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Panel 1 Seeks Candidate For General Service Trustee Post

Jim M's term as Regional Trustee of the Pacific Area expires in the Spring of 1967. At the General Service Board's annual meeting which occurs in April, 1967, Jim's successor will be appointed.

Panel One is seeking a candidate whose name may be presented at a meeting slated for December this year. Here are the qualifications a Trustee candidate should have:

- 1) A sound AA background is a basic qualification. Ten years sobriety recommended, but not mandatory. Candidate should be active in AA affairs locally and sectionally; should have the background and willingness to make decisions on movement-wide policy matters both at the internal and external level.
- 2) Because the primary business of the Board involves important budgetary and administrative decisions, it has proven desirable that Trustees have a relatively high competence in business or professional experience — for example, banking experience or experience in administering a business or service organization.
- 3) Time devoted by Trustees consists of Quarterly Meetings of the Board in January, July, and October which consume three days each. The April meeting and Conference in N.Y., adds up another eight days. Tenure for Trusteeship is four years.

3rd Anniversary For Wawona Group

Jim O'T., Panhandle Group, will be guest speaker at Wawona Group's Third Anniversary. The birthday fete takes place at 8:00 p.m., Sunday, October 9, at Wawona's Clubhouse, 20th Avenue and Wawona Street, San Francisco.

They are reimbursed for travel and hotel expenses.

Those wishing to make application to this post should send biography covering above qualifications to Ed H., chairman delegate, General Service, Panel One, Northern California, P.O. Box 463, Pittsburg, Calif.

October Dances Features Alano Club Activities

The San Francisco Alano Club has scheduled three dances during October to highlight its Fall social season. Already slated is a Fall Dance scheduled for Saturday, October 1, with music by the "Jumpin' Jacks".

On Saturday, October 15, a Mid-Month Dance will be held, also featuring the music of the "Jumpin' Jacks".

For AA members that celebrate their AA birthdays in the month of October, the Club will hold its popular AA Birthday Dance, Saturday, October 29.

Each affair is noteworthy for its fellowship, friendship and fun. Door prizes are awarded at dances.

Out-of-town visitors are cordially invited to participate in the Club's hospitality, located at 414 Grant Avenue in downtown San Francisco, at the "Gateway to S.F.'s Famed Chinatown".

Ohlhoff House To Celebrate

Friends and visitors are invited to attend the 8th Annual Open House

All-Groups of Peninsula Sets October Roster

A Fourteenth Anniversary party will be celebrated by Peninsula All-Groups on Saturday, October 29, with a noted Hollywood TV producer from the Malibu Group as guest speaker.

The remainder of the Saturdays will be highlighted by outstanding speakers recruited from various groups around the Bay Region. They are:

SAT., OCTOBER 1—Speaker is Betty G., Menlo Monday Group; hosts for the evening is the Palo Alto Fireside Group.

SAT., OCTOBER 8—Pat K., Friday Nite Palo Alto Group, will be speaker; Pacifica Group will host.

SAT., OCTOBER 15—Speaker is "Lonesome" Roy, Downtown Group of S.F. Inter-County Fellowship; the Host Group is Menlo Monday.

SAT., OCTOBER 22—Hannibal W., Friendly Circle Group of S.F. Inter-County Fellowship; the Host Group is Helping Hand.

SAT., OCTOBER 29—Guest speaker, Gene B., Hollywood. (See above).

Peninsula All-Groups meets at 8:30 p.m. in the Recreation Room of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Baldwin Avenue and El Camino Real, San Mateo.

sponsored by The Henry Ohlhoff House, 601 Steiner Street, corner of Fell and Steiner Street.

The Open House festivities will be observed from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., Sunday, October 9. At 8:00 p.m. an open AA meeting will be held under the chairmanship of Frank J., Henry Ohlhoff House. Guest speaker will be Tom C.

