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## 22nd Annual NCC Conference Is Set for Stockton, March 23-24

Some 1500 members of A.A., their families and friends are expected to attend the 22nd Annual Conference of the Northern California Council of Alcoholics Anonymous. The two-day conference, slated for Saturday and Sunday, March 23rd and 24th, will be held in the Civic Auditorium, Stockton, California.

Bill G., NCC Secretary, said, "Present plans and programming give promise that it will be the high point in A.A. activities in Northern California for 1968."

### HOTEL LIST

The Stockton Chamber of Commerce is doing a magnificent job of cooperating with the Conference Committee in providing lists of motels, hotels, and restaurants, as well as other conveniences. Bill S., Stockton, is serving as Host Chairman with Bonny B. of Stockton as his Co-Chairman. They have a well-organized committee and have been busy for several weeks arranging for this forthcoming event.

Registration for the two-day event will open at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, March 23rd, and both days will be filled with workshops and a very important secretaries participation meeting with a number of Pacific Coast Inter-Group Secretaries appearing on this program.

### SPEAKERS

Keynote speakers for the Conference will be Kerry L., Ord, Nebraska, and Al J., Malibu, Cal.

Additionally, the H & I Committee, General Service, Alanon and Alateen are arranging outstanding programs.

Registration forms and other material pertaining to the Spring

### KICK OFF

Midtown Group of Stockton will host the "kick-off" meeting, Friday, March 22, at 8:00 p.m., at 248 East Poplar Street, Stockton.

This is the "Early Bird" meeting that precedes the official opening of the NCC Conference on Saturday and Sunday, March 23-24 at Stockton's Civic Auditorium.

Carletta W., secretary, said meeting will be speaker-type with guest speakers chosen at random as they walk into meeting.

Cake, coffee and arms-length AA following meeting.

affair will be mailed in early February, and the Conference Committee strongly urges that all interested persons planning to attend make reservations early.

## New Fremont Group

A new group, the "Pathfinders" has opened for business in Fremont, Calif., according to Eastbay Intergroup Fellowship, with which the new group is affiliated.

It meets at 8:15 p.m. on Thursday, at 2950 Washington Blvd., Fremont, and is an open meeting.

### LIFE EXPECTANCY

Life may not be all we want; but it's all we have.

## Good Speakers At All-Groups Meeting in S.F.

Chuck C., Laguna Beach, heads a star-studded roster of guest speakers appearing at the Friday All-Groups Meeting sponsored by San Francisco Fellowship at 240 Golden Gate Avenue in downtown S.F. Here's the February lineup:

**FRIDAY, FEB. 2**—Speaker is Father Barney who needs no introduction; The Ambassadors will host the meeting; and Zerna W., also of the Ambassadors, is chairman.

**FRIDAY, FEB. 9**—Marie and George T., Modesto, a husband-and-wife team will talk about AA from both sides of the fence; Daly City is host group; Randy P., Westlake, is chairman.

**FRIDAY, FEB. 16**—Carolene M., S.F.-Marin Breakfast Group will make half the pitch; Jerome S., S.F. Fellowship, makes the other half; Joe C., Parkside, is chairman; and his colleagues at Parkside are hosts.

**FRIDAY, FEB. 23**—With Chuck C., on the speakers' dais, this could be "sell out" or SRO meeting; George D., Telegraph Hill, is chairman; and his members from Telegraph Hill will do the hosting.

Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and so does the Coffee Bar. Meeting starts at 8:30 p.m.

Meetings are open to public and visitors invited. Comfortable accommodations include padded seats, air conditioning, fine acoustics and P.A. system. Elevator to Third Floor meeting hall.

Parking available around corner on Leavenworth Street at nominal parking fee.



## AA NEWS FROM MODESTO

Every Thursday from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., H & I volunteers take AA to the alcoholic ward at Modesto State Hospital. Recently several hospitalized AA members began including AA and the twelve steps in their government and therapy meetings.

So much interest was expressed by patients that the staff agreed to permit alcoholic patients to attend fellowship meetings one night a week. Many of these patients who have been chronic or semi-annual residents at the hospital alcoholic ward are now reaching eagerly and hopefully for more AA. With the approval of Ron G., Area 8 Chairman, and hospital authorities, outside fellowship nights have just been extended to two nights per week.

