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Panel 2 Elects A New Chairman

Pat S., Paradise, was elected Chairman-Delegate, Panel Two, of the General Service Committee for a two year term, 1966-67. He was elected on the fourth ballot of an election held Saturday, November 13, in the Labor Temple, Stockton Boulevard, Sacramento.

Pat succeeds 'Ricky' S., Redding, retiring Chairman-Delegate, who was Chairman of the meeting of General Service representatives, called for the purpose of electing his successor as well as a new secretary and treasurer.

Prior to the elections, the meeting, which was called to order at 1:00 p.m., was addressed by Jim M., Carmichael, a member of the National Board of Trustees. Floyd B., Roseville, and Joe L., Sacramento, also spoke.

Jim spoke on the subject of election procedures and the qualifications of nominees for committees and officers.

In addition to Pat S., Ken K., Roseville, was elected Secretary-Alternate Delegate, on the seventh ballot, and Art D., Stockton, Treasurer, on the third ballot.

Father Barney Will Speak at Daly City Party

The Daly City Group will celebrate its third anniversary at 8:00 p.m., January 12 with a party meeting in Our Lady of Perpetual Help school auditorium, 80 Wellington Avenue, Daly City.

Father Barney N. from Portland, Oregon, will be Guest Speaker for this special occasion, with John F., San Carlos, as chairman.

Dancing to music by "The Dry Notes" after the meeting, and refreshments as well, will make a fine evening for all who attend.

Yule Party Planned

The open meeting of the Cottage Way Family Alanon Group will be turned into a Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 22, at 8:00 p.m.

Coffee and lots of refreshments, and a fine program of entertainment with a "Surprise" guest speaker is planned.

The group meets at the Camellia Center, 2936 Cottage Way, Sacramento.

Fine Speakers On "Showcase" December Agenda

The roster of speakers at the Central All-Groups Open Meeting for the month of December has been completed. Myrl G., program chairman, said.

Sponsored by San Francisco Inter-County Fellowship, the Friday night meetings held at 240 Golden Gate Avenue are sometimes referred to as "The Show Case" Meetings, largely because of the quality of programs that are consistently offered.

This is the lineup for December: **FRIDAY, DEC. 3**—Robbie D., Panhandle Group, S.F. Inter-County Fellowship; and Joseph F. L., Sacramento.

FRIDAY, DEC. 10—Charles R., West Portal Group, S.F. Inter-County Fellowship; and Dr. A. C. "Ace" Hollister, M.D., Chief Division of Alcoholic Rehabilitation, California Department of Public Health.

FRIDAY, DEC. 17—Kay B., San Jose ALATEENS; and Kirk S., Madison Lane Group of Santa Cruz.

FRIDAY, Dec. 24—Jack H., Palo Alto Friday Group.

FRIDAY, Dec. 31—Ellen and "Nic" N., Thursday Study Group and Original Daylight Group, Oakland.

Coffee and refreshments are served before and after these meetings. Considered one of the most comfortable meeting halls in the West, the Coffee Bar opens at 7:30 p.m.—the meetings start promptly at 8:30 p.m.

Parking at nominal cost may be had around corner on Leavenworth Street.

SURF GROUP SET ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Surf Group has scheduled its Annual Christmas Party for Monday, December 13, at 8:30 p.m.

Dr. Douglas L., M.D., Yountville, will be guest speaker. In addition to his degree as a physician, the speaker is a psychiatrist. He also is a member of Alcoholics Anonymous.

After the meeting, a bountiful buffet will be served, the chairman of the Christmas Party committee, said.

Entire proceeds from the affair will be donated to the Central Office of S.F. Inter-County Fellowship, a custom practiced by Surf Group for several years.

The Yule party will be held at Surf's meeting place, 34th Avenue and Noriega, San Francisco.

Bingo Party and Dance Will Aid First Step Home's Christmas Fund

A holiday season bingo party and dance, for the benefit of ARA's First Step Christmas Fund, will be held at First Step Home, 1035 Haight Street, San Francisco, Saturday, December 11, starting at 7:30 p.m.

