

The



Handshake

As One That Serves

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President Lloyd Visits B.C. and Alberta

Monday March 2 : Arrived Vancouver .Met by B.C President Jack Shenton who drove me to Langley Via Vancouver. Toured sight of the 18th National Convention at Trinity Western University, Langley,B.C. Met with about 15 men of the executive of the Langley club . Bed and Breakfast courtesy of the Club President Don Baycroft and his wife Lorraine.

Tuesday March 3: Jack Shenton delivered me to the Tsawassen Ferry bound for Vancouver Island. Here Roy Jones gave me a tour of Victoria and Esquimalt. The evening was free and I enjoyed the hospitality of my hosts Roy and Janet Jones.

Wednesday March 4: Howard Myers gave me a tour of the countryside surrounding Victoria and Esquimalt. Met in the evening with 15 men from the surrounding churches of Oak Bay, Gordon and Centennial at the host club of Esquimalt. Here I had the pleasure of presenting a club Life membership to Gordon Radmore above.



and Centennial at the host club of Esquimalt. Here I had the pleasure of presenting a club Life membership to Gordon Radmore above.

Thursday March 5 : Off to-day to Duncan with Roy Jones. Luncheon meeting with members of the Duncan club. Talk with several men. My hosts for that evening were past National President Ernie Stafford and his wife Betty.

Friday March 6 : Ernie and Don Morton delivered me to the Nanaimo Ferry bound for Horseshoe Bay on the mainland. President-Elect John Carswell picked me up, drove me through Stanley Park and other points of interest on the way to the home of my hosts for the night ,Trevor Dawson and his wife Donna.

Saturday March 7 : At B.C. Round Up with 46 men in attendance. Participated in their meetings and delivered a challenge at the Banquet. My hosts that evening were John and Flora Carswell.

Sunday March 8th:

To Trail B.C. and where John and I met that evening with the President left Alan Prough and Secretary Frank Fowler of the Rossland club.



Monday March 9 :

On the road again to Cranbook where we met 15 men for lunch. On to Fort McLeod where John turned me over to the Alberta President Jack Shaw who with his wife Margaret hosted me for two nights.

Tuesday March 10:

Lunched with some 15 men of the Gold Springs Club in Milk River. That evening Jack and I travelled to meet with some men from the Lethbridge area.

Wednesday March 11: Jack Shaw drove me to Calgary .John Carswell took me to a dinner meeting in Wetaskiwin. Brought greeting to some twenty men and stayed the night with their President Alvin Klaus and his wife Hedy.

Thursday March 12: To Edmonton in search for clubs. We dropped into the Alberta Conference Offices. They supplied us with a list of all the men's clubs in Alberta. Lunch at the West Edmonton Mall. To Red Deer and dinner with that club. Roger and Betty Wyatt were my hosts for this night.



Above : Rev. Doug Pratt-Lloyd Richards abd-Gary Boulding Pres. Red Deer Club

Friday March 13:Free day drove to Calgary via the Drumheller . My hosts that night and for the rest of of my visit were Wally and Marilyn Shoults.

Saturday March 14 : Alberta Round Up

with 40 to 50 men. at MacDougall United in Calgary . It was a great pleasure to be a part of this event. It was like old home week !!!

March 15-16: To church at MacDougall United, a delightful tour of Calgary and home on Monday.

To everyone a special Thank You, who so graciously opened their homes to me. To all the clubs who made a special effort to hold meetings so that I might get to know you, and share the work of the National with you, "Thank You", and may each one of us go forth As One That Serves, reaching out in Fellowship to everyone in our communities.

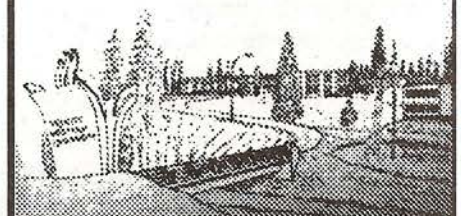


Left to right George Dowler Lloyd Richard and Alvin Klaus Pres. of Wetaskiwin Club.

Coming Events

**Stanhope Men's Conference
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Speaker Rev. Doug Woods
September 11-12-13 1992**

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For the 18th Biennial**



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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

Jan 24, 1992

Greetings members, Friends of AOTS.

Among men there is a growing awareness of their need to explore what it means to be a man and person of journey and faith in our often confusing world. Some men who were distanced from the church are returning with deep commitment, some are returning to test the waters, some who have never been a part of the church are asking deeply spiritual questions. Others are simply aware that there has to be more to life than they have been experiencing and are open to hearing how others have found healing, purpose, mission.

