

IT'S A GIFT

A question is bandied back and forth in our society year after year. If sobriety is a gift that we did not deserve and can never earn, then why must we work so hard to get it and keep it? And that question always creates doubt in the minds of a few, particularly the newcomer, still having a rough time!

It seems to this writer that we all forget a simple fact. A successful gift must have two indispensable ingredients aside from the gift itself. There must be a gracious, willing giver and a grateful, willing taker.

We need not take up the character of the gift. Sobriety we need. We are eager for it. The desire for it is the one and only requisite for membership in our fellowship. Beyond that, it is not theoretically, but literally a life and death matter for us all.

We need not discuss our Giver, nor His Grace, nor His willingness. Never did He turn His back on us. We turned from Him and deliberately desecrated and nearly destroyed our precious gift of life in the first place. But for His Grace we would not have been here in the first place, would not be here now and most assuredly would not be sober now.

No, we need not question the gift or the Giver of sobriety. Our attention should narrow down and be intensely concentrated on the taker. You and I need examination. Are we grateful, willing takers? If we are, then we are working this program to the absolute limit of our ability. Else we are not facing our Giver. Obviously we cannot turn our back again. We must face Him and say, "You made me, I face You, I am grateful, show me the way and the truth"

If your gratitude is in any sense comparable to the precious blessing of sobriety, then only through your deeds, only through your life's example as a whole, can YOU show that gratitude. Words without deeds are empty lip service.

And so we live this way of life, facing God as we understand Him, surrendering to Him, seeking His will and doing it, maintaining a constant check on the truth about ourselves through constant fearless self-inventory, admitting our mistakes promptly as we go along, seeking closer conscious contact with Him through meditation and prayer, and finally in His name trying help the other fellow.

That is living gratitude for the priceless gift of sobriety. That is what makes of us a grateful willing taker of a gift we did not deserve and can never earn.

THANKS!

We wish to express our deep appreciation to the individuals and groups who have responded to our plea for help to reduce the existing deficit in the Bulletin account. Each contribution received ranging from \$1.00 to \$60 has been acknowledged.

A total sum of \$637 has been received to date,

ONE END ONLY

Several of us were sitting around, naturally talking about AA, when one posed the question on the reason why so many candidates failed to make the program, even after several return trips to hospitals and nursing homes.

Several voiced the thought that casual sponsorship was the main cause, citing instances where the sponsor only deposited the candidate in the hospital or nursing home, made no call on the patient during his stay, called no members of his group to visit him, and in several cases let him go home to a forbidding atmosphere on his own.

We agreed that such cases were few. But it still indicates a lack of dedication and willingness to make an effort to "carry the message" to the sufferer, leaving this responsibility to the hospital or nursing home visitors. We wondered if the careless sponsor had been given the same indoctrination, and possibly thought this was the proper procedure.

One offered a prediction that, if this was the case, the sponsor's chances for continued sobriety were slim. Yet, one was reminded of a member of his group, sober almost ten years, who refused to go out on any call, offered no comment at the group meetings which he attended regularly, refused emphatically the many requests for him to lead a meeting, serve on a committee, etc., and yet remained sober.

There are probably many who fall into that category. Several, in our own personal experience, contributed little of themselves besides occupying a chair at meetings, but remained sober, even after finally staying away for years. Some eventually came

back, sadder but wiser, and are finally active again today.

We all agreed that thorough sponsorship was an absolute MUST if we were to merit the gift which was granted the relatively few of us who are on the rosters of AA groups. It has been reliably established that but six percent of all "problem drinkers" are in AA. That means that six out of every hundred have been granted the opportunity to become assets instead of liabilities in our communities. What about the other 94 in each hundred? Only God knows.

How many of our 300,000 members fully appreciate this "return from exile" and will be so filled with gratitude that they'll learn all they can about the program and then zealously, willingly carry the message to others?

We believe that too many of our members are passive—receiving, receiving, receiving—but giving little or nothing of themselves in return. It is our conviction that "the Power Greater Than Ourselves" will eventually take His gift away from such ingraters.

The gift we have (if we develop it) paradoxically grows more abundant as we give it away. But the great secret of this growth is in the selflessness of the giving. However, if we only seek glory, honor or reward in so doing, we will eventually be disappointed.

We should be walking examples of the recipients of God's grace in every area of our influence. We do not suggest that we become crusaders, shouting to all with whom we come in daily contact that we're in AA, and that they too should join.

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The change in us, if we follow the program faithfully and **sincerely**, will be evident to everyone who knew us "when." We won't have to explain it to **anyone—except** someone who honestly wants some of that philosophy that has changed us.

Let's **evaluate** the depths of our appreciation as we begin the new **year**, and-determine to **show** it in service. Someone, possibly more worthy than you, **may** be just waiting for the exact hour to approach **you** for help. Be fully **prepared**.

IN MEMORIAM

We **pause** in our daily stint in fond and **reverent** memory of our valued, departed friend and co-editor, Spencer D. Irwin **who** passed away to his eternal reward on January 12, 1960. To the host of friends in every walk of life and particularly his AA friends, his sudden death created a great **void** which at the time appeared to be impossible to fill.

But as **all** misfortune, loss and vicissitudes of **life** must be met **with** courage, fortitude and faith, we have learned to readjust our life without him, a life enriched and inspired by his example of brotherly love and endless giving of **self**.

We thank God for granting us the privilege of having known him.

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 1961. 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 dizzying spin **of** their merry-go-round.

Last **year** 872 calls for help were turned over to 124 groups. **604** were receptive to the first contact, 161 were not. In **96** cases, no contact was possible. **11** had no problem.

This **year's** goal is \$15,000. It represents the Office operating budget for 1961, 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, 117 **groups** and 906 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 10 through **March 1** for your practical help, your share of you; 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.

GENERAL SERVICE AREA MEETING

American Legion Hall, Brecksville, Ohio
Saturday evening, February 4, 1961, at 8:30 p.m.

All General Service group representatives and committee members, as well as all interested members are urged to attend the First Area meeting where important matters will **be** discussed.

American Legion Hall, 7400 **Chippewa** Bead, is located near the Public Square, on the south side of **Route** 82, east of Bout 0 21.

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MEMBERSHIP IN AA

In our complex society, just about everything you plan on doing must conform to some kind of law or rule. If you work at a factory, the rule tells you when to punch in and out. If you run a restaurant, you have inspectors telling you what to do. If you operate a tavern, they tell you when you can open and when you must close, and what and to whom you can sell. If you want to go fishing or hunting, you must first buy a license. If you're applying for a job, you have to meet certain qualifications. If you join a lodge, you must pay dues, and maybe use a password. If you want a public office, you have to stand a vote test. You have to buy a license to drive a car, and you cannot wed a woman without a license. And we could mention a hundred other rules and regulations that circumscribe the lives of people.

Now, in A.A. we do not do things that way. We don't have any rules. We don't care if they're fat or thin, Sophie Tuckers or Marilyn Monroes. We don't care if they're beanpoles or midgets. We don't care if they are rich or poor, whether they can drive a car or not, even whether they have a job or not. We don't care if they were rejected by every lodge on earth, whether they bought a license when they were wed or if they are bigamists. We do not charge any dues and we do not have any passwords.

The A. A. doors are wide open. You are a member if you admit you are an alcoholic and quit drinking. People **who pretend to be in A.A., but who sneak a few drinks, and if not honest, are not members of A.A. at all.** Everyone knows about them, but we really do not fire them. You see, we have no rules. Can't fire anyone when there is no violation of the rules. And since no rules were broken, it's easy to get back in.

But there *is* a reinstatement fee . . . sobriety.

-Dubuque, Ia., *Ilanews*

IN THE MAIL

We receive many notes apologizing for permitting subscriptions to lapse, but none have been as logical, entertaining and convincing as the following from Chuck **De V.** in today's mail. We share it with you:

"Should have renewed before, but like all luses, the excuse was available. Only this one is a lulu. My **ten**-year-old boy has a habit of taking the Central Bulletin when it comes in. He tears off the last page because it's so easy and tears so nicely. He then reads the words of wisdom in the center of the Bulletin (he calls them **hum-dingers**). When I come home from work and sit at the table he comes in and says, 'Here is your shot-in-the-arm, Dad.' Now what kind of an excuse is that? Anyhow, the sprout salvaged an old Bulletin and figured out the rate as follows: 'One year at \$1.00. Two years at \$2.00 or \$4.00. Three years for \$5.00.' So, rather than go through a lengthy, confusing explanation, I went along with it. Hope you do too. Enclosed find five dollars."

THE BEST YEAR OF HIS LIFE

A lesson for many can be drawn from the following footnote of a letter which came to our desk the other day. Coincidentally, it re-emphasizes some of the thoughts expressed in this month's editorial written several days before.

"Until 1960 I never really worked at the program. I was undoubtedly one of the poorest examples of AA for about 17 years. The results of one year's honest effort, prayer, faith, and a real effort to be honest are amazing to my family, my friends, my boss and myself. I can honestly say that 1960 was the best year of my life, in spite of several setbacks and heartaches including the loss of my mother. I feel confident that today and every day can be wonderful if I continue in this wonderful way of life, one day at a time."

Beginning his sermon, the preacher said: "Brothers and sisters, you have come here to pray for rain. I'd like to ask you just one question. Where are your umbrellas?"

GROUP NEWS

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

Allendale-February speakers: **2—Tom A., Solidarity;** **9—Felix R., Borton;** **16—Tom M., Solidarity;** **23—Carmen T., Avon Central.**

Brooklyn-February speakers: **1—Ada H., Westside Women;** **8—Vince McC. and Danny K., each observing their anniversaries, the former, his 8th, and the latter, his 16th;** **15—Jean B., 24 Hour;** **22—Emil W., Stella Maris.**

Chagrin Falls—Moved to new quarters last month. Meets now in the Federated Church Recreation Room, 76 Bell Street, Fridays at 9 p.m.

Chippewa-Seville—Observes its Fourth Anniversary on Sunday, February 5, in V.F.W. Hall. The meeting will be preceded by a potluck supper. Harry D., Edgelake, will be the speaker.

Doan Men—February speakers: **1—Emil M., Collinwood;** **8—Ralph S., Newburgh;** **15—Tony K.;** **22—Jim D., Early Early.**

East Shore Women—Now meet in Euclid Congregational Church, 1505 East 260th St., Thursday evenings at **8:30.** Euclid-Wade-February speakers: **7—Vern D., Maple Heights;** **14—Dale W., Euclid-Wade;** **21—Whitey K., St. Clair-Thursday;** **28—Bill O'B., Independence.**

Friendly Suburban—All February speakers are members of the Brea Thursday group. They are: **6—Pete Y.;** **13—Ray J.;** **26—P. J.;** **27—Paul L.**

Garden Valley Thursday—February speakers: **2—Gene L., West Richfield;** **9—Howard B., Independence;** **16—Joe M., Lakewood Armory;** **23—Ab W., Lakewood Armory.**

Garden Valley Sunday—February speakers: **5—Dave B., Superior Stag;** **12—Temple Group's Second Anniversary** in our meeting place, at 4 p.m.; **19—Dan K., St. Clair-Thursday;** **26—Ben I., Solidarity.**

Gordon Square—February speakers: **3—Ralph S., Newburgh;** **10—Joint lead—Foxy H. and Joe K., Norwalk Truck Lines;** **17—John D., Lee-Monday;** **24—Ralph B., Independence.**

Lakewood Closed—Holds its opening meeting, open to alcoholics ONLY, on Sunday, February 5, at **8:30 p.m.** Speakers for February are: **5—Al L., Barberton;** **12—Doris S., Lancaster, O.;** **19—Jim B., "Berwin";** **26—Dick A., Coventry.** These meetings are intended to provide freer discussions of the initial and continuing problems of the alcoholic.

Lakewood Men—February speakers: **6—Hal B., Elyria Wednesday;** **13—Dr. Pete R., Lakewood Men;** **20—Tony W., Elyria Wednesday;** **27—Dennis O'N., Lakewood Men.**

North Olmsted—February speakers: **1—Jack S., Lorain Ave. Monday;** **8—Bill L.;** **15—Al S., League Park;** **22—Jerry W., Angle.**

St. Clair-Thursday—February speakers: **2—"Whitey" C., St. Clair-Thursday (his 15th anniversary);** **9—Charles C.;** **16—Lou G., Strongsville;** **23—Earl J., Angle.**

Smith-Wilson—Observes its Fifteenth Anniversary on Tuesday, January 31, at **8:30 p.m.,** with Jack S., Superior, as speaker. New officers elected were: Stan P., Secretary, and Dick S., Treasurer.

Temple—Observes its Second Anniversary on Sunday, February 12, at 4 p.m., in Garden Valley meeting place, 7100 Kinsman Road, with Herschel H., Ashland, O., as speaker.

Trinity—February speakers: **4—Don E., West Park;** **11—Seventh Annual Gratitude Night,** with a panel of old timers who have contributed greatly to the growth of our fellowship—**Judge Jim C., Bart McL., Harold S., Henry W. and John N., M.C.;** **18—Charles and Lu S., St. Clair-Thursday;** **25—Wilbur (Bud) F., Fair-mount.**

Valley View—February speakers: **4—Henry W., Euclid-Wade;** **11—June B., C.E.I.;** **18—Tom McG., Edgelake;** **25—Jim H., Valley View (his third anniversary).**

West Park—February speakers: **?—Joe M., Lakewood Armory;** **14—Pat L., Westside Morning;** **21—Bud C., Newburgh and Hague;** **28—Mike S., Lakewood Armory.**

West 25th St.—February speakers: **6—Tony M., Hilltop;** **13—Al S., League Park;** **20—Jean C., Eastside Morning;** **27—Ed K., Newbureh.**

Refresher-Training-February schedule: **1—Step & Tradition II, Fairview group panel;** **8—Step & Tradition III, Euclid-Wade panel;** **15—Step & Tradition IV, Smith-Wilson panel;** **22—Step & Tradition V, Chagrin Falls panel.** 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.**

WINTER CONSOLIDATED MEETING

Jordan Hall, St. Vincent's Charity Hospital

Sunday afternoon, February 5, 1961, 4 p.m.

One of the first AAs in the Cleveland-Akron area, Warren C. Sr., will be the sneaker at the Winter Consolidated Meeting on Sunday afternoon, February 5, at 4 p.m. Warren, now living and working in Canton, Ohio, was one of the founders of the Orchard Grove group, which together with the Borton group, were the first groups naming themselves after the "Big Book," Alcoholics Anonymous. Warren was, and still is, one of the most active members in the movement. Many in AA owe their sobriety to him and his wise counsel.

GIGGLES

Two duck hunters were sitting behind their blind early one morning. One was drinking coffee from a thermos; the other was guzzling whiskey from a jug.

Several hours passed before a lone duck came overhead. Taking quick aim, the coffee drinker arose, fired and missed. The whiskey drinker also got up, aimed at the bird and brought it down.

His companion, properly amazed, complimented him on the shot.

"Aw, it's nothing," he replied, "I usually get five or six out of a flock like that."

Three mothers went to the psychiatrist for a consultation, taking their daughters along. After hearing their case histories, the psychiatrist turned to the first mother and said: "Your whole trouble is a subconscious desire for money, as evidenced in the naming of your daughter, Penny." Then he turned to the second mother and said: "You, madam, are driven by a deep seated craving for sweets, as shown in the name of your daughter, Candy." Then he turned to the third mother, but before he could speak, she rose in a huff, took the hand of her daughter and left, saying: "I don't intend to stay here and be insulted. Come along, Schenley Calvert."

"I'm beginning to suspect," said the bridegroom, "that your mother has a low opinion of me."

"Whatever makes you think that?" asked the bride.

"Those towels she gave us are marked 'hers' and 'its.'"

"I can catch the 6:15 train," explained the hiker, "if you'll let me cut across your field."

"Go ahead," said the farmer, "but you'll catch the 5:45 if my bull spots you."

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) 6 0 3 7 Pearl Road, Partu.....	5-1882
Stella Maris Hospital (M) 1320 Washington Ave.....	SU 1-0554

CLEVELAND AREA A A GROUP MEETINGS

MONDAY

BORTON—E. Cleveland Congrega. Church, Page and Euclid Ave. 8:30
EARLY-EARLY—Plasterers Union Hall, 3651 E. 24th St. (near Payne Ave.) 7:00
FRIENDLY SURBURBAN—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, Neia 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.—Marvay Hall, 2858 W. 25th St. 9:00
WOMEN'S—Westside—West Boulevard Christian Church, Madison and W. 101.8:45
BOWHALL ROAD—Alanon Club, Rte. 2.0 and Bow-H. Painesville 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 Star 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. Club, 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
HILL TOP—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 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
LAKE COUNTY—Meth. Fellowship Hall, Rt. 20-E. Southwood, Mentor 8:30
LORAIN CENTRAL—Lorain, O. Trinity Church 8:30
MANFIELD—Episcopal Church, 41 Bowman St., Mansfield, O. 8:30 EST
MFDINA, O.—St. Paul's Epis. Par. Hse. 8:30
SANDUSKY, O. (Firelands)—First Presbyterian, Across from Post Office 7:30
SHREVE—Shreve Armory, South St., Shreve, O. 8:30 EST
STRONGSVILLE—LE—Town Hall 8:30

WEDNESDAY

BAXTER—St. John's Lutheran School, 5826 Cahle 8:30
BROOKLYN—K. of P. Hall, 3316 Broadview, East of Pearl Rd. 8:30
COT LINWOOD—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. Corner, (Side ent.) 1b:30 a.m.
GARFIELD HEIGHTS—Trinity Baptist, E. 94th and Garfield Bl. 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:W
NO. OLMSTED—City Hall, Dover Road 9:00
PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL—1708 Aiken 8:30
ST. JAMES—St. James Church, E. 84th and Cedar 8:00
SOUTHWEST WOMEN—4037 Pearl Rd. 8:00
TRAINING-REFRESHER—Illuminating Bldg. (rear) Rm. 361, 55 Public Sq. 8:30
TWENTY-FOUR HOUR—13216 Euclid, Church of the Ascension 8:30
WARRENSVILLE—Women's House Cor. 7:30
WEST SHORE—West Shore Unitarian, 20401 Hilliard Rd., Rocky River 8:30
WEST SIDE (Closed)—Twelfth Step Club, 8304 Detroit Ave. 8:30
WOMEN'S—Lorain County—St. Vincent De Paul Church, Detroit Rd. (Rt. 254 & 37) 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
SANDUSKY, O.—Provid. Hos. Cafeteria 7:30
MANFIELD, O.—20 1/2 S. Park 8:00 E.S.T.
WICKLIFFE, O.—28917 Euclid (side-up) 8:30

THURSDAY

ALLFNDALF—St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 15637 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
CRUIE HOSPITAL—Library 8:00
CROSSROADS—Bethany Presby. Church, W. 65th and Clinton 9:00
EAST LAKE—First Congregational Church, 13700 Vine St. 9:00
EAST SHORE WOMEN—1505 E. 260th, Euclid Congregational Church 8:30
GARDEN VALLEY—(Outwaite) 7100 Kinsman Ave. 8:00
NORRIT R ANDALL—Village Hall, 21937 Miles Ave. 9:00
PARMA HEIGHTS—6400 Pearl Road, Lux Realty Basement (rear ent.) 8:30
ROCKY RIVER—Rockport Methodist Church, 3310 Woster 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
ASTLAND 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 E. 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

FRIDAY

ANSEL ROAD—St. Thomas Church, 9205 Superior Ave. 9:00
BROADWAY-HARVARD—8437 Brdway 9:00
CEPAR—Salvation Army, 5005 Euclid 8:15
CHARITY—Amphitheatre, 8th Floor, St. Vincent's Charity Hospital 8:30
CLEVELAND WOMEN—Hotel Cleveland 6:00
EUCLID FRIDAY—Frimhany Church, Lake Shore and 12. 210th 8:30
FRANKLIN—3004 Woodbine Ave. 8:30
FRIDAY AFTERNOON WOMEN—Plymouth Church, Coventry and Drexmore, Krumhine Room 1:00
GORDON SQUARE—St. Helena's Hall, 1367 W. 65th St. 9:00
LEE ROAD—American Legion Hall, Post 163, 15444 Euclid Ave. 9:00
NORTH EAST—Town Hour Motel, 15661 Euclid Ave. 8:30
SOLIDARITY—Hubbard Memorial Center, E. 84th and Cedar 8:45

STELW 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—Federated Churches, 76 Bell Street 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, N. o. Main St., Wellington, O. 8:30

SATURDAY

BROADWAY-CABLE—St. John's Lutheran Church, Cable at Broadway 8:30
FOREST CITY—6610 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, F 2nd and St. Clair 8:30
NORWALK TRUCK LINES, 1147, F. 15th 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
PLAIN—Plains Methodist ch., Mentor, O., Educational Bldg., Painesville, O. 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 SATINTE—Alconon Club, 345 Broad St. Elyria, O. 8:30
LORAIN SATINTE—7th and Reed St., St. Maw's Church Basement 8:30
MANFIELD, O.—20 1/2 S. Park 7:30 E.S.T.
MIDDLEFIELD—Methodist Church, South Main St., Middlefield, O. 8:30
WEST RICHFIELD—Consolidated Church, Route 303, just rest 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.W. DISCUSSION—C.A.H. Clubrooms, 7800 Euclid Avenue 10:45 AM
COLLINGSWOOD—945 E. 152nd St. 7:30
DETROIT SUNDAY, 3104 Detroit Avenue 7:30 P.M.
DISCUSSION—6700 Detroit Ave. 7:00
GARDEN VALLEY—Outbraite, 7100 Kinsman Ave. 4:30
GOLF LAKELANDS—Trinity Lutheran, Redbird & Chanel, 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. 37, Lorain 7:30
MARIA JOSEPH—Plasterers Hall, 1651 E. 24th St., at Payne Ave. 2:00
MISTLETOWE—St. Thomas Church, 9205 Superior Ave. 7:00
NEWBURGH—St. Catherine's Church, 1447 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 AM
CHITPPFWA-SEVILLE—V.P.W. Hall, Seville, O. 8:00
GENEVA, O.—Legion Hall, Park St., corner of S. o. Eagle 7:30
MANSEFIELD, O.—20 1/2 S. Park 8:00 P.S.T.

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MEDITATION

"Nothing in all creation is so like God as stillness."
—Eckhart

We are restive people. We took that first drink because we were restive and there was nothing else to do that seemed quite as natural. Since sobriety we find ourselves just as restive, and that is why so many of us take forever to get that Eleventh Step all the way. We simply cannot meditate or at best not for long. We also have some wrong ideas about meditation. We think of it as quietly reading a good book or being quiet and thinking furiously. Either is a far cry from real meditation.

Fortunately our way of life creates immense opportunity for activity. In the early years such activity becomes the solvent for our restiveness. But sooner or later we must make Step Eleven the whole way—not through a little prayer, or quiet reading, or subdued talk with thinking friends in the fellowship, but alone in the stillness, listening to God as we understand Him.

To know a great truth is one thing, but when through meditation it really takes root in our conscious being, it comes forth in its full spiritual meaning. It bears fruit. The purpose of meditation is to attain divine grace. We have received the grace of sobriety as a divine gift.

But to make continuing progress we must earn the other graces we need so badly for a full life. And to be our best on the Twelfth Step we must continually strive through the Eleventh Step to seek more grace through meditation and greater conscious contact with God as we understand Him. This fullness of life comes not through bread and sobriety alone, but through the development of these inner graces.

No one way of meditation suits us all. Each must find his own way. First we need that deep sense of humility which knows "I can of mine ownself, do nothing." Our initial meditation may well be contemplation of God, the vastness of the Universe, the glory of Nature and such. Then we shall behold Him in the invisible spiritual activity which created and brought all this into expression and keeps it in balance.

Then as we contemplate and ponder a fine simple truth we have learned, we suddenly find ourselves at peace, with fewer and fewer extraneous thoughts of worldly things. Our selfhood dissolves, our selflessness emerges and the Higher Power which gave us sobriety is in communion with us. We listen in the stillness. In this way does our conscious contact with our Higher Power grow, giving root in our consciousness to these added graces which we must earn by our efforts and dedication.

Thus can our fellowship become the band of spiritual wisdom around the globe which it must needs be, to perform the great mission which is ours. Our greatest ability to help others lies in our own example, and we cannot afford a state of arrested development, else our mere sobriety may be lost.

ANONYMITY

This article appeared in the October, 1955, Central Bulletin and is reprinted at the request of several troubled members in different sectors of the city and the state.

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

The offense is "gossiping" and "name dropping."

A very indignant woman member of a Cleveland group fears that she will have to change to another group because of the pernicious habit of one loose-tongued wife of an AA member of telling all who would listen in whatever circle she travels, in and out of AA, that this prominent woman is an AA member.

Her indignation reached a climax when a very important person, whom our indignant lady was trying to impress, had been informed earlier by her loose-tongued "friend" that the now highly incensed lady was a member of AA.

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

Will the solution be in closing the meetings to non-alcoholics as is the custom in most cities in other states?

We hope not. For in the Cleveland area most groups have discovered that the great majority of the alcoholics' spouses often absorb much more of the basic philosophy and principles of AA from the speaker and comment than the nervous, fidgety, egocentric and closed-minded alcoholics themselves.

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

Should a committee call on the offender and acquaint her with the seriousness of her offense? Who would volunteer to stick his or her head in such a hornets' nest? Would the gossip-monger be responsive to suggestion? Should she be approached by a committee, should she go to further lengths in her destructive and vicious mongering?

Probably the more judicious course would be to have an open discussion on this phase of our program at an early meeting. Certainly common decency would command that the discussion would not include subjecting this particular offender to an open trial.

The alcoholic has a tough enough time rebuilding his or her life without having some dastard throw monkey-wrenches or what-have-you in the machinery.

We are reminded of a story which seems pertinent to what we are discussing and indicates how quick people are to hear the worst:

A man sitting at his window one evening casually re-

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You can't push a
person up if he
refuses to climb.

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marked to his wife: "There goes that woman Bill Jones is so terribly in love with."

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

"Where?" she panted.

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

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

"Yes, of course," he replied.

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

A DOCTOR REMINDS US

A group of AA members, including some members of the Hospital Committee, were invited, recently, to meet with a prominent East Side doctor. This doctor has worked with alcoholics for many years, has a keen interest in their recovery and welfare, and he understands a drinking problem about as well as any non-alcoholic possibly can. His reason for calling the meeting was to announce that construction of a new alcoholic hospital had begun, and he wished to *enlist* the aid and cooperation of leading members in giving our program to sick alcoholics.

The facilities that he plans to construct sound excellent. He is adding a story to an existing clinic, but a separate entrance will isolate it from the rest of the building. About 30 beds will be provided with accommodations for both men and women, segregated of course. Also it will be possible to segregate first-timers from repeaters. The use of easily demountable and re-usable partitions makes a flexible layout that can be adjusted to needs and conditions. Facilities for complete and thorough examination and treatment are part of the plan, and a competent staff is to be provided.

The doctor is well aware that he can restore a patient to physical health only while the patient is under his care. What happens to the patient after leaving the hospital is something that the doctor cannot control. Therefore he desires the cooperation of AA during the hospitalization of the patient, so that permanent solution of the drinking problem may be possible. With this in mind, he proposed various procedures such as limiting visiting hours, insisting on patients having sponsors, barring admission to any patient who does not desire to quit drinking, having visitors limited to those ordered by the sponsor, etc. His ideas had merit and also they had flaws, but time and experience should work out the bugs.

What was most important, in the opinion of the Hospital Committee, was that the doctor unwittingly (we believe) reminded members of their responsibilities to hospitalized alcoholics. Too many so-called sponsors merely dump their charges into a hospital bed and break off further contact until the day of discharge. They do not ask other members to call on their pigeons, or see to it that they don't lack for razor blades and cigarettes. After discharge they may take the new person to one meeting and turn him loose, or perhaps none at all. This is sponsorship?

Your Hospital Committee is concerned, as always, with seeing to it that we have sufficient bed space for both men and women and for minority groups, that highest standards of treatment are maintained, and that sick alcoholics are not neglected or abused. However, as members of a God-given fellowship, our primary concern is the same as that of other members, to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers, and to pass on that gift of recovery that we have been so fortunate to have had presented to us.

-J. T. B.

HOSPITAL GETS LICENSE

The Cleveland Alcoholic Hospital was granted a license on February 16, 1961, to operate a thirty-bed hospital clinic by the Ohio State Department of Health.

The hospital, located at 7809 Euclid Avenue, has been operated by Worthy "Pete" Beall since September 2, 1960. It was opened and operated first by Fred Stevenson and more recently by Glenn Clark.

UNHAPPY PEOPLE

We are convinced that the unhappiest people in our town, or your town, is the fellow who decided to throw AA overboard and that he could handle his liquor.

We feel sorry for these fellows because we know that they are doing something that, deep down in their hearts, they really don't want to do. They miss the free and easy companionship of their friends in AA. They know they are walking a thin line. They know that their deviation from the program places them in a position where they court disaster. They are in constant fear of their material security. Even during their intermittent periods of sobriety they are unhappy, and they can no longer find happiness in the bottle. They know their families are unhappy. They know they are putting up a false front. They know, even though they deny it, that inevitably and inexorably, the day is approaching when their failure is once more complete.

They know that the doors of AA are still wide open. They also know that a moment of honesty, a moment of humility, a moment of admission, a moment of surrender, is all that stands between a life of misery and a life of happiness.

We do not want them to stay away from us. We wish they had stayed sober one more day. We wish they had done just a bit of thinking before reaching for that first one. We wish they had called one of us on the phone when the big urge came upon them. We wish they had taken a look at the man in the glass and asked themselves some honest questions. We wish they had just given the program another good look. We just plain wish they were sober.

Above all, we want them to know we are their friends. We always will be, and we want them with us.

-Alanews, Dubuque, Ia.

IT'S A TEEN-AGE AFFAIR!

Editor's Note: This item was written by a well-known and active Cleveland AA. Purpose: to help AA be formed about the "Alateen" organization. Knowledge of Alateen can be an aid in 12-step work; may help the family of someone we are trying to sponsor-in the same way Alanon can help.

The "Alateens" are teen-age children of alcoholics. Their organization and purposes are similar to Alanon. Alateen members find that meeting with other children of alcoholics is helpful.

Perhaps the best description of the Alateen movement is their own "fifth tradition." This says, "Each Alateen group has but one purpose: to help other teen-agers of alcoholics. We do this by practicing the 12 steps of AA ourselves, by encouraging and understanding our alcoholic relatives, and by welcoming and giving comfort to families of alcoholics."

In Alateen, the young people learn to accept the fact that alcoholism is a disease. They strive to become individuals; try to detach themselves emotionally from a parent's problem—yet retain their love for the parent.

There are two Alateen groups in Greater Cleveland. One meets in Euclid, the other in North Royalton. For details on meeting places and times write "ALATEEN," 439 East 324th St., Eastlake, Ohio—or call "Miriam" at BE 7-5854 or "Dave" at TU 5-0112 or the AA District Office, CH 1-7387.

LIKE TO DANCE?

The Ashtabula area AAs are planning a series of four dancing parties beginning with a St. Patrick's Dance on Saturday, March 18. Subsequent parties will be held in June, November and New Year's Eve.

A very fine dance band is under contract and a floor show will be featured provided by very able AA talent. Lunch will be served.

The announcement has interested quite a few Cleveland members who plan to attend and it has been suggested that an open invitation be published a month ahead of each occasion in the columns of Central Bulletin.

The affair will be held in St. Mary's Hall, Conneaut, O., from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. Admission \$1.25 per person.

