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Plans for Big Rally at Nourse Auditorium Set for April 9th

A pre-Convention Rally and Open Meeting will be held at 8:00 p.m. Friday, April 9, at Nourse Auditorium, Van Ness Avenue and Hayes Street, San Francisco, under the auspices of S. F. Inter-County Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Dual purpose of the mass gathering is to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the founding of Alcoholics Anonymous in 1935, and to urge Bay Area AA members to attend the three-day International Convention of AA taking place in Toronto, Canada, July 2-4.

Principal speakers are Ed. B., a member of Hollywood Group, and a noted stage and TV star; and Eve M., a staff member of the General Service Office of Alcoholics Anonymous, New York City.

The New York woman will outline reasons why California members should attend the Toronto conference if time and financial ability permits. She will summarize for the Nourse audience, important subjects that will be explored in depth at the Toronto gathering. Some of these are:

1) To review the status of AA services to alcoholics and to evaluate new trends and problems in the movement.

2) To hear messages from non-alcoholics who are concerned with the problem of alcoholism in the fields of religion, medicine, psychiatry, public health, and law enforcement.

3) To explore ways of strengthening AA's services to alcoholics.

Toronto, she said, will honor Bill W., surviving co-founder of AA, who, with Dr. Bob S., (now deceased), founded AA in Akron, O., 30 years ago. It expects to play host to more than 10,000 visiting AA delegates, members, and friends. This figure, she said, is based on attendance at the most recent International Convention held in 1960 at Long Beach, Calif., when some 10,000 members from the U. S. and overseas, attended.

Next Conference Site — Santa Rosa

The annual June Conference to be held under the auspices of the Northern California Council of AA, will be at Santa Rosa, Calif., Saturday and Sunday, June 12-13.

Barney B., general chairman, said preliminary plans are already being laid. Committee chairmen have been named and arrangements blue printed for another fine Conference which Santa Rosa has a reputation for hosting.

On Sunday, April 11, at 1:00 p.m., the Steering Committee of NCC will hold a meeting at the Alano Club, 70 South E Street, Santa Rosa. Purpose of the meeting is to set up an agenda and arrange a program for the June Conference.

Details of this meeting will be printed in the next issue of GOOD NEWS.

FRESNO ALANO CLUB

The newly refurbished Fresno Alano Club, 3010 Tulare Street, cordially invites visitors to drop by and have a cup of coffee.

Doors are open from Noon to midnight with Alice and Bob B., serving as host and hostess for the club.

Motorists traveling between Los Angeles and San Francisco, and vice versa, will find the Fresno Alano Club a hospitable midway resting place where the coffee is only excelled by the fellowship.

Emissary Club In New Location

Dedication ceremonies were held at the new headquarters of the Emissary Club, now located at 148 Leavenworth Street, between Turk Street and Golden Gate Avenue.

The move to the site was made Sunday, March 21. The Reverend Sandercock, director, Henry Ohlhoff House, made The Invocation. Harriet H., assistant secretary at the Central Office of S.F. Inter-County Fellowship, was guest speaker. Rollin W., president, Alcoholic Rehabilitation Association of S.F., presided.

Beverly and Boyd L., directors of the Emissary Club said the new quarters are larger, roomier and more suitable for the various functions held by the Emissary Club in addition to their regular AA meetings.

They praised the volunteer crew of workers who helped the moving job from the old site at 430 Haight Street where the club had headquarters since 1962.

The new club will be open daily from noon until midnight, with AA meetings every night excepting Wednesday and Saturday.

Open House is every day of the year.

SAN PABLO GROUPS

San Pablo Friendly Fellowship lists the following speakers on its April agenda:

Friday, April 2—Rollin W., business manager, GOOD NEWS.

Friday, April 9—Paula B., Santa Rosa.

Friday, April 16—Jim R., Santa Clara.

Friday, April 30—Bob H., Fairfield. San Pablo Friendly Fellowship meets at 8:00 p.m. at 13857 San Pablo Avenue, San Pablo, California.

