



Good News



JULY,
1973

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

VOL. XVII
No. 7

1500 Expected for Young Peoples Meet

Some 1500 or more young people will be in San Francisco July 6-8 to take part in the 16th Annual Conference of Young People in AA at the St. Francis Hotel.

Three day affair will begin at 10 a.m. Friday, and is themed "Getting Your Sobriety Together." The culmination of more than a year of effort by Bay Area YP members, this is the first time the annual gathering has been held in Northern California.

"From our involvement and commitment in this conference we have all become more active in all facets of AA activities," conference secretary Harriet T. told GOOD NEWS.

"This conference will certainly be the efforts of a group of men and women who have shared . . . and (hopefully) will help others to recover from alcoholism."

Preparations for the event have already resulted in the establishment of a number of new Young People's groups throughout the state. The sponsors hope the conference will help spread the AA message among a generation which is turning increasingly to alcohol and drugs, but has not been reached by the "establishment" AA groups.

SEE THE INSIDE PAGES FOR THE COMPLETE CONFERENCE PROGRAM.

Woodland AA Couple Gets Liberty Bell

A Woodland AA couple became the first couple to be awarded the Yolo County Bar Association's Liberty Bell Award at a "Law Day" celebration in the County Superior Court last month.

Harvie and Estelle E. were pre-

(See Woodland Page 3)

NEWS COPY DEADLINE 15th OF THE MONTH

The deadline for GOOD NEWS copy has been set as the 15th of the month prior to publication, according to Jim A., New Business Manager.

Jim hopes that this will make it possible to produce the paper in time to get it into the hands of subscribers by the first of the month. He asks the cooperation of all offices and individuals.

Send in the news by the 15th!

Senate OK, Gov. Nix Seen For Gregorio Alcoholism Measure

The outlook for Senate passage of a bill greatly expanding the State's expenditures for alcoholism treatment were "very promising," but the Governor's veto was a strong possibility, an aide to Senator Arlen Gregorio told GOOD NEWS at press time last week.

The next step, as of that time, was consideration by the Senate Finance Committee, which administrative assistant Peter Herman hoped would get the bill within a week.

Herman anticipated little difficulty there, since the bill passed the Health and Welfare Committee by 8-1 after controversial proposals for funding through some \$70 million in increased liquor tax levies were dropped.

However, the modified proposal, drawing upon present excise taxes only, may still meet Gov. Reagan's opposition, he said. Excise taxes go into the State's general funds, and surpluses from these funds have already been earmarked by the Governor as tax rebates for the people.

(See Gregorio Page 6)

BILL G. RESIGNS AS N.C.C. SECRETARY

Bill G. of San Francisco gave his verbal resignation as Secretary of Northern California Council of A.A. at the N.C.C. Business Meeting held Saturday, June 9th, at the Richmond Conference.

Bill gave as his reason for resigning the fact that he anticipates having to move out of California in connection with his employment. He also stated that Anne S., Redding, who has served with him as Interior Area Assistant, had agreed to serve as Secretary for the balance of the term, which expires in the Spring of 1974, if requested. Anne was duly elected to the office by the assembled Group Delegates.

Bill has served A.A. long and well in many different ways. He has been General Service Delegate for the Northern California Coastal Area, and twice has been elected for two year terms as N.C.C. Secretary. He also has served the Surf Group of San Francisco quite a few years in several capacities, including Secretary.

Bill was accorded a standing ovation for his long service to A.A. in Northern California.

RICHMOND CONFERENCE GIVEN WARM WELCOME

By Rollin W.

Many Mayors have made welcome addresses to N.C.C. Conferences, but probably none has been more sincere, more devout, nor more warmly received than the Hon. Booker T. Anderson, Mayor of Richmond, who was given a spontaneous standing ovation at the Saturday Night meeting.

While the attendance was not quite up to expectation, the Rich-

(See Richmond Page 8)

NCC Business Meeting At Richmond Makes No Change In Programing

The N.C.C. Group Delegates business meeting at the Richmond Conference on Saturday, June 9th, received the verbal resignation of Bill G. as Council Secretary, and elected Anne S. of Richmond to fill the vacancy. (See story on page 7).

