



Good News



Vol. XII
No. 3

Published Monthly in San Francisco, California
By the Northern California Council of Alcoholics Anonymous

NOVEMBER
1963

1117 Jam Fairmont for Joint AA Commemoration

A fashionably dressed crowd, conservatively estimated at 1117, sat down to dinner at the ninth annual banquet and ball sponsored by San Francisco Inter-County Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. The record-breaking attendance was largely due to two-fold ceremonies pointly commemorating the 28th anniversary of the founding of AA and the 25th birthday of the society in San Francisco.

The impressive affair, held in the Grand Ballroom of the Fairmont Hotel atop Nob Hill, last Saturday, October 26, attracted AA members from virtually every group in Northern California.

HOARSE M. C.

Mistress of Ceremonies, Lorie S., Gratitude Group, Marin County, did an excellent job despite an attack of laryngitis which she ruefully described as "a frog in a satin gown".

Mayor George Christopher and the City and County of San Francisco was represented by Supervisor Joseph E. Tinney, who delivered a stirring welcoming address. Former Warden Clinton Duffy read the last known communication with AA written by the late Bob Flippin.

SERIOUS KEYNOTER

The crowd, however, came to hear what the keynote speaker had to say. Don G., a former AA Trustee and who at one time edited "The Grapevine" had plenty. The sober-sided speaker from Pleasantville, N.Y., now a TV news commentator with a program originating in Manhattan, told a remarkable tale which he dubbed, "One Man's Story". He punctuated his serious talk with flashes of contagious humor. The crowd liked Don G. — and he liked the crowd.

(Continued on page 8)

SF All-Groups Meetings List Noted Speakers

An outstanding medical doctor, and the former director of the Yale School for the Study of Alcoholism, will share the speaker's dias with a stellar array of AA talent during November at the Central All-Groups meeting staged each Friday at 240 Golden Gate Avenue in downtown San Francisco. Myrl G., program director, has marshalled five sparkling speaker-meetings, as follows.

FRIDAY, NOV. 1—Anne M., San Francisco Inter-County Fellowship; and Bob D., Westlake Group of Daly City.

FRIDAY, NOV. 8—"Moraga Joe" C., St. Mary's College; and Dr. John H. Beatty, medical director, Kaiser enter, and chairman, Section of Alcoholism, Alameda County Medical Health Survey.

FRIDAY, NOV. 15—George S., San Francisco Inter-County Fellowship (recently from N.Y.); and Glen B., also a S.F. Inter-County Fellowship member.

FRIDAY, NOV. 22—L. M. "Meek" M., Redwood City Group; and Dr. Nevitt Sanford, director Institute for the Study of Human Problems, Stanford University. Dr. Sanford formerly directed the Yale School for the Study of Alcoholism.

FRIDAY, NOV. 29—Lowell G., Surf Group, S.F. Inter-County Fellowship; and Tom C., Ambassador Group, S.F. Inter-County Fellowship.

The meeting place at 240 Golden Gate Avenue is comfortably equipped with padded seats, air conditioning, excellent P.A. system, and has elevator service to meeting floor.

Service at Coffee Bar opens at 7:00 p.m.

Peninsula Group Names Speakers

An outstanding array of speakers has been recruited for the Peninsula All-Groups meeting during November, Dave M., Secretary, announces. Peninsula All-Groups meetings are held every Saturday, at 8:30 p.m. in the auditorium of St. Mathews Episcopal Church, El Camino Real and Baldwin Avenue, San Mateo, Calif.

The November lineup is, as follows:

Saturday, Nov. 2—Speaker is John R., San Mateo Group. Hosting the meeting is the Menlo Park Group.

Saturday, Nov. 9—Speaker is Bill V., Marin County Group, with the San Carlos Beginners', hosting.

Saturday, Nov. 16 — Bud C., the Henry Ohlhoff House, San Francisco, will make the "pitch" and the Palo Alto Sunday Group will serve as hosts.

Saturday, Nov. 23—Speaker is Jack H., Palo Alto Group. San Bruno Group members will host.

Saturday, Nov. 30—Meek M., Redwood City Group, has been assigned the speaker's role, and will be hosted by the Menlo Women's Group.

