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A SAD FAREWELL

Painfully and timidly but not reluctantly these poor words are written in loving and respectful memory of him whose masterful and scholarly words have graced the left column so often for so long. Of him one often heard the question asked about many of long sobriety, "Where is he, does he go to many meetings?" Few there were who knew how often he sat quietly in the back row of a meeting unnoticed.

Few there were who knew the limitless lengths to which he would go in helping the alcoholic who still suffered. Few there were who knew the extent to which he "carried our principles into all his affairs," and the broad "giving of himself" which took place for the benefit of countless numbers., alcoholic and non-alcoholic alike. His was an advanced degree of giving without thought of reward, of acting in a framework of anonymous humility. Few even knew that he wrote the left front page. His great heart had a capacity for love without regard for station in life and no soul was ever too depraved in his eyes to be beyond redemption.

As a man, he was a master journalist, Associate Editor of one of the country's great newspapers. His was a keen, sensitive, alert and studious mind which led him to the absolute top as an acknowledged expert, analyst and commentator on foreign affairs.

Elsewhere by publication., broadcast and telecast, were chronicled the learned societies to which he belonged, the trusteeships he held, the innumerable worthy causes in which he was engaged, the high honors bestowed upon him by numerous foreign nations, his nationwide lecture tours, his worldwide travels to learn about and live with peoples to gain an understanding of their philosophies and ways of living, his great love for printing and his complete happiness when wearing a printer's apron with printer's ink smudging his face.

But with all his earthly hobbies, activities, talents, triumphs, honors and scholarly attainments, he was to us just a sober alcoholic, a brother loved and loving, in this mission of ours on the spiritual frontiers of this earth.

What we regard as most important is the progress he made, the service he gave and the dedication he always had to our way of life. In his column in July, 1959, entitled "Our Role in Life," he said, "At hand is the tried and tested script that will guide us through our part. It is entitled 'The Twelve Steps.' It cannot be learned all at once. It should be taken one or two steps at a time. And it is amazing how the earnest player can improvise on each step, enlarging it as new aspects are evoked by experience. It is an endless, challenging scenario that no man or woman can finish, for its lines run all through the balance of our lives and how we learn them will determine the ultimate role by which we will be remembered."

This poor writer can only suggest that few of us that survive him will equal the earthly role which he developed and played so well. He will ever be well remembered and long-revered by us..

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THE ABSOLUTES

We walked into this large group of which we had heard so much, but had never attended. From the vestibule we saw a placard on the corner of the far wall which said, "Easy Does It." We turned left to park our coat. We turned back and there on the other corner of the same wall was a twin placard which said, "First Things First." Then facing to the front of the room, high above the platform we saw in the largest letters of all, "But for the Grace of God." Then as our eyes descended., there directly on the front of the podium was another with four words, "Honesty, Unselfishness, Purity and Love."

In the next ten minutes as we sat unnoticed in the last row waiting for the meeting to start, many thoughts tumbled through a mind that "was really startled by this first face to face meeting with the four Absolutes for a very long time.

We started to grade ourselves fearlessly on our own progress toward these Absolutes through long years of sobriety. The score was a pitiful, lonely little score. We thought of a fine lead recently heard in -which a patient humble brother had told his story, and had mentioned his overwhelming sense of gratitude as an important ingredient of his fifteen years of sobriety.

And in listing things for which he was so grateful, he mentioned how comfortable it was to be completely honest. Certainly he meant nothing prideful. He simply meant that he told his wife and friends the truth as best he could, had no fishy stories to reconcile, was honest with money and material things, etc.

Certainly he did not resemble the fellow pictured in the cartoon, speaking to a large audience, pounding on the table and with a jutting chin proclaiming in a loud voice that he had more humility than anyone there and could prove it.

But just think of "complete honesty." Is it not the eternal search for truth which is endless, and in which none achieve perfection?

What do the four Absolutes mean to most of us? Words are tools. Like any other tools they get rusty and corroded when not used. More importantly, we must familiarize ourselves with the tools, understand them, and ever improve our skill in their use. Else the end product, if any, is pathetically poor.

We thought of a dear friend in the fellowship, prone like other alcoholics to move quickly from one hobby or interest to another, without really doing much with any of them. Does that sound like someone you know? One this friend decided that working with his hands would solve some problems, quiet his nerves, perhaps help him to achieve serenity and balance. So he reviewed an impressive collection of tool catalogues with friends already addicted to the woodworking hobby.

He bought a large extensive collection of tools, and a lot of equipment. He hired a carpenter to build a shop in his basement, install the equipment, and make custom-built racks to house the tools. But, in the end not one shaving and not one tiny bit of sawdust graced its floor,

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On the night of January- 11, 1960, he led a meeting of our fellowship. All those present say that it was humble, inspiring, sincere and helpful for all who heard. Seldom have comments been as fervent. And as the meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer, he mingled with his many dear friends, and other grateful listeners. He looked hale and hearty. He was cheerful and obviously happy. Then with a smile on his face he walked from the church into the arms of God as he understood Him.

Could there be a better way ? It was a simple change for God's Spirit had lived in him, and now he lives in God. But like his journalist colleagues we must say, "Dear God, as we understand You, we shall miss him so very much, but we pray that he will always live with us through You."

A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I view with considerable concern the item in our December Bulletin titled "Correction."

I find myself wondering about the informal gathering of those pioneers that met in the home of the attorney from the spring of 1939 until on or about **November 16th**, at which time Clarence S., the first Cleveland "AA," and most of the original members of that gathering broke away and started the Borton Group, the first "AA," group as such **in** the area, and the Orchard Grove Group, which became the first West Side group and the second group in Metropolitan Cleveland.

At some later date a second East Side group was formed and they took the name of their meeting place location which was on Lee Road. Later when other groups opened in the same location, they further identified their individual groups by adding the name of the night on which their meeting was held.

I am certain that at no time prior to November 16, 1939, was there an "AA" Group in the area called the Lee Road Thursday Group.

In behalf of the thousands of self-appointed historians now dotting the countryside, I think we should take this opportunity to at least get them off on a factual right foot, this in spite of the fact that I am certain that none of that original gathering cares much which came first, the chicken or the egg.

Tom V.

P.S.-Under the circumstances it might be well to mention that "God" and a guy named "Bill" started the whole thing and I'm kind of glad they did, aren't you?

A WORTHY CAUSE

The Arcade group which meets in the Parish House of Old Stone Church on Public Square with entrance from Ontario Street is one of the oldest Cleveland groups. It meets Tuesdays at 8 p.m. Lately it has been dying on the vine and but for two persistent old timers would have "folded" several months ago. These old timers are determined it shall live because AA in Cleveland badly needs a representative mixed downtown group. So they are underwriting the expense and doing all in their power to encourage attendance themselves and get others to do so. It's a group that deserves to live and a group in a location we badly need. How about giving these people a hand by making it your "second group" or your third or fourth for that matter?

OHIO GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE

Cleveland will be host at the Fourth Annual Ohio General Service Conference on August 19-20-21, 1960. Headquarters will be in the Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel, where all meetings of the Conference will be held.

Plans are being made to make this three-day meeting a memorable one. Outstanding speakers, well-planned and interesting subjects, entertainment, will be awaiting your edification and enjoyment.

The three previous Conferences were held **in** Columbus, Toledo and Cincinnati, Each was highly acclaimed,

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These serve just as well to keep our friend occupied while he doesn't go to meetings, do Twelfth Step work or engage in other happy activity in AA.

How many of you will be completely honest and admit that you have put the four Absolutes in the attic, a little rusty from non-use perhaps, but none the worse for wear? Give or take a little, how many of us who still maintain the workshop for the Absolutes, will admit that not too many shavings or much sawdust from our activity have ever graced its floor? Or even assuming that the activity has persisted, how many will admit that the end product did not win a prize for its quality?

Believing sincerely that the four Absolutes represent a veritable storehouse of challenge and activity which has hardly been tapped by **many of** us, including ourselves, this column will be devoted for four successive months to a **separate** consideration of each of the four Absolutes. In true alcoholic style, we shall take the last one first. Next month we shall talk of Love.

CLEVELAND AA DISTRICT OFFICE

You place a greater value on your sobriety when you, with many of your fellow **AAs** in Cleveland, support your AA District Office. Your gift is the Helping Hand-the Hand that will open the door into the AA new way of life to thousands of desperate, even dying, alcoholics in 1960. The Cleveland office is the only hope of salvation for many as it stands ready to dispel fear, desperation, sorrow and remorse caused by alcohol and replace these with a glimmer of hope that they will be lifted from the dizzy-spin of their merry-go-round.

Last year 856 calls for help were turned over to 117 groups. 567 were receptive to the first contact, 194 were not. In 81 cases, no contact was possible. 11 had no problem and 3 died before contact could be made.

This year's goal is \$15,000. It represents the Office operating budget for 1960, and is used to pay the salaries of the full time secretary and his assistant, office rent, telephone! electric light, night time telephone answering service, literature, printing, postage and other minor incidentals.

Last year. 112 **groups** and 975 individual AA members pledged" money to support this work. Experience has taught us that the combined efforts of the groups is the greatest single factor in raising the necessary monies needed to carry on this important work in your behalf.

As in the past years, you and all local groups will be contacted from February 4 through February 25 for your practical help, your share of your group's contribution and for whatever additional personal contribution you feel you can make.

These gifts will enable the Cleveland AA District Office to continue its magnificent service throughout the ensuing year.

ECONOMY MEASURE

Our policy in the **past years** has been to send out four reminders of expirations of subscriptions. About 150 subscriptions expire each month. About one-half of these, on an average, renew after one or two reminders and only a few afterward.

Eighty former subscribers whose subscriptions expired in September, 1959, and who received one expiration notice and three reminders, will not receive the January issue. At two cents postage cost for the three months' free copies (\$4.80), twelve times per year amounts to over fifty dollars. This we cannot afford.

Also, may we repeat the fact that the Postoffice **DOES NOT** forward third class postage mail. If you have moved or intend to move from **the** address on our plates, **PLEASE** notify us at once, for each Bulletin returned costs us three cents. About fifty are returned to us each month.

Since our deficit is nearly \$600, we must begin to cut expenses. After this month you will receive but two notices of expiration. Please cooperate.

GROUP NEWS

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

Angle-February speakers: 4—Josephine S., Lakewood Armory; 11-Larry O’C., Arcade; 18—Eleanor P., Lakewood Armory; 25-Ben T., West Park.

Brooklyn-February speakers: 3-Henry W., Euclid-Wade-“European Memoirs”; 10—Joint lead, Vince MC. and Danny K., Brooklyn (observing their seventh and fifteenth anniversaries, respectively) ; 17—Archie H., Lee Road Monday; 24—Levi C., an Amishman from Wooster, O.

Chippewa-Seville—Observes its fourth anniversary on Sunday, February 7, at 8 p.m. A potluck supper will be served at 7 p.m. Ham, bread, coffee and table service will be furnished. Speaker will be Harry D., Cleveland. The meeting will be held in V.F.W. Hall, Seville, O. Bring a covered dish.

Detroit Sunday-February speakers: 7—Earl J., Angle; 14-Jim Y., Orchard Grove; 21-Ralph B., Independence; 28—Al L., Barberton, O.

Doan Men-February speakers: 3—Jimmy K., St. Clair Thursday; 10—Eddie H., Monday Lee; 17—Jack D., St. Clair Thursday; 24—Clyde D., Superior.

Fair-view-February speakers: &-Bob S., Edgelake; 9—Mary G., 24 Hour; 16—Roger D., Fairview Park; 23—Russ B., ‘Lakewood’ Men.

Garden Valley (Outhwaite) Thursday-February speakers: 4—Carlos R., Lorain, O.; 11-John “Little John” V.; 18—Tom W., Northeast; 25-Paul K., Garden Valley.

Garden Valley (Outhwaite) Sunday-February speakers: 7—Meeting place gladly given to observe the Temple group’s first anniversary; 14-Eugene A., Garden Valley; 21-W. M., Eastside Morning; 28—Andy Y., Eastside Morning.

Gordon Square-February speakers: 5—John B., Rocky River; 12—George M., Edgelake; 19—John M., Parma; 26—Ed D., Fair-view Park.

Lakewood ‘Armory’-February speakers: 7—Art D., Northeast; 14—John S., Northeast; 21—Jack K., Matt Talbot; 28—Ray J., Berea Thursday.

League Park-Starting Saturday, January 2, this group will meet in Emmanuel Episcopal Church basement, 8611 Euclid, at 9 p.m. Ample parking.

St. James-On and after February 3, the group will meet in Fairfax Settlement, E. 83rd Street between Central and Quincy Avenues at 8 o’clock sharp.

Smith-Wilson-Observes its fourteenth anniversary on Tuesday, February 23, at 8:30 p.m. in St. Joseph School Hall, 9321 Orleans Ave. Bill H., Newburgh, will be the speaker.

Solidarity-February speakers: 5-Mike M., Your; 12—Bill B., Norwalk Truck Lines; 19—John Y., St. James; 26—George F. M., Edgelake.

Temple—Observes its first anniversary on Sunday, February 7, at 4 p.m. in Garden Valley Center, 7100 Kinsman Road. The speaker will be Bert McK., of Akron, O.

Trinity-February speakers: B-Evelyn W., Trinity (her tenth anniversary); 13-Ralph R., Westside Y.P.; 20—John K., Newburgh; 27—Keith W., Wickliffe.

West Park-February speakers: 2—No meeting-church priority; 9—Tom J., Lakewood Armory; 16—Al S., Brooklyn; 23—Doc K., Broadway-E. 55th.

West 25th—February speakers: 1-John G., Clark.; 8—Tony M., Hilltop (his tenth anniversary); 15—Eddie H., Lee-Monday; 22-Pete E., Strongsville; 29-Charlie B., Bedford.

Women’s House of Correction-February speakers: 3—Joe D., Maple Heights; 10—James S., W. 25th; 17—Joe G., Smith-Wilson; 24-Peggy D., Cleveland Women’s (closed meeting-women only).

Refresher-Training-February schedule: 3-Step and Tradition XII, Smith-Wilson; 1&-Sponsorship; 17—Step and Tradition I, Pearl; 24-Step and Tradition 1.1, Superior.

MUSING OF AN EDITOR

After four days of roaming which took us from De Witt to Des Moines, and from Guttenberg to Rockwell City, we’re glad to stay put for a few days. Times surely change. In the old days we were an active member of the G.B.O.F.I.M. Club (Great Balls of Fire It’s Monday), and also the T.G.I.F. Club (Thank God it’s Friday). We hated the beginning of the week, and rejoiced when the weekend arrived. Then we had two days to take care of our duties in the H.W.H. Club (Hoisting Without Hindrance).

It’s a lot different now, and we’re in a couple of different clubs. On Monday we’re in the T.G.W.B.A.W.A.C.R. (Thank God We’re Back At Work And Can Relax) and almost all the time we belong to the H.B.W.H.T.M.S.T. (Hells Bells, What’s Happened To My Spare Time?).

This business of trying to budget your time works about as well as trying to budget your income. Too many uncertain factors. We don’t fool around with income budgeting, but we make some attempt to budget our time. We know there are 168 hours in a week. We allow ourselves 80 hours a week for work, which leaves 88 hours for eating and sleeping, getting haircuts and writing this sheet. We can account for the 80 hours of work all right, but we can never figure out what happens to those other 88 hours. We certainly don’t use them for sleep, and we can eat all we want in a week in a couple of hours. We don’t play golf or poker, cribbage or roulette, not even a gee-tar. We don’t fish, hunt or swim; we don’t go to movies, dances or picnics, nor do we bowl, bibble or bundle, and vet we never have any spare time.

We hope no new member will ever ask us what he should do with his spare time. We wouldn’t know what to tell him. We have no experience with spare time. We just know when you get mixed up with this A.A. business, you don’t have any spare time.

-Alanews, Dubuque, Ia.

VALENTINE DANCE

The Akron area Intergroup Committee presents a Valentine’s Dance on Saturday, February 13, at the General Local Hall at 161 Massillon Rd., Akron, O. Jack Barry’s orchestra will play from 10:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Donation \$1.25. All proceeds of the Dance will go toward the support of the Intergroup Office.

For further information, call the Intergroup Office, BBlackstone 3-8455, Akron.

THANKS TO OUR MANY FRIENDS

We wish to express our sincere gratitude to the amazing number of Central Bulletin well-wishers who, realizing the great loss we have suffered in the sudden death of our talented co-editor, have submitted copy to us for publication.

Most of them we cannot publish. We say this regretfully, for in the main they were memorials to Spencer D. Irwin, each beautifully written, and each demonstrating the great esteem in which Spencer was held.

One, in our humble opinion, appears in this issue. It not only was the first to reach our desk, but it so greatly surpassed the one which we had written, we gave it preference.

One other, written by one of our favorite contributors, is so worthy of sharing that we will have prepared a separate printing of it. This will be mailed only to our local subscribers. However, anyone interested may receive one on request.

All either have or will be given to Spencer’s family who will be heartened by them.

NURSING HOMES THAT TREAT ALCOHOLICS

(This listing does not necessarily indicate endorsement or approval)

Al-Ju, Inc. (MW) 28707 Euclid Ave., Wickliffe, O.....	WH 4-2244
Cleveland Alcoholic Hospital (MW) 7809 Euclid Ave.....	EX 1-8998
Dorothy McCauliffe Alcoholic Clinic (MW) 8304 Detroit.....	AT 1-3353
Farquharson’s Home (M) 6037 Pearl Road, Parma.....	TU 5-1882
Keller’s Nursing Home (M) 8023 Detroit Ave.....	ME 1-1635

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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
BRECKSVILLE VETERANS HOSPITAL—Broadview and Oakes 7:30
EARLY-EARLY—Plasterers Union Hall, 1651 E. 24th St. (near Payne Ave.) 7:00
FRIENDLY SUBURBAN—6037 Pearl 8:00
LAKEWOOD MEN'S—St. Peter's Episcopal, W. Clifton and Detroit 9:00
LEE MONDAY—First Presbyter. Church, East Cleveland, Nela and Euclid 8:30
LORAIN AVE.—St. Ignatius Hall, Lorain Ave. at West Blvd. 8:30
NEW HOPE—3804 Woodhine Ave 8:30
ORCHARD GROVE—Church of Ascension, 13216 Detroit Ave. 8:30
PEARL—Corpus Christi Basement, 4850 Pearl P a d 8:30
RAMONA—9721 Ramona Blvd. 8:30
SHAKER—Unitarian Church, Shaker a n d Belvoir Blvd. 9:00
SOUTH EAST—7526 Broadway 8:30
TEMPLE—Temple Baptist, 7500 Cedar 8:15
UNION—East View Congregational Church, Kinsman at E. 156th St 9:00
WEST—25th St.—Marvel Hall, 2858 W. 26th St 9:00
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
JEFFERSON—O.—St. Joseph's Church 8:30
VERMILION—Congregational Church 8:30
WILLOUGHBY—O.—Presbyterian Church 8:30

TUESDAY

ARCADE—Old Stone Church, Public Square, Ontario entrance 8:00
CLARK—1917 Clark Ave 8:30
CLOVER—(Women)—E. 46th. So. of Scovill Portland Outhwaite Center 8:30
CORIENT MEN'S—Lisy's Greenhouses, 4141 E. 116th St. 9:00
EAST SIDE WOMEN—11205 Euclid, Church of the Covenant 8:00
EDGFLAKE—Lakewood YMCA, Community Room, 16915 Detroit 8:30
EUCIID MORNING—Lake Shore Christian Church, Lake Shore Blvd. & 280 10:30 A.M.
EUCIID W A D E—Calvary Presbyterian Church, E. 79th and Euclid Ave 9:00
FAIRMOUNT—St. Paul's Episcopal, Fairmount and Coventry 9:00
FAIRVIEW P A R K—Fairview Grace Church, W. 224th a n d Lorain Ave. 9:00
HILLTOP—St. Joseph's Seminary, 17608 Euclid Ave. 8:45
MAYLYND—Kenny King's Restaurant, Mayland Shopping Cen. Mayfield Hts. 8:30
MILLSIDE—Mt Hope Lutheran Church, E. 164th north of Miles Ave 8:30
SMITH WILSON—St. Joseph's School, 9321 Orleans Ave. 8:30
SUPERIOR—N. 4th Presbyterian Church, E. 10th and Superior 9:00
TRUSTY—Cleveland House of Correction, 1000 feet east of House of Correction 8:00
WEST P A R K—Puritas Lutheran Church, Puritas Ave and W. 158th St. 8:30
ASH AND O.—First Presbyterian Church, Church and No. Main Street 8:00 EST
ASHTABULA CONSOLIDATED—Methodist Church, South Broadway Geneva, Ohio—First Tuesday 8:30
ASHTABULA—West—1320 Perryville Pl. 8:00
LAKE COUNTY Fellowship Hall—Methodist 4th Rt 20, E. So. Wood, Mentor 8:30
LORAIN CENTRAL—Lorain, O. Trinity Church 8:30
MANSFIELD—Episcopal Church, 41 Bowman St., Mansfield, O 8:30 EST
MEDINA O—St. Paul's Epis Par Hse 8:30
SANDISKY O (Firelands)—First Presbyterian, Across from Pod Office 7:30
SHREVE—Shreve Armory, South St., Shreve, O 8:30 EST
STRONGSVILLE—Town H a l l 8:30

WEDNESDAY

AMERICAN Sportsmen 1142 Buhner, 3rd Wednesday each month 8:30
RAYTER 8417 Broadway 8:30
BEDFORD—Masonic Temple Tarbell Ave. 8:30
BROOKLYN K o f P Hall, 3116 Broadway East of Pearl R d 8:30
C F I Illuminating Co, Room 361, 55 Public Square (rear) 8:00
COLLIERWOOD 945 E. 152nd St. 8:30
DOAN MEN—YMCA (University Circle), 2055 E. 105th St. Second floor front 8:30
EASTSIDE MORNING—9606 Euclid Ave., Euclid Ave. Congre. (Side ent) 10:30 a.m.
GARFIELD HEIGHTS—Trinity Baptist, E. 04th and Garfield Blvd 8:30
HAGYF—Grace Cong. Assembly Hall, West 65th and Coate 8:30

LAKEWOOD WOMEN—St. Peter's Episc'l 18001 Detroit Ave. (corner Clifton) 8:30
LEE ROAD—First English Lutheran, Derbyshire and Euclid Hts. Blvd 9:00
LORAIN AVE.—S.S. Philip & James Hall, 3689 Bosworth Road 9:00
ST. JAMES-Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, E. 103rd and Cedar 8:30
ST MARY—400 North S., Chardon, O. 8:30
TRAINING-REFRESHER—Illuminating Bldg. (rear) Rm. 361, 55 Public Sq. 8:30
TWENTY-FOUR HOUR—13216 Detroit, Church of the Ascension 8:30
WARRENSVILLE Women's House Cor. 7:30
WEDNESDAY NIGHT DISCUSSION—(STAG) 13806 Ardenal Ave. 8:00
WEST SHORE—West Shore Unitarian, 20401 Hilliard Rd., Rocky River 9:00
WOMEN'S—Lorain County—St. Vincent De Paul Church, Detroit Rd., (Rt. 254 & 57) 8:30
ASHTABULA COUNTY WOMEN—Harris Memorial, W. 58th & Adams, Ashtabula Second and Fourth Wednesday 7:30
BRUNSWICK, O., LANCE & CO., Corner Rts. 303 and 42 8:30
CONNEAUT M EN—Conneaut, Ohio R of LE. Hall, Whitney Block, Main St. 8:30
ELYRIA, O. St. Paul Building, Third and Middle, side entrance 8:30
FAIRPORT HARBOR—Luther Center, 525 Eagle St., Fairport Harbor, O 8:00
INTERFACIAL—30th & Wood, Lorain, O., Mt. Zion Baptist Church 8:30
MANSFIELD-A. A. Clubrooms, 40 1/2 No. Main, Mansfield, O. 8:30 EST
WICKLIFFE, O.—28917 Euclid (side-up) 8:30

THURSDAY

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
COVENTRY-Fairmount Presby. Church, Scarborough a n d Fairmount Blvd. 8:30
CRIF HOSPITAL—Library 8:00
CROSSROADS—Bethany Presbyterian Church, W. 65th and Clinton 9:00
EAST SHORE WOMEN—Pint Baptist Ch., 1565 Chardon Rd., near Euclid 8:30
GARDEN VALLEY—(Outhwaite) 7100 Kinsman Ave. 8:00
HAWTHORNDEN STATE HOSPITAL, Macedonia, O., Basement of New Employees Bldg. 8:00
PARMA HEIGHTS—6400 Pearl Road, Laux Realty Basement (rear) 8:30
ROCKY RIVER—Rockport Methodist Church, 3310 Wooster Road 9:00
ST. CLAIR THURSDAY—Glenville Cong. Church, (side ent.) St. Clair & Eddy 8:30
TRUSTY—Cleveland House of Correction, 1000 feet east of House of Correction 8:00
WEST SIDE—7403 Denison Ave 10:30 A.M.
AMHERST—St. Peter's Ev & Ref. Church, Church St. North Amherst 8:30
ASHLAND THURSDAY—I.O.O.F. Hall, 302 Claremont, Ashland, O 8:00 EST
ASHTABULA HARBOR—North End Club, Corner Walnut Blvd. & Lake Ave. 8:30
BEREA Fine Arts Club—F. Bagley R d., 3 doors east of Eastland Rd 9:00
E A S T I A K E—Bethel Lutheran Church, 32400 Vinr St 8:30
INDEPENDENCE, O.—St. John's Lutheran Hall, Second and Sunset 9:00

FRIDAY

ANSEL ROAD—St. Thomas Church, 9205 Superior Ave. 8:30
BROADWAY-HARVARD—8437 Broadway 9:00
CFDAR—Salvation Army, 5005 Euclid 8:15
CHARTY—Amphitratre, 6th Floor, St. Vincent's Charity Hospital 8:30
CLEVELAND WOMEN—Hotel Cleveland 6:00
EUCIID FRIDAY—Church of Epiphany, E. 210th and Lake Shore Blvd 9:00
FRANKLIN—3804 Woodbine Ave. 8:30
FRIDAY AFTERNOON WOMEN—Plymouth Church, Coventry and Drexmore, Krumbine Room 1:00
GORDON SQUARE—St. Helena's Hall, 1367 W. 65th St. 9:00
LEE ROAD—American Legion Hall, Post 163, 15544 Euclid A v e 9:00
NORTH EAST—Town House Motel, 15661 Euclid A v e 8:30
S O T I D A R T Y—Hubbard Memorial Center, E. 84th and Cedar 8:30
STELLA MARTS MIXED, 1320 Washington Ave 8:15
TAPCO—23565 Euclid Ave 9 p.m.
Second Friday of each month
WEST SIDE YOUNG PEOPLE—Ylward Cong. Ch., 1375 W. Clifton 9:00
AVON LAKE—First Congregational Church, 32801 Electric Blvd. 8:45
BEREA—Social room o f Berea C o n g. Church, Seminary and Church 8:30

CHAGRIN FALLS, O.—American Legion, E. Orange St. 8:30
CHARDON—Pilgrim Christian Church, 113 South Street, Chardon, O. 9:00
ELYRIA—St. Agnes Church, Lake & Bass 8:30
CONNEAUT, O.—B. of L. E. Hall 8:30
LAKE COUNTY—Mentor Christian Church, Route 20, Cor. Jackson, Mentor, O 8:30
WELLINGTON—St. Patrick's Catholic Church, No. Main St., Wellington, O 8:30

SATURDAY

BROADWAY-CABLE—S+ John's Lutheran Church, Cable at Broadway 8:30
FOREST CITY—6619 Denison Ave. 9:00
JACK & HEINTZ—17600 Broadway 8:30
LANDER CIRCLE—Garfield Mem. Methodist, Cor. Lander Rd. and Route 422 9:00
LEAGUE PARK—Emmanuel Episcopal (basement) 8611 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 TA LBOT—St. Philip Neri Church, E. 82nd and St. Clair 8:30
MEMPHIS—Lakewood Congregational Ch., 1375 W. Clifton, Cor. Detroit Ave. 9:00
NORWALK TRUCK LINES—1147 E. 55th St., at Shore Drive 9:00
PARMA—Ridgewood Savings & Loan, 5950 Ridne Road 8:45
PLAINS—Me&r Plains Methodist Church, Mentor, O., Routes 306 & 283 9:00
REDWOOD—Euclid Lutheran Church, E. 260th and Oriole 8:30
TRINITY—Trinity Evangelical Church, 3525 W. 25th St. Y:00
VALLEY VIEW—Community Center, West 7th and Starkweather 8:30
8005 GROUP—8005 Lorain Ave. 8:30
ASHTARULA, O.—St. Peter's Episc. Church, Main Avenue at South Park 8:30
ELYRTA SATNITE—Alconon Club, 345 Broad Str., Elyria, O. 8:30
MANSFIELD-AA Clubrooms, 40% No. Main St., Mansfield, O. 8:30 EST
WEST RICHFIELD—Consolidated Church, Route 303, just west of Route 21 9:00

SUNDAY

BEDFORD HEIGHTS—Village Hall, 5661 Perkins Rd., Bedford Heights 7:30
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.
COLLIERWOOD—945 E. 152nd St. 7:30
DETROIT SUNDAY—8304 Detroit Avenue 7:30 P.M.
GARDEN VALLEY—7100 Kinsman Ave., 7106 Kinsman Ave. 4:30
GOLF LAKELANDS—Trinity Lutheran, Redbird & Chapel, No. Madison, O. 3:00
LAKWOOD ARMORY, 1437 Wayne Ave., South of Detroit 9:00
LORAIN COUNTY CONSOLIDATED—First Sunday of each month, Route 60, Axtel, Ohio 7:30
MARIA JOSEPH DISCUSSION GROUP—Plasterers Hall, 1651 E. 24th St. 2:00
MISTY P O P—St. Thomas Church, 9205 Superior Ave. 7:00
NEWBURY—St. Helena's Church, Rt. 87 8:15
NEWBURGH—St. Catherine's Church, 1443 E. 93rd St. 8:30
SUPERIOR STAG—8801 Superior 11 A.M.
TRUSTY—Cleveland House of Correction, 1000 feet east of House of Correction 5:00
YOUNG—Charter House, Euclid and 248 7:15
TWILIGHT—Grange Hall, Rt. 60, Axle, O. 7:30
WARRENSVILLE—Cooley Farms Recreation Room 10:00 A.M.
CHIPPewa-SEVILLE—V.F.W. Hall, Seville, O. 8:30
GENEVA, O.—Legion Hall, Park St., corner of S o. Eagle 7:30

ALANON GROUP MEETINGS

CALVARY—Calvary Presbyterian Church, E. 79th and Euclid Tuesdays, 8:30
SOUTH EAST—Maple Hts. Presh. Church, 15715 Libby Road Tuesday, 8:00
EUCIID—26851 Gary Ave Wed., 8:00
CHARITY—St. Vincent Charity Hospital, E. 22nd and Central Friday, 8:30
GARDEN VALLEY—(Outhwaite) 2nd and 4th Sunday 4:30

AA CLEVELAND DISTRICT OFFICE, 205 Frederick Bldg., 2063 E. 4th St. CH 1-7387
1st TUESDAY EVERY MONTH
CENTR A L COMMITTEE—Hanna Building, Room 401 8:30
3rd TUESDAY EVERY MONTH—HOSPITAL COMMITTEE—Hanna Building, Room 401 8:30

SPENCER DUNSHEE IRWIN



January 31, 1901 - January 12, 1960



THE ROOM was quiet, the radio soft and gentle. Presently in subdued voice the speaker began. It was his requiem, Memorial services for our friend. And yet, it did not seem like a Memorial service. We were sitting in our friend's living room. The same friends were there whom we had often found there until it seemed we were all part of his family. For a fleeting moment we thought we heard that subdued nasal tone which he so often affected when he wished to be whimsical or make with a gentle quip at a friend or appear as wise as a tree full of owls.

Any moment we expected to hear his deep chuckle or see his crew cut peek around the corner of the door. Then we heard a sigh and were dragged back to reality. The women were weeping-weeping softly-silent in their distress and we remembered where we had left him-where we had seen him last-in his velvet couch where he would spend eternity.

We noticed that while the women wept, the men seemed uneasy, restless, fidgety and we wondered why. Then we knew. In the eternal struggle, they had lost something — something good, something fine — the ability to release their emotions. They were strong stalwart he-men but their friend was being taken away from them and they could not cry — not a tear — none of them save one.

Now in this moment they recalled the admonition, “unless you are born again and become as little children” — and they wished with all their hearts to be a child again with a child's heart that they might shed a tear in tribute and sorrow for their friend. The one man cried unashamed. The others watched him and were doubly sad.

And so we bade him goodbye. We sorrowed not so much for him as for ourselves. He had gained his eternal reward. He had been reunited with loved ones but for us there was no one to take his place. Nothing remained but a void, a great emptiness, which can never come alive.

As the years pass we shall miss the privilege of merely calling him on the phone. His voice alone was enough to reassure us and restore our confidence. We shall miss those quiet evenings when we rambled on and on, talking about everything in general and nothing in particular, when he, although he knew more of any subject than we could ever dream, yet let us go on and on, even in those realms in which he was distinguished, without interruption, as though we were the last of the Oracles. And somehow, although deep down we were aware of our ignorance, he made us feel that maybe we were more important than we had thought — and we loved him for it.

We could not begin to recount his kindnesses or those whom he befriended. Most of his good deeds were unknown — most of those whom he befriended are anonymous. But there are those whose very presence gives us assurance. We look toward their corner and know that God is truly in his Heaven and all's well with the world. It is in this realm beyond his good deeds or benefactions, that we shall miss him most.

As we looked for the last time into the serene and placid features of our friend, we too understood clearly for whom the bell tolled. It tolled for each of us who knew him and were his friends. When **Spence** died, a part of each of us died with him. Something went out of our lives that can never be replaced.

We shall not see his like again.

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LOVE-AN ABSOLUTE

We often learn more by questions, than answers. Did you ever hear a question that caused you to think for days or even weeks? The questions which have no easy answer are often the key to the truth. However, in this series on the four Absolutes, we are concerned with the questions we should be asking ourselves over and over again in life. The integrity of our answers to these questions will determine the quality of our life, may even determine the continuance of our sobriety.

A good question to ask ourselves on love might be, "Is it ugly or is it beautiful?" We are experts on ugliness. We have really been there. We are not experts on beauty but we have tasted a little, and we are hungry for more. Love is beauty. Coming from the depths of fear, physical agony, mental torture and spiritual starvation, we feel completely unloved, impregnated with self-pity, poisoned by resentment, and devoured by a prideful ego which with alcohol has brought complete blindness. We receive understanding and love from strangers and we make progress as we in turn give it to new strangers. It's as simple as that. Fortunately for us love is inspiring from the very beginning, even in kindergarten which is where many of us still are.

The old song tells us that love is a many splendored thing. In giving it we receive it. But the joy of receiving can never match the real thrill of giving. Consider that this great mission of love which is ours, cannot be experienced by the non-alcoholic, and you have a new reason for gratitude. Few are privileged to save lives. Fewer have the rich experience of being God's helper in the gift of a second life. Love is a poor man's beginning toward God. We reach our twelfth step when we give love to the new man who is poor today, as we were poor in our alcoholic yesterday. A man too proud to know he is poor, has turned away from God, with or without alcohol. We have been there too. But if he has a drinking problem, we can show him the way through love, understanding and our own experience.

When we live for our own sobriety, we again become beggars in spiritual rags, blind once again with the dust of pride and self. Soon we shall be starving with the hunger of devouring ourselves, perhaps even lose sobriety. Love is "giving of yourself" and unless we do, our progress will be lost. Each one owes the gift of this second life of sobriety to every other being he meets in the ceaseless presence of God, and especially to other alcoholics who still suffer. Not to give of himself brings the desolation of a new poverty to the sober alcoholic.

When we offer love, we offer our life; are we prepared to give it? When another offers us love, he offers his life; have we the grace to receive it? When love is offered. God is there; have we received Him? The will to love is God's will; have we taken the Third Step? Ask yourself, "Is this ugly or is it beautiful?" If it's truly beautiful then it is the way of love, it is the way of AA, and it is the will of God as we understand Him.

RELATIVE SPONSORING

"I'm finally convinced that the most difficult person to sponsor is a relative! I've tried every trick in the book and have failed! I love the guy, but I'm at the end of my rope. What will I do now?"

So spoke a very dejected AA friend of ours whose long record of sobriety, threaded with thorough and successful sponsorship, was known throughout this area.

We agreed that many had experienced the same frustration with brother, sister, wife, husband, cousin, father and mother. Why is this so? Some day we'll have to explore this mystery. Maybe a psychiatrist will have the answer.

We related our own experience with a brother who held a responsible position of trust in the far west only to lose it when his superiors in authority finally lost patience with him.

The shock of his dismissal almost destroyed him. Soon his money was gone. His wife found employment as a companion for an invalid and he found temporary residences with each of his children only to destroy the respect and affection for which he hungered, for he would not stop drinking.

We eventually heard of his plight and persuaded him to come east with us. We found work for him and he came to live with us. Though he controlled his drinking fairly well for a while, it wasn't long before he lost control.

He was such a personable guy when he was sober! Everyone he met was impressed with his kind, sensitive and considerate nature. But after just a few drinks his character

changed completely. Resentment, frustration, self-incrimination, each caused him to withdraw and sometimes actually to disappear for days.

We didn't try to "shove AA down his throat," though he heard plenty about it at work and at home. He read proof on all AA literature published in our plant (we saw to that) but not once could we persuade him to go to even one meeting.

One day, after five years, he got high during working hours, so we ordered him home. Deeply hurt, he left the shop and for a week we heard nothing. Finally a call came from his daughter in the far west. He had called her from Indiana. He wanted fare to the coast. But he was drunk.

His family was roused to action and he was ordered back to us. He came home in the morning after we had left and apologized at the dinner table. He seemed quite relieved that we treated him as though nothing had happened.

After dinner he headed for his room, but we asked him into the living room for a chat. We told him he could not come back to the plant, that he had finally destroyed every bit of our patience.

We explained to him that his family, much as they still loved him, could not and would not take him back as long as he continued to insist on his right to drink.

So here was the new deal. We would provide him with his daily supply of drinks—a pint of whiskey and six

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A part of the
cure is the
prayer to be
cured.

—Seneca

WHY HOSPITALIZATION?

Should we hospitalize the alcoholics whom we are trying to help? That is a question that many sponsors are obliged to decide. It isn't always easy . . . sometimes exceedingly difficult. Alcoholism is the one great plague that attacks the body, the mind and the soul. With three strikes such as these, the question is not often a simple one.

Hospitalization is an extreme measure to take when combating this disease; hence, it should be used only in extreme cases. Consideration of the victim's physical condition usually comes first. Has he (or she) drunk so long, so hard, so often that he cannot stop for twenty-four hours, or taper off in a reasonably short time and then stop? If so, pajamas are probably indicated so that professional supervision will do for the victim what he cannot do for himself. Has he become so weakened by age, ruinous drinking habits or accompanying ailments that delirium tremens, heart attacks or other hazardous possibilities may occur? In these cases, hospitalization becomes rather urgent.

How about the person who may not have suffered great physical degeneration? As a rule, he (or she) will not need hospitalization if a sincere desire for sobriety exists. The "hard way" is then well recommended. We save our biggest guns for our toughest targets. However, the person may be temporarily or permanently without a family, home, job, funds, etc. Perhaps he will be unstable emotionally and mentally and lacking in the staying powers that will get him through the first twenty-four hours and the first few days. Maybe he needs professional care, too.

Two heads should be better than one, and three heads better than two. An inexperienced sponsor would do well to seek the advice of *more* experienced members, especially in border-line cases. Where the decision is a toss-up, the state of the patient's finances and personality would be the determining factor.

If you do hospitalize a person, remember the responsibilities that you have assumed and discharge them well. The staff of the drying-out institution can attend to only part of the job—the physical part. Seeing to it that your baby starts to get his thinking straight and his AA program in working order is your job. Visit him daily, if at all possible. Persuade a number of your friends to call on him—the more, the better. Take him to a number of meetings and introduce him to a number of people. Help him to get active. If he asks a question that you can't answer, steer him to someone that can. Continue to be his friend.

The Hospital Committee meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 8:30 p.m., in Room 401, Hanna Bldg. Each group is requested to send a representative, and all interested AA members are welcome. Lee M., an early member of the Hospital Committee, will address those present on March 15, 1960. —John T. B.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

A candidate for AA membership said to his sponsor: "Look here, old chap, I've read the 12 Steps from cover to cover. I guess I understand them thoroughly, but I don't see how they are going to keep me perpetually sober."

"Well,," answered the sponsor, "just pick up that book on my desk and open it to any page and read to me whatever is written there."

The man opened the book and said: "But this page is just a recipe for a chocolate cake!"

"Read it aloud." The fellow did. "Now read it again," the sponsor demanded.

When the chap had done so, he was told to read it yet once more. After the third reading the sponsor said: "Now you have *read* and studied this recipe for a chocolate cake three times. But you haven't got a chocolate cake, have you? You have read the 12 Steps from cover to cover, but you haven't got the *sobriety* either. Both need practical application. You certainly won't get the cake unless you *obtain* and use the ingredients and make the cake. And you won't obtain sobriety unless you do the same." —Dubuque **Alanews**

RELATIVE SPONSORING

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bottles of beer each day. In return for this we expected him to help with the house work and do the yard work—but we would give him no money.

When we had company he should not mingle with the guests, for he had humiliated us and himself too often in the past. We were sure he would forget, however, so we promised that some time in the future we would have a camera with a sound track hidden and turned on when he came in.

Then, when he was sober, we would run off the reel and he could see himself as others had been seeing him in the past. And, if this did not convince him that **HE** couldn't and shouldn't drink without shame, then he was aast redemption.

Our parting remark was, "I have lost all respect and faith in you and your promises, but I still love you. This is the new deal. God bless you!"

The next morning we placed the ration of whiskey and beer on the drain board. It was untouched when we returned. That evening he apologized and assured us that never again would we need worry about him.

He's been re-united with his wife in California, is gainfully employed and his sons and daughter and their progeny are heady with happiness.

That was three years ago. He's got the program!

APPRECIATION

Quite a number of Central Bulletin subscribers sent in contributions over and above the subscription price during the past month. These unsolicited gifts are gratefully received and our only regret is that we cannot acknowledge all of them personally.

We are truly grateful, we assure you.

OBITUARIES

Our deepest sympathy goes to the families of William B. Bolger and Jack Gager who passed away during the past month, the former on February 2 and the latter on February 18.

OHIO GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE

Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel, August 19-20-21, 1960

The Fourth Annual Ohio General Service Conference this coming August will be a memorable affair, judging by the program being prepared by Northern Ohio Delegate Al L. Barberton and his carefully selected committee. Howie L., of radio fame is publicity chairman.

Each of the other three Ohio sectors have promised full cooperation in bringing large delegations from their respective areas. Over 600 attended last year's Conference in Cincinnati. A surprising number attended from other states.

A particular feature of this Conference will be observance of the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of Alcoholics Anonymous, and since Akron and Cleveland are termed the "cradle of AA," many visitors from other sectors of the country and Canada are expected to attend.

Keep the dates fresh in your mind! August 19-20-21, 1960.

FREE MEETING ROOM AVAILABLE

The spacious third floor club rooms of the Cleveland Alcoholic Hospital have been made available to any group which desires a meeting place, mornings or evenings, free of charge. Call Signal B., at Express 1-9758 for further information.

G I G G L E S

A bus was unusually crowded one morning. A passenger sitting next to the window suddenly buried his head in his arms.

The man next to him asked, "Are you sick? Can I do anything for you?"

"It's nothing like that," the other assured him. "I just hate to see old ladies standing."

GROUP NEWS

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

Angle-March speakers: 3-Bill W., Lorain-Wed.; 10—Marge K., Newburg; 17—Mary McI., Clark; 24—George deL., Crossroads; 31-Bill L., Lisbon, O.

Arcade-March speakers: 1-Frank C.; 14—James K.; 21-Helen B.; 28—Joe S., all from Twenty-Four Hour Group.

Brooklyn-March speakers: 2-O. D. McK., 9—Bill F., Borton; 16—Frank S., Doan Men's; 23-Charlie S., Brooklyn; 30-Elizabeth B., Borton.

Crossroads—March speakers: 3—Al S.; 10—Clyde B., Valleyview; 17—Frank K.; 24-Bob H., Parma Hts.; 31—Tom D., Lorain-Monday.

Detroit-Sunday-March speakers: 6—Barney C., Angle; 13—Lee O., May-Lynd; 20—Jack K., Lakewood Armory; 27—Ed C., Newburg.

Fairview-March speakers: 1-Mary McI., Clark; 8—James R., Fairview; 15—Bill N., May-Lynd; 22-Ben B., Lakewood Men's; 29—Irene M., W. Side Women's.

Garden Valley-Thursday-March speakers: 3-Dan S., Garden Valley; 10—Al N., Huron, O.; 17—Cyril H., Fremont, O.; 24—Walter N., Fremont, O.; 31-Robert O., Sandusky, O.

Garden Valley-Sunday-March speakers: 6-Don B., May-Lynd; 13-O. S. T., Sandusky; 20—Jean D., Fremont, O.; 27—Giff G., Fremont, O.

Gordon Square-March speakers: 4—Tom D., Lorain—Monday; 11-Willie M., Strongsville, O.; 18—Art G., C. E. I.; 25-Nellie F., Clark.

Hague—March speakers: 2—Joe G., Smith-Wilson; 9—(Groups 2nd anniversary) Irene W., Crossroads; 23—Bill R., Parma Hts.; 30-Frank W., Northeast.

Hilltop-March speakers: 1-Kenneth G., Geneva; %-Bob W.; 15-Bob S., Collinwood; 22-Don C., Geneva; 29—Jack K., Liberty.

Lake County-March speakers: 1-Jack L., Madison Golf Land; 8—Bob W., Madison Golf Land; 15-Dick L., Euclid Friday; 22-Dr. F., Lake County; SO-Harold S., Lake County, his first.

Matt Talbot-March speakers: 5—Rex C., Matt Talbot; 12—Jim B., St. Patrick's Day; 19—Franklin F., Lake County; 26—Bobby M., Addison.

Lee-Monday-March speakers: 7—Geo. R., Edgelake; 14—Harry R., Stella Maris Home; 21-Herman B., (his 13th anniversary) Lee Mon.; 28—Fred D., Coventry.

Norwalk Trucking-March speakers: 5-Pat J.; 12—Dick J.; 19—Tom J.; 26-Jack J.

St. Clair-Thursday-March speakers: Earl L., North East; 10—Dick L., Euclid; 17—Paul B., Wickliffe; 24—Dick B., St. Clair Thursday; Walter K., Jr., St. Clair Thursday.

Solidarity-Observes its Fourth Anniversary on Sunday, March 20 in Hubbard Memorial Hall, E. 84th and Cedar at 4 p. m. The guest speaker will be James H. F., Ann Arbor, Mich. March speakers: 4—Billie and Jack M., Parma, double lead; 11-Herman V., Redwood; 18-Robt. L., Independence; 25—Francis B., May-Lynd.

Temple-March speakers: 7—Pat W., Sandusky; 14—Theresa McD., Clark; 21—Edward T. C., Newburg; 28—Curtis R., Garden Valley.

Trinity-March speakers: 5-Don R., West Shore; 12-6th Annual Gratitude Night with a group of old timers as speakers. Total 75 years of sobriety. Kenny W., William MC, Skid S., Billy H., Roy E. M. C. 19—Anne B., Cleveland Women's; 26-Tony M., Hilltop.

Valleyview-March speakers: 5-Mary G., Twenty-Four Hour; 12—George W., Newburg; 19—Frank S., Doan Men's; 26—Marty McM., Valleyview, his 9th anniversary. Wednesday-Lee-March speakers: 2-Clem L.; 9—Elizabeth B., Borton; 16—Tom B., Lorain-Monday; 23-Frank S., Doan Men's; 30—Jim B., Coventry.

West Park-March speakers: 1-Don P., Cedar; 8—Ray G., Broadway-Harvard; 22-Hank W., Brooklvn; 29-Bill O'B., Independence.

