think I drink."

"What did you do with them?" asked her friend.

"Well, the minister lives next door," was the reply, "so I put them in his garbage can; everybody knows he doesn't drink."

**THIRD TRI-STATE ASSEMBLY**

**Chautauqua, New York**

**August 24-25-26, 1956**

The third annual Tri-State Assembly will again be held in Norton Hall, Chautauqua, N. Y., on the dates indicated above. Throngs from Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York will gather, as they did in previous years to hear the best talent in this territory discuss various aspects of the AA program in a fine atmosphere and in beautiful surroundings.

On Friday evening at 8 p. m. a panel of New Yorkers will discuss "Sponsorship" . . . a. Its purpose; b. The first contact; c. The sponsor's responsibility; d. Its benefits. At 9:15 p. m., Morris G., a corporation lawyer for Alco of Schenectady will be the speaker.

Saturday is Ohio's day and offers some exceptionally fine talent. At 10 a. m a panel of four women alcoholics will discuss "The Woman Alcoholic" . . . a. "How does the attitude of society affect her acceptance of AA?," by Lu S. of Matt Talbot group, Cleveland; b. "The proper presentation of the program to a new woman," by Arlene F. of Painesville; c. "Importance of anonymity," by Adelaide B. Springfield; d. "What AA offers the woman alcoholic," by Jean F., Cleveland AA District Office.

At 1:30 p. m. James S of Jamestown, N. Y. will offer a relaxing interlude.

At 2 p. m. a panel of non-alcoholic wives of AA will discuss the subject "How you can help the alcoholic and yourself" . . . a. "By understanding the AA way of life," by Mrs. Wm. D., Akron; b. "By applying the 12 Steps to yourself," by Anne H., Parma; c. "By practicing the AA slogans," by Ruth T., Lorain Ave Wednesday, Cleveland; d. "Through the Family group," by Sophie Farquharson, Parma.

350 lucky people will go on a three-hour scenic boat-ride on Lake Chautauqua and enjoy a smorgasbord dinner on the boat. All ticket's are sold.

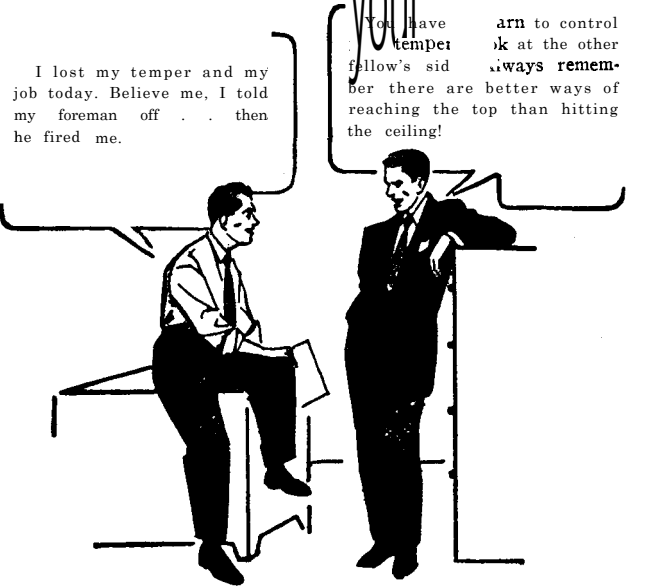
At 9:15 p. m., Bert McK. of Akron will deliver one of his outstanding talks.

On Sunday, Pennsylvania will provide a panel which will discuss the spiritual side of the AA program . . . a. "Our Higher Power"; b. Group Therapy; c. "Faith and Humility"; d. "The Eleventh Step."

At 2 p. m. Stanley F., of Washington, Pa. will close the session with an hour's talk. He is an outstanding speaker.

As we go to press we do not have the names of the out-of-State speakers, which we regret, but be assured that each one will be the best available.

Reservations should be made to "The Tri-State Assembly," attention Jack G., Box 277, Fairview, Pa. The reservation fee is \$1.00, grounds admission is \$2.00. Hotel accommodations are plentiful and reasonable in price.



CLEVELAND AREA GROUP MEETINGS

MONDAY

ADDISON—Westminster Church, Cor. Addison and Wade Park... 8:30
BORTON-E. Cleveland Congrega. Church, Page and Euclid Ave... 1:30
EARLY-EARLY-St. Columkill Church, East 26th and Superior... 6:00
EDGE LAKE-Rocky River Community Cen., Wagar & Hilliard, Dinner 7; Meeting... 8:30
FRIENDLY SUBURBAN-6037 Pearl... 8:00
LAKEWOOD (Orchard Grove)—1417 St. Charles, nr. Detroit... 8:30
LAKWOOD 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
MILES—St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 9721 Romona Boulevard... 8:30
PEARL—Corpus Christi Basement, 4850 Pearl Road... 8:30
SHAKER HEIGHTS-Christ Episcopal Church, 3445 Warrensville Rd... 9:00
SOUTH M T - 7 6 2 6 Broadway... 8:30
UNION-Rut View Cong. Church, Kinsman at E. 156th St... 9:00
WEST MONDAY-Above Tend R. Loan Store, 1428 W. 25th at Detroit Ave... 8:30
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
ELYRIA (Women)—Alconon Club, 345 Broad St., Elyria, O... 8:30
SHELBY—Congregational Baptist Church, Jackson and Jefferson, Painesville... 8:30
VERMILION—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... 9:00
CLARK-1917 Clark Ave... 8:30
EUCLID-WADE-Calvary Presbyterian Church, E. 79th and Euclid Ave... 9:00
FAIRMOUNT—St. Paul's Episcopal, E&mount 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, 17606 Euclid Ave... 8:45
LAKE SHORE-Ascension Clubhouse, N. W. corner Puritas & W. 140th... 8:30
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
TRADITIONS-Community Church of Brooklyn, 8720 Memphis Ave... 9:00
WESTPARK—Puritas Lutheran Church, Puritas Ave. & W. 138th Street... 8:30
ASHLAND, O.—First Presbyterian Church, Corner Church and Third Sts... 9:00
8 p.m. Eastern Standard, 9 p.m., Daylight LAKE COUNTY-Fellowship Hall, Methodist Ch., Rt. 20, E. So. Wood, Mentor... 8:30
LORAIN, O.—St. Stanislaus School, 28th St. and Elyria Ave... 8:30
MEDINA, O.—St. Paul's Epis. Par.Hse... 8:30
SANDUSKY, O. (Firelands)—First Presbyterian, Across from Post Office... 8:30
STRONGSVILLE-Tuesday-T-Torn Hall... 9:00

WEDNESDAY

ALCOLA—6409 Detroit Ave... 9:00
ALL-AMERICAN Sportsmen, 1142 Buhrer, 3rd Wednesday each month... 8:30
BAXTER-8437 Broadway... 8:30
BROOKLYN-K. of P. Hall, 33166 Broadview, East of Pearl Rd... 8:30
ASHTABULA CONSOLIDATED—Geneva, O., 1st west each month, American Leg., Hall, Eagle and Park... 7:30
C. E. L. Illuminatings (Co.), Room 335—Rear Building... 8:30
COLLINWOOD-945 E. 152nd St... 8:30
DENISON MEN-7403 Denison Ave., (first Wednesday, joint meeting)... 8:30
DOAN MEN'S-2028 E. 105th St., Second flury, side entrance... 9:00
EAST SIDE MORNING—2028 East 105th St... 10:30 A.M.

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
LORAIN AVE.—S.S. Philip & James Hall, 3689 Bosworth Road... 9:00
ST. JAMES—Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, E. 103rd St. and Cedar... 8:15
ST. MARY—400 North S., Chardon, O... 8:30
TWENTY-FOUR HOUR—13216 Detroit, Training meeting 1st Wed. each month, Church of the Ascension... 8:30
WARRENSVILLE—Women's House Cor. 7:30
WOMEN'S—East Side—Cleveland Unitarian Society, Euclid and E. 82nd St... 8:30
WOMEN'S—Lorain County—St. Vincent De Paul Church, Detroit Rd., (Rt. 254 & 57)... 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
CORLETT MIXED-Holy Family School, 3845 E. 131st at Chapselide... 8:30
COVENTRY—Fairmount Presby. Church, Scarborough and Fairmount Blvd... 8:30
CRILE HOSPITAL—Library... 8:00
EASTSIDE WOMEN-First Baptist Church, 1565 Chardon Rd., near Euclid... 8:30
HAWTHORNDEN STATE HOSPITAL Macedonia, O., Basement of New Employees Bldg... 8:00
OUTHWAITE—Woodland Center, 7100 Kinsman Ave... 8:30
ROCKY RIVER—Rockport Methodist Church, 33 10 Wooster Road... 9:00
THURSDAY WOMEN—St. Patrick's Hall, Bridge Ave. at W. 38th St... 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 St... 8:30
HARBOR THURSDAY—Ashtabula, O., 1147 West Fifth street... 8:30
INDEPENDENCE, O.—St. John's Lutheran Hall, Second and Sunset... 9:00

FRIDAY

ANSEL ROAD—St. Thomas Church, 9205 Superior Ave... 9:00
BROADWAY-HARVARD-6437 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—American Legion Hall, Post 163, 15544 Euclid Ave... 9:00
NORTH EAST—St. Agatha's Church Hall, 1269 Lakeview Rd... 8:30
ROSARY HALL—Jordan Hall, Charity Nurse Auditorium... 8:30
SOLIDARITY-Incarnation Church, 616 E. 105th (North of St. Clair) (First meeting, March 23, 1956)... 8:30
STELLA MARIS (Mm), 1320 Washington Ave... 8:15
ROSARY HALL AUXILIARY, Rosary Hall, Charity Hospital... 8:30
WEST SIDE YOUNG PEOPLE—Lkwd. Cong. Ch., Detroit & W. Clifton... 9:00
AVON LAKE-First Congregational Church, 32801 Electric Blvd... 8:45
BEREA—Social room of Berea Cong. Church, Seminary and Church... 8:30
CONNEAUT, O.—B. of L. E. Hall... 8:30
CHAGRIN FALLS, O.—American Legion, E. Orange St... 8:30
CHARDON, O.—Thrasher House, Water St., Chardon, O... 9:00
EUCLID, O.—Holy Cross Church, E. 200th and Lake Shore Blvd... 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
FOREST CITY—6619 Denison Ave... 9:00
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—945 E. 152nd St... 9:00
MAPLE HTS.—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—Lakewood Congregational Ch., 1375 W. Clifton, Cor. Detroit Ave... 9:00
PARMA—Public Library, 5850 Ridge Rd... 8:30
PLAINA—Plains Methodist Church, Lake Shore Blvd. and Reynolds 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
WEST RICHFIELD—Consolidated Church, Route 303, just west of Route 21... 8:30

SUNDAY

ALL-AMERICAN Sportsmen... 1142 Buhrer 1st Sunday each month... 4:00
BROOKPARK PROJECTS—Administration Bldg., 13100 Dbell, off W. 130th... 8:00
BROOKSIDE—Blessed Sacrament Church, Storer and Fulton (downstairs)... 8:30
C.A.H. DISCUSSION—C.A.H. Clubrooms, 7809 Euclid Avenue... 10:45 A.M.
COLLINWOOD-945 E. 152nd St... 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 Sunday 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... 0:30
OUTHWAITE-2903 E. 71st St., Corner Kinsman... 4:30
REFRESHER COURSE—C. T. S. Bldg., Room 510, 144 E. 9th St... 2:30
YOUR—St. Felicitas School, Richmond Rd., just south of Euclid-7:00
STRONGSVILLE—Royal Haven Farm, Royalton Road, Strongsville, O... 3:00
WEST SIDE DISCUSSION—6409 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

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

NURSING HOMES THAT TREAT ALCOHOLICS (This listing does not necessarily indicate endorsement or approval)
Alcoholics Abstinence Nursing Home (MW) Melrose 1-1633... 8023 Detroit Ave.
Cleveland Alcoholic Clinic (MW) Express 1-8996... 7809 Euclid Ave.
Elmwood Sanitarium (M) Kenmore 1-2299... 17322 Euclid Ave.
Euclid Rest Haven (MW) Ulster 1-6296 and Mulberry 1-9564, 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.

"ALCOHOLICS ARE PEOPLE" -  
(THAT IS - ALL ARE NOT BRILLIANT - ETC)

RE: CONSOL. POSTPONEMENT -

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## WHO IS READY?@

The program of Alcoholics Anonymous cannot be advertised and sold in the market place. It must be sought and paid for—not in the coin of the realm but in that heartfelt sincerity wherein it is desired more than anything else.

Years ago the idea that some good salesmanship could rescue a lot of people from a life being ruined by alcoholism was abandoned. It was tried and failed. Direct missionary efforts never paid off. You can't convince someone that they should stop drinking. This is a decision that only the individual can make.

Occasions arise in the life of every alcoholic when he is sure he wants to stop drinking. The most transient of these periods are those that accompany a particularly nasty hangover. The hangover passes and so does the conviction that something has to be done about the problem.

Of greater duration are those periods when a husband or wife threatens separation or divorce if the alcoholic does not reform. Or those occasions when the employer warns that one more binge will bring dismissal.

Under such pressures alcoholics often turn to Alcoholics Anonymous for help. Sometimes, but rarely, the help received under these conditions takes hold and, through talks with his sponsor and other members, through meetings and a reading of the literature, the alcoholic sees the light. He becomes aware of the problem and, for his own sake, does something about it.

This is the exception. Most people who are compelled for some reason to seek help simply don't catch on.

A great deal of time and energy could be saved for more hopeful prospects if we, as sponsors, explored deeper than we now do, the reasons why an applicant wants to associate himself with our fellowship.

We are not suggesting that these applicants should be turned away. They should be given the program and every help and encouragement as though they had finally made up their own minds—instead of having it made up for them by some threat—as are those who sincerely want it.

What we are saying is that when these forced applicants simply can't or won't make the initial effort of not taking a drink today, we are fanning the air in trying to persuade them. They are not ready yet.

These thoughts come to us because of another experience of this sort. The applicant lost his job, his wife threatened him and he asked for the program. To begin with he was impatient listening to what members sent to him by his sponsor had to say. He came out of the hospital and in a six-weeks period there were only three days on which he did not have at least one drink. Some days he was plastered. He wants the program—if someone would work it for him.

It is discouraging for a sponsor to give up. It is like admitting defeat. But it is not this. It is the material we work with. Therefore, we could devote the same time to someone who really wants the program. Then when

## AA BOULEVARD

Once upon a time (this is a fable—Ed.) a joyously happy member of AA was walking down AA Boulevard. This mythical street was a wide one, graced with spacious lawns, and lined with stately shade trees.