Contra Costa County Opens New Service Center in Walnut Creek

A new service center which will serve as a Central Office for all groups in Contra Costa County has opened at 1327 North Main Street, Walnut Creek. Telephone number is 939-4155, and office hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays.

The Service Center will serve as a Central Office for all groups in Contra Costa who wish to use it. It will provide information and literature to Contra Costa groups and to the public-at-large.

It will also provide a 24-hour telephone service so that those

suffering from alcoholism can find help at any hour of the day or night.

"We of Alcoholic Anonymous are self supporting through our own contributions and decline outside help financially. We are asking only for your friendship and understanding in the work that the Service Center can and will provide for the alcoholic. We wish to cooperate but not affiliate with all agencies dealing with alcoholism.

"As a neighbor in the community we invite you most cordially to stop in and see us."

Alice Blake, Co-founder of Stepping Stone, Dies Quietly in Her Sleep

As it does to all people, death came last week to Alice Blake, a dedicated woman who gave generously and graciously to AA. Alice died quietly in sleep, after several months of illness.

Co-founder of the Stepping Stone House, she also demonstrated her artistic talent in effectively redecorating The Henry Ohlhoff, 601 Steiner Street.

She dedicated her life to changing Stepping Stone into a warm and charming home for women who needed a haven so that they might

have the opportunity of helping themselves.

Stepping Stone will be a monument to the love and devotion of a dedicated woman.

Home From Hospital

Al N., for many years a member of S.F. Inter-County Fellowship, is slated to return to his San Rafael home. Al is recuperating nicely following major surgery at Moffett Hospital

Stockton's Midtown Group Sets 6th Annual Anniversary Dinner

A member of the Des Moines, Iowa, judicial bench, will highlight the Sixth Annual Anniversary Dinner sponsored by AA Midtown Groups Society of Stockton, Calif., Saturday, November 5, at 7:00 p.m.

He is Judge Roy H., an ardent supporter of AA, who is demonstrating his belief and faith in "Carrying the Message" by traveling from Iowa to California for the Midtown affair.

The Scottish Rite Temple, 33 West Alpine Avenue, Stockton, will be site for Midtown's annual affair.

The Society invites all Northern California members to attend. Tariff is \$3.50 per person. For reservations, drop a postcard to AA Midtown Groups Society, 248 East Poplar Street, Stockton, Calif.

Nite Owl Group Is "Must" To Some

This group, The Nite Owls, could be very important for men and women working broken shifts — for those whose "work day" fin-

Dance To Gather Thanksgiving Fund Scheduled By A7A

A dance will be held at 9:00 p.m., Saturday, November 5, by the A7A Group of Oakland, at 1527 Fourteenth Street, Oakland.

Purpose of the annual dance — and this is the 20th consecutive year it is being held — has become a legend in West Coast AA circles.

Back in 1946, the A7A Fellowship gave a Thanksgiving Dinner not only for AA members, but any person "away from home".

For the past 19 years A7A has fed hundreds of men — not a "mission-type" dinner — but a real Thanksgiving dinner with all the fixin's. This is called "Twelve Step in Action" by A7A's members.

So, now that you know the legend, how about attending the dance — which makes the Thanksgiving dinner possible?

New Hope Group

New Hope Group which meets at 8:30 p.m., each Tuesday, at The Industrial Club, 3198 16th Street, at Guerrero, has the following speakers set for October:

TUES., OCTOBER 4—Ken W.

TUES., OCTOBER 11—Bob D.

TUES., OCTOBER 18—Cliff M.

TUES., OCTOBER 25—Ivan J.

Visitors are cordially welcome.

1464 Group and the Action Group Merge

Two groups — the 1464 Group and the Action Group — have combined and now meet only as a merged unit on Tuesdays at 8:00 p.m., at 1464 Valencia Street.

Formerly the two organizations met twice weekly on Monday and Friday nights at the same address. It still retains its format: a speaker-discussion group.

ishes around midnight, and for those whose circumstances doesn't permit attending meetings that usually start around 8:00-8:30 p.m.