It was noted that the next Conference will be in October at Santa Rosa, the March 1974 Conference at San Jose, with Eureka in June, 1974. A bid was received from Sacramento for the October, 1975, Conference, as they anticipate complete new facilities will be available by then.

After considerable discussion it was decided to make no definite change in the Conference program format. Requests for time on Conference programs will be considered as they are received, at the program committee meetings which are held about two weeks after each Conference.

Al-Anon Inter-Group Pot Luck August 4th

The Al-Anon Inter-Group of San Francisco will hold a pot-luck supper on Saturday, August 4th, at Hope Lutheran Church, 55 San Fernando Way, Daly City.

Supper will be served at 6:30 p.m., followed by a meeting at 8:00 o'clock, presenting three speakers (to be announced) A.A., Al-Anon and Alateen. Everyone welcome.

ELLEN N.

Ellen N., wife of "Nic" N., Northern California's first delegate to the 1951 General Service Conference, died May 18, 1973.

Ellen was in her 28th year of sobriety. An active 12 step worker, she was a member of the original Daylight Group and one of the founders of the Diamond-Link Group, both in Oakland.

LINK (cont. from page 4) but as a special fund. These funds can not be used for any purpose until the N.Y. Conference decides.

He also reported that the World Service Book would not be printed in 1974 because they are starting a new format that would be re-programmed and brought up to date in a new form. He suggests that anybody wanting the 1973 World Service Books should order them now.

The New York Conference also reaffirmed its previous position that each Group that can afford it should send at least \$3.65 per year, per member of the membership, to the New York General Service Office, P.O. Box 4-5-9, N.Y., N.Y.

Grape Vine will be "pay as you go" now that they have found out that "Bill me, please" does not work so good.

Also Utah has been added to the Pacific Coast Western Region. Utah was in the Central Region Area.

Merle thanks the Conference for sending him to New York and was sure his experience at the Conference made him a better Delegate for the Group.

Edith S. from Idaho gave a history of her problems with "booze," mostly around Portland, Oregon. I identify with her a lot, because I started my drinking career in Portland, too. After listening to her, I am sure a lot of the people at the Conference will not want to go back to drinking. You could see that she was an ex-delegate from Idaho, from her expression about the New York Conference — and her new love for the people around her!!

The Sunday Morning Spiritual meeting was a panel of six members, A.A. Chairman Frank M., Pat F., S.J., Shirley G., S.F., Tom C., Richmond, Lynn H., S.F. and Floyd S., Fairfax.

There is no doubt that this panel discussion was the highlight of the Conference. Each member of the panel talked for about ten minutes about their problems in trying to find their Higher Power. You could not have left that meeting without a feeling that A.A. programs and fellowship is something that every alcoholic should be following.

A.A. is a program of attraction, not promotion, so let's keep attrac-

ting. While writing this article, a fellow A.A.er called and said he had a "slip". We talked for a half hour about his problem. I told him about our beautiful Spiritual panel discussions at Konocti; (he is going to a meeting tonight.)

The Conference wishes to thank Charlie B. and his Host Committee for doing a "bang up" job of making everybody feel at home.

Brandy B.

Unity Picnic Planned By E. Bay Serv. Centers

The annual AA Unity Picnic will be held on Sunday, July 22nd, at the Hidden Valley Ranch Park, 2015 Stanford Avenue in Warm Springs (Fremont).

Fifteen hundred AA members, families and friends attended the picnic last year which was held at the same location. We expect a larger turn out this year.

Sponsored jointly by the AA Service Centers of Oakland, Hayward, Livermore, and San Jose, the event is a unity picnic and all members and families of AA, Al-Anon, and Alateen are encouraged to attend. Guests are cordially welcome. Sorry, no pets please.

A noted speaker will be invited to "carry the message" during the speakers meeting.

Admission tickets are \$1.00 per adult. Tickets will be available at the park entrance but it is encouraged that you buy your ticket in advance from your Intergroup Representative. Your ticket stub should be retained for the drawing of door prizes.

