Editorial . .

For some time it has been the conviction of several A.A. members as the result of the expansion of our fellowship in Cuyahoga County, that some means of wider communication of our activities to our members is needed.

To that end, the efforts of this bulletin will be dedicated.

Many of our members are leaving the city to take jobs elsewhere and many are going into the armed services.

To these members we think we can fill a definite need.

We shall strive to maintain an interesting and lively contact between these absent members and us at home.

Letters from members in the services all beg for news of happenings within the various groups. We hope to meet this plea.

We hope, through this bulletin to bring you news of general interest to A.A. members, such as notices of parties, anniversaries (?), picnics, special meetings, activities of the various committees, formation of new groups and other work of the organization in Cleveland.

News items will be welcome from members of all groups, on questions relating to improvement of the A.A. technique. Someone may be able to suggest a better hospitalization plan, a better way to approach a prospect, or some other improvement.

We expect to include in this bulletin suggestions for reading, prayers, discourses on various phases of re-education under the A.A. program.

We shall remember A.A.'s second A. No member's name will be used in this publication without his unqualified consent. Nothing will be published that will be embarrassing to any member. We shall operate always in a spirit of Love and Unselfishness.

The chief justification for this bulletin will be to further the work of A.A.

There are 6500 active members of A.A. in the United States, a report from the national office in New York says. However, there are many unattached members, because of out-of-town defense work, and Bill Wilson's office estimates that the total membership in the nation today is between 8,000 and 9,000.

A Plea to the Secretaries

To enable the Bulletin to compile a mailing list of all men in service, group secretaries are requested to send names and addresses of all service men. Individual members may send names and addresses of service men to the A.A. postoffice box, P. O. Box No. 658, Church St. Annex, New York City.

This first edition of the Bulletin is merely an outline of what we intend to produce.

A Prayer

(Based on Psalm 90)

Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or over the earth and the world were made,

Even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

We thank thee for having brought us safely to this day of our lives and for having taught us to live one day at a time in thy work.

We pray that thou wilt guide our footsteps tomorrow, and help us as we help ourselves, help us as we help others to do thy will.

And we pray that thou wilt extend thy special mercy to afflicted as we have been but who have not yet been brought from darkness. Amen.

WE HONOR BILL WILSON

The Annual Dinner will be held in the Rainbow Room of Hotel Carter, at 2 P. M., Sunday, November 8th.

Bill Wilson, our founder, will be the principal speaker.

Tickets for the dinner can be bought from group secretaries at $2.10 each. The speaking program will start promptly at 4 P. M. Those unable to attend the dinner but wish to attend the after dinner meeting at which Bill Wilson will speak, may buy admission tickets for 40c.

GIVE US A NAME

This first bulletin is called the "Central Bulletin". This name does not convey its purpose. Put on your thinking cap and submit a name to your secretary and the committee of secretaries will adopt a new title from your suggestions. Please do this at once so we may select it before the next publication.
GROUP MEETINGS

Monday
Borton Group ........................................ 13331 Euclid Ave ........................................ 8:45
Lee Road Group ........................................ 1637 Lee Rd ........................................ 8:30
Orchard Grove ........................................ -Townsend Hall.
                                             15003 Detroit Ave ...................................... 8:30
Lake Shore ........................................ .......................... Lake Shore Hotel.
                                             8:30, Dinner at 7:30, Meeting at ................. 8:30
Lorain Ave. ........................................ Banater Hall Annex,
                                             W. 120th at Lorain ........................................ 8:30
Miles Ave ........................................ 12907 Union Ave ........................................ 8:30
Shaker Heights ...................................... Shaker Jr. High,
                                             S. Woodland and Woodbury ................................ 8:30

