

EMBARRASSMENT PAYS OFF

Million-Dollar Idea Born in Beanery

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK. (AP) It is always interesting to learn how and where people get million-dollar ideas. You might find out how to get one yourself.

But who ever got one in a restaurant chair after finding he had left his wallet at home?

Well, Frank McNamara did less than two years ago.

"I had to call up my wife," he recalled, "and it took her 45 minutes to drive over with my wallet."

During that time McNamara, who was in the commercial credit business, fell to thinking what a nuisance it was anyway to have to pay restaurant and hotel bills in cash.

The result was "The Diners' Club," which McNamara formed with his partner, Ralph Schneider.

It issues a credit card to some 60,000 subscribers entitling them to charge flowers, food or liquor, or car hire, at some 700 restaurants, hotels and car rental agencies throughout America.

These firms send in the accounts to The Diners' Club, which pays them, and forwards its own roundup bill once a month to its clients.

The club charges the subscribers only \$5 a year for this service, and makes its profit from a 7-per-cent rakeoff it gets from the restaurants and hotels on each account.

"It saves the customers the trouble of carrying a round cash," said McNamara, "and it saves the restaurant owners a lot of bookkeeping and the bother of collecting bad debts."

"It's so simple that at least 25 people have told me they had the same idea before me. But they didn't follow through."

It took a lot of hard work—and \$250,000—to launch the idea. The club had only \$1200 in billings the first month. But last month they were over \$700,000, and the club expects to hit a \$1,000,000-a-month stride by spring.

Next on its agenda is a deal to allow clients to charge air travel.

Credit losses have averaged less than 1 per cent.

"Few people try to run out on food, hotel or travel bills," McNamara said. "It's only when you let them charge things they can hook that you run into much difficulty."

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RADIO AND TELEVISION PROGRAM LISTINGS

Table with columns for station call letters (KLAC, KFI, KMPC, KECA, KHJ, KFWB, KNX, KFOX, KFAC, KGER, KVQE) and their corresponding frequencies.

The following programs are compiled from reports provided by the broadcasters. No responsibility assumed for last-minute changes which sometimes are made.

DIAL LITES - TONIGHT

Table listing radio and television programs for the evening, including 'SPECIAL', 'VARIETY', 'INFORMATIVE', 'SPORTS', 'CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS', 'VARIETY', 'TELE-TIPS - TONIGHT', and 'DRAMA'.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1951

Detailed grid of radio and television programs for Saturday, December 15, 1951, listing time slots and program titles for various stations.

DRINKING WOE?

Where to Look for Assistance

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15. (AP) Where to look for advice if drinking is a problem for you or some member of your family:

First of all, you probably will want to talk to your family doctor or pastor. They are increasingly better informed on the subject.

Alcoholics Anonymous, an organization of ex-drinkers, is always ready to give direct help to the alcoholic. Almost every city has a chapter which answers the phone 24 hours a day. Postal address for the national headquarters, known as the Alcoholic Foundation, is Box 459, New York.

The National Committee on Alcoholism distributes factual information on alcohol and drinking problems. The committee also will suggest treatment centers and recommend steps for organizing community programs. Its headquarters are in the New York Academy of Medicine, 2 E. 103rd St., New York.

The Yale University School of Alcohol Studies pioneered in setting up "Yale Plan" alcoholic clinics, which Connecticut now has six. It also conducts a four-week summer program for ministers, social workers and others interested in alcoholism.

The National Committee on Problems of Alcohol, which directs scientific research on alcoholism, will answer inquiries on scientific problems or the soundness of various treatment programs. Headquarters are at the National Research Council, Washington, D. C.

Uruguayans to Vote on 'Swiss Regime'

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, Dec. 15. (AP) Uruguayans will vote tomorrow on whether to abolish the presidency and establish a governmental system resembling Switzerland's. Even opponents say the plan probably will be approved.

Like Switzerland, Uruguay is small and rich, has a firm economy and boasts a long democratic tradition. Under the proposed government, an executive council would replace the presidency. This council would consist of six members from the majority party and three from the largest minority party.

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OUT OUR WAY



BORN THIRTY YEARS TOO SOON

ALCOHOLISM: MAJOR PROBLEM

AA Is Key Factor for Rehabilitation

Editor's Note: This is the last of a series of dispatches on alcoholism. Today's article tells of the successful work of "Alcoholics Anonymous."

By RUTH GMEINER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15. (AP) At 2 a. m. a few days ago, the phone rang in a home in a large east coast city.

