

The Handshake

As One That Serves

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"Forgive them Father for they know not what they do."



Mark: 15 : 33-35

At noon the whole country was covered with darkness, which lasted for three hours. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud shout. "Eloi. Eloi. lema sabachthant" which means , My God, my God why did you abandon me ?" some of the people there heard him and said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah!" One of them ran up with a sponge, soaked in cheep wine and put it on the end of a stick. Then he held it up to Jesus' lips and said, Wait! Let us see if Elijah is coming to bring him down from the cross!"

With a loud cry Jesus died.

Mark 16: 1 - 6

After the sabbath was over, mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, bought spices to anoint he body of Jesus, Very early on Sunday

morning at sunrise, they went to the tomb. On the way they said to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb ?

Then they looked up and saw that the stone had already been rolled back. So they entered the the tomb, where they saw a young man sitting at the right, wearing a white robe and they were alarmed.

"Don't be alarmed, he said. "I know you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is not here-he has been raised! Look here is the place were he was placed .

Now go and give this message to his disciples, including Peter. " He is going to Galilee ahead of you, there you will see him, just as he told you.

Coming Events Spring of 1992

— — —
B.C. Round Up
March 7
South Burnaby United

— — —
Alberta Round Up
March 14
MacDougal United
Calgary

— — —
Ontario Round Up
Apri l 3 -4 - 5
YMCA Centre
Geneva Park, Ont

— — —
Celebration of Faith
May 29-30-31
Trinty Western
Langley, B.C.



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Purpose

Is to share inspiration in service in His name with all Christian Men regardless of where and under what banner they gather.



The Moderator's Corner

Last issue we shared with you, a letter that the moderator wrote in reply to our request that as he travels and has occasion to discuss men's work, he could if he wished answer the queries with a prepared statement as to our organization, its goals, objectives and willingness to help all Christian men to gather in His name. This statement also directed the queries to our President and President elect respectively. In this issue we again share with you a letter from the moderator, this time in answer to a note from Jack Shenton, our B.C. Conference AOTS President

Dear Jack,

Thanks for your letter, for the enclo-

sure indicating some very interesting programs and for bringing my greetings to the AOTS Round Up.

I am picking up indications of a renewed interest in gatherings/forums for men (amongst younger men too) and in camping-traditionally greatly supported by AOTS.

Blessings and joy in service!

Walter Farquharson

Bibles n' Prayers

by

Bill Hastings

God on the Hill



Yes indeed God is on the Hill, Parliament Hill Ottawa that is.

Senators -M.P.s- Diplomats

Since the 1950's, a group of of M.P.s and Senators have been meeting every Wednesday Morning to share their Christian beliefs in the form of a Prayer Breakfast. Attendees are of all political stripes. Once a year they sponsor a two day National Prayer Study Meeting. Nearly every Nation is represented through their diplomatic corps. Political rivals such as Trudeau and Diefenbaker have read scriptures and prayed together. We hope to share this year's meeting with you in our June issue

And Civil Servants

There is a division on the hill between the Politician and the Civil servant. Of recent times some 38 prayer study groups are meeting. This all came about through the efforts of Don Page who is now Vice President of Trinity College in Langley, B.C. Perhaps the Convention Committee of 1993 might get Don to put on a Workshop on "Prayer Study Groups."

And Qualicum Beach, B.C.

See the B.C. Newsletter (P.9-10) for a report on this enthusiastic group who meet on every second Saturday morning.

Dartmouth's Fellow Travellers

There will always be people with stories to tell and a people with a need to hear those stories. In Dartmouth, men have been gathering once a month for breakfast since October 1984. We had an av-

erage attendance of about 20 over the first four years, during the past two years we have asked our speakers to share part of their own faith journey. Our average attendance last year was twenty four and this year to date is 32 with 39 out in March.

The fact that these numbers will get up and be at a downtown motel for 7 a.m. indicates a need to hear and share in experiences of our fellow travellers.



A Successful Club Part IX

by John Carswell

A fair question is, "How to generate enthusiasm"? There are many different ways of bringing this about. One real good way is incorporating the help of the local paper with no cost to the local club. The papers are always looking for news items and second class material such as what is happening in the local community.