SURF GROUP IS 21

The Surf Group will reach its majority on Tuesday, July 24. It will be 21 years old.

Jack K., of Broadrick (West Sacramento) will keynote the observance, which will be chaired by Surf's own Dick C. As usual, there will be a lavish spread after the meeting, which starts at 8:30.

Coffee will be served from 7:30. The address is Grace Lutheran Church, 20th and Quintara, San Francisco.

H and I BroadSides

By Kim M., General Chairman
Hospital and Institution Committee
of Northern California

Due to a misunderstanding as to the deadline for "Good News" articles, H & I BroadSides did not appear in the June issue. Included this time are items from that column.

At the H & I Committee meeting in Modesto on April 29th, Jerry G. of San Jose was unanimously elected as the new General Chairman to take office on July first. We all wish him well and promise our full cooperation. He is well qualified for the job and will not have any trouble carrying out his expanded duties. Jerry has been Chairman of the Southern Coastal Region, covering the Counties of Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Benito and Monterey.

Hal R. of Millbrae was introduced as the new Chairman of Area 6SM — San Mateo County.

Rav I., King City, H & I
WOODLAND (cont. from page 1)
sented the award in recognition of their services to the community, particularly in combatting alcoholism.

In making the presentation, Bar Association President C. Robert Jameson told the couple, "You are both very valuable citizens. Each of you compliments each other so well."

Both Harvie and Estelle have long records of activity in alcoholism work and other civic interests. Harvie is a member of the county health planning and youth activity committee, the professional advisory committee of the Mental Health Association, the Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club.

His wife is founder of the local Alateen group, a former president of the general hospital auxiliary, a volunteer probation, member of the volunteer bureau, and 1970 BPW Women's Achievement winner.

CHALK TALK

On Saturday Night, July 28th at 8:30, there will be the much talked about and inspiring film "Chalk Talk" at the Peninsula All Groups, Baldwin and El Camino, San Mateo.

Coordinator at Soledad Central presented the administration's case for the admission of women AAs to the regular prison meetings. They believe that the presence of women would present a more realistic picture of what AA is like on the outside. Although H & I of Southern California has been taking women in to men's prisons for some time, we in the north have maintained our opposition to this practice. After some discussion, the meeting voted to permit women AAs to go in to Soledad meetings.

I believe that the H & I Committee is maturing, perhaps "mellowing" would be a better word, as we all do as we grow older in the AA program. While still maintaining our basic traditions, we can be a little more flexible where cooperation can gain us further opportunity to carry the AA message to the alcoholic who is confined. Of course, I have gone way beyond mellowing and have reached the stage of rotting away; it is high time for me to be tossed into the garbage bin to make room for another generation.

The Richmond Conference was very successful from the H & I point of view. Jim Cates, Supt. of the Sacramento Parole Office, was guest speaker at the open meeting and Jack C. of Santa Rosa did the honors for AA. Barbara S., Santa Rosa, substituted for Vern S. as Chairman, as Vern had to have X-rays unexpectedly. Both the Hospital and the Institution Workshops produced some lively discussions and our thanks go to the Chairmen, Stan G., Napa, and Ed H., Santa Rosa, for a job well done.

The next H & I meeting is scheduled for Santa Rosa at the Alano Club on June 17th at which time the new schedule books will be distributed. Then on June 23rd there will be a meeting in Bakersfield of the Conference Committees of Northern and Southern California in preparation for the state-wide conference in November.

This is my last contribution to Good News as General Chairman for Northern California. My thanks to all for their generous help during the past two years; it has been a rewarding experience. Adios.

MAC MCDOWELL

Stanley (Mac) McDowell, co-founder of the Sunday Nite Brisbane All Groups died on Tuesday, May 15, following a heart attack.

Mac was an active, happy member of our fellowship of over 20 years.

Walter O'K to Speak Tri-County Birthday Meeting — Watsonville

Walter O'K. of Hollywood will be Guest Speaker at the Tri-County Birthday Meeting Saturday, July 28th, 8:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in Watsonville High School Cafeteria at Lincoln and Maple Streets.

