

MOUNTAIN DOIN'S

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INTERGROUP BOARD MEETING POSTPONED TO JAN. 29

The Intergroup board meeting originally scheduled for earlier in January has been postponed until Sunday, Jan. 29 at 3 p.m. at the Intergroup office in the Parkway Office Building.

Inclement weather forced the postponement. It is hoped that the climate will be more agreeable on the 29th.

As usual, all Intergroup representatives from the area AA groups are urged to attend. And any AA member is welcome to attend as an observer.

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This edition of Mountain Doin's was mailed to you a little later in the month than usual. Blame the bad weather, the flu and the January inertia.

INTERGROUP COORDINATOR
HANDLES DIFFICULT JOB

Some time ago a program of "logging" all calls made to the Intergroup office was started. A record was made of callers (no identification, of course) and a summary of the content of the calls.

Reading those summaries is revealing. In them is replayed all of the heartbreak, frustration and tragedy of alcoholism.

It is all there, all of the insanity, the self-deception that goes with the disease.

There is the caller who wants information about AA, but not for himself, just "for a friend."

There is the man who has been arrested for the fourth time for drunk driving, has lost his license, lost his home and lost his family but "isn't sure he is an alcoholic."

There is the 13-year old girl desperate for help because her father is "drunk all the time and her mother drinks, too."

And there are the pathetic calls from the Jails, the hospitals and the mental

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institutions from the people who finally have been forced to face up to the facts of their illness and are groping for some way out of the trap.

The record also lists persons who made personal visits to the Intergroup office. Their problems are much the same.

One of the more interesting visits was made, for instance, by a traveling alcoholic (non-recovering) who had AA confused with Traveler's Aid.

All of these calls and visits are handled with care, understanding and common sense.

Those who genuinely want to help themselves and need a lift to make it, get prompt action. Those who are confused about the AA program and what it means are straightened out, firmly but politely. Those who want information about the program get it and usually a handful of literature along with it.

Fielding those calls and handling the visits sometimes is difficult, but it must be done. And, through the Intergroup office it gets done.

DISTRICT MEETING
SLATED IN BREVARD

A district meeting will be held on Sunday, Jan. 22, in the Presbyterian Church on E. Main Street in Brevard.

Jack S., of Jamestown, Tenn., will be the speaker.

Eating will begin at 1:30 p.m. The speaking will begin at 2:30 p.m. Meats and beverages will be furnished by the Brevard group.

LEWIS G. IN CHARGE

Closed meetings of the Haw Creek group being run by Lewis G. during the month of January. The subject is "Sponsorship."

BIRTHDAYS

Edna McG., West Asheville; 7 years:
Fred S., Hendersonville, 12 years: Maxine
Y., Hendersonville, 2 years.