The man who answered listened for a minute, then said, "Hang on. I'll be right over." He dressed and left the house. It was after dawn when he returned for a short nap before going to work.

The man who answered the middle-of-the-night call was an AA, a member of Alcoholics Anonymous. The call came from another AA, fighting out a "dry drunk."

Starting out with two members in 1935, AA grew to 2000 by 1941, 60,000 by 1948 and now is approaching 120,000.

The members are banded together in 4280 chapters in this country and abroad. They include executives and secretaries, housewives and laborers. Among them are Catholics, Jews, Protestants, agnostics and atheists.

AA's have only one thing in common: They are admitted alcoholics.

Total abstinence is the AA's answer to his sickness. AAs do recognize, however, that other people can drink and many AA serve drinks to guests in their homes.

AA is so loosely organized that it hardly can be called an organization at all. Each "group," as the chapters are called, is autonomous. AA demands no pledges of sobriety, collects no regular dues, elects no officers. The only requirement for membership is an honest desire to quit drinking.

How well AA works is proved by the statistics. AA reports 50 per cent have no "slips" after their first AA meeting. Another 25 per cent backslide but recover eventually.

Why does AA work? Perhaps the simplest answer is that nobody understands an alcoholic like another alcoholic.

At AA meetings, the alcoholic finds people who talk his language. Here he can't say, "You don't understand. You've never done any real drinking yourself."

Most members can match or better his stories of lost work cards, agonizing hangovers, fears of insanity, growing confinements in "violent" wards of hospitals.

The AA program—in 12 steps—draws on the resources of psychiatry, religion and the common drinking experience of the members.

The first step, and the hardest, is an admission by the individual that he is an alcoholic, that liquor has him licked. The rest offers him a way of life—without alcohol.

The 12th step, and the one that seems to be the clincher, is working with other alcoholics.

AA will get up in the middle of the night or leave work to help another AA get through the "jitters."

Sometimes, the call is from a member who has "slipped." It is thoroughly so. Then the answering AA may have to sit on his chest to keep him from jumping out the window. Or he may haul him to a "drying-out" clinic. AA will be waiting for the backslider when he sobers up.

AA do no sermonize. They know only too well the futility of preaching to an alcoholic. Instead, they explain what AA has done for them. If the alcoholic is not interested, the subject is dropped.

"When he needs us enough, he will be back," the AAs say. AA members work in the jails and alcoholic words of hospitals. Some hospitals admit alcoholic patients only under AA sponsorship.



MRS. HELEN B. HARRIS

Helen B. Harris Funeral Monday

Funeral for Mrs. Helen Boyd Harris, 66, of 1032 Andrews Dr., Ebell Club officer, will be Monday, with service at 11 a. m. in Motell's Chapel. Her pastor, Rev. Emerson G. Hagen of First Congregational Church, will officiate. Interment will be in Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Glendale.

Mrs. Harris died yesterday in a Long Beach hospital after a brief illness. She was born in Oakdale, Neb., and lived for a time in Neligh, Neb., before moving to Los Angeles in 1928. She came to Long Beach in 1936.

Mrs. Harris was a member of First Congregational Church and was fourth vice president and a member of the board of trustees of the Ebell Club. She also was a charter member and past president of Chapter JM of PEO; a member of the board of directors of the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra; a member, senior counselor of the Junior Philharmonic Orchestra Committee; and belonged to the Lady Lions group and the Lawyers' Wives Club.

She attended Monticello College, Alton, Ill., and later, National Park Seminary, Washington, D. C., while her father, Judge J. F. Boyd, was in Congress from the Third District of Nebraska.

Surviving are the widower, J. Carlton (Carl) Harris, trust officer of the Farmers & Merchants Trust Co.; a son, Chandler Harris of Los Angeles; and two grandchildren. Another son, L. Burton Boyd Harris, USNR, was killed in action in Okinawa in 1945 during World War II.

Funeral service will be conducted at 10:30 a. m. Monday for Carl Symonds, 44, of 219 E. Elm Ave., who was killed Thursday night in an automobile collision at West Covina.

Police reported Symonds' car hit the rear of the car in front of him.

He was born in Long Beach, and was a veteran of World War II. He belonged to the Newport Harbor Lions Club, Newport Harbor Lodge of Elks, and Long Beach Parlor of Native Sons of the Golden West, and the American Legion. He operated the Agate Shop on the Pike for 20 years.

