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## EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY OF CENTRAL CALIFORNIA FELLOWSHIP MAY 15

Sacramento, headquarters for Central California Fellowship of AA, is buzzing with excitement, plans, and invitations designed to enhance the already elaborate program which commemorates the Fellowship's eight birthday, Saturday, May 15.

The big affair will be held in Bishop Armstrong High School, 22nd Ave. and Sacramento Boulevard, Sacramento, with ample parking in and around the immediate area.

Two guest speakers, up from Hollywood, will add a further touch of high life to an already elaborate set-up. They are Lou H., a TV script writer, and Larry T., a TV actor. They are described as "just as good AA friends as they were good drinking pals".

Prepared and served by Wesley Kato, Gourmet Catering will serve a sumptuous menu consisting of tasty Cross Ribs, baked potato with sour cream, tossed green salad, and garden-fresh vegetables, with dessert and plenty of fresh-ground coffee.

Additionally, Rolly Schumaker and "His Melodians" have prepared a special program of dance music that encompasses everything from the Watusi to the Charleston. For the conservative dancers, prize

waltzes and fox trots are on the musical menu.

Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and everyone will sit down to dinner at 7:00 p.m. The big AA meeting will be held promptly at 8:00 p.m. and following that important function, the floors will be cleared for dancing, fun, and celebrating.

Tickets are \$5.00 per person and no reservation will be accepted unless accompanied by remittance in full. Reservations are being made on a First Come—First Served basis.

Requests for tickets should be sent direct to (and checks made out to) Central California Fellowship Banquet, 4544-14th Avenue, Sacramento, 20, California. Tickets may be obtained singly by tables, or by an entire group.

## NAPA OPEN HOUSE

Here's an inexpensive way to spend a Saturday night!

The Napa Alano Club is now holding Open House every Saturday from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., at 1200 Jefferson Street, Napa, Calif.

Plenty of fun is on the menu — with games of every type and description — highlighting the evening. Tables will be available for those who play Chess, Cribbage, Checkers, Dominoes, Scrabble, or Yahtze.

Delicious homemade cake and lots of hot coffee will be served. More important, the Welcome Mat will be out to everyone.

## Buffet at Concord

Open House and a Buffet Lunch will be held Saturday, May 15, at 7:00 p.m. by Concord Fellowship Group at its new location, 501 Monument Boulevard, Concord, Calif. For adults only—the affair celebrates recovery from a fire that destroyed its old meeting quarters.

## Alano Birthdays

The Fresno Alano Club decked out its halls with Buttons and Bows to celebrate the joint birthdays (their first) of Eunice and Dick M. The happy event took place Friday, April 2. GOOD NEWS adds its congrats.

## SF All-Groups Slates Meetings And Speakers

Some of the most active and ardent workers in the important Hospital and Institution field of AA will be speakers during the month of May at the Central All-Groups Meetings held each Friday at 8:30 p.m., at 240 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco.

Myrl G., program chairman (enroute any day now, for a European vacation) of the "Showcase" meetings, announced she had marshalled this fine speaking roster — and, she said, "it is a sheer coincidence that many of them are H & I committeemen. I did plan it that way."

The programs are, as follows:

**FRIDAY, MAY 7**—Rosalie R., S.F. Inter-County Fellowship; and Jim D., formerly of Midtown (S.F.) and later Long Beach. Now looking for a place to light again in S.F.

**FRIDAY, MAY 14**—Big Anniversary Party celebrating 19th Birthday of Central-All Groups. See details elsewhere in this edition.

**FRIDAY, MAY 21**—O.B.C., chairman, Panel Board, Hospital and Institution Committee, Anaheim and Santa Ana; and Harvey A., for 7 years, the Policy Chairman of H & I, West Covina.

**FRIDAY, MAY 28**—Jim W., old-time member of S.F. Inter-County Fellowship and ardent H&I worker; and Bud C., Hayward, former General Chairman, H&I Committee, Northern Calif. Council of AA.

Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Coffee bar serves before and after meeting. Meeting place is considered most comfortable in The West. Public is invited. Nominal priced parking around the corner on Leavenworth Street.

## Peninsula All Groups Agenda

Five meetings during the month of May — each highlighter by a top-notch speaker — is on the agenda of the Peninsula All Groups, Don M., secretary, announced. The line-up is, as follows.

**SATURDAY, MAY 1**—Speaker is Jan S., S.F. Inter-County Fellowship; the Half Moon Bay Group will do the hosting.

**SATURDAY, MAY 8**—Millie B., S.F. Inter-County Fellowship, will do the speaking; the Menlo Monday Group are hosts.

**SATURDAY, MAY 15**—Jim O'T., S.F. Inter-County Fellowship, will speak; hosting will be the San Carlos Beginners' Group.

**SATURDAY, MAY 22**—Tom A., Saratoga Group, will be on the Speakers' Dais; hosting the affair will be the Palo Alto Sunday Group.

**SATURDAY, MAY 29**—Bud C., Hayward, former general chairman, H & I Committee, NCC, will speak; the San Bruno Tuesday Group will host.

Peninsula All Groups meets every Saturday at 8:00 in the auditorium of St. Matthews Episcopal Church, Baldwin Avenue and El Camino Real, San Mateo.

## Semi-Annual Open Meeting at Merit

Merit Group of Oakland is holding its Semi-Annual Open Meeting, Tuesday, May 18, at 8:00 p.m. Meeting place is the downstairs auditorium of the First Congregational Church, 26th and Harrison Street, Oakland.

## Powder Puff Group

A newly launched closed meeting for Women Only — appropriately named The Powder Puff Group — is now in operation at the Fresno Alano Club.

It meets each Wednesday at noon-time. Eunice M. is acting chairman and Grace S. serves as acting secretary.

## Bill W., Lois, and Marty M. to Speak at Two Big Night Meetings

### A Drunk Founded AA in Portland

Twenty two years ago—a drunk that “got sick and tired of being sick and tired” established AA in Portland. And that's how AA came to Oregon.

In 1943, Doc H., heard about AA; wrote to the New York General Service Office; got a copy of the Big Book, and has been sober ever since.

He found a couple of other drunks, and the first group of Alcoholics Anonymous in Oregon was formed.

Last Feb. 11, Doc celebrated his 22nd Anniversary and scores thanked him for opening the doors to Sobriety for them.

### Al-Anons Plan May Festival

Bay Area Al-Anon Groups are jointly sponsoring a May Festival, set for Saturday, May 22, starting at 7:00 p.m.

The affair—featuring gaiety, fellowship and friendship—will be held in the auditorium of St. Boniface Church, 133 Golden Gate Avenue, in downtown San Francisco.

The light-hearted party which is for all AA members, Al-Anon members, their children and friends, starts off at 7:00 p.m. with a home-cooked buffet dinner. Dinner donation: adults, \$1.00; children, 25 cents.

Dinner will be followed by a brief Open Al-Anon Meeting, with greetings from Virginia W., Al-Anon Family Group Office; and Harriet H., assistant secretary of the Central Office, S. F. Inter-County Fellowship.

Dancing will follow the meeting. An added attraction will be a bazaar of handmade articles; a White Elephant table; and a Grab Bag.

Proceeds of the party will be entirely devoted to the upkeep of the San Francisco Al-Anon Family Group Office.

Bill W. — AA's surviving co-founder. his wife, Lois, the “first lady” of Al-Anon; and Marty M., one of AA's longest sober woman members, will be principal speakers at the Friday and Saturday evening meetings which will highlight AA's 30th Anniversary International Convention in Toronto.

On the podium with these “AA heavyweights” will be Attorney Bernard Smith, non-alcoholic Trustee and former Chairman of AA's General Service Board; and John L. Norris, current Board Chairman.