Our connectedness to God has to tie us to earth and to the environment we

know on this threatened planet - it has to lead us to freedom from the many entrapment addictions, and social/economic imprisonments we experience - it has to offer personal integrity and power to relate intimately and meaningfully with others in family, friendship, and growing community.

AOTS can offer men a place to explore faith and faithfulness, a community of care that has depth, a launching place for life giving projects in local and wider communities. As you gather today may you know God's comforting and unsettling presence among you and may you be drawn another step along in your journeying.

Yours in God's call and care,
Walter Farquharson.

Bibles n' Prayers

by

Bill Hastings



**More
Good
News!**

There follows a report out of Ottawa by Bill Bussiere* in regards to the National Prayer Breakfast in Ottawa. We will be able to report in subsequent issues on The International Breakfast Washington, D.C., The Premier's Prayer Breakfast in Saskatchewan, the B.C. Provincial Prayer Breakfast, the Province of Nova Scotia Prayer Breakfast and the Ontario Provincial Prayer Breakfast.

National Prayer Breakfast

Thursday, April 9, 1992 has been set as the date of our National Prayer Breakfast. Not in my lifetime has there been a greater need for our nation to turn to Almighty God for help. Reconciliation has been chosen as the theme for this year's Breakfast. The desire for reconciliation, while a necessary starting place, must move from words of intent to action. Otherwise, it is not likely reconciliation is being sought but capitulation. Repentance(change) is the action that needs to take place to lead us to healing. But repentance itself can only come out of an act of humility. One therefore might

take God's advice to Solomon:
"if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear them, forgive their sins and heal their land"
Our "wicked ways"..... pridel

The Prime Minister, Mr. Chretien, Mrs McLaughlin, Speakers Carbonneau and Fraser and the Chief Justices have all agreed to participate. Janice Filmon has been asked to provide the keynote address. She is someone who is in the midst of the political scene and a reconciler. I am confident she will bring a message of hope and inspiration. Janice is the mother of four children, and mothers without the gift of reconciliation do not survive!

Howard Hughes, former Governor of Iowa and U.S.Senator will address the gathering at the Leadership Dinner on the eve of the Breakfast. Howard is most interested in Drug and Alcohol and Drug abuse recovery programs and to this end has been working faithfully over many years with our Aboriginal peoples.

The Leadership Seminar following the Breakfast is to be co-chaired by Quebec M.P. Gabriel, and Newfoundland M.P. Admiral Fred Mifflin. There will be several speakers and a chance for dialogue. Over 20 individual M.P.s have agreed to take the Seminar participants in parties of 6-8 to their individual offices for lunch to conclude the time.

A Youth Dinner is also planned with students participation from English and French Universities.

*Bill has been a long time executive director of the Canadian Prayer Breakfast movement. He also works internationally in aid of this brotherhood.

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AOTS Ontario Round Up

Was held at Geneva Park on April 3,4, & 5 1992 under the capable leadership of Craig Watson and Mr. Ronald Welsh from the Bay of Quinte Conference.

The attendance this year was 126 people with about ten of these being youth.

The theme was "Coping with a Faith Crunch" which was presented by the Reverend Charles Buchanan and the Rev. Earl Taft.

The highlight of the weekend was the singing of Gail Elliott Ross, a blind person who carries the message of God to people through God. Gail was on for three different times on Saturday and everyone enjoyed her great music.

The speaker on Saturday night was Gary Dornhofer who played hockey in the N.H.L. He talked to the youth about his time in the NHL and related some incidences while playing. He also talked about how he was called to serve God, also how his life was affected and how he was more caring now, serving God. He was most interesting and carried a great message.

The sing songs were lead by the Watsons, Craig, Betty, and Jim who did a terrific job as always.

A memorial plaque was presented during the weekend in memory of Art Harding who had done so much for AOTS around Peterborough. His two sons Allan and Tom presented this plaque to Taylor Franklin. This will be an annual presentation from now on from the Conference putting on the Round Up and will be presented to someone who has contributed lots to AOTS.

The attendance award was won by St. Pauls Sterling with 21 out of 27 members present at this Round Up. In closing, the Round Up was a great success with those attending learning a great deal.

The 1993 RoundUp will be held on the 16th 17th and 18th under the capable leadership of the London Conference.

The Prez Says
Think Elections
Nominate your choice for a
National Office
Lloyd Richards

Wilmar Heights

Are having a ground breaking ceremony on April 28 for the building of a 72 unit "Affordable Housing Complex" around the church. The church will remain and not lose its identity. We are very excited about this. I guess you might say we are "reaching Out". Will keep you informed on its progress.