As he strode down this beautiful boulevard he gratefully filled his chest with cool sweet air . . . and he found life good. And he thanked God for permitting him to breathe it.

Suddenly a frantic cry for help assailed his ears, and, being a good AA he responded instantly. He traced the source to an open manhole in the middle of the street.

Looking down into the sewer he saw a man desperately struggling to keep from submerging into the filthy waters and he called down to the victim, urging him to stop thrashing around and to just remain afloat for a few minutes longer until he brought a ladder.

True to his word he was back in a flash, for at the curb was a convenient sixteen rung AA ladder.

As he lowered the ladder into the hole the man made a frantic grab at it and was quickly admonished by his rescuer to wait until he had the ladder firmly anchored on the bottom. The ladder almost tipped over as the victim disregarded the advice and tried to climb on before it was set properly.

Quietly, but firmly, the rescuer warned him that the ladder had sixteen rungs which were widely spaced and that if he tried to come up too quickly by possibly skipping a rung he would be in danger of missing and diving headfirst back into the mess.

"Take it easy!" he told him. "Just follow these simple instructions. Grasp the right upright firmly in your right hand and the left upright with the other and be sure you have your feet firmly planted on each rung and in a short time you'll be up here where I can give you my hand and you'll be able to breathe this wonderful, exhilarating air again."

Cautiously the victim obeyed instructions and soon was up the ladder to express gratitude to his Samaritan for his rescue.

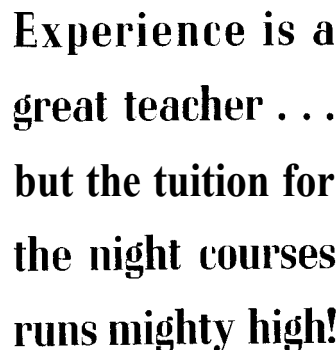
This sixteen rung ladder, you see, was the AA ladder. The right upright symbolized God (or if you prefer, the Power greater than yourself) and the left upright the AA group. The sixteen rungs symbolized the Twelve Steps of AA and the Four Absolutes (Honesty, Purity, Unselfishness and Love).

Ignore either of the uprights in your desire to escape from the mess you're in by still trying in typical swash-buckling style to do it differently, the probabilities are that you'll fail and get in even a worse mess again.

Attempting to skip ANY of the Steps and ignoring the Absolutes will almost certainly prevent you from finding the key to happy sobriety, self-respect and the ultimate return of the respect and confidence of your intimates.

Read over the Tenth Step again and check yourself. If you don't remember its content, ask a good AA member. It might save your life!

the person under pressure finally comes to A.A. without prodding we can be reasonably sure of success.



Experience is a  
great teacher . . .  
but the tuition for  
the night courses  
runs mighty high!

## ALCOHOLICS ARE PEOPLE

We have heard many speakers at AA meetings say that alcoholics are brilliant people, that they are geniuses with phenomenal intellectual powers. How we alcoholics eat that up. If there is anything we like better than talking about ourselves, it is to hear someone brag about us. It is about time that we stop kidding ourselves and we realize that we are plain ordinary folks.

In every group there are some brilliant people and a lot of stupid ones too. There are those that get in our hair. Like the guy who bobs up at the slightest provocation, or none at all, to air his views. Then there's the gossip and the bossy individual who is telling everybody how and what one must do to stay sober. The Bible thumper who drums up his own particular religious denomination, the braggart who sponsored so many and the time and money he spent. The pestiferous slippee who is always crying on your shoulder and telling you why he had to have that drink, but this time he has the program. The men or the women that come to meetings once a year, then get up in the meeting and tell how grateful they are to AA. One could go on and on until finally one gets around to his or her by-no means perfect self. There do we find our criticism, dissatisfaction with our fellow-men, indifference, hard-boiled attitude toward those that are not doing what we think they should be doing.

Alcoholics have many silly excuses why they had that so called slip. There is the one that had his slip because he didn't get the car he wanted and was unable to get to meetings while he only lived two blocks from where his group meets. He never had a car before and nobody promised him a car. There are millions of excellent and God-loving people who never took a drink in their lives, who have no car. Then there is the guy that stopped going to meetings and got drunk because he didn't like the donuts they served: There are hundreds of other alcoholics that don't like donuts attending meetings and staying sober.

It's about time we stop thinking that AA is a short cut to health, wealth and glory and to realize this is no cult of easy-come. We should think of AA as a pattern to live by. This is a program to get and keep us sober with the twelve suggested steps. It leads us to spiritual advancement, teaches us humility, kindness and common-sense. We will have better health with alcohol out of our system . . . more money and to do more with it . . . think better on our jobs. We learn that we will not find the solution to our problem in a bottle and that we are a peculiar people who cannot drink. We should try to understand that we are only trying to take our place in society and live a normal life with normal people in a normal way, praying to God that we may be big enough to accept the things we cannot change and asking for the courage to be able to change the things we can and the wisdom to know the difference.

-Intergroup News, Akron, O.

## HOPE RESTORED

We went off the deep end in self pity when we wrote about the parolee whom we had under our wing and who after less than a month of freedom became impatient with "us folks outside" because we couldn't find him a job right away and went out and got drunk, left town just as a fine job was about to come his way.

We wrote this article on Sunday and after he had been gone from the city for two days. We reported him on Monday morning in order to maintain the trust of the parole office in our word that we would cooperate fully with them.

On Monday afternoon, this parolee returned, penitent and shaken with remorse and returning the property he had borrowed from us and hocked to go on his flight.

On Tuesday morning, we are pleased to report, after an hour's session with the parole office he was given another chance and on Wednesday he happily reported that he had a job.

We learned a valuable lesson. Don't judge too soon.

## TRI-STATE ASSEMBLY

The third annual Tri-State Assembly was attended by about 600 members from Ohio, New York and Pennsylvania. The Assembly was held in the famous Chautauqua Park, Chautauqua, New York, and it is our impression that every person who attended left at the close of the three day meeting with a deep sense of gratitude for being privileged to hear an exceptionally talented group of speakers.

On Friday evening, a panel of four New Yorkers gave a fine interpretation of Sponsorship, its responsibilities and benefits. After a short recess, the crowd was amused and impressed with a masterful talk by Maurice W. G. of Schenectady.

On Saturday morning an outstanding panel of Ohio women discussed the problems of a woman alcoholic. Two last minute replacements on this panel, Mrs. Ethel M. of King School, Akron and Mrs. Mary R. of Cleveland received deserved sustained applause as did Mrs. Lucille S. and Mrs. Jean F. of Cleveland.

A relaxing interlude by a professional actor member of AA, James S. of Jamestown, N. Y. and aided by the clever quips of Herschel H. of Parma was most entertaining and preceded the afternoon panel of wives of AAs who also held the attentive ears of everyone. Mrs. William "Bill" D., wife of the first "guinea pig" of AA, made her first public address as did Anne H. of Parma. Both were outstanding as were those of Ruth T. and Sophie F. of Cleveland.

At 8:30 in the evening most of the assembly attended a Chautauqua Concert by the famous Rise Stevens. (This Concert was not sponsored by the Assembly.)

At 9:30 in the evening, Bert McK. of Akron gave one of the most effective talks it has ever been our privilege to hear. Our thrill was shared by everyone judging by the many comments we overheard.

On Sunday morning a very fine panel of four Pennsylvanians spoke on the spiritual phase of AA and each was outstanding. In the closing session at 2 p. m., Stan F. of Washington, Pa., also stirred the crowd with an exceptionally effective talk.

The committee deserved the sustained applause of appreciation which was sincerely given by the happy crowd.

## THE HUNTER AND THE LION

There's a famous story of a hunter and a lion. One night as the hunter was going back to his camp an enormous lion strolled out of the jungle, not twenty feet away. Lion and hunter stared at each other warily for a few moments, then the lion crouched for a spring. The hunter had but one cartridge left in his rifle. He fired -and missed. But the lion's spring carried him too far, and he landed about fifteen feet beyond the hunter, who made a safe dash back to his camp.

Next day the hunter went out again. He heard a strange noise in the brush and investigated. There was a quick movement in a clearing nearby. The hunter cautiously crept up and took a look. He saw his old friend the lion -hard at work practicing short leaps.

AA is a program one can much too easily miss by reaching too far for it. To say, "I'm never going to take another drink," is simply trying to jump too far. You have to be a good judge of distance to make AA work, and that distance is exactly 24 hours long. Beyond that you're pretty much sure of missing the mark, for AA isn't aimed at anything more than one day at a time.

It isn't a case of judging whether the tenth or twentieth drink is the passer-out, as is the case with the person who can take alcohol. What the alcoholic has to learn is that he cannot take that first drink. Like the lion, he must practice the short leap . . . the leap that won't carry him to the first drink . . . the leap that's only one day long—the AA leap.

We're all painfully aware of our problem; we're equally aware that it cannot be approached easily. But we're also aware that it's immensely more sensible to live by short leaps, exactly AA in length.

-Eye Opener, Ohio State Pen

## GROUP NEWS

Brooklyn-Speakers for September are: 5—Roy A., Brooklyn (his tenth anniversary) ; 12—Tony T., Brooklyn (his seventh anniversary) ; 19—Russ and Kitty M., Clark; 26—Dick S., a 19 year veteran of the Coventry group.

Early Early-Speakers for September are: 3—Jerry R., Lakeside Women; 10—Bill C., League Park; 17—Eddie G., no group affiliation; 24—Mabel K., 'Clark.

Gordon Square-Speakers for September are: 7—Leo R., Trinity; 14—Bob E., Clark; 21—T. Frank B., Doan Men; 28—Harry W., Lake Shore.

Independence-Speakers for September are: 6—Joe L., Independence; 13—Jim D., Parma; 20—Geo. I., West Richfield; 27—"Pappy" S., Coventry.

Orchard Grove-Speakers for September are: 3—Frieda L. and "Lynn" L., Brooklyn; 10—The N. Brothers, Glenville; 17—Harry R., Stella Maris; 24—Bob S., Lorain Ave. Monday.

South East—Two vital and prominent southside groups, South East and Miles Mixed have merged as of September 3 under the name of South East. Both groups met on Monday evenings and the merger was effected for greater effectiveness in the community. They will meet on Monday evenings at 7526 Broadway at 8:30 p. m.

Trinity-Speakers for September are: 1—Robert S., Newburgh; 8—Dr. Jim P., Painesville; 15—Freda L., Brooklyn; 22—Bob M., Mistletoe; 29—Edward D., Fairview.

Women's House of Correction-Speakers for September are: B—Rosemary H.; 12—Fred S.; 19—Walter B.; 26—Betty C. Coffee and doughnuts are served after each meeting, which start at 7:45 p. m. sharp.

## CONSOLIDATED MEETING POSTPONED

The quarterly Consolidated Meeting which was originally scheduled for the third Sunday in September at Moose Hall, E. 22nd at Carnegie will be held on the third Sunday in October at four o'clock.

Cause of the postponement was the defection of the scheduled speaker, who found it impossible to keep the assignment. We'll schedule him for a talk in January or April.

Keep Sunday, October 21 open for this meeting.

## BOWLERS' OPPORTUNITY

Men and women bowlers, stars or neophytes, have an opportunity to bowl with the Brooklyn Thursday AA Mixed Bowling League and have a lot of fun, exercise and AA fellowship by joining the league. Twelve beautiful alleys at Lorain Ave. & W. 41st St. with starting time Thursday evening, September 6 at 7:30 p. m.

Contact Jack R. at FLorida 1-2254 after six p. m.

## WE'RE LATE !

We were in no mood to write the Bulletin in the middle of August. That's a lousy excuse, but-well, we simply couldn't! The next week-end we were off on our vacation. Last week-end we attended the unforgettable Tri-State Assembly in Chautauqua.

To our amazement today we saw the handwriting on the wall! It's August 30 and for the first time in fourteen years we will not publish in the month the issue will indicate on the top of the page. Tsk!

So if you can find compassion in your hearts, won't you please show 'some for us ? We'll try-honestly we will-never to let it happen again!

**SAVE SALES TAX STAMPS FOB DOWNTOWN OFFICE**

## GIGGLES

People can be placed in three classes: the few that make things happen; the many who watch things happen; the overwhelming majority who have no idea what has happened.

A stranger, while traveling through Arizona, noticed the ury, dusty appearance of the country.

He asked: Doesn't it ever rain here?

Native: Why, say friend, there's frogs in this town over 10 years old that haven't learned to swim yet.

Traffic Officer (stopping motorist): Sir, your wife fell out of the car three blocks back.

Motorist: So that's it! I thought I had gone stone deaf.

An Australian was trying to impress the visitor from Texas with the wonders of his country. Just then the Texan saw a kangaroo in full gallop across a field. Drawled the man from the Lone Star state: "I'll grant you one thing, suh, for sure. Your grasshoppers are bigger'n ours."

"My wife talks to herself."

"So does mine, but she doesn't realize it. She thinks I'm listening."

Teller to man at window: Sorry, Mr. Jones, your wife beat you to the draw.

"I'll give you \$5 if you'll let me paint you," the artist told the old mountaineer, who thoughtfully shifted his tobacco from one cheek to the other. "It's easy money," encouraged the artist.

"No question 'bout that," agreed the hillsman. "Was jes' awonderin' how to get the paint off afterward."

After looking over the customer's head, the barber said: "Your hair seems to be getting thin on top, sir. Have you tried our own brand of hair tonic?"

"No, I haven't," the customer said, "so it can't be that."

A curious little man sat next to an elderly, prosperous-looking man in a train.

"How many (people work in your office?" he asked.

"Oh, responded the elderly man, getting up and throwing away his cigar, "I should say, at a rough guess, about two-thirds of them."

Little Boy: Dad, I wish you would let Mom drive. It's more exciting.