West Side Group-A new discussion group, limited to members only of all groups has been formed. It meets on Wednesdays at 8:30 p. m. at the 12th Step Club, 8304 Detroit Ave. Discussions will be held on the Program, the Twelfth Steps and the Twelfth Tradition.

West 25th—March speakers: 7—Marge K., Newburg; 14—Moreland H., Lodi; 21-Bob S., Newburg; 28—Anson W., Memphis.

Women's House of Correction-March speakers: 2-Ed H., Broadway-55th; 9—Wm. S., Brooklyn; 16—Joe K., Brooklyn; 23-Jerry W., Brooklyn; SO-Barbara P.

Refresher Training-March schedule: 2-Step & Tradition III, Lorain-Monday; 9—Step and Tradition IV & V, Newburg; 16—Step & Tradition VI and VII, Broadway-55th; 23-Step & Tradition VIII and IX, Forest City; 30-Step & Tradition X, C. E. I.

ROSARY HALL MINIMUM DAYS

Patients hospitalized in Rosary Hall, Charity Hospital will be required to stay a minimum of six days instead of the customary five. Plan accordingly.

ELBOW ROOM

"Come on-Come on-Stand back and give 'em elbow room."

How many times have we heard the Irish Cop move the curious crowd back in this fashion? He wanted room for the workmen to work.

The phrase keeps recurring to me while I am stashed away here in the hospital.

Before I entered the hospital and for several weeks, I had been building up resentment against a certain individual. So what happened? I find he's a dirty double crosser. He was the first one to send me a get-well card and he and his wife have been carting my wife to and fro, hither and yon as though she were Mrs. Gloria Astorbilt.

When I came here there were several other momentous problems that were about to cast the world into utter chaos unless I got them solved promptly. Now that I'm here-darned if I can recall what they were and as I look out my window and see the snow softly settling, it seems the world is doing quite well.

Then there are all those little irritations I had. I wonder whatever happened to them?

I've got a wonderful bed. They change the linen every day. I have a bevy of cute chicks falling all over one another to change the linen, bring me grub, medicine, water or what have you? One of them even washes my back-and at my age, you can't hardly find them kind no more.

Now, try as I will, I find after a few days of this I haven't a single resentment in my system. I feel so good about it I have decided upon a new morning prayer: "Lord, not only for this day, but forever put my thoughts in proper perspective that I may never again harbor any resentment or any mean or unworthy thought."

Because of my experience, I have concluded that each of us, at least once each year, should retire to some secluded spot, even a hospital, where he can be alone with himself-completely apart from the trials and irritations of day to day living. He will be amazed how our perspectives change.

After all, the soul also needs elbow room. —H. G. H.

NURSING HOMES THAT TREAT ALCOHOLICS

(This listing does not necessarily indicate endorsement or approval)

AI-Ju, Inc. (MW) 28707 Euclid Ave., Wickliffe, O WH 4-2244
Cleveland Alcoholic Hospital (M W) 7809 Euclid Ave. EX 1-8998
Dorothy McCauliffe Alcoholic Clinic (MW) 8304 Detroit..... AT 1-3353
Farquharson's Home (M) 6037 Pearl Road, Parma..... TU 5-1882
Keller's Nursing Home (M) 8023 Detroit Ave..... ME 1-1635

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CLEVELAND AREA GROUP MEETINGS

MONDAY

ADDISON-Good Shepherd Church,
7309 St. Clair Ave. 8:30
BORTON-E. Cleveland Congrega. Church,
Page and Euclid Ave. 8:30
EARLY-EARLY-Plasterers Union Hall,
1651 E. 24th St. (near Payne Ave.) 7:00
FRIENDLY SUBURBAN-6037 Pearl 8:00
LAKEWOOD MEN'S-St. Peter's Episcopal,
W. Clifton and Detroit 9:00
LEE MONDAY-First Presbyter. Church,
East Cleveland, Nela and Euclid 8:30
LORAIN AVE.-St. Ignatius Hall,
Lorain Ave. at West Blvd. 8:30
NEW HOPE-3804 Woodbine Ave. 8:30
ORCHARD GROVE-Church of Ascension,
13216 Detroit Ave. 8:30
PEARL-Corpus Christi Basement,
4830 Pearl Road 8:30
RAMON A-9721 Ramona Blvd. 8:30
SHAKER-Christ Episcopal Church,
3445 Warrensville Center Rd. 9:00
SOUTH EAST-7526 Broadway 8:30
TEMPLE-Temple Baptist, 7500 Cedar 8:15
UNION-East View Congregational Church,
Kinsman at E. 156th St. 9:00
WEST 24th St. Marvel Hall, 2858 W. 25th St. 9:00
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
JEFFERSON O.-St. Joseph's Church 8:30
JERMIION-Congregational Church 8:30
WILL OUGHBY O. Presbyterian Church 8:30

TUESDAY

ARCADE-Old Stone Church,
Public Square, Ontario entrance 8:00
CLARK-1917 Clark Ave. 8:30
CLOVER-(Women)-E. 46th, So. of Scovill
Portland Cuthwaite Center 8:30
CORIETH MEN'S-Lisy's Greenhouses,
4141 E. 116th St. 9:00
EAST SIDE WOMEN-11205 Euclid,
Church of the Covenant 8:00
EDGE LAKE-Lakewood YMCA,
Community Room, 16915 Detroit 8:30
EUCLID MORNING-Lake Shore Christian
Church, Lake Shore Blvd. & 280... 10:30 A.M.
EUCLID WADP-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. 9:00
HIT IT TOP-St. Joseph's Seminary,
17608 Euclid Ave. 8:45
MAY VIND-Kenny King's Restaurant,
Mayland Shopping Ctr. Mayfield Hts. 8:30
MILITARY-Mt. Hope Lutheran Church,
E. 164th north of Miles Ave. 8:30
SMITH WYSON-St. Joseph's School,
9321 Orleans Ave. 8:30
SUPERIOR-N. 4th Presbyterian Church,
E. 10th and Superior 9:00
TRUSTY-Cleveland House of Correction,
1000 feet east of House of Correction 8:00
WEST PARK-Puritas Lutheran Church,
Puritas Ave. and W. 138th St. 8:30
ASH AND O.-First Presbyterian Church,
Church and No. Main Street 8:00 EST
ASHTABULA CONSOLIDATED-
Methodist Church South Broadway
Geneva, Ohio-First Tuesday 8:30
ASHTABULA-West-172nd Perryville Pl. 8:00
LAKE COUNTY Fellowship Hall Metho-
dist Ch. Rt. 20, E. So. Wood Mentor 8:30
LORAIN CENTRAL-Lorain, O.
Trinity Church 8:30
MANSFIELD-Episcopal Church,
4 Bowman St., Mansfield, O. 8:30 EST
MAYONA II-St. Paul's Epis. Par. Hse 8:30
SANDISKY O. (Windland)-First Pres-
byterian, Across from Post Office 7:30
SHREVE-Shreve Armory,
South St. Shreve, O. 8:30 PST
STRONGSVILLE-F. Town Hall 8:30

WEDNESDAY

BAVER 8417 Broadway 8:30
BEDFORD-Masonic Temple Tarbell Ave. 8:30
BROOKLYN K of P Hall,
1116 Broadway East of Pearl Rd. 8:30
C. F. T. Illuminating Co.
Room 361, 55 Public Square (rear) 8:00
CORPUS CHRISTI 945 E. 152nd St. a.30
DOAN MEN-VW 4 (University Circle),
2055 E. 105th St. Second floor front. 8:30
EASTSIDE MORNING-9606 Euclid Ave.,
Euclid Ave. Congre. (Side ent.) 10:30 a.m.
GARFIELD HEIGHTS-Trinity Baptist,
E. 04th and Garfield Blvd. 8:30
HARTY-Grace Cong. Assembly Hall,
West 65th and Calgate 9:40
LAKEWOOD WOMEN-St. Peter's Epis. Par.
18001 Detroit Ave. (corner Clifton) 8:30
LFF ROAD-First English Lutheran,
Derbyshire and Euclid Hts. Blvd. 9:00

LORAIN AVE.-S.S. Philip & James Hall,
3689 Bosworth Road 9:00
ST. JAMES-Fairfax Settlement House,
E. 83rd St., betw'n Central & Quincy 8:00
ST. MARY-400 North S., Chardon, V. 8:30
TRAINING-REFRESHER-Illuminating
Bldg. (rear) Rm. 361, 55 Public Sq. 8:30
TWENTY-FOUR HOUR-13216 Detroit,
Church of the Ascension 8:30
WARRENSVILLE-Women's House Cor. 7:30
WEDNESDAY NIGHT DISCUSSION-
(STAG) 13806 Ardenal Ave. 8:00
WEST SIDE (Closed)-Twelfth Step Club
8304 Detroit Ave. 8:30
WOMEN'S-Lorain County-St. Vincent De
Paul Church, Detroit Rd. (Rt. 254 & 57) 8:30
ASHTABULA COUNTY WOMEN-Harris
Memorial, W. 58th & Adams, Ashtabula
Second and Fourth Wednesday 7:30
BRUNSWICK, O.-Lance & Co.
Corner Rts. 303 and 42. 8:30
CONNEAUT MEN-Conneaut, Ohio
R of LE Hall, Whitney Block, Main St. 8:30
ELYRIA, O.-St. Paul Building,
Third and Middle, side entrance 8:30
FAIRPORT HARBOR-Luther Center,
525 Eagle St., Fairport Harbor, O. 8:00
INTERFACIAL-30th & Wood, Lorain, O.,
Mt Zion Baptist Church 8:30
MANSFIELD-A. A. Clubrooms,
40 1/2 No. Main, Mansfield, O. 8:30 EST
WICKLIFFE, O.-28917 Euclid (side-up) 8:30

THURSDAY

ALLENDALE-St. Paul's Episcopal
Church, 15837 Euclid Ave. 8:30
ANGLE-St. Malachi's Church,
2540 Washington Ave. 8:30
BROADWAY-55th-Our Lady of Lourdes
School Hall 8:30
COVENTRY-Fairmount Presby. Church,
Scarborough and Fairmount Blvd. 8:30
CRUIE HOSPITAL-Library 8:00
CROSSROADS-Bethany Presbyterian Church,
W. 65th and Clinton 9:00
FAST SHORE WOMEN-First Baptist Ch.,
1565 Chardon Rd., near Euclid 8:30
GARDEN VALLEY-(Outhwaite)
7100 Kinsman Ave. 8:00
HAWTHORNDEN STATE HOSPITAL,
Macedonia, O. Basement of New
Employees Bldg. 8:00
NORTH RANDALL-Village Hall,
21937 Miles Ave. 9:00
PARMA FIGHTS-6400 Pearl Road,
Lair Realty Basement (rear) 8:30
ROCKY RIVER-Rockport Methodist,
Church, 3310 Wagoner Road 9:00
ST. CATHERINE'S-Thursday-Glenville Cong.
Church, (side ent.) St. Clair & Eddy 8:30
TRUSTY-Cleveland Howe of Correction,
1000 feet east of House of Correction 8:00
WEST SIDE-7403 Denison Ave. 10:30 A.M.
AMHERST-St. Peter's Pw & Ref. Church,
Church St. North Amherst, O. 8:30
ASHLAND THURSDAY-I.O.O.F. Hall,
302 Claremont, Ashland, O. 8:00 EST
ASHTABULA HARBOR-North End Club,
Corner Walnut Blvd. & Lake Ave. 8:30
FREE Fine Arts Club F. Bazley Rd.,
3 doors east of Eastland Rd. 9:00
FAST LAKE-Bethel Lutheran Church,
12400 Vine St. 8:30
INDEPENDENCE, O.-St. John's Lutheran
Hall, Second and Sunset 9:00

FRIDAY

ANSLEY ROAD-St. Thomas Church,
9205 Superior Ave. 8:30
BROADWAY HARVARD-4437 Broadway 9:00
CPDAR-Salvation Army, 4005 Euclid 8:15
CHARITY-Amphitheatre, 6th Floor,
St. Vincent's Charity Hospital 8:30
CLEVELAND WOMEN-Hotel Cleveland 6:00
EUCLID FRIDAY-Church of Epiphany,
E. 210th and Lake Shore Blvd. 9:40
FRANKLIN-3804 Woodbine Ave. 8:30
FRIDAY AFTERNOON WOMEN-Ply-
mouth Church Coventry, and Drexmore,
Kumblers Room 1:00
GORDON SQUARE-St. Helena's Hall,
1367 W. 65th St. 9:00
LFF ROAD-American Legion Hall,
Post 163, 15444 Euclid Ave. 9:00
NORTH EAST-Town House Motel,
1 5661 Euclid Ave. 8:30
S O T IDARITY Hubbard Memorial Center
E. 84th and Cedar 8:30
STELLA MARTS MIXED
1120 Washington Ave. 8:15
TAPCO-23555 Euclid Ave. 9 p.m.
Second Friday of each month
WEST SIDE YOUNG PEOPLE-
114rd Cong. Ch., 1379 W. Clifton 9:00
AVON LAKE-First Congregational Church,
12801 Electric Blvd. 8:45
BEREA-Social room of Berea Cong.
Church Seminary and Church 8:30
CHAGRIN FALLS, O.-American Legion,
E. Orange St. 8:30

CHARDON-Pilgrim Christian Church,
113 South Street, Chardon, O. 9:00
ELYRIA-St. Agnes Church, Lake & Bass 8:30
CONNEAUT, O.-B. of L. E. Hall 8:30
WELLINGTON-St. Patrick's Catholic
Church, No. Main St., Wellington, O. 8:30

SATURDAY

BROADWAY-CABLE-St. John's Lutheran
Church, Cable at Broadway a y. 8:30
FOREST CITY-6619 Denison Ave. 9:00
JACK & HEINTZ-17600 Broadway 8:30
LANDER CIRCLE-Garfield Mem. Methodist,
Cor. Lander Rd. and Route 422 9:00
LEAGUE PARK-Emmanuel Episcopal
(basement) 8611 Euclid Ave. 9:00
LIBERTY-945 E. 152nd St. 9:00
MAPLE HTS.-Luth. Church of Covenant,
19000 Libby Rd., cor. Maple Hts. Blvd. 4:30
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
NORWALK TRUCK LINES-
1147 E. 55th St., at Shore Drive 9:00
PARMA-Ridgewood Savings & Loan,
5950 Ridge Road 8:45
PLAINS-Mentor Plains Methodist Church,
Mentor, O., Routes 306 & 283 9:00
REDWOOD-Euclid Lutheran Church,
E. 260th and Oriole 8:30
TRINITY-Trinity Evangelical Church,
3525 W. 25th St. 9:00
VALLEY VIEW-Community Center,
West 7th and Starweather 8:30
8005 GROUP-8005 Lorain Ave. 8:30
ASHTABULA, O.-St. Peter's Episc. Church,
Main Avenue at South Park 8:30
ELYRIA SATNITE-Alconon Club
345 Broad Str., Elyria, O. 8:30
MANSFIELD-AA Clubrooms
40 1/2 No. Main St. Mansfield, O. WEST
WEST RICHFIELD-Consolidated Church,
Route 303, just west of Route 21 9:00

SUNDAY

AVON CENTRAL-Basement Central Bank
36690 Detroit Road, Avon, O. 8:00
BEDFORD HEIGHTS-Village Hall,
5661 Perkins Rd., Bedford Heights 7:30
BRECKSVILLE VETERANS HOSPITAL
Broadview and Oakes 7:30
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.
COLLIERWOOD-945 E. 152nd St. 7:30
DETROIT SUNDAY-
8304 Detroit Avenue 7:30 P. M.
GARDEN VALLEY-7100 Kinsman Ave.,
7106 Kinsman Ave. 4:30
GOLF LAKELANDS-Trinity Lutheran,
Redbird & Chapel, No. Madison, O. 3:00
LAKWOOD ARMORY
1437 Wayne Ave., South of Detroit 9:00
LORAIN COUNTY CONSOLIDATED-
First Sunday of each month
St. John's School, Rt. 58, Lorain 7:30
MARIA JOSEPH DISCUSSION GROUP-
Plasterers Hall, 1651 E. 24th St. 2:00
MISTLETOE-St. Thomas Church,
9205 Superior Ave. 7:00
NEWBURY-St. Helena's Church, Rt. 87 8:15
NEWBIRGH-St. Catherine's Church,
1443 E. 93rd St. 8:30
SUPERIOR STAG-8801 Superior 11 A.M.
TRUSTY-Cleveland House of Correction,
1000 feet east of House of Correction 3:00
YOUR-Charter House, Euclid and 248. 7:15
TWILIGHT Grange Hall, Rt. 60, Axle, O. 7:30
WARRENSVILLE-Cooley Farms
Recreation Room 10:00 A.M.
CHIPPEWA SEVILLE-V.F.W. Hall,
Seville, O. 8:00
GENEVA O.-Legion Hall, Park St.,
corner of So. Park 7:40
PAINESVILLE SUNDAY-St. Mary's School,
(Basem't) No. State St., Painesville 7:30

ALANON GROUP MEETINGS

CALVARY-Calvary Presbyterian Church,
E. 79th and Euclid Tuesdays 8:30
SOUTH EAST-Maple Hts. Presb. Church,
15715 Libby Road Tuesday 8:00
EUCLID-26851 Gary Ave. Wed. 8:00
CHARITY-St. Vincent Charity Hospital,
E. 22nd and Central Friday 8:30
GARDEN VALLEY-(Outhwaite)
2nd and 4th Sunday 4:30

AA CLEVELAND DISTRICT OFFICE

205 Frederick Bldg., 2063 E. 4th St CH 1-7387
1st TUESDAY EVERY MONTH
CENTRAL COMMITTEE
Hanna Building, Room 401 8:30
3rd TUESDAY EVERY MONTH
HOSPITAL COMMITTEE-
Hanna Building, Room 401 8:30

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HONESTY-AN ABSOLUTE ^{14 CORDS} RIGHT APPROACH

Over and over we must ask ourselves, "Is it true or is false?" For honesty is the eternal search for truth. It is by far the most difficult of the four absolutes, for anyone, but especially for us in this fellowship. The problem drinker develops genuine artistry in deceit. Too many (and we plead guilty) simply turn over a new leaf and relax. That is wrong. The real virtue in honesty lies in the persistent dedicated striving for it. There is no relaxed twilight zone, it's either full speed ahead constantly or it's not honesty we seek. And the unrelenting pursuit of truth will set you free, even if you don't quite catch up to it. We need not choose or pursue falsity. All we need is to relax our pursuit of truth, and falsity will find us.

The search for truth is the noblest expression of the soul. Let a human throw the engines of his soul into the doing or making of something good, and the instinct of workmanship alone will take care of his honesty. The noblest pleasure we can have is to find a great new truth and discard an old prejudice. When not actively sought, truth seldom comes to light, but falsehood does. Truth is life and falsity is spiritual death. It's an everlasting, unrelenting instinct for truth that counts. Honesty is not a policy. It has to be a constant conscious state of mind.

Accuracy is close to being a twin brother of honesty, but inaccuracy and exaggeration are at least "kissing cousins" of dishonesty. We may bring ourselves to believe almost anything by rationalization, (another of our fine arts), and so it's well to begin and end our inquiry with the question, "Is it true?" Any man who loves to search for truth is precious to any fellowship or society. Any intended violation of honesty stabs the health of not only the doer but the whole fellowship. On the other hand if we are honest to the limit of our ability, the basic appetite for truth in others, which may be dormant but not dead, will rise majestically to join us. Like sobriety, it's the power of example that does the job.

It is much simpler to appear honest, than to be honest. We must strive to be in reality what we appear to be. It is easier to be honest with others than with ourselves. Our searching self-inventories help because the man who knows himself is at least on the doorstep of honesty. Our instinct for exhibitionism, even though held in check, is a foe of honesty. When we try to enhance our stature in the eyes of others, dishonesty is there in the shadows. When falsehood even creeps in, we are getting back on the merry-go-round because falsehoods not only disagree with truth, they quarrel with each other. Remember?

It is one thing to devoutly wish that the truth may be on your side, and it is quite another to wish sincerely to be on the side of truth. Honesty would seem to be the toughest of our four absolutes and at the same time, the most exciting challenge. Our sobriety is a gift, but honesty is a grace that we must earn and constantly fight to protect and enlarge. "Is it true or false?" Let us make that a ceaseless question that we try to answer with all the sober- strength and intelligence we have.

"AA isn't like it used to be!" said a veteran member, as he sat down for a visit in our office recently. "In the 'olden days,'" he went on, "almost everyone I sponsored stayed in the program and is sober today. But in the last couple of years, not a single one has stayed sober!"

We've heard the same complaint from several others lately. What's wrong? Have we reached the saturation point? Has the publicity AA and its methods have received in newspapers and sundry publications during the past twenty years awakened the public to the danger of alcoholic consumption?

We don't think so. In our humble opinion there is even a greater number of prospects now than ever before. Tensions, which tend to cause people to seek relief in excessive drinking, are certainly greater.

Maybe some of us old timers had better take a "fearless moral inventory" of ourselves. Could we be at fault in presenting the message?

With our visitor we analyzed our failures. Yes, we both had given our prospects the full treatment, faithfully and compassionately. We took our babies to meetings. We introduced them to members of our groups. We urged them to read the AA literature and urged them to attend meetings with regularity.

We asked our visitor to give us a sample of his approach, asking him to picture us as a prospect seeking help. He gave us a splendid pitch. No one was better informed.

When he finished he asked us to give our approach and we responded. Halfway through our talk, he interrupted us to exclaim, "I think I know

the answer! You and I are **preaching** — not **teaching!** We're talking down to our babies, instead of **with them!**" ³

As we looked at each other in amazement, we realized it was true. Each of us is considered well-grounded in the AA philosophy. Both of us had sponsored many newcomers successfully. But we had become dogmatic and dictatorial. We had lost the "common touch."

We each resolved to try our "new" approach on our very next prospects and, lo! and behold, we were both gratifyingly successful.

We both had agreed to talk to repeaters in pajamas in nursing homes to seek an answer to why they had returned to drinking. The answers were enlightening.

The very thing which we had discovered in each other was the major contributing cause. They had heard the same line from their wives, their bosses and the judge! Not one of them considered himself an alcoholic though each admitted he had a drinking problem. Each-note this-resented the patronizing manner of his sponsor who acted as though he (the patient) owed him everlasting homage for what he had done for him.

Some complained that too many visitors dwelt too long on their own story. They complained that not enough was told them on how to keep from going back to the bottle.

It was an enlightening experience. Have you checked yourself lately? It came as a shock to us, but we're grateful that we had sense enough to be willing to change,

Hard luck is a polite name for sleeping sickness!

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ANALYZE YOURSELF

Editor's Note: We all learn early that emotional immaturity is an element present in all of us in varying degrees. We learn some of the characteristics that we have as a result and how to combat them but we hear little of the characteristics which show progress toward emotional maturity. A staff member of the Bulletin after several years of study, has compiled two lists covering both sides of the fence and we reprint the first of two herewith in the belief that they may be of help to some Bulletin readers in the journey toward emotional sobriety. The second will appear in the next month's issue.

Characteristics Which Indicate Emotional Immaturity and Which Constitute an Obstacle to Achieving Emotional Maturity

1. Seeking attention-exhibitionism.
2. Being easily offended-having a sense of not belonging or not being liked.
3. Excessive anxiety, worry, suspicions-inclination to distrust the motives of others.
4. Inability to tolerate or understand the frustrations of others — impulsiveness — always wanting your own way.
5. Indifference to or dread of spiritual values—abandoning religion or just giving lip service without faith or understanding.
6. Fear of involvement not wanting to be tied down to anything or anybody.
7. Need to please others—"buying friendship"—flattering others to win their favor.
8. Feeling inferior-assuming the role of not being important—playing second fiddle-taking a back seat—leading to resentment and feeling of being used by others.
9. Tearing yourself down — so others won't get the chance—or even in hope that they will praise you.
10. Feeling sorry for yourself-feeling life and people are not giving you a fair shake.
11. Self-praise — bragging-falling for flattery — name dropping.
12. Excessive pride.
13. Excessive hostility and hate — rebelliousness — irritability — inclination to place all blame on others and not admit your own mistakes.

OBITUARY

Another devoted and popular member of AA, Edward C. Brickman, passed away on November 9. He was one of the first members of the Lorain Ave. Monday group, having enjoyed nearly eighteen years of continued sobriety. Our sympathy goes out to his family and the group.

INTERGROUP DINNER

The ninth annual Intergroup Dinner sponsored by the Cleveland AA District Office will be held on Thursday evening, April 28, 1960, in the Carter Hotel at 7 p.m.

The speaker will be Keith W., a writer of novels, plays and movies, and from New York we hear he takes an active part in the "After Hours Group."

More details will be given in the April Central Bulletin.

OHIO GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE

Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel, August 19-20-21, 1960

A most interesting program is being prepared by the large committee for what promises to be one of the best attended General Service Conferences in America. Inquiries are coming in from the surrounding states and it is evident that much is expected from "the cradle of AA" area, as this Akron-Cleveland area is called. We will not let them down!

Many of our visitors remember the thrills they experienced at the tenth and twentieth anniversaries held in Cleveland and preparations are being made to accommodate 10,006 or more.

Keep the dates open . . . August 19-20-21, 1960.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

This beautiful paraphrase of the Lord's Prayer has been credited to an English clergyman of two centuries ago, The Reverend William March D.D.

Our Father-by right of creation . . . By bountiful provision . . . By gracious adoption.

Which art in heaven-The throne of Thy glory . . . the home of Thy glory . . . The temple of Thy angels.

Hallowed be Thy name-By the thoughts of our hearts . . . By the words of our lips . . . By the works of our hands.

Thy will be done on earth, as it is done in heaven-Toward us without resistance . . . By us without compulsion . . . Universally without exception . . . Eternally without declension.

Give us this day our daily bread-Of our necessity for our bodies . . . Of eternal life for our souls.

And forgive us our trespasses-Against the commands of Thy law . . . Against the graces of Thy gospel.

As we forgive those that trespass against us-By defaming our character . . . By embezzling our property . . . By abusing our persons.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil-Of overwhelming afflictions . . . Of worldly enticements . . . Of Satan's devices . . . Of sinful affections.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever—Thy kingdom governs all . . . Thy power subdues all . . . Thy grace overcomes all . . . Thy glory is above all:

Amen-As is in Thy purpose . . . So it be in Thy promises . . . So it be in our prayers . . . So shall it be in Thy praise.

By this prayer of our Lord-The Father bless . . . The Son adore . . . The Spirit praise.. . Forever, Amen, Amen.

WHY ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS SUCCEEDS

A New York psychiatrist, Dr. Albert LaVerne, recently urged his coworkers in the medical profession to study the record and methods of Alcoholics Anonymous in curing chronic victims of the desire for alcohol. He averred that where both medical and psychiatric treatment had proven virtually useless to effect a permanent cure, the A.A. method had produced an apparently lasting cure for over 50 per cent of 250,000 cases treated. In his own practice, he said, for many years he failed to rescue any of his patients, and was amazed when he found that 40 per cent of them subsequently had been cured by the A.A.

Dr. LaVerne stated that his researches showed the A.A. method succeeded precisely because it enabled the alcoholic to "develop and experience a newly found spiritual maturity—a source of inner strength." The psychiatrist said that although this concept of a curative process might be foreign to medical scientists—expressed in "a new language they do not fully understand as yet"—its success, attested by statistics, could not be overlooked.

What Alcoholics Anonymous does is assess accurately the cause and effect relationship involved in alcoholism. Instead of rating the basic cause of this diseased appetite as a physiological defect spurred on by compulsive mental weakness—as Dr. LaVerne says his fellow psychiatrists and doctors do—A.A. rescue parties assess the cause as lack of spiritual purpose. Their success is found in strengthening, through brotherly compassion, the self-discipline and dominion over runaway appetite that they know from their own hard-won experience is a latent spiritual resource of all men.

We hope Dr. LaVerne's advice will lead to wider understanding of this logical process among persons dealing with the alcoholism problem.

-Los Angeles Times

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GROUP NEWS

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

Arcade-April speakers: 5—Marian G., Coventry; 12—Ralph S., Newburgh; 19—Larry W., Newburgh; 26—Dave C., Kent, O.

Brooklyn—April speakers: B—Harry R., Stella Maris (a 20 year member); 13—Hank W., Brooklyn (a 20 year member); 20—George H., Brooklyn (his 8th anniversary); 27—Dan H., Fredericksburg, O.

Detroit Sunday-April speakers: 3—Doris B., Detroit Sunday; 10—Skid S., Newburgh; 17—Jay W., Edgelake; 24—Joe MC., Northeast.

Doan Men-April speakers: 6—Tom P., League Park; 13—Tim C., Shaker; 20—Kenny K., Doan Men; 27—Franklyn S., Doan Men.

Fairview Park-April speakers: 5—Harry R., Stella Maris; 12—Elwood O., Forest City; 19—Helen B., Cleveland Women; 26—Henry W., Euclid Wade.

Garden Valley-Thursday-April speakers: 7—Sam A., Garden Valley (his 11th anniversary); 14—Ralph S., Newburgh; 21—John Y., St. James; 28—Annabelle L., Garden Valley (her 3rd anniversary).

Garden Valley-Sunday-April speakers: 3—Charles P., Garden Valley (his first anniversary); 10—Julius B., Garden Valley his third anniversary; 17—Samuel N., Garden Valley (his ninth anniversary); 24—Dan S., Garden Valley.

Gordon Square—April speakers: 1—Ed H., Lee-Monday; 8—John W., West Park; 15—Ed B., Gordon Square; 22—Jack K., Matt Talbot; 29—John D., Brookside.

Hague-April speakers: 6—John H., Doan Men; 13—Emil W., Stella Maris; 20—Betsy LaR., Forest City; 27—Fred D., Coventry.

Independence-April speakers: 7—Jack N., Lorain Monday; 14—Mary G., 24 Hour; 21—Don R., West Shore; 28—Marie S., Cleveland Women.

Lake County-April speakers: 5—Hugh J., Middlefield, O.; 12—Jim N., Burton, O.; 19—Troy H., Fairport, O.; 26—Dick M., Mentor Plains.

Matt Talbot-April speakers: 2—Doc K., Broadway-55th; 9—Mary M., Clark; 16—Joe K., Ansel Road; 23—Joe G., Smith-Wilson; 30—John H., Doan Men.

Norwalk Truck Lines—April speakers: S—Jack N., Angle; 9—Dorothy McC., Detroit Sunday; 16—Harry D., Edgelake; 23—Lou R., Bedford (his first anniversary); 30—Les K., Detroit Mixed.

Rocky River—Starting April 10 the group will meet in Room 13 of the Rockport Methodist Church, across the street.

St. Clair Thursday-April speakers: 7—Jack H., St. Clair Thursday (his third anniversary); 14—Gene A., Garden Valley; 21—Bobbie M., Addison; 28—Ed S., Superior Stag.

Trinity-April speakers: 2—Waldo G., Edgelake; 9—John L., Edgelake; 16—Helen B., 24 Hour; 23—Annual Spring Dance held in conjunction with Brooklyn Group at Trinity (Music by Jack Swift); 30—Dave L., Matt Talbot.

West Park-April speakers: 5—Phil B., Independence; 12—Vern H., Detroit Sunday; 19—George H., Brooklyn; 26—Mollie H., Angle.

West 25th St.—April speakers: 4—John K., Newburgh; 11—George D., Crossroads; 18—Leo M., Edgelake; 25—Joe F., Hilltop (his 13th anniversary).

Women's House of Correction-April speakers: 6—Tom N.; 13—Tony K., Smith-Wilson; 20—George P.; 27—Closed meeting for women only—AA women and inmates. Nellie F. will be the speaker.

Refresher Training-April schedule: 6—Step & Tradition XI, W. 25th St.; 13—Step & Tradition XII, Ansel Road; 20—Sponsorship meeting; 27—Step & Tradition I, North Randall. These meetings are geared to help sponsors in thoroughly indoctrinating their "babies" into the program. They are held in Room 335, Illuminating Building, 75 Public Square, every Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. Refreshments and round table discussions after each meeting.

A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mr. Editor:

AS a woman who has surmounted a more intricate emotional system than any man ever did in the defeat of alcoholism, I am amazed by the way so many of the men seem to nurse their neurosis, hanging on to it and treasuring it, as though it were in fact the Power greater than themselves which has restored them to sanity. Of course the gals do this too but it does seem to me that the men are the worst offenders.

In spite of their long sobriety many old timers do not yet seem to believe in the full power of God. "Thou shalt have no other Gods before me." That means not a neurosis, nor a woman, nor pride, nor alcohol, nor vanity, nor a long list of other things. So many seem so involved with their neurosis that they seem to plan on having it the rest of their lives. They should drop it, stop the "down-looking" and "come up out of it" through complete surrender. God is good, the greatest good, all good, the Great Affirmative.

We must surrender, letting God come on to the playing field of our life in His way, not in our way. Much as I dislike catchy phrases, we alcoholics of all people must let go and let God. We must drop this petty, mortal, negative thinking.

—One of the Gals

SLOW TO SPEAK

Do you feel good when you have told somebody off? You were excited and eloquent, and thought of some classical names to call him, though you thought of better ones later; you chopped him off at the ankles, and you walked away feeling eight feet tall.

Then you thought things over and began to feel a little cheap. Anger subsides and the heroics collapse. You were probably unfair, and you were certainly unkind. He was sorry for you because you were hysterical. So he let you assert yourself like a giant. Apology is not easy. Eagerness has been chilled.

Emotion does not boil adjectives off the tongue. This is the calm process of justice. The mind and the will must now untangle passion's confusion. Now you wish that charity had kept your whip from lashing so wildly.

GIGGLES

Orator: We must change the status quo!

Citizen: What's status quo?

Orator: That, son, is Latin for the mess we're in.

"Have you the price of a meal, guvnor?"

"No, but don't worry. I'll manage somehow!"

The inveterate horseplayer hurried out to the track.

"Hope I break even today," he muttered, "I sure can use the money." * * *

Funeral director to aged mourner: "How old are you?"

"I'm 97; be 98 next month."

"Hardly worth going home, is it?"

Orchard: "My aunt was invited to a picnic and was told that, as her share, she should bring something to drink—she brought my uncle." *

My mother-in-law used to be bitter and sarcastic, but now she's just the opposite, she's sarcastic and bitter.

NURSING HOMES THAT TREAT ALCOHOLICS

(This listing does not necessarily indicate endorsement or approval)

Al-Ju, Inc. (MW) 28707 Euclid Ave., Wickliffe, O	WH 4-2244
Cleveland Alcoholic Hospital (MW) 7809 Euclid Ave.....	EX 1-8998
Dorothy McCauliffe Alcoholic Clinic (MW) 8304 Detroit.....	AT 1-3353
Farquharson's Home (M) 6037 Pearl Road, Parma.....	TU 5-1882
Keller's Nursing Home (M) 8023 Detroit Ave.....	ME 1-1635

CLEVELAND AREA GROUP MEETINGS

MONDAY

ADDISON-Good Shepherd Church, 7309 St. Clair Ave. 8:30
 BORTON-E. Cleveland Congrega. Church, Page and Euclid Ave. 8:30
 EARLY-EARLY-Plasterers Union Hall, 1661 E. 24th St. (near Payne Ave.) 7:00
 FRIENDLY SUBTJBBAN-6-7 Pearl 8:00
 LAICEWOOD MEN'S-St. Peter's Episcopal, W. Clifton and Detroit 9:00
LEE MONDAY-First Presbyter. Church, East Cleveland, Nela and Euclid 8:30
LORAIN AVE.-St. Ignatius Hall, Lorain Ave. at West Blvd. 8:30
 NEW HOPE-3804 Woodbine Ave. 8:30
 ORCHARD GROVE-Church of Ascension, 13216 Detroit Ave. 8:30
PEARL-Corpus Christi Basement, 4850 Pearl Road 8:30
RAMONA-9721 Ramona Blvd. 8:30
 SHAKER-Christ Episcopal Church, 3445 Warrensville Center Rd. 9:00
 SOUTH EAST-7526 Broadway 8:30
 TEMPLE-Temple Baptist, 7500 Cedar. 8:15
 UNION-East View Congregational Church, Kinsman at E. 15th St. 9:00
 WEST 25th ST.-Marvel Hall, 2858 W. 25th St. 9:00
 WOMEN'S-Westside-West Boulevard Christian Church, Madison and W. 101. 8:45
 ELYRIA MEN'S-St. Agnes Church, Lake Road at Bath St., Elyria, O. 8:30
 JEFFERSON, O.-St. Joseph's Church. 8:30
 VERMILION-Congregational Church 8:30
 WILLOUGHBY, O.-Presbyterian Church 8:30

TUESDAY

ARCADE-Old Stone Church, Public Square, Ontario entrance 8:00
 CLARK-1917 Clark Ave. 8:30
 CLOVER-(Women)-E. 46th, So. of Scovill Portland Outwaite Center 8:30
 CORI FIT MEN'S-Lisy's Greenhouses, 4141 E. 116th St. 9:00
 EAST SIDE WOMEN-11205 Euclid, Church of the r. Covenant 8:00
 EDGE LAKE-Lakewood YMCA, Community Room, 1691 S. Detroit 8:30
 EUCLID MORNING-Lake Shore Christian Church, Lake Shore Blvd. & 280. 10:30 A.M.
 EUCLID WADE Calvary Presbyterian Church E. 70th 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. 9:00
 HIL TOP-St. Joseph's Seminary, 17408 Euclid Ave. 8:45
 MAY VIND-Kenny Kind's Restaurant, Mayland Shopping C. m. Mayfield Hts. 8:30
 MITTS LEE-Mt. Home Lutheran Church, E. 164th north of H. of Miles Ave. 8:30
 SMITH WILSON-St. Joseph's School, 9321 Orleans Ave. 8:30
 SUPERIOR-N. 4th Presbyterian Church, E. 40th and Superior 9:00
 TRUSTY-Cleveland House of Correction, 1000 feet east of House of Correction. 8:00
 WEST PARK-Puritas Lutheran Church, Puritas Ave and W. 138th St. 8:30
 ASHT AND. O.-First Presbyterian Church, Church and No. Main Street 8:00 EST
 ASHTARTLA CONSOLIDATED-Methodist Church, South Broadway Geneva, Ohio-First Tuesday 8:30
 ASHTARTLA West-1320 Perryville Pl. 8:00
 LAKE COUNTY-Fellowship Hall Methodist Ch Rt 20, E. So. Wood. Mentor. 8:30
 LORAIN CENTRAL-Lorain, O. Trinity Church 8:30
 MANSFIELD-Episcopal Church, 41 Bowman St., Mansfield, O. 8:30 EST
 MEDINA O.-St. Paul's Epis. Par Hae. 8:30
 SANDYSKY O (Firelands)-First Presbyterian, Across from Post Office 7:30
 SHREVE-Shreve Armory, South St., Shreve, O. 8:30 EST
 STRONGSVILLE-Town Hall 8:30

WEDNESDAY

RAKTR-8437 Broadway 8:30
 BEDFORD-Masonic Temple, Tarbell Ave. 8:30
 BROOKLYN-K of P Hall, 3316 Broadview, East of Pearl Rd. 8:30
 C. Y. Y. - Birmingham, Co. Room 361, 55 Public Square (rear) 8:00
 COVINTON 945 E. 152nd St. 8:30
 DOAN MEN-YMCA (University Circle), 2055 E. 105th St. Second floor front. 8:30
 EASTSIDE MORNING-9606 Euclid Ave., Euclid Ave. Congre. (Side ent.) 10:30 a.m.
 GARFIELD HEIGHTS-Trinity Baptist, E. 94th and Garfield Blvd. 8:30
 HAGY-Grace Cong Assembly Hall, West 45th and Calgate 8:30
 LAKWOOD WOMEN-St. Peter's Epis 18001 Detroit Ave. (corner Clifton) 8:30
 LEE ROAD-First English Lutheran, Derbyshire and Euclid Hts. Blvd. 9:00

LORAIN AVE.-S.S. Philip & James Hall, 3689 Bosworth Road 9:00
 ST. JAMES-Fairfax Settlement House, E. 83rd St., betw'n Central & Quincy. 8:00
 ST. MARY-400 North S., Chardon, O. 8:30
 TRAINING-REFRESHER-Illuminating Bldg. (rear) Rm. 361, 55 Public Sq. 8:30
 TWENTY-FOUR HOUR-13216 Detroit, Church of the Ascension. 8:30
 WARRENSVILLE-Women's House Cor. 7:30
 WEDNESDAY NIGHT DISCUSSION (STAG) 13806 Ardenal Ave. 8:00
 WEST SIDE (Closed)-Twelfth Step Club 8304 Detroit Ave. 8:30
 WOMEN'S-Lorain County-St. Vincent De Paul Church, Detroit Rd., (Rt. 254 & 57) 8:30
 ASHTABULA COUNTY WOMEN-Harris Memorial, W. 58th & Adams, Ashtabula Second and Fourth Wednesday 7:30
 BRUNSWICK, O., Lance & Co. Corner Rts. 303 and 42 8:30
 CONNEAUT MEN-Conneaut, Ohio B. of L. E. Hall, Whitney Block, Main St. 8:30
 ELYRIA, O.-St. Paul Building, Third and Middle, side entrance 8:30
 FAIRPORT HARBOR-Luther Center, 525 Eagle St., Fairport Harbor, O. 8:00
 INTERRACIAL-30th & Wood, Lorain, O., Mt. Zion Baptist Church. 8:30
 MANSFIELD-A. A. Clubrooms, 40 1/2 No. Main, Mansfield, O. 8:30 EST
 WICKLIFFE, O.-28917 Euclid (side-up) 8:30

THURSDAY

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
 COVENTRY-Fairmount Presby. Church, Scarborough and Fairmount Blvd. 8:30
 CRIT F HOSPITAL-Library 8:00
 CROSSROADS-Bethany Presbyterian Church, W. 65th and Clinton 9:00
 EAST SHORE WOMEN-First Baptist Ch., 1565 Chardon Rd., near Euclid. 8:30
 GARDEN VALLEY-(Outwaite) 7100 Kinsman Ave. 8:00
 HAWTHORNE N STATE HOSPITAL, Macedonia, O Basement of New Employees Bldg. 8:00
 NORTH RANDALL-Village Hall, 21937 Miles Ave. 9:00
 PARMA HEIGHTS-4400 Pearl Road, Laux Realty Basement (rear) 8:30
 ROCKY RIVER-Rockport Methodist Church, 3110 Womser Road 9:00
 ST CLAIR THURSDAY-Glenville Cong. Church, (side ent.) St. Clair & Eddy. 8:30
 TRUSTY-Cleveland House of Correction, 1000 feet east of House of Correction 8:00
 WEST SIDE-7403 Denison Ave. 10:30 A.M.
 AMHERST-St. Peter's Ev & Ref Church, Church St. North Amherst O. 8:30
 ASHLAND THURSDAY-I.O.O.F. Hall, 302 Claremont, Ashland, O. 8:00 EST
 ASHTABULA HARROR-North End Club, Corner Walnut Blvd. & Lake Ave. 8:30
 BEREA-Fine Arts Club E. Bagley Rd., 3 doors east of Eastland Rd. 9:00
 EAST LAKE-Bethel Lutheran Church, 32400 Vine St. 8:30
 INDEPENDENCE, O.-at. John's Lutheran Hall, Second and Sunset 9:00

FRIDAY

ANSEL ROAD-St. Thomas Church, 9205 Superior Ave. 8:30
 BROADWAY-HARVARD-8437 Broadway 9:00
 CEDAR-Salvation Army, 5005 Euclid 8:15
 CHARTY-Amphitheatre, 6th Floor, St. Vincent's Charity Hospital 8:30
 CLEVELAND WOMEN-Hotel Cleveland. 6:00
 EUCLID FRIDAY-Church of Epiphany, E. 210th and Lake Shore Blvd. 9:00
 FRANKLIN-3804 Woodbine Ave. 8:30
 FRIDAY AFTERNOON WOMEN-Plymouth Church, Coventry and Drexmore, Krumbine Room 1:00
 GORDON SQUARE-St. Helena's Hall, 1367 W. 68th St. 9:00
 LEE ROAD-American Legion Hall, Post 163, 15544 Euclid Ave. 9:00
 NORTH EAST-Town House Motel, 15661 Euclid Ave. 8:30
 SOLIDARTY-Hubbard Memorial Center E. 84th and Cedar. 8:30
 STEELMARTS MIXED 1320 Washington Ave. 8:15
 TAPCO-23555 Euclid Ave. 9 p. m. Second Friday of each month
 WEST SIDE YOUNG PEOPLE-Lkwd Cong. Ch., 1375 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
 CHAGRIN FALLS, O.-American Legion, E. Orange St. 8:30

CHARDON-Pilgrim Christian Church, 113 South Street, Chardon, O. 9:00
 ELYRIA-St. Agnes Church, Lake & Bass 8:30
 CONNEAUT, O.- B. of L. E. Hall. 8:30
 WELLINGTON-St. Patrick's Catholic Church, No. Main St., Wellington, O. 8:30

SATURDAY

BROADWAY-CABLE-St. John's Lutheran Church, Cable at Broadway. 8:30
 FOREST CITY-6619 Denison Ave. 9:00
 JACK & HEINTZ-17600 Broadway 8:30
 LANDER CIRCLE-Garfield Mem. Methodist, Cor. Lander Rd. and Route 422. 9:00
 LEAGUE PARK-Emmanuel Episcopal (basement) 8611 Euclid Ave. 9:00
 LIBERTY-945 E. 152nd St. 9:00
 MAPLE HTS.-Luth. Church of f. t., 19000 Libby Rd., cor. Maple Hts. Blvd. 8:30
 MATT TA LBOT-St. Philip Neri Church, E. 82nd and St. Clair 8:30
 MEMPHIS-Lakewood Congregational Ch., 1375 W. Clifton, Cor. Detroit Ave. 9:00
 NORWALK TRUCK LINES-1147 E. 55th St., at Shores Drive 9:00
 PARMA-Ridgewood Savings & Loan, 5950 Ridne Road 8:45
 PLAINS-Mentor Plains Methodist Church, Mentor, O., Routes 306 & 283 9:00
 REDWOOD-Euclid Lutheran Church, E. 260th and Oriole. 8:30
 TRINITY-Trinity Evangelical Church, 3525 W. 25th St. 9:00
 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 SATNITE-Alconon Club, 345 Broad Str., Elyria, O. 8:30
 MANSFIELD-AA Clubrooms, 40% No. Main St., Mansfield, O. 7:30 EST
 WEST RICHFIELD-Consolidated Church, Route 303, just west of Route 21. 9:00

SUNDAY

AVON CENTRAL-Basement Central Bank 36690 Detroit Road, Avon, O. 8:00
 BEDFORD HEIGHTS-Village Hall, 5661 Perkins Rd., Bedford Heights. 7:30
 BRACKSVILLE VETERANS HOSPITAL, Broadview and Oakes 7:30
 BROOKSIDE-Blessed Sacrament Church, Storers and Fulton (downstairs) 8:30
 C.A.H. DISCUSSION-C.A.H. Clubrooms, 7809 Euclid Avenue 10:45 A.M.
 COTTINWOOD-945 E. 152nd St. 7:30
 DETROIT SUNDAY-8704 Detroit Avenue 7:30 P. M.
 GARDEN VALLEY-7100 Kinsman Ave., 7106 Kinsman Ave. 4:30
 GOLF LAKELANDS-Trinity Lutheran, Redbird & Chanel No. Madison, O. 3:00
 LAKWOOD ARMORY 1417 Wayne Ave. South of Detroit 9:00
 LORAIN COUNTY Y CONSOLIDATED-First Sunday of each month St. John's School, Rt. 58, Lorain 7:30
 MARIA JOSEPH DISCUSSION GROUP-Platenstams Hall, 1651 E. 24th St. 2:00
 MSTT PTOF-St Thomas Church, 9205 Superior Ave. 7:00
 NEWBURY-St. Helena's Church, Rt 87 8:15
 NEWBURGH-St. Catherine's Church, 1441 E 93rd St 8:30
 SUPERIOR STAG-8801 Superior 11 A.M.
 TRUSTY-Cleveland House of Correction, 1000 feet east of House of Correction 5:00
 YOUR-Charter House, Euclid and 248. 7:15
 TWILIGHT-Grange Hall, Rt. 60, Axle, O. 7:30
 WARRENSVILLE-Cooley Farms Recreation Room. 10:00 A.M.
 CHIPPWA-SEVILLE-V.F.W. Hall, Seville, O. 8:00
 GENSWA, O.-Legion Hall, Park St., corner of So. Peote 7:30
 PAINESVILLE SUNDAY-S: Mary's School, (Basem't) No. State St. Painesville. 7:30

ALANON GROUP MEETINGS

CALVARY-Calvary Presbyterian Church, E. 79th and Euclid. Tuesdays, 8:30
 SOUTH EAST-Made Hts. Presb. Church, 1571 S. Elby Road. Tuesday, 8:00
 EUCLID-26851 Gary Ave. Wed., 8:00
 CHARTY-St. Vincent Charity Hospital, E. 22nd and Central. Friday, 8:30
 GARDEN VALLEY-(Outwaite) 2nd and 4th Sunday 4:30

AA CLEVELAND DISTRICT OFFICE

205 Frederick Bldg., 2063 E. 4th St. CH 1-7387
1st THURSDAY EVERY MONTH
 CENTR AT COMMITTEE-Hanna Building, Room 401. 8:30
3rd TUESDAY EVERY MONTH
 HOSPITAL COMMITTEE-Hanna Building, Room 401. 8:30

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UNSELFISHNESS

AN AA FABLE

At first blush, unselfishness would seem to be the simplest of all to understand, define and accomplish. But we have a long road to travel because ours was a real mastery of the exact opposite during our drinking days.