Santa Clara County

By Helen

Saturday, July 14th at 8:15 p.m. the All-Groups monthly meeting will be held at the Alano Club, 1122 Fair Avenue. The group hosting is the Monday Midday Women's Group, and the speaker will be Ruth H. A dance with live music will follow the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Other activities at the Alano Club on Fair Ave. that they asked me to mention are Bingo every Friday night at 10:00 p.m., also the July 4th picnic which will last all day and will be held on the ground of the club. Steak dinners (\$2.00) available now in addition to short order menu.

Recently the valley lost one of its active AA members. George Baxter passed on with a sudden heart attack here in San Jose. He was sober for quite a number of 24 hour periods and his loss is felt by many members throughout the valley. Included are those active in General Service, as he was also very active in that service of AA.

The Santa Clara County Annual AA Picnic sponsored by the San Jose Intergroup Council will be held on Sunday, July 22nd, at Hidden Valley Picnic Grounds, Warm Springs, in Fremont, Cal.

THE LINK

The Konocti Post Conference, held May 19th and 20th, was a very successful two day meeting. About 220 AAers attended. The real encouraging aspects of the Conference was every area in Northern California Coastal Area was covered, meaning that we are gaining in our attempts to encourage Groups to have, or select G.S.R.'s for their groups.

Jack G., Chairman, worked hard to put this Conference together so that it would be a success. He deserves a vote of thaks from each of us that attended. His wife, Shirley G., really worked overtime to ehlp put the Conference over. (Ask Jack G. about his two pars in a row in our early morning golf). Boy, was his ego running over!!

The Conference started Saturday afternoon by Bill G. explaining how Groups through their General Service Representatives could better help AA. G.S.R.s attending meetings such as this Conference, learn how AA works through the areas. To the New York General Office his definition was most helpful to all. He also suggested that Groups set up Steering Committees and that these people could come from ex-secre-taries of the Group.

The Banquet was held at 6 o'clock with the Dining Room full to capacity. They ran out of the main course, because of the crowd — so about 20 people were lucky, they got a beautiful Sirloin steak, I was one of the lucky ones!

Bob H., Chairman of the meeting, called it to order about 7:30. Helen C. read "Come to Believe." Bob H. introduced Merle G. our Delegate to the New York Conference for his report on the Post Conference. The highlight of his report was that the Election of Trustee to the New York Board of Trustees, which runs the World AA, between Conferences was to be changed so that the area such as Western Conference of States, would have a more Democratic Representation.

He also reported that the Bill W. Memorial Fund will be part of the General Fund and collect interest

(Continued on Page 2)

YOUNG PEOPLES INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE JULY 6 - 8

FRIDAY July 6, 1973

10:00 - 11:30 A.M. — **BALL ROOM**
"WELCOME FROM ALL POINTS"

Chairmen:

Dennis McG. Pacifica, Ca.
Charlie S. Boston, Mass.
Joe D. Indianapolis, Ind.
Mary Jane R. Whitney, Tex.

1:15 - 2:30 P.M. — **BALL ROOM**
"GET YOUR SOBRIETY TOGETHER"

Chairman: Bob E.

Fifth Chapter: Earnest M. Denver, Colo.
Trraditions: Julie B. Reno, Nev.
Speaker: Jack G. San Francisco, Denver, Buffalo

3:15 - 4:30 P.M. and 4:45 - 6:00 P.M. — **WORK SHOPS**

(There will be a fifteen minute break in workshop segments for coffee and to give an opportunity to change)

G.S.O. — "GETTING SOME ORGANIZATION" — CALIF. WEST ROOM

Host: Diane V. Sunnyvale, Ca.
Chairman: Tom G. Euclid, Ohio

H & I — "FUNNY FARMS & NOT SO FUNNY" — COLONIAL ROOM

Host: Herman B. San Francisco, Ca.
Chairman: Ted L. Indianapolis, Ind.

Steps & the Message — "HOW IT WORKS & WHY" — BALL ROOM

Host: Oakland, Ca.
Chairman: Cricket M. Fort Worth, Tex.