Easter Costume Ball at Alano

The San Francisco Alano Club is planning another costume affair. Popular since they were first started they have really "caught on" at the downtown AA social center, Paul "Bus" D., program chairman said.

In sequence, here's the April program including the costume party:

Saturday, April 3—The First of the Month Dance. Fine door prizes will be awarded. The ever-popular "Jumpin Jacks" will provide the music.

Saturday, April 17—Grand Easter Costume Ball. Prizes will be awarded for costumes; and door prizes, too. Dancing to the tunes of the "Jumpin Jacks".

Saturday, April 24—Monthly AA Birthday Party and Dance. This party honors AA members who's annual AA birthday (not natal birthday) occurs in the month of April. These birthdays are important to individuals that have successfully been on the program for 12 months—or 12 years—and the Alano Club celebrates them with the honor due them.

Located at 614 Grant Avenue, in downtown San Francisco, the Alano Club is a favorite gathering place for "touring" AA's as well as for Bay Area members and their friends.

Ross Marsh Fellowship of AA Schedules Open Meeting April 29

Chuck C., noted AA speaker from Laguna Beach, Calif., will be guest speaker at a special Open Meeting set for Monday, April 26, at 6:30 p.m. under the auspices of the Ross Marsh Fellowship of AA.

The important meeting will be held at the California Medical Facility at Vacaville, Calif., under the chairmanship of Floyd B., Roseville, Calif.

The chairman said he expects this to be "great meeting" and the appearance of Chuck C. on the podium should be of sufficient interest to draw attendance from many areas

Toronto Plane Trip Cancelled

Rollin W., chairman, Chartered Plane to Toronto Committee, said air excursion had been cancelled as of March 31.

Cancellation was necessary, he said, because only 63 reservations had been received by March 31, and contract conditions called for not less than 100 reservations. To guarantee a 100% refund of an original payment of \$1500 to the charter airline, cancellation was mandatory on or before March 31.

Checks will be mailed to all 63 persons who sent in deposits, minus 50 cents from each, to cover costs of mailing, postage, and incidentals, Rollin said.

Any overage will be contributed to GOOD NEWS which absorbed the advance expense.

Sheboygan Member Going to Toronto

Arthur J. H., formerly of Stockton Group, who left California for Sheboygan, Wis., in July, 1957, plans to attend the International AA Conference in Toronto, July 2-4.

He says he keeps informed and entertained by subscribing to GOOD NEWS, adding, "if some of my AA friends from Stockton area are going to the Canadian Convention, I'll be happy to see them".

Peninsula Sets April Speakers

Peninsula All Groups has a stellar group of speakers recruited for its April meetings, Don M., secretary, announced. The line-up is, as follows:

Saturday, April 3—Speaker is John K., San Carlos Group. Hosting the meeting is the Pedro Valley Group.

Saturday, April 10—Paul (Bus) D., S. F. Inter-County Fellowship is speaker. The Host Group is Redwood City Group.

Saturday, April 17—Speaker is Joe M., S. F. Inter-County Fellowship and the good people of Westlake Group will do the hosting.

Saturday, April 24—Eddie N., San Mateo, is the speaker. Hosting honors will be done by the Palo Alto Wednesday Group.

Peninsula All-Groups meets every Saturday in the beautiful auditorium of St. Matthews Episcopal Church, Baldwin Avenue and El Camino Real, San Mateo. Meetings are well organized and have become popular up and down the Peninsula, and elsewhere, Secretary Don said.

Coffee and arms-length AA is available before and after each meeting which start promptly at 8:00 p.m.

Thursday Beginners Meetings Are Set

Five meetings are scheduled by the Thursday Beginners' at their meeting place, 261 Fell Street, between Franklin and Gough Street, San Francisco. Meetings start each week at 8:15 p.m.

Thurs. April 1—Rhea N., Pleasant Hills Group.

Thurs., April 8—Ray C., Sixty Minute Group.

Thurs., April 15—Rosalie R., S. F. Inter-County Fellowship

Thurs. April 22—Arnold R., Central All Groups.

