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## **1500 EXPECTED AT MARYSVILLE**

### **CONFERENCE AWAITS CURTAIN**

The 41st Conference of the Northern California Council of Alcoholics Anonymous will be held Saturday and Sunday, March 2-3, in the Veterans Memorial Building, Marysville, Calif. Known as the "Twin Cities Conference" the two-day session is under the general chairmanship of Elmer B., and an able conference committee drawn from Marysville, and Yuba City and Linda.

Registration opens at 9:00 a.m. at the Veterans Building on Saturday. The committee has made arrangements with the local Chamber of Commerce and civic officials to handle an expected crowd of some 1500 delegates and members of AA, Alanon, and the youthful Alateen groups.

See Page Three of this issue for a complete Conference Program for time and locations of all business and social sessions.

The Conference will be highlighted by two public AA meetings. One is scheduled for 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, with Fenton S., a member of Studio City Group, delivering the first Guest Speaker pitch.

The auditorium will then be cleared of chairs and a gala dance will be staged with the noted "Jumpin' Jacks" providing the dance music.

At 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Richard W., Van Nuys Group, will be Guest Speaker for the second public meeting.

All during the two days, from early morning until late evening, a variety of business sessions, committee meetings, H & I workshops, secretaries workshops, special sessions concerning AA, Alanon, and Alateen activities will be going on all over the big Memorial Building.

For the Early Birds who plan on being in the convention city on Friday, two AA meetings are scheduled. One is slated for 8:00 p.m. in Yuba

City at the Sheriff's Recreation Center, end of Second Street. The other is at 8:00 p.m. in Grass Valley at 245 South Church Street.

### **St. Pat's Dance At SF Alano Club**

The Patron Saint of Erin will be honored by the San Francisco Alano Club on Saturday, March 16, when a "A Wearing O' the Green" Dance will be held.

The "Jumpin' Jacks" will provide the music. Prizes and surprises are slated.

Another gala affair is scheduled for Saturday, March 30, when the Club holds its monthly AA Birthday Party and Dance.

This affair gives everyone an opportunity to help celebrate those important AA birthdays that are observed and celebrated in March.

### **Jumpin' Jacks to Play at Marysville**

The Jumpin' Jacks, AA's ace dance combo, originally slated to play an engagement at the S.F. Alano Club on Saturday March 2, will appear, instead, at Marysville NCC Conference.

Saturday at 10:00 p.m. the popular dance band will provide the music for the traditional AA dance that immediately follows the big public AA meeting, Bus D., Alano Club Program director, announced

## **March Program At All-Groups Rated as "Tops"**

A stellar array of AA and "civilian" speakers will highlight the programs arranged for the Central All-Groups Meetings held under the auspices of S.F. Inter-County Fellowship at the Building Service Center 240 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco.

These meetings, held each Friday throughout the year, at 8:30 p.m. are known in AA circles as "Show Case Meetings" largely because they are designed to show-at-a-glance what AA is all about to the interested non-drinking public as well as those that have a definite drinking problem.

Myrl G., program chairman, has put together the following programs for March:

...**FRIDAY, MARCH 1**—Kathie S., San Anselmo Group of Marin County Fellowship; Jake C., Excelsior Group of Brisbane, Calif.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 8**—"O.D." of the Van Ness Group, S.F. Inter-County Fellowship; Dave M., San Carlos Group.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 15**—Municipal Judge Emmett Daly of the S.F. Municipal Court; Cal K., Daly City Group S.F. Inter-County Fellowship.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 22**—Dr. Robert Hockwald, M.D., medical director, Pacific Telephone; Preston B. Park-Presidio Group.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 29**—Kay G., Helping Hand Group of S.F. Inter-County Fellowship; Justice John B. Molinari, District Court of Appeals.

The coffee bar opens at 7:30 p.m.—one hour before the meetings start—and remains in service after the meetings conclude, permitting visitors to participate in arms-length AA. Parking is available at an inexpensive parking lot around the corner on Leavenworth Street.

## Mt. Shasta and Dunsmuir Groups Now in Calif. GS

A momentous stride was taken by Dunsmuir and Mt. Shasta Groups when at a business meeting held February 11, the two groups unanimously voted to return to the General Services of California after being identified with Oregon for a long period.

The two California units will henceforth be in Panel Two, District 50, in the General Service state organization, and expect to make their first "on mass" conference at the Marysville NCC, Saturday and Sunday, March 2-3.