Free bingo with many fine prizes for winners will start about 8:00 p.m. "Top" bingo caller "Sarge" will do the honors in his usual unusual style.

Dancing will follow the bingo at 9:30 p.m. to the music of ARA's own fine band, considered by many to be the best of all AA dance bands.

A free door prize will be awarded a lucky participant, refreshments will be served after the bingo game and for the rest of the evening, with lots of coffee available at any and all times.

Contribution tickets for the First Step Home Christmas Fund, calling for an anticipated donation of \$1.00 each, are available in all AA clubs, and from any member of ARA. They may also be had at the door. Ticket holders will be entitled to participation in a benefit drawing for two merchandise orders to be given away that night.

Ticket holders do not need to be present to win. All AA members and friends are cordially invited to come, contribute and enjoy the party.

Jane and Jim at In-Between Meeting

In Between Fellowship will have the noted husband-and-wife team, Jane and Jim O'T., as its guest speakers, Saturday, December 11, at 8:00 p.m., Mart I., secretary, announced.

Coffee and cake will be served following the meeting. In Between Fellowship meets at 4710 East 14th Street, Oakland.

Without a Wigwam

The drunk was driving against traffic on a one-way street when the Law intervened. "Listen, Mac", said the cop, "can't you see the arrows on this street?"

"Hell, no", the drunk replied cheerfully, "I can't even see the Indians"

GOOD NEWS Makes A Fine Xmas Gift

Pity The Poor Clergyman

If the minister or the priest preaches over ten minutes, he's long-winded. If his sermon is short, he didn't prepare it.

If the parish funds are low, he's a poor business-man; If he mentions money, he's money-mad.

If he owns a car, he's worldly; If he doesn't, he's too late for sick-calls.

If he visits parishioners, he's nosy; If he doesn't, he's snobbish; If he has Fairs and Bingo, he's bleeding his people; If he doesn't, there's not enough social life in the parish.

If he takes time in Confession to help advise sinners, he's too long; If he doesn't, he's not a good advisor.

If he starts services on the minute, his watch is fast; If he starts late he's holding up the congregation.

If he re-decorates the church, he's spending too much money; If he doesn't, he's letting the place run down.

If he's young, he's not experienced. If he's old, he should be retired.

... BUT ...

If he dies, they say there's no one to replace him.

—Author Unknown

Many a tight man has been loosened by a small wench.

All-Groups of Peninsula Name Speaker-Roster

Peninsula All-Groups Meetings—like its counterpart in San Francisco—it is notable for the consistent quality of its meetings. Held each Saturday in the lovely auditorium of St. Matthews Episcopal, it is known as a place to meet new friends — and greet old ones. It's schedule for December is:

SATURDAY, Dec. 4—Speaker is Joe C., Emerald Lake Group. Hosting the meeting is the San Carlos Wednesday Group.

SATURDAY, Dec. 11—Don H., Campbell (Calif.) Group; host group is South San Francisco.

SATURDAY, Dec. 18—Bob D., Ambassadors Group of S.F. Inter-County Fellowship; the hosting unit is the Palo Alto Tuesday Group.

SATURDAY, Dec. 25—Ernie B., Park-Presidio Group of S.F. Inter-County Fellowship, will speak; San Bruno Monday Group will do the hosting.

Meetings start promptly at 8:30 p.m. St. Matthews Church is located at Baldwin Avenue and El Camino Real, San Mateo.

Coffee served before and after each meeting with plenty of arm-length AA thrown in, the program chairman, said.



Marty Mann Is Named Speaker For Spring NCC

Mrs. Marty Mann, Executive Secretary of the National Council on Alcoholism, has accepted an invitation to speak at the coming Annual Conference of the Northern California Council of A.A. to be held in Sacramento Saturday and Sunday February 26-27.

The N.C.C. Central Committee, at a meeting held Sunday, November 21, in Group Three, 1755 34th Street, Sacramento, confirmed the selection of the Sacramento Conference Committee.

