

# Dr. Frank Buchman

## Founder of the Oxford Group

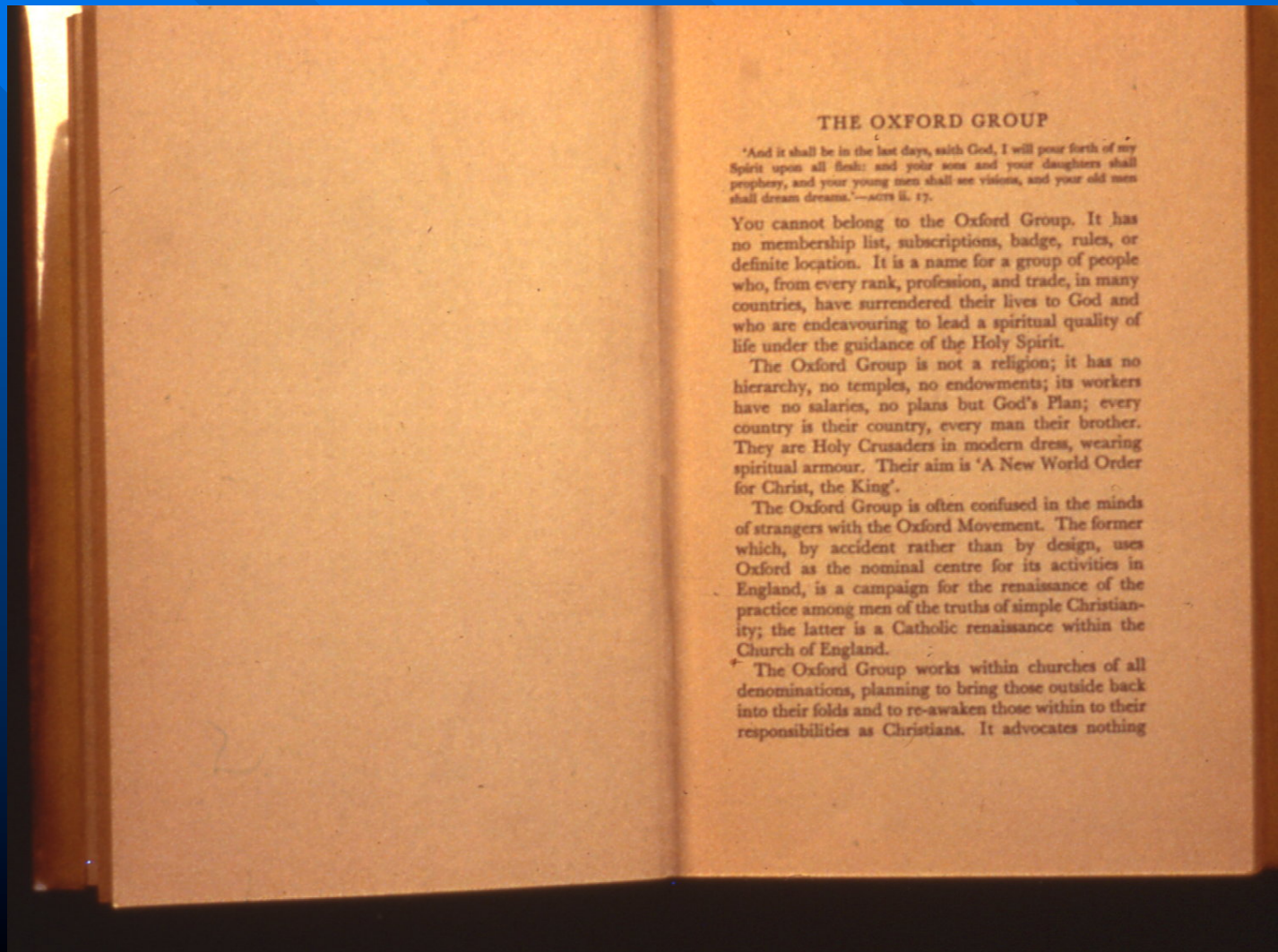


# Dr. Frank Buchman & Conrad Adenauer



# First page

## “What Is The Oxford Group” description



### THE OXFORD GROUP

*"And it shall be in the last days, saith God, I will pour forth of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams."—ACTS II. 17.*

You cannot belong to the Oxford Group. It has no membership list, subscriptions, badge, rules, or definite location. It is a name for a group of people who, from every rank, profession, and trade, in many countries, have surrendered their lives to God and who are endeavouring to lead a spiritual quality of life under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

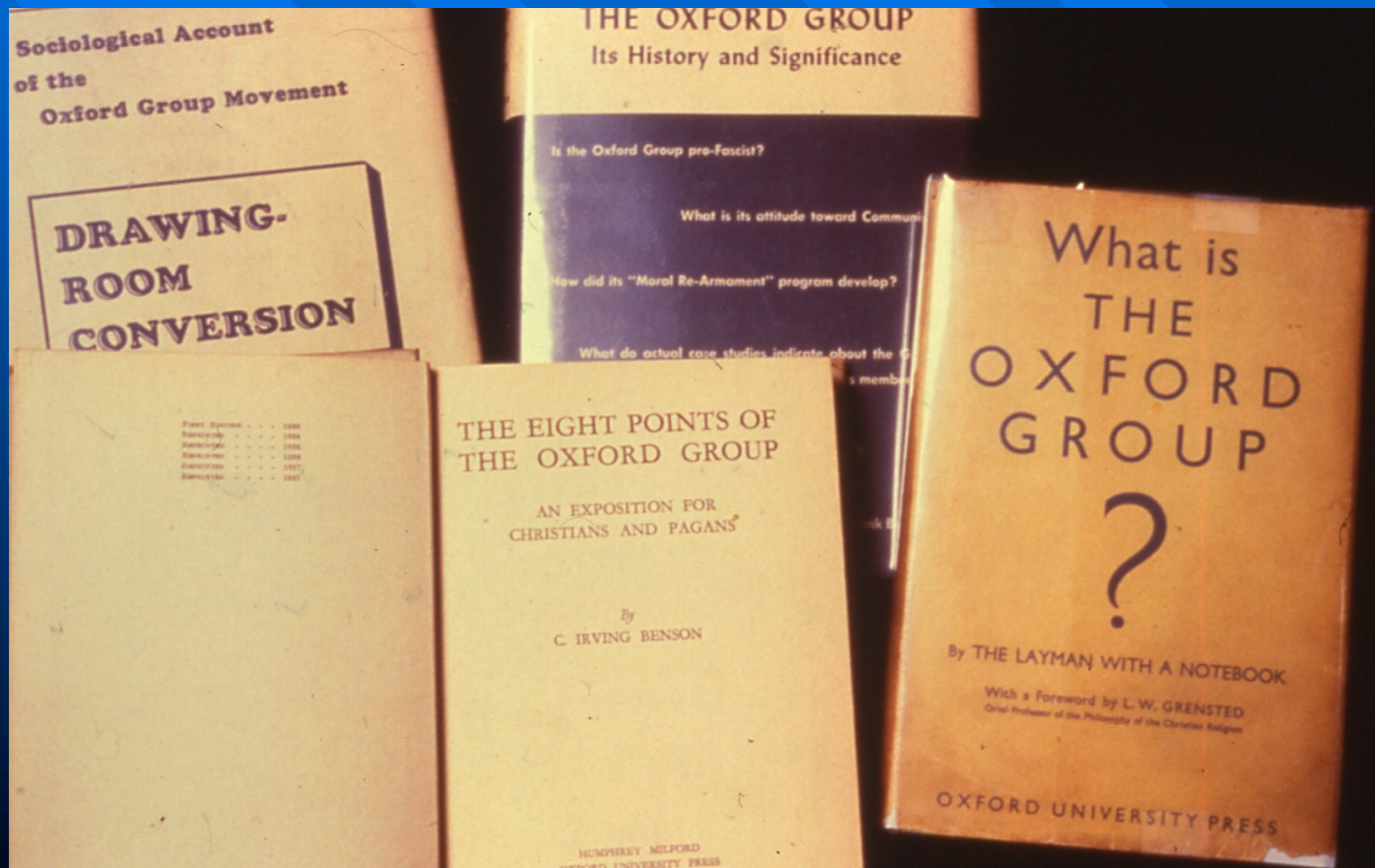
The Oxford Group is not a religion; it has no hierarchy, no temples, no endowments; its workers have no salaries, no plans but God's Plan; every country is their country, every man their brother. They are Holy Crusaders in modern dress, wearing spiritual armour. Their aim is 'A New World Order for Christ, the King'.

The Oxford Group is often confused in the minds of strangers with the Oxford Movement. The former which, by accident rather than by design, uses Oxford as the nominal centre for its activities in England, is a campaign for the renaissance of the practice among men of the truths of simple Christianity; the latter is a Catholic renaissance within the Church of England.

The Oxford Group works within churches of all denominations, planning to bring those outside back into their folds and to re-awaken those within to their responsibilities as Christians. It advocates nothing