Thurs., April 29—Lucille S., Surf Group.

Chairmen for the five meetings are Ernie B., Mildred A., Leon R., Nina S., and Ernie B., again

around Northern California.

Reservation deadline is April 20, and those planning to attend must be at Facility gate by 6:00 p.m. To make reservations, please contact the AA secretary of the California Medical Facility, Box 2000, Vacaville, Calif., Bob B., 3421 Braeburn Street, Sacramento 21, Calif. Bob's phone is 487-7960.

THE DIVORCE PROBLEM

The divorce problem exists because there are too many married couples and not enough honest-to-goodness husbands and wives.

Open House to Celebrate ARA 8th Birthday

The Eighth Anniversary of the Alcoholic Rehabilitation Association of San Francisco will be held Saturday and Sunday, May 1-2, at the First Step Home, 1035 Haight Street.

Open House starts at 2:00 p.m., Saturday and activities will continue until the last guest leaves Sunday night, Rollin W., president, the Alcoholic Rehabilitation Association, said.

BINGO AND DANCE

One of the highlights of the two-day affair is a bingo game and a dance scheduled for Saturday, at 8:00 p.m. Rollin and His Friends will provide live dance music.

An annual Membership Meeting will be held Sunday at 1:30 p.m. for the purpose of electing new directors and the reading of a Progress Report.

Main event of the two-day session will be an Annual Public Meeting slated for Sunday at 3:00 p.m. Dudley Miller, M.D., Director of the Division of Alcoholic Rehabilitation, California Department of Public Health, will be guest speaker.

BENEFIT DRAWING

At 5:00 p.m. Sunday, the First Step Club will hold its Annual Benefit Drawing. The anticipated donation entitling participation in the drawing is \$1.00. Proceeds will be devoted to First Step Club Improvement Fund to help defray the Home's expenses and for the cost of the party for its residents.

Group Relations

A report from Eureka stated that plans are underway to promote stronger intergroup relationship through the medium of a proposed visitation program.

The idea developed during a recent group secretarie's meeting of the Humboldt-Del Norte Central Committee.

THANK YOU

On behalf of the Northern California Council, Stan the Secretary wishes to publicly thank all of those who were responsible for making the Annual Conference in San Jose the success that it was.

Thanks should go to:

Chriss C., General Chairman and his entire Committee.

San Jose Chamber of Commerce.

Henry Plymire, Manager, San Jose Tourist & Convention Bureau.

Mayor Joseph L. Pace of San Jose.

San Jose Musicians Union.

City of San Jose.

San Jose Mercury-News.

Rev. William B. Murdock, Trinity Episcopal Church, San Jose.

Rev. Alfred Glass, Saratoga Federated Church, Saratoga.

All Radio and TV stations that so kindly carried announcements of the Conference.

Anyone else who contributed but are unnamed.

The Annual Conference was the most successful to date. Spiritually, and fortunately, also materially.

The grateful thanks of the Council go to everyone also who did attend.

Thanks,

STAN W., for NCC

"Change of Pace" at Nob Hill Meetings

The Huntington Park Group, atop Nob Hill, offers an occasional change of pace which some often think of, or seek, at their meetings held every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Guild Room of Grace Cathedral, Taylor and California Streets, San Francisco.

Entrance is on Sacramento Street through the parking lot. Ample parking for those attending meetings is on the cathedral grounds.

Huntington Park Group features "flexible" meetings — a gathering place of AA members — who enjoy a mid-week discussion in a pleasant, friendly atmosphere.

The group dedicates attention to the newsomere, but invites a visit from all its friends.

April Meeting At "Show Case"

A sterling roster of speakers have accepted assignments for the month of April at the "Show Case" meetings sponsored by S. F. Inter-County Fellowship at the Building Service Center, 240 Golden Gate Avenue, Myrl G., program chairman, announced. Here's the agenda:

Friday, April 2—R. A. "Bud" H., Press Club Stag Group and Charles P., Marin Stag Group.

