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Almond Blossom Conference NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COUNCIL OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Annual Session - March 3-4 Stanislaus District Fairgrounds - Turlock, Calif. (1 block off Highway 99, north end of Turlock)

The annual conference of AA's Northern California Council, dubbed by the Conference Committee the "Almond Blossom Conference" will be staged in the auditorium of the Stanislaus District Fair Grounds, Turlock, Calif., Saturday and Sunday, March 3-4.

Scheduled as a full two-day conference, registrations open Saturday, March 3, at 9:30 a.m. A full program of workshops, committee meetings, and two open AA meetings — coupled with a Saturday night dance and the Annual Breakfast on Sunday — are highlights of a busy and interesting pair of days.

Texas Speaker

The Conference Committee reached all the way to east Texas—to the famous oil field city of Tyler—for the "services" of Joe L., who serves as Guest Speaker and makes one of his noted pitches Saturday at 9:00 p.m. Although Duane R., Modesto, and Chester J., Turlock, co-chairmen of the Turlock Conference have not yet named a speaker for the Sunday afternoon session, conference-going AAers predict they'll come up with something real special.

Breakfast Deadline

Greeting all delegates, members, and "friends of the family" will be a special committee who will direct and guide them to Registration Booth, give advice on eateries, motel accommodations, and all the personal niceties a thoughtful and considerate Conference Committee does to make the visiting firemen feel at home.

Registration will be \$2.50 per person, and tickets to the Annual Sunday Breakfast are \$2.25 each. Reser-

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Blood Bank Is Depleted

The AA Blood Bank is in dire need of immediate replenishment, Lynn N., Blood Bank Chairman, announced today. He said the total number of pints is down to a precarious 19. A minimum balance of 36 is required.

Lynn said that unusually heavy withdrawals have been made during the past 90 days, severely taxing the available supply.

Since none of us know at what moment we need a pint or more of blood due to tragic accident or illness, it is imperative this depletion is restored by AA donors.

When a donor goes to Irwin Memorial Blood Bank, be sure to state that it be credited to the account of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Irwin Memorial Blood Bank is located at 270 Masonic Avenue near Geary Boulevard. The phone number is JO 7-6400. Phone for an appointment to avoid any delays. But do it now! You may need blood next.

NO IMPORTS

Home Talent Featured at Big Meetings

During February the "Big Meetings" sponsored by the Central Office of S.F. Inter-County Fellowship and held every Friday in the year at 240 Golden Gate Avenue will exclusively feature AA speakers. No "outside" orators or so-called prominent speakers have been contacted, Myrl Griswold, program chairman, announced.

Here's the roster of AA pitchmen who will take over the four dates this month:

FRIDAY, FEB. 2—

Myrtle G., St. Marks Group, Santa Clara; Joe B., San Carlos Group.

FRIDAY, FEB. 9—

Cal. K., St. Marks Group, San Jose; Jack S., formerly active in Burbank AA affairs, now a solid member of S.F. Inter-County Fellowship.

FRIDAY, FEB. 16—

Cliff H., Sunday Morning Breakfast Group, San Jose; Rollin W., business manager. GOOD NEWS, and member of First Step Group, San Francisco. Both speakers are celebrating their Tenth Birthdays in AA and will undoubtedly say something about a "decade of sobriety."

FRIDAY, FEB. 23—

Margaret K., St. Marks Group, San Jose, and "Red" J., Tuesday Downtown Group of San Francisco.

AA really has a "showcase" in the newly remodelled, refurbished building at 240 Golden Gate Avenue in downtown San Francisco. The meeting hall has been "gussied up" with luxurious padded chairs, air conditioning, perfect acoustics, new kitchen facilities, and best of all, an elevator directly to the meeting floor.

Many members have used the Fri-

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Meetings Are Held Every Nite By Vallejo Group

Vallejo (Calif.) Fellowship is probably one of the most active groups in Northern California, in terms of daily/nightly meetings. With the exception of Sunday, meetings are held each weekday at 8:15 p.m. at the Fellowship meeting place, 820 Marin Street.

Additionally, there is a daytime meeting each Thursday from noon to 1:00 p.m. at 820 Marin Street and the Al-Anon meet the same night in the same hall.

