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FRIDAY DEC. 20—Jom W., H&I Committee, S.F. Fellowship; and Jack H., Palo Alto Friday Group.

FRIDAY, DEC. 27—Leo B., formerly a Surf Group member, now of Portland, Ore.; and Chaplain Frank Tiernan, director, Rehabilitation Program, Salvation Army, San Francisco.

The meeting place at 240 Golden Gate Avenue is comfortably equipped (continued on page 5)

REQUIESCAT IN PAGE

As it must to all men death on November 7, came to Eddie Fitzgerald in San Salvador, El Salvador, Central America.

Known to thousands of Bay Area members he early achieved the cognomen of "Page 99 Eddie" because he was won't to say: "Everything I need to know about the Program is found on Page 99 of the Big Book".

The Boston Irishman came to San Francisco when AA was in its swaddling clothes. Here he achieved the status of an Elder Statesman in AA, aiding and abetting hundreds of newcomers, largely because of his dedication to the basic principles of AA which he preached with the simple zeal of a crusader.

He founded the Surf Group in San Francisco, later moving to Central America. His greatness and eminence in the eyes of the San Salvadoreans can be probably best described by an eye-witness who attended his funeral in San Salvador on November 10:

"I have just come back from "Mr. Eddie's funeral. I must admit that I was one of the 1000 people at the cemetery who were moved. The funeral was a true exposition of appreciation, sympathy and gratitude of the people of El Salvador to "Mr. Eddie". Four speeches were delivered, the last one by a priest. He said

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Panel 1 Set for Dec. 7th

Plans are completed for a one-day General Service Assembly scheduled for Sunday, December 7, at the Andrew Hill High School 3200 Senter Road San Jose, California.

Coastal Panel One, NCC General Service Committee, is sponsoring the highly important service Assembly under the chairmanship of George B., Marin County, who will also serve as moderator.

Bill G. chairman-delegate, and an active member of Surf Group, San Francisco, said:

"All AA members are welcome to attend and participate in discussions. The day-long session will be informative and interesting especially to Valley people, who wish to know more about the importance of General Service to AA growth and Continuity."

He added: "General Service Representatives and General Service Committee members are particularly urged to attend inasmuch as there are important issues at stake plus an Election of Officers."

The days agenda is, as follows:

1:00—Registration of Representatives and Committeemen.

Noon-1:00 p.m.—Buffet Lunch.

1:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m.—Roll Call. Bill G., chairman-delegate, introduces candidates up for election and outlines the functions of each post. Offices to be filled are:

1. Secretary of Panel One, General Service Committee.

2. Committee Chairman of Panel One.

3. Grapevine Secretary.

4. Panelist Chairman.

1:30-2:00 p.m.—"Responsibilities for Service" a series of four 5-minute (Continued on page 5)

"Mynah Bird" is Beginning Second Publication Year

November marked the beginning of the second year of publication of the "Mynah Bird" official monthly news sheet published by the Honolulu Intergroup Office on the island of Oahu. The first issue was a single mimeographed sheet with a total circulation of 60 copies. October's issue, a four-pager, now boasts a circulation of 400 including several countries outside the USA.

The editor, in taking a backward look, said: "There have been some anxious moments as to whether or not, how and when, the next issue would be printed. But with faith in a High Power and by not taking that "first one," MYNAH BIRD made it o.k. — somehow, some way."

The staff of GOOD NEWS extends its congratulations to the MYNAH BIRD staff and to the faithful grouped members who supported the publication during the first 12 months following its founding.

Mist critical days for an "infant" is the first year, following birth.

Inter Groups of Honolulu Elect

The following new "trusted servants" were elected September 25 by the Honolulu Inter Group to "lead" the combined island AA organization for the next 12 months: Chuck H., Waikiki Group, chairman; Bob C., Kaneohe Group, vice chairman; Pat M., Young Peoples, secretary-recorder; and Butch C., Kahaaluu Group, treasurer.