Friday, April 9—No meeting at this hall. A pre-Convention Rally at Nourse Auditorium replaces usually-held meeting, here.

Friday, April 16—Virginia B., Alano Women's Group; and Paul "Bus" D., 90-Minute Beginners' Group.

Friday, April 23—Tom Mc M., Mountain View Group. and Ron W., Fresno Group.

Friday, April 30—Gladys M., San Bruno Monday Group; and Jack H., San Jose Breakfast Group.

The meeting place at 240 Golden Gate Avenue is considered one of the most comfortable in the West. Padded seats, air-conditioning, good acoustics, fine public address system and elevator service to third floor meeting hall are some of its attractions.

Coffee Bar opens at 7:30 p.m. and meetings start promptly at 8:30 p.m. Located in downtown San Francisco, low-cost parking is available around corner on Leavenworth Street.

It is open to the public.

Sunday Breakfast Names Speakers

The Sunday Breakfast Group that meets each Sabbath at 12:30 p.m., at the S.F. Alano Club, 414 Grant Avenue, in downtown San Francisco, has this agenda for April:

Sun., April 4—John F., San Carlos Group.

Sun., April 11—Bob M., secretary, H & I Committee.

Sun., April 18—John M., Sunday Nite Open Group.

Sun., April 25—Jim W., S.F. Inter-County Fellowship.

H&I BROAD-SIDES

By Walter Mc C., chairman, Hospital and Institution

THE SAN JOSE CONFERENCE was well attended, and especially the Hospital and Institution meeting held Sunday immediately following the Annual Breakfast. Both Dr. Elkins and Rosalie R. gave interesting talks. I personally approved a portion of Dr. Elkins talk—the part wherein he discussed the attitude some AA members take—towards doctors and psychiatrists and, indeed, often the medical profession as a whole. I believe members of the H & I committee understood his concern and appreciated his effort to help educate us and the public on the subject of alcoholism; treating and working with alcoholics; and the importance of working together, especially through the Hospital and Institution Committee.

SANTA ROSA AREA MEETING was attended by me recently which was highlighted by the election of a new chairman for Area One. Gerry W., Cloverdale, who had resigned because of health was succeeded by Frank G., Santa Rosa. Prior to the election, I was impressed by the size of the crowd and the enthusiasm demonstrated by everyone attending to formulate an Action Program for the Santa Rosa region. Frank G., was chairman of the meeting which he and Paula "spark plugged". I'm now convinced that Area One of the H & I Committee will go places.

FOLSOM PRISON FELLOWSHIP holds its Twelfth Conference Sunday, May 23. Although the program may not as yet be completed, Joe C. will serve as Conference Chairman and his committee members are working to make this event a Big One.

ANNUAL GENERAL H & I MEETING will also be held Sunday, May 23, at Sacramento. This is the annual meeting which gathers primarily to elect a General Chairman for the next two years. Starting July 1, I have made it clear to the H & I Committee at the San Jose Conference that I would not be available for a second term, through the columns of GOOD NEWS I wish to re-affirm what I've already stated at San Jose—I will not be available for re-election. I've talked with several fine H & I Committee members who indicated they would be candidates for the office. I'm sure there are many good men, fine men, for this important post.

"Dean of Northern California AA's" Passes 25th Milestone

The first night an inexperienced teleservice operator was alone on the job, she received this instruction from her superior, "Don't worry about a thing. If you get in a jam, call Dewey S., San Mateo".

The above demonstrates the reputation for service that has clung to Dewey S., Peninsula Fellowship, for 25 years. On February 16, he celebrated his 25th Birthday—25 years of continuous sobriety in Alcoholics Anonymous. Of this quarter-century, eight years were with AA in Akron (sometimes known as the 'birthplace' of AA); four in Southern California; and 13 years as a member of Peninsula Fellowship.

In the decade or so that he's been known down the Peninsula, no one

recalls an incident where Dewey has "thrown his weight around" or "running the show". None can remember his ever placing his name in nomination for any elective office.

