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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to one and all as you celebrate the Thanksgiving season!

The Psalmist in his day recognized the greatness of God's bounty to him, and exclaimed: "How precious are Thy thoughts unto me O God! How great is the sum of them, they are more in number than the sand."

Perhaps Thanksgiving is an appropriate time to reflect on God's goodness more than any other season or calendar event. As we worship on Thanksgiving Sunday, more tangible evidence of God's Providence is set before us than at any other time of year. We are reminded of our utter dependency on our Creator, Provider and Sustainer.

Do we take Thanksgiving for granted or for gratitude? We are a most fortunate people. We are rich in many ways and live in a land of plenty. In our affluence we are prone to abuse and squander what God has provided for us. We forget we are trustees of God's wealth — to be dispensed and used for the betterment of the total human race. By our self esteem and loose living, we forget the source of our resources. We are inclined to say in our hearts, "My power and the might of my hand hath gotten me this wealth" (Deut. 8-17). I suggest that we not take God's bounty for granted, but with gratitude and thanksgiving.

This has been a year of progress for AOTS. I have been encouraged by the reports of new clubs formed and forming, and by the variety of projects and programs at all levels of our organization.

Nationally, we are expanding our horizons and building our membership. Our hospital and scholarship projects are being maintained, thanks to your continued support. Our national committees are working diligently and effectively, and under the guidance and direction of the Holy Spirit. With such a combination, the future is assured.

LET'S CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING '84  
WITH HUMBLE GRATITUDE!

Blessings and peace!  
Cyril S. Locke  
National President



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*"I am among you As One That Serves"*  
Luke 22:27

## NATIONAL OFFICE REPORT

-John Cleave-  
-Executive Secretary-

The National Office has experienced much activity since the last Newsletter in April.

I had the opportunity of speaking to the Grace AOTS club in Trenton, Ontario. There was a good turn-out of men from the other clubs in the district. It was a pleasure for me to meet with the men in the Bay of Quinte conference and to renew old friendships of men who were active in the wider work of AOTS and are still active at the local club level. Both the Queen St. club in Belleville and the Trinity club in Kitchener, which I mentioned in the April Newsletter, have been chartered. A couple of carloads from Chatham, Ontario and myself were able to join with the Trinity men on their charter night and it was a rewarding evening.

I was also privileged to speak to the fellows at St. Andrew's AOTS in Chatham on their charter night. The Tri-County group were out in force to wish the St. Andrew's men well and get them involved in the Tri-County council. That makes three of the four churches in Chatham with an AOTS club.

The Ontario Roundup, like the other regional conferences, was very successful. Dr. Allen Knight, a former UC missionary doctor, challenged the men to be Christians in more than name only.

I am encouraged to note in the reports from the regional AOTS gatherings across Canada that men are becoming involved in many of the key issues facing our church. I am a commissioner to General Council and my position on these issues has been influenced by the men's statements from these conferences.

Our National Hospital Project is progressing well. We have forwarded the hospital \$10,000 to date. When the project was first launched we were estimating a goal of \$10,000. The project itself is will cost \$16-17,000. Although this is considerably above our commitment, with the continued support of the clubs and individuals, the Executive is hopeful we can meet the total amount of the project by the time our next Biennial rolls around. AOTS can then look to a new challenge.

Mentioning Biennial, I hope everyone is arranging their schedule so they can attend the gathering in Sudbury, August 16-18, 1985 (details elsewhere in this issue). The fellows in the Manitou conference are working hard and have an excellent weekend and vacation program well underway.

Fran and I were privileged to participate in the Muskoka Conference. It is a mixed gathering held on two weekends, one at Elgin house and the other in the Delawana Inn. Numbers were down some, but the planning committee had done an excellent job. I hope it is the economic situation and not lack of interest that lowered the numbers.