A little careful thought will show that unselfishness in its finest sense, the kind for which we must strive in our way of life, is not easy to reach or describe in detail. In the final analysis, it must gain for us the selflessness which is our spiritual cornerstone, the real significance of our anonymity.

Proceeding with the question method of digesting the absolute, we suggest you ask yourself over and over again in judging what you are about to do, say, think or decide, "How will this affect the other fellow?"

Our unselfishness must include not merely that which we do for others but that which we do for ourselves. I once heard an oldtimer say that this was a 100% selfish program in one respect, namely that we had to maintain our own sobriety and its quality before we could possibly help others in a maximum degree. Yet we know that we must give of ourselves to others in order to maintain our own sobriety, in a spirit of complete selflessness with no thought of reward. How do we put these two things together?

Well, for one thing, it points up that we shall gain in direct proportion to the real help we give others. How many of us make hospital calls simply because we think we need to do it to stay sober? Those who think only of their own need and who reflect little on the question of doing the fellows at the hospital some genuine good, are missing the boat. We know, for we used to make hospital calls in much the same way that we took vitamin pills.

Then one day in our early sobriety, we were asked to call on a female patient. There weren't enough gals to go around in those days and the men were called in to help. Never will we forget the anxiety on the way to that nursing home. And after nearly two hours of earnest talk we left one of the noblest women we will ever meet, equally worried about whether we had helped or hurt or perhaps had accomplished nothing at all. Some of her questions stayed with us. We thought of better answers later on, and returned to see her several times.

We are helped on our long journey to unselfishness by our great mission of understanding which sometimes seems as precious as the gift of sobriety itself. But the quality cannot be confined alone to that which we do for others. We must be unselfish even in our own pursuits of self-preservation. Not the least of our aid to others comes from the example of our own lives.

Is there any protection against that first drink which equals our thought of what it may do to others, those whose unselfish love guided us in the beginning, and those whom we in turn guided later on? We are again reminded of the last verse of an anonymous poem:

*I must remember as I go
Through sober days, both high and low,
What I must always seem to be
For him who always follows me,*

**Self pity rules out
any sympathy from
others, for one can-
not hope to match
the pity one feels
for one-self.**

Once upon a time there was a very nice member who stayed sober for years. He was an inspiration to his colleagues in AA. He was solid AA in the eyes of all. He hadn't lost his family or his job, although that was due to the tolerance of his wife and boss, and not because his drinking career was anything short of terrific. Yet he often said that he didn't get much cooperation or understanding at home or on the job in relation to AA.

There was one very unusual thing about this fellow. He had two heads. One head he wore to AA meetings. The other one he wore at home and on the job. He used to say that the latter was his tolerant head, which enabled him to put up with his wife and his boss.

One evening, having dawdled over dinner while watching television, he found that he was late for meeting. He had no chance to put on his AA head until he was in the car. While at the meeting thieves rifled his car of everything worthwhile including his other head. He was frantic. He would now have to wear his AA head all the time and, he thought, it simply wouldn't do. How could he possibly put up with his wife and kids and neighbors and non-AA friends, or the boss and the dull grind of the job and the dumb stupid fellow employees who didn't understand.

Let's examine his predicament. We are the world's greatest rationalizers. We intend to live the AA program. Where? Why in our AA meetings and activities of course! As we once heard a member say, "I gave up the job because there were no other AA's working there and nobody understood me." And we once heard another say,

"Well, I'll admit it doesn't fit into the program, but you have to do that sort of thing to make a living." Still others say, "My family doesn't understand, I can't get them to cooperate with AA." We must recognize that it's what we understand and what we do that constitutes our living of the program. Others will come around, or if not then let's find out, the sooner the better. Until our own problem of honesty is frankly faced and firmly resolved, we are not qualified to even start finding the answers to the reality of our total sober life.

It is not easy, this abandonment of our two heads. It's slow, tedious and uphill. But it's worth the hard work involved. The freedom and joy of being one person, not having to curry favor, not having to fool anybody, the unshifting eyes and the steady nerves, are well worth the fight. Then will we be practicing "these principles in all our affairs." Then will we be on Twelve Steps of Recovery and not Eleven and One-half.

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A speaker the other night said that meetings could grow monotonous. Seems to us that the fault lies in him; we heard one man say that he went to meetings to find out something he didn't know, and be reminded of things he had forgotten. By us, any meeting can and always does just this.

ANALYZE YOURSELF

PART II

(Continued from the March issue of Central Bulletin)

CHARACTERISTICS INDICATING PROGRESS TOWARD EMOTIONAL MATURITY

1. Feeling free to please other people—the ability and the desire to do nice things without desire for either personal gain or recognition.
2. The ability to accept compliments graciously.
3. The ability to share with others—the desire to give to others—regard for the needs of others with ability to forego, the gratification of your own satisfaction graciously.
4. The ability to appraise yourself with **complete honesty**.
5. The ability to appraise honestly the shortcomings of your family and friends which cannot be changed and the ability to accept such things graciously.
6. The ability to be in the limelight occasionally without being either fearful or impressed.
7. Having an honest self-respect.
8. Accepting responsibility promptly for your own wrongs or mistakes without any effort to blame others.
9. Willingness to admit character weaknesses and willingness to desire to change them if possible.
10. Respect for the individuality of others.
11. Modesty in all attitude and action—feeling emotionally comfortable when no attention is paid you at all.
12. Welcoming responsibility.
13. Feeling of being **accepted—of** belonging.
14. Ability to be comfortable while alone—and to meditate and contemplate.
15. Realistic awareness of the need to live in a way to meet the requirements of your own mental, emotional and physical health.
16. Ability to wait your turn—calmness and **patience—**ability to see the other fellow's **point** of view—flexibility.
17. Accepting and welcoming responsibility toward yourself and others as a challenge and means of your own inner growth—enjoying the present moment.
18. Ability to develop new interests—appreciating the significance of life and people around you.
19. Continuous search for ethical and spiritual values to gain a real understanding of your own place in the universe — ever seeking a deeper understanding of yourself and others and life around you.
20. Ability to do a hard job well solely for personal gratification rather than external recognition.
21. Moderation in all things.
22. Ability to show love and warmth toward your fellow man under all circumstances.
23. Ability to accept criticism, even unjust criticism, with grace, **not being hurt** by it, but rather learning from it.
24. Ability to establish the closest emotional ties with others while still remaining independent yourself.

OHIO GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE

Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel, August 19-20-21, 1960

A most interesting program is being prepared by the large committee for what promises to be one of the best attended General Service Conferences in America. Inquiries are coming in from the surrounding states and it is evident that much is expected from "the cradle of AA" area, as this Akron-Cleveland area is called. We will not let them down!

Many of our visitors remember the thrills they experienced at the tenth and twentieth anniversaries held in Cleveland and preparations are being made to accommodate 10,000 or more.

Keep the dates open . . . August 19-26-21, 1960.

OBITUARIES

Three of Cleveland's old-time stalwarts have left these mortal shores during the past four weeks. Each has left a very great gap in his respective group. Our deepest sympathy goes out to their bereaved families. They are:

Peter J. Garvey, a member and one of the founders of the **Parma** group, died after a long illness on Monday, March 28. Pete, as he was known to his host of friends throughout the city and state, was a tireless and effective worker. For many years he also was interested in rehabilitating men who were members of the AA Fellowship in Ohio Penitentiary.

Edwin C. Vones, former secretary of the Miles-Lee group, who on Nov. 22 observed his **eighteenth** anniversary, died suddenly on Wednesday, March 30. Ed was also a tireless and willing worker, and was in great demand as a speaker locally, in Ohio, as well as in Canada.

Guy W. Prosser, one of the originals of the Shaker group, died on Thursday, April 21, after a brief illness and surgery.

THE RUMORS STILL PERSIST

Since September, 1959, when the present Hospital Committee began holding monthly meetings with representatives of AA groups, disturbing rumors concerning all five nursing homes in the Cleveland Area have been reported. It has been said that one or two places medicate the patients excessively. One place has been accused of brutality to patients; another place has been accused of brutality to sponsors or kin of patients. The payment of commissions to "bird-dogs" has been attributed to one home.

The use of **Antabuse** has been rumored to be frequently advised and encouraged by the management of one home. It has been heard that approaches to a drinking problem that are not a part of AA therapy have been advocated, without discrimination by one or two operators. These and other hearsay reports have reached the ears of the Hospital Committee.

We, the members of your Hospital Committee, are not policemen or detectives, and we would not want such powers. Our intentions have been to obtain the cooperation of nursing home operators by persuasion, and some success has rewarded our efforts. However, we recognize our obligation to move or disprove such rumors. If they can be disproved, the operators deserve to be cleared; if they are proved, the finger must be pointed at the offender, and appropriate action must be taken.

It is worth noting that our so-called information rarely comes from the horse's mouth. At best, we get the word second-hand; usually the report is third-, fourth- and fifth-hand. Many of our investigations have revealed the sources to be idle gossip—the dangerous, damaging pastime of uninformed, irresponsible members, wet or dry. Sometimes an investigation has disclosed that the originator of a complaint was far from sober at the time of an alleged happening, and his subsequent recollection was largely alcoholic fantasy. Rumors concerning any operator have been known to be put into circulation by competing operators. Troublesome, unprincipled, insincere patients have done their share of the dirty work, too.

Your Hospital Committee stands ready to act on any reliable, first-hand complaint. The identity of the complainant will be protected, and the complainant will not be involved without his or her consent. Any action that is taken will be carefully considered and competently advised beforehand. The best interests of all concerned will guide us in what we do. In the meantime, may we remind you that diligent, dedicated sponsorship will do much to safeguard the welfare of those unfortunates in pajamas.

The Hospital Committee meets with group representatives, and any other AA members who are interested, on the third Tuesday of each month except June, July and August. Meetings are held at 8:30 p.m., in Room 401, Hanna Bldg. The next meeting will be held May 17, 1960.

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GROUP NEWS

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

Addison-May speakers: 2-Harry P., Collinwood; 9—Jim W., Liberty; 16—Big Jo, Collinwood; 23—Jack K., Liberty; 30—Jack M., Charity;

Brooklyn—Observes its Twentieth Anniversary on Wednesday, May 11, with former Clevelander Matt T. of Grand Rapids, Mich., as speaker. The meeting will be held in Trinity United Church of Christ Auditorium. An organ recital at 8 p.m. will precede the meeting. Other May speakers: &Richard F., Wooster; 18—Joe K., Brooklyn (his 3th anniversary); 25—Bob T., Garrettsville.

Crossroads—May speakers: 5—Ambrose T., Angle; 12—Larry R., Berea; 19—Agnes N., Mistletoe; 26—Dave S., Forest City.

Detroit Sunday-May speakers: 1—Bill D., Edgelake; 8—Pete B., Detroit Sunday; 15—Tom T., Lorain Wednesday; 22—John B., Lakewood -Men; 29—Bob B., Avon, O.

Doan Men's—May speakers: 4—Andy S., Doan Men's; 11—Frank K., Ramona; 18—Frank L., Corlett Men's; 25—Ralph K., Doan Men's.

Friendly Suburban-May speakers: 2—Bill Y., Elyria; 9—Marion G., Newburg; 16—Jim V., Friendly Suburban; 23—Gilbert G., Elyria; 30—Doug Me., Friendly Suburban.

Garden Valley (**Outhwaite**)—Observes its 14th Anniversary on Sunday, May 15, at 4 p.m. The guest speaker will be Ann C., of Niles, O. Other May speakers: (Sunday 4:30) 1—Curtis N., Lorain; 8—Nellie F., West Side Morning; 22—Bob C., Garden Valley; 29—Jimmy F., Garden Valley (his 6th anniversary). (Thursday 8 p.m.) 5—Fred L., Garden Valley (his first anniversary); 12—Harry S., Garden Valley; 19—Harvey W., Lorain; 26—Agnes B., Garden Valley.

Gordon Square-May speakers: 6—Stan P., Smith-Wilson; 13—Jim S., W. 25th; 20—George G., Forest City; 27—Neil C., Parma Heights.

Liberty-May speakers: 7—Tom V., Borton; 14—Jim D., Edgelake; 21—Doc K., Broadway-55th; 28—Bill S., Lorain Monday.

Mansfield-A new Sunday night group was started on Sunday, March 27, and has attracted a goodly number. It meets in the new Mansfield clubrooms which have been newly decorated and renovated. They are located at 20½ South Park Street, above the Camera Shop. Also meeting in the new quarters are the Wednesday and Saturday groups.

Matt Talbot-May speakers: 7—Joe G., Smith Wilson; 14—Lou C., Coventry; 21—13th Anniversary—Moses Y. the Amish Man; 28—Neil C., Parma Heights.

Parma Heights—May speakers: 5—Art N., Pearl Rd.; 12—Bill T., Lodi; 19—Pat W., Vermillion; 26—Clay H., Norwalk Truck.

St. Clair Thursday-May speakers: 5—Gerry F., Trinity (Neil G.'s 3rd anniversary); 12—Dr. William S., Northeast; 19—Esther R., St. James; 26—Jim C., Kirtland, O.

Trinity-May speakers: 7—James D., Edgelake; 14—O. D. McK., Free Lancer; 21—Mary L., Lorain Monday; 28—John M., Memphis.

Valleyview-May speakers: 7—Ed. C., Newburg; 14—Bob L., Independence; 21—Miriam G., Strongsville; 28—Bill K., Valleyview (his 12th anniversary).

West Park-May speakers: 3—Dan B., Cedar; 1&—George DeL., Crossroads; 17—Clyde B., Valleyview; 24—Bill S., Lorain Monday; 31—Ruth V., West Side Women's.

West Side Women-AA's first women's group will observe its Nineteenth Anniversary on Monday, May 16, at 9 p.m. The speaker will be Dr. Andy M., of Akron, O. Members of both sexes are welcome.

West Shore—We hasten to apologize for the unintentional removal of the group's listing in the Group Meeting List on Page 4 of the last two issues of the Bulletin. We plead guilty to careless proofreading. It's in this issue, and we promise to be more attentive in the future.

West 25th—May speakers: 2—Dick H., Smith-Wilson; 9—Neil C., Parma Heights; X—Jerry J., Strongsville; 23—Jerry W., Angle; 30—Betsy L., Forest City.

Women's House of Correction—May speakers: 4—Tony M.; 11—Joe F.; 18—John D.; 25—Bobby M. (Closed) Women only.

Refresher-Training-May schedule: 4—Step & Tradition II, Lakewood Armory; 11—Step & Tradition III, Angle; 18—Step & Tradition IV, Gordon Square; 25—Step & Tradition V, Brookside.

FOUNDERS DAY

The 25th Anniversary of AA will be observed in Akron at its annual Founders Day meeting on Sunday, June 5, at 2:30 p.m. Bill W., co-founder of AA, will be the speaker. Plans are being made to observe this Silver Anniversary with two full days of celebration, starting with a large variety of good AA activities for the early arrivals.

The meeting will be held in massive Akron University Memorial Hall which is air conditioned and ideal acoustically.

Visitors will come from many sections of the United States and Canada. It should be and undoubtedly will be a memorable occasion.

BIG SISTERS MEET

The Big 'Sisters of AA will hold their fourth annual Conference on Sunday, May 15, at 1:30 p.m. in St. John School, 36th St. and Grove, Lorain, O. (Entrance on 36th St., off Route 57.)

For further information write Clara R. B., Secretary, Box 272, Elyria, O.

BY DAY AND BY HOUR

God broke our years to hours and days, that hour by hour, and day by day, just going on a little way, we might be able all along to be quite strong. Should all the weight of life be laid across our shoulder, and the future strife, with all its woe and struggle, meet us face to face at just one place, we could not go, our feet would stop. And so, God lays a little on us every day. And never I believe on all the way will burdens bear so deep, or pathways lie so threatening or so steep, but we can go, if by God's grace we only bear the burden of the hour.

—Frederick Lingell—1862

RANDOM THOUGHTS

We've always felt that the AA program should prepare one for dealing with a non-alcoholic world. In other words, if we have to stay sober by avoiding, or at best only tentatively dipping into the mainstream of life, and spending the majority of our time and effort consorting with, doing business with, and socializing with AA's, then some part of this program has passed us by, or vice versa. Let's face it: only about 5% of the population is alcoholic as we define the term, and only a fraction of them are actively practicing AA's. If, after we have seen the light, we refuse to mingle with the other 95% for fear we will lose our sobriety, then we are not "practicing these principles in all our affairs." We didn't come into AA to hide from all the pressures and problems, the opportunities and challenges of the world about us, but rather to fit ourselves to tackle these things without alcohol. If AA doesn't teach us to live in this world successfully, then something's wrong—and it isn't the program, you can bet. If all the non-AA's you see are out of step and only you are on the beam, you had better stop and take a close look at yourself.

NURSING HOMES THAT TREAT ALCOHOLICS

(This listing does not necessarily indicate endorsement or approval)

Al-Ju, Inc. (MW) 28707 Euclid Ave., Wickliffe, O	.....	..WH 4-2244
Cleveland Alcoholic Hospital (MW) 7809 Euclid Ave	.....	..EX 1-8998
Dorothy McCauliffe Alcoholic Clinic (MW) 8304 Detroit	.....	..AT 1-3353
Farquharson's Home (M) 6037 Pearl Road, Parma	.....	..TU 5-1882
Keller's Nursing Home (M) 8023 Detroit Ave	.....	..ME 1-1635

CLEVELAND AREA GROUP MEETINGS

MONDAY

ADDISON-Good Shepherd Church, 7309 St. Clair Ave. 8:30
 BORTON-E. Cleveland Congrega. Church, Page and Euclid Ave. 8:30
 EARLY-EARLY-Plastererr Union Hall, 1661 E. 24th St. (near Payne Ave.) 7:00
 FRIENDLY SUBURBAN-6037 Pearl 8:00
 LAKEWOOD MEN'S-St. Peter's Episcopal, W. Clifton and Detroit 9:00
 LEE MONDAY-W & Presbyter. Church, East Cleveland, Nela and Euclid 8:30
 LORAIN AVE.-St. Ignatius Hall, Lorain Ave. at West Blvd. 8:30
 NEW HOPE-3804 Woodbine Ave. 8:30
 ORCHARD GROVE-Church of Ascension, 13216 Detroit Ave. 8:30
 PEARL-Corpus Christi Basement, 4850 Pearl Road 8:30
 RAMONA-9721 Ramona Blvd. 8:30
 SHAKER-Christ Episcopal Church, 3445 Warrensville Center Rd. 9:00
 SOUTH MST-7326 Broadway 8:30
 TEMPLE-Temple Baptist, 7500 Cedar 8:15
 UNION-East View Congregational Church, Kinsman at E. 156th St. 9:00
 WEST 25th ST.-Marvel Hall, 2858 W. 25th St. 9:00
 WOMEN'S-Westside-West Boulevard Christian Church, Madison and W. 101 8:45
 ELYRIA YEN-St. Agnes Church, Lake Road at Bath St., Elyria, O. 8:30
 JEFFERSON, O.-St. Joseph's Church 8:30
 VERMILION-Congregational Church 8:30
 WILLOUGHBY, O.-Presbyterian Church 8:30

TUESDAY

ARCADE-Old Stone Church, Public Square, Ontario entrance. 8:00
 CLARK-1917 Clark Ave. 8:30
 CLOVER-(Women)-E. 46th. So. of Scovill Portland-Outhwaite Center 8:30
 CORLETT MEN'S-Lisy's Greenhouses, 4141 E. 116th St. 9:00
 EAST SIDE WOMEN-1205 Euclid, Church of the Covenant 8:00
 EDGELAKE-Lakewood YMCA, Community Room, 16915 Detroit 8:30
 EUCLID MORN'NG-Lake Shore Christian Church, Lake Shore Blvd. & 280 10:30 A.M.
 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. 9:00
 HILLTOP-St. Joseph's Seminary, 17608 Euclid Ave. 8:45
 MAY-LYND-Kenny King's Restaurant, May-Land Shopping Cn. Mayfield Hts. 8:30
 MILES-FE-Mt. Hope Lutheran Church, E. 164th, north of Miles Ave. 8:30
 SMITH-WILSON-St. Joseph's School, 9321 Orleans Ave. 8:30
 SUPERIOR-North Presbyterian Church, E. 46th and Superior 9:00
 TRUSTY-Cleveland House of Correction, 1000 feet east of House of Correction 8:00
 WEST PARK-Puritas Lutheran Church, Puritas Ate. and W. 138th St. 8:30
 ASHLAND, O.-First Presbyterian Church, Church and No. Main Street 8:00 EST
 ASHTABULA CONSOLIDATED-Methodist Church, South Broadway Geneva, Ohio-First Tuesday 8:30
 ASHTABULA-West-1320 Perryville Pl. 8:00
 LAKE COUNTY-Fellowship Hall, Methodist Ch., Rt. 20, E. So. Wood, Mentor 8:30
 LORAIN CENTRAL-Lorain, O. Trinity Church 8:30
 MANSFIELD-Episcopal Church, 41 Bowman St., Mansfield, O. 8:30 EST
 MEDINA O.-St. Paul's Epis. Par. Hse. 8:30
 SANDUSKY, O. (Firelands)-First Pres-terian, Across from Post Office 7:30
 SHREVE-Shreve Armory, South St. Shreve, O. 8:30 EST
 STRONGSVILLE-Town Hall 8:30

WEDNESDAY

RAXTER-8417 Broadway 8:30
 BEDFORD-Masonic Temple, Tarbell Ave. 8:30
 BROOKLYN-K. of B. Hall, 3516 Broadway, East of Pearl Rd. 8:30
 c. E. I.-Illuminating Co. Room 361, 55 Public Square (rear) 8:00
 COLLINWOOD-945 E. 152nd St. 8:30
 DOAN MEN-YMCA (University Circle), 2055 E. 105th St., Second floor front, 8:30
 EASTSIDE MORNING-9606 Euclid Ave., Euclid Ave. Congre. (Side ent.) 10:30 a.m.
 GARFIELD HEIGHTS-Trinity Baptist, E. 94th and Garfield Blvd. 8:30
 HAGUE-Grace Cong. Assembly Hall, West 65th and Colgate 8:18
 LAKWOOD WOMEN-St. Peter's Episc'l 18001 Detroit Ave. (corner Clifton) 8:30
 LEE ROAD-First English Lutheran, Derbyshire and Euclid H b. Blvd. 9:00

LORAIN AVE.-S.S. Philip & James Hall, 3689 Bosworth Road 9:00
 ST. JAMES-Fairfax Settlement House, E. 83rd St., betwn Central & Quincy 8:00
 ST. MARY-400 North S., Chardon, O. 8:30
 TRAINING-REFRESHER-Illuminating Bldg. (rear) Rm. 361, 55 Public Sq. 8:30
 TWENTY-FOUR HOUR-13216 Detroit, Church of the Ascension 8:30
 WARRENSVILLE-Women's House Cor. 7:30
 WEDNESDAY NIGHT DISCUSSION-(STAG) 13806 Ardenal Ave. 8:00
 WEST SHORE-West Shore Unitarian, 20401 Hilliard Rd., Rocky River 9:00
 WEST SIDE (Closed)-Twelfth Step Club 8304 Detroit Ave. 8:30
 WOMEN'S-Lorain County-St. Vincent De Paul Church, Detroit Rd., (Rt.254 & 57) 8:30
 ASHTABULA COUNTY WOMEN-Harris Memorial, W. 58th & Adams, Ashtabula Second and Fourth Wednesday 7:30
 BRUNSWICK, O., Lance & Co. Corner Rts. 303 and 42 8:30
 CONNEAUT MEN-Conneaut, Ohio B. of L.E. Hall, Whitney Block, Main St. 8:30
 ELYRIA, O.-St. Paul Building, Third and Middle, side entrance 8:30
 FAIRPORT HARBOR-Luther Center, 525 Eagle St., Fairport Harbor, O. 8:00
 INTERRACIAL-30th & Wood, Lorain, O., Mt. Zion Baptist Church 8:30
 MANSFIELD, O.-20 1/2 S. Park 8:00 E.S.T.
 WICKLIFFE, O.-28917 Euclid (side-up) 8:30

THURSDAY

ALLENDALE-St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 16837 Euclid Ave. 8:30
 ANGLE-St. Malachi's Church, 2549 Washington Ave. 8:30
 BROADWAY-55th-Our Lady of Lourdes School Hall 8:30
 COVENTRY-Fairmount Presby. Church, Scarborough and Fairmount Blvd. 8:30
 CRILE HOSPITAL-Library 8:00
 CROSSROADS-Bethany Presbyterian Church, W. 65th and Clinton 9:00
 EAST SHORE WOMEN-First Baptist Ch., 1565 Chardon Rd., near Euclid 8:30
 GARDEN VALLEY-(Outhwaite) 7100 Kinsman Ave. 8:00
 HAWTHORN DEN STATE HOSPITAL, Macedonia, O. Basement of New Employees Bldg. 8:00
 NORTH RANDALL-Village Hall, 21937 Miles Ave. 9:00
 PARMA HEIGHTS-6400 Pearl Road, Laux Realty Basement (rear) 8:30
 ROCKY RIVER-Rockport Methodist, church, 33 to Wooster Road 9:00
 ST. CLAIR-THURSDAY-Glenville Cong. Church, (side ent.) St. Clair & Eddy 8:30
 TRUSTY-Cleveland House of Correction, 1000 feet east of House of Correction 8:00
 WEST SIDE-7403 Denison Ave. 10:30 A.M.
 AMHERST-SC. Peter's Ev. & Ref. Church, Church St., North Amherst, O. 8:30
 ASHLAND THURSDAY-I.O.O.F. Hall, 302 Claremont, Ashland, O. 8:00 EST
 ASHTARULA HARBOR-North End Club, Comer Walnut Blvd. & Lake Ave. 8:30
 BERA- Fine Arts Club, E. Bagley Rd., 3 doors east of Eastland Rd. 9:00
 EAST LAKE-Bethel Lutheran Church, 32400 Vine St. 8:30
 INDEPENDENCE, O.-St. John's Lutheran Hall, Second and Sunset 9:00

FRIDAY

ANSEL ROAD-St. Thomas Church, 9205 Superior Ave. 8:30
 BROADWAY-HARVARD-8437 Broadway 9:00
 CEDAR-Salvation Army, 3006 Euclid 8:15
 CHARITY-Amphitheatre, 6th Floor, St. Vincent's Charity Hospital 8:30
 CLEVELAND WOMEN-Hotel Cleveland 6:00
 EUCLID FRIDAY-Church of Epiphany, E. 210th and Lake Shore Blvd. 9:00
 FRANKLIN-3804 Woodbine Ave. 8:30
 FRIDAY AFTERNOON WOMEN-Plymouth Church, Coventry and Drexmore, Krumbine Room 1:00
 GORDON SQUARE-St. Helena's Hall, 1367 W. 65th St. 9:00
 LEE ROAD-American Legion Hall, Post 163, 15544 Euclid Ave. 9:00
 NORTH EAST-Town House Motel, 15661 Euclid Ave. 8:30
 SOLIDARITY-Hubbard Memorial Center E. 84th and Cedar 8:30
 STELLA MARIS MIXED 1320 Washington Ave. 8:15
 TAPCO-23555 Euclid Ave. 9 p.m. Second Friday of each month
 WEST SIDE YOUNG PEOPLE-1, Lkwd. Cong. Ch., 1375 W. Clifton 9:00
 AVON LAKE-First Congregational Church, 32801 Electric Blvd. 8:45
 BERA-Social room of Berea Cong. Church, Seminary and Church 8:30
 CHAGRIN FALLS, O.-American Legion, E. Orange St. 9:00

CHARDON-Pilgrim Christian Church, 113 South street, Chardon, O. 9:00
 ELYRIA-St. Agnes Church, Lake & Bass 8:30
 CONNEAUT, O.- B. of L. E. Hall 8:30
 WELLINGTON-St. Patrick's Catholic Church, No. Main St., Wellington, O. 8:30

SATURDAY

BROADWAY-CABLE-St. John's Lutheran Church, Cable at Broadway 8:30
 FOREST CITY-6619 Denison Ave. 9:00
 JACK & HEINTZ-17600 Broadway 8:30
 LANDER CIRCLE-Garfield Mem. Methodist, Cor. Lander Rd. and Routs 422 9:00
 LEAGUE PARK-Emmanuel Episcopal (basement) 8614 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
 NORWALK TRUCK LINES-1147 E. 55th St., at Shore Drive 9:00
 PARMA-Ridgewood Savings & Loan, 5950 Ridge Road 8:45
 PLAINS-Mentor Plains Methodist Church, Mentor, O., Routes 306 & 283 9:00
 REDWOOD-Euclid Lutheran Church, E. 260th and Oriole 8:30
 TRINITY-Trinity Evangelical Church, 3525 W. 25th St. 9:00
 VALLEY VIEW-Community Center, West 7th and Starkweather 8:30
 ASHTABULA O.-St. Peter's Episc. Church, Main Avenue at South Park 8:30
 ELYRIA SATNITE-Alconon Club, 345 Broad Str., Elyria, O. 8:30
 MANSFIELD, O.-20% S. Park 8:00 E.S.T.
 WEST RICHFIELD-Consolidated Church, Route 303, just west of Route 21 9:00

SUNDAY

AVON CENTRAL-Basement Central Bank 36690 Detroit Road, Avon, O. 8:00
 BEDFORD HEIGHTS-Village Hall, 5661 Perkins Rd., Bedford Heights 7:30
 BRECKSVILLE VETERANS HOSPITAL, Broadview and Oakes 7:30
 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 SUNDAY-8304 Detroit Avenue 7:30 P.M.
 GARDEN VALLEY-7100 Kinsman Ave., 7106 Kinsman Ave. 4:30
 GOLF LAKELANDS-Trinity Lutheran, Redbird & Chapel, No. Madison, O. 3:00
 LAKWOOD ARMORY 1437 Wayne Ave., South of Detroit 9:00
 LORAIN COUNTY CONSOLIDATED-First Sunday of each month St. John's School, Rt. 58, Lorain 7:30
 MARIA JOSEPH DISCUSSION GROUP-Plasterers Hall, 1651 E. 24th St. 2:00
 MISTLETOE-St. Thomas Church, 9205 Superior Ave. 7:00
 NEWRITRY-St. Helena's Church Rt. 87 8:15
 NEWRITRY-St. Catherine's Church, 3443 E. 93rd St. 8:30
 SUPERIOR STAG-8801 Superior 11 A.M.
 TRUSTY-Cleveland House of Correction, 1000 feet east of House of Correction 5:00
 YOUR-Charter House, Euclid and 248 7:15
 TWILIGHT-Grange Hall, Rt. 60, Axle, O. 7:30
 WARRENSVILLE-Cooley Farms Recreation Room 10:00 A.M.
 CHIPPPWA-SEVILLE-V.F.W. Hall, Seville, O. 8:00
 GENEVA, O.-Legion Hall, Park St., corner of so. Eagle 9:00
 MANSFIELD, O.-20% S. Park, 8:00 E.S.T.
 PAINESVILLE SUNDAY-St. Mary's School, (Basem't) No. State St., Painesville. 7:30

ALANON GROUP MEETINGS

CALVARY-Calvary Presbyterian Church, E. 79th and Euclid Tuesdays, 8:30
 SOUTH EAST-Maple Hts. Presb. Church, 15715 Libby Road Tuesday, 8:00
 EUCLID-26851 Gary Ave Wed., 8:00
 CHARTTY-St. Vincent Charity Hospital, E. 22nd and Central Friday, 8:30
 GARDEN VALLEY-(Outhwaite) 2nd and 4th Sunday 4:30

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 205 Frederick Bldg., 2063 E. 4th St. CH 1-7387
 1st TUESDAY EVERY MONTH
 CENTRAL COMMITTEE-Hanna Building, Room 401 8:30
 3rd TUESDAY EVERY MONTH
 HOSPITAL COMMITTEE-Hanna Building, Room 401 8:30

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PURITY-AN ABSOLUTE

Purity is simple to understand. Purity is flawless quality. Gerard Groot in his famous fourteenth century book of meditation, has an essay entitled, "Of Pure Mind and Simple Intention," in which he says, "By two wings a man is lifted up from things earthly, namely by Simplicity and Purity. Simplicity doth tend towards God; Purity doth apprehend and taste Him."

Purity is a quality of both the mind and the heart, or perhaps we should say the soul of a man. As far as the mind is concerned, it is a simple case of answering the question, "Is it right, or is it wrong?" That should be easy for us. There is no twilight zone between right and wrong. Even in our drinking days we knew the difference. With most of us, knowing the difference was the cause or part of the cause of our drinking. We did not want to face the reality of doing wrong. It isn't in the realm of the mental aspects of purity that our main problem lies. We can all answer the question quoted above to the best of our ability and get the correct answer.

It's in the realm of the heart and spirit that we face difficulty. We know which is right, but do we have the dedicated will to do it? Just as a real desire to stop drinking must exist to make our way of life effective for us, so we must have a determined desire to do that which we know is right, if we are to achieve any measurable degree of purity. It has been well said that intelligence is discipline. In other words knowledge means little until it goes into action. We knew we should not take that first drink, remember? Until we translate our knowledge into the action of our own lives, the value of it is non-existent. We are not intelligent under such circumstances. So it is with the decency of our lives. We know what is right, but unless we do it, the knowledge is a haunting vacuum.

In discussing unselfishness we mentioned that it includes more than just doing for others. We repeat that it includes all that we do, since much of our help to others comes through our own example. Nowhere is this more true than in the decency and rightness of our life. Were we to contemplate the peace and contentment that a pure conscience would bring to us, and the joy and help that it would bring to others, we would be more determined about our spiritual progress. If our surrender under the Third Step has not been absolute, perhaps we should give the Eleventh Step more attention. If you have turned your will and your life over to God as you understand Him, purity will come to you in due course because God is Good. Let us not just "Tend toward God," let us "Taste of Him."

In Purity as in Honesty the virtue lies in our striving. And like seeking the truth, giving our all in its constant pursuit, will make us free even though we may never quite catch up to it. Such pursuit is a thrilling and challenging journey. The journey is just as important as the destination, however slow it may seem. As Goethe says: "In living as in knowing be intent upon the purest way."

REBELS, ALL

The fellow who boarded the bus was obviously three sheets to the wind as he staggered up and down the aisle, looking unsuccessfully for a seat.

Resignedly he took his stance as the bus started, and though he almost lost his balance as the bus turned a corner, he righted himself. He truculently ignored the annoyed looks of the fellow passengers who anticipated his falling on top of them.

Why he refused to brace himself by holding on to the handles on the seats or the straps dangling within easy reach from the ceiling, no one will know-except maybe another alcoholic.

The passengers immediately around him dropped the newspapers and magazines they were reading; expecting that at any moment he might plop into them. They became resignedly amused as he miraculously kept from falling.

Suddenly the driver of the bus was forced to slam on his brakes to avoid a collision. The luck of the drunk failed him and down on his puss he fell. Out cold, he was rushed to a hospital.

When the bus resumed its course and the passengers returned to their magazines and newspapers, we thought about this unfortunate drunk and how like him we were while we were drinking.

Maybe this fellow had sense enough to leave his car in a downtown garage overnight rather than drive home in his condition. Or maybe he forgot where he had parked it.

We, like the most of us in the league, wouldn't listen when advised not to drive our car. We never believed the passengers who rode with us, who described the narrow escapes from collisions avoided only by the alertness of the other drivers.

It wasn't until we were in AA awhile that we realized how fortunate we were that our guardian angel was with us as we drove. Typical of most of us, we took this service for granted, as our just due.

The guy on the bus had the mark of "alcoholic-erosion" upon him. Would this triv to the hospital turn out to be a blessing for him? Would it teach him a lesson?

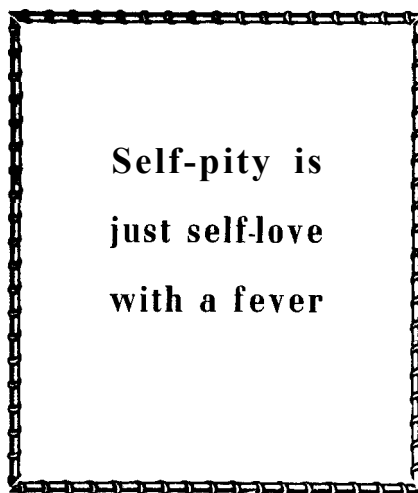
Considering his complete disregard of the handles and the strap hangers! we wondered if he would even remember his silly cockmess.

We all learn by experience. Some learn early, some later and some absolutely refuse to learn. By nature, if we have any spirit at all, we're rebels.

In AA we have to learn to rebel against what is wrong in us, and to stop rebelling against natural and spiritual laws.

Handles are given to us at every meeting, if we but reach for them. If we go to a meeting seeking help we're figuratively reaching for a handle. If we consult our sponsor or another (person about a problem that is troubling us-we're again reaching for a handle in this bus of life.

Remember always-an alcoholic problem is not hopeless. For the past 25 years it has been proved that an alcoholic CAN recover if he wants to,



"OUR FRIEND OUTSIDE"

In the book "AA Comes of Age" our beloved co-founder Bill, after recounting innumerable contributions of time and effort in the early days from many dedicated friends outside the fellowship, makes the simple statement, "What ever could we have done without the love, understanding and help of these devoted friends?" In the long term history of our fellowship's progress we believe that the help of these friends outside will grow and remain ever important. This column speaks inadequately of just one.

Quite possibly no outside friend of our fellowship today has a more profound understanding of our accomplishments and mission than does this man, a teetotaler himself. But in observation of some who were closest to him, who traveled the entire drinking toboggan, his heart was torn. And in seeing them come back all the way by the Grace of God through this fellowship, his heart was made whole and he was inspired as much as we are when we see God's miracle take place in slow but certain motion in our precious stream of newcomers.

In 1949 he wrote one of his masterful editorials in his great newspaper on the subject of alcoholism as a sickness. It brought a deluge of sufferers to the haven of our fellowship, where they started their steady climb back with God's help. During the week of last May 2nd, his newspaper published a series of articles about AA written by a veteran member. Within that week alone more than 100 newcomers appeared as a direct result. They sought and received our help promptly. There will have been many more since then.

The saving of several hundred lives from an incurable illness would be a gracious dividend of great good from this publication. But that is a mere beginning. We who have been there know the strange pattern of the mind in alcoholic fog. All of us had the sum total of many reminders of AA before we reached the end of the line. Who can estimate the countless number of problem drinkers who read these stories and because of them will one day seek us out? And because of these published words, their recovery may very well come sooner, with more of their life still ahead after sobriety.

And who can estimate the worth of these publications in terms of education of the public generally? It will be through an enlightened public that we can expect our greatest opportunity to grow in the quality and quantity of our help to the alcoholic who still suffers. And so in behalf of the entire fellowship in Greater Cleveland we express our boundless gratitude for the friendship and understanding of the Editor of the Cleveland Press, Louis B. Seltzer. He has said more than once that we are "The Finest Fellowship on Earth." May God's Grace guide us to some measure of worthiness for that description.

AN A.A. FRIENDSHIP

Oh, the comfort, the inexpressible healing comfort of feeling safe with a person, having neither to weigh thoughts nor measure words, but pouring them all right out, just as they really are—chaff and grain together—knowing that a faithful kindly hand will take and sift them, keep what is worth keeping and with the breath of tolerant understanding blow the rest away.

RANDOM THOUGHTS

Many folks reach a point in this league where they have given up one means of escape from reality-alcohol—and then go into a tailspin trying to find another. Sadly enough, the one they hit on, though perhaps socially acceptable? is often just as soul-stultifying as the alcohol they quitted. Flight from reality by acquiring imaginary ailments, by grabbing hold of hobbies that only consume time, by playing games that keep one from grappling with realities is just as bad as swilling one's way through life. We've got to face a real world by being and acting like a real person.

Liquor never seems to drown any problems—it just irrigates them, so they grow faster and thicker than ever.

A PRAYER BEFORE A LEAD

God, our Father, we know that to many people, perhaps to most people, you are the Gracious Giver of life in the beginning, the embodiment of all that is good and right and true and pure, the shining symbol of the greatest love known, our great comforter in time of dire distress, and we acknowledge our shame in not having come to you until we had no other place to go. To most people you are also the assurance of an ultimate serene and eternal rest. But to us Father, you must be more than these, for we are twice blessed, and in this second merciful life of sobriety, you are and must be our partner, our constant companion, and our navigator. Our every aim is to know you better, understand you better and have more conscious contact with you, as we live this way of life day by day, and hour by hour. We must know your will for us in all we do, that through our deeds we may show our boundless gratitude. We ask for strength, wisdom and courage beyond mortal levels, so that as we go about in your name, trying to help our fellows, especially the alcoholic who still suffers, we may be more effective in finding the path through which your Grace may flow into them, because we have learned that through giving, we receive, through comforting we are comforted, and through losing ourselves in others, we find ourselves in you, and you in us. Teach us to love as you love, so that we may love each other more, and especially so that we may come to love you supremely as we so badly want to do. Amen.

A MORAL

Once upon a time there was a roost which was not like any other roost. In this roost there lived one hen and one rooster. Another strange thing about this roost was that everything was ruled by the hen, including the rooster.

The rooster was very unhappy. He never crowed like other roosters. He never felt like crowing because he didn't like the idea of having a bossy hen.

One day a strange rooster walked into the roost. A rooster usually starts a fight when another rooster comes into his territory, but not this rooster. He was big and strong, but he saw no reason to fight. He just acted like he didn't care. And he didn't.

You know what happened? This strange rooster walked off with the hen. He took her to his own roost. The strange rooster liked this hen, anyway at first. But he soon discovered she wanted to boss everything, including him. So one day he just walked out and never came back.

Some time later the two roosters met, and became very good friends. The hen had no friends at all, not even a rooster.

Now, we don't have any A.A. hens who treat their A.A. roosters like that. But any A.A. hen who is ashamed of her A.A. rooster, ashamed to have him go to A.A. meetings, wants him to stay sober without associating with A.A., and probably wants to run all his other affairs, well—she doesn't deserve to have a rooster. And the only reason she still has a rooster is because her rooster, being a good A.A., has learned to be tolerant, patient and charitable.

And by the way, the same would apply to a rooster if he treated his hen so shamefully.

-Dubuque Alanews

FOUNDERS DAY

The 25th Anniversary of AA will be observed in Akron at its annual Founders Day meeting on Sunday, June 5, at 2:30 p.m. Bill W., co-founder of AA, will be the speaker. Plans are being made to observe this Silver Anniversary with two full days of celebration, starting with a large variety of good AA activities for the early arrivals.

The meeting will be held in massive Akron University Memorial Hall which is air conditioned and ideal acoustically.

Visitors will come from many sections of the United States and Canada. It should be and undoubtedly will be a memorable occasion.

GROUP NEWS

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

Brooklyn—June speakers: 1—John D., Lee Road Monday (a member for 21 years); 8—Joe McK., Northeast; 15—James D., Edgelake; 22—Miriam G., Strongsville; 29—Lee T., Edgelake.

Charity—June speakers: 3—Bill W., co-founder of AA, New York City; 10—Tom P., League Park; 17—Ed K., Lee-Wednesday; 24—Tom McG., Edgelake.

Crossroads—June speakers: B—Ambrose T., Angle; 12—Leroy R., Berea; 19—Agnes N., Mistletoe; 26—Dave S., Forest City.

Detroit Sunday—June speakers: 5—Scotty McM., Angle; 12—Jim "Pat" J., Lakewood Armory; 19—Paul H., Lakewood Armory; 26—Mike S., Lakewood Armory.

Doan Men—June speakers: 1—Bill H., St. Clair Thursday; 8—Carl M., Doan Men; 15—Mike M., Your; 22—Bill S., Your; 29—Jack D., St. Clair Thursday.

Fairport Harbor—June speakers: 1—Judge Albert H.; 8—John S., Newbury; 15—Ray B., Painesville Sunday; 22—Herb C., Chardon; 29—Basil W., Middlefield, O.

Friendly Suburban—June speakers: 6—Fred S., Ashland, O.; 13—Doug McC., Friendly Suburban; 20—Howie L., Angle; 27—Stephen V., Edgelake.

Garden Valley Thursday—June speakers: 2—Alonzo K., Garden Valley; 9—James W., Garden Valley; 16—Henry S., Garden Valley; 23—Ed C., Newburgh; 30—John T., St. James.

Garden Valley Sunday—June speakers: 5—John W., Newburgh; 12—Jim D., Edeelake; 19—Fred H., Garden Valley; 26—Paul W., Harvard. A Women's Discussion group has been formed and meets every second and fourth Sunday at 3:30 p.m., a half hour before the group meeting. These meetings are open to women members only.

Gordon Square—June speakers: 3—Jack K., Lakewood Armory; 10—Dick H., Smith-Wilson; 17—June B., C.E.I.; 24—Harry H., Rocky River.

Lake County—June speakers: 7—Bill O'B., Independence; 14—Ralph B., Independence; 21—Tom V., Borton; 28—George G., Independence.

Lee Road Friday—June speakers: 3—Bill R., Parma Heights; 10—Rocky C., Hilltop; 17—J. C. H., Matt Talbot; 24—Jim B.

Liberty—June speakers: 7—Tom V., Borton; 14—Jim D., Edgelake; 21—Doc K., Broadway-55th; 28—Bill S., Lorain Ave. Monday.

Matt Talbot—June speakers: 7—Joe G., Smith-Wilson; 14—Lou C., Coventry; 21—Observes its thirteenth anniversary with Amishman Mose Y., of Hartville as the speaker. 28—Neil C., Parma Heights.

Mistletoe—June speakers: 5—Doc K., Broadway-55th; 12—Neil G., St. Clair-Thursday; 19—Chuck and Lu Snyder, St. Clair Thursday; 26—Joe S., Forest City.

Parma Heights—June speakers: 2—Bill R., Parma Heights; 9—Ralph C., Parma Heights; 16—Hugh C., Parma Heights; 23—Kenny K., May-Lynd; 30—Ralph B., Brooklyn.

St. Clair-Thursday—June speakers: 2—Art D., Northeast; 9—Ben H., Lee Rd. Monday; 16—Jim C., Arid Club, Akron; 23—John N.; 30—Jack D., St. Clair-Thursday (his second anniversary).

St. James—June speakers: 1—Frances B., May-Lynd; 8—Pat D., Doan Men; 15—Whitey C., Allendale; 22—Gene A., Garden Valley; 29—Larry B., Matt Talbot.

Solidarity—June speakers: 3—Eddie B., Akron, O.; 10—Ben I., Solidarity (his seventh anniversary); 17—Francis B., May-Lynd; 24—Elsie W., Garden Valley.