The Nite Owl Group—a speaker-discussion unit — meets at 1464 Valencia Street, San Francisco from midnight until 1:30 a.m.

Valencia Group

Speakers for the Valencia Beginners' Group which meets at 8:30 p.m. each Wednesday at The Industrial Club, 3198 16th Street, corner of Guerrero Street, have been named, as follows:

- WED., OCTOBER 5—Jeff S.
- WED., OCTOBER 12—Helen Mc.
- WED., OCTOBER 19—Helen H.
- WED., OCTOBER 26—Gary S.

Dances Resumed

Monthly dances at the San Francisco Industrial Club, 3198 16th Street, corner of Guerrero Street, were resumed last month, Ken McA., secretary, announced.

Taped "name" bands will provide the music and a buffet supper will be served. Dancing starts at 6:00 p.m. and continues until 10:00 p.m. Donation for dancing and buffet is \$1.00.

The Central Service Committee of the S.F. Inter-County Fellowship meets the first Wednesday of each month. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

Assistant To Secretary Is Needed By S.F.

San Francisco Inter - County Fellowship will employ an Assistant Secretary about November 30, the Central Service Committee of the Fellowship announced today.

The person they seek should be willing to accept a modest salary; should have some typing and office experience; and have an active interest and experience in AA affairs. Duties are varied.

In resume or application, state length of continuous sobriety, and mail to Central Service Committee, room 84., 166 Geary Street, San Francisco, 94108.

Applications will be received by the Central Service Committee through November 30, this year.

RESPONSIBLE

When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, we want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that: **WE ARE RESPONSIBLE!**

Topic-Speakers Highlight S.F. Oct. Meetings

Central All-Groups Open Meetings, sponsored by San Francisco Inter-County Fellowship every Friday at 8:30 p.m. at the Building Service Center, 240 Golden Gate Avenue in downtown San Francisco, offers the following "topic" speakers in October.

FRIDAY, OCT. 7—Betty H. speaks on "Growth in AA"; and Larry R. selected "This is AA" as his topic. Chairman for the evening is Florence S.

FRIDAY, OCT. 14—"Partnership in AA" is the subject chosen by Margaret D; and Jack H. talks on "Road to Oblivion and Recovery Through AA". John F. will serve as chairman.

FRIDAY, OCT. 21—Barbara I. will explore "Youth Looks At AA"; and the second speaker is non-alcoholic Dr. Joel Forte, M.D., director, Center For Special Problems. Dr. Forte is a psychiatrist and a friend of AA. Charles R. will act as chairman.

FRIDAY, OCT. 28—"My Name Is Eve" is the topic of Eve T; and Ray H. will tell why "The Choice Is Ours". June G. will officiate as chairman.

Central All-Groups meets in what is considered one of the best meeting places in the West. It has elevator service to the third floor meeting room; padded seats; fine acoustics; and excellent public address system.

The Coffee Bar opens at 7:30 p.m. and parking, at nominal cost, is available around corner on Leavenworth Street.

What Is H & I Work Like?

YOU LEARN

Any activity that forces you to assume the role of a novice for a while will do you more good than a meeting where everybody's reaction is just what you expected.

YOU LEARN

Variety doesn't have to come from new places. It can also come from new experiences — doing things you never tried before.

YOU LEARN

To bear in mind that attitude is more important than what new places you go.

YOU LEARN

Just talking, just reading, just traveling, is not enough.

YOU LEARN

People do all these things and come away with nothing fresh.

YOU LEARN

Really seeing things as they are.

YOU LEARN

We need to get out of the gold-plated rut NOW. Gather fresh ideas that are essential to keep our committee alive.