Out-of-town speakers who will appear during the month of February are: Saturday, February 3—Bill L., San Francisco; Saturday, February 10—Lowell G. San Francisco; Saturday, February 17—Ernie B., San Francisco; and Saturday, February 24—Barney D., Santa Rosa.

Hazel L., Vallejo's secretary is already making ambitious plans to welcome the NCC Fall Conference in October. Hazel is chairman of the Conference Committee and as such

Husband-Wife Team To Talk

Avenue Al-Anon Group meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 21, at 8:30 p.m., in St. Boniface Church auditorium, 133 Golden Gate Avenue will feature a husband-and-wife duo.

Speakers are Katherine S., a non-alcoholic member who attends Marin Group, and her AA husband, Charles, also a member of the Marin County unit. Husband-wife teams are popular at Al-Anon gatherings since they impart much informative knowledge on how a non-alcoholic partner in marriage should approach the problem of his/her alcoholism.

Murrel S., secretary of Avenue Al-Anon said this meeting, which is open to the public, should draw as big an audience as that of their special meeting last December 10, that had some 125 persons present.

will head the Host Group which will greet some 1,000 AA delegates and members to the "All American City," Hazel's pet name for Vallejo.

Cliff J. Takes G.S. Post In Lively Voting

After balloting seven times, Cliff J., Group Three, Sacramento, won a hotly contested campaign for Chairman-Delegate of Interior Panel Two General Services. It is for a two-year term.

At D., Midtown Group, Stockton, runnerup, was elected by acclamation to the post of Secretary-Alternate Delegate. Harold M., East Yolo Group, Broderick, was named Treasurer on the first ballot.

Out of 100 possible voting units 46 groups were represented in the balloting, a record-high representation in Panel Two meetings.

The General Service meeting held Saturday afternoon, January 13, in the Labor Center, Sacramento, was also highlighted by the reorganization and redistricting of Panel Two for a more equitable distribution of committee representation. This chore was accomplished and formally became effective January 13. (For a revision of Districts, see Good News, Page Four, issue of January 1962.)

The event was organized by Chairman J. M., Sacramento, and aided and abetted by General Service members from many parts of Northern California. The election was presided over by Jim, supported by a panel composed of Floyd B., Rose-dale; Lloyd S., Panel One Delegate, Santa Clara; Duane R., Modesto; Jules P., L.A. Delegate to the General Service board; Stan W., Fairfax and Rollin W., Good News representative, San Francisco.

Two areas, Redding and Chico, were complimented for sending a delegation from long distances, and Stan W., Bill G., and Jim A., all of San Francisco Inter-County Fellowship served as tellers in the vote tallying.

Jules P. Talk

Some 450 persons crowded the Labor Center hall in the evening to hear Jules P., the bilingual Chairman-Delegate from Los Angeles give a dramatic AA pitch. Jules chose the Sacramento meeting rather than accept an out-of-state AA gathering to which he also had been invited. He was given a standing ovation by the hall-packed audience.

Secretary's Financial Report

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COUNCIL OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

January 1, 1962

BANK BALANCE — July 1, 1961.....	\$203.22
Sacramento Conference	514.53
Contributions	16.00

TOTAL\$733.75

DISBURSEMENTS

Office Rental (S.F. Fellowship)	\$160.00
Committee meetings, incidentals	32.45
Stationary, operating supplies	64.40
Printing	42.86
Postage, parcel post	38.08
Stenographic help	21.73
Secretary's Misc. Expense	61.19
Tape Library	14.00
Advance '62 Conference Liability Insurance	20.55

TOTAL\$455.26

RECEIPTS \$733.75
DISBURSEMENTS 455.26

BALANCE \$278.49

Balance in Bank as of January 1, 1962.....\$278.49

Bill K., Secretary

Tape Library Gets Action

Requests for tapes from AA's two authorized Tape Libraries in Oakland and Modesto have shown marked increase since the October NCC Conference in Sacramento.

Dave B., who operates the Oakland Tape Library at 1828 Rosedale Avenue, and Bill M., who has his tape factory at 2103 Miller Avenue, Modesto, report that much action was created by the publicity on Tape Library availabilities in the November and December issues of GOOD NEWS.

