

There had been but one meeting deflection from the Drop-In-Center, that being the Quaker City Group, started by Charles Harrell in 1948. The NY Office records there were 8 members in 1949 and 1950, but it was not listed afterward. There was a PO Box listing but no address.

### A New Clubhouse!



The American Trust Building (later called the Hibberd Building) on the NW corner of 9th & Main Street. This was only 1/2 block from the Drop-In-Center.



The window, across the street, directly below the Tivoli sign indicates the approximate location of the clubhouse. The room number was #205. The entrance was off 9th Street.

**Probable date of this move: Oct. 1950. This is Bob Murphy's memory of the move from the Drop-In-Center. Bob was continually sober from 1950 till his death in the early 1990s:**

"On a Sunday Night, after the meetings everybody was told to pick up the Chair that they were sitting on and follow Bill M. We all walked down the steps carrying our Chairs, we walked down the middle of Main Street to Ninth and Main Street to the American Bank Building, We carried our chairs up to room #205.

This was a very Large Room, and it had a partition across one end of the room which made it nice, as we used that small room to set up our coffee and refreshments.

Later on the Fellowship felt that it would be a good Idea if we used the Smaller Room to put the New Comers in so that one of us Ole Timer's could teach the New Comers the Basic's of the Steps.

Later it was decided by the fellowship that the newcomers join in the regular A.A. meetings, so I was given the job of stopping at the "GOLDEN DAWN BAKERY" and picking up a couple dozen doughnuts for the Group.

After the meeting we would all gather around the coffee pot and talk A.A.

This worked out nicely, as it gave the newcomers a chance to ask questions about the program and especially about the 12 Steps.

The newcomers would find it easier to find a sponsor that way as most of the meetings were speaker meetings, and the newcomer would find it easier to relate to the different speakers and draw closer to the ones that they felt had the answer to the AA program."