Keith MacFayden Reporting



London Club Highlights



Nov. 2 1991- Belgrave Church men met as a club and are considering AOTS.

Nov.17, 1991 - Harrow club conducted laity Sunday service assisted by National President Lloyd Richards and Central V.P. Craig Watson and his wife Betty.

Nov. 24, 1991 - Roseland (Windsor) men held a breakfast meeting to consider a new AOTS Club. Tri-County and National Officers brought greetings and explained AOTS programs.

Dec.1, 1991- Comber men enjoyed an early breakfast (first meeting with twenty five present). An interesting discussion was held regarding the formation of a men's AOTS club.

December is Christmas Cake month at Harrow club with 3537 pounds sold and profit of \$ 4,393.65.

Jan. 31, 1992
An application received from Comber to establish a new AOTS club.

Harrow Re-visited
The Handshake received a photograph of their parking lot being black topped. Our readers might remember this project as outlined in the last Handshake. Well done Harrow. Talking about eating your way to success. First hundreds of pounds of Turkey and now over a ton and a half of Christmas Cakes. Pass the Tums.

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Bellefair

On hand are two Newsletters from this club dated Feb. 25th and April 12.

There is so much news that we could fill the whole Ontario Page from just one of them. Your Editor on cloud nine when he receives these gems. So here goes with as many excerpts as we can fit in.

Ladies night: This well planned well attended affair is by advance sale ticket only. Credits to Layton Stewart and Ed Cooper whose names can well be attached to each item we report.

Mother's Day Brunch. May 10th. No charge but a basket for tips.

Ontario AOTS : They congratulate Bay of Quinte for a top drawer event. Club paid registrations and had two youth out with them.

Meetings: No May or June meetings but Handshakes to be placed at back of church.

Toronto Conference AOTS Rally:To held on October 5. Bellefair in charge of program.

Blue Jay Game on April 13: President Ed has sold 120 tickets. John Carswell (President-Elect for National is green with envy) and I mean green!

Special Thanks: To Harry Wolfrain Editor Bellefair Newsletter.

P.S.:
Also from Bellefair some photos of Round-Up. Look for them in next issue.

**If all else fails
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**B.C. Round Up 92
at South Burnaby**

Was held on Saturday, March 7. Fourty men from across B.C. got together to celebrate and explore their Christian faith with with Reverend Doug Alexander of Langley. He spoke on the " Authority, and Interpretation of Scripture".

The theme addresses were supplemented by a discussion group format which allowed those present to share points of view on the Bible and its relevance for our modern existence. Some excellent singing of songs old and new was lead by Bob Bagshaw, adding a lighter and inspirational touch.

Trevor Dawson president of the host club ably handled the chair and introduced the clubs practice of thanking the ladies with words of praise dilvered to the tune of "My Wild Irish Rose"

B.C. Conference President Jack Shenton handled the business meeting which,

featured reports from a variety of committees .Four new voting members were added to the the B.C. Council ,two from Vancouver Island, one from the mainland and the editor of the Handshake.

Special Guests to the Round Up were Lloyd Richards National President of AOTS and Wally Shoults, Western Vice President, who brought greetings and, information from other areas of our vast country. LLoyd challenged AOTS and the B.C. Men to set a goal of 500 clubs and 6000 members by the year 2000.

A highlight of the evening banquet was the presentaion of the Harry Colonett Scholarship, valued at \$1000.00) to Miss. Julia Rodgers, an

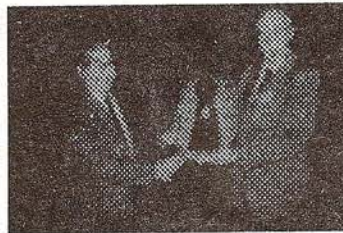


From the Minutes of:

Vancouver Island District Council: Will host the Provincial Council and the Convention Committee . The meeting will be held at Centennial United Victoria B.C. The Convention Committee and the Provincial County will meetmet after lunch. The delegates from Vancouver and the Fraser Valley will catch the 9 O'clock Ferry back to the Mainland. Congratulations to Alf Lloyd of Duncan B.C.for getting the Island Council back on track.