Tuesday
Wade Park ........................................ 82nd and Wade Park ........................................ 8:30
West Side Men's .................................. Pilgrim Church,
                                             W. 14th and Starkweather ................................ 8:30
Crawford Men's .................................. 8920 Euclid Ave ........................................ 8:30
Brooklyn ........................................ K of P. Hall,
                                             Broadview and Pearl Rd ................................ 8:30
Lee Road ........................................ 1637 Lee Road ........................................ 8:30
Collinwood ........................................ 14707 St. Clair Ave ..................................... 8:30
Women's ........................................ 12214 Detroit Ave ........................................ 8:30
Lorain, Ohio ...................................... Antlers Hotel ........................................ 1:30

Thursday
Lee Road ........................................ 1637 Lee Rd ........................................ 8:30
Avon Lake ........................................ 1112 W. Erie, Lorain ...................................... 8:30
West ........................................ 25th St ........................................ Schmotzer's Hall,
                                             W. 25th and Erin Ave .................................... 8:30
Glenville ........................................ E. 105th and Marlowe ..................................... 8:30

Friday
Lee Road ........................................ 1637 Lee Rd ........................................ 8:30
Berea ........................................ Bagley and Seminary ..................................... 8:30
Gordon Square .................................. CIO Hall, 6221 Detroit Ave ................................ 8:30

Sunday
Crawford Training ................................ 8920 Euclid Ave ........................................ 8:30

Morning Meetings
Wednesday Mornings
Collinwood ........................................ 14707 St. Clair Ave ..................................... 10:00 A.M.
Thursday Mornings
Schmotzer's Hall,
West ........................................ 25th St ........................................ W. 25th and Erin Ave, 10:00 A.M.

1st Tuesday every month
Central Committee ................................ 8920 Euclid Ave ........................................ 8:30

ALCOHOL BARS MILLION

A newspaper clipping called to our attention that chronic alcoholism was keeping 1,000,000 persons out of the war effort, and that 60,000 new chronic cases were being discovered each year. These figures would indicate that in proportion to the entire country, about 10,000 Greater Clevelanders are waiting for the same message that brought us back to sanity and a rightful place in the community.

The national A.A. office in New York is compiling a list of A.A. members that are in the service. If group secretaries will send all the names of service members to New York, many members now in the service will be able to establish A.A. contacts they now miss.

The Bulletin will be published on the 15th day of each month. News for the Bulletin should be in the hands of group secretaries not later than the first Tuesday of each month.

ATTEND THE ANNUAL A.A. MEETING
Honoring BILL WILSON
Founder of A.A.

* RAINBOW ROOM
C A R T E R H O T E L
Sunday, November 8, 1942

Dinner at 2 P.M.

Only 750 can be served. Get your tickets early. Ticket includes the meeting.

Price $2.10, includes tax.

Meeting at 4 P.M.

This meeting will start promptly. Entrance can only be made with ticket.

Price 40c, including tax.

BUY FOR DEFENSE
Editorial...

The Founder called it “a Miracle of Transformation.”

So it was. There were doctors, lawyers and mechanics, business executives and clerks: men of many stations of life and of many creeds.

Not so long ago they were chained almost inescapably to an obsession that defied determination and willpower, that progressively destroyed their usefulness to themselves, their families and to society.

They and their wives, numbering nearly 1000 persons, filled the great Rainsom Room of Hotel Carter. They were there to pay tribute to the Founder. Yet the Founder’s inspiring message was overshadowed by the audience itself. There were many hundred personal triumphs, and many hundred triumphs of missionary zeal.

The Founder himself saw this great audience as a miracle. He paid tribute to the work of the members of Greater Cleveland, who had shown how ordinary men, with Divine inspiration, could succeed in an effort that would be accounted too great for professionals.

The Founder led a meeting. He told us about his personal problem. He told us how, after he had received the inspiration that led to the development of the method, his problem still remained. It remained as long as resentment, intolerance and self pity remained. He put strong emphasis on the destroying effect of resentment.

He met his crisis as most of the rest of us have learned to meet our crises: by acceptance of the guiding hand of the Creator, and by working with others.