Bill will speak both nights, once to tell his own story, and once to review AA's present and future. The giant Maple Leaf Gardens will be the site of these joint AA — Al-Anon Rallies — and of the Sunday morning sessions, “God, As We Understanding Him.” Father Rolland Boyle, Montreal, and the Reverend Gene Robinson, First Christian Church, Billings, Montana will be featured speakers.

An AA speaker will also participate in the Sunday morning meeting which adjourns the Convention.

Simultaneous translations into French will be available through earphones at these meetings.

Sunday night, the Gardens will be the scene for the post-Convention, All-Star Variety Show, scheduled as “dessert” after three days of substantial and bounteous AA fare.

## Half-Way House

Alpha Hall, the half-way house for women in Fresno, Calif., is expected to re-open and resume operation on or about May 1, John S., GOOD NEWS correspondent in Fresno, said. Re-opening has been made possible through the efforts of Esther S., and Annette F., and The Board.

## Explorers' Group

The Explorers' Group now meets in its new meeting place on Wednesdays at 8:30 p.m. at 148 Leavenworth Street, San Francisco.

## 19th Anniversary of Central All-Groups To Be Celebrated

Nineteen years ago in 1946, the Central All-Groups Open Meeting had its first meeting under the auspices of San Francisco Fellowship. Those accurate memories will recall that during its first half-dozen years, it met on Wednesday evenings—rather than Friday nights—as it does now.

Oldtimers will remember, too, that Central All-Groups Open Meeting moved restlessly from one hall to another. Initially, it met at old Druid's Hall, 44 Page Street, for a short time; then to Dovre Hall on 18th Street, for a brief spell; thence to Commandery Hall on Sutter Street, near Steiner; then moved to its present location, some 12 years ago.

### PRICE FACTOR

Moves were prompted by several factors. Major reasons were of more space (the Fellowship was rapidly expanding); better facilities, transportation, safe environment. But always in the background lurked the chief factor — an adequate meeting place with desirable qualifications— which the Fellowship could afford.

Such a location was found—at a price the Fellowship could pay—at the Building Service Center, 240 Golden Gate Avenue, in downtown San Francisco.

Under the sponsorship of S. F. Inter-County Fellowship, meetings have faithfully and continuously without break, been held every Friday of the year.

### OPEN HOUSE

On Friday, May 14, the 19th Anniversary of the founding of the Central All-Groups Open Meeting will be held at 240 Golden Gate Avenue, with festivities starting at 7:00 p.m., with Open House.

Highlighting the Open Meeting, starting at 8:30 p.m. is a program titled, "The Path", with four Peninsula members four Marin County members, and four members from San Francisco, each making brief "pitches".

After the program, festivities of various types and descriptions have been cooked up by the committee in charge. Fun, fellowship laughter will be emphasized, committeemen said.

The "Jumpin Jacks", noted AA dance band, will provide music for a dance that will be also held fol-

lowing the Open Meeting. Prizes, door prizes cake and coffee, the gathering of old and new friends will make the evening a memorable event the Birthday Committee,

## New Sanger Group

A new discussion group has been founded in Sanger, Calif., Milton P., secretary announces.

It meets every Saturday at 8:00 p.m. in the Boy Scout Building, located in the park. Milt says, "if you can't find it, the local constabulary will be glad to direct". (I guess he means the cops.)

## "Group Plan" Flight to Toronto

The Chartered Plane Flight to Toronto has been definitely cancelled and refunds deposits, or down payments, have already been made.

American Airlines now offers a substitute plan—a Group Plan of 25 or more passengers—as the next most economical method, according to Jim A., Toronto Convention Plane Committee.

Normally, round-trip fares cost \$292.00. Under the Group Plan offered by American Airlines, the round-trip fare is \$240.24, a savings of more than \$50.00.