The Executive has decided to go ahead with the annual meeting in November. Like other national gatherings of the church, costs are a problem. Toronto AOTS offered to supply billets and meetings accommodation, and to underwrite some of the cost of meals, so the decision was made to proceed with the annual meeting. The question, of course, is asked, "Can we afford it and is the money well spent?" I believe so. The only way to become a national organization is to give the outlying regions an opportunity to participate in the structure and in the planning of our future directions. We in Ontario are extra privileged to participate because of our location in Canada. The Executive would dearly love to hold the annual meeting in the East or West but the funds are not available.

I believe it is only possible to maintain a national organization by giving the leaders in all parts of the country an opportunity to meet together to discuss problems and share ideas because each area has it's own characteristics. There is the other question, "Do we need a national organization?" The best answer I can

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**National Office Report** (continued from page 2)  
think of is to ask another question. What would our United Church be without a national structure? Individual churches and groups can succeed but only in a limited way. It is by working together we get to know one another, to recognize our differences and to learn to trust each other.

AOTS is the only men's group that the United Church has that can link men of our church together across Canada. It is my strong belief that the United Church needs such a structure if it is going to keep the men within the church in the years ahead.

We are into the fall season again, let us continue to strive to make AOTS "As One That Serves", in the days ahead.

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## EDITORIAL

Since our last issue of the Newsletter, we have heard from two sources. One was a very strong note suggesting more input from local clubs, the other noting difficulties encountered on budget priorities. I read that the budget has a lot to do with how many pages we print. We trust this issue of the NEWSLETTER will help meet the former need. We will probably hear more from the budget people, so it would be helpful to hear from more clubs. ARE YOU READING US???

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## NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

The next NEWSLETTER will be published in February 1985. Material must be received by January 15, 1985. Coming events should be for after February 15.

The NEWSLETTER is looking for articles which analyze or comment on the experience of a club or individual, or which challenge some of our easy assumptions about men's work. Submissions do not have to be typed if they are readable by us.

Letters to the Editor are welcome and will be printed after editing when space permits.

Submissions should be sent to the Editor at the above address and will not be returned.

If your group is planning a conference, roundup or rally we will be glad to publish this information. Please identify yourself clearly and send your materials to the Editor.

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## COUNCIL NEWS

**TORONTO CONFERENCE** - reports a successful 1984 Junior Choir Festival. The event will be repeated in 1985. Toronto AOTS'ers have provided many volunteer hours to maintenance at Lake Scugog Camp this summer and fall, with some clubs providing funds for repairs also. The AOTS Council are hosting the annual meeting of the National AOTS Council November 9, 1984. After this meeting National President, Cyril Locke will speak to Bellefair AOTS, Nov. 12, and Rexdale AOTS, Nov. 13.

**VANCOUVER ISLAND** - outgoing President, Roy Jones, reports on five meetings held at five different clubs during his one year in office — two in Victoria, and one each in Nanaimo, Duncan and Langford. Most clubs increased membership and two new clubs were chartered. The BIG DAY on the Island was the Annual AOTS Rally.

**MANITOBA** - reports AOTS arranged and supplied transportation for 500 commissioners to General Council from Winnipeg Airport to Morden, Manitoba and return. Council had two men on the General Council planning committee. This fall Council visitation is planned for AOTS clubs in Northwestern Ontario.

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## CLUB NEWS

Our thanks to all those clubs contributing news to this issue. We appreciate your response to our request for news. Some editing is necessary and we hope we have retained those items of interest to most of our readers. If you do your own editing beforehand it is more likely to be printed "as is." Please keep in mind that this is a national newsletter when you write your submissions. Your name and club affiliation must be clearly marked.

**ST. PAUL'S AOTS, Stirling, ON** - Harold reports inter-club activity with a visit to Grace AOTS in Trenton, and to Wellington AOTS to present the Travelling Cross. The season ended with a good barbecue June 6 and a successful auction sale and strawberry social. Fall season to start with an AOTS church service Aug. 26.