He has asked only for the privilege of serving. He is one of the most active AA's on the Peninsula. GOOD NEWS joins with scores of others in wishing Dewey "Many Happy Returns".

"... Savage Breast"

"Music Hath the Power to Soothe the Savage Breast". Yet, according to the Mynah Bird, publication of Honolulu Intregroup, a well known composer finally gave up trying to write music for a new "drinking song". Seem he couldn't get past the first two bars.

"Save a Life—It May Be Yours"

A simple ingenious "preventative measure" has been invented and used to good advantage by Humboldt-Del Norte Intercounty Fellowship.

Vic P., chairman, 12 Step Committee, obtained a quantity of small and desk-sized telephone number Blue Books from the local office of the Pacific Telephone Company.

The following wording was pasted on Page One for listings, leaving the top three lines open:

"We all know, through personal experience, the importance of the suggestion that we 'Call another AA member BEFORE taking that first drink."

We give you this handy book in which you can accumulate many 'phone numbers, so it will always be in instant readiness when needed. It may help to save a life—YOURS."

Books will then be given to newcomers upon their first attendance at a meeting. The person making the original call inscribes his name, address, and 'phone number on the page. It will be up to the "baby" to obtain other numbers.

The desk-size directory is furnished each person whose name is listed with the Answering Service so they may jot down names of others willing to share calls.

Win S., Eureka PIC chairman, said he'd furnished directories to the American Red Cross, the Corps of Engineers, and to the duty officers aboard the carrier U.S.S. Bennington during the recent flood emergency.

Group representatives reported increased visitor attendance at local meetings as the result of this activity.

Texas State Conclave

The 20th Convention of Texas State AA will be held on June 3, 4, 5, and 6, at the Rice Hotel, Houston. Further details will be published as the program committee shapes up convention plans.

TALE OF SELF-CURE

Biochemist to Speak at Capitol Group, Sacramento, Saturday, April 17

The Third Saturday Public Speakers Group of Alcoholics Anonymous of Sacramento has changed its name to the Capitol Group. The change came about to clarify some of the confusion existing in the AA make up of the Group.

Jim D., Group Secretary says, "Actually our Group meets each Thursday night at 8 p.m. and we are a discussion-type group. As the Capitol Group, we can now say, 'Our Group meets on Thursdays at the Episcopal Trinity Church on 26th and Capitol in Sacramento, and we present a speakers meeting the third Saturday of each month as a part of our Group activity. It makes more sense that way.'"

BIOCHEMIST SPEAKER

The speakers meeting for April 17 promises to be a great one. The AA speaker is Howard H., a biochemist from the Los Angeles area. Howard will be the first scientist to occupy the Capitol Group podium. His story is unique. As a learned scientist whose life has been devoted to the field of "What makes things tick," Howard spent considerable time and effort to solve the mysteries of his own disease.

His dialogue about these efforts makes a most fascinating and gripping tale. Howard's story is a "must" for those people who are still attempting to cure their alcoholism through "intelligence." A fourth dimension is added to the tried and true AA pitch — "What I was like, what happened, and what I am like now," when Howard tells about "What I tried to do for myself."

SECOND SPEAKER

Companion speaker is Doctor Harry G. Parsons, Medical Director of the Weimar Medical Center for TB patients in Weimar, California. A young director for so large a Medical Center, Doctor Parsons delivers an enthusiastic and humorous talk on the problems of alcoholism confronting him and his staff at the Center. The Doctor has some strong views on the disease of alcoholism, but it is "civilians" such as Doctor Parsons whose interest in AA and in alcoholism in general are a tremend-

ous help to our Fellowship.

HOST GROUP

The Labor Center, 2525 Stockton Boulevard, Sacramento, is the place to be on Saturday, April 17, for a great speaker meeting and an "Evening of AA Listening Pleasure."

Host AA Group for the occasion will be the Monday Night Fair Oaks Group. This relatively new group, whose secretary is lovely Vicki F., meets each Monday at 8 p.m. at the Faith Lutheran Church, 9133 Fair Oaks Boulevard at San Juan Avenue in Fair Oaks.