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
EARLY.EARLY-St. Columkill Church, East 26th and Superior 6:00
EDGE LAKE-Rocky River Community Cen. Wagar & Hilliard, Dinner 7; Meeting 8:30
FRIENDLY SUBURBAN-6037 Pearl 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, Nela and Euclid 8:30
LORAIN AVE.-Banater Hall Annex, W. 120th St., at Lorain Ave 8:30
PEARL-Corpus Christi Basement, 4850 Pearl Road 8:30
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
WEST MONDAY-Above Tend R. Lean Store, 1428 W. 25th at Detroit Ave. 8:30
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
ELYRIA (Women)-Alconon Club, 345 Broad St., Elyria, O. 8:30
SHELBY-Congregational Baptist Church, Jackson and Jefferson, Painesville 8:30
VERMILION-Congregational Church 8:30
WILLOUGHBY-Presbyterian Church, Willoughby, O. 8:30

TUESDAY

ARCADE-Typographical Union Hall, 1559 East 17th (near Payne Ave.) 9:00
BUHRE-1142 Buhrer Ave. 9:00
CLARK-1917 Clark Ave. 8:30
EUCLID-WADE-Calvary Presbyterian Church, E. 79th and Euclid Ave 9:0a
FAIRMOUNT-St. Paul's Episcopal, Fairmount and Coventry 5:00
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, 1760% Euclid Ave. 8:45
LAKE SHORE-Ascension Clubhouse, N. W. corner Puritas & W. 140th 8:30
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, E. 40th and Superior 9:00
TRADITIONS-Community Church of Brooklyn, 8720 Memphis Ave. 9:00
WEST PARK-Puritas Lutheran Church, Puritas Ave. & W. 138th Street 8:30
ASHLAND, O.-First Presbyterian Church, Corner Church and Third Sts 9:00
8 p.m. Eastern Standard, 9 p.m., Daylight LAKE COUNTY-Fellowship Hall, Methodist Ch., Rt. 20, E. So. Wood, Mentor 8:30
LORAIN, O.-St. Stanislaus School, 28th St. and Elyria Ave. 8:30
MEDINA, O.-St. Paul's Epis. Par.Hsc. 8:30
SANDUSKY, O. (Firelands)-First Presbyterian, Across from Post Office 8:30
STRONGSVILLE-Tuesday-Town Hall 9:00

WEDNESDAY

ALCOLA-6409 Detroit Ave. 9:00
ALL-AMERICAN Sportsmen, 1142 Buhrer, 3rd Wednesday each month 8:30
BAXTER-8437 Broadway 8:30
BROOKLYN-K. of P. Hall, 3316 Broadview, East of Pearl Rd. 8:30
ASHTABULA CONSOLIDATED-Geneva, Q. 1st wed. each month, American Leg. Bldg. Eagle and Park 7:30
C. E. I.-Illuminating Co., Room 335-R-r Building 8:30
COLLINWOOD-945 E. 152nd St 8:30
DENISON MEN-7403 Denison Ave., (first Wednesday, joint meeting) 8:30
DOAN MEN'S-2028 E. 105th St., Second floor, 4th entrance 9:00
EAST SIDE MORNING 2028 East 105th St. 10:30 A.M.

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. Bld. 8:30
LORAIN AVE.-S.S. Philip & James Hall, 3689 Bosworth Road 9:00
ST. JAMES-Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, E. 103rd St. and Cedar 8:15
ST. MARY-400 North S., Chardon, O. 8:30
TWENTY-FOUR HOUR-13216 Detroit, Training meeting 1st Wed. each month, Church of the Ascension 8:30
WARRENSVILLE-Women's House Cor. 7:30
WOMEN'S-East Side-Cleveland Unitarian Society, Euclid and E. 82nd St. 8:30
WOMEN'S-Lorain County-St. Vincent De Paul Church, Detroit Rd., (Rt. 254 & 57) 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-S. Malachi's Church, 2549 Washington Ave 8:30
BROADWAY-55th-Our Lady of Lourdes School Hall 8:30
CORLETT MIXED-Holy Family School, 3845 E. 131st at Chapelside 8:30
COVENTRY-Fairmount Presby. Church, Scarborough and Fairmount Blvd. 8:30
CRILE HOSPITAL-Library 8:00
EASTSIDE WOMEN-First Baptist Church, 1565 Chardon Rd., near Euclid 8:30
HAWTHORNDEN STATE HOSPITAL, Macedonia, O., Basement of New Employees Bldg. 8:00
OUTHWAITE-Woodland Center, 7100 Kinsman Ave. 8:30
ROCKY RIVER-Rockport Methodist Church, 3310 Wooster Road 9:00
THURSDAY WOMEN-St. Patrick's Hall, Bridge Ave. at W. 38th St. 8:30
WEST SIDE-7403 Denison Ave. 10:30 A.M.
AMHERST-St. Peter's E. & 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, 37,400 Vine St. 8:30
HARBOR THURSDAY-Ashatabula, O., 1147 West Fifth Street 8:30
INDEPENDENCE, O.-St. John's Lutheran Hall, Second end Sunset 9:00

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-American Legion Hall, Post 163, 15544 Euclid Ave. 9:00
NORTH EAST-St. Agatha's Church Hall, 1269 Lakeview Rd. 8:30
ROSARY HALL, Jordan Hall, Charity Nurses Auditorium 8:30
SOLIDARITY-Incarnation Church, 616 E. 105th (North of St. Clair) 8:30
(ST. First meeting, March 23, 1956)
STELLA MARIS (Men) 1320 Washington Ave 8:15
ROSARY HALL AUXILIARY, Rosary Hall, Charity Hospital 8:30
WEST SIDE YOUNG PEOPLE, Ikwid. Cong. Ch., Detroit & W. Clifton 9:00
AVON LAKF-Firs; Congregational Church, 32801 Electric Blvd 8:45
BEREA-Social room of Berea Cong. Church, Seminary and Church 8:30
CONNEAUT, O.-B. of L. E. Hall 8:30
CHAGRIN FALLS, O.-American Legion, E. Orange St. 8:30
CRARDON, O.-Thrasher House, Water St., Chardon, O. 9:00
EUCLID, O.-Holy Cross Church, E. 200th and Lake Shore Blvd. 8:30
WICKLIFFE-Lady of Mt. Cannel 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
FOREST CITY-6619 Denison Ave. 9:00
GLENVILLE-10421 St. Clair Ave. 9:30
LAKEWOOD-Sat. Nite-Redeemer Hall, Andrews, near Detroit 8:30
LEAGUE PARK-St. Agnes School Hall, East 79th and Euclid Ave. 9:00
LIBERTY-945 E. 152nd St. 9:00
MAPLE HTS.-Luth. Church of Convnt, 19000 Libby Rd., cor. Maple Hts. Blvd. 8:30
MATT TALBOT-St. Philip Neri Church, E. 82nd and St. Clair 8:30
MEMPHIS-Lakewood Congregational Ch., 1375 W. Clifton, Cor. Detroit Ave. 9:00
PARMA-Public Library, 5860 Ridge Rd. 8:30
PLAIN-Plains Methodist Church, Lake Shore Blvd. and Reynolds 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 Epis. 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
WEST RICHFIELD-Consolidated Church, Route 303, just west of Route 21 8:30

SUNDAY

ALL AMERICAN Sportsmen 1142 Buhrer 1st Sunday each month 4:00
BROOK PARK PROJECTS-Administration Bldg., 13100 Dibell, off W. 130th 8:00
BROOKSIDE-Blessed Sacrament Church, Storer and Fulton (downstairs) 8:30
C.A.H. DISCUSSION-C.A.H. Clubrooms, 7809 Euclid Avenue 10:45 A.M.
COLLINWOOD-945 E. 152nd St. 7:30
DETROIT-Mixed-8023 Detroit Ave. 8:00
Greater Cleve. Young People (Consolidated) Cathedral Hall-1st Sunday each month 2:00
LAKEVIEW-CYC Hall, St. Aloisius Church, E. 109th and St. Clair 8:30
LORAIN COUNTY CONSOLIDATED-1st Sunday of each month, Alconon Club, 345 E. Broad St., Elyria 7:30
MARYMOUNT-2nd Sunday 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
OUTHWAITE-2903 E. 71st St., Corner Kinsman 4:30
REFRESHER COURSE-C. T. S. Bldg., Room 510, 1404 E. 9th St 2:30
YOUR-St. Felicitas School, Richmond Rd., jus south of Euclid 7:00
STRONGSVILLE-Royal Haven Farm, Royalton Road, Strongsville, O. 3:00
WEST SIDE DISCUSSION-6409 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

AA CLEVELAND DISTRICT OFFICE 205 Frederick Bldg., 2063 E. 4th St. CH 1-7387
AKRON INTERGROUP OFFICE 41 So. High Street B L 3-8455
AKRON ARID CLUB-451/2 S. Howard street Always Open
1st TUESDAY EVERY MONTH
CENTRAL COMMITTEE-Hanna Building, Room 370 8:30
3rd TUESDAY EVERY MONTH
HOSPITAL COMMITTEE-Hanna Building, Room 370 8:30

NURSING HOMES THAT TREAT ALCOHOLICS (Their listing does not necessarily indicate endorsement or approval)
Alcoholics Abstinence Nursing Home (MW) Melrose 1-1635 8023 Detroit Ave.
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.
Farquharson's (M) Tuxedo 5-1882, 6037 Pearl Pathway (Tyler 1-6698) (MW) 1635 F. 93rd (M) men only. (W) women only. (N W) men and women.



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## BEWARE OF PRIDE ⑥

Lou Austin gives members of Alcoholic Anonymous much to think about in his book, "YOU Are Greater Than You Know." In two paragraphs he pays a compliment and, indirectly, sounds a warning:

"You learn that almost everyone, is an 'alcoholic' of some sort—one whose desires in a certain direction have gone out of bounds. There, is the money alcoholic, the sex alcoholic, the power alcoholic, the publicity alcoholic, the eating alcoholic.

"Alcoholics Anonymous has done such a magnificent job because each member knows that he of himself is powerless; that God alone can help him. Why should alcoholics of another sort feel so respectable and look down upon the liquor alcoholic? Every sincere member of Alcoholics Anonymous lives the Partnership Life, and carries with him the presence of God. Is that not the answer to all forms of alcoholism?"

In talking about various forms of extremes, for that is what is doing by this analogy, Austin has put his finger on the core of the matter. The habit and/or the urge of going beyond rational limits; the tendency to overdo things, find many outlets of which drinking that interferes with a normal life is only one. This extremism is found even in sobriety. That is Austin's indirect warning.

This takes one form in being absolutely positive that we have the only answer to the problem. Our success, which Austin extolls, has on occasion led us into a form of extremism: That no man can sober up except by the A. A. route. Factually, this simply is not true. Other methods have succeeded, perhaps not as well percentage wise, but the aim should be to save an individual from self-destruction whatever the means.

The danger comes in the building up of pride and the tendency to take a dogmatic view of our approach to the problem. A by-product of this attitude is a belittling of our methods. This makes for intolerance. That in itself is an extreme. And it has been universally true through history that pride goeth before a fall.

An example of this is published, in all places, the "Grapevine" for September in an article on "Why Psychiatrists Fail With Alcoholics," by Dr. Harry M. Tiebout. The title in itself is misleading. Their percentage of successes may not be as great as ours but this does not spell failure. We fail, too, in some cases. On this basis AA could be called a failure.

But what shocked us in this pooh-poohing of the psychiatric approach by a psychiatrist was the statement:

"There is no present value in getting at the causes and correcting them because the net result of such an endeavor would be to enable the person to drink normally."

That's just dandy. We have been sober 10 years and four months and now we are told we can drink normally. You see, before we had the sense or the ability to accept the program of AA we went to a psychiatrist to find

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## RESPONSIBILITY

After being without a delegate to the General Service Conference for two years, one will be chosen at a meeting which will be held on Saturday evening, October 13 at 8 p. m. in the Petite Cafe of Carter Hotel in Cleveland.

The decision to call this meeting was made in Central Committee in February. Two excellent talks by the Central Ohio delegate, Ray S., of Coshocton in April and the Northern Pennsylvania delegate, Dick C. of Roberson, Pa., in June, brought into focus the recognition.

The fact that this area, the birthplace of AA, was the only area in the United States with a large number of groups and members not represented in the conference caused considerable comment and misunderstanding.

We are positive that every group in the area is interested, but there has been no-one sufficiently aroused to a realization of the need for co-operation on a national level to maintain the traditions and high ideals which we in this area accept as "unwritten law."

Whenever we had internal problems in the old days, we could always run to Doctor Bob in Akron for advice and invariably abided by his recommendations. If the problem was serious, Bill W. was also consulted in New York.

Now beloved Doctor Bob is gone to his eternal rest and last year Bill W., retired from his position as the figurative head of a fellowship which steadfastly insisted it had no leaders. How inconsistent we were!

This area is blessed with many men and women solidly grounded in fundamentals and they are integrated into practically every group in the entire Northeastern Ohio area. But what about the future. Will the groups remain well grounded and continue to maintain the traditions that made AA so successful when the old timers are gone?

Now that Bill is not at the helm any more and the "policy control" has been transferred to carefully selected elected delegates from every area where AA functions, it is accordingly more important that we in this area support and maintain this Conference in the interest of humanity.

With our great wealth of experience we should, as good AAs, offer this experience in the council of delegates from less experienced areas.

It is difficult for some of us old timers to realize that times are different than when we came in. By chance—or probably by a particular grace of God—we found AA rather easily. Think just for a moment how many people might have been just as desperate as we were and knew of no place to go.

Be there on October 13 and let's select our delegate. Let's apply the Twelfth Step and share more generously the knowledge and experience which can help others in other areas overcome problems which beset us in our groping days of yore.

Like a whiff of smoke breathed into the evening air, pausing momentarily as if in a threatening gesture, vanishing into oblivion . . . the past is gone, never to return.

## BEWARE OF PRIDE

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out what compelled us to drink. Without that knowledge we would not have been sober today. And we are not a freak case. There are many like us among the AA membership who were compulsive drinkers.

Scientifically Tiebout's statement is nonsense. Knowing the cause of one's years of drinking does not restore those body cells which have been batted down beyond the tolerance point, making it ever after impossible to drink normally.

Moreover, the bulk of the Twelve Steps are based on elementary psychiatry, especially Steps Four, Five and Ten.

Well, we're not going to drink even with this semi-official sanction from the national journal. We're not worried about that problem. We are worried about the pride and the intolerance of other methods which it discloses. We have to keep our minds open if we are going to be a viable organization that can offer help to the greatest number of individuals in need. To write off all other approaches is to court disaster. Let us be sober in our sobriety.

## WHAT IS SUCCESS?

When a man does not succeed in AA, the fault is usually with himself or herself. Is it not true that with more work, more enthusiasm, more tact, firmer determination, and a more pleasant personality, you would succeed?

The fact that you lacked in the past the qualities that bring success, may not have been your fault; but now that you can develop them in accordance with the principles of AA, you will progress better, and there will be no excuse for not gaining sobriety.