Reservations must be made by June 1—30 days prior to take-off. Here's the time schedule:

Leave S. F. International Airport,

## Fresno Holding Speaker-Dinner

The annual General Service Speaker-Dinner sponsored by the Fresno Group of AA, will be held Saturday, May 8, starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Walnut Room of Cedar Lanes Cedar and Shields Avenue, Fresno.

Jack H., San Jose, will be guest speaker and his reputation as a first-rate talker on "carrying the message" is expected to help draw a capacity crowd.

The Fresno Intergroup meeting, originally scheduled for May 8 has been cancelled in order to avoid interference with the Speaker-Dinner, the committee chairman, said.

Tickets at \$3.75 per person may be obtained from all Fresno General Service Representatives, or by phoning Esther S., 222-6126.

Friday, July 1 at 12:30 a.m.

Arrive Chicago, Friday July 1 at 6:08 a.m.

Leave Chicago, via Air Canada Friday, July 1 at 7:05 a.m.

Arrive Toronto Friday, July 1 at 10:40 a.m.

Going east to Toronto—it is required that groups of 25 or more, travel as a group. On the return trip, however, passengers may return separately, Jim said. (For this detailed data, 'phone Jim at AA headquarters, 166 Geary Street, YU 2-4473). The essential thing to do at this moment is to make a reservation—if you're going to Toronto via air.

Please reserve.....seats on Toronto Plane leaving S. F. International Airport, Tuesday, July 1, 1965 at 12:30 a.m. via American Airlines "Group Plan".

Purchaser..... Address.....

Phone..... City.....

Full Round-Trip Flight Ticket \$.....(Check or Money Order)

Deposit \$.....(Remainder by May 30)

Mail to Toronto Plane Committee, 166 Geary Street, room 84, San Francisco 8.

# 30th Anniversary AA...

## TWENTY ONE DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS WILL COVER WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECTS

Twenty-one outstanding authorities in their respective fields will cover a wide range of subjects relating to alcoholism at nine big daytime meetings during A.A.'s 30th Anniversary Convention.

They are all good friends of A.A. and their contributions to alcoholics recovery have been invaluable.

A.A. Trustees — alcoholic and non-alcoholic — will preside at these sessions. Here's a preliminary schedule.

### 10:30 A.M. FRIDAY, JULY 2

**A.A. AND INDUSTRY.** Mr Nigel Ken-sit, Superintendent of Industrial Relations, Algoma Steel Co., Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

**Luther Cloud, M.D.**, Vice President, Equitable Life Assurance Society of U.S.; former president, N.Y. Medical Society on Alcoholism; and an AA.

**A.A. AND COURTS,** Judge John M. Murtagh, Administrative Judge of the Criminal Court of New York; nonalcoholic Trustee of our General Service Board.

**Judge Emmet Daly**, Municipal Court, City and County of San Francisco, California; and an AA.

### 2:30 P.M. FRIDAY, JULY 2

**A.A. AND THE CLERGY.** The Rev. E. S. Lautenschlager, Principal, Emmanuel College. Victoria University — University of Toronto.

**The Rev. Howard Clinebell, Jr., Ph.D.** Professor of Pastoral Counselling, Southern California School of Theology, Claremont; and an AA.

**A.A. AND PUBLIC INFORMATION.** Mr. George Collins, Religious Editor, Boston Globe.

**Herbert Carlborg**, Form. Dir. Program Practices — C.B.S. Television Network; and **J. P. Mille**, author, "Days of Wine & Roses."

### 10:30 A.M. SATURDAY, JULY 3

**ALLIES IN THE FIELD OF ALCOHOLISM.** Mr. Ralph W. Daniel, Executive Director, Michigan State Board of Alcoholism, Lansing.

**Mrs. Mary S.**, New York, Chairman, Al-Anon Family Groups Board of Trustees. **Philip Morgan** of the National Council on Alcoholism, New York.

