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FINANCIAL NEWS

Thanks to all the groups and individuals who brought us out of the financial crisis. (\$1.88 at one time). We are now operating in the black and able to get a limited supply of literature on hand. The following groups and individuals have contributed for the month of February.

Hendersonville, Serenity Service, Fletcher, Sylva, Madison County, Big Book (Black Mtn.), Traditional, Brevard, 12th. Step Study, West Asheville, and Victoria. The total contributions amounted to \$342.88 and represents 38% of the total groups in Districts 7 and 8.

Individuals contributing: Ed D., Neil D., Jim D., Dick W., and Eugene M., for a total of \$80.45. Contributions sent in on the last days of the month will not be listed in this report.

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NEW GROUP

Dick W., informs us that a new group has been formed in Clyde, N. C. The meetings are held each Sunday night at 8:00 P.M. in the Central Methodist Church and includes A.A., Al-Anon and Al-Ateen. We are happy to have a new group in our family and hope that all groups will join in and give all the support they can.

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THE THREE DAY WEEK:

While industry, labor unions and the U.S. Department of Labor prepare us for the four-day workweek, speaker Bunny B., of Nashville, Tenn., came up with the three-day week she now operates on: "YESTERDAY, the day that's gone and so no longer of any use; TOMORROW, the day that's not here yet, and so as yet of no use; and TODAY, the only day I've got to work with and so the only day that really counts in any way."

(13th Tar Heel Mid-Winter Conference)

To support A.A.'s essential services, the General Service Conference recommends that groups follow the "60-30-10" plan. It works like this:

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First, take care of basic group expenses (rent, refreshments and A.A. literature).

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Divide remaining funds as follows:

60%

to your Intergroup or Central Office.

To support phone service for 12th step calls and other inquiries; coordination of group activities; and A.A. literature sales.*

30%

to your General Service Office.

To support group services throughout the U.S./Canada; the General Service Conference; helping lone members and groups in institutions; and carrying the A.A. message worldwide.

10%

to your Area Committee.

To support area assemblies, delegates' expenses and area public information and institution work.

In THESE DAYS of inflation, if you go shopping and don't see what you want, be grateful.

A DIAMOND is a chunk of coal that made good under pressure.

-MOD Filipina, The Philippines

OPPORTUNITIES are never lost. The other fellow takes those you miss.

TEMPER is a quality that at a critical moment brings out the best in steel and the worst in people.

SOME GLEAMINGS

(From the 13th Tar Heel Mid-Winter Conference, Winston-Salem Hyatt House, January 11-12-13, 1980 (about 600 registrations).

Heard outside the conference hall:

Convention-Center employee: "Sir, could you tell me what kind of a convention this is?"

A.A. Member: "This is not convention, honey; just one great big happy family reunion."

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Getting the program:

Speaker Bill D. of Metuchen, N. J., says: "If you keep coming to meetings, one of two things has got to happen; you'll get the program or the program will get you."

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Losing the Scent:

Bill D. also shared that after some years in the program his wife told him one day: "You know, honey, at the end of your first year in A.A., there really wasn't any observable difference in you. You just smelled different."

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Up, Periscope:

Again Bill D. makes a point: "No such thing as 20/20 vision among A.A. folks; all we've got is 20/20 hindsight."

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The Last Word:

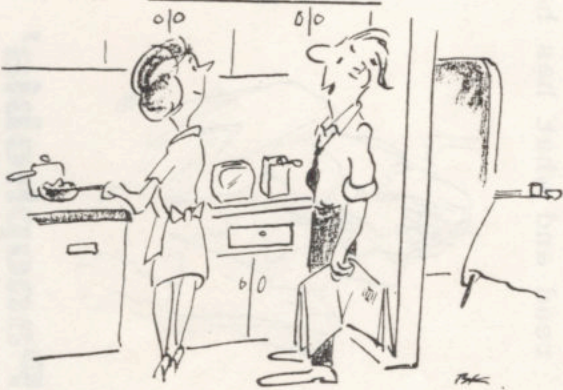
This from speaker Clancy I. of Venice, Calif.: "I read philosophy. I loved Nietzsche. Nietzsche was a very cynical, nasty goof. I just ate him up. One of his characters in one of his works says, "Why do you believe in God? God is dead. If He ever did exist, God is dead." A lot of people thought that theory came out of Berkely in 1965, but Nietzsche said it in 1884. In fact, there is a very famous plaque that says: "God is dead. Signed: Freidrich Wilhelm Nietzsche, 1884." AND BENEATH IT: "Nietzsche is dead. Signed: God, 1906."

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The Double-Barreled Blast:

Clancy I. also believes that "each of us, I suppose, has had our own personal Gethsemane, because we are all human beings. We have two mortal diseases: one is alcoholism; one is being a human being. And sometimes, when they work together, it's really dreadful."

Thanks to A. Nonymous



A man registered at a hotel, and the clerk warned him that the man in the next room was very nervous. When the man went to his room, he thoughtlessly dropped his shoe on the floor with a resounding thud. Then he happened to think of the poor nervous fellow in the next room, so he laid the other one down gently.

He went to bed, but about two hours later he was awakened by a rap at the door. He asked who it was, and his nervous neighbor exclaimed, "For heaven's sake, throw down the other shoe, will you?"

Masonic Mercury

STRANGERS are friends that you have yet to meet.

-Roberta Lieberman

"I've been sober in AA for three months, and I feel so good I'm worried!"

MEN MAY DOUBT what you say, but they will believe what you do.

-Lewis Cass

OUR FAULTS irritate us most when we see them in others.

-Pennsylvania Dutch proverb



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Hi!



March	GROUP	YEARS
Lewis G.	Haw Creek	23
Virginia S.	Traditional	14
Paul R.	Traditional	3
Eleanor C.	Hendersonville	4
Joan T.	Blue Ridge	4
Bob J.	Blue Ridge	3
Dillard P.	Sylva	2
Geraldine K.	Sylva	15
Betty H.	Victoria	4
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Send your favorite stories, quips, and news clips

If this list is incomplete, the only way we can correct it is for you folk to let us know. It all goes back to the statement "all I know is what I have heard, what I have seen, what I have read and what has happened to me."

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Along the pathway of life, pull a weed, plant a flower.

Harry C. Mabry



'Panophobia'

A fancy word that means you're afraid of everything



"Your slip is showing."

FAITH is knowing there is an ocean because you have seen a brook.

-William Arthur Ward