8:15 - 10:00 P.M. — **BALL ROOM**
"THE GYST OF IT"

Chairman: Donna B. Atlanta, Ga.
Fifth Chapter: Ted R. Trumbauersville, Pa.

Traditions: Joy H. Milton, Mass.
SATURDAY **JULY 7, 1973**

10:00 - 11:30 A.M. — **BALL ROOM**

"IT'S A FAMILY AFFAIR"

(SOBRIETY, SERENITY, SOUL)

Chairman: Jim S. Everett, Wash.

Fifth Chapter: Lillian S. Richmond, B.C.
Traditions: Neil B. Atlanta, Ga.

Speakers:

Alateen:

Alanon: Julie B. Denver, Colo.
AA: Gary B. Denver, Colo.

12:30 - 6:00 P.M. — **BALL ROOM**

"CALIFORNIA AA — SOUTHERN STYLE"

12:30 - 2:15 P.M. — "WITH LOVE FROM THE L.A. AREA"

Chairman: Jim C. L.A.

Fifth Chapter: Barbara B. Downey
Traditions: Fred A. Hawthorne

Speakers:

Tom H. L.A.

2:30 - 4:00 P.M. — "SALT AIR & SOBRIETY — LONG BEACH"

Chairman: Chuck S. Long Beach
Fifth Chapter: Greg F. Long Beach

Traditions: Sue C. Seal Beach
 Speakers:
 Abe K. Whittier
 Judy B. Bellflower
 Jack P. Long Beach
 Sarah L. Torrance
 Clint P. Laguna Beach
4:15 - 6:00 P.M. — "STEPPING ALONG IN THE SAN DIEGO AREA"
 Chairman: San Diego
 Fifth Chapter: Tanya M. San Diego
 Traditions: Freddy W. San Diego
 Speakers:
 Kim L. San Diego
 Linda D. San Diego
 Jerry S. Pacific Beach
 Franny H. Paradise Hills
 Bill H. Paradise Hills
 A vision for you: Tina B. San Diego
SATURDAY NIGHT JULY 7, 1973

7:00 - 10:00 P.M. — **BALL ROOM**

"WE CAME TO BELIEVE"

BANQUET

Conference Chairman: Phil M. San Francisco, Ca.
 Invocation:
 Greetings:
 City Official San Francisco, Ca.
 Paul G. Central Office, S.F.
 Fifth Chapter: Chuck R. Indianapolis, Ind.
 Third Chapter: Jim R. Fairway, Kansas
 Traditions: Jim K. Atlanta, Ga.
 Roll Call: John O'D. Boston, Mass.
 Speaker: Beverly G. Vancouver, B.C.

10:30 - ? — **DANCE - DANCE - — BALL ROOM**

SATURDAY NIGHT—NO—SUNDAY MORNING — CALIFORNIA ROOM

1:00 - 2:30 A.M. — "ALCOHOLISM, ANOTHER GENERATION"

Chairman: Kathie W. New York, New York
 Fifth Chapter: Mike O'N. Kansas City, Mo.
 Traditions: Skip M. St. Louis, Mo.
 Speakers:

 Jack H. San Francisco, Ca.
 Sheila Q. San Francisco, Ca.

SUNDAY JULY 8, 1973

9:30 A.M. - NOON — **BALL ROOM**

"B.Y.O.H.P. — SPIRITUAL SHARING SESSION"

(Bring Your Own Higher Power)

Chairman: Joe E. San Francisco, Ca.
 16th International Conference of Y.P. in AA Committee Members:
 Phil M. San Francisco, Ca.
 Harriette T. Martinez, Ca.
 Lynn H. San Francisco, Ca.
 Corinne M. San Francisco, Ca.
 Patrick O'B. So. San Francisco, Ca.
 Edd O'D. San Rafael, Ca.
 Betsy C. San Francisco, Ca.

CARRY THE MESSAGE

See you next year at the 17th International Conference

"THE PITCH"

California Interior Area of General Service

The General Service Conference is a great deal more than the annual meeting of Conference delegates each April in New York City. The General Service Conference is, as it should be, in effect 365 days per year. A most vital role in the conference structure is the G.S.R., who has the job of linking his group with AA as a whole. He represents the conscience of his group, reporting the groups wishes to the committee member and to the delegate, so that it will be passed on to the Conference.

