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Picnic Golfing "Addicts" Sign Up for Tourney

Entries are pouring in for the S.F. Tee Totalers Golf Tournament, one of the major highlights planned for the All Northern California AA Picnic scheduled for Sunday, August 16, at Blackberry Farm, 21975 San Fernando Avenue, Cupertino, Calif.

According to Bill H., Golf Tourney co-chairman, here's what's occurred so far:

John "Chi-Chi" F., heads up a group of shot-makers (not takers) from the Peninsula, whom the odds-makers give more than a little consideration as a real threat for top title. John's reputation for long drives and pitches are enough reasons for his role as one of the early favorites.

"THE GREATEST"

"Champagne" Jim R., an old-timer among us, but a newcomer to the Fairway Fanatics, has coupled with Pete R. They've spent the past few months toning up, and, in fact—pointing for the Big One. When asked what they thought their chances were, Jim and Pete chorused, "We're the Greatest."

"TOTAL TALENT"

On the other side of the Bay, Mike J., Pinole, can be quoted (with tremendous humility) as saying, "I have great respect for the ability of my fellow professionals participating in the tournament. However, in a great test such as this, my tolerant temperament and total talent should win it all."

Jim O.T. and Ted F., as fine a pair of Bunker Artists to be found anywhere, are sure to be among the leaders. But at this writing they are

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Fresno Chosen

The next conference sponsored by the Northern California Council of Alcoholics Anonymous will be held in Fresno, Saturday and Sunday, October 3-4, it was announced by Stan W., secretary, NCC.

Decision to select the "Raisin City" was made during a NCC business session at the recent Dunmuir Conference. Fresno won the bid from several other competing cities.

Big Anniversary at Alano Club

The Seventh Anniversary of the San Francisco Alano Club will be celebrated Saturday and Sunday, July 18-19. Two days of gala high jinx at the clubhouse, 414 Grant Avenue, will mark the founding of its establishment in 1957 at its present location at the "Gateway to San Francisco's Chinatown."

An Open House, to which all AA members and friends are invited, will feature the celebration on Saturday. It will be highlighted by a colorful Anniversary Dance and Party, plus a buffet luncheon. The noted "Jumpin' Jacks" will provide swell dance music. Dancing starts at 9:00 p.m.

On Sunday, a Baked Ham Luncheon (with all the trimmings) will be served to all comers from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m., following a noontime Open Meeting.

Program Chairman "Bus" D., said no affair has been scheduled for Saturday, July 4, in deference to the weekend Fourth of July holiday. But on Saturday, July 25, "Bus" said, the Big July AA Birthday Party will be held, to celebrate all AA's whose AA birthday occurs in July. Coffee, cake, and dancing is in the birthday agenda.

"Bonus" Friday in July Aids SF All Groups

The Central All-Groups Meeting, held each Friday at 8:30 p.m. at the Building Service Center, 240 Golden Gate Avenue will try an experiment with the extra Friday that occurs this July.

With the "bonus" Friday, Jack I., secretary, S.F. Inter-County Fellowship, said the last Friday of July will be set aside for a speaker (see below) who will speak for a full hour instead of the usual divided hour—half to one speaker—half to the other. Here's the full month's program, as outlined by Roger O'D., program chairman:

FRIDAY, JULY 3—Frances L., Mill Valley Group; Bruce J., Mill Valley Group.

FRIDAY, JULY 10—Bob and Patti K., Roseville. A hot husband-and-wife team.

FRIDAY, JULY 17—Flo M., Brooklyn, N.Y. We'll hear how AA differs, if any, from our West Coast variety; and Bud G., Midtown Group.

FRIDAY, JULY 24—Lorraine G., 90-Minute Beginners' of S.F.; and Curtis Floyd, Deputy Public Defender and former member of the District Attorney's staff.

FRIDAY, JULY 31 — Floyd B., Roseville. This is an experimental program to determine whether a knowledgeable AA speaker needs 60 minutes to adequately get his full message across.