Here is where you can be a very valuable asset to your club or organization. Be a newspaper reporter or a reporter for the Handshake*. Just report what is happening as well as what has happened. Make an announcement that coming up in the next number of days is such and such an event. In the announcement be sure to list all of the exciting things which will be happening. Make it sound exciting and be enthusiastic in your reporting. Enthusiasm is contagious so add to it where you can. When an activity has just gone by be sure to have a writeup for the paper and here again make it an exciting report. Add all of the details which contain excitement and interest.. If it was a money making event state how much money was raised and add as many details as possible. With a good report, interest can be caused which will help people want to attend the next time.

Yes involve your local paper and cause things to happen. All of this can be done with absolutely no cost to your club.

Help Needed!!

From the men of the Maritime Provinces. Great activities and events but no reports



**Harrow's 2nd Annual
AOTS Harvest
Home Turkey Dinner**

An AOTS project involving 100 volunteers some of whom were not currently active in the church. From the

department of vital statistics: 500 from Windsor, Wheatly, and Essex County were served from 28 turkeys weighing 642 pounds. As well as the turkeys, 330 pounds of potatoes, 8 bushels of squash, 100 pounds of corn, 60 dozen rolls and 130 pies were prepared and served.

A traditional event, recently revived by AOTS, with last year's proceeds going to roof repairs, this year's to paving the parking lot.

ABOVE: "Breaking the Bread" from the left: Roberta and Don MacLean, Verna and Merle Sheply. The Parking Lot has been paved.

Tri-County Rally

Yet another successful AOTS Tri-County Rally was held at Darrel S Moffat United Church in Tilbury. Approximately 80 people representing 10 local clubs enjoyed good food fun and fellowship. Visitors attended from as far away as Romuski, Quebec. Our National President Lloyd Richards and his wife Eileen, Central Vice President Craig Watson and his wife Betty and Past National President, Bob Lewis were also present. There was no shortage of leadership at this Rally. Craig was guest speaker for the evening and also provided the leadership for a sing song with his wife Betty. All in all it was an exciting and fun filled evening with everyone looking forward to next year. Doug Cameron Sec.

**Park Street AOTS
Joins Church Bazaar**

The good times of men whose Fellowship is centred in acknowledging Jesus Christ as the Lord of life, in serving the spiritual needs of each other, the needs of youth in particular and the Church in general, is what Park Street AOTS Christian Service club is all about. The fun and uplifting fellowship come from working together and being accepted in the Club as a fellow human being with varied strengths and weaknesses--true, but loved with Christ's love for what you are, a creature of God's creation.

To be accepted by other men in the spirit of Christ's love, sharing responsibilities in the common fellowship, lifts us above the negativity, the drudgery of so-called extra responsibilities in the daily grind. Serving each other in the spirit of Christ's love "white washes" the tiredness of just doing. Jesus said,

"Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest".

That is what our AOTS commitment to fellowship and service does for men-to lift them above the burdens of life, to see life through God's eyes of joy and peace in the midst of toil and labour and responsibilities. This is what

"the Kingdom of God on earth as in heaven" is all about, is it not? And besides the above advantages, this bazaar raised just over \$1,000 for Park Street AOTS service projects.

Lloyd Clark Chairman,
Devotions Committee



Ontario Round Up
April 3-4-5 1992

Theme Speakers

Rev. Charles Buchanan

Rev. Earl Taft

Theme

"Coping With A Faith Church"

Special Athletes In Action

Special Music
Gail Elliott Ross

Sing Songs
The Watsons
Betty-Craig
Jim

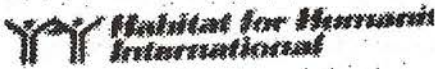
Come And Experience AOTS Fellowship At Its Best

Bring Your Bible

We Challenge Each Club To Bring Two Youth or Young Men To This Round Up (Have Your Club Make Them Your Guests)



Habitat For Humanity International



Yes indeed it does work. Over fifty AOTS men in the Winnipeg area can attest to that. Now men of the Calgary area are becoming involved. Looks like an ideal spot for retired tradesmen to become involved.