Other business transacted February 1, was:

Election of a Dunsmuir-Mt. Shasta Steering Committee with two members from Mt. Shasta and three from Dunsmuir comprising the committee. Periodically, the number will rotate with three members from Dunsmuir and two from Mt. Shasta making up the steering group.

The Steering Committee is presently composed of Al W., and Lucille S., of Mt. Shasta and Velda S., Charlie L., and Milton W., Dunsmuir.

A rising vote of thanks and commendation was accorded Charlie L., who for some eight years, served as secretary of Dunsmuir Group. Succeeding him is Milton W., also of Dunsmuir.

Bob B., formerly of Sacramento, but now a member of Mt. Shasta, was chairman of the February 11 business meeting.

It was announced that the growth of Dunsmuir Group prompted a move from its former meeting place at 403 Oak Street, Dunsmuir, to the church hall of the Methodist Church, Dunsmuir.

## Friendly Circle

The Sunday Night Friendly Circle is now permanently located at Trinity Episcopal Church, Bush Street, near Gough Street. Entrance to the church social hall where the group meets, is at 1668 Bush Street.

## Temporarily Inactive

Until further notice, the Santa Rosa Breakfast Group announced it has disbanded

## Stepping Stone

A preview of the recently established "Stepping Stone House," a new rehabilitation home for women with an alcoholic problem, will be open for inspection on Sunday, March 10, between 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

The recently acquired residence is located at 255 - 10th Avenue between California and Clement Streets, San Francisco.

Members of AA, Alanons, Alateens, and their friends are cordially invited to view the premises which will be formally opened with appropriate ceremonies at a later date.

## Peninsula Sets Up Interesting March Meetings

Peninsula AA-Groups has taken advantage of an extra week that occurs in March — ignoring the "Ides of March" warning — to add another good speaker to its assembly.

Visitors who attend the Peninsula All-Groups which meets each Saturday at 8:30 p.m. in the auditorium of St. Matthews Episcopal Church Baldwin and El Camino Real, will have a choice of hearing any one — or all of these five top notch sessions:

**SAT. MARCH 2**—Hugh D., San Carlos Group, sponsored by the Palo Alto Tuesday Group.

**SAT., MARCH 9**—Fred B., San Mateo Group, with the Twelve Step Discussion Group of Millbrae serving as host.

**SAT., MARCH 16**—Bill G., Surf Group of the S.F. Inter-County Fellowship, who is the newly elected GSO Delegate. Sponsoring group is the Menlo Park unit.

**SAT., MARCH 25**—Dr. Bill R., the South San Francisco dentist, sponsored by the Burlingame Men's Group.

**SAT., MARCH 30**—Estelle R., South San Francisco Group, sponsored by the Palo Alto Sunday Group.

Peninsula All-Groups puts much emphasis on conducting friendly warm meetings where a newcomer to AA will be exposed to old-fashioned arms-length AA over steaming cups of good coffee.

## 125 Attends 4th Anniversary of Avenue Alanon

Four years ago, last January, two people started the Avenue Alanon Club that meets in the auditorium of St. Boniface church, 133 Golden ate Avenue, San Francisco.

To observe its founding, a Fourth Anniversary Party was held January 16 to everyone's happy surprise 125 persons attended the affair which was highlighted by the appearance of Father Alfred, OFM., pastor, St. Boniface Church, who made an inspiring talk to the assembled members and guests.

Although the crowd enjoyed the buffet supper and the arms-length AA that kept most of the 125 persons in the auditorium long after hours, the chief topic of conservation focused on the phenomenal growth of Avenue Alanon.

Said Murrel S., co-founder and program chairman, "in looking back — all of us had a heart full gratitude. It seems incredible that four short years ago, we had two members.

"How far we have come! So many have helped! Surely, God has been hovering over us with a helping hand."

Murrel announced that for the March 20 "open meeting," Avenue Alanon has scheduled Dorothy and Ned H., of Fremont, Calif. Dorothy is a Alanon member; her husband is active in Fremont AA.

The meeting starts at 8:30 p.m. and all members of AA and Alanon and their friends are cordially invited.

## Drunken Pedestrians

Much is said about people who drink and drive, but you hear very little about the drinking pedestrian who steps in front of an automobile and gets killed.

Statistics show that one out of every four adult pedestrians killed in traffic accidents in the U.S. has been drinking.

The North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles says alcohol has no place in any phase of traffic.

It makes little difference if you are killed while driving or killed as you walk across a street. Either way, you are just as dead.

