



# AOTS News



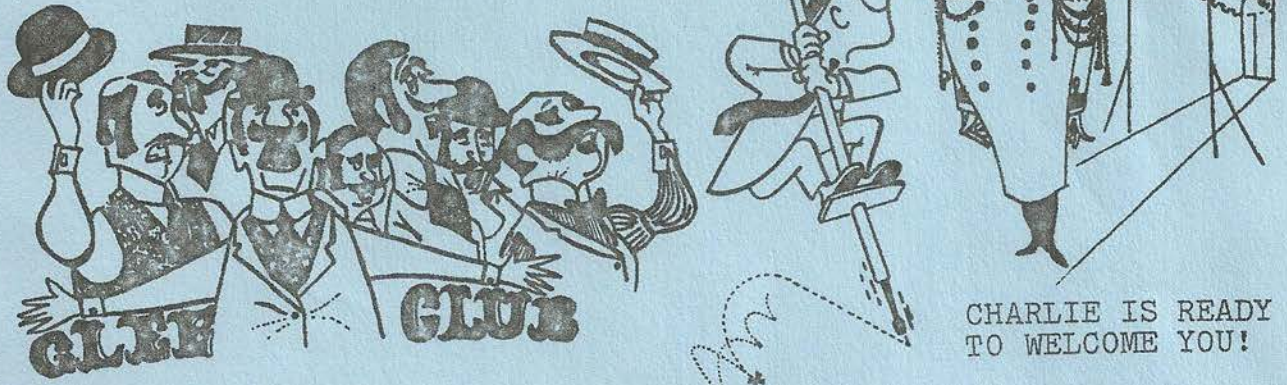
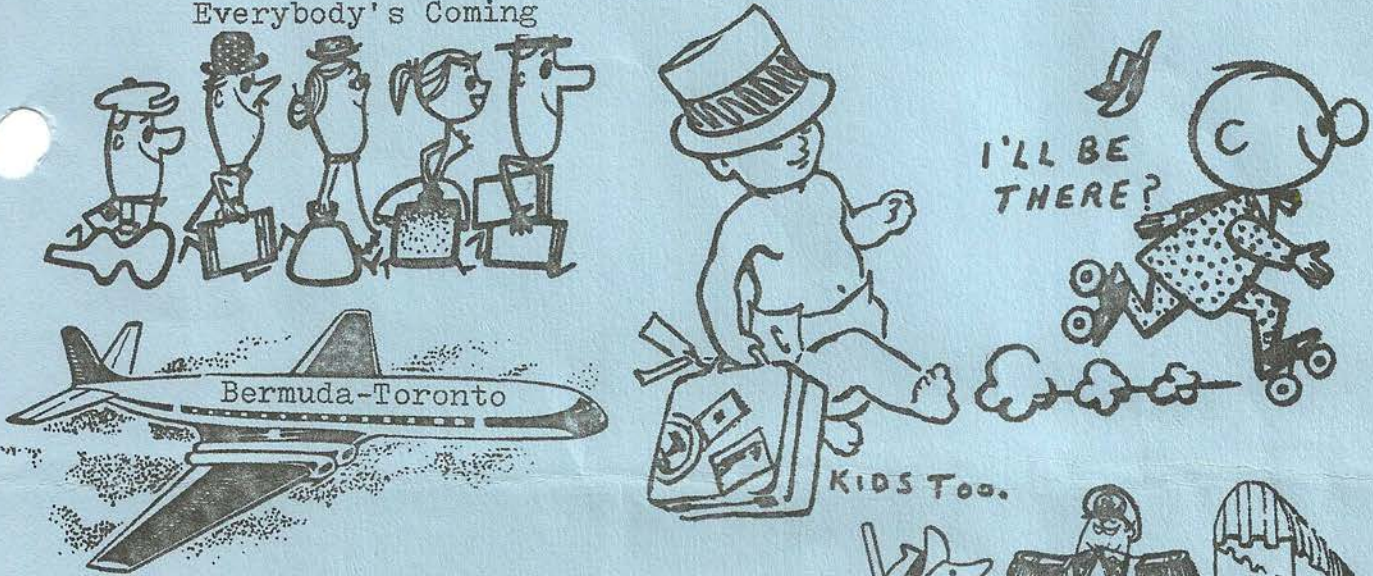
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MAIL YOUR REGISTRATION

11th Biennial Convention of the National Association of U.C. AOTS Mens' Clubs - Toronto July 27, 28, 29, 1979.

