

# MOUNTAIN DOIN'S

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## WAS SMILEY WRONG?

The late Smiley McC., first chairman of Intergruop, often voiced his feeling about the need for continued support of Intergruop, both financial and service.

It was, he said, AA's link with the still suffering alcoholic and he would smile as he told of the members whose first contact with the Fellowship came as the result of Intergruop efforts.

Since Christmas, Intergruop's support has dwindled although costs and efforts have continued to grow. This past month, the financial report dropped to below \$400 for the first time since 1975.

The situation is serious since Intergruop services depend on the financial support of groups and individuals to maintain the services which include manning the office, maintaining up-to-date 12 Step lists, speaker lists, providing speakers for non-AA groups as requested, keeping a good supply of AA literature instantly available when groups or individual members need it, even publication of Mountain Doin's each month.

Was Smily wrong when he urged the financial support of Intergruop? We don't think so. We don't think you do either. It would be nice also for members to attend the monthly Intergruop meetings, usually held at 3 p.m. the third Sunday of each month at Intergruop headquarters. We need your voices and your service too.

## DISTRICT SEVEN EATING MEETING SET JUNE 5

The Victoria Group will be host to this June's District Seven meeting, to be held in the East Asheville Community Center on Tunnel Road.

The speaker will be Dr. Bob W. from Asheboro. The date: Sunday, June 5. Eating (bring a covered dish) starts at 1:30 p.m. and the speaking somewhere around 2:30 p.m.

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## DISTRICT EIGHT TO MEET IN WAYNESVILLE JULY 10

The Waynesville Grace Group will be host to July's District Eight Meeting set for Grace Episcopal Church. Speaker to be announced.

Eating at 1:30 p.m., speaking at 2:30 p.m.

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## LUNCH BUNCHES PROVE SUCCESSFUL

The Monday Lunch Bunch at 12 1/2 Wall St. in Asheville is proving to be a great thing for hungry AAs along about noon, so much so it may expand.

Sylva, we are told, has a Friday lunch bunch. Call the AA number their for details. And in Franklin, the females are holding Wednesday afternoon gatherings. Alba F. can fill you in.

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ARE YOU GETTING 12th Step Calls? If not, it might be because InterGroup doesn't have your current phone.

## MAKE PLANS FOR ATLANTA

The 1977 Southeastern Conference of AA is scheduled for Atlanta this Aug. 10-14. Intergroup should be getting word soon, along with reservation blanks so block the dates off on your calendar.

There's talk too that the Southeastern will be coming back to the Old North State next year. Remember Asheville in 1958 and Charlotte in 1968. How could you ever forget those good times. Well the word is there's a good chance it will be Winston-Salem in 1978. Your participation in Atlanta this August could help the cause.

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OUR FRIENDS IN FARGO, N.D., send along the following lines from the Silver (AA) Dollar newsletter:

Sailor: Drinking makes you look beautiful.

Girl in Bar: I haven't been drinking.

Sailor: I have.

A regular customer in Milton's bar always ordered two martinis. Finally Milton asked why he didn't just order a double. "It's a sentimental thing," the customer said. "A dear friend died a few weeks back and before his death he asked that when I drink I have one for him too." A few days later, the customer only ordered one. "What about your dead buddy?" he was asked. "This is for him," the customer said. "I told my wife I was going on the wagon."

And, with our finances in mind, the Silver Dollar noted: Money still talks, but you have to increase the volume if you want to get the message through.

## WHY THEY COME IN BUNCHES

Did you ever notice that those early morning 12th Step calls and those requests that you speak at meetings always seem to come in twos, threes and fours, rarely singlely?

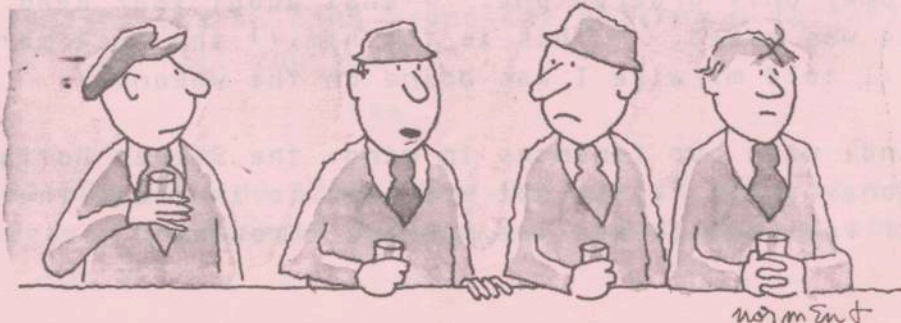
The thought occurs to us that it might be because our Higher Power knows when we need to make 12th step calls and/or speak at meetings or do whatever else AA asks of us.

Such requests for our service have a way of happening just when we're all wrapped up in some personal problem and there's nothing like a good 12th Step call to make us forget our own concerns.

The timing of such requests also makes it imperative that we had better not say //no// unless we have an excellent reason. We could be tampering with our own sobriety.

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REMINDER: The AA FOUNDERS' DAY Celebration is set for Akron University this June 24-26. Details were in last month's Mountain Doin's.



*"Sometimes I wonder if we're really real. Maybe we're all just characters in a cartoon that somebody drew."*