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JUNE NCC CONFERENCE

S. F. Awaits Friendly Invasion

By Bill S., editor, GOOD NEWS

San Francisco — sometimes known as The City By The Golden Gate and/or The City That Knows How — will be invaded by a huge delegation over the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, June 10-11. Some predict that Nourse Auditorium which seats 2500 will be overflowed by members of Alcoholics Anonymous, coming to attend the annual June Conference sponsored by the Northern California Council of AA.

The Conference Committee headed by Frank B. and Bobbie S., co-chairmen, have everything in readiness for the two-day affair. The Chamber of Commerce, Convention and Tourist Bureau and all city agencies have cooperated to guarantee delegates and visitors ample hotel and motel rooms. And, since San Francisco is a city of restaurants — many of them good — no housing or feeding problems are anticipated.

Bill G., secretary, Northern California Council of AA, said "I'm delighted with the entire programming and planning of the Conference Committee and their wonderful aides who've worked so diligently and intelligently to bring this big conclave to fruition. On the eve of this June Conference I have every reason to believe it will surpass any mid-year conference we've yet conducted."

KEYNOTERS

Norm A. of Monrovia, Calif. will be the keynote speaker Saturday night at 8:30. Norm is very active in AA affairs in Southern Calif. He is much sought after as a speaker, and we feel confident that this will be a bang-up meeting. Don't miss this very fine speaker.

Another highlight will be the address of Helen R. of Van Nuys to the closing meeting on Sunday at 1:00 p.m. Many of our members have reported that she has an excellent recovery story to relate.

OAKLAND ALANO CLUB "BUZZING"

In addition to its regular meeting schedule, social activities are buzzing at the Eastbay Alano Club, 319 14th Street, Oakland.

THURS., JUNE 15—A free dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., followed by a Semi-Annual Business Meeting.

SAT., JUNE 17—A Buffet and Dance is slated for 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Dancing to the fine music of Howard and His Rhythm Band.

Hazel, secretary, said the Board of Directors of the Alano Club have ambitious plans in the making for many other activities which will be called to the attention of the membership via GOOD NEWS and other media.

KICKOFF MEET

The Conference will be preceded by a "kick-off" meeting on Friday, June 9th, at 8:30 p.m. at the Building Service Center, 240 Golden Gate Ave., San Francisco. The chairman for this meeting will be Rosemary T., San Francisco. Dick and Eve C. of Walnut Creek, formerly of Bakersfield, are slated as guest speakers for this affair.

These pre-conference meetings have proved a great success, and anyone planning an early arrival will be greatly welcomed.

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Group Founded in San Carlos

The San Carlos-Walnut Group, formed too late to get listed in the 1967 AA directory, has been functioning since February.

The new AA unit operates as a Closed Meeting, gathering each Friday at 8:30 p.m. in the Community Congregational Church, Arroya and Walnut, San Carlos.

Mrs. Bobbie S. is the new secretary of the San Carlos-Walnut Group and GOOD NEWS joins with the Fellowship in wishing them Godspeed in "Carrying The Message", even 'tho we're about 90 days tardy.

The Ambassadors Celebrate 16th Birthday June 21

The speaking roster for the Ambassadors has been selected for four June meetings, the Program Committee announces. Its program is as follows:

WED., JUNE 7—Speaker is Ed K., Midway Group, S.F. Inter-County Fellowship.

WED., JUNE 14—Jack H., Santa Clara.

WED., JUNE 21—This meeting celebrates the Sixteenth Anniversary of The Ambassadors. Guest speaker for the occasion: Red K., S.F. Inter-County Fellowship.

WED., JUNE 28—Frank M., a veteran member of The Ambassadors is making the "pitch". Should be a good one.

The Ambassadors meet at 8:30 p.m. in the downstairs auditorium of St. Boniface Church, 133 Golden Gate Avenue, in downtown San Francisco.

No News From "Broad-Sides"

H & I Broad-Sides, the monthly column which reports news about hospital and institutional activities will not issue a June report.

Instead, Bill S., general chairman, said a full report on Hospital and Institutions for the Northern California area will be issued next month and fully reported in the July edition of GOOD NEWS.

The July Report will be the final report coming from the desk of Bill S., whose term as general chairman of H&I, expires June 30.

Monday Beginners'

The following speakers have volunteered to share their experience with newcomers attending the Monday Beginners' Group in June.

