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AA's of North Set to Hear Bill W.

Time Table for March 20-21

TUESDAY, March 20—Fourth Annual Northern California-Nevada Conference of AA at California Hall, Polk and Turk Streets, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.; principal address by Bill W. at War Memorial Opera House, Grove Street and Van Ness Avenue, at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, March 21—First meeting of the San Francisco Assembly (Panel 1) of the General Service Conference of AA's at California Hall, Polk and Turk Streets, at 9 a.m.

St. Patrick's Day Dance To Be Held By Alano Club

The first of a series of anticipated social events for the Alano Club has been set for Saturday night, March 17—St. Patrick's Day. Dancing will be in the basement auditorium at the club's new address, 111 O'Farrell Street, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Music will be by Mel Pope's orchestra.

Pat L., formerly of the San Francisco Fellowship, now in the hotel business in Los Angeles, visited friends here early in the month. He was in fine health and spirits and, like Mark Twain, said recent reports of his tragic end were a bit premature.

Three Important Sessions Arranged; Chief Address to Be Tuesday Night

Hundreds of members of Alcoholics Anonymous, their relatives and friends, from Nevada on the east, Taft on the south, and Redding and Eureka on the north, will gather in San Francisco Tuesday, March 20, and Wednesday, March 21, for the largest mid-week meetings of AA ever held in Northern California. They will come primarily to hear Bill W., surviving co-founder of their society of recovered alcoholics. Incidentally, they will link sessions of two groups set up within the parent body—the Fourth Annual Northern California-Nevada Conference and the first biennial San Francisco Assembly (Panel 1) of the General Service Conference.

The highlight of the sessions will be an address by Bill on "AA History; Our Third Legacy" at the War Memorial Opera House, Grove Street and Van Ness Avenue, at 8 o'clock Tuesday night, March 20. Admission will be by ticket only, no seats reserved.

At Other Sessions

Bill will arrive here near the end of a nation-wide tour, during which he is assisting in setting up a new body within AA—the General Service Conference. This conclave, to be held in New York April 20, 21 and 22, will be composed of delegates from half of the AA centers of the United States and Canada. The remaining half of the territory will be represented in 1952. From here he will go to Vancouver, B.C., for the last stop of his tour.

He will come here from Los Angeles, where he will speak Saturday night, March 17, and Sunday night, March 18.

Tuesday afternoon he will attend the Fourth Annual Northern California-Nevada Conference from 1 to 5 p.m. in California Hall, Polk and Turk streets. He will make the closing remarks at that session.

N.C.N.C. Program

The Tuesday afternoon program will be open to AA's only, including two official delegates from each group in the area. It will include a program yet to be announced. The chairman of the Tuesday afternoon meeting will be Jack F. of Santa Cruz.

For the Tuesday night program at the Opera House the chairman will be Ed A. of Alameda and an invocation will be delivered by Dr. Clarence Reidenbach of Oakland. Bill will be the only speaker. Admission to that meeting will be by ticket only. No seats will be reserved.

Some fifty ushers will be provided.
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Northern California-Nevada Council Will Be Four Years Old on March 23

The Northern California-Nevada Council of AA, which has been conjoined with the first San Francisco Assembly of the General Service Conference for the two-day AA conclave to be held here March 20-21, will become four years old on March 23.

It was on a Sunday in March, 1947, that a few collaborating souls from Oakland, Sacramento Valley, the Peninsula, and Marin, Solano, San Francisco, Contra Costa, Santa Clara and Santa Cruz Counties, gathered in the Oakland Alano Club to hold the first meeting of what was to become the present council. The call for the meeting had been sent out by the Oakland Group after consultations with the neighboring groups.

Since that time, quarterly meetings have been held in various cities of the area, punctuated by more ambitious Annual Conferences once each year. The First Annual Conference was held in San Francisco in March, 1948, with Bill W. the principal speaker; as he is this year.