Exile in Siberia

A subscriber writes: "Please renew my subscription to your good paper GOOD NEWS. It is our only contact with AA in our "Siberia of Northern California."

To protect the writer from the wrath of the Chamber of Commerce of this Northern California community "Siberia" will remain our Shangri-La.

FOUNDATION GRANTS \$2500 TO STEPPING STONE; S.F. SOROPTIMISTS GIVE \$1500

Two separate grants totalling \$4,000 have been received in recent weeks by the Stepping Stone, 255 Tenth Avenue, San Francisco.

First of the financial windfalls came from the San Francisco Foundation which contributed \$2500. In making the award, John R. May, executive director, said in part, "... payment is contingent upon your having received contributions of not less than \$10,000 from other sources".

Mr. May also stated, "we have made no commitment toward the second and third years of your work, but we are ready to consider repeating the grant after taking a look at your first year's work."

The second welcome gift came from the S. F. Soroptimist Club. It made an award of \$1500. The service

club, composed of women executives presently headed by Mrs. Vida Herold, president, presented the check to Mrs. Pardow Hooper who first brought Stepping Stone to the Soroptimist's attention and to Mrs. Alice Blake, treasurer, S. F. Women's Rehabilitation Center.

Stepping Stone had received gifts and pledges of some \$14,000 with these gifts, Mrs. Blake said.

Dove is on Mend

Seriously injured in an auto accident this past July, Dove M., then secretary of Peninsula All-Groups, is well on the road to recovery. She was well enough to attend a meeting at her beloved group—in a wheelchair.

YOUR SECRETARY REPORTS

Most of the time spent by your secretary since the Berkeley Conference has been spent in attempting to revise and correct the Council's Mailing List. It is hoped that this can be completed within the next 30 days so that it will be possible to start mailing advance information about the Annual Conference to be held in Stockton on March 21-22, next year.

Final figures are not yet available on the finances of the Berkeley Conference. This much is known however, there will be no deficit. This is again an opportunity to again thank Eleanor and her committee for the outstanding Conference in Berkeley.

NEW FEATURE

It should be pointed out at this time that the Annual Conference in Stockton will be the SEVENTEENTH Annual Conference of the Northern California Council. One of the new features will be the Conference Dinner which will replace the Annual Breakfast. This was unanimously agreed upon in Berkeley. If this proves successful it may become a permanent feature of the Annual Conference. The Stockton Committee has already made arrangements for the dinner and order forms for tickets that will be mailed in December. There is only space for 600 persons at the Dinner. You are urged to send in your orders early as tickets will be issued on a first come, first served basis. The cost will be \$4.50 per plate including tax and tip. Remittance for your tickets must accompany the order.

SAN JOSE ASSEMBLY

Your secretary has called a meeting of the Central Committee of the Council for 10 a.m. Saturday, December 7, 1963 at the Andrew Hill High School at 3200 Senter Road, San Jose. If you are a member of the Central Committee and have not received a notice please attend anyway if possible.

Start making your plans now to attend the Annual Conference in Stockton on March 21-22 1964.

That's all for this month. See you again next month in GOOD NEWS.

STAN W., Secretary, NCC.

Panel 2 Elects N. Y. Delegates

By Cliff J., GS Committe

From a field of highly active committee members who have faithfully served their GS Committee over the past 24 months, Rickey S., Redding, emerged via Third Legacy procedure as the new Chairman-Delegate of Panel Two, General Service Committee. Rickey will serve a two-year term.

Dating back to 1953, he was delegate to the assembly many times, and given unselfish devotion to AA and upon the committees which he served.

Harold M., Broderilk, was elected Alternate-Delegate and Secretary. Harold deserves the honor bestowed upon him. As Treasurer for the past two years, he gave effective service to that important post.

OFFICERS LAUDED

Our new Treasurer, Pat S. of Paradise, needs no introduction to AA. Pat has been around a long time and has given great support to AA and its principles.

We know that under the guidance of Rickey, Harold and Pat, Panel Two is in good hands. We feel that fellow committee members and General Service Representatives will cooperate 100 per cent behind this slate, and that GS will flourish and expand more efficiently than ever before.

