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Editorial . .

For some time it has been the conviction of several A.A. members as the result of the expansion of our fellowship in Cuyahoga County, that some means of wider communication of our activities to our members is needed.

To that end, the efforts of this bulletin will be dedicated.

Many of our members are leaving the city to take jobs elsewhere and many are going into the armed services.

To these members we think we can fill a definite need.

We shall strive to maintain an interesting and lively contact between these absent members and us at home.

Letters from men in the services all beg for news of happenings within the various groups. We hope to meet this plea.

We hope, through this bulletin to bring you news of general interest to A.A. members, such as notices of parties, anniversaries (?), picnics, special meetings, activities of the various committees, formation of new groups and other work of the organization in Cleveland.

News items will be welcome from members of all groups, on questions relating to improvement of the A.A. technique. Someone may be able to suggest a better hospitalization plan, a better way to approach a prospect, or some other improvement.

We expect to include in this bulletin suggestions for reading, prayers, discourses on various phases of re-education under the A.A. program.

We shall remember A.A.'s second A. No member's name will be used in this publication without his unqualified consent. Nothing will be published that will be embarrassing to any member. We shall operate always in a spirit of Love and Unselfishness.

The chief justification for this bulletin will be to further the work of A.A.

There are 6500 active members of A.A. in the United States, a report from the national office in New York says. However, there are many unattached members, because of out-of-town defense work, and Bill Wilson's office estimates that the total membership in the nation today is between 8,000 and 9,000.

WE HONOR BILL WILSON

The Annual Dinner will be held in the Rainbow Room of Hotel Carter, at 2 P. M., Sunday, November 8th.

Bill Wilson, our founder, will be the principal speaker.

Tickets for the dinner can be bought from group secretaries at \$2.10 each. The speaking program will start promptly at 4 P. M. Those unable to attend the dinner but wish to attend the after dinner meeting at which Bill Wilson will speak, may buy admission tickets for 40c.

A Plea to the Secretaries

To enable the Bulletin to compile a mailing list of all men in service, group secretaries are requested to send names and addresses of all service men. Individual members may send names and addresses of service men to the A.A. postoffice box, P. O. Box No. 658, Church St. Annex, New York City.

This first edition of the Bulletin is merely an outline of what we intend to produce in the future. It is not intended

to be a monthly report of only central committee's activities, but is intended to be a reporting service of all groups in Cuyahoga County.

In order to make this paper truly interesting to every member, it will be necessary to get news items from every group. And if it is to be a success, it will be the necessary duty of every secretary to transmit his group's news to the editors before the first Tuesday in each month.

For the sake of economy of space, all news items, interesting articles and correspondence which would be of interest to all members may be edited or condensed if necessary.

To start, this bulletin will be printed on both sides of an 8½x11 sheet. If it is warranted, another page will also be used. This size was recommended by the editors, because all issues can be assembled in standard loose-leaf binders.

For the present time, sufficient copies will be mailed to each secretary for voluntary distribution at meetings. A plan will be submitted, whereby all members will receive the bulletin by mail in an envelope bearing only the box number of the Central Committee. No further identification will appear. If this plan is adopted, it will assure every member of receiving a copy. Naturally this will entail some expense and a nominal charge for a year's subscription may be charged to cover cost of printing, envelopes, addressing, inserting and mailing. This is a tentative plan and subject to the will of each group.

Norman Ebert's compilation of the membership of Cuyahoga County, made just before he died, shows an active list of 1400. Counting those who have had to leave because of work in other cities, or for other reasons, there are about 1800 practicing A.A.'s who belong to our community.

GIVE US A NAME

This first bulletin is called the "Central Bulletin". This name does not convey its purpose. Put on your thinking cap and submit a name to your secretary and the committee of secretaries will adopt a new title from your suggestions. Please do this at once so we may select it before the next publication.