MONDAY, JUNE 5—Bill P. is speaker; Jean C. is chairman.

MONDAY, JUNE 12—Penny will make the "pitch"; Gary S. will serve as chairman.

MONDAY, JUNE 19—Jimmy will be on the Speakers' Dais; Rosemary T. is chairman.

MONDAY, JUNE 26—Bob D. will do the speaking; Si P. is chairman for the evening.

Monday Beginners' meets at 8:30 p.m. at 1755 Clay Street, between Polk Street and Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco.



Happy Habits

Brisbane Sunday Night Meetings

Guest speakers that will be on the Speaker's Platform at the Brisbane Sunday Night Open Meetings have been named, the program chairman, announces. Here's the agenda:

SUNDAY, JUNE 4—Speaker is Joe K., S.F. Inter-County Fellowship.

SUNDAY, JUNE 11—Wally T., 1364 Valencia Club of S.F. Fellowship, is speaker.

SUNDAY, JUNE 18—Roy M., S.F. Inter-County Fellowship, will speak.

SUNDAY, JUNE 25—Speaker is Roy J., West Portal Group of S.F. Inter-County Fellowship.

Brisbane Open Sunday Night Group welcomes the public to attend which are held at the Brisbane Recreation Hall in Brisbane. Meetings start promptly at 7:30 p.m.

Thurs. Beginners'

The Program Committee of the Thursday Beginners' Meetings have lined up a fine roster of speakers for June. Here they are:

THURS., JUNE 1—Doug R., Fireside Group, is speaker; Ila W. is chairman.

THURS., JUNE 8—Kathleen from Excelsior Group is the speaker; Frank C. will chair the gathering.

THURS., JUNE 15—Bus D. will make the "pitch"; Robbie D., chairman.

THURS., JUNE 22—Veronica S., S.F. Inter-County Fellowship, will talk; Paul M. is chairman.

THURS., JUNE 29—Sam P., Parkside Group, is speaker; Ila W. is again assigned to chairman's duties.

Thursday Beginners' Meetings start at 8:30 p.m. at 1755 Clay Street, between Polk Street and Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco.

CUP OF PLENTY

If your cup runneth over, let someone else runneth the car!

S. F. Alano Club

The June social program of the San Francisco Alano Club has been curtailed except for certain "must" activities that have become historical and traditional features of the Club's affairs.

Since the Alano Club expects to be gathering center for out-of-town visitors during the big June NCC Conference, the weekend of June 10-11, has been set aside with no social activities listed. Here is the June social calendar:

SAT., JUNE 3—Saturday Night Dance with the "Jumpin' Jacks" providing danceable music.

SAT., JUNE 17—Mid-Month Dance with the "Jumpin' Jacks" providing the dance tunes.

SAT., JUNE 24—The Monthly Birthday Dance. This is a special occasion when all AA members whose very important AA birthdays occur in June, are duly honored.

The San Francisco Alano Club is located at 414 Grant Avenue at the "Gateway to San Francisco's famed Chinatown" — a delightful attraction for visitors to the City By The Golden Gate.

Invitation To Lincoln Park

Many newcomers in AA find themselves "shopping around" for a group in their area in which they can settle down and call "their own group".

In the Richmond District of San Francisco, the Lincoln Park Group extends a cordial invitation to "shoppers" to visit their Open Family group and "try it out for size".

A discussion group, Lincoln Park meets at 8:00 p.m. every Saturday at the Lincoln Park Presbyterian Church Auditorium, 31st Avenue and Clement Street.

RESPONSIBLE

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

S. F. All-Groups Schedules June Speaker Roster

Central All-Groups Open Meetings, sponsored by S.F. Inter-County Fellowship, lists a group of fine speakers for its June meetings that have been recruited by the Program Committee from the East Bay, Peninsula, and San Francisco. The representative group are:

FRIDAY, JUNE 2—Dorothy L. and Frank C. both of S.F. Inter-County Fellowship, share the speaker's podium. Charles R. is chairman.

FRIDAY, JUNE 9—Eve and Dick C. formerly of Bakersfield, now Walnut Creek residents, will give a husband-and-wife "pitch". Rosemary T. is chairman.

FRIDAY, JUNE 16—Mary D. and Roy M. both of S.F. Inter-County Fellowship, are the evening's guest speakers. John F. is chairman.

FRIDAY, JUNE 23—Ed C., East Bay Fellowship, and Frances C. of the Monday Beginners', will be in the spotlight. Chairman is Len R.