Participation in meetings has shown a definite increase since this experimental program started. When various patients are released, they continue their association with the fellowships and it is hoped further improvement of this program will result as former patients continue AA on the outside and return to the hospital meetings to refresh and renew hope for those still on the inside.

Such a program can hold far-reaching consequences. AA and H & I are supporting this move with pride and hope for the men and women who may no longer continue their futile trips in and out of the alcoholic division of the hospital. Alanon groups have also gained new members as patients discover there is also a place for their partners to learn of a new way to live and cope with what formerly seemed a hopeless situation.

It is heartening to see both new AA's and Alanons listen intently to speakers and chairmen. They are discovering they're not alone and older members are finding new ways to help light the way for the newcomers. Some patients admit to having attended a few meetings of AA only to wander back to their old haunts and habits and again land in the alcoholic ward, sick, tired and discouraged. As one patient put it, "I've been all the way and never dreamed there could be another direction to go. I just never stopped and considered long enough to understand what this wonderful program of AA was all about."

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Uska, who was directly responsible for establishing AA in Finland, was the speaker at the Alanon Club fellowship hall on First Street, January 13th. The night was also made memorable by two birthdays. Pauline H. attained her ninth year and Joe A. his third.

### 'THURSDAY BEGINNERS'

February guest speakers at the Thursday Beginners' Meeting includes the following:

**THURSDAY, FEB. 1**—Carol J., Pacifica Group.

**THURSDAY, FEB. 8**—Eneas "Red" K. — S.F. Fellowship.

**THURSDAY, FEB. 15**—Florence S., Surf Group.

**THURSDAY, FEB. 22**—Neil C., S.F. Fellowship.

**THURSDAY, FEB. 29**—To be announced.

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

### Belvedere-Tiburon Group Started Anew

GOOD NEWS joins Marin County and San Francisco Fellowship in welcoming the new Belvedere-Tiburon Group.

Betty S., secretary, said Belvedere-Tiburon is an Open Group with a speaker-discussion format. It meets Fridays, at 8:30 p.m., at the Community Congregational Church, 145 Rock Hill Rd., Tiburon.

#### GREAT EXERCISE

There is no better exercise for the heart than reaching down and lifting somebody up.

## Father Barney Holding Retreat In Santa Cruz

Husbands and wives — individual men and women — in fact, anyone concerned with family alcoholic problems, are invited to attend a non-sectarian Retreat being held under the auspices of Father Barney.

Father Barney, himself an alcoholic, has devoted his life to down-to-earth solutions for alcoholic problems and his Retreat theme will be "A Way To Happy and Effective Living".

The two-day Retreat will be held Friday, Feb. 16 through Sunday, Feb. 18, at Villa Maria Del Mar, 21918 East Cliff Drive, Santa Cruz.

Price is \$21.00 per person — including meals — and two persons will be assigned to each room.

Villa Maria Del Mar has lovely facilities. Each room is furnished with twin beds for double occupancy, and each room has a private bath. Newly decorated lounge and dining room overlooks ocean beach in a picturesque setting on cliff above beach.

Reservations close February 9. Make check or money order payable to "Father Barney Retreat Fund". Mail to Jack and Chloe Miller, 4810 Williams Road, San Jose, Calif., 95129.

Confirmation will be mailed back immediately showing your assigned room number. Retreat is limited to sixty reservations, all others returned.

### New Eastbay Unit

A new Oakland group — "The Thursday Nighters" — started operation Thursday, January 11, at the Oakland Alano Club, 319 14th Street, in downtown Oakland. It is a closed meeting featuring "Closed Discussion on Strictly AA Subjects", and starts at 8:00 p.m. sharp.



## NEWS OF AA DOINGS IN FRESNO

(By Tom G., Fresno Area GOOD NEWS Correspondent)

**WE'LL CALL IT "FCSO,"** since initial letters are the mark of distinction for every major project nowadays. This one calls for the establishment of a Fresno Central Service Office. According to General Service Secretary Larry S., it got the green light and full speed ahead signal at a Jan. 10 joint meeting of the local GSR and Central Service Committees. A subcommittee was appointed to investigate available locations and report back at the earliest possible date.

**WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY** will set the theme for the February potluck dinner to be held at the Alano Club. The tentative date is Saturday, Feb. 17, and the hostesses will be the Alanons who meet on Club premises every Wednesday evening. Guest-Chef Howard T. hasn't yet announced his main course, but cherry tarts and pies will certainly figure among the desserts. Bingo Maestro Ed H. has been seen trying on powdered wigs, and in further honor of the occasion, Chief Auctioneer Max MacD. has promised to lie less than usual as to the value of the White Elephant prizes.

