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## THIS IS THE PROGRAM 37th Conference Northern California Council of A.A. SACRAMENTO, MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM Saturday, October 7

- 9:30 A.M.**—Registration Opens
- 10:30 A.M.**—AA Workshop — Group Secretaries' Panel  
(Memorial Hall — West end Auditorium Lobby)  
Chairman-Moderator: Eleanor H., Oakland; Panelists: Lillian C., Berkeley; Dave T., San Jose; Sam P., San Francisco; Betty B., Sacramento.
- 10:30 A.M.**—Al-Anon Group Workshop  
(Little Theatre — East end Auditorium Lobby)  
Moderator: Eleanor K., Sacramento; Panelists: Marge M., Sacramento; Marilyn G., Sacramento; Jab B., Sacramento; Kay H., Sacramento.
- 12:00 NOON**—Luncheon Recess
- 1:00 P.M.**—H & I Committee Public Meeting  
(Main Auditorium)  
Chairman: Harriet H., San Francisco; Speakers: Richard E. Ellsworth, Correctional Counselor, Folsom State Prison, and Lou S., Harbor Area H & I Committee, Long Beach.
- 1:00 P.M.**—Al-Anon Meeting  
(Little Theatre)  
Chairman: Juliet K., San Francisco; Co-Chairmen-Speakers: (Al-Anons) Kathleen P., Ruth M., San Francisco. (Alateens) Roger S., San Leandro; Margaret N., San Jose.
- 2:30 P.M.**—Coffee Break
- 3:00 P.M.**—Panel Discussion Meeting  
(Main Auditorium)  
Chairman-Moderator: Jack I., San Francisco; Panelists: (non alcoholic) Mayor James B. McKinney of Sacramento, Rev. Jno. J. Hinkle, Minister, Christ Unity, Sacramento; Wm. M. Ballou, M.D., North Sacramento; Emerson Reichard, Jr., vice president, Sacramento administration, Aerojet Corporation (Industry); (AA Members): Fritz B., Menlo Park; Reverend Joseph C., Carmichael; Dr. Les C., Vallejo; Paul G., Mill Valley.
- 3:00 P.M.**—Al-Anon Group Representative Meeting (First Report on World Service Conference)  
(Little Theatre)  
Chairman: Lillian D., Sacramento; Speaker: Helen B., Redondo Beach.
- 4:30 P.M.**—Coffee Break
- 4:45 P.M.**—H & I Committee — Institutions Workshop  
(Memorial Hall)  
Chairman: Bill S., Stockton

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## BANQUET DUCATS ON "FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED"

AA members and groups throughout Northern California were advised today that the few remaining unsold tables for the Seventh Annual AA Banquet would be reserved only on a "first come — first served" basis.

The Banquet Committee which expects a capacity crowd of 1,000 at San Francisco's Sheraton Palace Hotel, Saturday, October 28, starting at 6:00 p.m., said the affair is now virtually sold out, but added:

"Some of the outlying groups have not the opportunity of getting reservations into banquet headquarters as rapidly as San Francisco, San Mateo, or Marin Counties. Of the 78 tables seating 10 each, most have been sold. In the interests of fairness, we're deliberately holding three tables for upcountry groups and members, but they must hurry."

### TEDDY'S SON

Highlight of the affair is the first appearance at an AA affair here of Archibald B. Roosevelt, sole surviving son of the late President of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt. Mr. Roosevelt is a non-alcoholic member of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, New York City, and serves as AA's national treasurer.

Keynote speaker is a noted Hollywood radio and TV personality affiliated with a Southern California AA group. He is widely known to TV audiences for his longtime role in "Queen for a Day" program.

The music of Anson Week's Orchestra will provide dinner-time music and for dancing. Reservations may be had by mailing check or money order to AA Banquet Committee, 166 Geary St., Rm. 79, San Francisco 8. The phone is YU 2-4473.

Reservations are \$7.00 per person.

## "Snapshots" of H & I Speakers

A pair of speakers scheduled to address the H & I Committee Public Meeting at 1:00 p.m. Saturday at the NCC, Sacramento, are Richard E. Ellsworth, Correctional Counselor, California State Prison at Folsom, and Lou S., Harbor Area H & I Committee, Long Beach.

The former, a non-alcoholic, is a veteran of World War Two, serving six years with the U.S. Navy. He has worked a total of 14 years at Folsom, first as a prison record officer and for the past five years as Correctional Counselor.