FRIDAY, JUNE 30—Dick L., Peninsula All-Groups; and Jane D., S.F. Inter-County Fellowship, share the Speaker's Dais. Claire T. is chairman.

The All-Groups Meetings, held in the Building Service Center, 240 Golden Gate Avenue in downtown San Francisco, start promptly at 8:30 p.m. But the doors open at 7:00 and the Coffee Bar at 7:30 p.m.

Meetings are open to the public and visitors cordially invited. Comfortable accommodations include padded seats, air conditioning, fine acoustics and public address system, and elevators service to the Third Floor meeting room.

Parking, at nominal cost, is available around the corner on Leavenworth Street.

Daly City Group Completes Plans For Special Meet

Truman H. has been designated as the guest speaker for a special meeting which will be held under the auspices of the Daly City Group.

The meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, June 7, at 8:30 p.m., in the school auditorium of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 80 Wellington Avenue, at the "top of Daly City Hill" across the street from the Old City Hall, Daly City.

The meeting is "open" and the public invited to attend, the Program Chairman said.

Plenty of free parking is available in the rear of the school.

Groups Lauded

The 21st Anniversary of the Central All-Groups Meeting held Friday, May 21 at 240 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, was a wonderful success, Chairman John G. reported.

This, he said, was a demonstration of group strength when they get behind a project with unity and cooperation.

"A simple notice to groups asking for help for the refreshment and coffee bar, got immediate response. We had an ample supply of cakes, sandwiches and other refreshments which were delivered before the meeting, in abundance".

Larry T., guest speaker from Malibu Beach Group, was impressed with big turnout.

The chairman and the program committee, speaking for S.F. Inter-County Fellowship sponsors of the Friday Central All-Groups Meetings jointly said, "we are deeply grateful for all persons and groups that made this meeting the great success that it was".

RESPONSIBLE

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Peninsula All Groups Sets June Speakers

A fine array of speakers have been recruited by the Program Committee of the Peninsula All Groups for its June meetings. The roster is as follows:

SAT., JUNE 3—Speaker is Larry H., Pleasant Hills Group; San Carlos Wednesday Group will serve as hosts.

SAT., JUNE 10—To be announced.

SAT., JUNE 17—Duane T., S.F. Inter-County Fellowship is the guest speaker; members of Half Moon Bay Group will serve as the hosting committee.

SAT., JUNE 24—Father Barney of Portland, Ore., has accepted the speaking assignment; the Peninsula All Groups will be hosts for the evening.

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

All meetings are "open" and the public is cordially invited, the Program Committee chairman said. Coffee is served before — and after — every meeting with plenty of arms-length AA as a "dividend".

I'm Not Catholic

Two nuns were waiting to cross a street in the Haight-Ashbury district. One had her arm in a sling.

A pair of hippies on the opposite corner wondered to each other what was wrong. Hippie One crossed the street and asked how the injury occurred. The nun said, "I slipped in a bath tub".

The hippie went back to his partner and reported, "She slipped in a bathtub". "What's a bath tub?", asked Hippie No. 2.

Hippie No. 1 retorted, "How should I know. I'm not a Catholic".

STAN & GENE GET DRUNK AS JACKASSES

NEW BRUNSWICK — Stan and Gene, two standard-bred horses owned by the Rutgers Department of Animal Husbandry, have just helped contradict the biochemists who said you couldn't get a horse drunk.

The suggestion that it would prove difficult to intoxicate a horse had been made because it was known that the liver enzyme which oxidizes alcohol in the horse is about 10 times more active, under test tube conditions, than its human equivalent.

But Dr. David Lester, professor of biochemistry at the Rutgers Center of Alcohol Studies, and his assistant, William Z. Keokosky, were aware that enzymes often behave quite differently in living bodies than in test tubes. They decided to check out for themselves the matter of a horse's susceptibility to drunkenness.

As a result of their studies, Dr. Lester gave a recent report before the 51st annual meeting of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology at the Pick-Congress Hotel in Chicago.

He reported that the horse metabolizes alcohol at about one-third the human rate and that the effects of alcohol are more persistent in the horse than in man.

HORSES GOT "LOOPED"

"With .1 per cent alcohol in the blood some difficulty in coordination of the horse's hind legs were evident, an effect also noted in other novice drinkers," Lester wryly observed.