Plenty of coffee and arms-length AA is available before, and after, each. Everyone is welcome.

N. California Inter-Group to Hold Conference

What is described as a "little Conference every month" gets started Saturday, Nov. 16, in Chico, Calif.

The "little Conference" idea had its birth during the two-day NCC Conference, Berkeley, when the newly-formed Northern California Inter-Group Conference got airborne.

Forming the new Inter-Group unit are Dunsmuir, Mt. Shasta, Redding, Red Bluff, Orland, Chico, Marysville, Gridley, Grass Valley, and Paradise.

Chief function of the allied groups is to hold a one-day Inter-Group gathering on the third Saturday of each month, under the sponsorship of the Northern California Inter-Group Conference.

Art S., Dunsmuir Group, and a leading figure in the formation of the Conference unit, said Jim C., Chico Group, had been elected secretary of Northern California Inter-Group Conference; that Chico had been selected as the locale for the Conference's initial gathering, Saturday, November 16.

Thereafter, the monthly sessions will be held in each of the ten communities, alphabetically. Dunsmuir, under this plan, will play host to Conference Number Two, Saturday December 21.

The Dunsmuir spokesman said that refreshments will be served according to the wishes of the host group—it is optional.

Avenue Alanon to Hear Own Member

Rose H., member of the Avenue Group, will share the rostrum with Bob G., an AA member, at the Avenue Alanon Club meeting scheduled for Wednesday November 20, at 8:30 p.m.

Avenue Alanon meets in the auditorium of St. Boniface Church, 133 Golden Gate Avenue, in downtown San Francisco.

SECOND MONTHLY PUBLIC SPEAKER MEET SLATED BY N. SACRAMENTO

Billy H., Pacifica Palisades Group of Southern California, spelled out in Chapter and Verse the need for Twelve Step work and action - in every facet of AA.

He blasted off his spritual missile at the first monthly speakers meeting, held Friday, October 18, under the auspices of the North Sacramento Groups.

Billy was preceded by Gene Ragel manager, Radio Station KAHF-FI, Auburn, Calif. Rabel a non-alcoholic teetotaler related interesting sidelights of the effects alcoholism within the communication fields - particularly, radio and TV.

The initial meeting attracted a record crowd of 186 persons which immediately spurred the combined North Sacramento Groups to undertake a second meeting. It will be

held Friday, November 15, at the Woodlake School, 700 Southgate Road, North Sacramento.

Guest speakers will be Bill and Helen R., San Diego, whose story is comparable to the "Days of Wine and Roses," Don L. program chairman, said.

He added, "the chief difference is that Bill and Helen's tale is a true story, with a wonderful AA message." They will be preceded by Le Roy Walters, director, Sacramento County Mental Health Department. Walters has a long career assisting alcoholics and the AA Fellowship.

The North Sacramento Groups plan to conduct public speaker meetings on the third Friday of each month.

LETTER FROM ROOSEVELT

To my Friends in AA:

This is Fall contribution time—the time when AA comes face-to-face with the costs of its General Services. This is the time of year when our Common Welfare is at stake.

Today, GSO is serving more than 10,000 AA groups. One thousand of these groups are in hospitals and correctional institutions and cannot easily contribute. More than 1,000 are new groups in Canada and the U.S. and need extra help.

In all its work, the General Services is an extension of your own group's activities. It needs to be self-supporting through contributions in the same way your group is self-supporting.

Yet, in the first six months of this year, contributions met only one-third of the year's budget. The remaining two-thirds must be met this Fall.

I know that your group will want to share in this — and will perhaps contribute more than its share to help balance the budget. The yardstick, remember, is \$3.00 per mem-

ber annually - usually taken from the group treasury and often added to through individual contributions.

AA has always rallied to the support of Common Welfare I know that this year will be no exception. Groups can - and will - meet the expenses of their General Services.

Sincerely,
Archibald B. Roosevelt,
Treasurer
General Service Board

P.S. Please make checks payable to: Group Fund General Service Board, and mail to Alcoholics Anonymous, 305 East 45th Street, New York City 17.