Its Ecumenical

We may disagree on all sorts of things-baptism, communion, what night to have prayer meeting, and how the preacher should dress. But thank God we can agree on a nail and the use of a hammer as an instrument to Manifest God's love.
Millard Fuller

*Founder and Executive Director
Habitat for Humanity International
Getting Involved*

If you, your club, your Church wish to get involved you may contact in Alberta, where this information came from

by writing to:

Calgary Habitat for Humanity
Ranchlands RPO
16 - 7750 Ranchview Dr. N.W.
Calgary AB T3G 3N8
Or
International Hdqs.
Habitat for Humanity
Habitat and Church Streets
Americus, Georgia
31709-3498

Editor's Note: The Handshake would like to hear from groups or individuals who are involved Habita International.

For Seniors Only Remember When We??

Remember when we were boys and how we used to go on a week end camp with our Scout or Tuxis leaders. Remember sitting around the camp fire just watching the flames and staring into the embers and dreaming about all sorts of things ? It was quite wonderful wasn't it?

Remembering can be so rewarding as we live our yesterdays. Story telling is a very natural outcome of such an experience and one that brings joy and satisfaction to all parties involved. Why don't you try it.

For hundreds and thousands of years this was the way families and communities entertained and educated their children. Everyone as they go through life collects memories; going to school, your first bike , playing baseball, your first job, your first girl, oh my how the memories build up in our minds, don't they?

Jenny Shaw, who is the program director at the West End Seniors Network 1447 Barclay St. Vancouver) has brought together a group of seniors on a weekly basis for the past two years for the sole purpose of story telling and it has been an outstanding success. In addition to the weekly social get together they go into hospitals, long term care homes and elementary schools and tell their stories ,bringing enjoyment to the shut ins and interesting history to the school children. Stories are of the early days in the speak-

ers life and encourage the children to compare life then and now.

Great Joy can be yours as a story teller. Just remember. there would be no to-day if there had not been a yesterday. Happy listening to all, Just try it.

Len Jarvis

Editors Note: Len Jarvis is a long term AOTS who has served the movement

well. He still attends Round Ups and the like and fortunately he still , as you can see, serves his fellow man who in this case are seniors in a most rewarding manner . This could be a service project for your club. The Handshake recommends that when you visit your shut ins that the above will open untold doors of conversation. As Len says "Just try it."



Workshops

Biblical Interpretations

Rev. James Reeb

He tells of the division of the church regarding the interpretation of the Bible. How the clergy are trained contextually and literally and that the Laity have little or no such training. The laity therefore avoid Bible study for fear of losing their faith.

Taking John 6: 24-35 he exposes the workshop to considering it under textual, historical, grammatical, literary, and redaction criticism.

By the end of the session the participant should be better able to delve into scripture passage and find the depth of meaning buried within it.

Thanks For the Donations

to

Fred Holberton

and

Gordon Sewell

and thanks for the letters of appreciation.



Hospital Project



Dr.
Peter
Reports.

Fund Distribution

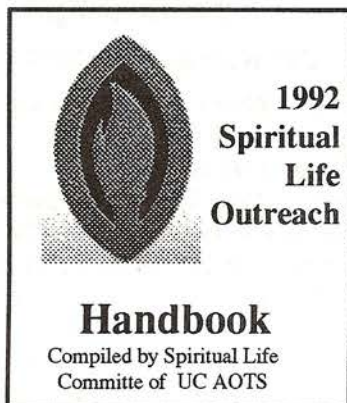
We contributed \$400.00 from the funds raised by AOTS to provide nursing texts for nursing schools in Korea. Local material which was delayed in the sending, because no one had the funds to cover the costs of this freight. We felt that this also was a most appropriate use of AOTS contributions, since it will make a major contribution to the development of health care services in Korea.

Outreach

Our Hospital in Bella Bella has undergone some changes in the recent past, and in addition to carrying on regular general hospital services, the staff there conducts clinics in Ocean Falls*, Rivers Inlet, and other surrounding communities. This involves travel by boat and plane, and in the winter months often involves being stuck for long periods of time and being unable to return because of weather problems.