The coffee bar opens at 7:30 p.m. The hall is equipped with elevator service, padded seats, fine P.A. and acoustics, air conditioning.

Meeting is open to the public. Everyone welcome.

State Hospital at Atascadero Will Celebrate

The Tenth Anniversary of Atascadero State Hospital group and the combined Central Coast Area Inter-Group Meeting will be jointly celebrated at Atascadero State Hospital auditorium, Atascadero, Calif., Saturday, July 25, at 7:00 p.m.

Chuck C., Laguna Beach, will be keynote speaker, and Lloyd D., Santa Ana, will be guest chairman for the anniversary gathering.

Edward R., AA secretary of Atascadero State Hospital, said: "Because of the security nature of this institution, certain arrangements must be made by our group prior to the meeting. We request that you notify us by mail, not later than Saturday, July 11, the names of the members of your group that are planning to attend."

The secretary added that all Northern and Southern California AA members are invited to the joint anniversary meeting providing the above precautions are made in advance.

Refreshments will be served following the birthday affair, he said.

Husband-Wife Team and Woman D. A. Features Sacramento Meet

Virginia Mueller, a non-alcoholic friend of Central California AA members, president, Sacramento Community Welfare Council, and a Deputy District Attorney in the City of Sacramento, will be one of the speakers at a session sponsored by the Third Saturday Open Public Speakers Meeting.

The meeting is slated for Saturday, July 18, at 8:00 p.m., in the Labor Center, 2525 Stockton Boulevard, Sacramento, Calif.

Second half of the program will be dominated by a well-known husband-and-wife team from Hollywood, Margaret and Pat O. Together, they jointly enjoy 20 years of sober living, thanks to the AA Program.

DANGER CITED

The Sacramento Community Welfare Council which Virginia Mueller heads, is deeply concerned with the rising incidence of alcoholism in Sacramento with its attendant side

AA PRIEST DIES

Father Dunstan M. of Houston, Texas, our guest speaker at the Stockton conference, passed away June 11, 1964. Anyone wishing to express sympathy to the family may do so, care of Father Donald Chigar, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, 6828 Mt. Carmel Drive, Houston, Texas 77017.

Tapes in Demand

Anita R., who handles Tape Service for the General Service Office, made this report at the 14th Annual General Conference, April 21-26, in New York City. Said Anita:

Last spring plans had just been completed for making tape recordings available from GSO. Eight tapes were listed at \$2.50 each. Five are talks on personal recovery and three are special talks, including the AA meeting held during the 1963 General Service Conference.

Interest and purchase were much greater than anticipated, and the original inventory was quickly depleted. Over 100 reels were sold of each of the tapes and over 200 of each of the two personal recovery talks listed.

There were some 400 orders for a total of 1,350 tapes.

New Secretary at Peninsula

A fine panel of speakers have been recruited to "man the dais" at Peninsula All-Groups meetings during July, it was announced by John K., secretary, who succeeds Don M., outgoing secretary.

The new group leader, formerly of San Francisco, now a San Carlos resident, has lined up the following:

SATURDAY, JULY 4—Speaker is Jim W., Midtown Group or San Francisco. Host group is the San Bruno Tuesday unit.

SATURDAY, JULY 11—"Bus" D., program chairman of the Alano Club and Picnic Committee chairman, will do the talking; the Menlo Women's Group will host the meeting.

SATURDAY, JULY 18—Estelle R., San Francisco, is the speaker. The Pacifica Group will be hosts.

SATURDAY, JULY 25—Jesse G., a member of San Bruno and South San Francisco Groups is the featured speaker; San Carlos Wednesday Group will do the hosting.

The outgoing secretary was recently given a standing ovation and a "well done" for the outstanding job he performed during his tenure. He replied: "I'm grateful for the opportunity to put back into AA for what it has done for me."

