

EX-ADDICTS RECITE GAINS

Narcotics Anonymous Marks Its First Anniversary

Six former addicts told last night how their mutual help had enabled them to avoid narcotics for the last year. They were the persistent ones among nearly 100 who have attended some of the secret meetings of Narcotics Anonymous.

The organization marked its first anniversary with an open meeting to which friends and a few welfare workers and city officials had been invited. The meeting was held in the McBurney Branch Young Men's Christian Association, 215 West Twenty-third Street.

"Danny," the founder—members use only first names, as in Alcoholics Anonymous—told of the trials, errors and backsliding encountered in the last twelve months. Of the addicts and former addicts who had come—some out of desperation, some in curiosity and some with quiet determination—to earlier meetings, "Danny" said:

"Many have left us. Six have been with us a year free of drugs. Five others who came later are still free. Ten have slipped that we know of. We have no record of the others."

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