Mrs. Mann will speak Sunday afternoon. Judge Heaton of Ventura, will be invited to speak at the Saturday Night Open Public Meeting.

Principal order of business at the N.C.C. Group Delegates meeting, on Saturday afternoon, February 26, will be the election of a successor to Stan W., Council Secretary, to serve for the next two years.

The full schedule and program of the Annual Conference, February 26-27, in Sacramento will be published in the February issue of GOOD NEWS. Watch for the complete story of the conference, and send in your registration on the form appearing along with it. Start planning now to attend the 1966 Annual conference, the Sacramento NCC conference committee, urged.

For This Kind Of Money, We'll Do It BOLD FACE

GOOD NEWS receives a letter from the Oakland East Bay Alano Club, from which we quote, "Every Saturday night there is a dance, good live music, A.A. fun and prizes at the Club, 319-14th Street. Would appreciate a mention."

"P.S. Attached check for \$12.00 for ten subscriptions to GOOD NEWS".

SACRAMENTO PLANNING GALA NEW YEAR'S EVE "SHINDIG"

The Central California Fellowship will stage a gigantic New Year's Eve Party and Dance in the Labor Center on Stockton Boulevard in Sacramento, all proceeds of the event going to the Central Office in Sacramento.

Participants may wear masquerade costumes if they wish, and are promised an exciting evening, filled with dancing to a "grand five piece combo", four acts of vaudeville entertainment and a real holiday smorgasbord.

"Monte Carlo Nite" will feature door prizes and Monte Carlo dollars for the tickets which are \$3.00 each and \$5.00 a couple. Tickets may be had through the Central Office or at all groups or call Jane, 944-1214, Opal, 967-0186 or get in touch with Don L., chairman, at 966-2151.

Seven Elected To Head Group 3, Sacramento

Sacramento Group 3, one of the oldest and most active AA groups in Northern California, held elections on Sunday, November 7, in its quarters at 1755-34th Street, electing a total of seven servants, as follows:

General Secretary—Myrtle V.

Treasurer—Blanche C.

NCC Del.—Mae J. & Ray E.

CCF Del.—Lee J. & Lou V.

General Service Rep.—Bill W.

Scotty, former Treasurer, is in the County Hospital.

General Service Conference Set For Galveston

General Service Representatives in the Southeast Texas Area have scheduled a conference January 14-16 at the Hotel Galves, Galveston, Tex.

The Silent Rostrum, an AA publication printed in Houston, said, "A unique setting, once the Land of the Buccaneers—an island paradise in January".

In addition to good fellowship and fine speakers, the Silent Rostrum threw in this haymaker for AA's living in frigid areas, "If you live in a cold country, come see what it's like down south".

A New Group

A new group—the 1464 Social AA Group—has been organized. It meets every Tuesday at 8:30 p.m., at 1464 Valencia Street, San Francisco.

A letter from Estelle R., said, "This is a speaker and discussion group. We are not yet in the directory, and we are trying to build this up".

Perambulating AA's—who move around and about—are invited to visit and look this one over. A Social AA Group sounds interesting.

Doctor: "Have you ever wondered what makes you drink the way you do?"

Patient: "Nobody makes me; I'm a volunteer!"



"Pardon Me—I hear there's an NCC Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous around here someplace"

Annual Assembly Of Panel One Held In Vallejo: a Report

The annual assembly of General Service Panel One was held in Vallejo on Saturday, November 20th, in Veterans Memorial Auditorium.

Warren T. of Vallejo Area 6, was Chairman of the affair, which started with a business session in the morning. After lunch Warren chaired a Sharing Session between 1:00 and 2:30 p.m., the subject being "How to get the groups more interested in World Service."

Jim M., Trustee, addressed a meeting at 3:00 p.m. on the subject of General Service which he said he would rather call World Service, as that term was much more descriptive of the services actually performed.

Following a dinner at the Casa de Vallejo in honor of Bob and Betsy R. of North Hollywood, attended by nearly 30, the husband and wife teamed up as Guest Speakers at 8:00 p.m. Dancing followed this meeting.