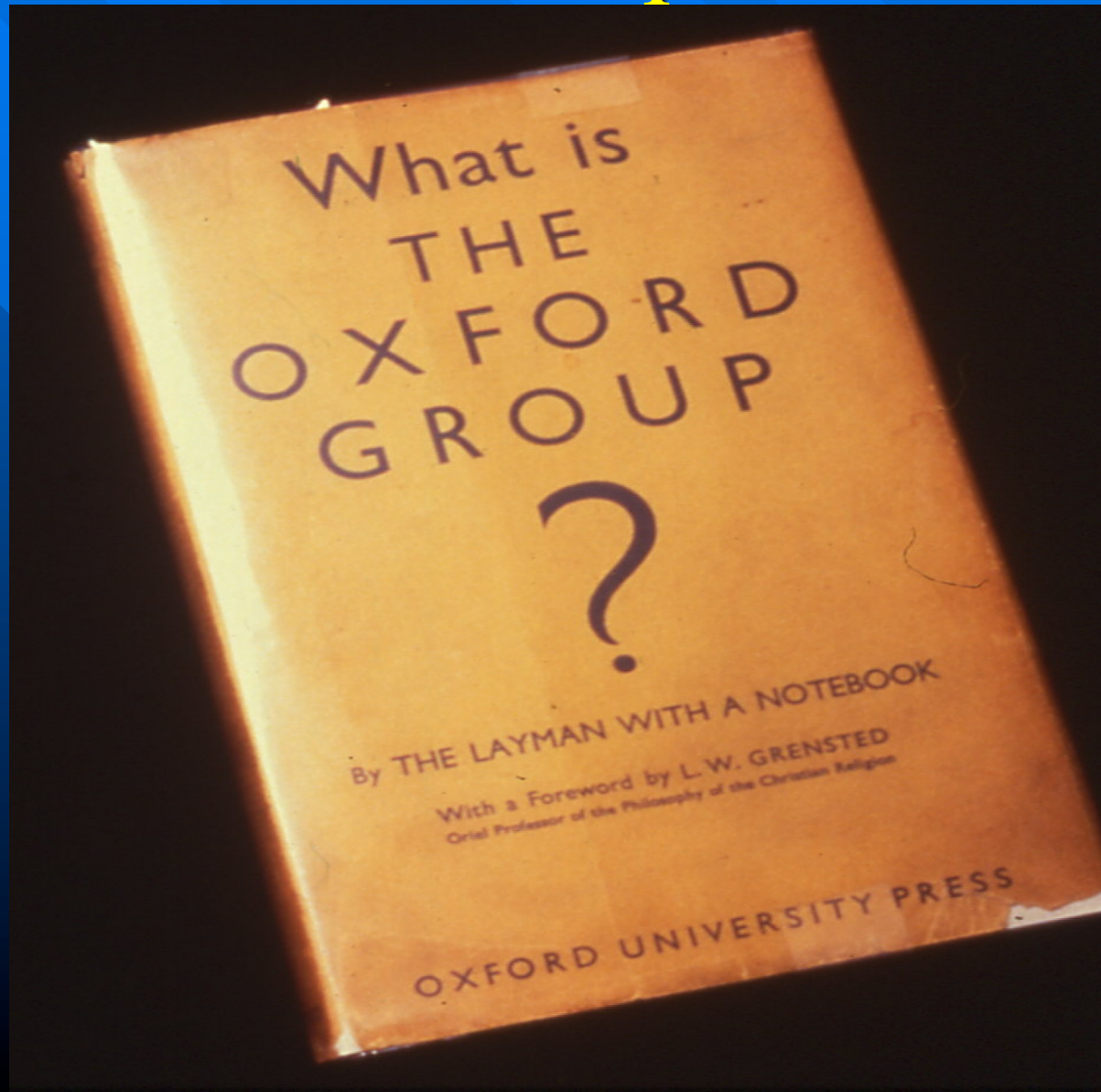


# Assorted Oxford Group books.

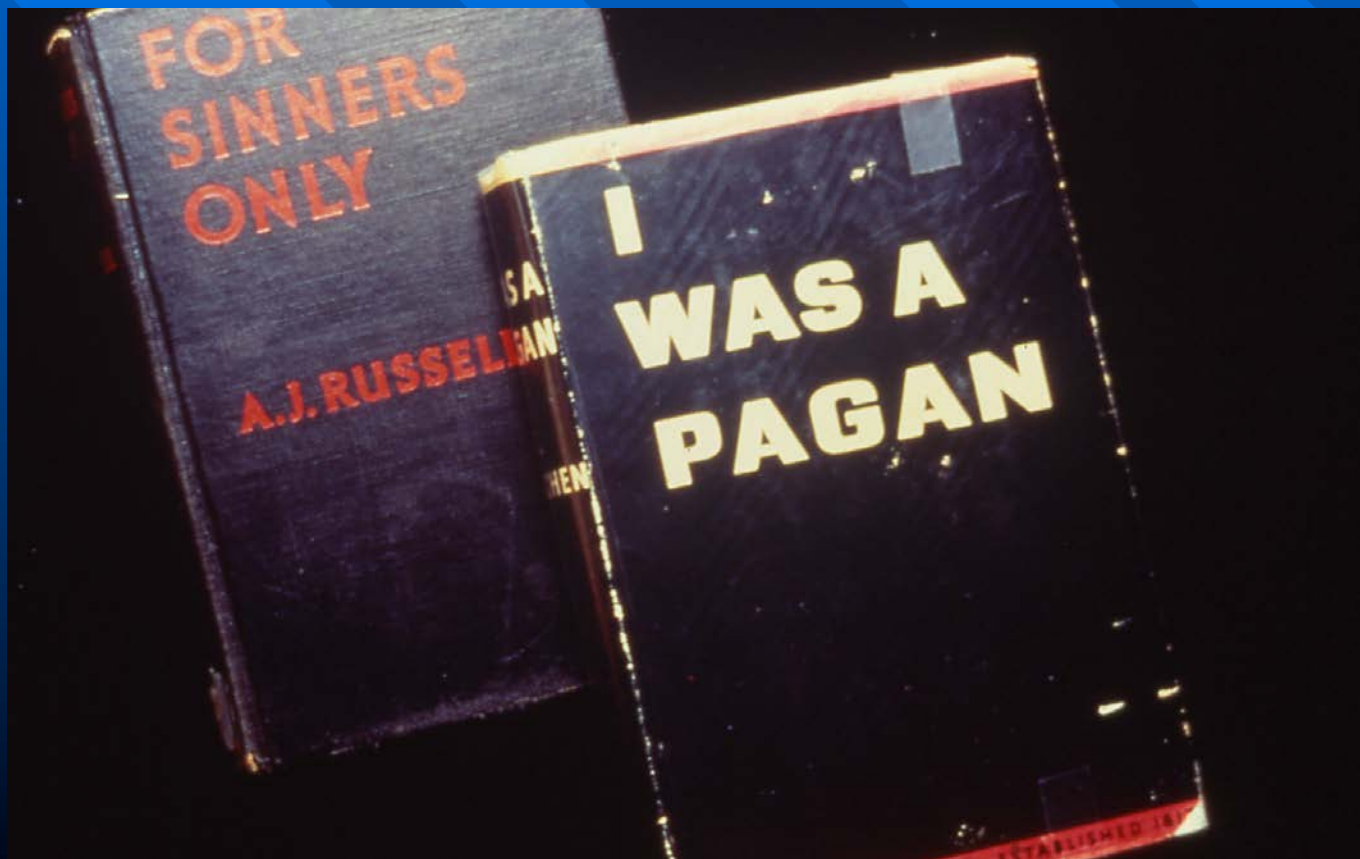




# Oxford Group Book



2 Oxford Group Books:  
A.J. Russell For Sinners Only and  
V.C. Kitchen I Was A Pagan





Rowland H. (left), wife and son.  
Rowland carried the Oxford  
Group message to Ebby.



