

AA Doing Classic Work In Saving Hopeless Drunks

(Editor's Note—This is the tenth in a series of articles dealing with the disease of alcoholism and what Alcoholics Anonymous is doing to combat it.)

By LYLE DOWNING
According to a well-known adage, "what's one man's meat is another man's poison."
Paraphrasing this old saw from an alcoholic point of view, it could be said "what's one man's fun is another man's grief."
Case histories of more than 150,000 persons who have recovered from alcoholism through AA, show that for these drinkers in the latter days of their indulgence, there was a full measure of grief in every bottle of liquor they consumed.

Alcoholics Anonymous has a saying which holds true for the victim of this disease:
"One drink is too many and a thousand aren't enough."

FOR THE ROAD
Unlike the controlled or social drinker, the alcoholic can't stop with a few drinks and, taking "one for the road," usually means never getting on the road. Alcoholics like to be on hand at closing time and would be perfectly willing to sweep out the saloons if there were a few more drinks to be had.
In other words, victims of the disease of alcoholism have unquenchable thirsts and will keep pouring the stuff in until they are

no longer capable of lifting a bottle.
So the alcoholic usually goes through life polluted and it is no wonder that grief and trouble are constant companions.

In preceding installments of this series on Alcoholics Anonymous and how it is combating the disease of alcoholism, we dwelt at some length on the First and Second Steps in the AA program through which a victim must admit he is powerless over alcohol and appeal to a Higher Power for aid.

TEN STEPS
There are 10 other steps in the program. Today we are going to skip to the Twelfth Step which states:

"Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these Steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics and to practice these principles in all our affairs."

Virtually all AA members contend there is nothing more satisfying than a Twelfth Step job well done. They get an ineffable thrill out of seeing persons recover from the disease and observe their rapid return to usefulness. But the road is often rough for the Twelfth Step Worker.

Many a Twelfth Stepper who happily starts out to answer a call from an alcoholic in need, returns sad and disconsolate. Even with a sound and thorough knowledge of a brother's person's trouble, the Twelfth stepper is often unable to get to first base. The victim can't realize that alcohol is at the bottom of his misfortune and will not admit he is powerless in its control.
In almost every case, as the alcoholic victim reels off his tragic story, the Twelfth Stepper seems to be listening to a repeat performance of his own misadventures with the bottle. He can match each story of the alcoholic victim with one of his own. Statistics compiled at the Alcoholics Anonymous Foundation show that all alcoholics basically follow the same pattern, whether they are millionaires or bootblacks. And it is also true that both the alcoholic millionaire and the alcoholic bootblack who persist in drinking will eventually hit bottom. Only the length of time may be different.

Working on the theory that only an alcoholic can help an alcoholic, members of AA every hour of the day in all parts of the country are returning hopeless drunkards to permanent sobriety. Alcoholics Anonymous stands ready to go to the instant aid of anyone with a drinking problem. The AA program is recognized by medical science as the best known means to combat alcoholism. Alcoholics Anonymous is as near as your telephone.
(Next—Other steps in Alcoholics Anonymous.)

Conservation Classes Set

Wildlife conservation education will be available this summer to all youth organization camps in the state, it was announced today by R. C. Holloway, chief of the Oregon Game Commission's information and education department. The summer camp program, which has become increasingly popular during the past four years, was presented in 51 camp sessions last season by representatives who found nearly 8,000 campers eager to learn more about the wildlife of their state. As part of the Game Commission's youth education program, conservation instruction at summer camps has become a major activity requiring the services of two regular staff members and assistance from three part-time instructors.
Qualified instructors will spend up to two days at each session of camp, using mounted bird specimens and pellets as discussion topics, and conducting field trips to marsh and mountain for interested groups. Camp directors are urged to send requests early, stating camp dates, locations and approximate numbers expected. Schedules are usually filled by the latter part of May.

Game Agent Now Teacher

R. L. Borovicka, Game Commission fishery agent at Bend, has been a part-time instructor at Sisters High School this winter. Borovicka has instructed the conservation class in the techniques of fly tying and in rod making and repair. He has also provided the regular instructor with a list of field projects that the class can undertake.
The Sisters conservation class recently acquired 90 acres of land from the U.S. Forest Service. Indian creek flows through the land and will serve as an excellent demonstration area for field projects.
Other Game Commission field men have been active in presenting conservation programs to school students in all parts of the state this winter.

Dope Smuggling Threat Growing

WASHINGTON (AP) — Only one-twentieth of the illegal drugs flowing into the United States is spotted by narcotics officers, senators investigating juvenile delinquency say.
In a report on its first six months' work, the special juvenile delinquency subcommittee headed by Sen. Hendrickson (R-NJ) Sunday cited "serious" narcotics addiction among teenagers and noted that Communist China has put back into operation "the world's largest narcotic plant."
Charting its work for 1954, the subcommittee listed among other goals a study of the effect of radio, television, movies and comic books on delinquent teenagers.

SHOT
GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP) — James Marcinowski, 3, was shot to death when a gun held by his 14-year-old uncle, John MacEachron, who was baby-sitting, accidentally discharged.
Dr. G. Arthur Mulder, county medical examiner, reported MacEachron was practicing loading and unloading the .16-gauge shotgun, which belonged to James' father.

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California Timber To Be Sold

Recently completed plans provide for the sale of one billion board feet of mature timber from the national forests in California during the coming year, according to a statement released by regional timber chief, B. H. Payne, today.
The planned marketing is about a 60 per cent increase over the amount of timber cut on the California national forests during 1953. Further increases in the marketing of mature timber are planned for the next five years. This expanded timber sale program is aimed at the Forest Service's stated objective of selling the full crop of timber. The full crop would mean a 100 per cent increase over the 1953 cut, which can be safely done without jeopardizing the basic resources of soil and water, and a perpetual supply of timber.
Forest engineers and timber officers recently completed the annual revision of timber sale plans. These provide for an orderly sales schedule with priority of cutting given to those areas most in need of cutting.

Some lucky member of an FFA or 4-H Club in Oregon or California will be presented with a registered yearling Hereford heifer at the 1954 Cal-Ore Purebred Hereford sale, to be held at the Jackson County Fairgrounds in Medford, March 18.
The award will be made by the Cal-Ore Hereford Association following the sale which starts at 1 p.m.
Boys and girls desiring to try for this heifer must register with a parent or guardian, prior to the start of the sale, according to Earl Jossy, secretary of the association.

NET WIDENS
IN SEARCH
FOR ROBBERS
SEATTLE (AP) — Spurred by the promise of a \$5,000 reward Pacific Northwest law enforcement agencies Monday widened their search for three gunmen sought for last week's robbery-murder at the Greenwood bank here.
At the same time, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, on orders from chief G-man J. Edgar Hoover, assigned top priority to the search for the trio of robbers who shot their way out of a police trap Friday, killing one police officer and wounding two others.
The reward was offered by the Seattle First National Bank, parent bank of the Greenwood institution. It will go to the person or persons providing information leading to the arrest and conviction of the gunmen.
The three, wearing spectacles and false noses as disguises, escaped in a stolen car after outdistancing a policeman in a patrol car. The bank estimated the loot at \$5,900.
Meanwhile, one of the wounded policemen disclosed he fired a shot at the bandits before he was

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knocked to the pavement by one of their bullets.
Patrolman Vernon Chase, recovering at a hospital said he heard a shot as he arrived at the bank and spotted one of the men at the door.
"I took a shot at him," Chase told interviewers, "but it missed. He ducked back and I tried to get behind a car so I could fire again. I saw Hardy (Patrolman Frank Hardy, who was killed) fall. Then something hit me. That's all I remember."

Hollywood Actors Wail Over Undue Tax Payments

By BOB THOMAS
HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Chances are, you didn't try to depreciate your legs on your income tax statement which is due today. But stranger things have happened, say the internal revenue boys.
To illustrate unusual requests by taxpayers, the Long Beach (Calif.) Press-Telegram had model Diana Hughes ask the local internal revenue office whether she could depreciate her shapely gams on her tax form. The answer was a good-humored: "No depreciation is apparent."
The incident was strictly a gag. But it points up the perennial contention between the Treasury Department and taxpayers whose earning power largely depends on their physical appearance. These include models, muscle men and movie stars.
Nobody loves the tax collector, but actors have long complained that they are victimized by tax laws.
"If we're lucky, we might make big money for five years, perhaps 10," a top star told me recently. "A guy like Gary Cooper might last 20 years, but how many Gary Coopers are there? The rest of us Department. But they have had to have to move aside for the younger, newer faces that the fickle public demands."
"When we're on top, we have to pay up to 75 or 85 per cent of our salaries in taxes. We are obliged to live like movie stars, and we have no chance to put away any savings. What happens to us when fame passes by?"
Actors have done more than merely complain about this matter. They have made representations to Congress and the Treasury

scant success. It's hard to sympathize with the plight of the movie stars, especially when their six-figure salaries are published so widely.
I talked to several internal revenue officials about the matter, and they agreed that the situation cannot be changed under present laws.
"The model's legs can't be depreciated because they are not capital assets," one of them commented. "It's the same way with actors. They can't measure the decline of their earning power because one can't depreciate oneself. How are you going to measure the depreciation? If such a plan were devised for actors, it would have to be applied to other workers, such as baseball players, wrestlers, etc."
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