Panel One is grateful for the faithful services of our members. We are likewise beholden to Bill G., San Francisco, and to Bertha E., Gal G., and our own Bill S. Stan W. performed a stellar job as "blackboard operator," and we also express our humble and grateful thanks to the 51 voting GSR's, committee members, and large numbers of interested persons who attended this assembly.

POLICY REVIEW

Highlights of the general assembly included, in the first half of the meeting, a review of AA in general, and General Service in particular,

SOUTH OF BORDER CRUSADER DIES

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Eddie had accomplished what the church and the priests had been unable to do. Others recalled him "the greatest North American who has come to this land", since he was able to deliver in his "half tongue" (poor Spanish) the message of peace he had received and was willing to share with the people."

Elsewhere in this edition of GOOD NEWS, Eddie's story "The Silent Chairman" graphically tells the "miracle of AA in Central America" a reprint from a pamphlet issued by the General Service Office, N.Y.

SURF GROUP SETS '63 YULE PARTY

Lloyd S., Santa Clara, longtime AA member and former delegate to the General Service Conference, will be an added feature attraction at Surf Group's annual Christmas Party.

The colorful Yule affair will be held Monday December 16, at 8:30 p.m., at the Community Church, 34th Avenue and Noriega San Francisco.

Bill G., program chairman, said the spacious social hall adjacent to the church will accommodate all AA members, their relatives and friends who wish to attend. And, he said, all will be welcomed.

Cynthia W., Burlingame, who will serve as Visiting Chairman, will introduce the guest speaker.

Following Lloyd's talk a nice buffet will be served, but coffee will be available from 7:30 p.m. for "early birds".

was clarified. Important aspects of GS policies and functions were capably emphasized by Floyd B., former delegate to New York, from Panel Two.

Bill G., brought us up to date on "Sharing Sessions" and Stan W. explained the General Service Conference — its aims and purposes.

PENINSULA SET TO HEAR EARL M

One of the featured speakers who will appear in December meetings sponsored by the Peninsula All-Groups will be Dr. Earl M., Mill Valley Group, delivering his noted "blackboard" pitch. A stellar array of speakers rounds out the Holiday Season program, as follows

Saturday Dec. 7 — Dr. Earl M's "blackboard talk", which will be hosted by the San Carlos Wednesday Group.

Saturday, Dec. 14—Dede W., San Carlos Group. The genial group from Pacifica will serve as hosts.

Saturday, Dec. 21—Eve T., Palo Alto Group will be hosted by the Palo Alto Sunday Group.

Saturday, Dec. 28—Joe B., Azure Acres, up in the Sebastopol-Forestville area. Joe will be host of the South San Francisco Group.

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

Coffee is served before, and after, meetings with plenty of arms-length AA. Everyone is welcome.

Destruction is Easy

To criticize, to destroy, is not difficult. The clumsiest laborer knows how to drive his pick into the noble and finely-hewn stone of a cathedral.

Jose M. Escrivá . . "The Way"

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Alcoholics Anonymous

The Silent Chairman

Experiment in Latin America

In 1955 a Boston Irishman arrived in El Salvador on business. In order to stay sober he needed AA meetings. However, he feared that if preached he would be labeled a "gringo." Thus began a new idea in groups, "Silent Chairman."

In El Salvador, Central America, we have evidence that Latin Americans are particularly well suited both by temperament and emotional content to the therapeutic influence of the AA program. The ability of Latin Americans to quickly grasp the principles of AA and put them into practice proves that even as "alcohol is no respecter of persons," the Greater Power in AA also plays no favorites. Latin Americans are fine AAs.

We eliminated a great deal of futile endeavor, lost motion and effort by concentrating on the primary purpose of AA, "to stay sober and help other alcoholics achieve sobriety." We tried to conform to the program. We tried to practice the Twelve Steps in our personal lives and kept strictly within the Twelve Traditions, in our group affairs.

