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Alanon Family Group Office Opened In S.F.

"A dream come true!" says Merle S., in announcing that a Central Alanon Office for all of Northern California has been opened at 166 Geary Street, Room 129, San Francisco; Phone GA 1-6198.

"All groups of Northern California are invited to register with this, (their) Central Office. This is very important for 12th Step referrals as well as the group's interest and support of the office; to help maintain it."

It is hoped that this move will lighten the burden of the AA Central Office which has handled Alanon matters for them and their families; they are to be highly commended for their excellent job in the past.

SAN JOSE AL-ANON MEN'S DINNER GROUP

What they believe to be the fourth Al-Anon Mens' Group to be organized in the United States was formed on July 2, 1962, with a meeting held at the Drumstick Restaurant, Los Padres Boulevard and El Camino Real, in Santa Clara, California, according to John V. F., Secretary of the new group.

This meeting represents the culmination of seven years of work and two previous attempts to form a stag group meeting in private homes.

The group will meet on the first Monday of each month at the same location. Dinner is served at 7:00 p.m. with the meeting starting at 8:00 p.m. Men not wishing to partake of dinner will be welcome to participate in the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Any and all interested male Al-Anon members or potential members are very welcome to attend. Address Secretary, P.O. Box 444, San Jose, California.

ANNUAL BANQUET IN S.F. OCTOBER 27

The eighth Annual Banquet of Northern California A.A., sponsored by San Francisco Inter-County Fellowship, will be held at the Sheraton-Palace Hotel in San Francisco Saturday night, October 27th, according to word just received from Jack I., Secretary. Reservations at \$7.50 per person will be made for tables seating ten each. The speaker will be a prominent member from the Hollywood Group, by name Jack B. Make reservations early!

Ohio G.S. Conference Toledo, August 17-19

The Ohio General Service will hold a three-day conference in Toledo, at the Commodore Hotel, August 17, 18 and 19, 1962. For this meeting they have adopted the slogan, "Gratitude in Action." Plan now to attend.

UKIAH GROUP WILL HOST MENDOCINO AUGUST 18th

The Ukiah group will play host to all Mendocino County members at a special meeting honoring all members whose birthdays are in August. All members in the surrounding areas are also invited, especially if their birthdays are in August.

The meeting will be held on Saturday night, August 18th, 8:30 p.m., in the Methodist Church Hall.

The regular meeting of the Ukiah

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FALL CONFERENCE VALLEJO OCT. 6-7

The Fall Conference of the Northern California Council, scheduled for the weekend of October 6-7, will convene in the Veterans' Memorial Auditorium at Vallejo according to Hazel L., Conference Committee Chairman. Arrangements are already being planned by the Vallejo Committee.

The N.C.C. Central Committee, at their meeting in Vallejo July 15th, voted to reduce the registration contribution for this conference from \$2.50 to \$1.00. They felt that the success of the contribution basket in San Francisco, made available at the close of the two big meetings Saturday night and Sunday afternoon for those attending who had NOT registered, plus an anticipated increase in registrations at the reduced figure, justified lowering the figure for Vallejo on a trial basis.

N.C.C. Secretary Errol W., Santa Rosa, states that program arrangements point to a very fine conference with all units scheduling interesting meetings. Registration forms and complete information will be mailed by August 20th, and GOOD NEWS will have the complete story in September.

Oregon State A.A. 12th Annual Conference

The 12th Annual Conference of Oregon State AA will be held in La Grande September 1-2, Labor Day weekend.

Two fine speakers have been "corralled" as Cowboy Joe expresses it, Al M. from Hollywood, and Father George from Canada. There will also be many more! For information write AA, Box 90, La Grande, Oregon.

'First 100' Member, Prominent Medics Feature Big Meet

Two prominent doctors and one of the first 100 men in AA will highlight the programs of the Big Meeting held every Friday night at the Building Service Center, 240 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, sponsored by the San Francisco Inter-County Fellowship. The complete schedule for August is as follows:

AUGUST 3—Sigrid H., S.F. Fellowship, and Bob E. from the Husband and wife Group in Oakland. Bob is one of the original "100" members.