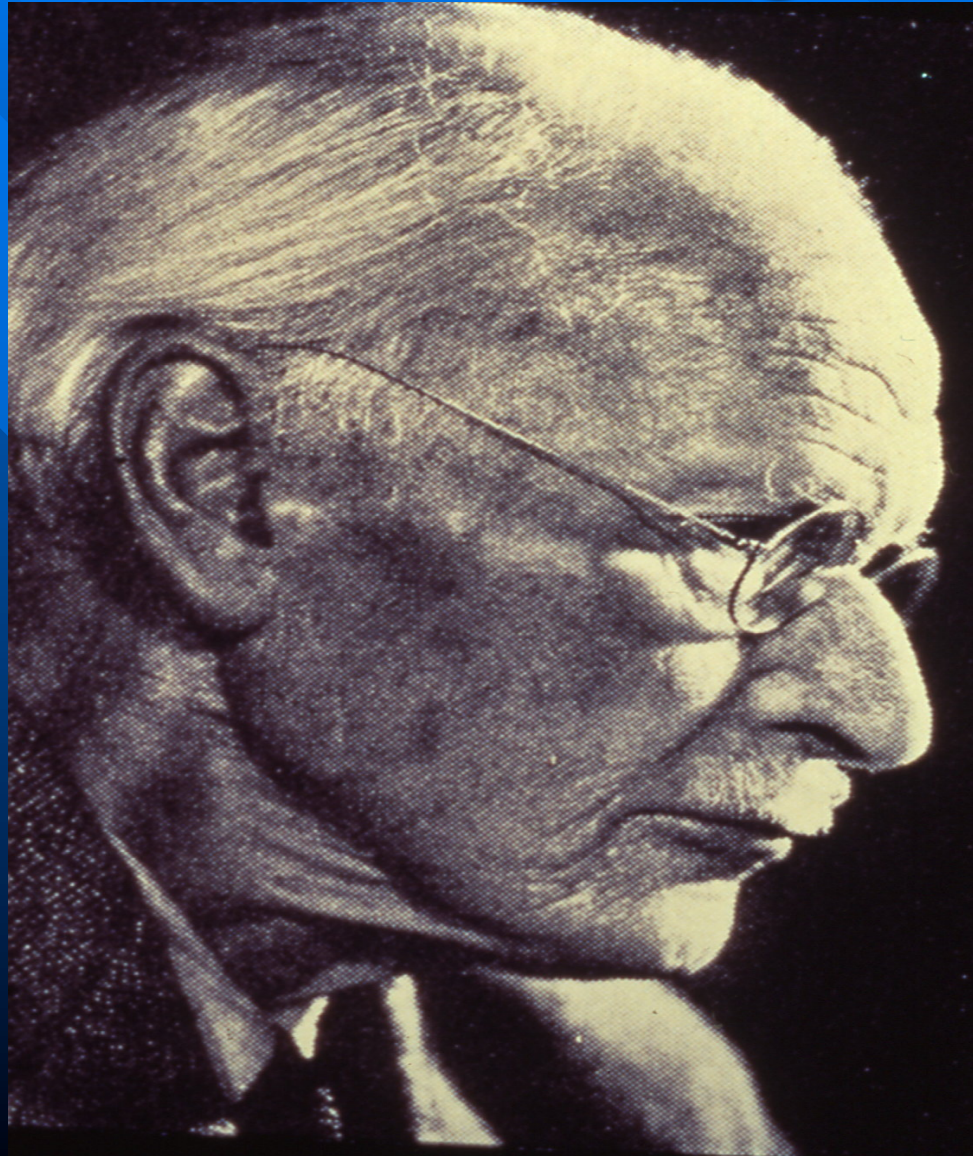
# Cebra Graves

Ebby was released from court  
to Rowland H. and Cebra's care

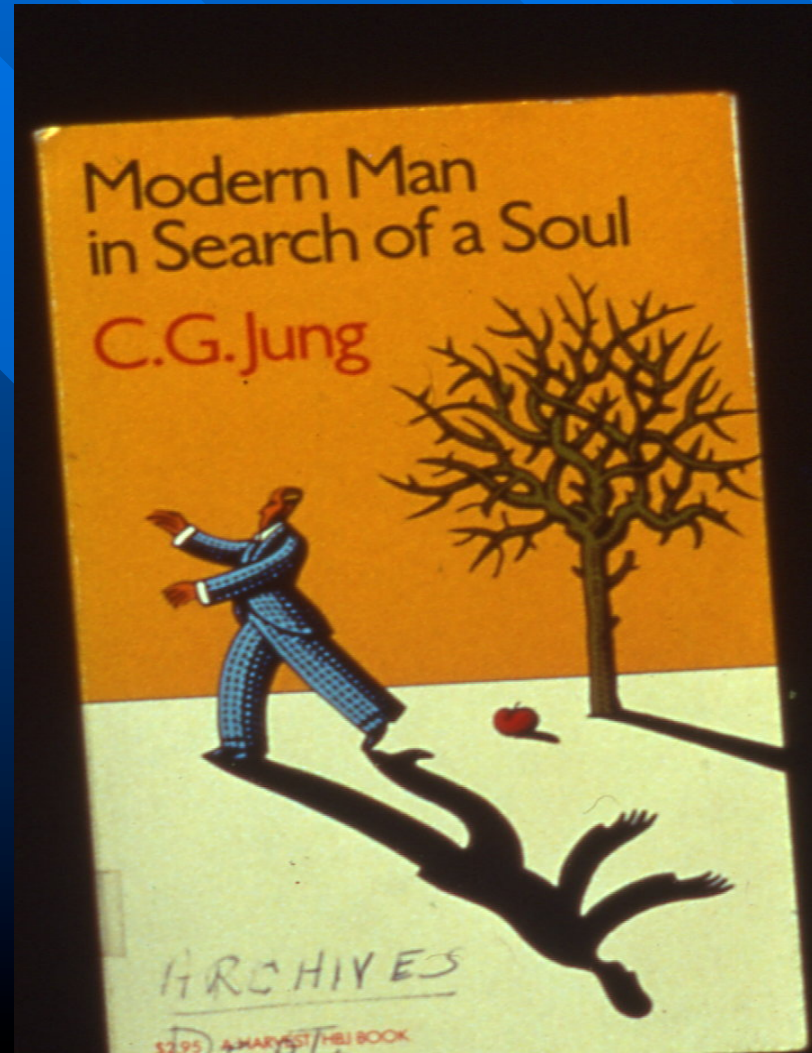




# Dr. Carl Jung



# Carl Jung's Modern Man in Search of a Soul





# William James

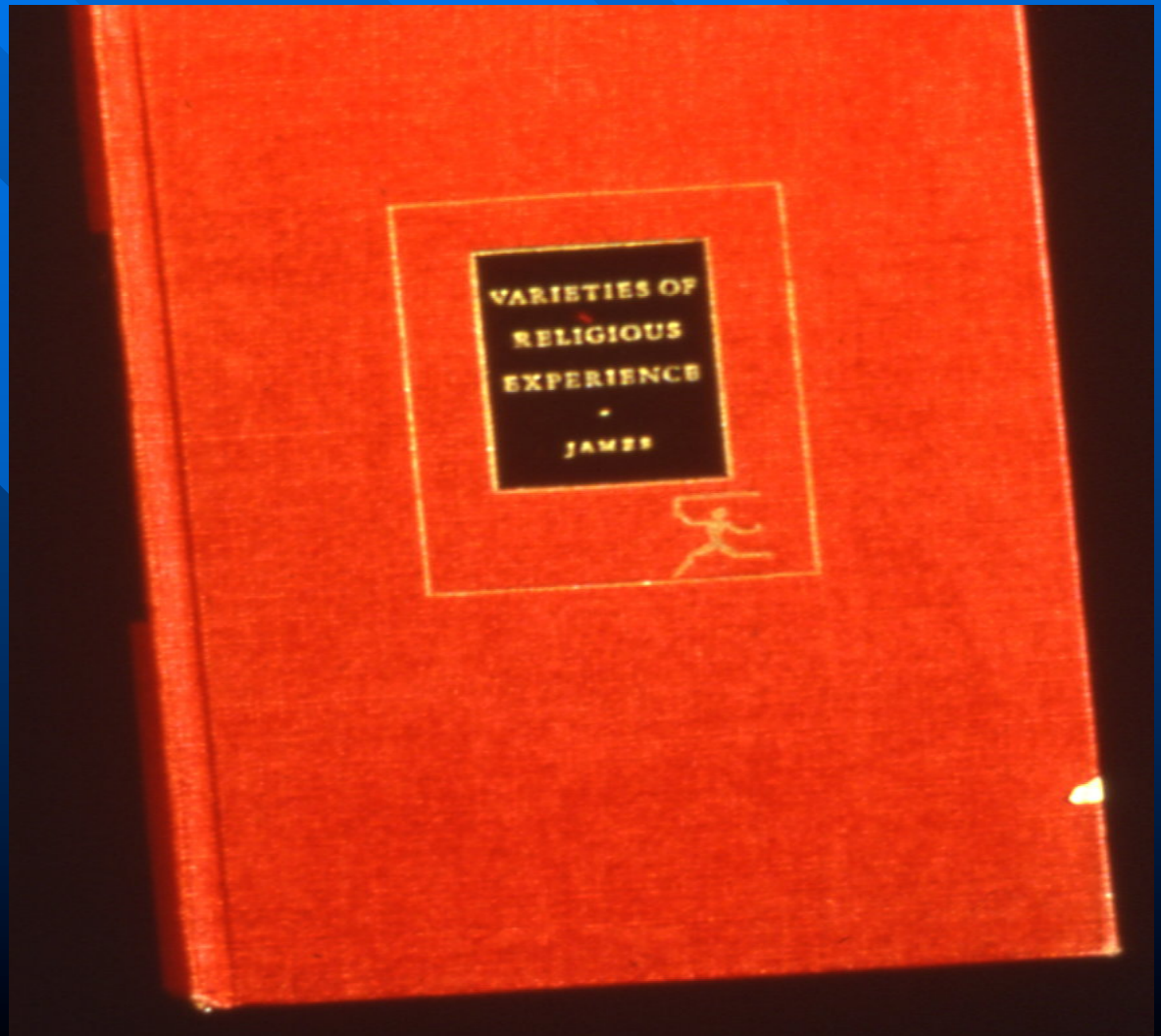
## Father of American Psychiatry



# William James Book

## Varieties of Religious Experience

Ebby  
carried  
this book  
to Bill at  
Townes  
Hospital

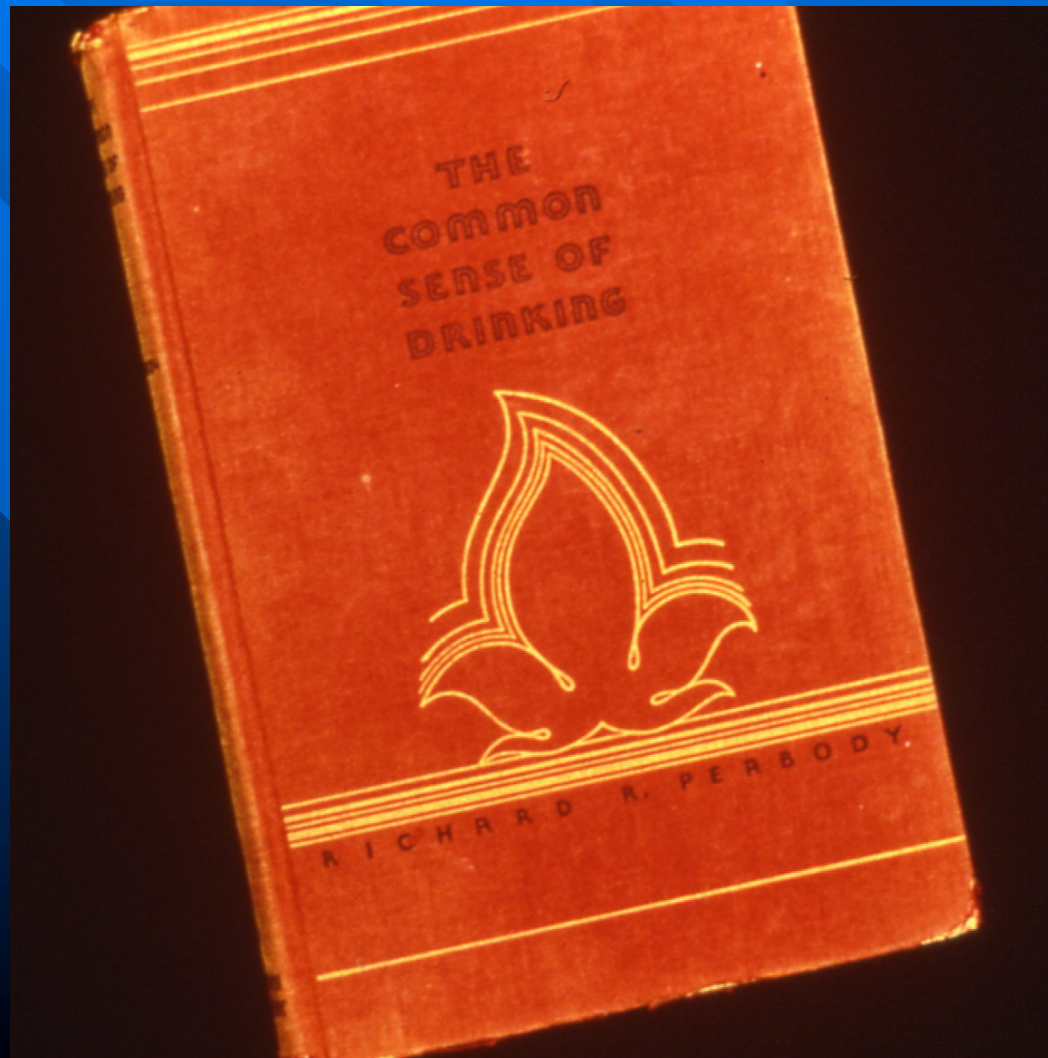




# The Common Sense of Drinking by Richard Peabody

Once an  
alcoholic,  
always an  
alcoholic

Half  
measures  
availed us  
nothing



# 1932 Akron newspaper article on the Oxford Group. Frank Buchman is in the picture.

Frank Buchman  
and 60 members  
of the Oxford  
Group invited to  
Akron by Harvey  
Firestone





# Reverend Sam Shoemaker

With the Calvary Church, and  
head of the Oxford Group in U.S.





Calvary Episcopal Church – 21<sup>st</sup> Street and Park Avenue South. Headquarters of the Oxford Group. Bill W. went to Oxford meetings before the founding of A.A.





# Calvary House adjacent to the Calvary Episcopal Church

## Entrance to the street mission





# Bill and Ebby

Ebby carried “The Message” to Bill



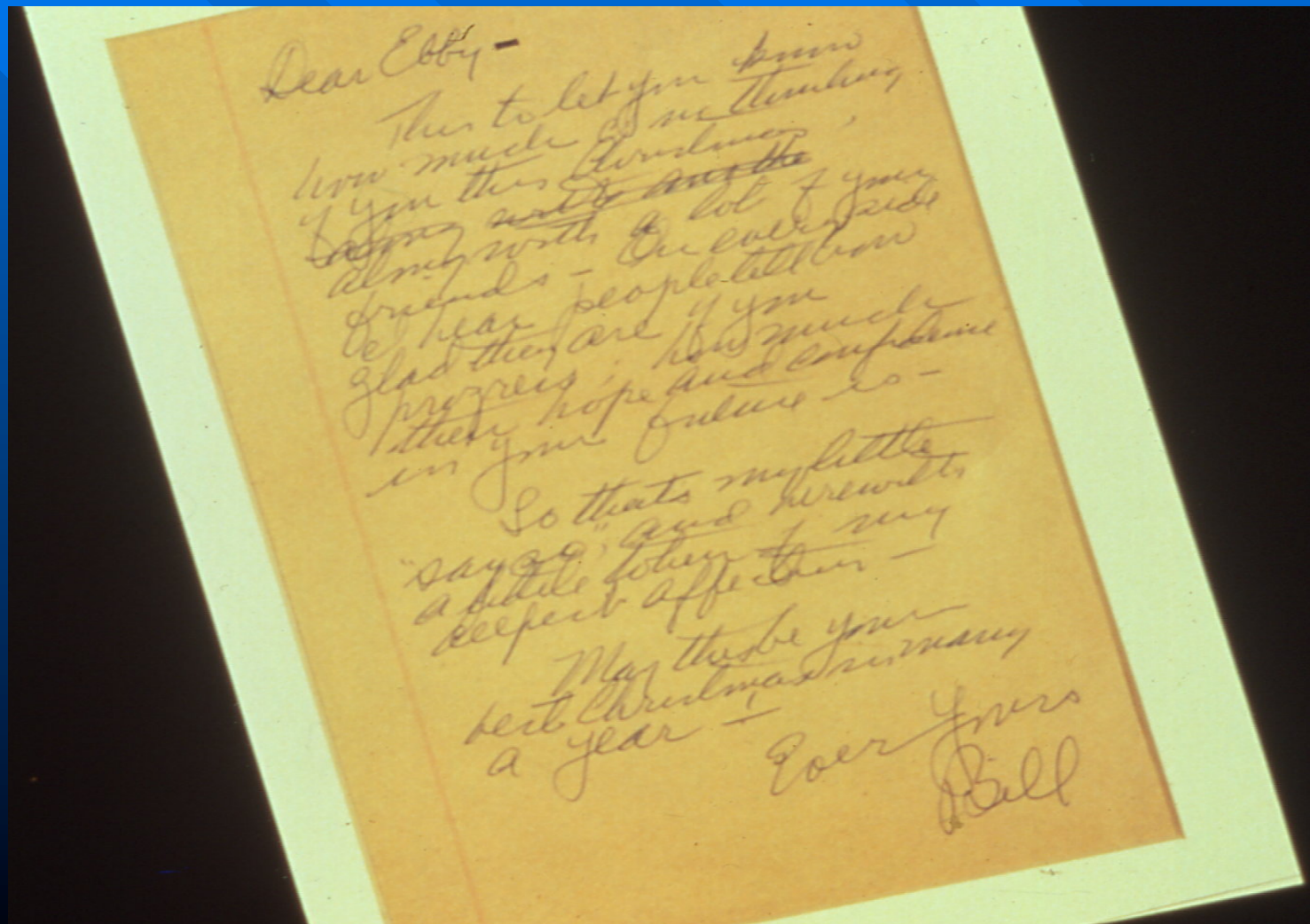


# Bill and Lois' s house, 182 Clinton Street, Brooklyn





A note from Bill to Ebby  
“Wishes for a Merry Christmas and thanks.”



Dr. Leonard Strong – A.A. trustee and  
brother-in-law of Bill Wilson.





# Townes Hospital

located at Central Park West and 89<sup>th</sup> Street NYC.  
Bill was treated there 4 times. Dr. Silkworth was the  
medical superintendent of Townes Hospital





# Dr. Silkworth

“The little doctor who loved drunks.”

He wrote the “Doctor’s Opinion” in the Big Book.





# Knickerbocker Hospital

Dr. Silkworth transferred here.





# A young Bill 1930 - 35 years old





Bill at the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
of Dr. Bob's death.

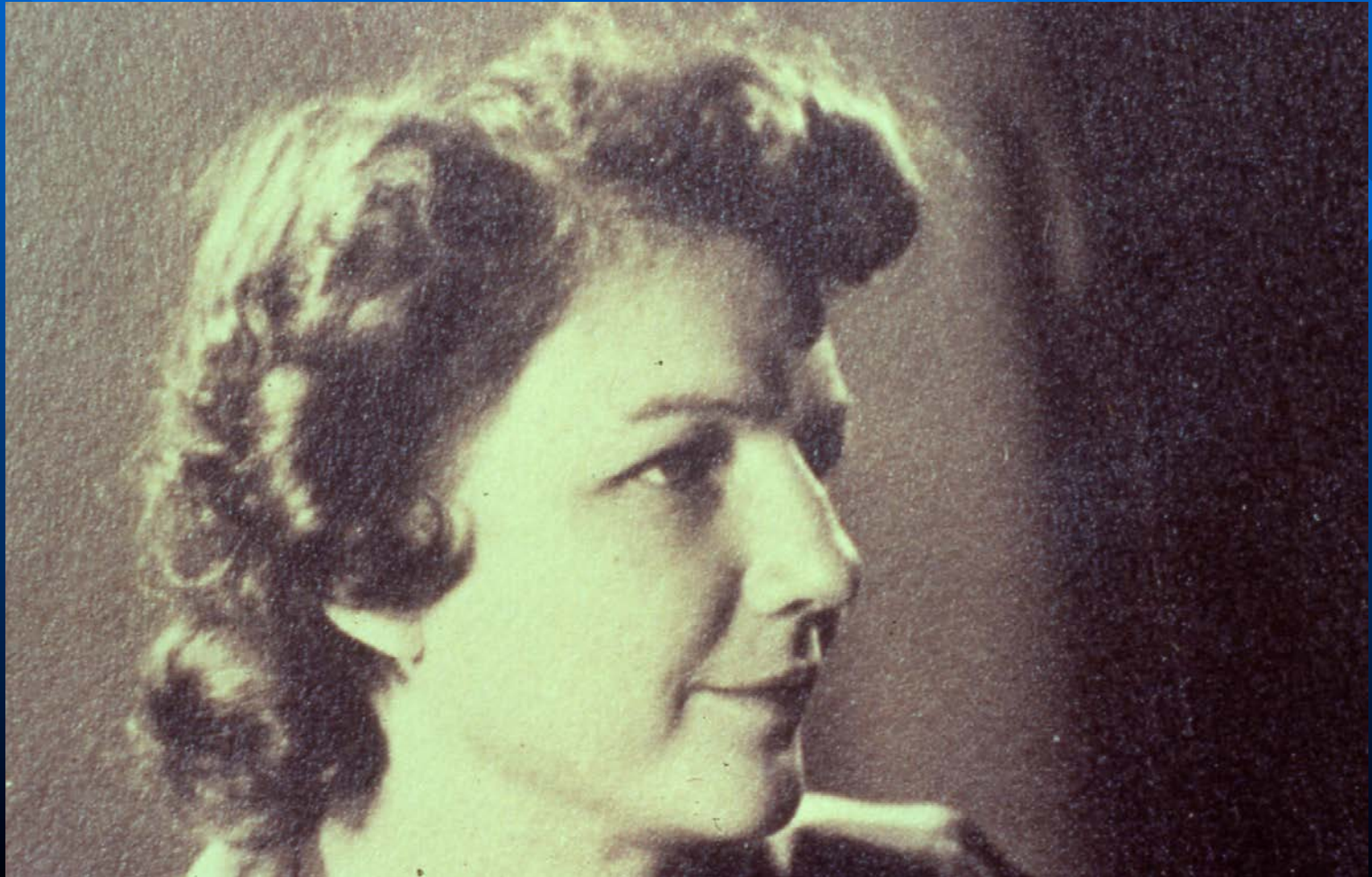


Williams Street – The first “headquarters”. It was here that the Big Book manuscript was gathered. Located in Newark, New Jersey.



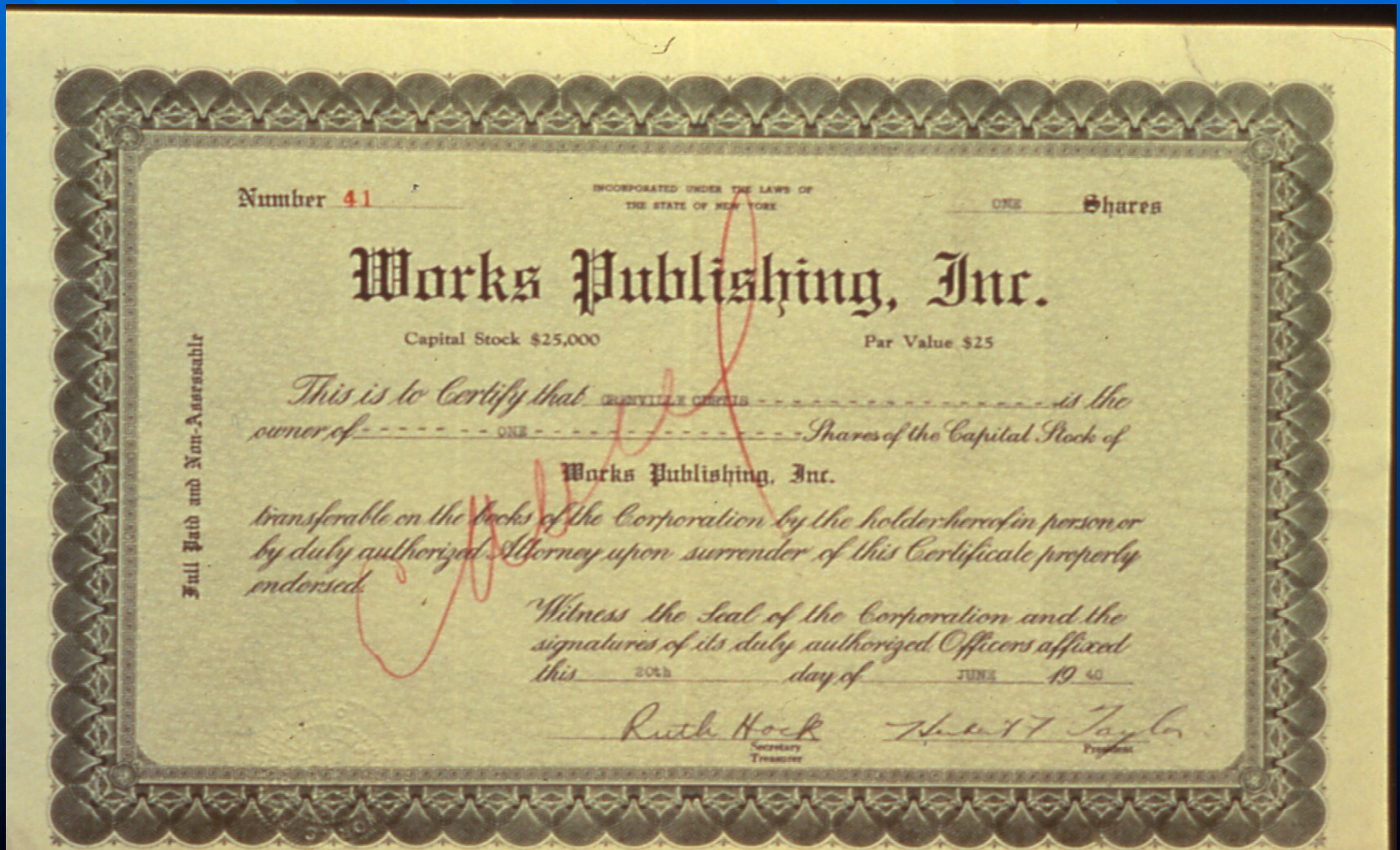


Ruth Hock, the first secretary for A.A. She typed all the drafts of the original Big Book manuscript and was presented with the five millionth copy of the Big Book in Montreal at the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary International Convention. Ruth died in 1987.