**From The Minutes of:
Duncan**

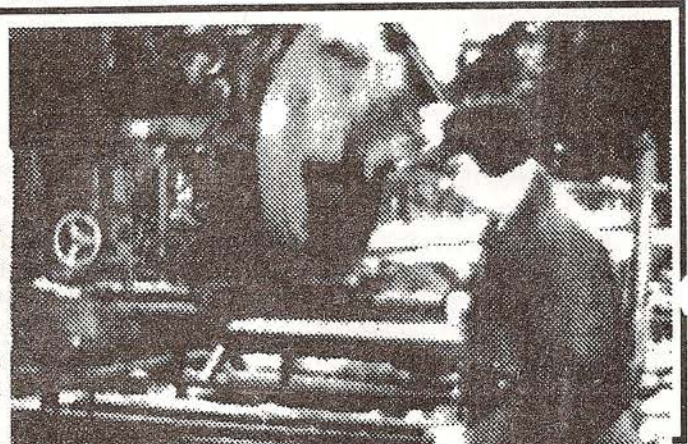
Has its own "Nut King ".Thats him, Wilson Billingsley , on the left below, receiving a special ward from Rou Laird for selling 425 cases(count them) a total of 180o boxes. Not one to waist a minute. Wilson had trouble staring his car in the local Mall. While waiting for help to arrive he hied himself into the Mall and sold Nuts if you please.



Much activity: Plans for a Pancake Breakfast, a Garage Sale, a Spring tea and much much more. Recently they donated over 2500 dollars to various deserving organizations. Letters of thanks were read at their last meeting. The minutes overall have all committees functioning with everyone on a committee. What can we say but Well done

**Retirement
You Say!**

That's Roy Laird with his potable Saw Mill. A retired Millwright who custom mills his neighbours trees.. A past President of Duncan he still maintains an active presence in AOTS activities.



Be it known that Henry Pickering(seen above left) has given freely and unselfishly of his time and talent in our effort for many years, and is therefor awarded a life membership in the Chilliwack United Church Men's Club.

Be it further known that he is hereby accorded distinctive recognition and admiration by all the members of his club and his church. On behalf of the Chilliwack United AOTS I wish to present you with this local club Life Membership Certificate, Henry Pickering Congratulations Henry for your excellent support to our AOTS

Presented by Dick Hawthorne (on the right above) Treasurer of ChilliwackUnited AOTS Club. Dick also sent in this report.

White Rock B.C.

The National President Elect, John Carswell , and some of the South Burnaby Club visited White Rock's Men's Group. John extended the hand of welcome with an offer of greater things within the fellowship of AOTS.



P.E.I.

36th Stanhope Men's Conference

Sept 20 -22-,1991



Stanhope Conference Chairman Donald MacLean (left) and theme speaker John Patterson share the joy of the event.

The Prince Edward Island Men's Council hosted another very successful Conference . Some 55 men from P.E.I., New Brunswick and Nova Scotia enjoyed the weekend of fellowship, singing, and growth as they explored the theme " The Road to Faith".

The Theme speaker, Rev. John Patterson, delivered four inspiring theme addresses each of which was followed by small group discussions. On Friday night, John talked about his personal journey on the road to faith, and challenged each man to talk in their small groups about what road of faith led them to this point in time.

On Saturday morning, John looked at Simon Peter's Journey with Jesus and then his denial, his forgiveness, and then his proclamation of Jesus' teachings. The small groups discussed the question, "Have there been times we have denied, been forgiven, and been reunited with Jesus?"

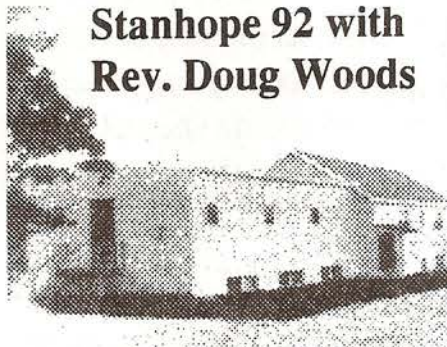
Saturday afternoon Lloyd Yoe told the inspiring story of his 84 year walk with the Lord. This was followed by the third theme address which discussed St. Paul's story and concluded that the conversion

experience, however it may be, is the starting point for a ministry. "Do we, individually or in our churches, do the will of God?" was the question posed to the small groups.

Stanhope Conference is special in that it attracts many young men, and Saturday night they take over and lead in the singing, devotions and have a story teller. This year's story teller was Paul Gallant who told a dramatic story of deliverance and healing from teenage alcoholism and drug addiction through the love and deliverance of God

The Conference closed on Sunday morning with the fourth theme which pointed out there is no end to the road to faith-we all begin at the Cross and travel from there with the courage of God's presence. A communion service and a time for individual prayer concluded the Conference. Wilson Jones Reporting

Stanhope 92 with Rev. Doug Woods



Sept 11-12-13- 1992



Eastern Vice President Bob Heany (left) presents a Life Membership Plaque posthumously honouring Willard Proud. Wayne Proud (no relation) accepts on behalf of Willard's family. Many of the men present testified as to the major role that Willard played in their Christian life.

