

First Woman AA Of Capital Dies

The Northern California Council and the Sacramento AA in particular were bereft of one of their most active members in the sad passing of Muriel P. in her home in Sacramento June 17.

She had attended the Council in Sonoma the preceding Sunday and taken part in the festivities there. She also had attended a meeting of Sacramento Group No. 3 the preceding night.

Muriel was the first woman to join the Sacramento Group. She became active in group affairs and was a diligent worker at the Sacramento Alano Club, then known as the Billois Club, at 28th and N Streets.

She and a number of other members established Sacramento Group No. 3 about four years ago and opened a Center at 2001½ L Street. She was one of the early members and most active workers in the Council, and had served as both representative and alternate. It was believed she had not missed a Council session since the beginning.

She was a member of the Council committee that arranged for the Fifth Annual Conference in Sacramento last March. At the time of her passing, she was an alternate. At the same time she was secretary of Sacramento Group No. 3 and a member of the Assembly Committee of Panel 2 of the General Service Conference.

Her passing was mourned by literally hundreds of AAs in Northern California.

Help! Situation Gets Really Bad

A man and wife who had been in and out of AA numerous times in San Francisco, tied on a real one together recently. They called for help from the Central Office, which sent several different teams of workers in response. The Twelfth Steppers grew weary of wet nursing the couple, and finally refused to answer any more calls. Then came this pitiful plea over the phone to the Central Office, from the wife:

"If you guys don't send some help out here right away, we're gonna have to go out and hock our TV set."

New York Office

The new literature service program of your Headquarters Office continues to produce tangible results with the publication this month of a completely new pamphlet, "The Alcoholic Employee."

This new booklet is designed to give individual AAs and AA groups up-to-date material that can be used in working with employers of "newcomers" and with others in business and industry who are concerned with the problem of alcoholism.

Group reaction to publication of "AA for the Woman" continues to be uniformly enthusiastic, indicating that this new pamphlet fills a definite need in the AA literature service program.

SAN FRANCISCO

The August meeting of the San Francisco Central Committee was most productive of results, with standing committees reporting action right down the line.

Bill T., who recently returned to service on the program committee, reported he and his co-members, Fran J. and Neil C., also on former program committees, had made progress in their efforts to build up the Wednesday Central Meetings. It was revealed that there was hope for a new meeting place in a few months.

The Central Committee named Ellen R. to the tele-service committee, succeeding Madelyn B., who had served for months in that difficult job. Chris C. and Stan H. were named co-chairmen of the institutional committee, to succeed Bill G., whose term had expired.

Recommendations for the appointments were made by the committee on committees, composed of Homer T. of Sunset, Ernie G. of South of Market, and Katherine P. of North Beach. The Central Committee will meet again September 12 in the Marine Memorial Club, 609 Sutter Street.

Dr. Karl Bowman, director of the Langley-Porter clinic, spoke to about 400 AAs and others interested at the Central Meeting August 21. Dr. Bowman was on the Bellevue Hospital staff in New York when AA was conceived, and has watched its progress from that day. Julian C. of Pacific Heights, was chairman of the meeting. Paul T. of St. Francis Men's Group spoke as the AA representative.

Secretary Jack I. reports volunteer workers in the Central Office back from vacations, including Thelma H., Alice K. and Milly Lu D. Olive E. is now devoting most of her time to Marin AA, but still gets to San Francisco for an occasional day in the office. Harriett J. and Virginia K. have been carrying much of the volunteer burden during the Summer.

The Fellowship lost a member of long standing in the sudden death early in August of Brad B. Brad had his introduction to AA in a bar, and was led to his first meeting in the early days of Polk Gulch at Clay and Larkin in 1947.

Do Northern California AAs know that the San Quentin Group was the first prison group of AA in the world?

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P. O. Box 728

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P. O. Box 192

BENICIA

221 E. O Street, Dalton Manor

BERKELEY

See Oakland-East Bay

BURLINGAME

P. O. Box 553

CARMEL

P. O. Box 2255

CASTRO VALLEY

See Oakland-East Bay

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P. O. Box 205

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P. O. Box 502

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P. O. Box 901

EUREKA

Meets at Club, 111 G St., Mondays at 8 p.m., beginners; Wednesdays at 8 p.m., open; Fridays at 8 p.m., closed men's group; Family Group meets Fridays at 8:30 p.m. at homes of members.

EXETER

Rt. 1, Box 929, Visalia.