In addition to tapes made of the Des Moines Judge's talk, additional tapes have been made of Gene B's keynote speech at the Annual AA Banquet held at the Sheraton Palace Hotel, San Francisco, and the excellent talk made by Dr. Earle M., Mill Valley Group, at the Big Meeting held January 12, at 240 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco.

Orders for any of these recordings may be obtained from Oakland or Modesto Tape Library at above addresses.

Alano Club Sets Valentine Dance

Joe Lile's "Jumpin' Jacks," a new AA combo, will provide the dance music for a gala Valentine Dance to be staged Saturday, February 17, under the sponsorship of San Francisco Alano Club, 414 Grant Avenue.

Bus D., chairman of the entertainment committee, has arranged a special program for the event; colorful Valentine decor and all the furbelows required for a genuine evening of fun and entertainment.

H & I BROAD-SIDES

By the Chairman of the Hospitals and Institutions Committee

Greetings:

We apologize for not being in active touch with the Committee (and everyone else) this year. So, for the next eleven months we promise to make amends.

The Committee seems to be all set for a terrific program for 1962 and we wish to take this opportunity of welcoming a number of people who have been given new assignments. Among these are Tommy L., new area chairman for Area Seven; Bill A., new area chairman, Area Two; Chris C., new contact chairman for Folsom from Area Two. For others too numerous to mention in this report, Many Welcomes.

Turlock, here we come! The Hospital and Institutional open meeting scheduled for Saturday afternoon, March 3, will be one of the better clam bakes. Jack I., secretary, San Francisco Inter-County Fellowship, is slated for the Guest Speaker slot.

It is consensus of opinion of the H & I Committee "that we must live right" to have the good fortune of Mrs. Constance Norton's acceptance to serve as co-speaker with Jack.

Let's take a quick, but incomplete look at Connie's AA activities. A partial glance shows she was a key figure with Dave M., and Duane R., in founding the AA group at Modesto State Hospital in 1953.

She operated a "farm" for alcoholics at Modesto and has a fantastic record for successful results in recovering patients. She is a member of the Alcoholism Foundation for the State of California and still serves as a member of its original Board of Directors.

Connie's topic will be "Family Relationships Contributing to Alcoholism." Since there's many more flattering things we could and should say about this great gal, Ergo, all we can say in closing, "You'll miss a great talk if you don't hear Connie."

Oregon Affiliate

Charles B., secretary, Dunsmuir (Calif.) Group announced that late in 1961 Dunsmuir had joined the Oregon Conference of AA. Charley explained that procrastination caused withholding this information since the affiliation date, September 3, 1961. "But," butted Charley, "It's better late than never."

The "Jumping Jacks" are rapidly becoming AA dancing favorites, Bus reports.

Doctors in AA

International Doctors in AA have scheduled their annual conference on July 20-22, in the Holiday Inn, Moline, Ill. Through these conferences doctors in Alcoholics Anonymous keep in touch with one another and they also keep abreast of the AA program on world-wide activities. Doctors interested in the Moline Conference may write General Service Office, P.O. Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York City, 17.

Fellowship Breakfast
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AA World Directory Listing Policy Under Debate At N.Y. Meet

Up for discussion at the General Service Conference, set for April 25-29, at New York City's Hotel Roosevelt, will be the question whether current listing policy incorporated in the printing of AA World Directory gives a distorted picture of AA in some localities, largely due to duplication. To clarify and probably obtain a truer image of AA in the United States, four separate questions will be considered.

Marysville Units Jointly Hold A 4th Anniversary

Thursday, January 11, marked the fourth birthday of the establishment of the Al-Anon Group of Marysville (Calif.). It was a gala occasion highlighted by guest speakers Cindy and Joe from Sacramento. The terrific team was followed by "extry dividend" treat. Since the duo from Sacramento remained within time limitations, there was sufficient time to hear a pitch made by Moe F., Broderick, Calif. Moe originally was a Marysville member, hence he was mighty welcome.

The AA Group of Marysville joined with the Al-Anons and the combined gathering drew a capacity crowd necessitating the borrowing of extra chairs. The speakers were exceptionally good and the Fourth Birthday Cake seemed to taste much better than usual.