These qualities are necessary to all alcoholics. Once you show that you are ready for something better, you will get it, and you will usually get it sooner than you expect. So be ready at all times for your opportunity by conducting yourself as though each alcoholic held your future in his hands.

In AA the man or woman who tries, succeeds. You too can be successful in AA if you honestly try to be. You cannot hope to have AA handed to you on a silver platter, without any effort on your part. When you see another AA forge ahead of you, it is because he or she has been working to succeed.

Some alcoholics who have not "cut their wisdom teeth," think that it is not consistent with their personalities to cater to other alcoholics. They like to impress others with their own importance.

When an alcoholic feels too important in AA he had better get out of it, as it is only through working together that AA grows. You can't run a bluff in AA and get away with it permanently. Usually you will be found out in a few weeks or a few months. In any case, failure, in the end will prove that your bluff was not the real McCoy, for castles cannot be built on sand, any more than character can be built on misrepresentation.

Whenever an alcoholic thinks he is "clever" . . . that he does not need the "12 Steps" to succeed in his AA group, he lacks common sense. It is evident to all clear thinking AA's that no alcoholic can succeed, even in a small degree, unless he is willing to work to gain sobriety.

AA does not care for cleverness of that kind. It has been taken in too often. It is, however, willing to go half way with anyone who is willing to co-operate.

Do you take a personal interest in your group? Are you determined to be a good AA, so neither time nor tide nor fate can hold you back?

—R. N. F. Jr., *Brighter Side, Waterloo, Ia.*

## FOURTEEN YEARS OF SERVICE

This issue will complete fourteen years of publication. Central Bulletin was the first AA publication and was started to serve the members who had been inducted into the Armed Services. Now it serves the nation.

## THE JUDAS OF A. A.

Christ was afflicted with his Judas Iscariot, our American Army at one time with its Benedict Arnold, and we now occasionally find in our AA setup a creature who slips in, or possibly crawls in would be a better way to express it—the alcoholic who would dare to make a call on a prospect with the smell of liquor on his own breath.

In the first place, he is not a member of AA and should not be making the call, for he immediately becomes a non-member when he takes his first drink.

Secondly, could his poor sacrilegious mind be so warped and confused as to think his traitorous lip service could be beneficial to the poor sick creature who is sincerely, and with an open mind, trying for away out of his difficulties? Thirdly, could he expect that "Higher Power" to bless his insincere effort that is thoroughly soiled and besmirched with the filth of hypocrisy?

For the benefit of any of us who might be so inclined, ment of the imagination but a true story based on facts.

This employer of many persons recently told me the details. The subject was a very capable chef who was definitely an alcoholic whose drinking interfered materially with his value to the employer. He was finally prevailed upon to contact AA which he did. Several calls were made by one of our members and slow progress was being made. Now to the climax. The subject finally made up his mind that he was ready to accept AA. Hope has arisen where despair previously prevailed. He was ready to surrender to victory.

The potential sponsor was contacted. I often wonder what could have been going on in the smallness of this sponsor's warped and twisted mind. Could it have been the spirit of exhibitionism? The show must go on! Could it have been that false pride, that lack of guts to admit his own failure in life of sobriety, his willingness to admit to a fellow member that he was unfit to make a call? No — The sacrilegious decision of Judas was made. Putting on his mask of hypocrisy and after sloshing his tonsils with a highly deodorant mouth wash, he proceeded on his slimy way to make a call.

You would not have to be psychic or very imaginative to comprehend the result of this call. Neither would you have to be there to see the disillusioned, bewildered expression, the immediately loss of hope in one thing left that might mean recovery and a new way of living to this expectant individual. His last hope disappeared. Even AA, the last lifeline of the floundering alcoholic had been punctured and sunk by the Judas of AA. The prospect died a few months later of a wet brain—a lost member of AA.

—*Brighter Side, Waterloo, Ia.*

## SLIGHTLY COCK-EYED

He'd stayed around much too long with the boys, as usual, and he'd got himself pie-eyed-as usual. Here it was nearly 3 a. m., when he'd promised her faithfully to be home by 11. What a row he was in for! He fumbled delicately with the latchkey, tiptoed unsteadily across the hall, undressing as he went, and started up the stairs. It was here that his chance came. As he reached the half-landing the cuckoo clock cuckooed three times. For a precious moment the mental overcast seemed to clear and inspiration came: when the cuckoo clock stopped striking he went right on cuckooing himself, up to 11. That would fix her. He finished undressing on the landing, moved gingerly into the room, slipped into bed—and she never even stirred. He was home!

Next morning at breakfast she said: "We're going to have to do something about that cuckoo clock, Henry."

"Why," he asked, "it's keeping perfect time, isn't it?" "I don't know what it's doing," she said, "but it's certainly behaving very funny: Imagine what happened last night as I was lying in bed waiting for you! It cuckooed three times, then it hiccoughed, then it said damn, and then it cuckooed 14 times more."

—*Contributed by V. C. S.*

**GROUP MEETINGS**

Ashland-Will observe its first anniversary on Tuesday, October 2 with a buffet supper at 7 p. m. and a meeting at 8:30 p. m. at which Herschel H. of Parma and Floyd A. of Pearl will be speakers. Refreshments will follow. The affair will be held in First Presbyterian Church, Third and Church Streets. Same time now as Cleveland.

**Brooklyn**—East of the first four speakers for October will speak on his or her anniversary and each is a member of the Brooklyn group. They are: 3—Ralph B. (sixth); 10—Bill W. (first); 17—Mary L. (tenth); 24—Joe K. (sixth). On Oct. 31, Sid R. of Akron will be the speaker.

Glenville-The group has disbanded. It held its last meeting Aug. 11.

Gordon Square-Speakers for October are: 5—Ed. C., Newburgh; 12—Billy H., Newburgh; 19—Joe H., St. James; 26—Bill C., League Park.

Lake County-Will observe its first anniversary month in October with the following speakers: 2—Franklyn S., Doan Men; 9—Warren C., Lake Shore; 16—Jim B., Lee Road; 23—Elsie C., Fañ-mount; 30—Harry C., Stella Maris.

Lake Shore-Now meets in Lakewood Congregational Church, 1376 West Clifton Road at Detroit Avenue on Tuesdays at 8:30 p. m.

Lee-Wednesday-The October 24 and 31 meeting ONLY of the Lee-Wednesday group will be held in St. Albans Episcopal Church, 2450 Edgehill Road, because the church in which their meetings are regularly held needs their facilities for their own purposes on those two nights. Please make a note of it.

Orchard Grove-Speakers for October are: 1—Bill W., Lorain-Monday; 8—Joe M., Memphis; 15—Betty G., Lorain County Women; 22—Bill W., Lorain Ave. Wednesday; 29—Pete G., Parma.

The group, one of the first in Cleveland, will observe its seventeenth anniversary on Monday, November 5. The speaker will be Maurice G. of Schenectady, N. Y.

St. Clair-Thursday-This new group was just organized and will hold its first meeting on Thursday, October 23, at 9 p. m. in the old Eddy Road group meeting place, Glenville Congregational Church, Eddy Rd. and St. Clair. The secretary is Lu. S. of Cleveland baseball fame and a member of the Matt Talbot group. Everyone is welcome.

Trinity-Speakers for October are: 6—Bill D., Trinity (his sixth anniversary); 13—Edna B., Coventry; 20—Warren C., Sr., Lake Shore; 27—Annual Hallowe'en Dance.

**CLEVELANDER HONORED**

No better choice, in our opinion, could have been made in the selection of a member of the Pardon and Parole Commission of Ohio, than Herschel H. of the Parma group. He is a Cleveland attorney of considerable stature, a man of high principle and excellent judgment.

He has had considerable experience with parolees in the past ten years and will bring an intelligent understanding of the parole applicant as his contribution to the Board.

We congratulate him as well as the State of Ohio.

Jumping at conclusions is about the only mental exercise some people take.

Did you ever try taking an alcoholic apart to see what made him "hic?"

For a hundred that can bear adversity, there is hardly one that can bear prosperity.

God made the only moonshine fit for man's use.

All men are not homeless, but some are home less than others.

**SAVE SALES TAX STAMPS FOB DOWNTOWN OFFICE**

**A FABULOUS FABLE**

One night I was returning home, quite late and slightly "crooked," my wife being at her mothers' for a visit, I turned in the front walk and climbed the porch before I got to it. After lying in the lawn for a moment gathering my strength for another attempt, I was about to rise when a girl's voice said, almost in my ear, "Please, kind sir, would you help me?"

Struggling to my knees, I peered around rather anxiously trying to see who had spoken, whereupon, unable to see another living soul in the gloom, I lunged to my feet and staggered blindly away, firmly convinced that the demons finally had me. As I did, a voice behind me called pleadingly, "Please don't be frightened, it's only me!"

Looking back, I saw the biggest, ugliest frog imaginable hopping toward me, its bulging toad eyes shining eerily in the flickering moonlight. Helpless with fear, I stood rooted to the spot, and weakly replied, "Are you talking to me?" hoping desperately for no answer.

To my astonishment, the hideous apparition said in a sultry tone, "Yes! I beseech you to do me a most important favor. You see, once I was a happy, carefree young girl, but then an old, evil witch cast a spell on me and changed me into a frog. If you would only be so kind, you could break the spell by just putting me under your pillow tonight!"

Completely unnerved by this time, I snatched up the repulsive creature and danced madly into the house, raced into the bedroom, threw the frog under the pillow, and then collapsed trembling in bed, until, overcome by exhaustion, I fell into an uneasy sleep.

Early the next morning, my loving wife returned home unexpectedly, and found me with a ravishing blonde and do you know TO THIS DAY, SHE WON'T BELIEVE MY STORY ABOUT THE FROG!—*Arizona Advocate.*

An American Indian petitioned the court to have his name changed. The judge asked his present name.

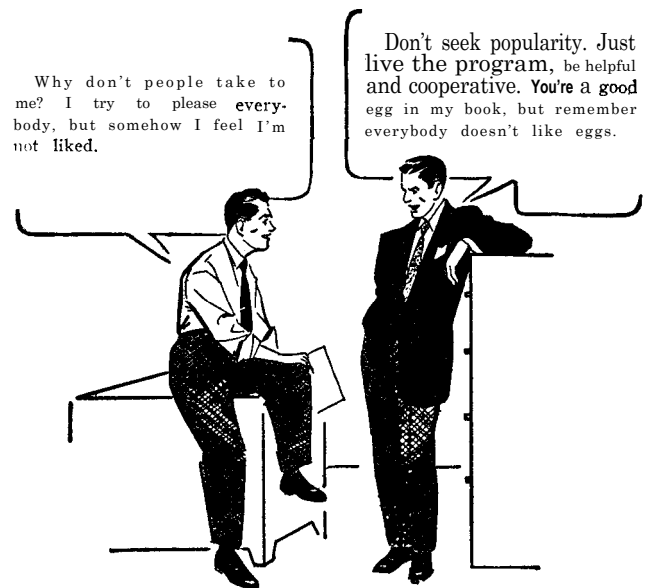
"Chief Screeching Train Whistle," he replied.  
"And what do you want it changed to?" asked the judge.

"Toots," replied the Indian.

"What color dress are you going to wear to the party tomorrow night?"

"Each lady is supposed to wear something to match her husband's hair, so I guess I'll wear my gray dress. What are you going to wear?"

"I guess I'd better not go."



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
EARLY-EARLY-St. Columkill Church, East 26th and Superior 6:00
EDGE LAKE-Rocky River Community Cen., Wagar & Hilliard, Dinner 7; Meeting 8:30
FRIENDLY SUBURBAN-6037 Pearl 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, Nela and Euclid 8:30
LORAIN AVE.—Banater Hall Annex, W. 120th St., at Lorain Ave 8:30
PEARL-Corpus Christi Basement, 4850 Pearl Road 8:30
SHAKER HEIGHTS—Christ Episcopal Church, 3445 Warrensville Rd. 9:00
SOUTH EAST-7526 Broadway 8:30
UNION-Fast View Cong. Church, Kinsman at E. 156th St 9:00
WEST MONDAY-Above Tend R. Lean Store, 1428 W. 25th at Detroit Ave 8:30
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
ELYRIA (Women)-Alconon Club, 345 Broad St., Elyria, O 8:30
SHELBY-Congregational Baptist Church, Jackson and Jefferson, Painesville 8:30
VERMILION-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. 9:00
CLARK-1917 Clark Ave. 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
LAKE SHORE—Lakewood Congregational, 1376 W. Clifton, corner Detroit 8:30
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
TRADITIONS-Community Church of Brooklyn, 8720 Memphis Ave. 9:00
WEST PARK-Puritas Lutheran Church, Puritas Ave. & W. 138th Street 8:30
ASHLAND, O.—First Presbyterian Church, Corner Church and Third Sts. 9:00
8 p.m. Eastern Standard, 9 p.m., Daylight
LAKE COUNTY—Fellowship Hall, Methodist Ch., Rt. 20, E. So. Wood, Mentor 8:30
LORAIN, O.—St. Stanislaus School, 28th St. and Elyria Ave. 8:30
MEDINA, O.—St. Paul's Epis. Par.Hse. 8:30
SANDUSKY, O. (Firelands)—First Presbyterian, Across from Post Office 8:30
STRONGSVILLE—Tuesday—Town Hall 9:00