AUGUST 10—Joe B., Azure Acres, Sebastopol, and Glen C., San Jose member of the Los Altos Thursday Group.

AUGUST 17—"Jinny" B., Los Altos Group, and Dr. John R. Philp, Chief of the Division of Alcoholic Rehabilitation, State Department of Public Health.

AUGUST 24—Father Dick B., Palo Alto Downtown Group, and Dr. Karl M. Bowman, Professor Emeritus of the University of California and Past Superintendent of Langley Porter Clinic, San Francisco, California.

AUGUST 31—Eloise K., Mill Valley Group, and Lyle C., San Anselmo Group.

The meetings are scheduled to start at 8:15 p.m. Doors are opened at 7:00 p.m. and coffee is served both before and after the meetings.

Special NCC Meeting In Vallejo July 15

N.C.C. Secretary Errol W. called a special Council meeting at Vallejo on Sunday, July 15, for a brief review of the plans for the coming Conference in that city October 6-7, and to receive progress reports on the plan for setting up the new districting plan to conform to the General Service set-up.

Errol expressed his thanks for the very fine cooperation he was getting from both General Service and the Hospital and Institutions Committee.

It was decided to make the Regis-

Dr. Jack Norris, Chairman, G.S. Conference: "GOOD OF THE MOVEMENT ALWAYS THE HIGHER GOAL OF DEBATE"

Dr. Jack Norris, non-alcoholic Chairman of the Board of Trustees of A.A. and Chairman of the recent General Service Conference in New York, April 25-29, in his talk in "The Conference — Past, Present and Future" recalled that:

"The 'Good of the Movement' as expressed by the Group Conscience of AA has consistently been the higher goal of all discussions since the formation of the General Service Conference. I have been continually impressed with the wisdom inherent in the Twelve Steps and the Twelve Traditions, and with the development of the conference itself," he said.

IN MEMORIAM

With regret we note the passing of Homer H. "Chuck" Mills, July 22, 1962. "Chuck," as he was known to his many friends, was one of the early members of the Golden Gate Group (at present inactive) and later was one of the founders of the Ocean Avenue Group in San Francisco, California.

For the past few years "Chuck" had been operator of a motel in Soledad, California. He has gone to The Big Meeting; he has 'made' the program.

tration at Vallejo \$1.00, and to again give those attending the two big meetings, who had not registered, a chance to contribute at the close of the meeting, as was done in San Francisco.

Discussion of the necessity for a custodian to take charge of equipment from one conference to the next resulted in Jim A., San Francisco being appointed to handle this chore, "with help" says Jim.

GOOD NEWS Business Manager Rollin W. made an appeal for more individual and group subscriptions, and the assistance of every member in sending in ALL news by the 15th of the month deadline. Our AA newspaper is in fair financial condition, but needs another 200 subscriptions to be safe.

"The way it works: the way we always insist on substantial unanimity. Many times I have wondered how much better off all of us in the world could be if our governments would function this way."

Dr. Jack recalled his first meeting with Bill W. during the early AA days when Bill was speaking at a large open meeting. This audience, nearly all of whom felt that they owed their lives to this man, and would have given him anything he cared to ask for, were amazed to hear him stand up and say "I was wrong," in relating some of the internal debates when the movement was first getting underway. This is how Tradition Two was developed. "For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a Loving God—as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants—they do not govern."

Dr. Norris' comments preceeded the conference session in which delegates were to consider proposals to change the present ratio of trustees. With this in mind, Dr. Norris reminded the conference that the non-AA trustees, who have always been in the majority, did not feel that they had a vested interest in their positions. He stated that the non-AA trustees were only here to serve as long as we felt that we needed them.

Dr. Norris said one of his greatest satisfactions from his association with AA is that it has helped him, as a physician, to play a part in the recovery of many alcoholics he has treated. This would not have been possible, he said, had he not been introduced to AA.

Dr. Jack Norris is, in civilian life, Medical Director of Eastman Kodak Company in Rochester, New York.

