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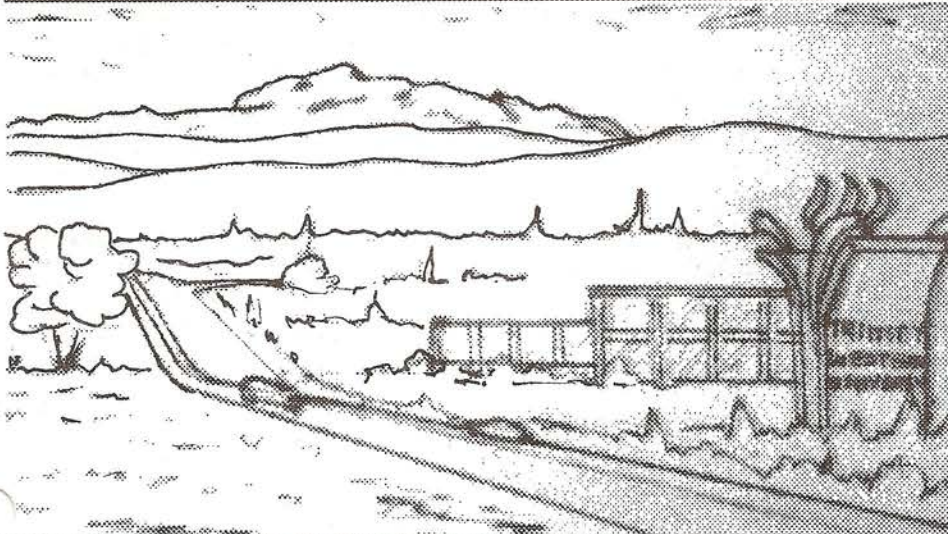
As One That Serves

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Convention 93 Will Celebrate
Our Faith - our 70th Birthday



In the Shadow of Mount Baker
In The Beautiful Fraser Valley

Presidents Report



Another year has
begun and already
one month has

slipped by. I am sure all of you have started off another year full of hope and enthusiasm for the many projects and plans your club has for the years ahead, and pray that God will guide and direct you in all these endeavours.

I ask that each of you will give prayerful consideration to any men who would be willing to share their time and talents as a member of the National Council (the nomination procedure is described on page 6.

As you and your family plan your summer vacation please consider the beautiful province of British Columbia and come and join us at the 18th Biennial Convention to be held at Trinity Western Campus in Langley, B.C. on August 13-14 and 15 1993.

I came across a poem in a Square Dance publication. It is so fitting for any organization that I would like to share it with you.

Where Do You Fit?

Some members keep their organization strong
While others join just to belong
Some volunteer and do their share
While others lie back and just don't care
On meeting days, some always show
While there are others who never go
Some always pay their dues ahead
Some get behind for months instead
Some do their best some do some make
Some never do just sit and take
Some lag behind, some let things go
And never help their club to grow
Some drag, some pull
Some don't some do
Consider please, **which of these is you?**

Anonymous
Lloyd Richardson

National Highlights Spring-Summer 1993

B.C. Round Up

March 6

Esquimalt United

Victoria B.C.

Speaker

Allister Skinner

Alberta Round Up

March 13

Foot Hills United

Calgary

S. Sask. Men's Rally

St. Andrews

Moose Jaw

Friday April 2nd

Speaker

Bill Adamson

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Ontario Round Up

April 16-17-18

Orillia Ont.

Speakers

Rev. John Brown

Dr. Murray McPherson

Dr. David Williamson

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Purpose

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



Dr.
Don
Page
Workshop
Leader

Bible Study Groups

As a young graduate student at the University of Toronto, Don was an outspoken atheist until one night in 1961 when, though his father's illness, he was confronted with the claims of Jesus Christ. Commitment followed, but so did a struggle with intellect until he could work out the validity of his new found Christian faith. Later on the campus of the University of Saskatchewan he was to challenge the atheists and communists to a public debate on the historical validity for the divinity for Jesus Christ. The Challenge was not accepted but in the meantime Don had become the faculty sponsor for a hundred University students who met for weekly Bible studies. He also became

involved in the teaching ministry of his local church.

Don is best known for his application of Biblical principles to current issues. In the last fifteen years he has spoken to hundreds of youth and church retreats, Christian clubs, executive seminars, prayer breakfasts, conferences and churches across Canada. His testimony and Christian convictions have also been shared with the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association and countless university audiences. For seven years he wrote a monthly newsletter for public servants on the application of Biblical principles in the work place and was the founder of 38 prayer and Bible study groups involved in the Public Service Christian Fellowship in Ottawa. He has also been a promoter of several national ministries that encourage those who are in authority over us.

Don's workshop will be based on his experience with Christian Fellowship Groups. Through him we will experience the genius of Prayer Study Groups and the amazing role they can play in our Christian lives.