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Dr. Ray P., who started AA in Folsom Prison and Stockton State Hospital, took me to my first H & I meeting in Folsom 17 years ago in February, 1949. Last month, Dr. Ray celebrated his 25th AA birthday. The happy affair took place at Group No. 1., Sacramento, on September 7.

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

Has YOUR group? WHY NOT?

1400 APPLAUD A WRITER OF "BIG BOOK" Speaker Gets Standing Ovation

(By Bill S., editor, GOOD NEWS)

Seldom does a speaker get a spontaneous, unanimous standing ovation from a Conference crowd. Nevertheless when this guy from St. Petersburg, Fla., — Clarence Snyder — concluded his pitch in the Main Auditorium of Chico State College, the jam-packed auditorium arose in a body — and applauded in genuine admiration; a monumental gesture of respect that few speakers hardly ever win.

It occurred Saturday, October 1, at 8:30 p.m., the first evening of a two-day annual Fall Conference held under the auspices of the Northern California Council of AA, Saturday and Sunday, October 1 and 2, at Chico, Calif.

Let's get a little better picture of this man Clarence Snyder. He isn't an orator in the "spell-binder" sense. He didn't have to be. He had the facts. And when you have the facts, they speak loud and clear — all by themselves.

The moment he hit the "mike" he snorted derisively, "if there's any newsmen, radio or TV reporters in the audience — just please get my name spelled right. It's S N Y D E R. I'm known all over the country so its silly for me to try and maintain my anonymity".

So, right off the bat, he shocks Hell out of some people. Because when just a few moments previous he was introduced by Jim W., Conference Chairman, newsmen, radio and TV people were cautioned about protecting the anonymity of speakers.

But this man Snyder is a new breed — or more accurately — an old breed of AA member; a breed that unfortunately will pass from view as the result of the remorseless attrition of time. While they are with us, they are a complete joy and a source of AA lore that has been forgotten, by-passed, or ignored.

And the crowd sensed — after Snyder's warming-up remarks — they were listening to the Genuine Article; one of the architects of AA; a member of the immortal few that blundered in the dim mists of the

past; making comical mistakes and serious errors; falling on their faces; but arising again to mould and create the image of AA as we know it today.

Snyder on the platform is something to watch. From time to time, he'd reach into a hip pocket, whip out a white kerchief with all the dexterity of Marshall Matt Dillon cutting down a Dodge City bad guy with a lightning draw.

Swiping at his generous schnozzola with the hankie, he'd recall with a humorous, raucous snort, some incident that happened "way back when" — days before the breath of life had been breathed into AA; when the Oxford Movement (later Moral Rearmament) "was the thing"; when Dr. Bob of Akron the tall, angular physician was smuggling drunks into Akron hospitals under the pretext they were suffering from gastro-enteritis, ulcers, anything that would give him free access to safely hospitalized compulsive drinkers. Dr. Bob, at this date, was groping, praying, seeking a way to help alcoholics — and himself. Bill W. had not shown on the Akron scene, yet.

Having made a point, the speaker would deftly pocket the handkerchief with a "now you see it — now you don't" motion and only bring it forth again with a gun-slinger swiftness, to make another point, then tuck it in his pants pocket after the necessary emphasis.

Clarence Snyder is unique. Somehow he was staying sober as a member of the Oxford Movement which, of course, preceded the formation of Alcoholics Anonymous. He realized that however sincere the Oxford Movement was — it was

not the answer to his acute alcoholic problem. But he had the common sense to hang onto it, because, as he said, "it was the only 'family' I had. I was absolutely alone in the world. My own family had thrown me out for good some time back. Meanwhile I was staying sober".

The standing ovation was not a tribute to Snyder's drunkalogue (which it wasn't) nor was it a testimony to his oratory.

Rather it was acknowledgement of a man who has been on the Program for 29 years. Years devoted to unstintingly giving of himself so that others that still suffer, may obtain the help they need, if they want it.