"Night Before" Meeting Is Set

An open meeting is slated the "Night Before the Almond Blossom Conference" on Friday, March 2, on the eve of the opening of the NCC Conference.

Duane R., co-chairman of the Turlock NCC committee, said the meeting will take place in MODESTO at 706 First Street, in the Modesto AA Center, at 8:00 p.m.

The meeting is planned for delegates, members, and friends, enroute to the Turlock gathering which opens at the Stanislaus District Fair Grounds, Turlock, Saturday and Sunday March 3-4.

Mrs. Cordona Dies

The bulletin published by Central California Fellowship of AA, Sacramento, reports the death of Mrs. Thomas Cordona in Medford, Ore.

Mrs. Cordona suffered a fatal heart attack Friday, December 29. An active member of Al-Anon, she was also instrumental in starting the Southern Oregon Committee on Alcoholism.

Our sympathies are extended to Mr. Cordona who has a legion of AA friends in Northern California and in Oregon.

DEL GALLOWAY — member of Midtown Group, Stockton. Mr. Galloway succumbed from a heart attack enroute to an AA meeting at Chico.

"GOODY" GUDERIAN — Group Three, Sacramento. Suffered a second stroke in December from which he died. Deepest sympathies are extended to Dorothy Galloway and to Dee Guderian in their bereavement.

"Robbie" Passes

A legion of friends are mourning with the relatives of the late A. J. "Robbie" Robertson, who died January 17. Widely known in San Francisco and on the Peninsula, "Robbie" at one time operated Robbie's Place at Ben Lomond in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Many AA's will remember the dead man and his mountain rendezvous as a place where "Robbie dried me out."

- A. Should G.S.O. continue to carry the membership census of a group in the World Directory when it is known that such membership duplicates membership of other groups?

No

BACKGROUND

Duplication lowers contribution-per-capita in the area. Breakfast Groups, Women's Groups, Court Groups etc. are typical of those that might report membership duplications. (We already follow this procedure for Central Offices and Clubs.)

- B. Should groups that have been formed to provide sponsorship for transient alcoholics be moved from listing with regular groups and shown in the Directory under the heading: Special Meetings?

Yes

BACKGROUND

Groups formed to sponsor alcoholics under court jurisdiction in Salvation Army facilities, Municipal shelters, etc., have, if they wished, been listed as regular groups in the World Directory. It has been reported to G.S.O. that some A.A.s feel that these groups are not regular groups, but are special meetings for sponsorship.

- C. Should G.S.O. Staff continue to be guided by the general policy that appears on the front of the World Directory?

Yes

Traditionally, any two or more alcoholics meeting together for purposes of sobriety may consider themselves an A.A. group, provided that, as a group, they are self-

supporting and have no outside affiliations. Groups listed in the Directory are registered at their own request. A Directory listing does not constitute or imply approval or endorsement of any Group's approach to, or practice of the traditional A.A. program.

BACKGROUND

G.S.O. Staff has received requests from General Service Conference Area Committees and other service committees to eliminate listings of groups already registered with G.S.O. Objections were on grounds that listing either lowered per-capita contributions from the area, or did not present a true picture of A.A. activity in the locality. G.S.O. has been guided by the principle of "group autonomy" as expressed in the statement on the Directory cover and has replied that they can make the change only if the group agrees to it.

- D. Should General Service Conference Delegates and Chairmen of Area Committees be listed in the World Directory?

Yes

BACKGROUND

This information is not readily available to groups in any of G.S.O.'s literature. It could serve to improve communication throughout the movement.

Richmond To Hear 7 Seas Club Speaker

Frank B., of the Seven Seas Club, Inc., San Francisco will be guest speaker at the Point Richmond Fellowship of A.A. on Monday, February 26th, at 8:30 p.m.

With 15 years of continued sobriety, Frank's story is particularly unusual and interesting. He was one of the four original founders of the Seven Seas Club in 1948, and which is located on the waterfront in San Francisco.

Aids Seafarers

Principal concern of the Club has always been to help seamen, where the incidence of alcoholism is particularly high. There are also longshoremen, teamsters, warehousemen, and others who turn to the Club for help with their alcoholic problem, and related difficulties.