"This is a two-way street, allowing the G.S.R. to bring back to his group the problems and remedies that affect AA unity, health, and growth. To the extent that a G.S.R. keeps his group informed, then expresses the group conscience, only to the extent can the conference feel it is acting for AA as a whole. This becomes more evident each year — whether a G.S.R. speaks for a group of two or three, or for a 250 member group."

Tradition Two: "For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority — a loving God and He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern."

Concept 1, of the Twelve Concepts For World Service is — "The final responsibility and ultimate authority for AA world services should always reside in the collective conscience of the whole Fellowship."

Responsible representation, informed group conscience, obedience to our spiritual principles, with communication the key are vital elements to insure our survival.

I need AA, you need AA, yet you and I are AA.

"The main principles of Tradition Two are crystal clear: the AA groups are to be the final authority; their leaders are entrusted with delegated responsibilities only.

The life of each individual and of each group is built around our Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions.

(Continued on Page 6)

GREGORIO (cont. from page 1)
 "The Governor is just not in favor of raising the appropriation from that source for this purpose at this time," Herman explained.

Herman said the modified plan calls for appropriation of about \$12 million in calendar year 1974, \$23 million in 1975, and \$36 million in 1976 and thereafter.

The amendments killing the liquor tax hike were proposed by San Francisco Senator Milton Marks and strongly backed by spokesmen for the alcoholic beverage industry.

Marks felt that new monies were not needed due to current general fund surpluses.

SAN BRUNO'S 25th

The San Bruno Tuesday Night Group will observe its 25th anniversary with a buffet, and a talk by charter member Jessie G., at 8:30 p.m., July 31.

The group gathers at St. John's United Method Church, Sylvia and Mastic Streets, San Bruno.

STEP STONE BENEFIT

See a ball game and benefit the Stepping Stone House by joining the girls for the Giants — Pittsburg game on Friday, July 13, 1973.

Tickets are on sale at the Stepping Stone House. Call 751-5921 for information.

PENINSULA SAN MATEO ALL GROUPS SCHEDULE

July 7th — Bill L., San Jose: Host — Palo Alto Friday;

July 14th — Sylvia W., S.F. Friendship: Host — San Bruno Monday;

July 21st — Cecil C., Brisbane Breakfast: Host — Brisbane Breakfast;

July 28th — Film "chalk Talk," Peninsula All Groups.

Coffee and arms length before and after the meeting. Everyone Welcome. Baldwin and El Camino, San Mateo, 8:30 p.m., Saturdays.

PITCH (cont. from page 5)
 We very well know that the penalty for extensive disobedience to these principles is death for the individual and dissolution for the group. An even greater force for AA's unity is the compelling love that we have for our fellow members and for the principles upon which our lives today are founded.

Therefore we believe that we see in our Fellowship a spiritualized society characterized by enough enlightenment, enough responsibility and enough love of man and of God to insure that our democracy of world service will work under all conditions. We are confident that we can rely upon Tradition Two, our group conscience and its trusted servants. Hence it is with a sense of great security that we oldtimers have now fully vested in AA's General Service Conference the authority for giving shape — through the labors of its chosen Delegates, Trustees and service workers — to the destiny — that we trust God in His wisdom is holding in store for all of us."

Bernard B. Smith in his opening talk at the 1954 conference answered the question "Why do we need a conference?"

"We may not need a General Service Conference to insure our own recovery. We do need it to insure the recovery of the alcoholic

who still stumbles in the darkness one short block from this room. We need it to insure the recovery of a child being born tonight, destined to alcoholism. We need it to provide, in keeping with our Twelfth Step, a permanent haven for all alcoholics who, in the ages ahead, can find in AA that rebirth which brought us back to life.

We need it because we, more than all others, are conscious of the devastating effect of the human urge for human power and prestige which we must insure can never invade AA. We need it to insure against government, while insulating it against anarchy; we need it to protect AA, against disintegration while preventing over-ingeeration.