Leo M., Alternate Delegate

Watsonville Hosts Tri-County Intergroup Meet

The monthly meeting of the Tri-County Intergroup of Monterey, Salinas and Santa Cruz was held at the Women's Club in Watsonville on June 30.

Principal speaker for the occasion was Clancy I., from the Los Angeles Area where he is particularly active in county jail work. He brought an outstanding message of AA at work, presenting a most novel interpretation of our fellowship and purpose.

He told many of the trying and amusing experiences of holding an AA meeting in a busy "bull pen" where some of the residents don't want help. He spoke of our way of life as doing "easy time" on the Outside as we learn to control this obsession which demands that we drink again.

His conception of our steps and principals as a childish, immature, maudlin hodge podge of sentimentality, with only one thing going for it, that it WORKS, was a new and arresting thought for many. He mentioned that other fields of approach had many smarter, more reasonable and intelligent methods of control to offer with only one draw back; They **didn't** work.

The meeting was followed by good food, coffee and fellowship furnished by the members and served by Alanon members on gorgeously decorated tables.

Nearly 175 members and friends enjoyed the food and fellowship as well as the dance which followed with music furnished by the Micky Burke Combo from Salinas.

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Fellowship on Thursday, July 12th, turned into a big "Welcome Home" for Al R., one of the real 'Old Time' members, back after a very serious illness.

Al underwent major surgery at the Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital, where he was confined for some time.

The meeting was attended by a large number of AA members from Santa Rosa and other groups in the area.

Toronto, Canada Will Host 1965 Convention

Plans for the 30th Anniversary International Convention of AA in Toronto, Canada, in 1965 are progressing smoothly. During the year meetings have been held in Toronto and New York with AA members who will play a key role in assuring success of the Convention, and agreement has been reached on vital pre-Convention financing arrangements, among other matters.

It has been decided that the total underwriting funds should be \$13,000, of which half will be contributed by the General Service Board. The Convention Advisory Committee of the General Service Conference will undertake to raise the other \$6,500 in Canada by July 31, 1963, with no individual contribution to exceed \$100.

The \$13,000 total will represent underwriting funds, as distinct from advance registration receipts. Contributions to the underwriting funds will be returnable in whole or part only to the extent to which the Convention registration receipts cover Convention expenses.

The underwriting funds bank account will be in the name of a special Convention Guarantee Account of the General Service Board, deposited in a bank in Canada selected by the Advisory Committee.

(A.A. Exchange Bulletin)

Why "Imports"?

In the March issue of the AA Grapevine is an article entitled "So you want a 'Celebrity' speaker." This I recommend to be read by everybody and especially the members of the Northern California Council of AA. Why do we have to import, at great expense, these "celebrities" from Smogville-Hollywood and elsewhere? In my estimation it is an insult to all the fine speakers we have in this area. I hope and pray the main speakers at the next conference will be from Northern California. And they are for free.

John S. of So. S.F.

Rutgers Receives Huge Grant for Alcoholic Study

Gifts totalling \$375,000, about half the cost of constructing and furnishing a building for the Rutgers Center of Alcohol Studies, New Brunswick, Conn., have been received from the Christopher D. Smithers Foundation, Inc., and its president, R. Brinkley Smithers of Locust Valley, New York, according to Dr. Mason W. Gross, Rutgers president.

Mr. Smithers said that the gifts were made "with the earnest hope and expectation that by creating the first adequate facility under one roof for the study of alcohol and alcohol related problems, the causes which bring about the complex disease known as alcoholism can be discovered."

"When we know why, we can plan intelligently what line to follow toward positive prevention and early detection, and perhaps discover a real cure for this illness that severely cripples the lives of approximately five million men and women in the United States."

The new Rutgers facility is expected to cost a total of about \$775,000. Approaches are currently being made to other private and public organizations for funds to complete the building.

The Center of Alcohol Studies, which transferred from Yale University to New Jersey's State University early this year, operates a four-pronged program of research, education, publication and documentation. It attempts to develop greater understanding of men and his society through analysis of alcoholic beverages and their use.