Helping Hand

The Club offers its faculties in helping the alcoholic gain not only an understanding of his illness, but helps him recover physically by offering food, a place to sleep, and to give what other assistance might be needed.

The Point Richmond Fellowship meets at the new Recreation Center on Washington Ave., and is open to the general public.

Santa Rosa's New Alano Club Opens

Since its official opening in December at 70 South "E" Street, Santa Rosa, the new Alano Club established by the Santa Rosa groups reports great progress.

Striding ahead under a full head of steam and enthusiasm, the Club opens daily—Sunday through Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and on Friday and Saturday from 9:30 a.m. until "when you are ready to go home."

First big event was a New Year's Eve Party which was a real shindig and an affair to kick off 1962 and establish the tone for many more colorful events to come.

Northern California AA members and friends are cordially invited to

Seventh Birthday For Novato Group

An anniversary party will be held by the Novato (Calif.) Group on Friday, February 23, at 8:30 p.m., in the group's meeting place, Trevitt Hall, Sherman Street and De Long Avenue, Novato.

The birthday party commemorating the seventh anniversary of the group will be highlighted by speaker Jack I., secretary, S.F. Inter-County Fellowship, a pre-meeting coffee klatch starting at 8:00 p.m., and a post-meeting gabfest and arms-length AA after the meeting.

Forest Hills Has Impressive Roster Of Feb. Speakers

The lately formed Forest Hills Group, S.F. Inter-County Fellowship, is conducting its AA business in an aggressive manner. The fledgling group, started last November, is building its membership by attracting interesting and forceful speakers to its Tuesday night meetings.

Located in St. John's United Church (Jeschke Hall) at 20 Woodside Avenue, opposite Laguna Honda Home for the Aged, it can be reached by the following public transportation: K, L, or M streetcars through Twin Peaks Tunnel to Forest Hill Station. Crosstown busses 10 and 36 also stop close by the meeting hall. Plenty of free parking is available. The meetings are open family type, featuring speakers.

Speakers for February are John M. on February 6; Kay and Chet G. are scheduled for February 13; Bill G. is slated for February 20; and Ernie B. will headline the February 27 gathering.

Joe O'G., secretary of Forest Hill, was formerly of Golden Gate Group, stated this group is the only Tuesday night meeting serving the big Forest Hill, and "feels the group is destined to grow rapidly in a short space of time."

visit the Clubhouse and try out some Santa Rosa hospitality. Remember the address: 70 South "E" Street.

Secretaries To Meet at Modesto During Conference

When the Spring Conference of Northern California Council of AA gathers in Modesto, Calif., in March, the Central Office Secretaries of the Pacific Coast will also conduct its sixth meeting on the Friday immediately preceding the Saturday/Sunday NCC conference.

Attending the secretarial meeting will be Doc., Portland; Ken, Seattle; Jack I. San Francisco; Eleanor, Oakland; Ruth, Sacramento; John, Long Beach; Sybil, Los Angeles; and John, San Diego.

First secretary to this conference was Sybil of Los Angeles Central Office. Describing the founding of the group and its various functions, she recently wrote:

Ideas Shared

"The Pacific Coast Central Office Secretaries' Conference was started with the thought that our working procedures and experience would be worth sharing. Our first meeting was held in Sacramento in 1958. We exchanged ideas for four hours. The minutes were transcribed and mailed to those present for further study.

"Each year we elect a different chairman and secretary and each year we meet with more enthusiasm. Our service committees (or office managers) have always recommended that our expenses be paid, and it has become traditional that we be allotted the time and money to attend these affairs.

Growth Plan

"At the International Convention in Long Beach (1960) we held a special meeting where it was a pleasure to have Midge from Boston and Doris and Adelyne from New York sit with us. It is our hope that one day a great many other central offices will send their secretaries to meet with us."

What on earth will today's younger generation be able to tell their children they had to do without?

—San Diego Tribune

ARA Postpones Membership Meet

The annual membership meeting of Alcoholics Rehabilitation Association of San Francisco which formerly was held annually in January, will be held in April, this year.

Revision in date was caused by Association directors who wished the membership gathering to be held after the close of the ARA fiscal year, March 31.

At their Board of Directors meeting in January, by-laws were amended by ARA to officially hold annual membership meetings each year in April rather than January.