Other Conferences

The Second Annual Conference was held in Oakland in March, 1949, with Jim B., of San Diego, as the principal speaker. When he was a member of Bill's first little group in Brooklyn, Jim was credited with being the member who proposed the insertion of the words, "as we understood Him," in our Third and Eleventh Steps for Recovery.

Last year saw the bringing of the third AA from Akron, Ohio, to speak at the Third Annual Conference in San Francisco. He was Bill D., who in the big book, *Alcoholic Anonymous*, was "the man on the bed," on whom Bill and Doctor Bob made their first call together.

The annual gathering heretofore has been held on weekends, but this year's meeting had to be set for a Tuesday because of the circumstances of Bill's visit here at that time. A feature of previous sessions, a discussion group problem, had to be foregone this year because of the time element.

145 Groups Included

The council originally had eight districts, with a representative and alternate from each district. The principal job of the representatives is to set up the program for next

quarterly session. At the last meeting the districts were increased to twelve because of the growth in AA population. The districts, embracing 145 groups, now are:

District 1—Sacramento County.

District 2 — Sacramento Valley from Redding and Susanville on the North to Rio Vista on the South.

District 3 — Eureka on the North to Vallejo and Marin County on the South.

District 4 — Contra Costa County and Berkeley.

District 5 — Alameda County, except Berkeley.

District 6 — Analan, Downtown, St. Francis Women's, Polk Gulch, Sunday Night, Rebound, Midtown, North Beach.

District 7 — Sunset, Golden Gate, Young People's, St. Francis Men's, Fillmore, Park-Presidio, Marina, Pacific Heights, Sea Cliff.

District 8 — Daytime, Maritime, South of Market, Mission, Mission Amazon, Mission Dollores, Mission Day, Twelfth Step House, West Portal, Parkside.

District 9 — South San Francisco to San Jose.

District 10 — Saratoga-Los Gatos on the North to Salinas and Carmel on the South.

District 11 — Lodi and Stockton on the North to Taft on the South.

District 12 — Nevada.

Purposes of Council

The Council is designed for the exchange of group ideas. It is in no wise intended as a governmental body. Its purpose is best stated by its Resolution of Purpose, which follows:

"WHEREAS, it is believed that the interest of the work of Alcoholics Anonymous in Northern California and Nevada can be furthered by the creation of a council which will act as a medium of exchange between member groups for the dissemination of ideas and experiences of mutual interest, and to provide whatever other services those member groups may deem advisable.

"WHEREAS, membership in the council will be open to all AA groups in Northern California and Nevada who indicate in writing their desire to participate, and that representation in the council will consist of two representatives from each member group.

Bill T. Breaks Wrist Bone In Fall from Church Ladder

One of the Fellowship's active members, Bill T., had to go to church—sober—to fall off a stepladder.

Bill, who is chairman of the Fellowship Institutional Committee, was repairing a movie projector in the Quiet Hour Church in—of all places—Oakland a recent Sunday morning. The stepladder on which he was standing collapsed and he fell to the floor, breaking a bone in his right wrist.

Though his wrist was in a cast, he was not deterred from keeping a speaking engagement the following night with his wife Ruth, a member of the Family Group.

"WHEREAS, in conformity with the principles of AA it shall be incumbent upon the council to provide maximum usefulness with a minimum of organization, and that at no time will the council take any action that will be mandatory, conflicting or in any way restrictive of the complete freedom of the participating member groups as indicated in Points 2 and 4 of the TWELVE POINTS OF TRADITION OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, which state:

(2) "For our Group purpose there is but one ultimate authority — A loving God as He may express Himself in our Group conscience."

(4) "With respect to its own affairs, each AA Group should be responsible to no other authority than its own conscience. But when its plans concern the welfare of neighboring groups also, those groups ought to be consulted. And no group, regional committee or individual should ever take action that might greatly affect AA as a whole without conferring with the Trustees of the Alcoholics Foundation. On such issues our common welfare is paramount."