GROUP NEWS

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

Allendale-March speakers: 2-Ray K., Superior; 9—Skid S., Newburgh; 16—Frank W., Euclid (his 17th anniversary); 23—Jimmy C., Kirtland; 30—Jim D., Early-Early.

Brooklyn-March speakers: 1—Jim D., Independence; 8—Carol M., Lander Circle; 15—Lloyd H., Doan Men; 22—Charlie S., Brooklyn (his 9th anniversary); 29—Doc K., Broadway-55th.

Collinwood Sunday-March speakers: 5—Harry P., Liberty; 12—Jim B., Berwin's, making his 21st St. Patrick's Day lead; 19—Richard M., Borton; 26—Harry D., Edgelake.

Doan Men-March speakers: 1—Frank E., Stella Maris; 8—Jim G., Ansel Road; 15—John A., Doan; 22—Andy C., Allendale; 29—Don C., Geneva, O.

Euclid-Wade-March speakers: 6—Jack S., Newburgh; 14—Louise S., Anse Road; 21—Dan J. B., Middlefield; 28—Al McG., Redwood.

Falls-A new group which holds its first meeting on Tuesday, February 21, in Township Hall, Cook and Fitch Roads, Olmsted Township, at 9 p.m.

Friendly Suburban-March speakers: B-Herschel G. H., Mansfield, O.; 13—Harold D., Mansfield; 20—Emerson B., Mansfield; 27—George G., Mansfield.

Friendship-March speakers: 6—Tom M., Lee-Monday; 13—Don B., May-Lynd; 20—Carole M., Shaker; 27—Closed discussion.

Garden Valley Thursday-March speakers: 2—John K., Newburgh; B—Ralph S., Newburgh; 16—Bill D., Newburgh; 23—Barney C., Angle; 30—Jim S., W. 25th.

Garden Valley Sunday-March speakers: 5—Bill S., Akron; 12—Phil B., Independence; 19—Julius B., Garden Valley (his 4th anniversary); 26—Raymond N., Garden Valley.

Gordon Square-March speakers: 3—Ed C., Newburgh; IO—Howie L., Angle; 17—Joe F., Hilltop; 24—Joe M., Lakewood Armory; 31—Anne C., Niles, O.

Lakewood Armory-March speakers: 5—Bill C., Clark; 12—Harry R., Stella Maris; 19—Doc K., Mistletoe; 26—Eddie W., Forest City.

Lee-Monday-March speakers: 6—Jack D., St. Clair-Thursday; 13—Joe F., Hilltop; 20—Ed M., Addison; 27—Minnie C., Mistletoe.

Liberty-March speakers: 4—John D., Borton; 11—Al A., Ashland, O.; 18—Bill M., Doan Men; 25—Paul B., Doan Men.

Lorain Ave. Monday-March speakers: 6—Freda L., Brooklyn; 13—Dave B., Parma; 20—Gene (Ben) B., Lorain Ave. Monday; 27—Bob G., Lorain Ave. Monday.

Matt Talbot-March speakers: 4—"Big Josephine," Collinwood; 11—Jim B., Berwin (his 13th straight St. Patrick's Day lead at our group); 18—Lovella M., Matt Talbot (her first); 25—Bobbie M., Freelancer and a Mrs. . . . Our meetings start promptly at 8:30 p.m.

North Olmsted-March speakers: 1—Tommy B., Fairview; 8—Franklin W., Rocky River; 15—Vince R., Rocky River; 22—Harry H., Rocky River; 29—John B., Lakewood Men.

Orchard Grove-March speakers: 6—Joe S., Crossroads; 13—Frank C., Crossroads; 20—Vince N., Crossroads; 27—Frank T., Warren, O.

Solidarity-Observes its Fifth Anniversary on Sunday afternoon, March 26, in Hubbard Memorial Hall, E. 84th and Cedar, at 4 p.m. Harry D., Edgelake, will be the speaker. All other March speakers are from Garden Valley. They are: 3—Fred H.; 10—Bill W.; 17—Ted H.; 31—Charles P.

Southwest Women-March speakers: 1—Josephine S., Cleveland Women; 8—Dennis McG., Cincinnati (a recording); 15—Eleanor P., Cleveland Women; 22—Dick McN., Brunswick; 29—Frank T., Friendly Suburban.

Trinity-March speakers: 4—Lee M., Brookside; 11—Jerry W., Angle; 18—Jean B., 24 Hour; 25—Joe S., 24 Hour.

Valley View-March speakers: 4—Everett C., (his first anniversary); 11—Marty McM. (his ninth anniversary); 18—Ralph D. (his first anniversary); 25—Kitty M., Strongsville.

West Park-March speakers: 7—Irwin F., No. Olmsted; 14—Jack B., Brookside; 21—John D., Brookside; 28—Francis B., May-Lynd.

West 25th—March speakers: 6—Charles S., Hilltop; 13—Pete E., Strongsville; 20—John G., Clark; 27—Josephine O., Collinwood.

Women's House of Correction-March speakers: 1—Don F., Lee-Monday; 8—Geo. S., Lee-Monday; 15—Ben H., Lee-Monday; 22—Ollie C., Lee-Monday; 29—Geraldine S. (closed women's meeting).

GIGGLES

"Why are you stopping?" she inquired as the car came to a halt.

"I've lost my bearings," her date answered.

"Well, at least you're original," said she. "Most fellows run out of gas."

I would like to be a "could be,"

If I could not be an are;

For a "could be" is a "may be"

With a chance of reaching far.

I would rather be a "has been"

Than a "might have been" by far,

For a "might have been" has never been;

But a "has been" was an are.

Sam complained, "I don't know what Ralph does with his money. He was broke last week and he's broke again today."

"Is he asking for a loan?" Frank inquired.

"No, I tried to borrow from him."

A long-winded, after-dinner speaker droned on and on. The crowd became restless. The chairman picked up his gavel and rapped for order. A short, bald-headed man who sat directly under the chairman was hit on top of the head with the gavel.

The little short man slumped down in his seat, lowered his eyes, and moaned, "Hit me again-I can still hear him."

"How can you talk to me like that," she wailed, "after I've given you the best years of my life?"

"Yeah?" returned the husband, "and who made them the best years of your life?"

A sailor, after placing some flowers on a grave in the cemetery, noticed an old Chinaman placing a bowl of rice on a nearby grave and asked: "What time do you expect your friend to come up and eat the rice?"

Chinaman (with a smile): "Same time your friend comes up to smell the flowers."

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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 1-3355
 Farquharson's Home (M) 6037 Pearl Road, Parma TU 5-1882
 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 Pavne Ave.) 7:00
FRIENDLY SUBURBAN-6037 Pearl...8:00
FRIENDSHIP-Bldg. 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.-15t. Ignatius Hall.
Lorain A v t 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
BOWHALL ROAD—Alanon Club,
Rte. 20 & Bowhall, Painesville Q 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

T U R 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. 8:00
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 900
FALLS-Township Hall,
Cook & Fitch Rd., Olmsted Township.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.....8:30
Mayland Shopping Cm. Mayfield Hts.....8:30
MILES-LEPTMt. 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,
KIRTLAND, O.—Old South Ch. Rt. 306.8:30
Prospect Road, Route 20.....800
LAKE COUNTY-Meth. Fellowship Hall,
Rt. 20.E. Southwood, Mentor..... 8:30
LORAIN CENTRAL—Lorain, O. 8:30
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-
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-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 YEN-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 61th and Colgate 8:30
LAKEWOOD WOMEN-St. Peter's Episcl
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 Htr. 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 8:00
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-W& Shore Unitarian.
20401 Hilliard Rd., Rocky Hill 8:30
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
JEFFERSON, O.—St. Joseph's Church.8:30
SANDUSKY, O.—Provid. Hos. Cafeteria.7:30
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

ALLFNDALF-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 LAKE—First Congregational Church,
33700 Vine St. 9:00
EAST SHORE WOMEN—1505 E. 260th,
Euclid Congregational Church. 8 :30
GARDEN VALLEY—(Outhwaite)
7100 Kinsman At 8:00
NORTH RANDALI-Village Hall,
21937 Miles Ave. 9:00
PARMA HETGHTS-6400 Pearl Road
Laur 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 fret east of House of Correction 8:00
WEST SIDE MORNING-W. 98th & Denison,
Hungarian Lutheran Church 11 A.M.
ASHLAND THURSDAY—2nd and Union,
Rossaro's Restaurant 800 EST
ASHTABULA HARBOR-North End Clnb.,
Comer Walnut Blvd. & Lake Ave...8:30
RERA-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, Oh 8:30
PATNSVILLE—Congregational Church,
Educational Bldg., Mentor. 0.....8:30

F R I D A Y

ANSEL ROAD-St. Thomas Church,
9205 Sinner Ave. 9 :00
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—(closed meeting) 6:00
1st Friday of month at Women's Federal Bank.
All other Fridays at Second Federal Bank.
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 Ar 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 LA KE—First Congregational Church,
32801 Electric Blvd. 8:30
BEREA—Social room of Berea Cong.
Church, Seminary and Church 8:30
CHAGRIN FALLS-Federated Churches,
76 Bell Street 90
CHARDON—Pilgrim Christian Church,
113 South Street, Chardon, O. 9:00
ELYRIA—St. Agnes (down) Lake & Dewey 8:30
CONNEAKJT. 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 Hts. Blvd.8:30
MATT TALBOT—St. Philip Neri Church,
F. 82nd and St. Clair 8:30
NORWALK TRUCK LINES—
1147 E. 55th St., at Shore Drive 9:00
MEMPHIS-Lakewood Congregational Cb.,
1375 W. Clifton, Cor. Detroit Ave. 9:00
PARMA—Ridgewood Savings & Loan,
5950 Ridge Road 8:45
PLAIN-Plains Methodist Cb., Mentor, O.,
Educational Bldg., Painesville, O. 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.—20½ S. Park 7:30 E.S.T.
MIDDLEFIELD-Methodist Church,
South Main St., Middlefield. 0 8:30
WEST RICHFIELD-Consolidated Church,
Route 303, just rest 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
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. 0 3 :00
LAKEWOOD ARMORY—
1437 Wayne Ave., South of Detroit.....9:00
LAKEWOOD CLOSED—18001 Detroit Ave.,
St. Peter's Episcopal Church..... 8:30
LORAIN COUNTY CONSOLIDATED—
First Sunday of each month,
St. John's Sch., 31 & Rt. 57, Lorain 7:30
MARIA JOSEPH-Plasterers Hall,
1651 P. 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.
CHTPEWA-SEVILLE-V.P.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.

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THE WAY IS HARD

Lately we have heard more often than usual, the statement that our way of life is hard. Of course it is! Any time this writer hears that from an anguished distraught person who is really trying, we will respond with a fervent "Amen!" We have been there. Our first two years of sobriety without a lapse were almost a nightmare of feverish activity, a grabbing of every handle and gimmick in sight, and a leaning on many kindly, tolerant, understanding people.

Did life then become easy? No, but sobriety did. And then we learned that sobriety and bread alone were not all, not by any means. As we sometimes contemplate the gaping gaps in our life today, after all these years, it could without **any** trouble at all push us into complete despair and **self-pity**.

Let's consider the track record of most of us. In the very beginning we were simply not robust enough to face and accept the realities of life from day to day. We found that the nectar helped us. In the first place it eased our worries and fears. Then it blotted them out. Finally it blotted us out.

If we want to hide from life, what's wrong with going back to the stuff? What was so bad about it? If we really want to escape, it seems as good an escape as any. Except for the physical, mental and spiritual anguish of coming out of it and facing the same reality which has become worse on account of our hiding, it really is not so bad.

Why then, did we get involved with this fellowship and way of life in the beginning? The reasons are many. We were sick, so sick that we couldn't take it **anymore**. Or we didn't want to take it anymore. Nor could we face the consequences of the destruction we had wrought. We were too sick to live and afraid to die. This way of life is hard, but is it hard compared to that? We have a choice. For us it is this way, or death.

After all these years this way is not easy for me, but should I say it's hard? An old friend of mine used to answer **this** statement by simply saying, "You say life is hard. May I ask compared to what?" Life is all any of us have so far. It was a precious gift in the **beginning** and we loused it up. That has not discouraged a **gracious** and forgiving Creator. Through this fellowship He has literally given us a second precious life with sobriety thrown in. Should we say it's hard? Compared to what?

Depressions and discouragements still follow me. Sometimes they nearly take me to the cleaners. But somehow I stay sober and never come close, as far as I know, to that first drink. And these things come less often, are of shorter duration, and I **find** that helping the other fellow bails me out faster than anything.

I make two resolutions, herewith. Never again will I say "Life is hard." Secondly, never will I cease my activity in this precious fellowship after these sixteen years or even after fifty years of sobriety, should a forgiving Creator **decide** that I might have them.

I have **talked** with many men who had fallen after many years. All had one thing in common. They had not **actually** been active in helping another fellow in years. **Com-**

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FUN SPOILERS

Recently we attended an AA meeting in a far-distant town as a guest of one of our "babies," who introduced us as "the man who took away all my fun when he **sponsored** me." We know he spoke in jest, for he has had over ten years of uninterrupted sobriety and is one of the most active and effective members in his community.

But the remark, spoken in jest, has lingered in our thoughts ever since. How many others coming into AA think the same way and actually mean it? They follow the suggestion of the sponsor in attending meetings, **listening** to a variety of speakers, walk the "narrow path" of virtuous living, but inwardly nurse a nagging doubt **as** to whether they have made an intelligent **decision in joining** AA.

They feel as though they **weren't** a part of this new gang of ex-drunks. Oh, they were friendly enough and tried to make them welcome, but **this** made them more wary and suspicious.

They miss the old excitement, the hail-fellow-well met, devil-may-care disregard for conventions, the recklessness and the daredevil associates who could always be counted on to offer a challenge to defy law and order and do unconventional and daring things which others didn't have the nerve to do.

That was fun and excitement. It relieved one of boredom. Of course it got them in trouble with the law once in a while, but if you were one **of** the regulars, the bartender usually knew someone downtown who could get you off with a light fine plus a little reprimand from an understanding judge.

Yeah, that was the life. Excitement. Relief from dull and prosaic living, exciting, delirious fun. Then something happened! Someone went too far. Trouble for all of them. They were hauled in and denounced by the judge as **incorrigibles** and placed on probation. Resentment set in and a huddle was called to get back at the squealer.

They were warned to stay away from liquor or suffer loss of freedom. Did they stop? You know they didn't. Within a week they were all at it again, gambling with their freedom, their jobs, their families, a respected place in their community.

All they wanted was FUN!

We remember those days. We know now that this rebellion against conformity was exciting and exhilarating. Though we were adults as far as age was **concerned**, our drink-crazed minds could not accept the thought that we were still adolescent.

It wasn't fun, was it, now that you have come to us for help in restoring you to a respected **place** in decent society? What you really wanted was relief from boredom, excitement, freedom from responsibilities.

Basically you are a rye-buck guy. Maybe you aren't as brilliant as you thought you were. You have had some hard knocks. We'll try to help you get your job back or one like it. We'll try to convince your family that you've now come **of age** and **by following** the principles of AA, you will merit their faith and confidence, again.

But you've got to do **YOUR** part. You've got to **attend** meetings with an **open** mind and heart. You've got **to**

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passionate as I felt toward these poor fellows in their fall from grace, there was never any desire on my part to try to follow their example. I always try to keep that in mind.

ERIE AA WINS AWARD

Alcoholics Anonymous, represented by proxy, won the 14th Annual Rabbi Max C. Currick Brotherhood Award at the Jewish Temple in Erie, Pa., for "its true devotion to all mankind."

The Rev. James W. Peterson of Gannon College, long-time spiritual advisor to Erie alcoholics, accepted the award from Lewis T. Briggs, awards committee chairman, and called for a renewal of effort in the fight against alcoholism.

In his presentation address, Briggs said, "True brotherhood recognizes a common enemy. Instinctively brothers unite to repulse a common danger and to defend a common treasure."

"Most worthy, then, to be named for this 14th Annual Brotherhood Award is Alcoholics Anonymous, a group which manifests true devotion to each other and to all mankind—a blessing to society."

Under AA policy no member could appear for the award.

Dr. Robert H. Israel, superintendent of Warren State Hospital, said that his experience at the hospital has shown him that AA is still one of the strongest weapons against alcoholism despite all medical and technical advances.

In following the brotherhood theme, he said most drinking and subsequent alcoholism is a compensation for lack of group acceptance. He went on to explain the treatment his hospital affords in changing the alcoholic's way of life.

We congratulate our Erie co-workers for their devotion to AA service and principles.

CENTRAL BULLETIN FOUNDATION

A charter has been granted by the State of Ohio for the Central Bulletin Foundation, a non-profit organization Organized for the purpose of publishing Central Bulletin and other literature pertinent to the problems of alcoholism.

At its March 6, 1961 meeting, the trustees, composed of seven AA members, Bob L., John L., George M., Harold P., Betty E., Lloyd H. and Harry D., elected officers for 1961. These officers will be responsible for the editorial content and policy of its publications and will serve without remuneration for their services.

Elected were: President, Bob L., an advertising executive; Vice-President, Lloyd H., attorney; Secretary, John L., attorney; Treasurer, George M., railroad executive.

The appeal to groups for financial support to eliminate the deficit of over \$800 (before the February issue) brought a response from 60 groups and a number of individuals for a sum of \$720. (\$395 from groups and \$325 from individuals.)

Inasmuch as the Foundation wishes to be ever solvent, a sum of \$1800 must still be raised to ensure operation on a sound financial basis. It is hoped that the other 100 or more groups in this area will find it in their hearts to respond to this appeal for support.

Contributions should be sent to the Central Bulletin Foundation, Box 6712, Cleveland 1, Ohio.

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admit you're licked—that alcohol and you must be absolute strangers and that you don't dare to even drool at the sight of a drink anymore. You've had it! You're starting a new life—a happy life. That is, it will be a happy life if you open your mind and listen.

Take it from one who has been through the hell of so-called "fun," and found in AA more fun and excitement than we ever found in the bistros.

There are many, many others who also have found that there was fun and excitement in our new way of life—without alcohol.

OUR FRIENDS OUTSIDE AA

The following quotations were authorized for publication in a series of six articles about Alcoholics Anonymous published in feature stories by The Cleveland Press to commemorate our fellowship's Twenty-Fifth Anniversary.

Statement by Rev. Thomas G. Simpson, Rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, Newark, Ohio:

"I have been proud of the part I have played as a friend of AA in our city. Scarcely a week goes by that I do not receive at least one call for help and sometimes several. I refer these calls to an AA member and never have I asked for help, that it wasn't given eagerly, promptly and efficiently. If the missionary work of the church could approach AA in its intensity and efficacy, then would we really have a church! But in the church there is seldom the same continuing urgency."

Statement by Rev. Maxfield Dowell, D.D., Rector of Christ Episcopal Church, Cleveland, Ohio:

"God works in mysterious ways his wonders to perform, and nowhere is the process more dynamic than in the fellowship of AA. In His wisdom He knows when and where to reach down and grasp the helpless hand half raised in feeble hope. It may seem incredible but it's true and hundreds of thousands of happy sober AAs are living witness. We see lives restored by a simple process of relating men to God, and surrounding them with a fellowship of those whose very lives depend on daily relationship with Him, and at least weekly relationship with each other. I shall always be grateful for my introduction to a weekly AA meeting, and particularly the Lord's Prayer at adjournment. There is no doubt about Whose prayer it is, and no question about who He is, or what He can do. Rather there is a humility and a confidence so powerful, it overwhelms one."

Statement by a Catholic Priest who prefers to remain anonymous:

"In AA, the alcoholic victim of a tri-partite disease has with his fellow sufferers, distilled a three-part therapy which treats the patient whole, in his body, mind and spirit. In its 'Twelve Steps of Recovery,' this therapy is actually a way of life in which all but the out and out psychotic may arrest the illness completely. To begin with, once sober, the individual must avoid not the second or the fourth or the tenth, but the very first drink. This he does one day at a time (if need be) because it is that first drink which places in gear the inevitable physiological craving for more and more. The twenty-four hour resistance program guards him against the physical third of his illness. Next the problem drinker learns to discipline the responses of his emotions and intellect. This simple but powerful phase of the way of life leads to entire re-education of thinking and emotional responses in order to treat the second third of his illness—the psychological. To do these things, the alcoholic must accept (and acceptance in its highest sense is the keynote of the whole program!) himself in humility as he goes through what AA calls a 'fearless personal inventory' of both his inadequacies and inadequacies, and he learns to walk with his hand in the hand of God. Thus does the victim of the dread disease treat the spiritual third of his illness. It's as simple as that."

Statement of Dr. John H. Nichols, nationally known neuro-surgeon and head of the psychiatric division of St. Luke's Hospital:

"Alcoholics Anonymous deserves the medical profession's wholehearted approval and support because it has supplied the broadest application and best general results of any attack on the alcohol problem. Those who analyze it constructively are aware of the practical soundness of its principles in the light of present cultural attitudes, its economic freedom, its faithfulness, and above all its miraculous results. There are still those in our profession who analyze it hostilely, but it is my view that we should not look a gift horse in the mouth. The results speak for themselves."

GROUP NEWS

To insure publication, group news articles must be in our hands before the 16th of each month

Allendale—Observes its Thirteenth Anniversary on Thursday, April 20, with Wyn W., Wednesday-Lee, as speaker. Other April speakers are: 6—"Big Jo" O., Collinwood; 13—Roy M., Allendale (his 11th anniversary); 27—Jim T., Allendale.

Angle-April speakers: 6—John B., No. Olmsted; 13—Jack G., Edgelake; 20—Henry W., Euclid-Wade; 27—Jim R., Edgelake.

Baxter-April speakers: 5—Carmen T., Lorain-Avon; 12—Dr. P. R., Lakewood; 19—Elwood O., Forest City; 26—Jim D., Early-Early.

Bedford Heights-April speakers: 2—Bill R., Monday Lee; 9—Bill O'B., Independence; 16—Mose Y., Hartsville; 23—Ted B., Garfield Heights; 30—Charlotte S., Shaker.

Brooklyn-April speakers: 5—"Hank" W., Brooklyn (his 21st anniversary); 12—Bill C., Solidarity; 19—Jack S., Lorain Ave. Monday; 26—George H., Brooklyn (his ninth anniversary).

Friendly Suburban-April speakers: 3—Dorothy K., Cleveland Women; 10—Henry W., Euclid-Wade; 17—Charles S., Brooklyn; 24—Mary L., Brooklyn.

Friendship-April speakers: 3—Tom V., Parma; 10—June R., Friendship and East Shore Women; 17—Geo. O'H., Edgelake; 24—Closed Discussion meeting.

Garden Valley Thursday-April speakers: 6—Sam A., Garden Valley (his twelfth anniversary); 13—John D., Hilltop; 20—Al S., League Park; 27—Tom P., League Park.

Garden Valley Sunday-April speakers: 2—J. T. L., Garden Valley (his first anniversary); 9—Bill W., Garden Valley; 16—Sam N., Garden Valley (his tenth anniversary); 23—Relinquishes its meeting to help the Valley Women's Discussion Group observe its First Anniversary with "Billie" M. of the Parma group as its speaker. Time 4 p.m.; 30—Chas. P., Garden Valley (his second anniversary).

Gordon Square-April speakers: 7—Marty G., Euclid Friday; 14—Eleanor P., Lakewood Armory; 21—Bob L., Independence; 28—Bob F., Charity.

Hilltop-April speakers: 4—Jim C., Kirtland, O.; 11—Charles and Kitty S., Hilltop (their ninth and eighth anniversaries respectively); 18—Bobby M., Monday Lee; 25—Joe F., Hilltop (his 14th anniversary).

Lake County-April speakers: 4—Jack W., Chardon; 11—Johnny T., Doan Men; 18—Mickey D., Crossroads; 25—George DeL., Crossroads. (Note: The total number of years of sobriety of these four speakers is 65.)

Lakewood Armory-April speakers: 2—Tom J., Lakewood Armory; 9—Ambrose T., Angle; 16—Orville H., Lakewood Armory; 23—Ruth C., Fairview Park; 30—Harry D., Edgelake.

Lakewood Men-April speakers: 3—Howard B., Independence; 10—Jack M., Parma; 17—Jerry W., Angle; 24—Ralph B., Independence.

Lee Road Monday-April speakers: 3—Paul B., Euclid Friday and Your; 10—Stanley "John" M., Collinwood; 17—"Mac" F., Your; 24—Allen Y., Your.

Lorain Ave. Monday-April speakers: 3—Bill K., Superior; 10—Roger D., Fairview; 17—Bud C., Hague and Newburgh; 24—Erwin F., North Olmsted.

Lorain-Triskett—This new group held its first meeting on Wednesday, March 8, in West Park YMCA, 15501 Lorain Ave. It meets every Wednesday at 9 p.m. Charlie McC. is secretary.

Matt Talbot—On and after Saturday, April 8, the group will meet in Windermere Presbyterian Church, Euclid Avenue and Windermere, across from East, Cleveland Public Library and one block west of the Rapid Transit station. Speaker at the April 8th meeting will be Howie L. of the Angle group.

North Olmsted-April speakers: 5—Bill T., North Olmsted (his first lead); 12—Harold J., Lorain Ave. Wednesday; 19—Tom D., Lorain Ave. Monday; 26—Ruth C., Fairview Park.

Pearl—April speakers: 3—Leroy R., Berea Friday; 10—Esther R., St. James; 17—Tony W., Elyria; 24—Henry W., Euclid-Wade.

St. Clair Thursday-April speakers: 6—Jack H., St. Clair Thursday (his fourth anniversary); 13—Lou H., South Akron; 20—John and Thelma P., East Akron; 27—Russ I., Akron Portage Lake.

Trinity-April speakers: 1—Albert S., Brooklyn; 8—Mary H., Lander Circle; 15—Thomas (Eddie) L., Norwalk Truck Lines; 22—Annual Spring Dance sponsored by Brooklyn, Pearl, Parma Heights, Clark and Trinity groups; 29—Wm. B., Trinity (his first, lead).

Valley View-April speakers: 1—Clyde B., Valley View (his second anniversary); 8—Mike Y., Valley View (his ninth anniversary); 15—Maggie G., Superior; 22—Steve H., Valley View (his fourth anniversary); 29—Richard M., Borton

W. 25th St.-April speakers: 3—Scotty Mc., Angle; 10—Mose Y., Hartville, O.; 17—Geraldine R., Garden Valley; 24—Joe F., Hilltop (his 14th anniversary).

West Park-April speakers: 4—George O'H., Edgelake; 11—Archie S., Berea-Friday; 18—Kitty C., Avon, O.; 25—Henry W., Euclid-Wade.

Women's House of Correction-April speakers: 6—Marcella J.; 13—J. T. R.; 20—Mary Etta Ch.; 27—Closed (women only), June W. All speakers are members of the Garden Valley groups. The dedicated and devoted secretary of this group, Hilda H., is making an impassioned appeal for clothing and shoes for the inmates, so that when they leave the institution with a firm resolve to apply the principles of AA, they won't be handicapped in their appearance when they apply for gainful employment. Hilda can be reached by telephone at SH g-0369.

BIG BROTHERS

BB of AA will hold its annual business meeting in the YMCA Auditorium, 40 West Long St., Columbus, at 2:30 p.m. It will be an open meeting with ladies being welcome. Sandwiches, ice cream and coffee will be available at the cafeteria on the premises. Free parking west of YMCA on Front Street.

Preceding the meeting, at 11 a.m., male visiting AAs will assemble in the Mam Lobby of Ohio Penitentiary to join with the Fellowship group of Ohio State Penitentiary in their meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Interesting meetings are assured.

GIGGLES

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

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

Driving along a country road, the woman noticed several linemen climbing telephone poles.

"Silly fools!" she exclaimed to her companion, "they must think I've never driven before."

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, 1,5715 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
 Parquharson's Home (M) 6 0 3 7 Pearl Road, Parma... TU 5-1882
 Stella Maris Hospital (M) 1320 Washington Ave. SU 1-0554

CLEVELAND AREA AA GROUP MEETINGS

MONDAY

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
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-Oh&t 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
BOWHALL ROAD-Alanon Club, Rte. 20 & Bowhall, Painesville, O. 7:00
ELYRIA MEN-St. Agnes Lake & Dewey 8:30
NORWALK, O.-Lea&e 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
FAIR HOUNT-St. Paul's Episcopal, Fairmount and Coventry 9:00
FALLS-To vnsip Hall, Cook & Fitch Rd., Olmsted Township. 9:00
FAIRVIEW PARK-Fairview Grace Church, W. 24th and Lorain Ave. 9:00
HILLTOP-St. Joseph's Seminary, 17608 Euclid Ave. 8:45
MAY-LYND-Kenny Kinds 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, XIRTLAND, O.—Old South Ch. Rt. 306. 8:30
LAKE COJNTY-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 Epits. Par. Hse 8:30
SANDUSKY, O. (Pirelands)—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-St. John's Lutheran School, 5826 Cable 8:30
REDFORD-Masonic Temple, Tarbell Ave. 8:30
BROOKLYN-X. 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), 7055 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
LAXEWOOD 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
LORAIN-TRISKETT-West Park YMCA, 15500 Lorain Ave. 9:00
LEE ROAD-First English Lutheran, Derbyshire and Euclid Htr. 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 8:00
SOUTHWEST WOMEN-6037 Pearl Rd. 8:00
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
WEST SHORE-West Shore Unitarian, 20401 Hilliard Rd., Rocky River 8:30
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
JEFFERSON, O.-St. Joseph's Church 8:30
SANDUSKY, O.—Provid. Hos. Cafeteria 7:30
MANSFIELD, O.—20 1/2 S. Park 8:00 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
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-1505 E. 260th, Euclid Congregational Church 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.) 8:30
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 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

FRIDAY

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-(closed meeting) 6:00
1st Friday of month at Women's Federal Bank. All other Fridays at Second Federal Bank.
EUCLID FRIDAY-Epiphany Church, Lake Shore and E. 210th 8:30
FRANKLIN-3804 Woodbine Ave. 8:30
FRIDAY AFTERNOON WOMEN-Piv- 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-2355 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 Euclid Blvd. 8:30
BEREA-Social room of Berea Cong. Church, Seminary and Church 8:30
CHAGRIN FALLS-Federated Churches, 76 Bell Street 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
LTBERTY-945 E. 152nd St. 9:00
MAPLE HTS.—Luth. Church of Covenant, 19000 Libby Rd., cor. Maple Hts. Blvd. 8:30
MATT TALBOT-Windermere Presb. Ch., Euclid Ave. and Windermere 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. Educational Bldg., Painesville, O. 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 Epia. 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 1/2 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

SUNDAY

AVON CENTRAL-Basement Central Bank, 36690 Detroit Road, Avon, O. 8:00
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.
COLLINSWOOD-945 E. 152nd St 7:30
DETROIT SUNDAY—8304 Detroit Avenue 7:30 P.M.
DISCUSSION-6700 Detroit Ave. 7:00
GARDEN VALLEY-Outhwaite, 7400 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
LAKEWOOD CLOSED-18001 Detroit Ave., St. Peter's Episcopal Church. 8:30
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. 7:13
TWTLTGH-Grange Dall, Rt. 60, Axtel, O. 7:33
WARRENSVILLE-Cooley Farms Recreation Room 10:00 AM
CHIFFEWA-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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OUR EXAMPLE

"By their fruits ye shall know them" says the Good Book. Over and over again we have heard from countless members of our fellowship that the greatest help we can possibly give to others is our own example. It has always seemed to us that no amount of repetition could over emphasize the importance of this great truth.