Christmas In N.Y.

The conference room of the General Service Office, N.Y., that overlooks the United Nations Building, was the scene of a staff gathering of GSO and Grape Vine personnel at a Christmas party. This was held December 22. Yuletide carols were sung as they awaited the appearance of Santa Claus played by Al Cryan, non-alcoholic Shipping Department head. From the GSO comes this message in their AA Exchange Bulletin, issue of January 1962: "Christmas 1961 has passed into history, but warm feelings of fellowship are in our hearts as we wish our AA friends throughout the world a serene and sober 1962."

Trustee Meeting

The regular quarterly meeting of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous was held in New York City on January 29. AA Area Trustees Pat C., Minnesota; Dave B., Quebec; and Tom S., Florida arrived in time to attend the meeting. The General Service Board meets four times annually on the last Monday of January, April, July and October.

BIG MEETING

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day "showcase" meetings to excellent advantage in making lasting impression on skeptical, on-the-fence persons who haven't made up their minds whether or not AA "is for them."

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Groups Name
GS District
Committeemen

The recently-held Panel Two General Service Meeting at Sacramento, in addition to electing delegates who will represent the AA panel at the General Service Conference in New York City, April 24-29, also named the following District Committeemen for Districts 50 through 63.

These were named by the various groups attending the conclave and the committeemen, will in turn, represent the group that elected him or her, at state, district, and local levels.

District 50—Rickey S., Redding Group; District 51—None attended; District 52—Pat S., Paradise Group; District 53—Harold M., East Yolo Group (Treasurer); District 54—Jim R., Yuba City Group; District 55—Agnes P., Marysville Group; District 56—Betty B., Roseville Friday Nite Group; District 57—Jean M., Hangtown Group, Placerville; District 58—John A., Carmichael Group;

YOUR SECRETARY REPORTS

Only YOU can answer this request from the NCC "Almond Blossom" Conference; from Chairman Duane R., Modesto, and Co-Chairman Chester J., Turlock: "Please tell every AA, and every friend of AA in Northern California, Southern California, Nevada — from the rock-bound shores of Maine to the Florida Keys, to Canada, and beyond — that this is an invitation to the BEST CONFERENCE, Yet!"

What's more, they mean it. Their plans and program are the finest we have ever seen.

You can prove your interest in AA by being at the "Almond Blossom" Conference on March 3-4. You'll be able to hear, see, and discuss:

HOSPITAL AND INSTITUTIONAL ACTIVITIES with the leaders and programmers of this vital 24-hour-a-day, seven-days-a-week form of AA service.

GENERAL SERVICE WORK discussed from your individual standpoint, and as it ties in with the national and international Fellowship.

INTER-GROUP SECRETARIES FROM PACIFIC COAST AREA will share with all group secretaries and AA members in a panel discussion on AA Group Affairs, Questions and Answers from people who really know AA.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS from all even-numbered Districts including a Secretary, Assistant Secretary, and their Alternates.

GOOD NEWS—The best newspaper in AA needs reportorial aid—reporters and correspondents from every area in California to keep it an informative, top-notch journal of AA activities. It needs more subscribers. It needs Group Subscriptions. Send one to a friend. You'll be glad you did.

NCC TAPE LIBRARY — Dave B., and Bill M., will be on hand to discuss their wonderful AA treasures that has been a vital means of communication in "carrying the message."

Fill in both the Registration form and the Breakfast Reservations. Mail your checks or money orders for each. Both forms are printed in this issue of Good News. BILL K., Secretary.

District 60—Cliff J., Group 3, Sacramento (who was elected N.Y. Delegate); District 61—None attended; District 62—Art D., Midtown Group, Stockton (Alter-Delegate to N.Y.); District 73—Doc R., B & P Group, Modesto.

Districts 64 through 67 were not represented at the election, accord-

ing to the Panel Two election committee chairman, Jim M., Yuba City.

Jim reported that most groups form Modesto north were in attendance and a total of 50 groups sent General Service representatives for the balloting. This, he said, was the largest attendance—group-wise—in the history of Panel Two.

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MORE ABOUT CONFERENCE

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vation blanks for both these purposes appear elsewhere in this issue of Good News. It is suggested by the Conference Committee that reservations be made for the breakfast as early as possible to avoid disappointment.