WE KEEP TRYING

We know that AA carries within itself the seed of its own construction. (Apologies to K. Marx.) If we perform our true role and try to become instruments of AA, the program will do its job unhampered by our improvisations and personal improvements. We don't ever try to "paint the lily." We are content with everything about AA, including the services, structures and the rest. We have no wish to improve anything but ourselves and our efforts to conform. "We try to practice these principles in all our affairs," including our AA affairs. We are in full accord with Bill's message in the February, 1961 Grapevine. We keep trying.

KEEP IT SIMPLE

Meetings: Our meetings are in keeping with the late beloved Dr. Bob's advice, "Keep it simple." A chairman opens the meeting (closed) reads, or has some one read, the definition of AA.

This keeps before us our primary purpose. He then sits down and remains silent. One by one, without selection, members come forward and speak to the group. No one is ever briefed, coached or instructed; no speaker is ever criticized.

SPONTANEOUS UTTERANCE

A member may pour out his heart—anyone present, even at his first meeting, can and often does, so participate. The quality of this type of spontaneous utterance is very high. The Spanish language lends its beauty to the inherent beauty of our program and the result is inspirational. Here is where leaders make their presence known.

There is an equality of opportunity here. There are no "mute, inglorious Miltons". We never underestimate an alcoholic. The next one to join us may be destined to lead us to heights never before achieved. Everyone brings something useful to AA. We need to utilize the talents of all. If we fail to render each one a chance to develop, we wrong the member and our Society.

WE SHARE

Everyone in AA is important but no one in AA is too important. No one occupies a service post for too long here. It is the custom for older members to give newer ones a chance to participate.

No one goes to waste or fails to contribute in some way to the group effort if we can help it. We share opportunities to develop through service with as many as possible.

This method of permitting the new person to participate and giving each member recognition as an individual has been the key to our success here.

When an older member sits to one side and surrenders a group responsibility to a newer one, both benefit; the older one by sharing, the newer

by participating. Our Society is growing every day because no misguided leaders stand in the way of progress by newer members.

THE KITTY

A collection is taken. After the collection, speakers continue to "share their experience, strength, and hope", as time allows. The meeting closes with the traditional recitation of the Lord's Prayer. Meetings are the big thing in El Salvador. As the result of our method of sharing the opportunity to participate, there are hundreds of members fully capable of guiding our beloved Society on a national basis. Thus the seed germinates, develops and bears fruit. We have open meetings in various sections to observe special events, feasts and anniversaries. These are times of reunion. Visitors come from all parts of the country bearing greetings from their local groups. They select their own speakers who give progress reports.

JOYOUS EVENTS

There is much joy on these occasions and all try to attend. Attendance is usually over a thousand.

Result: Here in El Salvador are the usual programs which treat alcoholism. We neither condemn nor support them. We don't bother them and they have not bothered us. We are conscious of no handicap because of their presence. The need for therapy is great and there is room for all. We mind our own business which is "to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety."

EVERYONE EQUAL

As a result, our program reaches into every level of society, every industry, profession, art and business. Within our Society are rich alcoholics and poor alcoholics. To the Society all are equal. To the world all are anonymous.

We believe our message is best delivered by the example of the recovered alcoholic trying to practice our principles in all his affairs. This has had a terrific impact on society here. AA is respected. AAs are given job preference. People with the problem, either in their personal lives or that of an employee or relative, seek us out.

BOUNDLESS GROWTH

The Society grows so fast that a census is impossible. "Groupo Central, our largest, is forced to meet in seven sections with a daily, as well as a Sunday meeting. The weekly attendance grosses 1,500. There are about forty other groups located all over the country, eight of which are here in the Capitol, including a women's group.

The groups outside the Capitol have from twenty to a hundred members. Hector G. of Buenos Aires has used our system this year and reports that membership has doubled to 800 and there are now twenty leaders. They will grow by leaps and bounds.

SIMPLE SYSTEM

In Honduras, Paul D., of Tegucigalpa, says our system has helped build a new group of 15 members in less than a year, with several offshoots already in existence.