# Works Publishing Stock Certificate





# Ray & Friends



Lobby of the Mayflower Hotel in Akron, OH. Where Bill made his famous phone call to Reverend Walter Tunks which resulted in a meeting with Dr. Bob.





# Reverend Walter Tunks

Got Bill in touch with Henrietta Sieberling who  
arranged for Bill and Bob to meet



# Henrietta Sieberling

a member of the Oxford Group





# Anne and Bob Smith





# Dr. Bob's house

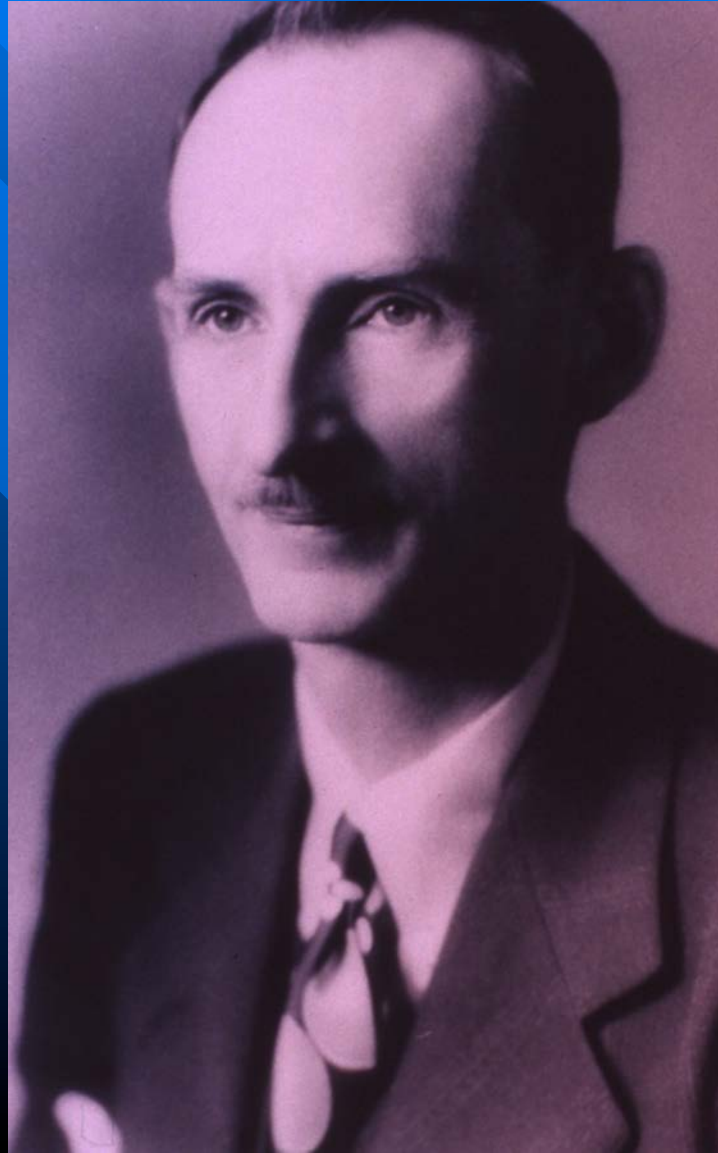
855 Ardmore Ave. Akron, OH





# Archie Trowbridge

The Man  
Who  
Mastered  
Fear



# The Gatehouse of the Sieberling estate where Bill and Bob first met





House of T. Henry Williams – an Oxford Grouper.  
Many Oxford Group meetings were held in his home  
and Bill attended meetings there.





# Akron City Hospital

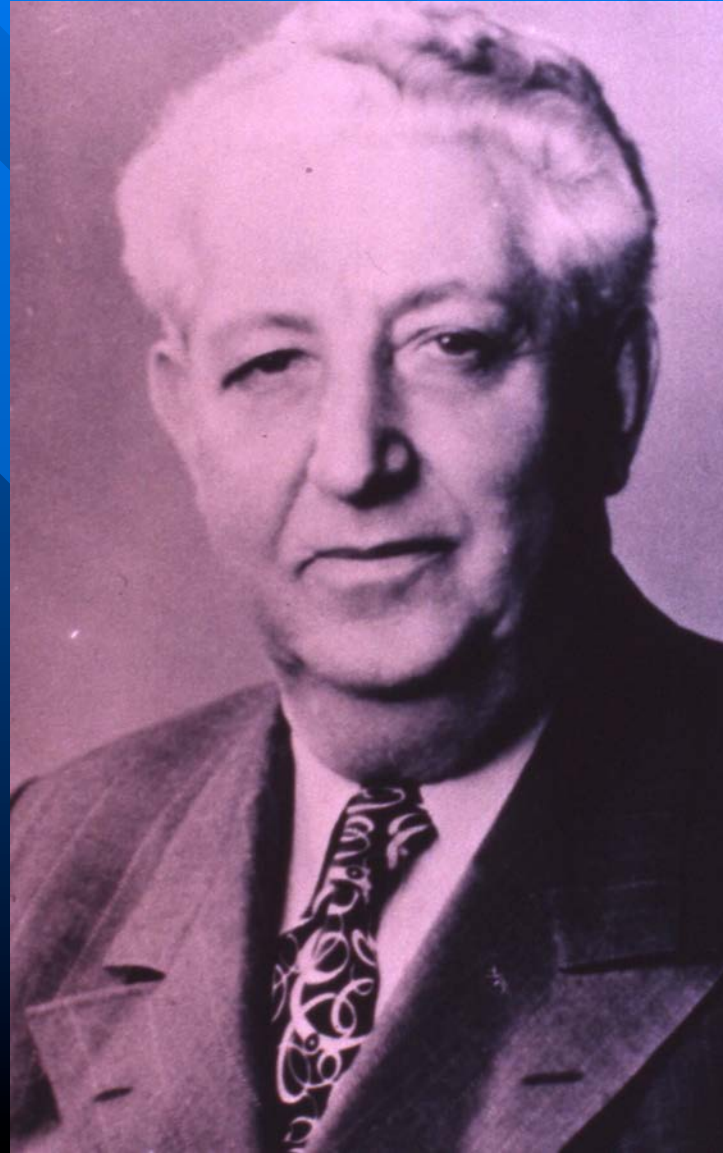
where the third member of A.A.  
(Bill D. or “The Man on the Bed”) received  
the good news of recovery from Bill and Dr. Bob.