FAIRFIELD-SUISUN

P. O. Box 517

FARMERSVILLE

Rt. 2, Box 456, Exeter

FORT BRAGG

P. O. Box 149

FRESNO

Downtown, P. O. Box 143; Stag and Alano Club, 3010 Tulare Street.

GILROY

Box 85, Rt. 2

GLEN ELLEN

Box 34 B

GRASS VALLEY

Box 12, Union Office

GRIDLEY

P. O. Box 611

GUSTINE

P. O. Box 244, Newman

HANFORD

P. O. Box 572

Meets Fridays at 8:30 p.m., at Women's Club.

Central Valley Group, P. O. Box 310

HAYWARD

P. O. Box 173, San Lorenzo

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HOLLISTER -

SAN JUAN BAUTISTA

P. O. Box 841, Hollister

P. O. Box 329, San Juan Bautista

INVERNESS

P. O. Box 84

KING CITY

710 Talbott Street

KINGSBURG

P. O. Box 183

LIVERMORE

P. O. Box 909

LOS GATOS-SARATOGA

P. O. Box 662, Los Gatos

MARTINEZ

117 Areeba Street

MARYSVILLE

Group 1 — P. O. Box 1210

Group 2 — P. O. Box 1652

MERCED

1812 H Street

MILL VALLEY

P. O. Box 306

Meets Tuesdays at 8:30 p.m., at Wesley Hall Methodist Church.

MODESTO

P. O. Box 1141

MONTEREY PENINSULA

Carmel — P. O. Box 2255

Cypress — P. O. Box 1208

Monterey-Pacific Grove—P. O. Box 1454

Seaside — P. O. Box 1185

NAPA

P. O. Box 354

Meets Thursdays at 8:30 p.m., at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Third and Patchett Streets; first and third Thursdays, open; rest closed.

NEWARK

P. O. Box 1135

NORTH SACRAMENTO

P. O. Box 132

OAKLAND - EAST BAY

ALL MEETINGS AT 8:00 P.M. — UNLESS OTHERWISE DESIGNATED

SUNDAY

Sunday Discussion, 108-Seventeenth Street; 2 p.m.

Sunday Discussion, 416-Seventh Street; 2 p.m.

MONDAY

Alameda, 2323A Santa Clara Avenue, Alameda.

Dimond, Woodruff and Excelsior Sts. Number Seven, 416 Seventh Street.

Northbrae, The Alameda Near Solano, North Berkeley.

Downtown, 2501 Harrison Street.

North Oakland, 1086 Alcatraz Avenue.

Piedmont, 3805 Piedmont Avenue.

San Leandro, 951 Dowling Boulevard, San Leandro.

Young Peoples, 108 Seventeenth Street.

Adeline, inter-racial independent, 3265 Market Street.

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S.F. AA Mourns First "Librarian"

Charlie S., oldest AA in San Francisco in point of natural life, died after a short illness in a San Francisco hospital early in August. He was 80 years old, and followed his wife in death by a month.

Joining the San Francisco Group in 1941 when it was a fledgling, he became one of the beloved men of AA. In those early days he had the care of the AA literature, and was called the official librarian. He also was the chair-setter-upper for several years until the group moved to 143 Bush Street and the task became too large for him.

When Midtown was formed and met near his home in the Spring of 1946, he took over the chair and coffee details for that group, and served faithfully until the last. He rarely missed a Midtown meeting, and always had a cheery smile for everyone.

SACRAMENTO

Calls of alcoholics to the Sacramento AA for help are now being handled through the City Council of Groups, composed of delegates from all groups in the county. The Council was a big factor in making arrangements for the Fifth Annual Conference of the NCC in Sacramento in March.

Ralph W. entertained the members of Sacramento Group No. 2 at his fourth annual dinner, held at Muller's on the evening of August 14. A feature was a long distance phone call from Tom N., (former

Her Heart Just Isn't in It Now

A gal who had started drinking called the San Francisco Central Office for help and said only her woman sponsor, J. S., should answer the call. "And tell her this isn't going to be a bad one," said the voice, "because my heart really isn't in it."

Oakland member) now living in Abilene, Texas. All those present had an opportunity to exchange a few words with Tom.

Lloyd H. of Sacramento Group No. 2, who has been confined to his home for about two months with a severe attack of neuritis, is now up and around and was able to resume attendance at group meetings on August 7.

Any AA man interested in attending the fourth closed retreat for AA members at Christ the King Retreat House, near Sacramento, on the weekend beginning Friday, Oct. 17, should communicate with Vic M., P.O. Box 2746, Sacramento.