Trinity—June speakers: 1—Harry H., Rocky River; 11—Tom P., League Park; 18—Neil G., St. Clair-Thursday; 25—Hilda H., Warrensville Women.

Valley View—June speakers: 1—Bert T., Valley View (his ninth anniversary); 11—Kitty M., Clark; 18—Skid

S., Newburgh; 25—Red M., Valley View (his fourth anniversary).

West Park—June speakers: 7—Keith W., Hinckley; 14—Wyn W., Hineckley; 21—Arch H., Lee Road Monday; 28—Marge C., Eastside Women.

West 25th—June speakers: 6—Tom P., League Park; 13—Jack H., W. 25th (his nineteenth anniversary); 20—Bob L., Independence; 27—Doc K., Broadway-55th.

Women's House of Correction—June speakers: 1—Paul C.; 8—Tony B.; 15—Hank B.; 22—Tony M.; 29—Closed meeting, women only. Lu S., St. Clair-Thursday, speaker.

Refresher-Training—June schedule: 1—Step & Tradition VI, Smith-Wilson; 8—Step & Tradition VII, Bedford Heights; 15—Step & Tradition VIII, Your; 22—Step & Tradition IX, Broadway-Harvard; 29—Step & Tradition X, Valley View.

DISTRICT OFFICE SUMMER SCHEDULE

The Cleveland AA District Office will be closed all day on Saturdays during June, July and August.

ANNUAL AA PICNIC

The eighteenth annual Euclid-Wade picnic will be held on Sunday, July 3, in Wiegand's bake Park, located on Route 87, about two miles east of Russell Road (Route 306). Participating as hosts are the Friday-Lee, Bedford, St. Clair-Thursday and Your groups.

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

Boating, bathing (a life-guard on duty), dancing (with prizes), games and prizes for children, baseball, door prizes. Plenty of picnic tables and free parking. Sandwiches, coffee, soft drinks and ice-cream can be purchased at the park.

Anyone desiring tickets, call Leon W. at Potomac 1-8466.

OHIO GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE

Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel, August 19-20-21, 1960

More and more interest is evident as advance registrations are coming in for the three-day Ohio General Service Conference which will be held in Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel, August 19-20-21.

Eyebrows were raised in many quarters when an item in the April Bulletin stated that preparations were being made for 10,000 or more. Though this was a typographical error (the copy read 1000), we feel that the larger number IS POSSIBLE!

It would be possible if every AA in the state of Ohio had attended one of the three preceding conferences held in Columbus, Toledo or Cincinnati, for each made a lasting impression.

Programs will be distributed in every group in Ohio during the next month and the promotional ability of Howie L., of the Cleveland Angle group will make sure that every active member of AA will be well informed.

Northeast Ohio Delegate Al L. of Barber-ton, O., is in charge of the three-day affair and has been most thorough in his planning.

Advance reservations at \$3.00 per person should be made to the Ohio General Service Conference, Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel, Cleveland 13, Ohio (Banquet and Registration 88.00 per person), or through your G. S. C. Group Representative.

NURSING HOMES THAT TREAT ALCOHOLICS

(This listing does not necessarily indicate endorsement or approval)

Xl-Ju, Inc. (MW) 28707 Euclid Ave., Wickliffe, O. WH 4-2244
Cleveland Alcoholic Hospital (MW) 7809 Euclid Ave. EX 1-8998
Dorothy McCauliffe Alcoholic Clinic (MW) 8304 Detroit AT 1-3333
Farquharson's Home (M) 6037 Pearl Road, Parma TU 5-1843
Keller's Nursing Home (M) 8023 Detroit Ave. ME 1-1635

CLEVELAND AREA GROUP MEETINGS

MONDAY

ADDISON-Good Shepherd Church, 7309 St. Clair Ave. 8:30
BORTON-E. Cleveland Congrega. Church, Page and Euclid Ave. 8:30
 EARLY-EARLY-Plasterers Union Hall, 1651 E. 24th St. (near Payne Ave.) 7:00
 FRIENDLY SUBURBAN-6037 Pearl. 8:00
LAKEWOOD MEN'S-St. Peter's Episcopal, W. Clifton and Detroit 9:00
 LEE MONDAY-First Presbyter. Church, East Cleveland, Nela and Euclid 8:30
LORAIN AVE.-St. Ignatius Hall, Lorain Ave. at West Blvd 8:30
 NEW HOPE-3804 Woodbine Ave 8:30
 ORCHARD GROVE-Church of Ascension, 13216 Detroit Ave. 8:30
 PEARL-Corpus Christi Basement, 4850 Pearl Road 8:30
 RAMONA-9721 Ramona Blvd. 8:30
 SHAKER-Christ Episcopal Church, 3445 Warrenville Center Rd. 9:00
 SOUTH EAST-7526 Broadway 8:30
 TEMPLE-Temple Baptist, 7500 Cedar. 8:15
UNION-East View Congregational Church, Kinsman at E. 156th St. 9:00
 WEST 25th ST.-Marvel Hall, 2858 W. 25th St. 9:00
 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
 JEFFERSON, O.-St. Joseph's Church 8:30
 VERMILION-Congregational Church 8:30
 WILLOUGHBY, O.-Presbyterian Church 8:30

TUESDAY

ARCADE-Old Stone Church, Public Square, Ontario entrance 8:00
 CLARK-1917 Clark Ave 8:30
 CLOVER-(Women)-E. 46th, So. of Scovill Portland-Outwaite Center 8:30
 CORLETT MEN'S-Lisy's Greenhouses, 4141 E. 116th St. 9:00
 EAST SIDE WOMEN-11205 Euclid, Church of the Covenant 8:00
 EDGELAKE-Lakewood YMCA, Community Room, 16915 Detroit 8:30
 EUCLID MORNING-Lake Shore Christian Church, Lake Shore Blvd. & 280. 10:30 A.M.
 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. 9:00
 HILLTOP-St. Joseph's Seminary, 17608 Euclid Ave. 8:45
 MAY-LYND-Kenny King's Restaurant, Mayland Shopping Cn. Mayfield Hts. 8:30
 MILES-LEE-Mt. Hope Lutheran Church, E. 164th north of Miles Ave. 8:30
 SMITH-WILSON-St. Joseph's School, 9321 Orleans Ave. 8:30
 SUPERIOR-North Presbyterian Church, E. 40th and Superior 9:00
 TRUSTY-Cleveland House of Correction, 1000 feet east of House of Correction. 8:00
WEST PARK-Puritas Lutheran Church, Puritas Ave and W. 138th St. X:30
ASHLAND, O.-First Presbyterian Church, 3rd & Church Sts. 8:30 EST
ASHTABULA CONSOLIDATED-Methodist Church, South Broadway Geneva, Ohio-First Tuesday 8:30
 ASHTARULA-West-1320 Perryville Pl. 8:00
 LAKE COUNTY-Meth. Fellowship Hall, Rt. 20-E. Southwood, Mentor 8:30
LORAIN CENTRAL-Lorain, Trinity Church 8:30
MANSFIELD-Episcopal Church, 41 Bowman St., Mansfield, O. 8:30 EST
 MEDINA, O.-St. Paul's Epis. Par. Hse 8:30
 SANDUSKY, O. (Irelands)-First Presbyterian, Across from Post Office 7:30
SHREVE-Shreve Armory, South St., Shrew. O. 8:30 EST
 STRONGSVILLE-Town Hall 8:30

WEDNESDAY

BAY TFR-8437 Broadway 8:30
 REDFORD-Masonic Temple, Tarbell Ave. 8:30
 BROOKLYN-K. of P. Hall, 3316 Broadview, East of Pearl Rd. 8:30
 C. E. I.-Illuminating Co. Bldg. (rear) Room 361, 55 Pub. Sq. 8:30
 COLLINWOOD-945 E. 152nd St. 8:30
DOAN MEN-YMCA (University Circle) 2055 E. 105th St., Second floor front 8:30
 EASTSIDE MORNING-9606 Euclid Ave., Euclid Ave. Congre. (Side ent.) 10:30 a.m.
 GARFIELD HEIGHTS-Trinity Baptist, E. 94th and Garfield Blvd. 8:30
HAGUE-Grace Cong. Assembly Hall, West 6th and Colgate 8:30
LAKEWOOD WOMEN-St. Peter's Episc'l 18001 Detroit Ave. (corner Clifton) 8:30

LORAIN AVE.-S.S. Philip & James Hall, 3689 Bosworth Road 9:00
 LEE ROAD-First English Lutheran, Derbyshire and Euclid Hts. Blvd. 9:00
 ST. MARY-Fairfax Settlement House, E. 83rd, between Central & Quincy 8:30
ST. MARY-400 North S., Chardon, O. 8:30
 TRAINING-REFRESH-ILLUMINATING Bldg. (rear) Rm. 361, 55 Public Sq. 8:30
 TWENTY-FOUR HOUR-13216 Detroit, Church of the Ascension 8:30
 WARRENSVILLE-Women's House Cor. 7:30
WEDNESDAY NIGHT DISCUSSION-(Stag) 1386 Ardenall Ave. 8:00
 WEST SHORE-West Shore Unitarian, WEST SIDE (Closed)-Twelfth Step Club 8304 Detroit Ave. 8:30
 20401 Hilliard Rd., Rocky River 8:30
WOMEN'S-Lorain County-St. Vincent De Paul Church, Detroit Rd. (Rt. 254 & 57) 8:30
ASHTABULA COUNTY WOMEN-Harris Memorial, W. 58th & Adams, Ashtabula Second and Fourth Wednesday 7:30
 BRUNSWICK, O., Lance & Co. Corner Rts. 303 and 42 8:30
 CONNEAUT MEN-Conneaut, Ohio B. of L.E. Hall, Whitney Block, Main St. 8:30
 ELYRJA, O.-St. Paul Building, Third and Middle, side entrance 8:30
 FAIRPORT HARBOR-Home Restaurant, No. State St. (rear), Painesville, O. 8:00
 INTERRACIAL-30th & Wood, Lorain, O., Mt. Zion Baptist Church 8:30
MANSFIELD, O.-20 1/2 S. Park 8:00 E.S.T.
 WICKLIFFE, O.-28917 Euclid (side-up) 8:30

THURSDAY

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
 COVENTRY-Fairmount Presby. Church, Scarborough and Fairmount Blvd. 8:30
 CRTLE HOSPITAL-Library 8:00
 CROSSROADS-Bethany Presby. Church, W. 65th and Clinton 9:00
 EAST SHORE WOMEN-First Baptist Ch., 1565 Chardon Rd., near Euclid 8:30
 GARDEN VALLEY-(Outhwaite) 7100 Kinsman Ave. 8:00
HAWTHORN DEN STATE HOSPITAL, Macedonia, O., Basement of New Employees Bldg. 8:00
NORTH RANDALL-Village Hall, 21937 Miles Ave. 9:00
PARMA HEIGHTS-6400 Pearl Road, Laux Realty Basement (rear) 8:30
 ROCKY RIVER-Rockport Methodist Church, 3310 Wooster Road 9:00
ST. CLAIR-THURSDAY-Glenville Cong. Church, (side ent.) St. Clair & Eddy 8:30
 TRUSTY-Cleveland House of Correction, 1000 feet east of House of Correction. 8:00
 WEST STDE-7403 Denison Ave. 10:30 a.m.
 AMHFRT-St. Peter's Ev. & Ref. Church, Church St., North Amherst, O. 8:30
ASHLAND THURSDAY-I.O.O.F. Hall, 302 Claremont, Ashland, O. 8:00 EST
ASHTABULA HARBOR-North End Club, Corner Walnut Blvd. & Lake Ave. 8:30
BEREA-Fine Arts Club, E. Bagley Rd., 3 doors east of Eastland Rd. 9:00
3AST CAKE-Bethel Lutheran Church, 32400 Vine St. 9:00
 INDEPENDENCE, O.-St. Tohn's Lutheran Hall, Second and Sunset 9:00

FRIDAY

ANSEL ROAD-St. Thomas Church, 9205 Superior Ave. 8:30
BROADWAY-HARVARD-8437 Broadway 9:00
CFDAR-Salvation Army, 5005 Euclid 8:15
 CHARJTY-Amphitheatre, 6th Floor, St. Vincent's Charity Hospital 8:30
CLEVELAND WOMEN-Hotel Cleveland 6:00
EUCLID FRJDAY-Holy Cross Church, E. 200 and Lake Shore Blvd 8:30
 FRANKLIN-3804 Woodbine Ave 8:30
FRIDAY AFTERNOON WOMEN-Plymouth Church, Coventry and Drexmore, Krumbine Room 1:00
 GORDON SQUARE-St. Helena's Hall, 1367 W. 65th St. 9:00
LEE ROAD-American Legion Hall, Post 163, 15544 Euclid Ave. 9:00
NORTH FA ST-Town House Motel, 15661 Euclid Ave. 8:30
SOLIDARITY-Hubbard Memorial Center, E. 84th and Cedar 8:45
STELLA MARTIS MTFED, 1320 Washington Ave. 8:15
TAPCO-23555 Euclid Ave. 9 p.m.
 Second Friday of each month
WEST SIDE YOUNG PEOPLE-Lkwd. Cong. Ch., 1375 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
CHAGRIN FALLS, O.-American Legion, E. Orange St. 9:00
CIARDON-Pilgrim Christian Church, 113 South Street, Chardon, O. 9:00
 ELYRIA-St. Agnes Church, Lake & Bass 8:30
 CONNEAUT, O.-B. of L. E. Hall 8:30
 WELLINGTON-St. Patrick's Catholic Church, No. Main St., Wellington, O. 8:30

SATURDAY

BROADWAY-CABLE-St. John's Lutheran Church, Cable at Broadway 8:30
FOREST CITY-6619 Denison Ave. 9:00
JACK & HEINTZ-17600 Broadway 8:30
LANDER CIRCLE-Garfield Mem. Methodist, Cor. Lander Rd. and Route 422 9:00
LEAGUE PARK-Emmanuel Episcopal (basement) 8614 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
NORWALK TRUCK LINES-1147 E. 55th St., at Shore Drive 9:00
PARMA-Ridgewood Savings & Loan, 5950 Ridge Road 8:45
PLAINS-Plains Methodist Ch., Mentor, O., Lake Shore Blvd., Cor. Rts. 283 & 306. 8:30
REDWOOD-Euclid Lutheran Church, E. 260th and Oriole 8:30
TRINITY-Trinity Evangelical Church, 3525 W. 25th St. 9:00
VALLEY VIEW-Community Center, West 7th and Starkweather 8:30
ASHTABULA, O.-St. Peter's Epis. Church, Main Avenue at South Park 8:30
ELYRIA SATNITE-Alconon Club, 345 Broad St., Elyria, O. 8:30
MANSFIELD, O.-20 1/2 S. Park 8:00 E.S.T.
WEST RICHFIELD-Consolidated Church, Route 303, just west of Route 21 9:00

SUNDAY

AVON CENTRAL-Basement Central Bank 36690 Detroit Road, Avon, O. 8:00
BEDFORD HEIGHTS-Village Hall, 5661 Perkins Rd., Bedford Heights 7:30
BRECKSVILLE VETERANS HOSPITAL, Broadview and Oakes 7:30
BROOKSIDE-Blessed Sacrament Church, Storer and Fulton (downstairs) 8:30
 C.A.H. DJSCUSSION-C.A.H. Clubrooms, 7809 Euclid Avenue 10:45 A.M.
 COLLTNWOOD-945 E. 152nd St. 7:30
DETROIT SUNDAY-8304 Detroit Avenue 7:30 P.M.
 GARDEN VALLEY-7100 Kinsman Ave, 7100 Kinsman Ave 4:30
GOLF LAKELANDS-Trinity Lutheran, Redbird & Chapel No. Madison, O. 3:00
LAKEWOOD ARMORY-1437 Wayne Ave., South of Detroit 9:00
LORAIN COUNTY CONSOLIDATED-First Sunday of each month, Route 60, Axte, Ohio 7:30
MARJA JOSEPH-Plasterers Hall, 1651 E. 24th St., at Payne Ave. 1:00
MISTLETOE-St. Thomas Church, 9205 Superior Ave. 7:00
NEWBTJRY-St. Helena's Church, Rt. 87 8:15
NEWBURGH-St. Catherine's Church, 3443 E. 93rd St. 8:30
SUPERIOR STAG-8801 Superior 11 A.M.
 TRUSTY-Cleveland House of Correction, 1000 feet east of House of Correction. 5:00
VALLEY WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP 2nd & 4th Sunday, 7106 Kinsman 3:30
YOUR-Charter House, Euclid and 248 7:15
TWILIGHT-Grange Hall, Rt. 60, Axle, O. 7:30
WARRENSVILLE-Cooley Farms Recreation Room 10:00 A.M.
CHIPPEWA-SEVILLE-V.F.W. Hall, Seville, O. 8:00
 GENEVA, O.-Legion Hall, Park St., corner of So. Eagle 7:30
MANSFIELD, O.-20 1/2 S. Park 8:00 E.S.T.
PAINESVILLE SUNDAY-St. Mary's School (Basem't) No. State St., Painesville. 7:30

ALANON GROUP MEETINGS

CALVARY-Calvary Presbyterian Church, E. 79th and Euclid 8:30
BETH ANY-Bethany Presbyterian Church, 6415 Clinton Ave. 8:30
SOUTH EAST-Maple Hts. Presb. Church, 15715 Libby Road 8:00
CHARITY-St. Vincent Charity Hospital, E. 22nd and Central 8:30

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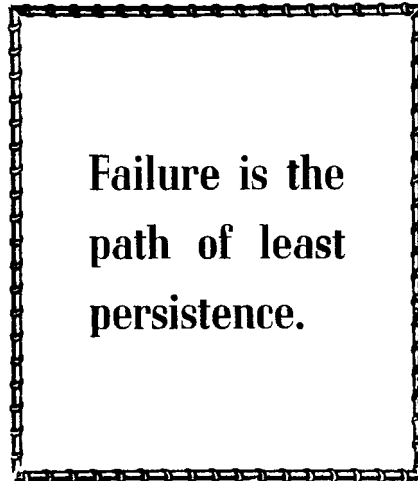
The Absolutes-A Summary

Our consideration of the Absolutes individually leads to a few conclusions. The Twelve Steps represent our philosophy. The Absolutes represent our objectives in self-help, and the means to attain them. Honesty, being the ceaseless search for truth, is our most difficult and yet most challenging objective. It is a long road for anyone, but a longer road for us to find the truth. Purity is easy to determine. We know what is right and wrong. Our problem here is the unrelenting desire to do that which is right. Unselfishness is the stream in which our sober life must flow, the boulevard down which we march triumphantly by the grace of God, ever alert against being sidetracked into a dark obscure alley along the way. Our unselfishness must permeate our whole life, not just our deeds for others, for the greatest gift we bestow on others is the example of our own life as a whole. Love is the medium, the blood of the good life, which circulates and keeps alive its worth and beauty. It is not only our circulatory system within ourselves, but it is our medium of communicating to others.

The real virtue is in our striving for these Absolutes. It is a never-ending journey, and our joy and happiness must come each step of the way, not at the end because it is endless. Cicero said, "if you pursue good with labor, the labor passes and the good remains, but if you court evil through pleasure, the pleasure passes and the evil remains." Our life is a diary in which we mean to write one story, and usually write quite another. It is when we compare the two that we have our humblest hour. But lets compare through our self-inventory and make today a new day. Men who know themselves, have at least ceased to be fools. Remember if you follow the Golden Rule, its always your move too. To love what is true and right and not to do it, is in reality not to love it, and we are trying to face reality, remember? The art of living in truth and right is the finest of fine arts, and like any fine art, must be learned slowly and practiced with incessant care.

We must approach this objective of the Absolutes humbly. We pray for those things and sometimes forget that these virtues must be earned. The gates of wisdom and truth are closed to those wise in their conceit, but ever open to the humble and the teachable. To discover what is true and to practice what is good are the two highest aims in life. If we would be humble, we should not stoop, but rather we should stand to our fullest height, close to our Higher Power that shows us what the smallness of our greatness is.

Remember our four questions, "Is it true or false?", "Is it right or wrong?", "How will this affect the other fellow?", and "Is it ugly or beautiful?". Answering these queries every day with absolute integrity, and following the dictates of those answers one day at a time, will surely lead us well on our journey toward the Absolutes.



Failure is the path of least persistence.

Impressions

We were talking with a comparatively new member at a meeting recently who stated that he had made this trip across town to hear the speaker scheduled to speak. He informed us that he had known this man for many years and considered him one of the lowest of the low, a man without any decent principles or impulses and absolutely devoid of any morals or character.

Soon after he had embraced the Fellowship, he heard this man being extolled by several as being one of the most outstanding AAs in the Cleveland area. He couldn't believe his ears, It couldn't be the same man . . . and if it was, then very evidently this cookie had certainly pulled the wool over the eyes of "the guys who ran AA" and let him come in. And if it was indeed the same fellow whom he knew, inside and out, he would expose this fourflusher to all and sundry.

He searched the Group News column of the Central Bulletin and learned that this man was to speak at this particular meeting. We sat with the visitor and as the speaker rose to make his talk, the visitor hissed an aside to us: "That's the faker!" We quieted him and urged him to listen with an open mind.

For fifteen minutes, the speaker qualified, describing himself as having been morally and spiritually bankrupt. He had been disloyal to his wife and family, his employer and all of his friends. His word was worth nothing and his promises false. None could have sunk lower, he admitted.

"God must have listened to the prayers of my family," he went on, "for I hadn't been in contact with Him for many years." A complete

stranger took him in, had hospitalized him, reconciled him with his family and former employer and gave him the keys to the AA way of life.

His words rang with sincerity and his humility was impressive. as he described the battle he had with downing his old wrong impulses and changing his thinking habits so that he could face "The Man Upstairs" (his conception of the Power Greater Than Himself) each night.

It hadn't been easy for him, but he dutifully followed his sponsor's example and advice. His sponsor had impressed him with his need for a mental and moral catharsis, and emphasized the importance of the Four Absolutes which he had found as a solution for his own moral regeneration.

He found it most difficult to be ABSOLUTELY honest, pure, unselfish, and to practice love . . . but he persisted and found to his amazement that life was FUN-real, honest, care-free fun, and life was good.

The man at our right sat spellbound and when the meeting closed, he jumped to his feet and was the first to greet the man whom he had intended to "expose." We did not listen to their conversation, but we did notice that afterwards they sat to one side, talking intimately as we left the meeting.

We met the newcomer the other day at one of our nursing homes, where he had taken his first "baby." We

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noticed a decided change in his attitude. He seemed "to belong."

We asked him how he was getting along and he informed us that his life had completely changed since the meeting we had attended together when he was going to show up the "faker."

The "faker" and he became inseparable companions and the "Daily Plan and the Four Absolutes" have completely changed his life.

He also has found that sober living with a plan and purpose can be fun-real fun.

UNDER THE HEADLINES

Headlines in newspapers do more to mold public opinion than the stories under the headlines. There are two reasons for this. The major reason is that about 80 per cent of the people read only the headlines, unless the story concerns the death of an acquaintance, a scandal, a police raid, a favorite ball team, or your own name appears in the article. A minor reason is the headline writer who gives the story a slant. If Truman spoke before 50,000 people in Chicago's Soldier Field, that would be a lot of people. A Democrat paper would have a headline: "Truman speaks Before Huge Throng." The Republican paper's headline would read: "Field Only Half Filled for Truman Talk." Both headlines are true, but for the real meat, you must read the whole story.

You can't get the whole story of AA either, by just looking at the headlines. The big banquets, the regional and state conferences, the open meetings, and the people who headline these affairs are all very essential and worthwhile, but the real meat of AA is found beneath the surface, in the paragraphs buried underneath the headlines. There you will find the story of the individual service of one man to another. It is the story of a lone worker who spends hours and days with a physical, mental and spiritual wreck, with a completely unselfish purpose. It's the story of helping again and again the man who has stumbled. It's the story of men who find a job for someone less fortunate. It's the story of people who make the calls at hospitals and homes. It's the story of people who will part with a few dollars to salvage a human soul whose worth cannot be measured in dollars. It's the story of men who sacrificed their time to do the chores in or out of the club rooms so that the group can function smoothly. It's the story of the companionship, friendship and loyalty of member for member. It's the story of the happy homes and a full and honest day's work at your job.

It's the story of truth in place of lies, honesty instead of hypocrisy, above board dealings with fellow men in place of deceit. It's a big story. Much bigger than the headlines can tell you. And we must do more than read it. We must live it . . . yes . . . that's AA . . . when you live it!!!!

—Alanews, Dubuque, Iowa

NEW HOSPITAL STARTED

Stella Maris Hospital, a new, modern, minimum six-day treatment center for male alcoholics, received its first patient on June 13, even before full equipment was installed.

The new treatment center is on the first floor of the Stella Maris Home, 1320 Washington avenue. This modern, fireproof building will provide ample room for the treatment of fourteen patients. A comfortable lounge for visitors adjoins the ward room.

A carefully selected staff, headed by Dr. Robert Riley, a general practitioner, who had considerable experience in the treatment of alcoholics, will provide the latest and most approved methods of treatment.

A novel part of the complete treatment will be mechanotherapy, cabinet and whirlpool baths under the able direction of Dr. Carl Lotz.

The formal opening will be in mid July. All groups will be formally notified. In the meantime, visitors are welcome.

ROTTEN INSIDE

The old pine tree was dead and there was nothing to do but chop it down. It had been in the yard for more than half a century, and its trunk seemed sound enough. But, when the axe broke through the outer shell, the inside was thoroughly rotten.

A weather-beaten forester remarked: "It's always that way. Trees never decay on the outside until they have turned rotten inside."

Life is like that. We can weather the storms that come from the outside, trouble, misfortune, illness, and the like. The shocks of disappointment or even tragedy cannot destroy us. But when we lose faith or hope, or when life seems to be without meaning or purpose, it tumbles into decay. As long as we have the heart to keep on going, nothing can hurt us too much.

The same thing is true of the structure of the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. If AA is ever destroyed, it will not be by any outside forces. This great fellowship is immune to the attacks of scoffers and unbelievers, but it is not immune to the attitudes and actions of its own members.

The graduates and slippers can harm us. The take-it-for-granted members add nothing. The constant grumbler and the fault finder is a detriment. The irregular attendant shifts his share of the load to others. The ungrateful 12th step dodger sets a bad example. The self-styled superior member breeds resentment. The my way or no way member wrecks any chance for group harmony. Pride, arrogance, envy, sloth, resentment and ingratitude . . . these are among the ingredients of decay.

These are just some of the insidious elements that gnaw at the vitals of our fellowship. Obviously, if the elements of decay do not exist, or are eliminated, the heart of the AA tree will be just as stout as its outer shell.

—Alanews, Dubuque, Iowa

AA'S SILVER ANNIVERSARY

Quite a number of AAs from this area will be leaving soon to help observe the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of Alcoholics Anonymous at Long Beach, California on July 1-2-3.

Among those attending will be Sister M. Iquatia of Charity Hospital's Rosary Hall. This we believe will be the first AA convention which she has attended. Certainly presence will be hailed by everyone in recognition of her great contribution to our fellowship from its very beginning.

The program looks very interesting. Many meetings are scheduled and many subjects pertinent to AA will be discussed by an imposing panel of speakers.

The Alapon Family groups also have an interesting schedule of meetings.

We regret that we personally cannot attend.

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GIGGLES

"If you could have two wishes," a girl said to her friend, "what would they be?"

"Well," replied the other girl, "I'd wish for a husband."

"That's only one wish," said the first girl.

"I know," returned the other thoughtfully, "but I'd save the other till I saw how he turned out."

"Kind sir, could you help a man in trouble?"

"Sure, what kind of trouble do you want to get in?"

The old timer was telling of his harrowing experiences in the old west. "There I was, and that injun down in the canyon hiding behind a tree. The only way I could get him was with an angle shot off'n this canyon wall behind him. It was a right tricky ricochet shot to make. I calculated the wind, the hardness of the bullet and the angle of yaw after the bullet smacked the wall, and I reckoned I could git him."

"What happened, Grandpaw," said one of the youngsters, "did you get him?"

"Shucks, no," said Grandpaw, "the durned shot missed the wall."

GROUP NEWS

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

Borton—July speakers: 4—Dick A., Shaker; 11—Jim B., Berwin's; 18—Jack E., Lee- Wednesday; 25—Farrell G., Angle.

Brooklyn—July speakers: 3—Charlie S., Brooklyn (his 20th anniversary); 10—Jerry W., Angle; 17—Leroy R., Berea Friday; 24—Eddie D., Fairview Park.

Brunswick—Beginning Wednesday, June 22, the group meets in new quarters, Cuyahoga Savings Association Building, Laurel Square Shopping Center, Route 42, south of 303. Entrance next to Marshall Drug Store.

Charity—July speakers: 1—Warren C., Jr., Edgelake; F—Jim B., Early Early; 15—Wayne R., Newburgh (his first lead); 22—Henry W., Euclid-Wade; 29—Doy T., Superior Stag.

Corlett Men—Starting with the last Tuesday in June, every last Tuesday in each month will be an open meeting for men as well as women.

Detroit Sunday—July speakers: 3—Ed and Jim Y., Orchard Grove; 10—John B., Lakewood Men; 17—Tom B., Charity; 24—Waldo G., Edgelake; 31—Dick H., Angle.

Fairport Harbor—July speakers: 6—Bill H., Monday Lee; 13—Ollie A., Your; 20—Cecil S., Fairport Harbor; 27—Austin S., Geneva. The group now meets at 525 Eagle St., Fairport Harbor.

Fairview Park—July speakers: 5—Edw. D., Fairview Park (his ninth anniversary) 12—Pete Y., Berea Thursday (his 14th anniversary); 19—Wilson B., Fairview Park (his 18th anniversary) 26—Edw. M., Fairview Park (his 17th anniversary).

Friendly Suburban—July speakers: 4—meeting cancelled -holiday; 11—Harry D., Edgelake; 18—Agnes N., Mistletoe; 25—Ray G., Forest City.

Garden Valley Thursday—July speakers: 7—Harry W., Lorain Mixed; 14—Thomas A., Solidarity; 21—Bob W., Temple; 28—Bruce T., Garden Valley.

Garden Valley Sunday—July speakers: 3—Jack L., Newburgh; 10—Art C., Akron; 17—Alfred B., Eastside Morning; 24—Harry S., Eastside Morning; 31—Charles C., Solidarity.

Gordon Square—Observes its eighteen anniversary on Friday, July 15, with Attorney Ed B., Broadway-Harvard and Shaker as its speaker. Other July speakers are: 8—Jim R., Fairview Park; 22—Bill T., Lodi, O.; 29—Bud C., Newburgh and Hague.

Hague—July speakers: 6—Joe K.; 13—Clay H., Norwalk, O.; 20—Dr. Andy M.; Akron; 27—Joseph W., Akron.

Hilltop—July speakers: 5—Mose Y., Hartville, O.; 12—Jerry W., Angle; 19—Bill S., Lorain Ave. Monday; 26—Al L., Barberton, O.

Independence—Will observe its annual "Old Timers' Night" on Thursday, July 28 in Independence High School on Route 21 (Brecksville Rd.) Independence, O. Other July speakers: 7—Harry R., Stella Maris; 14—Wynn W., Hinckly; 21—Howard B., Independence.

Lake County—July speakers: 5—Frank E., Shella Harris; Stella Maris; 12—Emil W., Stella Maris; 19—Marty R., East Shore Women; 2—George G., Miles-Lee.

Norwalk Truck Lines—July speakers: 2—Katy S., Friday Lee; 9—Joe McK., Northeast; 16—Pat C., Angle; 23—Tom M., Solidarity; 30—"Big Josephine" O., Collinwood.

St. James—July speakers: B—Barney C., Angle; 13—Norma P., Westlake Women; 20—Jack L., Newburgh; 27—Tom A., Solidarity.

Trinity—July speakers: 2—Regina R., Lakewood Women; 9—Art G., Trinity; 16—Eddie D., Fairview Park; 23—Clinton (Dusty) R., Broadway-55th; 30—Panel with Marty (Skid) S. as moderator.

Valley View—July speakers: 2—To be announced; 9—George O'H., Edgelake; 16—Ann B., Cleveland Women; 23—Jerry W., Angle; 30—Farrell G., Angle.

West Park—July speakers: 5—Elwood O., Forest City; 12—Ada M. H., Lakewood Armory; 19—Steve F., Valley View; 26—Bill W., Lorain Ave. Wednesday.

West 25th—July speakers: 4—A fine speaker; 11—Pat L., Westside Morning; 18—Bill S., Lorain Ave. Monday; 25—Jim S., W. 25th (his sixth anniversary).

Women's House of Correction—July speakers: 6—Jerry F.; 13—Joe H.; 20—Jim D.; 27—Closed meeting (women members only) Jean C., Eastside Morning, speaker.

Refresher-Training—July schedule: 6—Step & Tradition VI, C.E.I.; 13—Step & Tradition VII, Solidarity; 20—Sponsorship, discussed by a selected panel; 27—Step & Tradition I, Charity.

DISTRICT OFFICE SUMMER SCHEDULE

The Cleveland AA District Office will be closed all day on Saturdays during June, July and August.

OHIO GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE

Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel, August 19-20-21, 1960

More and more interest is evident as advance registrations are coming in for the three-day Ohio General Service Conference which will be held in Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel, August 19-20-21.

Northeast Ohio Delegate Al L. of Barberton, O., is in charge of the three-day affair and has been most thorough in his planning.

Advance reservations at \$3.00 per person should be made to the Ohio General Service Conference, Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel, Cleveland 13, Ohio (Banquet and Registration \$8.00 per person), or through your G. S. C. Group Representative.

ANNUAL AA PICNIC

The eighteenth annual Euclid-Wade picnic will be held on Sunday, July 3, in Wiegand's Lake Park, located on Route 87, about two miles east of Russell Road (Route 306). Participating as hosts are the Friday-Lee, Bedford, St. Clair-Thursday and Your groups.

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

Boating, bathing (a life-guard on duty), dancing (with prizes), games and prizes for children, baseball, door prizes. Plenty of picnic tables and free parking. Sandwiches, coffee, soft drinks and ice-cream can be purchased at the park.

Anyone desiring tickets, call Leon W. at Potomac 1-8466.

GIGGLES

The young wife was pleased to have her husband call her an angel. Unaccustomed to such compliments, she asked him why he called her that.

"Because," he said? "you are always up in the air, you are continually harping on something, and never have a thing to wear."

The chairman's introduction was such a eulogy that the speaker looked bewildered as he stood up.

"Ladies and gentlemen," he began, "I can hardly wait to hear what I have to say."

NURSING HOMES THAT TREAT ALCOHOLICS

- (This listing does not necessarily indicate endorsement or approval)
- A1-Ju, Inc. (MW) 28707 Euclid Ave., Wickliffe, O.WH 4-2244
 - Cleveland Alcoholic Hospital (MW) 7809 Euclid Ave. E x 1-8998
 - Dorothy McCauliffe Alcoholic Clinic (MW) 8304 Detroit AT 1-3353
 - Farguharson's Home (M) 6037 Pearl Road, Parma TU 5-1882
 - Keller's Nursing Home (M) 8023 Detroit Ave. ME 1-1635
 - Stella Maris Hospital (M) 1320 Washington Ave. SU 1-0554

CLEVELAND AREA AA GROUP MEETINGS

MONDAY

ADDISON-Good Shepherd Church,
7309 St. Clair Ave. 8:30
BORTON-E. Cleveland Congrega. Church,
Page and Euclid Ave. 8:30
EARLY-EARLY-Plasterers Union Hall,
1651 E. 24th St. (near Payne Ave.) 7:00
FRIENDLY SUBURBAN-6037 Pearl... 8:00
LAKEWOOD MEN-St. Peter's Episcopal,
W. Clifton and Detroit 9:00
LEE MONDAY-First Presbyter. Church,
East Cleveland, Nela and Euclid 8:30
LORAIN AVE.-St. Ignace Hall
Lorain Ave. at West Blvd. 8:30
NEW HOPE-3804 Woodbine Ave. 8:30
ORCHARD GROVE-Church of Ascension,
13216 Detroit Ave. 8:30
PEARL-Corpus Christi Basement,
4850 Pearl Road 8:30
RAMONA-9721 Ramona Blvd. 8:30
SHAKER-Ohrst Episcopal Church,
3445 Warrensville Center Rd. 9:00
SOUTH EAST-7526 Broadway 8:30
TEMPLE-Temple Baptist, 7500 Cedar 8:15
UNION-East View Congregational Church,
Kinsman at E. 156th St. 9:00
WEST 25th ST.-Marvel Hall,
2858 W. 25th St. 9:00
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
JEFFERSON, O.-St. Joseph's Church. 8:30
VERMILION-Congregational Church. 8:30
WILLOUGHBY, O.-Presbyterian Church 8:30

TUESDAY

ARCADE-Old Stone Church,
Public Square, Ontario entrance 8:00
CLARK-1917 Clark Ave. 8:30
CLOVER-(Women)-E. 46th, So. of Scovill
Portland-Outwaite Center 8:30
CORLETT MEN-Lisy's Greenhouses,
4141 E. 116th St. Y:00
EAST SIDE WOMEN-1205 Euclid,
Church of the Covenant 8:00
EDGELAKE-Lakewood YMCA,
Community Room, 16915 Detroit 8:30
EUCLID MORNING-Lake Shore Christian
Church, Lake Shore Blvd. & 280. 10:30 A.M.
EUCLID-WADE-Calvary Presbyterian
Church, E. 79th and Euclid Ave. 9:00
FAIRMOUNT-St. Paul's Episcopal,
Fairmount and Coventry 9:00
FAIRVIEW PARK-Fair & Grace
Church, W. 224th and Lorain Ave. 9:00
HILLTOP-St. Joseph's Seminary,
17608 Euclid Ave. 8:45
MAY LIND-Kenny King's Restaurant,
Mayland Shopping Cen. Mayfield Hts. 8:30
MILES-LEE-Mt. Hope Lutheran Church,
E. 164th, north of Miles Ave. 8:30
SMITH-WILSON-St. Joseph's School,
9321 Orleans Ave. 8:30
SUPERIOR-North Presbyterian Church,
E. 40th and Superior 9:00
TRUSTY+Cleveland House of Correction,
1000 feet east of House of Correction. 8:00
WEST PARK-Puritans Lutheran Church,
Puritas Ave. and W. 138th St. 8:30
ASHLAND, O.-First Presbyterian Church,
3rd & Church Sts. 8:30 EST
ASHTABULA CONSOLIDATED-
Methodist Church, South Broadway
Geneva, Ohio-First Tuesday 8:30
ASHTABULA-West-1320 Perryville Pl. 8:00
LAKE COUNTY-Meth. Fellowship Hall,
Rt. 20-E. Southwood, Mentor 8:30
LORAIN CENTRAL-Lorain, O.
Trinity Church 8:30
MANSFIELD-Episcopal Church,
41 Bowman St., Mansfield, O. 8:30 EST
MFDINA, O.-St. Paul's Epis. Par. Hse 8:30
SANDUSKY, O. (Firelands)-First Pres-
byterian, Across from Post Office 7:30
SHREVE-Shreve Armory,
South St., Shrew, O. 8:30 EST
STRONGSVILLE-Town Hall 8:30

WEDNESDAY

RAXTER-8437 Broadway 8:30
REDFORD-Masonic Temple, Tarbell Ave. 8:30
BROOKLYN-K. of P. Hall,
3316 Broadview, East of Pearl Rd. ... 8:30
C. E. I.-Illuminating Co.,
Bldg. (rear) Room 361, 55 Pub. Sq. 8:30
COLLINGSWOOD-945 E. 152nd St. 8:30
DOAN MEN-YMCA (University Circle),
2055 E. 105th St., Second floor front 8:30
EASTSIDE MORNING-9606 Euclid Ave.,
Euclid Ave. Congre. (Side ent.) 10:30 a.m.
GARFIELD HEIGHTS-Trinity Baptist,
E. 94th and Garfield Blvd. 8:30
HAGUE-Grace Cong. Assembly Hall,
West 65th and Colgate 8:30
LAKEWOOD WOMEN-St. Peter's Epis. 1
18001 Detroit Ave. (corner Clifton) 8:30

LORAIN AVE.-S.S. Philip & James Hall,
3689 Bosworth Road- 9:00
LEE ROAD-First English Lutheran,
Derbyshire and Euclid Hts. Blvd. 9:00
ST. JAMES-Fairfax Settlement,
E. 83rd St., betw'n Central & Quincy. 8:00
ST. MARY 400 North S. Chardon, O. 8:30
TRAINING-REFRESHER-Illuminating
Bldg. (rear) Rm. 361, 55 Public Sq. 8:30
TWENTY-FOUR HOUR-13216 Detroit,
Church of the Ascension- 8:30
WARRENSVILLE-Women's House Cor. 7:30
WEDNESDAY NIGHT DISCUSSION-
(Stag) 1386 Ardenall Ave. 8:00
WEST SHORE-West Shore Unitarian,
20401 Hilliard Rd., Rocky River ... 9:00
WEST SIDE (Closed)-Twelfth Step Club
8304 Detroit Ave. 8:30
WOMEN'S-Lorain County-St. Vincent De
Paul Church, Detroit Rd., (Rt. 254 & 57). 8:30
ASHTABULA CWNTO WOMEN-Harris
Memorial, W. 58th & Adams, Ashtabula
Second and Fourth Wednesday. 7:30
BRUNSWICK, O.-Cuyahoga Ass'n Bldg.,
Route 42, So. of 303, nest to Marshall's. 8:30
CONNEAUT MEN-Connaut, Ohio
B. of L.E. Hall, Whitney Block, Main St. 8:30
ELYRIA, O.-St. Paul Building,
Third and Middle, side entrance. 8:30
FAIRPORT HARBOR, 525 Eagle St. 8:00
INTERRACIAL-30th & Wood, Lorain, O.,
Mt. Zion Baptist Church 8:30
MANSFIELD, O.-20 1/2 S. Park 8:00 E.S.T.
WICKLIFFE, O.-28917 Euclid (side-up) 8:30

THURSDAY

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
COVENTRY-Fairmount Presby. Church,
Scarborough and Fairmount Blvd. 8:30
CRILE HOSPITAL-Library 8:00
CROSSROADS-Bethany Presby. Church,
W. 65th and Clinton 9:00
EAST SHORE WOMEN-First Baptist Ch.,
1565 Chardon Rd., near Euclid ... 8:30
GARDEN VALLEY-(Outwaite)
7100 Kinsman Ave. 8:00
HAWTHORN DEN STATE HOSPITAL,
Macedonia, O., Basement of New
Employees Bldg. 8:00
NORTH RANDALL-Village Hall,
21937 Miles Ave. 9:00
PARMA HEIGHTS-6400 Pearl Road,
Laux Realty Basement (rear) 8:30
ROCKY RIVER-Rockport Methodist
Church, 3310 Wooster Road. 9:00
ST. CLAIR-THURSDAY-Glenville Cong.
Church, (side ent.) St. Clair & Eddy. 8:30
TRUSTY-Cleveland House of Correction,
1000 feet east of House of Correction. 8:00
WEST STDE-7403 Denison Ave. 10:30 a.m.
AMHERST-St. Peter's Ev. & Ref. Church,
Church St., North Amherst. O. 8:30
ASHLAND THURSDAY-I.O.O.F. Hall,
302 Claremont, Ashland, O. 8:00 EST
ASHTABULA HARBOR-North End Club,
Corner Walnut Blvd. & Lake Ave. 8:30
BEREA-Fine Arts Club, E. Bagley Rd.,
3 doors east of Eastland Rd. 9:00
EAST LAKE-Bethel Lutheran Church,
32400 Vine St. 9:00
INDEPENDENCE, O.-St. John's Lutheran
Hall, Second and Sunset. 9:00

FRIDAY

ANSEL ROAD-St. Thomas Church,
9205 Superior Ave. 8:30
BROADWAY-HARVARD-8437 Br'dway 9:00
CEDAR-Salvation Army, 5005 Euclid. 8:15
CHARITY-Amobitheatre, 6th Floor,
St. Vincent's Charity Hospital. 8:30
CLEVELAND WOMEN-Hotel Cleveland 6:00
EUCLID FRIDAY-Holy Cross Church
E. 200 and Lake Shore Blvd. 8:30
FRANKLIN-3804 Woodbine Ave. 8:30
FRIDAY AFTERNOON WOMEN-Ply-
month Church, Coventry and Drexmore,
Krumbine Room 1:00
GORDON SQUARE-St. Helena's Hall,
1367 W. 65th St. 9:00
LEE ROAD-American Legion Hall,
Post 163, 15544 Euclid Ave. 9:00
NORTH EAST-Town House Motel,
15661 Euclid Ave. 8:30
SOLIDARITY-Hubbard Memorial Center,
F. 84th and Cedar 8:45
STELLA MARIS MIXED
1320 Washington Ave. 8:15
TAPCO-23555 Euclid Ave. 9:00 a.m.
WEST CLIFTON-Lkwd. Congregational
Church, 1375 W. Clifton Road 9:00
AVON LAKE-First Congregational Church,
32801 Electric Blvd. 8:45

BEREA-Social room of Berea Cong.
Church, Seminary and Church 8:30
CHAGRIN FALLS, -O.-American Legion,
E. Orange St. 9:00
CIARDON-Pilgrim Christian Church,
113 South Street, Chardon, O. 9:00
ELYRIA-St. Agnes Church, Lake & Bass. 8:30
CONNEAUT, O.-B. of L. E. Hall 8:30
WELLINGTO-N-St. Patrick's Catholic
Church, No. Main St., Wellington, O. 8:30

SATURDAY

BROADWAY-CABLE-St. John's Lutheran
Church, Cable at Broadway. 8:30
FOREST CITY-6619 Denison Ave. 9:00
J A C K & HEINTZ-17600 Broadway 8:30
LANDER CIRCLE-1Garfield Mem. Methodist,
Cor. Lander Rd. and Route 422. 9:00
LEAGUE PARK-Emmanuel Episcopal
(basement) 8614 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
NORWALK-RUCK LINES-
1147 E. 55th St., at Shore Drive 9:00
PARMA-Ridgewood Savings & Loan,
59.50 Ridge Road 8:45
PLAINS-Plains Methodist Ch., Mentor, O.,
Lake Shore Blvd., Cor. Rts. 283 & 306. 8:30
REDWOOD-Euclid Lutheran Church,
E. 260th and Oriole 8:30
TRINITY-Trinity Evangelical Church,
3525 W. 25th St. 9:00
VALLE Y VIEW-Community Center,
West 7th and Starkweather 8:30
ASHTABULA, O.-St. Peter's Epis. Church,
Main Avenue at South Park 8:30
ELYRIA SATNITE-Alconon Club,
345 Broad St., Elyria, O. 8:30
MANSFIELD, O.-20 1/2 S. Park 8:00 E.S.T.
WISST RICHFIELD-Consolidated Church,
Route 303, just west of Route 21 9:00

SUNDAY

AVON CENTRAL-Basement Central Bank
36690 Detroit Road, Avon, O. 8:00
BEDFORD HEIGHTS-Village Hall,
5661 Perkins Rd., Bedford Heights. 7:30
BRECKSVILLE VETERANS HOSPITAL
Broadview and Oakes 7:30
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.
COLLINGSWOOD-945 E. 152nd St. 7:30
DETROIT SUNDAY-
8304 Detroit Avenue 7:30 P.M.
GARDEN VALLEY-7100 Kinsman Ave. 4:30
GOLF LAKELANDS-Trinity Lutheran,
Redbird & Chapel, No. Madison, O. 3:00
LAKEWOOD ARMOY-
1437 Wayne Ave., South of Detroit. 9:00
LORAIN COUNTY CONSOLIDATED-
First Sunday of each month,
Route 60, Axtel, Ohio. 7:30
MARIA JOSEPH-Plasterers Hall,
1651 E. 24th St., at Payne Ave. 1:00
MISTLETOE-St. Thomas Church,
9205 Superior Ave. 7:00
NEWBURY-St. Helena's Church, Rt. 87. 8:15
NEWBURGH-St. Catherine's Church,
3443 E. 93rd St. 8:30
SUPERIOR STAG-8801 Superior 11 A.M.
TRUSTY-Cleveland House of Correction,
1000 feet east of House of Correction. 5:00
VALLEY WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP
2nd & 4th Sunday, 7106 Kinsman 3:30
YOUR-Charter House, Euclid and 248. 7:15
TWIT IGH-Grange Hall, Rt. 60, Axle, O. 7:30
WARRENSVILLE-Cooley Farms
Rreration Room 10:00 A.M.
CHIPPEWA-SEVILLE-V.F.W. Hall,
Seville, O. 8:00
GENEVA, O.-Legion Hall, Park St.,
corner of So. Eagle 7:30
MANSFIELD, O.-20 1/2 S. Park. 8:00 E.S.T.
PAINESVILLE SUNDAY-St. Mary's School
(Basem't) No. State St., Painesville. 7:30

ALANON GROUP MEETINGS

CALVARY-Calvary Presbyterian Church,
E. 79th and Euclid Tuesdays, 8:30
BETHANY-Bethany Presbyterian Church,
6415 Clinton Ave. Wednesday, 8:30
SOUTH EAST-Maple Hts. Presb. Church,
15715 Libby Road Tuesday, 8:00
CHARITY-St. Vincent Charity Hospital,
E. 22nd and Central Friday, 8:30

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WHEN ARE WE READY?@

"It is part of the cure, to wish to be cured."—Seneca
Alcoholism is an incurable disease, yet the wisdom of the above words, written more than 2000 years ago, has surely been applied in our way of life. The only ingredient of membership that is specified as essential, is the desire to stop drinking. It is a common general attitude as a result of our experience, that unless the alcoholic has a genuine and determined desire to stop drinking, then our chance of helping him is reduced to a minimum.