**LOU H. OF NORTH HOLLYWOOD,** guest-speaker of January 26, headed the 1968 schedule of such appearances. These are arranged by the Village Group for the edification of all AA's in the Fresno area. They are held at St. Colombo's Episcopal Church, Palm and Shaw, on the last Friday of each month. In the big job of lining them up, new Secretary Carol S. has succeeded Annette F.

Since press time for this issue preceded the above meeting, we can only guess at the attendance and the response to Lou's remarks. Judging by the average for the past year, however, both marked an auspicious start for the new year.

**26 YEARS OF SOBRIETY!** Another speakers meeting occurred on Saturday evening, Jan. 13, and this brought us a pair of distinguished visitors from Northern California. (This was an intergroup session sponsored by the Clovis Wednesday night group, and held in the Hall of St. John's Cathedral.)

Bill S. of Stockton, H & I Regional Chairman, limited his remarks to an introduction of John H., from Sacramento. While the latter is still blackhaired and vigorous, his life-span covers all but the birth-pangs of Alcoholics Anonymous. On May 30, 1941, John joined what was then the solitary group in Cleveland, Ohio, but — (poor backslider!) — dates his sobriety only from Jan. 8 1942!

He was member No. 115 in Cleveland (11 now survive) and the co-founders of that chapter included three members of Bill-and-Bob's original Akron group. In fact one of the three was Salesman Clarence S., who wrote "He Had to Be Shown" for the Big Book.

**HAIL AND FAREWELL!** If you're just a pebble you can roll and leave hardly a dent in the ground. If you're a solid rock of depth and scope, your departure leaves a big hole not easily filled. For many months Neva and Bob D. were joint-secretaries of not one but two AA groups; those meeting Wednesday and Thursday nights at the First Methodist Church. Unfortunately, Bob's employment in San Jose set up a commutation schedule impossible to maintain. It meant sleepless nights and hazardous driving through fog and icy weather.

Residence in San Jose therefore became a necessity, and with regret shared by all their associates here, Neva and Bob have now made that move. Their consolation is the knowledge that the two meetings are in good hands. Don W. has that of Wednesday evening, and the other again has a husband-wife team: Jeanne and Trinidad S. Our best wishes to all three — and, of course, to Mr. and Mrs. D.

## Peninsula All Groups Selects Speaker Agenda

The all-groups Open Meetings, held under the sponsorship of the Peninsula All Groups, has slated an excellent array of speakers for its February meetings. Those who will appear on the podium are, as follows:

**SATURDAY, FEB. 3**—Sylvia W. is the speaker; hosting the meeting is the San Bruno Monday Group.

**SATURDAY, FEB. 10**—Bill J. will do the talking; Palo Alto Friday will do the hosting.

**SATURDAY, FEB. 17**—Joe A. will make the "pitch"; Brisbane All Groups will be hosts.

**SATURDAY, FEB. 24**—Dewey S., grand old-timer, will do the speaking; The group from Pedro Valley will host the meeting.

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

Coffee is served before, and after, every meeting along with generous helpings of arms-length AA.

## Forest Hills Group Lists Speakers

Forest Hills announced its guest speakers for February and the roster guarantees the group four lively sessions. Speakers are:

**TUESDAY, FEB. 6**—Jane O'T., Stepping Stone Group, is first up to bat.

**TUESDAY, FEB. 13**—Aileen K., S.F. Fellowship, will be on the podium.

**TUESDAY, FEB. 20**—Lloyd K., S.F. Fellowship, will make the pitch.

**TUESDAY, FEB. 27**—Pat C., S.F. Fellowship, is guest speaker.

The Group meets at 8:00 p.m. in the auditorium of St. John's Church, 20 Woodside Avenue, near Laguna Honda Blvd., San Francisco.



## H & I BROADSIDES

By George R., general chairman,

### Northern California Hospital & Institution Committee

Our first 1968 General Meeting of the Hospital and Institution Committee was held in San Mateo on January 14, at the College of San Mateo in the South Student Center. Area 6-A, under the Chairmanship of Tom M., was the host group. The turnout for this meeting was exceptional with approximately 100 H and I members in attendance.