Hal G. of Sacramento Group No. 3, has been confined to his home in Carmichael by his second serious illness in the last few months. Hal was chairman of the NCC committee that arranged the Fifth Annual Conference in Sacramento in March.

The New York Office has exhausted its supply of two widely known recordings, "Milestones of AA," and "Talk by Bill."

Northern California Group Directory

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TUESDAY

Intergroup, Beginners, 108 Seventeenth Street.
Intergroup Discussion, 108 Seventeenth Street.
Number Seven Beginners, 416 Seventh Street.
Castro Valley, Community Center, Castro Valley.
East Oakland, 7220 Krause Avenue.

WEDNESDAY

Intergroup Open Meeting, 1608 Webster Street, Oakland. Second Wednesday each month.
Daylight Group, 108 Seventeenth St., Oakland, 11:30 a.m.
A.A. Fellowship Group of Alameda, 2323 A Santa Clara Avenue, Alameda.
Intergroup Twelfth Step Meeting, 108 Seventeenth Street. Fourth Wednesday each month.

THURSDAY

College Bay; Church, Room 10; 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley.
Havenscourt; American Legion Hall, 2714 Havenscourt Blvd.
Lafayette - Walnut Creek; American Hall, Lafayette.
Meeting at 8:30 p.m.
Lakeshore; 609 Santa Rey Avenue.
Twenty-Four Hour Group, Room 301, YWCA, 1515 Webster Street.

FRIDAY

Alameda, 2323 A Santa Clara Avenue, Alameda.
Franklin, Ninth Avenue and Foothill Boulevard.
OAKLAND-EAST BAY INTERGROUP OFFICE: 108 Seventeenth Street; Ph. TWinoaks 3-4300.
ALANO CLUB, 108 Seventeenth Street.
NUMBER SEVEN, 416 Seventh Street.
FELLOWSHIP OF ALAMEDA, 2323A Santa Clara Avenue, Alameda.

OROVILLE

P. O. Box 426

PALO ALTO

P. O. Box 12

Meets Tuesdays and Fridays at 8 p.m. at Community Center, Middlefield Road.

PARADISE

P. O. Box 337

PETALUMA

P. O. Box 961

PORTERVILLE

P. O. Box 1025

REDDING

1336 Tehama St. and 2230 Pine St.

REDWOOD CITY

P. O. Box 1066

RICHMOND180 Carlson Boulevard
Canal Inter-racial, 325 So. Twenty-seventh Street.**ROSEVILLE**

P. O. Box 255

SACRAMENTO

City Council of All Groups, 2729 N Street Group 2, all men — Meets Thursdays at 8 p.m., at 3146 N Street.

Group 3 — Closed Meetings Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 7 p.m.; open meetings Thursdays at 8 p.m.; all at 2001½ L Street.

Nalona Group, family — Meets Tuesdays at 8 p.m., at 2001½ L Street.
Oak Park — Meets Tuesdays (closed) and Fridays (open) at 325½ Donner Way.

Aitrum Group—Thursdays at 12 o'clock Noon and at 8:15 p.m., closed discussions; Saturdays at 8:15 p.m., open; Sundays at 7:15 p.m., open forum; all at 2509 L St. Alano Club, 2729 N Street.

SALINASUptown Group, 226 Main Street
Wednesday Night Group, P. O. Box 532.
Alano Club, 226 Main Street**SAN ANSELMO**

P. O. Box 266

Meets Mondays at 8 p.m., at Women's Club.

SAN BRUNO

P. O. Box 2

SAN CARLOS

P. O. Box 177

SAN FRANCISCO

All Meetings at 8:15 P.M.,

Unless Otherwise Noted.