A-7-A Fall Dance

A-7-A of the Eastbay Intergroup, Oakland, is sponsoring a Fall Dance and Buffet, Saturday, November 9 at Irwin-Taylor Memorial Hall, 1527 East 14th Street, Oakland.

Dance music will be provided by the Jumpin' Jacks, and door prizes will be awarded. All proceeds will be devoted to the annual Thanksgiving Dinner given by A-7-A.

General Service Panel 1 to Hold Assembly December 7

Coastal Panel One, General Service Committee of Northern California, will hold an Assembly, Saturday, December 7 at the Andrew Hill High School, 3200 Center Road, San Jose, Calif.

An interesting program has been planned for all General Service Representatives, District Committee Members, Area Chairmen, and group members interested in the importance of General Service to the program of Alcoholics Anonymous.

This season is a mid-term Assembly with the present committee of Coastal Panel No. One in attendance.

The Assembly starts at 11:00 a.m. with registration of General Service Representatives. An afternoon session, starting at 1:00, has been programmed. A complete agenda of this session will be disseminated via District Committee Members.

Highlight of the Assembly is the appearance of Gene B., popular radio and TV announcer of "Queen for a Day" fame, who will be guest speaker, at an open AA meeting starting at 8:00 p.m.

Following the meeting, dancing is scheduled with the well-known "Jumpin' Jacks" providing the music. Door prizes will be awarded.

Forest Hills Will Celebrate Nov. 12

The Second Anniversary of the Forest Hills Group will be observed Tuesday, November 12, at the group's meeting place, 20 Woodside Avenue, near corner of Laguna Honda Boulevard, San Francisco.

A spirited program is planned by the Birthday Committee in honor of the founding of Forest Hills Group two years ago in November 1961, Joe O'G., secretary, said.

All-Spanish Meet

A newly established AA unit — Grupo Hispano Friday—meets each

Stockton to Host N.C.C. Conference

Stockton., Calif., will be the locale of the Spring Conference of Northern California Council of AA. Date of the two-day assembly has been set for Saturday & Sunday, March 21-22. Stockton AA Groups who will host the Conference were jubilant when the announcement was made at the Berkeley NCC Conference, which adjourned Sunday, October 20.

Sebastopol Group Celebrating First Birthday, Nov. 24

Sunday, November 24, marks the first anniversary of the Sebastopol Sunday Niters, Florence M., secretary announced.

The Sunday Niters will host the entire group meeting of Sonoma County in honor of its first birthday party which will be celebrated in the Sebastopol Chamber of Commerce building, Sebastopol, Calif.

Highlighting the meeting will be appearance of Lloyd S., Santa Clara, who will serve as keynote speaker for the anniversary event. Another headliner is the fine homemade cake that will be served along with plenty of good coffee.

The secretary reminds GOOD NEWS readers to come early; that everyone's welcome.

Area 6, H & I Unit Elects New Officers

Harold F., was elected chairman of Area Six, Northern California Hospital and Institution Committee. The election which recently took place in San Francisco, also elevated Glenn B. to the post of co-chairman of hospitals, and Dean W. co-chairman of institutions.

The new chairman succeeds Ernie B., who has served for several years.

Friday at 7:30 p.m., at 1292 Potrero Avenue, San Francisco. It is a closed meeting.

Panel 2 of G.S. Holding Annual Assembly Nov. 9

By Cliff J., Chairman

Interior Panel Two of the General Service Committee holds its Annual Assembly at the Sacramento Labor Center, Saturday, November 9.

A business session which convenes at 1:00 p.m. will be highlighted by the election of a New York delegate, and other important officers. It is the obligation of every group in Panel Two to be represented, and cast their vote for the nominee of their choice.

Two years ago we had remarkably fine representation at our Assembly, and during the intervening two years, response to Panel Two, and General Service in particular, has been exceptionally fine.

Consequently, I can see no major objection to the possibility of getting 100 percent representation at the November 9 Assembly.

It was my good fortune to attend the Fall Conference of NCC at Berkeley, October 19 and 20, and was impressed with the excellent General Service Workshops and meetings.