When newcomers reach that milestone of progress where they genuinely help another, then do they first want sobriety positively, as distinguished from the negative desire to stop drinking. Then it is that they first conceive their own example is a force for positive good to others, however modest this beginning may have been.

Have you noted the relative failure of "phonies" in our society? Why? It's because we have become dedicated in our search for honesty. And so we take a fellow for what he is. That one whose example belies his words, usually ends up with an audience of one, himself.

Looking at it from the other vantage point, there is in all of us some gap between what we seem to be and what we really are. The effort to close that gap is, whether we are always conscious of it or not, an inherent desire we ultimately gain to "really be" what we "seem to be" to the other fellow.

Of course in this example we set, the question we should ask ourselves is, "How will this affect the other fellow?" Above we mention an ultimate audience of one for the "phony." How we might wish that were literally true. There are always some wavering newcomers and even lax oldtimers, to whom the poor example of another may mean the difference between sobriety or a fall from grace. Hence putting thought of the other fellow first, will inevitably lead us to an ambition at least, for achievement of the best example of which we are capable. If, in depression, we care not for ourselves, then surely we have no right to hurt him.

There are wide differences in the respective ability we have to express ourselves. But those who achieve sincerity to a high degree, will all admit that no words seem to express the depth of our finer feelings.

Gratitude is a good example. Who can express it fully? Actually the heart filled with gratitude can express itself only through deeds, not mere words. That is why in gratitude for this sobriety most of us try for expression through what we do and what we become. That is why we strive through our way of life to become the best people that we can. That is why we speak so much of the quality for which we yearn in our sober life.

Emerson once said, "What you are often sneaks so loudly, that I cannot hear your voice." This great truth should be the guiding star for us. The grace of sobriety is a gift, a life or death gift for us. How can we show our gratitude save through dedication of all that we have to earn the many other graces we need for the best example of which we are capable?

Our progress on that road will determine the fruits of our labor to help others.

CHARACTER DEFICIENCY

At a recent meeting in Lorain, quite a lively discussion with widely divergent opinions were offered on whether a large percent of alcoholics became addicts because of a general weakness in character.

It is obvious that the alcoholic member would vehemently deny this charge. He would defend the case for himself by pointing to his many present virtues, though he in all honesty would admit that alcohol had lowered his standards, but after suffering indescribable agonies of shame and fear, his innate self reasserted itself and he learned that alcohol spelled "trouble" instead of "fun."

We believe that an alcoholic addict becomes one because of a lack of knowledge of what effect its consumption has upon the human system. Alcohol is an exhilarant to the beginner. It tends to remove inhibitions and the neophyte soon loses his respect for the potency of alcohol and soon drinking become a definite part of his diet.

The majority of drinking persons control their intake and obey the first warning when their innate sense of decency and behavior pattern is endangered. Their fear of making themselves conspicuous and foolish makes it easy for them to refuse the next drink.

However, it should be emphasized at this point that certain types of people who are emotionally unstable, with the intrusion of alcohol in their systems, have a tendency to cause them to go berserk and anti-social. Logically, this type should not drink.

But who is to advise them? Will the host? Probably not, for often the reaction of the one affected would be

entertaining to the other guests. So having an "appreciative audience," he demands more. The inevitable pattern is set.

Would you say this highly sensitive and emotional person was lacking in character by his or her reaction to alcohol?

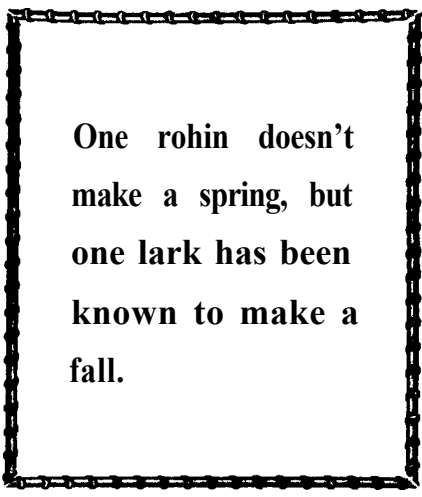
During the past twenty-six years of AA, many people with greatly divergent personalities and characters have found sobriety and have made recovery possible for many once deemed hopeless and unregenerate. Many of its members had descended to skid row. Many had forfeited their rights to respect and consideration. But, having been given encouragement and faith and hope and knowledge by some understanding AAs they came to believe that alcohol had been the destroyer of all their basic principles of decent, responsible living.

Few of those approached in the early days of AA were failures. It was once estimated that AA was successful in over 85% of its cases. The percentage is undoubtedly lower today, though it is still high compared to other approaches.

Coming back to the charge that alcoholics are people of weak character. We believe that most people have character weaknesses. These become evident in time of temptation and stress. No human being is perfect. There was only One in history.

In AA we have many types of people with varying standards and principles. What is deplored by some is

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condoned by others. It is only when our AA principles are endangered by a few rebels who revolt against them, that people judge all in the fellowship by the standards and actions of a few.

It is the duty and moral obligation of every decent, God-fearing AA to hold the line in maintaining the high standards which have been the bulwark of AA for these past years. The rebels must be dealt with firmly, but with patient, Christian understanding. They need everyone's help.

Basically, everyone has character. It's up to us to expose it and nurture it into maturity.

A TIMELY PRAYER ☉

Dear God:

In the work of this day, make me decent, orderly, useful, appreciative, courageous and kind. Let me not weaken myself by anger, cheapen myself by boasting, or play the fool by lying. Move me to remember that there are others in the world besides myself, and that they are men like unto myself.

Teach me to observe the rules of the game; to come through defeat with strengthened courage, and out of victory with gratitude and humility. Let me not be unmindful of the great value of friend and foe for both are much of my own making. For my own sake and for the sake of my loved ones and associates, keep me wholesome and cheerful.

But, if the devil of error should grip me when mentally disturbed, grant me the good sense to go quietly alone until the impulse to act or speak unkindly shall have passed.

And at the end of each day, bring me to my bed with the knowledge that greed and malice and envy and hatred have played a lesser part in my thinking; that my weariness is the result alone of well-doing. Amen.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Twenty-five groups were represented at the April 4 monthly meeting. The importance of Central Committee's function as the "voice" of ALL groups in the Cleveland area must be reiterated time and time again. Without it, groups would tend to isolate themselves and begin to interpret the program to suit their whims. It would be but a short time before AA would lose its effectiveness and the great respect it commands.

Every group automatically belongs to Central Committee. It is where any group which has become involved in controversies on group practice or with other groups can air its opinions and receive opinions from its peers.

Central Committee is a discussion group. Its major purpose is to promote and preserve the AA principles which have proved successful and accounted for its rapid growth for the past twenty-six years. It cannot dictate, but it can advise. Basically all decisions must be based on "What" is right and good, not on "Who" is right.

Most of the monthly meetings are routine, but there have been occasions when members with selfish motives have taken advantage of the general group disinterest, and have shoved through actions which have endangered our high standing.

AA has weathered several serious assaults on its traditions in Cleveland. These could have been averted had there been greater fidelity in attendance at Central Committee meetings.

Central Committee, with its sub-committees: Central Bulletin Foundation, Hospital, Action., Communications and Consolidated Meeting Committees, is YOUR responsibility. If its decisions are contrary to your ideas, it's your fault if you weren't there to express your views.

Every group should have at least ONE representative at each Central Committee meeting. It meets on the first Tuesday of each month in Room 433, The Hanna Building at 8:30 p. m. sharp.

ANNIVERSARY MEETINGS

The 26th Anniversary of AA will be observed in Akron at its Annual Founders Day meeting on Sunday, June 4, at 2:30 p.m., in Akron University Memorial Hall in downtown Akron.

The speaker will be John Park L., Addison, N. J. He is outstanding.

Visitors are expected from many areas of the United States and Canada. We Clevelanders should welcome this opportunity to meet new faces.

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"Farquharson's Night" will be observed on Saturday evening, May 6, in Brooklyn City Hall, 7619 Memphis at 8:45 p.m., under the sponsorship of the Southwest Women and Friendly Suburban groups to honor Mrs. Sophie Farquharson on her twentieth anniversary in her AA nursing home at 6037 Pearl road.

There will be four speakers, each with many years of uninterrupted sobriety. Howie L., Angle, will be chairman. Refreshments and prizes.

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The Lorain Avenue Monday group will observe its twentieth anniversary in the Gymnasium, 10206 Lorain Ave., on Monday, May 8, at 9 p. m.

Speakers will be Judge Jim C., Warren C., Sr., Tom V., and Tom D., as moderator. Refreshments will be served before and after the meeting.

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The Brooklyn group will observe its twenty-first anniversary on Wednesday, May 10, at 8:30 p. m., in Trinity United Church of Christ auditorium.

The speaker, Rev. Thomas Y. L., Jr., of Portsmouth, Va., is noted for his unforgettable message. During his fifteen years as a member of AA he has appeared before AA groups throughout the United States. He is a minister, author, counsellor, teacher and lecturer, especially in the field of alcoholic rehabilitation. Here is a man you must hear.

An organ recital will precede the meeting, starting at 8 p.m.

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The Matt Talbot group will observe its fourteenth anniversary on Saturday, May 13, at 8:30 p. m. in Windermere Presbyterian Church, Euclid Avenue and Windermere.

The speaker will be the ever popular Mose Y., of Hartsville, O.

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The Independence group will observe its eleventh anniversary on Thursday, May 18 at 0 p.m. The same panel of speakers which has appeared at each anniversary has again been asked to appear. The speakers are Warren C., Sr., of Canton, O., Harry H., of Rocky River and Harry D., Edgelake. This meeting always attracts a good sized crowd which is attracted by the group's friendliness and its noteworthy refreshments.

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The Garden Valley- Outhwaite group will observe its fifteenth anniversary on Sunday, May 21, at 3 p.m. with Bud M., of Meadville, Pa., as speaker.

Garden Valley anniversaries always attract a great crowd, and this one should be no exception. You'll be well rewarded.

DR. LESLIE C. TAYLOR

One of west side's much-loved AAs, Dr. Leslie C. Taylor, suffered a heart attack at an AA meeting in 1951 after six years of dedicated service in our fellowship as a member of the Lake Shore group. The attack was so serious that he was unable to resume his practice. He was mercifully called to his eternal rest on April 6. The many friends of AA whom he helped with his fine interpretation of the AA philosophy offer their sincere condolences to his widow, Opal.

GROUP NEWS

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

Allendale—May speakers: 4—Stan P., Smith-Wilson; 11—Al S., League Park; U—Pauline C., Mistletoe; 25—John T., Broadway-Harvard.

Brooklyn—May speakers: 3—Jack D., St. Clair Thursday; 10—Observes is 21st anniversary; 17—Joe K., Brooklyn (his 14th anniversary); 24—Neil G., St. Clair Thursday; 31—Chuck and Lu S., St. Clair Thursday.

Charity—May speakers: 5—Jerry W., Angle; 12—Jack McC., Parkersburg, W. Va.; 19—Herschel H., Mansfield, O.; 26—John L., Edgelake.

Cleveland Women—Have found an ideal downtown meeting place in the Terminal Tower, Room 1031. Meetings begin at 6:15 p.m. Interesting discussions on all phases of the program, particularly for the business woman.

Doan Men—May speakers: 3—Paul B., Euclid Friday; 10—Dick L., Euclid Friday; 17—Don D., Euclid Friday; 24—Jim S., Friendship; 31—Gerald M., Doan Men.

Elyria Wednesday—May speakers: 3—Carter R., Ashland; 10—Mose Y., Hartsville; 17—Eddie H., Lee—Monday; 24—Ed M., 31—Jack H., W. 25th.

Falls—This new group now meets in Olmsted Falls Congregational Church, 7853 Main St. (Columbia Rd.) every Tuesday at 9 p.m. May speakers: 2—Rollie H., Falls; 9—Frank C., Falls and 24 Hour; 16—Lynn C., Berea Thursday; 23—Ray J., Berea Thursday; 30—Pete J., Berea Thursday.

Friendly Suburban—May speakers: 1—Jack E.; 8—Jess C.; 15—Bill S.; 22—Sid S.; 29—No meeting because of holiday weekend.

Friendship—May speakers: 1—Jimmie D., Early-Early; 8—A good speaker; 15—Dick L., Euclid Friday; 22—Jim S., Friendship; 29—Discussion. Closed mixed.

Garden Valley Thursday—May speakers: 4—Anabelle L., Garden Valley (her fourth anniversary); 11—Paul B., Euclid Friday; 18—Joe H., Hilltop; 25—Open.

Garden Valley Sunday—May speakers: 7—Raymond N., Garden Valley; 14—Clarence B., Wickliffe; 21—Bud M., Meadville, Pa.; 28—Joe K., Ramona.

Gordon Square—May speakers: 5—Helen B., Birmingham, Mich.; 12—Bill M., May-Lynd; 19—Victor Z., Superior; 26—Tony F., Hilltop.

Lakewood Armory—May speakers: 7—Tony K., Berea Thursday; 14—Marion S., Lakewood Armory; 21—Elmer M., Fairview Park; 28—Tom McG., Edgelake.

Lakewood Men—May speakers: 1—John B., Lakewood Men (his fifth anniversary); 8—John D., Shaker; 15—Howard B., Independence; 22—Harry D., Edgelake; 29—Jack B., Rocky River.

Lorain Ave. Monday—May speakers: 1—Esther R., St. James; 8—20th anniversary; 15—Kitty M., Strongsville; 22—Jerry R., Crossroads; 29—John T., St. James.

Maria Joseph—May speakers: 7—Tom N., Hilltop; 14—Bill W., Garden Valley; 21—John L., Edgelake; 28—Andy C., Allendale.

Matt Talbot—May speakers: 6—Ab W., Lakewood Armory; 13—Mose Y., Hartsville; 20—Tom P., League Park; 27—Mary McI., Clark.

Parma—Will hold a special panel discussion on three different phases of the problems of alcoholism in industry on Saturday evening, May 13, at 8:45 p.m. The meeting is open to the public. Speakers will be Dr. Ewing H. Crawfis, Administrator, Fairhill Psychiatric Clinic; Dr. Victor Ippolito, well known to many AAs for his dedicated service to patients in Rosary Hall; and Tom V., a 23-year member of AA and personnel manager of a large Cleveland corporation. The meeting will be held in Ridgewood Savings & Loan, 5950 Ridge Road.

Joe S., 24 Hour; 15—Chuck I., Mt. Vernon, O.; 22—Carol M., Lander Circle; 29—Mose Y., Hartsville, O.

Sunny Monday Women—A new women's group held its initial meeting on Monday, April 11. The women meet in St. John's Lutheran Church Parish House on Sunset Rd., Independence, O. They meet at 12:30 noon. Alice M., Independence, is secretary.

Southwest Women—May speakers: 3—Hugh C., Parma Heights; 10—Mary W., Westside Women; 17—Kitty M., Clark; 24—Evelyn B., Strongsville; 31—Doug McC., Friendly Suburban.

Trinity—May speakers: G—John B., Lakewood Men; 13—Bill S., Lorain Ave. Monday; 20—Jean C., Euclid-Wade; 27—Mike S., Lakewood Armory.

Valley View—May speakers: 6—Walter S. (his 4th anniversary); 13—Don D. (his 8th anniversary) 20—Richard H. (his 1st anniversary); 27—Bill K. (his 14th anniversary).

West Park—May speakers: 2—Joe R., West Park; 9—Wilma O'N., Westside Women; 16—Jim D., Independence; 23—Charles S., Brooklyn.

West 25th—May speakers: 1—Howard M., Lake County; 8—Mel S., Chardon; 15—Herb C., Chardon; 22—Ted W. K., Lake County; 29—Mary L., Brooklyn.

Women's House of Correction—May speakers: 3—Marty G., Euclid Friday; 10—Jerry W., Angle; 17—Ambrose J., Angle; 24—Molly H., Angle; 31—Jos. S., Forest City. No more closed meetings.

Refresher Training—May speakers: 3—Step & Tradition II, May-Lynd; 10—Step & Tradition III, Gordon Square; 17—Step & Tradition IV, Lakewood Men; 24—Step & Tradition V, Pearl; 31—Step & Tradition VI, Your.

CONSOLIDATE - G

Jordan Hall, St. Vincent's Charity Hospital Sunday, May 28, 1961, at 4 p.m.

Frieda L., a long-time member of the Brooklyn group, will be the speaker at the May Consolidated meeting in Jordan Hall. She is one of Cleveland's most capable speakers and her interpretation of the AA program will be worth your while to attend.

AA LITERATURE

AA literature which is available to all groups at the AA District Office is not free. The office furnishes the material at cost with the sole exception of the book Alcoholics Anonymous and The Twelve Traditions. Profits from this helps pay expenses of packaging and postage.

GIGGLES

The little old lady on the bus was anxious not to pass her destination. Poking the driver with her umbrella, she asked, "Is that the First National Bank?" "No, madam," the driver replied. "That's my rib."

Club Member: That speaker certainly made a hit. Friend: What did he talk about? Club Member: About five minutes.

The lawyer asked, "Did you say you want a divorce on the grounds that your husband is careless about his appearance?" "Yes. He hasn't been home in nearly two years."

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 TU 5-1822 Stella Maris Hospital (MI) 1320 Washington Ave.....SU 1-0554

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CLEVELAND AREA GROUP MEETINGS

MONDAY

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-Bldv. Presbyterian Ch., 24600 Lake Shore Blvd., Euclid 0. 8:30
LAKEWOOD MEN'S-St. Peter's E. & Opal, W. Clifton and Detroit 9:00
LEE MONDAY—First Presbyter. Church, Rut 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-Oar 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
SUNNY MONDAY WOMEN—Sunset Rd., St. John's Par. House, Independence 12:30
TEMPLE-Temple Baptist, 7500 Cedar 8:15
UNION—East View Congregational Church, Kinsman at E. 156th St. 9:00
WEST 25th ST.-Marvel Hall, 2656 W. 25th St. 9:00
WOMEN'S-Westside-West Boulevard Christian Church, Madison and W. 101 8:45
BOWHALL ROAD-Alanon Club, Rte. 20 & Bowhall, Painesville 0. 7:00
ELYRIA MEN-ST. Agnes, Lake & Dewey 8:30
NORWALK, O.-Lea & St. School, R. 250 and B. 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
FALLS-Community Church, Olmsted Falls, 7853 Main St. (Columbia Rd.) 9:00
FAIRVIEW PARK—Fairview Grace Church, W. 224th and Lorain Ave. 9:00
HILLTOP-St. Joseph's Seminary, 1706 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-Puritan Lutheran Church, Puritas Ave. and W. 136th 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. Trinity Church 8:30
MANSFIELD—Episcopal Church, 41 Bowman St., Mansfield, O. 8:30 EST
MEDINA, O.—St. Paul's Epig. 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—St. John's Lutheran School, 5826 Cable 6:30
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 An., 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 Epig. 18001 Detroit Ave. (Cor. W. Clifton) 8:30
LORAIN AVE.—S.S. Philip & James Hall, 3689 Bosworth Road 9:00
LORAIN-TRISKETT—West Park YMCA, 15500 Lorain Ave. 9:00
LEE ROAD-Fint 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 8:00
SOUTHWEST WOMEN-6037 Pearl Rd. 8:00
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
WEST SHORE-West Shore Unitarian, 20401 Hilliard Rd., Rocky River 8:30
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
JEFFERSON, O.—St. Joseph's Church 8:30
SANDUSKY, O.—Provid. Hqs. Cafeteria 7:30
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. 6:30
BROADWAY-55th—Our Lady of Lourdes School Hall 8:30
COVENTRY—Fairmount Presbv. Church, Scarbrough 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-1505 E. 260th, Euclid Congregational Church 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.) 8:30
ROCKY RIVER—Rockport Methodist Church, 3310 Woodward Road 9:00
ST. CLAIR-THURSDAY—Glenville Cong. Church, (side mt.) 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 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
INDEPENDENCE, O.—St. John's Lutheran Hall, Second and Smet 9:00
MAPLE LEAF-Congregational Church, Fellowship Hall, Burton, Ohio 8:30
PATNESVILLE-Concerational 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
CEDAR-Salvation Army, 5005 Euclid 8:15
CHARITY-Amphitheatre, 6th Floor, St. Vincent's Charity Hospital 8:30
CLEVELAND WOMEN-1031 Ter. Tow. 6:00
EUCLID FRIDAY-Epiphany Church, Lake Shore and E. 210th 8:30
FRANKLIN-38M Woodbine Ave. 8:30
FRIDAY AFTERNOON WOMEN-Plymouth Church, Coventry and D-ore, 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. 9 pm
 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 Coon. Church, Seminary and Church 8:30
CHAGRIN FALLS-Federated Churches, 76 Bell Street 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 & HEINTZ-17600 Broadway 8:30
LANDER CIRCLE-Garfield Mem. Methodist, Car. 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-Windermere Presb. Ch. Euclid Ave. and Windermere 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
PLAIN-Plains Methodist Ch., Mentor, O. Educational Bldg., Painesville, 0 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:aj
ASHTABULA, O.—St. Peter's Epig. 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 1/2 S. Park 7:30 E.S.T.
MIDDLEFIELD-Methodist Church, South Main St., Middlefield, 0 8:30
WEST RICHFELD-Consolidated Church, Route 303, just rest 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
BROOKSIDE—Blessed Sacrament Church, Storer a n d Fulton (downstairs) 8:30
C.A.H. DISCUSSION-C.A.H. Clubrooms, 7809 Euclid Avenue 10:45 AM
COLLINWOOD—945 E. 152nd St. 7:30
DETROIT SUNDAY—8304 Detroit Avenue 7:30 P.M.
DTCUSSION-6700 Detroit Ave. 7:00
GARDEN VALLEY-Outhwaite, 7100 Kinsman Ave. 4:30
GOLF LAKELANDS-Trinity Lutheran, Redbird & Chapel, N. o. Madison, O. 3:00
LAKEWOOD ARMORY, 1437 Wayne Ave., South of Detroit 9:00
LAKEWOOD CLOSED—18001 Detroit Ave., St. Peter's Episcopal Church 8:30
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. 67 8:15
SUPERIOR STAG-6601 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 7:13
TWILIGHT-Grange Hall, Rt. 60, Axtel, O. 7:30
WARRENSVILLE—Cooley Farms Recreation Room 10:00 AM
CHIPPEWA-SEVILLE-V.F.W. Hall, Seville, 0 8:00
GENEVA, O.—Legion Hall, Park St., corner of so. Earle 7:30
MANSFIELD, O.—20 1/2 S. Park 8:00 E.S.T.

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THE SECRET GIVER

We hear much about the need of giving without thought of reward. Our **help** to the other fellow reaches a certain stage of quality when we think only of him without even reflecting that in helping him we help ourselves. Then are we really giving of ourselves. In a sense we offer him **our** life which is what true love and concern should always offer.

One of the most satisfying games we have is giving in an imaginative and sly sort of way. Sometimes we seem to keep it almost secret from ourselves. "Let not **your** right hand know what your left hand is doing." The real joy of Christmas morning comes to parents in knowing that they were the stealthy ones to provide the wonders attributed to Santa Claus.

There's a triple-barreled power in the cunning touch of quiet giving. The receiver is helped. He doesn't have you to thank and so he moves earlier than he might, otherwise, toward Him to Whom all gratitude should be directed in the first place. The subtle giver surely gains a maximum in warm **gratification**. Most important of all, **perhaps**, is a pleasant sort of breeze or atmosphere of good that refreshes many people.

In our fellowship we have some **extremely** vital functions in our mutual help. When we consider that our treatment of either a newcomer or each other in a moment of crisis may mean sobriety or not for the other fellow, it's literally a life or death matter. Advice given with all the love, **intelligence** and Divine Guidance we can gain is nothing short of precious.

But often the **way** it is offered is as important as the **substance** of it. Often the direct approach will fail. Times without number people must be shown indirectly. Through a suggestion not even traceable to us, they believe that they have learned a great new truth themselves. It becomes a part of them.

One of my dearest friends has a method he calls the miss-and-hit system. Some years after the incidents and after watching his method work with others, I realized that I had been his unwitting guinea pig twice. When confronted, he confessed. It works like this. If he hears somebody say something strongly negative or way off the beam, or do something equally far afield, he lays a plan to correct it. It must be done indirectly. It may take time. But without appearing so to do, he usually contrives to bring the offender face to face with a reality that shows the wrongness of his act, or the error of his view so dynamically that he moves into line at once. He learns a great new truth. And our friend who engineered the deal has another jewel in his treasure-chest of well-being.

Think of the elements present in this type of **giving**—humility, anonymity, selflessness, and above all, love. Our quiet subtle givers are a golden thread in our fellowship. Kahlil Gibran must have had them in mind when he said, "Through their hands, God works, and through their eyes, **God** smiles."

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Sometimes when I consider what tremendous consequences come from **little** things—a chance word, a tap on the shoulder, or a penny dropped on a newsstand—I am tempted to think . . . there are **no little things**. -Barton

IT'S A NEW DEAL

Several changes have been made by the Board of Directors of the Central Bulletin Foundation, the first being a new masthead, supplanting one which has been familiar to readers since November 1942.

Another has been a departure from the white paper to green. The next three issues will also be in three different colors. This action was taken because it was found that it was difficult for many people to distinguish, at a casual glance, between earlier or current issues.

Another important move has been to return to the old custom of mailing the Bulletin in an envelope. There have been many complaints from some irritated readers whose fingernails have been damaged in opening the wire stitches.

The other change made with the present issue is advancing the issue date one month. The Bulletin is **probably** the only publication which reaches its readers at the close of the month instead of the beginning of it. Some even receive it weeks later, and are already asking for the current issue.

All present subscriptions will be **advanced** one month.

Plans are being made also to **increase** circulation. During the past six months there has been an alarming drop in renewals, though new **subscriptions** have been coming in at the normal pace.

The Foundation Board has **discovered** that many group secretaries and many new members in the **Cleveland** area have never even heard of AA's first publication. Probably that is the fault of the publisher-editor in not keeping in constant contact with each of the 150 or more groups and

their secretaries.

Committees are being formed to change this situation. The county is being divided into sectors and responsible dedicated members will be chosen to head each sector. They will attempt to enlist a Bulletin representative in each group. Every group will be approached to consider subscribing for a package of Central Bulletins for a year, with the suggestion that a free copy and a subscription blank be given to every new member.

Many **new** members coming into the program in the past years have told us that their sobriety dated from the night they had read the Bulletin. Many also stated that the up-to-date listing of all the groups was worth many times the cost.

On page two of this issue is an article written by J.T.B., of the Hospital Committee, titled "The Power of Example." We urge you to read it and "take a fearless moral inventor" on **your** method of "carrying the message."

Sponsorship is a terrible responsibility. When we came into the program, every newcomer was thoroughly indoctrinated into the program **before** he became a member. He was urged to buy the book "Alcoholics Anonymous" and read it. Then re-read it. If he didn't have the money to buy one, someone loaned him one and then helped him "digest it." That probably explains why this area has so many twenty or more year members.

We still believe that this system of instruction is the best. Modestly, we believe that the Central Bulletin

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Some people think
the bluebird of
happiness is just
another swallow.

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THE POWER OF POOR EXAMPLE

A few nights ago, my wife asked, "What became of that red-haired insurance adjuster who came to one meeting two years ago?"

I replied, "That was his first meeting. When he left, his sponsor gave him a list of meetings and wished him luck. He has not been seen since."

"What about the one-armed man who came a little over a year ago?" she asked. His wife looked so hopeful.

"Oh, Steve brought him just that one time. I did see him at one other meeting, but he left early. He took a vacation a week or so later, and I heard that he has been drinking."

"That's too bad. I liked his wife. She must have been very disappointed."

After a short time, the dear girl spoke again: "Didn't Steve bring another new man to the meeting two or three months ago?"

"Didn't you know?" I answered. "Steve suggested a couple of other meetings, but he didn't go. Now he is facing a trial for traffic manslaughter. Liquor caused that to happen."

The conversation ceased, but my thoughts continued. These men had suffered cruelly from compulsive drinking, had excellent reasons for wanting to quit, and they possessed normal intelligence. The experience record of A.A. indicated that one or two of these men should have been able to solve this common problem.

Suddenly, my mind focused on one fact, Steve (that is not his real name) had been the so-called sponsor of all three. He had called on each, briefly, invited each to one meeting, then ceased to concern himself with the welfare of these men thereafter.

Why had Steve done such an indifferent job of sponsorship? He had been sober well over four years. Occasionally, he helped with the coffee and cakes, if requested. After three years, he consented to lead a meeting. After three and a half years, he reluctantly accepted a six-month term as group secretary. He attended only the one group, and his attendance record was about 90%. His performance had been far from outstanding, but he did satisfy the minimum obligations of membership in AA.

It did not take long to figure out the answer. Steve had been the recipient of the same kind of uninspired sponsorship. Miraculously he had survived . . . or so it seemed. Of course, right away he had become acquainted with some enthusiastic members who had compensated for the deficiencies of this shiftless sponsor, but Steve did not realize this fact. And so, Steve was guided by his limited experience and understanding.

Sometimes, a sick alcoholic has to be dried out in a hospital or nursing home. Your Hospital Committee keeps an eye on these institutions and exercises its influence to bring about better cooperation with AA. Conditions are observed, personnel is scrutinized, and rumors and reports are investigated. As a result, adequate beds are available to alcoholics of any sex, race, color, or creed. Your Hospital Committee is dedicated to maintaining and improving this situation.

The really important part of sponsorship, however, takes place when the patient is released. Seldom does a person succeed without reasonably good sponsorship. And poor sponsorship had a way of perpetuating itself.

Remember, we are far more apt to adopt the vices of others than their virtues, because disease is so much more contagious than good health. —J. T. B.

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**"WILLINGNESS TO HELP"
KEYS AT 11TH CONFERENCE**

The opportunities for increasing service to alcoholics through greater participation in AA activities at group, Area and world levels highlighted the total deliberations of the Eleventh Annual General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous at Hotel Roosevelt in New York City, April 19 to 22.

Eighty-four Delegates from North America participated in the four days of reports, special presentations and general discussions. They were joined by three non-voting Conference "observers" representing Norway, The Netherlands and Honduras. They reviewed the scope and calibre of the world services provided in behalf of the movement by the General Service Office of AA. They brought news of AA trends and developments in their own areas. And they concentrated on sharing their total experience in order to carry the message of the AA recovery program more effectively to still-suffering alcoholics who may turn to the Fellowship for help in the future.

As the link between the groups and the General Service Board of AA, the Delegates were called upon for decisions and "advisory actions" to guide the Board in its 1961 activities.

Based on reports to General Service Headquarters, AA now has 8,616 groups and 162,037 members. However, let it be noted that many groups failed to inform G. S. H. of their existence for varied reasons. A more realistic number, conservatively estimated, would be 12 to 16,000 groups and over 300,000 members.

Ohio, for instance, reported only 389 groups with only 189 contributing to the General Service Fund for a total of only \$9,664.55.

A complete report, with interesting high lights will appear in the July issue of the Bulletin. It is being prepared by our dedicated area Delegate, Ann C., of Niles, Ohio.

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helped, as did the Grapevine, seven months later. Properly the Grapevine is AA's official publication-but it doesn't carry local news or a list of meetings in the Cleveland metropolitan area.

Too many newcomers are being deprived of their right to full indoctrination in the program. This is one way you can help. Will You?

ANNUAL FOUNDERS DAY-JUNE* 4

The 26th Anniversary of AA will be observed in Akron at its Annual Founders Day meeting on Sunday, June 4, at 2:30 p.m., in Akron University Memorial Hall in downtown Akron.