*The areas described have an average rain fall of 325.1 cm. or 128 inches. (heaviest in Canada). With Ocean Falls supplying the higher figures. Being socked in is a way of life as it is surrounded on all sides by mountains. Rain accompanied by heavy winds reduces visibility to zero. In its hey-day Ocean Falls was a Pulp Mill Town. The mill occupied the harbour with the town occupying the side of a mountain. There was one main street and it was a plank road. On the left perched on the mountainside were the residences on the right, also hanging on to the cliff were the stores and service centers such as a community hall and swimming pool. To-day the population is about 12. The Mill is no more.

Dr. Peter Newbery
Director UC Hospital Service



1992
Spiritual
Life
Outreach

Handbook

Compiled by Spiritual Life
Committee of UC AOTS

That above Handbook has been widely distributed to club presidents, individual members and other men right across Canada. It contains 8 Devotional and 1 order of service for Layman's Sunday. Their follows a message that accompanies it from their Chairman of the Committee that produced it.

Greetings from the National Spiritual Life Committee. This booklet is compiled with the interests of all clubs in mind. It is hoped that it will bring another perspective to the devotions of your club.

If this booklet is of help in any way to your club and you think it is a worthy project of this committee, do let us know. We could produce another.

*If you have a favourite devotion, prayer, or contribution, please send it in care of
Box 42*

*South Porcupine, Ontario.
P0N 1H0*

*Remember: That little things done for
GOD become great things*

Gil Reashore, Chairman

National Finance Committee 1985-91 Honoured

Lloyd Clark honoured the service of members of his committee by presenting each one with the following:

1. A Certificate of Appreciation.
2. A History of AOTS 1923-1973
3. A Copy of the 1988 Constitution.

He then addressed them as follows:

All of us in AOTS are exercising faith in the dream of Christian Fellowship of men across Canada and on the Island of Bermuda. The men who have been members of the National AOTS Finance Committee during my three terms between 1985 and 1991, have exercised faith in that dream at the National Level and it is my wish to honour each of them with a presentation.

I have just three significant words for our Christian walk: Faith, Dream and Exercising. James says in his New Testament that Faith without works is dead. Well a lot of Faith, a lot of work, and a lot of prayer went into those six years. Creating budgets, contributing strenuous efforts to increase funds for improving communications and for encouraging better use of manpower to strengthen and spread those national dream of a Christian Fellowship among Canadian and Bermudians. As these past finance committee members know only too well, progress at the national level can be tediously and painfully slow. Our product of a national dream of Christian fellowship among men is for dreamers and those prepared to accept the discipline as well as the joy of service.

To sell this dream to many men is tediously slow but that is Christ's commission to all of us. Survival to-day and for the hereafter demands that through our hope in Christ and His love for us that we hang on to the faith in our dream and actively exercise that faith. As AOTS dreamers, we are in tune with the age old Judeo-Christian dream of the Kingdom of God on Earth as in Heaven. Jesus Christ has clearly revealed the nature of that Kingdom to us.

Lloyd Clark
Chairman Finance Committee
1985-91

Its Official

The new Executive Secretary of AOTS
Kenneth F. Lane
is open for business at:
1110-1305 Ontario St.
Burlington Ont.
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From Across the Country National President Lloyd

Richards aside from running the National executive meetings and keeping liason with National officers and committees, he attended the DMC Unit # 3 where he represents men of the United Church. He presented an amended resolution # 2 which asks for AOTS representation on General Council. He is also visiting clubs when asked and has an extensive western tour planned for the Spring. His name will pop up in many of the other reports indicating our President is a busy man.

President Elect John Carswell.

Has twice visited Vancouver Island to perform his new duties in this office. (see B.C. Newsletter). Attended Banff Conference both for AOTS and as Chairman of a Work Shop. Recently he put this workshop on for 2 Alberta clubs. He also sits as a member of the B.C. Round Up, Celebration of Faith, and the 93 Convention Committee.

Central Vice President-Craig

Watson attended the Toronto Conference Rally, Bellville Presbytery Round Up and the Tri County Rally in Tilbury Lists challenges: decline in membership, reasons to remain affiliated with National AOTS, and where are we going ?