AA. We need it to insure against government, while insulating it against anarchy; we need it to protect AA, against disintegration while preventing overintegration. We need it so that Alcoholics Anonymous, and Alcoholics Anonymous alone, is the ultimate repository of its Twelve Steps, its Twelve Traditions and all of its services. We need it to insure that changes within AA come only as a response to the needs and the wants of all AA, and not of any few. We need it to insure that the doors of the halls of AA never have locks on them, so that all

(Continued on Page 7)

**Subscribe to
GOOD NEWS**

Bulk Rates: 12½¢ per copy — 10 copies per month \$1.25, etc.
 Individual Subscription per year \$2.50
 Subscription outside of U.S. \$3.00 per year

Mail Subscription to: GOOD NEWS, 166 Geary Street, Room 84, San Francisco, California 94108

Enclosed find \$..... for copies of
 GOOD NEWS for months to be mailed to the following:

Name.....
 Address.....
 City.....

Good News

Published Monthly in San Francisco
By the Northern California Council
of Alcoholics Anonymous
Bob C.—Editor

Address all letters to GOOD NEWS
166 Geary Street, Room 84
San Francisco, California 94108
Subscription Price—\$2.50 per year
Outside U.S. \$3.00 per year

THE STEPPER

J.B., of Redwood City asks an old but good question: When does one "qualify" for 12 step work? "How long do you have to be sober?"

Well, J.B., your "qualified" for 12 stepping when ever you think you are ready and able to effectively help a suffering alcoholic without endangering your own sobriety.

It seems to this old grey head that the closer one is to his last drunk, the more on a level he can be with an active drinker; where as, with a geezer like me, it is a memory feat to recall what a drunk feels like. **JUST BE SURE YOU'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO STAY SOBER YOURSELF, THOUGH.**

B., of San Jose, has another familiar question: "Do we Ever go Alone?" Sure. Anytime. Just as long as you can: a) foretell the future with complete accuracy; and b) — like the hero of the popular novel of the early sixties — point your finger in any direction, utter the word "ZOTZ", and immediately freeze all action from that direction.

Of course, most 12 step calls are perfectly peaceful. But even then, two callers means double the listening power and experience available to the sufferer.

So no matter how you look at it, B., 12 Stepping is a situation where, as they say in the old folk ballad, "Twa 'eeds Es Better'n Un."

Mail your 12 Step questions or suggestions to The Stepper, care of GOOD NEWS, 166 Geary Street, Rm. 84, San Francisco 94108.

For the information of all — There are no "AA" Retreats. There are Retreats set up for folks who may be members of AA — but AA is NOT the Retreat sponsor.



S.F. FRIDAY ALL GROUPS SCHEDULE

July 6th — Bill C., Palo Alto Young Peoples; South Gate Women's

July 13th — Curly F., Mt. View; Ignacio

July 20th — Susan C., Palo Alto Young Peoples; Mill Valley Wed. Disc.

July 27th — Betty P., Oakland; San Bruno Tues.

8:30 p.m., Unitarian Church, Franklin and Geary Streets.

PITCH (cont. from page 6)

people for all time who have an alcoholic problem may enter these halls unasked and feel welcome. We need it to insure that Alcoholics Anonymous never asks of anyone who needs us what his or her creed is, what his or her social position is."

Jack B., Committee Chairman

Eureka Activities

By Sam C.

July will be a busy month. The annual Alano Club Picnic will be held Sunday, July 1st at Camp Bauer from 11 a.m. on for members and their families and guests.

At 8 p.m. Saturday, July 14th, Gene D. of Calistoga will be the guest speaker at the second anniversary of the Myrtle town Group. The meeting will be held at the College of the Redwoods.

The Humboldt-Del Norte Central Committee will have Chuck C. of Laguna Beach as their guest speaker on Saturday, July 28th, 8 p.m. also at the College of the Redwoods.

BARBECUE

The San Luis Obispo Alano Club will hold their 6th Annual Barbecue on August 25, 1973 at the Templeton Park in Templeton, California. There will be lots of fun, games, prizes and swimming.