Gene and Stan were given by intravenous infusion amounts of alcohol equivalent to two to four ounces of whiskey in a 150-pound man. Blood samples were then taken which showed that the concentration of alcohol in the blood of a horse decreases at a rate of .007 per cent per hour, while the rate in man is about .02 per cent per hour.

"If the horse burned the alcohol in its blood at a rate equal to or greater than that of man, a

sharp rise in temperature might have resulted. This didn't happen," Lester says.

Dr. Lester reported that both horse and man are able to metabolize alcohol at a rate about equal to six grams of alcohol a square meter of body surface each hour. This is the first study of the rate of alcohol disappearance in the horse.

In addition to satisfying Dr. Lester's curiosity, the study has important implications.

TEST TUBE WARNING

"It can serve as a warning against drawing conclusions from enzyme activity in the test tube and assuming they apply to the living organism," he points out.

Dr. Lester also notes that alcohol researchers have recently found some people whose liver enzymes which deal with alcohol are three to five times as active as normal, and have speculated that this high activity level might be related to a predisposition to alcoholism.

"This study in the horse indicates that factors other than those that may be inferred from the activity of the pure enzyme outside the body, control the actual metabolism of alcohol," he says.

San Bruno Lists June Meetings

The San Bruno Monday Open Meeting Group announced its guest speakers for June meetings, as follows:

MONDAY, JUNE 5—Lyland M., S.F. Inter-County Fellowship.

MONDAY, JUNE 12—Art R., Pacifica Group.

MONDAY, JUNE 19—Phyllis and John McG., the noted husband-and-wife team from Panhandle Group, S.F. Inter-County Fellowship.

MONDAY, JUNE 26—Pat E., Half Moon Bay Group.

Meetings start at 8:30 p.m. in the Volunteer Fire Department, 618 San Mateo Avenue, San Bruno. Plenty of free parking is available across the street in the parking lot of the Grand Leader Market.

Napa Fellowship

Napa Fellowship has moved to its new Fellowship Hall, 1004 Seminary Street, corner of First Street, Napa.

As in the past, meetings will be held at the same times, as follows:

MONDAYS — 8:30 p.m.—OPEN MEETING

TUESDAY—8:30 p.m.—CLOSED MEETING.

THURSDAY—8:30 p.m. — CLOSED MEETING

On the first and third Tuesdays of each month, Napa Fellowship continues its policy of holding speaker-type meetings, open to the public.

FOUR NEW TAPES READY FOR GROUPS

Four outstanding tape speeches have been added to the Tape Library recently.

Dr. Earl M.	Richmond 3-4-67
Father Ernie B.	Richmond 3-3-67
Floyd B.	Modesto 7-16-66
Eneas "Red" K.	Modesto 3-11-67

These may be ordered from the Northern California Tape Library, two speeches per reel for a contribution of \$7.00. All 4 for \$14.00.

Make check to: William H. Mitchell

2103 Miller Avenue Send orders to same address
Modesto, California 95351

News From The Monterey Peninsula

By Herb S. — Watsonville Group

WATSONVILLE

Harold J., Tom M., Wilbur, and Herb S.—all of Watsonville attended the "open house" recently held at Soledad Correctional Institution.

The big get-together with those on the "inside" and the outsiders was of absorbing interest to both factions. There was plenty of good food laced by good AA talks in which "insiders" and "outsiders" engaged and was enlightening to both groups.

Pat S., chairman-delegate to the General Service Office, presented her report of the G.S. New York Conference to a large crowd of committeemen and representatives of Area One. This meeting was held May 7.

On May 9, Herb B. celebrated his 18th year on the program. A goodly crowd were on hand to congratulate on this important milestone.

A big birthday cake was cut the other week in honor of Jim S. who was celebrating his birthday and chairing the meeting at the same time.

SALINAS

Virginia P. of Reseda celebrated her fifth AA Birthday on April 30. It was a dual celebration for Virginia. She was chairman of meeting and also cut a huge slice of her own birthday cake. A large crowd shared Virginia's birthday observance and also shared in her cake with nary a crumb remaining.

Plans for a new Alano Club are forging ahead in a progressive manner. All Salinas and surrounding communities are looking forward to its Grand Opening and all the activities that will eventually be held there when completed.

SANTA CRUZ

Art T. and Cliff H., faithful workers for General Service in this area, attended the recently-

held General Service Meeting that gathered on May 7 in Watsonville.