He has been for a half-dozen years actively associated with various inmate organizations, and with Alcoholics Anonymous. In cooperation with the Paradise Group, Ellsworth is presently establishing an AA program in Conservation Camp No. 8, outside of Paradise, Calif.

An impressive speaker, he handles himself with aplomb on the dais.

Louis "Lou" S., and his lovely wife, Betty, have been active, ardent AA members for many good years. No instance too great, no time too inconvenient for Lou and wife to help a guy or gal in need of help.

AA members who have heard this pair in action will be looking forward to hearing them do a pitch at the H & I session.

## MONTEREY BAY GROUP MEETINGS

Three important meetings for September, October and November are on the agenda of the Monterey Bay Inter-Group, it was announced by Lee F., secretary.

**Saturday, Sept. 30**—A meeting at American Legion Hall, Salinas, with Al. M., Los Angeles, as guest speaker. Meeting is at 8:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Oct. 28**—Meeting in cafeteria of Watsonville High School, Watsonville. Guest speaker is Earl S., Los Angeles. Meeting set for 8:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Nov. 25**—Meeting at Del Monte School, Monterey, Calif. Guest speaker is Tom C., Medford, Ore. Meeting starts at 8:30 p.m.

## NCC COMPLETE PROGRAM OF EVENTS

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5:45 P.M.—Dinner Recess

8:00 P.M.—AA Open Public Meeting  
(Main Auditorium)

Chairman: Ruth G., Sacramento; Invocation: Reverend Ford Lewis, First Unitarian Church, Sacramento; Address of Welcome: Mayor James B. McKinney, Sacramento; Chapter Five: John A., Sacramento; 12 Traditions: O. W. "Bud" T., Sacramento; Speakers: Judge Ray H., Des Moines, Iowa; Lord's Prayer: Reverend Lewis.

9:0 P.M.—Coffee Break

10:00 P.M.—Dancing to Mello-Daires Music  
(Main Auditorium)

### Sunday, October 8

9:30 A.M.—General Service Delegates' Meeting  
(Memorial Hall)

Speakers Bertha W., Avenal, Calif., Conference Delegate, Interior Panel No. 2; Lloyd S., Santa Clara, Conference Delegate, Coastal Panel No. 1.

10:30 A.M.—Coffee Break

10:30 A.M.—Al-Anon Group Workshop  
(Little Theatre)

Chairman: Rae S., Sacramento; Speakers: Helen (Al-Anon) and Joe B (AA), Redondo Beach, Calif.

11:00 A.M.—NCC District Delegates and Group Reports Meeting  
(Main Auditorium)

Chairman: Bill K., Menlo Park, NCC secretary.

12:00 NOON—Luncheon Recess

1:00 P.M.—H & I Committee — Hospitals Workshop  
(Memorial Hall)

Chairman: Bill G., San Francisco.

1:00 P.M.—Al-Anon NCC Delegates' Meeting  
(Little Theatre)

Chairman: John C., San Jose.

2:00 P.M.—Coffee Break

2:15 P.M.—AA Open Public Meeting  
(Main Auditorium)

Chairman: Oscar J., Sacramento; Invocation: Reverend Jos. C., Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church, Carmichael, Calif.; Chapter Five: Jean M., Placerville; 12 Traditions: Harvey E., Woodland; Speakers: Jack S., Burbank; Lord's Prayer: Oscar J.

3:45 P.M.—Conference Adjourns

NOTE—The Coffee and Snack Bar, located in the West Hall of the Auditorium basement closes five minutes before each meeting and remains closed during all meetings. Meetings will convene and adjourn promptly as scheduled. Please be in your seats before the meetings open. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Local Conference Committee, Henry F., Chairman and Oscar J., Co-Chairman.

### Book Group Underway

The new Book Group of San Rafael announces that it meets every Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. in King Cotton Drive In, San Rafael. King Cotton Drive In is well known in AA an-

nals as the site of many new group beginnings. Many have had bright careers. We hope this new AA enterprise enjoys the same happy success. Good luck, from all of us.

## Mornin', Jedge!

An inquiry to Central California Fellowship concerning the background of JUDGE RAY H., principal AA speaker at the Sacramento NCC, brought this terse answer which eloquently speaks for itself.—Editor.

Judge Ray H. came into AA in August 1943, making him 18 years old last month (in AA). Married, has a son. Same wife as he started out with.