As the retiring Chairman Delegate of Northern California Interior Panel Two of the General Service Committee, I say in all humble gratitude, "God Bless AA" — and Thank You.

House Mother in Nevada is Wanted

A responsible, unencumbered AA woman, with a substantial period of freedom from alcohol and pills, is wanted for employment as a house mother for a Las Vegas Nevada, women's rehabilitation home.

She should have experience working with alcoholics. Write complete details, giving references to: Board of Directors, "We Care Foundation," 428 North 8th Street, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Jack Hart, 19 Years in AA, Dies at City of Hope, Duarte

By Dave C., Warm Springs Group,
Hidden Valley, Calif.

Jack R. Hart, Sr., passed away August 7, at The City of Hope Duarte Calif. Death was caused by lung cancer. He expired after a long, two-year battle. We grieve his passing, and pray for his very dear wife, Mabel. Jack would have celebrated his 19th AA birthday this month (October) and he will be remembered by hundreds, if not thousands, throughout southern and northern California.

Jack was very proud that he was one of the first 50 per cent, and with his first jubilation he jumped into 12th step work and kept at it until his passing. Even in his last most critical days he continued to share and encourage others who came to visit him.

GROUP ORGANIZER

Sharing the endless benefits which he received from the AA program was Jack's purpose in life. "To me, AA is the most important part of my life," he said. "After that, comes my wife and family and the rest this life has to offer. Without AA there would not be a Jack Hart, how could he have anything?"

A very active person such as he was, he was instrumental in the establishment of many groups. The first was the North Hollywood Jail Group. Then northward in the Scotia, Eureka, Garberville area, where he and his wife Mabel, operated a motel and restaurant on the Eal River, south fork, until they were washed out by the floods in 1955. After that, and following an earlier bout with cancer, Jack and Mabel resettled in Chico. Jack was active from Sacramento to Redding and all way points. His genial presence was a welcome sign for coffee and AA talk in any coffee shop, or his home where it seems there was a perpetual AA meeting going on that was interrupted only by the incessant jangle of the telephone bringing in and sending out more AA by wire.

ANONYMITY ATTITUDE

To Jack, anonymity was one of the finest of principles, but to himself, personality it didn't go for very

much. AA was something to do a lot about, not in a promotional sense, but as he put it "How in the hell is some sick bas--d, who is all wrapped up in his own stink going to know about AA and me if I don't tell him?" or "Heart attack? Hell, everybody knew the SOB had been drunk for years. So, he didn't have a drinking problem. I didn't know his heart would kill him, but I knew for sure that booze would. So it was a heart attack, and he would rather be dead than be an alcoholic, let him. Why don't the d--n papers and medics say it was booze that caused the attack. It would give us an easier approach to help a lot of very sick people".

A NEW RELATIVE

When Jack sponsored me, or rather when he came to my house, I didn't know it but I met a new relative. Through him I met a lot more. He opened a door for me that I never knew about and it had been at the end of my fingertips all those years. It was like coming home again, the one I left as a youth, and never knew where or how to return.

Wherever Good AAs go I'm sure that Jack is there holding a meeting. Even though he said "For us AA is a must, first. After that you oughta go to your church if you feel that way, but don't get 'em mixed up. There ain't no substitute for AA, if you get to thinking it is so, you might get drunk". My inclination is to believe that my higher power, whom I shall choose to call GOD, is big enough to understand exactly what our beloved Jack meant, and I'm sure he would let him use HIS big book.

Dr. Jellinek, AA Friend is Dead

When Dr. E. M. Jellinek passed away on Tuesday, October 22, Alcoholics Anonymous lost a staunch friend, and a loyal, sympathetic advisor.

An international authority on research into the problems of alcoholism, Dr. Jellinek apparently died of a heart attack in his office at Stanford University. He was 73 years of age.

Had Dr. Jellinek lived, he would have had a seat of honor at the Speaker's Table at the Annual AA Banquet and Ball, held Saturday October 26, at the Fairmont Hotel.

Dr. Jellinek was visiting professor of psychiatry and research associated at the Institute for the Study of Human Problems.

