

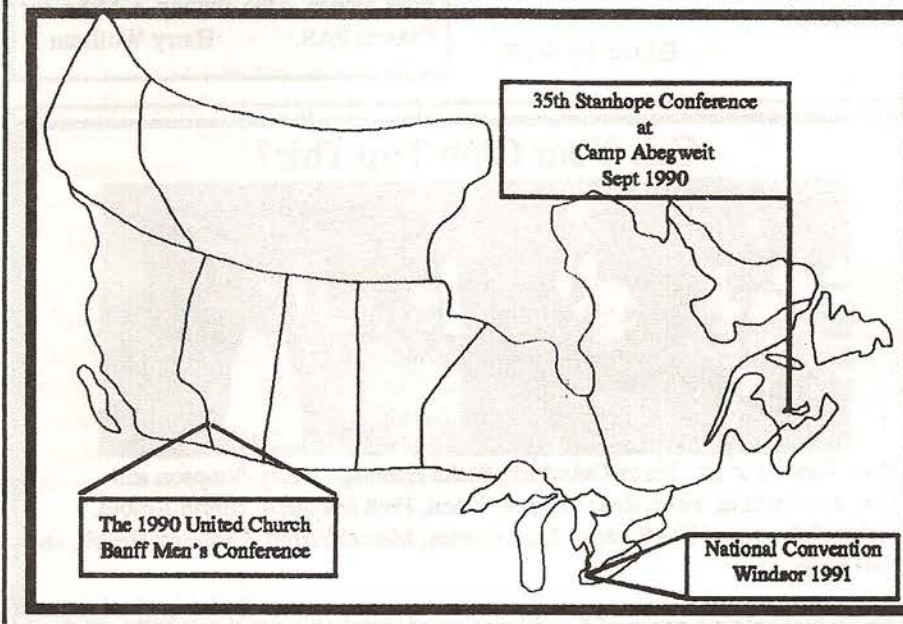
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Christ



President
Bob
Reports

DMC Unit # 3

As I reported to you before this Unit is our connection with the Division of Mission Canada. I am your representative on this body. It last met on March 16-18 and a full report of the happenings was the National Executive. My report to you is lacking in detail but conveys a feeling for the issues considered. The setting of next years budget was one item and as

was the case last year AOTS was given a low priority for two reasons; a. We do not assist the Unit in propogating their objectives and, b. we are seen as having our own resources where other organizations do not.

I have taken a position on your behalf that our purpose is not to promote their social action positions. I repeated that our mandate is to promote Christian Fellowship among men of the church under our stated purpose and objectives. Indeed I voiced objections to all the their positons on social issues.

As to the budgeet I feel we can expect a sizeable cut in our request of \$7500.00. Although discouraged with these events on the one hand I am encouraged by the great things I see happening amongst the men of our Church and Country. There is good communication, good reports from every level of AOTS as you can see in the Handshake. The support of our National and Local service projects is most heart warming.

Bob Lewis

Coming Events 1990

Banff Conference
Oct. 12-13-14

Speaker Herbert O'Driscoll
On Being A Christian In The
Third Millennium
(Registration Form Page6)

35th Stanhope Conference
Camp Abegweit
Sept 1990

Canadian Christian Festival II
August 16-19
Halifax Nova Scotia
Bishop Deamond Tutu
"A Time For Love"
Registration
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Annual Meeting
National Council of AOTS
Winnipeg- Oct 19-20 1990

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The South Porcupine Dialogue

Thanks to this Newsletter this column is just bursting with the hustle and bustle of AOTS. Though small in numbers this club is a shining example for the rest of the country as to just what AOTS can do for the Church and Community. Led by their Prsident and Editor Gil Rashore we give you South Porcupine AOTS our feature club of the Month.

Meetings

They are different. Take their meeting of Feb 1990. "On this Sunday club members and their families met at 3 p.m. at the bowling alley for the "Big Roll Offs" It was Children against Adults with the former walking off saying, Unless they had better challengers next time they would consider sitting out the next round." Perhaps it was because the President was throwing gutter balls? The March Bowl Off will be in the form of a challenge with their sister club from Matheson. Each will try to roll over the other.

