BRUNCH HELD JANUARY 15

Monthly Mattachine brunch meetings are becoming more popular with each successive meeting. Those who come say that it is a pleasant way of informally meeting and discussing with Mattachine leaders and members the present as well as future activities here in the Bay area. The brunch is held monthly at 6835 California St.; for those coming by bus, a No. 1 Calif. bus will take you there.

We are open for suggestions for improving the present setup of the brunch. Anyone with ideas on this, please let us know them.

BUSINESS MEETING ATTENDED

Bay Area Council members met December 28, and plans were discussed for increasing membership in 1956 and in general, an increasing expansion program for the next year.

"ASTROLOGY AND SEX" JANUARY DISCUSSION

Speaker in January was Basil Vaerlen, Bay Area analyst, who recently completed a survey of 100 homophile and 100 heterophile astrological charts, attempting to discern variations that might possibly indicate future form of sexual outlet. Mr. Vaerlen, an exceptionally fluent speaker, stated there is no indication in his research that would definitely pinpoint the sexual direction. He offered the viewpoint of personal choice or individual determinism as the factor governing sexual preferences.
Religion and sex are combined in the spotlight of the February, 1956 issue of the Mattachine Review. It will be on Los Angeles area newstands about January 25.

Richard Lentz, presenting the viewpoint of a group of Protestant churches in the U.S., says the time has come for the Church to take its head out of the sand and face the sex problem squarely. His article is called, "The Challenge of the Kinsey Report."

Further important reading will be found in Luther Allen's "Aspect of Homosexuality, Morality and Religion." Allen pulls no punches in clarifying the true meaning of oft-misrepresented parts of the Bible - from Sodom to Saint Paul.

But probably the most significant of all articles to aid the position of the sex variant is "Some Myths About the Sex Offender," written by a man who is a former Federal probation expert and at present a lecturer in law, sociology, and psychology at New York University, Dr. Paul W. Tagpan. He boldly explodes eleven commonly-believed fallacious "myths" about the danger of deviants and our tragically expensive attitudes of "curing" and punishing them.

Dr. Albert Ellis, controversial as he has become, appears with the final number of three articles in a series on a psychologist's approach to homosexual problems. It's a preview of an article which will later appear in a professional journal on "Use of Psychotherapy with Homosexuals." They can become heterosexual if they so choose, he says.

On the legal side, Mac Fingal scores the savage "Gross Indecency" statutes, tracing their history from England to states such as Michigan - and the effect they have today.

"Mattachine Salutes" praises Flash, a Canadian weekly newspaper, for its courage in calling for recognition of homosexual rights, and prints two comments on this topic, one from a heterosexual proposing homosexual marriage as an answer.

Finally, R. H. Crowther scores a hit with a discussion of differences between "Invert" and "Introvert" - similar terms with vastly different meanings.

Book Reviews (including two books on the lesbian theme) an outspoken letters department and Mattachine organizational news completes the issue. It's the best yet!

Incidentally, new mail subscribers may request and receive as a gift a copy of the December 1955 issue. Send $2.50 in cash, check or money order to the Review at 693 Mission Street, San Francisco, 5.

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In the April 1956 issue of the Review an article by Lyn Pederson will bring the homosexual situation in England up-to-date. It will incorporate the report of the extent of homosexuality in Great Britain, as recently by the British Medical Society and the Royal Commission, which looked into the subject under the direction of Parliament. James Barr Fugate's "The Homosexual and the Child Molester" will be another feature in the April issue. In particular it scores action of authorities in rounding up every known homosexual when
REVIEW LIBRARY GROWS WITH IMPORTANT BOOKS ADDED RECENTLY

In response to a recent call for James Barr's two books, "Quatrefoil" and "Derricks," copies were received not long ago from readers of Mattachine Review.

With these two scarce volumes added (they are now out of print), the Review library which is being built as a project at San Francisco, now numbers some 100 volumes.

Another recent important addition was a copy of Dr. Derrick Sherman Bailey's "Homosexuality and the Western Christian Tradition," sent by a reader in London. This same reader also contributed a copy of the December 1955 report of the Royal Commission which studied the incidence of homosexuality in the United Kingdom, and another small booklet, "A Letter to a Homosexual," written by a member of the Anglican clergy, Kenneth N. Ross, of All Saints' Vicarage, London.

Other volumes are needed to make the Mattachine Review library as complete a reference collection as possible. Among the volumes not present is Donald Webster Cory's "Twenty-One Variations on a Theme."

Works of the library may be checked out from the Area Council office at 693 Mission street. Call in person for the book desired, sign for it, and return it promptly.

Members of the San Francisco chapters who wish to make the library grow are asked to join the project of collecting, cataloging and issuing the books on the subject now missing. Inquiries about this project should be made to either the Chairman of the San Francisco Area Council or to the Research Director.

Participants in this project are also requested to submit reviews of new books for publication in Mattachine Review.