# PROGRAM

## FORTY FIRST CONFERENCE

### SPRING SESSION

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COUNCIL OF ALCOHOLIC ANONYMOUS  
THE TWIN CITIES CONFERENCE  
(MARYSVILLE - YUBA CITY - LINDA)

VETERANS' MEMORIAL BUILDING—MARYSVILLE, CALIF.

# SATURDAY AND SUNDAY — MARCH 2 & 3, 1963

CHAIRMAN — ELMER B.

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 2nd, 1963

- 9:00 a.m. REGISTRATION OPENS
- 10:30 a.m. General Service Workshop
- 12:30 p.m. General Service Public Meeting  
Cliff J., G. S. Delegate, Panel 2 —  
G.S.O. Film
- 1:00 p.m. Lloyd S., Introduction of Wm. "Bill"  
G., G. S. Delegate, Panel 1
- 1:15 p.m. Guest Speaker: Clyde D., G. S. Dele-  
gate, Los Angeles
- 2:15 p.m. Hospital & Institution Committee Pub-  
lic Meeting  
Chairman: W. H. "Bud" C., Hayward  
Guest Speaker: F. W. "Bill" Forden,  
Deputy Superintendent, Correctional  
Training Facility, Soledad  
Co-Speaker: William "Bill" S., Chair-  
man Area 4, Stockton
- 4:00 p.m. Secretaries Workshop  
Moderator: Verne H., Seattle Central  
Office  
Panel:  
"Doc" D., Portland Central Office  
Sybil W., Los Angeles Central Office  
John M., Long Beach Central Office  
John F., San Diego Central Office  
Ruth G., Sacramento Central Office  
Tom O., Oakland Central Office  
Jack I., San Francisco, Central Office
- 8:00 p.m. A. A. Public Meeting  
Chairman: Joe C., Santa Clara  
Invocation: Monsignor Patrick Don-  
nelly, St. Joseph's Catholic Church,  
Marysville  
Address of Welcome: Mayor of Marys-  
ville  
Chapter Five: Verne McM., Gridley

Twelve Traditions: Neva G., Yuba City  
Chapter Three: Harry C., Grass Valley  
Guest Speaker: Fento E., Studio City

10:00 p.m. Dancing to the music of "The Jumping  
Jacks"

10:30 p.m. A. A. Meeting  
Chairman: Paula B., Santa Rosa  
Speaker: P. L. "Barney" B., Santa Rosa

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 3rd, 1963

- 8:00 a.m. ANNUAL BREAKFAST (Elks Lodge  
Building—920 D. St.)  
Chairman: Harriett H., San Francisco
- 9:30 a.m. Institutional Workshop  
Moderator: John M., Oakland  
Hospital Workshop  
Moderator: Hazel L., Vallejo — Co-  
chairman Area 2
- 10:45 a.m. N. C. C. Business Meeting
- 1:30 p.m. A. A. Public Meeting  
Chairman: John N., Alameda  
Invocation: Chaplain A. F. Gothe, Beale  
Air Force Base  
Chapter Five: Hobart C., Marysville  
Twelve Traditions: Hugh R., Linda  
Guest Speaker: Richard W., Van Nuys

#### AL-ANON AND ALATEEN PROGRAM

See Bulletin Board at Marysville Conference.

FOR EARLY ARRIVALS—TWO MEETINGS  
FRIDAY NIGHT, MARCH 1st, 1963

- 8:00 p.m. Yuba City, Sheriff's Recreation Center,  
End of 2nd St., Open Family Discussion  
Chairman: Ted M.
- 8:00 p.m. Grass Valley, 245 So. Church St., Frank  
Buck Hall, Open Family Discussion  
Chairman: Harry C.

## New Alcoholism Center Started

A new facility whose purpose is to provide men and women who feel they have an alcoholic problem with aid, encouragement, and direction has been established in downtown San Jose, it was announced by Jules DeM., a member of Alanon in the San Jose Fellowship, currently manager of the facility.

Located at 40 North Market Street by a board of 12 interested people, and with voluntary assistance coming from many sources. It may provide the useful function of "steering" compulsive drinkers into their first contact with Alcoholics Anonymous, a spokesman for the group stated.

### Not AA Sponsored

Although it is not yet part of AA, per se, it is nevertheless operating within the structure of the Traditions of AA. Moreover, Jules DeM., said, "it provides a meeting place for both members of AA and people seeking a solution to their alcoholic problem."

### Sobriety Attained

According to the manager, the facility is being used as a referral center for other community agencies involved in the problem arising from alcoholism.

Staffed entirely by volunteers, the center is open daily from 8:00 a.m. to midnight. Since its formal opening on January 26, this year, the management claims "that at least nine known persons have attained sobriety, and four or more have found employment."