N.S.

11th Annual Cape Breton Men's Conference

Oct 26 and 27 1991



Theme Speaker Rev. D Pierce

The Cape Breton Men's Conference moved to a new location this year . After ten years at the beautiful Baddeck location of the Inveray Inn, the Conference moved to Mira Pines, a new centre for Christian Development and Recreation sponsored by the Sydney Presbytery of the United Church - a magnificent site located on the famous Mira River.

Approximately 40 men attended the event including Cyril Locke from Newfoundland - a past National President of AOTS.

The theme, "These Things We Need", was ably addressed by speaker Rev. Donald Pierce under the three topics, "Restoration For Our Souls", "Bread for Today's Hunger", and to "Realize God's Call". Each address was followed by a lively group discussion.

The weekend of song, fellowship and learning concluded on Sunday morning with a Communion Service conducted by Rev. Ralph Johnston.

Wilson Jones reporting
Pres. Maritime Conference Men



Meet Bob Heany Your Eastern Vice President

Don't Forget! Mail that report, that photograph, those minutes to theHandshake



NFLD.

Newfoundland Labrador Conference Report to National

Raymond Gray is no stranger to the Maritime pages of the Handshake. Indeed he has sent us reports out of Newfoundland that have never made these pages. In all honesty the reason for that is that the editor lost them. One more thing before we turn the page over to Raymond. We dub him "Mr. President" He tells us that besides being president of Conference he is a Club President at Zion United in LaScie. Finally he is President of Humber Presbytery. So here's Raymond!

Since being appointed Newfoundland and Labrador Conference President for AOTS, I have not attended any meetings at the National level, but am looking forward to attending some in the near future.

The following is a list of duties that I have performed within the Newfoundland Conference since being appointed to the position and am forwarding it to your February 15/92 Executive meeting.

I attended, the Newfoundland and Labrador President.s Consultation meeting at Loon Bay on Sept 11 1991.

I have been appointed to the Div. of Christian Development for our U.C. Conference and attended a meeting at Grand Falls-Windsor on Oct. 18-19 1991 and another scheduled for Feb 28 & 29 and March 1 92 at Grand Falls-Windsor.

I was invited to do a message at Grace United Church, Springdale and Layman's breakfast on Oct 20,1991.

I sent a letter through our Newfoundland Conference office, to all pastoral charges in the Conference, introducing myself and offering my services to them.

I attended a District Council meeting at St. Anthony on Oct. 26-27 1991.

I was invited to attend an AOTS meeting at Stephenville Nov. 23/91.

I attended an AOTS dinner meeting at Windsor NFLD on Nov.23-91.and brought greetings to the members.

I brought greetings at my own church in Lascie at an AOTS service on Nov. 24 1991.

Our AOTS club in LaScie has an AOTS Sunday planned for Feb.16/92 with the President of the Nfld. Conference, Rev. Frank Curtis as guest speaker.

Visits have slowed down around here due to our winter weather but am hoping it will pick up when the weather warms during the Spring and Summer.

Wishing you all the Best in AOTS and in your service for Christ in the New Year.

Raymond Gray Reporting

Attention !
Clubs
District Council
Conferences
Are Reports a bore?
Just send us your minutes
We'll do the rest

St. Mathews AOTS Lewisporte NFLD

Activities for another year for St. Mathews AOTS of Lewisporte Nfld. started off with a meeting on September 23 in which Christine Tiller , Supervisor of Christian Children's Fund, from Toronto was invited to address the club. For this occasion, all the men's church clubs in town were invited.

Everybody was really impressed with her well organized slide presentation of life for children in the third world countries, and sponsorship was necessary. Evidence of of interest and concern was displayed by the number of questions asked both during and after the presentation.

In a meeting since then our club decided to sponsor a child under the "Christian Children's Fund" and at the same time donate annually an equal amount to local needs.

Men's Camp- Loon Bay Sept 27-29.

Our club attended this event. The guest speaker for the occasion was the Rev. John Adams from Corner Brook Nfld., who took the theme "Our Christian Opportunities" a different AOTS club sponsors the camp each year. This year the sponsoring club was the Botwood club, Great job Botwood you really looked after the men, both their physical and spiritual needs.