Peninsula All-Groups is an Open Meeting, held every Saturday at 8:30 p.m. in the auditorium of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Baldwin Avenue and El Camino Real, San Mateo.

that underscore the tragic misuse of alcohol.

The Woodland Group of AA, an active arm of the Central California Fellowship will be host group for the Third Saturday Public Speaker Meeting, Joe L., program chairman, said.

Refreshments will be served by the Alanon Group of Woodland.

Afraid of Light

"We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark; the real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light." — Plato.

effects: misery, financial, physical and moral breakdown.

She said the Council is aware that Sacramento is vying with San Francisco for the dubious honor of being the city with the highest incidence of alcoholism in the nation.

TRAGEDY UNDERScoreD

She said the population of Sacramento—now close to 250,000—recognizes the existence of the problem simply by reading the columns of local papers and glaring headlines

Woman's View of Conference

By Bobbie S., Dunsmuir Group

The "kickoff" meeting held in Mt. Shasta Methodist Church Friday night was a prelude to the wonderful June 6-7 Conference held in Dunsmuir.

Some 175 attended the Early Bird meeting which came as a distinct surprise since we are so far removed from metropolitan centers.

Al W., Yreka, confined as a patient on Veterans Hospital, Livermore, obtained a 72-hour pass to chair the meeting. He did a bang-up job.

"WELCOME AA"

Hotels and motels in Dunsmuir and Mount Shasta were full and all of Dunsmuir merchants had their windows painted "Welcome AA" signs.

Registration commenced early Saturday morning in the California Theatre lobby. An estimated 600 attended the Conference. Many brought their families for a vacation in this beautiful country and all trailer parks and camps were filled to capacity.

FINE SPEAKERS

The General Service meeting, held Saturday at 1:00 p.m., heard Glen C., San Jose; and Lil C., Hayward, considered by all that heard them as a pair of topnotch speakers.

The Hospital and Institution meeting held at 3:00 p.m. was excellently organized and capably handled. Ken B. (he's the AA co-sponsor of the Robert B. Flippin Memorial Group) was ill and unable to travel. Jack I., central secretary, S.F. Inter-County Fellowship, pinched-hit for Ken, and did a marvelous job. Tom Mc M., Mountain View, the other GS speaker, did a splendid job, too.

OPEN MEETING

At the Saturday night Open Public Meeting, Mary D., Tarzana, received a tremendous ovation, which sent the convention-goers to the Oak-Lo Motel at 10:00 p.m. in very fine spirits.

There, they danced until the wee small hours to the fine music of the "Jumpin' Jacks". Some dined in the lovely Oak-Lo "House of Glass"

12th Birthday For Surf Group

The Twelfth Anniversary of the Surf Group will be celebrated Monday, July 20, at 8:30 p.m. in the Social Hall of the Community Church, 34th Avenue and Noriega Street, San Francisco.

A special program has been arranged including the appearance of Jack I., secretary, S. F. Inter-County Fellowship, who will deliver a brief message.

A panel of Surf Group members making 3-minute talks on the theme "Practicing These Principles" will be the featured attraction, Bill G., chairman, announced.

Coffee will be served from 7:30 p.m. Plenty of good refreshments will be served following the meeting. Everyone is welcome.

JOE IS GRATEFUL

"Moraga Joe" C., back at work on St. Mary's College campus, wishes to use the columns of GOOD NEWS to thank the many people who thoughtfully and kindly sent him "Get Well" notes and letters of encouragement.

Joe entered Franklin Hospital May 14 for surgery. He said the many letters he received sped him on the road to recovery and recuperation faster than any medication.

dining room, enjoying the breathtaking view of Mt. Shasta.

FRIENDSHIP PREVAILS

Jules P., Los Angeles, former delegate to New York, was the Sunday afternoon speaker at the Open Public Meeting. A wonderful talker with a mastery of AA principles, he did a fitting job to officially adjourn the 18th NCC Conference.

The snack bar in the Maple Room of the Masonic Building did a thriving business. Everywhere there was a feeling of friendliness and comradeship.