"NOW, THEREFORE, be it, and it is hereby resolved that a Northern California-Nevada Council of Alcoholics Anonymous is hereby created under the terms and conditions heretofore set forth."

Arrangements Made for Meetings

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ed by the Opera House directors. The conference committee in charge of all arrangements has asked Homer T. of the Sunset Group to have charge of the AA committee at the doors.

The Assembly meeting will open at 9 a.m. Wednesday at California Hall with registration of one delegate from each group in Panel 1, which will cover roughly the western half of Northern California from Salinas and Monterey peninsula on the south to Eureka on the north. Bill, who will be present, has asked that members of groups in Panel 2, roughly the Sacramento and San Joaquin Valleys, attend as observers.

The temporary chairman of the Wednesday morning meeting will be Bob R., chairman of the Central Committee of the San Francisco Fellowship. He will proceed to conduct the meeting until it is organized along the lines suggested by Bill and the late Doctor Bob in their proposed plan for the General Service Conference. Panel 1 will name a delegate to serve for 1951 and 1952. Members of Panel 2, who will attend as observers, will meet next year in Sacramento to name their delegate for the years 1952 and 1953.

The large amount of detail necessary for such gatherings has been cared for by a conference committee composed of Ed A. of Alameda, chairman; Bob R., chairman of the San Francisco Central Committee; Fred C. of San Francisco and Marin County; Nick N. of Oakland and Berkeley; Eddie N. of San Mateo, Jack F. of Santa Cruz, and Kay P. of San Francisco, secretary-treasurer of the Northern California-Nevada Council.

POLK GULCH

Polk Gulch was fortunate during January to have for guest speakers a panel from the Northern California-Nevada Council. Ed A. from Alameda, Lillian C. from Berkeley, and Nic N., also from Berkeley, were enjoyed by the group for the first three Mondays. Vic M. of Sac-

Central Meeting Programs Are Announced for March

Programs for the March Central Meetings at 111 O'Farrell Street have been announced by Jessica S., program director, as follows:

March 7—Chairman—Tommy N., Santa Fe, N. M., Group. Speakers—Dan O'C., S. F. Fellowship; Al H., Sunset Group.

March 14—Chairman—Eddie E., 20-40 Group. Speakers—Joe S., Peninsula Groups; Vee W., Sunset Group.

March 21—Chairman—Chellis C., Downtown Group. Speakers—Roz B., S. F. Fellowship; Ernie G., South of Market Group.

March 28—Chairman—Harry A., Park-Presidio Group. Speakers—Ed A., Alameda Group; Mickey A., Nona Group, Alameda.

ramento had to cancel the engagement.

However, it's an ill wind that blows nobody good, and we were privileged to hear from Ruth and Bill T., whom most of us know as the non-alcoholic wife and the alcoholic husband. Most San Francisco AA's will remember Bill as the amiable member of the Paul G.-Jack I - Bill T. committee, who so ably conducted one of the series of beginners' groups. Unfortunately, Bill had to appear with his arm in a sling.

Among our guests were Ruth G., and her husband, Cass. (Cass being the alcoholic.) Ruth, who is editor of the Family Group's Family Circle, gave a brief talk, also. Jimmy K., manager of the Alano Club of Vancouver, told us of his visits to twenty-seven different groups on his trip, as well as of his own history and gratitude to AA.

We were all delighted to hear from "Bink," who has been away from us for a while, visiting among other groups. As usual, he had a valuable message to give.

For March, our speakers will be Tommy N., from Santa Fe., New Mexico, March 5; Fred M. of Mission-Amazon, March 12; Charles "Bink" B., of the San Francisco Fellowship, March 19, and Danny O'C., also of the Fellowship, March 26.

The group named Ed L. and Myrl G. as delegates to the Northern California-Nevada Council; Ken V. as delegate to the General Service Conference Assembly, and Jean S. as delegate to the Central Committee. Our new secretary, Ken C., will take over April 1.—MYRL G.

Tommy N. of the Santa Fe, N.M., Group, who started in the San Francisco Fellowship, paid a short visit here with relatives early in the month and attended several local meetings.