Surviving are the widow, Hallie May; a son, Carl Thomas Symonds, 24; a sister, Mrs. Ethel Murray; and two brothers, Fred and Earl Symonds, all of Long Beach. Services will be in the Patterson & Shively chapel, Rev. F. Augustus Martyr of All Saints Episcopal Church officiating. Entombment will be in Angeles Abbey Mausoleum, Compton.

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Obituaries

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AOKI (Huntington Beach)—Kamesuke Aoki, 72, of 18572 Huntington Beach Blvd., died Thursday at his home. Mr. Aoki had lived in this area since 1905. A rancher, he was born in Sakama, Fukuoka, Japan. Mr. Aoki organized the Southern California Fencing Assn. and was an attendant of the Zenshu Betsuin Church, Los Angeles. A wake will be held in the home of Mrs. Aoki, 18572 Huntington Beach, Monday at 7 p. m. Service will be Tuesday at 1:30 p. m. in Huntington Beach Memorial Hall. Rev. Paulo Suzuki officiating. Interment will be in Westminister Memorial Park. Mr. Aoki is survived by the widow, Kiku; four sons, Mutsuro, in Japan; Fred, Iwao and Shiro, Huntington Beach; and a daughter, Yoko, Ando, in Japan; and Yoko Suenobu, San Fernando, and 11 grandchildren.

HAZARD—Funeral service for Mrs. Ruth Mae Hazard, 60, of 2221 Grand Ave., will be today at 1 p. m. in Motell's Chapel. Rev. Ralph M. Grove of First United Presbyterian Church officiating. Interment will be in Sunnyside Memorial Park. Mrs. Hazard was a native of Marion, Iowa, and died Dec. 13 in a Long Beach hospital. She lived for several years in Long Beach in 1947. She was a member of the Episcopal Church of St. Louis. Surviving are the widower, Thomas R. Hazard Jr.; two sons, Willard C. Hazard, Ferguson, Mo., and Thomas F. Hazard III, Long Beach; a brother, Carl H. Hazard, Oakland, and grandchildren, Carl Carol Ruth and Willard C. Hazard Jr., of Ferguson, Mo., and Thomas R. Hazard IV and Keith D. Hazard, Long Beach.

FRANK Mrs. Emma E. Frank, 77, of 229 E. 10th St., died yesterday in a Long Beach hospital. She was born in Michigan. She lived for several years in Colorado Springs before coming to Long Beach in 1921. She was a member of the Church of Religious Science. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Mary E. Bavan, Inglewood, and Mrs. James R. True, Middletown, N. J.; a son, Frank, restaurateur, Long Beach; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Funeral service will be on Monday at 2 p. m. in the Dilley Chapel, Dr. John Harforn of the Church of Religious Science officiating.

REMBERT—Porter Rembert, 81, of 243 Elm Ave., died Thursday in a Long Beach hospital. He had been a resident of Long Beach for 10 years and lived most of his life in California. He leaves no known survivors. Service will be Tuesday at 5 p. m. in Motell's Chapel. Interment will be in Westminister Memorial Park.

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Chest Installs Officers, Hears Report on Budget

New members of the board of directors of the Community Chest met with the old board yesterday at the YWCA to install officers and to hear a report of the budget committees.

H. Curtis Cassill, retiring president, presented framed certificates of appreciation to L. B. Cameron, members who are leaving the board: Mrs. Willis H. Merrill, Mrs. Ed J. Bramble, William A. H. G. Markworth, Lowell W. Robbins Jr. and Dr. J. Thomas Hardesty.

Officers who were installed are W. N. Windes, president; Mrs. O. P. Roemer, first vice president; Dr. Orville Cole, second vice president and William T. J. Harris, treasurer.

Bill Barbee, chairman of the budget committee reported that \$470,000 was used as the basic figure used by the committee in establishing the 1951-52 expenditures of the 19 Red Feather agencies. He said that the 22 members of the committees had been divided into three subcommittees which averaged over three hours with each agency in an exhaustive, line-by-line investigation of all proposed expenses. Final recommended budgets were

Readers May Dial 6-9066 for Church Information

Information regarding the location of churches in the Long Beach area and the hours of services can be obtained by phoning the Press-Telegram 6-9066.

This service by the Press-Telegram supplants the voluminous church directory previously published on Saturday and will simplify the obtaining of information regarding religious services in this area each Sunday.

If you are in doubt as to the location of the church you desire to attend or the hour of the service, simply dial 6-9066 and an operator will endeavor to supply the desired information.