Enormous Tree At Azure Acres Yuletide Party

Every one who has ever attended a Christmas Party at Azure Acres will welcome the news that another one will be held this year, on Tuesday, December 14, at 8:30 p.m., Secretary Jo Anne M., announced.

An enormous tree will grace the delightful lounge where meetings are held along with other suitable decorations. Hostess Gladys B. will provide a sumptuous buffet after the meeting.

Speaker for the occasion will be Merle G. of Millbrae, with Sam D., Petaluma, chairman. This will be a real Christmas meeting; one to renew the spirit of Christmas and the whole holiday season.

AZURE ACRES is at 2264 Greenhill Road, Sebastopol.

Alanon Says, "Thank You" To Watsonville

The Northern California Council of Alanon takes this opportunity to thank the Watsonville Convention Committee for its warm cooperation and great help as hostesses at the Fall conference.

Meetings were well attended, including the Alateens. Talks made by Liz and Kirk S., also by Kay B. enjoyed by everyone. They are looking forward to another reunion when NCC holds its Spring Conference in Sacramento.

"UTMOST RESPECT"

"I have the utmost respect for the work AA is doing, for its Spirit, and for its essential philosophy of mutual helpfulness." (Karl Menninger, M.D. Menninger Foundation, Topeka, Kansas.)

Grass Valley Women Sponsor Yule Party

The Grass Valley Women's Group will sponsor a 6-group Christmas Party to be held in Frank Buck Hall of the Episcopal Church in Grass Valley on Friday, December 17 starting at 6:00 p.m.

Participating in this gala event will be all the groups in "Foothill" area; Gold Digger's, Gold Quartz, Alta, Meadow Vista, Weimar and Roseville; both AA and Alanon groups, and children. All proceeds will go to the CCF Central Office.

There will be a Christmas tree, gifts, door prize, coffee and donuts, and soft drinks and candy canes for children (under 65).

Visitors are requested to bring a \$1.00 gift for one of the opposite sex, and parents are requested to bring gifts for their own children.

A Big Book will be raffled off for some lucky person.

H & I BROAD-SIDES

By BILL S., Chairman

Hi! Our Hospital and Institution Service Committee meeting, held in San Francisco November 14, 1965, was both profitable and successful.

On motion, duly seconded and unanimously passed, it was decided to eliminate the separate positions of Chairman of Hospitals and Chairman of institutions. With the elimination of these two positions came the creation of five new regional chairmen.

It will be the joint responsibility of these five regional chairmen to serve both the hospitals and institutions in their respective regions, and to report on policy matters to the General Chairman.

On Monday, November 15th, I was invited by Mr. Allen Cook and his staff to attend a luncheon meeting at Deuel Vocational Institute, regarding the policy of our very fine committee as it applies to DVI.

We can be proud of our committee, and especially of the men who serve the mid-week meeting on Wednesday nights. The Tracy location requires many miles of driving for all of the men, and at times through quite a bit of bad weather.

Rosalie R., our former secretary who, with her own magic touch, has made this column a success, is resting at home after a spell in St. Luke's Hospital in San Francisco and so at this printing you people will miss Rosalie as much as I do.

Again let me say, our committee's work is growing very rapidly and we need more qualified people to carry the message. You can start by attending your own local H. & I. Committee meetings, and being willing to serve the committee, A.A. as a whole, and the alcoholic who still suffers.

Bill S., General Chairman.

Monday Beginners Slate Topnotch Speaker-Meetings

Beginners' meetings—whether held in New York, San Salvador or New Orleans — are considered the "key" meetings within the realm of AA, here or world-wide.

Upon the shoulders of the committee, the chairmen, and the speakers lies a great responsibility. It is here where the bewildered beginner gets his or her first taste of AA.

Here, the first impressions of the society of AA are made. If the impression is good, the newcomer is "in". If not, he or she is "out"—maybe for good.