It was the outward expression of appreciation to one of the 39 men who wrote the Big Book. And it was here, we think, that the crowded auditorium realized they were about to hear clear explanations of some questions that were vexing, elusive, unclear..

The Pillars that hold up and sustain AA are the 12 Steps. Without these 12 supporting columns the whole AA structure would collapse and eventually crumble into nothingness. Here was a man who helped write the Big Book and aided in the brick-by-brick construction of The Steps. Here was a man who knows why they developed the way they are; their numerical sequence; their language and their true meaning. So he went to work at the Chico Conference and broke them down so all could understand and know their meaning.

For this, the crowd was deeply grateful. Many who heard Clarence's explanation of the Twelve Steps can now take back to their groups a clear, concise understanding of the true meaning and practical application of The Pillars of AA.

For instance, he said, The Steps may be divided into four phases: (1) Admission; (2) Submission; (3) Restitution; and (4) Construction. He hammered home the idea that Steps One to Nine after they have been fully, completely and honestly accepted may be tossed aside — thrown out the window. "You're done with them" said Snyder, "because at that point a change which I call a "Life Change" occurs."

Thereafter, he said, Steps 10, 11,

and 12 — are the Construction Phase steps; the Action-Progression Era and where the Life Change begins. As Clarence said, I could speak for hours analyzing these steps in fine detail, but time does not permit such a break-down at this time.

"But," he said emphatically, **"each step, as written, was written that way with definite purpose and with a precise reason for putting them in the order they appear. There's no hocus-pokus about the 12 Steps relating to The 12 Apostles or a lot of other hog-wash that we sometimes hear about the reason for 'the 12'."**

No one in their right mind would have questioned the late Joseph Straus why he built the Golden Gate Bridge the way he did; nor would we criticize the late Frank Lloyd Wright on some of the magnificent structures he designed and built.

I don't believe anyone in the audience who listened to Clarence's interpretation of the 12 Steps would have the audacity to question him. After all who wants to interrogate "the guy who wrote the book?"

City of Chico Opens Heart To 20th Annual AA Conference

When Harry McGowan, Mayor of the City of Chico, made his address of welcome Saturday night, October 1, he said, "people who have not lived in Chico for at least 25 years are not considered citizens of the community".

"But", he added "the people of Chico, conservative by habit and nature, have had a chance to see what you AA people are like. And, having seen you at close range, have liked what they've seen".

"Therefor, I have the distinct pleasure of informing you as Mayor of the City of Chico, and also speaking in behalf of the people of Chico, that your group is highly regarded by the community.

"The people have also requested me to inform your group that you will be very welcome if you ever

Northern Calif. Intergroups Set '67 Meeting Dates

Unless a change in scheduling occurs, Northern California Inter-Group will conduct one more meeting in 1966. That session will be held in November at Chico, Louise S., secretary said.

At the last meeting held in Yuba City, September 16, the 18 groups affiliated with Northern California Inter-Group voted to hold 1967 meetings at the following cities:

December, 1966 — No Meeting.
Merry Christmas.

January, 1967 — Gridley

February, 1967 — Paradise

March, 1967 — No meeting.
Spring Conference.

April, 1967 — Marysville

May, 1967 — Oroville

June, 1967 — No meeting. Mid-summer Conference

July, 1967 — Redding

August, 1967 — Dunsmuir-Mt. Shasta

September, 1967 — Yuba City

October, 1967 — No meeting. Fall Conference

decide to hold another conference in Chico."

It was consensus or conerence-goers that the selection of Chico State College was ideal; that the mission-style ivy-covered campus buildings lent a "serious, academic atmosphere" to the Conference that was both pleasant and comfortable.

The Coffee and Snack Bar in one of the adjoining faculty buildings was competently operated by a friendly, obliging Refreshment Committee with an ample supply of fine home-baked cakes, a smorgasbord of delicatessen, various drinks and lots of hot coffee.

A nearby study hall and lounge was opened by the college administrators for use as a luncheon room.