We, of District 211, take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped make it a wonderful conference.

Concord Group's July Speakers

An usually good group of speakers have been lined up for July's five Fridays by Concord Fellowship that meets at 2841 Willow Pass Road, Concord, Calif. Speakers are, as follows:

FRIDAY, JULY 3—Phil of Omola. Although this his first "pitch" in six years, he is well known in the Bay Area.

FRIDAY, JULY 10—Bob and Dot, a husband-and-wife team from Oakland. They are noted for giving hard-hitting talks.

FRIDAY, JULY 17—Frank N., San Rafael, one of the better regional speakers.

FRIDAY, JULY 24 — Jerry and Sylvia from Los Angeles. If the south has a different AA viewpoint than the north, the audience will learn about it.

FRIDAY, JULY 31—Buzz D., a long-time favorite out this way.

The next Enchilada Dinner is slated for July 11. The last one got many raves. It calls for another. Picnic plans are being rushed ahead. Date set for the big outing on July 19.

Coffee, hot dogs, and pop for the asking. A variety of games for young and old are planned. A soft-ball game is in the making with probably San Pablo the challenger.

The price is right: 50 cents for adults, 25 cents for children.

Ben Hale Mourned By Hundreds Here

A legion of friends, including members of the Sunset Group and the Industrial Club of San Francisco are mourning the recent death of Ben Hale, who for 15 years was a devoted member of AA, the society which he said "gave me a new lease on life."

Mr. Hale's funeral services were conducted by Halstead and Company. His remains were cremated and his ashes taken to San Bernardino County for interment.

General Service Lauds Convention Rewarding Dunsmuir Meetings

By Avis A., secretary, Panel 1, NCC General Service Committee

General Service Committee of Northern California Panels 1 and 2 jointly conducted meetings at the Dunsmuir Conference June 6 and 7. The first meeting was held at 9:45 a.m. at which time the two Delegates, Bill G. and Rick S., gave brief reports on the G.S. Conference held last April in New York City. These reports were followed by a very fine Sharing Session with the subjects being "Sponsorship," "Monthly Sharing Plan" and "A.A. Census."

Approximately 100 were in attendance, which was considered to be very good for an outlying district. A lot of interest was shown in this meeting.

FINE SPEAKERS

From 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. an open meeting was held at which time Lil C. of Hayward, who was formerly an active overseas member, gave an inspiring talk covering her experience in AA overseas and the help she received from the G.S.O. The other speaker was Glen C. of San Jose. Glen was a former Delegate to New York from Southern California. His talk was also well received because of his wealth of background in General Service pertaining to his activities as a GSR of a group and his services throughout our fellowship in California; and of course his service as a Delegate to the General Service Conference a few years ago.

FRESNO IS NEXT

Now we turn to the future with plans for the Fresno Conference to be held October 3 and 4. The G.S. Committees of Panels 1 and 2 met in Dunsmuir Sunday morning, June 7, to discuss the program for the October Conference. We will continue our practice of having a Sharing Session, at which time the two Delegates will give short talks. The subjects for the Sharing Session will be The Grapevine, Sponsorship and The Use of Group Funds for purchase of non-conference approved literature, etc., and possibly other subjects that may be submitted prior to the Conference. The program for the open meeting will be completed in the near future and notices will go out via the

Area Chairman and District Committee Members.

AREA REPORTS

Coastal Panel No. 1 has scheduled a conference report for each Area. Six have already been held: May 9 in Monterey, Area 1; May 17 in San Francisco, Area 4; May 23 in Eureka, Area 8; June 14 in Oakland, Area 5; June 27 in Vallejo, Area 6; and June 28 in San Jose, Area 2.

A meeting is scheduled for Area 3 in San Mateo at the Alano Club on July 12, 1:00 - 2:45 p.m. The new G.S.O. film will be shown and a brief report will be given by our Delegate Bill G. A Sharing Session will follow.