At the Monday Beginners', held at 1755 Clay Street, the following meetings are scheduled for December.

MONDAY, DEC. 6—Speaker is Ken M., S.F. Inter-County Fellowship; chairman is John McC.

MONDAY, DEC. 13—Ginnie K., San Pablo Group, will speak; Paula S. is chairman.

MONDAY, DEC. 20—George D., Telegraph Hill Group of S.F. Fellowship, will be speaker; Jack G. is chairman.

MONDAY, DEC. 27—Bob C., S.F. Inter-County Fellowship, will speak; Gene D. will be chairman.

Fine Program at Thursday Beginners

This faithful and valuable unit of S.F. Inter-County Fellowship meets each Thursday at 261 Fell Street, between Franklin and Gough. Thursday Beginners announces the following programs for December:

THURSDAY, DEC. 2—Jim C., Panhandle Group of S.F. Fellowship, will speak; Ila W. is chairman.

THURSDAY, DEC. 9—Pat E., S.F. Fellowship, is speaker; Ernie B., is chairman.

THURSDAY, DEC. 16—John McG., Panhandle Group, will speak; Aletha Mc. is chairman.

THURSDAY, DEC. 23—Marialice M., First Step House, will do the

HARRIET ELECTED Central Office Secretary For S.F. Fellowship Named

Appointment of Harriet H. to the position of Secretary of the San Francisco Inter-County Fellowship, formerly held by the late Jack Irving, was confirmed at a meeting of the Central Committee held at the Alano Club, Wednesday night, November 3.

Five applications were received from members seeking the appointment in response to a letter of invitation broadcast early in the Fall.

A Screening Committee reviewed the applications on the basis of the seven requirements stated in the letter of invitation, and recommended the appointment of Harriet as being the applicant best qualified for the position.

REPORT ACCEPTED

The Central Committee accepted the report of their committee, and sent a request to all groups in the Fellowship, along with a letter outlining in detail the course of action taken by the Committee, asking for a "yes" or "no" vote on confirmation of the appointment. (See November GOOD NEWS).

The appointment was confirmed by a large majority although there were some groups that voted "no", either because they were not in accord with the Committee action which led to the appointment; their Secretaries had not kept the members properly informed; or they favored another candidate.

NON-VOTERS

About 50 groups failed to vote but it was felt that many of these were non-contributing groups which seldom take part in any elections or actions of the Central Office or Committee.

Harriet brings nearly two years of experience to her new position, as she was assistant to Jack Irving since February 1, 1964.

S.F. Alano Club Plans Big December Program

The holiday season will be a busy one at the San Francisco Alano Club, according to Frank M., Program Chairman.

The monthly birthday party will be combined with the regular mid-month Saturday Night Dance on December 18, to allow for the Christmas and New Year's Eve celebrations.

All the features of both events will be combined to make a most unusual and enjoyable evening, with prizes, favors, and dancing to the music of the "Jumpin' Jacks".

Christmas afternoon will see a sumptuous dinner served, with all the good things to eat that are usual to this time of year, from 2 to 5 p.m. It's all FREE and everyone is invited.

The New Year's Eve High Jinks will try to outdo anything yet enjoyed at the Club. Hats, noisemakers, prizes, refreshments and dancing to the fine music will give anyone present a sense of 'off with the old; on with the new'. Plan to attend and participate in these three events.

speaking; Fred R., is chairman.

THURSDAY, Dec. 30—Walt B., Sacramento, will be speaker; Ila W. will again chair the meeting.

**A YEAR'S SUBSCRIPTION
TO GOOD NEWS
MAKES A FINE
CHRISTMAS GIFT**

GOOD NEWS . . . A Clearing House For AA Activities, Schedules

The primary purpose of GOOD NEWS is to serve the best interests of Alcoholics Anonymous in Northern California; the Council, both Panels One and Two of General Service, the Hospitals and Institutions Committee and, finally, the individual groups and members.