JUST FANCY THAT

A drinking extension until midnight has been granted for the dinner at a Galway hotel tonight of the All-Ireland Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous, an association of reformed drinkers. The organisers explain they have invited guests who might want a drink.

(London Daily Express)

April 28, 1962

Vallejo Fellowship Schedules Meetings

The Vallejo Fellowship, which will host the October (Fall) Conference, has lined up a full and fine program of outside speakers for their Saturday night meetings during August, at 820 Marin Street (side entrance).

John S., South San Francisco; Estelle R., same; Charles R., San Francisco and Walter H., Santa Rosa, will speak, in that order, on the four Saturdays, August 4, 11, 18 and 25.

A special Thursday noon meeting with a hot lunch, for AA members only, is held each week at the same address.

Vallejo celebrated their 18th Anniversary in July, with Jack H., Palo Alto, as guest speaker. Five visitors from Long Beach stopped off on their way to Folsom. "Believe me; those boys have what AA can use more of," says Hazel, GOOD NEWS correspondent. One of them, Kieth M., is only 19 years old, and has his first year of sobriety in AA. The others were Skee ?, Dave J., Buck J. and Tim T.

MUD FLATS GROUP HOSTS 4TH OF JULY BARBECUE

About forty members and their friends of the Watsonville groups shared a happy, sober, Fourth of July and a tremendous lot of steaks and other goodies at a barbecue pot luck dinner sponsored by the Mud Flat Group at 745 Trafton road.

All those sharing the first social endeavor of this new rather small group left the grounds tired, overfull and very content with a day commemorating our Independence not only in a patriotic sense but in the sense of being free also from a tomorrow of headache, shakes, fear, remorse and the other many familiar aftermaths of the past Fourth of Julys.

We all thank Stella and Jarvis McG. for the generous use of their lovely ranch home and all the work that went into the preparations. Jarvis and Gordon L. did a masterful job at the barbeque pits. To the gals who supplied all the rest of the

LAYTONVILLE GROUP GETS MUCH SUPPORT

The new group in Laytonville, California, which started on Sunday, June 3rd, (3:00 p.m.) is very happy about the support it has received from other groups, especially Ukiah, according to a letter from Betty A., who writes, in part, "The Ukiah Group has been very loyal (I am one of their babies). Members of Willits, Cloverdale, Eureka, San Francisco and Oakland have also given us their most loyal support."

The group meets at the Red Hill Restaurant, on Hi-way 101, Laytonville.

3018 Kingsbridge Avenue
New York 63, N.Y.
July 10, 1962

Good News,
166 Geary Street,
San Francisco 8, Calif.
Dear Friends:

Enclosed please find my check for \$1.20 for which please enter my subscription to "Good News" for one year. It is a wonderful little paper and I have often wished that we had something of the kind in the Greater New York area.

I was interested in the story of Mae's visit to the Wall Street Group in the June issue. This is one of my favorite groups and the men and women behind it have done an outstanding job in a rather difficult situation. I am sending a copy of the article to one man who is really the founder of the Wall Street Group.

Thanking you for your cooperation,

Very sincerely,
John G. P.

goodies we can only say, "We surely are glad you were sober and there."

Among the guests present was a young man from lower Mexico who spoke little English but apparently had a marvelous time. The younger fry enjoyed badminton and other lawn games while many of the older "kids" challenged each other in an old fashioned horse shoe pitchin' match.

We ought to do this more often.

Bea T., GOOD NEWS Rep.

S.F. Alano Events Celebrate 5 Years

The San Francisco Alano Club, which last month celebrated five years occupancy of the clubrooms at 414 Grant Avenue into which they moved in the summer of 1957, announces four events for this month.

On Saturday, August 4th, a Pre-Picnic Dance Party will be held, this at the request of a number of members who felt it would give the various groups a chance for a last minute get-together on plans for the Big Annual San Francisco Bay Area Inter-County Fellowship Picnic to be held the next day at Adobe Creek Lodge.