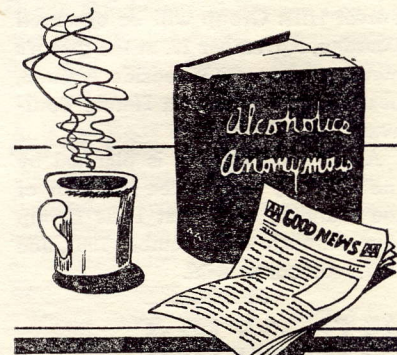
Before coming to Stanford he was a director of studies on alcoholism at Yale University and the New York University School of Medicine.

He also had been a consultant to the World Health Organization and was secretary-general of the International Institute for Research on the Problems of Alcohol.

Survivors include his wife Martha of 1011 Channing avenue, Palo Alto; and a daughter, Mrs. Charles Surry of New York.

For Women Only

A new, closed group for women only, now meets every Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at the Stepping Stone House, 255 Tenth Avenue, San Francisco.



Happy Habits

1533 Attending Berkeley Conference Swap Facilities

The Northern California Council of Alcoholics Anonymous adjourned its October Conference in Berkeley, Calif., Sunday, October 20, at 2:00 p.m. concluding one of the most successful NCC conclaves yet held. The two-day conference (Saturday and Sunday, October 19-20) drew a capacity crowd of 1533 which severely taxed the accommodations of the university town's hotels, motels, and restaurants.

It was highlighted by General Service Work Shops and Open Meetings; Hospital and Institutions Meetings; Central Secretaries Assemblies; two monster AA Public Meetings; a hard-hitting business meeting of the Northern California Council, and informative gatherings conducted by the Alanon groups and the Alateens.

BUSY AGENDA

A high point in the two-day session was a Saturday night dance in the ballroom of the venerable Shattuck Hotel with the noted AA dance band, The Jumpin' Jacks providing the music.

Here are some of the highlights of the busy sessions that took place in the Berkeley Community Center and in the adjacent Berkeley High School cafeteria.

On Saturday, at 1:00 p.m. a General Service Open Meeting was attended by some 325 persons. Everett K., General Service Delegate from the State of Washington, spoke for some 45 minutes. He intermingled interesting facets of his AA career which led to his becoming a General Service Delegate. He related a wealth of detail concerning General Service activities.

The General Service Work Shop, in the morning session, drew an attendance of 150.

JUDGE TALKS

At the Saturday afternoon session of the Hospital and Institution Committee, some 350 delegates heard Municipal Judge Joseph Babich of Sacramento relate his experience

with the Half Way House and the Altua Village activity. Both are worthy rehabilitation projects in Sacramento.

Roberto H., now of San Francisco, gave a graphic account of the plight of the alcoholic in Central America and in Mexico. Things and conditions described by Roberto were almost unbelievable.

Sunday, at 9:15 a.m., at another Hospital and Institution Workshop Meeting, Don Fricke, California State Department of Corrections, Fresno, gave an interesting account of progress being made in understanding, and in treating, the alcoholic at the State Correction Department level.

GUEST SPEAKER

Berkeley Mayor Wallace Johnson gave a warm welcoming speech prior to the Saturday night Open Public Meeting, and Frank Madigan, Sheriff of Alameda County expressed his appreciation of the work being done by AA.

Guest speaker Al M., Hollywood Group, gave a witty account of his life as an AA member but carefully let his appreciative audience know in no uncertain terms that the program of Alcoholics Anonymous is a deadly serious project—if it is to be successfully practiced. He received warm applause at the conclusion of his 60-minute talk.

SATURDAY DANCE

The Hotel Shattuck ballroom was the scene of a big Saturday night dance which permitted the hard-working delegates and members sorely-needed relaxation, and time to meet old friends that had traveled from all parts of the State to attend the October Conference. Fun and gaiety prevailed at the colorful affair. The Jumpin' Jacks provided danceable tunes until midnight.

The Sunday agenda was highlighted by the second Open Public Meeting at the Berkeley Community Center.

"Hards Times Dance" at S.F. Alano Club

The Alano Club of San Francisco 414 Grant Avenue in the City by the Golden Gate lists their social events for November, as follows:

HARD TIMES DANCE—Saturday, Nov. 2. Here's your chance to break out your old, funny, and worn-out duds and "come as you are." Costume and door prizes. Dance to the tunes of the Jumpin' Jacks.