SANTA ROSA MEET

Plans are in the making for the final Area report in Area 7 with Santa Rosa being the site and the tentative date July 19. Everyone is invited to these G.S. Area meetings and those who attend gain knowledge of the vast scope of A.A., and also an understanding of the many services provided for us by our General Service Office. Please come and bring a friend.

A word about the people of Dunsmuir, and the cooperation of all businesses, The Mayor, Chamber of Commerce, etc. The News of Dunsmuir in their June 4 edition gave a great deal of space to the welcoming of men and women of A.A. They printed the program and carried several stories about A.A. as well as an editorial from which we quote a portion:

"... It is the sincere hope of this newspaper and the officials of the city of Dunsmuir that Dunsmuir residents and business people will give these people the best time they have ever had on one of their conferences."

Land of Rising Sun's AA Groups

Travelers who may go to Japan this year are advised that there are AA groups in Tokyo, Yokohama, and Yokosuka.

In Tokyo, your contact is with the Reverend Robert M. Smith (non-alcoholic) rector of St. Alban's Church, 10 Sakae-cho, Shiba Minato-ku. Phone number is 431-8534 or 473-2394.

Tony and Allan O., are your contacts at Sasebo Naval Base, Sasebo, Kyushu.

In Yokohama and Yokosuka—30 minutes apart by train—meetings are held on Monday evening in Yokosuka, the next Monday in Yokohama. Yokosuka contacts are "Big Ed" N., phone 39420; Dave S., phone 68-4286; and the Chaplain, phone 2402.

This information comes from the "Mynah Bird", official publication of Honolulu Fellowship.

All who were there agreed they did! !!! Also they said:

"... The devotion and service of the members of Alcoholics Anonymous to their fellowmen is a rare virtue in today's complex and troublesome society. These men and women are doing more today for afflicted mankind with their mass therapy program than any other effort to rid America of the blight of Alcoholism that is eating the heart and soul out of millions of people today."

The News contacted various eating establishments seeking special service for those attending the AA Conference. By wearing their badges AA members were given fast courteous service. In another story on the front page the Mayor of Dunsmuir, Claude Slade, issued an appeal to the local residents and employees of local stores to help in making parking easy for the visitors in town. They were asked to park their cars away from the area where the AA meetings were held.

Dunsmuir Captivates Conventioneers

600 Attend NCC Conference

Along the AA road, members learn many useful things. At Dunsmuir, during the 18th Northern California Council Conference, held Saturday and Sunday, June 6 and 7, they learned the true meaning of sincere hospitality. The mountain township took the AA conventioners to their honest hearts, offering the warm hand of friendship in the true spirit of St. Francis of Assisi.

Homecoming AA members lauded the fine treatment they had experienced at Dunsmuir. Generous was their praise for Mayor Claude Slade, City Councilman Roger Ellis, storekeepers, restaurant operators, butcher, baker, hotel-motel owners—every merchant large and small, and every citizen—seemed to have their own special Welcome Mat out front; their smiling faces telling AA delegates and members "You're Wanted Here in Dunsmuir." And to be wanted is a very nice thing, indeed.

The Conference itself represented heroic work, long arduous planning, exhausting attention to myriad details, large and small. The brunt of it was largely carried by Art S., conference chairman; his wife, Bobbie; Milt W., co-chairman; and Stan W., secretary, Northern California Council of AA, sponsors of the conference.

POWER OF PRESS

Aiding and abetting this relatively small AA group of planners was the Dunsmuir Chamber of Commerce, the Dunsmuir Police Department, and Carl P. Clement, publisher, The Dunsmuir News, and the staff of Clement's weekly newspaper.

The conscience of most any community is its newspaper. It's nerve-center should be its chamber of commerce. At Dunsmuir, these two community forces worked admirably to bring the 18th NCC Conference to a happy, successful fruition.