## Fremont Group

One of the rapidly growing areas in California is Fremont, and with it grows Fremont Fellowship Group.

In this southern Alameda County community, John Mc. is holding the fort as secretary; Ned H. is treasurer. Both are available for Twelve Step calls.

Meetings are held every night of the week at 3958 Peralta Court, Fremont, and all meetings are open with the exception of Tuesday when a closed session is held in conjunction with the Alanons.

Friday night is devoted to Stag Meeting.

## Marysville Motel

Hotel and motel accommodations may be in short supply for the NCC Conference in Marysville, March 2-3.

GOOD NEWS has just learned that a new motel will be opened for business on March 1. Name of the inn is the Bonanza Motel, 1001 Clark Street, in Yuba City, which is just across the bridge from Marysville.

Anyone having difficulties finding accommodations in Marysville can try the Bonanza in Yuba City. It has 44 units with prices ranging from \$8.00 for singles; \$10.00 for doubles; with a few twins at \$12.00. The twins contain two double beds which will accommodate four persons.

Contact Mrs. Hansen at the Bonanza, phone 742-8824, for reservations.

## Stanislaus to Stage Meeting

Stanislaus County Inter-Group Council of AA will jointly stage its first public meeting Friday, March 15, at 8:00 p.m. in the Modesto Irrigation District Building, 1231 - 11th Street, Modesto.

**Dr. Hal S. Los Angeles Fellowship, will be keynote speaker with Jack I., secretary, San Francisco Inter-County Fellowship, serving as chairman.**

Purpose of the Stanislaus meeting is to demonstrate the value and strength of Unity — when AA groups band together to further their own individual and collective interests.

In the rapidly-growing Modesto-Turlock area with thousands of new people coming into and settling there, statistics prove that a certain percentage of the newcomers will be afflicted with the disease of alcoholism.

**Forward thinking members of the Stanislaus County Inter-Group Council believe that reasonable provisions should be made to welcome these unfortunate victims into the AA fold if, and when, they apply for help.**

The Committee handling the March 15 meeting cordially welcomes AA visitors from throughout Northern California to attend its initial public session.

## Eastbay Groups Tighten Service

Cooperation between group secretaries and the voluntary tele-service staff of the Eastbay Fellowship has been greatly improved by the simple expedient of conducting a joint meeting.

Chief topic of the meeting, "How can we better aid the sick alcoholic seeking help?"

Meeting was called on Wednesday, January 30, in the Eastbay Fellowship's Central Office, at the suggestion of Tom O., Oakland Central Secretary, who sought to achieve more efficiency for Eastbay's "after hour" telephone service.

**As a result of the meeting, group secretaries and phone volunteers left the session with the conviction that a 50 percent improvement in all-around service to the sick alcoholic will be achieved; that the exact responsibility of those concerned with service has to be spelled out; that overlapping procedures will be held to a minimum.**

Many group secretaries and volunteers attending the meeting felt that "more sessions of this calibre should be conducted for the betterment of service to AA as a whole and for the sick alcoholic—that needs help."

## GSO to Monterey

Panel One of the General Services Committee made a trip to Salinas on Sunday, February 10. With films and speakers, the workings and services of GSO was fully explained to the Salinas membership.

A spokesman for Salinas AA said, "Thanks to this voluntary visit we are now better equipped to serve wherever and however God wills and with a finer spirit to carry the message to the best of our abilities."

### WANTED

HOUSEMOTHER for "STEPPING STONE" — new Rehabilitation Home for women with an alcoholic problem opening this spring. Salary — must live in — good neighborhood near shopping center.

Telephone SU 1-4573 between 10 a.m. & 4 p.m.

## Monterey Bay's Intergroup Meet

By Ben R., Monterey-Salinas Correspondent

Some 250 members and friends were treated to a real feast of hope and experience at the monthly intergroup meeting in Salinas, Sunday, January 26, when Eddie D., from Los Angeles Fellowship, was guest speaker.

Eddie told a true story of AA — a success story!

His enthusiasm for service and unaffected pleasure in living a sober, healthy, and free life was clearly expressed; that the AA program is designed for happiness; and that, in his opinion, a man or woman who is unhappy in AA is somehow missing a vital something in the working of it.

### AA in Jail

Here was a man who was witty without being trivial; serious without being ponderous. A man who has been able to take himself lightly because he takes his sobriety seriously.

Eddie, as so many others have done, met AA in jail. A place he said, he has been back to only by choice since accepting the program. And, for all that, he has a deep respect for institution service.