Was Assistant District Attorney in whatever county Des Moines, Iowa, is in. Has been an attorney for some 30-35 years. Starting drinking during Prohibition.

At one time during his career (while a practicing alcoholic) he ran for State Senator. He said this was in the midst of his heaviest drinking. He came out second, with 3,741 votes. He didn't blame his drinking on his defeat, but on the local newspaper. It never occurred to him the citizens of his community might want a sober Senator to represent them.

He was incarcerated in the County Hospital on three different occasions — each time being brought in by the police — and diagnosed a chronic alcoholic.

During his drinking career he was awarded the Community Service Award as the citizen who had done the most for his community during the past year. He was given this award on the opinion of the judges—all of whom were Past Award Winners.

He is the author of the book, "Clancy Gets Well" — story of his adult life, alcoholism, etc. It was written in 1951 and authored by "Jay R. Clancy", pen name of the Judge, himself.

## MARYSVILLE DIGS INTO SPAGHETTI

Marysville and Yuba City Groups threw a gala Spaghetti Dinner on Admission Day, September 9, at Alicia School, Marysville, with some 40 diners sitting down to a fine dinner. Many of the guests were from Sacramento groups.

Guest speaker was Rollin W., business manager, Good News, who made one of his typically good AA pitches.

## H & I BROADSIDES

By BUD C., Chairman NCC H & I Committee

This writer would like to preface the following in order to clarify one pertinent point. General information and comments of a personal nature do not necessarily reflect the attitude of the Northern California Hospital and Institutional Committee. This, of course, is to allay any fears that are rampant regarding endorsements, of which, there are none.

### H & I AT MARTINEZ

We feel that this was one of our better meetings and that a number of things were resolved. Primarily, the principle of rotating contact chairmanships and other offices of service in the committee. We realize that we are in our infancy and that we have a long way to go but, we're tryin'. It is always a moral booster to see most of the faithful plus a number of new faces at our meetings. Interest seems to be slowly picking up in tempo and, we need YOU. Let's get acquainted.

### SACRAMENTO OR BUST

The three meetings of the Hospital and Institutional Committee are designed to supplement the overall picture and it is the feeling of the committee that we have a most interesting program to offer the "AA" people as well as the non-alcoholic who might be interested in this type of 12-step work. Don't overlook the work-shops, they will be moderated by two very well qualified people and perhaps we can all of us get some questions answered.

### PRICE OF A "FIFTH"

Inasmuch as a majority of the committee members feel that we should cooperate and use "GOOD NEWS" as our official means of communication, we have a suggestion. Those of us who subscribe to the only official "AA" paper might do well to submit news of interest to the editor from each of the ten active areas of the Northern California Committee. Those of the committee who do not subscribe can do so for a very nominal cost and we would urge that you take care of this little detail forthwith. "GOOD NEWS" needs us, we need "GOOD NEWS", and for the price of a fifth below average hooch you can be sure to receive the monthly edition for several years.

## For the "Early Bird"

Many convention-goers to the NCC plan on being in Sacramento Friday night in order to be Johnny-on-the-Spot for Saturday morning registration. To accommodate these "early birds" the following groups in and around Sacramento are holding meetings:

**GROUP NO. 3—8:00 p.m.—1755 34th Street, Sacramento**

**CARMICHAEL GROUP—8:00 p.m.—El Camino High School, room 28, El Camino and Eastern Avenue, Carmichael.**

**FRIDAY NIGHT BEGINNERS—8:00 p.m.—2016½ H Street, Sacramento.**

**NORTH SACRAMENTO GROUP—8:00 p.m.—701 Dixie-  
anne Avenue (Post Office Building), North Sacramento.**

**NORTH HIGHLANDS GROUP—8:00 p.m.—St. Stephens Presbyterian Church, 3801 Stephens Drive, North Sacramento.**

**FRIDAY NIGHT ROSEVILLE GROUP—8:00 p.m.—Base-  
ment of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, between  
Vernon and Oak Streets, on Grant, Roseville, Calif.**

**ALANO CLUB—Open 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. on 2225 T  
Street, Sacramento. 'Phone GLadstone 2-9227.**

# 200 Observe Founding Of AA in Eureka

To commemorate the 15th Anniversary of the founding of Alcoholics Anonymous in Eureka and the north coast of California, some 200 AA members, families and friends assembled in Eureka, Saturday, August 19.