WEDNESDAY

ALCOLA—6409 Detroit Ave 9:00
ALL-AMERICAN Sportsmen 1142 Buhrer, 3rd Wednesday each month 8:30
BAXTER—8437 Broadway 8:30
BROOKLYN—K. of P. Hall, 3316 Broadview, East of Pearl Rd 8:30
ASHTABULA CONSOLIDATED—Geneva, O., 1st Wed. each month, American Leg. Hall, Eagle and Park 7:30
C. E. I.—Illuminating Co., Room 335—Rear Building 8:30
COLLINWOOD-945 E. 152nd St 8:30
DENISON MEN-7403 Denison Ave., (first Wednesday, joint meeting) 8:30
DOAN MEN'S—2028 E. 105th St., Second floor, side entrance 9:00
EAST SIDE MORNING 202X East 105th St 10:30 A.M.
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 X:30
LEE ROAD-First Eng. Lutheran, Derbyshire and Euclid Hts. Blvd. 8:30
LORAIN AVE.-S.S. Philip & James Hall, 3689 Bosworth Road 9:00
ST. JAMES—Mt. Calvary Baptist Church E. 103rd St. and Cedar 8:15
ST. MARY-400 North St., Chard 8:30
TWENTY+FOUR HOUR-13216 Detroit, Training meeting 1st Wed. each month, Church of the Ascension 8:30
WARRENSVILLE-Women's House Cor. 7:30
WOMEN'S-East Side-Cleveland Unitarian Society, Euclid and E. 82nd St 8:30
WOMEN'S-&Lorai County-St. Vincent De Paul Church, Detroit Rd., (Rt. 254 & 57) 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-5th—Our Lady of Lourdes School Hall 8:30
CORLETT MIXED-Holy Family School, 3X45 E. 131st at Chapelside 8:30
COVENTRY-Fairmount Presby. Church, Scarborough and Fairmount Blvd 8:30
CRILE HOSPITAL—Library 8:00
EASTSIDE WOMEN-First Baptist Church, 1565 Chardon Rd., near Euclid 8:30
HAWTHORNDEN STATE HOSPITAL Macedonia, O. Basement 8:00
OUTHWAITE—Woodland Center, 7100 Kinsman Ave. 8:30
ROCKY RIVER-Rockport Methodist Church, 3310 Wooster Road 9:00
ST. CLAIR-Glenville Congregational Ch., St. Clair and Eddy Road 9:00
THURSDAY WOMEN-St. Patrick's Hall, Bridge Ave. at W. 38th St. 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 St. 8:30
HARBOR THURSDAY—Ashtabula, O., 1147 West Fifth Street 8:30
INDEPENDENCE, O.-St. John's Lutheran Hall, Second and Sunset 9:00

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—American Legion Hall, Post 163, 15544 Euclid Ave. 9:00
NORTH EAST—St. Agatha's Church Hall, 1269 Lakeview Rd. 8:30
ROSARY HALL—Jordan Hall, Charity Nurses Auditorium 8:30
SOLIDARITY—Incarnation Church, 616 E. 103th (North of St. Clair) (First meeting, March 23, 1956) 8:30
STELLA MARIS (Men) 1320 Washon Ave 8:15
ROSARY HALL AUXILIARY, Rosary Hall, Charity Hospital 8:30
TAPCO-23555 Euclid Ave. 9 p.m. Second Friday of each month
WEST SIDE YOUNG PEOPLE—Lkwd. Cong. Ch., Detroit & W. Clifton 9:00
AVON LAKE—First Congregational Church, 32X01 Electric Blvd 8:45
BEREA-Social room of Berea Cong. Church, Seminary and Church 8:30
CONNEAUT, O.-B. of I. E. Hall 8:30
CHAGRIN FALLS, O.-American Legion, E. Orange St. 8:30
CHARDON, O.—Thrasher House, Water St., Chardon, O 9:00

EUCLID, O.-Holy Cross Church, E. 200th and Lake Shore Blvd. 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
FOREST CITY-6619 Denison 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-945 E. 152nd St. 9:00
MAPLE HTS.—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—Lakewood Congregational Ch., 1375 W. Clifton, Cor. Detroit Ave. 9:00
PARMA—Public Library, 5850 Ridge Rd. 8:30
PLAINs—Plains Methodist Church, Lake Shore Blvd. and Reynolds 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
SOLOON, O.—St. Rita's Church basement 9:00
WEST RICHFIELD—Consolidated Church, Route 303, just west of Route 21 8:30

SUNDAY

ALL-AMERICAN Sportsmen 1142 Buhrer 1st Sunday each month 4:00
BROOKPARK PROJECTS-Administration Bldg., 13100 Dibell, off W. 130th 8:00
BROOKSIDE—Blessed Sacrament Church, Storer and Fulton (downstairs) 8:30
C.A.H. DISCUSSION-C.A.H. Clubrooms, 7809 Euclid Avenue 10:45 A.M.
COLLINWOOD—945 E. 152nd St. 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 Sunday in month, Cafeteria, McCracken and Henry 2:30
MISTLETOE—St. Thomas Church, 9205 Superior Ave. 7:00
SEWBURG-St. Catherine's Church, 3443 E. 93rd St. 8:30
OUTHWAITE—2903 E. 71st St., Corner Kinsman 4:30
YOUR-St. Felicitas School, Richmond Rd., just south of Euclid 7:00
STRONGSVILLE—Royal Haven Farm, Royalton Road, Strongsville, O 3:00
WEST SIDE DISCUSSION—6409 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

AA CLEVELAND DISTRICT OFFICE 205 Frederick Bldg., 2063 E. 4th St. CH 1-7387

1st TUESDAY EVERY MONTH

CENTRAL COMMITTEE—Hanna Building, Room 370 8:30

3rd TUESDAY EVERY MONTH

HOSPITAL COMMITTEE, Hanna Building, Room 370. 8:00

NURSING HOMES THAT TREAT ALCOHOLICS

(This listing does not necessarily indicate endorsement or approval)
Alcoholics Abstinence Nursing Home (MW) Melrose 1-1633 8023 Detroit Ave.
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.
Farquharson's (M) Tuxedo 5-1882 6037 Pearl Pathway (Tyler 1-6698) (MW) 1635 E. 93rd (M) m m only. (W) women only.

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## WE ARE THANKFUL

All peoples in historic times have observed some day during the year on which to give thanks to whatever gods they worshipped. Sometimes the occasion was rooted in deliverance from an enemy, or from pestilence, but most often for an abundant harvest and the plentifulness of the bread of the earth which sustains life.

In more recent centuries some peoples have dropped this gracious habit with a food supply assured throughout the year. This indifference is an aspect of that tendency in mankind, manifest in many other directions, to believe that mortals are sufficient unto themselves and that no Higher Power plays any direct role in their welfare or their destiny.

Fortunately America has not abandoned the tradition although many Americans see in Thanksgiving just another day away from the office or the shop in which to watch special programs on TV.

There is, however, a small, compact but growing group of Americans who would be ungrateful, who would be clods, not to bear in mind the true significance of the day. These people make every day, in a real sense, a day for giving thanks.

No one is more obligated to be thankful than those of us who have found sobriety. Few have more to be thankful for than we who have been delivered from drunkenness and all the shoddy and tragic connotations of a life engulfed in alcohol. No one knows more vividly the abundance of that Higher Power which brought us out of the parched and barren years of drinking.

Our gratitude is not expressed by formula or in any ritual. It is not a sometime thing. It is evident every day of our lives and it finds expression in our hearts. We realize it is not a ceremony, but a continuing process. Should we neglect it for any great period we put our way of life and our very lives in jeopardy again.

Giving thanks is something that the sober alcoholic does naturally and with good grace. It becomes so much a part of us, so much a habit, that it is as natural as breathing.

Whenever we take a moral inventory we are under natural compulsion to be grateful. However little the progress we have made in changing our character, it has nevertheless been such a stride beyond the life we used to lead that we would have to be immune to feeling and insensible to all moral aspiration not to offer thanks in our hearts.

As has often been said, none of us will ever achieve perfection. Therefore, in giving thanks there is no room for pride. True thanks are born of a humble heart, a realization of our imperfections and shortcomings, a balancing of what is and can be, against what was. In the tallying of such an inventory thanks are a natural, heartfelt expression.

Some people have become vaccinated with so little of the AA steps that they can never catch all of them.

## TAME THAT TONGUE@

Washington Irving once said "A sharp tongue is the only edged tool that grows keener with constant use." The human tongue fashions words, and words have a wonderful and terrible power. They have the power to save or to destroy; the power to bless or to blast. Many a careless, thoughtless word has changed the life's course of a troubled person where but a little bit of kindness and understanding could have brought him into focus with society.

The tongue is a small member of the body and it is hidden away so that you are scarcely conscious of it. Though tiny in size it is able to assert itself against the whole in man. Man has learned to control such things as he makes, like a ship for instance, which is steered according to the whims of the helmsman. He can, with a bit in a horse's mouth, make this great creature obey his will. But the tongue can be likened unto something uncontrollable, such as a fire which is capable of setting an entire forest aflame. St. James in one of his epistles says "the tongue is full of deadly poison. To serve its noble, God-given purpose, a man's tongue must be tamed, bridled, subdued, controlled."

One of the Absolutes which the early members of AA strived to improve themselves in was "Love." Buffeted about as they had been by the attitude of a vindictive society which did not recognize alcohol as a sickness, and which punished the victim with ostracism, physical and vocal abuse and condemnation, it was only natural and human for deep-seated resentments to form. Since resentment acts like a cancer in a man's soul and accordingly impedes recovery, great stress was laid on "Love" and the elimination of resentment.

While society on the whole has become more conscious of the problems of an alcoholic, there still remains a large segment of persons who will not open their minds to the miracles possible through AA.

The "conversion" of an alcoholic is a long process. Character defects must be eliminated, the cause of or the result of his defection from grace. Patience is a difficult virtue to practice, on the part of the alcoholic who may be frantically trying to learn this new way of life, as well as on the part of the spouse, the relative or the boss, whose combined faith in the person has been shattered so often and so long!

The alcoholic's skin is very thin. It has been stated that normal people have many layers of skin and therefore can take the vicissitudes of life more calmly and sanely than the alcoholic. So, if this is true, and the alcoholic recognizes his vulnerability to criticism, he must gird himself to withstand the sharp barbs of critics' tongues and resist with all his might to use his own tongue. Those who desire to help the alcoholic should know this fact and learn to curb their caustic criticism.

The scars of earlier scorn and criticism and contempt which all of us were subjected to we must cover over with the unguent of love and charity. It takes many

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... Blessings  
we enjoy daily  
... but because  
many are com-  
mon, we forget  
to be thankful.

## TAME THAT TONGUE

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acts of charity and love for our God and neighbor to finally cover the unsightly scars of our sordid experience.

Set an example. Tame that tongue. Be reminded that the person whose character you feel inclined to assassinate has just as tender feelings about his own good name as you have about yours.

We have SO much to learn! God help us.

### PROVIDENCE — AN APOLOGUE

The other evening I was a little late in going down to dinner, and this was the reason: I noticed a number of dead bees lying on the floor of the lookout where I am accustomed to work—a sight which I encounter every spring. The poor things had come in through the open windows. When the windows were closed they found themselves prisoners. Unable to see the transparent obstacle, they had hurled themselves against the glass panes on all sides, east, north, south and west, until at last they fell to the floor exhausted, and died. But yesterday, I noticed among the bees, a great drone, much stronger than the bees, who was far from being dead, who, in fact, was very much alive and was dashing himself against the panes with all his might, like the great beast that he was. "Ah, my fine friend," said I, "it would have been an evil day for you had I not come to the rescue. You would have been done for, my fine fellow: before nightfall you would be lying dead, and on coming upstairs in the evening with my lamp, I would have found your poor little corpse among those of the other bees." Come, now, like the Emperor Titus, I shall mark the day by a good deed: let us save the insect's life. Perhaps in the eyes of God a drone is as valuable as a man, and without any doubt it is more valuable than a prince.

I threw open the window, and by means of a napkin, began chasing the insect toward it; but the drone persisted in flying in the opposite direction. I then tried to capture it by throwing the napkin over it. When the drone saw that I wished to capture it, it lost its head completely; it bounced furiously against the glass panes, as though it would smash them, took a fresh start, and dashed itself again and again against the glass. Finally it flew the whole length of the apartment, maddened and desperate. "Ah, you tyrant!" it buzzed. "Despot! you would deprive me of liberty! Cruel executioner, why do you not leave me alone? I am happy, and why do you persecute me?"

After trying very hard, I brought it down and, in seizing it with the napkin, I involuntarily hurt it. Oh, how it tried to avenge itself! It darted out its sting; its little nervous body, contracted by my fingers, strained itself with all its strength in an attempt to sting me. But I ignored its protestations, and stretching my hand out the window, opened the napkin. For a moment the drone seemed stunned, astonished; then it calmly took flight out into the infinite.

Well, you see how I saved the drone. I was its Providence. But (and here is the moral of my story) do we not, stupid drones that we are, conduct ourselves in the same manner toward the providence of God? We have our petty and absurd projects, our small and narrow views, our rash designs, whose accomplishment is either impossible or injurious to ourselves. Seeing no farther than our noses and with our eyes fixed on our immediate aim, we plunge ahead in our blind infatuation, like madmen. We would succeed, we would triumph: that is to say, we would break our heads against an invisible obstacle.

And when God, who sees all and who wishes to save us, upsets our designs, we stupidly complain against Him, we accuse His Providence. We do not comprehend that in punishing us, in overturning our plans and causing us suffering, He is doing all this to deliver us, to open the Infinite to us. -Victor Hugo (submitted by John N., Avon Lake).

**Holiday Warning — Don't Take that First Drink!**

## IF I WERE NORMAL, I'D BE HAPPY@

Peoale have gotten the idea that being mentally healthy means a smooth and gracious life and complete freedom from day-to-day problems. (So it is with too many alcoholics). As a result, they are prone to expect too much from themselves and life.

Everybody is a little peculiar. Everybody has innocent and short-lived illusions, and possibly delusions. Everybody knows the pangs of fear, hate, jealousy, guilt and worry. Hardly anyone ever becomes completely mature in the strict psychological sense. Everyone has his own crockets, his own inhibitions, taboos and frustrations. Even a certain amount of tension, as opposed to listlessness, is normal.

Haauiness for most people is ever a zig-zag affair. Normal people have almost as many ups and downs as the manic-depressive, but their reactions are characterized by moderation instead of extremes.

No one can ever achieve complete freedom from mental struggle. That does not mean he should run to a psychiatrist. As a matter of fact, a moron may come closest to having a permanently happy disposition and emotional stability, but no one wants to be a moron.

The "mentally healthy person, then, differs from the mentally ill person mainly in his ability to handle himself and his problem. He is able to keep his feelings of fear, love hate, and so forth, from throwing him off course. He can take disappointment without being so crushed that he can't start over. He accepts his shortcomings and abilities with equal poise, and he does not expect others to be perfect every time.

No one is going to fit that description all of the time, and most can't score on all counts at any time.

Finally, in searching your way toward a healthy mind, never forget that religion (spiritually) lived and understood, can be a blueprint for mental health, a guidepost to a successful life. -Changing Times.

### TIME IT RIGHT

**Take Time to Think**—it is the source of power . . . **Take Time to Play** . . . it is the secret of perpetual youth . . . **Take Time to Read**—it is the Fountain of Wisdom . . . **Take Time to Pray**—it is the Greatest Power on Earth . . . **Take Time to Love and Be Loved**—it is a God-given privilege . . . **Take Time to Be Friendly**—It is the Road to happiness . . . **Take Time to Laugh**—it is the Music of the Soul . . . **Take Time to Give**—it is too short a day, to be selfish . . . **Take Time to Work**—it is the price of success. -Submitted by Chas. F., 24 Hour Group

### BB OF AA

The fourth annual Conference of BB of AA was held in Dayton, Ohio, on Sunday, October 14. Eleven area officers were re-elected and dedicated Henry R. was re-elected as 'Clearing House Clerk.