Church and Community Service

Chairman Al Smith visited the Observer-on-Tape project at Queens Street, United Church, Kingston. Met with Dr. Peter Newbery re. Hospital Project. Reports an excellent response to the Colnett Scholarships. Expects to be able to supply names and background of successful applicant by the next issue. Presented four motions covering the above items. All approved and will result in coming beneficial activities.

Colnett Scholarships on Track.

Conceived in 1975 at 9th Biennial after a address by Dean Shebeski covering the agricultural plight of the third world. Harry Colnett challenged the convention to do something about the problem. The program was put into action at the 10th Biennial in Winnipeg in 1979. Below is a list of the winners up to 1991. Douglas Tanner, Ont., Ken Ryning, Alberta, Mevina Johnson, Sask., Jeanette Trambel, Alta., Margaret Anderson, Man., Wilma Koersan, B.C., Sheila Luther Sask., Ken Olafson Man. and Kevin Perkins (B.C. Ont...) with some biographies will be



Western Vice President Wally Shoults

has met with Alberta AOTS Executive to assist with preparations of 1992 AOTS Conference activities. Met with McDougal U.C. Men's club of Calgary* who are hosting the Alberta Round Up to be held on March 14-15, Plans to visit all Western Provinces. Made contacts with AOTS attendees at the Banff Conference.
*MacDougal is a non affiliated club that works hand in hand with AOTS.

Bay of Quinte Conference AOTS President Ron Welsh

reported of a Fall Round Up* at Welcome United Church Port Hope, Ontario. Plans are under way for the 1992 Ontario RoundUp at Geneva Park April 3-5 1992. A planned mailing list of the clubs in his Conference; a News Bulletin is contemplated and the Handshake is hoping, no praying, to be on the mailing list for both of these publications.

* Attention! To all of the National Executive. The Handshake would consider it a favour if it received comprehensive reports of affairs you attend.



**B.C.
Conference.
President
Jack Shenton**
reports that plans are well in hand for the B.C.'s

Round Up and Celebration of Faith. A most successful pre Christmas Rally was held at South Burnaby United. This affair as been going on since the 1940's and introduced once again the real Christmas spirit with the singing of carols in His name. See detailed report in B.C. Newsletter,

Convention Committee Chairman Reg Cooper expressed difficulties of communication with the 93 Convention Committee. Members of his Committee confirmed as being Don McKenzie of Winnipeg and Lorne Harding of Tabusintac, New Brunswick. Discussion arose as to a review of the roll of the Convention Committee Chairman by the Constitution Committee.

1995 Convention. Scheduled to be hosted by Albert College, Bellville, Ont.. Dates to be set at next executive meeting. **Convention 93.** It can be said that the committee for this Convention is meeting and has things well in hand. The location, Trinity Western of Langley, B.C., Aug 1993.

Maritime Conference President

Wilson Jones requests that his area be considered as a possible sight for an Annual Meeting of National. A successful Stanhope Men's Conference was held at which a Life Membership Plaque in memory of the late Willard Proud was presented to his son Wayne Proud. The Cape Breton Men's Conference was held on October 25-27.

London Conference President

Keith Arner reports representing AOTS at the Algoma Presbytery meeting, the Fall Rally at Tilbury and speaking to the Conference UCW. For other activities see the Ontario page.



Manitoba

Clare Bailey: Clare reports a remarkable recovery from his open heart surgery.

Harry Colnett Fund:

Is rolling right along with Murray MacPherson as chairman. Members of the committee are Dr. George Porozny, Betty Jobes, Ian Grosshart and Dr. Jacek Romanowski. See National news Page 6 for present status of the fund.

Dave Brown: Has brought forth a real gem of Manitoba AOTS History. A finely assembled record of Gordon United AOTS Club. Dated from the clubs inception in 1947 until it disbanded in 1977. It is noted that this group of men has supported AOTS in an on going basis since that time. The records have photographs and mementos of activities both in and outside of the club. A splendid record which Dave has slated for the United Church Manitoba Conference Archives as soon as the National AOTS Archivists has had a chance to go over same.