THANKSGIVING DANCE—Saturday, Nov. 16, "A night of Thanksgiving to all of you who helped us," Bus D., program chairman, said. Door prizes, and the Jumpin' Jacks, of course.

OPEN HOUSE—Thursday, Nov. 21, Thanksgiving Day—All is "open house" at the Alano Club. Buffet luncheon served from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Come visit this famed club.

BIRTHDAY PARTY—Saturday, Nov. 30—On this day, all AA's that observe November as their AA birthday month will be honored. Coffee and cak served with plenty of lively fun.

Jim M. to Speak At Modesto Meet

Stanislaus Inter-Group Council of Alcoholics Anonymous will hold the third session of a series of open guest speaker meetings, Tuesday, December 3, at 8:00 p.m.

Meeting will be held at the Modesto Irrigation District Auditorium, 1112 Eleventh Street, Modesto, Calif.

Featured speaker will be Jim M., newly elected Trustee of the General Service Board of AA. He will attend with his wife, Marge. As an added attraction, Janie C., Stockton Alateen member, telling the meeting more about the functions of the Alateen Group.

A cordial invitation is extended to all AA members and friends. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

Art S., Dunsmuir, Celebrates 15th

Members of Redding Group recently journeyed north where they joined Dunsmuir Group in celebrating the fifteenth AA birthday of Art S., active member of Dunsmuir.

Said Art: "It was the proudest day of my life, and by far, the happiest party I've ever attended."

On October 10, 1948, at 8:00 p.m. Art attend his first AA meeting in San Francisco accompanied by his sponsor, Bill S., editor of GOOD NEWS.

Since that first exposure, Art has not taken a backward step. He formed groups in San Luis Obispo; devoted much time and effort to General Service and the Hospital & Institution Committees, particularly in prison work.

He, and his wife, Bobbie have been in forefront in most every NCC Conference during the past decade, handling difficult assignments on important committee work, and as they say, "loving every minute of it."

Panel One, G.S. Assembly Set for San Jose, Dec. 7

General Service Committee, Panel One, will hold a one-day Assembly, Saturday December 7, at the high school located at 3200 Senter Road San Jose, Calif.

Scheduled is an afternoon assembly followed by a special evening program featuring a good speaker. A dance is slated with the Jumpin' Jacks providing the music. Door prizes will be awarded the lucky ones.

Northern California Council delegates meet the same day at the same address, between 10:00 a.m. and noon. This gathering is the Quarterly Meeting of the NCC.

It's important that delegates attend both the morning and afternoon sessions of the G.S. meeting and the NCC 'quarterly.'

LOOK!

Northern California Panel No. 2 General Service

AA ASSEMBLY

When: **Sat., Nov. 9th, 1963**

1:00 P.M. Business Session

Election of officers: including our delegate to N.Y. for next 2 years

8:00 P.M. - SPEAKER

C. T. "DUKE" P.

Santa Monica 23 year member—dating back to Akron,
Ohio group with co-founder:

DR BOB!

THIS IS TERRIFIC !

Where: **SACRAMENTO LABOR TEMPLE**

2525 STOCKTON BOULEVARD, Sacramento, Calif.

PUBLIC WELCOME

Good News

Published Monthly in San Francisco
By the Northern California Council
of Alcoholics Anonymous
Address all letters to GOOD NEWS
166 Geary Street, Room 79
San Francisco 8, California
Subscription Price — \$1.20 per year



Vol. XII November, 1963 No. 3

After Hours Group Holds Meetings in "Wee Small Hours"

The "After Hours Group" is lively little group of entertainers bartenders, and other night owls of various occupations.

Main theme of the After Hours unit is importance of anonymity. This is due, in a large part, to the number of members who are in the public eye.

Meetings are speaker-discussion, beginning at 2:30 a.m. Saturday (Friday night) at 1464 Valencia Street, San Francisco.

Katie G., program chairman, submits the following roster of speaker for November:

November 2—Joe D.; November 9, Bill L.; November 16, Frank B.; November 23, John O.; and November 30, Harold D.