Sponsored by Humboldt-Del Norte Central Committee, the gathering drew representatives from many Northern California groups who joined the Eureka delegation in the joyful celebration.

Chuck C., guest speaker, almost didn't make the date. By heroic measures, the Eureka-Del Norte Committee chartered a Cessna 150 to pick up Chuck in San Francisco when unexpected flight-time changes left their speaker stranded — or almost stranded — some 300 miles from his destination.

But he made it and a beautiful meeting was held at Redwood Acres where Chuck made a great talk. Following were get-together sessions at the Eureka Alana Club, and at the Day Nursery Hall in the Housing Center. Merle L. hosted the Alano Club gathering, and Bea C. was hostess of the Housing Center meeting.

Chairman of the Anniversary celebration was Jack S., who also serves as vice president of the Eureka-Del Norte Central Committee. Founding Day was also Jack's first AA birthday.

## Gilroy Group

A note from Louise M, secretary, Gilroy Wednesday Night Group, Gilroy, Calif., seems to indicate that the group will have 100% representation at the Sacramento NCC.

Louise said "all of us are going to Sacramento, October 7-8. We've had a wonderful summer and had some excellent meetings. Visitors are always welcome down our way. The doors are wide open every Wednesday at 8:00 p.m."

## GSO Conference

The 1962 General Service Conference will be held April 25-29 at the Hotel Roosevelt, New York City. The four-day session will welcome, among other pertinent matters on the agenda, three new Delegates who have been selected to serve during 1962-63; Vic K., Alaska; John E., Mississippi, and Maynard A., Western New York.

## AA Conference At Santa Monica

The Southern California Conference of AA will be held in Santa Monica this year, October 20, 21, and 22. The three-day session will be highlighted by a banquet with arrangements to seat 1100, and an Al-Anon Luncheon seating 500.

Northern Californians planning to attend can obtain ticket reservations by writing "Ticket Reservations," 4075 San Rafael Avenue, Los Angeles 65. For housing reservations, contact Lee Jenkins, 1552 W. Glenoaks Blvd., Glendale, Calif., or the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce. The phone is Cltrus 2-4947.

Tickets to the Al-Anon Luncheon may be procured from Southern California Al-Anon members, or from the Ticket Reservation Committee of the Conference.

## OUT OF THE HOSPITAL

Frank P., of the Sunset Group, who has been in the hospital for major surgery, is back home again, and on the way to recovery. He says he will be up and able to assist with decorating the banquet tables again.

# Napa Groups Mourn Clark

Behind the usual bustle of fall activities, Napa AA groups are still remembering and mourning the death of Leo James Clark, 47, of 2974 Hilltop Drive, Napa, who unexpectedly died in August, while undergoing surgery at a hospital in Santa Rosa.

Leo had been ill only three weeks with a cancer diagnosed as a small one below the throat, but surgery revealed a much more extensive growth. He was on the operating table for six hours before a combination of factors, including shock, caused heart failure and death.

In his five years of association in the Fellowship, his twelfth step calls were beyond counting. Certainly, Leo never bothered to count them — and members whom he assisted in their shaky beginnings, along with the older ones whom he helped in time of trouble, must be reckoned by the score.

He was a native of Vacaville and lived for many years in Vallejo before moving to Napa 11 years ago.

He was past grand knight of Vallejo Council No. 874, Knights of Columbus; a former district deputy and a member of Altimira General Assembly, Fourth Degree, of the same order. He was also a member of the Napa Lodge of Elks.

Surviving are his widow, Anna; his parents, and a sister.

He was buried in Tulocay Cemetery in Napa after Solemn High Requiem Mass in St. John's Catholic Church.

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# Al-Anon NCC Program Set

By DONNALIE W.

Al-Anons have full program scheduled for the Sacramento Conference October 7-8. Much effort has gone into the planning of this conference to insure that all phases of Al-Anon are fully covered on the program. The Sacramento Conference Committee assures that this conference will be among the finest ever held, and that new members as well as those that have been in for a while will find the program very enlightening.

One feature on this program that should be vitally important to every Al-Anon member is the First World Service Conference Report. We are very fortunate to have California State Delegate, Helen B., from Redondo Beach to give the report as well as her experiences of the conference which was held in New York last April.

The success of this conference depends on each and every Al-Anon member making a special effort to attend.