**BELLEFAIR AOTS, Toronto** - Harvey reports many successful spring and summer events, like a Mother's Day Breakfast; a field trip and dinner at variety village, with

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# 14TH AOTS NATIONAL CONVENTION

LAURENTIAN UNIVERSITY, HUNTINGTON COLLEGE  
RAMSEY LAKE ROAD, SUDBURY ONTARIO

AUGUST 16, 17, 18, 1985

=== THEME SPEAKER ===

NO REFUNDS ON CANCELLATIONS RECEIVED AFTER JULY 3, 1985.  
A discount of \$5.00 will be given on early men's registration (before July 3).

REGISTRATION FEE (payable in advance)	ACCOMMODATIONS (payable on arrival)
Men ..... \$35	Single (Ltd.) ..... \$16/night
Women ..... \$20	Twin Bedroom ..... \$24/night
Dependents ..... \$10	— There are no extra beds, bring your
Single Youth ..... \$20	sleeping bag **\$N.C.**



**MEALS** -- (to be paid on arrival)  
Friday thru Sunday lunch inclusive \$28  
Saturday Night Banquet cost included in Registration fee.

### \*\*\* "CONFESSING OUR FAITH" \*\*\*

Registration: E. C. (Ned) Brownlee Phone 705-472-2619  
REGISTRAR, 14th AOTS NATIONAL CONVENTION  
116 Carlo Cr., North Bay ON P1B 8B1

=PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY=

(Male Member or Single Youth) Name .....

Address .....

City ..... Province ..... Postal Code .....

Club ..... Church .....

Office Held ..... Voting Delegate ..... Individual Member .....

My wife will be attending ..... Her name is .....

Dependent (age 6 years and up) Attending: (ages 5 years and under free)

Name ..... Age ..... Sex ...../...../...../

Name ..... Age ..... Sex ...../...../...../

Travelling by: Car ..... VIA Rail ..... Plane ..... Bus ..... RV .....

Arriving in Sudbury (Date & Hour) .....

We/I want to stay at Huntington College, please reserve a

Single ..... Twin ..... I wish to share a room ..... with smoker / non-smoker.

\*\*If we can't supply single, are you willing to share a twin? .....

Special Arrangements Required - Specify .....  
(Baby-sitter needed, handicapped, special diet, etc.)

Attach Cheque or Money Order payable to: 14th AOTS NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE

I Enclose cheque/money order for \$ ..... for full registration fee.

Tourist and Travel information on request, please indicate (YES/NO) .....

\*\*IF FURTHER REGISTRATION FORMS ARE REQUIRED PHOTOCOPIES ARE ACCEPTABLE\*\*



**INFORMATION TO ALL REGISTRANTS**

Any men registering before July 3, 1985 will only have to pay \$30.00. A Single Youth is a young person not with parents. We indicate that there are no extra beds, but those with registered accommodation are allowed to bring their sleeping bags at no extra charge. Single accommodations are at a minimum. Anyone wishing a Single after sellout will be given a Twin. The charge will be \$24.00 per night.

There will be a well organized women's, youth's and children's program.

There will also be a daycare and babysitting service for people having this need. It is very important that we know what days and times that such a service will be required. This information should be indicated in the SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS line, and the description of the children in the DEPENDENTS line. It should also be noted that this is an extra cost item.

For those people who may be on a restricted diet, we can only suggest if you stay at the Huntington accommodation there are kitchen privileges, but you must

bring your own food, cooking tools and eating utensils. If you are a handicapped person who has trouble walking upstairs, we will try to accommodate you on the second floor so that you will have only one flight of stairs to climb. It would be nice if we were all non-smokers, however such is not the case. When sharing a room, I would like to place a smoker with a smoker.

As some of the National members will be arriving and holding meetings on Thursday before the Convention, their accommodations will be put through the computer as well. This way they can be booked in for three nights and make it less hectic for Friday and Saturday.

Bring the whole family and enjoy your 1985 vacation in beautiful Northern Ontario. Come and see its grandeur, its interesting people and places, attend our exciting convention, and return home spiritually refreshed.