Annual Meeting Revisited

There follows a letter and a report which gives us the feeling and the back room preparations which take place behind the scenes of an Annual meeting. These were from the host group's secretary, Don Mackenzie, which was received by the Handshake on Jan. 10th 1991. Both the report and the letter contain within them the true spirit of service and more particularly service within AOTS. One often hears the plea from the National Executive that ordinary members could care less about National. The following is an example that all that effort on the members behalf does not always go unnoticed. Indeed it illustrates the value of clubs hosting the annual meetings as often as is possible. It also outlines a pretty tough schedule at these annual meetings

The Letter

Dear John(Carswell) : Sorry I am so late in replying to your invitation to write some things down and send them to you for your AOTS Newsletter "The Handshake" in regards to the annual meeting of the National Executive. It was a wonderful experience and it would be great if

more people could see their way to join AOTS.

Probably we all have different thoughts about what the weekend meant to each of us, but to me it is always nice to hear people talking about helping other people and especially people less fortunate than ourselves. I personally enjoyed the weekend and I hope that much was accomplished by the committee.

The Report

Manitoba District Council undertook one of the most interesting events of 1990 when they hosted the National AOTS Executive annual meeting on Oct. 26 27-28. at Westworth United Church

Twenty one executive committee members took part in the meetings along with six visitors. The Moderator Walter Farquharson was the guest speaker on the night of the 26th of October at Westworth . Approximately 100 attended and he was well received.

Probably our biggest success was the cooperation we received from people to billet visiting executive executive members. Without their help we would have had a more difficult weekend to contend with. Fourteen families helped and from all reports many friendships were made. My thanks went to them all.

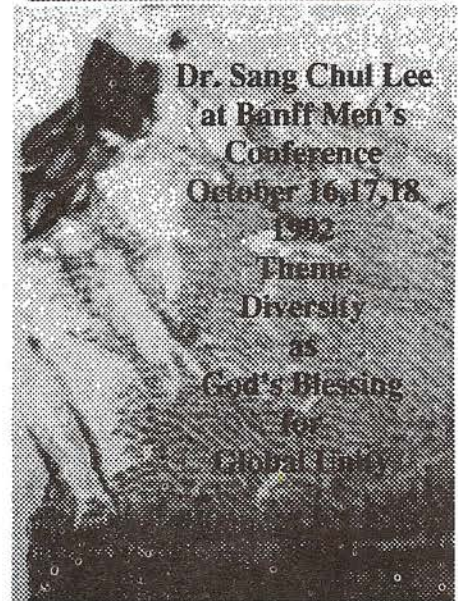
On Friday Windsor Park AOTS Club members supplied lunch and on Saturday Grey St. AOTS club members did the same. On Sunday after attending church service service at Westworth , at their 40th Anniversary, everyone was invited to their lunch.

The sessions that were held during the weekend were as follows. Friday 2:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and our Moderator session was 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Supper was supplied by the Native Transition Centre, Winnipeg and it was excellent.

Saturday was 8:45 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. with the group visiting Emmanuel U.C. where we served a wonderful meal at their fowl supper. Several enjoyed visiting the Forks and we concluded with a short session at Westworth

Sunday was 8:45 to 10:30 A.M. and after attending the church service and enjoying the hospitality and lunch, the members of the committee said their farewells to their guests.

Alberta



Alberta Visited

President Elect John Carswell ventured into chilly Alberta in mid January. Mixing business with pleasure he presented Workshops at Wetaskawin and Foothills .United in Calgary. There were 36 and 49 in attendance respectively. The theme of both the workshops was "Prayer".

John's efforts were gratefully received as noted in a letter from the Wetaskawin club's president Orson Mothersole. We all enjoyed your Work shops John, all the comments I heard were positive."

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"Seasons"

by Gil Reashore*
Read Psalm 115

Key 115 V 3
"Our God is in Heaven; He does whatever he wishes"

Opening Prayer

Grant, O God, that these few moments here with You may send us out again to begin another New Year of service for you, ready to be:

More Kind to others:

More honest with ourselves

More committed to our club aims:

More loyal to you: through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

As we of AOTS and the men of the United Church, approach a brand New Year, our thoughts move out to planning projects for the changing seasons.

We should be glad God changes the seasons to force us to think differently and approach each change with a new perspective.

How dull things would be if He did not paint new scenes in different colours several time a year. He overlaps colours with with such good detail that we are often stunned and amazed.