Last, but not least, was the air-conditioned Main Auditorium of

San Mateo Will Hold Open House

The Central Office of San Mateo Fellowship has scheduled an Open House fete, Sunday, October 16, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

The celebration which will be held at the Fellowship's offices, 33 North B Street, is in recognition of its fourth anniversary.

Eddie N., secretary from the Fellowship's inception until January, 1966, will head a Reception Committee consisting of Lucille S., current secretary; Vera R., Agnes S., Marguerite S., Lila J., Ralph S., J.C.S., and Joe M., all of San Mateo.

Monday Beginners Speaker Schedule

Five topnotch speakers have accepted assignments to appear at meetings slated by the Monday Beginners' in October. The speakers are:

MON., OCTOBER 3—Sylvia W., El Cerrito Group; Bob K. will chair the meeting.

MON., OCTOBER 10—John G., San Francisco Inter-County Fellowship. Chairman is Frances C.

MON., OCTOBER 17—Margie J., San Francisco Inter-County Fellowship. Si P. is chairman.

MON., OCTOBER 24—Lyland M., Telegraph Hill Group; Phyllis C. will be chairman.

MON., OCTOBER 31—Pauline H. of the Fairfax Group; Bob K. is chairman.

Monday Beginners' Group meetings start promptly at 8:30 p.m., and are held at 1755 Clay Street, between Polk and Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco.

Chico State College where major Open Meetings were held; where H & I, General Service, The Alans and Alateens held workshops and seminars. It was voted "ideal".

An all-around opinion seems to be: that when NCC holds future Conferences, communities with facilities akin to those at Chico should be seriously considered, particularly if another Chico State College is available.

News from the Monterey Peninsula

(By Herb S., Watsonville Group)

PACIFIC GROVE

The Shorty Memorial Group continues to enjoy large crowds at their Sunday Nite Meetings with Pinky chairing the sessions. Don P., a recent visitor from San Rafael, says the "Question & Answer" portion of the program is a humdinger. Herb S. asked the question, "How Do You Treat A Newcomer On His (or her) First Night At An AA Meeting". He got some really good answers to use them at the Business Session at the Chico Conference.

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Nola fell down a stairway and broke a leg. She's getting around—but kind of slowly—with the busted leg in a cast.

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The "World Hello" Club is a project Joe A. is working on. It's a membership-by-mail idea where members exchange letters and literature.

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"Attraction versus Promotion" was the topic chosen by Pat S., Watsonville, when she chaired the recent meeting of the Tuesday Beacon Group.

CARMEL

Phil O. is the new secretary of Carmel Group. Everyone on the Monterey Peninsula is wishing him Good Luck. They know he'll do a good job.

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Some of the schools and churches in the Carmel area have problems allied with alcoholism that come up from time to time. Jack of the Carmel Group is doing some good work in this field. He's also doing General Service work in getting the Birthday Plan airborne.

MONTEREY

A slipup in lack of advance publicity coupled with people being away on vacation was the principal reason for the relatively small turn-out at the recent Tri-County Speakers' Meeting. Harriet H., central secretary, S.F. Inter-County Fellowship gave a great pitch, but the audience had the blues be-

cause of the small attendance.

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Major discussion here is the hunt (futile, so far) for a new headquarters and meeting when the present building structure on Alvarado Street is torn down in the Spring.

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A large delegation is expected to trek to Chico for the conference, Walt reports.

WATSONVILLE

The Watsonville Group held its annual picnic at Ballerdo Park. "A good crowd turned out in spite of gusty winds," Pat B., said. After all expenses were met, Watsonville netted \$12.00. (Most picnics are not money-makers. They're for fun and friendship; getting people out in the sunshine).

Out Mud Flats Way, Jarvis and Stella McG. celebrated their 36th anniversary. Trudy N., Modesto, was a visitor at this affair.