For further information write:  
AOTS CONVENTION CHAIRMAN  
BOX 542  
SOUTH PORCUPINE, ON P0N 1H0



**14th BIENNIAL NATIONAL CONVENTION**

SUDBURY, ONTARIO

AUGUST 16 - 17 - 18, 1985

*CONSIDER PLANNING YOUR 1985 VACATION IN BEAUTIFUL  
NORTH EASTERN ONTARIO AND INCLUDE OUR EXCITING  
BIENNIAL CONVENTION*

**!!! HIGHLIGHTS OF THINGS TO SEE !!!**



**THE NORTH'S BIG SCIENCE CENTRE**

Is situated and centered on the beauty of Lake Ramsay. The main building resembles a huge snowflake settled gently over a crater.

The architectural concept embodies two metaphors: the "snowflake" which symbolizes the glaciation and climate that shaped the northland, and the "crater" which represents the geological origins of Sudbury and current high technology mining.

This centre is different from any other in the world. The centre has many imaginative ways of demonstrating complex scientific concepts. See its "Theatre In The Rock" and many children's activities. Truly a highlight of any vacation.

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## BIG NICKEL MINE

We invite you to go underground in the Big Nickel Mine, Sudbury. The only authentic hard rock mine open to the public in the province. You will be shown a real mine at work on an exciting guided tour.

The Big Nickel Mine also offers a mine rescue rail car, lapidary shop, souvenirs, snack bar, free admission to the grounds and free parking.

Tours: \$3.00 Adults  
\$1.50 Children, Senior Citizens  
\$7.50 Family rate (2 adults/children)

HARNESS RACING AT ...

## SUDBURY DOWNS



*The Greatest Action In The North!!*

## SUDBURY DOWNS

Enjoy the thrill and excitement of professional harness racing, every Wednesday and Saturday Night, featuring exciting Triactor Wagering!!

Full dining room monitoring and behind the glass race watching.

Also see:

- Alexander Centre Industries - Monday to Friday
- Pioneer Cabin - Monday to Saturday
- Northern Lights Festival - Major Folk Festival

## Come Ride The Polar Bear.



## POLAR BEAR EXPRESS

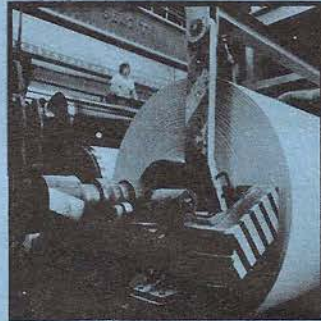
Come a little farther North along Highway 11 to that beautiful town of Cochrane, the home of the "Polar Bear Express."

This beautiful train trip takes you through a naturalist's delight down the Arctic watershed to Moosonee, the gateway to the Arctic, on James' Bay.

See Moose Factory Island, Ontario's oldest permanent settlement. Reservations are required six months before you plan to tour, so act now, you will never regret it.

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## PULP AND PAPER TOUR

While in this same area of our magnificent northland take in the very popular paper path tour in Iroquois Falls.

It is actually two tours in one: one winds over logging roads into the heart of the forest, the other is a closeup look at how newsprint is made in one of Canada's largest paper mills.

See the logging machinery first hand, have a logger style lunch in the cookhouse, and see firsthand nature turned into newsprint.

Truly an experience which you should not miss.

As you head south:

- Be sure to take a tour of Canada's largest silver mine, Kidd Creek Mines, Timmins. See open pit and underground mines and metallurgical operations.
- Come to the heartland of great hunting, fishing, boating, swimming and rockhounding.



## AGAWA CANYON - WILDERNESS BY RAIL

Travel west from the convention to Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario and take the 114 mile train trip through Agawa Canyon.

Go around lakes and mountains, over gorges and into river valleys. The magnificent scenery along the route is on par with that of the Rockies.

Stopovers enable you to photograph the many waterfalls and rocky cliffs, climb to the lookouts, and let the whole family picnic and relax in the fine natural surroundings of Agawa River and Park.

We know you will enjoy it.

## Come, sail a legend



## CHIEF COMMANDA II - COME SAIL A LEGEND

Don't miss this beautiful six hour cruise down Lake Nipissing and the magnificent French River system.

