



Alcoholics Reach Recovery In AA

and women who help each other stay sober. They know what the 'former' alcoholic'' or "an 'ex'-alcoholic'' but he can become a "recovered alcoholic."

Alcoholics Anonymous usually holds two types of meetings once or twice a week. "Open" meetings are held for the members and their relatives or friends. They give their testimonies and other problems. "Closed" meetings are for members only. They discuss their problems and how they can learn to cope with them. Meetings are opened with a serenity prayer and closed with the Lord's Prayer. There is again. always coffee served at the meetings along with refreshments served at the end.

Members of Alcoholics Live and Let Live; But for the

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) Anonymous have a system for is a worldwide fellowship of men keeping sober. This system challenges the members to try to see who can receive the illness feels like, and they have most chips. When they join, learned how to recover. An A.A. each person receives a white member can never become "a chip and thereafter a different chip for the amount of time they can stay sober. A metallic chip is given for 30 days, a red chip for three months, a green chip for nine months, a blue chip for a year, and every year after that a blue chip.

> The members have a list of 12 steps which is their "Guide For Living." They learn these steps and try to practice them in their daily life, Alcoholics have lived in a different world from other people, and now that they have recovered, the alcoholics have to learn how to live with people

The members have five slogans printed on plaques that they try to live by. They are:

Alcoholics Begin Young

"I feel that drinking and being a young alcoholic is just being a part of the crowd."

What is it like being a young alcoholic in high school? Upon interviewing one, the answers came out like this.

"Well, my parents don't care. They are so pre-occupied on doing their own thing. Drinking is an American pastime. It's like baseball, apple pie, hot dogs and french fries.'

"I first started drinking when I was about 13. My big brother and all of his friends were drinking, and so I tried it too. I only started drinking heavily about two years ago when I was a sophomore. When it started it was only sociable but now it's more than that."

"Alcoholics live in a complete different world. My goal in life is to try to get to that next drink.

TV Supplies Info

Information on Alcohol and its problems may be obtained from many sources including television. Television can supply the public with a visual view of how an alcoholic really lives. Two special programs concerning alcohol will be presented on television soon.

'Drink, Drank, Drunk" is a special program about alcohol. The presentation features Carol Burnett and will appear on Monday, Jan. 10, at 7:00 p.m. The next night North Carolina's Alcohol Problem will be presented at 7:00 p.m.

Both of these programs may be watched on educational television stations such as channels 2, 4, 27, 25, 26, 33, 39, and 58.

Grace of God; Think, Think, Think; Easy Does It; and First Things First. These plaques are posted at every meeting.

Everything is so make-believe. Really it's fun.

seeking help, but I just haven't of students in the area.

It's really fun being drunk. found the time yet. I am really ashamed.'

John is a fictitious name, but "I have often thought about the story holds true to a number

Minors Buy Brew

under-18 youths who desire to 'sip the brew' on Friday and be bought with "no questions asked," according to several Senior High students.

remain anonymous, report that rate extremely low. the object then is to "make a run" to the store. If it is a group of guys involved, then is is usually the biggest, the oldest looking, who go in. If on a date, then the guy will usually go in - unless of course, the girl has a fake I.D. On the way in, they rerport, they check for cars with radio antennas, permanent license plates, and Plymouth Furies (i.e., usually ABC cars).

Since the sources will not be identified, the frequency of underage persons purchasing alcohol cannot be ascertained.

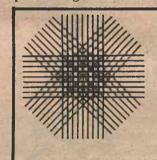
However, in talking over the subject with ABC officials, reporters found that the problem of underage youths purchasing alcohol is over-

From the days of the rated. The officials say that rum-runners, bootlegger, and those who are underage and still operator, there are de- attempt to purchase "brew" scendents! Who? Why the rarely succeed, and those who do are few and far between. According to ABC officials, Saturday nights (at least). experience in handling such Anyone who is "cool" can check cases is their greatest asset. out the places where brew can Certain methods they use to ascertain a person's correct age, which are guarded like military secrets, help the officials to These students, who wish to keep the underagers' success



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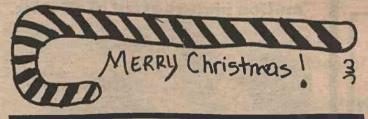


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