In recognition of this fact, and because there is a real need for more and better communication between groups and areas, the Northern California Council, at its October meeting in Watsonville, voted to use GOOD NEWS, its office and facilities as a clearing house for future events and functions.

GOOD News will have no authority to set dates, or control any activity of any AA unit—group, inter-group, or Fellowship. Indeed, it would avoid such responsibility, if offered.

But it will act as a clearing house for information, particularly date availabilities, thus helping those planning future functions to avoid conflicting dates. (Note: several major picnics in Northern California were held on the same Sunday; and two banquets on the same Saturday).

Rollin W., Business Manager, will compile all information available as to coming functions, meetings, etc., for the benefit of anyone interested.

Wm. (Bill) S., Editor, will run a "Coming Events" column which will list the dates of all coming functions reported to GOOD NEWS. This will apply **ONLY** to special events, and will **NOT** include regular schedules, i.e. meetings.

The Business Manager will, however, try to keep a complete file of all events, whether regularly scheduled monthly or whatever.

The success of this service will depend entirely upon the willingness of all who are planning **anything** to furnish such information to GOOD NEWS. The service will only function as well as the cooperation we receive.

GOOD NEWS is happy to accept this assignment, not only because we feel that we can be of real service to the Fellowship in this manner, but also because we think it will greatly enhance our ability to get the news to print, a problem which is always present.

We earnestly solicit the full cooperation of all groups and members; to help us make the service work, and to make GOOD NEWS a **better** servant of Alcoholics Anonymous in Northern California and throughout the world.

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Washington, D.C. Bidding for AA's 1970 Convention

The 35th International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous may be held in the nation's Capital.

According to the "Reporter", a publication issued by the Washington Area Inter-Group Office, General Service in New York has been formally notified by Washington Inter-Group that it published two years ago in GOOD would like to host the 1970 international gathering.

Said they: "We feel the Nation's Capitol is a "natural" for such an event".

Horrid Statistics or Roll Out Barrel

There are three times as many drinking places as churches in America. In Oklahoma there are more taverns than schools and churches. There are 95 million people in the United States who drink. One person out of every 12 in Nevada is an alcoholic.

America spent 9 billion dollars for drink in 1957. This would be \$9.00 per minute for every minute since Christ was born. If put in to silver dollars, it would make 9 rings around the world.

America consumed 25 gallons per capita in 1957. America now has 7 million alcoholics. In Boston in 1957, 30,000 people were treated for alcoholism.

Out of drinking bottles have come

FRESNO NEWS ITEMS

(By Mary Pat A.)

THE DECEMBER Inter-group monthly meeting will have as its speaker Al D. of Beverly Hills. The meeting is scheduled for Saturday, December 11th, in the St. John's Cathedral basement meeting room; Wilma L., Chairman.

ALL WHO WOULD like to participate in a "Dutch Treat" dinner with the speaker before the meeting will gather at the Alano Club at 6:00 p.m. On the 11th, from where the group will proceed to the Santa Fe Hotel for a Basque Style dinner.

THE SPAGHETTI supper at the Alano Club on November 6th was enjoyed by over 100 diners. Special thanks are due "Chef" Howard T. The useful door prizes were much appreciated by the lucky winners.

CENTRAL SERVICE has received a good supply of booklets, pamphlets and other AA approved literature for distribution. Secretaries desiring literature for your groups please contact Max M. or Mary Pat.

Our **NEW AA EXCHANGE NUMBER**—264-4835. Call Dottie L. and volunteer for twelfth step work. This is most necessary and important.

WE ATTENDED the Southern California Annual A-A conference in Bakersfield the weekend of October 29-31; quite an affair; over 4,000 in attendance.

The Alano Club needs new members, and old members to ante up their \$3.00 monthly dues if it is to remain open for all to enjoy.

GOOD NEWS ANYONE? If you have any news, contact Mary Pat. The deadline is the 15th of the month prior to publication, AND; if you are not a subscriber to this paper send in your name and address, and \$1.20 for a year, to this correspondent or GOOD NEWS, 166 Geary St., San Francisco.