**A.A. AND EDUCATION.** Robert Robinson, Director of Education, Ontario Addictions Research Foundation, Toronto.

**Sister Mary Andrew, Ph.D.**, lecturer, School of Psychology and Education, Univ. of Ottawa and Pembroke General Hospital School of Nursing, Ottawa.

**Selden Bacon, Ph.D.**, Director, Center of Alcohol Studies, Rutgers, State University, New Brunswick, New Jersey.

**A.A. IN HOSPITALS AND REHABILITATION FACILITIES.** Robert Wagner, M.D., Assistant Director, Central Islip State Hospital, Central Islip, N.Y.

**Miss Bernice Morris**, Attorney, founder and President, Crossroads Foundation, San Diego, California, Trustee, San Diego Council on Alcoholism.

**Miss Phyllis Snyder**, Director, Alcoholic Treatment Center, Chicago, Ill.

### 2:30 P.M. SATURDAY, JULY 3

**A.A. AND THE MEDICAL PROFESSION.** S. A. MacPherson, M.D., Head Psychologist, Queen Mary Hospital, Montreal, Quebec

**Marvin A. Block, M.D.**, Buffalo, N.Y. First Chairman of the Committee on Alcoholism of the American Medical Association; and an AA.

**A.A. IN PRISONS.** Mr. Frank Miller, Ottawa, member, National Parole Board of Canada.

**Mr. Myrl E. Alexander**, Director, U. S. Bureau of Prisons, Washington, D.C.; and an AA.

# Convention at Toronto

## HUNDREDS OF ONTARIO A.A.'S WORKING 'ROUND-THE-CLOCK TO ENTERTAIN VISITORS

Playing host to what will undoubtedly be the largest assemblage of recovered alcoholics in the world's history is a spectacular and mammoth volunteer job by Ontario and other Canadian A.A.'s working day and night.

How can such complex and monumental understanding (baby sitters; signs; interpreters, local transportation; decorations; entertainment; registration; information booths, etc., etc.) be planned and operated by A.A., which, "as such ought never be organized" (Tradition 9)?

One thing at a time, of course.

And if you want to join us in Toronto, here — one step at a time — are some suggestions:

### START BY REGISTERING

You can use the Registration and Housing Reservation Form on Page 6. Last day for getting registration and housing requests into G.S.O. is May 15, but beginning June 28, and all that week, A.A. members at the Royal York will accept them and find housing for even late-comers.

At press time, over 6,000 registrations had been received — more than the total St. Louis 1955 attendance and well ahead of the Long Beach 1960 total at this date. Over 9,000 registered at Long Beach but optimistic hosts expect even more in Toronto.

### GETTING THERE

Many charter flights are already booked (including two from Europe). Special plans for Canadians have been set up by Air Canada, Canadian National and Pacific Airlines, railways and bus companies.

Lufthansa, Sabena and others are willing to arrange post or pre-Convention tours. Both the Federal (Ottawa) and Provincial (Toronto) Government Tourist Bureaus are eager to help you plan an exciting vacation trip for the family.

Many house trailers are expected. If you drive, rest assured parking space is ample, even downtown.

### AL-ANON AND ALATEEN

Al-Anon Headquarters will be at the King Edward Hotel, and many separate Al-Anon gatherings are planned. For details, write directly to Al-Anon Hdq., P.O. Box 182, Madison Square Station, New York, N.Y. 10010.

### PASSPORTS

U. S. citizens need none but should bring some personal identification — birth or baptismal certificate or other proof of citizenship. Citizens of other countries should check with Canadian Consulates.

### SHOPPING

Many great bargains are available for U. S. shoppers, taxfree. Each visitor has a generous duty-free allowance.

### WEATHER, CLOTHES

Temperature should range from high 60's at night to low 80's daytime. Bring summer clothes, plus extra sweater and/or light raincoat to be ready for anything Experienced A.A. women conventioners say by all means plan for comfort, especially bring comfortable shoes.