ST. FRANCIS WOMEN'S

St. Francis Women's Group meets at 693 Sutter Street, Room 201, each Friday night. It is women only, with no speakers. It is a discussion group.

The chairman selects a topic, or, if someone has a problem, each person in turn may comment or compare experiences.

The group varies in numbers and is often attended by out-of-town visiting women. Most of the members belong to mixed groups, but the feature gives an outlet that cannot be had in a mixed group.

Betty K. was elected secretary for the next six months to succeed Kay C.

Alba S. will be chairman for the month of March.—BETSY G.

TWELFTH STEP HOUSE

The functions, purpose and activities of the newly formed Twelfth Step House at 1293 Alabama Street are being viewed by the members with satisfaction and hope for the future.

Delivering the message to the sick alcoholic, watching the rehabilitation, suffering and disappointment of those not ready and feeling the enjoyment of progress, the members are willing and eager to go out on day or night calls and to perform the services they consider necessary to insure their sobriety. Problem babies, relapsees and "impossibles" are sought.

Open meetings are held at the Twelfth Step House, with excellent AA talkers and discussions, every Saturday night at 8:15 o'clock, and a discussion meeting is held each Thursday at 1 p.m. —JOHN G.

Twelve Suggested Principles for Service

Initial presentation of the General Service Conference of AA, as prepared by Bill W. and the late Doctor Bob, was printed in last month's GOOD NEWS. The co-founders prepared a set of Twelve Suggested Principles for Service to guide the conference, and they are reproduced here, as written by Bill:

We here present a precise statement of Twelve Principles upon which the General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous can be founded; principles upon which it may be experimentally assembled, financed and operated during a four-year trial period beginning, if possible, in April, 1951.

If, in four years, the Conference proves its usefulness and has gained wide AA acceptance, it may then amend these principles according to the dictates of actual experience. But any such changes in the Conference principles should, of course, conform to the Tradition of Alcoholics Anonymous. Meanwhile, we only commit ourselves to giving the Conference a thorough trial.

Temporary Charter

On this basis the Trustees, Dr. Bob and I offer you — the members of AA — this temporary "Charter" for your General Service Conference:

- 1 PURPOSE:** The General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous is expected to become the basic guardian of our AA Tradition and world services. It is especially hoped the conference will lend guidance to, and perpetuate The Alcoholic Foundation and the AA General Headquarters at New York City. The Conference will be a service body only; never a government.
- 2 COMPOSITION:** The Conference will be composed of AA State and Provincial Delegates, Trustees of The Alcoholic Foundation, and staff members of the General Service Office and Grapevine.
- 3 CONFERENCE RELATION TO AA:** The Conference will serve as a vehicle through which the AA Movement can effectively express its views upon all matters of vital AA policy and all hazardous deviations from AA tradition, thus providing Alcoholics Anonymous with a

reliable guide to right thought and wise action upon these serious subjects.

Guide to Foundation

- 4 CONFERENCE RELATION TO AA:** General Headquarters: The conference will also be expected to serve as a dependable guide for The Alcoholic Foundation, whose trustees are the custodians of AA general funds, the book "Alcoholic Anonymous," the General Service Office and the Grapevine. As such the trustees can be expected to look with favor upon any conference resolution relating to vital AA policy passed by a two-thirds vote of the conference. In filling vacancies on the Foundation Board, the trustees should be empowered to consult the conference or a committee thereof. It must be remembered, however, that the conference will be informal and unincorporated and that The Alcoholic Foundation is alone authorized to make contracts, conduct public relations in the name of Alcoholics Anonymous, and insure the financial and managerial integrity of the AA. General headquarters. But if the conference, following a reasonable trial period, becomes a vital and accepted service of the AA movement it should then be entitled to shape and mold its own final form.
- 5 STATE AND PROVINCIAL DELEGATES — Term of Office:** State and provincial delegates will be chosen for terms of two years each.
- Rotating Panels**
- 6 CONFERENCE ROTATION —** This will be effected by two overlapping panels of state and provincial delegates. First year, Panel No. 1: To be composed by inviting one two-year delegate from each of those 28 states or provinces having the largest AA population, plus a few additional delegates from those states and provinces approaching 5000 AA population. Second year, Panel No. 2: To be composed by inviting one two-year delegate each from the 28 remaining states and provinces. Panel No. 2 will also invite extra delegates from those states and