Saturday, August 18th, will see a Surprise Dance; a night of surprises and fun.

Saturday, August 25th, will be the monthly A.A. Birthday Party Dance, a chance to celebrate all the August AA birthdays.

The "Jumpin' Jacks" will furnish the music for all dances.

Two-Day Open House

The Open House July 21-22 featured a dance Saturday Night and a fine buffet dinner Sunday afternoon from 3 to 6 p.m., turkey, ham, salad, all the trimmings and home-made cakes, ice cream and coffee in abundance.

Over 200 members and guests were served, and nearly that many danced the night before when the "Jumpin' Jacks" seemed unusually fine. The club was filled most of the time on both days. Both Manager Harry T. and Buss D., entertainment committee chairman, were very much pleased with the over-all success of the Annual affair.

AA Member To Speak At Alanon Open Meet

Nancy L., Secretary of the Sunday Discussion Group, San Francisco, will be the guest speaker for the Avenue Alanon Group's monthly Open Meeting, to be held Wednesday night, August 15th, St. Boniface Church, 133 Golden Gate Avenue. Everyone is invited to this Open Meeting.

By the Way Notes From Sacramento

The Sacramento Area Annual Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 12, at NEW HELVETIA PARK, about five miles from Sacramento down the River Road toward Woodland. The picnic is free, but there will be a raffle to cover expenses. Bring your own lunch, or get hot dogs, cold drinks, etc., on sale at the park. Henry F. is chairman of the committee. Games, swimming, fun for all!

The groups in Chico, Stockton and Marysville are working on a Public Information program to carry the message to the general public. Members are asked to reserve November 10th for an assembly type business session at 1:00 p.m. for everyone interested in AA, to be followed in the evening by the AA meeting with an outstanding speaker.

The Alano Club has been given some needed additions and improvements. On June 22nd club members selected a new Board of Governors, as follows: Jim M., Ed O., Oscar J., Cal S., Lew V., Bill D., and Jack C. "Marty" M. continues as Club Manager. How about a membership?

The "Port of Entry" Group has joined the Central California Fellowship. Their meetings on Monday, Thursday and Friday nights are all held at the "Port of Entry Club," 113 Beard Road, Modesto, starting at 8:00 p.m. After the Friday night meeting which is open, a social affair until midnight.

Surf Group Birthday Meeting Draws Crowd

The Surf Group of San Francisco celebrated it's 10th Anniversary on Monday evening, July 16th, at the Community Church Hall, 34th Avenue and Noriega Street.

153 members in all helped to celebrate the occasion, including Jack I., Secretary of the San Francisco Inter-County Fellowship, who gave a brief 'kick-off' message.

Chairman Bill G. introduced five of the older members, each of whom gave a short talk. They included Bill M., Sally H., Bill L., Marge La P. and Karl P. After the meeting a buffet was served, 400 cups of coffee were consumed during the evening.

H&I BROAD-SIDES

By the H & I Publicity Chairman

Monterey Bay Inter-Group Very Active

After a long period of procrastination on our part we find that we have been remiss in not supporting this area in the past. It took considerable effort on the part of Jim M. of Salinas and LeRoy F. of Santa Cruz to make us realize that we have become somewhat complacent regarding our efforts and, put it bluntly, our service has been "lousy."

We attended a meeting at Salinas on Sunday evening, June 24th, and really had our eyes opened. We mention Jim M. and Lee F. but, there are a lot of guys and gals down that way that can teach us plenty about AA and how it works.

This Inter-group has been set up in the H. & I. Committee as Area No. 11. Geographically it is comprised of the counties of San Benito, Monterey, and Santa Cruz, and every effort will be made to support points south of these three counties.

We have been invited to attend a meeting at 132 Monterey Street, Salinas, at 8:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 29th, and we will be there along with Errol W., Secretary of the Northern California Council. We are extremely grateful for our new "PARTNERS IN AA."