### MOTELS

There are excellent motels in Toronto. At the present time, exact rates are not available. However, the approximate prices range from \$7.50 single to \$12.00 double. If you prefer to stay in a motel, please write the word "motel" alongside of "1st Choice" on the Housing Form. It will be confirmed.

### HOTELS

Toronto has many good hotels—enough for more than 10,000 visitors. These are minutes away from Convention sessions — by foot, subway, bus, or taxi. Please state your choices on the Housing Form (next page) and let the Housing Bureau take care of you.

# OFFICIAL REGISTRATION & HOUSING FORM

for A.A.s and Al-Anons — for everybody

## A.A. 30th ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION, JULY 2-4, 1965 TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA

**BOTH PARTS MUST BE FILLED IN.** Mail full sheet (with check payable to Convention Fund) to General Service Office, P.O. Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, N.Y. 10017

### CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

(PLEASE PRINT) REGISTER those listed below for the 30th Anniversary International Convention. \$5.00 per person for AA sessions. \$8.00 for AA sessions plus Dance & Show.

NAME	Address (St. & City, State Province/Country)	AA OR Al-Anon	FEE
_____	_____	_____	\$
_____	_____	_____	\$
_____	_____	_____	\$
_____	_____	_____	\$
<b>TOTAL</b>			\$

If you wish all receipts mailed to one individual, circle name above.  
When possible, badges will be made up in advance, using first name or nickname & last initial. Please indicate below, name to appear on your badge.

\_\_\_\_\_ First Name or Nickname, Last Initial    \_\_\_\_\_ First Name or Nickname, Last Initial

\_\_\_\_\_ First Name or Nickname, Last Initial    \_\_\_\_\_ First Name or Nickname, Last Initial

### HOUSING RESERVATION FORM

PLEASE PRINT

All reservations must be received at G.S.O. prior to May 15, 1965

Reserve the following rooms for the 30th Anniversary Convention:

Single rooms..... Double-Bed rooms.....

Twin-Bed rooms..... Other.....

Maximum Rate desired: \$.....

Arrival Date..... Hour..... A.M..... P.M.

Departure Date..... Hour..... A.M..... P.M.

Write below names and addresses of persons (including children) for whom you request housing.

NAME	Address (St. & City, State, Province, Country)
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

Please check name (above) of individual or individuals to whom confirmation should be mailed.

## Open Meeting for Vacaville Medical Facility May 31

Ross Marsh Fellowship of AA at the California Medical Facility at Vacaville, Calif., has scheduled an Open Meeting, Monday, May 31, at 6:30 p.m.

Guest speaker is Al M. Arlington, Group, Los Angeles, John H., secretary, Central California Fellowship of AA, Sacramento, will serve as chairman.

This meeting is considered the highlight gathering of the year at the Vacaville Medical Facility, and deadline for reservations for the affair is Friday, May 28.

Those wishing to attend should contact the AA Secretary, Box 2000, Vacaville, Calif., or Bob Knox, 3421 Braeburn Street, Sacramento, Calif. Bob's phone is 487-7960.

## ALANO CLUB IN MAY

The San Francisco Alano Club, 414 Grant Avenue, at the Gateway to Cathay, San Francisco's famed Chinatown, has programmed two social events for May.

On Saturday, May 1st, it has scheduled a May Day Dance. Door prizes will be offered and the "Jum-pin' Jacks" will provide the dance music.

On Saturday, May 29, the May AA Birthday occurs in the month of May.

The Alano Club cancelled its regular mid-month dance originally set for Saturday, May 15. "Bus" Paul D., program chairman, said the Club called off its affair to lend support to the 19th Anniversary Open House Meeting and Dance celebrating the founding of the Central All-Groups Meeting which will be held Friday, May 14, at 240 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco.

## Intergroup Meeting

Jack S. Burbank, made an excellent talk at the Fresno Intergroup Meeting, held Thursday April 8. He shared the spotlight with his lovely wife of 11 weeks. John S. was chairman of the affair.