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Pinky of Carmel will be chairman of the Saturday Nite "Live, and Let Live" Meeting on October 8; and on October 15, Joe A., Seaside, will chair the meeting. (Bob H., Salinas, via Glasgow, Scotland; Norvelle, Pacific Grove; and John G., Santa Cruz, chaired these meetings in September.)

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Memorable quotes heard during recent meetings, "I came to AA because I realized I was hooked" (by a newcomer); by Pat B: "My worst day sober was better than my best day drunk".

APTOS

Good, interesting discussions continue to make meetings at Earl H's home—where Stag Eleven Group meets — very lively affairs. Usually on hand are Bill McG., Wes C., Herb B., Dalton D., Bill M., Jarvis McG., Herb S., Clyde and Earl H. After the meeting comes some home-made pie or cake (bought at the bakery) and lotsa coffee. Meeting continues 'til wee small hours.

SANTA CRUZ

TV viewers that tune-in on KSBW, Channel 8, Salinas, will see a new "commercial"—a TV program purchased by AA groups down the Monterey Peninsula. News of AA's "plunge into the Video world" was revealed along with other business matters at a recently-held Monterey Tri-County Business Meeting held at "The Cottage". Also discussed were upcoming elections to select a chairman, treasurer and other Tri-County offices. The present treasurer has held his post for two terms — and believes it should be rotated. Clyde M. is also serving his second term and would like to pass on the offices to some other person—preferably a person coming up through the ranks.

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"Bill's Own Story" a 60-minute color film, which depicts Bill W's last bout with booze and the start of AA, will be shown at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Melrose and Poplar Avenue, Wednesday, October 12. Cliff and Art should take bows for their "assist".

Carl and Helen recently celebrated their First Anniversary in AA. Congrats!

Good Speakers at Thursday Beginners

Since, at a Beginners' meeting it is vital to get the AA message over fast and effectively, good speakers are essential. Thursday Beginners' have four good ones for October. They are:

THURSDAY, OCT. 6—Hannibal W., Friendly Circle Group will be speaker; Robbie D. will chairman for the meeting.

THURSDAY, OCT. 13—Stevie M., San Francisco Inter-County Fellowship, will make the pitch; Paul M. is chairman.

THURSDAY, OCT. 20—Art E. of the Fireside Group will speak; Aletha McC. is chairman.

THURSDAY, OCT. 27—Bertha B., First Step Group, is speaker; chairman is Fred R.

Editor of GOOD NEWS Presented With Gold Pin

Bobbie and Art S., members of the merged Dunsmuir-Mt. Shasta Group, presented a gold and diamond AA lapel pin to Bill S., editor, GOOD NEWS.

Art was introduced into the Fellowship of AA 18 years ago. Bill was his sponsor. It also happened that Bill's 21st AA birthday coincides with that of Art's.

Early in August, it was decided that Art and his wife, Bobbie, and Bill and his wife, Trudy, would jointly celebrate their birthdays

with a quiet supper while attending the Chico Conference. Quiet?

Fifty three people, mostly from groups comprising the Northern California Inter-Group sat down at the Thunderbird Inn, Chico, at a no-host dinner, to take part in the birthday celebration.

A birthday cake about the size of a billiard table — inscribed: "Happy Birthday, Art — Happy Birthday, Bill!" Heat from the 39 candles was intense at the cake-end of the table.

The whole show was a complete surprise to GOOD NEWS editor, Bill. When Bobbie pinned the lovely diamond and gold lapel on Bill's coat, he tried to make a heroic speech. But he loused that up and could only mumble something to the

effect, "I'm so proud I could almost cry".

The whole program was dreamed up by Bobbie, a past master at organizing and coordinating AA dinners and functions — small or large.

Art's fingers were also numb from the congratulatory handshakes he got from a half-hundred well wishers.

When they plan a party up in that neck of the woods, it's a party, Man.

Hayward Picnic

Hayward Fellowship recently held its annual picnic at Cull Canyon Park. A banner crowd of Hayward members, their families and friends, attended.