"O" Open to all. "F" Family Groups.
"Cl" Closed Meetings for Alcoholics Only.**MONDAY**O—Hilltop, St. Joseph's Hospital.
Cl—Mission, 22nd and Shotwell.
F—Mission-Alanon, 22nd and Shotwell.
Cl—Mission-Amazon, 7 Amazon Street.
F—Polk Gulch, 625 Polk St., Rm. 301.
Cl—Surf, 1578-39th Avenue.
Cl—West Portal, 215 West Portal.**TUESDAY**Cl—Downtown, 566 Bush Street.
O—Golden Gate, 240 Webster Street.
Cl—Pacific Heights, 2325 Union Street.
Cl—Park-Presidio, 7th Avenue and Geary Blvd. (United Church).
Cl—Tradition House, 505 Market Street.**WEDNESDAY**O—Central Meeting, 111 O'Farrell.
Cl—Daytime, 505 Market St., 2 p.m.
F—Family Group, 111 O'Farrell.**THURSDAY**Cl—Alpine, 480 Pine Street.
Cl—Central Beginners, 261 Fell Street.
Cl—Daly City, 6231 Mission Street.
O—Laguna Honda, Laguna Honda Home; 7:00 p.m.
Cl—Midtown, 1771 Clay Street.
Cl—North Beach, 1736 Stockton Street.
F—Ocean Avenue, Ocean Avenue and Mission Street.
Cl—Park Vista, 772 Stanyan Street.
Cl—St. Francis Womens, 406 Sutter Street, Room 311.
O—South of Market, 235 Minna Street; 7:30 p.m.
F—Sunset, 1329-7th Avenue; 8:30 p.m.**FRIDAY**Cl—Ambassadors, 609 Clayton Street.
Cl—Analan, 111 O'Farrell Street.
F—Mission-Dolores, 439 Guerrero St.
Cl—Parkside, 20th Avenue & Wawona.
Cl—Rebound, 3945-24th Street.
Cl—Sharp Park, Main Highway, Brown Presbyterian Church.
Cl—St. Francis Mens, 1870 Sacramento Street; 8:30 p.m.
F—Tradition House, 505 Market St.
O—Young Peoples, 485-14th Street.**SATURDAY**O—Maritime, 9 Mission Street; 8:30 P.M.
O—South of Market, 235 Minna Street; 7:30 P.M.**SUNDAY**F—Breakfast Club, King Cotton Drive-In (1 mile So. of San Rafael); 10:00 A.M.
O—Fillmore Inter-Racial, Sutter and Lyon Streets; 2:00 P.M.
O—Sunday Night Open, 625 Polk St., Room 301; 8:00 P.M.
Alano Club, 111 O'Farrell Street.
7 Seas Club, 9 Mission Street.
South of Market Club, 235 Minna St. Tradition House, 505 Market Street.
CENTRAL OFFICE — 406 Sutter Street, Room 311. Open Monday through Friday, 9:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M.; 2-6 P.M.
TELEPHONE SERVICE — YUkon 2-4473. Twenty-Four Hour Service, every day.**SAN JOSE**Central Committee, 2480 Walnut Grove.
Alano Club, 1232 Almaden Avenue.**SAN LEANDRO**

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SAN MATEO

P. O. Box 1

San Mateo No. 1 meets Mondays at 8:15 p.m., at St. Matthews School, Arragon and El Camino Real.

Wednesday Night Family, meets Wednesdays at 8:30 p.m., at K. C. Hall, Baldwin Avenue and San Mateo Drive.

SAN RAFAEL

P. O. Box 624

SANTA CRUZ

P. O. Box 1095

SANTA ROSA

P. O. Box 166

Meets at Harmony Hall, 830 Fifth Street, Mondays and Thursdays, at 8 p.m., discussions; Tuesdays at 8 p.m., beginners; Saturdays at 7:30 p.m., discussion and social hour, except last Saturday of month, pot luck supper; open meeting first Tuesday of month at 3:30 p.m.

SAUSALITO

P. O. Box 446

Meets Fridays at 8 p.m., at Yacht Club, all open.

SCOTIA

P. O. Box 11

SOLEDAD

P. O. Box 731

SONOMAP. O. Box 311, Boyes Springs
Rt. 1, Box 130, Glen Ellen**SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO**

Midway Group, meets Thursdays at 8:30 p.m., at Lindenville Housing Project Administration Building, on Victory Avenue; third meeting of month, open.

STOCKTON

P. O. Box 957

SUNNYVALE

P. O. Box 593

TAFT

P. O. Box 692

TRACY

P. O. Box 552

TULARE

P. O. Box 664

TURLOCK

P. O. Box 858

UKIAH

P. O. Box 85

VACAVILLE

P. O. Box 13

VALLEJOCapitol Group — P. O. Box 1663;
Meets Mondays at 8:30 p.m., at 401 Amador Street.

100 Group — P. O. Box 526

Virginia Group, P. O. Box 188, meets Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 230 Virginia Street; beginners, Fridays at 8:30 p.m., Alano Club, 230 Virginia Street.

VISALIA

P. O. Box 1168

WALNUT CREEK - LAFAYETTE

See Oakland-East Bay

WATSONVILLE

P. O. Box 461

WEST SIDE

San Joaquin Valley, see Gustine

WILLOWS

540 N. Fifth Street

WOODLAND

P. O. Box 761

YUBA CITY

P. O. Box 372