The committee points out reservations for breakfast closes Sunday, February 24; that the seating capacity of the Turlock War Memorial Building where the breakfast will be held, seats a maximum of 600 persons.

Jack I., secretary, Central Office, S.F. Inter-County Fellowship, will again serve as Master of Ceremonies for the breakfast which will be served promptly at 7:45 a.m.

Election Slated

Most AA groups located in Northern California are expected to be represented on the program. General Services will hold its session forenoon Sunday. At 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, NCC delegates will hold an election to determine a successor to NCC Secretary Bill K., Menlo Park, whose two-year term expires July 1, 1962. This, undoubtedly, will be the most important piece of business handled during the afternoon business session.

Hospitals and Institution Committee has listed three meetings to be held during the Conference; both Al-Anons and Alateens have important meetings scheduled. A chronological schedule of all meetings—time, place, etc., is printed on Page One, this issue.

Tuesday Downtown Group Birthdays

The last two meetings set by the Tuesday Downtown Group of S.F. Inter-County Fellowship, will feature Birthday Speakers.

Tuesday Downtown which meets at 566 Bush Street, San Francisco, has scheduled Harley H., on Tuesday, February 20. Harley celebrates his twelfth AA birthday—and will tell about it. On February 27, a husband-wife team, Al and Ann N., will jointly share the rostrum as Ann celebrates 20 years sobriety on the AA program. Her spouse stars in the role as meeting chairman.

"Almond Blossom" Program NCC CONFERENCE—TURLOCK MARCH 3-4

SATURDAY, MARCH 3 (9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.)

Registration Opens at 9:30 a.m.
Group Secretaries' Meeting in Main Auditorium at 10:30 a.m.
Al-Anon Meeting in Pomona Grange Cafeteria Bldg., at 10:30 a.m.
Luncheon Recess at 12:00 Noon.
H & I Committee Public Meeting in Main Auditorium at 1:00 p.m.
Al-Anon Meeting in Pomona Grange Cafeteria Bldg., at 1:00 p.m.
Coffee Break at 2:30 p.m.
Election of NCC Secretary in Main Auditorium at 3:00 p.m.
Al-Anon Meeting in Pomona Grange Cafeteria Bldg., at 3:00 p.m.
Coffee Break at 4:30 p.m.
H & I Committee (Institutions Workshop) in Main Auditorium at 4:45 p.m.
Dinner Recess at 5:45 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 3 (evening schedule)

AA Open Public Meeting in Main Auditorium at 8:30 p.m.
Chairman: Harold "Kingfish" W., Modesto.
Invocation: Reverend Dale Sherwood, pastor, Maze Boulevard Christian Church, Modesto.
Address of Welcome: Superior Judge Frank Damrell of Stanislaus County.
Guest Speaker: Joe L. Tyler, Texas.
Benediction: Reverend McManus, Chaplain, Modesto State Hospital.
Dancing, Games, Fun—Cafeteria of Main Auditorium at 10:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 4 (7:45 a.m. until Conference adjourns)

Annual Breakfast in War Memorial Auditorium, Canal Drive, Turlock, at 7:45 a.m. Jack I., S.F. Central Office Secretary, Master of Ceremonies.
Central Office Secretary's Meeting in Main Auditorium at 9:30 a.m.
Hospital and Institutions Committee—Hospital Workshop—in Arts & Crafts Building at 9:30 a.m.
Al-Anon Meeting in Pomona Grand Cafeteria Bldg., at 10:30 -
Coffee Break at 10:30 a.m.
General Services Meeting in Main Auditorium at 11:00 a.m.
Luncheon Recess at 12:00 Noon.
Al-Anon Meeting in Pomona Grange Cafeteria Bldg., at 10:00
AA Open Public Meeting in Main Auditorium at 2:15 p.m.
Chairman: Stan W., Fairfax, Calif.
Invocation: Reverend Gerald Skillacorn, Episcopal Church, Turlock.
Address of Welcome: Mayor Norton of the City of Turlock.
Speaker: (yet to be named).
Benediction: Reverend Orne Geiger, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Turlock.
Coffee and Refreshments served at all times.