As we look at the changes of the four seasons, each one offers us fresh insights. For hidden within each are silent, colorful truths that touch all areas of our lives. Each season holds its own secrets: sights, scents, feelings, and fantasies each distinct; so it is the seasons of our lives. How wrong it is to walk blindly and routinely through a whole lifetime of changing seasons. God went for the seasons to deepen us, instruct us in wisdom, and to help us grow strong in faith. We are to be like a tree planter by the rivers of water.

So, Let us begin our New Year journey here in the middle of winter, that season of quiet reverence. A season where MotherNature paints wonderful pictures across our dormant quiet countryside. Slowly then, we move into spring a sea-

son we look forward to with great delight. It is that welcome season of renewal. Then comes the short summer, a season of vacation and rest. Finally, we take the long journey into autumn; that wonderful season of nostalgia and reflection. Through it all, our hope is to grow stronger and taller as our Christian roots reach deeper into the soft soil along the banks of the River of Life.

Let us never forget that our roots grow deeper when the winds of life are strongest. As AOTS and United Church members, let us commit ourselves to growing ever stronger in the seasons of life throughout the coming year

Let us all walk together, as God guides us through the coming seasons. Let us listen very closely to His voice as we gaze on the changing scenery. Be aware of the strong winds that accompany each new season. But remember, that even the storms bear a message of strong encouragement for us: "That Deeper Roots Build Stronger Lives".

Discussion where applicable: How you can approach new membership hopefuls and get them involved? As a club-group what can we do to strengthen our Christian outreach.

Closing prayer


As we go from this place, committed to a new approach, help us never to miss the opportunities of helping others, that we may be ready to:

Deepen others lives, enrich other minds, Share with the poor, encourage the depressed, And help those who have made mistakes back on the straight and narrow path. Amen.

*Gil Reashore is National Chairman of Spiritual Life and Membership. This devotional was taken from a Handbook of Devotionals prepared by his Committee and distributed to every club/group and individual members..

Just One More Thing!

The Handshake hopes that you have felt the spirit of the Lord within the real Christian service and witness that we have brought to you on every page. Won't you join with your brothers and offer them support by writing to us. Express your views about this feeling we have, as we reach out to more and more men. Join with us in supporting the United Church Hospitals. Join with us in our many retreats, our fellowships, our clubs our prayer study groups. Join with us in our mission to recruit men. You need us and we need you, under the leadership of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Application For Individual Membership

National Association of United Church AOTS Men's Clubs

Please Print

Surname _____ First Name _____ Initials _____

Nick Name _____ Street, or Box No. _____

City, Town Village _____ Province _____

Postal Code _____ Church _____


Telephone: Residence: _____ Residence _____

Occupation (please specify) _____

Age (please circle) 17-24 25 44 44 54 55-64 65 & over

Membership dues \$15.00 per year

Mail; To 1110-1305 Ontario nSt.
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Executive Secretary L73 1Y1

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45th Pre-Christmas Rally at South Burnaby

It was great to see this event after a one year's absence. The write can remember attending his first such gathering in 1950. It was already a AOTS tradition so the projected number "45" could well be a conservative guess. Tradition was again invoked with attendees bringing clothing for the men who look to first United for such things.. Attendance was up to 45 and we welcomed some first timers amongst whom were Bob Hodge of Qualicum Beach, and Fred Unlress and Lloyd Argrove of South Hill United of Vancouver.

Houses and Power House.

This was the title of the presentation of Archivist Bob Stewart of the B.C. Conference. He very ably related our church to its heritage. Bob makes First United his home. He is mainly responsible for the Saturday evening's entertainment for the men of Vancouver's skid row. There was a time when the Vancouver clubs supplied the entertainment for these gatherings. Bob's primary reason for sleeping on the premises is for security but on many a night when he answers the phone her becomes an instant counselor for some troubled soul. Bill Cumming gave the devotional and ended it with a much appreciated solo.

Carols.

To many of us the group singing of Christmas Carols is the most inspirational part of the afternoon. Bob Bagshaw was our song leader and once again he led us through a worship in song.