## Eastbay Fellowship Sets Spring Dance

The Annual Spring Dance and Buffet, sponsored by the Eastbay Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous will be held Saturday, May 15, at the APUMEC Hall, 3258 East 14th Street, Oakland, Calif.

The gay affair starts at 7:00 pm. with a buffet from 9:00 p.m. until the band plays "Three o'Clock in

the Morning" dancing is scheduled to live music

Tickets at \$2.00 per person, which covers the buffet, dancing, and other attractions, may be purchased at the door or from any club affiliated with Eastbay Fellowship. Door prizes will be awarded. Winners do not have to be present to win.

## Belltower Tuesday

The Belltower Tuesday Group has moved to 148 Leavenworth Street, San Francisco. As indicated by its name, it meets on Tuesday, at 8:30 p.m.

## Fresno at San Jose

The highly successful NCC Conference at San Jose, March 6-7, with some 3,000 in attendance, was aided by the presence of Fresno members. At last count, some 50 from the "Raisin City" were in attendance.

# H&I BROAD-SIDES

By Walter Mc C., chairman, Hospital and Institution

**SOME 80 INSTITUTIONS** and hospitals are visited each month by the Hospital and Institution Committee. New facilities are being opened each month and the Hospital and Institution Committee is expected to—and does—set up AA meetings at them.

**SOME MONTHS AGO** we were invited to set up an AA group at the Preston School of Industry at Ione, Calif. This facility has a population of about 900 boys between the ages of nine to 19. AA meetings are now held every Tuesday evening and an Open Meeting held on the second Sunday of each month, at 2:00 p.m. Interested people are urged to attend the Sunday meetings.

**ACCORDING TO KEN L.**, outside sponsor, some 80 Preston boys have taken an active interest in learning more about alcoholism and the part it has played in their individual lives.

**THE QUESTION MOST** prevalent in some of our minds in the beginning of these meetings were (1) the ages of these boys—or a better term—young men, and (2) could they be alcoholic? Some people are still asking this important question. But since attending some of these meetings and talking to these young men, I don't think age has a thing to do with alcoholism.

**ESPECIALLY AFTER READING** some figures compiled from a study involved in interviews of some 500 young men admitted to the Perkins Guidance Center. Roughly it amounted to 25.2 were addictive drinkers, 17.8 were heavy drinkers, 32.4 were moderate drinkers, or out of the 500 young men interviewed 126 were addictive drinkers, 89 heavy drinkers, and 162 moderate drinkers. Like the book says; "Our primary purpose is to carry the message." And who are we to say; "You are an alcoholic."

**ANOTHER INTERESTING PART** of this story is the comments of the counselors who help guide in the rehabilitation of these young people. Of all the programs introduced with outside people participating, the general conduct is above average, and they have also noticed a different attitude in the individual who is taking an active part in the AA program.

**THIS IS THE STORY** of every Hospital and Institution meeting when it is first introduced to the facility. Even some of the officials don't think it really will work but time passes and the results make them take another look at the "Program of Alcoholics Anonymous."

## Hangtown Needs Help or Strangles

The hangman's noose — which historians say gave Hangtown its name in Gold Rush days — hovering over Hangtown Group in Placerville.

The members of this little group have launched an appeal to other group members to visit them; to advise Hangtown on "growth procedures"; 12 Step Work and other "survival" devices that other groups have found helpful.

Hangtown Group says, "we are small and growing smaller" and need some good old AA to get back on our feet. Phone 622-5458 or 622-3306 when you get to Placerville for a guide to Hangtown's meeting place. A guide will direct visitors. It meets Monday at 8:00 p.m.

## Azure Acres Sets 7th Annual Meeting

The Seventh Anniversary Spring Meeting of Azure Acres Group has been scheduled for 8:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 25th, JoAnne M., secretary announced.

Highlight of the birthday affair will be panel session with Panelists Florette P., Gratitude Group; Truman of Glen Ellen Group; and Barbara O'B., Sebastopol Alanon Group participating. Moderator will be Erroll W.