Out of a total of 281 parolees released during the year, 161 made the grade on the "outside," a record of 57 percent successful as compared to the 18 to 20 percent before BB of AA.

### BILL W.'S 22ND ANNIVERSARY

The annual dinner which commemorates Bill W.'s anniversary attracted an overflow crowd in vast Astor Hotel in New York. Clevelanders attending were Howard B. of Independence, Harry R. of Stella Maris and Bert M. of Doan Men's. They spent three happy and profitable hours with Bill.

### FORMER CLEVELANDER IN NEW MEXICO

Loyal and devoted Johnny G. and his splendid wife Margie are now located in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and wish to be remembered to their vast number of friends whom they miss. They'd appreciate letters at their address, 516 Ash Street S. E., Albuquerque, N. M.

### TUNE IN ON DECEMBER FIRST

The Cleveland Church Federation will interview anonymous members of AA on State WJW at 6:45 p.m. Saturday, December 1. They are interested in learning how AA has awakened the spirituality of its members and where the church had been unsuccessful.

## GROUP NEWS

To insure publication, group news articles must be in our hands before the 15th of each month

**Addison**—Observed its twelfth anniversary on Monday, November 12 with a jovial social gathering with entertainment and refreshments. There was no speaker.

**Borton**—A large crowd attended Borton's 17th anniversary dinner meeting on November 12. Master of Ceremonies was beloved Elizabeth B. and speakers were John D. of Borton who dwelt on the early struggles of the group, the second in Cleveland; Harry D., of Edgelake, who emphasized the importance of maintaining the Traditions of AA and the need for steadfastness and enthusiasm of the oldtimers; Tom F., of Borton, who recalled the sacrifices of the dedicated secretaries the group was blessed with; Bettye T., the first woman secretary of the group and finally Bill H., the youngest Borton member.

**Brooklyn-Speakers** for December include: 5-Frank B., Doan Men; 12-No meeting; 19—Al S., Brooklyn (his 10th anniversary); 26—Marty T., Brooklyn (his 11th anniversary).

**Cedar**—Observed its twelfth anniversary with a dinner in their beautiful and spacious quarters. A mammoth crowd heard inspiring talks by Commissioner Norman S. Marshall, Lt. Colonel Edward Carey and members of the group. Don R. was chairman.

**Fairport Harbor**—A new group has been started in this "suburb" of Cleveland. Their first meeting was held on Nov. 7. Their second meeting also was successful with 41 attending. They meet every Wednesday at 8 p. m. in St. Michael's Church, 630 Plum Street, Fairport Harbor. Warren F. is secretary.

**Gordon Square-Speakers** for December are: 1—Jerry R., Westside Women and wife of Gordon Square's secretary (her 7th anniversary); 14—Rex B., Trinity; 21—John M., Edgelake; 28—All Hands.

**Lake County-Speakers** for December include: 1—David J. Niles, O.; 11—Jim G., Niles, O.; 18—Joe D., Cleveland; 25—No meeting, but a Merry Christmas to all our friends.

**Lakewood Satnite**—On Saturday, November 24 this eight-year-old group will hold its last meeting in the Church of Redeemer Hall at Andrews and Detroit Avenues. The speaker will be Tom R. who was the first new man in the group eight years ago. Not only will they change then location but their official name as well for on and after Thursday, December 6 they will meet in St. Peter's Episcopal Church, W. Clifton and Detroit Avenues on Thursdays at 8:30 p. m. Accordingly their new name will be the Lakewood Thurnite group. Wally L., faithful secretary of the group since its inception relinquished the position on November 1. He has been a zealous member of AA for seventeen years. The new secretary has not been selected as yet.

**Orchard Grove**—A packed house listened to Maurice G. of Schenectady, N. Y. on Monday, November 5, as he helped make their 17th anniversary a happy and memorable occasion. His solid philosophy, interspersed with many vivid humorous stories of experience "wowed" the crowd that attended.

**Speakers for December** are: 3—Red. E., Orchard Grove (his first lead on his first anniversary); 10—Jimmy K., 24 Hour; 17—Art S., Orchard Grove; 24—Questions and answers; 31—New Year's Eve party to which everyone is welcome.

**St. Clair-Thursday-Speakers** for December are: 6—Irene W., Orchard Grove; 13—John C. Allendale; 20—Francis P., Belvoir; 27—Mike M., Allendale. 133 people attended the first meeting on October 25 and 51 attended the second meeting on November 1st.

**Trinity**—Observes its ninth anniversary on Saturday! December First, at eight-thirty o'clock. The speaker will be attorney Henry W. of the Euclid-Wade group who recently returned from a European tour. Everyone is invited.

**Other speakers for December** are: 8—Elsie C., Fairmount; 15—John T., Doan Men; 22—Tony K., Maple Heights; 29—Ted E., Euclid Wade.

## ROSARY HALL ANNIVERSARY

Because Jordan Hall proved inadequate to accommodate the crowd at previous anniversaries, it has been decided to hold the anniversary meeting in Severance Hall, University Circle, on Sunday, December 9 at 3 p. m. The speaker "will be Alfred S. of the Grapevine."

## YOUR BROTHER'S KEEPER

Reports from General Service Headquarters that-as of now—"group contributions" this year are less than half the expected operating expenses are distressing. You know what these funds are used for so we will spare your time by omitting details. The reason for this situation is simply that groups have not sent in enough money. It might be mentioned, in passing, that, nationwide, we have NEVER met the suggested contribution of \$2 per member per year.

This is indeed a sad picture for the very second year in which we have inherited our Third Legacy. It is an emergency that can and must be met!

Now, we are not unmindful of the generosity that has already been shown by the majority of the groups in our area. But, we are asking each group-and each individual member of this panel-to "go just one more mile."

So, we propose that, regardless of what you have done already this year, the months of December be designated as "GRATITUDE MONTH," and that each group, during that month, either take up a special collection or donate the regular collection to a special "GRATITUDE FUND," and send the proceeds immediately in to General Service Headquarters, P.O. Box 459, Grand Central Annex, New York 17, New York. Let's give our Headquarters Staff a "GRATEFUL CHRISTMAS."

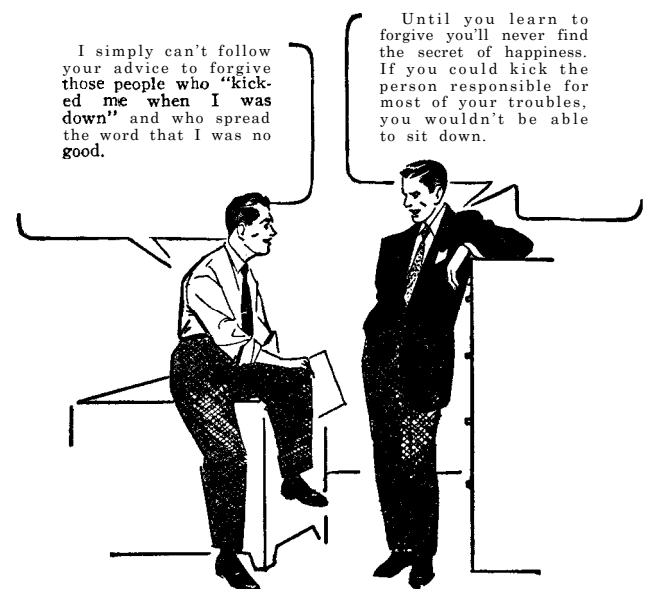
Sobriety is the priceless gift we all have received from AA. Only sound and efficient service facilities can continue to make this gift freely available to the millions who still don't know. Merely to break even this year a sum of \$70,413 is needed between now and Dec. 31.

The success-or failure-of this vital project depends directly upon YOUR answer to the question at the head of this column.

## OHIO NOW FULLY REPRESENTED

The Southwestern area of Ohio elected a General Service Delegate for this populous AA section at a meeting held on Sunday, November 11, at the Dale Street Fellowship Hall, Cincinnati, Ohio.

The newly elected delegate is Ladd S., a Cincinnati attorney. George B. of Columbus was chairman of the meeting in the absence of Dr. Jim F., who was suddenly stricken with illness.



CLEVELAND AREA GROUP MEETINGS

MONDAY

ADDISON—Westminster Church, Car. Addison and Wade Park 8:30
BORTON—E. Cleveland Congrega. Church, Page and Euclid Ave. 8:30
EARLY-EARLY—St. Columkill Church, East 26th and Superior 6:00
EDGE LAKF—Rocky River Community Cen., Wagar & Hilliard, Dinner 7: Meeting 8:30
FRIENDLY SUBURBAN—6037 Pearl 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, Nela and Euclid 8:30
LORAIN AVE.—Banater Hall Annex, W. 120th St., at Lorain Ave. 8:30
PEARL—Corpus Christi Basement, 4850 Pearl Road 8:30
SHAKER HEIGHTS—Christ Episcopal Church, 3445 Warrensville Rd. 9:00
SOUTH EAST—7626 Broadway 8:30
UNION—Fast View Cong. Church, Kinsman at E. 156th St 9:00
WEST MONDAY—Above Tend R. Lean Store, 1428 W. 25th at Detroit Ave. 8:30
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
ELYRIA (Women)—Alconco Club, 345 Broad St., Elyria, O. 8:30
VERMILION—Congregational Church 8:30
WILLOUGHBY—Presbyterian Church, Willoughby, O. 8:30

TUESDAY

ARCADE—Typographical Union Hall, 1559 East 17th (near Payne Ave.) 9:00
CLARK—1917 Clark Ave. 8:30
EUCLID-WADE—Calvary Presbyterian Church, E. 79th and Euclid Ave 9:00
FAIRMOUNT—St. Paul's Episcopal, Fairmount and Coventry 9M
FAIRVIEW PARK—Fairview Grace Church, W. 224th and Lorain Ave. 8:30
HILLTOP—St. Joseph's Seminary, 17608 Euclid Ave. 8:45
LAKE SHORE—Lakewood Congregational, 1376 W. Clifton, corner Detroit 8:30
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
TRADITIONS—Community Church of Brooklyn, 8720 Memphis Ave 9:00
WESTPARK—Puritas Lutheran Church, Puritas Ave. & W. 138th Street 8:30
ASHLAND, O.—First Presbyterian Church, Corner Church and Third Sts. 9:00
8 p.m. Eastern Standard, 9 p.m., Daylight LAKE COUNTY-Fellowship Hall, Methodist Ch., Rt. 20, E. So. Wood, Mentor 8:30
LORAIN, O.—St. Stanislaus School, 28th St. and Elyria Ave. 8:30
MEDINA, O.—St. Paul's Epis. Par.Hse. 8:30
SANDUSKY, O. (Firelands)—First Presbyterian, Across from Post Office. 8:30
STRONCSVILLE—Tuesday-T-Torn Hall. 9:00

WEDNESDAY

ALCOLA—6409 Detroit Ave 9-9:00
AI&AMERICAN Sportsmen, 1142 Buhner, 3rd Wednesday each month 8:30
BAXTER-8437 Broadway 8:30
BROOKLYN-K. of P. Hall, 3316 Broadview, East of Pearl Rd 8:30
ASHTABULA CONSOLIDATED—Geneva, O., 1st Wed. each month, American Leg. Hall, Eagle and Park 7:30
C. E. I.—Illuminating Co., Room 335—Rear Building 8:30
COLLINWOOD-945 E. 152nd St. 8:30
DENISON MEN-7403 Denison Ave., (first Wednesday, joint meeting) 8:30
DOAN MEN'S-2028 E. 105th St., Second floor, side entrance. 9:00
EAST SIDE MORNING—2028 East 105th St. 10:30A.M.
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
LORAIN AVE.—S.S. Philip & James Hall, 3689 Bosworth Road 9:00
ST. JAMES—Mt. Calvary Baptist Church E. 103rd St. and Cedar 8:15
ST. MARY-400 North S. Chardon, O. 8:30
TWENTY-FOUR HOUR—13216 Detroit, Training meeting 1st Wed. each month, Church of the Ascension 8:30
WARRENSVILLE—Women's House Cor. 7:30
WOMEN'S—East Side—Cleveland Unitarian Society, Euclid and E. 82nd St. 8:30
WOMEN'S—Lorain County—St. Vincent De Paul Church, Detroit Rd., (Rt. 254 & 57) 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
FAIRPORT HARBOR—St. Michael's Ch., 630 Plum St., Fairport Harbor 8:00

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 BUHRER-1142 Buhner Ave 9:00
School Hall 8:30
CORLETT MIXED—Holy Family School, 3845 E. 131st at Chagelands 8:30
COVENTRY—Fairmount Presby. Church, Scarbrough and Fairmount Blvd. 8:30
CRILE HOSPITAL—Library 8:00
EAST SHORE WOMEN—First Baptist Ch., 1565 Chardon Rd., near Euclid 8:30
HAWTHORN DEN STATE HOSPITAL Macedonia, O., Basement of New Employees Bldg. 8:00
LAKEWOOD—Thurnite—St. Peter's Epis. W. Clifton and Detroit Aves. 8:30
OUTHWAITE—Woodland Center, 7100 Kinsman Ave. 8:30
ROCKY RIVER—Rockport Methodist Church, 3310 Wooster Road 9:00
ST. CLAIR-THURSDAY—Glenville Cong. Church, (side ent.) St. Clair & Eddy Rd. 9:00
THURSDAY WOMEN—St. Patrick's Hall, Bridge Ave. at W. 38th St. 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 St. 8:30
HARBOR THURSDAY—Ashtabula, O., 1147 West Fifth Street 8:30
INDEPENDENCE, O.—St. John's Lutheran Hall, Second and Sunset 9:00