SOUND TAPE ON LEGAL TALKS TO BE PRESENTED AT SAN FRANCISCO DINNER

A sound tape of two of the recent lectures by Attorney Herbert E. Selwyn, the Society's legal advisor at Los Angeles, has been received. Parts of one of these lectures will be presented at the next monthly dinner-business meeting (January 18), at San Francisco. The tape was produced by the Society's Public Relations department.

The subjects concern "Sex and the Law," and are a part of a series of four talks on aspects of that topic presented by Selwyn to Los Angeles chapters earlier this winter.

BLOOD TESTS TAKEN AS PART OF RESEARCH PROJECT

During early January, blood samples from ten male homosexuals were taken by a medical research expert in Southern California as a part of a project which is pointed at learning information about hormonal balance in persons of varied sex orientation. Because of the nature of the project and the fact that its present direction is so new, the doctor who took the samples has requested that any more complete description of it be withheld at the present time. Details, when definitely established as scientific fact, will be released at the proper time, he said.

NEW MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTOR APPOINTED AT LOS ANGELES

A new distributor for Mattachine Review has been appointed at Los Angeles. This distributor will service the present three newsstands which now carry the Review, and in addition will solicit some 20 additional locations which now sell One but not the Review. One's circulation department has furnished addresses of all the locations which carry it, as an aid to obtaining these same locations as outlets for the Review.

Distribution of the February 1956 issue of the Review is expected to hit 600 copies in the area.
an atrocious crime, such as the murder of three boys in Chicago last year occurs.

NEW YORK ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
HELD JANUARY 10 IN DIPLOMAT HOTEL

After formation of a provisional chapter in New York City on December 12, a second organizational meeting of this nucleus group and others interested was held in the Diplomat Hotel on January 10.

The chairman of the New York Chapter also recently corrected an error in listing the address of that group. The correct address is Post Office Box 19U, Murray Hill Station, New York, 16, N.Y.

FEBRUARY EVENTS LISTED FOR LOS ANGELES

Combined activities of the Los Angeles chapters of the Mattachine Society are as follows:

February 1, work session in the Area Council office, 357 Belmont Ave., 8:30 p.m.

February 7, monthly dinner-business meeting at the Hotel Padre Cafe, 1961 N. Cahuenga, Hollywood, at 7 p.m. Advance reservations are requested. Price per plate is $1.75.

On February 15, the chapters will hold the regular monthly discussion group at 1101 ½ S. Grand View at 8:30 p.m.

Date of the monthly brunch, held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 1123 W. 42nd Street, is Sunday, February 26.

IT'S DUES TIME AGAIN!!

First half of 1956 dues ($10) is now due and payable to the Area Council treasurer. Members may pay this amount on the "easy payment" plan if they choose. At any rate, it's a new year, and the new dues must come in. May we have yours?

SOCIETY TO PARTICIPATE IN INSTITUTE PROGRAM SPONSORED BY ONE MAGAZINE

The Board of Directors of the Mattachine Society has been invited to participate in the 4th Mid-Winter Institute of One, Inc., publishers of One Magazine, to be held at Los Angeles, January 27-28. A representative of National Association for Sex Research, Los Angeles, will also appear on the program, along with one of the founders of the Mattachine Foundation (predecessor of the present Society) and officials of One, Inc.

In the absence of Ken Burns, Mattachine chairman, Secretary D. C. Olsen will report on the organization in general. Vice-Chairman Max Demain will discuss the organization and its areas and chapters. Members of the Board, representing departments of Publications, Legal-Legislative, Research and Public Relations will also address the group, citing progress and problems of the work of these departments.

Advance reservations for the Institute are required, reports Bill Lambert, One business manager. Subscribers and the public will be admitted only to the January 28--Saturday--sessions, since the preceding evening will be devoted to a business meeting of the Directors of One.

For subscribers of One Magazine, fee for attending the Institute is $1.00. The fee for non-subscribers is $2.50, and these respective amounts must be mailed to One, Inc., 232 South Hill St., Los Angeles, in advance for which admission cards will be sent.

SOCIETY CHAIRMAN TO VISIT CHICAGO

Society Chairman Ken Burns of Los Angeles will call upon the Resident Agent of the Chicago Area Council in the near future while on a business trip to the Midwest. He left Los Angeles January 13, but will return in time to be present at the next scheduled meeting of the Mattachine Board of Directors, to be held in Los Angeles, February 23-24.

Your $1.00 subscription to this newsletter will be sincerely appreciated. The money simply helps defray cost of materials and mailing. Send remittances to the S. F. Area Council, P.O. Box 295, San Francisco 1.
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

18  DINNER MEETING - Paper Doll Restaurant, 8 P.M.

25  AREA COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING 8 P.M.

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2   PUBLIC DISCUSSION MEETING
    1830 Sutter St., 8 P.M.

12  BRUNCH
    6835 California St., 1 P.M.

22  DINNER MEETING - Paper Doll Restaurant, 8 P.M.

29  AREA COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING