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NEW INFORMATION BOOKLET COMPLETED;
TWO OTHERS IN PREPARATION NOW.

Recently completed were copies of the first of a series of three booklets about the Society, called "The Mattachine Society Today." This booklet is for general information. It contains the aims and principles, history, general policies and a directory of the organization.

In production and soon to be completed are two additional booklets in the series --one to contain helpful information and instructions for area and chapter leaders and the other to be a volume of official information about the Society, such as the constitution, by-laws, resolutions, articles of incorporation, administrative memoranda and departmental policies.

A price of 25c per copy has been set for each of these booklets. Copies may be obtained by using the coupon inside, or by writing to the Board of Directors at Los Angeles.

MEMBERSHIP BOX SCORE SHOWS SLIGHT DECREASE

Latest membership figures from San Francisco area chapters indicate a slight drop since last reported in the spring:

Alpha, San Francisco	----109	---- 6
Beta, San Francisco	----111	---- 6
Gamma, San Francisco	----115	---- 8
Oakland Chapter	-----110	---- 5
Berkeley Chapter	-----108	---- 5
Emeryville Chapter	-----112	---- 5
TOTAL, San Francisco Area	----35	

AREA COUNCIL CHAIRMAN VISITS DENVER TO LAUNCH POSSIBLE CHAPTER

The chairman of the San Francisco Area Council is in Denver this month, visiting interested persons in that city with a view to possibly starting a chapter there.

Meanwhile, friends of the Society in Salt Lake City have indicated a keen interest in forming a chapter also.

NO MORE KINSEY INTERVIEWS UNTIL HE RETURNS THIS FALL

No more visits until fall in the San Francisco area, says Dr. Alfred C. Kinsey, who has now returned to his home in Indiana for the remainder of the summer.

The Society at both San Francisco and Los Angeles has cooperated in obtaining interviews for Dr. Kinsey and his staff in preparation for his next work, "Sex and the Law." He states that he will again contact the Society when he returns to the Bay area to resume his research.

MATTACHINE BREAKFAST SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 22

Members and friends of the Mattachine Society at San Francisco are invited to attend another Breakfast on Sunday, August 22, 1-5 p.m. It will be held at the home of the Gamma Chapter Chairman.

Orientation discussion will highlight this event. Persons interested in becoming members are especially urged to be present. A donation habitually defrays the cost of food served. Coffee will be plentiful as always.

☆ For the Chapter Library ...

Two fine booklets on Sex Deviation are available from the Mental Health Association of Oregon, 421 Park Bldg., Portland. They are free. Titles are "Parents, Children and the Sex Molester," and "An Introduction to the Problem of the Sex Deviate." Both are issued through the E. C. Brown Trust.

Another book of this nature is reviewed on page 4 of this issue.

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MATTACHINE SOCIETY PROVIDES AN ANSWER: IS THERE A PERSONALITY TYPE AMONG INVERTS?

(The following is a summary of a report given to the Long Beach Convention of the Western Psychologists by Dr. Evelyn C. Hooker, psychiatrist and research advisor to the Mattachine Society, Ins., at Los Angeles.)

The literature on homosexuality is filled with the attempts to describe the homosexual as belonging to one, or several types of personality structure. Most, if not all of these descriptions are based on clinical patients. In an effort to obtain as wide a sample of homosexuals as possible--of non-clinical subjects--the Mattachine Society assembled a group of 75 individuals in the summer of 1953 for the purpose of participating in a battery of psychological tests. One of these tests was the Chicago Inventory of Beliefs, which was designed to single out three major types of personality syndromes. It was used by permission of George G. Stern. The results reported here are a summary of that test alone.

The three major groups of individuals with their distribution in the homosexual group are: (1) the "S" type. They are characterized by rigid, conforming and orderly behavior and by absolute acceptance of authority. For this individual, personal relations are depersonalized, that is, he seeks gratification of his needs in personal relations without regard for the needs of the other individual as a person. ONE PERCENT of the homosexual group belong to this type. This means that (if we can generalize from this group of 75 to the homosexual group) homosexuals do not conform, do not accept authority, and do not depersonalize their relationships. But a very small percentage do.

(2) is the "N" type. He is characterized by highly individualized and personalized social relationships, non-conforming behavior, and rejection of authority. THIRTEEN PERCENT of homosexuals fall in this group.

(3) is the "R" type. He is independent of both S and N, and includes individuals who are interested in ideas rather than persons, and maintains social relations that are distant and impersonal, and is passive and restrained in impulse. SIXTEEN PERCENT of homosexuals fall into this group.

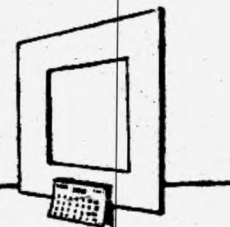
Thus 30% of the total group can be classified in the three major categories described above. An additional 30% do not fall in any category which is classifiable. The remaining 40% are found in borderline positions, mostly close to the N and R types. What conclusions can we draw from this?

Very tentatively, we can conclude that (1) homosexual (Continued on next page)

For Exact
Locations
Contact a
Chapter
Chairman

CALENDAR

OF EVENTS



Evening
Meetings
Start at
8:00 P.M.
Promptly

AUGUST

- 19--Discussion Group Meeting, San Francisco, 1830 Sutter St., Chapter Members.
- 22--Mattachine Breakfast, San Francisco
- 25--San Francisco Area Council Meeting, San Francisco

- 8--Oakland-Berkeley Chapter Meeting, Oakland
- 16--San Francisco Chapter Meeting, 1830 Sutter St., San Francisco
- 29--Area Council Meeting, Grand & Telegraph, Oakland

SEPTEMBER

- 2--Discussion Group Meeting, San Francisco, 1830 Sutter St. Topic, "Sex Psychopath Rehabilitation at Norwalk."

OCTOBER

- 7--Discussion Meeting, 1830 Sutter St., San Francisco
- 13--Oakland-Berkeley Chapter Meeting, Oakland

persons vary widely in personality structure and do not constitute a distinct type. This is the most significant finding. (2) It may be that the Mattachine Society is not typical of the total homosexual group in that the large number of individuals who belong to the group constitute a select group of persons who are interested in ideas, rather than persons, making possible the development of the organization. (3) Although it is usually taken for granted that the homosexual is a non-conformist, universally rejecting authority, these findings show that there are strong trends in the direction of conformity in about 14% of the group, even though only 1% belongs to the extreme S type.

It should be emphasized that this is a beginning of the effort to investigate personality types among homosexuals, and that other methods are currently used in the research to which Mattachine members and friends are giving so much time and effort.

--Dr. Evelyn C. Hooker

AREA COUNCIL NEWS

FROM OTHER AREAS OF THE MATTACHINE SOCIETY:
LOS ANGELES--LONG BEACH--SAN DIEGO--CHICAGO

Los Angeles--Chapters in the area are continuing a summer discussion group program, with a recent meeting featuring a talk by Dr. Hooker. While some chapters are now cooperating in sponsorship of discussion groups, efforts point toward building chapter membership and reviving independent chapter discussion groups and other activities. The Slade Case is a Legal Chapter project, and funds for it are still being collected. Dr. Sommers' Lesbian Research Project is continuing. Interviewees for additional sessions with Dr. Hooker are being scheduled. The telephone answering service at Vandike 1221 has proved very useful in the area.

Long Beach--This new area also has a new newsletter, second issue of which came out the first of August. The new area council has been formed, and the two chapters in the area are at work on projects of public relations and publications. A telephone answering service has been set up at Long Beach 350-327 daily, 5-11 p.m. On August 12, Chapter 113 sponsored a discussion on the topic, "Sex Variants as Security Risks." There is an effort afoot to form a legal chapter in the area.

San Diego--The two chapters in the area have faced organizational problems in establishing an area council since the last Society convention in May, as well as organizational difficulties within the chapters themselves. With the aid of the members of the Board of Directors, work has gone forward to advance the organization of the Key Chapter, newer of the two chapters in this area.

Chicago--This area has seen a third Chicago chapter chartered within the past few weeks, and each of the three Chicago chapters have now taken on a specific project interest. A new first edition of the newsletter from the Chicago Mattachine Area Council of Integration has been issued. Discussion groups there have featured prominent speakers, with great interest shown by those attending. Although far from the Society's "home base," the chapters in Chicago and Detroit have nevertheless shown interest that has heretofore been unmatched in the growth of the Society. A post office box, listed in the Directory in another part of this newsletter, has been obtained, and chapters from other areas are urged to send any information to the Chicago area which may be helpful in advancing the program of their organization.

A new edition of "The Mattachine Society Today" is now complete, and available in quantity. This booklet is helpful in telling the background of the Society, and is an invaluable aid for others who may wish to start discussion groups in new areas. Can you use a copy?

Send _____ copies of "The Mattachine Society Today" @ 25c each to:

Name _____

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(Mail coupon to P.O. Box 259, San Francisco)

THE EMOTIONAL SECURITY PROGRAM AT ATASCADERO STATE HOSPITAL: By a Patient

(Editor's Note: The following was written by a patient at California's new hospital unit for the treatment of sex offenders at Atascadero. It is the first of a series which we hope to bring to readers of this letter. Your reaction to material such as this will be appreciated)

As an introductory to this article and the program at Atascadero State Hospital, I will attempt to explain the facilities, activities and the general reaction to the hospital. We have here an actual city, joined by one large corridor including 20 wards with an average of 55 beds per ward. The wards comfortable and the atmosphere is as homelike as possible. Facilities here include four large dining rooms, an ultra-modern kitchen, and a well-equipped laundry. Meals are excellent. There are also an industrial shop, bakery, mechanical repair shop, gas and service station, shipping and storage warehouse, housekeeping crew, landscaping and gardening facilities, and units for painting, electrical installations, and general maintenance. There is also an occupational therapy shop where a variety of hobbies can be pursued, and where special equipment is made.

For entertainment, we have an auditorium and gymnasium. Sports, dances, dramatic events, glee club and band activities are held in these facilities. On Sunday, the auditorium serves as a church. Other activities in which patients may participate are newspaper, radioproduction, hospital entertainments, chess clubs, and a number of teams in baseball, basketball and football.

Does it sound easy? Well, it isn't. Have you ever been locked up? No matter how nice your jail is, your freedom is still restricted. It is still jail.

That makes us work hard and sincerely on ourselves--and our problems. Each of us committed here has some kind of sexual deviation. Our way out lies in finding out WHY. Thus, we dig into ourselves and each other, going farther and farther back into our past, and into our unconscious minds. Emotions and experiences are analyzed. We find out why we have it, what causes it, and in the end we understand ourselves. By understanding, we can control our emotions and make decisions in life as mature and stable individuals are supposed to do.

You make think this isn't much of a job--but try it. Try telling some of your deepest secrets and feelings to someone else. Nine chances in ten, you can't do it without coloring it up with a few small white lies, at least at first.

We like it here, but most of all we like what we are gaining here. It is indeed gratifying to be able to find a peace of mind and contentment with ourselves in the turbulent society of today.

(In future articles I hope to be able to delve into the emotional problems of humanity. It istime the American people awakened to the fact that our emotions are of utmost importance in life, instead of continually trying to hide them behind a false front. Please bear this one thought in mind: Emotions motivate our lives.)

BOOKS IN REVIEW: MATERIAL FOR THE CHAPTER LIBRARY

McNoll, John G. (pseudonym)

A CHILD MOLESTER GROWS UP. Berkeley Calif.; privately issued by the author 1954. 46 mimeographed leaves. \$1.50.

To date this is the only patient written account to come out of the three-year old Emotional Security Program for sexual deviates at Metropolitan State Hospital, Norwalk, Calif. A 28 year old homosexual child molester describes group psychotherapy and the E.S.P. in relation to his own personal history and improvement. Praised

by staff members of Menninger Foundation and American Institute of Family Relations as well as by staff members of the Langley Porter Clinic.

OAKLAND-BERKELEY CHAPTERS HOLD MEETING AUGUST 11

The regular monthly meeting of the two Oakland-Berkeley chapters was held August 11, with most of the members present.

Guests were present from the San Francisco Beta chapter.

Organizational matters and future projects were discussed at the meeting, including social events planned by the group.