The program recounts the legends of the lakes and the French River in an interesting way.

Sail in luxurious fittings on temperature-controlled decks, food services, tuck shop and spacious licensed lounge.

Come see the great Manitou.

Note: - For further information on any of the vacation travelogues mentioned, contact your nearest tourist bureau or write to Mr. Gil Reashore, Box 542, South Porcupine, ON P0N 1H0



Club News (continued from page 5)

the youth group invited. AOTS served the "Breakfast of Champions" as part of an 80th anniversary project. Lloyd Moseby and Roy Lee Jackson of Toronto Blue Jays were in attendance to witness to their faith. Summer Break got underway June 23 with the Annual Bar-B-Que at McLean's.

KAPUSKASING AOTS - Randy Soth sent us copies of their May and June AOTS Newsletter complete with news of the ONTARIO ROUNDUP 84, the NATIONAL HOSPITAL PROJECT, and information up to June 2 on the 1985 BIENNIAL CONVENTION in Sudbury. Please continue sending your newsletter, Randy. We would like to report on these items elsewhere in this issue and give your club news in this space. The "KAP" AOTS are providing the devotions for the 85 Biennial. This club of less than 20 get things done with three local church work projects on the go. They also donated \$230 to send six youth to the Manitou Youth Forum in Timmins, with a subsequent report to the club by the youth. The June meeting heard Greg Dambek give a photographic account of the latest developments in Forest Management. Action is to begin again in August with a work party and barbecue at the church. The October 17 meeting will be attended by Central V/P Jack Arthur and in March 1980 National President, Cyril Locke, will be in Kap. Thanks for your comments on the National Newsletter Randy.

KNOX AOTS, Brandon, MN - Charter #808 - Held its charter night program March 12 with 40 men present and served cornish hen and homebaked pie. Manitoba District Council Members conducted the worship, presented the charter and installed the officers. Carberry AOTS, the sponsoring club, presented the new club with a gavel. Several men were also present from the Minnedosa AOTS. Since then, programs have included presentations on Trinidad, Bermuda and the Holy Land. In the interest of boys work this club will provide free of charge monthly newsletters on the Trailranger program to any boys, age 10-14 years, whose fathers are associated with AOTS. Contact G. Whidden, 223 Wapiti Way, Brandon, Man. R7A 6L7.

ST. JAMES' ASSINIBOIA AOTS - 20 members, meets 4th Monday. Donated to UCW for meal appreciation and also gave \$100 to the National Hospital Project.

SHAUGHNESSY AOTS - Winnipeg - meet second Monday. Held meat sale with donations to their church building fund.

ATLANTIC-GARDEN CITY AOTS - Winnipeg - sponsors a family curling event. Funds raised through a meat sale with a donation of \$2000 to the church.

WESTWORTH AOTS - Winnipeg - meets monthly. Programs usually speakers. Spring fund drive through a meat sale.

WINDSOR PARK AOTS - Winnipeg - donated \$110 to subsidize eleven persons to attend the laity conference at Minaki, ON. Donated to the AOTS Hospital Project.

KNOX AOTS - Winnipeg - served pancake breakfast to Sunday School group. Radio Fund project is underway.

GREYSTREET AOTS - Winnipeg - Pancake supper in May donated \$100 to enable four members to attend laity conference at Minaki, ON.

ST. ANDREW'S AOTS - Moose Jaw. - Bill Taylor has brought us up to date with the June and September copies of "The Menu." They have 45 members and the volunteer summer project was building a cabin and two biffies at Camp Capernaum. After the camp closes they will prepare the camp for winter. AOTS to add funds to the Roy Carefoot Memorial Fund to establish a bursary at St. Andrew's College, Saskatoon for a candidate for the ministry. 80 cases of Pinetree nuts have been ordered for the Christmas Nut Drive. Family weekend was held at Camp Capernaum Aug. 3-5, closing with a chicken barbecue supper. Bill's June letter said they were putting up \$125 for three years to sponsor a Little League ball team. We assume they were not winners as he doesn't mention them in his September report??? The club is again recruiting men to attend the Banff Men's Conference Oct. 12-14. The club will cover the cost for up to two "first timers." At writing 8 seniors and one freshman are on the list.