FRIDAY

ANSEL ROAD—St. Thomas Church, 9205 Superior Ave. 9:00
BROADWAY-HARVARD-8437 Broadway 8:30
CEDAR-Salvation Army, 5005 Euclid 8:15
CROSSROADS—St. Paul Church, 4427 Franklin Blvd 8:30
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—American Legion Hall, Post 163, 15544 Euclid Ave. 9:00
NORTH EAST—St. Agatha's Church Hall, 1269 Lakeview Rd. 8:30
ROSARY HALL—Jordan Hall, Charity Nurses Auditorium 8:30
SOLIDARITY—Incarncation Church, 616 E. 105th (North of St. Clair) 8:30
(STELLA MARIS (Men) 1320 Washington Ave 8:15
ROSARY HALL AUXILIARY, Rosary Hall, Charity Hospital 8:30
TAPCO-23555 Euclid Ave. 9 p.m. Second Friday of each month
WEST SIDE YOUNG PEOPLE—Lkwd. Cong. Ch., Detroit & W. Clifton 9:00
AVON LAKE—First Congregational Church, 32801 Electric Blvd 8:45
BEREA—Social roan of Berea Cong. Church, Seminary and Church 8:30
CONNEAUT, O.—R. of L. E. Hall 8:30
CHAGRIN FALLS, O.—American Legion, E. Orange St. 8:30

CHARDON, O.—Thrasher Howe, Water St., Chardon, O. 9:00
EUCLID, O.—Holy Cross Church, E. 200th and Lake Shore Blvd 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
FOREST CITY-6619 Denison Ave. 9:00
LEAGUE PARK—St. Agnes School Hall, East 79th and Euclid Ave 9:00
LIBERTY-945 E. 152'd St. 9:00
MAPLE HTS.—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—Lakewood Congregational Ch., 1375 W. Clifton, Cor. Detroit Ave. 9:00
PARMA—Public Library, 5850 Ridge Rd. 8:30
PLAIN'S—Plains Methodist Church, Lake Shore Blvd. and Reynolds 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 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
WEST RICHFIELD—Consolidated Church, Route 303, just rest of Route 21 8:30

SUNDAY

ALLAMERICAN Sportsmen 1142 Buhner 1st Sunday each month 4:00
BROOKPARK PROJECTS—Administration Bldg., 13100 Dibell, off W. 130th 8:00
BROOKSIDE—Blessed Sacrament Church, Storer and Fulton (downstairs) 8:30
C.A.H. DISCUSSION—C.A.H. Clubrooms, 7809 Euclid Avenue 10:45 A.M.
COLLINWOOD-945 E. 152nd St. 7:30
DETROIT—Mixed-8023 Detroit Ave. 8:00
Greater Cleve. Young People (Consolidated) Cathedral Hall—First Sunday each month. 9:00
LAKEVIEW-CYO Hall, St. Aloysius Church, E. 109th and St. Clair 8:30
LORAIN COUNTY CONSOLIDATED—First Sundry of each month, Alconco Club, 345 E. Broad St., Elyria 7:30
MARYMOUNT—2nd Sunday 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
OUTHWAITE-2903 E. 71st St., Corner Kinsman 4:30
YUUK—St. Felicitas School, Richmond Rd., just south of Euclid 7:00
STRONGSVILLE—Royal Harm Farm, Royalton Road, Strongsville, O. 3:00
WEST SIDE DISCUSSION—6409 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

AA CLEVELAND DISTRICT OFFICE 205 Frederick Bldg., 2063 E. 4th St. CH I-7387
1st TUESDAY EVERY MONTH
CENTRAL COMMITTEE, Hanna Building, Room 370 8:30
3rd TUESDAY EVERY MONTH
HOSPITAL COMMITTEE—Hanna Building, Room 370 8:30

NURSING HOMES THAT TREAT ALCOHOLICS (This listing does not necessarily indicate endorsement or approval)
Alcoholics Abstinence Nursing Home (MW) MELrose-1-1635 8023 Detroit Ave.
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 MUBerry-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.



CONSOL. MEETING - (1ST MEETING)  
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## THE WISE MEN OF AA

Two men looked through prison bars; one saw the mud and the other saw the stars. One was looking down and saw only failure, grief, and resentment against everything and everyone; while the other saw freedom, hope, and peace. He was looking up.

There is another story told and retold each year at Christmas time. It is the story of the Three Wise Men that were looking up and saw the Star in the East. They followed it to Bethlehem. They had to be men of strong faith to follow such a sign so far. They were humble men, because they knelt down and adored the Infant Child. They were grateful men for they brought rich gifts. Somehow they were chosen men from among many.

No doubt there were many called, but only a few were chosen. Hence, the story goes on that they left their gifts and went back, each to his own land to spread the glad tidings.

Now, centuries later, another story is told and retold. The story of the Wise Men of AA and a star that appeared on the horizon. Like the Three Wise Men, they followed the star, and to follow the star they had to look up. Likewise they had to be men of faith, great faith, to follow such a sign so far and so long. They were grateful men for they gave freely of their time and effort. . . . They each went back to their own land and spread their glad tidings to all alcoholics, so that this Christmas again, there will be thousands of happy people made through the rich gift of sobriety by the Wise Men of AA. They were humble men for they got down on their knees and thanked God for leading them out of that alcoholic prison, and to a more abundant life.

There are many today who count their wealth in millions, who would pay inconceivable sums for these gifts which we alcoholics have, and what better way to commemorate the Birth of Christ is there, than to share our gifts with other alcoholics? They were given to us to share with our less fortunate brothers and sisters.

To qualify as a Wise Man today, it may not be necessary to follow a star. We have different challenges in our day, but to meet them successfully we need the same qualities of character that the Wise Men had, and accept the challenge with the same faith, humility, and gratitude. Accept it as a privilege to be chosen from among many to carry this gift to other alcoholics. This gift cannot be bought with money. It requires love, patience, understanding, and effort. No greater gift can we give an alcoholic than this gift of sobriety.

Let us be generous this Christmas and not withhold this gift from any alcoholic that asks for it. Let's reach out and clasp his hand and bid him the Season's Greetings straight from the heart. It is not easy to be a Wise Man, but the Christmas Star is there, shining much brighter than it did twenty-two years ago at the birth of AA, and still beckoning to all of us if we will but look up and have faith.—from *Inter-Group News, Akron, Ohio*

## AA COSTS NOTHING?

When we came into the Fellowship of AA seventeen years ago, one of the first questions we asked was "How much does it cost to join?" We were assured that it cost absolutely nothing. This intrigued us, though we couldn't believe it, but we went along with the "gag." X.4 was young then . . . and it was small.

Soon groups grew so large they had to rent halls and the expenses were met by passing the basket. Deficits were covered by a few more or less affluent members.

At the same time the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* was published. The New York office was established and help was hired to take care of the mass of inquiries which the Book inspired. Money was sought from groups in the few established areas such as Cleveland, Akron, Chicago and Philadelphia to meet the payroll.

Cleveland AA in the meantime grew astonishingly fast. In November 1939 there were but three groups—Abbie G.'s home (the original first group), Borton and Orchard Grove. By October, 1942, the first Central Bulletin listed twenty-five groups. A *Central* Committee was formed to co-ordinate the thinking and maintain the highest standards of AA as was understood at that time. The Book was their guide. Many of the Traditions were developed right here in Cleveland where many attempts were made to "promote" the Fellowship.

Telephone listing and distribution of calls as well as a post office box were handled by one dedicated man, Bill H., whose brother indulgently permitted him to spend 90% of his time on AA work. As A-4 grew, the devoted gift of a westside member shared the calls.

The need for an office was evident to many members to ease the burden of the work for these two and the A4 District Office was established. In spite of the great opposition in the beginning it has proved its need—but it cost MONEY to operate. A PAID worker had to be employed which was contrary to the established A.4 practice—that AA was FREE.

The publishing of the Bulletin to serve members who were inducted into service was suggested and on the terms of a member of the publication committee, Central Bulletin was launched in October 1942. The terms were: No subsidy from Central Committee for any possible loss, but any profit should be turned over to the Central Committee. (There has been no profit!)

By now groups were finding out that it DID cost money to operate properly. But even to this day many members are stating to their prospects that A.4 is free.

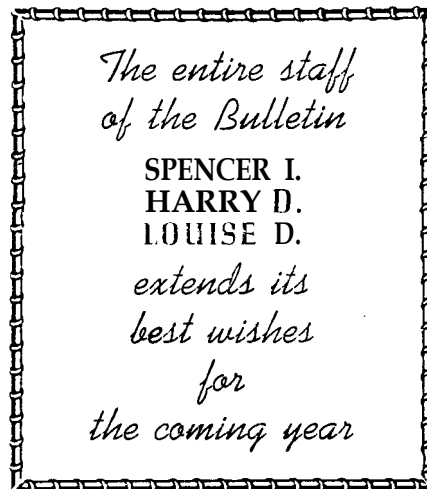
It isn't, if we want to thrive!

Let's look at the facts. When a member embraces the program, he is told that to maintain his sobriety he must carry the message to others. If he is truly grateful he should want to share it with as many people as possible, locally as well as on a global scale.

As a faithful member of a group he will contribute his fair share of the group's expenses—hall rental, refreshments, etc.—as he is financially able.

In all probability he came into AA by contacting the

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## CLEVELAND CENTER ON ALCOHOLISM

In our opinion a great step has been taken by the City of Cleveland in combatting the alarming growth of alcoholism in the establishment of a Research Center at Western Reserve University. Their program is comprehensive and is an intelligent approach to the problem. We asked Mr. Bruce Falkey, the director to enlighten our readers on their plans of cooperating with AA in the Cleveland area. HIS letter follows:

On behalf of our staff and of our Board of Trustees, I wish to say "thank you" to the "Central Bulletin" for this privilege of telling its readers about our Center.

The local newspapers over the past two years have carried stories about a "Study" on alcoholism going on here and about a clinic for alcoholics to be set up. More recently the papers have reported that the Center is now in existence. This is true. The Cleveland Center on Alcoholism is now a fact. It was incorporated under the laws of the State of Ohio as a non-profit organization in June, 1955. It is financed largely through Foundation Grants and an appropriation from the Community Chest. In the future, the Center will look for its support from fees for service, consultation and research grants as its major source of funds. Its affiliation with Western Reserve University enables it to draw upon the many excellent resources of its various departments and schools for both therapeutic and investigative know-how. Its affiliation with the National Committee on Alcoholism keeps us abreast of new developments in this field throughout the world.

The purpose of the Center may be stated rather directly to be one of increasing the effectiveness of Health and Welfare organizations, individual groups, such as Alcoholics Anonymous, the Clergy, Salvation Army and Physicians. This is to say that we believe the existing services must take a reasonable share of the responsibility for helping the alcoholic. At the same time, the Center accepts the generally recognized fact that except for Alcoholics Anonymous, other organizations and individuals have been either reluctant, unreliable, unconcerned or even opposed to extending their services to the alcoholic.

For the purposes of discussion though, let us ask for a moment what have we to contribute to Alcoholics Anonymous. Perhaps this question can best be answered by citing from our experiences in the past eight weeks since we have opened our doors. We have been especially impressed by what we can learn about those individuals whom we see who say "I have tried AA and it didn't work for me." The other day J. C. came in to see if we could help him. In discussing with him how he had tried to handle the problem before, I asked why he thought AA wasn't for him. He answered that the leads and everything about the meeting seemed pretty childish to him. This gave me the opportunity to ask him if he had ever thought that some of his drinking experiences which he had just finished telling me about were not pretty childish too. From his startled reaction, I gathered that he had never looked at his own behavior in this way or that no one had snelled it out to him before. Perhaps, as they say, that was a "teachable moment." Anyway; he went back to his A.4 group that night. This is only one instance out of several in which the alcoholic has spent too much of his brain power studying the errors of his fellow man instead of his own imperfections. J. C. didn't need all of our services at the Center, however, Mrs. M. used all of our services, was hospitalized by us and Central Office of AA was helpful to us in reinstating AA contact while she was in the hospital, however on her return to an environment that was more disrupting than when she had left, she was again hospitalized and is now awaiting court action. She seemed to represent failures in AA due to lack of courage and confidence that with the help of AA principles even overwhelming disasters can be surmounted.

We have gained other impressions to date from our experience with people whom we know have successfully used AA and from those whom we have seen at the

Center who have not been able to use the AA fellowship. The impression is that the successful ones are those who sincerely say they want to change, that they are sick and tired of the way they have been living in the past and are willing to really strive for a better future. They don't really concern themselves with the "excuses" for their past failures. They become and remain the successful ones. On the other hand, the "slippers" and the "AA won't work for me" kind, don't seem to be able to close the door on the past. They are looking for an excuse. Just being an alcoholic doesn't seem to be an acceptable problem. It is to this group of individuals that we are paying particular attention in order to find out the "why" with the hope that in helping them explore some of the "why's" they will be enabled to find satisfactory ways to accept the past as the logical consequence of past errors and help them operate better in the future. It is around this point, as we see it, that the Center will be able to most effectively support and enhance the work of Alcoholics Anonymous.

-D. Bruce Falkey, Director.

## AA COSTS NOTHING?

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Cleveland AA District Office. This office pays rent, employs two persons and has an annual budget of \$14,000. which expense is met by voluntary contributions of the 135 groups in the Cleveland area. Besides being a source for AA literature, it interviews and assigns prospects to groups and maintains and publishes a quarterly group and secretaries' list. An office was established in New York City to answer the avalanche of inquiries. Now a large staff efficiently and effectively acts for you in corresponding with "loners" in many sectors of the world where there are no groups to seek fellowship such as we have in Cleveland. If AA had had no Service Headquarters during the past 20 years, many sober today might still be drinking or dead.

This function alone, besides many other services such as editing and publishing the Grapevine, the "Book," maintaining and guarding the highest standards of X4, is many times worth the \$2.00 per year they ask each member of AA.

The "voice" of all groups in Cleveland, Central Committee, is the only one recognized by the newspapers and other agencies as the A.4 authority. It is democratic in its function and every group in the Cleveland area is automatically a member. It is not a governing body but a discussion center and its aims are solely to preserve the Traditions and maintain AA at the highest level. Should any group indulge in practices detrimental to the Fellowship, a sub-committee goes into action to counsel the group.

It controls the policies and articles published in its Central Bulletin, conducts three large Consolidated meetings per year as well as other large-inter-group functions which might occur.

Its treasury is maintained on a voluntary basis by a suggested \$5.00 group donation when its balance is less than \$200. Central Bulletin is self-sustaining.

Every member should own the book "Alcoholics Anonymous." It costs but \$4.50. When you get it. READ IT!

If you are not a subscriber to the Grapevine which is the official monthly national journal of AA, you should subscribe. It is full of excellent articles and easily worth \$2.50 per year.

Last but not least, every Clevelander should subscribe to Central Bulletin. It too has many worthwhile articles (if we do say it ourselves and shouldn't we?) as well as an up-to-date listing of all groups in the Cleveland area. The latter alone is worth the dollar subscription price.

If you truly want to be a good member and do your fair share, AA will cost you money. But think how little it costs compared to what you used to toss away in a single binge.