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102	Public Relations	Los Angeles	Calif.	Long Beach
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105	Los Angeles Alpha	Los Angeles	Calif.	Los Angeles
106	Discussion Group	Los Angeles	Calif.	Los Angeles
107	Alpha	San Diego	Calif.	San Diego
108	Berkeley	Berkeley	Calif.	San Francisco
109	Alpha-General	San Francisco	Calif.	San Francisco
110	Oakland	Oakland	Calif.	San Francisco
111	Beta-Publications	San Francisco	Calif.	San Francisco
112	Civic Affairs	Emeryville	Calif.	San Francisco
113	Public Relations	Long Beach	Calif.	Long Beach
114	*	Los Angeles	Calif.	Los Angeles
115	Gamma-Social	San Francisco	Calif.	San Francisco
116	Educational	Chicago	Ill.	Chicago
117	Key	San Diego	Calif.	San Diego
118	Public Relations	Chicago	Ill.	Chicago
119	ATWAS	Detroit	Mich.	Chicago
120	Research	Chicago	Ill.	Chicago

* Charters for these chapters have been revoked.

From the Editor's Notebook . . .

NO ORGANIZATION CAN EXIST WITHOUT FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The tiresome harping about the importance of prompt payment of dues makes dull conversation at meetings, and even duller reading matter in a newsletter. But the fact is inescapable--Dues are the foundation upon which the organization must depend in order to continue its program of publications, public relations, education and social action.

The Mattachine Society at San Francisco has suffered miserably from a neglect by its members in seeing that dues are paid, collected and turned in to the area treasurer. It is recognized that absence of membership rolls makes this a problem.

As a result the area treasury is almost empty. Membership is on the decrease. No one cares to undertake the responsibility on a chapter level of seeing that a half dozen or so members pay \$2 per month into the treasury.

Treasurer's posts lack glamour, and it is a job to keep accurate financial records. But unless someone handles these duties, chapter membership will go to pieces.

Solving this problem, which exists in almost every chapter in the San Francisco area, is first of all a matter for chapter chairmen to deal with. Cooperation of the membership is also required if any such program of obtaining prompt and full payment of dues is to be effective.

Keeping dues paid is the least any active member can do. Won't you volunteer your funds regularly, and help see to it that others in your chapter do the same?

EXPOSURE DOESN'T CONVERT YOUTHS TO SEX DEVIATION

A former resident of Copenhagen, who has observed the Danish sex laws in operation for a period since they were enacted in 1933, declares that authorities in that country hold the theory that "exposure" to homosexuality will in no way actually serve to convert a person of heterosexual orientation into a confirmed sex variant.

In Denmark, laws state there is no sex crime for activities between individuals

★ Discussion Group Program . . .

TWO OUTSTANDING DISCUSSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER MEETINGS

The Sex Psychopath Group Therapy program at Norwalk Hospital and Atascadero State Hospital will be the topic of the September 2 discussion group meeting at San Francisco. A former patient at Norwalk Hospital will be the speaker.

This is an important topic, and every member should urge friends to attend.

For the October 7 meeting, it is hoped that the mother of a homosexual will address the group. She will tell of the adjustments necessary in reconciling homosexuality in the family with religion in order to keep her family intact and happy.

These discussions will be held at 8 p. m. on the dates indicated at the center of the American Friends Service Committee at 1830 Sutter street, San Francisco.

The general public is invited. Coffee will be served.

BOARD CHAIRMAN CALLS FOR ACTION IN ENFORCEMENT OF STATED POLICIES

Action which will result in a clearer definition and enforcement of the Mattachine Society's policy of supporting laws which forbid activities tending to contribute to the delinquency of minors has been called for by the Chairman of the Board of Directors. This will be the subject of a special meeting of the Board at Los Angeles on August 23.

Notices of this action have been sent to all Board members, area Council chairmen and chapters. This problem deserves the maximum attention of all elements of the Society.

over 18 years of age conducted in private and without force. Such laws have been in effect there for 21 years.

A sidelight to the operation of laws in Denmark has been noted by judges in courts there. In some cases, individuals of only 15 years of age have been involved with the law, and charges dismissed, because authorities recognized that some persons even at that age can and have become confirmed variants, and who can, it might be stated, act to bring forth latent homosexual tendencies in persons much older.