Everybody's Coming



OCTOBER 18, 1979, A DAY TO CELEBRATE

The above date is the 50th anniversary of the day on which Canadian women were officially recognized as "PERSONS" by the parliament of Canada. Before that time women were not eligible to sit in the Senate, and could be denied other rights, because of a British Common Law which stated that "Women are persons in matters of pain and penalties, but are not persons in matters of rights and privileges."

Emily Murphy, the first woman to be named as Police Magistrate in the British Empire, was confronted by this law on her first day in court in the city of Edmonton. A defence lawyer, angered at her decision, cited this little known law as evidence that she had no right to hold court. That was in 1916, and for four years the local battle raged until the Alberta Supreme Court declared that in Alberta at least women were indeed persons.

But Emily Murphy was not satisfied. The British North America Act had stated that the Governor General could summon "qualified persons" to the Senate. In 1917 Emily had been recommended for a senate appointment but the government had hedged on the interpretation of that word "persons". Learning that any five citizens could sign an appeal requesting an interpretation of a constitutional point, Emily chose four other Alberta women to act with her in this case: Nellie McClung was not only Emily's close friend but a noted author and public speaker; Irene Parlby was a member of the Alberta cabinet; Louise McKinney had been one of the first women members of the Provincial Legislature, and Henrietta Muir was convenor for laws on the National Council of Women. (Two of those women were at about this time active in promoting the cause of the ordination of women in the newly formed United Church of Canada. Louise McKinney, one of only four women to sign the Basis of Union, was appointed to a committee to study ordination of women in 1926, and Nellie McClung was secretary of the committee that reported to General Council in 1928.)

The petition of the five women from Alberta went to the Supreme Court of Canada in March, 1928. In April a verdict was reached. Women were not persons under the B.N.A. Act.

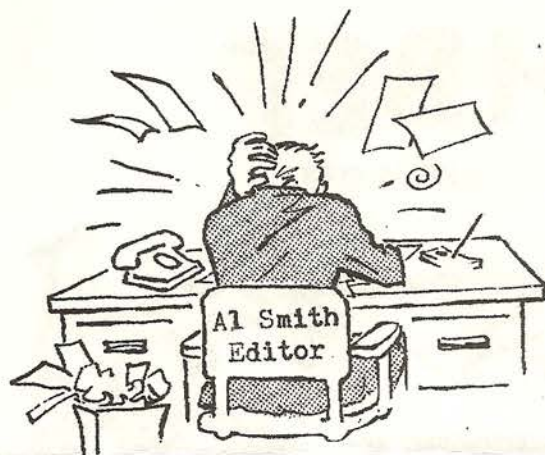
Undaunted by defeat there and unimpressed by government promises to act, the women appealed their case in a higher court - the Privy Council of England. On October 18 after an anxious summer of waiting, Emily heard the good news. "The word persons includes members of the male and female sex" and "women are eligible to be summoned and become members of the Senate of Canada."

Everyone expected that Emily Murphy would be Canada's first woman Senator. Everyone except McKenzie King who chose to give Cairine Wilson this honour! Indeed Emily herself never received this well deserved recognition. The closest she came to the Senate was to have her name recorded on a plaque at the entrance to the Senate Chambers in Ottawa. Even there her name is fourth on an alphabetical list, though all of the others agreed that she had been the initiator and the guiding spirit.

But this year on October 18 Canadian women will be celebrating the fact that Emily Murphy is a "person" to be remembered.

- Anne Squire.

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August 1, 1979 is the deadline to receive material for the next issue of this AOTS Newsletter. Thanks to those who have been sending in reports from their clubs. Keep it coming. This is the fourth issue of this AOTS National Newsletter. Is it answering a need? Your comments would be appreciated. Very few answers have been received to the appeal in each issue for clubs to let us know how many copies they would like to receive. Your comments, contributions, and interest are needed for a successful Newsletter.

NEWSLETTER CONTENT- The question was asked why the financial statement of the St. Paul's, Oakville Club was included in the last issue. It is felt that this is one way to illustrate the activity of one club over a year. Similar reports from two other clubs are included in this issue. It is hoped that you find them interesting and possibly a source of ideas.

Harambee is the heading used for the monthly newsletter from George Street AOTS, Peterborough, Ont. A reply to the question of the meaning of Harambee is on page 4 of this newsletter.

National President, Tom Ferguson, spent the last week of March visiting men & clubs in the West. His written message for this issue has not arrived but he does send his greetings to one and all.

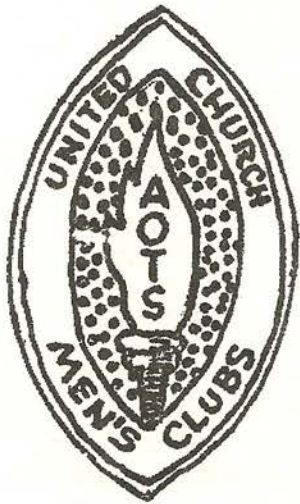
On his trip West, Tom met with men in Winnipeg, Regina, Ponoka, Alta., and finished up at the B.C. AOTS Roundup on Vancouver Island. There has not been time for a formal report but all indications point to some very good communication.

SUPPLIES- AOTS supplies will be available at the Convention. If your club will be needing some for the coming Fall, it would be a good opportunity for your delegate to the Convention to get them while he is in Toronto. It will save time & postage required when they are ordered and shipped by mail.

Officer Registration Cards- Some clubs have not sent in their cards for 1979. It makes for poor communication if we have not the name and address of the correct contact person for your club. Thanks to the many clubs that have sent them in.

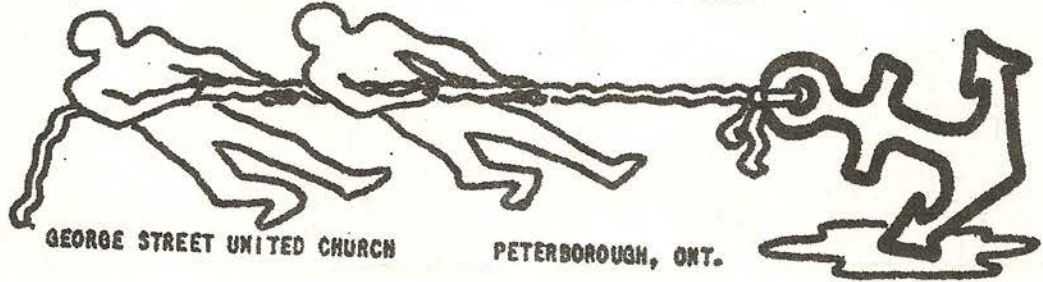
Associate Secretary-Laity(men)-Division of Mission in Canada - You may be wondering if or when an appointment will be made for this position. Since the first of this year, Mr. Don Groff has been covering the responsibilities of this position on a part-time basis and will continue until a permanent appointment is made. It is hoped and expected that a full-time appointment will soon be made. The screening committee, of which I am a member, has had several meetings recently to check applications, conduct interviews etc. in the search for a suitable applicant.

I am looking forward to meeting many of you at the Convention .  
Al Smith, National Executive Sec.  
& News Editor.



# HARAMBEE

AOTS. MEN'S CLUB



H A R A M B E E

That's a Swahili word and it means "pulling together." There are political implications to the word "harambee" but it is a much bigger word than that. Perhaps it was no accident that wherever representatives to the Pan-African Christian Leadership Assembly went in the city of Nairobi, they saw that word on plaques and signs. It was a reminder.

The risen Christ makes possible our "harambee." He is not grave-bound. He is the head of the Church. We are his body, if we know him. In him all things hold together. Because he is at the head, we have purpose; because he rules, we move. Though as different as individual body members can be, we are one in him.

In Nairobi one thing was clear; born-again people need each other. But it is also clear that we can never help one another as believers if we look only to our own programs, or methods, or plans--or even to our own nations. We are to look to Christ. We are his Church, we proclaim his Gospel. We are not our own.

At Easter, as we focus our attention on the risen Saviour and, as honestly as we know how, pray to be in tune with the mind of Christ, he will make us ready for the work of the Great Commission to go "into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

That's no small task!

But he is no small Lord.

And, as we race faster and faster toward what seems to be the conclusion of history; as the wheat and tares, goodness and evil, increase at the same time; we can have "harambee" in the Great Commission because he is the head, the One who helps us pull together. Though the signs of the end continue to increase--political, economic, social and natural--we do not study those signs, but keep on looking to him, the Order-giver for the Church's "harambee."

Then, seeing not ourselves, or our own structures or programs, but only Christ, we will be able, each one, to move even closer into that relationship of obedience that accomplishes "harambee" throughout the whole Church in the whole world.

He is risen!

Our Lord is risen indeed!

And because he is, we can say with the fellowship of believers everywhere who now are and will continue to be his body: "Harambee."

May it continue to be "harambee" until with excitement and praise we shout a new word: "Maranatha!"



May 15 is the deadline for receiving entries for the D.R.Poole and David Sherwood Competitions. If your Club has not sent in its entry, somebody needs to get crackin'. Entry forms were sent out to all clubs in January, along with other material. If your entry has not been sent in, let us hear from you pronto.

Our National Youth Chairman, Bill Sefton, is ready & willing to help your club to get involved in the support of Youth Work. You can write to him via the National AOTS Office or direct to Bill Sefton, R.R.1, Box 5, Unionville, Ont., L3R 2T4. Phone 416-297-4317. He will also be available during the Convention. If possible he would gladly visit with your club or Youth Committee.

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BANNERS, POSTERS, ETC. - The Convention Planning Committee is interested in hearing from any clubs that have their own banner etc, especially if they can be brought to the Convention for display purposes. If this applies to your club, please contact the secretary of the Convention Planning Committee, Mr. Keith MacFayden, 1081 Pharmacy Ave. Scarborough, Ont., M1R 2H2. Phone 416-755-9857.

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#### IN MEMORIAM

Robert Wiles - February 24, 1979 - Bob was just completing a two-year term as President of the Toronto Conference AOTS Council. Although in his 75th year, his sudden passing was a shock to his many AOTS friends. Several local AOTS men acted as honorary pall-bearers and in the Service.

Bert Goosney - December 4, 1978. Bert was a Charter Member and a dedicated and hard worker in the St. Paul's AOTS Club in Deer Lake, Nfld. for the past 20 years.

Jim Lord - Jim was a Charter Member of the first AOTS Club which was organized at Kerrisdale Methodist (now Ryerson) Church in Vancouver in 1923. He was a Life Member of the National Association UC AOTS MC. His death leaves Dr. Milton Thorpe as the only surviving Charter Member of that original AOTS Club.

Roy Manuel - October 1978. Roy was the immediate Past President & a long and devoted member of Grace AOTS Club in Springdale, Newfoundland.

Frank Park  
Tom Peister - 1978. Two valued members of Grace AOTS Club, Trenton, Ont. They will be remembered for their devotion and assistance to the club.

Harry Walker - December 1978. Harry was 1st Vice-President of the Mount Dennis AOTS Club in Toronto. He had been an active worker in the Club for many years. He was also very active in Youth Work with the Boys' Brigade.

DIRECTORY OF DISPLAYS AND DEMONSTRATIONS

FOURTH ANNUAL

# HOBBIY ART & CRAFTS SHOW

OAK BAY UNITED CHURCH

VICTORIA, B.C.

NOVEMBER 3, and 4, 1978

PRESENTED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION

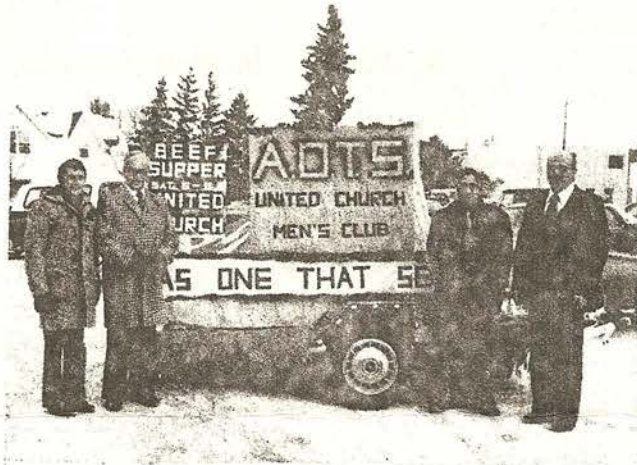
AND SPONSORED BY THE A.O.T.S. MEN'S CLUB

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We are glad that you have come to see and enjoy the demonstrations and displays presented and prepared by the congregation of Oak Bay United Church. There is great diversity in what our people enjoy doing in their spare time. It is a pleasure to be able to have them share these skills and abilities with other members of the congregation and with the community at large.

## 39 Exhibits included

Radio Controlled Aircraft  
Oil and Water Paintings  
Wood Carving  
Acrylic Paintings  
Maps and Photographs  
Hand Made "Ties" (Men's)  
Models "Spinning Wheel" etc.  
China Paintings & Pictures  
A Small Cookie Tree  
Pastel Portraits  
Hand Knitted Afgan  
Lapidary & Weaving  
Central America Arts & Crafts  
Crocheted Things  
Model of Square Rigged Sailing Ship  
Movies & Film strips  
Tape Ministry  
Woodcraft  
Pottery, Candle Holders etc.  
Genealogy  
Camp Pringle  
Listening & Compiling  
Antique Phonographs and Records  
Lapel Button Collection  
Plaster Castings  
Bee Hive Display  
Pipe Cleaner Art  
Liquid Embroidery  
Ceramics  
Calligraphy  
Weaving  
Raggedy Ann & Andy Dolls



The AOTS Float in the North-American Winter Carnival at Wetaskiwin, Alberta, Feb.17, 1979.

In the picture are Rod Allen, Tom Weiss, Art Smith and Gord Cairney of the 3-year old Wetaskiwin AOTS Club.

The North-American Carnival is the big snow-mobile race event that has put Wetaskiwin on the map. No mention is made about winning a prize for the float. congratulations to them on their community involvement.

AS ONE THAT SERVES

As One That Serves, let me enjoy  
The fellowship of men,  
Who strive to make God's House,  
a home,  
Where faith will forge a chain.

As One That Serves, may I befriend  
The sick, the old the weak,  
Alone, the task is much too great  
God's help I'll always seek.

As One That Serves, help me to know  
What is the Master's will.  
At work, at home, in church, away,  
His love will guide me still.

(Tune-Crimmond) Words-Marion McElwain.

THAT'S AOTS

If it takes you from yourself,  
That's AOTS

If it makes you laugh and smile,  
That's AOTS

If it lightens your labour with song,  
If it calls you to helping along,

Joins men as brothers, in service  
for others,

Why, that's AOTS.

(Tune-Peggy O'Neil)

MORE AOTS ACTIVITY- St. Paul's AOTS, Deer Lake, Nfld. recently presented plaques to two of their oldest Charter Members, Walter Lidstone and Adolph Diamond, in appreciation of their outstanding work and loyalty to the club.

Wesley AOTS Club, Hamilton, Bermuda, have purchased 100 new stacking chairs for the church hall. They are working to strengthen and revitalize some of their neighbouring clubs. Plans are underway for an outing for the elderly, a beach party and other activity for the warmer weather.

The Gordon AOTS Club, B.C., have what is believed a unique venture. Under the leadership of Murdoch Pace, they do counselling and entertainment of a group of young boys who are called AOTS Pals.

The Duncan AOTS Club on Vancouver Island has an inter-club Chairman in the person of Al Solotki. He keeps the members involved with other clubs in line with the club's sub-motto, "You cannot grow alone". In March they visited 4 other clubs which were 25 to 40 miles distant. They were-Cowichan Lake, Brechin, Gordon and Esquimalt. At least 5 or 6 men went each time.

1978 REPORTS FROM TWO GRACES

GRACE AOTS CLUB #187, Springdale, Nfld.

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>
Balance on Hand Dec.1/77	\$ 757.14	\$ ----
Dinners	643.48	653.50
National Affiliation Fees	160.00	160.00
Central Nfld. AOTS Council Dues	----	10.00
Dime Cards	861.50	47.59
Thanksgiving take-out dinner	1316.50	276.88
Seal Dinner (Presb.Council meeting)	20.75	----
Donation & Sale of books	20.00	----
Paving Committee	14.18	1600.00
Postage	----	40.00
Painting Church Basement	----	324.95
Supplies from National Office	----	41.70
Christian Education Committee	----	50.00
Committee of Stewards	----	400.00
Laymen Sunday Speaker	----	25.00
Miscellaneous	----	15.09
Balance on Hand Nov. 30/78	----	148.84
<u>Comments on 1978</u>	<u>Totals</u>	<u>\$3793.55</u>
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Total membership 36, average attendance 24, new members 3.  
 9 dinner meetings; 7 Executive meetings; 73 at the Ladies' Night.  
 Conducted the morning service for Laymen's Sunday on October 29th.  
 13 members attended the Loon Bay Camp in September.  
 The painting of Clarke Memorial Hall was done free labour by members.  
 Meeting programs included slides on trips to Japan & the Mediterranean,  
 talks on wells, the new gun regulations, & the breathalizer.

GRACE AOTS CLUB #266, Trenton, Ontario.

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>
Balance on Hand Jan.1, 1978	\$1761.75	\$ ----
Membership Fees	134.00	225.00
Fine Box	39.35	----
Auction Sale	2818.65	260.00
Dinner meetings	1496.70	1567.00
Ont. AOTS Roundup registrations	----	244.00
Upper Room booklets	----	21.60
Stationery & supplies	----	92.79
Memorials-sick & visiting	----	75.00
Building Fund	----	1500.00
Committee of Stewards	----	1000.00
Ministry to the Deaf	----	400.00
Miscellaneous	----	220.16
Balance Dec.31, 1978	----	644.90
<u>Comments on 1978</u>	<u>Totals</u>	<u>\$6250.45</u>
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10 supper meetings included 2 Ladies' nights, a 20th anniversary night, a Youth night, and a barbecue cookout.  
 Sponsored 2 church services- Youth on Mar.5 and Laymen on Oct. 22.  
 The Give-a-Lift project provided transportation to church for elderly.  
 14 members to the Ont.Roundup; 15 members to Belleville Presb.Roundup.  
 6 new members were initiated during the year.  
 Programs included-talks, slides, music, & thumb-nail sketches.



The B.C. Travelling Gavel continues its travels as it moves from Oak Bay to Centennial on April 25.

Trinity AOTS, North Bay, Ont. are celebrating a quarter century of activity in 1979. In May they will hold a Founders' Night when they will pay tribute to all their charter members.