AA TRINITY

Conferences are held for the purpose of accomplishing something. This one demonstrated the trinity of AA—Unity, Service and Recovery, plus an indefinite something which may be defined as dedication or "group loyalty." Dunsmuir is not in

a metropolitan area. It nestles in the lovely, wild Siskiyou County vacationland country. In other words, to attend, required hours of driving. Yet an almost capacity crowd was on hand from the Early Bird meeting held Friday night at Mt. Shasta, to the last strains of "Good Night Lady" played by the "Jumpin Jacks" after midnight Saturday.

ABLE LEADERSHIP

The business of the Conference, per se, proceeded all day Saturday and Sunday with businesslike precision and efficiency. Under the able leadership of the various committeemen and women, workshops, H & I meetings, General Service, joint meeting of the Secretaries, the Alanons and Alateens meetings convened and adjourned with clocklike know-how.

GUEST SPEAKERS

The two big Open Public Meetings, with Mary D., Tarzana, and Jules P., Arlington Group, Los Angeles, on the rostrum, met with unanimous acclaim. Except for conspicuous absence during these two meetings, the Snack Bar was a beehive of activity, but under the efficient operation of Bobbie S., and her committee, nary a log-jam occurred.

Behind every successful Conference, is a legion of unknown and unsung volunteers, who labor mightily without much recognition excepting for the rewarding self-knowledge that without their fine help, the Conference could not have functioned. Dunsmuir was no exception. The volunteers were splendid.

THRONE ROOM

Elsewhere in this Edition, are detailed stories concerning important segments of the Conference which are not adequately covered in this

Alanons Meet at Dunsmuir

Both Alanon and Alateen groups joined AA at the June 6-7 conference in Dunsmuir.

At a World Service meeting, Alanons heard a report from Ann O., World Service Delegate from Northern California. She gave a thumb-nail sketch of her recent trip to New York for the Annual World Service Conference.

Mt. Shasta Group hosted an Open Meeting which featured a joint talk given by a husband-and-wife team from San Jose, Kirk S. (AA) and Liz S. (Alanon) who, on the previous day had celebrated 30 years of marriage.

On Saturday, the Alateens also conducted a Conference meeting the results of which will be reported at a later date.

Now business discussed by the Alanons at the Dunsmuir gathering will be aired at the Fresno NCC Conference in October.

Redding Group hosted the Alanon Sunday morning meeting.

BANQUET NEWS

The place is set—but not the date.

The 1964 Annual Banquet and Ball, sponsored by San Francisco Inter-County Fellowship, will be definitely held in the gorgeous Garden Court of the Sheraton Palace.

This is the lovely, spacious room where European royalty, rajahs and princes of the Far East, business tycoons and political nabobs have been entertained.

Our banquet will be held in the Fall, sometime around Hallow'een. Date is not definite, yet.

limited space.

Calm, serene and majestic, the magnificent eminence of Mt. Shasta was ever-present throughout the Conference. Even a died-in-the-wool agnostic could easily imagine that this mighty peak, eternally snow covered, could easily serve as a throne room for a Higher Power or God, as we understood him.

Bill S., Editor

More About Dunsmuir Conference

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Metropolitan San Francisco's only entrants.

NON-ENTRIES

It may be interesting to note that some of golf's great names who have passed up the Tee Totalers Open is simply due, no doubt, to their knowledge of the futility of competing in such a classy field. Included in this group are Arnie P., Jack N., Slamming Sammy S., Bantam Ben H., and Tony L., just to mention a few. I

Eastbay Club Will Celebrate July 4

The In Between Fellowship of Oakland celebrates its Fourth Anniversary, Saturday, July 4, at its clubhouse, 4710 East 14th Street. A speaker-meeting at 7:00 p.m. will be followed by a buffet-potluck dinner at 8:15 p.m.

Jim and Jane O'T., San Francisco Inter-County Fellowship, will be guest speakers. The noted husband-and-wife team has supported the In Between group since its founding in July, 1964.