Santa Cruz groups are in deep mourning over the recent death of Kirk S. Kirk died March 30 and was buried in San Jose. Harvey W., Kirk's sponsor quietly said a graveside eulogy in behalf of all the AA members present.

The dead man will be remembered for his dedicated AA work and thought; for the little mustard seed he always carried that he used to remind him of his faith.

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John G., Dot, Bridget, Claude, Jack, and Judy were all visitors at the Tuesday Night meeting where they gave Clancy a cheer in the new meeting hall.

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The Mattison Lane Group at a recent Tuesday meeting had visitors from the Los Gatos area. They were Chuck W., Ed W., "Peanuts", and John F.

Sid F., and Hunter C., are the newly elected chairman and secretary, respectively, of the Santa Cruz Intergroup.

MONTEREY

AA in this old, historic California community is in a bind. Because of a Redevelopment (Urban Renewal) Project which bulldozed its Alvarado Street meeting hall out of existence, AA in Monterey has no permanent gathering place.

Until a suitable location can be found, many of Monterey's AA meetings are being held at various places. Visitors going to Pacific Grove and Monterey who are looking for a meeting to attend are urged to phone 375-2281 which is the answering service for the Monterey groups. They will connect you with a member who can direct visitors to meeting sites.

Monterey groups are understandably upset over a condition over which they have no control, but are also confident that the

situation is of a temporary nature. When a new meeting hall is located, all will be notified via GOOD NEWS.

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CARMEL VALLEY

Betty H., reports that fine crowds continue to attend meetings held at 8:00 p.m. every Sunday at the Community Center.

HOLLISTER —

SAN JUAN BAUTISTA

Secretary Ron reports large attendance at the "Hollister Open Door Meetings" that are held each Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. in the library of Sacred Heart School, Hollister. As a new attraction and a valuable service to the Spanish-speaking people in the area, Paul of Watsonville, recently conducted a meeting in all Spanish. All going to prove that if a situation requires special attention, a way will be found to meet it if the need is there.

APTOS

Back from New Orleans is Herb B., regaling the Stag Eleven gang with tales of Canal Street and the Mardi Gras. Eager listeners: Bill M., Tom M., Ray O., Hugh, Jarvis, Lem, Lon, Clyde, Dalton, Bill McG., and Earl. Joe, a visitor from Bakersfield, has 19 years on the Program and has served in many AA capacities including a hitch on the board of the Kern County National Council on Alcoholism in Bakersfield.

PACIFIC GROVE

Ed D., Carmel, is the new assistant manager of Beacon House. Ed will take a significant part of the load on his shoulders of Lou C., the Beacon House manager.

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Meetings at Beacon House are still being held at 8:00 p.m. each Sunday with attendance holding up very well. Discussions are held at every meeting which are tailored to help the newcomer. And it's almost impossible to help the newcomer without bolstering the "AA insurance" of the old-timer, too.

Azure Acres Is Expanding Soon

A development program that calls for immediate expansion of Forest Hills Rehabilitation Center into a minimum 100-bed facility is going forward.

Dr. Sherwin U. Miller and Director Gene B., owner and manager respectively, of the Azure Acres, property, said an outdoor enclosed swimming pool and a five acre lake for boating and water sports will be included in the expansion program.

Meanwhile AA programs continue to be scheduled at 3:00 p.m. every Sunday. The June agenda is as follows:

SUNDAY, JUNE 4—Speaker is Jim S., S.F. Inter-County Fellowship.

SUNDAY, JUNE 11—Dick Mc., Fremont (Calif.) Group will speak.

SUNDAY, JUNE 18—Keith B., Warm Springs Group, will make the "Pitch".

SUNDAY, JUNE 25—Rollin W., president, ARA, and business manager, GOOD NEWS, is speaker.

"Forest Hills, Azure Acres, will soon be one of the outstanding rehabilitation centers on the coast, under a full staff of doctors and social workers", Gene B. said.

Inter-County Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous

166 Geary Street, Room 84

San Francisco

Dear Friends;

As many of you know, our beloved Central Office Secretary, Harriett, is gravely ill. She is on the critical list. We are sure every member of the Fellowship joins in warm and loving thoughts for her at this time.

In Harriett's absence from the office, the Central Service Committee and its subcommittee, the Central Office Committee, are providing the necessary support for Rowena and Jean and the Volunteers, to carry on the business of the Central Office.