FRESNO ALATEENS are looking for a SPONSOR—Could it be YOU?

EMISSARY CLUB MOVES AND CHANGES NAME

Circumstances beyond its control forced the Emissary Club to move from its former Leavenworth Street location to a new meeting place in the Sunset District—1624 Noriega Street, near 23rd Avenue, San Francisco.

At the same time, the name of the group has been changed from Emissary Club to Emissary House, Boyd and Beverly L. announced.

At the new headquarters, meetings will be held four times weekly—Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday—all at 8:30 p.m. Ample parking space is available.

Emissary House will be open on meeting nights from 7:00-11:00 p.m. Coffee, cake, and conversation—before and after—every meeting. For non-drivers, take the No. 71 bus from Market Street.

4,600 murders, 11,000 rapes, 150,000 illegitimate children and 260,000 divorces. Drinking has increased 118% in the past 20 years and arrests for drunkenness have increased 175%.

The philosopher's soul
dwells in the head,

The poet's soul is in his heart;

The singer's soul dwells in his
throat . . .

But the soul of man who lives
among the flowers walks hand
in hand with eternity.



WHAT ARE TRUSTEES, ANYWAY?

Right after the first AA members put their experience on paper (the Big Book) so it could be shared with far-away alcoholics, they entrusted it to a non-profit foundation.

The foundation is now called the General Service Board, and its members "Trustees." Nine are non-alcoholics, nine are AA members.

Each of these "trusted servants" spends about 14 days in New York every year to do his AA jobs. All serve without pay. (This is truly minimum time.)

They are directly responsible to the AA groups, to whom they report each year at the G.S. Conference.

As "trustees" they are expected to see that AA's world center of communication, GSO, really serves the groups and other alcoholics on the up-and-up. They are custodians of funds received, of the Twelve Steps, and Twelve Traditions, and are the "legal guardians" of the name ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS.

They have no power over any AA member or group. They endeavor to keep the AA name from being drawn into public brawls, and to protect the anonymity of AA members everywhere.

(Reprinted from the AA Exchange Bulletin, July-August, 1964)

Glass Cuts Tires

And then there was this drunk who drove up with a flat tire. His friend asked him what happened. "Ran over a whiskey bottle," he replied. "Couldn't you see it on the road?" asked his friend. "Nah, the guy had it in his hip pocket."

**Every AA Group
Should have GOOD
NEWS on their FREE
literature table.**

**Has YOUR group?
WHY NOT?**

January Starts "Coming Events" In GOOD NEWS

Commencing with the January edition of GOOD NEWS, a monthly "Coming Events" column will be published.

Groups, Inter-Groups, Fellowships are advised to mail in any special event that is planned. Deadline is the 18th of the month prior to publication.

(For January, copy should be in the GOOD NEWS office by December 18).

Also in the January issue: a special re-run of the "Structure and Purpose of the Northern California Council" which was published a year ago in GOOD NEWS of January, 1964.

OPEN ENDORSEMENT

"I lose no opportunity to express my endorsement of Alcoholics Anonymous — publicly and privately — where it is of any concern." (Karl Menninger, M.D., Menninger Foundation, Topeka, Kansas)

San Jose Meet Set for Dec. 11

San Jose Inter-Group will hold an all-groups meeting, Saturday, December 11, at 8:15 p.m., at the Alano Club, 1122 Fair Avenue, San Jose. The meeting will be followed by dancing to live music.

Speakers for the occasion will be "Red" (Eneas) K. and Charlie R., both of San Francisco. Coffee and, available all evening.

Both "Red" and Charlie are well known for their various AA activities. Their presence on the same program assures a fine meeting, the program chairman, said.

You Have a Choice

For headaches, and hangovers, ulcers and crime,

For losses in money, in prestige and time,

Disgusting the neighbors by babbling foul names

Laughed at by loafers, your family's shame;

If such your ambition, you've only to choose.

To work for beer barrons, then drink up their booze!



SO WHAT IF IT IS "SLOW POISON"—I'M IN NO HURRY