Katie reminded GOOD NEWS subscribers that everyone is welcome to attend these "wee small hours" meetings the only of its kind in San Francisco.

And, she said they are excellent for those unable to sleep; they are particularly good for letting loose of one's problems.

New Secretaries

The Roseville (Calf.) Monday Night Group has elected Dale M., secretary, and Bill V., treasurer, it was announced recently.

New secretary of the South Sacramento Group is Barny S. Friends and the staff of Good News congratulate the new officers.

South of Market Unit Reactivated

One of the famous, old "original" AA groups — South of Market Group — became reactivated October 20, and will hold regular meetings each Sunday from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

The old "stamping grounds" at 235 Minna Street between Third and Fourth Streets, San Francisco where many an old-timer got his, or her, first introduction to the Miracle of AA, has been retained as the Skid Row meeting place.

Merit Group Meet

The once-a-year Traditional Open Meeting, sponsored by the Merit Group of Oakland, Calif., will be held Tuesday, November 26, at 8:15, in the First Congregation Church, 22nd and Harrison Street, Oakland.

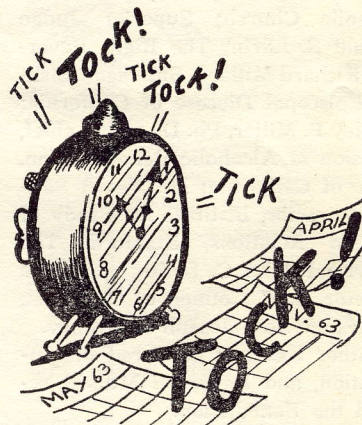
Held once annually, the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, the meeting will be highlighted by the appearance of Rollin W., business manager of GOOD NEWS and president of the Alcoholic Rehabilitation Association of S. F.

Bob G., secretary of the Traditional Open Meeting, said a lively program is planned.

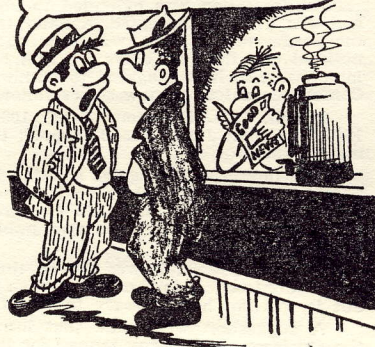
GET IT MADE?!



BY RETO



WELL... LOUIE FORGOT... SAYS HE DOESN'T NEED MEETINGS ANYMORE...



HELP!



MORE ABOUT

AA Banquet

(continued from page 1)

The head table was distinguished by an impressive gathering of honored guests from the fields of theology, medicine, law, social studies, human relations and the Fourth Estate. They included:

Municipal Judge Fitz-Gerald Ames, Chief of Police Thomas J. Cahill, Vallejo's Municipal Judge William W. Cox, Captain Stanley F. Davey, director, Harbor Light Center, Salvation Army; Municipal Judge Emmet Daly Former San Quentin Warden Clinton Duffy, Cliff Engle, chief, KFRC News Bureau and the producer of "The Problem Drinker"; The Reverend Patrick Kearney, CSV., assistant pastor, St. John's Catholic Church; Superior Judge Gerald S. Levin; The Right Reverend Richard Millard, Suffragan Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of California; Dudley P. Miller, Ph. D., acting chief, Division of Alcoholic Rehabilitation, State of California; Dr. Nevitt Sanford, director, Institute for Study of Human Relations, Stanford. The Reverend John C. Smith, executive director, S. F. Council of Churches; and Supervisor Joseph E. Tinney.

Father Kearney delivered the Invocation, and Reverend Millard recited the Benediction.

Hundreds of diners remained after the keynote talk to dance to the music of Anson Week's Orchestra.

New Santa Rosa Group Fills Need

The Mid-Week Wednesday Afternoon Group meets from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. each Wednesday in the lower hall of the Santa Rosa Alano Club, 70 South E. Street, Santa Rosa California.

Its primary purpose is to provide an AA meeting for persons working the late shift — night jobs — and unable to attend regular AA meetings. Established in July, this year, the Mid-Week Wednesday Afternoon has progressively demonstrated a real need.