The speaker will be John Park L., Addison, N. J. He is outstanding.

Visitors are expected from many areas of the United States and Canada. We Clevelanders should welcome this opportunity to meet new faces.

Three loyal and devoted AA members passed on to their eternal reward during the month of May. Their passing will leave a void difficult to fill. They are:

Mrs. Elsie Koeppe, on Friday, May 5 after a lingering illness. She was a member of the Borton and East Side Women's groups. A widow, she is survived by a son and daughter.

David J. Laufman, on Tuesday, May 9, after a lingering illness. Dave was active in many groups and was famed for his generosity and zealotness for over 18 years. He is survived by three sons and two sisters.

Frank Ingham, on Thursday, May 11, after a lingering illness. Frank was a faithful member of the Edgelake group and enjoyed about 17 years of sobriety. He is survived by his wife and a son and daughter.

Our sincere sympathies go out to their survivors.

GROUP NEWS

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

Brooklyn-June speakers: 7—Bill J., Brooklyn; 14—Jack B., Shaker; 21—Lew C., Coventry; 28—Mary Mc I., Clark.

Elyria Wednesday-June speakers: 7—N. brothers; 14—Art N. (his 9th anniversary); 21—Bill T., Pearl; 28—Panel, Anne C., Joe M., Ruth V., George M.

Euclid Friday-June speakers: 2—Vern D., Bedford; 9—Jack E., Lee Wednesday; 16—George M., Edgelake; 23—Bill De W., Berea Thursday; 30—Jay W., Detroit Sunday. Falls-June speakers: 6—Joe S., Brunswick; 13—Harry D., Edgelake; 20—Lee R., Berea Friday; 27—Earl B., Axel. Frank C. is the group's new secretary.

Forest City—Held its first meeting at its new meeting place at 2125 Broadview Road on May 6.

Friendly Suburban—June speakers: 5—Jerry R., Valley View; 12—Emil W., Stella Maris; 19—George O'H., Edgelake; 26—Janice B., Valley View.

Garden Valley Thursday-June speakers: 1—Tom D., Lorain Ave. Monday; & Mary L., Lorain Ave. Monday; 15—Andy C., Allendale; 22—Bill S., Lorain Ave. Monday; 29—Jerry R., Hague.

Garden Valley Sunday-June speakers: 4—Lee M., League Park; 11—Herman A., Garden Valley (his anniversary); 18—Fred H., Garden Valley (his anniversary); 25—Tom V., Borton.

Gordon Square-June speakers: 2—Verna F., Oil City, Pa.; Q—Earl J., Baxter; 16—Ed W., Forest City; 23—Chester S., Lodi, O.; 30—Hal B., Elyria Wednesday.

Lakewood Armory-June speakers: I—George M., Edgelake; 11—Bill W., Garden Valley; 18—Wilma O'N., Westside Women; 25—Wyn. W., Lee Road Wednesday.

Lorain Ave. Monday-June speakers: 5—Dick P., Newburgh; 12—Elwood O., Forest City; IQ—Tom C., Newburgh; 26—Jim D., Independence.

North Olmsted—June speakers: 7—Ralph R., West Clifton; 14—Ralph S., Newburgh; 21—Paul L., Berea; 28—Jack S., Pearl.

North Royalton—This new closed group held its first meeting on Wednesday, April 12. Their meeting night has been changed to Tuesday. They meet in the Methodist Church, 13715 Ridge Road at 8:30 p. m. They deserve your support.

Redwood-June speakers: 3—Pete Y., Berea Thursday; 10—Helen W., Shaker; 17—Dave B., Parma; 24—Bob W., Temple

Solidarity-June speakers: 2—Chas. C., Solidarity (his tenth anniversary); Q—Ben L., Solidarity, (his eighth anniversary); 16—Tom A., Solidarity, (his third anniversary); 23—George O'H., AA District Office; 30—Jean C., Eastside Morning.

Trinity-June speakers: 3—Frank K., Union; 10—Dorothy U., Eastside Women; 17—Bill K., Valley View, (his 14th anniversary); 24—Tony W., Elyria Wednesday, (his 15th anniversary).

Trusty Hall-June speakers: 7—Ed S., Euclid Friday; 14—George B., Collinwood Sunday; 21—Jack K., Liberty; 28—“Yock” T., Collinwood Sunday. Trusty Hall has 70 men inmates, most of whom are seeking help. Meetings are held on Sundays at 5 p. m., Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8 p. m. You may save a life.

Union—Beginning May 22, the group will open its meetings at 8:30 p. m.

Valley View-June speakers: S—Jim D., Early Early; 10—Jack S., Lorain Ave. Monday; 17—Joe M., Lakewood Armory; 24—Ada H., Westside Women.

West 25th—June speakers: S—Bob L., Independence; 12—Jack H., W. 25th (his 20th anniversary); 19—Jerry R., Hague; 26—Eric A., Monday Lee.

West Park-June speakers: 6—Ray R., Memphis; 13—Kitty C., Avon Central; 20—Larry O'C., Arcade; 27—Chuck B., West Park.

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Wickliffe—After Wednesday, May 11, the group meets in Wickliffe Methodist Church, corner E. 300th St., and Ridge Road (Route 84). Larger quarters and better parking prompted the move.

Women's House of Correction—All June speakers are members of the Eastside Women's group; 7—Mary P.; 14—June R.; 21—Hilda H., secretary of the Women's House of Correction group, observing her 13th year in that capacity. It is also her birthday; 28—Marty R.

CONSOLIDATED MEETING

Jordan Hall, St. Vincent's Charity Hospital
Sunday, May 28, 1991, at 4 p.m.

Frieda L., a long-time member of the Brooklyn group, will be the speaker at the May Consolidated meeting in Jordan Hall. She is one of Cleveland's most capable speakers and her interpretation of the AA program will be worth your while to attend.

AA DISTRICT OFFICE

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

STILL LIKE TO DANCE?

The Ashtabula area AAs, happy at the success of their St. Patrick's Dance, will hold another on June 17th in the same hall, St. Mary's Hall, Conneaut, Ohio from 10 p. m. to 1 a. m.

Members of AA from Cleveland, Akron, Youngstown and Erie had such a good time, they promised to come again, and bring some more. Mike M., secretary of the Your group has tickets for sale at \$1.00 per person.

If you have talent and desire a spot on the floor show, write to P. O. Box 953, Ashtabula, O.

GIGGLES

Wife: “My husband's a drunk, and I want a divorce.”

Marriage Counselor: “Has he tried Alcoholics Anonymous.”

Wife: “Yes, I guess so. He'll drink anything.”

The prim little old lady tottered into the local office of Alcoholics Anonymous, gently closed the door behind her and sat down.

“My,” she smiled, “it's certainly nice to have someplace to come and drink where nobody knows about it.”

Jack was very indignant at being arrested. He staggered into the police station and before the Captain had an opportunity to say anything, he pounded his fist on the desk and said:

“What I wanna know is why I've been arrested.”

“You were brought in for drinking,” answered the captain.

“Well thass differentthass fine-let's get started.”

Warning on Connecticut highways: “He who has one for the road; Gets trooper for chaser.”

ALANON GROUP MEETINGS

LAKEWOOD—Congregational Church, 1375 West Clifton Blvd. Mon., 8:30
EUCLID—Christian Church, 28000 Lake Shore Blvd. Tues. 8:30
SUBURBAN WEST—Our Savior Luth'n Church, 20300 Hilliard, Tues., 8:30
MAPLE HEIGHTS—Presbyterian Church, 15715 Libby Rd. Tues. 8:30
BETHANY—Bethany Presbyterian Church, W. 65th & Clinton. Wed., 8:30
E. CLEVELAND—YWCA, Lee Boulevard and Euclid Fri., 1:30
CHARITY—St. Vincent's Charity Hospital, E. 22nd & Central. Fri., 8:30
PARMA—Ridgew'd Sav's & L'n, 5950 Ridge Rd. (2nd & 4th Sat.) Sat., 8:30
VALLEY—7100 Kinsman (2nd & 4th Sunday) Closed Sun., 4:00
NO. ROYALTON—Methodist Church, 13715 Ridge Rd. 8:30

NURSING HOMES THAT TREAT ALCOHOLICS

(This listing does not necessarily indicate endorsement or approval)

A1-Ju, Inc. (MW) 28707 Euclid Ave., Wickliffe, O. JWH 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) 6 0 3 7 Pearl Road, Parma TU 3-1888
Stella Maris Hospital (M) 1320 Washington Ave. SU 1-0554

CLEVELAND AREA AA GROUP MEETINGS

MONDAY

BORTON—E. Cleveland Congrega. Church, Page and Euclid Ave. 8:30
EARLY-EARLY—Plasterers Union Hall, 1631 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
ORCHARD GROVE—Church of Ascension, 13216 Daroit An. 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
SUNNY MONDAY WOMEN—Sunset Rd., St. John's Par. House, Independence 12:30
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
BOWHALL ROAD—Alanon Club, Rte. 20 & Bowhall, Painesville O. 7:00
ELYRIA MEN—St. Agnes I. ke ii Dewey 8:30
NORWALK, O.—League St. School, R. 250 and B. 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. & 260 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
FALLS—Community Church, Olmsted Falls, 7853 Main St. (Columbia Rd.) 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 Mila 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, 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, 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—St. John's Lutheran School, 5826 Cable 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 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. 18001 Detroit Ave. (Car. W. Clifton) 8:30
LORAIN AVE.—S.S. Philip & James Hall, 3689 Bosworth Road 9:00
LORAIN-TRISKETT—West Park YMCA, 15500 Lorain An. 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 8:00
SOUTHWEST WOMEN—6037 Pearl Rd. 8:00
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
WEST SHORE—West Shore Unitarian, 20401 Hilliard Rd., Rocky River 8:30
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 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
SANDUSKY, O.—Provid. Hos. Cafeteria 7:30
MANSFIELD, O.—20% S. Park 8:00 E.S.T.
WICKLIFFE—Wickliffe Presbyterian Church, E. 300th & Ridge Rd. (Route 84) 8:30

THURSDAY

ALLENDALE—St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 15837 Euclid Ave. 8:30
ANGLE—St. Malachis, 2549 Washington 9:00
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—1505 E. 260th, Euclid Congregational Church 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 at.) 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 THURSDAY—2nd and Union, Rossaro's Restaurant 8:00 EST
ASHTABULA HARBOR—North End Club, Comer Walnut Blvd. & Lake Ave. 8:30
BERKA—Fine AM 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

FRIDAY

ANSEL ROAD—St. Thomas Church, 9205 Superior Ave. 9:00
BROADWAY-HARVARD—8437 Bf dway 9:00
CEDAR—Salvation Army, 5005 Euclid 8:15
CHARITY—Amphitheatre, 6th Floor, St. Vincent's Charity Hospital 8:30
CLEVELAND WOMEN—1031 Ter. Tow. 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, 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 YIXBD 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—Federated Churches, 76 Bell Street 9:00
CHARDON—Pilgrim Christian Church, 113 South Street, Chardon, O. 9:00
ELYRIA—St. Agnes (down) Lake & Dewey 8:30
CONNRAUT—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—2125 Broadview Rd. 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—Windermere Presb. Ch., Euclid Ave. and Windermere 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., Educational Bldg., Painesville, O. 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

SUNDAY

AVON CENTRAL—Basement Central Bank 36690 Detroit Road, Avon, O. 8:00
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.
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. 4:30
GOLF LAKELANDS—Trinity Lutheran, Redbird & Chapel No. Madison, O. 3:00
LAKEWOOD A.R.M.O.R.Y.—1437 Wayne Ave., South of Detroit 9:00
LAKEWOOD CLOSED—18001 Detroit Ave., St. Peter's Episcopal Church 8:30
LORAIN COUNTY CONSOLIDATED—First Sunday of web 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 Hall, Rt. 60, Axtel, O. 7:30
WARENSVILLE—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% S. Park 8:00 E.S.T.

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ETERNAL DESIRE

There, is one condition and only one, which must be met before we enter this society. It is the desire to stop drinking. How many of us ever give serious thought to this question? Let's consider it briefly.

Is this desire simply a one-shot initiation fee, or is it a constant continuing need? Must it be unreserved, and deep seated, or can it be a sort of casual thing? On the first question careful reflection may lead you to the opinion of this writer. After we have entered the fellowship, we learn over and over of many simple things to be kept ~~ever uppermost in our minds. But seldom does anyone~~ suggest the importance of this continuing desire. We need it. We need it today as we did yesterday and as we did in the beginning. Those who fall from grace after varying periods of sobriety, can usually point to various phases of the AA program which have been neglected by them. As a rule their failure to do their very best in living our way of life has brought them to the precipice with little or no awareness or warning of it. So they fall. In so doing they are filled with remorse and so impressed with our attitude and continued willingness to help them, that they climb back up the hill with us and find the firmness in footing which escaped them on the first try. They have not only this new sure-footedness but they have a new and deeper sense of gratitude toward AA, and a new and deeper desire to make it stick this second time around.

Reflect carefully on this whole operation. Isn't it the simple truth that their desire the first time had been either lukewarm, or casual, or with at least some reservation? And, isn't it also true that in most cases the mortification of the relapse became the cement which firmly held together their desire to stop drinking on this second try? Fortunately for most of us our desire in the first place was intense, deep-seated and completely unreserved. Our meeting attendance and other activity in the fellowship served among other things to keep that desire alive. Our sobriety became imperative, the more so as we went along. Fortunately for many more of us who may have come in originally with a rather tepid desire and a lot of reservations in the back of our nog-gins, that same sort of activity taught us enough, and soon enough, that we avoided the fall and became firm in the faith of our conviction that sobriety was for us, or else!

This desire for sobriety came to us first when we could not swim any longer. Most of us had gone down at least twice in the sea of alcohol. Any straw at all would have been grabbed by us with the unlimited strength of a madman who could no longer live, but who was afraid to die. Alas, we mortals are frail. Many times in life we are almost that desperate, only to take our rescue for granted after it is realized. We grabbed in desperation for a straw, most of us, and we got instead the sound substantial raft of this fellowship. How could any of us possibly ever take it for granted? Yet, some do. It is probable that all of us do some of the time, or to some extent all of the time.

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An item in the Ohio State Pen Pointers provides us with a splendid opening for the subject we wish to discuss with you this month. It reads:

"There's the famous story of the hunter and the lion. One night, as the hunter was going back to his camp, an enormous lion strolled out of the jungle, not twenty feet away. The lion and the hunter stared at each other warily for a few moments. Then the lion crouched for its spring. The hunter had but one cartridge left in his rifle. He fired and missed.

~~Put the lion's spring had carried~~ him too far, and he landed about fifteen feet beyond the hunter, who then made a safe dash back to his camp.

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

"AA is like that. You can miss it very easily by reaching too far for it. To say, 'I'm never going to take another drink,' is simply trying to jump too far. You have to be a good judge of distance to make AA work, and the best distance is 24 hours.

"Aiming beyond that increases the danger of missing the mark, because AA isn't intended to work more than a day at a time. It isn't a case of judging whether the tenth or the twentieth drink is the passer-out, as might be the case with a non-alcoholic. What the alcoholic has to learn is that he cannot take that first drink.

"Like the lion, he must practice the short jump-the jump that won't carry him too far and land him on that first drink . . . the jump that is only one day long.

"We're all painfully aware of the alcoholic's problem. We're equally aware that the solution isn't always easy. But we are also aware that it is immeasurably more sensible to live by short leaps, exactly AA in length."

Too much emphasis cannot be laid on the importance of the twenty-four hour plan. It has accomplished miracles among previously adjudged "hopeless cases" in the past twenty-six years. The case histories of our earliest members are proof that the AA procedure is absolutely fool-proof. It has NEVER failed, though people have failed by not following the prescription.

As we have written before in this column, alcoholics are a peculiar people. They're rebels . . . stubborn, resistant, fickle, untruthful, unrealistic, disloyal, faithless; yet they can become humble, craven and frightened when the inevitable showdown of TROUBLE, with all of its complications, comes into his life.

The alcoholic is a very sick person, not only physically but mentally. Medicine alone can relieve the alcoholic, but it cannot stay the appetite for alcohol very long. Many doctors advise their patients to "go easy on your intake," though quite a number now tell them flatly, "You're an alcoholic and a compulsive drinker. You can't take even one (drink). Leave it alone. And that means anything with

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Any fool can
criticize . . .
and most of
them do!



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ETERNAL DESIRE

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The desire to stop must grow up to become a fervent, deep-seated desire to stay sober. It must be our one and only desire above all other desires in life. We must want this sobriety with all our hearts, our minds and our spirits. Only so will solid sobriety be born. Of such is the lifeblood of our fellowship and of each and every one of us.

FRIEND OR ENEMY

I am your Yesterday-dead, I yet live in that world called memory. I can be either friend or enemy. If you approach mv shadows with anger or blind remorse. I will be quicksand, pinioning your rage and drowning your futile cries in my morass. But if you come quietly and seek what lessons I may teach, then my sands will become footstones supporting your search for loftier places.

I am Today--I, too, may be either friend or enemy. If my arrival finds you floundering about in yesterday's despair, then I can only crash about your shoulders, an added burden of doom. But if you strive upward, from my foothold I can be of use. Take my band quickly for soon I must go.

I am Tomorrow--I do not know you nor you me, so think not over-much of my coming lest you lose grips with my brother, Today! I am the Great Mystery, and yet the mirror of my identity rests within your own soul. If you can trust what lies reflected there you can trust me. If you cannot trust, hasten to take counsel with Today. Consider no more of me than this: that in time I too will become Today, either friend or enemy as you choose.

-Pen Pointer8

MILL ENDS AND REMNANTS

"The time has come," the Walrus said, "to talk of many things? of shoes and ships and sealing wax, of cabbages and kings." This, as you may have recognized, is from Lewis Carroll's "Through the Looking Glass."

Your columnist is the Walrus personified, although he would resent it if other than he said so, and from time to time bits and bites appearing herein will be through our looking glass in and about A.A.

We have our shoes (now that we have been sober for awhile, although most of us were down to our uppers), our ships (there has been some talk of two yacht groups) and sealing wax (a very practical and useful item when on the receiving end of the Fifth Step).

Our cabbages are more often than not very exasperating, just as stomach-distressing as the real thing, yet we keep trying because we like it. Then last, but not least, there are our kings-the newcomers, whom we observe through a coronation day each twenty-four hours of prayerful, hopeful, thankful sobriety clothed in the regal cloak of grace.

Truly, we have many things to talk over, but that's all
-George M.

MANY GROUPS MAKE CHANGES

We urge everyone who plans to visit one of the 150 or more groups in-the area as a speaker or guest to check page four of each month's issue, for there have been nine changes made in this issue of the Bulletin. Might save you a lot of unnecessary travel.

PRACTICE-A MUST

(Continued from page one)

alcohol in it."

Alone, on his own, this advice is not strong enough for the compulsive drinker. He needs companionship. AA is available for him if he would only seek it. He needs someone to talk to who has suffered as he has suffered-someone who has found a way to live happily and peacefully--someone who can teach him how to weather temptation.

The newcomer into AA must be taught the seriousness of his illness-that it IS an illness and one very critical.

The simplicity of the 24-hour plan should be emphasized as well as the importance of accepting and following every one of our Twelve Steps.

If the candidate is sincere, he can't miss.

APPRECIATION

The officers of the Central Bulletin Foundation wish to express their appreciation for the splendid work of the many volunteers who offered to contact each of the Cleveland area groups for greater support of Central Bulletin.

After less than a month of effort, 22 groups have subscribed for ten copies on the group plan which will be given to non-subscribers, particularly their new "babies."

The volunteers will ask each group to appoint one of their number to receive subscriptions to the Bulletin from members of their group.

The Foundation, headed by Chairman Bob L. of Independence, has learned that-there are many newcomers who haven't been informed about the existence of the Bulletin and how much they can learn from its columns each month to ensure their sobriety.

The Bulletin is YOUR house organ. We only ask that you make its contents known to all your members. Thank you.

THOUGHTS TO APPLY

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver of Cleveland, preaching in his Temple on "The Status Seekers," said in part: "No man can give you anything to add an inch to your stature or an ounce to your self-respect, except truth and fellowship. No man can take away from you what he has never given you. Nothing can magnify you but yourself. If a man is a small potato, he remains one whether he be boiled, mashed or French fried."

WEST VIRGINIA STATE ASSEMBLY

Parkersburg, W.Va., September 15, 16, 17, 1961

Our AA friends just south of us in West Virginia hope to meet many Ohioans at their Eighth Annual State Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous on September 15, 16 and 17.

Many of them received their indoctrination in AA in Cleveland and are frequent visitors to groups in Cleveland. Many of them hospitalize their "babies" in Cleveland hospitals and nursing homes.

Two Clevelanders will speak at the convention-Howie L. of the Angle group and Harry D. of the Edgelake group.

More details will appear in the August issue. In the meantime, put the dates down on your calendars.

ASHTABULA ALANON

The Ashtabula Alanon group has changed its meeting night and location to Harris Memorial Presbyterian Church, W. 58th and Adams Avenue in Ashtabula.

As of June 5, 1961, their meetings will be held on the first and third Mondays of each month at 8:30 p.m.

OBITUARY

John Garvin, with over fifteen years of continuous sobriety, and an enthusiastic and popular member of the Angle group, passed on to his eternal reward on Tuesday, June 6, after a long siege with cancer. In spite of his evident suffering, he maintained his infectious, happy smile and disposition. He was a much loved man.

Our sincere condolences go to his widow and children.

GROUP NEWS

To insure publication, group news articles **must be** submitted IN WRITING before the 15th day of each month.

Allendale—July speakers: **6—James H.**, Newburgh; **13—Ziggy P.**, Forest City; **20—Jim L.**, Miles-Lee; **27—Ralph S., Sr.**, For&t City.

Baxter—July speakers: **5—Ed T.**, Lorain Monday; **12—Ray C.**, Broadway-Harvard; **19—Molly H.**, Angle; **26—Ed S.**, Broadway-Harvard.

Brooklyn-July speakers: **5—Dr. Ben S.**, Coventry; **12—Chas. K.**, Shaker; **19—Tom M.**, Solidarity; **26—Jerry W.**, Brooklyn (his 16th anniversary).

Charity—July speakers: **7—Bob A.**, Parma; **14—John B.**, Lakewood Men; **21—Marty G.**, Euclid; **28—Lynn C.**, Berea-Thursday.

Doan Men—July speakers: **5—Andy S.**, Doan Men; **12—Jim D.**, Early-Early; **19—Eddie G.**; **26—Howard B.**, Independence.

Euclid Friday-July speakers: **7—Don K.**, St. Clair Thursday; **14—Howie L.**, Angle; **21—Dr. Wm. S.**, Northeast; **28—Carol M.**, Lander Circle.

Elyria **Wednesday**—July speakers: **5—Ada H.**, Lakewood Armory; **12—Tony W.**, Elyria Wednesday (his 15th anniversary); **19—Nellie F.**, 6700 Discussion (her 9th anniversary); **26—Hal B.**, Elyria Wednesday (his 1st anniversary).

Garden Valley Thursday-July speakers: **6—Larry G.**, Youngstown, O.; **13—Judge James C.**, Cleveland; **20—Betty E.**, East Shore Women; **27—Roy** and **Lanson N.** (brothers).

Garden Valley Sunday-July speakers: **2—Bob F.**, Maria Joseph; **9—Dan S.**, Garden Valley; **16—Emil G.**, Struthers, O.; **23—Mary L.**, Brooklyn; **30—Marty R.**, East Shore Women.

Gordon Square—Observes its nineteenth anniversary on Friday, July 21, with Ed B., a twenty-year member and one of Gordon Square's original members, as speaker. This occasion suggests a possible reunion of many of Cleveland's old timers with opportunities to reminisce. Other July speakers are: **7—Neil M.**, Ashtabula Harbor; **14—Chuck B.**, Fairview, Pa.; **28—Bill D.**, Smith-Wilson.

Lake County—July speakers: **4—Leon "Tiny" DeB.**; **11—Howie L.**, Angle; **18—Jim D.**, Independence; **25—June R.**, East Side Women.

Lakewood Armory—July speakers: **2—Felix B.**, Strongsville; **8—John W.**, West Park; **16—Jim S.**, Berea Friday; **23—Ben T.**, West Park; **30—Ralph B.**, Independence.

Lorain Ave. Monday-July speakers: **3—Warren C., Jr.**, Edgelake; **10—Russ** and **Edith I.**, Akron, O.; **17—Steve F.**, Valley View; **24—Jim M.**, Lakewood Armory; **31—Jim C.**, 8005.

North **Olmsted**—July speakers: **5—Regina R.**, Fairview Park; **12—Al S.**, No. Olmsted; **19—Jim M.**, Lakewood Armory; **26—Bob L.**, Independence.

Orchard Grove-July speakers: **3—Stan P.**, Smith-Wilson; **10—Bill C.**, Solidarity; **17—Doc H.**, Broadway-55th; **24—Eleanor P.**, Lakewood Armory; **31—Art S.**, Parma Heights.

St. Clair Thursday—Has moved to new quarters in Nottingham Methodist Church, St. Clair and Melville. July speakers: **6—Brenda L.**, Newburgh; **13—Steve C.**,; **20—Joe S.**,; **27—Ed C.**, Newburgh.

Trinity-July speakers: **1—Margie K.**, Eastside Women; **8—Don D.**, Valley View; **15—Jack B.**, Rocky River; **22—Herman P.**, Rocky River; **29—Bud C.**, Newburgh.

Valley View—Moves on June 24 to new quarters in Pilgrim Congregational Church, W. 14th and Starkweather. July speakers: **1—Fred D.**, Coventry; **8—Geo. O'H.**, Edgelake; **15—Tom P.**, League Park; **22—Ruth V.**, Westside Women; **29—Ed C.**, Newburgh.

West Park-July speakers: **4—No meeting**—Independence

Day; **11—Walter D.**, Fairview Park; **18—Eddie D.**, Fairview Park; **25—Eddie S.**, Angle.

West Richfield-July speakers: **6—Tom R.**, West Richfield; **13—James K.**, Newburgh; **20—Joe R.**, Lorain Ave. Monday; **27—Les W.**, West Richfield.

West **25th**—July speakers: **3—Bob J.**, Lorain-Triskett; **10—Jim K.**, Newburgh; **17—Jim S.**, W. 25th (his 7th anniversary); **24—Tony T.**, Canton, O. (his first lead); **31—Terry J.**, Hague.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

There will be no July meeting of Central Committee because the regular meeting night happens to fall on a holiday, July 4. Should some issue arise which needs immediate action, Moderator Stan P. has been authorized to arrange for a meeting and summon all group representatives.

It is expedient, therefore, that every group remain loyal to the principles and traditions of our Fellowship, particularly in July.

AA DISTRICT OFFICE

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

AA PICNIC

The nineteenth annual AA picnic sponsored by the Friday Lee and Your groups will be held on Sunday, July 16, in Wiegand's Lake Park, located on Route 87, about two miles east of Russell Road (Route 396).

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

Boating, bathing (life guard on duty), dancing (with prizes), games and prizes for children, baseball and 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 PO 1-8466, or they may be obtained at the park.

GIGGLES

A Judge in England told a **74-year** old English woman who had been arrested 500 times for public intoxication, "The court dismisses the 500th charge," said He, "in commemoration of this exceptional record."

The habitual drinker was at large again after taking the cure. A friend asked him how it had been.

"Ghastly experience," he declared. "Why I lived for days and days on nothing but food and water."

Man: My wife has the **worst memory** I ever heard of.
Friend: Forgets everything eh?
Man: No. Remembers everything.