Our club took on the responsibility of the Thanksgiving Supper. The making and selling tickets and preparing the supper (a hot roast beef supper).

The UCW served the meal. It was a great success . The supper brought in the grand total of \$ 2961.43 and we netted \$ 1867.00 which was passed over directly to the Church. This event rotates from year to year between the UCW and the AOTS.

Raymon Gray Reporting
 Conference President Newfoundland
 Labrador

St. Paul's AOTS Deer Lake Nfld.

Our club consists of 15 members. We meet once a month and usually this is a dinner meeting.

Some of our club's activities for the past year.

(A) Ladies Night (spouses taken to dinner)

(B) Thanksgiving day dinner (fund raiser)

(C) Donation to Hospital Fund

(D) Donation towards purchase of TV/VCR for church use.

(E) Sponsored an AOTS Scholarship * of \$ 250.00 in recognition of High Academic Achievement in Religious Studies.

Malcom Fudge

Secretary

Deer Lake AOTS

* Look for a photograph and article from the local Deer Lake newspaper in the next issue of the Handshake. Technical difficulties kept it out of this issue.

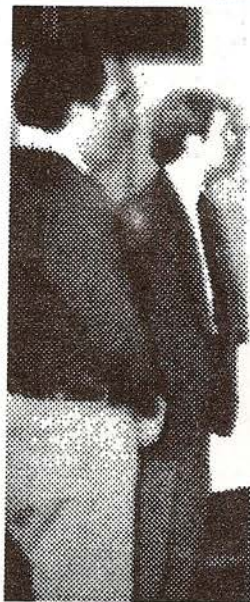


**6th Annual
Alberta Round Up**



On the left is Larry Chaney President of the McDougal Men's Club which hosted the 1992 Alberta Round Up in Calgary on Saturday March 14.

There were 50 men in attendance The theme speakers were the Rev. Michael Ward and the Rev. Wayne Lewry. John Carswell Work shop based on Prayer.



From R. to L National President Lloyd Richards installing Jack Shaw (from Milk River as Alberta Provincial President, Ray Witt as Vice-President (from Wetaskiwin) Secretary Mel James (from McDougall United Calgary). On the extreme left is Rev. Bryan Derksen of McDougal United standing by to add his blessing to the installation.

Its the **70th**
70th
 Birthday for AOTS at the
 18th Biennial Convention
 August 17-18-19 1993



National Officers on the move!

Four of them attended the Alberta Round Up. From left to right they are: National President Elect John Carswell of Burnaby, B.C., National President Lloyd Richards on the end of his tour. Albert Provincial President Jack Shaw and on the extreme right is Wally Shoultz the National Western Vice President.

**Chinook County News
Magrath**

A group from Magrath United Church are in the process of forming a club and will be sponsored by the Milk River Club as soon as I get the word from the Minister Rev. Doug Cowan.

Medicine Hat

The men of Medicine Hat are busy in preparing the Men's Conference at Banff. When this is complete I will be following up to see about a Men's Club or Clubs to be activated.

Lethbridge

Are looking for some leadership within their ranks and are "coasting". I have two contact men and will keep in touch with them.

Fort McLeod

The Fort McLeod Men's club is very active in the new church addition Jack Shaw Alberta Provincial AOTS President. (below)



Theme speaker
Dr. Sang Chu Lee

The Registration Forms Are Out

for
The Banff Men's Conference

on
October 16,17,18 1992

Send that form in NOW !



Hospital Project



**Dr.
Peter
Reports.**

Dear Fellows,

At Baie Verte., Newfoundland - as of late January 1992 the Division of Mission in Canada at its Annual Meeting, agreed that we withdraw our administrative relationship with the hospital and medical services in Baie Verte.

The reasons were multiple but the main ones were that-

(1) We were not getting physicians coming through the Church any longer in sufficient numbers to staff the hospital with United Church recruited physicians. This meant that we were having some difficulty in maintaining the level of quality care that we would want there. We have been most fortunate in having had over the last several years the services of Dr. Bruce Cronk who is an active United Church layman, and internal medicine specialist from Belleville, Ontario, working on long term locum assignments in Baie Verte, and Bruce has done a first rate job in assisting in the development of medical programs in Baie Verte.

(2) The Folks in Baie Verte had come to the point where they were able to do some of their own recruiting, and in particular had found a hospital administrator most capable of taking over the reins there.

(3) the time for the idea of a medical mission in Newfoundland has really long past.