Our thanks to you, Eddie, for sharing your story and your interpretation of love, "to wish for another all the wonderful things you wish for yourself."

### Gratitude

We liked the thought you left: that one cannot be hateful and grateful — or resentful and grateful — or unhappy and grateful, at one and the same time. And, that if we stop worrying about what didn't happen to us in the past and give some concern to those things that did — chances are that we will have the opportunity to be grateful that the worst things never have to happen at all.

Thanks to the generosity of Minsignor Early of the Roman Catholic Church on Market Street, Salinas, we had the use of the church's lovely recreation hall. Once more the girls from the Salinas AA and Alano groups came up with splendid goodies and decorations. Frank's AA Orchestra provided music for the dance.

## H&I BROADSIDES

By the Chairman of the Hospital and Institution Committee, NCC

**WE NEVER CEASE** to wonder how this program works. The activity in Area No. 11 comprising the counties of Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Benito is a case in point. More amazing when we consider that H & I Area No. 11 has only been in operation a very short time under the able leadership of Jim M. of Salinas, his co-chairman, Lee F. and the many people who have given their generous support. Blue Chip Stamps, Raffles, talking it up, and the sincere desires of a lot of people to help the other guy gives us good reason to doff the derby and this, we most certainly do.

**A TIMELY SUGGESTION** from our good friend Rollin W. of "GOOD NEWS" gives us the impetus to talk about the H & I schedules and their purpose. A number of years ago each group or, group of people, made up their own private schedule for calling on the hospitals and institutions with the result that many meetings were missed and things wound up in a great state of confusion. The idea of formulating this committee came from Rex N. who worked out the basic ideas that we are using today. Rex passed away still doing the work that he loved and was followed by a fellow that most of you know, Bill G. Bill worked hard and long to follow up the ideas that were handed down by Rex and did an outstanding job until such time as he felt compelled to resign. At this point Bud C. of Hayward was elected and privileged to serve in the capacity of General Chairman for Northern California.

**IN THE ENSUING YEARS** the committee has grown substantially and five new areas have been formed. Area No. 11 is a fine example. Too, four years ago approximately one hundred and fifty people were involved in this service as compared to in excess of sixteen hundred today. Further, at that time we couldn't put out much literature due to our not having the money to stock any amount. In 1962 the committee expended just under twentyfive hundred dollars for literature and related services to the hospitals and institutions.

**AT THE PRESENT** time the committee maintains a library that stocks approximately six hundred dollars worth of literature that is distributed to the area chairmen or authorized agents on order from the area chairmen. We don't like the word any better than you do but, we are compelled to have some sort of organization and, this brings us back to the schedules. The schedule is published annually and copies are sent to all Regional Chairmen Area Chairmen, Contact Chairmen, and Central offices throughout the state. Requests have been received from many parts of the United States and Canada for copies and we try to comply with these requests.

**THE MECHANICS** of the schedule as compiled by our secretary, Marc A. of San Rafael entails a lot of work in extending the program in order that we will all know when, and where, we are going for the next twelve month period. In short we know now who will be going to Paducca Junction on Christmas day 1963.

**PLEASE DON'T MISUNDERSTAND** us, we are human, we make lots of mistakes and we live in an ever changing society. Each day, week, or month, the schedule is subject to change without notice and, we miss assignments. The point is, we're trying and beg of you to bear with us.

Before we go 30 for the day we would like to thank the work crew that showed yesterday at the Alano Club in San Francisco to work on the assembly line of the aforementioned schedules. SEE YOU IN MARYSVILLE.

## Monkey Business

A chimpanzee walked into a bar and ordered a martini. The bartender watched with fascination as the chimp liesurely sipped the drink.

When finished, the chimp laid a \$10.00 bill on the bar. The bartender took the \$10.00 and slyly put down \$1.00 in change.

The chimp pocketed the money and was about to leave when the

bartender said, "Sorry I looked so shocked when you came in, but we don't get many chimpanzees in here."

"I'm sure you don't," replied the chimpanzee, "not when you charge \$9.00 a drink."

## Texas Convention

The 18th Annual Texas State Convention will be held in San Antonio, June 27-30, this year.

## Former S.F. Member Pens Note From N.Y.

Dear Rollin:

Sorry for the delay in getting my payment (Good News subscription) back to you but I have been away for the last 2½ weeks. It certainly was good to read about AA and the doings on the West Coast.