All of which supports our feeling that the fundamentals of AA furnish the best means of expanding our field of service. We hope to carry his message to all Latin America. The need is great "South of the Border."

—E. F. San Salvador, El Salvador.

Fine Speakers To All-Groups

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ped with padded seats air conditioning, excellent P.A. system, and elevator service.

Service at coffee bar opens at 7:00 p.m.

PANEL ONE SET FOR DECEMBER 7th

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talks, as follows: (a) General Service Structure by Stan W; Public Relations by Bertha M; The Grapevine by Lloyd S., and The AA and His Years of Sobriety.

2:00 to 2:15 p.m.—Coffee Break.

2:15 to 3:30 p.m.—Regular Business Meeting. Dave B., chairman.

8:00 p.m.—Open Meeting. Paul G., Mill Valley, chairman. Gene B., Hollywood, Guest Speaker.

10.00 p.m.—Dance to the tunes of the "Jumpin Jacks."

H & I BROAD-SIDES

By WALTER Mc C.,

Chairman, H & I Committee, NCC

AT THE LONG BEACH CONFERENCE, the general theme was based on communications. Bud C., General Chairman of the NCC H & I, set a practical goal for the H&I program when he came home and started talking "Rotation of Chairmen". Since that time, in keeping with his own convictions, he has resigned and I was elected as General Chairman. Then Bill S., formerly of Stockton, was elected Regional Chairman for 2, 3, 4, 8 and 9 and John M. of San Francisco was elected Regional Chairman of 5, 6, 7 and 11.

YOUR CHAIRMAN HAS BEEN on a geographical tour attending H&I meetings in different areas. George B., is the new Area Chairman in Sacramento. Then, with Bill S., we attended an H&I meeting in Modesto. Perley D., former Area Chairman resigned after serving two years and Bud A. was elected to replace Perley.

Then, again with Bill S., we visited Chico and Ed S., Area Chairman for Area 3. It now appears that there is a new feeling of enthusiasm and desire for action in that area which has been somewhat dormant for some time. People volunteered their services in H&I work from Redding, Grass Valley, Oroville at the Chico meeting.

TRYING TO KEEP PACE with that Traveling Regional Chairman from the Valley, Bill S., I found myself driving to Visalia where we had an H&I meeting in the home of Mr. Frickey, Counsellor of all the Forest Camps under the supervision of Soledad Prison. Mr. Frickey had invited all the Lieutenants-in-charge of the different Forest Camps to attend this meeting. I believe it was one of the most informative meetings it has been my pleasure to attend. I really learned the importance of communications between personnel of the various Facilities, and the coordinators and contact chairman. Elsie, Chairman for Area 9 has worked diligently in the past several months to organize an active H&I Committee to "carry the message" to many new institutions.

IN THE MEANTIME, AREA 6, at their H&I meeting, elected Harold F., of Colma, area chairman replacing Ernie B. who became coordinator for San Quentin.

This reminds me that the San Quentin Group has changed its name to the Robert B. Flippen Memorial Group, and Ken B. and George S. have volunteered to be co-sponsors of the newly renamed Memorial Group.

I SUPPOSE YOU HAVE wondered what has happened to that "Gypsy Chris C., King of Construction Projects". He is well and is now Area Chairman for Area 13 where he plans to work hard in activating H&I in the area of Redding and Red Bluff.

So, with the able prodding of Bud C., rotation has really set in and with these new personnel comes the enthusiasm and the new ideas to the H&I Committee.

I THINK THAT H&I communications between the officials of the various facilities and the H&I personnel will improve especially since the area chairmen are also appointing coordinators who understand their responsibilities and are willing to devote the time and effort to see that the meetings are fully and properly covered.

No Anniversary For Willow Glen

For the past 14 years, Willow Glen Group, down San Jose way, has consistently held an annual Anniversary Meeting in November to commemorate the founding of the group on November 10, 1949.

That's when Harvey W. and Frank K. started the tiny group which shortly bloomed into a full-fledged unit, meeting at the American Legion Hall on Isabella Drive.