# Bill Dotson

AA #3



# Ernie Galbraith

AA #4

The 7  
Month Slip





# Paul Stanley

The Truth  
Freed Me



# Earl Treat

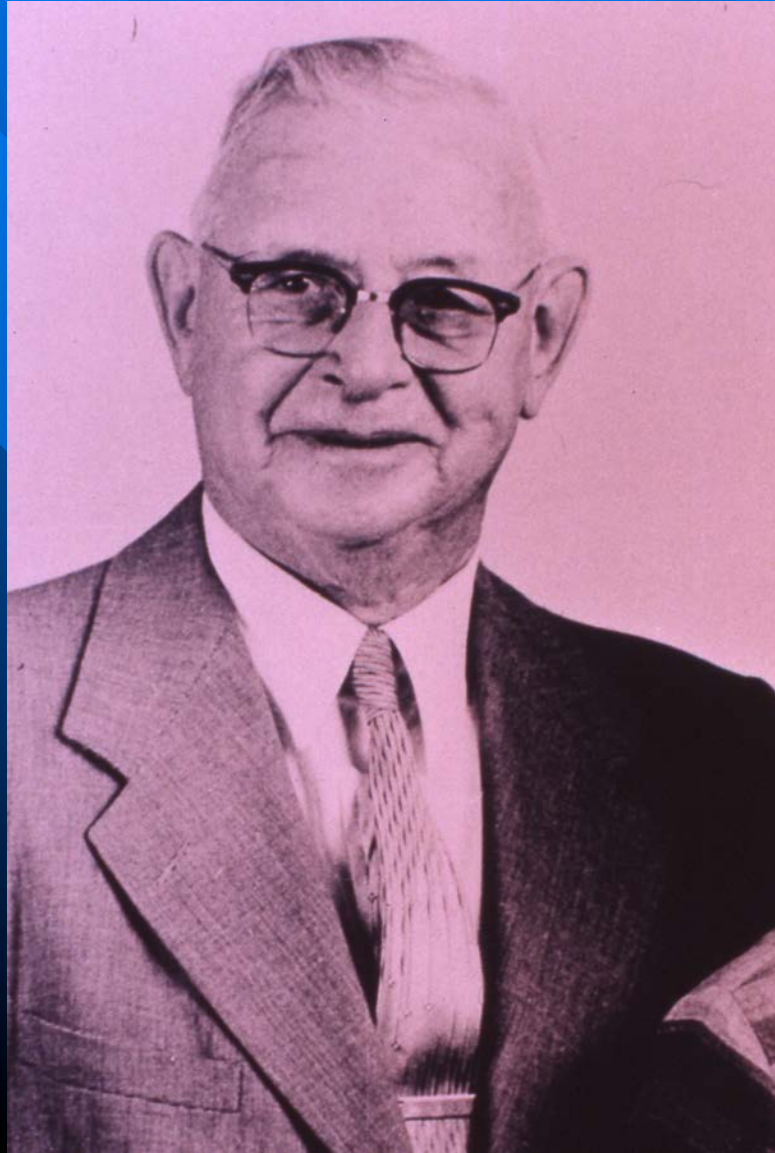
He Sold  
Himself Short





# Charles Simonson

Riding  
The  
Rods



# Clarence Snyder

The Home  
Brewmeister





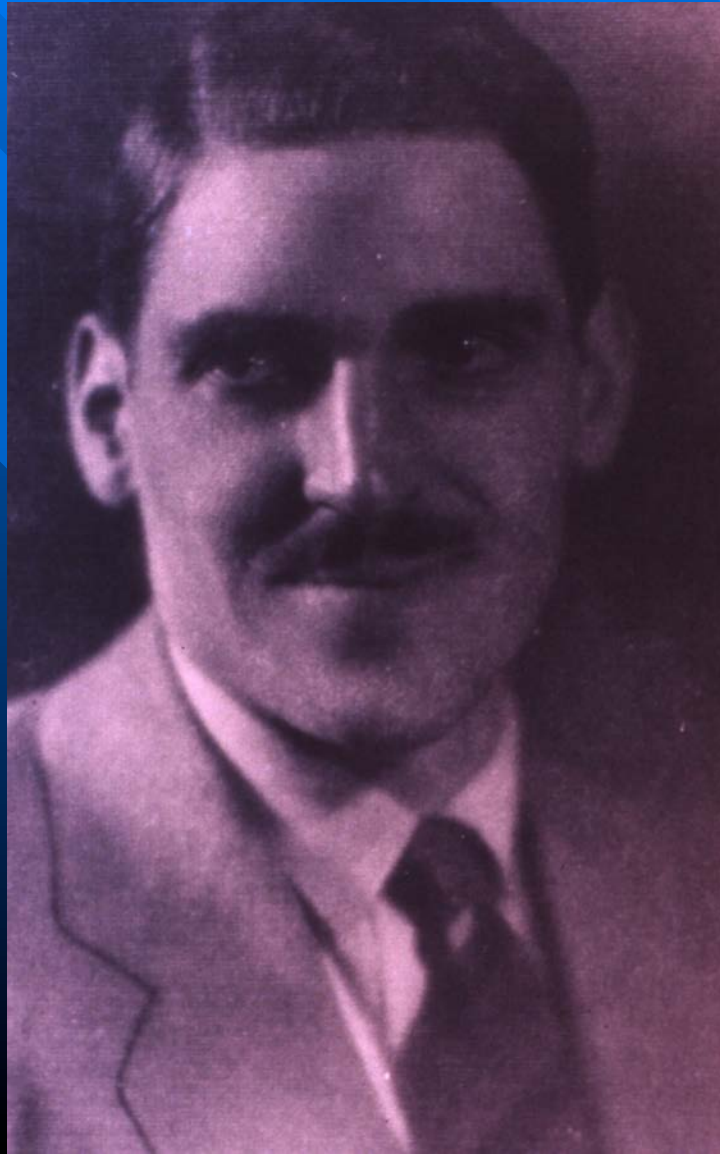
# Abby Golrick

He Thought  
He Could  
Drink Like A  
Gentleman



# Bob Oviato

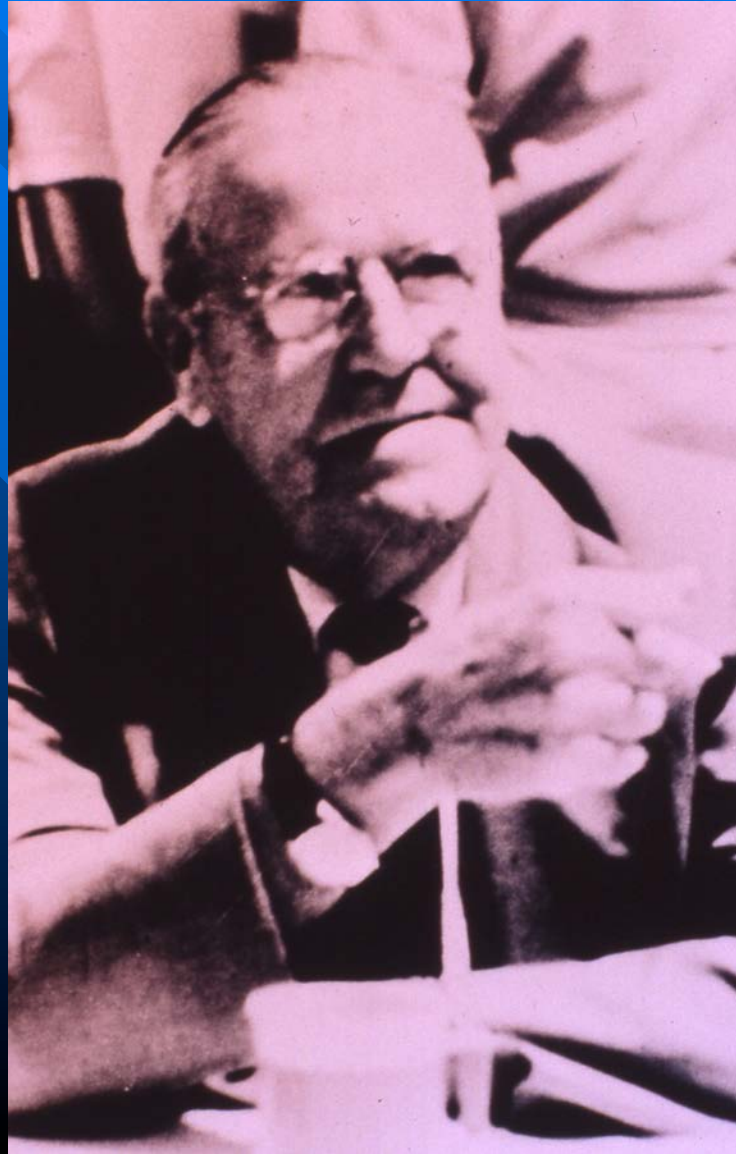
The  
Salesman





# Ernie Gehrig

Early  
member  
sponsored  
by Dr. Bob



# Ethel Macy

From  
Farm To  
City





# Sylvia Kaufman

Keys to  
the  
Kingdom



# Tom & Maybelle Lucas

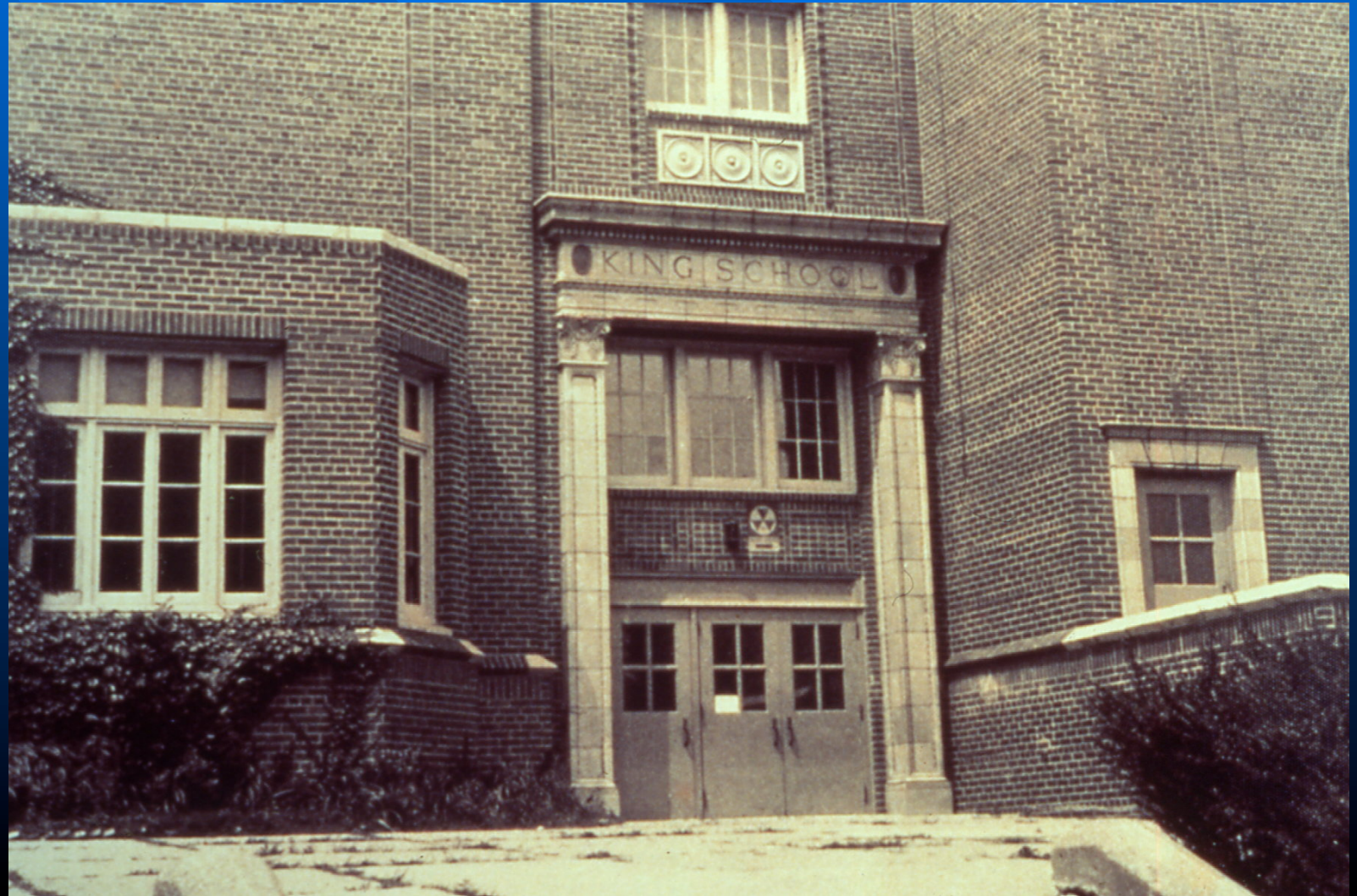
My Wife  
and I





# King School in Akron, OH.

Public School where meetings were  
first held outside of private homes





# Sister Ignatia

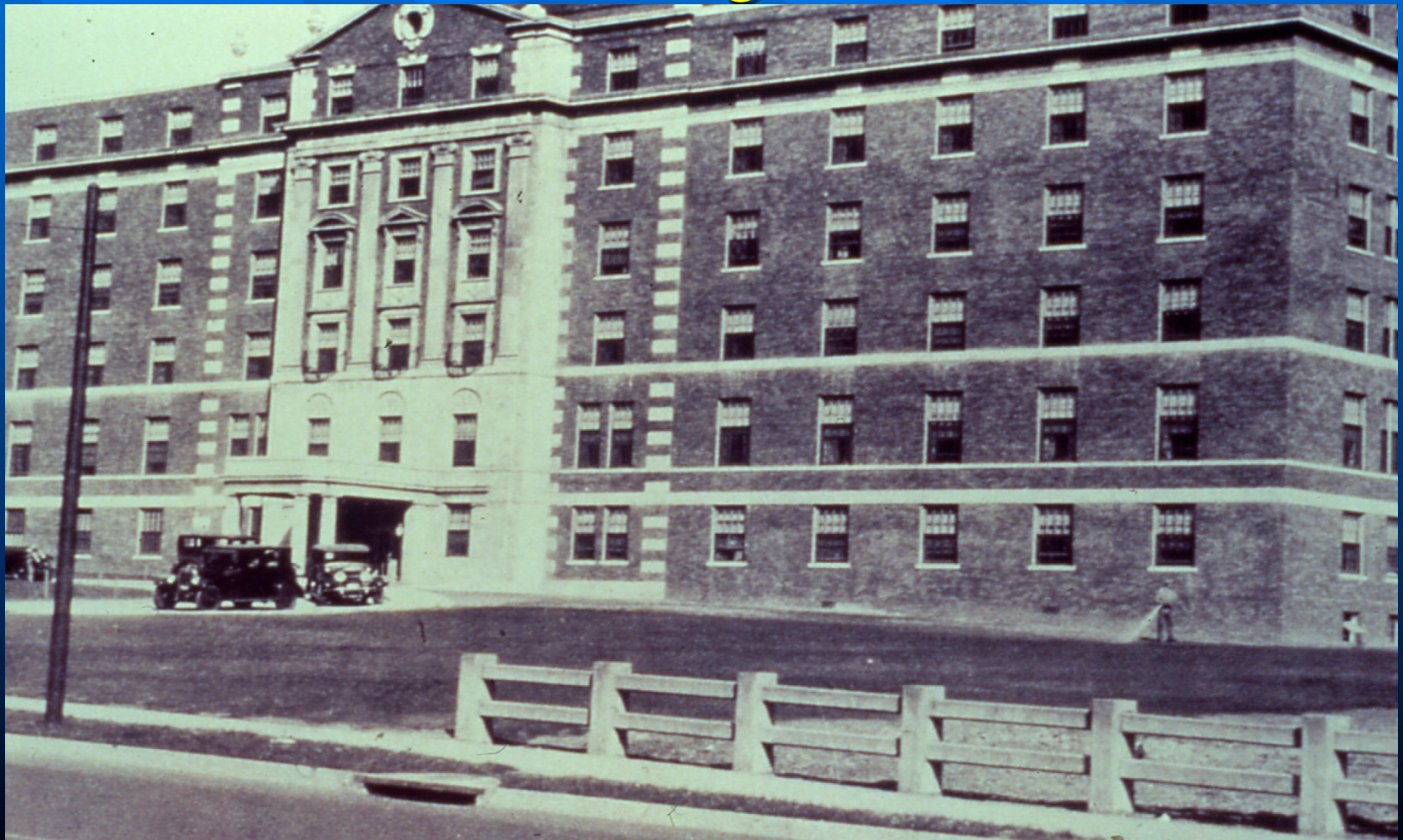
Dr. Bob's dedicated partner in treating alcoholics at  
St. Thomas Hospital in Akron, OH





# St. Thomas Hospital

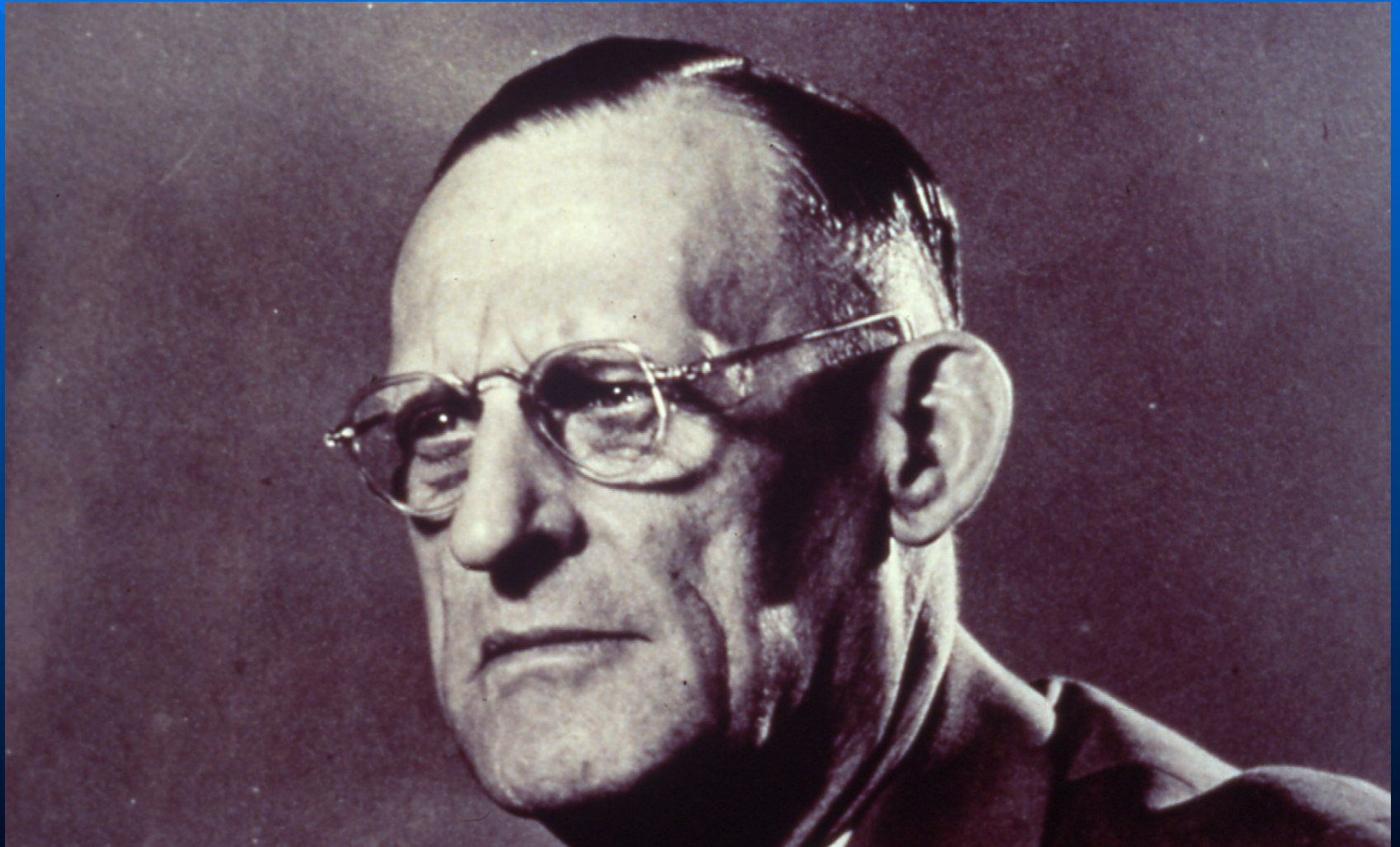
where Dr. Bob and Sister Ignatia  
worked treating alcoholics