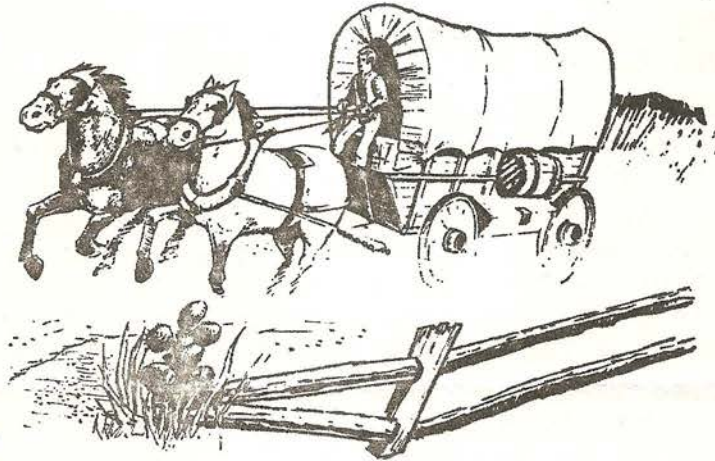
At the K-T-L AOTS Good Friday Breakfast on April 13, over 80 men from several churches in the King City, Ont. area attended this annual event. Jim Richardson, a former National AOTS treasurer was the guest speaker. He emphasized the continuing need of service clubs, and the importance of Christian witness through service.

Some AOTS mail is still being sent to Phil Spence in Deep River and to the Division of Mission at 85 St. Clair. This causes delay as it has to be forwarded on. The address for the AOTS National Office is- Al Smith, Executive Secretary, #602 - 70 Baif Blvd., Richmond Hill, Ont., L4C 5L2. phone 416-883-4001.

Friday, March 23/79.-Al Diston installs the Officers of the Regina District Council. L-R Al Diston, National Life Mem. J.Fletcher for Treas.H.Lewis Gordon Teasdale, Past Pres. Ray Silzer, President Alex Hay, Vice-President Harold Helgeson, Secretary



Layton Stewart, Bellefair AOTS, Toronto, receives the gavel of authority as he was installed as the new President of the Toronto Conference AOTS Council at the Annual Meeting on March 28/79. Other Officers are:  
Fred (Bud) Maxwell, Vice-Pres.-East  
Gordon Mowat, Treasurer  
John Bradnam, Secretary



## Have you heard ?

THE 12th BIENNIAL CONVENTION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF UC AOTS MEN'S CLUBS WILL BE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY, AUGUST 21,22,23,1981.

THE BOYS FROM ALBERTA ARE HEADING EAST THIS YEAR TO THE 11th CONVENTION IN TORONTO TO TELL US ABOUT THE BIG DO IN '81.

### 1979 COMING EVENTS

May 4-6, 1979 - Coastal Christian Men's Conference at Trinity Western College near Langley, B.C. Conference speaker is Rev. Albert Baldeo, St. James UC, Edmonton, Alta. Theme-"Rise Up Oh Men of God". Registrar-Tom Murray, #3 Brookside Terrace, 2998 Mouat Dr., Clearbrook, B.C., V2T 4E6.

June 8-10, 1979 - Muskoka Men's Conference at Delawana Inn. Theme-"Man Wholly Alive". Conference speaker-Rev. Bruce MacDougall, Executive Director of Faith at Work(Canada). Registrar-G. Walls, 72 Binkley Crescent, Hamilton, Ont., L8S 3L1. (one week-end only this year).

June 15-17, 1979 - The Riding Mountain Men's Conference will be at Clear Lake. The theme leader will be Dr. Norman MacKenzie. Men of western Manitoba and Eastern Saskatchewan are reminded of the event

July 27-29, 1979 - NATIONAL AOTS CONVENTION in Toronto.

Sept. 21-23, 1979 - Loon Bay Conference at Loon Bay Camp, Nfld.  
The programme is being planned by the Botwood AOTS Club.

October 12-14, 1979 - The Manitoba Laity Retreat will be held at Lakeside Centre on Lake Winnipeg. Rev. Bruce Miles will be theme speaker.

October 1979 - Banff Men's Conference, the 25th.

Nov. 4, 1979 (3-9 p.m.) Toronto Conference AOTS Fall Rally at Westminster United Church, Orangeville.

NOTE-- There are other events being planned but we have no information or particulars about them.