Dunsmuir to Host Central California Intergroup Meeting

Father Barney, first Catholic priest to join AA west of the Rockies will be guest speaker at the Central California Intergroup meeting, Saturday, May 15, at 8:00 p.m., in the recreation room of the Methodist Church, Oak and Castle Streets, Dunsmuir, California.

Rickey S., Redding, Delegate from Panel Two, will give a resume and a report of the General Service Conference which he will attend in New York City, in April.

Additionally, a business meeting of all NCC chairmen and delegates in Zone M, will be held. Refreshments, lots of hot coffee, arm-length AA and good fellowship will be served following the meeting.

Bobbie and Art S., who were largely instrumental in bringing the June NCC Conference to Dunsmuir in 1964, are actively engaged in handling arrangements for the upcoming Intergroup Meeting.

Parlin Fork Group Needs AA Speakers

The Parlin Fork Group of Parlin Fork Conservation Camp No. 6, Willits, Calif., holds meetings every Friday at 8:00 p.m., serving coffee and refreshments after meeting.

Bob W., secretary, and Jimmy G., chairman, said "we are a prison camp group of about a dozen AA members, trying to live the suggested 12 Steps and by doing so, we know it will never be necessary to return to prison."

Guest speakers are desperately needed at these meetings, and this is an appeal for speakers and more attendance, they said.

Anyone coming to Parlin Fork who is a former inmate of any State or Federal Prison must have the written permission of Warden L. E. Wilson, California State Prison, San Quentin. Phone 454-1460, Area Code 415.

Parlin Fork Conservation Camp Six is near Willits. If coming from south, turn left on Highway 20 as you approach Willits on 101. Drive about 21 miles on Highway 20 where a large Forestry sign points to the Conservation Camp. Turn right. It leads directly to Camp Six.

A7A SPEAKERS SET

A7A Group in Oakland will concentrate on bigger and better AA meetings in '65, and to prove its "resolution" is being earnestly followed, here's its line-up for April:

Thursday, April 1—Bert C., San Pablo Friendly Fellowship.

Thursday, April 8—Speaker yet to be announced.

Thursday, April 15—John S., Midtown Group of Stockton.

Thursday, April 22—Dick B., Midtown Group of Stockton.

Thursday, April 29—Harriet H., assistant secretary, Central Office of S. F. Inter-County Fellowship.

Meetings are held at 8:30 p.m., Thursday at 1815 Jefferson Street, Oakland, Calif.

ATTENTION!

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Commemorating the Thirtieth Anniversary of A. A.

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SPEAKERS:

Ed. B. — Hollywood Groups
Eve M. — General Service Secretarial
Staff, New York

HONORARY CHAIRMAN: George O'H.—Los Altos (Former Trustee)

CHAIRMAN: Sam P. — Central All-Groups

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Contribution Tickets One Dollar

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CAPACITY: 1800

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VERDICT: IT WAS "GREATEST"

San Jose Conference Pronounced a Marked Success; 3,000 Attended

By Stan W., Secretary, Northern California Council of AA

It is difficult to find the adjectives to properly describe the Eighteenth Annual Conference of the Northern California Council which was held in San Jose on March 6-7, 1965. To say that it was the best attended, had the best talks, was in every way the most successful to date seems inadequate. From the "Kick-Off" meeting on Friday evening to the final closing Lord's Prayer on Sunday Afternoon it was the GREATEST.

The Kick-Off meeting on Friday evening at the Alano Club 1122 Fair Ave., San Jose found the Club overflowing. It was not possible to get in the meeting room. Saturday and Sunday all the meetings were held in the Civic Auditorium and Jay McCabe Hall. An estimated 4,000 persons were in attendance during the two days.

GUEST SPEAKER

Kathy A., Past General Service Delegate from the State of Nevada, was the Guest Speaker at the General Service Meeting held on Saturday morning. Kathy's talk was sincere and gave everyone hearing her a better insight of the program of General Service.