There is nothing like GOOD NEWS here in the East. Even though Vera and I cannot always associate the individuals mentioned it is good to know what is going on. We have been in the East now for 5 years, but deep down our thoughts always turn to the West and our hearts are there. We miss so many of our friends who helped us so much at the beginning of our new life.

Much water has gone over the dam since then, but there are many times I think back to that day when I walked into Jack I.'s office seeking a way out of the mess I had made of my life, when things looked so black.

The things that were told me then, and continually repeated, seemed to have so little meaning—at first—but I tried. If anyone told me then where I would be today, I would not have believed, because at that time it was so far out of reach that it was simply inconceivable. This is the beauty of this Program, working each day at a time, building and building, like a house; your own house.

We both hope it won't be too long before we can pay a visit to San Francisco, if all works out well. We would have been out sooner, but Vera has had several bad accidents. Two years ago she fell and broke her hip; two operations and long treatment. She was out and doing quite all right when, this January, she again fell and smashed her right shoulder.

No end of hospital and doctor bills, but I am still grateful—for with AA and its results—I would not have been able to shoulder these responsibilities.

My very best to everyone, and hope to see you soon.

Joe M.

## Daly City Group Starts; Meets at 10 Wellington Street

A new group has been started in the heart of the Daly City business district.

An open, discussion-speaker format has been adopted by the new unit which will meet each Wednesday at 8:15 p.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 10 Wellington Street, opposite Daly City's City Hall.

## Salinas Alanons

The Salinas Alanon Group has changed its meeting night from Thursday to Tuesday. Time remains same at 8:30 p.m. and the location remains unchanged. The group will continue to meet at 137 Monterey Street.

## Eureka Club Moves

Effective immediately, the Eureka (Calif.) Alano Club has moved to a new site at 2237 Second Street, Eureka. The club was formerly located at 401 S. Street, Eureka.

## Eastbay Changes

A routine change in the secretaryship of the East Oakland Group saw Bill R. succeeding Gerry M.; "Money Bags" Jeff continues as the "watchdog of the treasury"; Isabell C., the groups General Service Representative; and, Wals S. holding down the job of Central Committee rep. Al R. is alternate, and Harry C. continues as NCC delegate. A hot crew.

## Warm Springs Resort Opens

Santa Clara Inter-Group Council of AA recently announced the formal opening of Warm Springs Health Resort, located at 2000 Stanford Lane in the Warm Springs District of Fremont, Calif., adjacent to the Hidden Valley Ranch.

According to Santa Clara Inter-Group Council Warm Springs is "dedicated to the rehabilitation of problem drinkers."

### Relaxation

Regimentation is avoided, being replaced by a pleasant relaxed atmosphere where mental and physical relaxation is obtained without resorting to sedatives, tranquilizers.

The resort is operated by Bill O., who is presently a member of Santa Clara AA groups. Bill said extensive recreation activities are available including a well stocked library, swimming in an outdoor pool, Sono bathing, hiking in rolling hills surrounding the resort and other outdoor sports.

### Inspection

Barbecue pits are handy in a nice picnic area where the guests and friends are welcome at all times. Personal needs, such as laundry, dry cleaning, washing, ironing facilities are available. A beauty salon for women guests is also on the premises.

Friends and relatives of guests, and prospective guests, are welcome to visit and inspect the establishment.

Warm Springs is about a half-hour from Oakland or San Francisco, and 15 minutes from San Jose.

### SAN DIEGO COUNTY FELLOWSHIP OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

506 California Theater Building  
San Diego, California

Qualified persons are invited to apply for the following service position in San Diego City and County A.A. Address all correspondence to:

BUSINESS COMMITTEE — PERSONAL  
506 California Theater Building,  
San Diego, California

DATE OF JOB OPENING — June 15, 1963

JOB TITLE—Executive Secretary, San Diego County Fellowship of A. A.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS—Member of A. A., three or more years of continuous sobriety preferred but not essential. Bondable. Typing and double entry bookkeeping. Handle receipts and disbursements.

SALARY—\$400 to \$500 per month; five day week; and paid vacation.

FINAL APPLICATION DATE: Applications received after April 15, 1963 will not be considered.

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## Ruth G. Resigns Sacramento Post

Effective February 8, Ruth G., long-time secretary of the Central California Fellowship, Sacramento, resigned the post which she faithfully and devotedly administered during 14 years. Through her efforts, Sacramento AA experienced astounding growth and developed astonishing strength and Fellowship cohesion in many directions.

### Betty Succeeds

Ruth moved to Palo Alto where she expects to take an active part in Peninsula AA affairs. She will be succeeded by Betty B., Roseville. Betty is widely known in and around Sacramento and her husband Howard is a noted figure in Sacramento Alanon circles.