# Dr. Bob

August 8, 1879 – November 16, 1950





# Anne Smith

March 21, 1881 – June 1, 1949

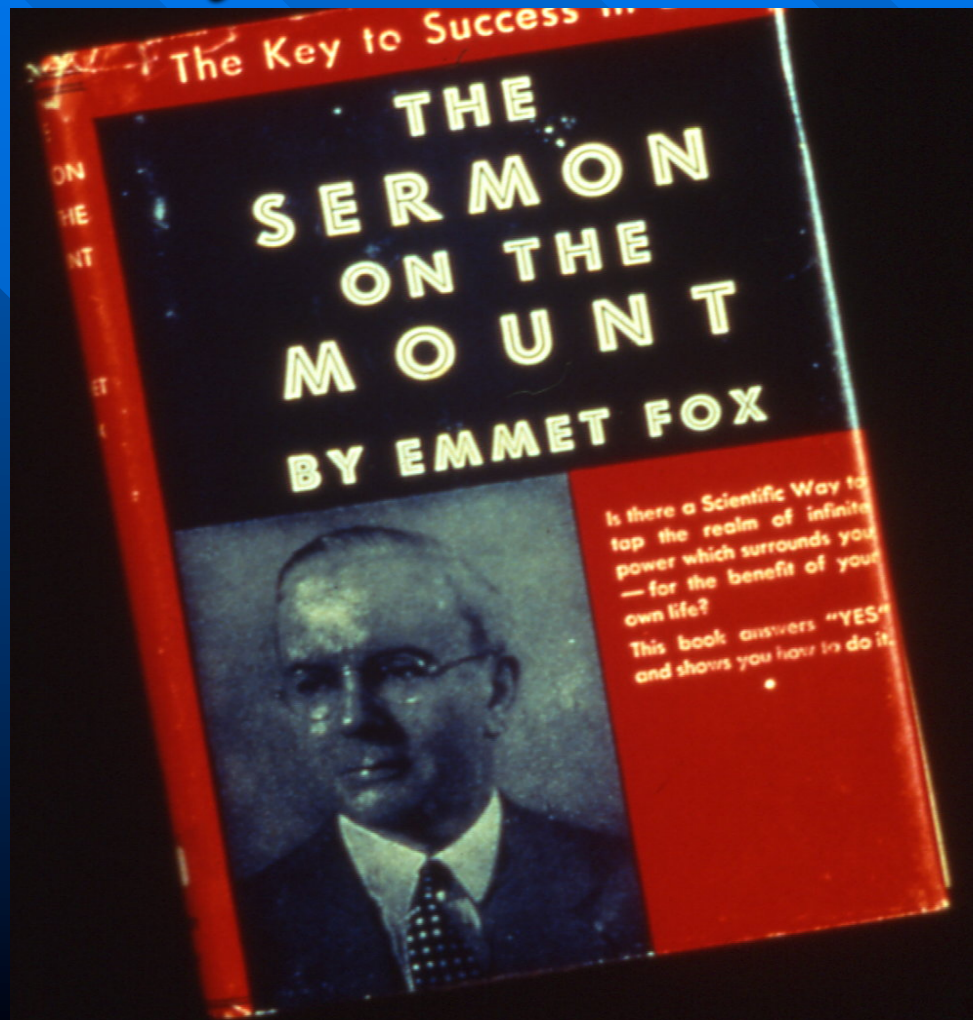


# Bill and Bob

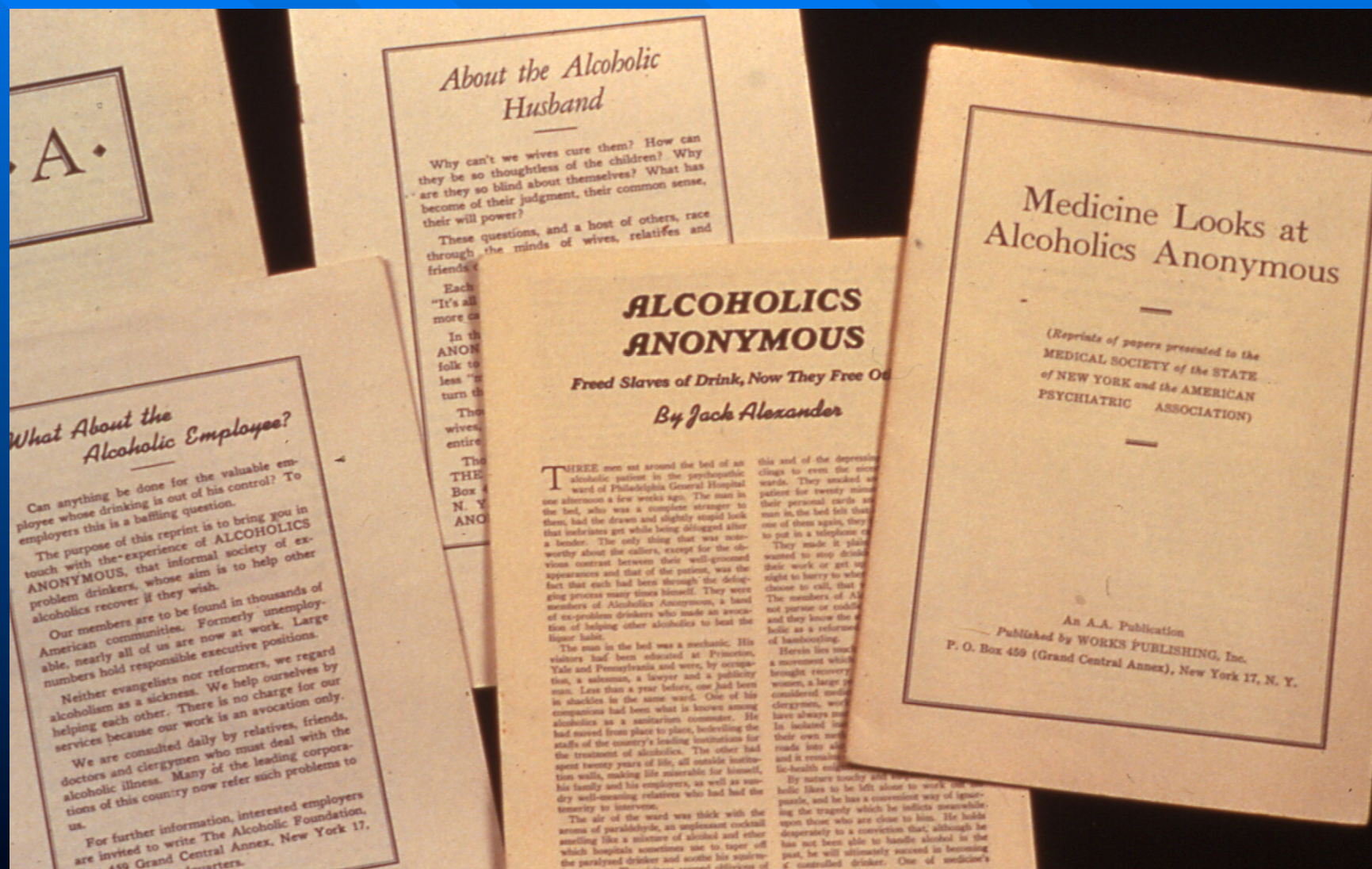




# Sermon on the Mount by Emmet Fox



# Examples of early A.A. pamphlets.





# Harry Emerson Fosdick

Reverend at Riverside Church in New York City.

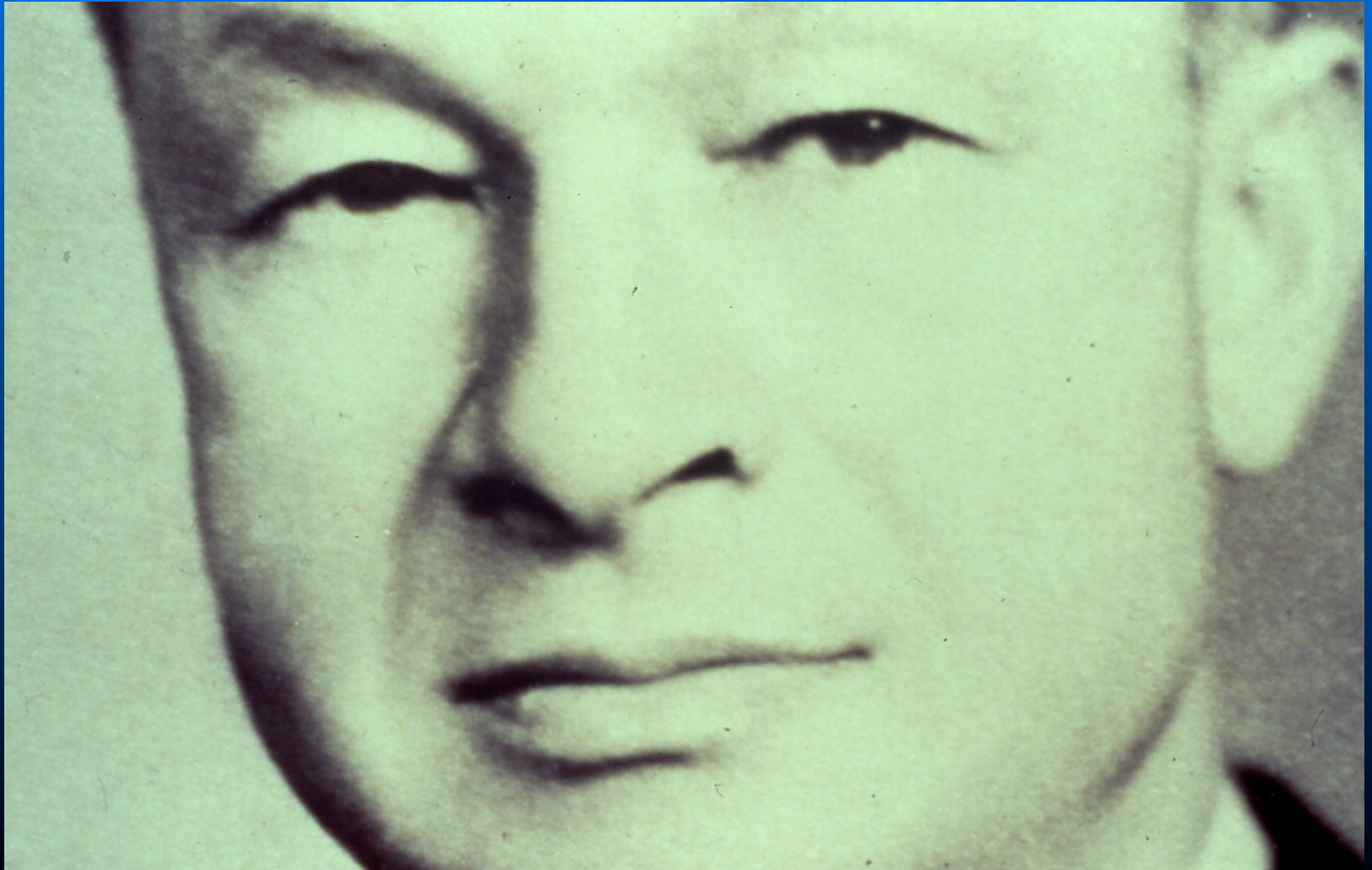
The Church the Rockefeller family belonged to.

Wrote favorable report on the Big Book.



# Frank Amos

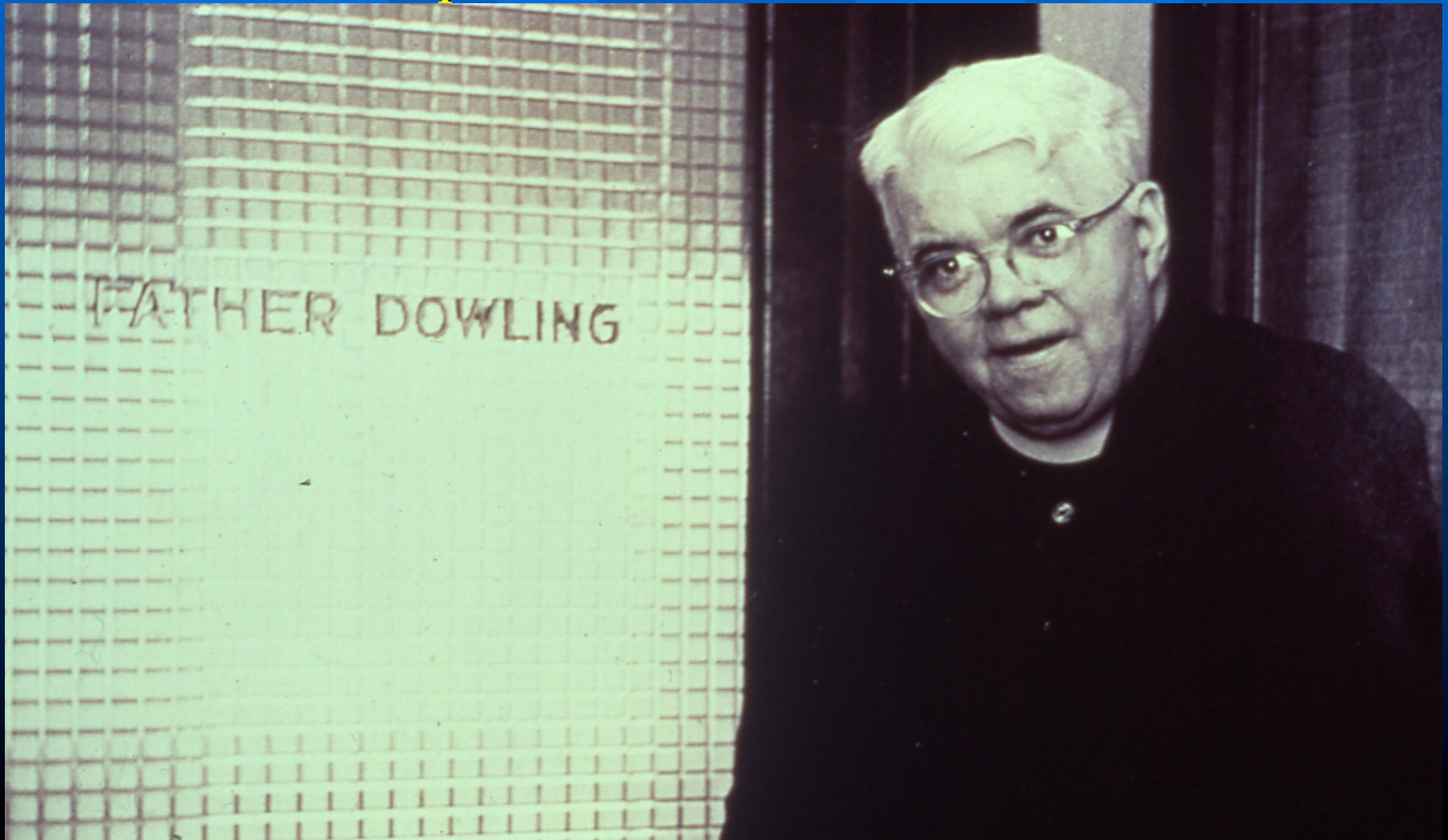
member of Rockefeller Foundation and A.A. trustee.