provinces having an AA population of more than 2000. In the third year Panel No. 1 areas will elect fresh delegates; in the fourth year of the conference Panel No. 2 will follow suit. And so on, ad infinitum.

- 7 CONFERENCE DELEGATES: Points at which selected:** Conference delegates will ordinarily be selected at the largest centers of AA population within their respective states or provinces. But Panel No. 2 will include delegates from the next larger centers of each state and province having more than 2000 AA population.
- 8 STATE AND PROVINCIAL DELEGATES — Methods of Selection:** State and provincial conference delegates will be chosen by assemblies of AA group representatives meeting at such dates and places as may be jointly arranged by The Alcoholic Foundation and suitable state and provincial committees according to the principles of Point No. 7. Delegates and alternates will be chosen by election or by lot, or by a combination of these methods. But if elected, a Delegate ought to be chosen by a majority of two-thirds because all delegates should feel themselves servants of world AA rather than marginal victors of troublesome political contests.

Plan for Financing

- 9 THE GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE—How financed:** General Service Conference total costs will be apportioned as follows: (a) Once yearly, each AA group interested will be asked to make a \$5 contribution to The Alcoholic Foundation "Conference Fund." (b) Those groups within each state or province, who actually participate in naming delegates, will pay their delegates traveling expense to and from New York City, not to exceed, however, \$100.00 a year each. It is estimated that any excess above this figure can be absorbed by the "Conference Fund."
- 10 CONFERENCE MEETINGS:** The conference ought to meet yearly at New York, or speci-

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Temporary Charter for AA Conference

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ally if there be an emergency.

And two-thirds of the state, provincial and AA headquarters delegates registered should constitute a quorum.

Conference Agenda

11 ORDINARY PROCEDURE —

The conference will hear the financial reports of The Foundation and its related headquarters services. The conference will then advise with the trustees and headquarters staff concerning pending and important matters of finance or general policy affecting the headquarters or AA as a whole, making such suggestions or passing such resolutions as it may deem desirable. The Conference may also discuss and recommend appropriate action concerning serious deviations from AA Tradition, or harmful misuse of the name "Alcoholics Anonymous." The conference will elect its own officers and pass suitable by-laws. Before adjournment the conference will authorize a committee to draft a full report on its proceedings and the state of AA generally, which will be furnished the Alcoholics Anonymous Groups throughout the world.

12 GENERAL WARRANTIES OF THE CONFERENCE —

In all its proceedings the General Service Conference ought to observe the spirit of our AA tradition, taking great care: that the conference never become the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds plus ample reserves be its prudent financial principle; that none of the conference members ever be placed in a position of unqualified authority over the others; that all important decisions be reached by discussion and vote; that no conference resolution ever be punitive in character or an incitement to public controversy; that the conference never attempt to govern Alcoholics Anonymous, and that, like the society of Alcoholics Anonymous which it serves, the conference ought always remain democratic in thought and action.

Questions, Answers

Perhaps, now, certain questions are coming to mind. For instance:

Question — Why should our trustees and headquarters staff be voting members of the conference?

Answer — As the ones most experienced and responsible in the conduct of our overall services, it is necessary that they have full conference participation.

Question — Why is a "Cross-section of AA opinion" so necessary?

Answer — Future trustees must have sound advice and vigorous backing. Without that they never could speak for AA in years to come. AA, too, must have a definite means of knowing its own mind. Otherwise serious issues of the future will certainly bring us endless controversy and confusion. A society such as ours cannot permanently function on emotion, rumor or guesswork; it cannot be well advised by the clamors of small or self-appointed minorities.