It was roast Pork for all at 6:P.M. with soothing tunes out of the bag pipes of guests Dave and Marylin Buchanan. There was a film presentation that covered the Fund raising campaign of the new District Hospital

Devotional

President Gil's message was titled "Satisfaction: Our hearts are restless until they find rest in Him." We were made for God and nothing less will do. He is the only end to all our searching.

Community Outreach

Participating in what was touted as the "best Carnival yet" it began with a commendable float in the big parade. Comments here were most favourable. The Big Carnival Breakfast saw the club clear a profit of \$392.00. Attendance at the Soup and Sandwich Luncheon was disappointing but they cleared \$53,00.

National Support

\$245.00 to the second Mile. \$250.00 to the National Hospital Project. National club dues \$130.00. Need we say more.

Up coming Events.

Club to put on a spring Roast Beef Dinner May 6th to see the Club handle the

Sunday A.M. Church Service as a part of their participation in AOTS Month. Again the Big Bowling Challenge on March 25th against the Matheson Club. The Eastern Vice President Reg Cooper will visit on April 4th. And finally the Manitou Conference will host the 1991 Ontario RoundUp.

Edited by WGH

Bellefair Men's News Letter
After an exciting Ladies Night in Feb this club is working diligently on tyhe National Second Mile and the Hoispital Fund. They are selling Maple Syrup and Easter Colouring Books to raise Funds..Also buying a Mike for Church PAS. Harry Wolfram

Can Your Club Top This?



Back Row Lt to Rt. Percy Outerkirk, Blake Hastings, Harry Simpson and Clarence Stirling. Front Row Gordon O'neil, Fred Maynard, Hilton Arnold, Ralph Roberson, (Not Present, Dick Coates, Marcel Elford, Cameron Nesbit, and Earl Stinson)

This mature looking group of 8 gentlemen(4 absent) belong to the AOTS Club of Erie St United, Ridgetown, Ont. The average of these twelve members is about 79 years. The speaker on this occasion was Lloyd Clark whose assigned task was to explain National Finances. Many good questions were asked with the speaker emphasizing the need for increased Second Mile support in order that the AOTS can continue to support its various projects and spread its missionary efforts towards men.

The Tri-County AOTS District Council



LtoR Clarence Sterling, Ed Parr, Doug Cameron, Herb Parker, Gene Perry, Robert Renwick, Doug Cameron, Herb Parker, Gene Perry, Robert Renwick, Jack Cleave

The above men of Tr-County are Past Presidents or Presidents or Vice Presidents of the 12 local ClubsN within the London Conference. Herb Parker (in centre front) is not only Prident of Tri County but is chairman of the 1991 Convention Planning Committee. Plan now to attend this Gala Event at the University of Windsor on Aug 2,3,4 1991. Lloyd Clark Reporting

Nicaragua Report

Look for an exciting story of Service by the Division of world Outreach, London Conference. Two of our own Jack Cleave and llyod Clark were on this Mission of rebuilding.

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**Charles Burritt
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Was established to honour and commemorate the outstanding contribution of the late Charles Burritt to the the life and work of the United Church. To the community, and to the local and National AOTS Men's Clubs.

Charlie was a Trustee, a Sunday school teacher, Youth Group leader, and Chairman of the Official Board. Chairman of Westminster Presbytery, Chairman of Board at Naramata Centre for Continuing Education, and twice Delegate to General Council. Group Committee Chairman Boy Scouts of Canada, Manager Juvenile Soccer and Sponsor Little League Baseball.



Mrs. June Burritt, widow of the late Charles Burritt, presents scholarships to Michael Chaho of Burnaby, and Illiana Sandoval and Maggie Erwright of Vancouver at a recent meeting of the South Burnaby Club with Society President Ernie Baird and President John Carswell looking on.