ST. JAMES' AOTS - Edmonton - closed out the spring season with 96 in attendance at Ladies' Night. An excellent meal was followed by guest speaker Larry Derkach, Director of Volunteers at Bissell Centre, a city centre institution partly funded by the Division of Mission. Many St. James' AOTS men are volunteers at the Centre. Fall meetings start Sept. 26 with another Ladies' Night. A tour of the new Space Sciences' Centre will follow dinner. The October dinner meeting will feature an Institute for the Blind talk and demonstration of the latest electronic equipment being used at the Institute.

CAMPBELL RIVER AOTS - BC - Harry Vogel sent along a copy of his report to the BC AOTS ROUNDUP. They were chartered as a new club (#800) June 16, 1983 and have 18 members. South Burnaby AOTS sponsored the new club. Harry reports successful club meetings, a couple of less successful pancake breakfasts for fund raising, but a great deal more interest in a garage sale.

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## ITEMS OF INTEREST

Report in the Cowichan Leader newspaper: Awards from the AOTS Men's Club continue to come the way of Duncan charter member Don Morton.

The former North Cowichan reeve has received word of his election as honorary president of the national association of United Church AOTS Clubs.

Morton, a past president of the club, also served as founding secretary, has been a member for more than 34 years.

He is a past president of the BC association and Island district council, and is presently secretary for the provincial AOTS while also serving a committee on the AOTS national council.

Morton is an honorary life member of national AOTS and in 1977 was awarded life membership in Duncan's club.

WESTERN VICE-PRESIDENT RESIGNS - Clare Bailey of Winnipeg, elected Western v/p at the Biennial Convention in St. John's last year has tendered his resignation, based on doctor's orders. Clare is still undergoing a variety of medical tests. Clare, our prayers are with you that all news will be good news.

### NATIONAL NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REQUEST

The committee asks all local clubs to consider the submission of the name of a nominee for an executive or committee chairman position to be filled by ballot at the AOTS Biennial Convention in Sudbury in August 1985.

All nominees must have agreed to let their name stand. Positions are: National President, Vice-President - East, V/P - Central, V/P - West, Treasurer, Communications Chairman - Youth, Program, Projects, Communications, Constitution, International, Spiritual Life, Membership, Finance, Leadership Development, Long Range Planning.

Please discuss this in your club executive meetings and forward the names of your nominees (indicating the position for which they are being nominated) to the chairman of the nominations committee:

Gordon Hall,  
91 Somerset Cres.,  
Waterloo, ON N2L 1N1

DUNCAN AOTS - BC - AOTS is always in the news in the Cowichan Leader newspaper. Duncan AOTS had another successful spring tea with the AOTS men nattily attired as waiters — white shirts and black bowties. The event netted \$490.

ESQUIMALT AOTS - BC - Bob reports successful 1984 so far! In Feb. 28 members heard Doug Raynor, a dentist with the armed forces speak on "Christian Dentistry." March was "AOTS Hamburger Night." Great crowd, devotions by Roy and Jan Jones, skits by the Explorers, AOTS band (Music Concrete). AOTS skit "The Lighthouse Keeper's Daughter" and the "Hamburger Singers" dedicated songs to Gladys Lavenne. Benediction by Rev. Lavenne. Proceeds donated to club member Tony Major, now at Vancouver School of Theology. In May the men's club hosted 20 native children from Fond Du Lac, Sask. at a potluck supper.

GORDON AOTS - Victoria - Reports two mini flea markets were held for fund-raising. Service projects included hosting the District Council meeting, providing breakfast for UCW Annual Meeting, and maintenance projects around the church. Donations were made to the CE Committee (\$300); to sponsor two youths to Camp Pringle (\$200); to AOTS Hospital Fund (\$100); to United Church Home, Victoria (\$100). Items in budget to assist two men to attend Christian Men's Conference at Langley and two to the Banff Men's Conference in October.