LET'S TALK ABOUT THE "H & I PINK CANS." These little pint sized cans with a slot in the top have been around for about four years and they have been every color of the rainbow, **except** pink. They will now have a PINK label and in black copy they will read "H & I LITERATURE FUND." These containers will be found at most group meetings and they are designed to receive small change such as, nickles, pennies, dimes and etc. It will be greatly appreciated if the group secretaries will call attention to the fact that this is the main source of revenue for supplying literature to the inmate and the patient. We can think of no better way for people to twelve step by proxy.

Does Your Area Want A Conference?

Your Secretary was very surprised to learn how many members of AA have the idea that local Groups must stand the cost of a Conference. He wants all members to know that there is no financial liability on the part of any Area holding a Conference. It is one of the responsibilities of the N.C.C. to handle all the financial problems. Members from all Northern California contribute because they know the value of our meetings.

The N.C.C. is **ALL NORTHERN CALIFORNIA** and we would like to see every Area participate. Aside from the importance to AA members, your local communities are greatly benefitted. Talk this over with your Groups and your Chamber of Commerce. The only requirements are that you must have the facilities which will handle our meetings and that the members are willing to do the necessary physical work.

Our schedule is filled up to and including the Summer Session of 1963, but the October date is still open, as is the entire year of 1964. Write to the Secretary for further information.

Conference-Approved Pamphlets

Ten pamphlets, Conference approved, are available through G.S.O. according to recent issues of A.A. Exchange Bulletin. Listed as answering special needs are the following:

"Questions & Answers on Sponsorship".....	10c
"A.A. Tradition—How It Developed (by Bill W.).....	15c
"The Alcoholic Husband" (A Message to Wives).....	10c
"The Alcoholic Wife" (A Message to Hsubands).....	10c
"Tranquilizers, Sedatives & the Alcoholic".....	20c
"This Is A.A.".....	10c
"Is A.A. for You?".....	5c
"A.A. for the Woman".....	15c
"Young People and A.A.".....	15c
"Memo to an Inmate Who May Be an Alcoholic".....	15c

GSO Explores "AA Population Explosion" South of the Border

(Reprinted from AA Exchange Bulletin)

An A.A. 'population explosion' is taking place in our neighbor countries to the south. An occasional seed was planted here and there in Central and South America some ten years ago, but whether or not any took root we rarely learned.

Today, we hear of rocketing growth in the Spanish-speaking groups that has taken place during the last two or three years. We listen with joy to some of their stories and to reports from American A.A. friends who are helping with letters and literature.

In Honduras, for example, two years ago we were in touch with two Loners in Tegucigalpa: Paul, an American, and Saul, a Honduran. No news from either one last year made us think that we had lost touch with them all together. We were about to deactivate A.A. in Honduras when letters arrived from both telling us of seven active groups with more than 200 members.

Ed F. from S.F.

In 1955 El Salvador got its first A.A. visitor. Eddie, from Boston and San Francisco A.A., moved there on business. Today, seven years later, there are some 1,200 members in 35 groups. In Colombia, to name another country, there are now almost 600 members and an A.A. Conference is held twice a year, each time in a different city.

GSO, New York City, is in constant touch with some 150 Spanish-speaking groups and "loners" South of the Border. Now, for the past year, GSO has been sending a Spanish Bulletin to all of them. This service helps "to share with them our collective AA experience with the fast-growing Spanish speaking groups," N.Y. said.

AA Translations

Eve M., G.S.O. Staff member assigned to our overseas service, reports, "Spanish literature was the first necessity. Thanks to translations made by A.A.'s in Puerto Rico, Buenos Aires and Mexico City, G.S.O. has been able to provide more Spanish literature to help in twelfth

step work. We now have an abridged edition of the Big Book in Spanish and eleven pamphlets. This literature is listed on a special order blank that has been sent to all Spanish-speaking groups and Loners and is available to anyone who writes for it.

"Many of the Spanish-speaking groups are now in touch with one another. We are deeply impressed with their understanding of A.A. Tradition which is so evident in all their correspondence with us. There have been no anonymity breaks in any of their recent A.A. publicity. Again, we are reminded that no matter what the distance or the language barrier, A.A.'s language of the heart always gets through."