The morning session was devoted to reports from the various areas, the Stockton Conference, financial and literature reports and other pertinent subjects. At 12 the meeting was adjourned for a delicious "corned beef and cabbage" feed. All of the cooking was done by Tom's wife Pat. The entire committee joins in a hearty vote of thanks to her for such a feast.

The afternoon session started with a discussion of the new "How It Works" brochure. This has been revised by a committee of Bud C., Kim M., and Bud G. As usual our secretary Gen R. did an outstanding job of typing, running off, and assembling the new brochure. The balance of the afternoon session was devoted to problems and questions raised by various members of the committee. Many interesting and informative points were "kicked around".

I believe that again the most important achievement of this and similar meetings is the "getting acquainted with each others' problems and the better communication that results". It was really a pleasure to see so many new people interested in H and I work, as well as so many who have not been to such a meeting for some time. Let's keep this kind of attendance at all of our H and I meetings.

It was decided that our next General Meeting will be held May 6, 1968 at the San Pablo Fellowship at 1426-13th Street in San Pablo.

Let's plan to attend the Stockton Conference on March 23 and 24, 1968. On Saturday, March 23 our Open Meeting will be at 1:00 p.m. in the main auditorium. We have secured two excellent speakers — Ben M. of San Lorenzo as our alcoholic speaker and Dr. Robert Zimmerman of Napa State Hospital as our non-alcoholic speaker. Bud G. of Hercules, Regional Chairman, Northern Coastal Region, will act as Chairman. Sunday morning, March 24, 1968 at 10:30 a.m. our Hospital Workshop, moderated by Pres. S. of San Jose; and our Institution Workshop, moderated by Win S. of Fairfield will be held.

Roy H. of San Jose, our new Area 7 Chairman, has announced that the next Area 7 H and I meeting will be held on Sunday, March 3, at 2:00 p.m. at the San Jose Alano Club, 1122 Fair Ave., San Jose. All Area 7 members should try, if possible, to attend.

A future date to keep in mind is April 28. This is the annual open house at Soledad State Prison. Plans are underway to secure the outside speakers and chairman. These will be announced in the H and I BroadSides as soon as possible.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Hugh G., of Sanger in Area 9, who is confined to County Hospital. Hugh has devoted many years to H and I work.

### Mission Triangle

This group now meets at 8:30 p.m. each Saturday at St. John's Lutheran Church, 3126 22nd Street, between Mission and South Van Ness Avenue. Meetings are open at the Mission Triangle Group.

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## G.S. Panel 1 Reports.....

Pat S., Chairman  
Delegate

This is addressed to all my friends in AA, members, and particularly to workers in General Service. I hope to keep you informed of Panel One activities through GOOD NEWS each month from now on.

We are holding a meeting Sunday, February 25, at 2:00 p.m., at Island Fellowship, 1828 Lincoln Street, Alameda, for all group representatives of General Service. I urge every one of you to try and be present. There is much of importance to be discussed.

I hope by the time you read this you will have received a copy of my January letter and the list of subjects to be considered at the April Conference in New York. Every group is vitally concerned.

One thing more: about 100 groups of a total of 389 in Panel One are meeting their financial responsibilities. 289 groups have not contributed during the past year. Please make it your personal obligation to try and have your Group Representative attend General Service meetings and make group contributions so necessary to the welfare of all of us. I do hope you will, and remember, we are responsible!

Sincerely,  
Pat

### MEMORY GROUP

Memory Group, which meets at 8:00 p.m. at 1364 Valencia Street, San Francisco, has this array of guest speakers slated for February:

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 7—Agnes B., Surf Group.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 14—Florence S., also of Surf.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 21—Jim G., High Noon Group.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 28—Frank B., Saturday Night Group.



## News From The Monterey Peninsula

T. O. M., Watsonville Group

### SALINAS

On January 9, Miriam I., newly elected chairman of the Tri-County Intergroup, flew to Beverly Hills to serve as hostess at the 22nd Anniversary of the Beverly Hills Group. Miriam was so honored because she had been a 17-year member of Beverly Hills.

An overflow crowd of 450 AA members gathered in the big Roxbury Park Hall for the gala celebration. Here is Miriam's eyewitness report of the gala affair:

Ed B., veteran of 24 years activity in L.A. AA affairs, and Orville K., who almost has as many years as Ed were designers and executors of the Anniversary program and evening's festivities.