Al-Anon members are again reminded of the separate registration tickets, and to buy the green tickets which are clearly stamped Al-Anon. These registration fees are a voluntary contribution and not an admission fee.

The program is as follows:

## Saturday

**9:30 A.M.**—Al-Anon Group Workshop

Moderator: Eleanor K., Sacramento

Panelists: Marge M., Marilyn G., Margaret S., Jan B., Kay H., Sacramento Al-Anon Members

Panel members will give five minute pitches on the 12 Steps, the 12 Traditions, New Members, Older Members, and Service. Time will be allotted for audience participation.

**1:00 P.M.**—Al-Anon Meeting

Chairman: Juliet K., San Francisco

Speakers: (Al-Anons), Kathlyn P., Ruth M., San Francisco

(Ala-Teens), Roger S., San Leandro, Margarite N., San Jose.

Topic will be, "What Brought

# EDITORIAL

## Altua Village - Monument to AA Woman

Grace A., an AA member of Sacramento Group No. 3, founded Altua Village where former skid row alcoholic TB cases, once released from hospital treatments, are provided half-way house type of rehabilitation.

Grace coined the title, Altua, from the "Al" in alcohol, and the "tua" from Tuberculosis Association. In 1960, Grace received the Community Welfare Council Award of the Greater Sacramento area. Her citation stated:

"For compassion, courage and determination in ministering to the needs of alcoholic, tuberculous patients."

Her citation declares she established a boarding home for alcoholic tuberculous patients in the area, which later was extended to include a ranch which would accommodate a larger number of men who need assistance.

Earlier, Dr. Frank Cline, Sacramento County TB control officer, in a seminar held by TB authorities at the Weimer Chest Center in Placer County, praised the Altua Village project as a place "where these men can go when the disease (of TB) is arrested. If they go back to the same flophouses, it only breaks out again."

Altua Village is some 25 miles south of Sacramento, one would take Stockton Boulevard, turning off at the Jackson Turnoff. Then follow the Freeway to Conley Road, thence about 5 miles east until one can see the green buildings with red roofs, which is Altua Village.

The above directions are important. On Sunday, October 15, at 2:00 p.m., Altua Village is having Open House. All AA's and Al-Anons are invited. It's a grand opportunity to inspect this wonderful project, a monument to a wonderful woman who, almost single-handedly, has created a project which has meaning and value; a project to the betterment of fellow Mankind in need of help.

If all roads lead to Altua Village on October 15, it will be a happier day than any of the days she received her citations.

## Welcome Aboard

Bob Flippin, longtime friend of AA, and member of the California Parole Board, is back on his feet after nearly a year of illness. His recovery has been so complete he intends to take in the Sacramento NCC, October 7-8.

A legion of friends will welcome Bob at the Conference.

Me To Al-Anon and Ala-Teen," and "What Kept Me In Al-Anon and Ala-Teen."

**3:00 P.M.**—Al-Anon Group Representative

Meeting

Chairman: Lillian D., Sacramento

Speaker: Helen B., Redondo Beach, California, State Delegate

Report on First World Service Conference

## Sunday

**10:30 P.M.**—Al-Anon Meeting

Chairman: Rae B., Sacramento

## Napa Group Sets Panel Meeting

Serenity Fellowship Group has scheduled another Special Panel Meeting for Monday, October 23, at 8:30 p.m., at their clubhouse, 1200 Jefferson Street, Napa, Calif.

Meeting is patterned after the successful panel session held September 23, at which panelists were Betty, Pete, and Lyle. This month's meeting will also have three AA members on the panel with Rollin W., business manager, Good News, participating.

Speakers: Helen B., Al-Anon and Joe B., AA, husband and wife team from Redondo Beach

**1:00 P.M.**—Al-Anon NCC Delegates' Meeting

Chairman: John C., San Jose, NCC Secretary

All Al-Anon Meetings will be held in the Little Theatre in the Memorial Auditorium. The meetings will convene and adjourn promptly as scheduled.

## Medical Schools Awaken Need for Alcoholism Education

As more and more alcoholics seek treatment, the need for professional help grows proportionately. Traditional medical education left in many physicians poorly equipped to deal with anything but the acute phases of this illness. Two recent reports, however, indicate that medical schools are beginning to make up the deficiency.