ARA Frolic Set

The Alcoholic Rehabilitation Association has scheduled its Summer Frolic and Dance (and a Bingo Game) Saturday night, July 25, at the First Step Home, 1035 Haight Street, San Francisco.

Fine Bingo prizes will be offered and the Association will raffle a \$25 merchandise order. Sarge says, "we will have a door prize, good refreshments, and coffee and a lot of that same good dance music".

Homeward Bound

Kay and Harold F., (he's Area 6 chairman, H & I Committee) enroute home, reported via postcard from New York that they had made several pitches in New Orleans, Memphis, Attica State Prison, and Buffalo, N.Y.

repeat, these men will not be contestants.

ENTRY FEE

Entry fee for the Tee Totalers Open is \$3.00. Fee includes green fees and a shot at one of the many trophies, plus a tourney "memento" for every contestant.

Because of the artists involved in this great tourney, and in respect to their sensitivity, all TV network offers, including Telestar, have been turned down. In other words, this event will be a blackout from start to finish—locally and abroad.

Send entries to Golf Chairman, 110 West 36th Avenue, San Mateo; or Golf Chairman, 2481 Ramona, Pinole, Calif. Just your name, address, and phone number on the back of a postcard will suffice.

Jim M. Speaks To Seattle AA Groups July 24

Jim M., Carmichael, Calif., our Pacific Area Trustee to the General Service Office, will be guest speaker at a big Open Meeting sponsored by the Seattle (Wash.) Groups of AA, at 8:30 p.m., Friday, July 24.

Special invitations have been issued to all committeemen and General Service representatives in Western Washington.

Since this is the first time that a Pacific Area Trustee has participated in a Seattle AA function, a record turnout is anticipated.

Meeting will be held in the AA Auditorium, 915 East Pine Street, Seattle, Wash.

Visiting members from California AA groups will be most welcome.

H&I BROAD-SIDES

By Walter Mc C., chairman, Hospital and Institution Committee, NCC

The Open Meeting sponsored by the Hospital and Institution Committee of NCC, held at the Dunsmuir Conference, Saturday and Sunday, June 6-7, was well attended. Ollie O., Area 5, chaired the meeting.

Ken B., Outside Sponsor of the Robert B. Flippen Memorial Group at San Quentin, scheduled as one of the guest speakers, became ill and incapacitated from traveling. Upon his physician's advice, Ken regretfully cancelled.

Jack I., secretary, Central Office of S.F. Inter-County Fellowship, volunteered to substitute for him. Jack is perhaps as well known for his work in H & I (he's one of the Four Horsemen that's been going to San Quentin for the past 10 years) as he is as the Fellowship's secretary. Thanks to Jack, he set the theme for an excellent H & I gathering.

Second speaker was Tom Mc M., co-chairman of Institutions. His story brought out the pathos of alcoholic. Pathetic, yes, but he spiced it with humor and his audience was enabled to laugh with him as they followed his tale along Recovery Road. Of course, his punch line was his devotion today to Institution work.

Ollie did a fine job as chairman with good poise. Reason I mention poise is that just prior to the meeting she told me of her inner feelings that most of us have felt at times.

She has been around H & I work for some 10 years but had never been invited to participate in a NCC Conference. Then when she was invited her first reaction was, "A Dream Coming True"—a touch of ecstasy.

Then the old alcoholic pattern asserted itself. Was she inadequate? Would she flop? Forget the outline of her agenda? All the negative alcoholic thoughts that makes an alcoholic say, "NO"! returned. But watching her, I know all her dreams came true as she introduced the speakers at Dunsmuir, like the true-blue veteran that Ollie is. Thank You!

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Avenue Alanon

Phyllis and John Mc C., AA members of Panhandle Group, S.F. Inter-County Fellowship, will be featured speakers at the Avenue Alanon meeting, Wednesday, July 15, at 8:30

The husband-and-wife team are noted for having a great deal of AA savvy, and should do an interesting job of interpreting the AA program for the benefit of Alanon newcomers, Murrell S., program chairman, said.