He spoke of humility and patience and love and honesty and unselfishness. But particularly, he spoke of the destructive effects of resentment, intolerance and self pity.

There were two other speakers. The guest of honor of last year’s dinner meeting spoke of the necessity of passing our work on to others, of correcting our thinking, of finding a new plan for living, and of making use of the opportunity to gain happiness.

The other speaker was a Clevelander, a member for five years. He spoke on the individual nature of the problem and the individual’s own responsibility for its solution.

Members from 20 other cities were present: Lorain, Akron, Uhrichsville, Ashtabula, Youngstown, Dayton, Columbus, Geneva, Mountainview, Kent, Canton, Cuyahoga Falls, Mount Vernon, Belleview, Mansfield, Berea and Toledo in Ohio; Erie, Pa., Pittsburgh, Pa., and Jackson, Mich.

Responsibility of Sponsors

The greatest responsibility any man or woman assumes as a member of A. A. is the treatment or sponsorship of the new prospect.

Upon how thoroughly and conscientiously this job is done by us depends the future happiness and security of the individual concerned.

It is, therefore, important that we assume this responsibility in its entirety, not only for the benefit of the prospect, but for our own protection as well. Our own safety and security depends upon how unselfishly we give of ourselves to others.

It is our duty to be certain beyond the shadow of a doubt that the prospect once left on his own has such a complete understanding of the principles and practices of this movement that he will know what to do under any and all conditions.

This is accomplished only by painstaking effort on our part to the extent that we must be sure that the prospect has received the proper instructions from a great number of contacts, thru the reading of the book, Alcoholics Anonymous, and by our showing the way properly to make a contact with others. All this having been done, it is important that we impress upon the prospect the fact that he must then do this job himself for his own security.

All these things are vitally necessary and it is the sponsor’s responsibility to follow thru on this to the point where the prospect is able honestly to recognize the fact that regardless of what the condition or circumstance with which he is confronted a drink is never the solution to his problem.

SUNDAY EVENING MEETINGS

At a round table discussion meeting it was suggested that a Sunday evening group be started and that it preferably meet regularly downtown or within easy reach of all districts of Cleveland. We suggest that the secretaries bring this up for discussion at regular meetings, and if sufficient interest is aroused, steps will be taken to create a new group.

BULLETIN RETAINS NAME

In the first Bulletin it was suggested that everyone put his thinking cap on and submit a name for the subsequent Bulletins. Only one other name was suggested and the delegates to Central Committee expressed a preference for the original name, so the name stands. A new masthead is being drawn by one of our artist members, so for the Christmas issue you may see us with a different “dress” on.
GOSSIP

Gossip is one of the cardinal sins. It is not a single act, like murder, that stops one’s life and falls back to punish the offender. It is the breath of the Devil, steering every ear it touches. It is the most deadly of poisons. It blights many lives, it smites the innocent with the guilty.

An old Italian legend tells the following:

In the old days, a peasant confessed to a priest that he had slandered an innocent man. The priest said to him, “For your penance do this now: Take a bag of chicken down. Go to every yard in the town and drop one bit of down into each garden. Do not miss one yard. When you have finished, return to me.”

The sinner believed his punishment was light. With his bag of down he made the circuit of the village and carefully dropped one soft feather into each garden. Then he repeated to the priest, saying: “I have done my penance.”

“No, my son,” replied the old abbe. “You will not have done your penance until you take this bag, go again on your rounds, collect every feather you have dropped, and bring it here to me.”

The gossip protested that it would be impossible; he could not find the bits of down in a lifetime; many of them had blown far away.

“So it is with gossip,” replied the priest. “It is easily dropped. But never again, no matter how hard you try, can you ever back the words you have so thoughtlessly scattered.

“Create in me a clean heart, O Lord!”

A. A. MALE CHORUS

The Male Chorus has finally been launched, and rehearsals are held every Sunday afternoon at 4 P. M. in the Old Arcade (Superior entrance). There is still an insistent demand for first tenors and low basses. A plea is now made for an early response to further this worthy endeavor.