ALANON GROUP MEETINGS

ASHTABULA—Harris Memorial W. 58 & Adams.1st & 3rd Mon.,	8:30
LAKEWOOD—Congregational Church. 1375 West Clifton Blvd.Mon.,	8:30
EUCLID—Christian Church, 28000 Lake Shore Blvd	Tues., 8:30
SUBURBAN WEST—Our Savior Luth'n Church, 20300 Hilliard, Tues.,	8:30
MAPLE HEIGHTS—Presbyterian Church, 15715 Libby Rd	Tues., 8:30
BETHANY—Bethany Presbyterian Church, W. 65th & Clinton....	Wed., 8:30
E. CLEVELAND—YWCA, Lee Boulevard and Euclid.....	Fri. 1:30
CHARITY—St. Vincent's Charity Hospital, E. 22nd & Central.....	Fri., 8:30
PARMA—Ridgew'd Sav's & L'n, 5950 Ridge Rd. (2nd & 4th Sat.)	Sat., 8:30
VALLEY-7100 Kinsman (2nd & 4th Sunday) Closed	Sun., 4:00
NO. ROYALTON—Methodist Church, 137 15 Ridge Rd.....	8:30

NURSING HOMES THAT TREAT ALCOHOLICS

(This listing does not necessarily indicate endorsement a? ● +vmd)
A1-Ju, Inc. (MW) 28707 Euclid Ave., Wickliffe, O.WH 4-2244
Cleveland Alcoholic Hospital (MW) 7809 Euclid Ave.EX 1-3998
Dorothy McCauliffe Alcoholic Clinic (MW) 8204 Detroit AT 1-3353
Farquharson's Home (M) 6037 Pearl Road, - w
Stella Maris Hospital (M) 1320 Washington Ave.su 1-0554

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CLEVELAND AREA A A GROUP MEETINGS

MONDAY

BORTON—E. Cleveland Congrega. Church, Page and Euclid Ave. 8:30
EARLY-EARLY—Plasterers Union H. a. n., 1611 E. 24th St. (near Payne Ave.) 7:00
FRIENDLY SUBURBAN—6637 Pearl 8:00
FRIENDSHIP—Blvd. Presbyterian Ch., 24600 Lake Shore Bldg. 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
SUNNY MONDAY WOMEN—Sunset Rd., St. John's Par. House, Independence 12:30
TEMPLE—Temple Baptist, 7566 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
BOWHALL ROAD—Alanan Club, Rte. 20 & Bowhall, Painesville O. 7:00
ELYRIA MEN'S—St. Agnes, Lake & Dewey 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 AM
EUCLID-WADE—C. A. H. Clubrooms, Third Floor, 7809 Euclid Ave. 8:30
FAIRMOUNT—St. Paul's Episcopal, Fairmount and Coventry 9:00
FALLS—Community Church, Olmsted Falls, 7853 Main St. (Columbia Rd.) 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, Kirtland, O.—Old South Ch. Rt. 306 8:30
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 Episc. Par. Hse. 8:30
SANDUSKY, 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

BAXTER—St. John's Lutheran School, 5826 Cable 8:30
BEDFORD—Bedford Christian Church, Warrensville Center & Blaine 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
ZASTSIDE MORNING—9606 Euclid Ave., Euclid Ave. Congr. (Side ent.) 10:30 a.m.
GARFIELD—Pilgrim E. & R. Church, 4592 E. 131st St. 8:30

HAGUE—Grace Cong. Assembly Hall, West 65th and Colgate 9:30
LAKEWOOD WOMEN—St. Peter's Episc'l 18001 Detroit Ave. (Cor. W. Clifton) 9:30
LORAIN AVE.—S.S. Philip & James Hall, 3689 Bosworth Road 9:00
LORAIN-TRISKETT—West Park YMCA, 15500 Lorain Ave. 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 8:00
SOUTHWEST WOMEN—6037 Pearl Rd. 8:00
TRAINING-REFRESHER—Illuminating Bldg. (rear) Rm. 361, 55 Public Sq. 8:30
TWENTY-FOUR HOUR—13116 Detroit, Church of the Ascension 8:30
WARRENSVILLE—Women's House Cor. 7:30
WEST SHORE—West Shore Unitarian, 20401 Hilliard Rd., Rocky River 8:30
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 & d Fourth Wednesday 7:30
BRUNSWICK, O.—Cuyahoga Au'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—Luther Center, Eagle St., Fairport Harbor 8:00
INTERRACIAL—30th & Wood, Lorain, O., Mt. Zion Baptist Church 8:30
JEFFERSON, O.—St. Joseph's Church 8:30
LAKE COUNTY WOMEN—Grace Episcopal, 38015 Euclid Ave., Willoughby 1:00
NO. ROYALTON—Methodist Church, 13715 Ridge Road 8:30
SANDUSKY, O.—Provid. Hos. Cafeteria 7:30
MANSFIELD, O.—20 1/2 S. Park 8:00 E.S.T.
WICKLIFFE—Wickliffe Presbyterian Church, E. 300th & Ridge Rd. (Route 84) 8:30

THURSDAY

ALLZNDALZ—St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 15837 Euclid Ave. 8:30
ANGLE—St. Malachis, 2549 Washington 9:00
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—1505 E. 260th, Congregational Church 8:30
GARDEN VALLEY—(Outhwaite) 700 Kinsman Ave. 1:00
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-THURS.—Nottingham Methodist Church, St. Clair & Melville 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 THURSDAY—2nd and Union, Rossaro's Restaurant 8:00 EST
ASHTABULA HARBOR—North End Club, Comer Walnut Blvd. & Lake Ave. 8:30
BERZA—Fine Arts Club, E. Bagley Rd., 8400 W. 2nd, 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, Burrin, Ohio 8:30
PAINESVILLE—Congregational Church, Rts. 306 and 283, Mentor, O. 8:30

FRIDAY

ANSEL ROAD—St. Thomas Church, 9205 Superior Ave. 9:00
BROADWAY-HARVARD—8437 Brdway 9:00
CEDAR—Salvation Army, 5005 Euclid 8:15
CHARITY—Amphitheatre, 6th Floor, St. Vincent's Charity Hospital 8:30
CLEVELAND WOMEN—1031 Ter. Tow. 6:00
EUCLID FRIDAY—Epiphany Church, Lake Shore and Z. 210th 9:00
FRANKLIN—3804 Woodbine Ave. 8:30
FRIDAY AFTERNOON WOMEN—1717 1/2 mouth Church, Coventry and Drexmore, Krumbine Room 9:00
GORDON SQUARE—St. Helena's Hall, 1367 W. 65th St. 9:00
LEE ROAD—American Legion Hall, Post 163, 15544 Zudil 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
TAPCG—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
BERZA—Social room of Berza Cong. Church, Seminary and Church 8:30
CHAGRIN FALLS—Federated Churches, 76 Bell Street 900
CHARDON—Pilgrim Christian Church, 113 South Street, Chardon, O. 9:00
ELYRIA—St. Agnes (down) Lake & Dewey 8:30
CGNNEAUT, O.—B. of L. E. Hall 8:30
WELLINGTON—St. Patrick's Catholic Church, No. Main St., Wellington, O. 8:30

SATURDAY

FOREST CITY—2125 Broadview Rd. 9:00
JACK & HEINTZ—17600 Broadway 8:30
LANDER CIRCLE—Garfield Mem. 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—Windermere Presb. Ch., Euclid Ave. and Windermere 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. Educ. Bldg., Mentor Ave., P'sville 8:30
REDWOOD—Euclid Lutheran Church, E. 260th and Oriole 8:30
TRINITY—Trinity Evangelical Church, 3525 W. 25th St. 9:00
VALLEY VIEW—Pilgrim Congr. Church, 2592 W. 14th, cor. Starkweather 9:00
ASHTABULA, O.—St. Peter's Epia. Church, Main Avenue at South Park 8:30
ELYRIA SATNITE—Alconon Club, 345 Broad St., Elyria, O. 8:30
LORAIN SATNITZ—7th and Reed St., St. Mary's Church Basement 8:30
MANSFIELD, O.—20 1/2 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

SUNDAY

AVON CENTRAL—Basement Central Bank, 36690 Detroit Road, Avon, O. 8:00
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 AM
COLLINWOOD—945 Z. 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
LAKEWOOD CLOSED—18001 Detroit Ave., St. Peter's Episcopal Church 8:30
LORAIN COUNTY CONSOLIDATED—First Sunday of each month, St. John's Sch., 31 & Rt. 57, Lorain 7:30
MARIA JOSEPH—Plasterer Hall, 1651 E. 24th St., at Payne Ave. 2:00
MISTLETOZ—St. Thomas Church, 9205 Superior Ave. 7:00
NEWBURGH—St. Catherine's Church, 3443 Z. 93rd St. 8:30
NEWBURY—St. Helena's Church, Rt. 87. 8:15
SUPERIOR—STAG-6801 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 AM
CHIPPEVA—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 Z.S.T.

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HOPE

The answers to nearly all human problems are bound up in three short words—Faith, Hope and Love. Of these three great realities, the **greatest** is **undoubtedly** love, for without love we cannot have faith. Faith, the great mountain-moving power, presumably is the next greatest. Hope is **undoubtedly** the least. Yet from our humble, shaken and confused beginnings, hope has been not merely the cornerstone, but the very foundation of our **sobriety**. A small ray of hope was the first penetration of light and truth into a desolate darkness of despair in which we found ourselves.

As we sail our ship of sobriety through seas that are more hazardous for us, than for most sailors, we must ever steer toward hope, if we would leave fear astern. Fear it was that led us astray. Fear of reality and truth. Fear of tomorrow. Fear even of today. And hope must be our ever-present antidote for the poison of fear, however much progress we may seem to make in our life of sobriety as it goes along.

As we move on and our Higher Power becomes more real to us, we develop the human touch of our fellowship, and we help bring hope to others. Therein lies a strengthening of our own hope to make it more enduring, less susceptible of destruction, and to make us more constantly aware of its basic constant need in us and in the newcomer. In building this hope, we build our own. Love is born in the process and when love is there, God as we understand Him is there, and faith is then born too.

It has been said that men cannot live together hopefully for long unless embarked on some great unifying enterprise, one for which they pledge their lives. Surely we have a great unifying enterprise which surpasses the conception of most people. And we have pledged the lives we have regained for well we know it is only through such devotion that we shall keep them.

Two years ago this writer visited a friend in the hospital. He was seriously, not critically, ill, but he was in complete despair. His doctor arrived as we left, and we questioned him in the hallway. He said, "Frankly, I am disturbed about his chances, not because of his condition, but because he has given up hope." Three days later he died. So will our sobriety unless in meeting the distress and discouragements of life, we hang on to that indelible shred of hope. One of life's cyclones may flatten the superstructure of our sobriety, but we can preserve it through refuge in the storm cellar of everlasting hope.

When we emerge from this haven with our sobriety intact, the wisdom of experience should aid us in building a new super-structure that is more enduring against the storms on the sea of our sober life. For us, "Hope springs eternal" is a must. A man and his hope will survive with the sacred gift of sober life.

To cease striving is to begin to die.

THE RIGHT APPROACH

"Alcoholics are certainly unpredictable," observed a visitor to our office during the past week. "I simply can't believe," he continued, "that I ever was as 'difficult' as the last two I've been working with! Maybe my approach is wrong, for I simply can't convince them that they're hooked and can't take even one drink!"

"Both, in my book, need the program badly. Both are on probation on drunken driving charges— one of them has lost his job and the other is in danger of losing his. Both have family trouble and have everything to lose, but . . . they won't admit that they are alcoholics. What am I doing wrong?"

We believe that every member of AA has experienced the same feeling of frustration. In analyzing our own failures, we reluctantly were forced to admit, that we had become "preacher" (didactic) instead of "advisor." We forgot the condition of mind we were in when we were approached the first time.

The alcoholic is running scared, running away from facing reality like a cornered rat—sick, bewildered, confused, particularly when it meant being deprived of his only known means of escape from all trouble—alcohol with its guarantee of oblivion.

In our approach now, we soften the pedal on the word "alcoholic." Instead we refer to problem drinkers and their problems. In our first approach we avoid mentioning the name Alcoholics Anonymous. (That word "alcoholic" seems to erect an impenetrable wall). We only emphasize that people become problem drinkers when they become compulsive drinkers and

that compulsive drinkers usually wind up as alcoholics. With this approach we have been more successful.

We must never forget our own resistance to advice when we first came in. We believe that every candidate is different. Some of them are easily handled, especially those that are in the earlier stages of the disease.

Even these need further attention. These should be warned not to rate themselves as "not as bad" as others whom they have listened to at AA meetings.

"It isn't what you drink or how much you drink that warrants your membership in AA—it's what it does to you that qualifies you for this league!" This remark we sha'n't ever forget. We heard it many years ago at a meeting addressed by irrefragable Dr. C. C. H., of Berea. It eliminated any doubts in our mind that we belonged in this league.

The problem drinker's worst advisors are people who know little or nothing about AA or alcoholism. Among these are friends who rarely drink to excess, relative; who fear the stigma of association with alcoholism, per se, uninformed physicians, ministers, priests, social workers, etc., etc. All advise, just as ours advised us, "Just don't drink so much."

We also believe sincerely that before approaching any prospect that we invoke God's guidance on what we have to say to the candidate. In our experience on many occasions we have uttered thoughts we had never expressed

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vants, or is the
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MILL ENDS AND REMNANTS

In writing, as in speaking, **at** home or abroad, your columnist rarely has the last word.

"Truly, we have many things to talk over, but that's all for now, **by George!**"

should have **been the signoff** for last month's MILL ENDS, but up popped the devil (printer's) and it was left hanging like a rookie pitcher's curve ball.

An item we ran across the other day related how human a trait it is to lament the missing of opportunities. It brings to mind how no few of us are prone to hold post mortems, to blame ourselves and not infrequently others for having failed to recognize those opportunities that were not clearly labeled.

Yes, how prone **we** are to look **through** the looking glass—look backward rather than at the reflection in the mirror, paying little attention to the potential opportunities we see in ourselves as happily sober alcoholics.

Let us not **permit** our daily inventories to become inquiries, but **rather** serve to explore our potential, to search and evaluate our possibilities inherent in the daily improvement of our lives as we mount the staircase of the program of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Seneca said: "Fire is the test of gold; adversity of men!" So even adversity creates new opportunities if we seek with open minds, open hearts and open eyes.

The malcontent is usually a man who ignores his own opportunities for self-improvement, while stewing over the **shortcomings** of others.

Wish I had said that, by George!

NEWBURGH STATE HOSPITAL PROJECT

With the **cooperation** of several interested AA members, the staff, headed by **Dr. Podrygola**, Mrs. Audrey Bartkus and Mr. Randy Taylor, is in the process of screening the several hundred **mental** patients whom they believe can be salvaged through the AA philosophy.

Several members of AA who have seen miraculous recoveries in other sectors of this country and Canada are carefully working out feasible plans, first on a small scale and later on the full scale, which, they have seen in operation. Then to fifteen carefully screened patients will constitute the first experiment.

The first weekly session will be held on Saturday, July 22 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Anyone interested should contact Fred F., RA 1-9674 from 9 to 11 a.m. The meetings will be held in the Williams Building, the furthest east building with the driveway entrance at 4455 Turney road.

Refreshments will be served.

FORMER CLEVELAND NURSE IN HOSPITAL

Sally Low, for many years a nurse at Cleveland Alcohol Hospital where she won many friends, has herself been hospitalized in Columbus TB Hospital, Columbus, Ohio.

She is a sister of Johnny H., very active here for the past twenty years and now a native of California.

She would appreciate hearing from her many Cleveland friends.

THE RIGHT APPROACH?

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before. We have learned that many other successful sponsors have had the same experience.

Incidentally, rarely do we stress the spiritual part of the program in the first stages. To us who believe that the spiritual side of the program is the essence of our fellowship, this might appear wrong. We must remember however, that the prospect's mind is **befogged** and only his physical condition is our immediate problem.

Let's never forget that we are only **God's** instruments. Certainly we owe it to Him to consult Him on such an important commission assigned to us.

OHIO GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE

Neil House, Columbus, Ohio, August 11, 12, 13, 1961

A very interesting program has been developed by the hard-working committee in charge of this important Conference. Well qualified speakers were carefully selected and preparations are being made to entertain over 1000 AA members from the four sectors of Ohio.

The Northeastern Ohio sector, headed by capable and popular Ann C., of Niles, our **NEO** delegate, should be well represented, inasmuch as this sector contains the greatest number of groups and members. We urge immediate action in making reservations with the secretary of your group who has a supply in hand.

The registration cost is \$3.00 per person with an additional charge of \$5.00 for the banquet. Attendance at the meetings is restricted to registration ticket holders, which is proper.

Room rates at the Neil House are: Single \$7.00; Double \$9.00; Twin \$11.00. Save yourself **and** your party disappointment and inconvenience by making your reservations as soon as possible.

WEST VIRGINIA STATE ASSEMBLY

Parkersburg, W. Va., September 15, 16, 17, 1961

The Eighth Annual West Virginia State Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous is being held for the first time in Parkersburg, W. Va., and the chairman, Jack **McC.**, is busier than the proverbial cat on a tin roof with his committee, determined to make this assembly a memorable occasion for all who attend. Jack, a frequent visitor at Rosary Hall is impressed with the "Cleveland brand" of AA, and hopes to inoculate the members of his state with the same spirit.

The headquarters of the assembly will be the Chancellor Hotel where the Saturday 1 p.m. meeting, the 7 p.m. Banquet and the 10:30 a.m. Sunday meetings will be held. The Friday evening 8 p.m. meeting and get-together and the Saturday morning 10 a.m. meeting will be held in Trinity Hall which is located two short **blocks from the** hotel.

Speakers include **Cecial D.**, Ethel M., Howie L. and Harry D., of the N. E. Ohio area.

THIRD ALATEEN GROUP

Cleveland's third **ALATEEN** group was started on the East Side. The group meets weekly at the Euclid Avenue Congregational Church at 96th and Euclid, Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. The first meeting was on July 5.

ALATEEN is an organization of young people from twelve to twenty who have the common problem of an alcoholic in their **family**.

ALATEENS meet to help one another with the feelings and difficulties that result from this problem. Like AA and Alanon, **ALATEEN** is a self-help and self-improvement group, not a gripe session. Members discuss their problems and other members make comments and suggestions. Attendance is limited to members, except that one or more adult sponsors meet with the group. There are dances, picnics, and other social events for members and their **guests** from time to time.

Every young person over twelve and under twenty who has an **alcoholic** in his or her family is invited to attend.

GROUP NEWS

To insure publication, group news articles must be submitted IN WRITING before the 15th day of each month.

Allendale-August speakers: 3-Mary McI., Clark; 10—George G., Forest City; 17—Molly H., Angle; 24—Eddie G., Shaker; 31—Bart McI., Edgelake.

Arcade—Meetings discontinued because of remodeling. Upon completion, meetings will be resumed.

Brooklyn-August speakers: 2—Tony W., Elyria Wednesday; 9—Charles S., Brooklyn (his 21st anniversary); 16—Ray B., Brooklyn (his first lead); 23—Dick A., Coventry; 30—Ed B., Shaker (a 21-year veteran).

Doan Men-August speakers: 2—Ed B., Broadway-Harvard; 9—Fred G., Arcade; 16—Jim L., Fairmount; 23—George O'H., Edgelake; 30—Lloyd H., Arcade.

Friendly Suburban-August speakers: 7—Don P., Edgelake; 14—Jack G., Edgelake; 21—John L., Edgelake; 28—Doug McC., Friendly Suburban.

Gordon Square-August speakers: 1—Theresa D., Clark; 11—Lee T., Lakewood Armory; 19—Charles C., Solidarity; 25—Joe B., Clark.

Lakewood Armory—Observes its Third Anniversary on Sunday? August 6, at 9 p.m. Speakers will be Joe McK. and Skid S. Other August speakers: 13—Jack B., Rocky River; 20—Theresa McC., Clark; 27—Jim and Agnes O'M., Lakewood Armory.

Lee Road Monday-August speakers: 7—Arch H., Lee-Monday; 14—Eddie H., Lee-Monday (his 17th anniversary); 21—Eric A., Lee-Monday; 28—Judge Jim C.

Lorain Ave.-Monday-August speakers: 7—Bill P., Cleveland Psychiatric; 14—Pat J., Lakewood Armory; 21—Art F., 28—Tom R., Newburgh.

Nela Park—A new group which will hold its first meeting on Sunday, August 6, at 7:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria of the Advertising Building in Nela Park on Noble Road. Harry D., Edgelake, will be the speaker. The secretary is Don B., of Euclid, Ohio.

No. Olmsted-August speakers: 2—Scotty McA., Angle; 9—Herman P., Rocky River; 16—Bob R., Rocky River; 23—Don C., Avon Central; 30—Willie M., Strongsville.

Orchard Grove—August speakers: 7—Pat F., Brooklyn; 14—Joe K., Brooklyn; 21—Jim D., Independence; 28—Jerry W., Brooklyn.

Parma—Observes its 14th Anniversary on Saturday, July 29, at 8:45 p.m. in Rodgewood Savings & Loan, 5950 Ridge Road, Parma. The speaker will be Warren C., Sr., formerly of Cleveland and now of Canton, O.

St. Clair Thursday-August speakers: 3—Jack W., Superior Stag; 10—Frank W., Northeast; 17—Ed M., Matt Talbot; 24—Bobby M., Matt Talbot; 31—Ed H., Monday-Lee. The group now meets in Nottingham Methodist Church, St. Clair and Melville, at 8:30 p.m.

Trinity-August speakers: 5—David O'B., Pearl; 12—Bob L., Independence; 19—Carol M., Lander Circle; 26—Franklyn S., Doan Men.

Valley View-August speakers: 5—Observes its 15th Anniversary on Saturday, August 5, at 9 p.m. in Pilgrim Congregational Church, W. 14th and Starkweather. The panel of speakers, each with over 20 years of continued sobriety, are Warren C., Sr., Tom V. and Tom D. Other August speakers are: 12—Andy S., Valley View (his second anniversary); 19—Howie L., Angle; 26—Frieda L., Brooklyn.

West Park-August speakers: 1—Steve L., Memphis; 8—Mary W., Westside Women; 15—Joe K., Brooklyn; 22—Barney C., Angle; 29—Bill S., Brooklyn.

West 25th—August speakers: 7—Jim M., Forest City; 14—John F., Forest City and Nick K., W. 25th (his 13th anniversary); 21—Arthur B., Forest City; 28—Theresa D., Clark.

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OLD TIMERS' NIGHT

The fourth annual Old Timers' Night will be held on Thursday, July 27, 8:30 p.m. in Independence High School Auditorium. This annual affair, sponsored by the Independence group, attracted an immense crowd last year and it is hoped that the coming affair will attract even more.

It will be a grand opportunity to meet many of the old timers who helped develop our wonderful fellowship. Last year more than 50 with over 20 years sobriety behind them attended and were affectionately greeted and saluted.

MORAL COURAGE o

As we move around the ever-widening circle of AA membership, we are impressed by the gallant courage that lies deep in each individual who lives the program. Being an AA is not like being an Elk or an Eagle, a K. C. or a Mason. These are fine organizations, but it takes no particular courage to be a member. To be an AA requires the highest type of courage . . . moral courage. Moral courage is the kingly consciousness in the individual that there is something within him that makes him greater than all the forces that can be ranged in battle array against him.

Don't let anyone tell you that alcoholics who practice the principles of AA haven't courage. The life of an AA is a constant struggle, hopeless but for that courage.

It takes courage to live boldly by the truth, to speak the truth we know, to live the truth we speak. It takes courage to live squarely, honestly, in accord with our principles, to move forward bravely along the road of right, when the by-paths are alluring with the roses of desire, and the joy we crave tempts our obsession-seared minds, and when that which we crave could be ours for the taking.

But taking it would (be a wrong done to ourselves, to another, a sacrifice to principle, a wound inflicted on our self-respect, a failure to live up to our conception of what is right.

Even a coward may have temporary courage when there are bugles and cheers to bolster him, but it takes a real man to fight on alone, unnoticed, uncheered, with no inspiration but the voice of his own soul urging him to stand fast.

Those who have lived the program of AA, no matter how long or how short a time, have demonstrated the necessary moral courage. And they are grateful. When they give thanks for their home and family, their good health and good fortune, they should not forget to be grateful for the moral courage that made all these things possible.

AA DISTRICT OFFICE

The Cleveland AA District Office will be closed on Saturdays during June, July and August. Any calls however to the office will be recorded and processed the same day.

ALANON GROUP MEETINGS

ASHTABULA—Harris Memorial W. 58 & Adams. 1st & 3rd Mon., 8:30
LAKEWOOD—Congregational Church, 1375 West Clifton Blvd. Mon., 8:30
EUCLID—Christian Church, 28000 Lake Shore Blvd. Tues., 8:30
SUBURBAN WEST—Our Savior Luth'n Church, 20300 Hilliard, Tues., 8:30
MAPLE HEIGHTS—Presbyterian Church, 15715 Libby Rd. Tues., 8:30
BETHANY—Bethany Presbyterian Church, W. 65th & Clinton . . . Wed., 8:30
E. CLEVELAND—YWCA, Lee Boulevard and Euclid . . . Fri., 1:30
CHARITY—St. Vincent's Charity Hospital, E. 22nd & Central. . . Fri., 8:30
PARMA—Ridgew'd Sav's & L'n, 5950 Ridge Rd. (2nd & 4th Sat.) Sat., 8:30
VALLEY—7100 Kinsman (2nd & 4th Sunday) Closed . . . Sun., 4:00

NURSING HOMES THAT TREAT ALCOHOLICS

(This listing does not necessarily indicate endorsement or approval)

A1-Ju, Inc. (MW) 28707 Euclid Ave., Wickliffe, O WH 4-2744
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 Bad. Parma. TTT 5-1882
Stella Maris Hospital (M) 1320 Washington Ave. SU 1-0554

CLEVELAND AREA AA GROUP MEETINGS

MONDAY

- BORTON**—E. Cleveland Congrega. Church, Page and Euclid Ave. 8:30
EARLY-EARLY—Plasterers Union Hall, 1641 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
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 Warrenville Center Rd. 9:00
SOUTH EAST—7526 Broadway 8:30
SUNNY MONDAY WOMEN—Sunset Rd., St. John's Par. House, Independence 12:30
TEMPLE—Temple Baptist, 7500 Cedar 8:15
UNION—East View Congregational Church, Kinsman at E. 156th St. 8:30
WEST 25th ST.—Marvel Hall, 2858 W. 25th St. 9:00
WOMEN'S—Westside—West Boulevard Christian Church, Madison and W. 101 8:45
BOWHALL ROAD—Alanon Club, Rte. 20 & Bowhall, Painesville, O. 7:00
ELYRIA MEN—St. Agnes, Lake & Dewey 8:30
VERMILION—Congregational Church 8:30
WILLOUGHBY, O.—Presbyterian Church 8:30

TUESDAY

- ARCADE**—No meetings until further notice, across from Post Office 8:30
CLARK—1917 Clark Ave. 8:30
CORLETT MIXED—Holy Family Parish Hall, 3845 E. 131st St. 8:30
WEST 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-VADE-C.—A. H. Clubrooms, Third Floor, 7809 Euclid Ave. 8:30
FAIRMOUNT—St. Paul's Episcopal, Fairmount and Coventry 9:00
FALLS—Community Church, Olmsted Falls, 7853 Main St. (Columbia Rd.) 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—Puritan Lutheran Church, Puritas Ave. and W. 138th St. 8:30
ASHLAND, O.—First Presbyterian Church, 3rd & Church St. 8:00 EST
ASHTABULA CONSOLIDATED—Methodist Church, South Broadway Geneva, Ohio—First Tuesday 8:30
KRTFLAND, O.—Old South Ch. Rt. 306 8:30
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 Presbyterian, across from Post Office 7:30
SHREVE—Shreve Armory, South St., Shreve, O. 8:30 EST
STRONGSVILLE—Town Hall 8:30

WEDNESDAY

- BAXTER**—St. John's Lutheran School, 5826 Cable 8:30
BEDFORD—Bedford Christian Church, Warrensville Center & Blaine 8:30
BROOKLYN-K.—of P. Hell, 3316 Broadview, East of Pearl Rd. 8:30
C. E. I.—Illuminatine 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—Pilgrim E. & R. Church, 4592 E. 131st St. 8:30

HAGUE—Grace Cong. Assembly Hall,

- West 65th and Colgate 8:30
LAKEWOOD WOMEN—St. Peter's Epis. 18001 Detroit Ave. (Cor. W. Clifton) 8:30
LORAIN AVE.—S.S. Philip & James Hall, 3689 Bosworth Road 9:00
LORAIN-TRISKETT—West Park YMCA, 15500 Lorain Ave. 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 8:00
SOUTHWEST WOMEN—6037 Pearl Rd. 8:00
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
WEST SHORE—West Shore Unitarian, 20401 Hilliard Rd., Rocky River 8:30
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—Luther Center, Eagle St., Fairport Harbor 8:00
INTERRACIAL—30th & Wood, Lorain, O., Mt. Zion Baptist Church 8:30
JEFFERSON, O.—St. Joseph's Church 8:30
LAKE COUNTY WOMEN—Grace Episcopal, 38015 Euclid Ave., Willoughby 1:00
NO. ROYALTON—Methodist Church, 13715 Ridge Road 8:30
SANDUSKY, O.—Provid. Hos. Cafeteria 7:30
MANSFIELD, O.—204 1/2 S. Park 8:00 E.S.T.
WICKLIFFE—Wickliffe Presbyterian Church, E. 300th & Ridge Rd. (Route 84) 8:30

THURSDAY

- ALLEDALE**—St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 15837 Euclid Ave. 8:30
ANGLE—St. Malachis, 2549 Washington 9:00
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 Pruby Church, W. 45th and Clinton 9:00
EAST LAKE—First Congregational Church, 33700 Vine St. 9:00
EAST SHORE WOMEN—1505 E. 260th, Hope Congregational Church 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.) 8:30
ROCKY RIVER—Rockport Methodist Church, 3301 Wooster Road 9:00
ST. CLAIR-THURS.—Nottingham Methodist Church, St. Clair & Melville 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 THURSDAY—2nd and Union, Rossaro's Restaurant 8:00 EST
ASHTABULA HARBOR—North End Club, Corny, Walnut Blvd. & Lake Ave. 8:30
BEREA—Pine Arts Club, E. Bagley Rd., 3 door 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, Educ. Bldg., Mentor Ave., P'sville 8:30

FRIDAY

- 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—1031 Ter. Tow. 6:00
EUCLID FRIDAY—Epiphany Church, Lake Shore and E. 210th 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 8:45
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—Federated Churches, 76 Bell Street 900
CHARDON—Pilgrim Christian Church, 113 South Street, Chardon, O. 9:00
ELYRIA—St. Agnes (down) Lake & Dewey 8:30
CONNEAULT, O.—R. of L. F. Hall 8:30
WELLINGTON—St. Patrick's Catholic Church, No. Main St., Wellington, O. 8:30

SATURDAY

- FOREST CITY**—2125 Broadview Rd. 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—Windermere Presb. Ch., Euclid Ave. and Windermere 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
PLAINES—Plains Methodist Ch., Mentor, O., Rts. 306 and 283, Mentor, O. 8:30
REDWOOD—Euclid Lutheran Church, E. 260th and Oriole 8:30
TRINITY—Trinity Evangelical Church, 3525 W. 25th St. 9:00
VALLEY VIEW—Pilgrim Congr. Church, 2592 W. 14th, cor. Starkweather 9:00
ASHTABULA, U.—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-PO—S. Park 8:00 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

SUNDAY

- AVON CENTRAL**—Basement Central Bank, 36690 Detroit Road, Avon, O. 8:00
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. Club's, 7809 Euclid Avenue 10:45 AM
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
GOIF LAKELANDS—Trinity Lutheran, Redhird & Chapel, No. Madison, O. 3:00
LAKEWOOD ARMORY—1437 Wayne Ave., South of Detroit 9:00
LAKEWOOD CLOSED—18001 Detroit Ave., St. Peter's Episcopal Church 8:30
LORAIN COUNTY CONSOLIDATED—St. John's Sch., 31 & Rt. 57, Lorain 7:30
MART 4 JOSEPH—Plasterers Hall, 1651 E. 24th St., at Payne Ave. 2:00
MISTLETOE—St. Thomas Church, 9205 Superior Ave. 7:00
NELA PARK—Cafeteria, Advertising Bldg., Nela Park, Noble Road 7:30
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. 7:35
WARRENSVILLE—Cooley Farms Recreation Room 10:00 AM
CHIPPEWA-SEVILLE—V.F.W. Hall, Seville, O. 8:00
GENEVA, O.—Legion Hall, Park St., corner of So. Eagle 7:30
MANSFIELD, O.—204 1/2 S. Park 8:00 E.S.T.

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AA WOMEN

It is high time that someone make a poor attempt to express the deep gratitude all of us should feel toward the women in our society. Way back when there were few of us and fewer yet of them, this writer had a helpful assist from one of them in his humblest beginnings. It may have been the difference, and it has never been forgotten.

In those days the newcomers were many and the old-timers were rare. Men helped women and vice versa. There were stag groups then, but no women's groups. Feminine communion had to be in the corner of the meeting rooms of mixed groups, or in private jam sessions of two or three. Today there is a belief by many that a woman can help a woman better. We have some outstanding women's groups that are doing a great job. Many of the fair sex never attend a mixed meeting. Many of us miss them very much.

The women of AA have made a mighty contribution. Perhaps one reason is the fine example they display. The greatest help we give one another comes through our own example. The emotional system of a woman is more complex than that of a man. There may be rare exceptions. Some of us surely feel that no one could be a worse emotional mess than we were, and to some extent still are. Yet it's a biological truth. Perhaps because of this, the great progress made by most of our female members, particularly toward emotional maturity, is a bona fide inspiration to the rest of us.

More genuine knowledge of the struggle for emotional stability has been gleaned by this writer from the leads of these remarkable women of ours, than through any other source. And that happens to be the biggest struggle in this sober life.

in terms of dedication and deadly seriousness about our way of life, granting exceptions in both directions, I would say the female is deadlier than the male on balance. In terms of understanding, tolerance and humility, this writer would also give them the nod in most cases. In terms of uncharitable gossip, our observation through the years is that men could very easily take that ribbon.

Before we get into more trouble than we already are, we would like to reach an apt conclusion with two points. We have heart-filled gratitude for their magnificent and indispensable part in our fellowship. We sympathize with their voluntary segregation up to a point. But we beg of them to mingle more often in mixed groups. Their presence alone is a great help to a great many.

In many smaller communities in Ohio and throughout the nation, scarcity in numbers alone forecloses the possibility of women having their own group. It is rumored that some of these mixed groups which predominate with men are none too receptive in relation to women alcoholics. This fact is well reviewed in our 25th anniversary book. Aside from the fact that they are wanted and needed in our mixed groups, should we not also set an example for the smaller communities?

CLOSED MINDS

The following article was written by erudite George F., editor and publisher of *The Brighter Side*, Waterloo, Iowa, and a very dedicated member of AA. We are in complete agreement with the thoughts he expressed and only wish we had written it ourselves.

It has been well said that AA is a program of growth—a program of growing up. Proof of this can be found daily in those who grasp ideas and purposes and so gain in stature. One reason for AA's success is its flexibility, for it is always open to new views and new ideas, many gained from the novice.