With an orchestra going full tilt, the hall was almost filled to capacity before 8:00 p.m. Cakes were presented to those that celebrated AA birthdays during this period. Recipients came from as far away as Oregon. Jack T., Medford, Ore, got his with 23 candles. In all, there were 14 cakes given with varying number of candles, the least being two.

Ed B., a charter member of Beverly Hills Group and founder of Beverly Hills Stag Group, served as M.C.

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At the December election of officers, the Tri-County Intergroup selected Miriam I., chairman; H. E. (Dewey) R., treasurer; Esther T., Carmel Valley, secretary; Trygue R., speaker contact man; Tom M., Watsonville, publicity; and Herb S., Watsonville, GSR area chairman. Dewey, Trygue and Miriam all are Salinas residents.

### SANTA CRUZ

In this seaside town, AA members are still talking about the wonderful Christmas Party they jointly held. 'Twas wonderful!

There are two Star Lodge Groups functioning in Santa Cruz.

One meets Sunday at 2:30 p.m., the other on Thursdays at 8:00 p.m. Members are from Santa Clara Valley, the Peninsula, as well as Santa Cruz Area. Each group has a monthly speaker-meeting. For February, Jackie and Paul J., San Jose, representing Alanon and AA, will be guest speakers Sunday, Feb. 11. On Thursday, Feb. 29, Vic W., Boulder Creek, will be on speaker's podium.

### CASTROVILLE

The new Castroville Group is enjoying astronomical success which is largely traceable to wonderful support given the new AA unit by other groups in the area. They had an overflow crowd at a recent meeting, when three birthdays were celebrated.

### WATSONVILLE

Watsonville is still enthralled over the Yule Party which was held at their new AA hall. For this affair, the hall was overflowing. It was, to a great extent, a children's party, and thanks are due Lon V., who arranged for St. Nick to be there. Hollister Group pitched in to add to the success of the affair. Wes C., chairman, did a superb job even though he worked under a severe handicap. His wife was scheduled to enter the hospital the very next day.

### HOLLISTER

Hollister Group has joined the groups in Watsonville, Santa Cruz, Monterey and Salinas in the monthly speaker meetings of the Tri-County Intergroup. The first of these meetings was held on Saturday, January 27 in Hollister, with Jarvis Mc., Watsonville, as speaker.

The February meeting will be on the 24th in Watsonville, with Bea G. from Friendly House in Los Angeles as Guest Speaker.

The first business meeting of the new Intergroup was held at the

## Oakland A7A's Speaker Meeting

An open Speakers' Meeting has been scheduled by the A7A Group of the Eastbay for five Thursdays in February, the Central Office of the Eastbay Intergroup, announced. Speaker Meetings are:

**THURSDAY, FEB. 1**—Gene D., Myrtle Dale Group of Calistoga, will be on Speakers' Dais.

**THURSDAY, FEB. 8**—Ed McL., San Francisco Fellowship, has speaking assignment.

**THURSDAY, FEB. 15**—Bill R., San Maeto, will be on rostrum.

**THURSDAY, FEB. 22**—Father Charlie, Sonoma County, is Washington's Birthday speaker but won't speak on the "Father of His Country".

**THURSDAY, FEB. 29**—Ed O'D., San Francisco Fellowship.

The A7A Group is a lively bunch that meets at 8:30 p.m. at 1815 Jefferson Street, Oakland, behind the Doggie Diner, near 18th and San Pablo. Spend "an hour you'll remember" every Thursday.

### RESPONSIBLE

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

home of Ron and Josie K. in Hollister on Sunday, January 21. A total of thirty officers, group secretaries and members attended. The next meeting will be on Sunday, February 18, 6:00 p.m. at 339 Lincoln Street, Watsonville.

This Tri-County is composed of Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz Counties.

### CARMEL

The Carmel Valley Sunday Nite Group will celebrate their first anniversary on Sunday, February 4. All AA's and friends are invited to supper at 6:00 p.m., to be followed by an AA meeting. The place: Valley Recreation Center, Ford Road in Carmel Valley.



## 500 Attend First W.S.G.A. Conference in Fresno is 'Big'

By Tom G., Fresno  
GOOD NEWS Correspondent

The first Western General Service Assembly Conference, held Jan. 26-28 in the new Community and Convention Center of Fresno, was pronounced an outstanding success by its general manager, Stan W. of Fairfax. Even intermittent rain and hail on Friday and Saturday (followed by bright sunshine on Sunday) didn't noticeably reduce the crowd or dampen its enthusiasm.