In parting from her Sacramento secretaryship, Ruth said in part, "How can I properly express in writing the deep affection and gratitude I feel for the AA Way of Life; toward those who have come to mean so much to me because of you sharing the AA kind of love, experience, strength, and happiness with me?"

### Abiding Faith

"... As for the Central Office (Sacramento), I have complete faith in it. I feel the Intergroup Office is second to none, anywhere, and one in which all AA's and Al-Anons who affiliate with it, should feel proud to be part of it.

"As long as God grants me life, I shall support our Central Office financially, and in any other way in which I may be of assistance.

I'm not going far away, and hope to be back occasionally, and surely I'll be seeing many of you at our NCC Conferences."

## In Memoriam

As it must to all men, death came to the following since the last issue of GOOD NEWS:

**DON KRULL**, veteran San Francisco newspaperman, an old-timer in the AA movement in this city, and a loyal member of West Portal Group.

**ELMER L. JOHNSON**, former secretary of Azure Acres, Sebastopol.

"**VAN**" **VAN BUREN**, an AA member since 1944, active in the affairs of St. Francis Men's Group and Pacific Heights Group.

**BILLIE SPENGLER**, who did valuable volunteer work for the San Francisco Central Office and recognized as a dedicated and well loved AA member.

## After Hours Group Names Speakers

Night workers and night owls whose professions and working hours keep them up when most others sleep, get a feeling of security and solace from meetings held by the After Hours Group — starting at 2:30 a.m. — every Saturday morning.

These post-midnight sessions are held at the 1464 Club, located at 1464 Valencia Street, San Francisco, and are recognized as a Godsend for waiters, waitresses, musicians, and other men and women who work "odd ball" hours.

Katie G., chairman of the After Hours Group for the month of March announces this stellar group of speakers:

**Saturday, March 2—Ned R.; Saturday, March 9—Lucille S.; Saturday, March 16—Alice C.; Saturday, March 23—Joe Mc G.; Saturday, March 30—Frank C.**

The After Hours Group performs a vital AA service in the community and the dedicated people who keep it functioning, rate a "well done" from the staff of GOOD NEWS and all of S.F. Inter-County Fellowship.

## Alano Women's

A change in the meeting time of the Alano Women's Group, has been announced. It now meets from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Thursdays at the Alano Club, 414 Grant Avenue, San Francisco.

## Santa Clara to Publish Paper

A new publication — SCAN (for Santa Clara Alcoholic News)—will be printed and sponsored by the Santa Clara Inter-Group of AA, it was announced by Bill A., who will manage the newspaper.

The first edition is being readied for March 17 under the joint editorship of Carolinn G., Howard Y., and Betty M.

Publication will be controlled and written by AA members for the purpose of getting more of the current events to the local members, Manager Bill A., said.

He said SCAN was not intended as a competitor of GOOD NEWS, but fully intends to work in conjunction with the NCC monthly newspaper by contributing more to it via SCAN.

SCAN will be issued monthly. Address of the publication is 1122 Fair Avenue, San Jose, Calif.

## Santa Clara Holds Social Gatherings

Father Ferrara of Alma College will be guest speaker at a social meeting sponsored by the Santa Clara Inter-Group Council of AA at Santa Clara's Alano Clubhouse on Tuesday, March 12.

This is one of several social gatherings called for the purpose of getting past and present secretaries together in the interests of AA unity. At the first meeting held on Sunday, February 12, Vern W., Elks Club member, spoke on the AA work being done by the Elks.

He was followed on Tuesday, February 12, by former warden of San Quentin, Clinton Duffy.

Courtesy cards, good for 30 days, were issued by Tom C., publicity director of the Santa Clara Alano Club.

Admission is free to Club on the evening Father Ferrara speaks. Coffee and cake will be served.

## Alateens Move

The Alateens, that formerly met at the Building Service Center, 240 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, are now meeting on Fridays at 8:00 p.m., at a private residence located at 1853 - 24th Avenue, San Francisco.

**EYEWITNESS REPORT:****EUROPEAN ROUNDUP AT WEISBADEN**

by Bill G.

Dear Friends

I have just returned from the European AA Roundup in Weisbaden, Germany, and it was an experience I will never forget. I heard seaqers from the following countries: The U.S.A., Ireland, Germany, France, Belgium, England, Finland, Switzerland, Holland, Sweden, Canada and Austria.

It was so inspiring and I was filled with so much gratitude I cried during most of the talks from sheer joy of being alive, and for what AA has done for me. It brought to my mind the great impact that AA has made throughout the world.