You have heard "Take what you want, and what you don't understand, leave. If you don't like what a speaker says, skip it. Someone will strike on your particular problem if you keep on coming to meetings." All this makes it easy for the alcoholic who wants to help himself, for AA success depends upon this "take it easy attitude."

But, as many members grow, gain poise and self reliance, some also become so-called stick-in-the-muds. They have got the program and they categorically feel that every newcomer should absorb it their way—the only way. These will insist, "Do it this way—don't do it that way!"

In short, there is a tendency for some to become dogmatic. This often foretells a slip. They don't like new ideas. They're not growing—they've become static. For anyone who thinks he has all the answers is making a grave error. They insist that things be done their way only. If they only stopped a moment for some introspective thought, they would realize

that some of the considerations they are trying to impose upon others would have kept them themselves from getting the program when they first entered AA.

Then there are those who want to help, but want to use their own private system. Of course they're sincere. We all are when trying to help others. But sometimes we overdo it. We don't give the new person a chance to learn. Then we are surprised, hurt and incensed when, after we made everything so nice and had been so helpful, the individual slips.

AA success was brought about by trial and error. Each one can learn for himself, and we are only getting further away from the idea of AA when we try to protect people from making mistakes. Yes, we can point out how they can avoid the big mistakes, but each one must grow in his own way.

When AA becomes boring to some, they wonder what is wrong. They have been sober for two, three, five years and find themselves discontented. They, it seems, haven't got the idea of AA yet. For it is a growing process that takes place in the successful individual. This is maturing, becoming less self-conscious and self centered, taking on responsibilities, for it has been stated that AA is a "WAY OF LIFE." So AA teaches us to become a decent, constructive part of society, accepting all its duties and practicing AA principles in all our affairs.

Let's visualize AA from an hour glass. Into the top we have been all poured, and the narrow neck is AA where

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Most people are
like money . . . if
they aren't kept
busy, they lose
interest.

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MILL ENDS AND REMNANTS

It is amazing what a mind freed from the restrictive chains of alcoholism can reach back and recall for constructive reflection.

At lunch one day just prior to your correspondent's surrender and acceptance of the First Step, something was said in a discussion of 'personnel and attitudes that has been worthy of repeated thought.

An amazing part of it is that the writer's mind kept it, as it occurred during that limbo of existence that precedes our call for help when we have reached the end of our rope.

Statement made was to the effect that no matter how much training a person may have, it has little value if he does not have the CAPACITY for it.

Since becoming sober and living happily and gratefully in A.A. there have been many reflective considerations of the statement and how applicable it is to our activities and our living.

We are in training every minute of our twenty-four hours, listening, praying, making hospital calls, attending meetings, leading and the myriad of other things that become a part of us in our search and seeking.

Yet, with all of this learning it isn't worth a tinker's damn if we haven't also developed the CAPACITY for it! And the capacity of which we speak is not the capacity of retention, it is the outgoing capacity of loving, of sharing, of giving and of forgiving, then returning to learn more and more and more to love, to share, to give and forgive.

Conversely (and paradoxically as so many of the truisms of A.A. are), in developing the capacity for the good, we dispel and lose our capacity for hate, resentment, selfishness and the like, and that's good!

Have you been moping more lately and enjoying it less? Get a real lift!

Try some meetings, by George!

COOK FOREST FALL CONFERENCE

The 21st Cook Forest Fall Conference will be held in beautiful, peaceful Cook Forest, Pennsylvania, on September 8-9-10. These conferences attract AAs from many parts of the country to hear outstanding speakers closing with the Sunday morning session at which "God As I Understand Him" will be the subject.

Accommodations of all types and all prices are available. Rooms with meals can be secured at Forest Inn and Gateway Lodge. Available are cabins with baths and kitchens for 1 to 20 persons, as well as comfortable rooms in private homes, some with connecting baths.

Rates at the Inn are \$15.00 for two nights and five meals per person. Rates at Gateway Lodge are \$13 for two nights and five meals per person. Cabins are \$7.00 and up per day and rooms in private homes for the weekend are \$10.00 and up for two persons.

First come, first served. There is room only for 300 registered guests. Meetings are limited to registered guests. No visitors. If you are interested, write or wire Cook Forest Conference, Box 265, Verona, Pa.

Final registration date is September 1, 1961.

Your boasted milk of human kindness will never benefit your neighbors as long as you keep the cork in the bottle.

CLOSED MINDS

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we all pass through-rich man, poor man, doctor, dishwasher-men and women from all walks of life. The center part brings us all together to understand ourselves and to learn more of one another, to be tolerant and to develop a more human touch and greater ideals.

The lower half is where we return to society better people, capable and able to take a greater interest in all our affairs.

For we can't forget AA. It made us live and not merely exist. It is a program of gratitude. AA will always need the guidance of older members with their experience, especially those who keep in mind its ideals and principles.

Thus, and in no other way, will AA remain free, and not become the tool of any vested interests. It will remain a bright beacon for the broke, discouraged, hopeless dissipated problem drinker who wants help. Thereby AA lives on, bringing new life to those who need it most.

A GENEROUS GESTURE

Though she was not present at the Consolidated Meeting in Nurses Auditorium of Charity Hospital on Sunday, August 6, the following letter of tribute to Louise D., wife of the editor of Central Bulletin, was read and heartily applauded. The gift was a fine transistor radio which she now cherishes.

A LETTER TO A DEVOTED FRIEND

Dear Mrs. D.

In the last several months! the management of the Central Bulletin has passed into the hands of AA of Greater Cleveland. The founder and editor has insisted on this, wisely, to ensure its perpetuation. In accepting this responsibility, we have paid certain tributes to him and to the past associate editors. We will always be grateful for the splendid services that they have performed.

We are aware that another essential, but unheralded, service has been performed during nearly nineteen years of publication. That has been the task of addressing copies of each issue, constantly revising the mailing list, sending notices of subscription expirations, reminders, etc. This has been an arduous, time-consuming, thankless task which has been faithfully and cheerfully performed. What is more remarkable, not having an alcoholic problem (personally), you have set a high standard of Twelfth Step work that is mighty hard to beat.

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to you, ma'am, and we selfishly hope that you will be with us for many years to come.

Central Committee

HER RESPONSE

An old rhyme says "Tis sweet to be remembered," and I certainly experienced this the Sunday of the last Consolidated meeting when the Central Committee presented me with such a lovely gift in recognition of my efforts in behalf of Central Bulletin.

The gift and the kind words spoken in my absence, the applause which was reported to me, all were very wonderful, but most of all I appreciated the "remembering." One day I'm grubbing about with dirty little address plates, entertaining evil thoughts about people who think I can read prehistoric scratches and saying to myself, "How did I ever get into this"-and the next day, lo and behold, some thoughtful people show that they know all about these tribulations and say, "She should have a dandy little transistor radio to cheer her on her weary way."

I am so very sorry I couldn't be at the meeting, but I am still only one person and can't be in more than one place at one time.

Anyway, what I started to say before all these words came out of my typewriter-"Many thanks to all of you and I shall always have the most pleasant thoughts about you when I am listening to my favorite programs."

Louise D.

GROUP NEWS

To insure publication, group news articles must be submitted IN WRITING before the 15th day of each month.

Allendale-September speakers: 7—Bill K., Doan Men; 14—Al Y., Your; 21—Dick H., Parma; 28—Tom McG., Edgelake.

Baxter-September speakers: Cohn P., Cedar; 13—Dorothy B., Clark; 20—Fred E., Clark; 27—Joe B., Garfield.

Brooklyn-September speakers: 6—Roy A., Brooklyn (his 15th anniversary); 13—Tony T., Brooklyn (his 12th anniversary); 20—Ed G., Brooklyn (his 1st anniversary); 27—Tom D., Lorain Avenue Monday (a 21 year veteran).

Friendly Suburban-September speakers: I-Discussion meeting; 11—Jack E., Wednesday-Lee; 18—F.E.W., Rocky River; 25—Jack B., Rocky River.

Gordon Square-September speakers: 1—Pete B., Akron, O.; 8—Jerry J., Strongsville; 15—Jim H., Hague; 22—Carter R., Ashland-Tuesday; 29—Kitty C., Avon Sunday.

Hague-September speakers: 6—Betsy LaR., Forest City; 13—Jim B., Coventry; 20—Tom V., Borton; 27—Howie L., Angle.

Independence-September speakers: 7—Roland B., Bedford Heights; 14—Peter Y., Berea Thursday; 21—Bruce M., Akron; 28—Ed C., Newburgh.

Lakewood Armory-September speakers: 3—Tom B., Fairview; 10—Hugh J., No. Olmsted; 17—Warren C., Jr., Edgelake; 24—Irene W., Crossroads.

Lorain Ave Monday-September speakers: 4—Tom P., League Park; 11—Herschel H., Mansfield, O.; 18—Ann C., Niles, O.; 25—Marge K., Westside Women.

Lorain Ave. Wednesday—Will meet on Thursday at 9 p.m. in St. Gregory School, W. 129th and Madison, beginning September 7, 1961. Hereafter will be called "Lorain Ave. Thursday."

Mistletoe—September speakers: 3—Joe H., Borton; 10—Felix R., Borton; 17—Dick M., Borton; 24—Betty T., Borton.

Monday Lee-September speakers: 4—Labor Day, no meeting; III-Panel discussion. Panel members: John D., Tony M., Joe F. and Tony B.; 18—Tom N., Hilltop; 25—Betty E., East Shore Women.

No. Olmsted-September speakers: 6—Dick H., Parma Heights; 13—Ziggy P., Forest City; 20—Mary W., No. Olmsted; 27—Irwin F., No. Olmsted.

Smith-Wilson-September speakers: 5—Walter F., Stowe; 12—Dan K., Barberton; 19—Don H., Ramona; 26—Joe V., Ansel Road.

Superior—September speakers: 5—John C., _____; 12—Marge G., Newburgh; 19—W. "Mac" A., Newburgh; 26—Jack M. G., Charity.

Trinity—September speakers: 2—John B., No. Olmsted; 9—Hal B., Elyria; 16—Dave O'B., Pearl; 23—Joseph V., Ansel Road; 30—George and Ray DeL., Crossroads (a father and son lead).

Valley View-September speakers: 2—Ed S., Angle; 9—Tom K., Smith-Wilson; 16—Herschel H., Mansfield, O.; 23—Andy K., Valley View (hk first anniversary); 30—Mary Mcl., Clark.

West 25th—September speakers: P-Betsy LaR., Forest City; 11—George DeL., Crossroads; 18—Avon (Sonny) H., Memphis; 25—Leroy C., Solidarity.

Your-Now meets in larger new quarters at Euclid Community Center, 24151 Briardale, between Babbitt Rd. and E. 250th St., at 7 p.m. They have been meeting there since May 14th!

Refresher-Training-One Step and one Tradition is explained and discussed at each weekly meeting by a select quartet of speakers. These meetings have been of particular value to neophytes in AA as well as old timers who

thought they knew all there was to know in AA. We urge every group which is sincerely interested in good indoctrination to urge their newcomers to attend each week. The September meetings, beginning on Wednesday, September 6, at 8:30 p.m. in the Illuminating Bldg. (rear), Room 361, 55 Public Square, are: 6—Step & Tradition VIII, Broadway-Harvard; 13—Step & Tradition IX, League Park; 20—Step & Tradition X, West Clifton; 27—Step & Tradition XI, Newburgh.

OBITUARIES

Kenneth Reardon, a former member of the Rocky River group and co-founder of the West Shore group, passed away suddenly on July 15. His friendly counsel and dedication to our common cause will be sorely missed. He is survived by his wife, Betty, to whom we extend our sincere condolences.

Herman Boege, former devoted secretary of the Lee Road Monday group for over thirteen years, passed away at Crile Hospital on August 11 after a prolonged siege of cancer. He was a tireless and devoted worker. He is survived by his wife Christine, son Richard and daughter Evelyn. We offer our sincere condolences to the bereaved family.

TRI-STATE ASSEMBLY

The eighth annual Tri-State Assembly of AAs from New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio will gather in Chautauqua Lake, N. Y., on August 25-26-27. An excellent panel of speakers have been selected.

The AA registration desk will start taking reservations at noon on Friday in the lobby of Norton Hall.

Central Bulletin wishes to express regret for this belated notice of the affair, but had not a whit of information to pass on to our 2000 readers, many of whom might have made plans to attend.

Those planning to attend with this short notice are advised to announce their intention to attend the Tri-State Assembly as they register at the gate. It will save you money.

ATTENTION . . . BOWLERS!

A meeting has been called for all groups interested in manning a bowling team to compete with other AA group teams on Tuesday, August 29, in Five Points Lanes, St. Clair Ave. and E. 152nd St., at 7 p.m. The AA league has provided a lot of exercise and friendly competition. Kept a lot of 'em sober too!

GIGGLES

The best way to tell a woman's age is in a very low voice.

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Some women keep their girlish figures. Others double them.

ALANON GROUP MEETINGS

- ASHTABULA-Harris Memorial W. 58 & Adams. 1st & 3rd Mon., 8:30
- LAKEWOOD—Congregational Church. 1375 West Clifton Blvd. Mon., 8:30
- EUCLID-Christian Church, 28000 Lake Shore Blvd. Tues., 8:30
- SUBURBAN WEST-Our Savior Luth'n Church, 20300 Hilliard, Tues., 8:30
- MAPLE HEIGHTS-Presbyterian Church, 15715 Libby Rd. Tues., 8:30
- BETHANY—Bethany Presbyterian Church. W. 65th & Clinton. Wed., 8:30
- E. CLEVELAND-YWCA. Lee Boulevard and Euclid Fri., 1:30
- CHARITY-St. Vincent's Charity Hospital. E. 22nd & Central Fri., 8:30
- PARMA—Rideew'd Sav's & L'n. 5950 Ridge Rd. (2nd & 4th Sat.) Sat., 8:30
- VALLEY-7100 Kinsman (2nd & 4th Sunday) Closed Sun., 4:00

NURSING HOMES THAT TREAT ALCOHOLICS

- (This listing does not necessarily indicate endorsement or approval)*
- A1-Ju, Inc. (MW) 28707 Euclid Ave., Wickliffe, O. WH 4-7244
 - Cleveland Alcoholic Hospital (MW) 7809 Euclid Ave. EX 1-8998
 - Dorothy McCauliffe Alcoholic Clinic (MW) 8304 Detroit AT 1-3355
 - Farquharson's Home (M) 6037 Pearl Road, Parma TU 5-1888
 - Stella Maris Hospital (M) 1320 Washington Ave. SU 1-0554

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CLEVELAND AREA GROUP MEETINGS

MONDAY

BORTON—E. Cleveland Congrega. Church, Page and Euclid Ave. 8:30
EARLY-EARLY-Plasterers Union Hall, 1631 E. 24th St. (near Payne Ave.) 7:00
FRIENDLY SURURRAN-6037 Pearl 8:00
FRIENDSHIP-Bldg. Presbyterian Ch., 24600 Lake Shore Blvd., Euclid, 8:30
LAKEWOOD MEN'S—St. Peter's Episcopal, W. Clifton and Detroit 9:00
LEE MONDAY—First Presbyterian 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
SUNNY MONDAY WOMEN—Sunset Rd., St. John's Par. House, Independence 12:30
TEMPLE—Temple Baptist, 7500 Cedar 8:15
UNION—East View Congregational Church, Kinsman at E. 156th St. 8:30
WEST 25th ST.—Marvel Hall, 2858 W. 25th St. 9:00
WOMEN'S—Westside—West Boulevard Christian Church, Madison and W. 101. 8:45
BOWHALL ROAD—Alanon Club, Rte. 20 & Bowhall, Painesville, O. 7:00
ELYRIA MEN—St. Agnes, Lake & Dewey 8:30
VERMILION—Congregational Church 8:30
WILLOUGHBY, O.—Presbyterian Church 8:30

TUESDAY

ARCADE—No meetings until further notice.
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-C. A. H. Clubrooms, Third Floor, 7809 Euclid Ave. 8:30
FAIRMOUNT—St. Paul's Episcopal, Fairmount and Coventry 9:00
FALLS—Community Church, Olmsted Falls, 7853 Main St. (Columbia Rd.) 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 Ctr. 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
KIRTLAND, O.—Old South Ch. Rt. 306 8:30
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 8:30
SHREVE—Shreve Armory, south St., Shreve, O. 8:30 EST
STRONGSVILLE—Town Hall 8:30

WEDNESDAY

BAXTER—St. John's Lutheran School, 5826 Cable 8:30
REDFORD—Bedford Christian Church, Warrensville Center & Blaine 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
COLLINGSWOOD—945 E. 152nd St. 8:30
DOAN MEN—YMCA (University Circle), 2055 E. 105th St., Second floor front 8:30
EASTSIDR MORNING—9606 Euclid Ave., Euclid Ave. Congre (Side ent.) 10:30 a.m.
GARFIELD—Pilgrim E. & R. Church, 4592 E. 131st St. 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-TRISKETT—West Park YMCA, 15500 Lorain Ave. 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 8:00
SOUTHWEST WOMEN—6037 Pearl Rd. 8:00
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
WEST SHORE—West Shore Unitarian, 20401 Hilliard Rd., Rocky River 8:30
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—Luther Center, Eagle St., Fairport Harbor 8:00
INTER RACIAL—30th & Wood, Lorain, O., Mt. Zion Baptist Church 8:30
JEFFERSON, O.—St. Joseph's Church 8:30
LAKE COUNTY WOMEN—Grace Episcopal, 38015 Euclid Ave., Willoughby 1:00
NO. ROYALTON—Methodist Church, 13715 Ridge Road 8:30
SANDUSKY, O.—Provid. Hos. Cafeteria 7:30
MANSFIELD, O.—20 1/2 S. Park 8:00 E.S.T.
WICKLIFFE—Wickliffe Presbyterian Church, E. 300th & Ridge Rd. (Route 84) 8:30

THURSDAY

ALLENDALE—St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 15837 Euclid Ave. 8:30
ANGLE—St. Malachi, 2549 Washington 9:00
BROADWAY-55th—Our Lady of Lourdes School Hall 8:30
COVENTRY—Fairmount Presbv. 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, 37700 Vine St. 9:00
EAST SHORE WOMEN-1505 E. 260th, Hope Congregational Church 8:30
GARDEN VALLEY—(Outhwaite) 7100 Kinsman Ave. 8:00
LORAIN AVE.—St. Gregory School, Madison Ave. & W. 120th 9:00
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, 3301 Wooster Road 9:00
ST. CLAIR-THURS.—Nottingham Meth-odist Church, St. Clair & Melville 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 THURSDAY-2nd and Union, Rossaro's Restaurant 8:00 EST
ASHTABULA HARBOR—North End Club, Comer 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
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, Educ. Bldg., Mentor Ave., P'sville 8:30

FRIDAY

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—1031 Ter. Tow. 6:00
EUCLID FRIDAY—Epiphany Church, Lake Shore and E. 210th 9:00
FRIDAY AFTERNOON WOMEN—Fly-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, 13544 Euclid Ave. 9:00
NORTH EAST—Town House Motel, 15661 Euclid Ave. 8:30
SOLIDARTTY—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—Federated Churches, 76 Bell Street 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

FOREST CITY-2125 Broadway Rd. 9:00
J A C K & HEINTZ—17600 Broadway 8:30
LANDER CIRCLE—Garfield Mem. Methodist, Cor. Lander Rd. and Route 422 9:00
LEAGUE PARK—Emmanuel Episcopal (basement) 86 14 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—Windermere Presb. Ch., Euclid Ave. and Windermere 8:30
345 Broad St., Elyria, O. 8:30
LORAIN SATNITE-7th and Reed St., St. Mary's Church Basement 8:30
MANSFIELD-20% S. Park 8:00 E.S.T.
NEWBURGH STATE HOSPITAL-Williams Bldg., Entrance at 4455 Turney Rd. 7:30
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., Rts. 306 and 283, Centor, O. 8:30
REDWOOD—Euclid Lutheran Church, E. 260th and Oriole 8:30
TRINITY-Trinity Fyngajical Church, 3525 W. 25th St. 9:00
VALLEY VIEW—Pilgrim Congr. Church, 2592 W. 14th, cor. Starkweather 9:00
ASHTABULA, O.—St. Peter's Epis. Church, Main Avenue at South Park 8:30
ELYRIA SATNITE—Alconon Club, Middlefield-Methodist Church, South Main St., Middlefield, O. 8:30
WEST RICHFIELD—Consolidated Church, Routs 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
BROOKSIDE—Blessed Sacrament Church, Storer and Fulton (downstairs) 8:30
C.A.H. DISCUSSION—C.A.H. Clubrooms, 7809 Euclid Avenue 10:45 AM
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
LAKEWOOD-CLOSED-18001 Detroit Ave., St. Peter's Episcopal Church 8:30
LORAIN COUNTY CONSOLIDATED— St. John's Sch., 31 & Rt. 57, Lorain 7:30
MARIA JOSEPH-Plantrrrs Hall, 1651 E. 24th St., at Payne Ave. 2:00
MISTLETOE—St. Thomas Church, 9205 Superior Ave. 7:00
NELA PARK-Cafeteria, Advertising Bldg., Nela Park, Noble Road 7:30
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—Euclid Community House, 240 Briardale 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.—Lexion Hall, Park St., corner of so. Eagle 3:00
MANSFIELD, O.—20 1/2 S. Park 8:00 E.S.T.
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PRAYER

In the precious stream of newcomers one still finds many without any **basic** religious training or faith. Such ones often have problems not experienced by those with the **benefit** of such an education and belief which is reborn to help them in our way of life. If you gain the intimate confidence of such a person he will frequently **confess** difficulty with prayer. We are of this group and reflections of ours on beliefs gained in the small progress we have made, might help others.

Generally we think of prayer as **talking** to God, either aloud before or with others, or silently **when** alone. Many have trouble concentrating and have a guilt complex usually evidenced by questions which persist when they try circumstances **is** it not almost more embarrassing when we find on return a kindly, forgiving father? Is it unusual if we cannot express all that we feel and express it well? Not at all.

But we must remember that God knows our thoughts and feelings even before we express them, perhaps better than we do. Anyway, prayer is not just talking to God, it is "talking with God," and that involves a lot of listening too. When we are talking with a person whom we love and respect, do we not do quite a bit of listening? In the worst throes of agony during drinking days did you to pray, such as, "Do I mean this?" "Am I sincere?" "How could I be?" and so on.

Is that surprising in view of our past? We are embarrassed. Is that bad? Are we not like any returning errant son or daughter who has flouted the father's will? In such circumstances, not say more **tantronic**, "Please, God, help me!" Was not that prayer answered? Just compare yourself now with any fellow hunched over a bar stool with his entire world wrapped up in a little glass.

Being with God is also prayer, as is looking at God. The spirit of God is in each of us. When we give of ourselves to help another, we are giving expression to the spirit of God within us. Is that not prayer? Our basic foundation for prayer is Step Eleven. It is prayer when we meditate and try to improve our conscious contact with God. The reason for closing our eyes is not so much reverence as it is the effort to shut out earthly things which tend to distract and move closer to God as we pray. But could anyone alone look at the starry heavens without a sense of communion with the Higher Power that keeps the vast mysterious Universe in balance? Can we look at any wonder of nature without a sense of oneness with God as we understand Him? We are reminded of the last verse of a poem by an anonymous author:

"For I must look at God all day,
In truth it is the only way
I keep this sober life of Grace
Amid the earthly ills I face."

Perhaps the most eloquent prayer for us is to simply pause, and shutting out all earthly things for a moment, say "God, here I am, do with me what you will."

EVIL CONDONED

We've heard the remark often lately—all too often, it seems to us—in leads that we have heard by several swashbuckling speakers who seem to try to give the impression that they had been regular Lochinvars during their drinking days, and though they had given up drinking, had not found it necessary to give up some of their extra-marital activities when they joined AA.

About a month ago one of this type became the sponsor of a young married man, and hospitalized him. The newcomer was a young church-going man happily married to a devoted little wife who bore his one child. This man's work made it necessary for him to spend some time out of town, making it difficult to return, particularly when his business entailed entertaining his customers in the evening.

Most of his customers enjoyed a drink or two and our neophyte in AA found it difficult and embarrassing to make excuses for ordering a soft drink for himself when ordering liquor for his customers.

It disturbed him. He didn't dare tell them that he had a serious drinking problem and that he had joined AA, for he feared he would lose their respect—and their business.

So he called this sponsor for advice. The sponsor also was a travelling man. He admitted that he too had difficulty overcoming his uneasiness when entertaining his customers and that on some occasions ordered a highball for appearance's sake, but only sipped a little of it, making the one drink last through the evening. Oh, he didn't do it often—only on occasions when he couldn't get out of it without being subjected to raised eyebrows and possible embarrassing questions.

Assuming that his candidate had other "social weaknesses" like his own, being a travelling man, he emphasized that joining AA didn't require him to give up shacking up with some babes in other towns. "Just don't drink with 'em and you'll be alright," he advised.

Shocked and confused, this nice young man decided that AA was not the kind of league he belonged in. So he stayed away from meetings, and soon began drinking again.

Frightened and disgusted with himself, he called another young member whom he had met in AA and sought his advice. This young man referred him to us. Shocked and angry, we succeeded in convincing him that he had been grossly misinformed. We're happy to report that he is now correctly oriented.

"Cheating just a little" is CHEATING, period! When we have come to the end of our rope, frantically grasping, pleading, praying for relief from our frightening merry-go-round, an indulgent and forgiving Father gives us our chance on HIS terms

He does invoke some pledges in return. He exacts a promise from us to give up our bad habits — alcoholic beverages, unfaithfulness, unreliance, slothfulness, un-dependability, untruthfulness, insincerity, infidelity, etc., all qualities which destroy a person's usefulness and fitness in modern society.

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Be careful what you pray for . . . you might get it!

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MILL ENDS AND REMNANTS

When the new masthead of **CENTRAL BULLETIN** in June 1861 issue heralded publication under the guidance of the Central Bulletin Foundation, Inc., there was not the ready acceptance of the *new* look that we had anticipated. Many remarked that there was *something* missing, something that had become symbolic, a tradition of **CENTRAL BULLETIN**.

Inquiry revealed that which was missed was the sunburst with the Four Absolutes and the initials A.A. inscribed thereon. This was rectified in the July issue and since then has appeared so appropriately at the top of this page. In this location it has a depth of meaning and intent that may well *have been* lost by having been a part of the older masthead.

Here it is more or less in the heart of the paper-speaking the heart, hard work and dedication that have gone into **CENTRAL BULLETIN** in carrying the message these many years.

Here, also, it is a constant reminder to the members of the Foundation of their responsibilities of continuing to carry the message through its columns to perpetuity.

Here, too, it shall serve to remind us of the original purposes of its founders and keep us ever mindful of its *policies* as emblazoned upon the sunburst over the initials A. A.

Symbols, as such, are few and have but little meaning in the *program* of Alcoholics Anonymous; however, to the extent that they, as we (believe our sunburst *does*, create visions for us in our mind's eye to stimulate our thinking for our own good and the good we can do through right thinking, it is important that each of us have a visionary symbol or two.

AND, lest we forget—"Example is a lesson that all men can read!", by George!

POST CARD NOTICES

Another rash of complaints have been brought to **Central** Committee on the carelessness of all too many secretaries who have *been* sending out open postcards to the groups with a listing of the full names of their speakers.

One of the precious heritages of AA is the maintenance of the anonymity of its members and *though* there are many who do not care, there are many that are very much *offended*.

We urge each *group* to instruct its secretary (many elect a new secretary every three *months*) on the *importance* of care in not offending any one of their scheduled speakers, even though the others say they don't mind.

The new secretary should also be instructed to avoid even mentioning AA on the open postcard, lest some curious eyes pick up one of these cards which might have *been* left behind.

In our opinion, which is shared by most *AAs*, the message of every speaker is important regardless of the importance of his name and position in the community.

Let's live up to our name **Alcoholics ANONYMOUS**, lest some newcomer in the league be frightened into resigning because of his fear that HIS name might be published and HIS anonymity be destroyed. Please co-operate.

EVIL CONDONED

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God in His infinite mercy gave us a *precious* and definite charge. In return., He expects us to let our light so shine in our area of Influence that we will attract others, similarly afflicted who will come to us for help.

Let's not befoul this precious charge by offering a program which permits license and defiance of His law for sane and Christian living.

"Don't do anything that you would *be* ashamed to be caught doing." Include this adage as you start your day by "turning your life and will over to the care of God as you understand Him."

If you are truly sincere, you'll find every day most *interesting*, exciting and rewarding, and it will be **GOOD** to live *again* rather than merely exist.

BENEFIT FROM CRITICISM

Having long been a critical critic of criticism we recently found that criticism can often be used as a source of *benefit*. To derive the most out of criticism directed at us there are several sensible things we can do. We can consider the source. Who is criticizing us? What are his qualifications? Why is he criticizing us?

Questions like these help us evaluate the critic's motives; judge the validity of his comments.

If his background or experience merits our respect, his criticism probably does. Bst, if he is not qualified to judge our actions, let's not take what he says too seriously. Let's take the chips off our shoulders and not confuse the content of a critique with the person delivering it. Dislike of the speaker's manner of speech, political affiliation or economic status is no reason for turning him out. Even a man whose shoes need shining, who stammers, or who votes with the Vegetarian ticket can be a knowledgeable critic. So we must be sure to distinguish between the *speaker* and his message. We should at all times keep an open mind.

When asked how he could bear to read the many unpleasant and unflattering things written about him, Abraham Lincoln once explained: "As unreasonable as it seems, I always think to myself, 'It is just *possible* that this man knows what he is talking about.' On that assumption, I see what I can learn from him." This is a *rare* and wise attitude to bring to any kind of criticism. Let's not don earmuffs, let's listen-really listen-to what our critics have to say.

We should evaluate all criticism. When our critic has had his say, let's weigh his remarks. Let's test his case with such questions as: Was he logical? Did he have all of the facts? Was he overgeneralizing? If we note any discrepancies or weaknesses in his thinking, we should bear them in mind when we act. *For we are now ready to* do something about what we have heard.

If we are convinced the criticism is valid and helpful, then we should accept it and change our ways accordingly. If we decide that it is invalid, let's extract what we can from it and forget the rest. The decision not to act on criticism, incidentally, is in itself a positive action. Yes, we love- our critics, for they help to keep us on the ball.

-The Grape Juicer

HALLOWE'EN DANCE

"Let's Become Better Acquainted" is the theme of the **Eastern Ohio groups** who are promoting a Halloween Dance and Party in the Thompson Products Company Cafeteria, 23555 Euclid Avenue, Euclid, Ohio, on October 28, starting at **8:30 p.m.**

The cost is only *one* dollar per ticket and any monies remaining after expenses will be raffled off at the night of the party so that the groups can maintain their tradition of non-profit association.

Your friends and relatives are cordially invited. This is a "costume choice" party, so come as you wish. **Vic** Stuart and his orchestra will provide the music.

For further information, call Fred B. at WH 4-3012.

GROUP NEWS

To insure publication, group news articles must be submitted IN WRITING before the 15th day of each month.

Allendale-October speakers: 5—Marie B., Eastlake; 12—Alfonso and Alonzo H., the twins of Garden Valley; 19—Larry B., Eastlake; 26—Bill O'B., Independence.

Angle-October speakers: 5—Howie L., Angle (his 4th anniversary); 12—Howard B., Independence; 19—Judge James C., Arcade; 26—Tom V., Borton.

Brooklyn-October speakers: 4—Tom P., League Park; 11—Nellie F., Detroit Ave., Discussion; 18—Evelyn B., Strongsville; 25—Joe K., Brooklyn (his 11th anniversary).
Charity-October speakers: 6—Jim R., Edgelake; 13—Bill D., Erie, Pa.; 20—Art G., Erie, Pa.; 27—Harley W., 24-Hour.