The By-laws and Operating Procedures of the Fellowship provide for the continuing operation of the Central Office under the duly elected Central Service Committee (15 Zone Delegates and Alternates), including of course the selection of a new Secretary should this be necessary. As before, such a function would be carried out in consultation with all of the Groups in the Inter-County Fellowship.

TRADITION TWO

"For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority — a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern."

The Central Office Committee pays tribute to Harriett for the superb and orderly organization and operation of the Central Office. The Fellowship has been truly blessed to have shared in her experience, strength and wisdom.

CENTRAL OFFICE COMMITTEE

Florette P.

John F.

Ray H.

Sam P.



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More About

S. F. CONFERENCE

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WORKSHOPS

Registration for the Conference will open at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, June 10th, and the first meeting, the General Service participation "Buzz" group, will start at 10:30 a.m. From then on the program is full, with workshops, AA meetings, Secretary's discussion meeting, H & I, Alanon and Alateen meetings.

The H & I open meeting goes on at 1:00 p.m., Saturday in the Nourse Auditorium. The guest speaker will be Lawrence Kirk, Executive Secretary TB and Health Association, Sacramento County. The AA speaker will be Bud C., Hayward.

The main auditorium will be occupied by the N.C.C. from 3:00 to 3:15 p.m. for a business meeting with Bill G., Council Secretary, as Chairman. The secretaries meeting will get underway at 3:15 p.m. in the same hall with Mildred H., Livermore, and Bob C., San Mateo, co-chairmen.

ALANON-ALATEEN

The Alanon and Alateen program is scheduled to get underway Saturday at 10:30 a.m. and to conclude with a meeting on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. A complete program of Alanon and Alateen can be found elsewhere in this issue of Good News.

BIG DANCE

After hearing Norm A. Saturday night, all members and friends who

Englert, Dead, Lauded By Fresno Bee

Jack L. Englert, 61, prominent civic leader and president of Englert's Interiors, a Fresno interior decorating firm, died in Fresno on Wednesday, April 19, apparently of a heart attack.

The Fresno Bee, a powerful daily newspaper with wide circulation in Fresno County, devoted a picture of Mr. Englert and almost a full column describing the dead man's background, business affiliations, and his connection with Fresno Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, the Alano Club and his longtime activities in AA affairs.

Of Mr. Englert's background, the Fresno Bee had this to report, in part:

Of all his community pursuits, he was most active as a worker in Alcoholics Anonymous. One of the founders of the Fresno chapter more than 20 years ago,

wish may enjoy dancing to a fine band secured by the local committee. The dance will be held at the Building Service Center, 240 Golden Gate Ave., San Francisco, the site where the "Kick-Off" meeting will be held on Friday, June 9. There will be an AA meeting for those who do not care to dance at 10:30 p.m. on the main floor at 240 Golden Gate Ave. The speaker at this meeting will be Bert C., Concord, and George B. of Corte Madera will serve as chairman.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

The Sunday schedule will start at 9:00 a.m. with Ron G., Modesto, serving as moderator for an H & I combined workshop. At 10:30 a.m. the General Service open meeting will get underway in the Nourse Auditorium with a panel of Ex-Delegates appearing on the program for a "Question and Answer Session." Chairman for this meeting will be Ken K., Roseville. The Conference will come to a close after the 1:00 p.m. meeting on Sunday. The local committee promises ample refreshments and hastens to assure that the program for this Annual June Event includes something to please everyone.

he is credited by current leaders with doing more than any other single individual to promote the organization and its ideals in the city.

He was a charter member and a director of the Alano Club, a social club for members of AA; and one of the founders of the Five-Twelve Fellowship, now Halfway House for alcoholics. He was also director of Alpha Hall, a home for women.

Among the alcoholics Englert was said to have helped rehabilitate with both friendship and personal funds, were prisoners of the state-operated conservation camp at Miramonte, and Fresno County-operated camps at Kearney Park and Coalinga. He regularly spoke about AA programs before Fresno State College classes and various service groups.

He was a member of the congregation and the board of lecturers in the First Church of Christ Scientist.

His survivors are three sisters, Mrs. Eva McLean of Toledo, Ohio; Mrs. Marie Bender of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Mrs. Frances Bliss of Pennsylvania.

The family requests that remembrances be in the form of contributions to the Fresno Community Theater, the Fresno Opera Association or the building fund of the Alano Club at T and Tulare Streets.