Most of the speakers were able to speak English, but the ones that couldn't spoke through interpreters. As we all know, no matter what language people speak in AA, it is understood because it is the language of the heart—and understood by all.

I sat with a man from Germany and one from Finland at the dinner and we had no trouble understanding each other. The weather was just beautiful throughout the three days, and I'm sure the Higher Power was present with each and everyone of us.

I have not reached one year of sobriety yet, but I will on the 4th day of October, this year. But in my 11 months nothing but good things have come to me. It is a wonderful feeling to know that I have a choice now. I don't have to drink. I know that I was a slave to alcohol for over 15 years and I couldn't stop.

It's also a wonderful feeling that I now have so many good friends in so many countries. I don't ever have to be alone again. I thank God for all of you in AA that stood beside me in my first days and getting me sane and sober.

Without each and everyone of you here in Monterey Group I could not have made it. Eleven months ago the old Bill G. died, and a new one born. I did an about-face. The long road back is rough and won't be easy, but I know I am going in the right direction.

Pinky and Mary were at the Roundup too, and it sure was wonderful to see them again. I am forever with you all in spirit.

God bless you all.

Sincerely,  
BILL G.

Do you know why we call our language the mother tongue? Because father never gets to use it.

**Sixty Minute Group**

A new unit the Sixty Minute Group, has been activated at the 1464 Club, 1464 Valencia Street, San Francisco. A family-discussion meeting, it meets for one full hour, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., every Sunday.

**Pan Handle Group**

A new family group meeting, the Pan Handle Group, now meets every Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. at the Hamilton Methodist Church, 1525 Waller Street, near Clayton, San Francisco.

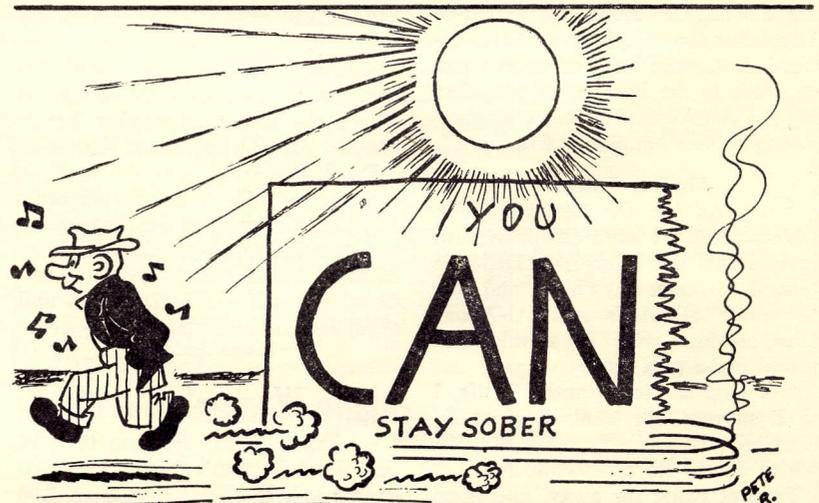
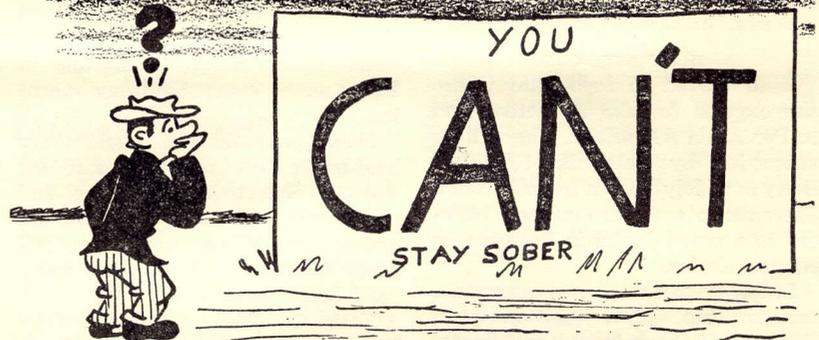
Each year it seems to take less time to fly across the ocean and longer to drive to work.

— Allentown Call

**Woodland Group**

Dr. Earle M., Mill Valley Group, will speak at Woodland, Saturday, April 6 at 8:00 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 515 Second Street, Woodland, Calif.

The meeting is open and Woodland Group invites all AA members and their friends to attend.

**THE ALKY** BY PETE

NO ONE IS EVER BEATEN — UNLESS HE GIVES UP THE FIGHT — WOLFEN