Invitation To European 10th Annual AA Roundup

Over Labor Day weekend — September 1 and 2 — AA's in Europe will meet in Wiesbaden, Germany, for the Tenth Annual European AA Roundup.

The first Roundup in 1952 was sponsored by the Wiesbaden Group and was attended mostly by American AA's stationed on European military installations. It was an immediate success and led to a decision to make it an annual event.

For several years now the attendance has included a number of native AA's from many countries—Belgium, Holland, Sweden, Norway, England and Ireland, to name just a few that will be represented at the Roundup in September.

George S., stationed in Buddingen, Germany, has written this invitation on behalf of the Roundup Host

AA Translated into Bantu in Darkest Africa

Last December, 75 members of the Bantu Group in the Transvaal, South Africa, celebrated their First Anniversary. And in February, to help meet an urgent need for literature, GSO printed their first Bantu pamphlet in Isixhosa dialect. There will soon be another pamphlet in South Sothe, the Bantu's second most common dialect.

These pamphlets are symbols of AA in sponsorship and partnership and illustrate how things get done in AA.

In 1961 the February issue of the AA Exchange Bulletin carried a story of the start of the Bantu Group. It mentioned that the membrse arned very little money so the group's biggest problem was one of finances.

Cliff, of the Rye-Harrison Group in New York, responded to the story by sending a small donation. His gift to the Bantu Group started their printing fund and kindled their hope for native AA literature.

GSO learned from Cliff that translations of AA literature into Isixhosa was progressing but that the growth of the printing fund was at a standstill. At this point, GSO sent for the translation, had it printed in New York, and mailed the pamphlets back to Africa. (Reprinted from AA Exchange Bulletin).

Committee: "A.A. members who plan to be in Europe this summer are urged to come to the Roundup over Labor Day weekend. Wiesbaden is a famous spa and is easily accessible from any point in Europe.

"Its huge bahnhof is the terminal for many railway lines, and the town itself is only a few minutes by bus or train from the international airport at Frankfurt-am-Main. The Roundup Committee will locate hotel rooms or pension accommodations for those who request aid with reservations. A postcard or letter to G.S.O. will be forwarded to the Roundup Committee."



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Father George Ridgway Deceased In Monterey

Member of AA George W. "double-shot" Ridgway, as he was known by his own word, passed away in Monterey on June 27th after a long illness.

Father George came to AA in Richmond, California, where he sponsored the Richmond Interracial Group. He was very active; much sought after as an AA speaker. He was co-founder, with Father Al McVicker, of the Henry Ohlhoff House for alcoholic men in San Francisco. From the H.O.H. bulletin "The Phoenix" we quote, in part.

"A great warrior has gone to his reward. In spite of long illness Father George kept up the battle to the last with the same determination which brought the House into being. He will be remembered not only by the Church he served so long and well . . . not only by countless residents of this House, but by hundreds of men and women he helped recover from this sickness with which we deal. . . This House is a Memorial to him as well as to Father Henry Ohlhoff for whom it is named.

POINT REYES GROUP STARTS WITH SEVEN

Seven members attended the first meeting of the new Point Reyes Fireside Group, according to word received from Secretary Rocky B.

The group holds open meetings at 8:30 every Friday evening at Fireside Acres, which is 500 feet West on Inverness Highway, at the Point Reyes-Inverness Junction. The founders hope to attract visitors; **EVERYONE WELCOME!**

Secretary's Report—San Francisco Conference

Your Secretary is extremely grateful to all those fine AA members who so generously supported the San Francisco Conference and the entire Committee who planned so carefully in their efforts to hold the expenses down. The Council had a very minute bank balance of \$11.30 prior to the Conference but due to the cooperation of all of you we now have ample funds to carry on the next Conference without all the financial worries that lack of money causes. This Secretary had plenty of these during the period prior to AA and would like to have the peace of mind that comes from the knowledge that the bills will be paid.