No anniversary was held this past November. Harvey is down with a serious illness and Frank is hospitalized. Betty S. is serving as temporary secretary.

Florida Issues New Publication

The Inter-Groups of the Greater Duval County Area, Jacksonville, Florida, has recently issued a four-page publication titled "Add-A-Line", the official paper of the AA groups in that area.

Presently, "Add-A-Line" is being published by a couple of AA members with their own funds. GOOD NEWS welcomes this latest newspaper to enter the ever-growing AA publication field. And, it congratulates the two dedicated members who are spending their own money to "carry the message".



Happy Habits

NOTED HOLLYWOOD SPEAKER AND DR. BALLOU AT SACRAMENTO TO MEET

The newly-formed Central AA Fellowship Speaker's Group, composed of groups in the North Sacramento-Carmichael area, has come up with a star-studded program for their "inter-group" meeting slated for Friday, December 20, at 8:00 p.m. in the Woodlake School, 700 Southgate Road, North.

The stellar speakers featured on the program are Dr. William Ballou, M.D., prominent North Sacramento physician who has done a remarkable job in behalf of AA in the Sacramento area. Dr. Ballou, despite his active promotion of AA interests, is considered by some as a "controversial AA figure" inasmuch as he feels that "AA is not the final answer to alcoholism; that there are other forms of "therapy" for persons who can't accept the AA Fellowship".

However, an able exponent of the AA Way of Life, its principles and concepts, will also be heard. He is Ed B., a 12-year veteran of AA from Hollywood. Although Ed is widely known in his profession as an outstanding radio, TV and stage star, he is, perhaps more widely known in AA circles for his wonderful manner in presenting *The AA Story* with a terrific punch.

The new Central AA Fellowship Speaker's Group formerly held monthly "public-speaker meetings" under the auspices of the North Sacramento Groups. Recently they regrouped under its present name. Like their initial meeting which drew a crowd of 186 (under its old group title) Central AA Fellowship Speaker's Group plans to hold their public-speaker sessions on the third Friday of each month.

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Pennies From Heaven

In Charlotte, N.C., domestic relations court, the judge listened intently to both sides in a case against an elderly man who was charged by his wife with non-support.

After all the evidence was in, the judge told the defendant: "You haven't taken proper care of this good woman and I'm going to give her \$25.00 a month."

The defendant beamed with pleasure. "That's mighty nice of Your Honor, and I'll give her a dollar or two from time to time, myself."

Big New Year Party Planned

Peninsula All-Groups is agog with elaborate plans for its annual New Year's Eve Party scheduled for Tuesday December 31.

The gay, colorful affair to bid the Old Year a fond farewell and welcome in the New Year will be a gala event with Ham and Turkey dinner, the trimmin's, and a merry dancing party afterwards. It's a really Big Deal.

Los Banos Group

A brand new group has been founded in Los Banos, Phil B., a member of the fledgling unit, announced. He said the group is largely made up of construction workers that work night shifts; hence Los Banos Group meets on Sundays at 8:00 p.m.

It meets at Veterans Memorial Hall on Sixth Street across the street from the Post Office in Los Banos, Calif.

19th Annual Rodeo

The prisoners of the state penitentiary at McAlester, Okla., recently held their 19th Annual Prison Rodeo under the auspices of the Rodeo Cowboy's Ass'n.

Billed as a "mad scramble", the wildest, craziest rodeo was a disappointment to those that volunteered to ride Brahma Bulls. No riders, despite fervent prayers, were thrown over the prison's West Wall.

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ANNUAL JINKS ,AT FIRST STEP HOME

Hi-jinks in the Yuletide spirit will prevail at the Annual Holiday Party set for Saturday, December 14, at the First Step Home, 1035 Haight Street San Francisco.

Sponsored by the First Step Alumni Association the festive occasion starts with Bingo at 8:00 p.m., with valuable prizes going to winners. Bingo will be followed by a dancing party to lively music of "Rolin and His Friends".