Historic Gavel

On Nov. 9 1953 this Travelling Gavel was presented to the Vancouver Island District Council by it's brother Council on the Mainland. On Nov 2 3 1989 the original Diary was replaced by a new one. It gave up the follwing history. Made 153 stops at 21 Clubs accompanied by 844 "Gaurdians". The spirit of the Gavel is described as follows in the Log. "The Gavel is to be passed from one AOTS Club to another on Vancouver Island thereby stimulating and encouraging fellowship among the Island Clubs"

Al Treble Reporting

AOTS

President B.C. Provincial Council President National Council, and many other executive positions leading up to his being honoured as a Life Member. After attaining all this he took on the Presidency of the South Burnaby Club and was a loyal and working member to the end.

In recognition of his community work, Charlie was presented the Canada medal in 1967.

The Society

Its purpose is to provide for scholarships to deserving students proceeding on to post secondary education and to reward the pursuit of educational excellence. Since its incorporation in 1984 the Society has awarded 14 scholarships totalling over \$3500.00 The Capital fund is now at a point where several significant scholarships are offered each year from the the proceeds accrued from the interest.

Many donations have been made to the Society in loving memory of Charlie or other beloved friends. The objective is to see this fund continue to grow. All contributions are gratefully received.

John Carswell

**Outstanding
RoundUp**



This 37th Annual RoundUp was held at Aldergrove United Church on Saturday March 10. Spiritual leadership for the 43 men in attendance was provided by Rev. Wayne Wattman, the host minister.

Two major theme addresses on the topic "Leadership in a Pluralistic Society" were given by Dr. Ron Faris, author of the "Trojan Horse." Rev Faris is a former cabinet minister of the

Saskatchewan Provincial Government whose critical stance on government alcoholism policies has on occasion, lead him to be branded as "Canada's bravest politician"

Don raised several issues which touch upon the effectiveness of the church in fulfilling its mandate to the world. He suggested that the continuing focus on fads and ideologies within the United Church combined with a neglect of solid biblical study has contributed to a lack of biblical literacy in the church and lessening of its potential to lead society.



The host AOTS club, Aldergrove United, won both annual awards for having the highest number present and the greatest percentage attendance of a club represented at the Round-Up. Provincial President Ken Martin chaired the entire meeting. Duncan was chosen as the sight of next years RoundUp.

Wally Shultz
John Carswell

Oak Bay Reports

A year of spirituality and Service

1. Selling Mugs to celebrate 75th.
2. Wives hosted Spring Round Up.
3. Pancake Breakfast Easter Sunday.
4. Garage Sale Nets \$3500.00
5. Club Pres. runs two Workshops
6. Strawberry Tea. Profits to Soup Kitch.
7. Won DR. Poole Trophy

Ken Adsett Reporting

Well done Oak Bay. You deserved a full page!.
Editors

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Bible N Prayers



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God in the Legislature

Historically the Leadership of our Nation has turned to Almighty God for strength and guidance.

In this spirit, the House of Commons and the Senate Breakfast Group, which meets to deepen friendships, to pray and counsel together, inaugurated the National Prayer Breakfast to specifically seek the Lord's guidance and strength as well as to reaffirm our faith and to renew the dedication of our Nation and ourselves to God and his purposes.

This event in the Nation's Capital seeks to encourage men and women throughout the world to recognize their privileges and responsibilities before God.

With the desire to deepen the spiritual life and moral fibre of the people through the leadership led by God, there have been in most provinces, similar breakfasts inaugurated by premiers, mayors and other responsible persons.

As a natural out growth of such gatherings, many people throughout the world are finding through meeting in the spirit Christ a fellowship that is helping to build true community in the family of nations.

Taken from an invitation received for the 25th Annual National Prayer Breakfast that was held March 29, 1990.

Leadership Prayer Breakfast Inspirational!

(Held in Fifty Countries)

W.G.H

It was 8.A.M. on April 27 when 700 Christians sat down to breakfast in Vancouver. Canada Place was the sight of this Christian gathering. Messages were brought from all levels of Government. Each one was given in a Christian context with two of our Nations Leaders reading the scriptures that were applicable to the theme address. "Christian Ethics in the Working Place."