INCOME: SAN FRANCISCO CONFERENCE:

Registrations and contributions.....	\$1695.50
Collections	632.22
Games	112.00
Coffee Bar Kitty	\$502.28
Deduct: Supplies and Expense.....	405.99
Net from Coffee Bar.....	96.29
GROSS INCOME	\$2536.01

DISBURSEMENTS:

Printing and Postage.....	\$277.75
Orchestra	80.00
Speakers expense.....	144.83
Rentals, etc.....	222.23
Other expenses.....	192.25
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	917.05
Surplus from Conference (See note).....	\$1618.96

NOTE: The surplus shown does not include the contribution due from The N.C.C. of Alanons.

ACCOUNTING FOR FUNDS OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COUNCIL OF A.A.

Balance received from prior Secretary.....	\$ 15.30
Late contributions from Turlock Conference.....	10.00
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	\$ 25.30
Tapes for Turlock Conference Speakers.....	14.00
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Net fund available to new Secretary.....	\$ 11.30
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Net surplus from San Francisco Conference.....	1618.96
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Disbursements: 2nd Quarter, S.F. Intercounty Office.....	\$ 75.00
Telephone18
Delegate Meeting notices.....	2.50
Postage	4.00
Office supplies.....	23.30
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Total Disbursements.....	104.98
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Balance to account for	\$1525.28
Refund due from McDougall Press.....	20.28
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Balance in bank, July 7th, 1962.....	\$1505.00

Errol W., Secretary

AN EMERGENCY CALL**Doctor In Urgent Need of Assistant**

To Whom It May Concern:

I am addressing this letter to you in the hopes that it may be a turning point in your life. My vocation is that of an evangelist—one who's aim and dedication is to fight Satan in all his forms—particularly, where he is encountered in the shape of alcoholic spirits. Whiskey, Gin, Rum, or be what it may.

My best work is done at temperance meetings on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights. At such time I have relied a great deal on the assistance of Herman. Herman generally sits in one of the front seats and as my sermon progresses in intensity and feeling he leaves his seat and takes a chair on the rostrum facing the audience directly adjacent to my pulpit.

Poor Herman is probably one of the most completely intemperate luses that I have ever known. Not only that, but he carries all the visible blemishes and characteristics usually associated with complete alcoholic dissipation.

Using poor Herman thereafter as my subject, I call attention to his bleary blood shot, watery eyes. His unkept appearance. The blue veins showing brokenly through the pal-
lor of his blotchy skin. His hand-
dog look and his generally seedy,
dissipated, forlorn and lost appear-
ance.

Thus, poor Herman, as you can see, has been a complete clincher for all my persuasive argument against the evils of drink and has resulted in thousands signing the pledge—plus of course making a substantial contribution for having been saved.

However, poor Herman died last month.

Since that time, both my work and income have suffered severely. Consequently, I have been casting about on the lookout for a replacement for Herman.

Fortunately, a friend has supplied me with your name and address as a likely prospect to take over where poor Herman left off when called to his rest.

I shall be very anxiously awaiting your reply.

Faithfully yours,

Dr. William S. Ray, Ph.D., LLB,
FIGHT DEMON RUM
TEMPERANCE CLINIC
9588 North Avenue
Chicago, Ill.

(This comes from Maggie J., formerly of the Alpine House, here, and now of West Pittsburg, Pa. In renewing her GOOD NEWS subscription, she said "one of my boys got this and was mad as a hornet. This was before AA. Now that he's on the Program, he laughs about it." Ye Editor also got one pre-AA days and was mad as Hell, too. How about other readers? EDITOR.)

**Sonoma Group in
"Good Condition"**

Contrary to idle rumor, the Thursday Night AA Group is currently meeting—and going strong (if not numerically—certainly in spirit) at the Sonoma Valley Improvement Club Building, Highway 12 and Mountain Avenue, Fetters Springs, Calif.

Adam J., the new secretary, said, "the group is in good condition; serenity now reigns supreme" at the clubhouse. Visitors are cordially welcome to the group located amid the lovely Valley of the Moon country . . . every Thursday at 8:00 p.m.

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