Handshake Editor: The above is another part of the United Church hospital scene reported by Dr Peter. Your generous support of the hospitals makes you part of its family. Indeed as we say goodbye to Baie Verte remember the part you played in helping to purchase a

life saving piece of equipment that saved the life of one of own brothers. There is much more to come in the next few issues under Dr. Peter's Report.

Hats off ! to the 10 members of aMen's Club. Thanks to the club member who caught Lloyed Richards receiving a \$500.00 cheque for the Hospital Fund from George Hardwick.



Introducing Ken Lane Your New Executive Director

O.K.so you you know him already! Perhaps as a s Club President, National President, National Treasurer and a host of other AOTS titles both in Ontario and on the National scene. His service to AOTS encompasses at least 30 years. It could be said that the Handshake owes him one, for in our last issue we gave him the wrong title and the wrong address.



So before we do one more thing here is the address that you write to when you have business with the National Executive Director:

**Ken Lane
Executive Director
44 Paris Drive,
Elliot Lake, Ontario,
P5A 2L9**

Now we will let Ken tell you about his present status by bringing to you excerpts from his latest report to the National Executive. Ken tells us that the National Office had been transferred from Al Smith to himself and we catch up with him telling us in his report,

"On my holiday, Joan and I visited my old boss on Manitoulan Island and while there we drove on to Elliot as a side trip. In Elliot we were impressed by the friendliness of the people, the lovely scenery and last but not least the prices of homes. To make a long story very short we made an offer on a 4 level side split house and are now the proud owners. We will gradually move our possessions and the National Office and so after April 33/1992 our new office address will be as in the box,centre column.

This home offers a separate office as well as more storage and display for AOTS Supplies. Certainly Elliot is about 6 1/2 hours by car from Burlington, but is in fact a better central location than our present address. Anyway God seems to work in wondrous ways, as we had no idea of even looking for in that area, until we found it. Incidentally, Holy Trinity United in Elliot Lake used to have a very good AOTS club but is not now active. In a visit to this church, I found that their president had been a one man show and inspiration. This gentleman passed on last fall and there appears to be an interest in "getting going again". So who knows what a little effort on the side will accomplish.

Mailings to all clubs and individual members was posted early in December and there seems to be a fairly positive response to date. Four individual Members with two new applicants have paid their 1992 dues. 10 clubs have paid for 1992 and four for 1991, as well as 2 clubs have paid for added 1991 membership. Seven orders for supplies have been shipped in 1992.

Positive Start

Reports of sale of supplies, queries re. new clubs, a new supply of Hospital Project folders Ken sums up the beginning of his new position. In all this has been a positive start to a New Year for AOTS- and now we have a new club application to be considered at our first meeting in 1992. May we have many more new clubs to carry out the Challenge of Service for Christ

" As One That Serves "

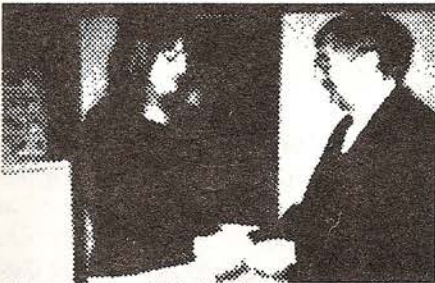


Harry Colnett Scholarships

A recent letter from Mrs Harry (Lilly) Colnett was very appreciative of the Article in the Handshake about the Harry Colnett Scholarships. Mr. Ronald Colnett, her son in San Francisco, was also contacted and appreciation for his generous \$ 500.00 American gift to the Fund. was expressed on behalf of the National AOTS.

Seen below is National President Lloyd Richards presenting a \$1000.00 Scholarship to Julia Rogers a student of the University of British Columbia.

More scholarship information in the next issue.



Hamilton Highlights.

Hamilton Conference Rep, Howard Wills Reporting.

All three clubs are active and meeting. The Taylor Place Choir with Sid Bagnall conducting raised the sum of \$500.00 after gratuities and expenses. Monies were used to help retire church debt.

Jordan Station Men's Club hosted a meeting on Feb 26 for the men in the Niagara to learn about AOTS. Rev. Allan Barnes of Jordan Station who was chaplain of the National Convention took the initiative to set up this meeting.

Toronto Briefs

An excellent report out of the Toronto Conference. Reported on NACCMS Meeting in Toronto. 35 attended from different denominations both from N.A and Europe.

"Men as Friends" event held on Feb 27-28. Paid registration fees for members of Conferencee attending Ont. Round-UP .