At the State University of New York College of Medicine all third-year students serve a psychiatric clerkship, part of which is devoted to the study of alcoholism under the direction of the State University Alcohol Clinic. The teaching program, described by B. J. Clifford (Brooklyn), is divided into four major portions; a seminar of five students or fewer; an intake interview with a patient or his family; a consultation with the supervising social worker; and a written medical and social history report on the patient.

### MAJOR TOPICS

The seminar begins with an informal lecture covering seven major topics: definitions of alcoholism; statistics; cultural factors in drinking behavior; attitudes toward alcoholics and alcoholism; professional treatment and research agencies; current theories of etiology; and current research projects at the clinic. The ensuing discussion involves the student's own attitudes and the need to explore a variety of areas in the patient's background in the coming interview. Students are encouraged to keep the interview focused on the actual problem, to assess the patient's conflicts about treatment, and to determine whether available services are suitable for him.

### PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

The students thus gain not only knowledge about alcoholism and a greater awareness of its social, economic and cultural ramifications, but also practical experience in medical reporting.

The teaching program at the University of Washington School of Medicine has been described by J. K. Jackson and co-workers (Seattle). Instruction about the physiological concomitants and psychodynamics of alcoholism is included in various traditional courses. In addition, all senior students serve a Public Health and Preventive Medicine clerkship two and a half

days a week for seven weeks, during which every fifth student selects alcoholism as his special subject. Each of these is required to learn about community services for alcoholics, treats an alcoholic patient for the seven-week period, and presents a written case report and a case conference.

### TYPICAL ALCOHOLICS

Patients are chosen from the Seattle Police Department Rehabilitation Project by the project staff, with preference from the more stable inmates who are married, have children, are not from Skid Row, and are not psychotic. The selected patients have usually already received some counseling and some education about alcoholism at the project during several weeks. Most of them show typical rationalizing attitudes toward their drinking, but are receptive to participation in the medical-school program.

**Although students are given more latitude and less supervision in this clerkship than in any other course, they are carefully prepared for the assignment and are in constant contact with sources of supervision and help.** The student acquires a background through reading and long informal conferences, first with the sociologist responsible for the alcoholism teaching program and then with the counselor at the Rehabilitation Project, an ex-alcoholic. He is then introduced to his patient. Realistic limited goals are carefully set forth for both student and patient. The student, supervised by a staff physician, gives the patient a physical examination. Thereafter he interviews him privately at least once a week. The project counselor is in constant contact with both patient and student but tries as far as possible to remain only an observer. The sociologist is also available for help and advice. At the end of the treatment period each student, aided by a staff psychiatrist, prepares a detailed written report.

### REGULATIONS

During the clerkship, alcoholism students visit the community agencies that provide help to alcoholics and their families: a private hospital for alcoholics, an alcoholism information center, a state outpatient clinic, a women's halfway house, an association for adult and school education programs, and Alcoholics Anonymous, Alanon and Alateen meetings. An A.A. member accompanies students on the latter visits and introduces them to a cross-section of members. These trips give a first-hand view of the community resources available, the kinds of help they offer, administrative routines, and different kinds of medical treatment. They also train the students to co-operate with non-medical personnel and illustrate the overall community role in both producing and alleviating alcoholism.

### FIELD TRIPS

Near the end of the seven-week period all students in the clerkship go on a field trip to the city jail, its hospital, the police department scientific laboratories, the court, and the Rehabilitation Project. They hear and discuss three formal lectures—on alcoholism and law enforcement agencies, Alcoholics Anonymous, and families of alcoholics.

Two days later all the clerkship students attend a 4-hour case conference presented by those who specialized in alcoholism. A general background is given either through films or lectures, followed by presentation and general discussion of the cases. Then the community agencies and educational programs are described. Medical treatments—long-term, short-term, physical and psychological—are discussed. Finally literature is distributed, including a mimeographed manual of procedures for office treatment of the alcoholic.

As a result of this program, student attitudes toward alcohol problems have been seen to shift from discouraged apathy to optimism and interest. The experience helps the future physicians to realize the importance of the comprehensive approach to such problems as alcoholism, of giving attention to the total person and to the role of all his social relationships and of the community itself, both in producing illness and in aiding recovery.

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### Mello-Daires Play Four October Dates

Dance music for various AA, and affiliated functions, will be played by The Mello-Daires during October at these parties:

#### SATURDAY, OCT. 7—

Northern California Conference at Sacramento.

#### SATURDAY, OCT. 14—

San Jose Alano Club, 1139 Minnesota Street, San Jose.