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CRAWFORD MEN’S TRAINING

The Crawford Men’s Training System has been highly acclaimed by many. Older A. A.’s are asked to come to these meetings with or without any new prospect where no new prospect will be given individual attention just as though they were a new case. Visiting a prospect in his home has always been handicapped by interruptions: by the prospect not daring to unburden himself completely; by the fear of being overheard by relatives, and by the A. A.’s retaining for the same reason. Hospitalization without question is the ideal answer to where the message will be most effective, but the Crawford Training Plan strikes us as being the best.

This group has even had regular visitor.: from Pittsburgh and surrounding small towns.

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A farewell party and dance was held in honor of Clarence Snyder on Saturday evening, October 3rd, at 8614 Euclid Ave., with the Gordon Square Group as hosts. He was presented with a beautiful service wrist watch as a gift from all West Side groups who acclaimed him for his pioneer work in Cleveland and particularly the West Side. The large crowd wished him Goodspeed and his parting speech was well received.

THE MAN IN THE MIRROR

When you get what you want, in your struggle for self, And the world makes you king for a day— Then go to the mirror and look at yourself, And see what THAT guy has to say.

For it isn’t a man’s father or mother or wife Whose judgment upon him must pass: The fellow whose verdict counts most in your life Is the guy staring back from the glass.

He’s the fellow to please—never mind all the rest, For he’s with you clear up to the end, And you’ve passed your most dangerous difficult test If the guy in the glass is your friend.

You may be like “Jack Horner” and “chisel” a deal And think you’re a wonderful guy, But the man in the glass thinks you’re only a heel If you can’t look HIM straight in the eye.

You can fool the whole world down the pathway of years, And get pats on the back from your friends, But your final reward will be heartaches and tears If you’ve cheated the guy in the glass.
## TELEPHONE LISTING

At the last regular meeting of the Central Committee it was decided to list Alcoholics Anonymous in the telephone directory. A twenty-four hour service will be maintained. Since the deadline for listing was near, it was decided to act immediately rather than approach each individual group for support, which the delegates present felt could be assured.

That the listing is important and necessary goes without saying, as many groups in other cities will attest, where listing has been in effect for some time.

A six-point dispatching service is being worked out by a committee and will be presented to the delegates at Central Committee to be taken to their groups for explanation and approval. Then tentative plan provides for three east side and three west side outlets.

### NEWS FROM CAMPS

Letters and news of AA's are greatly appreciated. Every effort will be made to pass on information as space will allow. No address will be given without consent, and excerpts from letters will be published whenever possible.

EDITOR.

Word was sent to all secretaries that Glen R. Wadick was ill in the infirmary, and a letter brought this reply.

"The news is touch but I don't hear any news. I guess you may use my name and address in the Bulletin if you wish. Give my best regards to the old bunch. Hope to get away from here soon, as I really want to get in this war and see some action. Am waiting orders to go to Ft. Benning for officers training—hope it comes soon.

Best regards to all my AA friends.

Sgt. Glen R. Wadick
Co. D, 29th Inf. W.B., Fort Leonard Wood, Mo."

Clarence Snyder writes us that "The going is tough but I don't hear anyone hollering UNCLE. My only regret is that I am no longer 20 years younger, but I feel that I can offset that by application of other advantages I may have.

I received a copy of the first edition of the newspaper and enjoyed it much. Here's hoping the best for its success. I will anticipate receiving it each month.

If any of my friends wish to write me, address me as follows—

Pot. Clarence H. Snyder
Co. B, 8th Bn., A.F.R.T.C., Fort Knox, Ky."

"I just miss the association of the groups. I haven't run across any other AA's although I'm inquiring around. I'm still keeping my chin up and I pray God I won't have any trouble. I don't think I will. My best to you and the whole Glenville Group."

Pot. F. M. Orphee
Flight A-565 T.S.S. (SP)
Atlantic City, N. J."
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