Question — Why, on important matters, should a two-thirds vote of the conference be needed?

Answer — Since the conference will meet briefly, and but once a year, our headquarters staff must be given some latitude for independent judgment. Hence they ought not be too firmly bound by a bare majority. To be binding, a conference resolution ought to be reasonably unanimous.

Naming of Trustees

Question — Why shouldn't the conference elect the Foundation Trustees?

Answer — This would introduce a difficult and unnecessary political problem. It seems better that the trustees continue to name their own successors, subject to consultation with the conference or a committee thereof. Should circumstances warrant, the trustees would unquestionably look with favor on any advice offered by two-thirds of the conference respecting the composition of the Foundation Board.

Question — What is meant by "two year rotating panels?"

Answer — This means that only the delegates described in Panel No. 1 will attend the 1951 conference. In 1953 the original Panel No. 1 will be replaced by a new Panel No. 1 chosen from the same areas. And so on, ad infinitum. This will make for continuity because only one-half

of our out-of-town delegates will have to be replaced each year.

Question — Why shouldn't our conference be a government for Alcoholics Anonymous?

Answer — Each AA group is autonomous; our only "authority" is a Higher Power. Since such a thing seems needless for AA, no group will stand for a personal government anyhow. Though the conference will guide AA headquarters, it must never assume to govern AA as a whole. While it can publicly deplore misuse of the AA name or departures from Tradition, it ought never attempt punishment or legal restraint of non-conformists—in AA or out. That is the road to public controversy and internal disruption. The conference will give us an example and a guide, but not a government. A personal government is something, God willing, that Alcoholics Anonymous will never have.

Annual Gatherings

It may be that around our state and provincial assemblies large annual meetings of AAs will someday gather for profitable weekends of discussion of local problems and for fellowship. Thus our assemblies of group representatives could function for the election of committeemen and delegates at those particular times, so killing two birds with one stone. This might happily eliminate the expense and trouble of holding assembly meetings for election purposes only, as outlined in this temporary plan.

This is the basic structure of our General Service Conference to be. Its framework has long been under study and consultation. We trust that it will commence to meet our evident need; that it will be regarded by all AAs as a safe and suitable beginning. In our opinion it's the "least possible organization" which will maintain us in effectiveness and unity.

DOWNTOWN

The Downtown Group has felt the stirring of new life that comes in the spring, and despite the "unusual" snowflakes and chill winds of February has attracted full meetings in recent weeks.

The group has reorganized for another six months with the election of Harley H. as treasurer, Jack I. as representative on the Central Committee and Woodie W. as secretary. Ted H. has been elected delegate to the General Service Conference Assembly. —WOODIE W.

Fellowship Reports Will Go to Groups

The San Francisco Fellowship belongs to all AA's in San Francisco, but all individual AA's are not well informed of the affairs of their Fellowship or of the Alcoholic Foundation and General Service office in New York.

That was brought out at two meetings during February — the Central Committee meeting of February 9 and the neighborhood secretaries' meeting of February 14. Steps to modify this condition were discussed at both meetings and suggestions were made that the representatives of individual neighborhood groups could keep their groups informed of developments by giving brief, to-the-point reports at least once a month.

Resent Business

Representatives on the Central Committee and neighborhood secretaries pointed out that most groups resent business discussions at their meetings. It was suggested, however, that the business affairs of AA played their vital part in the welfare of the Society, and that appropriate means could be provided to bring them to the attention of the groups.

Many members, especially new ones, do not even know that San Francisco has a Central Committee, some committeemen said. They do not know that the committee maintains and conducts a Central Office at 693 Sutter Street, Room 201; the Wednesday night Central Meeting at 111 O'Farrell Street; the Central Beginners' Meeting at 261 Fell Street, and the overall Twelfth-Step Activity and publishes GOOD NEWS.