#### SATURDAY, OCT. 21—

San Francisco Alano Club, 414 Grant Avenue, San Francisco.

#### SATURDAY, OCT. 28—

Three Counties Fellowship Meeting and Dance, Watsonville.

AA, Al-Anon, or Ala-Teen Groups who wish to arrange for Mello-Daire music for indoor or outdoor parties, receptions, and dinners, may obtain information by writing or 'phoning The Mello-Daires, 1568 - 18th Avenue, San Francisco. The 'phone is OV 1-8601.

### AN INVITATION

To out-of-town members, families and friends who may be in New York City for Bill W.'s anniversary dinner on September 30th, there is a reception before the dinner at the Astor Hotel from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. You are cordially invited to be there.

Bill and Lois will be on hand to greet you. GSO Staff Members and Board Trustees will be looking forward to meeting you. We regret there isn't room for all, but of necessity the invitation must be limited to members outside the New York Metropolitan area. We hope to see many of you there.

### Navy Group

A new U.S. Navy Group has been formed in Norfolk, Va. Clyde, a sailor serving aboard the USS Sierra, stationed there, has received permission from the commanding officer to start a group which now consists of several Navy AA's.

The group will hold meetings in a quonset hut in the Navy Yard and will be of service to 20 or 30 ships which are in port. A Navy chaplain will lend assistance to the sailors.

GSO has sent a package of literature and information to get the new group off to a good start.

### Ukiah to Hold 10th Birthday Party, October 22

A Group Reunion will highlight the 10th Anniversary of Alcoholics Anonymous in Ukiah, Calif., set for Sunday, October 22.

The two-hour celebration from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. will be held in the social hall of the Methodist Church, Smith and Pine Streets. The "group reunion" part of the event is an open invitation to anyone who has ever attended, or has been a member of Ukiah Group. This invitation includes their families and friends.

A special open meeting will be held the evening before the Sunday gathering in the same church social hall, Kenna T., secretary, said. The Saturday meeting is for the benefit of anyone who plans to come early for the Sunday party.

### Lake Tahoe Group

South Shore Group of Lake Tahoe is a new group that meets each Tuesday at 8:00 p.m. in the Presbyterian Church, opposite Legion Hall, Stateline, California. This group has a different type of membership than most AA groups but they practice the same type of AA that is found throughout the world. They welcome all visitors, with special emphasis on those from the Bay Area.

## Home for An AA Pensioner

A member of AA living in Mission San Jose, Calif., has an opportunity for a retired member of Alcoholics Anonymous, preferably a pensioner.

Here is the proposition:

"I have a nice, new home and plenty of garden space and water. I'd like to contact an AA who is retired and has a pension. I'd prefer a man who's mechanically inclined and interested in growing fruit and vegetables. A man who'd like to live and work in the country rather than the city.

"My place is near Old Mission in Mission San Jose, now a district of Fremont, Calif.

"He should have a fair record of sobriety. I'm not retired but get a SS pension. I'm presently laid up with a bruised shoulder and under the Kaiser Health Plan. By profession, I'm a newspaper pressman, working in Hayward.

"Idea behind this proposal is to cut down expenses both for pensioner and myself, with enough work to keep in good health. The place has been landscaped with growing trees and plenty of fine vegetables. No dogs or livestock on the place. Car not necessary. I have Falcon Ranchero. Place can be reached by Greyhound or Peerless bus.

"Would be willing to pay fare. Person interested in this proposal can stay with me for a few days in order to size up the place and situation before committing himself."

Anyone who has these qualifications, can 'phone or write E. W. Muldoon, 41458 Mission Blvd., Highway 9, Mission San Jose, Calif. The 'phone is OLiver 6-4297.

### Chellis Ails

Chellis C., a real old-timer in San Francisco AA circles, reportedly suffered a heart attack and is currently bed-ridden in Plumas District Hospital in Quincy, Calif.

The former San Francisco lawyer is now District Attorney of Plumas County. There is a "No Visitors" sign on Chellis' hospital room door but Get Well cards or notes from local friends will be very welcome, indeed.

## Capt. Duplain Speaks at 'Big Open' Meeting

Captain George W. Duplain, Men's Social Service Center of the Salvation Army, is one of a fine slate of selected speakers who will give pitches at the "Big Open" Meetings scheduled for the month of October under the auspices of S.F. Inter-County Fellowship at 240 Golden Gate Avenue.