# Father Dowling

Catholic Jesuit priest and good friend of A.A.  
Helped to start first A.A. group in St. Louis, MO.  
Spiritual advisor to Bill W.



# Eugene Exman

Religious editor of Harpers magazine  
who helped edit the Big Book





# Painting of entrance into the 24<sup>th</sup> Street Clubhouse New York City





# Bill and Lois' s

2<sup>nd</sup> floor room in the 24<sup>th</sup> Street Clubhouse.





Picture of exterior to the 24<sup>th</sup> Street Clubhouse.



Interior view of Clubhouse where A.A. meetings were held (first location in city where A.A. was taken from private homes to public space). When Bill lost mortgage on Clinton Street home in Brooklyn, he lived at Clubhouse with Lois for awhile. (334 ½ W. 24<sup>th</sup> Street) Club disbanded in 1961.





# Exterior of 41<sup>st</sup> Street Clubhouse



# Marty Mann

early recovered female alcoholic. Founder of the  
National Council on Education in Alcoholism.





# Harry Tiebout

Head psychiatrist, Blythewood Sanitarium supporter of  
A.A. He was Bill's psychiatrist  
wrote "The Ego Deflation At Depth".



# Newspaper account of June 10, 1945 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary dinner of the Akron Group

*With Bill Wilson, Doc Smith, Henry & Bill French  
at Akron Ohio - June 10, 1945*

By MURRAY POWERS.

THREE HUNDRED and fifty men and women met Sunday night to hail the beacon that was lighted in Akron 10 years ago—the beacon whose rays have since pierced the darkness of human despair.

They met to sing a "Te Deum," a hymn of praise and thanksgiving for the removal of the load of misery and sorrow that had crushed themselves and their families.

They were a humble, a charitable, a happy and a grateful people. In the ballroom of the Mayflower hotel they testified to their faith in God, thanked Him and their neighbors for getting them "back on the beam" and pledged their continued help to their fellow men.

THEY WERE the members of Alcoholics Anonymous—the men and women who say, "We were just a bunch of drunks" and then gratefully admit that through God and their fellowmen they are rid of the drinking habit.

Ten years ago "Doc" took his last drink. "Bill" was already "dry," but the going was tough. They tried to help each other and from that mutual understanding and help sprang the now famous but humble Alcoholics Anonymous.

Sunday night's dinner was a tribute to "Doc," an Akron doctor, and "Bill," a New York businessman. Outside of the A.A. they remain anonymous. But when they entered the ballroom, coming from Cleveland where 3,000 had attended an A.A. rally in Music Hall, they received a deafening ovation.

THERE'S nothing stuffy about the A.A. people. They don't try to force people to quit drinking. They are not advocating prohibition. They are not linked with any temperance group. They know they can drink and live right. They know many others cannot "handle" liquor. Themselves and the they help.

Sunday night's anniversary party was as simple as the weekly meetings held throughout Akron. "Father John," Catholic priest, led in the reading of the Lord's Prayer which every A.A. meeting opens. He once called the A.A.'s the most charitable group of people he had ever known.

"J. D." came back from Indiana town to tell how much unhappiness he had brought his wife, but that was trying to carry the load for A.A. "I've worked and I found happiness. I still have rough edges to polish."

"Bill," an Akron attorney, the first alcoholic world on the founders 10 years ago, called how many hospitals had been in. He quoted a friend: "The Lord has done so much for me that I want to keep on going around telling people about it."

"JAKE," a Pittsburgh steel mill executive and one of Akron's disciples, revealed that Akron's A.A. group had contributed \$76,852 man hours industry and business in 1944. In 1945, total would run over 2,000. In 1945, With others he would however, that Alcoholics Anonymous is no cafe. "The A.A. works always those who work for A.A."

And then "Doc" and "Bill" spoke, each recalling his travail, each joining of A.A.'s in proclaiming a belief God, each assuring others that temptation still comes to them. And each told the best way beat down temptation is to forth and help—one drunk helping another drunk.

In the 10 years of A.A. movement has spread in parts of the country and as 15,000 are now members. Akron has about 500 members among them about 75 women.

Akron chapter of Alcoholics Anonymous, an organization credited with freeing thousands of men and women from alcoholism.

*Bill Wilson*  
*Doc Smith*  
*Henry & Bill French*  
*Bill French*  
*Bob*  
*Lois W.*





# 1950 Convention

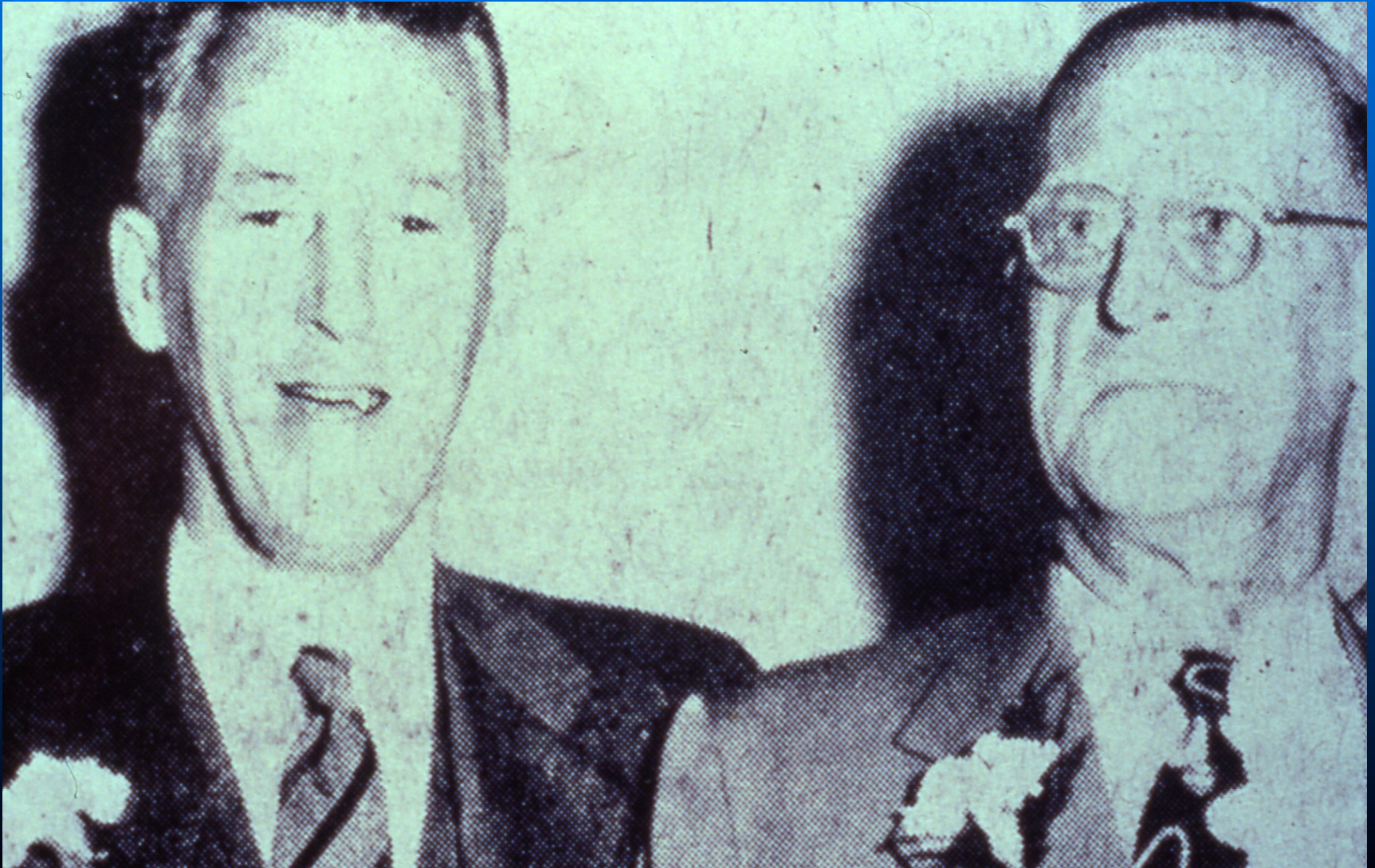
## 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cleveland, OH