From The
South



Porcupine
Dialogue*

Why I Study the Bible?

by Ernest Gilbert

I began to study the Bible seriously when I was approximately 29 years of age. It did not appear to be a conscious decision, but an urging. I tried to read the Bible completely through on different occasions, without success. The only Bible near at hand was the King James Version with which I couldn't at that time make any headway. The first Bible I read completely through was the Good News. Many well intentioned friends told me that the Good News was not any good., but I believed god got me started with this. Now 12 years later I enjoy King James, but my favourite version remains the Good News.

The first time I read the Bible completely through I believed I knew nearly all of what it contained, but after reading it again I wondered if I knew 10 percent of what God has put in this "Book" for us.

How do I study the Bible? I now study the Bible as God's Word. When I first began reading the bible I could not have looked at it as a history book. The Old Testament part could be read as a war novel because of the huge battles and conquests described there; also as a spy novel.

Some people look at the Bible as a fictional work because of the hard to believe future events described in some of it's books, especially Ezekiel and Revelation. In parts it could be called a love story, in others a manual for starting and running a church. But now I believe the Bible to be God's Word telling me how to live now and in the future after death

* The South Porcupine Dialogue is the Newsletter of that Club-Editor Gil Reasore.

We have taken the above article from it and present here part one of three.

W.G.H.

God is our refuge and strength
a very present help in trouble.

Psalm 46:1 KJV

A Successful AOTS Club

by John Carswell

Part II



As previously stated all must be aware of dates of activities months in advance to be prepared. Have a

list of activities on one page of your club bulletin which will include meeting dates for the ensuing year. When involving a members in a position have a starting and finishing date for this activity. When this time is up ask them if they wish to continue or take on another duty. If they wish to step down have them take on another responsibility. Frown on them" taking a rest" for if they they do they could well be resting 2 years from now.

Set up an Executive Planning Committee with all officers(each reporting) and some advisors to assist. Hold meetings 2 weeks prior to the regular meeting. Decisions reached at this meeting to be brought to the club meeting for approval, rejection or motivated. Give the topic five minutes to move through the meeting. Do not allow it to take up too much time. If the executive have done their homework the subject should move right along. You will be wise to have your meeting over by 9 P.M. If you are in the breakfast mode be sure and consider those that are working. If you are having a theme speaker give him or her a time limit and advise them accordingly. If the men enjoy the meetings they will come back.

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A Scene from the Alberta Spring Round Up held at Wetaskiwin on March 24 -25



A highlight of the weekend was the induction of Jim Dicke into the AOTS "Hall of Honour with a Life Membership". Jim is seen above clutching his plaque in his right hand and hanging on to his wife Ida with his left. That's Wally Shultz our National Spiritual Life Chairman peering between this lovely couple. In the centre looking very proud is our Western Vice President Fred Holberton who did the honours. That's Max Vandenbrink on the far left our Alberta President. Next to him is John Carswell (Handshake Chairman) who noted that although it was touted as a Spring Round Up it only managed a high of -7 over the entire weekend.

Welcome UCM Newsletter

Your the new kid on the block. It is out of Alberta under the direction of Max VandenBrink our AOTS President of the Alberta and Northwest Conference. Such Newsletters along with club reports are becoming major sources of news for the Handshake.

There follows in its entirety a testimonial, taken from the Alberta News to the wonders of Christian Fellowship. It is seen through the eyes of a Christian man of the 1990's. Herein is the spirit of our founding AOTS fathers as they gathered in 1923 to build their Church's first gymnasium. These men nurtured this spirit of Christian Fellowship as have their successors the National Council of AOTS. We may not share the same name but we share the same Christ. Are we not therefore brothers in Christ?

Our Men's Group.

It is for some years now that we of the Foothills United Church in Calgary gather irregularly every second Saturday morning of the month. We are always between fifteen and twenty in number. The ladies of the UCW graciously prepare a delicious breakfast. The very aroma of it is a

reward for having left the bed a bit earlier on that morning.

