

# Alcoholism

"A person should not use Alcohol to the extent, so that they would not have any control over themselves," this was **David Bright's** reply when being asked how he felt about teenagers and alcohol.

Alcoholism is a very insidious disease that is difficult to detect in its early stages. It is estimated that about six percent or one out of every 15 teenagers may become an alcoholic sometime in the future.

"A person should be able to drink if they feel they really want to," says **Spencer Fraiser**. We should teach our young ones that not to drink does not affect them socially, that alcohol is not a necessity of life, that some people may drink if they wish, but that to others it will bring harm.

Here are a few symptoms to Alcoholism:

1. Daydreaming
2. Selfconsciousness

3. Withdrawal from activity with other children.
4. Guilts and anxieties
5. Inability to face the ordinary problems of life.

We can't hope to prevent all teenager alcoholism by education alone, but we can help to do so if we have close cooperation between home and school. The formal elements of teaching can be handled in the schools, but the behavior problems are best dealt with at home.

Unless there is a broadening of our education program, greater action, and understanding of the subject of alcoholism, teenagers will continue to drink continuously and more rapidly. "I feel that it is alright to drink, but just don't over do it. If you are a teenager you should know when to drink and when you have had enough. Give it a thought!", says **Dianne Ferguson**.

Strolling down Colleton High is **Queen Lewis**.



Being fascinated by what's in the book is **Maxine Davenport AND Ray Bell**

Showing spirit for his homeroom is **Ernest Williams**.

