

# MOUNTAIN DOIN'S

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## NEARLY 1,000 AAs GATHER FOR CONVENTION IN WINSTON-SALEM

There is something subtly different about a convention of AA members. It is a matter of spirit, of attitude and of awareness that marks an AA crowd, that makes it something apart from almost any other group of people.

The difference is instantly apparent to anyone who has attended a convention of another sort. The AA people are brighter, more attentive to speakers and, most noticeable, happier.

They are, above all, sober, something that does not distinguish very many conventions of the other sort.

And that's the way it was two weeks ago at the annual North Carolina AA convention held in the Hyatt House Hotel in Winston-Salem.

The arrangements were flawless, the speakers were excellent and the audience was just what could be expected at an AA convention -- happy.

Total attendance ran to almost 900 people, and there is something inspiring in sitting in a large room with that many people all of who are well-dressed, well-behaved and serene.

It was possible during the two days of the convention to attend six AA meetings and many of those present did just that. Between times there was plenty of opportunity for socializing, visiting old friends and relaxing.

The mountain region was well-represented, both on the platform and in the audience. Neil D. of Victoria Road Group moderated one meeting with help from Beth B. and Oliver.

None of us in this program really should need a shot, not even a shot in the arm. But attendance at one of these affairs does serve to renew interest in AA, to open some new doors and to reassure the recovering alcoholic.

There really are a lot of us and the program really does work for a lot of people and you become thoroughly convinced of that fact when you sit down at a meeting with 800 or 900 folks who speak the same language.

## TWO ELECTED TO POSTS AS INTERGROUP BOARD MEETS

Mary C, retiring president of the board of Intergroup of Western North Carolina was elected trustee at a meeting of the board held on July 17 at the Intergroup office.

She also was voted the thanks of the board for her service to the organization.

Eleanor C. of Hendersonville was elected secretary.

The positions of chairman and vice chairman will be filled at a meeting scheduled for Aug. 21.

It was reported that a new printing of cards listing local groups, their meeting places and times was in the printing process and was to be available early in August.

## ALL ABOARD FOR ATLANTA

The 33rd Southeastern Conference (with the 24th Georgia State Convention) takes up Wednesday night, Aug. 10, at Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel, with an Early Bird Session, and continues through Saturday. All N.C. members are urged to attend and beat the drum for the Southeastern Conference coming to North Carolina in 1978. Remember it was in Asheville in 1958 and Charlotte in 1968. Great speakers and fellowship are promised for the Atlanta meeting, which continues through Aug. 13. Write Box 668, Atlanta, Ga. 30301.

DISTRICT SEVEN MEETING  
TO BE HELD IN FLAT ROCK

The next District Seven meeting will be held 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 18 at the church of St. John in the Wilderness in Flat Rock, near Hendersonville. The Blue Ridge Group will be the host.

It will be one of those pleasant eating meetings with a speaker (as yet unannounced) to follow. Everyone is cordially invited.

BIRTHDAYS

John L. ....	Hendersonville ...	7 years
Eddie F. ....	Blue Ridge.....	1 year
Andrew G. ....	S erenity Service	8 years
Pete G. ....	Traditional .....	6 years
Bill M. ....	Serenity S ervice	4 years

OVERHEARD AT THE CONVENTION:

....Fellow was arrested in a strange city after a fire broke out in his hotel room. He was charged with public drunk and setting fire to the bed... he pleaded guilty to the drunk charge but indignantly denied the other one ...claimed the bed was already on fire when he got into it.