In the absence of a demonstrated desire that is consistent, we often say, "he is not ready," and that is quite sound on the basis of our experience.

Yet it is this writer's notion that none of our wisdom from experience should constitute dogma. There are exceptions to almost everything that our experience has established. Although we are "come of age," we are still very young. Our fellowship has only suggestions, — earnest! wise suggestions based on the sharing of our experience, strength and hope, — but only suggestions. It is my belief based upon my own experience, that so long as the alcoholic keeps exposing himself to us, we should not dismiss him from our most alert attention. No effort should be withheld simply because we state to ourselves and each other, rather easily too, that he is not ready. To begin with who among us feels competent to determine this question of readiness? The mere fact that the person keeps exposing himself through coming back to meetings or keeping in touch with some of us, or even one of us, may very well indicate a basic, underlying desire to stop drinking. And when the superficial reservations pass away, possibly with our help, that basic desire will assert itself. Possibly our attitude and the quality of our help will make the difference between his ultimate success from this point, or his descent to a lower gutter and a much longer deferment of We sobriety he needs so badly.

In my case there were reservations and only a conditional surrender. I came in to save my livelihood, my professional standing, my family and many other things. With me it was a case of either joining A.A., "or else." And in a month I was drunk. The circumstances were so completely humiliating to me that this final stage perfected my tailor-made gutter. The A.A. people were so completely kind, understanding and forgiving despite this mortifying insult to them on my part, that I loved them as I had never loved before. And their advice, suggestions and requests became commands for me, which I followed with great eagerness in staying sober at all costs, in any way that I could. Finally I absorbed enough truth and knowledge to understand that I was here with these wonderful people because I belonged there, and that I was fighting for this sobriety to save myself alone.

My point here is that the sincere desire to stop drinking is an absolute qualification, but it is an element that may be developed as an alcoholic goes along in his early days in this fellowship. And many might be saved from a lower gutter and a long deferred sobriety, by our re-

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CLEVELAND IS HOST

Cleveland will be the mecca for many AAs from every section of Ohio as well as a significant number from neighboring States as it hosts the fourth annual Ohio State General Service Conference, August 19, 20 and 21.

The first State Conference was held in Columbus, O., in 1957. Toledo was host in 1958 and Cincinnati in 1959. Each year more and more people attended these stirring assemblies and the local committee, headed by N.E. Ohio Delegate Al S. of Barberton, O., is confidently expecting over 1000, judging by the, reservations already in.

It is fitting that this Conference is held in the Cleveland-Akron area, where AA was conceived twenty-five years ago, for it was in this area where a great deal of the AA philosophy was developed and perfected to become known as one of the modern miracles.

This area contained most of the early pioneers who were responsible for developing the Twelve Steps and helping to prepare the book "Alcoholics Anonymous" which became the inspiration, the hope and the guide to an amazingly large number of people after it was published in 1939.

The first newspaper articles on the miraculous recoveries of alcoholics appeared in the Cleveland Plain Dealer. These articles brought in a wave of inquiries which were followed up by the devoted, dedicated and grateful members of the small band of recovered alcoholics.

Jack Alexander's famous article in the Saturday Evening Post which appeared in April, 1941, included pictures of AAs from Cleveland and Akron in action. This article also overwhelmed the 300 to 400 in the

area with calls for help.

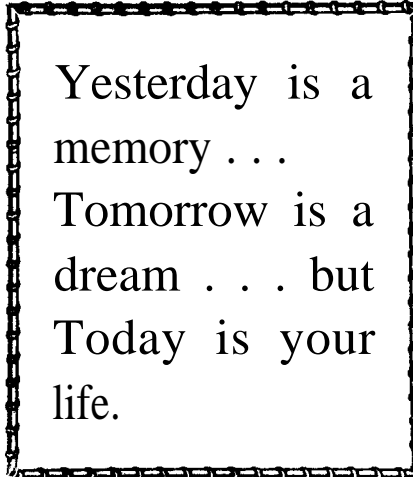
As AA grew in amazing numbers, new groups were formed and by October, 1942, 22 groups were operating in Cleveland, meeting on different days of the week—7 on Monday 2 on Tuesday, 6 on Wednesday, 4 on Thursday, 2 on Friday and one on Sunday.

With this mushroom growth, many problems developed. Conflicts in procedure as well as differences in interpretation developed. A Central Committee was formed in Cleveland to preserve the principles developed by the founders. Each group was represented by the group's secretary and one representative. Many hot debates resulted but were soon resolved by the use of common sense — on WHAT was right, not WHO was right.

It was from areas like Cleveland and Akron, New York, Philadelphia, Chicago and other areas where AA grew with amazing rapidity that our Twelve Traditions were formed, our second heritage.

In 1942, quite a number of Cleveland area AAs were called into the Armed Services and Central Committee resolved to served them with a monthly publication of AA material to help keep them sober. So was the Cleveland Central Bulletin conceived. Its first publication, a two-page affair, appeared in October, 1942. In November it became a four-pager as it has remained ever since. The Grapevine, official organ of AA, published its first issue seven months later.

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Yesterday is a
memory . . .
Tomorrow is a
dream . . . but
Today is your
life.

WHEN ARE WE READY?

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fusal to dismiss them easily as "not being ready." I was so saved many years ago when the fellowship was much younger and smaller, collectively much less wise perhaps, and surely less able from the standpoint of numbers to give as much dedicated personal attention. Yet through the understanding, love and alert attention of a half dozen dedicated emissaries of His Grace, my enjoyment of this sobriety was made to stick.

VIEWPOINT

In almost any of these health food stores nowadays you will see a booklet which is entitled, "You are what you eat." This may be true, but in our new way of life we are interested in more than physical or chemical makeup. We are more likely to say, "As a man thinketh, so is he." And in relation to it we hear much about our need to reverse our field, drop our old negative ways of thought and cultivate We instinct for positive thinking and outlook.

For without being inconsistent we might also say, "A man is what he sees." Surely we cannot be or even aspire to be that which we do not-conceive or visualize. And so there must be a coordination between thought and vision, which brings us to viewpoint.

To think high thoughts we must raise our sights. When our views and our thoughts have an upward lift, then will we be making real progress on our journey through this sober life toward the other high graces we must earn. As we progress through our own efforts in these high purposes, and combine these other graces with the precious gift of sobriety, then will our cup run over.

Perhaps the best example of viewpoint concerns the rosebush in full bloom. With equal truth we can say, "Look at the sharp ugly thorns on that rosebush!" or, "Look at the beautiful rose on that thornbush." We find out the simple truth that we usually see that for which we look.

A friend of ours was a dedicated rose fancier in his lifetime. He used to say that half the joy came in tending the ugly little thorn bushes with great care to insure the finest possible roses. When after this tender care the roses appeared, he reveled in their size, perfection and beauty, as being God's gift with an assist from his patient care. He used to say that the thorn on the bush always seemed to him like the rose's way of saying, "handle me gently, for I too am of God."

Is not our way of life similar to the care of a rose-bush? When we give of ourselves in full measure, are we not cultivating the bush of life with tender care? When we accept the inevitable thorns of our sober life with courage and serenity, are we not preparing the opportunity for maximum enjoyment of the full bloom of life? Remember the joy is in the journey, too, not just at the great destination. And our viewpoint will do much to keep us on the happy path.

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Inevitably, with AA growing at such a rapid pace throughout the United States and Canada, many inquiries came from sectors where there were no groups and quite a staff was needed to answer the deluge of inquiries.

In 1951, when AA came of age, the General Service Conference was formed in which Delegates were elected in each of the United States and Canada who became the guardians and the conscience of AA.

Co-founder Bill formally relinquished the reins of leadership in St. Louis in 1955 to the Delegates. It was a noble, selfless gesture emphasizing the principle that no man or no group of men should be raised to a pinnacle of authority, and that only the combined consciences of all the groups from all the states and all the countries should be responsible for perpetuating the God-inspired program which is ours.

Come to the Ohio State Conference on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 19-20-21, and see for yourself the ideal of democracy in action.

P R O G R A M

Friday — August 19

Registration-10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mezzanine
 Kaffee Klatch-10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Hospitality Room
 8:00 p.m. Formal Opening of Conference
 Welcome Al L., Northeast Ohio Delegate

**PROGRAM OF RECOVERY-FIRST LEGACY
 (The Twelve Steps)**

Chairman- Larry W.
 Central and Southeast Ohio Delegate

1. "Beat by Booze" Harry D., Cleveland
2. "There Is An Answer" Bev. B., Toledo
3. "Continuous Sobriety Thru Action" Doc S.,
 Springfield
4. "A New Way of Life" Gordon B., Dayton

9:30 p.m. Lyb. S., New York, N.Y.
 General Service Conf. Sec'y.

Saturday — August 20

9:30 a.m. Assembly
**PROGRAM OF UNITY-SECOND LEGACY
 (The Twelve Traditions)**

Chairman Frank G.
 N.W. Ohio and S.E. Michigan G.S.C. Delegate

1. "Unity Within The Group" Hal S., Fostoria
2. "Unity Between Groups" Alice R., Cincinnati
3. "Relations With Others" Howard S., Lancaster
4. "Trusted Servants" Bruce M., Akroa

11:00 a.m. (Open Meeting) Alanon Family Groups
 Chairman Henrietta H., Cleveland
 Main Ballroom
 Speaker Margaret D., New York, N.Y.

11:00 a.m. (Closed Meeting) AA Women
 Cleveland Room-Main Lobby
 Chairman... .. Ann C., Niles
 Speakers... .. Betty T., Cincinnati
 Norma P., Cleveland

2:30 p.m. Assembly
**PROGRAM OF SERVICE—THIRD LEGACY
 (World Service)**

Chairman..... Betty T.
 South and Southwest Ohio G.S.C. Delegate

1. "AA Service On A Personal Level" Vivian A.,
 Columbus
2. "The AA Group In Action" Art M., Hamilton
3. "Twelfth Step Activities" (Statewide) Al A.,
 Ashland
4. "World Service In Action" Roy D., Toledo

Al-Anon Business Meeting Al-Anon Members Only

6:30 p.m. Banquet
 Chairman Al L.
 Northeast Ohio Delegate

Introductions
 Remarks Leonard Harrison, New York, N.Y.
 Chairman, G. S. Board (non-alcoholic member)
 Speaker Allan B., Stamford, Conn.
 The Lord's Prayer

9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Dancing
 Hal Salliers and His Music, Fostoria

Sunday — August 21

10 a.m. Assembly
SPIRITUALITY IN AA
 Chairman Larry W.
 Central and Southeast Ohio G.S.C. Delegate
 Speaker John Van D., Morris Plains, N.J.

GROUP NEWS

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

Baxter-August speakers: 3—Mickey McG., Edgelake; 10—Margie G., Newburgh; 17—Wayne R., Newburgh; 24—Louis G., Broadway-Cable; 31—Daniel L. B., Southeast.

Brooklyn-A great crowd is expected on August 3 when Charles S., founder of the group, observes his 20th anniversary. Charlie has contributed a great deal to AA. Charlie's group, incidentally, surprised him with a pre-anniversary gift-tickets for him and his wife to AA Convention in Long Beach, Calif. Other August speakers: 10—Jerry W., Angle; 17—Leroy R., Berea Friday; 24—Eddie D., Fair-view Park.

Crite Hospital-Observes its ninth anniversary on Thursday, August 11, with Lee R., Berea, as the main speaker.

Doan Men-August speakers: 3—Jerry W., Angle; 10—Al S., League Park; 17—Mickey McG., Edgelake; 24—Carl S., Borton; 31—Jim J., Shaker.

Eastlake-Now meets on Thursday evenings in First Congregational Church, 33700 Vine St., at 9 p.m.

Euclid-Wade-August speakers: 2—Jack S., Collinwood; 9—John P., Moryore City; 16—Esther R., St. James; 23—Tom C., St. Clair-Thursday; 30—Bill S., Parma Heights. Fairport Harbor—August speakers: 3—Jean C., Collinwood; 10—Howie L., Angle; 17—Mose Y., Hartville; 24—Del S., Geaeva; 31—Jim M., New Hope.

Friendly Suburban-August speakers-all from Trinity group: 1—Evelyn W.; S-Cecil W.; 15—Jim W.; 22—Jerry F.; 29—Everett W.

Garden Valley Thursday-August speakers: 4—Frederick W., Eastside Morning; 11—Curtis N., Lorain; 18—Tom M., Solidarity; 25—Ted H., Garden Valley.

Garden Valley Sunday-August speakers: 7—John M., Ramona; 14—Irene W., Crossroads; 21—Leonard H., Smith-Wilson; 28—George and Raymond D., Crossroads.

Gordon Square-August speakers: 5—Jim H., Valley View; 12—Bill K., Superior; 19—NO MEETING—OHIO G. S. CONFERENCE- 26—Ben T., Superior.

Hague-August speakers: 3—Joe K., Newburgh; 10—Bill D., Newburgh; 17—Dan B., Middlefield; 24—Jim G., Miles-Lee; 31—John K., Newburgh.

Independence-Will observe its annual "Old Timers' Night" on Thursday, July 28 in Independence High School on Route 21 (Brecksville Rd.) Independence, O.

Lake County-August speakers: 2—Al S., League Park; 9—Walter K., Maria Joseph; 16—Frank K., Ashtabula Satnite; 23—Joe H., Conneaut Friday; 30—Andy S., Valley View.

Mistletoe-August speakers: 7—Bill D., Newburgh; 14—Emil W., Stella Maris; 21—Dave C., Arcade; 28—Minnie C., League Park.

Norwalk Truck Lines-August speakers: 6—Matt O., Norwalk Truck Lines; 13—Dennis C., Euclid-Wade; 20—Jimmy K., St. Clair Thursday; 27—Esther C., Euclid-Wade.

Parma Heights-Observes its third anniversary on Thursday, August 4, at 8:30 p.m. in their new meeting place, Euclid Savings Bank, Parmatown Shopping Center, Ridge Road and Ridgewood. Harry D., Edgelake, will be the speaker. Everyone is invited to help "break in" the new quarters.

Trinity-August speakers: 6—Walter D., newly elected secretary of Trinity, will make his first lead; 13—Frank C., 24 Hour; 20—Michael Y., Valley View; 27—Howie L., Angle.

Valley View-Observes its thirteenth anniversary on Saturday, August 13, at 8:30 p.m. with Tom D., Lorain Ave. Monday as speaker. Other August speakers: B-Andrew S., Valley View (his first anniversary); 20—Fred D., Coventry; 27—Joe V., Valley View (his seventh anniversary). West Park -August speakers: 2—George G., Forest City; 9—Jerry F., Trinity; 16—Harley W., 24 Hour; 23—Bill N., May-Lynd; 30—Jack F., Clark.

West 25th-August speakers — all from Forest City group: 1—Elwood O.; 8—Ralph S., Jr. (also 12th anniversary of Nick K., W. 25th); 15—George G.; 22—Ed W.; 29—John M.

DISTRICT OFFICE SUMMER SCHEDULE

The Cleveland AA District Office will be closed all day on Saturdays during June, July and August.

ALBERT R. GOLRICK

Albert R. Golrick, better known as "Abbie" to his host of friends, passed away in St. Alexis Hospital on July 17 after suffering a coronary attack.

It was at Abbie's home that the first, Cleveland contingent of Alcoholics Anonymous members met in 1939, the Inogtrip to Akron creating a serious transportation problem.

Abbie, one of the first ten members of the AA Fellowship, contributed much to the development of it.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to his bereaved wife and family.

KEYS TO THE CITY

Bill F., veteran member of Doan Men, was the featured speaker at the Courts group in Buffalo, N.Y., on June 12. Nearly 400 attended the affair. Bill was presented the "Key to the City" by the Mayor of Buffalo.

Quite a different reception than he received twenty years ago.

COULD BE VERSE

One day as I sat musing, sad and lonely,
A voice came to me from out of the gloom,
Saying "Cheer up! Things could be worse!"
So I cheered up and sure enough—things got worse!

GIGGLES

The man who seeks one thing in life, and but one, may hope to achieve it before life is done; but he who seeks all things wherever he goes, only reaps from the hopes which around him he sows—a harvest of barren regrets.

It was Sunday afternoon and the father of the house announced that he would take his wife and four small children for a ride in the country. Immediately, his wife started for the front door. "This time," she said, "you put the children's snow suits on, and I'll sit out in the car and blow the horn."

Tommy came home proudly showing a quarter that he said he had found in the street.

"Are you sure it was lost?" his father asked.

"Yes, I know it was," Tommy replied. "I saw a man looking for it."

NURSING HOMES THAT TREAT ALCOHOLICS

(This listing does not necessarily indicate endorsement or approval)

Al-Ju, Inc. (MW) 28707 Euclid Ave., Wickliffe, O WH 4-2244
Cleveland Alcoholic Hospital (MW) 7809 Euclid Ave EX 1-8998
Dorothy McCauliffe Alcoholic Clinic (MW) 8304 Detroit AT 1-3353
Farquharson's Home (M) 6037 Pearl Road, Parma TU 5-1882
Stella Maris Hospital (M) 1320 Washington Ave SU 1-0554

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CLEVELAND AREA AA GROUP MEETINGS

MONDAY

ADDISON-Good Shepherd Church, 7309 St. Clair Ave. 8:30
 BORTON-E. Cleveland Congrega. Church, Page and Euclid Ave. 8:30
 EARLY-EARLY-Plasterers Union Hall, 1651 E. 24th St. (near Payne Ave.) 7:00
 FRIENDLY SUBURBAN-6037 Pearl 8:00
 LAKEWOOD MEN'S-St. Peter's Episcopal, W. Clifton and Detroit. 9:00
 LEE MONDAY-First Presbyter. Church, East Cleveland, Nela and Euclid. 8:30
 LORAIN AVE.-St. Ignatius Hall, Lorain Ave. at West Blvd. 8:30
 NEW HOPE-3804 Woodbine Ave. 8:30
 ORCHARD GROVE-Church of Ascension, 13216 Detroit Ave. 8:30
 PEARL-Corpus Christi Basement, 4850 Pearl Road. 8:30
 RAMONA-9721 Ramona Blvd. 8:30
 SHAKER-Christ Episcopal Church, 3445 Warrenville Center Rd. 9:00
 SOUTH EAST-7526 Broadway. 8:30
 TEMPLE-Temple Baptist, 7500 Cedar. 8:15
 UNION-East View Congregational Church, Kinsman at E. 156th St. 9:00
 WEST 25th ST.-Marvel Hall, 2855 W. 25th St. 9:00
 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
 JEFFERSON, O.-St. Joseph's Church. 8:30
 VERMILION-Congregational Church. 8:30
 WILLOUGHBY, O.-Presbyterian Church 8:30

TUESDAY

ARCADE-Old Stone Church, Public Square, Ontario entrance. 8:00
 CLARK-1917 Clark Ave. 8:30
 CLOVER-(Women)-E. 46th. So. of Scovill Portland-Outhwaite Center 8:30
 CORLETT MEN'S-Lisy's Greenhouses, 4141 E. 116th St. 9:00
 EAST SIDE WOMEN-11205 Euclid, Church of the Covenant. 8:00
 EDGELAKE-Lakewood YMCA, Community Room, 16915 Detroit. 8:30
 EUCLID MORNING-Lake Shore Christian Church, Lake Shore Blvd. & 280. 10:30 A.M.
 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. 9:00
 HILLTOP-St. Joseph's Seminary, 17608 Euclid Ave. 8:45
 MAY-LYND-Kenny King's Restaurant, Mayland Shopping Cen. Mayfield Hts. 8:30
 MILES-LEE-Mt. Hope Lutheran Church, E. 164th, north of Miles Ave. 8:30
 SMITH-WILSON-St. Joseph's School, 9321 Orleans Ave. 8:30
 SUPERIOR-North Presbyterian Church, E. 40th and Superior. 9:00
 TRUSTY-Cleveland House of Correction, 1000 feet east of House of Correction. 8:00
 WEST PARK-Puritas Lutheran Church, Puritas Ave. and W. 138th St. 8:30
 ASHLAND, O.-First Presbyterian Church, 3rd & Church Sts. 8:30 EST
 ASHTABULA CONSOLIDATED-Methodist Church, South Broadway Geneva, Ohio-First Tuesday. 8:30
 ASHTABULA-West-1320 Perryway Pl. 8:00
 LAKE COUNTY-Meth. Fellowship Hall, Rt. 20-E. Southwood, Mentor. 8:30
 LORAIN CENTRAL-Lorain, O. Trinity Church. 8:30
 MANSFIELD-Episcopal Church, 41 Bowman St., Mansfield, O. 8:30 EST
 MEDINA, O.-St. Paul's Epis. Par. Hse. 8:30
 SANDUSKY, O. (Firelands)-First Pres-terian, Across from Post Office. 7:30
 SHREVE-Shreve Armory, South St., Shreve, O. 8:30 EST
 STRONGSVILLE-Town Hall. 8:30

WEDNESDAY

BAXTER-8437 Broadway. 8:30
 BEDFORD-Masonic Temple, Tarbell Ave. 8:30
 BROOKLYN-K. of P. Hall, 3316 Broadway, East of Pearl Rd. 8:30
 C. E. I.-Illuminating Co., Bldg. (rear) Room 361, 55 Pub. Sq. 8:30
 COLLINWOOD-945 E. 152nd St. 8:30
 DOAN MEN-YMCA (University Circle), 2055 E. 105th St., Second floor front 8:30
 EASTSIDE MORNING-9606 Euclid Ave., Euclid Ave. Congre. (Side ent.) 10:30 a.m.
 GARFIELD HETGHTS-Trinity Baptist, E. 94th and Garfield Blvd. 8:30
 HAGUE-Grace Cong. Assembly Hall, West 65th and Colgate. 8:30
 LAKEWOOD WOMEN-St. Peter's Episc'l 18001 Detroit Ave. (comer Clifton) 8:30

LORAIN AVE.-S.S. Philip & James Hall, 3689 Bosworth Road. 9:00
 LEE ROAD-First English Lutheran, Derbyshire and Euclid Hts. Blvd. 9:00
 ST. JAMES-Fairfax Settlement, E. 83rd St., betw'n Central & Quincy. 8:00
 ST. MARY-400 North S., Chardon, O. 8:30
 TRAINING-REFRESHER-Illuminating Bldg. (rear) Rm. 361, 55 Public Sq. 8:30
 TWENTY-FOUR HOUR-13216 Detroit, Church of the Ascension. 8:30
 WARRENSVILLE-Women's House Cor. 7:30
 WEDNESDAY NIGHT DISCUSSION-(Stag) 1386 Ardenall Ave. 8:00
 WEST SHORE-West Shore Unitarian, 20401 Hilliard Rd., Rocky River. 9:00
 WEST SIDE (Closed)-Twelfth Step Club, 8304 Detroit Ave. 8:30
 WOMEN'S-Lorain County-St. Vincent De Paul Church, Detroit Rd., (Rt. 254 & 57). 8:30
 ASHTABULA COUNTY WOMEN-Harris Memorial, W. 58th & Adams, Ashtabula Second and Fourth Wednesday. 7:30
 BRUNSWICK, O.-Cuyahoga Ass'n Bldg., Route 42, So. of 303, next to Marshall's. 8:30
 ELYRIA, O.-St. Paul Building, Third and Middle, side entrance. 8:30
 FAIRPORT HARBOR, 525 Eagle St. 8:00
 INTERRACIAL-30th & Wood, Lorain, O., Mt. Zion Baptist Church. 8:30
 MANSFIELD, O.-20% S. Park. 8:00 E.S.T.
 WICKLIFFE, O.-28917 Euclid (side-up) 8:30

THURSDAY

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
 COVENTRY-Fairmount Presby. Church, Scarborough and Fairmount Blvd. 8:30
 CRTLE HOSPITAL-Library. 8:00
 CROSSROADS-Bethany Presby. Church, W. 65th and Clinton. 9:00
 EASTLAKE-First Congregational Church, 337 Vine Street. 9:00
 EAST SHORE WOMEN-First Baptist Ch., 1565 Chardon Rd., near Euclid. 8:30
 GARDEN VALLEY-(Outhwaite) 7100 Kinsman Ave. 8:00
 HAWTHORNDEN STATE HOSPITAL, Macedonia, O., Basement of New Employeea Bldg. 8:00
 NORTH RANDALL-Village Hall, 21937 Miles Ave. 9:00
 PARMA HEIGHTS-Euclid Savings Bank, Ridge Ave. and Ridgewood. 8:30
 ROCKY RIVER-Rockport Nethadist Church, 3310 Wooster Road. 9:00
 ST. CLAIR-THURSDAY-Glenville Cong. Church, (side ent.) St. Clair & Eddy. 8:30
 TRTJSTY-Cleveland House of Correction, 1000 feet east of House of Correction. 8:00
 WEST STDE-7403 Denison Ave. 10:30 a.m.
 AMHERST-St. Peter's Ev. & Ref. Church, Church St., North Amherst, O. 8:30
 ASHLAND THURSDAY-I.O.O.F. Hall, 302 Claremont, Ashland, O. 8:00 EST
 ASHTABULA HARROR-North End Club, Corner Walnut Blvd. & Lake Ave. 8:30
 BEREA-Fine Arts Club, E. Bagley Rd., 3 doors east of Eastland Rd. 9:00
 INDEPENDENCE; O.-St. John's Lutheran Hall, Second and Sunset. 9:00

FRIDAY

ANSEL ROAD-St. Thomas Church, 9205 Superior Ave. 8:30
 BROADWAY-HARVARD-8437 Br'dway 9:00
 CEDAR-Salvation Army, 5005 Euclid. 8:15
 CHARTTY-Amphitheatre, 6th Floor, St. Vincent's Charity Hospital. 8:30
 CLEVELAND WOMEN-Hotel Cleveland 6:00
 EUCLID FRIDAY-Holy Cross church, E. 200 and Lake Shore Blvd. 8:30
 FRANKLIN-3804 Woodbine Ave. 8:30
 FRIDAY AFTERNOON WOMEN-Ply-mouth Church, Coventry and Drexmore, Krumbine Room. 1:00
 GORDON SOTJARF-St. Helena's Hall, 1367 W. 65th St. 9:00
 LEE ROAD-American Legion Hall, Post 163, 15544 Euclid Ave. 9:00
 NORTH EAST-Town House Motel, 15661 Euclid Ave. 8:30
 SOLIDARITY-Hubbard Memorial Center, E. 84th and Cedar. 8:45
 STELLA MARTS MIXED, 1320 Washington Ave. 8:15
 TAPCO-23555 Euclid Ave. 9 p.m.
 Second Friday of each month
 WEST CLIFTON-Lkwd. Congregational Church, 1375 W. Clifton Road. 9:00
 AVON LAKE-First Congregational Church, 32801 Electric Blvd. 8:45
 BEREA-Social room o f Berea Cong. Church, Seminary and Church Cong. 8:30

CHAGRIN FALLS, O.-American Legion, E. Orange St. 9:00
 CHARDON-Pilgrim Christian Church, 113 South Street, Chardon, O. 9:00
 ELYRIA-St. Agnes Church, Lake & Bass. 8:30
 CONNEAUT, O.-B. of L. E. Hall. 8:30
 WELLINGTON-St. Patrick's Catholic Church, No. Main St., Wellington, O. 8:30

SATURDAY

BROADWAY-CABLE-St. John's Lutheran Church, Cable at Broadway. 8:30
 FOREST CITY-6619 Denison Ave. 9:00
 JACK & HEINTZ-17600 Broadway. 8:30
 LANDER CIRCLE-Garfield Mem. Methodist, Cor. Lander Rd. and Route 422. 9:00
 LEAGUE PARK-Emmanuel Episcopal (basement) 8614 Euclid Ave. 9:00
 LIBERTY-9945 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
 NORWALK TRUCK LINES-1147 E. 55th St., at Shore Drive. 9:00
 PARMA-Ridgewood Savings & Loan, 5950 Ridge Road. 8:45
 PLAINS-Plains Methodist Ch., Mentor, O. Lake Shore Blvd., Cor. Rts. 283 & 306. 8:30
 REDWOOD-Eden Lutheran Church, E. 260th and Oriole. 8:30
 TRINITY-Trinity Evangelical Church, 3525 W. 235th St. 9:00
 VALLEY VIEW-Community Center, West 7th and Starkweather. 8:30
 ASHTABULA, O.-St. Peter's Epis. Church, Main Avenue at South Park. 8:30
 ELYRIA SATNITE-Alconon Club, 345 Broad St., Elyria, O. 8:30
 MANSFIELD, O.-20 1/2 S. Park. 8:00 E.S.T.
 WEST RICHFIELD-Consolidated Church, Route 308, just west of Route 21. 9:00

SUNDAY

AVON CENTRAL-Basement Central Bank, 36690 Detroit Road, Avon, O. 8:00
 BEDFORD HEIGHTS-Village Hall, 5661 Perkins Rd., Bedford Heights. 7:30
 BRECKSVILLE VETERANS HOSPITAL, Broadview and Oakes. 7:30
 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 SUNDAY-8304 Detroit Avenue. 7:30 P.M.
 GARDEN VALLEY-7100 Kinsman Ave. 4:30
 GOLF LAKELANDS-Trinity Lutheran, Rrdhrd & Chapel, No. Madison, O. 3:00
 LAKEWOOD ARMORY-1437 Wayne Ave., South of Detroit. 9:00
 LORAIN COUNTY CONSOLIDATED-First Sunday of each month, Route 60, Axtel, Ohio. 7:30
 MARIA JOSEPH-Plasterers Hall, 1651 E. 24th St., at Payne Ave. 1:00
 MISTLETOE-St. Thomas Church, 9205 Superior Ave. 7:00
 NEWBURY-St. Helena's Church, Rt. 87. 8:15
 NEWBURGH-St. Catherine's Church, 3443 E. 93rd St. 8:30
 SUPERIOR STAG-8801 Superior. 11 A.M.
 TRUSTY-Cleveland House of Correction, 1000 feet east of House of Correction. 5:00
 VALLEY WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP, 2nd & 4th Sunday, 7106 Kinsman. 3:30
 YOUR-Charter House, Euclid and 248. 7:15
 TWILIGHT-Grange Hall, Rt. 60, Axle, O. 7:30
 WARRENSVILLE-Cooley Farms Recreation Room. 10:00 A.M.
 CHIPPEWA-SEVILLE-V.V.F.W. Hall, Seville, O. 8:00
 GENEVA, O.-Legion Hall, Park St., corner of so. Eagle. 7:30
 MANSFIELD, O.-20 1/2 S. Park. 8:00 E.S.T.
 PATNESVILLE, O.-YMCA, Route 20. 8:30

ALANON GROUP MEETINGS

CALVARY-Calvary Presbyterian Church, E. 79th and Euclid. Tuesdays. 8:30
 CHARITYSST. Vincent Charity Hospital, E. 22nd and Central. Eriday. 8:30
 BETHANY-Bethany Presbyterian Church, 6415 Clinton Ave. Wednesday. 8:30
 SOUTH EASTMAPLE HTS. Pesh Church, 15715 Libby Road. Tuesday. 8:00
 VALLEY-7106 Kinsman Ave., 2nd and 4th Sundays. Closed meeting. 4:30

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RATIONALIZING

Few if any of us would deny having rationalized in the old drinking days. How many would admit that it is not a lost art now that we are sober? It is not an easy thing to condemn yourself. Step 10 is not a hurdle which, once taken, never looms up again. It is just part of our "stairway of life," which we must use over and over again. Nor do we gradually achieve a perfection in its use. There is no plateau of safety in the ceaseless search for truth. And honesty about ourselves is the ultimate in truth seeking.

We all want to justify ourselves-to think we are right -to accept ourselves easily and pleasantly. It is much easier to suppress our guilt and rationalize, than to promptly recognize and admit our wrongs. As a rule, the emotions of the human heart are sufficiently inventive to keep this rationalizing from becoming conscious. We like to blame others, or circumstances, or compare our acts and say "I'm as good as the next fellow." And when we do this latter, we generally pick the one with whom we compare and so that is a pretty good dodge too.

There is a tendency in us all to hope that by our own conscientious effort we can earn our sobriety and make it sure; that we can establish a sort of claim on God as we understand Him; that by our own merit we can at least stand confidently in His presence, not humbly with deep gratitude. We all do it to some extent, yet with painful honesty at the deepest level in our continuing self inventories, ripping off the mask and all pretense, it is sober truth to say that there is not one of us who is half as good as he pretends to be. There is not a one who should not say, "My greatest need is for God's love, mercy and gift of sobriety."

We can rationalize in many ways. If the highest standards condemn us too much, we can lower them and say "All I want is sobriety." If a God who wants us to love Him with all our mind and heart and strength, and to love our neighbor as **ourselves**, is a little uncomfortable for us, we can develop a genial easy-going Higher Power who is happy with our sobriety alone. We can rationalize by ascribing noble motives to the things we do. Often we do this and fail to see our true motives that others cannot fail to see. We rationalize consciously to drive the truth into our subconscious.

Let's quit hanging on to a pompous self-respect through rationalizing and move on to a life that is something more than sobriety and bread alone. By aiming high let's keep in mind how small our greatest greatness is thus far.

Searching for the truth is an endless challenge. The truth about ourselves is the most difficult and elusive part of it. Humility is the product of honesty about ourselves. Who among us could feel any safety or complacency because of progress in this direction? Let us run up the curtain of rationalization, and take a look at the naked truth about ourselves, instead of thinking up noble motives for what we have just done. Let us be fearless in our self inventory, while giving the benefit of every reasonable doubt to the other fellow.

WELCOME TO CLEVELAND

We Clevelanders are proud of our well-established reputation for being exceptionally fine hosts to "conventioners. We have excellent, above the ordinary facilities, such as hotels, auditoriums, meeting rooms, convention halls, restaurants, etc., which are our physical attractions.

But convention-goers expect more than that from a city. They come to be entertained, to receive enlightenment, to meet people with common interests, so that when they return from their trip they will feel that their time and expense have been well worth while.

AA conventions are quite different from the general type of convention. The principal difference is the absence of the disturbing element evident at most conventions—

the loud-mouthed, noisy, troublesome, disturbing drunks and half-drunks who always seem to try to disrupt the more important sessions for which the majority of delegates come and who sacrifice their time and money.

AA conventions, free from such annoyances, are exciting, interesting, illuminating, inspirational and are always entertaining. We speak from experience, having attended many. Certainly there has been a lot of horseplay and even violent, explosive disagreement, but this should be expected in a gathering of over 1000 people whose lives had been unmanageable and who had only stopped being adolescent for from one to twenty years.

We in Cleveland, with over 150 groups in our area, cannot possibly conceive what this convention means to AAs in the many small towns throughout the state who must go distances to attend meetings or form

small groups in their areas, listening to speakers with limited experience and little knowledge of the AA program of sustained sobriety. Everyone knows how to get drunk, but all too few know how to stay sober except by seeking each other's company. If the distances are great, the desire for escape transcends the desire for counsel.

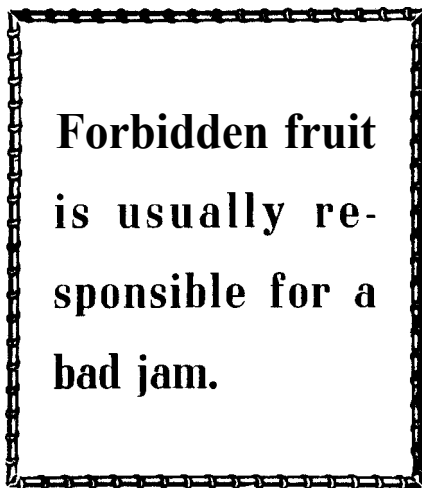
We in the urban areas don't realize and appreciate our great blessings, judging by the complaints of many secretaries who moan about the irregular attendance of the members on their roster and the amazing number of those who seem always too busy to go out on a call.

AA is a gift which will only retain its value if it is used, developed and refined with constant use. Neglected, it loses its lustre and its effectiveness. It was given to us, gratuitously, asking only that we receive it, practice its principles daily in every walk of our life, and then, in gratitude, share it with others. Is this asking too much?

A splendid opportunity to show your appreciation for this gift by sharing your gratitude with others will be yours by attending the big Ohio General Service Conference on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 19-20-21, 1960, in the Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel.

The program, prepared by the committee headed by Al L., of Barberton, Ohio, who is our Delegate from the North-Eastern Ohio area, looks most interesting and informative. The speakers are experienced AAs and have been carefully selected. Registration \$3.00 per person. Banquet \$5.00 per person.

You owe it to yourself and AA to attend.



EXCHANGE OF LETTERS

To the Editor; Central Bull . . . etin
Box 6712 Cleveland 1 Ohio

Dear Editor:

In the July issue of your placid little sheet there appeared a chronological treatise on a forthcoming Ohio State Conference apparently to be held in this city during the month of August.

The article covers part of the frontal page slopping over onto page 2 along with a rather complete schedule of events to come at this great and glorious gathering of es-drunks and others masquerading their ills as alkys. This is all well and good, no doubt Ralph Waldo Emerson would be shocked to see so many "sots" in sober action . . . since he stated in his booklet, now famed on *Self Reliance* wherein this great American writer made history with "Why . . . should I give alms to sots?" Pretty good thinking . . . wouldn't you agree.

Be that as it may if I did intend to attend this public showing . . . which I am not. I wouldn't know where in hell to go . . . because nowhere in all this verbiage does the copy contain even a hint as to where this shindig is comin' off.

Is it to be held at the Zoo . . . not too bad an idea, at that. Or the Gillsy Hotel and Emporium . . . or the Aquarium? As a working Newspaper guy, I would be relegated to the obits column if I turned in such a lousy job of reporting.

Sincerely yours,
(signed) Luke Warum

Dear Luke:

Your criticism is acknowledged gratefully, for amateurish as we are, we wish to do better. Our regret is ameliorated a little by knowledge that in three preceding issues we chronicled the affair and the site of it. You are literate. Who was it that said, "He also serves who only sits and cheers"? Should it in your book be changed to "jeers"?

But you are a friend of this writer. We have an interest in common, the writings of Emerson. And I am in your debt too for causing me to read his "Self Reliance" again for the umpteenth time. It should be remembered that in his time, alcoholics had not yet been determined to be sick people. We do not seek alms, nor will we accept them. We do not ask for help except among ourselves and we know that we gain it only by giving it.

The Bulletin is the oldest AA publication. To use Emerson's words from the same essay, it is the "lengthened shadow of one man." He started it and he has kept it going. Realizing how very much it means to so very many, a few of us who have chipped in with minor assists to him now and again, often worry about the Bulletin's continued life if this man should move on from this fleeting mortal period. Have you ever seen anything good in the Bulletin? On occasion excerpts from it have been reprinted in national publications of merit. One such reprint is current at this time.

For some years our placid little sloppy sheet has had a co-editor. Until his death last January, Spencer Irwin, a talented sensitive writer in the opinion of the top judges of your fraternity, served in that job. Since his tragic death, this writer has partly filled his shoes, rather poorly, and with a deep sense of humility. Whether you are a sot or not, and whether you are sober or not, we wish you well. We believe our philosophy would help anyone to gain a better view of life's significance and to live a better life. We commend to you the qualities of tolerance, understanding and kindness which we try so hard to advance in ourselves.

The Bulletin costs a Buck for a year, the price of one double-header in a second rate bar. If it has one thought expressed in a year that helps any of us individually to stay sober, we feel it's a bargain. If you will give your right name and address, the writer will gladly send you a refund of the total amount that you may have paid by way of subscriptions to the Bulletin in the past.

Sincerely yours, L. H.

PROGRAM

Friday — August 19

Registration—10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mezzanine
Kaffee Klatch—10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Hospitality Room
8:00 p.m. Formal Opening of Conference
Welcome Al L., Northeast Ohio Delegate

PROGRAM OF RECOVERY-FIRST LEGACY
(The Twelve Steps)

Chairman Hazel B.
Central and Southeast Ohio Delegate

1. "Beat by Booze" Harry D., Cleveland
2. "There Is An Answer" Bev. B., Toledo
3. "Continuous Sobriety Thru Action" Doc S.,
Springfield
4. "A New Way of Life" Gordon B., Dayton

9:30 p.m. Lyb. S., New York, N.Y.
General Service Coaf. Sec'y.

Saturday — August 20

9:30 a.m. Assembly
PROGRAM OF UNITY-SECOND LEGACY
(The Twelve Traditions)
Chairman Frank G.
N.W. Ohio and S.E. Michigan G.S.C. Delegate

1. "Unity Within The Group" Hal S., Fostoria
2. "Unity Between Groups" Alice R., Cincinnati
3. "Relations With Others" Howard S., Lancaster
4. "Trusted Servants" Bruce M., Akron

11:00 a.m. (Open Meeting) Alanon Family Groups
Chairman Henrietta H., Cleveland
Main Ballroom

Speaker Margaret D., New York, N.Y.

11:00 a.m. (Closed Meeting) AA Women
Cleveland Room—Main Lobby
Chairman Ann C., Niles

Speakers Betty T., Cincinnati
Norma P., Cleveland

2:30 p.m. Assembly
PROGRAM OF SERVICE-THIRD LEGACY
(World Service)
Chairman Betty T.
South and Southwest Ohio G.S.C. Delegate

1. "AA Service On A Personal Level" Vivian A.,
Columbus
2. "The AA Group In Action" Art M., Hamilton
3. "Twelfth Step Activities" (Statewide) Al A.,
Ashland
4. "World Service In Action" Roy D., Toledo

Al-Anon Business Meeting Al-Anon Members Only

6:30 p.m. Banquet
Chairman Al L.
Northeast Ohio Delegate

Introductions
Remarks Leonard Harrison, New York, N.Y.
Chairman, G. S. Board (non-alcoholic member)
Speaker Allan B., Stamford, Conn.
The Lord's Prayer

9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Dancing
Hal Salliers and His Music, Fostoria

Sunday — August 21

10 a.m. Assembly
SPIRITUALITY IN AA
Chairman Hazel B.
Central and Southeast Ohio G.S.C. Delegate

Speaker Ed H., Dobbs Ferry, N. Y.

GROUP NEWS

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

Ashland-It is with heavy heart that we report the sudden death of Frances Anderson ("Willie," as she was affectionately known by her host of friends) on July 23 in Flint, Michigan, her former home. Though not an alcoholic, she was thoroughly informed on all phases of the program and was the spark plug of the Ashland group with her husband, Al. Our sincere condolences go out to Al and to the group.

Brooklyn-September speakers: 7—Roy A., Brooklyn (his 14th anniversary); 14—Tony T., Brooklyn (his 11th anniversary); 21—Scotty C., Lorain Ave. Monday; 28—Mary W., West Side Women.

Corlett Mixed-The Corlett Men's group has capitulated and will become a mixed group. The new group will meet in Holy Family Parish Hall, 3845 E. 131st St., on Tuesdays at 8:30 p.m. The first meeting in the new location will be on Tuesday, August 23.

Friendship-A new group which held its first meeting on Monday, August 8, at 8:30 p.m., meets in Boulevard Presbyterian Church, 24600 Lake Shore Blvd., Euclid, Ohio.

Parma Heights-September speakers: 1—Jim A., Forest City; 8—Bud C., Newburgh; 15—Norman H., Parma Heights (his first lead); 22—Bill T., Pearl; 29—Jack B., Brookside.

6700 Detroit Discussion-A new informal discussion group which meets every Sunday evening at 7 p.m., considers all phases of AA Principles and Traditions. It's a closed meeting to members only. A. F. is secretary.

West Park--September speakers: 6—Al S., Orchard Grove; 13—Jack K., Orchard Grove; 20—Ambrose T., Angle; 27—Agnes O'M., Angle.

Refresher-Training-September schedule: 7—Step & Tradition VII, Elyria; 14—Step & Tradition VIII, Brecksville V.A. Hospital; 21—Step & Tradition IX, Maria Joseph; 28—Step & Tradition X, Garden Valley.

HARRY ROWLAND

One of the most steadfast AAs in the Gordon Square group passed away on Saturday, August 30. Both he and his wife, Jerry, suffered more than usual physical afflictions, but these rarely prevented them, in their courage, gratitude and dedication to AA, from continuing to give outstanding AA service.

His many friends in the entire Cleveland area will be saddened by his passing and we are certain will join us in expressing heartfelt sympathy to Jerry in her loss.

ATTENTION . . . BOWLERS!

If you are interested in bowling, attend the meeting called for the purpose of organizing an AA Handicap League on Tuesday, August 30, at 7 p.m. at the Five Points Bowling Alleys, 15105 St. Clair Ave. The league will start its season on Tuesday, September 6, on the same alleys.

OLD TIMERS ATTRACT CROWD

The large crowd of people which attended the annual Old Timers' Night meeting in the spacious Independence High School auditorium, Thursday, July 28, was given a heartwarming thrill as pioneer AA veterans walked on the stage, spoke a few words and took seats on the stage.

Bob O., who embraced the Fellowship in 1937, was followed by Bob E., who came in in 1938. Seven men came in in 1939; 12 in 1940 (including one woman, Ruth H., of Toledo, O.); 14 in 1941 (including one woman, Ethel M., Akron, O.); 15 in 1942.

These fifty represented a total of 968 years of devoted, dedicated service. Most of them are still exceedingly active and deserved the long sustained applause accorded them.

According to Howard B., chairman, this will be an annual affair.

ATTENDANCE-GOOD INSURANCE

When any group of people associate themselves together for any purpose, each of them assumes an equal share of responsibility in furthering the success of that purpose. It is true that not everyone will contribute the same kind of service, because talents are diversified and abilities in all areas of service are not equal.

But there are areas in which each can contribute an equal service because talent and ability have nothing to do with it. In A.A., one example where each can contribute an equal service is in the matter of attending meetings.

Not everyone can attend every meeting, but in observing the members of a group, it is a simple matter to determine which members miss only for a very valid reason, which use any slight excuse, and which have no excuse at all.

The fellow who attends every A.A. meeting, and the fellow who attends every possible meeting he can attend, will have every reasonable assurance of sustained sobriety. The fellow who thinks he can make it by showing up once a month may stay dry, but despite his self-estimated superiority to other people, he is flirting with the male nurses at the boobv hatch. The fellow who comes to a few meetings and decides he has the deal mastered is the fellow who calls us at 2 o'clock in the morning and wants us to work a miracle.

Outside of illness, work, or absence from the city, there are very, very few legitimate reasons for missing a meeting. Headache, toothache, bellyache or buttache do not come under the heading of illness. Entertaining Aunt Minnie from Grundy Center is no good excuse, even if she owns a section of land and a mattress full of bonds. She won't leave you any of the stuff if you get drunk. In fact, the only reason she comes to see you at all is because you are sober, and you owe your sobriety to A.A.