Before I joined the group I was a bit sceptical of this separation between men and women at a time, when we become more and more aware of male sexism in our society and in our lives. However I have had a positive experience in the Men's Group that would not have been possible without it. First of all, I got to know other men of the church on a more personal basis. Of course I met most of them before, but could not remember their names, and the short encounters after church were almost always rather formal. By planning something or doing the odd work assignment together I discovered that being a rather solemn face can hide a wonderful sense of humour, or that a very quiet guy can have a deep spiritual commitment, or that despite the joyful appearance of another there is intense struggle and suffering in his life. The second discovery was that I felt more accepted by other men. Despite their friendliness in church gathering, there was this strange distance, which

I thought had to do with my being a new-comer to this country. Or perhaps I had spoken too much about spiritual things in a non Canadian accent. Or perhaps my behaviour was so different than theirs, having come from another culture. I often asked myself, how I could possibly overcome this distance. It was comforting, however, that the women of the Church did not seem to have a problem accepting me!

The main purpose of our gatherings is to have fellowship. A second reason is to serve the church by doing little jobs on the premises: painting, light repairs, window washing, ringing the church bell, setting up tables and chairs for special gatherings and more. It is fun to do these things together. The other night about

five of us served at the annual Advent Dinner of the UCW, moving tables, chairs, cutlery and dishes for about 100 ladies, serving coffee and tea, and washing dishes. What an opportunity to express our gratitude to the women who serve us constantly and without even a sigh, as if it had to be that way. Still, our service to the women is only a token, a symbol of a totally new relationship between men and women, for which we men in the church should stand on the fore front. I felt embarrassed when the ladies applauded us and expressed our appreciation publicly and even sent us a card that was read at our breakfast meeting. For the last two years our group has hosted the annual breakfast of the Calgary Men's Clubs. Sometimes we have a speaker or some form of presentation and discussion. Mostly we just meet and get to know each other better. Our group has so far not become a member of the AOTS organization. I am sure however that its motto "as one that serves" is a major part of our groups and its individual commitment.

A fellow Christian

Saskatchewan

Eldin Jensen reports a very successful Regina Council Rally in Moose Jaw? Despite the name and location swap 90 plus men came. Most of the churches from Regina and Moose Jaw were represented. There were also men there from Rouleau, Francis and Mortlach.

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The Beddeck Men's Conference

The Ninth Annual Cape Breton Men's conference was held at Inverary Resort, Baddeck, N.S. The sponsoring Group was the Sidney River United Protestant Church Men's Brotherhood. The Conference Theme was "Learning from the Old Testament". The Theme Speaker was Rev. Ellis Boyd of Mahone Bay N.S. Attendance was 35 men, with one carload coming from P.E.I.

The Conference opened at 8 P.M. Friday evening, with a sing song, followed by get acquainted session. Saturday morning registration continued, then a devotional period, led by the Sydney River group. Ray MacKay welcomed everyone present and made some announcements. This was followed by a coffee break.

Rev Ellis Boyd then presented his first address entitled: "Rules They Lived By". He termed the Old Testament as a reference book for the New Testament.

The afternoon session's devotions were led by men from St Matthews-Wesley North Sydney. Remarks were then requested from one member of each church represented.

Tom Ferguson then took the floor and as noted under the group photograph made a presentation to Mackie MacDonald. Tom also demonstrated the use of all the literature available from the National Office. He emphasized the successful AOTS Men's Clubs would not long exist as a "Knife and Fork" club. They must have clearly

Shades Of 1977

A search for a photo of Tom Ferguson and Mackie MacDonald came up with this 1977 Annual Meeting



Back Row L.toR. Keith McFayden, Bill Hastings, Clair Boyd, Phil Spense, ?, Al Smith, John Thompson, Ross Agar, Jim Dickie, ? Jack Cleave, ?, and Gordon Hall. Front Row L.to R. Reg Attwell, ?, ?, Tom Ferguson (kneeling) Layton Stewart, ?, Cyril Locke, John Asper (Exec Sec.) and Mackie MacDonald

defined objectives and Goals

The Saturday evening session opened with group singing, devotions being led by the men of PEI. The guest speaker then presented his second address entitled: "The Mistakes They Made". This was followed by an hour long spirited question and answer period.