The Saturday afternoon meetings were equally successful.

Saturday night found Civic Auditorium nearly bursting at the seams from the number of persons present. An estimated 3,000 persons attended this meeting to hear a fine Welcoming Address from the Honorable Joseph L. Pace, Mayor of San Jose.

3000 ATTEND

The talk by Jack B., of Hollywood will be remembered for many months to come. Jack had the audience laughing with him as he recounted his battle with the "flit." It was not all in fun, though, as throughout his talk ran a strong AA message that gave everyone something to take home with them. When Jack had completed his talk the entire assemblage of 3,000 accorded him a standing ovation. It was a most satisfying meeting.

Following the Saturday night meeting most of the members remained in the Auditorium to dance to the music of a dance band furnished through the courtesy of the

San Jose Musicians Union.

H & I held their meeting on Sunday Morning following the breakfast. It has been reported that it was one of the largest meetings that they have ever had at a conference.

SUNDAY SPEAKER

Zoe P., Studio City, was the keynote speaker at the closing session on Sunday afternoon. Zoe's dynamic, sincere talk left everyone feeling limp at the close of the meeting. It was inspirational. Nearly 1,200 persons heard Zoe's talk. This again was the largest attendance at a Sunday meeting. Those that remained to hear Zoe were well rewarded for staying. Zoe was accorded a standing ovation also.

Alanon and Alateen reported the largest attendance yet at their meetings which were held on Saturday and Sunday morning.

GREAT SUCCESS

Everyone that attended the San Jose Conference were enthusiastic in their praise of the Conference, the meetings, the AA messages that were delivered and the strong feeling of fellowship that existed and remained even after the final "good-byes" were said.

Truly, the Eighteenth Annual Conference will go down as the most successful Northern California Council held to date.

At San Jose

Win S., chairman PIC, Humboldt-Del Norte Central Committee, reports that 23 persons from the Redwoods area registered at the recently-held Northern California

Fresno Group Plans A Speaker-Meeting

Ester S., Fresno Group, and Area Chairman of the General Service Committee, said a Speaker-Meeting and Dinner will be held, Saturday, May 8, starting at 7:00 p.m., in the Walnut Room of Cedar Lanes, 3131 North Cedar, Fresno.

Speaker for the evening will be Jack H., San Jose, and Ricky S., Delegate to New York, is expected to arrive from Manhattan to address the gathering. Rickey will attend the annual General Service Conference held in New York City in April and should have a stirring message to deliver.

Tickets at \$3.75 per person, may be obtained from Ester S., or from Max M. The chairman said she expects to get considerable attendance from AA groups in Fresno, Hanford, Visalia, Kerman, and Firebaugh.

Anniversary For Downtown Group

The Downtown Group of San Francisco that has the unique distinction of meeting at the same location for 19 successive years, is about to do something about this "uniqueness"

On Tuesday, April 27, at 8:30 p.m. the group will observe its Nineteenth Anniversary. Highlight of the evening will be a panel of old-timers with Jack I., secretary, S. F. Inter-County Fellowship, serving as chairman.

The "unique" location which Downtown Group has held onto is 566 Bush Street, near Grant Avenue.

EUREKA ELECTION

Harold B., who originally hails from Modesto, but has made Eureka his home for the past few years, was elected chairman of the Humboldt-Del Norte Central Committee. The election held in March, also elected Mary S., secretary; and Francis B., treasurer. Both were incumbents.

Council Conference in San Jose.

The round trip involved some 600 miles of travel.

San Mateo County Fellowship's Banquet and Dance Set For May 1

The Second Annual Banquet and Dance, sponsored by San Mateo County Fellowship of AA, will be held Saturday, May 1, at 7:00 p.m. at the Elks Club, 229 West 20th Avenue, San Mateo.

Eddie N., secretary of San Mateo Fellowship, said tickets at \$7.50 per person, which includes tax and tip, are now available at the San Mateo Central Office, room 8, 33 North B Street, San Mateo. Persons ordering tickets by mail, should make them payable to the Banquet Committee, and posted to the same address above.