12th ANNUAL AA BANQUET AND DANCE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5th, 1966
DINNER AT SEVEN-THIRTY P.M.
DRESS — INFORMAL
ALL SEATS RESERVED

SPONSORED BY SAN FRANCISCO INTER-COUNTY FELLOWSHIP
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San Bruno Sets October Slate

San Francisco Inter-County Fellowship provides all five speakers for the San Bruno Monday Night Speaker-Discussion Group meetings in October. And, this, readers are apt to observe is a natural consequence since San Bruno is affiliated with S.F. Inter-County Fellowship. Speakers are:

MONDAY, OCT. 3—Rollin W., business manager, GOOD NEWS.

MONDAY, OCT. 10—John A., S.F. Inter-County Fellowship.

MONDAY, OCT. 17—Charley R., S.F. Inter-County Fellowship

MONDAY, OCT. 24—Harriet H., central secretary, S.F. Inter-County Fellowship.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31—Ila W., S.F. Inter-County Fellowship.

Program chairman Jean N., said October 31, is "Birthday Time" which will undoubtedly provide the speaker with an augmented audience.

San Bruno Monday Night Group meets at 8:30 in the Volunteer Fire Hall, 618 San Mateo Avenue, San Bruno. Plenty of free parking is available in the rear of the adjacent Grand Leader Market.

Santa Rosa Will Fete Fellowship's 21st Anniversary

Monday, October 10, starting at 8:00 p.m., the lower hall of the Alano Club, 70 South E Street, Santa Rosa, will be the scene of lively doin's.

Santa Rosa Fellowship Group will be celebrating its 21st Anniversary. Dr. Rollo W., Mendocino State Hospital, Talmadge, will be guest speaker, and is one of the first members of the Santa Rosa Group.

Santa Rosa Fellowship Group was the first AA unit formed in Santa Rosa and it brought with it the help that so many in the community needed and sought.

Twenty one years later, there is a meeting every night of the week, plus two daytime meetings.

Eastbay Fellowship Completes Annual All-Groups Day Program

Factual Information

DATE: Sunday, October 20, 1966
LOCATION: Veterans Memorial Building, Oakland
THEME: "Opportunities for Service"
FACILITIES: Excellent—adequate parking, several good restaurants nearby and our Snack Bar will be open much of the day.

PROGRAM

12:00 NOON Registration—Get acquainted, coffee, etc.
1:00 P.M. General Assembly—Chairman, Clark C of Hayward
 Fifth Chapter—Jerry M., East Oakland
 Roll Call of Groups, Nic N., Thurs. Study
 Welcome to All:
 Beth C., Alanon
 Clark C., AA
 Frankie R., Alateen

2:15 - 3:15 WORKSHOPS

Hall #1 Secretary & Group Problems
 Moderator, Bette C., Livermore

Hall #2 12th Step Calls & Sponsorship
 Moderators, George C. & Morris H. of Young People's & Brookfield

Main Auditorium Finding our way to Sobriety thru AA
 Moderator, Gen R., San Pablo

3:30 - 4:30 Hall #1 Twelve Traditions
 Moderator, Art B., 12x12

3:30 - 4:30 Main Auditorium Principals to Live By.
 Moderator, Eleen N., Thurs. Study

Hall #2 Alanon
 Moderator, Etta Mae F., East Oakland
 Alateen Hangout — 2nd Floor
 Moderators, Joe M. & Ellen R., In-Between
 (This room will be available to Alateens the entire day)

4:45 - 6:00 P.M.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE MEETING

Hospital & Institutions
 Intergroup
 General Service

6:00 - 7:30 P.M.

DINNER BREAK

7:30 - 9:00 P.M.

OPEN MEETING

Invocation
 Fifth Chapter
 Traditions
 Three Speakers of 20 minutes each
 Closing, Lords Prayer