Myrl G., Program Chairman, announced that the following AA speakers and Captain Duplain would highlight meetings on the following dates, at 8:15 p.m.

**Friday, Oct. 6** — Magdalene C., Mission Group, S.F.; and George B., Book Group, San Rafael.

**Friday, Oct. 13** — Paul G., Marin Newcomers of Mill Valley; and Captain George Duplain, Salvation Army's Men's Social Service Center, Army and Mission Streets, San Francisco.

**Friday, Oct. 20**—Helen B., Friday Afternoon Group, Berkeley; and L. M. "Meek" M., Redwood City Group, Redwood City, Calif.

**Friday, Oct. 27**—Bertha B., First Step Group, San Francisco; and Jim M., Marin Stag Group, Mill Valley, Calif.

Captain Duplain pioneered the movement in S. F. Salvation Army activities for a highly successful rehabilitation program at the Men's Social Service Center.

He took the position that among the down-and-outters, alcoholics, Skid Row habitues and other socially rejected flotsam and jetsam, was some worthwhile salvageable material.

Putting his ideas into action brought about the almost complete rebuilding of the Social Service Center at the Army and Valencia Street site which has been largely devoted to the rehabilitation project. It works fine!

Recently the all-Spanish, 1464 Valencia Street Group (1464 Valencia Street is the address of the So-

## AVENUE AL-ANON

Estelle R., an active and ardent member of AA, is Guest Speaker at Avenue Al-Anon Group meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, October 18, at 8:30 p.m. The group meets at St. Boniface Church Auditorium, 133 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, it was announced by Murrel S., secretary.

## Chico's 14th Anniversary Went Over Big

Harvey H., secretary, Sunday Evening Group, Chico, Calif., reports that Chico's 14th Anniversary, held Wednesday, September 6, was a wonderful success.

Sponsored by the Wednesday Open Family Group, the affair celebrated the formation of AA in Chico by the sponsoring group. Highlights of the meeting was the appearance of Tom O., now of North Hollywood Group, who started the Chico Group, September 3, 1947.

Additionally, the guest speaker celebrated his 20th AA birthday, and Ed. S., of Chico, celebrated his 14th AA birthday. Of the original founding trio, only Clem, Ed. and Tom are left, the Chico secretary said.

## NEW SPANISH GROUP STARTS

An Open Discussion Group in SPANISH is now meeting at 1464 Valencia Street in the Men's Rehabilitation Center operated by the Salvation Army. The new group meets each Saturday at 7:30 p.m., Juana H., secretary, announced.

She said, "We feel the need for a group of this type in the mid-Mission District."

Another group of the same format, all-Spanish, open discussion, is now functioning in Oakland. The Latin American Group meets every Tuesday at 8:00 p.m. in the In-Between Club, 4710 East 14th Street, Juana said.

cial Service Center) started meetings in Captain Duplain's building. The Open Discussion sessions carried on exclusively in Spanish, will fill a long-wanted need in the central Mission District where now dwell some 60,000 Latin Americans and Mexicans.

## State Ups Alky Budget \$135,000

Governor Edmund G. Brown has approved budget increases totaling \$135,000 for the Division of Alcoholic Rehabilitation in the State Department of Public Health.

Also announced was the formation of an Inter-Agency Committee on Control of Alcoholism to represent at least 10 State agencies concerned with alcoholism and alcohol problems. Malcolm H. Merrill, M.D., Director of Public Health, and John R. Philp, M.D., Chief of the Division of Alcoholic Rehabilitation, will be chairman and secretary, respectively, of the inter-agency group.

### 5-POINT PROGRAM

The \$135,000 increase to the Health Department's \$750,000 alcoholic rehabilitation budget was allocated by the 1961 Legislature, and to be available July 1, is as follows:

1. \$30,000—augmentation of support item for presently subsidized community alcoholism clinics, bringing total support of clinics to \$496,050.

2. \$25,000—for additional support of Department of Public Health for establishing a demonstration project for hospital care of alcoholics, and arrangement of post-hospital care.

3. \$35,000—for additional support of Department of Public Health for establishing a community alcoholism clinic at Long Beach.

4. \$20,000—for additional support of Department of Public Health for establishing a demonstration recovery home for homeless alcoholics.

5. \$25,000—for additional support of Department of Public Health for establishing a detoxification center for acutely intoxicated alcoholics.

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