And then there is that nasty materialistic aspect. The man who comes to every A.A. meeting not only has to meet his own responsibility, but also has to shoulder the responsibility of the one who stays away most of the time.

Most of us could do a little better. bet's think about it.
-Alanews, Dubuque, Iowa

GIGGLES

Before going into a serious and interesting address at the opening ceremonies of a community building, Father McCarthy told this one about a man in one of those combination sleeper and lounge cars.

The man was standing in the doorway looking anxiously into the lounge section, and called out in nervous haste, "Is there a Catholic priest in here?"

Eyebrows rose and heads shook as it became evident that none was present. Then, more worried than before, he called again, "Well, is there an Episcopalian minister here?" Still nothing but head-shakes.

Just then a man who had gone to bed in an upper poked his head out and said, "My brother, I am a Methodist minister, and I will be glad to help you if I can."

"Hell, no," said the man, "I'm looking for a corkscrew."

BOUND VOLUMES OF BULLETIN

Bound volumes of Central Bulletins containing the issues from October 1959 to September 1960 (Vols. 17 and 18) will be available some time in October. They will be attractively bound and will cost about \$5.00 each, depending upon the number of orders received.

We would appreciate an early response if interested.

NURSING HOMES THAT TREAT ALCOHOLICS

(This listing does not necessarily indicate endorsement or approval)

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Cleveland Alcoholic Hospital (MW) 7809 Euclid Ave.	EX 1-8998
Dorothy McCauliffe Alcoholic Clinic (MW) 8304 Detroit	AT 1-3353
Farquharson's Home (M) 6037 Pearl Road, Parma	TU 3-1883
Stella Maris Hospital (M) 1320 Washington Ave	SU 1-0554

CLEVELAND A R E A A G R O U P M E E T I N G S

M O N D A Y

ADDISON—Good Shepherd Church,
7309 St. Clair Ave. 8:30
BORTON—E. Cleveland Congrega. Church,
Page and Euclid Ave. 8:30
EARLY-EARLY—Plasterers Union Hall,
1651 E. 24th St. (near Payne Ave.) 7:00
FRIENDLY SUBURBAN—6037 Pearl... 8:00
FRIENDSHIP—Blvd. Presbyterian Ch.,
24600 Lake Shore Blvd., Euclid, O. 8:30
LAKEWOOD MEN'S—St. Peter's Episcopal,
W. Clifton and Detroit. 9:00
LEE MONDAY—First Presbyter. Church,
East Cleveland, Nela and Euclid 8:30
LORAIN AVE.—St. Ignatius Hall,
Lorain Ave. at West Blvd. 8:30
NEW HOPE—3804 Woodbine Ave. 8:30
ORCHARD GROVE—Church of Ascension,
13216 Detroit Ave. 8:30
PEARL—Corpus Christi Basement,
4850 Pearl Road. 8:30
RAMONA—9721 Ramona Blvd. 8:30
SHAKER—Christ Episcopal Church,
3445 Warrensville Center Rd. 9:00
SOUTH EAST—7526 Broadway. 8:30
TEMPLE—Temple Baptist, 7500 Cedar. 8:15
UNION—East View Congregational Church,
Kinsman at E. 15th St. 9:00
WEST 25th ST.—Marvel Hall,
2858 W. 25th St. 9:00
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
JEFFERSON, O.—St. Joseph's Church. 8:30
VERMILION—Congregational Church. 8:30
WILLOUGHBY, O.—Presbyterian Church 8:30

T U E S D A Y

ARCADY—Old Stone Church,
Public Square, Ontario entrance 8:00
CLARK—1917 Clark Ave. 8:30
CLOVER—(Women)—E. 46th. So. of Scovill
Portland—Outhwaite Center 8:30
CORLETT MIXED—Holy Family Parish
Hall, 3845 E. 131st St. 8:30
EAST SIDE WOMEN—11205 Euclid.
Church of the Covenant 8:00
EDGE LAKE—Lakewood YMCA,
Community Room, 16915 Detroit 8:30
EUCLID MORNING—Lake Shore Christian
Church, Lake Shore Blvd. & 280. 10:30 A.M.
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. 9:00
HILLTOP—St. Joseph's Seminary,
17608 Euclid Ave. 8:45
MAY-LYND—Kenny King's Restaurant,
Mayland Shopping Cn. Mayfield Hts. 8:30
MILES-LEE—Mt. Hope Lutheran Church,
E. 164th. north of Miles Ave. 8:30
SMITH-WILSON—St. Joseph's School,
9321 Orleans Ave. 8:30
SUPERIOR—North Presbyterian Church,
E. 40th and Superior 9:00
TRUSTY—Cleveland House of Correction,
1000 feet east of House of Correction. 8:00
WEST PARK—Puritiss Lutheran Church,
Puritas Ave. and W. 138th St. 8:30
ASHLAND, O.—First Presbyterian Church,
3rd & Church Sts. 8:30 EST
ASHTABULA CONSOLIDATED—
Methodist Church, South Broadway
Geneva, Ohio—First Tuesday 8:30
ASHTABULA—West—1320 Perryville Pl. 8:00
LAKE COUNTY—Meth. Fellow & Hall,
Rt. 20-F, Southwood, Mentor 8:30
LORAIN CENTRAL—Lorain, O.
Trinity Church 8:30
MANFIELD—Episcopal Church,
41 Bowman St., Mansfield, O. 8:30 EST
MEDINA, O.—St. Paul's Epis. Par. Hse. 8:30
SANDUSKY, O. (Firelands)—First Pres-
byterian, Across from Post Office 7:30
SHREVE—Shreve Armory,
South St., Shreve, O. 8:30 EST
STRONGSVILLE—Town Hall 8:30

W E D N E S D A Y

BAXTER—8437 Broadway 8:30
BEDFORD—Masonic Temple, Tarbell Ave. 8:30
BROOKLYN—K. of P. Hall,
3316 Broadview, East of Pearl Rd. 8:30
C. E. I.—Illuminating Co.,
Bldg. (rear) Room 361, 55 Pub. Sq. 8:30
COLLINWOOD—945 E. 152nd St. 8:30
DOAN MEN—YMCA (University Circle),
2055 E. 105th St., Second floor front 8:30
EASTSIDE MORNING—9606 Euclid Ave.,
Euclid Ave. Congre. (Side ent.) 10:30 a.m.
GARFIELD HEIGHTS—Trinity Baptist,
E. 94th and Garfield Blvd. 8:30
HAGUE—Grace Cong. Assembly Hall,
West 65th and Colgate. 8:30

LAKEWOOD WOMEN—St. Peter's Episc^l
18001 Detroit Ave. (corner Clifton) 8:30
LORAIN AVE.—S.S. Philip & James Hall,
3689 Bosworth Road. 9:00
LEE ROAD—First English Lutheran,
Derbyshire and Euclid Hts. Blvd. 9:00
ST. JAMES—Fairfax Settlement,
E. 83rd St., betw'n Central & Quincy. 8:00
ST. MARY—400 North S., Chardon, O. 8:30
TRAINING-REFRESHER—Illuminating
Bldg. (rear) Rm. 361, 55 Public Sq. 8:30
TWENTY-FOUR HOUR—13216 Detroit,
Church of the Ascension. 8:30
WARRENSVILLE—Women's House 7:30
WEDNESDAY NIGHT DISCUSSION—
(Stag) 1386 Ardenall Ave. 8:00
WEST SHORE—West Shore Unitarian,
20401 Hilliard Rd., Rocky River. 9:00
WEST SIDE (Closed)—Twelfth Step Club
8304 Detroit Ave. 8:30
WOMEN'S—Lorain County—St. Vincent De
Paul Church, Detroit Rd., (Rt. 254 & 57). 8:30
ASHTABULA COUNTY WOMEN—Harris
Memorial, W. 58th & Adams, Ashtabula
Second and Fourth Wednesday. 7:30
BRUNSWICK, O.—Cuyahoga Ass'n Bldg.,
Route 42, So. of 303, next to Marshall's. 8:30
ELYRIA, O.—St. Paul Building,
Third and Middle, side entrance. 8:30
FAIRPORT HARBOR, 525 Eagle St. 8:00
INTER-RACIAL—30th & Wood, Lorain, O.,
Mt. Zion Baptist Church. 8:30
MANSFIELD, O.—20½ S. Park 8:00 E.S.T.
WICKLIFFE, O.—28917 Euclid (side-up) 8:30

T H U R S D A Y

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
COVENTRY—Fairmount Presby. Church,
Scarborough a n d Fairmount Blvd. 8:30
CRIE HOSPITAL—Library 8:00
CROSSROADS—Bethany Presby. Church,
W. 65th and Clinton. 9:00
EAST LAKE—First Congregational Church,
337 Vine Street 9:00
EAST SHORE WOMEN—First Baptist Ch.,
565 Chardon Rd., near Euclid 8:30
GARDEN VALLEY—(Outhwaite)
7100 Kinsman Ave. 8:00
HAWTHORN DEN STATE HOSPITAL,
Macedonia, O., Basement of New
Employees Bldg. 8:00
NORTH RANDALL—Village Hall,
21937 Miles Ave. 9:00
PARMA HEIGHTS—Euclid Savings Bank,
Ridge Ave. and Ridgewood 8:30
ROCKY RIVER—Rockport Methodist
Church, 3310 Wooster Road. 9:00
ST. CLAIR-THURSDAY—Glenville Cong.
Church, (side ent.) St. Clair & Eddy. 8:30
TRUSTY—Cleveland House of Correction,
1000 feet east of House of Correction. 8:00
WEST SIDE—7403 Denison Ave. 10:30 a.m.
AMHERST—St. Peter's Ev. & Ref. Church,
Church St., North Amherst, O. 8:30
ASHLAND THURSDAY-I.O.O.F. Hall,
302 Claremont, Ashland, O. 8:00 EST
ASHTABULA HARBOR—North End Clnb,
Corner Walnut Blvd. & Lake Ave. 8:30
RERE-A-Fine Arts Club, E. Bagley Rd.,
3 doors east of Eastland Rd. 9:00
INDEPENDENCE, O.—St. John's Lutheran
Hall, Second and Sunset 9:00

F R I D A Y

ANSEL ROAD—St. Thomas Church,
9205 Superior Ave. 8:30
BROADWAY-HARVARD—8437 Br'd'way 9:00
CFDAR—Salvation Army, 5005 Euclid. 8:15
CHARITY—Amphitheatre, 6th Floor,
St. Vincent's Charity Hospital 8:30
CLEVELAND WOMEN—Hotel Cleveland 6:00
EUCLID FRIDAY—Holy Cross Church
E. 200 and Lake Shore Blvd. 8:30
FRANKLIN—3804 Woodbine Ave. 8:30
FRIDAY AFTERNOON WOMEN—Ply-
mouth Church, Coventry and Drexmore,
Krumbine Room 1:00
GORDON SQUARE—St. Helena's Hall,
1367 W. 65th St. 9:00
LEE ROAD—American Legion Hall,
Port 163, 15544 Euclid Ave. 9:00
NORTH EAST—Town House Motel,
15661 Euclid Ave. 8:30
SOLIDARITY—Hubbard Memorial Center,
E. 84th and Cedar 8:45
STELLA MARTS MIXED
1320 Washington Ave. 8:15
TAPCO—23555 Euclid Ave. 9p.m.
Second Friday of each month
WEST CLIFTON—Lkwd. Congregational
Church, 1375 W. Clifton Road 9:00
AVON LAKE—First Congregational Church,
32801 Electric Blvd. 8:45

BEREA—Social room of Berea Cong.
Church, Seminary and Church 8:30
CHAGRIN FALLS, O.—American Legion,
E. Orange St. 9:00
CHARDON—Pilgrim Christian Church,
113 South Street, Chardon, O. 9:00
ELYRIA—St. Agnes Church, Lake & Bass. 8:30
CONNEAUT, O.—B. of L. E. Hall 8:30
WELLINGTON—St. Patrick's Catholic
Church, No. Main St., Wellington, O. 8:30

S A T U R D A Y

BROADWAY-CABLE—St. John's Lutheran
Church, Cable at Broadway 8:30
FOREST CITY—6619 Denison Ave. 9:00
JACK & HEINTZ—17600 Broadway 8:30
LANDER CIRCLE—Garfield Mem. Methodist,
Cor. Lander Rd. and Route 422. 9:00
LEAGUE PARK—Emmanuel Episcopal
(basement) 8614 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—Lakewood Congregational Ch.,
1375 W. Clifton, Cor. Detroit Ave. 9:00
NORWALK TRUCK LINES—
1147 E. 55th St., at Shore Drive 9:00
PARMA—Ridgewood Savings & Loan,
5950 Ridge Road 8:45
PLAIN'S—Plains Methodist Ch., Mentor, O.,
Lake Shore Blvd., Cor. Rts. 283 & 306. 8:30
REDWOOD—Euclid Lutheran Church,
E. 260th and Oriole 8:30
TRINITY—Trinity Evangelical Church,
3525 W. 25th St. 9:00
VALLEY VIEW—Community Center,
West 7th and Starkweather 8:30
ASHTABULA, O.—St. Peter's Epis. Church,
Main Avenue at South Park. 8:30
ELYRIA SATNITE—Alconon Club,
345 Broad St., Elyria, O. 8:30
MANSFIELD, O.—20½ S. Park 7:30 E.S.T.
WEST RICHFIELD—Consolidated Church,
Route 303, just west of Route 21. 9:00

S U N D A Y

AVON CENTRAL—Basement Central Bank
36690 Detroit Road, Avon, O. 8:00
BEDFORD HEIGHTS—Village Hall,
5661 Perkins Rd., Bedford Heights. 7:30
BRECKSVILLE VETERANS HOSPITAL
Broadview and Oakes 7:30
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 SUNDAY—
8304 Detroit Avenue 7:30 P.M.
DISCUSSION—6700 Detroit Ave. 7:00
GARDEN VALLEY—7100 Kinsman Ave.
7100 Kinsman Ave. 4:30
GOLF LAKE LANDS—Trinity Lutheran,
Redbird & Chapel, No. Madison, O. 3:00
LAKEWOOD ARMORY—
1437 Wayne Ave., South of Detroit. 9:00
LORAIN COUNTY CONSOLIDATED—
First Sunday of each month,
Route 60, Axtel, Ohio. 7:30
MARIA JOSEPH—Plasterers Hall,
1651 E. 24th St., at Payne Ave. 1:00
MISTLETOE—St. Thomas Church,
9205 Superior Ave. 7:00
NEWBURY—St. Helena's Church, Rt. 87. 8:15
NEWBURGH—St. Catherine's Church,
3443 E. 93rd St. 8:30
SUPERIOR STAG—8801 Superior 11 A.M.
TRUSTY—Cleveland House of Correction,
1000 feet east of House of Correction. 5:00
VALLEY WOMEN'S DISCUSSTON GROUP
2nd & 4th Sunday, 7106 Kinsman 3:30
YOUR-Charter House, Euclid and 248. 7:15
TWILIGHT—Grange Hall, Rt. 60, Axle, O. 7:30
WARRENSVILLE—Cooley Farms
Recreation Room 10:00 A.M.
CHIPPEWA-SEVILLE-V.F.W. Hall,
Seville, O. 8:00
GENEVA, O.—Legion Hall, Park St.,
corner of so. Eagle 7:30
MANSFIELD, O.—20½ S. Park 8:00 E.S.T.
PATNESVTLLE, O.—YMCA, Route 20. 8:30

ALANON GROUP MEETINGS

CALVARY—Calvary Presbyterian Church,
E. 79th and Euclid Tuesdays. 8:30
CHARITY—St. Vincent Charity Hospital,
E. 22nd and Central Friday. 8:30
BETHANY—Bethany Presbyterian Church,
6415 Clinton Ave. Wednesday. 8:30
SOUTH EAST—Maple Hts. Presb. Church,
15715 Libby Road Tuesday. 8:00
VALLEY-7100 Kinsman Ave.,
2nd and 4th Sundays. Closed meeting. 4:30

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THREE'S A CROWD

It has always seemed to us that one reason why psychiatry has had so little success with the problem drinker might be the complexity of the personalities he represents. Ours is no simple case of split personality. In each of us many people seem to live.

First of all we have the "almost forgotten man," the person we once hopefully aspired to be. Much water (?) has gone over the dam since then and in most cases the time factor alone makes that ambition a dead issue. It's probably well forgotten, for dwelling on it can only lead, to paroxysms of self-pity, the most destructive of our vices.

Then there is the person we now hope to be. A cut or two below our original hopes in worldly things perhaps, yet it may well equal or exceed our original ambition in terms of spiritual values. If we pursue the philosophy of our way of life to the very best of our ability, our objective should be that of a grateful child of God as we understand Him.

A third individual with whom each of us lives is the person we casually regard ourselves as being, who is pretty much the person we pretend to be. If we have made real progress in self-discipline to minimize rationalization and maximize sincerity, then there will be less difference between this fellow and the next, who is the person others regard us as being. And finally we reach the most important person of all, the person we really are. This is the character we never come to know in the absence of constant and assiduous practice of Step No. 10. Only persistent, fearless personal inventories will acquaint us and keep us acquainted with this person. When we know him, we will know our humblest hour.

Would it not serve our chances of serenity, if we could eliminate from our picture all but two of these people? We should forget the first one, as a ghost of yesterday. If we could, achieve an honest sincerity of action and a constant awareness of the person we really are, then the person we casually regard **ourselves** as being and the individual others regard us as being, could both be eliminated.

Could we but deal with what we really are, and what we are striving to be, then the two might be good company, and keep us on the path of progress.

But three or more is a crowd. In these complexities of ours, there reside all the hazards of a crowd, confusion, sham, pretense, and the utter lack of any chance to meditate upon the truth.

Let's make it simple. Let's not louse it up with all these people who really don't belong. Let's concentrate on just two things, what we are, and what we ought to be.

PASSING THE BUCK

Buck-passing is not a sport for us alone. It is a devastating inclination that pervades most of the human race. The importance of disciplining against it is simply more pronounced in our way of life. Our anti-buck-passing suggestions are found in the Tenth Step, and in our alertness to the fact that self-pity is the most corroding of human vices.

Basically there are two general classifications of buck-passing. One is suggested by the inclination we have to "let George do it." Looking closely, we can see that George is the happiest guy in the whole fellowship. He gives the most of himself, and he receives the most in return.

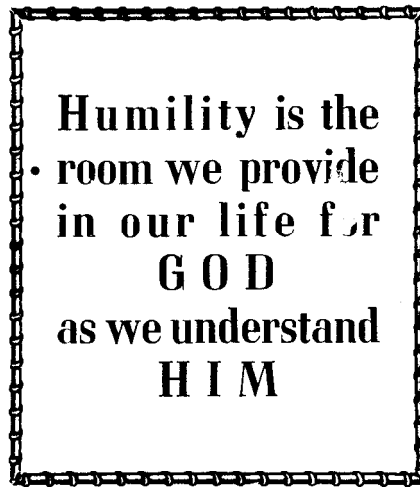
Conversely the one who holds back, the one who is not eager to do anything he can to help, is the one from whose ranks most relapses come. For that is what it is, purely and simply. It's a relapse to the ravages of an incurable disease which comes about because we have not done to the best of our ability, that which the Doctor ordered.

Then there is the broad area of buck-passing represented by self-pity. It's hard to love a whiner. When we feel sorry for ourselves we are not admitting our own mistakes. We are not admitting that something we did is wrong. We are not admitting our failure to do that which we should have done. We are passing the buck. We blame someone else or we blame circumstances, and we usually end up saying "why did this have to happen to me?" Reeling under the impact of some unforeseen occurrence, this question seems to be triggered very naturally.

Once we were called long distance by the wife of an alcoholic friend who was out of the city because of her mother's death. In her absence our friend had gone beyond limits in his drinking and had beaten and seriously injured a young daughter because she had told him he was drunk. We raced out there and in a jittery, crying jag, he greeted us with these very words. "Why did this have to happen to me?" and we said, "Why did what have to happen to you?" And he said, "Why did Mary have to be out of town just when I need her so much?"

That's extreme, of course, and in our sobriety we have made a lot of progress from that ludicrous behavior. But surely self-pity and the instinct to "let George do it" are still very much alive and deserving of alert attention. So let's follow the Doctor's suggested therapy. Let's look at ourselves honestly and admit our mistakes frankly. Let's assume responsibility for ourselves and what we do and not blame things on others or the age in which we live or the special circumstances of the moment.

If we pitch in without being asked to help George and accept our lot with grace, we will avoid passing the buck and hang on to our sobriety. At least we shall be doing a better job on the Tenth Step and our whole way of life.



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QUESTIONS RELATING TO MATURITY

1. How many of us feel that the progress we enjoy in our AA associations alone is a real step in a broad sense toward emotional security?
2. In terms of maturity, is it a great milestone of accomplishment, if we are able to get along **peacefully** and pleasantly with fellow members in a group that is perhaps the most kindly, tolerant **and** understanding **group** on the surface of the earth?
3. With the God-given strength and blessings of this fellowship paving our way, should not our great challenge be to become respected mature citizens of the world brotherhood of men?
4. How many of us are successful in only 11% steps? Do we **carry** these **principles** of ours into all of our affairs?
5. Having achieved some measure of sustained sobriety and successful membership in this fellowship, should we not move on to an even higher quality in our mature brotherhood with all people?
6. Being able to deal with and help other alcoholics who know and understand and forgive and love, should we not move on to the **greater accomplishment** of learning to apply our **principles** to those who have not been blessed with the spirit of tolerance or **love** that we learn in this fellowship?
7. Many of us have serious personal problems today which are the continuation or the outgrowth of the same problems we were avoiding while drinking. Are we facing these things which we ducked with alcohol, or are we merely enjoying them or perhaps putting up with them? If they are chronic or insoluble problems are we accepting them with the serenity for which we pray?
8. In our fellowship do we put up with or merely tolerate the other alcoholic, or is it not true that in AA tolerance comes to mean love, understanding, forgiveness and full compassion?
9. Do we show this same spirit of love, understanding, forgiveness and compassion in all our affairs, toward our close friends, our business associates and people generally?

OUR FACE IS RED

In the report on the Old Timers meeting in Independence on July 28, we erroneously informed our readers that Ruth H. of Toledo was one of the twelve who came into the program in 1940. Her name was Laverne H., not Ruth H. And this we did to one of our valued friends!

Our humblest apologies, Laverne!

FALL CONSOLIDATED MEETING

Sunday, October 16, 3:00 p.m.

Lorenzo carter Room, **Carter Hotel**
Prospect Avenue, East of E. 9th Street

The Fall Consolidated Meeting will be held at the above address on Sunday afternoon, October 16, at three o'clock.

These meetings are provided to enable members from all sectors of the Cleveland area to renew acquaintances and to hear an outstanding speaker normally not available to the individual group.

The speaker for this Fall meeting is Dr. Franklin F. of Mentor, Ohio, who has enjoyed many years of sobriety and has appeared **before** groups in many parts of the country.

His message is worth hearing. See you there?

Plenty of parking space on the street or in parking lots.

TAX STAMPS

For the past many years, devoted and dedicated Helen S. has been sorting, separating and counting the tax stamps given to the Cleveland AA District office in her "spare hours." Then she packs them neatly in a carton and ships them to the State of Ohio for redemption.

Her work would be made SO much easier if the contributors of stamps would take the time to **sort** them according to denomination. Let's cooperate with this fine unselfish woman.

SPONSORSHIP

Usually AA speakers and writers paint pretty pictures of the joys of sponsorship. How wonderful to take a bum, a skid row derelict, take him under your protective **wing**, nurse him, feed him, house him, be a father-confessor, a psychiatrist, and an employment agency-watch as he gradually quits shaking, gets some **bloom** into his cheeks, regains his confidence and self-respect, finally becomes a **normal** and useful citizen. No doubt about it, it produces a wonderful feeling of accomplishment, and all the more wonderful because you have acted without any selfish motive. You'll do it **again** and **again**, and each time you get another pigeon **into** the **sobriety** loft, you feel you have paid a little more on your debt of gratitude.

But sometimes you take a beating. That's when your sponsorship tail drags in the **dust**. You go all out" for some fellow. You wet-nurse and worry for weeks. And just as everything looks rosy? your pigeon takes his first paycheck and disappears. Without so much as by your leave, or kiss my donkey. You feel you were betrayed, goofed, taken for a ride. The employer thinks you peddled him a bum. Your faith in humanity gets a jolt. You feel that your time, energy and money could be devoted to more rewarding tasks, like playing stud poker. It makes us think of an old Chinese proverb which says if you want to be happy for an hour, get drunk; if you want to be happy for three days, get married; if you want to be happy for eight days, kill your pig and eat it; if you want to be happy forever, go fishing.

But sponsors are funny creatures. When they say "never again" they mean until next time. They'll go out and find another **pigeon** to **wipe** out the bad **taste** left by the bad one. No one ever has 100 per cent success, and one success can make you forget a hundred failures. It's a cinch there can be no success without trying. There's a bit of a gamble in every success. You are hardly ever dealt a full house. You have to draw, and hope. **So** we keep playing the game. **We** offer an honest deal in sobriety, and if everyone plays honest, it's a nice game. The fellow who cheats soon loses his place at the AA **round** table, but oddly enough, we'll deal him a new hand as soon as he shows any willingness to play the game honestly.

We believe there are times when people must lose heavily before they can win. We also believe there are times when a sponsor needs a sponsor.

—Alanews, Dubuque, Iowa

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Keep your temper. Nobody in all the world wants it. The only sensible way to lose your temper is — permanently.

OBITUARIES

Mrs. Lena V. Porter, affectionately known as "Ma" or "Mother" Porter, passed on to her eternal reward at the ripe old age of 85 on August 28, 1960. Her amazing understanding of the alcoholic personality, her wise counsel and aid, as a nurse in the alcoholic treatment ward of East Cleveland Clinic, one of the first such in Cleveland's early AA history, made her invaluable. Since the ward was closed she continued to aid and counsel troubled people who came to her home. Her husband died in 1952. Surviving are three daughters and one son. Many of Cleveland's AA old timers, still active and sober, reverently give her credit for **giving** them many "handles" to hang onto when "the wires were down." Though none of her family was afflicted with the disease of **alcoholism**, "Ma Porter" certainly had an amazing understanding of the problems of the alcoholic. Her **many** friends, now scattered over the entire United States, undoubtedly will regret to hear of her passing, but will feel sure that her eternal reward will be great.

John J. (Jack) North, one of the first members of the Doan Men's group and active in AA until his death, passed away suddenly in Charity Hospital on **September 12**. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his wife, Minnie, and his son and two daughters.

GROUP NEWS

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

Angle-October speakers: 6—Jack R., formerly of Buh-rer, observing his seventh anniversary and making his first lead; 13—Howie L., Angle (his third anniversary); Z&—Naomi L., Dayton, O.; 27—Dick P., Parma.

Ansel-October speakers: 7—Tom McG., Edgelake; 14—Jack E., Northeast; 21—Dick P., Newburgh; 28—Jerry W., Angle.

Ashland-The Tuesday Ashland, O., group will observe its fifth anniversary on Tuesday, October 4, with a dinner at 7:30 p.m. (eastern time) followed by the anniversary meeting. The speaker will be Talbot H., of South Boston, Virginia, who is known all over the country as an out-standing speaker. Roast beef and ham and everything in-cluding table service will be furnished. All you are ex-pected to bring is a covered dish of vegetables to supple-ment the other. The affair will be held in the First Pres-byterian Church, Ashland, corner Third and Church Sts.

Brooklyn—October speakers are: 5—Ralph B., Brooklyn (his tenth anniversary); 12—Annabelle L., Oouthwaite; 19—Ray and Lance N., Railroaders; 26—Joe K., Brook-lyn (his tenth anniversary).

Detroit Sunday—October speakers: 2—Frank L., Corlett; 9—John B., Lakewood; 16—Ben H., Lee-Monday; 23—Jack S., Pearl; 30—Tony K., Smith-Wilson.

Doan Men—October speakers are: 5—John C.; 12—Emil W.; 19—Jack B.; 26—Jack K.

Friendly Suburban-October speakers: 3—Bill O'B., Inde-pendence; 10—To be announced; 17—Frank T., Friendly Suburban; 24—Esther R., Eastside Women; 31—Jim D., Edgelake.

Garden Valley Thursday—October speakers: 6—Billie H., Newburgh; 13—Bill F., Lorain, O.; 20—Joe W., Lorain, O.; 27—Earl B., Lorain, O.

Garden Valley Sunday-October speakers: 2—Minnie C.; S—Johnny J., Garden Valley; 16—Roy and Lance N.; 23—Garden Valley Alanon group observes its first anniver-sary. It will be an open meeting; 30—Ted H., Garden Valley (his first lead).

Gordon Square-October speakers: 7—Jack B., Brook-side; 14—Jimmy K., Angle; 21—Don R., West Shore; 28—Howard B., Independence, and Harry D., Edgelake.

Lake County-October speakers: 4—Edw. J. B., Broad-way-Harvard; 11—Mickey D., Crossroads; 18—Jim R., Erie, Pa.; 25—Hilda H., Women's House of Correction.

Lorain Ave. Monday-October speakers: 3—Dan K., Bar-ber-ton; 10—Tom K., Barberton; 17—John and Thelma P., East Akron; 24—Vnette D., Portage Lake; 31—Rose W., Portage Lake.

Norwalk Truck Lines-October speakers: 1—Bill K., Su-perior; %—Stanley G., Newburgh; 15—Dr. Peter R., Charity; 22—Bob F., Charity; 29—Herb C., Superior.

Parma Heights—Has returned to its former meeting place, Laux Realty Basement, 6400 Pearl Road. October speakers are: 6—Bob H., Parma Heights (his tenth anni-versary); 13—Annabelle L., Outhwaite; 20—Joe A., Gar-field; 27—Scotty McA., Pearl Road.

Valley View-October speakers: 1—Tom V., Borton; 8—Mollie H., Angle; 15—George and Ray DeL., Crossroads; 22—Theresa McC. D., Clark; 29—Frank W., Northeast.

West Shore-October speakers: 5—Marty R., Eastshore Women; 12—George S., Lee Road Monday; 19—Jack B., Shaker; 26—Marian G., Coventry.

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West Shore—After September 14, the group meetings will begin at 8:30 p.m. On the first Wednesday of each month the group conducts a four-man question and an-swer meeting which has proven to be highly interesting and helpful. The group solicits questions which some per-son might hesitate to ask from the floor at a meeting or from his sponsor. These should be written legibly and deposited in a conveniently placed receptacle at any meet-ing. The meetings have created a great deal of interest and enthusiasm among the members as well as the visit-ors from other groups.

West Park—Observes its fifteenth anniversary on Octo-ber 18 with Dr. Andy M. of Akron as the speaker. Other October speakers: 4—Jim D., Early Early; 11—Jim D., Edgelake; 25—Paul L., Berea Thursday.

West 25th St.—Observes its nineteenth anniversary on October 24 with a panel of old timers. Other October speakers: 3—John F., Forest. City; 10—Louis H., Thurs-day Morning; 17—Norma P., Westside Women; 31—Ed D., Fairview Park.

GIGGLES

A friendly lush we know has spent two winters vaca-tioning in Mexico. This year he plans to vacation in Franc&

Rather than be soue of the border, he wants to be plastered in Paris.

Question: "What does the average bride think when she enters the church?"

Answer: "Aisle, Altar, Hymn."

A Negro boxer was haled into court by his wife for beating her up continually. The poor woman told the judge that she had tried long and faithfully to be a good wife to him, but that he just kept breaking her bones and batting her around, and she wanted a divorce.

The judge called the boxer up and said, "How about this, Joe? Is it true that you are so rough with this woman all the time?"

Joe answered: "Judge, you can't believe a word that woman says. She's punch drunk!"

The inveterate horsepiayer hurried out to the track. "Hope I break even today," he muttered, "I sure can use the money."

Man: There's a fellow who's going places.

Friend : Ambitious?

Man: No, his wife is out of town.

BOUND VOLUMES OF BULLETIN

Bound volumes of Central Bulletins containing the issues from October 1959 to September 1960 (Vols. 17 and 18) will be available some time in October. They will be attractively bound and will cost about \$5.00 each, depend-ing upon the number of orders received.

We would appreciate an early response if interested.

ALANON GROUP MEETINGS

CALVARY—Calvary Presbyterian Church, E. 79th & Euclid.....Tues., 8:30
CHARITY—Charity Hospital, E. 22nd and Central..... Fri. 8 :30
BETHANY—Bethany Presbyterian Church, 6415 Clinton.....Wed., 8:30
SOUTH EAST—Presbyterian Church, 15715 Libby Rd. Tues., 8:00
VALLEY—7100 Kinsman (2nd and 4th Sunday) Closed.....Sun., 4:30

NURSING HOMES THAT TREAT ALCOHOLICS

(This listing does not necessarily indicate endorsement or approval)
AI-Ju, Inc. (MW) 28707 Euclid Ave., Wickliffe, O.....WH 4-2244
Cleveland Alcoholic Hospital (MW) 7809 Euclid AvEX..... 1-8998
Dorothy McCauliffe Alcoholic Clinic (MW) 8304 Detroit...AT 1-3353
Farquharson's Home (M) 6037 Pearl Road, ParmaTU..... 5-1823
Stella Maris Hospital (M) 1320 Washington Ave.....SU 1-0554

CLEVELAND AREA AA GROUP MEETINGS

MONDAY

ADDISON-Good Shepherd Church, 7309 St. Clair Ave. 8:30
 BORTON-E. Cleveland Congrega. Church, Page and Euclid Ave. 8:30
 EARLY-EARLY-Plasterers Union Hall, 1651 E. 24th St. (near Payne Ave.) 7:00
 FRIENDLY SUBURBAN-6037 Pearl 8:00
 FRIENDSHIP-Bld. Presbyterian Ch., 24600 Lake Shore Blvd., Euclid, O. 8:30
 LAKEWOOD MEN'S-St. Peter's Episcopal, W. Clifton and Detroit 9:00
 LEE MONDAY-First Presbyter. Church, East Cleveland, Nela and Euclid 8:30
 LORAIN AVE.—St. Ignatius Hall, Lorain Ave. at West Blvd. 8:30
 NEW HOPE-3804 Woodbine Ave. 8:30
 ORCHARD GROVE-Church of Ascension, 13216 Detroit Ave. 8:30
 PEARL—Our Lady of Good Counsel, 4423 Pearl Rd. 8:30
 RAMONA—9721 Ramona Blvd. 8:30
 SHAKER—Christ Episcopal Church, 3445 Warrensville Center Rd. 9:00
 SOUTH EAST-7526 Broadway 8:30
 TEMPLE-Temple Baptist, 7500 Cedar 8:15
 UNION-East View Congregational Church, Kinsman at E. 156th St. 9:00
 WEST 25th ST.-Marvel Hall, 2858 W. 25th St. 9:00
 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
 VERMILION-Congregational Church 8:30
 WILLOUGHBY, O.-Presbyterian Church 8:30

TUESDAY

ARCADE-Old Stone Church, Public Square, Ontario entrance 8:00
 CLARK—1917, Clark Ave. 8:30
 CORLETT MIXED-Holy Family Parish Hall, 3845 E. 131st St. 8:30
 EAST SIDE WOMEN—11205 Euclid, Church of the Covenant 8:00
 EDGE LAKE-Lakewood YMCA, Community Room, 16915 Detroit 8:30
 EUCLID MORNING-Lake Shore Christian Church, Lake Shore Blvd. & 280. 10:30 A.M.
 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. 9:00
 HILLTOP—St. Joseph's Seminary, 17608 Euclid Ave. 8:45
 MAY-LYND-1 Kenny King's Restaurant, Mayland Shopping Cen. Mayfield Hts. 8:30
 MILES-LEE-Mt. Hope Lutheran Church, E. 164th, north of Miles Ave. 8:30
 SMITH-WILSON-St. Joseph's School, 9321 Orleans Ave. 8:30
 SUPERIOR-No. 1 Presbyterian Church, E. 40th and Superior 9:00
 TRUSTY-Cleveland House of Correction, 1000 feet east of House of Correction 8:00
 WEST PARK—Puritas Lutheran Church, Puritas Ave. and W. 138th St. 8:30
 ASHLAND, O.-First Presbyterian Church, 3rd Church Sts. 8:00 EST
 ASHTABULA CONSOLIDATED—Methodist Church, South Broadway Geneva, Ohio-First Tuesday 8:30
 ASHTABULA—Presbyterian Church, Prospect Road, Route 20 8:00
 LAKE COUNTY—Meth. Fellowship Hall, Rt. 20-E. Southwood, Mentor 8:30
 LORAIN CENTRAL—Lorain, O. Trinity Church 8:30
 MANSFIELD-Episcopal Church, 41 Bowman St., Mansfield, O. 8:30 EST
 MEDINA, O.—St. Paul's Epis. Par. Hse. 8:30
 SANDUSKY, O. (Firelands)-First Presbyter. across from Post Office 7:30
 SHREVE—Shreve Armory, South St. Shreve, O. 8:30 EST
 STRONGSVILLE—Town Hall 8:30

WEDNESDAY

BAXTER-8437 Broadway 8:30
 BEDFORD-Masonic Temple, Tarbell Ave. 8:30
 BROOKLYN-K. of P. Hall, 3316 Broadview, East of Pearl Rd. 8:30
 C. E. I.—Illuminating Co., Bldg. (rear) Room 361, 55 Pub. Sq. 8:30
 COLLINWOOD—945 E. 152nd St. 8:30
 DOAN MEN-YMCA (University Circle), 2055 E. 105th St., Second floor front 8:30
 EASTSIDE MORNING-9606 Euclid Ave., Euclid Ave. Congre. (Side ent.) 10:30 a.m.
 GARFIELD HEIGHTS-Trinity Baptist, E. 94th and Garfield Blvd. 8:30
 HAGUE-Grace Cong. Assembly Hall, West 65th and Colgate 8:30

LAKEWOOD WOMEN-St. Peter's Episc'l 18001 Detroit Ave. (Cor. W. Clifton) 8:30
 LORAIN AVE.—S.S. Philip & James Hall, 3689 Bosworth Road 9:00
 LEE ROAD-First English Lutheran, Derbyshire and Euclid Hts. Blvd. 9:00
 ST. JAMES-St. James Church, E. 84th and Cedar 8:00
 ST. MARY-400 North St., Chardon, O. 8:30
 TRAINING-REFRESHER-Illuminating Bldg. (rear) Rm. 361, 55 Public Sq. 8:30
 TWENTY-FOUR HOUR-13216 Detroit, Church of the Ascension 8:30
 WARRENSVILLE-Women's House Cor. 7:30
 WEDNESDAY NIGHT DISCUSSION—(Stag) 1386 Ardenall Ave. 8:00
 WEST SHORE-West Shore Unitarian, 20401 Hilliard Rd., Rocky River 9:00
 WEST SIDE (Closed)-Twelfth Step Club, 8304 Detroit Ave. 8:30
 WOMEN'S—Lorain County-St. Vincent De Paul Church, Detroit Rd. (Rt. 254 & 57) 8:30
 ASHTABULA COUNTY WOMEN-Harris Memorial, W. 58th & Adams, Ashtabula Second and Fourth Wednesday 7:30
 BRUNSWICK, O.—Cuyahoga Ass'n Bldg., Route 42, So. of 303, next to Marshall's 8:30
 ELYRIA, O.—St. Paul Building, Third and Middle, side entrance 8:30
 FAIRPORT HARBOR, 525 Eagle St. 8:00
 INTERACIAL-30th & Wood, Lorain, O., Mt. Zion Baptist Church 8:30
 JEFFERSON, O.—St. Joseph's Church 8:30
 MANSFIELD, O.—20½ S. Park 8:00 E.S.T.
 WICKLIFFE, O.—28917 Euclid (side-up) 8:30

THURSDAY

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
 COVENTRY-Fairmount Presby. Church, Scarborough and Fairmount Blvd. 8:30
 CRILE HOSPITAL—Library 8:00
 CROSSROADS-Bethany Presby. Church, W. 65th and Clinton 9:00
 EASTLAKE-First Congregational Church, 33700 Vine St. 9:00
 EAST SHORE WOMEN-First Baptist Ch., 1565 Chardon Rd., near Euclid 8:30
 GARDEN VALLEY-(Outhwaite) 7100 Kinsman Ave. 8:00
 NORTH RANDALL-Village Hall, 21937 Miles Ave. 9:00
 PARMA HEIGHTS-6400 Pearl Road Laux Realty Basement (rear ent.) 8:50
 ROCKY RIVER-Rockport Methodist Church, 3310 Wooster Road 9:00
 ST. CLAIR-THURSDAY—Glenville Cong. Church, (side ent.) St. Clair & Eddy 8:30
 TRUSTY-Cleveland House of Correction, 1000 feet east of House of Correction 8:00
 WEST SIDE—7403 Denison Ave. 10:30 a.m.
 AMHERST—St. Peter's Ev. & Ref. Church, Church St., North Amherst, O. 8:30
 ASHLAND THURSDAY—I.O.O.F. Hall, 302 Claremont, Ashland, O. 8:00 EST
 ASHTABULA HARBOR—North End Club, Corner Walnut Blvd. & Lake Ave. 8:30
 BERE A—Fine Arts Club, E. Bagley Rd., 3 doors east of Eastland Rd. 9:00
 INDEPENDENCE, O.—St. John's Lutheran Hall, Second and Sunset 9:00
 PAINESVILLE, O.—YMCA, Route 20 8:30

FRIDAY

ANSEL ROAD-St. Thomas Church, 9205 Superior Ave. 8:30
 BROADWAY-HARVARD—8437 Br'dway 9:00
 CEDAR—Salvation Army, 5005 Euclid 8:15
 CHARITY—Amphitheatre, 6th Floor, St. Vincent's Charity Hospital 8:30
 CLEVELAND WOMEN-Hotel Cleveland 6:00
 EUCLID FRIDAY-Epiphany Church, Lake Shore and E. 210th 8:30
 FRANKLIN—3804 Woodbine Ave. 8:30
 FRIDAY AFTERNOON WOMEN-Plymouth Church, Coventry and Drexmore, Krumbine Room 1:00
 GORDON SQUARE—St. Helena's Hall, 1367 W. 65th St. 9:00
 LEE ROAD-American Legion Hall, Port 163, 15544 Euclid Ave. 9:00
 NORTH EAST—Town House Motel, 15661 Euclid Ave. 8:30
 SOLIDARITY—Hubbard Memorial Center, E. 84th and Cedar 8:45
 STELLA MARTS MIXED 1320 Washington Ave. 8:15
 TAPCO—23555 Euclid Ave. 9 p.m. Second Friday of each month
 WEST CLIFTON—Lkwd. Congregational Church, 1375 W. Clifton Road 9:00
 AVON LAKE-First Congregational Church, 32801 Electric Blvd. 8:45

MEETINGS

BEREA-Social room of Berea Cong. Church, Seminary and Church 8:30
 CHAGRIN FALLS, O.—America Legion, E. Orange St. 9:00
 CHARDON-Pilgrim Christian Church, 113 South Street, Chardon, O. 9:00
 ELYRIA—St. Agnes (down) Lake & Dewey 8:30
 CONNEAUT, O.—B. of L. E. Hall 8:30
 WELLINGTON-St. Patrick's Catholic Church, No. Main St., Wellington, O. 8:30

SATURDAY

BROADWAY-CABLE—St. John's Lutheran Church, Cable at Broadway 8:30
 FOREST CITY—6619 Denison Ave. 9:00
 JACK & HEINTZ—17600 Broadway 8:30
 LANDER CIRCLE—Garfield Mem. Methodist, Cor. Lander Rd. and Route 422 9:00
 LEAGUE PARK—Emmanuel Episcopal (basement) 8614 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
 NORWALK TRUCK LINES—1147 E. 55th St., at Shore Drive 9:00
 PARMA—Ridgewood Savings & Loan, 5950 Ridge Road 8:45
 PLAINS—Plains Methodist Ch., Mentor, O., Lake Shore Blvd., Cor. Rts. 283 & 306 8:30
 REDWOOD—Euclid Lutheran Church, E. 260th and Oriole 8:30
 TRINITY—Trinity Evangelical Church, 3525 W. 25th St. 9:00
 VALLEY VIEW—Community Center, West 7th and Starkweather 8:30
 ASHTABULA, O.—St. Peter's Episc. Church, Main Avenue at South Park 8:30
 ELYRIA SATNITE—Alconon Club, 345 Broad St., Elyria, O. 8:30
 MANSFIELD, O.—20½ S. Park 7:30 E.S.T.
 WEST RICHFIELD—Consolidated Church, Route 303, just west of Route 21 9:00

SUNDAY

AVON CENTRAL-Basement Central Bank, 36690 Detroit Road, Avon, O. 8:00
 BEDFORD HEIGHTS-Village Hall, 5661 Perkins Rd., Bedford Heights 7:30
 BRECKSVILLE VETERANS HOSPITAL, Broadview and Oakes 7:30
 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 D-945 E. 152nd St. 7:30
 DETROIT SUNDAY—8304 Detroit Avenue 7:30 P.M.
 DISCUSSION-6700 Detroit Ave. 7:00
 GARDEN VALLEY—Outhwaite 7100 Kinsman Ave. 4:30
 GOLF TAKELANDS-Trinity Lutheran, Redbird & Chapel No. Madison, O. 3:00
 LAKEWOOD ARMORY—1437 Wayne Ave., South of Detroit 9:00
 LORAIN COUNTY CONSOLIDATED—First Sunday of each month, Route 60, Axtel, Ohio 7:30
 MARIA JOSEPH—Plasterers Hall, 1651 E. 24th St., at Payne Ave. 2:00
 MISTLETOE-St. Thomas Church, 9205 Superior Ave. 7:00
 NEWBURGH-St. Catherine's Church, 3443 E. 93rd St. 8:30
 NEWJURY-St. Helena's Church, Rt. 87, 8:15
 SUPERIOR STAG—8801 Superior 11 A.M.
 TRUSTY-Cleveland House of Correction, 1000 feet east of House of Correction, 5:00
 VALLEY WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP, 2nd & 4th Sunday, 7100 Kinsman 3:30
 YOUR—Charter House, 16000 Lorain & 2nd 7:15
 TWILIGHT-Grange Hall, Rt. 60, Axtel, O. 7:30
 WARRENSVILLE—Cooley Farms Recreation Room 10:00 A.M.
 CHIPPEWA-SEVILLE-V.F.W. Hall, Seville, O. 8:00
 GENEVA, O.—Legion Hall, Park St., corner of So. Eagle 7:30
 MANSFIELD, O.—20½ S. Park 8:00 E.S.T.

ALANON GROUP MEETINGS

CALVARY-Calvary Presbyterian Church, E. 79th and Euclid Tuesdays 8:30
 CHARITY-St. Vincent Charity Hospital, E. 22nd and Central Friday 8:30
 BETHANY—Bethany Presbyterian Church, 6415 Clinton Ave. Wednesday 8:30
 SOUTH EAST-Maple Hts. Presb. Church, 15715 Libby Road Tuesday 8:00
 VALLEY-7100 Kinsman Ave., 2nd and 4th Sundays, Closed meeting 4:30

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ANONYMITY

The question of our anonymity is a perennial in AA jam sessions. There seems to be one view that is and always has been virtually unanimous. The opinion seems to be that anonymity is a question to be decided by each individual. Is it? Have you ever reflected on the divinely aided wisdom of our founders which made anonymity a cornerstone of our foundation in the first place?

It so happens that this writer doesn't care who knows about his AA affiliation, but it has ever been a belief of mine that there is no useful purpose in revealing the fact in the absence of a good constructive reason. Sometimes it may seem helpful to let it be known to the alcoholic we know who still suffers. He may not be ready for us yet, but if he knows about me and if he gains a good impression from watching me, it might mean salvation a little earlier for him.

Actually, the same result may come sooner if he merely suspects AA affiliation. Its power of example that does the trick and probably he knows without being told. Is not that the better way? Certainly we should not try to sell.