RICHMOND (cont. from page 1) mond Conference opened Saturday Morning, June 9th, to an enthusiastic crowd which reached about 1,500 in all. Many of those came anticipating the address of Clarence S. from Florida, one of the first AA members, who knew and worked with both Bill W. and Doctor Bob S.

Clarence spoke to about 1,200 people at the Saturday 8:30 p.m. meeting. He told of their attendance at the Oxford Group meetings, from which they finally broke away to form their own group of alcoholics.

There were many disagreements. They finally wrote the Big Book, and when they did form their own group they took their name from the title of the Book, "Alcoholics Anonymous." Clarence was given a standing ovation.

Sunday afternoon at one o'clock Chuck C., well known popular member from Laguna Beach, spoke to an audience of about 900 people who gave him an enthusiastic reception.

Walter McC., Sacramento, was the speaker at the Kick-off meeting Friday Night which drew over 200 people. Walt has a great story to tell and, as usual, made a very interesting talk.

Meetings of General Service, the H & I Committee, Al-Anon and Alateen both Saturday and Sunday, with an Al-Anon Luncheon Saturday Noon, made up an interesting program for everyone.

in the third floor meeting room of the

HELP WANTED: Alcoholic Recovery House Resident Manager. Need couple (man recovered alcoholic, at least 5 years continuous sobriety) in small mountain town in Sierras, halfway between Sacramento and Lake Tahoe. \$500.00 month plus room and board. Position available September 1st. Replies necessary by August 1st. Send resume to: House Chairman, Rt. No. 1, Box 44-A, Shingle Springs, Ca. 95682.

ALANO CLUB JULY ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JULY 7 —

FOURTH OF JULY DANCE — to music of Bill Gryder's Velvet Four — Come and bring your friends — Prizes have been upgraded — Have you seen the newly redecorated Club?

SATURDAY, JULY 21 —

Mid-month dance — come and cut a rug to the tunes of Bill Gryder's Velvet Four — Fine prizes round out the evening — Top this off with AA Fellowship and what more can you ask!

SATURDAY, JULY 28 —

AA Birthday dance — Share the excitement of AA birthdays with your fellow AA friends — Fine records — and cake — and coffee.

BIG BOSS

Note: Our thanks to John F., of Monterey, who writes: "For a long while I've wanted to put into print my morning conversation with my Big Boss. Perhaps if you can use this, maybe it will help someone else..." We think it will be obvious why we couldn't pass it up.

Big Boss:

Thank you for letting me see a new day,
To wake up with all my senses in tact,
That I am aware of the amount of time given me anew.

Let me — on your terms — handle each moment I meet
With the new outlook on life given me.

Let me never forget where I was,
What happened,
And where I stand now — but for your grace.

Please let me give a hand when I can,
To the best of my abilities.

Let my motives
Be free from self-centeredness and ego.

And help me,
Just for today,
To be myself in all ways.

NEW GROUPS:

FIRST STEP — WED — 8:30 P.M. — OPEN — Presbyterian Church, Basement, Rm 3, 110 Magnolia Ave., LARKSPUR.

FRESH AIR (no smoking) — WED — 8:30 P.M. — OPEN — DISCUSSION — St. Pauls Episcopal Church, HEALDSBURG.

GARDEN DISCUSSION — CLOSED — MON — 8:30 P.M. — Garden Hospital, 2750 Geary, enter gate at back of Hospital on Wood Street, SAN FRANCISCO.

V.A. HOSPITAL GROUP — WED — 8:00 P.M. — OPEN — 42nd Ave. & Clement, Fort Miley, Bldg. 7, SAN FRANCISCO.

WOMENS GROWING PAINS — CLOSED — FRI — 10:30 A.M. — 70 So. 'E' Street, SANTA ROSA.

GROUP MOVED:

LADY OF MERCY DISC — FRI — 8:00 P.M. — moved to Lady of Mercy Church, enter parking lot from Southgate, DALY CITY.

GROUP CHANGED TIME:

MILLBRAE WED DISC — now meets 8-9:30 P.M.—also now OPEN meeting.

GROUP CHANGED NAME:

FIN-BARR DISC — SUN — SF — changed name to SINBAR.