### BIG DELEGATION

Registrants, headed by 295 from all parts of California, included overseas and transcontinental visitors from our 49th and 50th States, Alaska and Hawaii. Other conference states represented were Washington, Oregon, Arizona, and Nevada, while "outsiders" — but most welcome outsiders — came from Idaho and British Columbia.

Separate sessions were devoted to the individual phases of our tripartite program — Recovery, Unity, Service — but the Conference was one of diversification, touching on most facets of AA activity.

Considerable discussion centered on the interdependence of General and Central Offices and their importance in extending the efforts of AA individuals and groups.

### "SINGING TELEGRAM"

Significantly, the Conference began and ended with official greetings and best wishes from New York. A telegram conveying those of Bill W. himself was read by the chairman of the first general meeting. And a new twist on the "singing telegram" routine was reserved as a surprise package for the finale of Sunday, Jan. 28.

This package, air-mailed from New York, proved to be a taped

## A Challenge, Opportunity, or Perhaps, A Gift

Alaska's first Al-Anon Assembly will meet sometime after January 1, in Anchorage. Betty D., of the Aurora Al-Anon Family Group of Spenard, Alaska, asked we insert the Want Ad in GOOD NEWS. This, we'll gladly comply with because some lucky person who's able to make the Anchorage trip is almost certain to receive a priceless experience more valuable than gold or gems.

WANTED: An Al-Anon speaker with an Al-Anon message who may be contemplating a vacation trip to Alaska, late spring or early summer, 1968.

OBJECT: To be Guest Speaker at Alaska's FIRST Al-Anon Assembly.

Exact date of Assembly will be announced after January 1, 1968. Place will be Anchorage, Alaska.

Our groups cannot afford to pay your way here, but we will guarantee you a fishing trip, gold-panning trip, or visit to an Alaskan native village, if you can get yourself to Anchorage.

All replies seriously considered.

CONTACT: Betty D., Temporary Chairman, Box 4-790, Spenard, Alaska 99503.

message of individual greetings from the entire G.S.O. staff, including the new General Manager, Robert H.

## First Anniversary For Graton Group

Graton (Calif.) Group observes its First Anniversary, Thursday, February 8, at 8:00 p.m. at Oak Grove School, in Graton.

Florence M., who started the group, recalls that in the beginning, she and her husband, Clem, were oftentimes the only people

## San Bruno Monday

The San Bruno Monday Open Meeting announced the following speakers for February:

MONDAY, FEB. 5—Mary L., Stepping Stone Group.

MONDAY, FEB. 12—Hardy B., Pacifica Group.

MONDAY, FEB. 19—Jane and Hermie H., Pacifica Group.

MONDAY, FEB. 26—Joe K., S.F. Fellowship.

The last meeting of the month—February 26 — is Birthday Time, with lots of Big Doings. Plenty of free parking is available at adjoining Grand Leader Market.

San Bruno Monday meets at 8:00 p.m., in the Volunteer Fire House, 618 San Mateo Avenue, San Bruno.

## "Napa Joe" Talks At Ambassadors

During February, The Ambassadors have recruited a stellar group of guest speakers, including "Napa Joe" from the Napa (Calif.) Group. Complete lineup is, as follows:

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 7—Mickey D., San Mateo, will be speaker.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 14—Berniece and Charles S., a husband-and-wife team from Redwood City, will exchange AA views from the rostrum.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 21—Joe McG., San Francisco Fellowship, is speaker.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 28—"Napa Joe" will make the pitch.

The Ambassadors meet at 8:00 p.m. in the auditorium of St. Boniface Church, 133 Golden Gate Avenue, in downtown San Francisco.

attending.

Now, Florence said, attendance averages more than a dozen per meeting, which in a small community, is good.

Graton Group is an open discussion group, but for their First Birthday Meeting, a guest speaker — Gene D., Calistoga — will make the Anniversary talk.



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### Central Office For Fresno AA Set for March 1

Effective March 1, a Central Service Office for Fresno will be located in room 400, T. W. Patterson Bldg., Tulare Street, at the Fulton Mall.