## Big Annual Feed, Meeting at Ukiah

Ukiah Group members are enthusiastically making plans for its Annual Spring Dinner and Big Meeting which has been scheduled for Saturday, May 15. Dinner starts at 7:00 p.m.; the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Jack I. central office secretary of S.F. Inter-County Fellowship, will be guest speaker, Joe G., secretary of the Ukiah Group, said.

The lively affair will take place in the social hall of the Methodist Church, Smith and Pine Streets, Ukiah.

## Hornmen Wanted

To complete the AA Combo getting organized down the Peninsula, a couple of horn men are needed. Don M., organizer of the musical aggregation, said he now has a piano player, drummer, guitarist, and possibly a second guitar, one tenor sax, but wants one or two horn men. If you play a trombone, trumpet, or other horn, 'phone Don at FI 1-8612, San Mateo.

## MAY 7A SPEAKERS

The A7A Group of Oakland — working temporarily without the services of a secretary — is nevertheless functioning smoothly. For the month of May, these speakers will appear on its forum:

**THURS., MAY 6**—Ralph W., San Jose.

**THURS., MAY 13**—Jim O'T., S.F. Intercounty Fellowship.

**THURS., MAY 20**—Harriet H., assistant secretary, Central Office, S.F. Inter-County Fellowship.

**THURS., MAY 27**—Judge Hoffman longtime friend of AA, and a member of the Alameda County judiciary.

A7A meeting place is at 1815 Jefferson Street, Oakland. Meetings start at 8:30 p.m.

## Thanks to "Pat"

A check for \$1.20 came to GOOD NEWS for a year's subscription. A postscript at the bottom of the note addressed to the Central Office of S.F. Inter-County Fellowship, said:

"PS—If 'Pat' is still in your office, please thank her for me for the help she gave me over the 'phone on the morning of Wednesday, March 20, 1963. I went to my first meeting on the Peninsula on Thursday, March 21, 1963, and I have been forever grateful."

Ward R., Millbrae Group

## Waterloo Group

Waterloo Group has moved. It now meets at 516 West Park Street, Stockton. Waterloo meets every night with the first Friday of each month set aside as a Speaker-Meeting.

## Catholic Priest to Address Dunsmuir

Central California Intergroup is holding a meeting in Dunsmuir, Saturday May 15, at 8:00 p.m.

Father Barney, first Catholic priest to join AA west of the Rockies will be one of the guest speakers. Rick-ey S., Redding, who will have returned from the New York General Service Conference, will render a report to the Intergroup gathering.

Additionally, a business meeting of NCC chairman and delegates in Zone M, is on the agenda. Coffee and refreshments will be served after the meeting.

The session will take place at the corner of Oak and Castle Streets in Dunsmuir, California.

## Sunday Breakfast Group's Speakers

The Sunday Breakfast Group that meets each Sabbath at 12:30 p.m. (½ hour past Noon) at the S.F. Alano Club, has slated the following speakers for May, Bill P., program chairman, announced.

**SUN. MAY 2**—Barry W., S.F. Inter-County Fellowship.

**SUN. MAY 9**—Ann M., S.F. Inter-County Fellowship.

**SUN. MAY 16**—Allen B., Berkeley Group.

**SUN. MAY 23**—Arnold R., S.F. Inter-County Fellowship.

**SUN. MAY 20**—Bob M., Secretary, H & I Committee.

The Alano Club of S.F., is located at 414 Grant Avenue at the Gateway to San Francisco's famed Chinatown.

## Westlake Women

A new closed study group for women only—The Westlake Woman's Group—has been established at 1 Fairway, Daly City, Calif. It meets on Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. and adjourns a half-hour after noon at 12:30 p.m.

## Belltower Sunday

This group now meets at 148 Leavenworth Street (on Sundays) at 8:30 p.m.