DANCE BAND

Eddie said the Elks Club is noted for good food and a high-class roast beef dinner, with all the trimmings, will be served. Dancing commences at 10:00 p.m., and music will be provided by Johnny Noel's Orchestra.

Keynote speaker is Cliff W., Whittier, Calif., and Howard W., secretary, Emerald Lake Group, will serve as Masters of Ceremonies.

Ticket sale will be limited to 300 and will be issued on First Come, First Served basis. Tables will seat 8, 10, or 12 persons, and if a group elects to reserve a table, they should indicate their preference, naming the number they want seated at their own reserved table.

The hat check room and coffee car will be operated by the Elk Club management, the Banquet Committee Chairman said.

For further information reservation data, phone 344-6811.

Double Feature at In Between Meeting

In Between Fellowship, 4710 East 14th Street, East Oakland, is sponsoring a monthly buffet-speaker meeting, Saturday, April 10.

Featured speakers are Bob B., formerly group chairman and active in General Service activities in New Jersey. Sharing the podium will be Vern F., a recently-elected secretary of Castro Valley Group.

Buffet dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. and the first speaker is slated for 8:00 p.m., Don Mc C., secretary of In Between Fellowship, said. For further information 'phone 532-9472.

Arrest in Peace

OKLAHOMA CITY—(AP) "We are today confronted with a wasted life," intoned the minister over the coffin of Hershel Price, 52.

Price had been arrested more than 700 times since 1936 for drunkenness, and had spent more than 10,000 days in jail. He died last Sunday in a flophouse.

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Alateen Group Sets Meetings

The new San Mateo County Alateen Group will hold weekly meetings every Tuesday, commencing at 8:30 P.M., at the Congregational Church Hall, corner of Tilton Ave. and North Ellsworth, San Mateo (entrance on North Ellsworth). The meeting room is on the second floor. Gatherings will be held every Tuesday evening at the same time and place.

At these meetings, teen-agers between the ages of 12 and 18 discuss their problems in an effort to learn how to adjust and live with alcoholic parents or relatives. An adult and also a teen-age counsellor will be available to answer questions or give personal counselling.

Spring Open House Meeting Planned By Humboldt-Del Norte Fellowship

Frank N., recently of San Rafael, but now managing a Rehab House near Hopland, will be guest speaker at the Spring Open Meeting sponsored by the Humboldt-Del Norte Intercounty Fellowship.

The affair will be held Saturday, April 10, at 8:00 p.m. in the Veterans Memorial Building, Eureka, California.

According to Win S., our GOOD NEWS correspondent in the Red-

wood Highway area, "Frank got 'roped' into this assignment when he was making a leisurley trek through the Redwoods and stopped to say 'hello' to the Fellowship PIC chairman."

Frank is a well known purveyor of good AA in the Bay Area circuit and his appearance at Eureka's Open Meeting should draw a good attendance from the surrounding Humboldt-Del Norte county.

FRESNO BIRTHDAYS

One of the happy events experienced by newcomers in AA is reaching that all-important milestone—his or her First AA Birthday.

Last month at the Fresno Alano Club, two members passed their fifth milestone, another easily scooted by the third-year marker. With sincerest wishes GOOD NEWS congratulates Bob B., fifth birthday; Grayce M., fifth birthday; and Harry H., third birthday.

Their dedication and hard work has been, and will be, an inspiration to those around them who have yet to cut their first cake with a single candle.

Monday Beginners' Meeting Schedule

The Monday Beginners' Meetings, held each week at 1755 Clay Street, between Polk and Van Ness, lists the following speakers for April:

Mon, April 5—Bob of the Westlake Group.

Mon., April 12—Mary of the San Mateo Group.

Mon., April 19—Don M., Sunday Friendly Circle.

Mon., April 26—Dal G., Downtown Group, S.F. Inter-County Fellowship.

Chairmen for the month are Len, Margaret, John E., and John M.