Tom G., GOOD NEWS correspondent said a sub-committee delegated to find a headquarters suddenly came up with the excellent downtown site which makes the news in the current issue of his Fresno column out-of-date.

As of this writing, repainting has already been completed, and at least the bare necessities of furniture have been moved in. Telephone installation will follow shortly.

The next issue of GOOD NEWS will carry full information as to facilities of the Fresno office.

### 'MONDAY BEGINNERS'

February meetings of the Monday Beginners' will be featured by the following roster of speakers:

MONDAY, FEB. 5—Duane T.

MONDAY, FEB. 12—Dorothy H.

MONDAY, FEB. 19—Gay B.

MONDAY, FEB. 26—Rudy H.

Roger, Rosemary, Gig, and Roland comprise the Host Committee for these meetings.

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

~~staff, open hours, and service fa-~~

## Council Secretary Election At NCC Conference Is Slated

(By Bill G., NCC Secretary)

One of the most important matters of business at the Annual Spring Conference to be held in Stockton, March 23-24, will be the election of a Council Secretary to serve for the next two years.

The following method will be followed in the selection of a Secretary. The Steering Committee of the Council will meet at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, March 23rd, to sit as a nominating committee. Each Zone Chairman will be asked to submit any nominations from his Zone at that time.

This committee after due deliberation will present one, or more names to be brought up at the NCC Business meeting at 3:00 P.M. on Saturday afternoon. It is entirely possible that this committee may also wish, when presenting the names to the Business meeting, to make recommendations, based on qualifications of the nominees.

The election will be held at the Business meetings when all of the NCC delegates from all the groups will have an opportunity to participate in the election of Council Secretary. It will still be possible for anyone to nominate from the floor, although this sometimes might not be desirable.

It is suggested that when presenting names in nomination that the following three points, as well as others, be given consideration as proper qualification.

(1) Experience in A.A., Intergroup and General Service.

(2) Dedication to the job to be done.

(3) Should be someone who can devote the necessary time.

The election definitely should not be a "popularity" contest.

It has been suggested that committeemen and zone representatives hold meetings in January and February for the purpose of discussing this important issue. This procedure would permit members ample time to make their preferences known to Zone representatives prior to the March Conference. It is very likely some Zone Meetings have already been held.

**If there is anything that I can do to assist you, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.**

Thank you so much, for all you have done and your devotion to NCC, and may God continue to bless you in your fine service to A.A.

### Mission Group Names Speakers

Louis G., secretary of the Mission Night Group said that speakers for February meetings are, as follows:

MONDAY, FEB. 5—Fred R., Ambassador Group.

MONDAY, FEB. 12—John C., S.F. Fellowship.

MONDAY, FEB. 19—Frank B., Saturday Night Mission Group.

MONDAY, FEB. 26—A Panel Meeting is scheduled but panel-

ists are yet unnamed. A question-and-answer session will be held.

Mission Monday Night Group meets at 8:00 p.m., 1364 Valencia Street, San Francisco.

### HOW ABOUT MOVIES?

If your Group would like to see a 23-minute movie, "GENERAL SERVICE — WHAT'S THAT?" contact Scotty L., El Cerrito Fellowship, 11224 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito, Calif. — phone 232-9807. Film covers a variety of subjects, from a 12th Step call to a General Service meeting in progress.



### Central Office Of Eastbay AA Gathers the News

The Eastbay Intergroup's Central Office serves as a "news gathering depot" for GOOD NEWS.

Bob E., secretary of Eastbay Intergroup, said, "We will try to get you news from our groups. We've announced in our monthly (bulletin) "Communications", that special events and speaker meetings that groups want published in GOOD NEWS can be handled through our office".

Bob has been secretary of Eastbay Intergroup for almost a year. He joined AA in Cleveland in 1939 and has been in the Bay Area since 1947. When Ken McL. resigned last January, Bob was appointed to the job in March.

Said he, "I've gotten a lot of good out of AA, and now I'm in a position to do some good for AA".

Bill S., editor, GOOD NEWS said this kind of cooperation will get Eastbay Intergroup a lot of valuable news space. If other Intergroups and Fellow-

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**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3**—Dance night. Dancing to the fine tunes of the "Dry Notes". We have had only compliments about this great little dance band. Door prizes too.

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**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24**—Birthday night. This night is designed to help celebrate all those whose A.A. birthdays fall in the month of February. Coffee and cake, and dancing to fine records.

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