Gordon Square--October speakers: 6—Chuck B., West Park; 13—George A., Akron; 20—Tom K., Barberton; 27—Ambrose T., Angle.

Hague--October speakers: 4—Henry W., Euclid-Wade; 11—Harry D., Edgelake; 18—Jim D., Independence; 25—Freda L., Brooklyn.

Independence-October speakers: 5—James (Jimmy) K., Angle; 12—Carol M., Shaker; 19—Central Bulletin editors, Lloyd H. and Harry D.; 26—Bob L., Independence (his 18th anniversary).

Lake County--Observes its Sixth Anniversary on Tuesday, October 3 at 8:30 p.m., with Harry R. of Stella Maris Home taking his audience back to the very early days of AA in 1939 to the present. Refreshments will be served.

Other October speakers: 10—Bob L., Independence; 17—Harriet S., East Shore Women; 24—Bob R., Liberty; 31—Marion T., East Shore Women.

Lakewood Armory-October speakers: 1—Dick J., Lakewood Armory; 8—Fred D., Coventry; 15—Dick L., Euclid-Friday; 22—Wynn W., Wednesday Lee; 29—Irish K., Coventry.

Lorain Ave. Monday-October speakers: 2—Warren C., Jr., Edgelake; 9—Steve N., Newburgh; 16—Stan P., Smith-Wilson; 23—Andy S., Valley View; 30—Mary W., West Side Women.

North Olmsted-October speakers: 4—Tom F., Palm Beach, Fla.; 11—Ed W., Forest City; 18—Jim W., Trinity; 25—Stan P., Smith-Wilson.

No. Royalton-Now meets on Tuesday evenings at 8:30 p.m. in Methodist Church, 13715 Ridge Road.

Orchard Grove--October speakers: 2—Kitty C., Avon; 9—Charley S., Brooklyn; X—Thomas A., Solidarity; 23—Ruth V., Westside Women; 30—Danny McN., Lorain, O.

Smith-Wilson-October speakers: 3—Eleanor P., Lander Circle; 10—Ben H., Monday Lee; 17—Margaret M., Lander Circle; 24—Carl M., Cedar; 31—Tom A., Solidarity.
Trinity-October speakers: 7—Bill F., Borton; 14—Franklyn S., Doan Men's; 21—Dorothy McA., Detroit Sunday; 28—Eighth Annual Halloween Party and Dance.

Valley View-October speakers: 7—Bill N., May-Lynd; 14—Emil W., Stella Maris (his 4th anniversary); 21—Marge K., Smith-Wilson; 28—John Y., Valley View (his 8th anniversary).

West Park-Observes its Sixteenth Anniversary on Tuesday, October 17, with Kenny K., May-Lynd, as speaker. **Other October speakers:** 3—Jim R., West Park (his first lead); 10—Howard B., Independence; 24—Rollie H., Falls; 31—Marge K., Smith-Wilson.

West 25th--Observes its Twentieth Anniversary on Monday, October 23, at 9:00 p.m. with a panel of speakers. This group is one of Cleveland's first. **Other October speakers:** 2—Irene W., Crossroads; 9—Ed C., Jack & Heintz; 16—Panel of speakers from Strongsville; 30—Jack G., Edgelake.

HOSPITAL COMMITTEE

The Hospital Committee has resumed its meetings in 411 Hanna Bldg. on the third Tuesday of each month. Its first meeting after the summer vacation was held on September 19.

ALANON CONSOLIDATED MEETING

An opening meeting will be held by the members of the ten Alanon groups in Lakewood City Hall Auditorium, 12650 Detroit Ave., with Jim D. of Edgelake and Gladys Y. of Garden Valley as speakers on Wednesday, October 18, at 8:30 p.m.

We understand that this is the first consolidated meeting of these groups. It should attract a large gathering, inasmuch as many are not informed on the mighty fine purposes of these groups. If you want to know more, come! You'll Be made welcome.

OBITUARY

F. W. Brueggemeier, an old time member of the Trinity Group, passed away after a heart attack on August 28. Though he moved to Twinsburg, O., after his retirement, he still dropped in to visit his old friends at Trinity occasionally. He died at the age of 72. He is survived by his wife and one son to whom we offer our sincere condolences.

MORNING ALWAYS COMES

It is always midnight somewhere in the world, where the night shadows are deep. They are dismal and frightening. Where darkness is, fear reigns, but it is also true that it is always morning somewhere in the world, and this gives us hope, for even in the darkest hour of the night we have assurance that the sun will come over the horizon and dispel the darkness.

When we look at some alcoholics seeking help, they seem as unpromising as the midnight darkness, bent down with worries, fears, doubts, burdened by suspicions, halted and hampered by frustration. But just as surely, there are others where the opposite is true. They are the people who stayed with A.A. till morning and are now enjoying the morning sunshine. They are the men and women who give us hope that the dank shadow will be lifted from this unpromising individual who is seeking our help.

When the shadow of doubt is removed, hope is restored and it turns fear into a garden where the flowers of peace will bloom. It will dry the tears of remorse and replace them with happy smiles of expectant faith. It will dispel the quaking fear of futility and inspire a person to conquer.

We can all be examples for good or for evil. The midnight or the morning. There are always somewhere among us the midnight examples and the morning examples. It is midnight somewhere, and it is going to be morning everywhere some times. Our only task is to give the alcoholic assurance that joy comes in the morning.

-I. G. News

ALANON GROUP MEETINGS

ASHTABULA-Harris Memorial W. 58 & Adams. 1st & 3rd Mon., 8:30
LAKEWOOD—Congregational Church, 1375 West Clifton Blvd. Mon., 8:30
EUCLID-Christian Church, 28000 Lake Shore Blvd. Tues., 8:30
SUBURBAN WEST-Our Savior Luth'n Church, 20300 Hilliard, Tues., 8:30
MAPLE HEIGHTS-Presbyterian Church, 15715 Libby Rd. Tues., 8:30
BETHANY—Bethany Presbyterian Church, W. 65th & Clinton Wed., 8:30
E. CLEVELAND-YWCA, Lee Boulevard and Euclid Fri., 1:30
CHARITY-St. Vincent's Charity Hospital, E. 22nd & Central Fri., 8:30
CHARDON—Pilgrim Christian Church, 113 South St. Fri., 9:00
PARMA—Ridgew'd Sav's & L'n, 5950 Ridge Rd. (2nd & 4th Sat.) Sat., 8:30
VALLEY-7100 Kinsman (2nd & 4th Sunday) Closed Sun. 4:00

NURSING HOMES THAT TREAT ALCOHOLICS

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A1-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

CLEVELAND AA DISTRICT OFFICE

The Cleveland AA District Office is open to anyone, male or female, who is seeking an answer to an alcoholic problem. The office, located in Room 205, Frederick Building, 2053 E. 4th St., is open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., but maintains a 24-hour telephone service which responds to calls made after the office is closed. The telephone number is Cherry 1-7387.

CLEVELAND AREA AA GROUP MEETINGS

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 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, Neis 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 Purl 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
SUNNY MONDAY WOMEN—Sunset Rd. St. John's Par. House, Independence. 12:30
TEMPLE—Temple Baptist, 7500 Cedar. 8:15
UNION—East View Congregational Church, Kinsman at E. 156th St. 8:30
WEST 25th ST.—Marvel Hall, 2858 W. 25th St. 9:00
WOMEN'S—Westside—West Boulevard Christian Church, Madison and W. 101. 8:45
BOWHALL ROAD—Alanon Club, Rts. 70 & Bowhall, Painesville, O. 7:00
ELYRIA MEN'S—St. Agnes, Lake & Dewey 8:30
VERMILION—Congregational Church 8:30
WILLOUGHBY, O.—Presbyterian Church 8:30

T U E S D A Y

ARCADE—No meetings until further notice.
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—C. A. H. Clubrooms, Third Floor, 7809 Euclid Ave. 8:30
FAIRMOUNT—St. Paul's Episcopal, Fairmount and Coventry 9:00
FALLS—Community Church, Obsted Falls, 7853 Main St. (Columbia Rd.) 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
NO. ROYALTON—Methodist Church, 13715 Ridge Road 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—Puritan 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
KIRTLAND—O. G. South. Ch. Rt. 306. 8:30
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. (Pirelands)—First Presbyterian, across from Post Office 8:30
SHREVE—Shreve Army, South St., Shreve, O. 8:30 EST
STRONGSVILLE—Torn Hall 8:30

W E D N E S D A Y

BAXTER—St. John's Lutheran School, 5826 Cable 8:30
BEDFORD—Bedford Christian Church, Warrensville Center & Blaine 8:30
BROOKLYN-K. of P. Hall, 3316 Broadview, East of Pearl Rd. 8:30
C. F. 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 MORNING—9606 Euclid Ave., Euclid Ave Congre. (Side ent.) 10:30 a.m.
GARFIELD—Pilgrim E. & R. Church, 4592 E. 131st St. 8:30

R A G Cong. Assembly Hall,

West 64th and Colgate 8:30
LAKEWOOD WOMEN—St. Peter's Epis. 15001 Detroit Ave. (Cor. W. Clifton) 8:30
LORAIN-TRISKETT—West Park YMCA, 15500 Lorain Ave. 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 8:00
SOUTHWEST WOMEN—6037 Pearl Rd. 8:00
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
WEST SHORE—West Shore Unitarian, 20401 Hilliard Rd., Rocky River 8:30
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—Luther Center, Eagle St., Fairport Harbor 8:00
INTERRACIAL—30th & Wood, Lorain, O. Mt. Zion Baptist Church 8:30
JEFFERSON, O.—St. Joseph's Church 8:30
LAKE COUNTY WOMEN—Grace Episcopal, 38015 Euclid Ave., Willoughby 1:00
SANDUSKY, O.—Provid. Hos. Cafeteria 7:30
MANSFIELD, O.—20 1/2 S. Park 8:00 E.S.T.
WICKLIFFE—Wickliffe Presbyterian Church, E. 300th & Ridge Rd. (Route 84) 8:30

T H U R S D A Y

ALLENDALE—St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 15837 Euclid Ave. 8:30
ANGLE—St. Malachias, 2549 Washington 9:00
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—1505 E. 260th, Hope Congregational Church 8:30
GARDEN VALLEY—(Outhwaite) 7100 Kinsman Ave. 8:00
LORAIN AVE.—St. Gregory School, Madison Ave. & W. 129th 9:00
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, 3301 Wooster Road 9:00
ST. CLAIR-THURS.—Nottingham Methodist Church, St. Clair & Melville 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 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 Kd., 3 doors east of Eastland Rd. 9:00
ELYRIA—St. Jude's School, Poplar St. 8:30
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, Educ. Bldg., Mentor Ave., P'sville 8:30

F R I D A Y

ANSEL ROAD—St. Thomas Church, 9205 Superior Ave. 9:00
BROADWAY-HARVARD—3437 Br'dway 9:00
CEDAR—Salvation Army, 5005 Euclid 8:15
CHARITY—Amphitheatre, 6th Floor, St. Vincent's Charity Hospital 8:30
CLEVELAND WOMEN—1031 Ter. Tow. 6:00
EUCLID FRIDAY—Epiphany Church, Lake Shore and E. 210th 9:00
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, 11544 Euclid Ave. 9:00
NORTH EAST-Town House Motel, 15661 Euclid Ave. 8:30
SOLIDARTTY—Hubbard Memorial Center, E. 84th and Cedar 8:45

STKLLA MARIS MIXED, 1328 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—Federated Churches, 76 Bell Street 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

S A T U R D A Y

FOREST CITY—2125, Broadview Rd. 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 Lihby Rd., cor. Maple Hts. Blvd. 8:30
MATT TALBOT—Windsor Presb. Ch., Euclid Ave. and Windermere 8:30
345 Broad St., Elyria, O. 8:30
LORAIN SATNITE—7th and Reed St., St. Mary's church Basement 8:30
MANSFIELD-20% S. Park 8:00 E.S.T.
NEWBURGH STATE HOSPITAL—Williams Bldg., Entrance at 4455 Turney Rd. 7:30
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
PLAIN'S—Plains Methodist Ch., Mentor, O. Rts. 306 and 283 Mentor, O. 8:30
REDWOOD—Euclid Lutheran Church, E. 260th and Oriole 8:30
TRINITY—Trinity Evangelical Church, 3525 W. 25th St. 9:00
VALLEY VIEW—Pilgrim Cong. church, 2592 W. 14th. cor. Starkweather 9:00
ASHTABULA, O.—St. Peter's Epia. Church, Main Avenue at South Part. 8:30
ELYRIA SATNITE—Alconon Club, 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
BROOKSIDE—Blessed Sacrament Church, Storer and Fulton (downstairs) 8:30
C.A.H. DISCUSSION—C.A.H. Clubrooms, 7809 Euclid Avenue. 10:45 AM
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. 8:30
LAKEWOOD ARMORY—1437 Wayne Ave., South of Detroit 9:00
LAKEWOOD CLOSED—18001 Detroit Ave., St. Peter's Episcopal Church 8:30
LORAIN COUNTY CONSOLIDATED—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
NELA PARK—Cafeteria, Advertising Bldg., Nela Park, Noble Road. 7:30
NEWBURGH—St. Catherine's Church, 3443 E. 93rd St. 8:30
NEWBURY-ST. Helena's Church, Rt. 87 8:15
SUPERIOR STAG—6801 Superior 11A.M.
TRUSTY—Cleveland House of Correction, 1000 feet east of House of Correction 3:00
VALLEY WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP—2nd & 4th Sunday, 7100 Kinsman 3:30
YOUR—Euclid Community House, 240 Briardale 7:15
TWILIGHT—Grange Hall, Rt. 60, Axtel, O. 7:30
WARRENSVILLE—Cooley Farms Recreation Room 10:00 AM
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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UPS AND DOWNS

If your experience parallels mine, then after long sobriety the ups and downs persist. The movements may be less often and less far but I still hit Cloud 9, and I still have moments of near despair that bid every so often to take me to the cleaners.

In the throes of these downswings I have a sour outlook and if I do not express the thought to others (and more often than not I do), I at least ask myself over and over again, "Is life worth living?" That's a cardinal sin for anyone, but surely it is gross in magnitude for us who have been saved from a sordid living death, beyond the comprehension of most people. What is the answer?

Well, the full answer to that one is beyond most of us, certainly beyond me. But here are a few ideas which have been forged out of long experience. Perhaps the most vigorous antidote for a downswing is gratitude. A grateful heart will salvage a depressed mind before it reaches a morass of despair.

A grateful heart beating to its full will gradually turn the tide from negative thinking to positive thinking. In the full swell of that incoming tide, adversity will appear for what it really is, a testing ground which breeds character and courage in each of us as we lean one on the other. Just as the bad times of each of us can help all of us, so can the good times of each one inspire us all.

A grateful heart also operates to prevent Cloud 9. If you are deeply grateful for something good which has happened, or something which you have managed to accomplish with a great deal of good fortune, then you will not be proud and elated over the triumph. You will recognize it for what it is, a really good break, which without the gift of life, sobriety, and all of the many talents which a bountiful Creator had given you, would have been quite impossible.

To put it yet another way, each of us can help to temper the swings of others in either direction and in so doing we help ourselves in achieving the moderation and emotional balance for which we pray. If only we could dispel from our minds the casual thought to which we so often cling . . . that Twelfth Step work is pretty much confined to the new man. That is such a small part of the whole. So often the relative newcomer is a great boost to the most solid oldtimer. Both should recognize that fact more fully and constantly.

For us life must be good, on balance. It should be. We loused it up and yet received the precious gift of sobriety which we did not and cannot earn. We can only be grateful. Surely those of us who have a full measure of gratitude have learned long since that lip service, however eloquent, will not express this gratitude. Only our deeds, only the quality of our sober life can possibly express such gratitude.

And so, with our sights set high, we should move with grateful hearts on the Great Journey, being grateful for each single step and each single moment, for each in itself is a separate, precious gift which we should accept with grace, as shown by our direction and use of it.

GIVE THANKS

It was a treat to hear an "old-fashioned AA lead" recently by one of the area's solid old-timers. The major theme of his talk was "Gratitude," and it seems fitting to us that we use this column to repeat some of the thoughts he expressed as we approach Thanksgiving Day.

Our speaker was recounting his blessings . . . his good fortune in being sponsored by one of the first members of AA . . . for his immediate acceptance by other members of the group . . . for their wise counsel and patience . . . for being given thorough instruction on correcting his many character defects by using the Four Absolutes as a daily check-up.

He had had no early religious training. He lived by his wits and his moral standards were low. When alcohol had finally become his master and his future held little hope for him, he contemplated suicide. "By the grace of God," he said, fervently, "this stranger came to me and took me in. He and his wife and his friends stayed with me, nursed me and talked to me until I was able to function as a human being again instead of an animal."

"The most important part of the AA program to me was applying the Four Absolutes to my daily living. It seems to me," he added, "this part of the program of AA recovery has not been generally urged by sponsors during the past ten or more years. Why not?"

"Would this possibly account for the alarming number of new members who try AA for a while and then go back to drinking again? Some come back again, but many are ashamed to come back and are lost.

Are we in AA at fault for not giving them ALL the tools that AA provides?"

"Without the Four Absolutes which the old-timers insisted I use in my daily plan of living, I feel sure I would never have made it. It has made a MAN of me—a responsible, decent citizen and an asset to the community instead of a disgusting, hateful and repulsive animal."

His work carried him to many sectors of the country. Naturally, being a good member of AA, he sought out AA groups in every town he visited. To his chagrin, he was criticized for injecting the Oxford philosophy into his talk—that the Four Absolutes were not part of the AA Creed. When he argued that it was, he was ignored and excluded from their midst as an outsider.

We have experienced the same rebuffs in our travels to other areas, in state and out of state. We defend our beliefs but we also respect their right to interpret the AA program as they will. To those whose interest we have aroused to question us further, we point to the amazing number of people in the Akron-Cleveland area who have enjoyed from fifteen to twenty-six years of continuous sobriety. We suspect that the greater percentage of these practiced the Four Absolutes in their daily plan of living.

"Honesty, Unselfishness, Love and Purity." How do YOU measure up to perfection in each of these areas of decent social behavior? Take your own honest and fearless moral inventory. Then have some member of the family or group

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When you stop to
think, don't forget
to start again!



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MILL ENDS AND REMNANTS

The man with the other cup of coffee was talking: "I have been thinking about it a great deal recently—that of our Three Legacies of our A.A. experience—RECOVERY, UNITY and SERVICE, we haven't been placing enough emphasis on the second—UNITY. In our headlong rush of activity we haven't paused sufficiently to know and understand the importance of UNITY, and the dependency of one Legacy upon the other."

This was a stimulating conversation and one worthy of considerable afterthought. The First Tradition keynotes the Second Legacy:

"Our common welfare should come first; our personal recovery depends upon A. A. UNITY."

Early in the writer's period of active participation he was briefed as to his responsibilities in the job which he had accepted. This came? fortunately, when he had recovered sufficiently to qualify for activity and to accept its responsibilities.

He was advised that in considering, deliberating and deciding matters affecting the level of activity engaged in, to pause and preface each decision with the questions: Is it good for A. A. ? Is it good for the group ? Is it good for the continuing sobriety of the members ?

Time and time again—at every level of activity, this yardstick has measured up. And these questions are merely the First Tradition restated.

Space doesn't permit the endless discussion that could ensue, so we ask that our readers think about it, discuss it and apply it for our common welfare.

If you are looking out just for yourself—LOOK GUT, by George!

BIRD AND BEAST TOPERS

One of the problems in Africa, according to a Reuter's dispatch, involves the drunken elephants of the Limpopo River area. Their alcohol comes from the marula plums and when that fruit begins dropping early in April, the elephants move to the areas where the trees grow thick-est. The rotting fruit, sometimes three or four inches deep, ferments and the beasts have a ball. They just get tipsy at the marula trees, but then they roll to the river banks and begin drinking water which, curiously, turns their tipsiness into drunkenness. No one knows whether they see each other pink.

A couple in Sisterville, West Virginia, have a parakeet that demands its daily drink. Sometime ago they began feeding the bird three drops of whiskey a day to improve its plumage. Now he fires a beakful of birdseed at them unless he receives his ration of alcohol on schedule.

Two businessmen, vacationing in Florida, were conversing with each other. One said: "My vacation is being paid for by \$50,000 worth of fire insurance." His friend responded: "I collected \$100,000 for flood damage." "Tell me," asked the other, "how do you start a flood?"

GIVE THANKS

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judge you!

Read the Twelve Steps over carefully again and again and again, especially Steps 4-5-6-7-8-9-10 and 11. Don't judge yourself by the others in your group. Since you have "turned your life and will over to God as you understand (Him," let Him be the judge as to whether you merit the trust He has given into your hands.

Pray and be thankful for the undeserved gift which has been given you. Pray for guidance to continue to merit it.

GRATITUDE SUNDAY

Although every day and every month is the time for being grateful—November of each year has come to be observed in A. A. as Gratitude Month—a time of Thanksgiving.

In keeping with this, GRATITUDE SUNDAY will be observed under sponsorship of Northeastern Ohio General Service Committee on Sunday, November 12, 1961, at St. Malachi's School Hall, 2459 Washington Ave., Cleveland, at 3:00 pm. sharp. The speaker will be Bill D., of Erie, Pa.

Don't miss this opportunity to share and show your gratitude with fellow members.

FIDDLERS

In our boyhood days there was a man who lived across the street from our old home whom we boys disrespectfully called "Old Pop Parker." We spoke out of turn when we say he lived, because he didn't. He simply existed. His wife took in washing in order to get a little food for the family to eat, while her husband just chewed on straw and fiddled. We never heard him play any tune. He just scraped the bow back and forth and annoyed the neighbors.

We used to go over and see him once in a while because he was very friendly to us boys and the dogs in the neighborhood all liked him. We said to him one day, "Pop, don't you ever play a tune on that thing?" and he said, "No son, I just fiddle."

As we have grown older, we often think of Old Pop because he reminds us of many folks we know who never play any tune but just fiddle away on life's instrument. Perhaps the fiddlers in life play a part, perhaps a very important part in life's scheme of things. They never do any particular good or any real harm.

They just fiddle, that's all. Some day they fiddle out. Somebody else will take their place and so the fiddlin' goes on.

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-The Brighter Side

People become quieter when they get older. They have more to keep quiet about.

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What most people are looking for these days is less to do, more time to do it in, and more pay for not getting it -done.

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Too many fellows want their cake and somebody else's cookie too.

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Intuition is that strange instinct that tells a woman that she is right—whether she is or not.

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The greatest stumbling block in any man's path is not laziness nor fear, but a low-necked, short-skirted, rose-scented, diamond-decked hussy named "Procrastination."

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A souse, after imbibing a large quantity of liquor, attempted to blow out a candle, whereupon his alcohol-saturated breath burst into flame. Shaken by the experience, the man begged his wife to bring him the family Bible, muttering, "I gotta swear off!" Placing his hand on the Bible, he intoned "Before Heaven, I swear that never again will I blow on a lighted candle."

GROUP NEWS

To insure publication, group news articles must be submitted IN WRITING before the 15th day of each month.

Allendale-November speakers: 2—Don B., Nela Park; O-Bud C., May-Lynd; 16—Jess A., May-Lynd; 23—Dick M., Liberty; 30—Roberta K., Lakewood Women.

Angle—November speakers: 2—Warren C., Sr., Canton, O.; 9—Dan B., Middlefield; 16—Bill M., Angle (his 26th anniversary); 23—Bill R., Angle (a Thanksgiving lead); 30—Ben H., Monday Lee.

Ashtabula County-Observes its Twentieth Anniversary with a Dinner-Dance and Floor Show on Saturday, November 18, in Grotto Hall, Route 20, two miles east of Ashtabula at 6:30 p.m. The anniversary speaker will be Gene S., of Chicago, Ill. Tickets are \$3.50 per person. Reservations must be made by November 13. Write P.O. Box 953, Ashtabula. Dance tickets only may be purchased at the door.

Borton—Observes its Twenty-second Anniversary on Monday, November 13, in E. Cleveland Congregational Church, Page and Euclid, beginning with a Dinner at 6:30 p.m. The speaker will be Warren C., Sr., of Canton, O. Reservations for the dinner must be made before November 10 through Betty T., telephone: UL 1-0440.

Brooklyn-November speakers: 1—John B., West Shore; & Gates H., C.A.H. Discussion; 15—Mary McL., Clark; 22—"Pappy" S., Coventry (an 18-year veteran); 29—Bill F., Borton (a 19-year veteran).

Charity—November speakers: 3—Don B., Nela Park; 10—Art G., Erie, Pa.; 17—Tom R., Collinwood; 24—Ed McK., Your.

Early-Early-November speakers: Cill H., League Park; 13—Margaret G., Newburgh; 20—Ed C., Newburgh; 27—Bill C., League Park.

Edgelake—Observes its annual Sponsors Night on Tuesday, November 7, with a dinner at 7 p.m. (preceding the meeting at 8:30 at which Anne C., Niles, Ohio, will be the speaker. Reservations for the dinner must be made before Monday, November 6. Call AC 6-2330 for reservations.

Falls—November speakers: 7—Kenny K., Doan Men; 14—Bill McE., Berea Thursday; 21—Mary W., No. Olmsted; 28—Howie L., Angle.

Hague-November speakers: 8—Harry R., Stella Maris Home; 15—Jim D., Early-Early; 22—George G., Forest City; 29—Tom P., League Park.

Lakewood Armory-November speakers: 5—Bud C., Newburgh; 12—Morrie F., Fairview Park; 19—Harry H., Rocky River; 26—Howie L., Angle.

Lorain Ave.—Monday-November speakers: 6—No meeting. As in past years, the group attends the 22nd anniversary meeting of its parent group, the Orchard Grove; 13—Paul V., Lorain Monday; 20—Bill R., Parma Heights; 27—Bob F., Garrettsville.

No. Olmsted—November speakers: 1—Betsy LaR., Forest City; 8—Tom P., League Park; 15—George G., Forest City; 22—Bob F., Maria Joseph; 29—John T. B., No. Olmsted.

Orchard Grove-Observes its Twenty-second Anniversary with Dr. Vincent M., of Akron, O., as its guest speaker. Other November speakers: 13—Avon H., Memphis; 20—Gene B., Berea; 27—Paul G., Parma Heights.

Rocky River-For the first time in nineteen years the group will celebrate its anniversary on Thursday, November 16, at 9 p.m. in Rockport Methodist Church, 3301 Wooster Road. The panel of speakers will include We Hon. James C., of the Arcade group, Warren C., Sr., of Canton, and an original beloved member, John M. You are invited to come for a festival of fun, fellowship and food. Other November speakers: 2—Franklin W., Rocky River; 9—Bill M., May-Lynd; 23—Thanksgiving Day-no meeting; 30—Jime G., Avon Central.

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Valley View-November speakers: 4—Bernie D., Lorain Ave.-Thursday; 11—Annabelle L., Garden Valley; 18—Bob O., Valley View (his eighth anniversary); 25—Ted R., Valley View (his nineteenth anniversary).

West Park-November speakers: 7—Fred D., Newburgh; 14—Bill T., No. Olmsted; 21—"Sonny" H., Memphis; 28—George H., Brooklyn. The group members wish to express their appreciation to the 223 visitors who attended their Sixteenth Anniversary meeting on October 17.

West 25th St.-November speakers all hail from Lodi, Ohio. They are: 6—Bill T.; 13—Morland H.; 20—Chester S.; 27—Louis L.

ALANON OPEN MEETING

The Rosary Hall Alanon group will hold an open meeting on Wednesday, November 1, at 8:30 p.m. in Jordan Hall, Charity Hospital, to which everyone is invited. Normally their meetings are limited to spouses of alcoholics.

Two very able couples, husbands and wives, will speak at this meeting. They are Edna and Ed C. and Jack and Helen R. of the Charity group. Should be a most informative and interesting meeting.

GIGGLES

Doubtfully the young mother examined the toy. Mother: Isn't this rather complicated for a small child? Clerk: It's an educational toy, madam. It's designed to adjust a child to live in the world of today. Any way he puts it together it is wrong.

Genius: Can't understand why you failed in business. Friend: Too much advertising. Genius: What do you mean-too much advertising? You never spent a cent in your life on advertising. Friend: That's true, but my competitors did.

The wife was overjoyed when her husband called her an angel, since he was sparing in his compliments. She asked him why he was so sweet to pay her thia compliment.

"Because you are always up in the air; you are continually harping on something and you never have a thing to wear," was his reply.

"Jimmy," said his mother, "run across the street and see how old Mrs. Smith is."

Jimmy was back in a few minutes. "She says it's none of your business how old she is."

ALANON GROUP MEETINGS

ASHTABULA-Harris Memorial W. 58 & Adams, 1st & 3rd Mon., 8:30
LAKEWOOD—Congregational Church, 1375 West Clifton Blvd., Mon., 8:30
EUCLED-Christan Church, 28000 Lake Shore Blvd., Toes., 8:30
SUBURBAN WEST-Our Savior Luth'n Church, 20300 Hilliard, Tues., 8:30
MAPLE HEIGHTS-Presbyterian Church, 15715 Libby Rd., Tues., 8:30
BETHANY—Bethany Presbyterian Church, W. 65th & Clinton, Wed., 8:30
E. CLEVELAND-YWCA, Lee Boulevard and Euclid, Fri., 1:30
CHARITY-St. Vincent's Charity Hospital, E. 22nd & Central, Fri., 8:30
CHARDON-Pilgrim Christian Church, 113 South St., Fri., 9:00
PARMA—Ridgew'd Sav's & L'n, 5950 Ridge Rd. (2nd & 4th Sat.), 8:30
VALLEY-7100 Kinsman (2nd & 4th Sunday) Closed, Sun., 4:00

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Cleveland Alcoholic Hospital (MW) 7809 Euclid Ave., E x 1-8998
Dorothy McCauliffe Alcoholic Clinic (MW) 8304 Detroit, AT 1-3353
Farquharson's Home (M) 6 0 3 7 Pearl Road, Parma, TU 5-1843
Stella Maria Hospital (M) 1320 Washington Ave., SU 1-0554

CLEVELAND AA DISTRICT OFFICE

The Cleveland AA District Office is open to anyone, male or female, who is seeking an answer to an alcoholic problem. The office, located in Room 205, Frederick Building, 2053 E. 4th St., is open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., but maintains a 24-hour telephone service which responds to calls made after the office is closed. The telephone number is CHerry 1-7387.