Cremation and inurnment will be in the Chapel of the Light.

Keep Us Informed!

Attention to all Group Secretaries: when your term is over, please inform the central office of S.F. Inter-County Fellowship the name of your successor; his/her address and phone number. A postcard addressed to AA, 166 Geary Street, room 84 — or, 'phone YU 2-4473, will do the trick. Zip code is San Francisco, 94108.

AA News *from Santa Clara County*

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SANTA CLARA pCt :o

The main social event of the spring season took place on Saturday, May 20 at the Red Coach Inn when the Santa Clara Valley Alanon Women hosted the Valley AA Women at a luncheon. Over 100 gaily dressed "gals" were in attendance and the spring finery was a sight to see. A delightful luncheon was served and was followed by a meeting alternating speakers from Alanon and AA. To those of us who attended it was another example of "UNITY" here in the Valley.

Ted K. was the speaker for the All Groups meeting held April 29 at the Alano Club. Every one was inspired by the message he gave us on "Sponsorship," which was the topic of the N.Y. Conference this year. Ted is from Calgary, Alberta, Canada, and visits here each spring. He is an inspiring speaker and was much in demand around the Bay Area during the weeks he was here.

The JUNE ALL GROUPS MEETING was held two weeks earlier due to the June Conference in San Francisco. It was held on May 17 at the Alano Club and a fine message was presented by Carl G. from Concord. The Monday Night Discussion Group hosted the meeting.

THE ANNUAL AA PICNIC date has been set for August 12, at Warm Springs Resort. The management has again offered us the use of the grounds and facilities without cost. There is ample room for at least 500 people — swimming, bingo, kids games and races — free beans and coffee and a bang-up AA Meeting hosted by the St. Andrew's Group. Plan now, to be with us August 12. Further details next month.

The Alano Club has a big mem-

bership drive underway — if you are not a member you should investigate the advantages of joining — such as weekly dances to live music, weekly bingo with a \$500 jackpot, a fine pool room, picnic area, pot luck suppers, plus an AA meeting every night of the week. It is true that many of us who do belong do not use the club a great deal — but we feel that many members—particularly new members need the club so we support it. There are many members who do not have families or many friends and so need a place to go. "We are Responsible" — so think it over. ***

The Downtown Fellowship, which recently moved to 590 South First St., held open house Friday night, May 12 — Ted K. was the principal speaker — and two brothers told their story of having found each other at the Fellowship after having been separated for about fifteen years. A good crowd was in attendance.

May 26 marked the 26th anniversary of AA in the Santa Clara Valley. The Los Gatos Friday Night Group held a special open meeting with Al C., our oldest member, as chairman.

CORRECTION—In this column last edition, it was mentioned that a special Tape Meeting was slated by the Joe Farrant Group. The proper name for the group is St. John's Group — not Joe Farrant. We apologize.

Today Alone Is Thine

The Past is gone; the Future yet unknown;

They both belong to God.

Waste not your time in vain, regret nor fearful dread;

Let doubt give place to hope instead of gloom.

Let Sun in radiance shine.

Guard well this precious gift, O Man;

Today alone is thine. (Anon)

I am sorry I haven't written sooner but just couldn't bring myself to write.

I am Rose Murray's daughter. Rose passed away November 3, 1966. It was a terrible shock. She has so many friends that would like to know the details yet I just couldn't write them individually.

Her love and heart was with the Sacramento Group and I will be grateful if you will tell them. In April, 1966, she had an operation to correct the main blood vessels in her legs which were blocked. The doctors provided her with artificial (plastic) arteries. She was very ill but the operation was a success.

But she died of bronchial pneumonia and didn't even know she had it. She said she felt like she was coming down with the Flu. She died in her sleep. Her lungs were weak. But she died the way she wanted to — fast and peaceful.

Only it's hard on the ones left behind. It's very hard for me to write this to someone I don't know. She had so many friends all over the country. Those that knew her, loved her.

If I remember correctly she belonged to Sacramento (or North Sacramento) Group No. 3. If you care to send this to them it is fine with me.

She kept abreast with things in AA by reading GOOD NEWS. It kept her posted, and she enjoyed it very much.

She worked at Mt. Sinai Hospital, Milwaukee for 7 years as a nurse's aide. Because she could give people bedside care, she loved this kind of work.

I do hope I have not made this letter too long. I'm thankful that I've finally got it written. It was one of the hardest things for me to do. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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