But assuming for the moment its an individual question without reservation. Should we mention others, even in meetings? At least several times a month I hear leads in which the speaker mentions from two or three to six or eight names of people who helped a great deal in his or her early days. None of them are present. Many non-alcoholics are. Perhaps the speaker knows that those he mentions do not care. Does that make a difference? This writer believes not. When we say its an individual matter, is that not far enough to go without saying that anyone doesn't care, cannot only reveal his own affiliations indiscriminately but delegate countless others to do the same?

Let's get into the meat of this anonymity question. Why did our founders do this? Why have our traditions, which grow from the wisdom of our experience, come to show that the element of our anonymity is "the spiritual foundation of all of our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities?"

The reason would seem to be that this fellowship, this way of life, our twelve steps, our twelve traditions, and all of the principles developed through adoption and experience, are all bigger than we are, any one of us or any group of us. This fellowship is needed by us. That is the basis of our humility, toward the fellowship, and toward God as we understand Him.

How many times have all of us noted that the one who blatantly and defiantly broadcasts his identification with us, is not one we would choose as a living symbol of this beloved fellowship of ours, especially to those who are relative strangers to us and our ways? And to put it yet another way, who among us would step forward enthusiastically to fill that role, even if called upon?

The quality of humility in such a one would seem at least open to question. And so a little thought should lead us all to the realization that this anonymity of ours is

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ULTIMATUM

One of our numerous relatives called us recently, asking us to talk to *one* of his employes whom he had given a choice of joining AA or forfeiting his job. He told us that this man had been with him for many years, that he was one of his most skilled workmen, but who **periodically** got drunk just when he needed him the most.

He had "fired him" at least a half dozen times, but each time he relented when the employe, humble and contrite, promised he would NEVER let him down again, and so took him on again.

"This time," he told us, "I gave him my ultimatum! Either you join AA or never bother coming back to the job again. Go to see my uncle. Do what he says, and if he'll assure me that you will stay sober, I'll give you your job back again."

The man had no alternative but to come to us. He must have taken a double-header to give him courage to face us, for he sure smelled like Four Roses (adv't.) when he came in.

We sensed right from the beginning of our conversation that he was full of resentment at being "put over the barrel" (as he put it) by my nephew in giving him no alternative.

We questioned him for a half hour on how much he drank, what he drank and why. We learned that he had a very understanding wife and one child, both of whom he loved very much. And they gave him their love too.

No, they didn't object to his drinking. He never abused them. He gave them the best of everything, a comfortable home, all the modern con-

veniences. In fact they wanted for little.

We gave him the pitch on what a price further indulgence in drinking would cost him. He would lose his job. He probably would have difficulty finding another that paid him as well. That would mean moving to cheaper rent, arousing fear and disappointment and beginning disillusionment in the hearts and minds of his loved ones. His own pride and self-confidence would suffer and soon his life would become unmanageable. We spoke from experience as we described our own battle in maintaining the right to drink.

He seemed impressed, but shrugged off the idea that he would ever let liquor get the best of him as it had US. His idea was that he would cut out the hard liquor and just drink beer. That, he knew, he could handle. He'd never touch a drop of whiskey again.

We assured him that every one of our 300,300 members had gone through that experiment and that we knew of no one that had succeeded. But he was different, he assured us.

"I've got will power," he told us, confidently. "I'm stubborn, I'll admit. But when I give my word. I keep it! So, if you will call your nephew and tell him I'll be alright now, I'll promise you I won't drink anything but beer! And I'll keep my promise. Tell him I'll be back to work on Monday."

That we could not do, we told him. Unless he made the

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a mighty precious ingredient of the whole and we had **best** protect it as we do other precious elements of this sobriety which is a life and death matter to us all.

And so perhaps anonymity is a question for the individual to handle at least with great care, thinking of the fellowship as a whole. "How will this affect the other fellow," should come ahead of the question of "How will this affect me?"

ARE WE A GROUP OF QUIZ KIDS?

No doubt many of us heard speakers at some of our AA meetings brag that alcoholics are brilliant people; that we are talented with phenomenal intellectual powers and a charming personality.

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. The liquor may have evaporated from some of us, but the ego is still there.

The speakers would do more good if they would stop kidding themselves and their listeners and realize that we are just plain ordinary folks. Every group has some smart people and a lot of stupid ones. Every group has someone that gets in your hair; like the guy who bobs up at the slightest provocation, or none at **all**, to air his views which no one wants to hear. Then there **is** the juvenile member who will pick up his marbles and go home if he can't play the game on his own terms. And of course no **group** is without a gossiper, who is so uolished that everything he says **casts a reflection** on someone. The Bible thumper who drums up his own belief in the Higher Power, then tries to force it on others; the braggart who loves to talk about himself and all **the** people he sponsored. The pestiferous **slippee** who wants to get you in some corner and tell you why he went on that last bender; and he will always end up by saying: "This time I have **the** program." Of course he said the same thing many times before. Every **group** has a nerennial member **who comes to a meeting once a year** and tells everyone how grateful he is for AA and his sobriety. Now this **could go on and on**, but we **better** get around to our own by-no-means perfect self where we can find many of our own character defects that should be improved.

After hearing some of the silly excuses some alcoholics give when they are asked why they bought that hang-over, we wonder where the speakers picked up the idea that we are brilliant individuals. As an example, we heard one of our annual **slippees** say that he had to give up the meetings **because** the donuts they served didn't agree with **him** and as a result he got drunk. Another man got drunk because he had no car to get to the meetings; yet he lived **only** two blocks from an AA meetina.

AA is not a short-cut to health, wealth and glory. It is not a cult of easy-come where we can **sit** back and eat the fruit off the tree that others planted. We still have to earn our own living and do our own thinking if we want to be accepted on equal terms with our **not-so-brilliant** friends. This is a program of get and give. Without the give it won't work, because we must have the give to lead us to spiritual advancement which will deflate our ego and fit us into our own classification. It is only by dividing that we multiply our spiritual wealth which will never fluctuate with the stock market or deteriorate with age.

-Inter-Group News, Akron

HOSPITALIZATION NEWS

Mayfair Home has been licensed to operate an alcoholic hospital which will serve women only. The hospital is located at 11451 Euclid Avenue and will be opened for service about November 1, 1960. It will be under the supervision of Mrs. Florence Moore, a registered nurse.

For appointment or further information, call GA 1-6675.

The Cleveland Alcoholic Hospital has been under new management since **September 2, 1960**. The new director is Worthy "Pete" **Beall**, with Jack Ferry as manager.

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complete surrender to the fact that alcohol was his boss, he would have to find it out the hard way, like we did.

We learned later that **his** family life wasn't as secure as he pictured it to us. He had even taken the pledge with his priest on two occasions and failed both times.

One of these days, we hope, he'll come in again. This time maybe he will admit he's licked and will **DO ANY-THING** if we would only help him. Only then will we be **able to**.

Incidentally, we chided our nephew for "ordering" him to join AA or else. He promises to "suggest it" in the future.

SORE POINTS

- In any society there are differences of opinion and viewpoint. In the light of understanding and frank discussion this is good. In the darkness of misunderstanding and resentment it can be disastrous. In our fellowship these differences are minimized because of the kindly tolerance for which we strive. Yet often, to the newcomer, especially, these opposing views must be confusing. Cradled in the interpretations of his sponsor and those who mean the most to him in his beginning, he may find it upsetting when he gets into the deeper waters of a **broader** fellowship, to **hear** things which seem **irreconcilable**.

The Bulletin thinks its readers might enjoy discussion of these conflicts. Let's take an example or two. Most of us contend that sobriety is a precious gift that we did deserve and can never earn. But someone will say it can't be a gift, because we have to ask for it each day; because this way of life is hard, and in living it to the best of our ability we earn sobriety at least in part. Who is right?

Then some **say pride** is absolutely taboo for us. Others say perhaps false-pride is taboo, but surely some pride is necessary if we are going to regain our self respect. Who is right?

Then there is the fellow who says that he finds it necessary *or* at least advisable to stay strictly away from alcohol, those who use it and those **places** where it is sold. He recommends this for all to follow. Others say our sobriety is not too well founded if we must hide from the stuff, that we should work toward the ability to be comfortable in the company of all kinds of people and all atmospheres. Who is right?

And so we propose a little column each month called "Sore Points." If you know of one, or if you are confused by what seem to be diametrically opposed beliefs on some subject, please tell us about it and see if we can help you find the answer. Simply address-Sore Points, c/o Central Bulletin, P. O. Box 6712, Cleveland 1, Ohio.

GRATITUDE SUNDAY

Gratitude Sunday will be observed on Sunday, November 20, 1960, at 3 p.m. in Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel with Helen W., Managing Editor of the Grapevine, as speaker. A panel discussion will also be on the program.

GENERAL SERVICE ELECTION

The annual meeting of the Northeastern Ohio General Service will be held in American Legion Hall, Brecksville, O., on Sunday, October 30, at 3 p.m.

The main purpose of this important meeting will be the election of the Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Secretary and Treasurer who will serve this district for the next two years. A complete report will also be given by retiring Delegate Al. L. of Barberton, O.

It's most important that all GSC group representatives be in attendance.

GEORGE WALD

George Wald, a devoted member of AA for nineteen attack. He was a former member of the Brooklyn group until moving to Berea, where he joined the Friday group in #at city and continued to do his effective work. He is survived by his wiie, Marie, and one daughter.

GROUP NEWS

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

Borton—The first AA group in Cleveland will observe its 21st anniversary on Monday, November 28, at 8:30 p.m. Brooklyn-November speakers: 2—Steve L., Memphis; O-Joe K., Ramona; 16—George B., Brooklyn (his fourth anniversary); 23—Don R., West Shore; 30—Harry D., Edgelake.

Detroit Sunday-November speakers: 6—Bill D., Smith-Wilson; 13—Ted N., Forest City; 20—Art W., Garfield; 27—Jack D., Charity.

Doan Men-November speakers: 2—Clint C., Trusty Hall; 9—Jim D., Shaker; 16—Dick A., Coventry; 23—Frank G., Shaker; 30—Al A., Ashland, O.

Friendly Suburban-November speakers: 7—Evelyn B., Strongsville; 14—Elwood O., Forest City; 21—Skid S., Newburgh; 28—Lee R., Berea Friday.

Friendship-November speakers: 7—Tom C., St. Clair-Thursday; 14—Skid S., Newburgh; 21—Kitty M., Charity; 28—Discussion meeting.

Garden Valley Thursday-November speakers: 3—Calvin S., Garden Valley; 10—Joe D., Maple Heights; 17—Bobbie M.; 24—Evelyn B., Bedford.

Garden Valley Sunday-November speakers: 6—Curtis R., Garden Valley; 13—Bill D., Berea Thursday; 20—Jerry W., Angle; 27—Mollie H., Angle.

Gordon Square-November speakers: 4—Fred F., Clark; 11—Chris H., Forest City; 18—Clyde B., Valley View; 25—Carl Coe, Akron Kenmore and Wilma O'N., Westside Women, a brother and sister lead. Sandwiches, cake and coffee at the last meeting of each month.

Lakewood Armory-November speakers: 6—John McN., Barberton, O.; 13—Jack K., Lakewood Armory; 20—Ed C., Newburgh; 27—Ambrose T., Angle.

Lorain Ave. Monday-November speakers: 7—Francis B., May-Lynd; 14—Agnes and Jim O'M., Lorain Ave. Monday; 21—No meeting. Closed for Orchard Grove's anniversary; 28—Bill S., Akron and Barberton, O.

Orchard Grove-Observes its 21st Anniversary on Monday November 21, with Talbot H. of South Boston, Virginia, as speaker. This westside group with Borton on the eastside were the first groups in the country to identify themselves as AA groups. The first members of our fellowship were affiliated with the Oxford fellowship in Akron, from which they developed the AA philosophy. Other November speakers: 7—Jack K., Orchard Grove; 14—Howard B., Independence; 28—Bill O'B., Independence.

St. Clair Thursday-Observes its Fourth Anniversary on Thursday, November 3, with Tom V., Parma, as speaker. Tom is one of the very early members of AA. Other November speakers are: 10—Henry W., Euclid-Wade; 17—Dick L., Euclid Friday; 24—Thanksgiving Day—Ed H., Monday-Lee.

Saint James-November speakers: 2—Marge K., Newburgh; 9—Tony K., Smith-Wilson; 16—Art F., Sunday Discussion; 23—Bill S., Lorain-Monday; 30—Hugh D., Crossroads.

Solidarity-November speakers: 4—Marge K., Newburgh; 11—Bill K., Superior; 18—Bob W., Temple; 25—John K., Newburgh.

Trinity-November speakers: 5—Harley W., 24 Hour; 12—Steve F., Valley View; 19—Mary MCL., Clark; 26—Daniel K., Barberton, O.

Valley View-November speakers: & Esther R., St. James; 12—Jim B., Coventry; 19—Ted R., Valley View (his 18th anniversary); 26—Janice B., Valley View.

West Park-November speakers: 1—Al S., Lorain Ave. Monday; S—Jack S., Lorain Ave. Monday; 15—Skid S., Newburgh; 22—Nellie F., Sunday Discussion; 29—Jean B., 24 Hour.

West Shore—November speakers: 2—Panel Discussion; 9—Ruth K., Parma; 16—Wyn W., Lee-Wednesday; 23—Paul R., West Shore; 30—Charlotte S., Shaker. (The November 9 meeting will be held in Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 2030 Hilliard Road, across the street.)

West 25th—November speakers: 7—Earl J., Angle; 14—Joe H., Hilltop; 21—Esther R., St. James; 28—Clinton R., group not known.

Women's House of Correction-With the Christmas season near, Hilda I.?, devoted secretary, is seeking contributions for the annual Christmas Party which means so much to the unfortunate women who will have to complete their sentences over the holidays. Hilda's address is 7526 Brookside Dr., Cleveland 9, O. Her telephone number is SH 9-0363. November speakers: 2—Al S., League Park; 9—Steve L., Memphis; 16—Tom M., Solidarity; 23—Tom N., Hilltop; 30—Billy M., Parma.

Training-Refresher—One of the Steps and one of the Traditions are explained and discussed by a panel of four capable speakers selected by the group that is host for the evening. These meetings are of particular value to new members as well as their sponsors. Meetings are held on Wednesday evenings in the Illuminating Building, 55 Public Square (rear), Room 361, at 8:30 p.m.

A LETTER FROM CORNE

Corne V., one of Cleveland's best authorities on AA, is still overseas, and still "carrying the message" over there. His present habitat is Hilversum, Holland, having spent over a year in Great Britain and Scotland. Naturally he looked up AA and found them eager to learn more about the program. In Holland he found them only with the Twelve Steps and Jack Alexander's Saturday Evening Post article, translated into their language. The Big Book has not been made available to them as yet, and they're longing to read it, so Corne is translating. He's up to the fifth chapter so far. He is so busy translating the book and the General Service Office pamphlets that he insists regretfully he will not find time to send Christmas cards to his host of friends at home. We're proud of him. He has never failed yet in carrying the message.

His address is Boomerlaan 8, Hilversum, Holland.

GIGGLES

First Lush: "This sure is a dull party! I think I'll scam."

Second Lush: "That ought to help a lot!"

"How are you getting on at home since your wife went away?"

"Fine. I've reached the highest point of efficiency. I can put my socks on from either end."

The best time in a man's life to have trouble strike is at age 18, when he knows all the answers.

For spreading news, the female of the species is much faster than the mail,

ALANON GROUP MEETINGS

CALVARY—Calvary Presbyterian Church, E. 79th & Euclid...Tues., 8:30
CHARITY—Charity Hospital, E. 22nd and CentralFri., 8:30
BETHANY—Bethany Presbyterian Church, 6415 Clinton.....Wed., 8:30
SOUTH EAST—Presbyterian Church, 15715 Libby Rd.....Tues., 8:00
VALLEY-7100 Kinsman (2nd and 4th Sunday) Closed.....Sun., 4:30

NURSING HOMES THAT TREAT ALCOHOLICS

(This listing does not necessarily indicate endorsement or approval)

Al-Ju, Inc. (MW) 28707 Euclid Ave., Wickliffe, OWH 4-2244
Cleveland Alcoholic Hospital (MW) 7809 Euclid Ave.....EX 1-8998
Dorothy McCauliffe Alcoholic Clinic (MW) 8304 Detroit.....AT 1-3353
Farquharson's Home (M) 6037 Pearl Road, Parma.....TU 5-1888
Mayfair Home (Women only) 11451 Euclid Ave.—Licensed.....GA 1-6675
Stella Maris Hospital (M) 1320 Washington Ave.....SU 1-0554

CLEVELAND AREA AA GROUP MEETINGS

MONDAY

ADDISON-Good Shepherd Church,
7309 St. Clair Ave. --- 8:30
BORTON-E. Cleveland Congrega. Church,
Page and Euclid Ave. --- 8:30
EARLY-EARLY-Plasterers Union Hall,
1651 E. 24th St. (near Payne Ave.) 7:00
FRIENDLY SUBURBAN-6037 Pearl-8:00
FRIENDSHIP-Blvd. Presbyterian Ch.,
24600 Lake Shore Blvd., Euclid. O. 8:30
LAKEWOOD MEN'S-St. Peter's Episcopal,
W. Clifton and Detroit. 9:00
LEE MONDAY-First Presbyter. Chnrch,
East Cleveland, Nela and Euclid. 8:30
LORAIN AVE.-St. Ignatius Hall,
Lorain Ave. at West Blvd. --- 8:30
ORCHARD GROVE-Church of Ascension,
13216 Detroit Ave. --- 8:30
PEARL-Our Lady of Good Counsel,
4423 Pearl Rd. --- 8:30
RAMONA-9721 Ramona Blvd. --- 8:30
SHAKER-O&T Episcopal Church,
3445 Warrensville Center Rd. --- 9:00
SOUTH EAST-7526 Broadway. --- 8:30
TEMPLE-Temple Baptist, 7500 Cedar. 8:15
UNION-East View Congregational Church,
Kinsman at E. 156th St. --- 9:00
WEST 25th St.-Marvel Hall,
2858 W. 25th St. --- 9:00
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
VERMILION-Congregational Church. 8:30
WILLOUGHBY. O.-Presbyterian Church 8:30

TUESDAY

ARCADE-Old Stone Church,
Public Square, Ontario entrance. 8:00
CLARK-1917 Clark Ave. --- 8:30
CORLETT MIXED-Holy Family Parish
Hall, 3845 E. 131st St. --- 8:30
EAST SIDE WOMEN-11205 Euclid,
Church of the Covenant. 8:00
EDGE LAKE-Lakewood YMCA,
Community Room, 16915 Detroit. 8:30
EUCLID MORNING-Lake Shore Christian
Church, Lake Shore Blvd. & 280. 10:30 A.M.
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. 9:00
HILLTOP-St. Joseph's Seminary,
17608 Euclid Ave. --- 8:45
MAY-LYND-Kenny King's Restaurant,
Mayland Shopping Cen. Mayfield Hts. 8:30
MILES-LEE-Mt. Hope Lutheran Church,
E. 164th, north of Miles Ave. 8:30
SMITH-WILSON-St. Joseph's School,
9321 Orleans Ave. --- 8:30
SUPERIOR-North Presbyterian Church,
E. 48th and Superior. 8:30
TRUSTY-Cleveland House of Correction,
1000 feet east of House of Correction. 8:00
WEST PARK-Parlitas Lutheran Church,
Puritas Ave. and W. 138th St. --- 8:30
ASHLAND, O.-First Presbyterian Chnrch,
3rd & Church Sts. --- 8:00 EST
ASHTABULA CONSOLIDATED-
Methodist Church, South Broadway
Geneva, Ohio-First Tuesday. 8:30
ASHTABULA-Presbyterian Church,
Prospect Road, Route 20. --- 8:00
LAKE COUNTY-Meth. Fellowship Hall,
Rt. 20-E. Southwood, Mentor. 8:30
LORAIN CENTRAL-Lorain, O.
Trinity Church. 8:30
MANSFIELD-Episcopal Church,
41 Bowman St., Mansfield, O. 8:30 EST
MEDINA, O.-St. Paul's Epis. Par. Hse. 8:30
SANDUSKY, O. (Firelands)-First Pres-
terian, Across from Post Office. 7:30
SHREVE-Shreve Armory,
South St., Shreve, O. 8:30 EST
STRONGSVILLE-Town Hall 8:30

WEDNESDAY

BAXTXR-8437 Broadway. 8:30
BEDFORD-Masonic Temple, Tarbell Ave. 8:30
BROOKLYN-K. of P. Hall,
3316 Broadway, East of Pearl Rd. 8:30
C. E. I.-Illuminating Co.,
Bldg. (rear) Room 361, 55 Pub. So. 8:30
COLLINWOOD-945 E. 152nd St. 8:30
DOAN MEN-YMCA (University Circle),
2055 E. 105th St., Second floor front 8:30
EASTSIDE MORNING-9606 Euclid Ave.,
Euclid Ave. Congre. (Side ent.) 10:30 a.m.
GARFIELD HEIGHTS-Trinity Baptist,
E. 94th and Garfield Blvd. 8:30
HAGUE-Grace Cong. Assembly Hall,
West 65th and Colgate--- 8:30

LAKEWOOD WOMEN-St. Peter's Episc'l

18001 Detroit Ave. (Cor. W. Clifton) 8:30
LORAIN AVE.-S.S. Philip & James Hall,
3689 Bosworth Road. 8:00
LEE ROAD-First English Lutheran,
Derbyshire and Euclid Hts. Blvd. 9:00
ST. JAMES-St. James Church,
E. 84th and Cedar. 8:00
ST. MARY-400 North St., Chardon, O. 8:30
TRAINING-REFRESHER-Illuminating
Bldg. (rear) Rm. 361, 55 Public Sq. 8:30
TWENTY-FOUR HOUR-13216 Detroit,
Church of the Ascension. 8:30
WARRENSVILLE-Women's House Cor. 7:30
WEDNESDAY NIGHT DISCUSSION-
(Stag) 1386 Ardenall Ave. --- 8:00
WEST SHORE-West Shore Unitarian,
20401 Hilliard Rd., Rocky River. 9:00
WEST SIDE (Closed)-Twelfth Step Club
8304 Detroit Ave. 8:30
WOMEN'S-Lorain County-St. Vincent De
Paul Church, Detroit Rd., (Rt. 254 & 57) 8:30
ASHTABULA COUNTY WOMEN-Harris
Memorial, W. 58th & Adams, Ashtabula
Second and Fourth Wednesday. 7:30
BRUNSWICK, O.-Cuyahoga Ass'n Bldg.,
Route 42, So. of 303, next to Marshall's. 8:30
ELYRIA, O.-St. Paul Building,
Third and Middle, side entrance. 8:30
FAIRPORT HARBOR, 525 Eagle St. --- 8:00
INTER RACIAL-30th & Wood, Lorain, O.,
Mt. Zion Baptist Church. 8:30
JEFFERSON, O.-St. Joseph's Church. 8:30
MANSFIELD, O.-20 1/2 S. Park. --- 8:00 E.S.T.
WICKLIFFE, O.-28917 Euclid (side-up) 8:30

THURSDAY

ALLENDALE-St. Paul's Episcopal
Chnrch, 15837 Euclid Ave. --- 8:30
ANGLE-St. Malach's Church,
2549 Washington Ave. 8:30
BROADWAY-55th-Our Lady of Lourdes
School Hall. 8:30
COVENTRY-Fairmount Presby. Church,
Scarborough and Fairmount Blvd. 8:30
CRILE HOSPITAL-Library. 8:00
CROSSROADS-Bethany Presby. Church,
W. 65th and Clinton. 9:00
EAST LAKE-First Congregational church,
33700 Vine St. 9:00
EAST SHORE WOMEN-First Baptist Ch.,
1565 Chardon Rd., near Euclid. 8:30
GARDEN VALLEY-(Outhwaite)
7100 Kinsman Ave. --- 8:00
NORTH RANDALL-Village Hall,
21937 Miller Ave. --- 9:00
PARMAHEIGHTS-6400 Pearl Road
Laux Realty Basement (rear mt.) 8:30
ROCKY RIVER-Rockport Methodist
Chnrch, 3310 Wooster Road. 9:00
ST. CLAIR-THURSDAY-Glenville Cong
Church, (side ent.) St. Clair & Eddy. 8:30
TRUSTY-Cleveland House of Correction,
1000 feet east of House of Correction. 8:00
WEST SIDE-7403 Denison Ave. --- 10:30 a.m.
ASHLAND THURSDAY-I.O.O.F. Hall,
302 Claremont, Ashland, O. --- 8:00 EST
ASHTABULA HARROR-North End Club,
Corner Walnut Blvd. & Lake Ave. 8:30
BEREA-Fine Arts Club, E. Bagley Rd.,
3 doors east of Eastland Rd. --- 9:00
INDEPENDENCE, O.-St. John's Lutheran
Hall, Second and Sunset. 9:00
PAINEVILLE, O.-YMCA, Route 20 --- 8:30

FRIDAY

ANSSEL ROAD-St. Thomas Church,
9205 Superior Ave. --- 8:30
BROADWAY-HARVARD-8437 Broadway 9:00
CEDAR-Salvation Army, 5005 Euclid. 8:15
CHARITY-Amphitheatre, 6th Floor,
St. Vincent's Charity Hospital. 8:30
CLEVELAND WOMEN-Hotel Cleveland 6:00
EUCLID FRIDAY-Epiphany Church,
Lake Shore and E. 210th. --- 8:30
FRANKLIN-3804 Woodbine Ave. --- 8:30
FRIDAY AFTERNOON WOMEN-Ply-
mouth Church, Coventry and Drexmore,
Krumbine Room. 1:00
GORDON SQUARE-St. Helena's Hall,
1367 W. 65th St. --- 9:00
LEE ROAD-American Legion Hall,
Post 163, 15544 Enrlid Ave. --- 9:00
NORTH EAST-Town House Motel,
15661 Euclid Ave. --- 8:30
SOLIDARITY-Hubbard Memorial Center,
E. 84th and Cedar. 8:45
STELLA MARTS MIXED
1320 Washington Ave. --- 8:15
TAPCO-23555 Euclid Ave. --- 9p.m.
Second Friday of each month
WEST CLIFTON-Lkwd. Congregational
Church, 1375 W. Clifton Road. 9:00
AVON LAKE-First Congregational church,
32801 Electric Blvd. --- 8:45

BEREA-Social room of Berea Cong.
Church, Seminary and Church. 8:30
CHAGRIN FALLS, O.-American Legion,
E. Orange St. --- 9:00
CHARDON-Pilgrim Christian Church,
113 South Street, Chardon, O. 9:00
ELYRIA-St. Agnes (down) Lake & Dewey 8:30
CONNEAUT, O.-B. of L. E. Hall. --- 8:30
WELLINGTON-St. Patrick's Catholic
Church, No. Main St., Wellington, O. 8:30

SATURDAY

BROADWAY-CABLE-St. John's Lutheran
Church, Cable at Broadway. 8:30
FOREST CITY-6619 Denison Ave. 9:00
JACK & HEINTZ-17608 Broadway. 8:30
LANDER CIRCLE-Garfield Man. Methodist,
Cm. Lander Rd. and Route 422. 9:00
LEAGUE PARK-Emmanuel Episcopal
(basement) 8614 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
NORWALK TRUCK LINES-
1147 E. 55th St., at Shore Drive. 9:00
PARMA-Ridgewood Savings & Loan,
5950 Ridge Road. --- 8:45
PLAIN'S-Plains Methodist Ch., Mentor, O.,
Lake Shore Blvd., Cor. Rts. 283 & 306. 8:30
REDWOOD-Euclid Lutheran Church,
E. 268th and Oriole. --- 8:30
TRINITY-Trinity Evangelical Church,
3525 W. 25th St. --- 9:00
VALLEY VIEW-Community Center,
West 7th and Starkweather. 9:00
ASHTABULA, O.-St. Peter's Episc. Church,
Main Avenue at South Park. 8:30
ELYRIA SATNITE-Alconon Club,
345 Broad St., Elyria, O. 8:30
MANSFIELD, O.-20 1/2 S. Park. --- 7:30 E.S.T.
WEST RICHFIELD-Consolidated Church,
Route 303, just west of Route 21. 9:00

SUNDAY

AVON CENTRAL-Basement Central Bank,
36690 Detroit Road, Avon, O. 8:00
BEDFORD HEIGHTS-Village Hall,
5661 Perkins Rd., Bedford Heights. 7:30
BRECKSVILLE VETERANS HOSPITAL
Broadway and Oakes. 7:30
BROOKSIDE-Blessed Sacrament Church,
Storer and Fulton (downstairs). 8:30
C.A.H. DISCUSSION-C.A.H. Club-s.
7809 Euclid Avenue. --- 10:45 A.M.
COLLINWOOD-945 E. 152nd St. --- 7:30
DETROIT SUNDAY-
8304 Detroit Avenue. 7:30 P.M.
DISCUSSION-6700 Detroit Ave. 7:00
GARDEN VALLEY-Outhwaite
7100 Kinsman Ave. --- 4:30
GOLF LAKELANDS-Trinity Lutheran,
Redbird & Chapel, No. Madison, O. --- 3:00
LAKEWOOD ARMORY-
1437 Wayne Ave., South of Detroit. 9:00
LORAIN COUNTY CONSOLIDATED-
First Sunday of each month,
Route 60, Axtel, Ohio. 7:30
MARTA JOSEPH-Plasterers Hall,
165 E. 24th St., at Payne Ave. 2:00
MISTLETOE-St. Thomas Church,
9205 Superior Ave. --- 7:00
NEWBURGH-St. Catherine's Church,
3443 E. 93rd St. --- 8:30
NEWBURY-St. Helena's Church, Rt. 87. 8:15
SUPERIOR STAG-8801 Superior. --- 11 A.M.
TRUSTY-Cleveland House of Correction,
1000 feet east of House of Correction. 5:00
VALLEY WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP
2nd & 4th Sunday, 7100 Kinsman. --- 3:30
YOUR-Charter House, Euclid and 248. 7:15
TWILIGHT-Grange Hall, Rt. 60, Axtel, O. 7:30
WARRENSVILLE-Cooley Farms
Recreation Room. --- 10:00 A.M.
CHIPPEWA SEVILLE-V.F.W. Hall,
Seville, O. --- 8:00
GENEVA, O.-Legion Hall, Park St.,
corner of so. Eagle. --- 7:30
MANSFIELD, O.-20 1/2 S. Park 8:00 E.S.T.

ALANON GROUP MEETINGS

CAIVARY-Calvary Presbyterian Church,
E. 79th and Euclid. Tuesdays. 8:30
CHARTW-St. Vincent Charity Hospital,
E. 22nd and Central. --- Friday. 8:30
BETHANY-Bethany Presbyterian Church,
6415 Clinton Ave. --- Wednesday. 8:30
SOUTH EAST-Maple Hts. Presb. Church,
15715 Libby Road. --- Tuesday. 8:00
VALLEY-7100 Kinsman Ave.,
2nd and 4th Sundays. Closed meeting. 4:30

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GRATITUDE

November is gratitude month in our fellowship. No doubt it is so designated because it is the month in which our national Thanksgiving holiday falls. In a sober view many of us will incline to the belief that the significance of Thanksgiving has been largely lost.

On the first Thanksgiving, a hardy group of dedicated pilgrims paused to give thanks to God as they devoutly believed in Him, for having brought them safely through a dangerous, arduous journey to new shores. In the new country they faced hardship, privation and mortal hazards of insufferable magnitude, but they were free of the spiritual and physical tyranny from which they had fled so bravely. Their prayer and meditation to seek greater conscious contact with God, represented the main object of that day. The repast of the best they had in rations was purely secondary. Today a festive meal and a little more TV than usual is the main result of most celebrations.

For us in this fellowship, a Thanksgiving holiday, or a gratitude month, can be naught but symbols, or perhaps a time when we pause to reflect upon the important part gratitude plays in our sober life. For us, if we live this life wholly with our full body, mind and spirit, each day is Thanksgiving. Each moment is one of gratitude. We hear endless testimony from our fellows about the countless blessings for which we are grateful. Do we ever stop to reflect on the blessing which is ours because of our gratitude?

Many of us find that a boundless gratitude is the golden thread on which the priceless pearls of our sober life are held together. It's a sort of lifeline in itself. It protects us against the grimmest hazards of our weaknesses. For example, gratitude defeats pride. If we are grateful for the precious gift of sobriety, we shall not be proud of it as an accomplishment of our own. Gratitude is an evidence of humility. The humble person is the grateful person. If we have difficulty in understanding God, gratitude leads us to Him, simply because we have no other place to go.

Gratitude leads us to all of the true beauty of life. We see that which we want to see. The grateful person sees the good and the fine in others and in nature. But perhaps the greatest blessing of all which comes to us through gratitude is the effect it has on our action in life. Ours is a gratitude which knows no adequate expression but through our deeds. The most eloquent among us have no words to express our gratitude through lip-service alone. No, we must act. It is what we are, and what we think, and what we do which shows our gratitude.

There is really only one way to express ourselves on this subject. It lies in helping others. If we strive, with God's help and all of the ability that we have, to reach the highest quality of which we are capable in helping others, then, and only then will we have given true expression to the gratitude we ought to feel. Then will we be saying to our Higher Power, truly, humbly and simply, "Thanks!"

BACKSLIDER

"One of the most important members of our fellowship is the perennial slipper," stated a speaker in one of our recent meetings. Noting the many raised eyebrows, he added, "yes, for this type does our experimenting for us. He also teaches us to develop tolerance and compassion, qualities which have been difficult for us to develop."

We fully agree with the speaker. All of us who have been in the program for a sustained period of time and who have enjoyed the security and peace of mind the AA program has brought us, and who have regained the long-lost respect and confidence of those who counted most in our lives, cannot be blamed for being annoyed when one of our "pigeons" has returned to drink.

Maybe its our fault! Maybe we didn't present the program to him with enough thought. Did we just dump him into a hospital, come to visit him a few times for a few minutes, possibly even asking some of our pals to visit him, and then when his days were up, take him home, ordering him to be at our next group meeting?

We possibly might even include him in our prayers at night, asking God to straighten out this man's thinking. Maybe we'll even call him up once in a while to chat with him.

All this is laudable, of course. But how did we present the program? Did we TEACH--or did we PREACH? Did we give him a chance to ask questions and were we wise, patient and understanding in our answers?

In our opinion, a man slips for two main reasons. He either didn't get the program thoroughly in the first place or he deliberately decided

to experiment.

If it be for the first reason, he needs to start from the beginning and go over the twelve steps again, especially the "house cleaning steps" from 4 to 11. He should be encouraged to make an honest and complete inventory. Emphasis should be placed on the need of absolute honesty and ridding himself of resentments and self-justification.

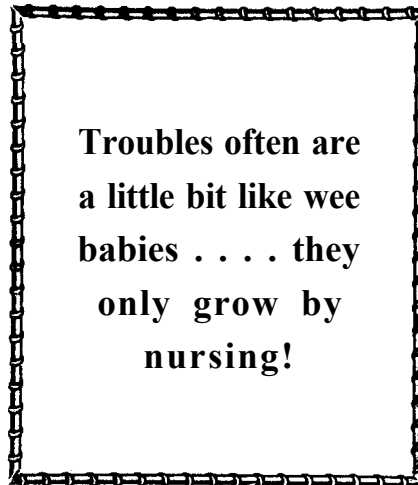
If it be for the second reason, it is probable that he was ashamed of his membership in AA, comparing himself to those who had sunk to the very bottoms of society, where he still had his job, his home, his family and a responsible place in the community. He probably told some in his office or shop that he had quit drinking because he couldn't control it anymore. If by any chance someone asked him if he had joined AA, he had indignantly denied it. Very often the vehemence of his denial would actually stimulate suspicion that he was lying.

It is also possible and probable that he, like Lot's wife, missed the excitement and the artificial fun that drinking provided and became bored with the new way of life. The very suggestion that he do some 12th Step work was undoubtedly repugnant to him.

The slipper needs help. He needs it even more than the first time. He must be handled with great care for he is more likely to crawl into a shell and permit little intrusion into his personal feelings. Resentments will deepen if he's not handled carefully.

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We don't believe he should be coddled and that the seriousness of his misstep should not be emphasized. Again we must warn against "preaching" and urge the utmost care in "teaching." Only in this way, we believe, can we instill in the patient an honest and sincere desire to regain a place in decent, sober society—an asset in the community instead of a liability.

We exist to keep each other dry. We do that by listening to each other's troubles and problems. We must develop tolerance, patience and humility . . . and be ever ready to share these qualities with others.

Only then will we begin to be worthy of our charge.

SHADOW AND SUBSTANCE

If Aesop were alive today, we **might** ask for the sequel to his fable where the dog with bone in his mouth looked **at** his reflection in the water and **dropped** the bone to grab for the larger bone in the reflection. Did he recover from his watery plunge and get the real **bone** back? If so, did he learn the lesson and never repeat the performance?

Few have sparred with the shadows of life as we did. At first it was a daring and adventurous operation. Then the shadows gained **ascendency** over us and in the end enveloped us. When the faint **hone** **inspired** by this **fellowship**—came along we were floundering hopelessly in the **darkness**, no longer able to spar, scarcely able to half lift a **feeble** hand for the help and understanding that was **offered**. Yes, very few have traversed the valley of the great shadow as we **did**, to be **rescued** and live in the light of **substance** and truth again.

The question is, did we learn our lesson once and for all? The answer would seem to be a resounding "No!" The seeds of the **character** weaknesses and **defects** which made us a pushover for the elusive shadows, are still with us. Their growth may be arrested by the advent of new **truths** and the practice of a new fine way of life. Many of these defects are simply arrested by our knowledge of them and our **constant** **striving** through the Twelve Steps to keep **them** under constant control. But these chronic **defects** of ours, even though arrested, are the reasons why **our** ailment is **incurable**. Unless our striving per-&s&, may we not **drop** the precious **bone** of **sobriety** to lunge once again for the **bone** in the reflection? Many people have, even after long years in our society.

Ours is a unique experience. We have literally been born again. Battered and a little the worse for wear, we have **built** one day **at** a time in our grasp of the substance of a life of sobriety. But **however** many days or weeks or months or **years** we have **built** it, the whole bone of this sober life of ours can be dropped in one **instant**, if we relax and without thought make a **lunge** for an illusory shadow **that** appeals to us for the moment. We may not recover that **bone** **again!**

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

An important meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 6, at which every group should be represented. **Officers** will be elected for the coming year and other matters of prime importance will be presented for discussion.

The meeting will be held in Room 401 of the Hanna Building at 8:30 p. m.

HOSPITAL COMMITTEE

Re-activated, this important committee under the chairmanship of Clarence H., Chagrin Falls, will meet on Tuesday December 20 (the third Thursday of each month) at 8:30 p. m. in Room 401 of the Hanna Building.

For your record, Clarence's phone number is TE 1-9733.

Holiday Warning — Don't Take that First Drink!

SORE POINTS

Dear Sore Points:

This is Gratitude Month and it seems appropriate to mention something that bothers me. It may not be a sore point but it is sorely trying to me. I have had the joy of this fellowship six months. It doesn't seem to me that any human being could be more grateful than I am to you wonderful people. Yet the other night in a lead I heard someone say that you have to have the spiritual side of this program digested before you become properly grateful.

Now I never had much **religious** training and the spiritual part of this program is hard for me. I try and try to picture God, to at least feel God, and I don't seem to get anywhere. I am almost frantic sometimes. I have trouble praying even in a simple way. Yet I can meet my sponsor or walk into an AA meeting and the sun starts to shine all over again. Give me some enlightenment, will you?

Hopefully yours,
Virginia.

Dear Virginia :

Don't you worry a minute. Once at the home of a friend I was left in the company of a four year old daughter. She was showing me her "pitchers." One **particularly** nauseating blob intrigued me—because it resembled nothing. When I asked her what it was, she looked at me with her big blue eyes dilated in wonderment and said, "Why don't you know Him? That's God!" That is **perhaps** the finest picture of God that I shall ever see. We can never see God as He sees us. Nor can we understand Him as He completely understands us. That would put us on a par with Him. But you know God because He has given you sobriety through this fellowship when you didn't deserve it. None of us did. You just go right on staying sober with us, and letting God's sun shine on you in our meetings and in your sponsor's company. Just go right on feeling grateful and don't worry about your embarrassment with prayer either. God knows of your feeling and your thoughts without you saying one word. Just stay as you are, keep striving, keep your heart full, and in the end you will find God all right as most of us do, because this boundless gratitude of yours will have no other place to go.

And if your gratitude ever cools, which I doubt, then take a good hard look at some gal who still suffers, and you will have no problem with gratitude or in telling God about it either.

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Little boy asked his mother while he was opening **Christmas** presents: "How old do you have to be before it's more fun to give than to receive?" Good question, and it seems to us that it represents the state of mind of a lot of albies before we get this program. And when we do reach the point where we do get more fun out of giving-ourselves or whatever part of this program we have grasped—instead of getting from others, our emotional age is nearly equalling our **chronological** age. In short, we are growing up.

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A high school teacher pasted this little sign in the center of a wall clock:

"TIME PASSES, WILL YOU ?"

To a high school student "passing" means promotion from one **grade** to the next or graduation from school. No **doubt** the sign caused thought and a little concern every time the students saw it. Even the best scholars are often uncertain how well they are doing.

We, too, undoubtedly ask ourselves, as we watch the hands of a clock steadily chipping away at time, "Will we pass?" We, too, often lack confidence concerning success with our "final examinations."

Such fears will give way to a quiet feeling of "**Hopeful Confidence**," IF we frequently attend the **meetings** of "**A.A.**"

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—J. F. J.

No alcoholic could ever take what he has dished out.

GROUP NEWS

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

Brooklyn—December speakers are: 7—Bill S., Brooklyn (his third anniversary); 14—No meeting; 21—Al S., Brooklyn (his fourteenth anniversary); 28—Old Timers' Night with veteran Tom V. as speaker.

Doan Men—December speakers are: 7—Webb M., C.A.H.; 14—Matte O., Superior; 21—Gates H., Arcade; 28—Scotly R., Doan Men.

Euclid-Wade—Since November 1 has been meeting in the C.A.H. clubrooms, third floor, 7809 Euclid Avenue, every Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. The move to these quarters has increased attendance appreciably. December speakers are: 6—Bill H., Newburgh; 13—Tom A., Solidarity; 20—John M., Shaker; 27—Carl M., Shaker.

Friendly Suburban—December speakers are: 5—Bill D., Edgelake; 12—Harry H., Rocky* River; 19—Herman P., Rocky River; 26—Meeting cancelled (Christmas).

Garden Valley Thursday—December speakers are: 1—Dick H., Smith-Wilson; 8—Art W., Garfield; 15—Mae Sue H., Garden Valley (her first lead); 22—Chuck G., Bedford; 29—Evelyn B., Bedford.

Garden Valley Sunday—December speakers are: 4—Bill C., Solidarity; 11—Tom N., Eastside Morning; 18—Bruce T., Garden Valley; 25—Christmas-Gift Exchange.

Gordon Square—December speakers are: 2—Neil C., Parma Heights; 9—Tom P., League Park; 16—Frank O'N., Gordon Square; 23—Theresa D., Clark; 30—Roy and Lance K., Freelancers.

Lakewood Armory—December speakers are: 4—Bill W., Lorain Ave. Wednesday; 11—Leroy R., Berea Friday; 18—Christmas Party. Speaker and Santa Claus, Jerry W., Angle; 25—Arley S., Berea Friday.

Monday-Lee—December speakers are: 5—Tom V., Brooklyn; 12—Bob S., Miles-Lee; 19—Christmas Party; 26—No meeting will be held. Holiday.

North Olmsted—This new group will hold its first meeting on Wednesday, December 7 at 9 p. m. with Veteran Warren C. Sr. as speaker. The meetings will be held in North Olmsted City Hall on Dover Road. You will be welcome.

St. Clair-Thursday-December speakers are: 1—Dennis C., Euclid-Wade; 8—Louise S., Ansel Road; 15—Jack K., Matt Talbot; 22—Jessie A. May Lynd; 29—Warren C., Jr., Edgelake.

Trinity-Observes its Thirteenth Anniversary on Saturday, December 3, with Wyn W., Wednesday-Lee as speaker. You will be made welcome. Other December speakers are: 10—Jack K., Brooklyn; 17—Carl M., Doan Men; 24—Bill D., Trinity; 31—No meeting.

Valley View—December speakers are 3—Esther R., of St. James; 10—John W., West Park; 7—No meeting. Christmas Party for the children of group 24—Tom B., Valley View (his second anniversary); 31—Our annual New Year's Eve Party to which all groups are invited. Tickets at \$1.50 may be purchased from all members at the Valley View group.

Shaker—December speakers are: 5—Bruce M., King School, Akron; 12—Joseph P., Edgelake; 19—Jack P., Fairmount; 26—Harry D., Edgelake.

West Park—December speakers are: 6—Jim W., Trinity; 13—Dr. Peter R., Lakewood Men; 20—Bob (Mickey) McG., Edgelake; 27—Holiday greetings—no meeting.

West Shore—December speakers are: 7—Franklyn S., Doan Men; 14—Helen W., Shaker. 21—Mary G., Westside Women; 28—Chuck S., St. Cl&r-Thursday.

West 25th—December speakers are: 5—Kitty M., Strongsville; 12—Billy H., Newburgh; 19—John W., Collinwood; 26—Tom M., Solidarity. The group wishes to express its appreciation to the many friends who helped make its 19th Anniversary meeting such a wonderful success.

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Women's House of Correction—December speakers are: 7—Dale W., Mentor; 14—John K., Mentor; 21—Dr. Franklin F., Painesville, who will grace our annual Christmas Party. A good sized crowd will bring much comfort and hope to those whom we are dedicated to help. Why not come with several cars full of other AAs in your group to hear this fine speaker and do your bit for those less fortunate than you? We'll welcome you.

MANY CHANGES

Twenty-five changes have been made on the group listings on the back page of this issue of Central Bulletin. We urge you to consult this list before you decide to visit a group other than your own.

Four new groups have been added to the list, two in the Cleveland Metropolitan area.

We regret to announce that four groups have disbanded. Other changes involve changes of meeting places, nights of meeting, and starting time.

Urge your fellow members to subscribe to the Bulletin for "up to the month" info.

GIGGLES

The personal manager was interviewing a prospective employee. "Have you ever had any experience in public speaking?"

"I sure have," answered the applicant. "I proposed to my wife on a party line."

Father: Is your young man honorable in his intentions?

Daughter: I think so. He asked me how much you make, how much I make, and whether you and mom are hard to live with.

"Has your husband changed much in the years you've been married?" asked one wife of another.

"No," was the reply, "but he thinks he has. He's always talking about what a fool he used to be."

The honeymoon is over when the dog brings you your slipper and when your wife starts to bark at you.

Drink is undoubtedly the greatest curse of mankind! It makes you insult your boss . . . it makes you quarrel with your neighbor . . . it makes you take a death-dealing weapon in your hand and makes you shoot at your wife . . . and it makes you miss her!

The chairman of the Congressional Committee had spent a very trying day questioning a witness who repeatedly invoked the Fifth Amendment. As the witness stepped down, the Congressman hurled a final question at him: "Are you a drinking man?" "What has that got to do with the proceedings?" asked the retiring witness. "You've taken so many Fifths today," the legislator snapped, "I don't see how it's possible for you to walk."

"I'm against socialized medicine."

"Why?"

"When I get sick I want to go to a bartender of my choice."