If you don't or cannot pay our own way, someone else will have to do more than his or her fair share. But we must learn to face our responsibilities and pay our debts. Happy New Year!

## GROUP MEETINGS

To insure publication, group news articles must be in our hands before the 15th of each month

All-American Sportsmen—This group of sports-minded members of AA opened their great hearts and their treasury by helping out a fellow member, Clyde D. who had fractured his foot, incapacitating him for two months. They voted him \$50.00, leaving \$5.75 in their treasury. "Greater love hath no man . . ." This item was given us by Clyde, the recipient.

Brooklyn-Speakers for the first four meetings in January are all members of the group and each will observe an anniversary. They are: 2—Orrie K. (8th); 9—Herb F. (7th); 16—Frieda L. (11th); 23—Mary J. (5th) and Norris M. (7th), a mother and daughter lead. On Jan. 30 the speaker will be Jack S., of Denison.

Chippewa Lake—A new group which meets on Sunday nights at 8:30 p. m. in Clark Memorial Hospital, Chippewa Lake, Ohio.

Clark—All AAs are invited to attend the sixth annual New Year's Eve Party and Dance which will be held in Trinity Evangelical Church Hall, 3525 W. 25th St. Dancing from 9 p. m. until ???

East Side Morning-Speakers for January are: 2—Oliver B., Liberty; S-William O'R., Lorain Ave. Monday; 16—Harry W., Lake Shore; 23-Ray M., Allendale; 30—Pat L., West Side Morning.

Gordon Square-Speakers for January are: &-Crawford W., A4 District Office; 11—Joe P., Edgelake; 18—Ed D., Fairview Park; 25—Herschel H., Parma.

**Pearl!**—Bill D. of the group is lining up all his members to subscribe to Central Bulletin. He sent in seven new subscriptions and is aiming at 100%. (Thanks for your zeal, Bill!)

Trinity-Speakers for January are: 5—Enid F., Euclid-Wade; 12—Michael Y., Valley View; 19—William C.

Twenty-four hour--Speakers for January are: 2—Jack Edgelake; 26—Leon M., League Park.

M., King School, Akron; 19—Lew G., Crile Hospital; 16—Warren C., Jr., Fairview; 23—Eddie G., Shaker; 30—open.

West Park-Speakers for January are: S-Agnes N., Gordon-Square; 15—Earle S., group not known; 22—Ed W., Forest City; 29—Bill S., Lorain Ave. Monday.

W. 25th—Speakers for January are: i-Charlie S., Brooklyn; 14—Frank L., Corlett Mixed; 21—Ben I., St. James; 28—Ed and Hilda S., Broadway-55th and Warrensville Women.

## FILMS ON ALCOHOLISM AVAILABLE

Three films are available at the Cleveland Library which deal with the problem drinker and are effective in telling the A.4 story before AA or lay audiences.

Their titles are 1—"I am an AA"; 2—"Problem Drinkers"; 3—"Erects of Alcohol on the Human Body."

## SOMEBODY SHOULD TELL US!

We are indebted to John L. of Olmsted Falls for informing us that our Cleveland Area Meeting list included the listing of four groups which had ceased functioning. Seems he found it out the hard way, by making a trip to attend a meeting and being informed when his party got there that they'd make the trip in vain.

We regret that we were the innocent cause of their disappointment but our only defense is—nobody took the time to let us know. We beg for more cooperation. If any changes are made in location, meeting night, or if a group ceases to exist, those "in the know" will do good twelfth step work by just dropping us a line as John L. did this week.

In the meantime, by checking with the AA office, we learned that ten other defunct groups had been listed. The list is up to date now.

Thanks, John L., for your timely letter.

## DON'T BE A CASUALTY

The holiday season should make every member wary and alert to the danger while besets him, unless you prepare yourself mentally before you go to a party you may be tempted to join in the festive spirit. by letting your guard down and "just take one" to be a "good fellow." Before you go to the party re-etch deeply in your mind the memory of the hell the "right to drink brought you. By refusing, kindly but firmly, you may make such an impression on someone who imbibes too heavily, that he'll come to you for help. Don't take that first one.

## CONSOLIDATED MEETING

Jordan Hall, St. Vincent's Charity Hospital  
Sunday, January 20, 1957 at 4 p. m.

The January Consolidated Meeting will be held in Jordan Hall (Nurses Auditorium) on Sunday, January 20 at 4 p. m. sharp. Parking facilities are available within a block of the auditorium.

This speaker will be Alvin S. of Newton, N. J. He is an attorney and besides a fine sense of humor, has an impressive message to offer his audience. We urge you to hear him.

## CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Henry D., a member of the Lee Road Wednesday group was elected Moderator of Central Committee in the December meeting. Robert L., of Parma-Independence, was elected Vice-Moderator. Both will serve for one year

## G I G G L E S

A man who wanted to buy a riding horse for his wife went out to the stables and tried one out. Noticing that the horse was quite spirited and required a firm hand he inquired of the owner. "Do you think that a woman could handle this horse?"

"Well," replied the owner after some deliberation, "let's put it this way. A woman could handle that horse all right, but I'd hate to be the husband of the woman who could do it."

The tattler who rattles to you will tattle about you—don't listen in.

Drinking coffee was forbidden by an ancient dictator in Constantinople, who thought that it stimulated thinking of the common people. The first offense brought a whipping. and the second one brought death.

## Holiday Warning — Don't Take that First Drink!



CLEVELAND AREA GROUP MEETINGS

MONDAY

ADDISON-Watminrter Church. Cor. Addison and Wade Park...8:30
BORTON-E. Cleveland Congrega. Church. Page and Euclid Ave 8:30
EARLY-EARLY-St. Columkill Church. East 26th and Superior 6:00
EDGE LAKE-Rocky River Community Cen. Wagar & Hilliard, Dinner 7; Meeting 8:30
FRIENDLY SUBURBAN-6037 Pearl 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, Nela and Euclid 8:30
LORAIN AVE.-Banater Hall Annex, W. 120th St. at Lorain Ave 8:30
PEARL-Corpus Christi Basement, 4850 Pearl Road 8:30
SHAKER HEIGHTS-Christ Episcopal Church, 3445 Warrensville Rd 9:00
SOUTH EAST-7526 Broadway 8:30
UNION-East View Cons. Church, Kinsman at E. 156th St 9:00
WEST 25th ST.-Marvel Hall, 2858 W. 25th St. 9:00
WOMEN'S-Weastside-West Boulevard Christian Church, Madison and W. 101 8:45
ELYRIA MEN-St. Agnes Church, Lake Road at Bath St., Elyria, O. 8:30
ELYRIA (Women)-Alconon Club, 345 Broad St., Elyria, O 8:30
VERMILION-Congregational Church 8:30
WILLOUGHBY-Presbyterian Church, Willoughby, O. 8:30

TUESDAY

ARCADE-Typographical Union Hall, 1559 East 17th (near Payne Ave.) 9:00
CLARK-1917 Clark Ave 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
LAKE SHORE-Lakewood Congregational, 1376 W. Clifton, corner Detroit 8:30
MILES-LEE-Mt. Hope Lutheran Church, E. 164th, north of Miles Ave. 8:30
SMITH-WILSON-Nativity School, 9510 Aetna Road 8:30
SUPERIOR-North Presbyterian Church, E. 40th and Superior 9:00
WEST PARK-Puritas Lutheran Church Puritas Ave. & W. 138th Street 8:30
ASHLAND, O.-First Presbyterian Church, Corner Church and Third Sts. 9:00
LAKE COUNTY-Fellowship Hall, Methodist Ch., Rt. 20, E. So. Wwd, Mentor 8:30
LORAIN, O.-St. Stanislaus School, 28th St. and Elyria Ave. 8:30
MEDINA, O.-St. Paul's Epis. Par.Hse. 8:30
SANDUSKY, O. (Firelands)-First Presbyterian, Across from Post Office 8:30
STRONGSVILLE-Tuesday-Town Hall 9:00

WEDNESDAY

AI&AMERICAN Sportsmen, 1142 Buhner, 3rd Wednesday each month 8:30
BAXTER-8437 Broadway 8:30
BROOKLYN-K. of P. Hall, 3316 Broadview, East of Pearl Rd 8:30
ASHTABULA CONSOLIDATED-Geneva, O., 1st Wed. each month, American Leg. Hall, Eagle and Park 7:30
C. E. I.-Illuminating Co., Room 335-Rear Building 8:30
COLLINWOOD-945 E. 152nd St. 8:30
DENISON MEN-7403 Denison Ave., (first Wednesday, joint meeting) 8:30
DOAN M ISN'S-2028 E. 105th St., Second floor, side entrance 9:00
EAST SIDE MORNING-2028 East 105th St 10:30 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
LORAIN AVE.-S.S. Philip & James Hall, 3689 Rosworth Road 9:00
ST. JAMES-Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, E. 103rd St. and Cedar 8:15
ST. MARY-400 North S., Chardon, O 8:30
TWENTY-FOUR HOUR-13216 Detroit, Training meeting 1st Wed. each month, Church of the Ascension 8:30

WARRENSVILLE-Women's House Cor.7:30
WOMEN'S-East Side-Cleveland Unitarian Society, Euclid and E. 82nd St. 8:30
WOMEN'S-Lorain County-St. Vincent C Paul Church, Detroit Rd., (Rt. 254 & D) 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
FAIRPORT HARBOR-St. Michael's Ch., 630 Plum St., Fairport Harbor 8:00

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 BUHRER-1142 Buhner Ave. 9:00
School Hall 8:30
CORLETT MIXED-Holy Family School, 3845 E. 131st at Chapelside 8:30
COVENTRY-Fairmount Presby. Church, Scarborough and F&mount Blvd. 8:30
CRIFE HOSPITAL-Library 8:00
EAST SHORE WOMEN-First Baptist Ch., 1565 Chardon Rd., near Euclid 8:30
HAWTHORN DEN STATE HOSPITAL Macedonia, O., Basement of New Employees Bldg. 8:00
LAKEWOOD-Thurnite-St. Peter's Epis., W. Clifton and Detroit Aves 8:30
OUTH W A ITE-Woodland Center, 7100 Kinsman Ave. 8:30
ROCKY RIVER-Rockport Methodist Church, 3310 Wooster Road 9:00
ST. CLAIR-THURSDAY-Glenville Cong. Church, (side ent.) St. Clair & Eddy Rd. 9:00
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, 3240 Vine St. 8:30
HARBOR THURSDAY-Ashtabula, O., 1147 West Fifth Street 8:30
INDEPENDENCE, O.-St. John's Lutheran Hall, Second and Sunset 9:00

FRIDAY

ANSEL ROAD-St. Thomas Church, 9205 Superior Ave. 9:00
BROADWAY-HARVARD-8437 Broadway 8:30
CEDAR-Salvation Army, 5005 Euclid 8:15
CROSSROADS-St. Paul Church, 4427 Franklin Blvd. 8:30
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-American Legion Hall, Post 163, ISS44 Euclid Ave. 9:00
NORTH EAST-St. Agatha's Church Hall, 1269 Lakeview Rd. 8:30
ROSARY HALL-Jordan Hall, Charity Nurses Auditorium 8:30
SOLIDARITY-Incarnation Church, 616 E. 105th (North of St. Clair) (First meeting, March 23, 1956) 8:30
STELLA MARIS (Men) 1320 Washington Ave. 8:15
ROSARY HALL AUXILIARY, Rosary Hall, Charity Hospital 8:30
TAPCO-23555 Euclid Ave. 9 p.m. Second Friday of each month
WEST SIDE YOUNG PEOPLE-Lkwd. Cong. Ch., Detroit & W. Clifton 9:00
AVON LAKE-First Congregational Church, 32801 Electric Blvd. 8:45
BEREA-Social room of Berea Cong. Church, Seminary and Church 8:30
CONNEAUT, O.-B. of L. E. Hall 8:30
CHAGRIN FALLS, O.-American Legion, E. orange St. 8:30
CHARDON, O.-Thrasher House, Water St., Chardon, O 9:00

EUCLID, O.-Holy Cross Church, E. 200th and Lake Shore Blvd. 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
FOREST CITY-6619 Denison Ave. 9:00
LEAGUE PARK-St. Agnes School Hall, East 79th and Euclid Ave. 9:00
LIBERTY-945 E. 152nd St. 9:00
MAPLE HTS.-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-Lakewood Congregational Ch., 1375 W. Clifton, Cor. Detroit Ave. 9:00
PARMA-Public Library, 5850 Ridge Rd. 8:30
PLAIN-Splains Methodist Church, Lake Shore Blvd. and Reynolds Rd. 8:30
REDWOOD-Euclid Lutheran Church, E. 260th and Oriole 8:30
TRINITY-Trinity Evangelical Church, 3525 W. 25th St. 8:30
VALLEY VIEW-Community 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
SOLON, O.-St. Rita's Church basement 9:00
WEST RICHFIELD-Consolidated Church, Route 303, just west of Route 21 8:30

SUNDAY

ALL-AMERICAN Sportsmen 1142 Buhner 1st Sunday each month 4:00
BROOKSIDE-Blessed Sacrament Church, Storer and Fulton (downstairs) 8:30
C.A.H. DISCUSSION-C.A.H. Clubrooms, 7809 Euclid Avenue 10:45 A.M.
COLLINWOOD-945 E. 152nd St. 7:30
DETROIT-Mixed-8023 Detroit Ave. 8:00
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
MISTLETOE-St. Thomas Church, 9205 Superior Ave. 7:00
NEWBURGH-St. Catherine's Church, 3443 E. 93rd St. 8:30
OUTHWAITE-2903 E. 71st St., Corner Kinsman 4:30
YOUR-St. Felicitas School, Richmond Rd., just south of Euclid 7:00
WARENSVILLE-Cooley Farms Recreation Room 10:00 A.M.
WASHINGTON PARK-E. 49 & McGregor Forestvale Presb. Church 8:30
CHIPPewa LAKE-Clark Memorial Hos., Chippewa Lake, Ohio 8:30
GENEVA, O.-Legion Hall, Park St., corner of So. Eagle 7:30

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1st TUESDAY EVERY MONTH
CENTRAL COMMITTEE, Hanna Building, Room 370 8:30
3rd TUESDAY EVERY MONTH
HOSPITAL COMMITTEE-Hanna Building, Room 370 8:30
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Cleveland Alcoholics Clinic (MW) EXPRESS 1-8998 7809 Euclid Ave.
Elmwood Sanitarium (M) KENmore 1-2299 17322 Euclid Ave.
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