CLEVELAND AREA AA GROUP MEETINGS

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 Payne Ave.) 7:00
FRIENDLY SUBURBAN—6087 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 9:30
LEE MONDAY—First Presbyter. Church, Rut Cleveland, Nelaugh 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 Purl 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
SUNNY MONDAY WOMEN—Sunset Rd. St. John's Par. House, Independence 12:30
TEMPLE—Temple Baptist, 7501 Cedar 8:15
UNION—East View Congregational Church, Kinsman at E. 156th St. 8:30
WEST 25th ST.—Marvel Hall, 2858 W. 25th St. 9:00
WOMEN'S Westside—West Boulevard Christian Church, Madison and W. 101 8:45
BOWHALL ROAD—Alanon Club, Rts. 20 & Bowhall, Painesville, O. 7:00
ELYRIA MEN—St. Agnes, Lake & Dewey 8:30
VERMILION—Congregational Church 8:30
WILLOUGHBY, O.—Presbyterian Church 8:30

T U E S D A Y

ARCADE—No meetings until further notice.
CLARK—1917 Clark Ave. 8:30
CORLETT MIXED-Holy Family Parish, Hall, 3645 E. 131st St. 8:30
EAST SIDE WOMEN—1205 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. Club, Third Floor, 7809 Euclid Ave. 8:30
FAIR HOUNT—St. Paul's Episcopal, Fairmount and Coventry 9:00
FALLS—Community Church, Olmsted Falls, 7853 Main St. (Columbia Rd.) 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
NO. ROYALTON—Methodist Church, 13715 Ridge Road 8:30
SMITH-WILSON—St. Joseph's School, 9321 Orleans Ave. 8:30
SUPERIOR—Fourth 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, Gas Ave. and W. 136th St. 8:30
ASH AND—O.—First Presbyterian Church, 3rd & Union Sts. 8:00 EST
ASHTABULA CONSOLIDATED—Methodist Church, South Broadway Geneva, Ohio—First Tuesday 8:30
KIRTLAND—O.—Old South Ch. Rt. 306 8:30
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 Presbyterian, across from Post Office 8:30
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—St. John's Lutheran School, 5826 Cable 8:30
BEDFORD—Bedford Christian Church, Warrensville Center & Blaine 8:30
BROOKLYN-K. of P. Hall, 3316 Broadway, East of Pearl Rd. 8:30
C. E. I.—Illuminating Co., Bldg. (rear) Room 361, 53 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
GARFIELD—Pilgrim E. & R. Church, 4592 E. 131st St. 8:30

HAGUE—Grace Cong. Assembly Hall, West 65th and Colgate 8:30
LAKEWOOD WOMEN—St. Peter's Epis. 18001 Detroit Ave. (Cor. W. Clifton) 8:30
LORAIN-TRISKETT—West Park YMCA, 15500 Lorain Ave. 9:00
LEE ROAD-Fii 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 8:00
SOUTHWEST WOMEN—4037 Purl Rd. 9:00
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
WEST SHORE—West Shore Unitarian, 20401 Hilliard Rd., Rocky River 8:30
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. 56th & Adams, Ashtabula Second & 4th Wednesday 7:30
BRUNSWICK—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—Luther Center, Eagle St., Fairport Harbor 8:00
INTERRACIAL—30th & Wood, Lorain, O., Mt. Zion Baptist Church 8:30
JEFFERSON—O.—St. Joseph's Church 8:30
LAKE COUNTY WOMEN—Grace Episcopal, 38015 Euclid Ave., Willoughby 9:00
SANDUSKY, O.—Provid. Hos. Cafeteria 7:30
MANSFIELD, O.—20 1/2 S. Park 8:00 E.S.T.
WICKLIFE—Wickliffe Presbyterian Church, E. 300th & Ridge Rd. (Route 84) 8:30

T H U R S D A Y

ALLENDALE—St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 15637 Euclid Ave. 8:30
ANGLE—St. Malachi's, 2459 Washington 9:00
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, 3700 Vine St. 9:00
EAST SHORE WOMEN—1505 E. 260th, Hope Congregational Church 8:30
GARDEN VALLEY—(Outhwaite) 7100 Kinsman Ave. 8:00
LORAIN AVE.—St. Gregory School, Madison Ave. & W. 129th 9:00
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, 3301 Wooster Road 9:00
ST. CLAIR-THURS.—Nottingham Methodist Church, St. Clair & Melville 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 Ad
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
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, Educ. Bldg., Mentor Ave., Painesville 8:30

F R I D A Y

ANSEL ROAD—St. Thomas Church, 9205 Superior Ave. 9W
BROADWAY-HARVARD—6437 Broadway 9:00
CEDAR—Salvation Army, 5005 Euclid 8:15
CHARITY—Amphitheatre, 6th Floor, St. Vincent's Charity Hospital 8:30
CLEVELAND WOMEN—1031 Ter. Tow. 6:00
EUCLID FRIDAY—Epiphany Church, Lake Shore and E. 210th 9:00
FRIDAY AFTERNOON WOMEN—Fleming Church, Coventry and Drexmore, Krumbine Room 1:00
GORDON SQUARE—St. Helena's Hall, 1367 W. 65th St. 9W
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. 64th and Cedar 8:45

MEETINGS

STELLA MARIS MIXED, 1320 Washington Ave. 8:15
TAPCO—23555 Euclid Ave. 9 p.m.
 Second Friday of each month
WEST CLIFTON—Likwd. 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—Federated Churches, 76 Bell Street 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

S A T U R D A Y

FOREST CITY—2125 Broadway Rd. 9:00
JACK & HEINTZ—17600 Broadway 8:30
LANDER CIRCLE—Garfield Mem. Method & 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—Windward Presb. Ch., Euclid Ave. and Windermere 8:30
345 Broad St., Elyria, O. 8:30
LORAIN SATNITE—7th and Reed St., St. Mary's Church Basement 8:30
MANSFIELD—20 1/2 S. Park 8:00 E.S.T.
NEWBURGH STATE HOSPITAL—Williams Bldg., Entrance at 4455 Turney Rd. 7:30
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., Rts. 306 and 283, Mentor, O. 8:30
REDWOOD—Euclid Lutheran Church, E. 260th and Oriole 8:30
TRINITY—Trinity Evangelical Church, 3525 W. 25th St. 9:00
VALLEY VIEW—Pilgrim Congr. Church, 2592 W. 14th, cor. Starkweather 9:00
ASHTABULA, O.—St. Peter's Epis. Church, Main Avenue at South Park 8:30
ELYRIA SATNITE—Alconon Club
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
BROOKSIDE—Blessed Sacrament Church, Storer and Fulton (downstairs) 8:30
C.A.H. DISCUSSION-CAR Club, 7609 Euclid Avenue 10:45 A.M.
COLLINWOOD—945 E. 152nd St. 7:30
DETROIT SUNDAY, 6304 Detroit Avenue 7:30 P.M.
DISCUSSION—4700 Detroit Ave. 7:00
GARDEN VALLEY—Outhwaite 7:00
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
LAKEWOOD CLOSED—16001 Detroit Ave., St. Peter's Episcopal Church 8:30
LORAIN COUNTY CONSOLIDATED, 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, 9203 Superior Ave. 7:00
NELA PARK—Cafeteria, Advertising Bldg., Nela Park, Noble Road 7:30
NEWBURGH—St. Catherine's Church, 3443 E. 93rd St. 8:30
NEWBURY—St. Helena's Church, Rt. 87 8:15
SUPERIOR—STAG-6601 Superior 11 A.M.
TRUSTY—Cleveland House of Correction, 1000 feet east of House of Correction 8:00
VALLEY WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP, 2nd & 4th Sunday, 7100 Kinsman 3:30
YOUR—Euclid Community House, 240 Briardale 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 L.S.T.

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It is possible and probable that for many in our society who never had a basic religious training or belief. Christmas may never have had its true significance. Without regard to that it is also probable that the **increasing** commercialization of the Christmas season, and, the vicious uncertainty of the times in which we live, may have obscured in whole or in part that true significance of Christmas for most of us or even all of us.

Nearly two thousand years ago the Child of Bethlehem was born into a world that was old, tired and cynical. Across His birthplace had marched the armies of **innumerable** tyrants. Great empires had risen and fallen in the centuries immediately preceding His **birth**. In the cities of the Near East were learned men who knew the art of Persia, the **Hebrew** religion, the philosophy of Greece and the law and military science of Rome.

The **highly** sauhisticated understanding of "modern men in Jesus' time was wholly inadequate to the human needs of the time. They knew all sorts of doctrines and techniques for analysis. But they lacked the **simple** wisdom of a child, which is that life without love is **meaningless**.

The truth about love, which includes compassion, mercy and tolerance, is what Jesus really brought to the human race. Church buildings and other sanctuaries of the human **spirit** may be **destroyed** in wars and revolutions, and believers in love may be **martyred** and **brainwashed**, but the essential truth which the Christchild brought, endures forever.

In His birth there was **brought** to a **world** of wise men the key that **unlocks** the secret of human existence. This key of loving kindness in one person for another is just as timely and more vital in an age of atomic science as it was in the age of **galley slaves**.

While **nations** and communities change, fight, and threaten destruction, the human heart remains unchanged. The **message** of Christmas is always as fresh and bright as the dawn of a new day. Its essence is as precious as the gift of a new day of life. **Surely** the full inspiration of active **brotherly** love should impress us in this society, perhaps more than it impresses any other group of human **beings** on the face of the earth. **Ours** is a mission of love in action. That was the message of Christ, and on His birthday we who have walked through a dark valley that could not be **conceived** by most, and have found through His grace and the truth which **He** brought to the world, a fine **spirit** of **brotherly** love which has salvaged us into a new life far greater than some ever know, should find Christmas the true symbol of a love that surpasses all understanding.

If all people, especially the world's leaders, could abandon their love for power and learn the power of love as we have, most of the world's troubles would end.

RESPONSIBILITY

In last month's issue we cited a speaker who deplored the lack of growth in AA and his opinions on the cause of this lack. Coincidentally, two other AA publications which came across our desk during the past month stressed the same concern.

One, the Gay Aradians, published by the Monterey, California groups, cited some interesting and **thought-provoking** figures on our lack of growth with startling conclusions.

It noted that in **1952** there were **4925** groups in AA; in **1953, 5421**; **1054, 5927**; **1955, 6249**; **1956, 6779**; **1957, 6826**; **1958, 7705**; **1959, 8211**; **1060, 8615**.

"Now if each group took in only six members each year, then during the **past** nine years we would have taken in at least 364,203 new members. But the actual increase in membership was only 43,406. It sort of looks as if, to make room for the 364,203 new members, we would have to drive out 302,803 **OLD** members.

"Maybe we do grow by attraction, but it doesn't look like our old ideas have set the world on fire **lately**."

We haven't taken time to **analyze** those figures. We hope they are **accurate**. But we have been checking "growth" in our own area and not; that quite a few of our area's groups have remained about the same size, though there were some exceptions.

We remember back 22 years ago when **AA** was new in Cleveland and when interest and enthusiasm were high. Many of our **first** members travelled 35 miles to Akron to attend meetings. Because they lacked means of transportation several groups were

formed in Cleveland. Their **gratitude** was so great they "carried the message" to many at all hours of the day and night.

Such-enthusiasm was infectious and in five years there were over fifty groups **in the Cleveland area**, many of them with over 30 members and several with around 100. In Ohio alone, there were over 250 groups.

The Cleveland area supports about **175** groups and the Akron area about the same. **Some** of these groups are large and **some** very small. But enough loyal, grateful, solid members continue to come each week to perpetuate their group.

But why have we not grown even more? Have we reached our growth level? Do we have the same gratitude and zeal that was so excitingly evident **back** in 1939 or in 1949?

Check yourself. Are you taking AA for **granted**? Are you **tired** of going out **on** calls? Have you **been** guilty of refusing to go out on a call **because** you didn't feel like it and gave the excuse that you were too busy?

In the early days, AA **proudly** announced that the **pro-**

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Some people waste a lot of time praying for a mountain to be moved . . . instead of praying for strength to cross it!

Season's Greetings from Central Bulletin Foundation

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MILL ENDS AND REMNANTS

*If a man would find God;
let him humbly ask for a chance to believe;
and meanwhile, let him go personally
— not by delegate —
to his less fortunate brother,
helping him in his need of body and soul.
He will presently find what he seeks.
For when a man can leave himself
and enter the lives of others,
he leaves his own heart open
so that God may enter and dwell with him.*

The foregoing from MILL ENDS' correspondent in Albuquerque, New Mexico, is gratefully acknowledged, and we are happy that he shared it with us so that we may share it with our readers.

There have been many occasions in which your columnist has been greatly stimulated by passages that he has read. Seldom, however, has he been stirred to the innards as by the profundity of the lines above.

It is healthy to be constantly reminded that our sobriety is a truly wonderful gift. It is good that we not forget it is a gift by grace and that it represents the compounded interest of compassion and understanding deposited for us by those who asked "for a chance to believe."

Similarly, it is good for us to reflect just how physically ill and soul sick we were until we surrendered and accepted the help and ministrations of those who sought and gave that which we, too, have now come to know.

Truly, we have been gifted, and though unmeriting His gift to us, may we more faithfully be as we partake of the staff of this life of a happy sobriety in A. A.

"The only power that can resist the power of fear is the power of love," by George!

HOLIDAY WARNING

Each year, in the December issue of the Bulletin, we warn our readers of the pitfalls in store for them which promise dire consequences. Office and shop parties will be in vogue and you'll be invited. Your neighbors and your service clubs will also invite you. There'll be an air of brotherly love and easy tolerance toward festive drinking. They'll coax, command, demand, cajole, threaten and ridicule your sometimes whispered "no" when a drink is proffered. "Only one-come on, only one," they'll chorus as they take you in tow.

It doesn't take strength or will power to resist this effort on the part of friends and acquaintances. A spirit of conviviality is in the air. But don't feel embarrassed or uncomfortable. Just be firm. You even can be convivial, particularly if you remember your pact with your God that you made when you turned your life over to His care when you accepted Step HI in the program after having admitted being powerless over alcohol in Step I.

Be firm. Be proud of your protection. Be joyful that you have this shield. Having it you'll be strong. Being strong you'll be able to hold your head high. Then you'll be deservedly happy. You'll retain your self-respect. And you'll still have fun. And you might even by your example so impress others in the party that they will come to you for help with their own problem.

RESPONSIBILITY

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gram was 85% successful. What is the percentage now? How many of your newest candidates remain sober after a year, eight, six, three-, or one month? Have you examined the reason for their lack of interest? Did you truly spend enough time with them in indoctrinating them?

Is your group developing into a social club? Is its primary purpose entertainment, diversion, cards, etc.? Do you suggest to your speaker that he or she hold the talk down to a half-hour? Do you discourage discussion or comment?

We submit again that if we are to keep OUR sobriety we must continue to share our knowledge with anyone who seeks it. It's an awesome and terrible responsibility that has been entrusted to us. We may be responsible for even his soul.

We have been given a precious gift. If the lustre of the gift has faded and the appreciation of it has waned, we had better take it out of its hiding place lest it be taken away, forever.

Let's not be complacent. Let's re-dedicate ourselves and regain some of the zeal which made AA-available to sufferers throughout the world. We have only reached six percent of our prospects. There's your challenge.

H - U - L - P

We are indebted to Al K., Charleston, W. Va., for suggesting a change in the AA masthead in the left hand corner of page two of this issue. Al was indoctrinated into AA in Akron, Ohio when AA was very young and when great emphasis was placed on the need of taking a daily inventory to correct character defects. His fine sponsors laid great emphasis on practicing absolute honesty, absolute unselfishness, absolute love and absolute purity to the best of his ability to deserve help from God as he understood him.

He has been sober ever since and has been notably successful in carrying the message to others in Charleston and around West Virginia. He attributes his success to his thorough indoctrination.

He suggested that we change the rotation of the Absolutes which our old masthead-held to make them easier to remember. H-U-L-P, reminded him of "help" that he needed whenever he was faced with a temptation to waver.

He accompanied his suggestion with a ten-dollar check to cover the costs of artwork and a new printing plate. This is gratefully acknowledged.

YOUR GARDEN

We may plant a garden at any time, submits Mr. Donald McDonald manager of Hospital Auditing, Blue Cross, Western Pennsylvania as follows:

First-Plant five rows of peas-Preparedness, Promptness, Perseverance, Politeness and Prayer.

Second-Plant three rows of Squash-Squash Gossip, Criticism, Indifference.

Third-Plant five rows of Lettuce-Lettuce be Faithful; Lettuce be Unselfish, Lettuce be Loyal, Lettuce be Love one another; Lettuce be Thankful.

Fourth-No garden is complete without Turnips, so plant them. Turnip for meetings (group or/and church; Turnip with a smile; Turnip with a new idea; Turnip with Determination (D.D.D.)

OBITUARY

Patrick Leonard, one of Cleveland's most enthusiastic, effective and active members for the past seventeen years, passed away on September 12, 1961. Cause of death was cirrhosis of the liver. His passing is mourned by the host of friends he introduced to AA and to the many who were inspired by his talks to AA groups. Our sincere condolences go out to his bereaved family.

William Schneider, a valued and active member of the Parma Heights group, passed away on October 30, 1961. Bill's passing is mourned by many. Our sincere condolences are tendered to his bereaved-families.

GROUP NEWS

To insure publication, group news articles must be submitted IN WRITING before the 15th day of each month.

Allendale-All December speakers are members of the 6700 Detroit Discussion group. They are: 7—Don C.; 14—Nellie F.; 21—Wayne G.; 28—Art F.

Angle-December speakers: 7—Jess A., May-bynd; 14—Mary W., North Olmsted; 21—John W., Newburgh; 28—Ed. B., Attorney.

Brooklyn-December speakers: 6—William S., Brooklyn (his fourth anniversary); 13—No meeting as group members attend a Christmas party; 20—A joint lead with William B. and Albert S., both of Brooklyn who are celebrating their 13th and 15th anniversaries, respectively; 27—"Old Timers" Night with Franklyn S., Doan Men, as speaker.

Charity-December speakers: 1—John W., Newburgh; 8—Bob F., Maria Joseph; 15—Harley W., 24 Hour; 22—Dick P., Newburgh; 29—Jerry W., Angle.

Cleveland Women-December speakers: 1—Dorothy A., Clark; 8—Marge K., Eastside Women; 15—Idolene McG., Fairmount; 22—Mary H., Cleveland Women; 29—"Pat" N., Fairmount.

Crossroads-December speakers: 7—Harry D., Edgelake; 14—Jack S., Lorain Ave. Monday; & 1—Bob S., Newburgh; 28—Mary McL., Clark.

Doan Men-December speakers: G—John Wilkin, Hilltop; 13—Frank B., Doan Men; 20—Frank B., Shaker; 27—Jim D., Stella Maris.

Early-Early-December speakers: 4—Tape recording of talk by Talbot H.; 11—Clyde D., Superior; 1&—Frank S. (anniversary); 25—Christmas meeting. Meetings now start at 7:30 p.m.

Elyria Wednesday-Observing Gratitude and Thanksgiving month with five old timers each having from 15 to 22 years of sobriety as speakers. Earlier speakers were Bill Y. of Elyria (18 years), Warren C., Canton (22 years), and Bill B., Lorain (20 years). On November 22, Liz B. (20 years) of Cleveland, and on the 29th, Marie B. (15 years), Lorain County, will be the speakers. The group invites you to share their appreciation and gratitude.

December speakers: 6—Ab W., Lakewood Armory; 13—Gloria D., Akron, O.; 20—Chuck B., Barberton, O.; 27—Elwood O., Forest City.

Gordon Square-December speakers: 1—Chuck B., West Park; S-Ralph S., Sr., Forest City; 15—Dorothy B., Clark, Independence; 22—Ed S., Angle; 29—Tony W., Elyria Wednesday.

Independence—December speakers: 7—Jim K., Your; 14—Ed R., Clark; 21—Andy Z., Clark; 28—Dorothy B., Clark. Lorain County Women-Now meet in St. Vincent de Paul Church, Detroit Rd., Route 254, just before Route 57. They still meet on Wednesday at 8:30 p.m.

May-Lynd-Has changed its meeting place to East Cleveland Savings and Loan, 5816 Mayfield Road. They still meet on Tuesdays at 8:30 p.m.

Lorain Ave. Monday-December speakers: 4—Dick H., Psychiatric Hospital; 11—Ruth K., West Side Women; 18—Leroy R., Berea Friday; 25—No meeting—Christmas. Mistletoe-December speakers: 3—Leo M., Armory; 10—Jim D., Edgelake; 17—Tom P., Newburgh (also a Christmas Party); 24—No meeting; 31—To be announced.

North Olmsted—Will observe its First Anniversary on Wednesday, December 6, at 9 p.m. in North Olmsted City Hall on Dover Road. Speaker will be Warren C., Sr., of Canton. Other December speakers: 13—Elwood O., Forest City; 20—Harry D., Edgelake; 27—Warren C., Jr., Edgelake.

Solidarity-Now meets in the Friendly Inn Settlement, 2382 Unwin Road, one block west of E. 55th Street, off Quincy Avenue. They still meet on Fridays at 8:30 p.m. Richard L., 2242 E. 70th St., is the new secretary.

Stella Maris-November speakers: 3—Ralph B., Inde-

pendence; 10—Frank W., North East; 17—John P. J., Washington, D. C.; 24—Harry R., Stella Maris (his 22nd anniversary).

St. Clair Thursday—December speakers: 7—Pat O'N., St. Clair Thursday; 14—Bob B., Night and Day; 21—Gloria S., Forest City; 28—Tom B., Valley View.

Trinity-Observes its Fourteenth Anniversary on December 2 with world traveler Corne V. as speaker. Come, a former Clevelander who contributed much to AA in Cleveland before he retired to southern Ohio, spent the past two years in England, Scotland and the Netherlands where he also "carried the message." He even translated the Big Book in Dutch, truly a great contribution. Other December speakers are: 9—Bill N., May-Lynd; 16—Marian G., Newburgh; 23—Ed C., Newburgh; 30—Kenny K., Borton.

Union-Changed its meeting time to 9 o'clock on Monday evenings.

West Park-December speakers: 4—Roy and Lawson N.; 11—Willie M., Strongsville; 18—Alfred B., Eastside Morning; 25—John W., Collinwood (his sixth Christmas lead at this group).

Westside Morning-The Thanksgiving morning meeting will have an old-timer of Cleveland, Harry W., as its speaker. Harry now lives in Mayfield, Ky., and returns to make his fifteenth consecutive lead on that day at this group.

Your—December speakers: 3—Charlotte S., Chagrin Valley; 1&—Farrell G., Angle; 17—Bud S., Willoughby; 24—Judd R., Euclid Friday; 31—Howard B., Independence.

WINTER CONSOLIDATED MEETING

Jordan Hall, St. Vincent Charity Hospital

Sunday, December 3, 1961, at 4 p.m.

The Winter Consolidated Meeting sponsored by Central Committee will have as its speaker, Moses Y. of Hartville, Ohio. His homespun philosophy and his solid AA message have made him a popular speaker in many parts of Ohio. He is well worth hearing.

GIGGLES

Patient: "I dream every night about baseball."

Psychiatrist: "Don't you ever dream about anything else-girls, for example?"

Patient: "What-and miss my turn at bat!"

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As Eli Whitney once said, "Keep your cotton-pickin' hands off my gin."

ALANON GROUP MEETINGS

ASHTABULA-Harris Memorial W. 58 & Adams-1st & 3rd Mon., 8:30
LAKEWOOD-Congregational Church, 1375 West Clifton Blvd. Mon., 8:30
EUCLID-Christian Church, 28000 Lake Shore Blvd. Tues., 8:30
SUBURBAN WEST-Our Savior Luth'n Church, 20300 Hilliard, Tues., 8:30
MAPLE HEIGHTS-Presbyterian Church, 15715 Libby Rd. Tues., 8:30
BETHANY—Bethany Presbyterian Church, W. 65th & Clinton Wed., 8:30
E. CLEVELAND-YWCA, Lee Boulevard and Euclid Fri., 1:30
CHARITY-St. Vincent's Charity Hospital, E. 22nd & Central Fri., 8:30
CHARDON-Pilgrim Christian Church, 113 South St. Fri., 9:00
PARMA—Ridgew'd Sav's & L'n, 5950 Ridge Rd. (2nd & 4th Sat.) Sat., 8:30
VALLEY-7100 Kinsman (2nd & 4th Sunday) Closed Sun., 4:00

NURSING HOMES THAT TREAT ALCOHOLICS

(This listing does not necessarily indicate endorsement or approval)

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
Stella Maris Hospital (M) 1320 Washington Ave. SU 1-0554

CLEVELAND AA DISTRICT OFFICE

The Cleveland AA District Office is open to anyone, male or female, who is seeking an answer to an alcoholic problem. The office, located in Room 205, Frederick Building, 2063 E. 4th St., is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., but maintains a 24-hour telephone service which responds to calls made after the office is closed. The telephone number is CHerry 1-7387.

CLEVELAND AREA A A GROUP MEETINGS

MONDAY

BORTON—E. Cleveland Congrega. Church, Page and Euclid Ave. 8:30
EARLY-RARLY—Plasterer's Union Hall, 1651 E. 24th St. (near Payne Ave.) 7:30
FRIENDLY SUBURBAN—6037 Pearl 8:00
FRIENDSHIP—Blvd. Presbyterian Ch., 24600 Take Shore Blvd., Euclid. 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—7921 Ramona Blvd. 8:30
SHAKER—Christ Episcopal Church, 3445 Warrenville Center Rd. 9:00
SOUTH EAST—7526 Broadway 8:30
SUNNY MONDAY WOMEN—Sunset Rd., St. John's Par. House, Independence 12:30
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
BOWHALL ROAD—Alanon Club, Rte. 20 & Bowhall, Painesville, O. 7:00
ELYRIA MEN—St. Agnes, Lake & Dewey 8:30
VERMILION—Congregational Church 8:30
WILLOUGHBY, O.—Presbyterian Church 8:30

TUESDAY

ARCADE—No meetings until further notice
CLARK—1917 Clark Ave. 8:30
CORLETT MIXED—Holy Family Parish Hall, 3845 E. 131st St. 8:30
EAST SIDE WOMEN—11208 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
FALLS—Community Church, Olmsted Falls, 7853 Main St. (Columbia Rd.) 9:00
FAIRVIEW PARK—Fairview Grace Church, W. 224th and Lorain Ave. 9:00
HILLTOP—St. Joseph's Seminary, 17608 Euclid Ave. 8:45
MAYLYND—E. Cleveland Savings & Loan, 5816 Mayfield Road 8:30
MILES-LEE—Mt. Hope Lutheran Church, E. 164th north of Miles An. 8:30
NO. ROYALTON—Methodist church, 13715 Ridge Road 8:30
SMITH-WILSON—St. Joseph's School, 9321 Orleans Ave. 8:30
SUPERIOR—North Presbyterian Church, E. 40th and Superior 8:30
TRUST—Y-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
KIRTLAND, O.—Old South Ch. Rt. 306 8:30
LAKE COUNTY—Meth. Fellowship Hall, Rt. 20-E, Southwood, Mentor 8:30
LORAIN CENTRAL—Lorain, O. Trinity Church 8:30
MANSFIELD—Episcopal Church, 411 B-o St., Mansfield, O. 8:30 EST
MEDINA, O.—St. Paul's Epis. Par. Hse. 8:30
SANDUSKY, O.—(Firelands)—First Presbyterian, across from Post Office 8:30
SHREVE—Shreve Armory, South St., Shreve, O. 8:30 EST
STRONGSVILLE—Town Hall 8:30

WEDNESDAY

BAXTER—St. John's Lutheran School, 5826 Cable 8:30
BEDFORD—Bedford Christian Church, Warrensville Center & Blaine 8:30
BROOKLYN—K. of P. Hall, 3316 Broadway East of Pearl Rd. 8:30
C. E. I.—Illuminating 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—Pilgrim E. & R. Church, 4592 E. 131st St. 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-TRISKETT—West Park YMCA, 15500 Lorain Ave. 9:00
LEE ROAD—First English Lutheran, Derbyshire and Euclid Hts. Blvd. 8:00
NO. OLMSHEAD—City Hall Dover Road 9:00
PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL—1708 Aiken 8:30
ST. JAMES—St. James Church, E. 84th and Cedar 8:00
SOUTHWEST WOMEN—6037 Pearl Rd. 8:00
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
WEST SHORE—West Shore Unitarian, 20401 Hilliard Rd., Rocky River 8:30
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—Luther Center, Eagle St., Fairport Harbor 8:00
INTERRACIAL—30th & Wood, Lorain, O., Mt. Zion Baptist Church 8:30
JEFFERSON, O.—St. Joseph's Church 8:30
LAKE COUNTY WOMEN—Grace Episcopal, 38015 Euclid Ave., Willoughby, 8:00
SANDUSKY, O.—Pmvid. Hos. Cafeteria 7:30
MANSFIELD, O.—204 1/2 S. Park 8:00 E.S.T.
WICKLIFFE—Wickliffe Presbyterian Church, E. 300th & Ridge Rd. (Route 84) 8:30

THURSDAY

ALLENDALE—St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 15837 Euclid Ave. 8:30
ANGLE—St. Malachi's, 2459 Washington 9:00
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—St. Luke's Episcopal, W. 78th St. and Lake Ave. 8:30
EASTLAKE—First Congregational Church, 33700 Vine St. 9:00
EAST SHORE WOMEN—1505 E. 260th, Hope Congregational Church 8:30
GARDEN VALLEY—(Outhwaite) 7100 Kinsman Ave. 8:00
LORAIN AVE.—St. Gregory School, Madison Ave. & W. 129th 9:00
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, 3301 Wooster Road 9:00
ST. CLAIR-THURS—Nottingham Methodist Church, St. Clair & Melville 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 THURSDAY—2nd and Union, Rossaro's Restaurant 8:00 EST
ASHTABULA HARBOR—North End Club, Comer 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
INDEPENDENCE, O.—St. John's Lutheran Hall, Second and Sunset 9:00
MAPLE LEAF—Congregational Church, Fellowship Hall, Burton, O. 8:30
PAINESVILLE—Congregational Church, Educ. Bldg., Mentor Ave., P'sville 8:30

FRIDAY

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—1031 Ter. Tow. 6:00
EUCLID FRIDAY—Epiphany Church, Lake Shore and E. 210th 9:00
FRIDAY AFTERNOON WOMEN—Flymouth 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 Hour Motel, 15661 Euclid Ave. 8:30
SOLIDARITY—Friendly Inn Settlement, 2382 Unwin Rd. (off Quincy Ave.) 8:30

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 mom of Berea Cone. Church, Seminary and Church 8:30
CHAGRIN FALLS—Federated Churches, 76 Bell Street 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

FOREST CITY—2125 Broadview Rd. 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—Windermere Presb. Ch., Euclid Ave. and Windermere 8:30
345 Broad St., Elyria, O. 8:30
LORAIN SATNITE—7th and Reed St., St. Mary's Church Basement 8:30
MANSFIELD—20 1/2 S. Park 8:00 E.S.T.
NEWBURGH STATE HOSPITAL—Williams Bldg., Entrance at 4455 Turney Rd. 7:30
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., Rts. 306 and 283, Mentor, O. 8:30
REDWOOD—Euclid Lutheran Church, E. 260th and Oriole 8:30
TRINITY—Trinity Evangelical Church, 3525 W. 25th St. 9:00
VALLEY VIEW—Pilgrim Congr. Church, 2592 W. 14th, cor. Starkweather 9:00
ASHTABULA, O.—St. Peter's Epis. Church, Main Avenue at South Park 8:30
ELYRIA SATNITE—Alconon Club, Middlefield—Methodist Church, South Main St., Middlefield, O. 8:30
WEST RICHFIELD—Consolidated Church, Route 303, just wed 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
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 ARMORY—1437 Wayne Ave., South of Detroit 9:00
LAKEWOOD CLOSED—18001 Detroit Ave., St. Peter's Episcopal Church 8:30
LORAIN COUNTY CONSOLIDATED—St. John's Sch., 31 & Rt. 57, Lorain 7:30
MARIA JOSEPH—Plasteren Hall, 1651 E. 24th St., at Payne Ave. 9:00
MISTLETOE—St. Thomas Church, 9205 Superior Ave. 7:00
NELA PARK—Cafeteria, Advertising Bldg., Nela Park, Noble Road 7:30
NEWBURGH—St. Catherine's Church, 3443 E. 93rd St. 8:30
NEW-BURY—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—Euclid Community House, 240 Briardale 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 R.S.T.
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