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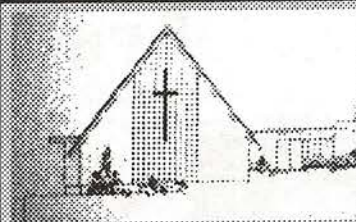
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Esquimalt AOTS Victoria, B.C.



Above we see John Carswell presenting a Club Life Membership to Gordon Radmore a young 91 years.

That evening the Esquimalt club served a turkey dinner to 144. The community guest was Father Bernie Hanley of the Queen of Peace Parish in Esquimalt. The clubs other guest was National President Elect John Carswell.* The entertainment for the evening was p[ut on by local talent and was a knock out. Reverend Ormand Lavenne opened the evening with grace and father Burney Hanley closed it with the benediction.

Roy Jones reporting

Editor's Note:

*What was sensitive dieter to do ? Refuse good food and hurt his host's feelings?

**Remember
Celebratin of Faith
May 29-31
See details next page**

Around B.C. With John Craswell

On Thursday Sept. 26. John attended the Duncan AOTS Dinner meeting for the purpose of presenting Norman Carter with a National Life Membership.

It was noted that Al Tremble was absent due to sickness. Sorry to hear that. AL and his wife Dorothy are the ones who have so faithfully kept us informed of the happenings with Duncan Club. They are also the couple who up dated the Duncan Church and AOTS historical book of memories. Thanks Al and Dorothy.

Duncan: This club generates its own interests such as Lay Sunday Service, Pancake Brunches, Nut Sales, Garage Sales and many other activities. Every one gets involved and participates.

While over on the Island, John joined President Roy Laird in visiting people
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have not been very active for one reason or another. They visited Jack Gillet whose daughter is Rev. Maggie Enwright now serving in Cowichan Lake. While there they were able to visit Gil Flatta who is now retired and is keeping well.

Esquimalt: John visited the Esquimalt club to present Gordon Radmore with a club Life Membership. Gordon is 91. It was an exciting evening with 144 present. A good time was had by all.

South Burnaby: John presented Ken Martin with a Certificate of Appreciation from NATIONAL Office for serving as B.C.'s AOTS President.

Duncan: John returned to Duncan Club on Jan 23 to attended their Ladies Night at which time the officers. He also presented Ernie Stafford a Certificate of Appreciation from the National Office for the great service he has provided over the years. Thanks Ernie.

South Burnaby: Under the leadership of Trevor Dawson the club is progressing well adding new members, and exciting programs like such as a pancake breakfast, a garage sale and a silent auction. The ladies make the finest of dinners on meeting nights. The men express their appreciation with a different serenade at each meeting.

Turnabout

The Annual Ladies night a South Burnaby is held every December, On this night the men prepare and serve a steak dinner while waiting on them hand and foot. Corsages and favours are the order of the evening. Special guests are the widows of former members.

***Rutland Club:** This long time AOTS Club in the Okanagan Valley has been put on hold for the time being. The ladies are planning to continue serving dinner on a regular basis with the men continuing with some sort of meeting. Editor's Note: The Handshake will con-

Vancouver Island District Council
President Alf Lloyd reports of a meeting at Esquimalt Saturday morning January 18th 1992 with the following clubs were present and reported: Roy Laird for

Celebration of Faith

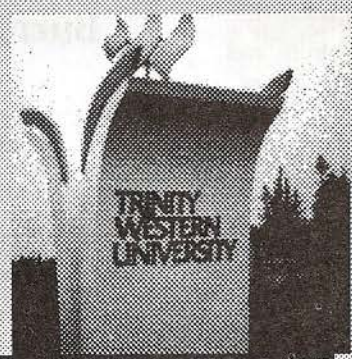


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,Duncan, Al Norris for Centennial, Geoff Weeks for Esquimalt and Frank Cullis for Salt Spring Island. Geoff Weeks welcomed Council to Esquimalt. Roy Jones took the devotional and later reported for Provincial Council. Letter from Qualicum Beach. Men's group meeting for breakfast 2nd and 4th Wednesday each month. Rally at Camp Pringle for June 7, 1972 2 p.m. to dusk. Next meeting, April 25 at Oak Bay or Centennial..

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