LAKE COWICHAN AOTS - (from Cowichan Leader) -agreed to continue the club's most consistent revenue producer. Forty cases of nuts have been ordered for delivery Nov. 1/84. Harold Wingfield presided and ladies of the UCW served a chicken dinner. Ernie Stafford and Don Morton of Duncan conducted the worship. Substantial amounts were voted to Lake Cowichan United Church and the Boy Scout Committee. The Island AOTS Council were invited to hold their October meeting at Lake Cowichan.

ROSSLAND AOTS - BC - reports another successful year with average attendance of 16 and the UCW ladies continuing to serve lovely meals. Every year Rossland, East Trail and Knox AOTS clubs hold a "steak fry" hosted by a different club each year. The club did many service and maintenance jobs around the church. Some of the club donations were: AOTS Hospital Project, UC camp Koolaree, The Thomas Crosby, Rossland Secondary School Scholarship Fund and Rossland Precision Figure Skating team.



# NATIONAL YOUTH COMMITTEE REPORT

Submitted by Dale Maris, Chairman

The National Youth Committee is gearing for an active autumn and winter. It is setting into motion changes which will bring progress and accomplishment to the national ministry of youth.

As a result of the last meeting on June 13th several sub-committees have been formed, with a wide range of mandates – local projects, visitation, revision and revitalization of the D.R. Poole Memorial Trophy program, creation of promotional materials for exhibition throughout AOTS, and mission reporting and future charting.

During the next few months the Youth Committee will be challenging AOTS men. It will require your prayers, your consultation, your guidance and your talents. The committee will be involved in creating the foundation of the AOTS movement into the 21st Century. They are challenging the membership to join with them in this Christian mission.

### YOUR

#### YOUTH COMMITTEE MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Doug Cameron is a successful Chatham Township farmer. He finds the time to teach Sunday School and is the Sunday School Superintendent for his rural charge. A past President of South Chatham Township AOTS Men's Club, Doug brings experience and dedication to the Youth Committee.

#### OTHER YOUTH ACTIVITIES

The Planning Committee for the 1985 Biennial Convention is actively seeking to incorporate youth into the activities of this upcoming event.

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In the bulletin of the Zion Evangelical Church in South Milwaukee: "The eighth graders will be presenting Shakespeare's "Hamlet" in the church basement on Friday at 7 p.m. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy."

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After telling the story of Adam and Eve to her children, a Sunday school teacher asked them to draw a picture. One little boy drew a Cadillac with three people in it. When told it had nothing to do with the story, he looked up in astonishment and replied, "But you said 'God drove them out of the garden'!"

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 1985 ONTARIO AOTS ROUNDUP

DATE - Friday, April 26 - Sunday, April 28, 1985  
PLACE - Geneva Park YMCA Centre near Orillia, ON.  
THEME - "Sowers of Seed"  
THEME SPEAKER - Rev. John Griffen  
PLANNING - Toronto Conference AOTS  
PLANNING CHAIRMAN - Layton Stewart  
REGISTRAR - Harry Noble (Kingston Road UC AOTS)  
298 Willow Avenue, Toronto ON M4E 3K7  
Phone (416) 699-9473

### IN MEMORIAM

EVERETT A. TURNER passed away in his 79th year on Sept. 4, 1984. A Life Member of the national AOTS and an active worker in his local church, presbytery and conference, he will be missed by his family and many friends.

My father-in-law, who lives in Ohio, is fascinated by his new digital watch, which has a chime in addition to a music alarm. Since he enjoys hearing the chimes he keeps the watch set to go off at several different times a day. While vacationing in Georgia, he attended a church service. To his utter horror, the watch began to chime during the sermon. The minister stopped abruptly in mid-sentence and stated in a determined Southern drawl, "I don't know about you folks up north, but down here we don't stop right at noon!"