A raffle—to cover expenses and provide prizes—will be held for a \$25.00 merchandise order and other awards including a door prize. Raffle tickets are \$1.00. Refreshments and coffee will be served.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR PARTY

The 1464 Club announced today that plans have been completed for a gala Christmas Eve party scheduled for Tuesday, December 24, starting at 8:00 p.m.

The "fun night" program includes Bingo from 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., and dancing to a good orchestra from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Door donation is 50 cents.

To "see out the Old Year and see in the New," the program chairman also announced a festive New Year party slated for Tuesday, December 31, from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Live music door prizes and fun for all is promised. Door donation, \$1.00.

The 1464 Club is located in San Francisco at 1464 Valencia Street.

VOLUNTEERS OF EUREKA HOLDING AA PUBLIC INFORMATION FORUMS

Public Information volunteers in the Eureka area have been busier than usual of late giving presentations to various public audiences by invitation.

The latest of these activities was November 13, when Shirley D. of the Fortuna group and Win S. of the Serenity House group in Eureka appeared before some 22 members of the Humboldt County law enforcement officials committee at an early morning gathering.

POLICY DEFINED

Introduction was made by the reading of the article "AA's Position in the Field of Alcoholism" which appeared in the November issue of the Exchange Bulletin. This was followed by those portions of "Cooperation but not Affiliation" which deals with AA cooperation with Federal, State and Municipal Alcoholism Agencies, and Law Enforcement, Judicial and Correctional Agencies.

"MAGEE" TAKES THIRTEENTH STEP

Mrs. Margaret M. Jackson, 69, known to hundreds of Bay Area AA friends as the "Little Mother of the Alpine", died November 13 at a Martinez Calif., hospital.

A veteran member of the AA program, she passed away after 13 years of continuous sobriety taking the "Thirteenth Step" into the world where good AAs go.

Affectionately called "Magee" by the many friends she had helped along the road to sobriety, she will be remembered by hundreds of members who will recall her attendance at the NCC Conference in San Francisco which she jauntily attended in a wheelchair.

"Magee", a native of Scotland and a resident of 99 Canal Drive, Pittsburg, Calif., for 10 years had her last rites solemnized by the Catholic Church, with services from Connelley Taylor Funeral Chapel, Martinez.

The indomitable courage and faith of Margaret M. Jackson will be remembered by 800 or more men and

A question and answer period of nearly 45 minutes held the interest of all.

'TEEN SESSION

On November 3 Mary S. of the Serenity House group, and Shirley gave a presentation to fourteen teenage members of the Ferndale Congregational Church young people's group.

Previously, Mary S and Clayton S., of the Eureka Thursday Night group, appeared before the Problems in American Democracy class of the Adult High School evening class. A question and answer period here proved to be an easy but highly interesting way of "carrying the message".

At all three appearances, General Service-approved literature of appropriate titles were distributed to those in attendance through the local AA central service committee.

women whom she helped and encouraged along life's way, when at the instigation of Emmett Daly, former assistant District Attorney of San Francisco, she operated the old Alpine Hotel. This she turned into a sort of Twelve Step House for men and women coming out of the County Jail with an alcoholic problem—and little else.

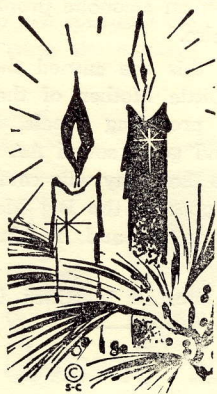
Through this she earned the sobriquet "Little Mother of the Alpine"—by providing meals, beds, clothing and good, sound AA principles — to the many who came her way. She goes to the Big Meeting with the prayers and blessings of many.

(E. Palmer D., Martinez, Calif.)

Dunsmuir Selected

Dunsmuir, Calif., will be the site of the Summer Conference of the Northern California Council of AA taking place in June, 1964.

To Our Friends Everywhere
We Wish Them All
A Joyous Christmas
and a
Happy and Prosperous
New Year



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Bill S, Editor