Avenue Alanon meets in the auditorium of St. Boniface Church, 133 Golden Gate Avenue, in downtown San Francisco. Everyone is cordially welcome to attend, the program chairman said.

Joe Butler, Azure Acres Owner, Dies

Scores of bereaved friends are mourning the death of Joseph D. Butler, proprietor of Azure Acres at Sebastopol, Calif.

Mr. Butler passed away Saturday, June 13. Funeral services were held at Analy Funeral Chapel, Sebastopol. Sebastopol Post 39, American Legion, officiated at graveside services held at Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno, Tuesday, June 16.

In addition to his wife, Gladys, the dead man is survived by a daughter, Sandro Jo Blank, Santa Rosa; two sisters, Grace Maddux, Patricia Butler, and a brother, Leo Butler, all of San Rafael. Also surviving are two grandchildren.

A member of the Sebastopol Optimist Club, Mr. Butler served on the board of the National Council on Alcoholism.

San Bruno Group to Hear Bill G.

The San Bruno Monday Night Group has invited Bill G., delegate, Coastal Panel One to N.Y. General Service Office, as its guest speaker on Monday, July 6, at 8:30 p.m., Gladys M., treasurer, announced.

She said Norma Z., and George N., secretary, had recruited a star-studded speaker program for the month of July and all AA members and friends are cordially invited to partake of plenty of refreshments and hot coffee that follows each of the Monday night speaker-discussion meetings.

The group meets at the Volunteer

Public Defender to Headline Big Meeting

Curtis Floyd, a deputy in the office of Edward Mancuso's Public Defender office, will be a guest speaker at the Central All Groups Meeting, Friday, July 24, at 8:30 p.m. at the Building Service Center, 240 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco.

Before becoming a member of the Public Defender's staff, Mr. Floyd served in the San Francisco District Attorney's office.

Fire Hall, 618 San Mateo Avenue, San Bruno, Calif.

WHATTA' YA' MEAN, H & I?

Do you hafta' know somebody? How do you get active in it?

FULL AND CORRECT name is "The Hospital and Institution Committee of The Northern California Council of Alcoholics Anonymous. The committee is an integral part of, but not subservient to the council, other than complete loyalty to the principles and interests of the council. This is **not**, repeat **not**, a closed corporation. Anyone interested in investigating this type of twelve-step service may do one of several things, contact the area chairman, someone else active in the committee, or drop a note or postcard to Post Office Box 4032, San Francisco 1, California. Stick your finger in the water and check the temperature, if it is not to your liking, back off. If it is, **JUMP IN WITH BOTH FEET**. We'd sure like to have you and the committee will unconditionally guarantee that you will see action.

WHY DO WE NEED a considerable amount of money? Consider this if you will. It is a well established fact that the patient and the inmate are in a rather sad state financially as well as being in restraint. Consider too, that the committee participates in weekly meetings at approximately eighty facilities. Through your generous contributions we have been able to furnish free literature to all of these groups and, the committee maintains a literature library for this purpose in order to give better service. The contributions to the "PINK CANS", direct monthly contributions from many groups, and the passing of the basket at our tri-annual conferences keep us going. We are very much like any other "AA" operation, we never have much, never a surplus, but enough. Thanks to all of you.

IF YOU HAVE READ this far we are assuming that you are interested so, we go just a bit farther. In the foregoing we mention the activity at the "AA" public level. How do these things get arranged? We are fortunate indeed to have a committee of "WORKERS" who are not afraid of burning the midnight oil but, we also must have machines and material. Typewriters, a mimeograph machine and etc. As many of you know, the committee produces an annual schedule for coverages at all facilities and this includes the rules and regulations laid down by the facilities, under which we operate. We are compelled to insist that members of the committee become thoroughly familiar with the stipulations and to abide by them.

SUMMATION: WE'D NOT ONLY LIKE TO HAVE YOU, WE NEED YOU

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