ALANON GROUP MEETINGS

CALVARY—Calvary Presbyterian Church, E. 79th & Euclid.—Tues., 8:30
CHARITY—Charity Hospital, E. 22nd and Central.....Fri, 8:30
BETHANY—Bethany Presbyterian Church, 6415 Clinton.....Wed, 8:30
SOUTH EAST—Presbyterian Church, 15715 Libby Rd.....Tues., 8:00
VALLEY-7100 Kinsman (2nd and 4th Sunday) Closed.....Sun., 4:30

NURSING HOMES THAT TREAT ALCOHOLICS

(This listing does not necessarily indicate endorsement or approval)

Al-Ju, Inc. (MW) 28707 Euclid Ave., Wickliffe. O.....WH 4-2244
Cleveland Alcoholic Hospital (MW) 7809 Euclid Ave.....EX 1-8998
Dorothy McCauliffe Alcoholic Clinic (MW) 8304 Detroit AT 1-3353
Farquharson's Home (M) 6037 Pearl Road, Parma.....TII 5-1822
Mayfair Home (Women only) 11451 Euclid Ave.—Licensed.....GA 1-6675
Stella Maris Hospital (M) 1320 Washington Ave.....SU 1-0554

CLEVELAND AREA A A G R O U P M E E T I N G S

M O N D A Y

BORTON-E. Cleveland Congrega. Church,
Page and Euclid Ave.....8:30
EARLY-EARLY-Plasterers Union Hall,
1651 E. 24th St. (near Pappave Ave.) 7:00
FRIENDLY SUBURBAN-6037 Pearl...8:00
FRIENDSHIP-Bldv. Presbyterian Cb.,
24600 Lake Shore Blvd., Euclid, 0 8:30
LAKEWOOD MEN'S-St. Peter's Episcopal,
W. Clifton and Detroit.....9:00
LEE MONDAY-First Presbyter. Church,
East Cleveland, Nela and Euclid..... 8:30
LORAIN AVE.-St. Ignatius Hall,
Lorain Ave. at West Blvd..... 8:30
ORCHARD GROVE-Church of Ascension,
13216 Detroit Ave..... 8:30
PEARL-Our Lady of Good Counsel,
4423 Pearl Rd..... 8:30
RAMONA-9721 Ramona Blvd.....8:30
SHAKER-Christ Episcopal Church,
3445 Warrensville Center Rd. 9:00
SOUTH EAST-7526 Broadway..... 8:30
TEMPLE-Temple Baptist, 7500 Cedar.....8:15
UNION-East View Congregational Church,
Kinsman at E. 156th St..... 9:00
WEST 25th ST.-Marvel Hall,
2858 W. 25th St..... 9:00
WOMEN'S-Westside-West Boulevard
Christian Church, Madison and W. 101 8:45
ELYRIA MEN-St. Agnes, Lake & Dewey 8:30
NORWALK, O.-League St. School,
R. 250 and 13 8:30
VERMILION-Congregational Church.....8:30
WILLOUGHBY, O.-Presbyterian Church 8:30

T U E S D A Y

ARCADE-Old Stone Church,
Public Square, Ontario entrance 8:00
CLARK-1917 Clark Ave.....9:00
CORLETT MIXED-Holy Family Parish
Hall, 3845 E. 131st St..... 8:30
EAST SIDE WOMEN-11205 Euclid,
Church of the Covenant8:00
EDGE LAKE-Lakewood YMCA,
Community Room, 16915 Detroit 8:30
EUCLID MORNING-Lake Shore Christian
Church, Lake Shore Blvd. & 280.10:30 A.M.
EUCLED-WADE-C. A. H. Clubrooms,
Third Floor, 7809 Euclid Ave..... 8:30
FAIRMOUNT-St. Paul's Episcopal,
Fairmount and Coventry..... 9:00
FAIRVIEW PARK-Fairview Grace
Church, W. 224th and Lorain Ave..... 9:00
HILLTOP-St. Joseph's Seminary,
17608 Euclid Ave.....8:45
MAY-LYND-Kenny King's Restaurant,
Mayland Shopping Cen. Mayfield Hts. 8:30
MILES-LEE-Mt. Hope Lutheran Church,
E. 164th, north of Miles Ave..... 8:30
SMITH-WILSON-St. Joseph's School,
9321 Orleans Ave.....8:30
SUPERIOR-North Presbyterian Church,
E. 40th and Superior..... 8:30
TRUSTY-Cleveland House of Correction,
1000 feet east of House of Correction.8:00
WEST PARK-Puritas Lutheran Church,
Puritas Ave. and W. 138th St. 8:30
ASHLAND, O.-First Presbyterian Church,
3rd & Church Sts..... 8:00 EST
ASHTABULA CONSOLIDATED-
Methodist Church, South Broadway
Geneva, Ohio-First Tuesday.....8:30
ASHTABULA-Presbyterian Church,
KJRTLAND, O.-Old South Ch. Rt. 306.8:30
Prospect Road, Route 20..... 8:00
LAKE COUNTY-Meth. Fellowship Hall,
Rt. 20-E. Southwood, Mentor 8:30
LORAIN CENTRAL-Lorain, O..... 8:30
MANSFIELD-Episcopal Church,
41 Bowman St., Mansfield, O. 8:30 EST
MEDINA, O.-St. Paul's Epis. Par. Hse 8:30
SANDUSKY, O. (Firelands)-First Pres-
terian, Across from Post Office 7:30
SHREVE-Shreve Armory,
South St., Shreve, O..... 8:30 EST
STRONGSVILLE-Town Hall 8 :30

W E D N E S D A Y

RAXTER-St. John's Lutheran School,
5826 C a b l e 8 :30
REDFORD-Masonic Temple, Tarbell Ave. 8:30
BROOKLYN-K. of P. Hall,
3316 Broadview, East of Pearl Rd. 8:30
C. E. I.-Illuminating Co.,
Bldg. (rear) Room 361, 55 Pub. Sq. 8:30
COLLINSWOOD-945 E. 152nd St. 8:30
DOAN MEN-YMCA (University Circle),
2055 E. 105th St., Second floor front 8:30
EASTSIDE MORNTNG-9606 Euclid Ave.,
Euclid Ave. Congre. (Side ent.) 10:30 a.m.
GARFIELD HEIGHTS-Trinity Baptist,
E. 94th and Garfield Blvd. 8:30

HAGUE-Grace Cong. Assembly Hall,
West 61th and Colgate.....8:30
LAKEWOOD WOMEN-St. Peter's Episc^l
18001 Detroit Ave. (Cor. W. Clifton) 8:30
LORAIN AVE.-S.S. Philip & James Hall,
3689 Bosworth Road..... 9:00
LEE ROAD-First English Lutheran,
Derbyshire and Euclid Hts. Blvd..... 9:00
NO. OLMSTED-City Hall, Dover Road.9:00
Lake Sh. Blvd., cor. Rts. 283 & 306...9:00
PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL-1708 Aiken.8:30
ST. JAMES-St. James Church,
E. 84th and Cedar..... 8:30
SOUTHWEST WOMEN-6037 Pearl Rd.8:00
TRAINING-REFRESHER-Illuminating
Bldg. (rear) Rm. 361, 55 PublicSq...8:30
TWENTY-FOUR HOUR-13216 Detroit,
Church of the Ascension..... 8:30
WARRENSVILLE-Women's House Cor.7:30
WEST SHORE-West Shore Unitarian,
20401 Hilliard Rd., Rocky River... 9:00
WEST SIDE (Closed)-Twelfth Step Club
8304 Detroit Ave..... 8:30
WOMEN'S-Lorain County-St. Vincent De
Paul Church, Detroit Rd. (Rt. 254 & 57).8:30
ASHTABULA COUNTY WOMEN-Harris
Memorial, W. 58th & Adams, Ashtabula
Second and Fourth Wednesday 7:30
BRUNSWICK, O.-Cuyahoga Ass'n Bldg.,
Route 42, So. of 303, next to Marshall's.8:30
ELYRTA, O.-St. Paul Building,
Third and Middle, side entrance..... 8:30
FAIRPORT HARBOR, 525 Eagle St. 8:00
INTERACIAL-30th & Wood, Lorain, O.,
Mt. Zion Baptist Church..... 8:30
JEFFERSON, O.-St. Joseph's Church.....8:30
SANDUSKY, O.-Provid. Hos. Cafeteria.7:30
MANSFIELD, O.-20 1/2 S. Park 8:00 E.S.T.
WICKLIFFE, O.-28917 Euclid (side-up) 8:30

T H U R S D A Y

ALLENDALE-St. Paul's Episcopal
Church, 15837 Euclid Ave..... 8:30
ANGLE-St. Malachi's Church..... 8:30
2549 Washington Ave..... 8:30
BROADWAY-55th-Our Lady of Lourdes
School Hall..... 8:30
COVENTRY-Fairmount Presby. Church,
Scarborough and Fairmount Blvd..... 8:30
CRILE HOSPITAL-Library..... 8:00
CROSSROADS-Bethany Presby. Church,
W. 65th and Clinton..... 9:00
EASTLAKE-First Congregational church,
33700 Vine St..... 9:00
EAST SHORE WOMEN-First Baptist Ch.,
156.5 Chardon Rd., near Euclid 8:30
GARDEN VALLEY-(Outhwaite)
7100 Kinsman At..... 8:00
NORTH RANDALL-Village Hall,
21937 Miles Ave..... 9:00
PARMA HEIGHTS-6400 Pearl Road
Laux Realty Basement (rear ent.).....8:30
ROCKY RIVER-Rockport Methodist
Church, 3310 Wooster Road..... 9:00
ST. CLAIR-THURSDAY-Glenville Cong.
Church, (side ent.) St. Clair & Eddy.8:30
TRUSTY-Cleveland House of Correction,
1000 feet east of House of Correction.8:00
WEST SIDE MEN-Hungarian Luth. Ch.,
W. 98th and Denison 11 A. M.
ASHLAND THURSDAY-2nd and Union,
Rossaro's Restaurant 8:00 EST
ASHTABULA HARBOR-North End Club,
Corner Walnut Blvd. & Lake Ave..... 8:30
BEREA-Fine Arts Club, E. Bagley Rd.,
3 doors east of Eastland Rd 9:00
ELYRIA-St. Jude's School, Poplar St. 8:30
2549 Washington Ave.....9:00
INDEPENDENCE, O.-St. John's Lutheran
Hall, Second and Sunset..... 9:00
MAPLE LEAF-Congregational Church,
Fellowship Hall, Burton, Ohio 8:30
PAINESVILLE-Congregational Church,
Educational Bldg., Mentor, O 8:30

F R I D A Y

ANSEL ROAD-St. Thomas Church,
9205 Superior Ave..... 9 :00
BROADWAY-HARVARD-8437 Br'dway 9:00
CEDAR-Salvation Army, 5005 Euclid..... 8:15
CHARITY-Amphitheatre, 6th Floor,
St. Vincent's Charity Hospital 8:30
CLEVELAND WOMEN-Hotel Cleveland 6:00
EUCLID FRIDAY-Epiphany Church,
Lake Shore and E. 210th.....8:30
FRANKLIN-3804 Woodbine Ave..... 8:30
FRIDAY AFTERNOON WOMEN-Fly-
mouth Church, Coventry and Drexmore,
Krumbine Room1:00
GORDON SQUARE-St. Helena's Hall,
1367 W. 65th St..... 9:00
LEE ROAD-American Legion Hall,
Post 163, 15544 Euclid Ave..... 9:00
NORTH EAST-Town House Motel,
15661 Euclid Ave..... 8:30
SOLTDARTTY-Hubbard Memorial Center,
E. 84th and Cedar 8:45

STELLA MARIS MIXED
1320 Washington Ave..... 8:15
TAPCO-23555 Euclid Ave 9 p.m.
Second Friday of each month
WEST CLIFTON-Lkwd. Congregational
Church, 1375 W. Clifton Road 9:00
AVON LAKE-First Congregational Church,
32801 Electric Blvd.8:30
BEREA-Social room of Berea Cong.
Church, Seminary and Church..... 8:30
CHAGRIN FALLS, O.-American Legion,
E. Orange St..... 9:00
CHARDON-Pilgrim Christian Church,
113 South Street, Chardon, O 9:00
ELYRIA-St. Agnes (down) Lake & Dewey 8:30
CONNEAUT, O.-B. of L. E. Hall8:30
WELLINGTON-St. Patrick's Catholic
Church, No. Main St., Wellington. O.8:30

S A T U R D A Y

BROADWAY-CABLE-St. John's Lutheran
Church, Cable at Broadway..... 8 :30
FOREST CITY-6619 Denison Ave.....9:00
JACK & HEINTZ-17600 Broadway..... 8 :30
LANDER CIRCLE-Garfield Mem. Methodist,
Cor. Lander Rd. and Route 4229:00
LEAGUE PARK-Emmanuel Episcopal
(basement) 8614 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
NORWALK TRUCK LINES-
1147 E. 55th St., at Shore Drive 9:00
MEMPHIS-Lakewood Congregational Ch.,
1375 W. Clifton, Cor. Detroit Ave.....9:00
PARMA-Ridgewood Savings & Loan,
5950 Ridge Road 8:45
PLAINS-Plains Methodist Ch., Mentor, O.,
Lake Shore Blvd., Cor. Rts. 283 & 306.8:30
REDWOOD-Euclid Lutheran Church,
E. 260th and Oriole..... 8:30
TRINITY-Trinity Evangelical Church,
3525 W. 25th St..... --9:00
VALLEY VIEW-Community Center,
West 7th and Starkweather 9:00
ASHTABULA, O.-St. Peter's Epis. Church,
Main Avenue at South Park..... 8 :30
ELYRIA SATNITE-Alconon Club,
345 Broad St., Elyria, O 8 :30
LORAIN SATNITE-7th and Reed St.,
St. Mary's Church Basement 8:30
MANSFIELD, O.-20% S. Park 7:30 E.S.T.
MIDDLEFIELD-Methodist Church,
South Main St., Middlefield, O 8:30
WEST RICHFIELD-Consolidated Church,
Route 303, just west of Route 21.....9 :00

S U N D A Y

AVON CENTRAL-Basement Central Bank
36690 Detroit Road, Avon, O.....8:00
BEDFORD HEIGHTS-Village Hall,
5661 Perkins Rd., Bedford Heights...7:30
BRECKSVILLE VETERANS HOSPITAL
Broadview and Oakes.....7:30
BROOKSIDF-Blessed Sacrament Church,
Storer and Fulton (downstairs) 8:30
C.A.H. DTSCUSTON-C.A.H. Clubrooms,
7809 Euclid Avenue.....10:45 A.M.
COLLINSWOOD-945 E. 152nd St.....7:30
DETROTT SUNDAY-
8304 Detroit Avenue 7:30 P.M.
DTSCUSSION-6700 Detroit Ave..... 7:00
GARDEN VALLEY-Outhwaite
7100 Kinsman Ave..... 4:30
GOLF LAKELANDS-Trinity Lutheran,
Redbird & Chapel, No. Madison, O 3:00
LAKEWOOD ARMORY-
1437 Wayne Ave., South of Detroit...9:00
LORAIN COUNTY CONSOLIDATED-
First Sunday of each month,
St. John's Sch., 31 & Rt. 57, Lorain 7:30
MARIA JOSEPH-Plasterers Hall,
1651 E. 24th St., at Payne Ave 2:00
MISTLETOE-St. Thomas Church,
9205 Superior Ave.....7 :00
NEWBURGH-St. Catherine's Church,
3443 E. 93rd St..... 8:30
NEWBURY-St. Helena's Church, Rt. 87.8:15
SUPERIOR STAG-8801 Superior 11 A.M.
TRUSTY-Cleveland House of Correction,
1000 feet east of House of Correction.5 :00
VALLEY WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP
2nd & 4th Sunday, 7100 Kinsman 3:30
YOUR-Charter House, Euclid and 248.7:15
TWILIGHT-Grange Dall, Rt. 60, Axtel, O.7:30
WARRENSVILLE-Cooley Farms
Recreation Room 10:00 A.M.
CHIPPEWA-SEVILLE-V.F.W. Hall,
Seville, O 8:00
GENEVA, O.-Legion Hall, Park St.,
corner of So. Eagle.....7:30
MANSFIELD, O.-20 1/2 S. Park.....8:00 E.S.T.

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HOLIDAY SEASON

Despite the seeming loss of much of its true significance, the Christmas season is a time of great joy to more people than any other occasion during the year. Why? Because people experience, in a limited way at least, the joy that comes from giving.

We should not be critical of those who simply know of no expression except that of a material gift. From this effort for their own family and friends, many of them are led to some consideration, however small, of the less fortunate stranger. This is at least a small start toward doing for others. And after all that is the true spirit of the Christmas day.

Even though sobriety is with us, the year-end holiday season is actually a time of hazard in our lives. Before sobriety we almost never got through it without hurting ourselves and others. For those of us still in the shaky beginnings, the loss of sobriety itself may be a real danger.

This might also apply to the complacent ones in our midst. Then we know that we have a large segment of our fellowship whose home situations may be far from ideal, or perhaps there is none at all. It is easy for these to observe happy festive homes and then fall into the toils of self-pity at Christmas time. For all of these, the newcomers, the homeless, the complacent and many others, the season is a good time to step up meeting attendance, hospital calls and the like.

Nowhere can the spirit of Christmas be more truly felt than in our own communion, one with the other. For yourself and all of those who care about you, could anything be more wonderful or welcome than your first sober Christmas in many years?

There are many other hazards too. This is a time when all of us instinctively look back over the old year. To the extent that the wisdom of its experience is important, this is all to the good.

But beyond that it is all to the bad. Aside from wisdom what can memory bring us? Only pride over our accomplishment, which is in itself dangerous. Or it may be remorse over our failure which drops us into that self-pity vat again with a sickening thud. We also have the instinct in this season, to look ahead. That involves merely scheming, or at worst, apprehension. Remember when you took a drink because of your fear of tomorrow?

Above all at the Christmas Season let us think of the other fellow. However humble and difficult our circumstances may be, there are others less fortunate. And in relation to those who still suffer, we have the gift of being able to help, a sacred precious gift which far transcends any tangible gift in a box. If they are willing and ready for this gift, what finer Christmas could anyone have than to be able to help them?

And if they are not ready, then the tragic sight of them alone shows us our own blessing this Christmas, a sober life of reality. Let us be tolerant and kindly toward those whose only gift must come in pretty wrappings.

MEMORIES

There are some things we wish we could completely eradicate from our minds. Every once in a while they pop up without cause. Though they annoy us and cause us to shudder when, sober, we realize again as many times before when they came across memory's lanes, how fortunate we were to escape deserved punishment.

We were reminiscing with one of our old time drinking pals the other day and laughing over some of the stunts that were pulled by some of us exhibitionists. Some were, in fact, really entertaining and original. Yes, there was a lot of irresponsible, free-wheeling "fun" in those "good old days," but for some reason or other, not so funny now when we realized how much it had cost us in loss of the respect of the more serious and sober ones.

Many of these took place around the holidays when seemingly everybody drank more than they ordinarily did and though there was considerable criticism on the outrageous behavior of some of us, generally we were excused "because of the holidays."

But those of us that were "over the hump," those of us who were already compulsive drinkers, though still holding our jobs and place in the community esteem, didn't sense that these holds were getting very slippery.

Already several well-meaning friends were offering unsolicited counsel, repeating the scuttle-butt which was going the rounds about us! Instead of sobering us and making us appreciative, we became angry and indignant not only with the so-called friends who talked about us

but also with the informant!

We hadn't seen this old time friend in years. He went his way, and we went ours.

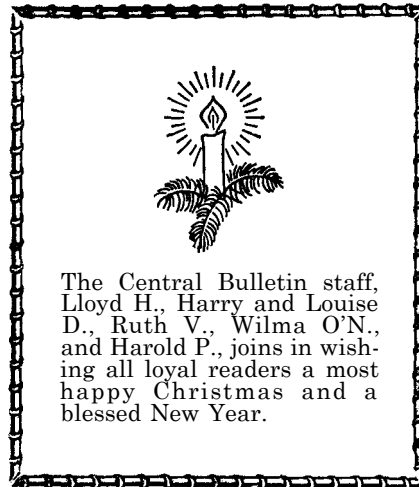
In the meantime he had found employment out of town and had been eminently successful. Coming to Cleveland on a business trip, last week, he met one of the old guard and in the course of conversation our name was mentioned in connection with "ye old wild times," and he wondered whatever became of us after we cut off relations with him.

This mutual friend happened to be one of our biggest boosters, having been one of the first to whom we made amends and one of our first staunch defenders when the hatchet had been sharpened on us back in 1940, afterward.

So he looked us up and we apologized to him for being so rude to him when he came to see us. He admitted feeling as though we had slapped him in the face and having vowed never to try to help us again.

We were thinking of the many, many good people whom we have hurt-well-meaning people-nice people, but unforgiving. We can't resent their attitude. In little ways we can make amends. Maybe even in big ways.

But we must not make them just for the selfish purpose of gaining favor. We must make them to placate our conscience and there find solace.



Season's



Greetings

A HARD DECISION

The following letter was presented in person by the editor of Central Bulletin and his publishing company to Central Committee at its December 6 meeting. Its preparation was the result of a study of ways and means to produce and mail the Bulletin each month to 1900 subscribers and still come out even. We could find no answer. Here is the letter:

"As co-sponsors with us of the AA Central Bulletin, we are herewith presenting to you the problem of finances. As most of you know, it has become impossible in recent years to make ends meet,

"When the Bulletin was started in the early days of AA in Cleveland, we assumed the entire responsibility of publishing and mailing the paper at our own risk. At that time, eighteen years ago, we had a mailing list of less than 500. Rigid price controls were in effect on account of the war. The subscription price was set at \$1.00 per year and there it has been to this day.

"We are sure it is unnecessary to remind you of the constant rise in the cost of labor and materials, not to mention increased postage (1c to 2½c). Costs are now three times those of 1942-43. Each month's printing, folding and stitching bill runs close to \$150.00 with postage at \$46.48. The addressing and mailing are gratis. Multiply this \$196.48 by 12 for 12 issues, divide the total by 1900 and you get a figure of \$1.25 per subscription.

"So after full consideration of all these factors, we ask permission to raise the price of each subscription to \$2.00 per year or \$3.00 for two years beginning with the January issue."

After a short discussion the request was granted.

The editor then asked for the right to appeal to all the groups in the area for contributions of \$5.00 and over to liquidate the accumulated indebtedness of \$792.44 and that a Central Bulletin Foundation be established to administer it. He reminded the delegates of the fact that he was past the retirement age and that should he die, much of the work he and his wife now do (gladly) would perforce have to be done by some mailing house, thereby still increasing costs. He stated that two widely read publications have ceased publication during the past year, because of death or increased costs.

After careful deliberation, it was unanimously resolved that the appeal for funds should be made by Central Committee. It was further resolved that a Central Bulletin Foundation be established, chaired by the Central Bulletin editor.

This is the first appeal we have ever made for funds. When the deficit was under \$500 we reasoned that it was far less than what it would have cost us if we were still drinking. Editing and publishing it kept AA and its principles very much in our daily thoughts, so we figured it was cheap insurance in keeping us dry these eighteen years and nine months.

It's been a wonderful privilege to serve. However, our ultimate successor should not be expected to carry the entire load for all of us. Should he ?

APPRECIATION

A warm feeling coursed through us as we read the following note we received on December 15 from Peg H. of the Euclid-Morning group: "I am enclosing a new subscription order at the new price. Since I recently re-subscribed for three years, I am adding another three dollars as I'd never feel right getting the Bulletin all that time at the old price. I've wondered for quite some time why the cost was so low. I have my own little tradition going. Each girl that I sponsor gets the Bulletin from me. I feel that for the ones that 'resign,' it's a link for them with our Fellowship that cannot do anything but good." God bless, you, Peg.

THANKS-EVERYONE

Our heartfelt thanks to all who sent us such friendly holiday greetings and to those responding so promptly to our plea for financial assistance in liquidating our indebtedness.

SORE POINTS@

Dear Sore Points:

As a relative newcomer there is one question that bothers me a lot. Most people in the fellowship say, "Sobriety is a precious gift that we do not deserve and can never earn." Others say it can't be a gift, or entirely anyway, because we work so hard at this program to get it and to keep it. Now I would like to believe it's a gift, but if it is, then why must we work so hard to get it and keep it?
-C. R.

Dear C.R.:

You have really come up with one. It's a question that goes to the very roots of our way of life. The answer to your question should answer almost everything. We are not too confident we can answer it well, but if we could there isn't the space here to do it. So if you will look at the left column of the front page of the Bulletin for January, you will find the best answer of which we are capable.
-s. P.

VAS YOU DER. CHARLIE?

Every now and then, we hear someone boast that he is a member of AA, but not a member of a particular group. He wants to be a free-lancer, and not be obliged to any individual group. He wants to be free to choose his own meetings, and be free to choose the night that is most convenient for him. Of course only an ungrateful person would come up with such selfish reasons. These thoughts were expressed in our September 16 Chit Chat bulletin, and recently a friend of mine wrote as follows:

"We have a Charlie here in town. Everything has to be for Charlie. He is neurotic. But the program is to help him. It is according to the nature of the alcoholic to be basically selfish. He may give off a show of generosity in many ways, but that is usually a defense reaction. Basically (at least it appears to me) he is selfish. If an alcoholic tries the program and doesn't learn to be selfless, the program will not really operate for him. I think our Charlie and the other Charlies are putting themselves in the proximate danger of a slip. Alcoholics who are emotionally immature, alcoholics who to varying degrees refuse to face reality in other ways, alcoholics who are inconsistent . . . they are all easier to take than Charlie. Because Charlie hurts the program. He is a Floater and floats like a piece of slag. Slag is the parasite in the furnace. It looks like coal but it never burns, it never gets on fire, it never gives off heat, it never contributes nuttin. It glows red and looks healthy like the other coals. But all its heat and all its glow are borrowed from the coals around it. Enough Charlies can ruin a meeting . . . enough of them can ruin a group. (Now that that is off my chest, back to the accounts and dark silence until you provoke me again.)"-Chit Chat, Robesonia, Pa.

EARLY MEMBER PASSES AWAY

George McDermott, who came into the program in March, 1939, when AA was in its infancy, passed on to his eternal reward on December 12. Many members, active today, owe their sobriety to his wise counsel and example. Our condolences go out to his beloved wife, Ethna, and son, James.

BELATED BOUQUET

In reporting that twenty-five changes were being made in the listing of groups on page four of the Bulletin, we shamefully neglected to give credit to Norma P. of the Cleveland AA District Office for her many hours of painstaking study and research. She must know we all love her the more now, if that were possible. Thanks, thanks, thanks, Norma.

A lot of fellows who complain about their bosses being dumb would be out of a job if the boss was smarter.

The next time you go to an AA meeting, don't forget that it takes a speaker much longer to tell you what he thinks than what he knows.

GROUP NEWS

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

Allendale-January speakers: 5—Henry W., Euclid-Wade; 12—Bill M., May-Lynd; 19—Kenny K., Doan Men; 26—Minnie C., Mistletoe.

Angle-January speakers: S—Jack S., Lorain Ave.-Monday; 12—Frank M., Angle; 19—Dick H., Newburgh; 26—Jess C., Akron, O.

Brooklyn-January speakers: 4—Orrie K., Brooklyn (his 12th anniversary); 11—Harley W., 24 Hour; 18—Freda L., Brooklyn (her 15th anniversary); 25—George O., Brooklyn (his 2nd anniversary).

Detroit Sunday-January speakers: 1—Jim R., Erie, Pa.; 8—Art W., Maple Heights; 15—Ab. W., Lakewood Armory; 22—Bob T., Lakewood Men; 29—Doy T., Superior Stag.

Doan Men-January speakers: 4—John W., Collinwood; 11—Larry O'C., Arcade; 18—Surprise speaker. You won't regret coming; 25—Carl M., Doan Men.

Euclid Morning—January speakers: 3—Clarence H., Chargin; 10—Joe McC., Shaker; 17—George O'H., Edgelake; 24—Kitty K., East Shore Women; 31—Don R., Wednesday-Lee.

Euclid-Wade-January speakers: 3—Roy M., Allendale; 10—Hob D., Lander Circle; 17—Frances B., May-Lynd; 24—Al D., Allendale; 31—Bill M., May-Lynd.

Friendly Suburban-January speakers: 2—No meeting. All speakers for the month are members of the Lorain Central Tuesday group of Lorain, O. They are: 9—Dan McN.; 16—William B.; 23—Charles T.; 30—Mike B.

Friendship—January speakers: 2—Bill M., May-Lynd; 9—Harry D., Edgelake; 16—Jack E., Wednesday-Lee; 23—Margaret M., Mentor Plains; 30—Closed Discussion meeting, AA members only.

Garden Valley Thursday-January speakers: 5—Brandon L., Newbury; 12—Jack H., W. 25th; 19—Eleanor P., group not known; 26—To be announced.

Garden Valley Sunday-January speakers: 8—Doy T., Superior Stag; 15—Ed H., Monday-Lee; 22—Gene A., Garden Valley (his second anniversary); 29—Bud C., Newbury.

Gordon Square-Speakers for January: 6—George A., Akron 12th Step; 13—Jim D., Early-Early; 20—Dan K., Barberton, O.; 27—Chuck and Lu S., St. Clair-Thursday.

Lake County--January speakers: 3—Molly H., Angle; 10—Ralph D., Valley View (his first); 17—Bill H., Newburgh; 24—Regis O'D., St. Clair Thursday; 31—Panel Discussion.

Lakewood Armory—January speakers: 1—Joe M., Lakewood Armory; 8—Pat J., Lakewood Armory; 15—Bill R., Lakewood Armory (his first lead); 22—Lee T., Maria Joseph; 29—Jim M., Lakewood Armory (his first lead).

Lorain Ave.-Monday-January speakers: 9—Eddie L., Norwalk Truck Lines; 16—Jean B., 24 Hour; 23—Harold J., Lorain Ave.-Monday; 30—Bob F., Angle.

Monday-Lee-January speakers: 9—Eddie H., Monday-Lee; 16—Bill M., May-Lynd; 23—Franklyn S., Doan Men; 30—Bill S., Your.

North Olmsted—January speakers: 1—Ambrose T., Angle; 11—Lynn C., Berea Thursday; 18—Jack M., Parma; 25—Jack L., North Olmsted (his first lead).

Orchard Grove-January speakers: 9—Arthur S., Parma Heights; 16—Steve L., Memphis; 23—Andy M., Valley View; 30—Bill K., Valley View.

St. Clair Thursday-January speakers: 5—Kitty K., East Shore Women; 12—Tom P., League Park; 19—Boz W.; 26—Chuck and Lu S., founders of the group, observing their twelfth anniversary.

Trinity-January speakers: 1—Albert L., Barberton, O.; 14—Jack S., Lorain Ave.-Monday; 21—Tom K., Barberton, O.; 28—Eleanor P., Westside Women.

Valley View-January speakers: 7—Steve F., Valley View; 14—Harry R., Stella Maris; 21—Harry D., Edgelake; 28—Canier J., Valley View (his 1st anniversary).

West Park—January speakers: 3—Frances B., May-Lynd; 10—Eleanor P., Lakewood, Armory; 17—Wilma O'N., Westside Women and Carl C., Akron (a brother and sister lead); 24—Hal B., Elyria; 31—John B., No. Olmsted.

West 25th St.-January speakers: 2—Michael S., Lakewood Armory; B—Kitty M., Strongsville; 16—Harry C., W. 25th St. (his sixth anniversary); 23—John D., Brookside; 30—Frank F., Westside Mornmg.

Women's House of Correction-January speakers: 4—Bill B., Independence; 11—Howard B., Independence; 18—Bob L., Independence; 25—Billie M., Parma (women members only).

Refresher-Training-January schedule: 4—Step & Tradition XI, Hilltop; 11—Step & Tradition XII, St. Clair-Thursday; 18—Sponsorship Discussion; 25—Step & Tradition I. At these meetings, one Step and one Tradition are explained and discussed by a panel of four capable speakers selected by the group that is host for the evening. These meetings are of particular value to new members as well as their sponsors. Meetings are held every Wednesday evening in the Illuminating Building, 55 Public Square (rear), Room 361. at 8:30 p.m.

NEW MODERATOR

Central Committee unanimously elected Stanley P. of the Smith-Wilson group as Moderator for 1961. Stanley was also commended for his splendid work in developing the Refresher-Training meetings during the past year. Also elected was John B. of the Rocky River and North Olmsted group as vice-moderator.

GIGGLES

Two skid row characters emerged from the community hall of a downtown church after consuming a free turkey dinner with all the trimmings. As they passed the bulletin board of the church they paused to look at it. Across the top there was the legend, "Let's put Christ back into Christmas." After pondering a while, one said to the other, "That's the way with these churches. Give 'em an inch and they try to horn in on everything."

The Sunday School teacher was giving her pupils an education in the church's rituals, and when she had finished, she said, "Now we'll see how much you remember. Can anyone tell me what you must do before receiving forgiveness of sin?"

There was a long silence. Then a voice in the back row said hopefully, "Sin?"

Asked to write an essay on the Society of Friends, a little girl wrote: "They are also called Quakers. They are a very peaceful people who never quarrel and fight. I think papa is a Quaker, but I am sure mother is not."

"Look, what I got for my wife," exclaimed Jones as he pointed with pride to a brand new convertible.

"You lucky dog," Smith said in envy. "Where did you make a trade like that?"

ALANON GROUP MEETINGS

CALVARY—Calvary Presbyterian Church, E. 79th & Euclid—Tues., 8:30
CHARITY—Charity Hospital, E. 22nd and Central Fri., 8:30
BETHANY—Bethany Presbyterian Church, 6415 Clinton Wed., 8:30
SOUTH EAST—Presbyterian Church, 15715 Libby Rd. Tues., 8:00
VALLEY—7100 Kinsman (2nd and 4th Sunday) Closed Sun., 4:30

NURSING HOMES THAT TREAT ALCOHOLICS

(This listing does not necessarily indicate endorsement or approval)

AI-Ju. Inc. (MW) 28707 Euclid Ave., Wickliffe, O WH 4-2244
Cleveland Alcoholic Hospital (MW) 7809 Euclid Ave. EX 1-8998
Dorothy McCauliffe Alcoholic Clinic (MW) 8304 Detroit AT 1-3353
Farquharson's Home (M) 6037 Pearl Road, Parma TU 5-1882
Mayfair Home (Women only) 11451 Euclid Ave.—Licensed GA 1-6675
Stella Maris Hospital (M) 1320 Washington Ave. SU 1-0554

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CLEVELAND AREA AA GROUP MEETINGS

MONDAY

BORTON-E. Cleveland Congrega. Church.
Pace and Euclid Ave. 8:30
 EARLY-EARLY-Plasterers Union Hall,
 1651 E. 24th St. (near Payne Ave.) 7:00
 FRIENDLY SUBURBAN-6037 Pearl...8:00
 FRIENDSHIP-Blvd. Presbyterian Ch.,
 24600 Lake Shore Blvd., Euclid, 0...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.—& Ignatius Hall,
Lorain Ave. at West Blvd...8:30
ORCHARD GROVE—Church of Ascension,
13216 Detroit Ave...8:30
PEARL—Our Lady of Good Counsel,
4423 Pearl Rd...8:30
 RAMONA-5721 Ramona Blvd...8:30
 SHAKER-Christ Episcopal Church,
 3445 Warrenville Center Rd...9:00
 SOUTH EAST-7526 Broadway...8:30
TEMPLE—Temple Baptist, 7500 Cedar...8:15
 UNION-East View Congregational Church,
 Kinsman at E. 156th St...9:00
 WEST 25th ST.-Marvel Hall,
 2858 W. 25th St...9:00
 WOMEN'S-W & side-West Boulevard
 Christian Church, Madison and W. 101 8:45
BOWHALL ROAD—Painesville, 0...7:00
ELYRIA MEN—St. Agnes, Lake & Dewey 8:30
 NORWALK, O.—League St. School,
 R. 250 and 13...8:30
 VERMILION-Congregational Church...8:30
 WILLOUGHBY, O.—Presbyterian Church 8:30

TUESDAY

ARCADE-Old Stone Church.
Public Square, Ontario entrance...8:00
 CLARK-1917 Clark Ave...9:00
 CORLETT MIXED-Holy Family Parish
 Hall, 3845 E. 131st St...8:30
EAST SIDE WOMEN-11205 Euclid.
Church of the Covenant...8:00
EDGE LAKE—Lakewood YMCA,
Community Room, 16915 Detroit...8:30
EUCLID MORNING-Lake Shore Christian
Church, Lake Shore Blvd. & 280 10:30 A.M.
EUCLID-WADE-C. A. H. Clubrooms,
Third Floor, 7809 Euclid Ave...8:30
FAIRMOUNT—St. Paul's Episcopal.
Fairmount and Coventry...9:00
FAIRVIEW PARK—Fairview Grace
Church, W. 224th and Lorain Ave...9:00
HILLTOP—St. Joseph's Seminary,
17608 Euclid Ave...8:45
 MAY-LYND-Kenny King's Restaurant,
Mayland Shopping Cen. Mayfield Hts...8:30
 MILES.LEF.Mt. Hope Lutheran Church.
 E. 164th. north of Miles Ave...8:30
 SMITH-WTLSON-St. Joseph's School,
 9321 Orleans Ave...8:30
 SUPERIOR-North Presbyterian Church,
 E. 40th and Superior...8:30
 TRUSTY-Cleveland House of Correction.
 1000 feet east of House of Correction.8:00
WEST PARK—Puritas Lutheran Church,
Puritas Ave. and W. 138th St...8:30
 ASHLAND, O.—First Presbyterian Church.
 3rd & Church Sts...8:00 EST
ASHTABULA CONSOLIDATED—
Methodist Church, South Broadway
Geneva, Ohio-First Tuesday...8:30
ASHTABULA—Presbyterian Church,
KIRTLAND, O.—Old South Ch. Rt. 306.8:30
 Prospect Road, Route 20...8:00
LAKE COUNTY—Meth. Fellowship Hall,
Rt. 20-E. Southwood, Mentor...8:30
LORAIN CENTRAL—Lorain, 0...8:30
Trinity Church...8:30
MANSFIELD—Episcopal Church,
41 Bowman St., Mansfield, O...8:30 EST
 MEDTNA, O.—St. Paul's Epis. Par. Hse...8:30
 SANDUSKY, O. (Fireland)—First Pres-
 terian, Across from Post Office...7:30
SHREVE—Shreve Army,
South St., Shreve, 0...8:30 EST
 STRONGSVILLE-Town Hall...8:30

WEDNESDAY

BAXTER-St. John's Lutheran School,
 5826 Cable...8:30
BEDFORD—Masonic Temple, Tarbell Ave. 8:30
 BROOKLYN-K. of P. Hall,
 3316 Broadview, East of Pearl Rd...8:30
 C. E. I.—Illuminating Co.,
 Bldg. (rear) Room 361, 55 Pub. Sq...8:30
COLLINWOOD—945 E. 152nd St...8:30
DOAN MEN-YMCA (University Circle),
2055 E. 105th St., Second floor front 8:30
EASTSIDE MORNTNG-9606 Euclid Ave.,
Euclid Ave. Congre. (Side ent.) 10:30 a.m.
 GARFIELD HETCHTS-Trinity Baptist,
 E. 94th and Garfield Blvd...8:30

HAGUE-Grace Cong. Assembly Hall,
 West 65th and Colgate...8:30
LAKEWOOD WOMEN—St. Peter's Episc'l
18001 Detroit Ave. (Cor. W. Clifton)8:30
LORAIN AVE.—S.S. Philip & James Hall,
3689 Bosworth Road...9:00
 LEE ROAD-First English Lutheran.
 Derbyshire and Euclid Hts. Blvd...9:00
 NO. OLMSTED-City Hall, Dover Road...9:00
 PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL-1708 Aiken...8:30
 ST. JAMES-St. James Church,
 E. 84th and Cedar...8:30
 SOUTHWEST WOMEN-6037 Pearl Rd...8:00
 TRAINING-REFRESHER-Illuminating
 Bldg. (rear) Rm. 361, 55 PublicSq...8:30
 TWENTY-FOUR HOUR-13216 Detroit,
 Church of the Ascension...8:30
WARRENSVILLE—Women's House Cor.7:30
 WEST SHORE-West Shore Unitarian,
 20401 Hilliard Rd., Rocky River...9:00
 WEST SIDE (Closed)-Twelfth Step Club
 8304 Detroit Ave...8:30
WOMEN'S—Lorain County-St. Vincent De
Paul Church, Detroit Rd. (Rt. 254 & 57)...8:30
ASHTABULA COUNTY WOMEN-Harris
Memorial, W. 58th & Adams, Ashtabula
Second and Fourth Wednesday...7:30
 BRUNSWICK, O.—Cuyahoga Ass'n Bldg.,
 Route 42, So. of 303, next to Marshall's.8:30
 ELYRIA, O.—St. Paul Building,
 Third and Middle, side entrance...8:30
FATPORT HARBOR, 525 Eagle St...8:00
INTER RACIAL—30th & Wood, Lorain, O.,
Mt. Zion Baptist Church...8:30
 JEFFERSON, O.—St. Joseph's Church...8:30
 SANDUSKY, O.—Provid. Hos. Cafeteria...7:30
 MANSFIELD, O.—20% S. Park...8:00 E.S.T.
 WICKLIFFE, O.—28917 Euclid (side-up) 8:30

THURSDAY

ALLENDALE—St. Paul's Episcopal
 Church, 15837 Euclid Ave...8:30
 ANGLF-St. Malachi's Church,
 2549 Washington Ave...8:30
BROADWAY-55th—Our Lady of Lourdes
School Hall...8:30
 COVENTRY-Fairmount Presby. Church,
 Scarborough and Fairmount Blvd...8:30
CRLE HOSPITAL-Library...8:00
CROSSROADS—Bethany Presby. Church,
W. 65th and Clinton...9:00
 EASTLAKE-First Congregational Church,
 33700 Vine St...9:00
 EAST SHORE WOMEN-First Baptist Ch.,
 1565 Chardon Rd., near Euclid...8:30
 GARDEN VALLEY—(Outhwaite)
 7100 Kinsman Ave...8:00
 NORTH RANDAL-Village Hall,
 21937 Miles Ave...9:00
PARMA HEIGHTS—6400 Pearl Road
Laux Realty Basement (rear ent.)...8:30
ROCKY RIVER—Rockport Methodist
Church, 3310 Wooster Road...9:00
ST. CLAIR-THURSDAY—Glenville Cong.
Church, (side ent.) St. Clair & Eddy.8:30
 TRUSTY-Cleveland House of Correction,
 1000 feet east of House of Correction.8:00
 WEST SIDE MORNING-W. 98th & Denison,
 Hungarian Lutheran Church...11 AM
 ASHLAND TTTURSDAY-2nd and Union.
 Rossaro's Restaurant...8:00 EST
ASHTABULA HARROR-North End Club,
Corner Walnut Blvd. k Lake Ave...8:30
BEREA-Fine Arts Club, E. Bagley Rd.,
3 doors east of Eastland Rd...9:00
ELYRIA—St. Jude's School, Poplar St...8:30
 2549 Washington Ave...9:00
INDEPENDENCE, O.—St. John's Lutheran
Hall, Second and Sunset...9:00
MAPLE LEAF—Congregational Church,
Fellowship Hall, Burton, Ohio...8:30
PAINESVILLE—Congregational Church,
Educational Bldg., Mentor, 0...8:30

FRIDAY

ANSEL ROAD—St. Thomas Church,
 9205 Superior Ave...9:00
BROADWAY-HARVARD—8437 Br'dway 9:00
CDAR—Salvation Army, 5005 Euclid...8:15
CHARITY—Amphitheatre, 6th Floor.
St. Vincent's Charity Hospital...8:30
CT FVFLAND WOMEN—Hotel Cleveland 6:00
EUCLID FRIDAY-Epiphany Church,
Lake Shore and E. 210th...8:30
FRANKLIN—3804 Woodbine Ave...8:30
 FRIDAY AFTERNOON WOMEN-Ply-
 mouth Church, Coventry and Drexmore,
 Krumbine Room...1:00
 GORDON SQUARE-St. Helena's Hall,
 1367 W. 65th St...9:00
 LEE ROAD-American Legion Hall,
 Post 163, 15544 Euclid Ave...9:00
 NORTH EAST-Town House Motel,
 15661 Euclid Ave...8:30
SOLIDARITY—Hubbard Memorial Center,
E. 84th and Cedar...8:45

STELLA MARIS MIXED
 1320 Washington Ave...8:15
 TAPCO-23555 Euclid Ave...9pm.
 Second Friday of each month
 WEST CLIFTON-Lkwd. Congregational
 Church, 1375 W. Clifton Road...9:00
AVON LAKE—First Congregational Church,
32801 Electric Blvd...8:30
BEREA—Social room of Berea Cong.
Church, Seminary and Church...8:30
CHAGRIN FALLS, O.—American Legion,
E. Orange St...9:00
CHARDON—Pilgrim Christian Church,
113 South Street, Chardon, 0...9:00
ELYRIA—St. Agnes (down) Lake & Dewey 8:30
CONNEAUT, O.—B. of L. E. Hall...8:30
WELLINGTON-St. Patrick's Catholic
Church, No. Main St., Wellington, O...8:30

SATURDAY

BROADWAY-CABLE-St. John's Lutheran
 Church, Cable at Broadway...8:30
 FOREST CITY-6619 Denison Ave...9:00
JACK k HEINTZ--17600 Broadway...8:30
LANDER CIRCLE-Garfied Mem. Methodist,
Cor. Lander Rd. and Route 422...9:00
LEAGUE PARK-Emmanuel Episcopal
(basement) 8614 Euclid Ave...9:00
LIBERTY-945 E. 152nd St...9:00
MAPLE HTS.-Luth. Church of Covenant,
19000 Libhy Rd., cor. Maple Hts. Blvd...8:30
MATT TALBOT-St. Philip Neri Church,
E. 82nd and St. Clair...8:30
NORWALK TRUCK LINES—
1147 E. 55th St., at Shore Drive...9:00
MEMPHIS—Lakewood Congregational Ch.,
1375 W. Clifton, Cor. Detroit Ave...9:00
PARMA—Ridgewood Savings k Loan,
5950 Ridge Road...8:45
PLAINS-Plains Methodist Ch., Mentor, 0.
Educational Bldg., Painesville, 0...8:30
REDWOOD-Euclid Lutheran Church,
E. 260th and Oriole...8:30
TRINJTY-Trinity Evangelical Church,
3525 W. 25th St...9:00
VALLEY VIEW-Community Center,
West 7th and Starkweather...9:00
ASHTABULA, O.—St. Peter's Epir. Church,
Main Avenue at South Park...8:30
ELYRIA SATNITE—Alconon Club,
345 Broad St., Elyria, 0...8:30
LORAIN SATNTTE-7th and Reed St.,
St. Mary's Church Basement...8:30
MANSFIELD, O.—20% S. Park...7:30 E.S.T.
MIDDLEFIELD-Methodist Church,
South Main St., Middlefield, 0...8:30
WEST RICHFIELD-Consolidated Church,
Route 303, just nest of Route 21...9:00

SUNDAY

AVON CENTRAL—Basement Central Bank
 36690 Detroit Road, Avon, O...8:00
BEDFORD HEIGHTS—Village Hall,
5661 Perkins Rd., Bedford Heights...7:30
BRECKSVILLE VETERANS HOSPITAL
Broadway and Oakes...7:30
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 SUNDAY—
8304 Detroit Avenue...7:30 P.M.
DISCUSSION—6700 Detroit Ave...7:00
GARDEN VALLEY—Outhwaite
7100 Kinsman Ave...4:30
GOLF LAKELANDS—Trinity Lutheran,
Redbird & Chapel, No. Madison, O...3:00
LAKEWOOD ARMY—
1437 Wayne Ave., South of Detroit...9:00
LORAIN COUNTY CONSOLIDATED—
First Sunday of each month.
St. John's Sch., 31 & Rt. 57, Lorain...7:30
MARIA JOSEPH—Plasterers Hall,
1651 E. 24th St., at Payne Ave...2:00
MISTLETOE-St. Thomas Church,
9205 Superior Are...7:00
NEWRURGH-St. Catherine's Church,
3443 E. 93rd St...8:30
NEWURRY—St. Helena's church, Rt. 87 8:15
SUPERIOR STAG-8801 Superior...11AM.
TRUSTY-Cleveland House of Correction,
1000 feet east of House of Correction 5:00
VALLEY WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP
2nd & 4th Sunday, 7100 Kinsman...3:30
YOUR—Charter House, Euclid and 248...7:15
TWTLTGT-Grange Dall, Rt. 60, Axtel, O...7:30
WARRENSVILLE—Cooley Farms
Recreation Room...10:00 A.M.
CHIPPEWA-SEVILLE-V.F.W. Hall,
Seville, 0...8:00
GENEVA, O.—Legion Hall, Park -St.,
corner of so. Eagle...7:30
MANSFIELD, O.—20 1/2 S. Park...8:00 E.S.T.

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