March Meetings

Neighborhood secretaries will meet again March 28 at the Seven Seas Club, 9 Mission Street, and the Central Committee March 9 at the same place.

As constituted at the moment, the Central Committee is Analan, Jim C.; Daytime, Dorothy S.; Downtown, Jack I.; Fillmore, Naomi T.; Golden Gate, Matt A.; Marina, Tom C.; Maritime, Frank B.; Midtown, Allan D.; Mission, Pete B.; Mission Day, George F.; Mission Amazon, Joe M.; Mission Dolores, George G.; North Beach, Chris C.; Pacific Heights, Browning S.; Park-Presidio, Gladys D.; Parkside, Bob L.; Polk Gulch,

PARK-PRESIDIO

A new coat of paint adorns the church at Seventh Avenue and Geary Boulevard, where the Park-Presidio Group meets. The newly painted church isn't the reason for the large attendance there on Monday nights — it's the AA spirit within that's the real attraction.

During the last weeks, the group has enjoyed hearing speakers tell what AA has meant to them and what it can mean to all of us.

Some of the speakers have been— Jim J., formerly of New York City AA, but now of Downtown San Francisco; Danny M., of Golden Gate; Al H. of Beginners, Paul C. of South of Market, Art C. and Joe W. of San Francisco Fellowship; Bill M. of Golden Gate, and Hal H. of West Portal.

A round-robin discussion night is planned for the near future, so the members may learn from each other their progress in AA.

Your attendance is your insurance at the Park-Presidio Group! Visitors from other groups are cordially invited to start the week at Park-Presidio.—Al W.

MARITIME

The sea-faring boys of the Maritime Group have found the demand for AA so strong that they have decided to hold two meetings a week instead of one. In addition to the usual Saturday night meeting at the Seven Seas Club, 9 Mission street, they are now holding a meeting each Tuesday night.

The latter meeting will include both speaking and discussions. Refreshments and dancing follow each meeting. Eddie R. is chairman of the program committee.

The employment activities of the group are resulting in success. A total of 142 men was placed in jobs in January. Incomplete figures for February showed 72 men placed on ships and 50 men in industrial jobs. Several men also found odd jobs through calls made to the group by members of other groups in the city.

Jean S.; Rebound, John McC.; St. Francis Men's, Jim R.; St. Francis Women's, Edna G.; Sea Cliff, Ernie J.; South of Market, Neil C.; Sunday Night, Myrl G.; Sunset, George H.; Twelfth Step House, Alyce G.; West Portal, Bob R. (committee chairman); Young People's, Katherine S.

New Group Formed By Daly City AA's

With seven charter members, several of whom have had AA experience in other groups, a new group has been formed on the southern border of San Francisco to be known as the Daly City Group.

It has held its first meetings at the home of Bill and Helen B., with Bill serving as the first secretary of the group. A regular meeting place may have been obtained by the time this issue of GOOD NEWS goes to press. Thursday night has been adopted as the regular meeting night, and for the present the meeting will be for alkis only.

In addition to Bill and Helen, the charter members are Jane D., for a number of years active in the San Francisco Fellowship; Art R. of Pedro Valley, who went into AA in Chicago; Al, Owen and Clyde.

The group has been sponsored and assisted in getting underway by the Mission-Amazon Group, which has drawn most of its membership from the southernmost districts of the city. Those who have been of assistance in this respect have been Pat and Harry R., Earl W. and Hall H.

Because Daly City is practically a part of this city, the group anticipates that it will ask for affiliation with the San Francisco Fellowship.

Secretary of Women's Group Bride of Maritime Member

Kay C., the retiring secretary of the St. Francis Women's Group, was absent from her group's meeting Friday, February 16. It was her wedding day.

She and Chester G. of the Maritime Group were married at City Hall. Witnesses were Murrel W. and Marvin Y. Kay's wedding bouquet was almost as large as she, so it was shared with Murrel.

Kay is a former secretary of the Mission Group and recently completed a term as recording secretary of the Central Committee.