The Sunday morning session with devotions by the First United Sydney men saw Mr. Boyd present his final address entitled: "The Way They

Grew". This was followed by the Communion Service, led by the Minister and Elders from Sydney River United Protestant Church.

The Session Concluded with lunch and closing exercises.

Mackie Honoured

It was the new Eastern Vice President Tom Ferguson presenting, on behalf of the Maritime Men, a plaque of honour to the Past Eastern Vice President Mackie Macdonald. In his response to the presentation Mackie expressed his thanks not only for the recognition but for the opportunity to serve AOTS and his Lord and Master.

Blanche Ferguson

We extend our sympathies to Tom at the loss of his lifetime partner Blanche. Tom shared his AOTS life with Blanche. She was a supportive listener.

They Aso Serve
Who Stand And Wait



These members of the Bathurst AOTS seen here after a successful Sunrise Breakfast are famed for their "Jiggs Dinner". (Send photo please) This June 2, they will be holding a Yard Sale. Projects like this have enabled them to donate \$1400 to Church support, \$500 to send scouts to the Jamboree at PEI, and \$100 plus many Man Hours at the Elm Tree Youth Camp.

Their report mentions jobs of upkeep to the Church and the sponsoring of two delegates to the National Convention. Well done Bathurst, you may claim to be small in numbers but my you are big on Service.

From a report by Cleveland Jagoc.



Scholarships Available

The Church and Community Service Committee, Murray MacPherson Chairman. Applications are solicited for the Harry Colnett * Scholarship Fund. These scholarships are granted to deserving students who are studying poverty and its possible alleviation in the Third World setting. In some instances they are used as financial aid for students from the third world who are attending Canadian Universities.

The fund is self perpetuating and is currently granting 3 scholarships of \$750.00 each. Consideration is being given to increasing them to \$1000.00 i.e. 2 at \$1000.00 or perhaps 1 at \$2000. President Bob is to contact Murray McPherson with the suggestion that his committee offer a recommendation on this matter at the 1990 Council Meeting at Winnipeg

Applications should be made to



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* This fund was established at the 1978 Biennial Convention at Winnipeg. The convention honoured the memory of Harry Colnett by naming the Fund after him. Harry served AOTS as member, executive officer at the Club, Presbytery, Conference and National level..

Eastern Vice President Report*

Tom Ferguson

*See Maritimes Page 9

Hospital Project

Project # 6 :National Council has committed to raising \$10,000 towards the purchasing of anaesthetic equipment for the R.W. Large Memorial Hospital. Should the required government funding not be available to meet the balance of the \$35,000 cost of such equipment. the Church and Community Service Committee has been asked to consider the following alternative and look in to its feasibility.. "To provide finan-

cial assistance for young people as trainees for operating room service and laboratory technologists. These to be in the form of bursaries at \$500.00 per person. The Executive Director is to contact Chairman Murray McPherson on this to convey this preference and to gather information as to where such training might be held and the names of those who would receive it.

News Bulletin!

Hospital Project #6 The following motion passed April 7.1990 has cleared up the uncertainty of this project: That financial assistance for the training of hospital staff, in the amount of approximately \$8000.00 be declared the current(1990) project, the distribution of funds to trainees to be at the discretion of Dr. Peter J. Newbery, Superintendent of Hospitals. Carried.

Addendum

A notice had been received by the President that Dr. Newbery is to be at a meeting in Duncan on May 27 and that a presentation could be made to him at that time. Motion: That an initial contribution of \$2500 be presented to Dr. Newbery in Duncan on May 27. Carried



Constitution

Layton Stewart and his Committee of Bob Brewster, Harry Wolfrain, and Reg Cooper requested action

on several matters.. 1. That the recording secretary be appointed as the person to compose the report of the Executive to Council. This decision to be included in the Standing Rules. Carried 2. Raised again the need for revision of the AOTS Handbook, the one intended for the club executive. It was moved seconded and carried that the Editorial Committee handle this.



Fellowship & Membership

Keith MacFayden and his committee

reported the nomination of Jim Dickie by the Alberta Conference for a National Life Membership . Approved.