Dr. Earle to Give Blackboard Talk

On Saturday, December 7, Dr. Earle M., Mill Valley Group, will appear on the platform of St. Mathews Episcopal Auditorium, Baldwin Avenue and El Camino Real, San Mateo, Calif., to give his famous "blackboard" pitch. The meeting, commencing at 8:30 p.m., is sponsored by the Peninsula All-Groups.

New Wawona Group

A new San Francisco speaker-discussion group was recently founded which will be known as the Sunday Wawona Group. It meets every Sunday at 8:00 p.m. at the clubhouse, located at 20th Avenue and Wawona, San Francisco.

A business meeting held October 6, with 37 persons in attendance, formally launched the new unit. Hank B. is secretary, and Norm D., assistant secretary.

MINUTES

NCC Business Meeting, Fall Conference Berkeley, Sunday, October 20, 1963

Stan W., assistant secretary, opened the meeting with the usual moment of silence. He then read a letter from Errol W. which he received October 8, in which Errol submitted his resignation as secretary to NCC and requested Stan to take over the duties. Stan asked for an expression from the group and it was duly moved, seconded and unanimously approved that Stan continue as secretary of NCC until March of 1964 when there will be an election for a secretary and assistant secretary.

A financial report was given showing a balance in the treasury of \$300.98 as of October 14, 1963. The regular monthly service charge of \$25 to the S. F. Office of the Inter-County Fellowship has not been paid since February. The services to NCC as provided by the S. F. Office were explained in detail to those present, and it was agreed that this \$25 per month should be paid.

Rollin explained the new postal rules and stressed the importance of having the correct mailing address as third class mail is not forwarded, nor it is returned to sender. He requested all present to stress this in the groups and whenever a group or an individual moves to please forward a change of address immediately. He also asked for more news items to be sent in to Good News.

Stan also talked of the importance of having a mailing address for each each group, or group NCC representatives. It was duly moved, seconded and carried that the secretary be allowed to use whatever means necessary to obtain an adequate mailing list for NCC.

Dates for future conferences were discussed. March 21 and 22, 1964 the annual conference will be held in Stockton and plans are well underway. After discussion it was moved, seconded and carried that there be a banquet on Saturday night instead of the Sunday breakfast at the Stockton Conference. This can be done for \$4.50 per person with seating limited to 600. The banquet will be at 6 p.m. with perhaps a short program, but the main speaker will be at the regular open meeting at 8:30 p.m.

The Mayor, city fathers and Chamber of Commerce of Dunsmuir extended an invitation to NCC to hold a conference there. Since Napa has asked to be relieved of the conference, it was moved, seconded and carried that the June Conference of 1964 will be held in Dunsmuir. A committee will visit Dunsmuir to look over the facilities.

An invitation was extended to hold the March 1966 conference in Sacramento and this was duly accepted. A letter from the Chico Chamber of Commerce inviting the conference in 1965 was read. After discussion it was agreed that Chico be notified that the 1965 dates are full, but that we will be happy to entertain a date later on. Also it was agreed to withhold any future invitations for at least a year. Conference dates are now set as follows:

March, 1964, Stockton; June, 1964, Dunsmuir; October, 1964, Fresno; March, 1965, San Jose; June, 1965, Lakeport; October, 1965, Watsonville; March, 1966, Sacramento.

The next NCC delegates meeting has been set for 10 a.m. Saturday, December 7, in San Jose. This will be held at the Andrew Hill High School, 3200 Senter Road, the same location as the G.S. Conference Panel No. 1 Assembly which will start at 1:00 p.m. There will be an open public meeting in the evening with an outstanding speaker and a dance.

After discussion it was agreed that raffle tickets should be sold at the dances at the Conference, to those who wish to buy them at 3 for \$1. Prizes will be given but it will not be necessary to buy tickets to attend the dance.

A suggestion was made that local groups might set up a literature table at the Conferences, and any money for literature sold would go back to the local area. There have been requests for literature and it is felt some should be available.

Respectfully submitted,
AVICE A., Recording Secretary