### 12 Traditions accepted





# Bill and Bob

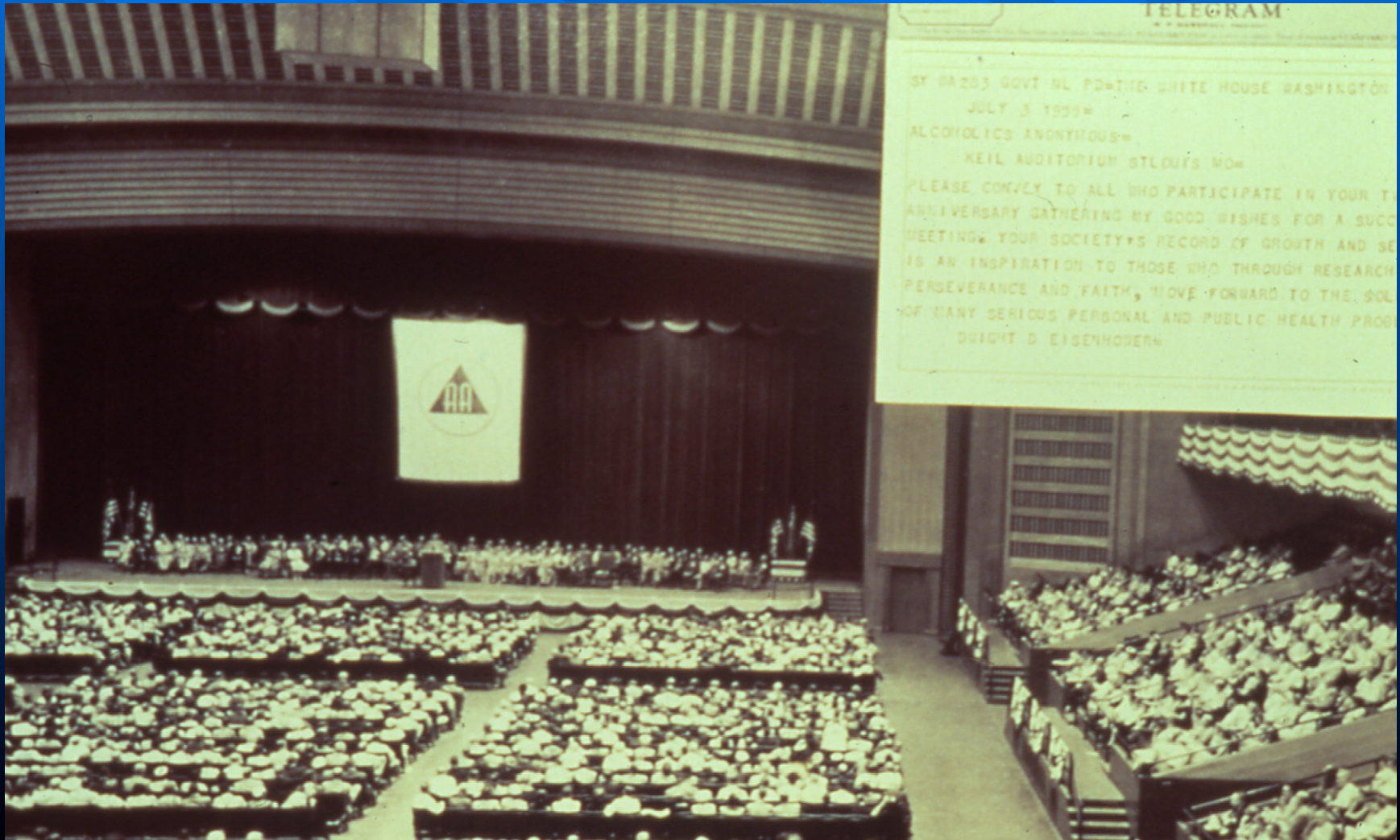




# 1955 Convention

## 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary St. Louis, MO

Bill turns 3 legacies over to membership





# 1960 Convention

## 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Long Beach, CA





# 1965 Convention

# 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Toronto, Canada

# "I AM RESPONSIBLE"



James P. Smith

DR R L Renger  
Modesto  
Michael J. Pilon



# 1970 Convention

## 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Miami Beach, FL





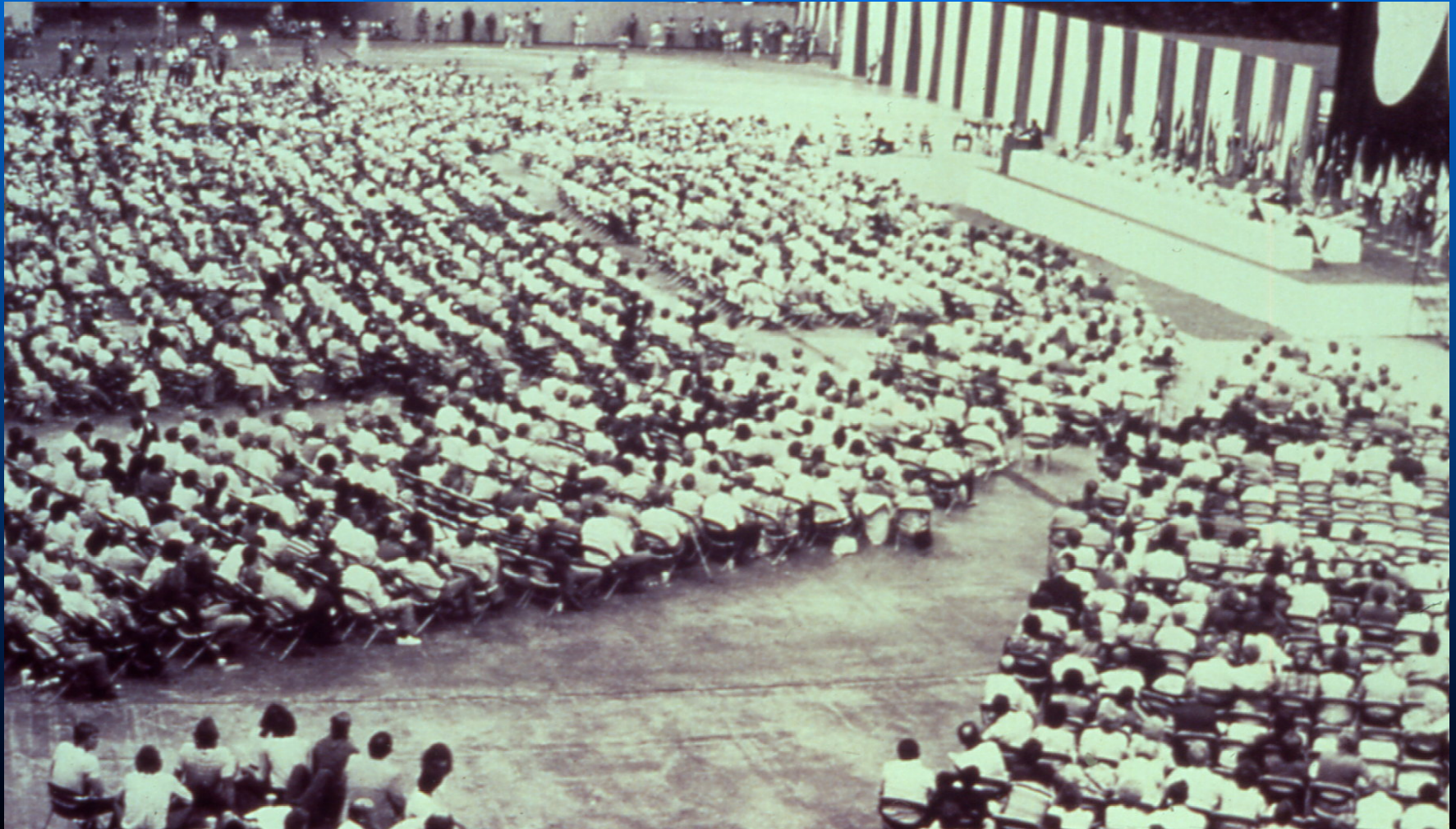
# 1975 Convention 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Denver, CO





# 1980 Convention

## 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary New Orleans, LA





# 1985 Convention 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Montreal, Canada





# John D. Rockefeller

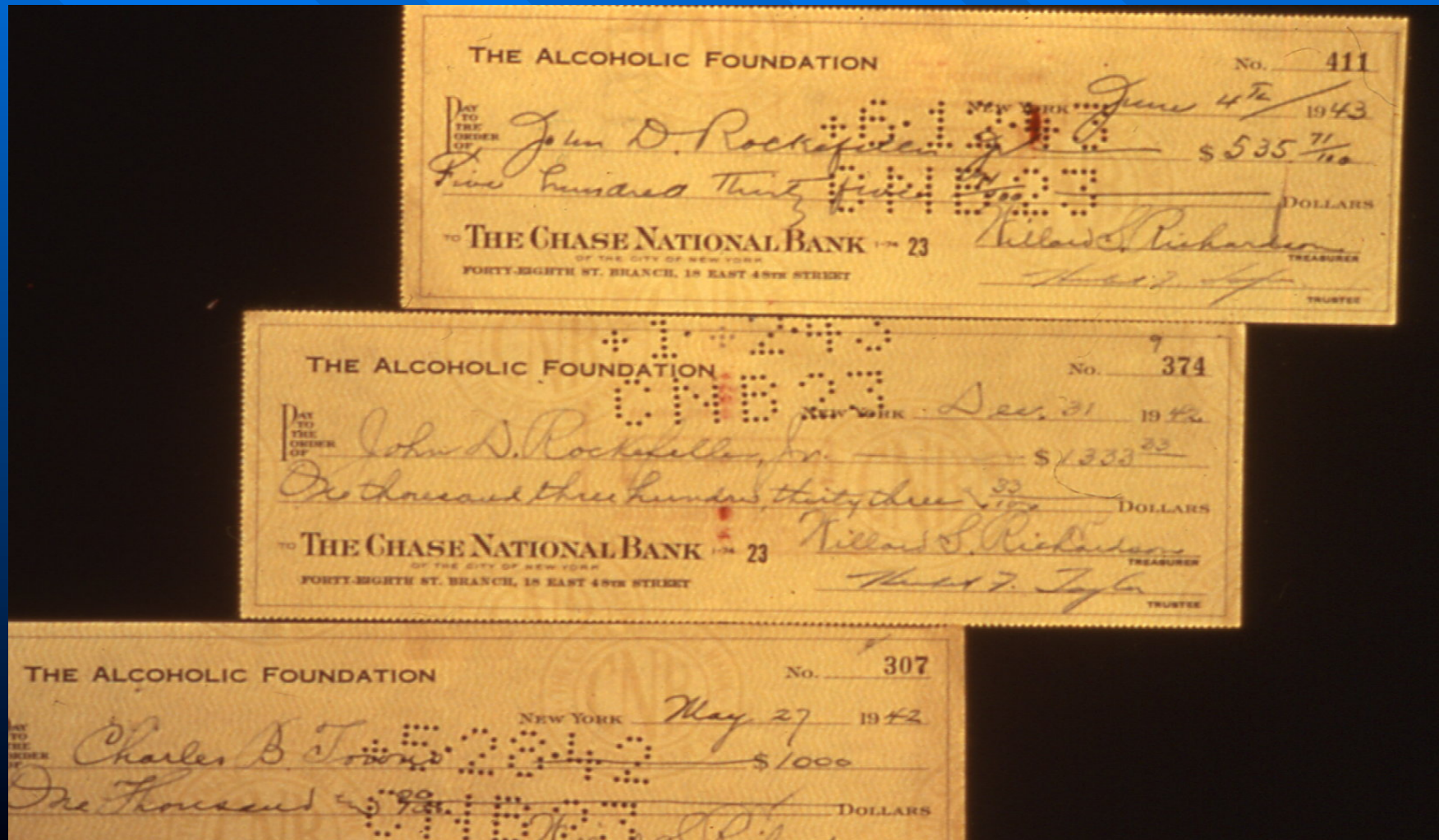
Supportive friend to A.A.

“Won’t Money Spoil This Thing?”





# Alcoholic Foundation checks paying off debts. Became Self Supporting



# Leonard Harrison

Rockefeller board member  
A.A. Foundation trustee





# Austin McCormack

A.A. trustee, General Service  
Board member, famous penologist.



# Jack Alexander

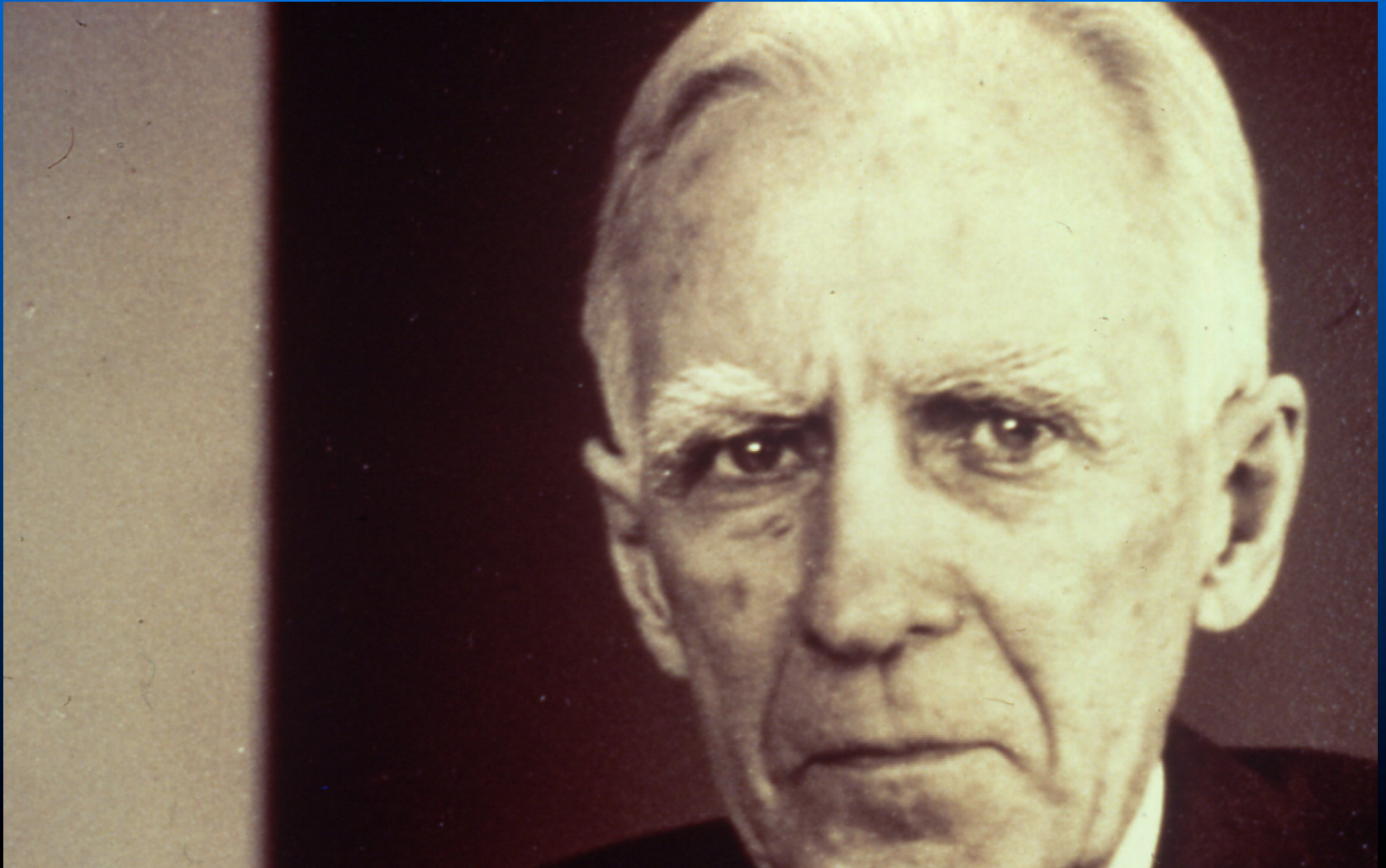
wrote famous article on A.A. in the March 1, 1941 issue  
of The Saturday Evening Post





# A. Leroy Chipman

A.A. trustee, Alcoholic Foundation.  
Member of the Rockefeller Foundation



# Bernard Smith

Chief architect of the General Service Structure.





# Reverend William S. Richardson

A.A. trustee and associated  
with the Rockefeller Foundation.





# Bill addresses the 1953 General Service Conference in the Roosevelt Hotel





# Dr. Norris, Dr. Maxwell and Gordon Patrick all past chairman of the General Service Board





Bunky Jellinek – Dr. Jellinek of Yale University conducted studies of the “Phases in the Drinking History of Alcoholics”. Phases were illustrated in chart form, “A Chart of Alcohol Addiction and Recovery”. Dr. Jellinek was a leading authority in scientific research on alcoholism and director of the School of Alcohol Studies at Yale.





# Lois Wilson

Hosting annual Easter party for orphan children





# Lois Wilson

March 4, 1891 – October 5, 1988





Bill at his desk, 1966.  
Note the hole in his shoe.



# Bill and Lois at Stepping Stones





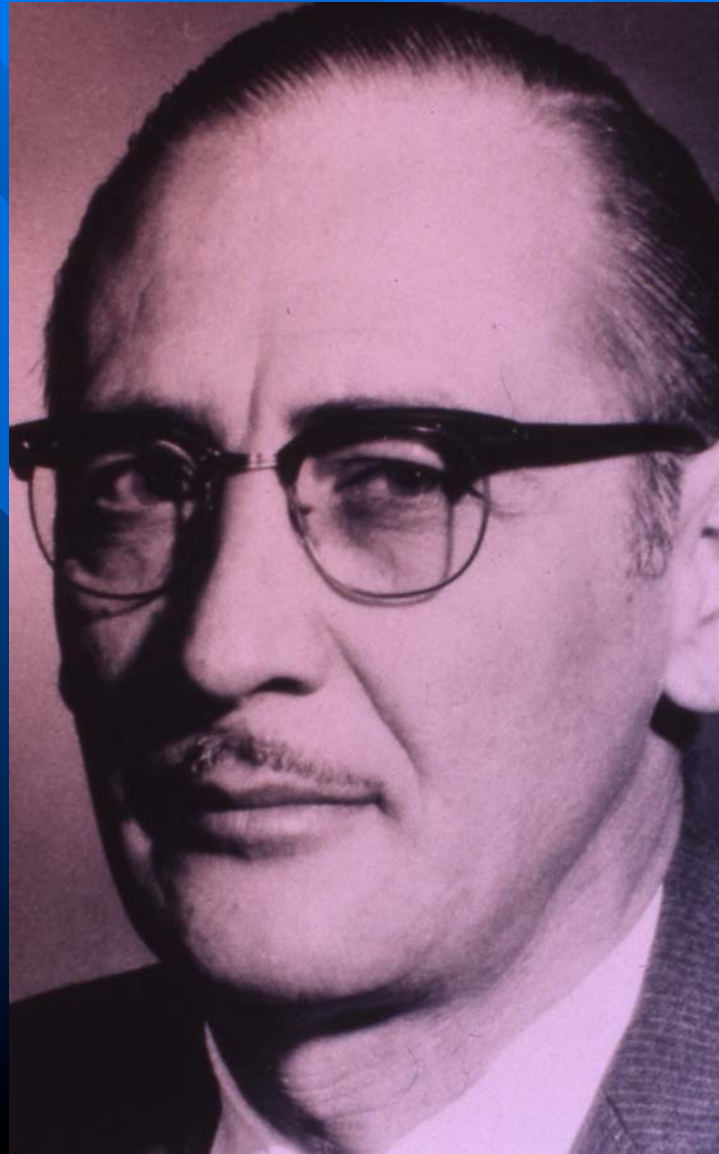
Rendition of Bill greeting members  
at his Clinton Street House .  
Painting by a Grapevine artist.



# John Paar

The Professor  
and the  
Paradox

2<sup>nd</sup> edition





# Bill W. & Oscar F.



# Dick Perez

Translated  
Big Book  
To Spanish