London Reports by Keith Arner



Significant Developments

A ground swell is building for men's clubs in London Conference. One new AOTS club has been formed, three churches actively considering new Clubs and on March 25th Huron Perth Presbytery is holding a rally for all men of that presbytery with an expected attendance of 70 to 80 men.

Regional Gatherings and Contacts

The tri-county AOTS Rally was held at Tilnbury Nov. 16 1991 with over 100 men enjoying a roast beef dinner and typical AOTS Fellowship. National President Lloyd Richards brought greetings and Central Vice President Craig Watson and his wife Betty(right) led in a ministry of music. Craig also gave an inspirational message.



Project Observer on Tapes

There follows the first paragraph out of an excellent report by Don and Joan Tompkins .

This project of our Queen St. AOTS Men's Club sends the United Church Observer to print handicapped subscribers across Canada and in the United States. Each month our reader, Alta McLean, reads the magazine on to three 90 minute tapes which are copied and mailed out to our approximately 384 subscribers. We receive many notes and cards from users of the service, and their friends, thanking us for providing this service which allows them to keep up with the news of our United Church. They also tell us that Alta's friendly personality and good humor make receiving the tapes "like a visit with an old friend."

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Scripture: Read Ruth 2-20
Key Verse 20

The Lord always keeps his promises to the living and the dead. Further, man is a close relative of ours, one of those responsible for taking care of us.

Opening prayer: Gather with us here at this time O Lord; God of spirit and truth. Let us not call good and good evil. If we would have wisdom, let at be the wisdom of your ways and not our own. As AOTS members, you have called us to be a life in the Spirit. Let us now walk and think by the Spirit in all that we say and do and in that all we are. Amen.

Lesson Leader: Hear the good news: The Lord is in your midst. He will exult with joy over you and will renew you by his love.

Lesson: Genuine Kindness always manifests itself in love. This truth is vividly portrayed in the book of Ruth. When Boaz saw Ruth gathering grain behind the reapers in his field, he commanded them to leave some handfuls on purpose to help her. To her this was a very good blessing from the Lord. In the same way, we as good AOTS members, the people whose loves we touch need to experience God's love through our compassion and generosity. That's why, as active AOTS members we should ask God to give us opportunities to show our kindness and love.

A story has it of a young teenager going and coming from school, had to pass by a

privately owned coal rail terminal that had a high fence around it. The boy often noticed that the owner of the yard, who was a profound Christian, threw chunks of coal over the fence at various places along the track. One day the boy asked the man why he did this. With compassion in his voice, he replied: "A poor elderly lady lives across the street, and I know her old age pension is inadequate to buy all the coal she needs. After the train pulls out she walks along and picks up the pieces that she thinks has fallen from the coal car. Her eyesight is failing, and she does not know that diesels have replaced steam locomotives I do not want to disappoint her, so I just throw a few pieces over the fence to help her out."

Now friends, that is Christianity at its very best. If you know the Lord and Love your neighbour as yourself; You too will be kind...The Giving Kind with love.

As AOTS members, we all must know that kindness and love is the oil that takes the friction out of life.

Discuss-Contemplate: Ways and means that your club (you) can reach out to others in the community. Promise to do it.

How can we better serve our church members in this regard. (Car Pooling-Observer on Tape, etc.)

Closing prayer: O Lord who has made us out of the goodness of creation. Instill within us a sense of responsible living, so that we may fulfill our human potential. Help, us to care for our physical health, to free our minds from harmful thoughts, and to use our time and energy in constructive ways for the good of others.

In all these ways, let us affirm our own worthiness and reveal the glory of your work to all peoples. Amen.

* Devotional taken from from the 1992 AOTS Spiritual Life Handbook
Spiritual Life and Leadership
Gil Reashore Chairman

A Successful Club Part IX

By John Carswell

Sharing with one another allows us to express our real desires to each other. We share our hopes and dreams, which is very healthy, even in the simplest way or smallest format. This is needed especially in our troubled world. Ask yourself, "do I care enough to share? If you do this it is a part of serving. When you care about people it involves really listening to what they have to say. The next time you join together, make it a point to listen to each other. Yes listen with a caring heart. This is what God asks of you. When you say you don't know how to share, your listening will provide a sounding board for a brother who is hurting. All men need to share and care to receive a full life, and may it be a long one and full one for all. "Give and it shall be given unto you."

This completes the series on "How to have a successful club". The next series will be on "How to relate to God at Work and at Home." Will you join with me in thinking how to trust in God during these troubled times.

One More Thing

The more we hear from you the more we believe that that you have felt the spirit of the Lord within the real Christian service and witness that we have brought to you. Join with us in our search for men. 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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