Finances

Lloyd Clark and his finance committee reported the finalization of "the guideline for Reports of National Officers." They added a 10th section: re. report of activities, specific to one's "terms of Reference", not already mentioned. The change was discussed and accepted.

Budget for 1991

The budget proposed for 1991 was presented: receipts of \$42,000 and disbursements of \$ 45,000. To illustrate this a two pie charts will be in the next issue,



Treasurer

Ken Lane Reports

The Annual statement for 1989 showed \$44,129.70 Receipts and \$39,846.00 disbursements.. Only \$5000 of the \$8000 expected DMC grant was received. The 1990 statement shows \$14,275.98 In, \$7,145.35 out.. Club dues for 649 members, Individual Memberships for 38 members, .Donations Second Mile \$3,075.41, for Hospital Project \$1,775.

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Bay of Quinte

Conference President **Craig Watson** reports on several items. He has been promoting the "Second Mile Support" and the response is improving. The Bay of Quinte Conference has appointed him a commissioner to the 1990 General Council, confirming in response to a question that it was an appointment not an election.

Hamilton

AOTS Conference Pres. **Howard Wills** reports that only three clubs remain active. He expects however that Erin Mills (formerly Crossroads) club of Mississauga to become active again. As a means of promoting AOTS he plans to get a letter out to the men's club contacts person of other churches in the Conference. Year Book 1989 lists 51 such groups.



New Business

Convention Resolution # 2

A proposed revision of this resolution, in which mention of United Church Women is removed.

"Whereas the National Association of United Church AOTS Men's Clubs (The National AOTS) is a Church-wide organization, and is recognized as such in the United Church Manual;

And Whereas this organization represents men of the Church;

And whereas there is, at present, no assurance that duly appointed representatives of this organization, as members of Conference, will be elected as Commissioners to the General Council of the Church;

Be it resolved, therefore, that that this 6th Biennial National AOTS Convention call on the Executive of General Council to initiate a change on the

Basis of Union such that the National AOTS may be entitled to appoint four representatives to the General Council, these to be the National President and the three regional Vice - Presidents, each of the latter representing one of three regions: Eastern, Central, and Western Canada.

London Conference

President **Keith Arner** reports attending Planning Committee meeting for the 1991 National Convention at Tilbury Church. That Victoria Avenue AOTS now has an attendance of 15. Up from a low of three following the controversy in the National Church.. London Conference Congregations responded with donations over \$25,000 to the Harrow Flood Relief..

To meet with men of Wesley Church, Amherstburg re. forming new club Contacted Wheatley Men's Club re affiliation with AOTS. Essex re. assistance to rejuvenate AOTS.



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A Month in the Life of the Exec-Director

Handled in the month of January 53 Items of mail in and 2 long distance phone calls . Sent 336 items of mail out .and 16 L.D. calls out plus some local calls. Filled 7 orders for supplies. Dues and donations from 3 clubs, for 5 Individual member, one for Life. Club information from 8 clubs 2 disbanded. 1 disassociated.

Minutes and letters to all Council members. Letters with renewal forms etc. to club individual and life members. And much much more!

Toronto Conference

President **Bob Brewster** .This busy man accepted this appointment in Dec. of 89. Already busy as chairman of publicity for the Ontario Round Up he never the less was quickly into the thick of things. In January alone he attended Belfair AOTS and installed their officers. Jan 10 saw him at the Toronto Conference Executive. Then it was Wilmer Heights and his own club Don Mills. He has almost touched all bases in his Conference .On top of this he Organized and conducted AOTS Service at Dentonia United Church. Plans to promote AOTS at the Toronto Conference United Church Annual Meeting in May. A Photo next issue ?

Thanks!

The Handshake Editors want to thank all our contributors for their written and pictorial contributions. We are very sorry we have to edit your material for it is great as is. We are only trying to work as much as we can into each issue.

Manitoba North West Ontario

President **J, Romanowski** (no photo Jacek) reports that the Manitoba District Council has been meeting regularly with continuing pres.(his words)Gerry Varnes in the chair.. Gerry never lets the continuing bit interfere with the thoroughness with which he does his AOTS work. Romanowski promises a list of Officers in the Chinese New Year..How is that for a melding of cultures? Reports a common malady known as the aging factor but never the less was suitably impressed by the Grey Street Fowl Dinner.. Gave up counting heads at 200. Attended Westworth Christmas Party along with most of the district Council. .This is where Murray McPherson keeps the light burning and helped discover a new District Council president. Westworth claims to be in the warmest portion of the city, the South West. This church expects to greet the National Council later this year with balmy breezes amidst copious quantities of sunshine. The National Council is praying that there will be no more record snow falls as happened last time they visited Winnipeg..

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Church And Community Service

Murray McPherson

To date the 1990 year has been very busy, for me personally, for members of the C and C Service Committee and for members of the the Manitoba and Northwestern District Council.

Elections and instalation of new Council members along with an effort to coordinate the work of Council with that of the Westman District Council have required considerable time and energy for all. Each gathering has generated dialogue on service components of AOTS. It has been an active but highly rewarding period.

Collnet Scholarship Committee

Arrangements are being completed to inform the awards offices of Canadian Universities and major colleges of scholarships including application dates etc. We intend to have the application forms and referees reports in the committee's hands prior to the end of the academic years and thereby announce the names of the recipients on or before convocation time i.e., late May.

As for the secondary category of participant, namely theyoung person who wishes to travel to a Third World setting for personal study, we are uncertain how to enlist names of such candidates.

Editor's Note: Will run Ad in two issues a year with information re. an application form.

General C and C Service

At the request of several local clubs we have been invited to list types of service projects which are currently operating or planned.(see under C&C Projects) Many of the suggestions are being studied. If Council members would care to submit additional suggestions we will be pleased to add them to the list for circulation to councils and clubs.



The Hospital Project

A letter has already been circulated. I believe it conveys the appreciation of the hospital staff as well as that of Dr. Newberry. Some variation in the use of dollars are anticipated.**

** See Page7 for more information

C&C Projects

(Pojects Current at National, District and Club Levels)

- 1.The "Talking Tapes"
- 2.Hospital suuporyt projects (a) United Church Hospitals, (b) wheel chair services, (c)worship services for shut-ins.
3. Support of Christian Education(a) awards and incentives,(b) leadership for youth groups, (c) bookmobile i.e. distribution of resources,(d) representation on C.E. Councils (e support of training centres.
- 4.Camping retreats and other projects.
5. Retreats,study groups, etc.
6. Intrer-Church events (a) car rallies,(b) athletics, (c) public speaking contests (d)sponsoring work shops,e.g. issues and concerns of men.

Manitoba Musing

Report to theWestworth AOTS Men From the Manitoba Council

- 1.Council meets at Gordon King Church on the first Monfay of each month at 6 P.M. Churches represented are: Westworth, Knox,Grey St. Windsor Park, Shaugnessy, Atlantic Ave.,Harstone, and Silver Heights. The Westworth representatives are J. Lawrence,D. Doern,S Babcock and M McPherson.
2. Elections 1990- On Monday last the Council accepted and approved the following slate of officers who were . installed on Feb 5th.
Honorary Pres.--Les Adams Shaugnesy
Past Pres.----- Gery Varnes(Silver Hts)
President--- Jim Lawrence(Westworth)
Vice Pres.--- Ralph Caldwell(Grey St.)
Vice Pres.- Charles Klein (Windsor Pk)

Havein got all wrinkled up with care and worry, its a good time to have your faith lifted

Coming and Past Events

Worship for Men and Men's Groups topic

"Spiritual Awakenings"
(held March 16-18)

Report on Aboriginal Justice in Manitoba

Judges Al Hamilton-Murray Sinclair
Held March 21st.

Reviewed the Issues raised at Hearings
Answered questions

Travelling Gavel

Westworth to pass Gavel to Grey St.

Laity Conference

Manitoba and N.W. Ontario
May 4-5-6 at PCTC

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&

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National Association Meets

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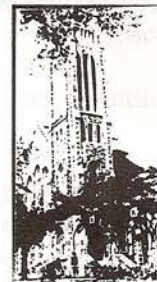
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