**More about workshop
Leaders and other Conven-
tion items in next Issue 1**

What Does God Want of You and Me

Part I

John Carswell



Being AS One That Serves. have you given thought to how much service you have given God lately? Yes, God desires that you pay homage to Him. BUT WHAT DOES HE WANT OF ME WHO HAS SO LIMITED A SUPPLY OF TALENT? God does not want from anyone, something they cannot and have not to give. Give what you have. Firstly, God wants you to love Him, revere Him. Portray God's love to your fellow man. Let your neighbour see God in you. Continue to read your bible daily, attend church regularly and so be equipped to show the love of God as you walk and talk. Yes, participate in

programs involving God, talk to him, talk to your fellow man. In expressing your love to God be firm in your convictions but show your neighbour that you love him even at times when you don't like what he is doing and/or how he is living. Try to help by encouraging him in whatever you can.

**BUT I HAVE SO LITTLE MONEY
AND I WANT TO HELP GOD'S
WORK IN A MONETARY WAY.
HOW CAN AN OLDER MAN LIKE
ME GIVE TO THE GREAT ARCHITECT
OF THE UNIVERSE ?**

Sometimes this cannot be when your income is limited. Just give to God that which you can. God will understand.

**WHAT ABOUT ME THOUGH/ I
CANNOT STAND UP IN FRONT OF
A GROUP OF PEOPLE AND SPEAK
TO THEM/. I COULDN'T GIVE A
DEVOTIONAL. WHERE DO I FIT
IN?**

Sure there is a definite place for you in and around God's house or with your men's club. But you must have the desire. There are so many ways you can become involved, let me name a few.

1. Is there work in an around in the church which needs your attention? Maybe some painting, gardening, or help to set up rooms in the hall or wherever for preparation for Sunday school or a club meeting.

2. You can become an Elder or a Steward for a term.

3. Maybe you could help out in the Sunday School or even be a teacher.

If you really have the desire to serve God, there is a place for you.

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Dr. Murray McPherson

(above) is a resident of Winnipeg, Manitoba

His academic background includes B.Sc., B.Sc., M.Ed., Degrees from the University of Manitoba and a Ph.D. from Michigan State University.

Dr. McPherson was Professor and Head of the Department of Curriculum, Mathematics and Natural Sciences at the University of Manitoba. He was also a visiting lecturer and later in his career was coordinator of student teaching.

Following his retirement he joined the board and was vice-chairman of Habitat for Humanity, a program of home building for needy families.

He has been a member of the United Church since 1925 and has served in many capacities including Sunday School and Youth Leader, Member and President of Westworth AOTS Men's Club.

Member of Manitoba District Council of AOTS Men's Clubs, National President of AOTS Men's Clubs and served as a member of the Division of Mission in Canada for 12 years.

He has actively served on various congregational, presbytery and conference committees.

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Dr. David Williamson

(above) was ordained in Toronto Conference in 1971. He holds a Masters Degree from Emmanuel College and a Doctor of Ministry Degree from Drew University, Madison, New Jersey.

He has served in Various Churches in Alberta, Quebec, and Ontario before coming to Victoria Avenue United Church in Chatham of Kent Presbytery.

His professional career includes, preaching, social justice, lay empowerment, counseling, adult

and family education, visitation, outreach, children and youth.

Rev Williamson and his wife Ruth have two children, Andrew and Amanda.

Rev. John C. Brown



(right) was born in St. Thomas in 1940, raised on a dairy farm and received his public School education in a small one room school and then went on to high school in St. Thomas.

While in grade 12, God called John to be a minister and he obtained his bachelor of Arts degree at Huron College, part of the University of Western Ontario. It was during this time that he married Carole, and while living in Kingston, with Carole working as a nurse, John studied

at Queen's Theological College. Following ordination, he served at Iron Bridge Ontario for five years. This was a busy time for John and Carole having three girls and obtaining a Master of Divinity from Queen's University.

John has served the Church in several Ontario Charges and shown leadership on many committees, especially Christian Education.

John and Carol now live in Chatham and are currently serving Sprucedale and Providence United Churches.



Upper Room Men's Fellowship Breakfast



Some of the Upper Room Fellows at the Celebration of Faith From L to R: Manion Kuppesamy, Tom Murray, Theo Roberts, Bruce Sawyer, Harry Vogel and Elwin Neely.

Formerly we were the Gladwyn-Trinity Men's Breakfast Club, but we had to move. Our meeting room was expropriated by a Beer and Wine store, so we moved to the Upper Room of the Inter-

national House of Pancakes. We meet every second Friday at 8:00 A.M. and we welcome visitors (phone 853-7881)

Occasionally we have a program but mostly the program erupts spontaneously among the members who are from four different Protestant churches.)

Our aim is to be ecumenical, so no interested visitor is excluded. Many of our fellowships are AOTS, and faithfully attend Annual Round Ups and Celebrations of Faith.

Tom Murray Reporting.

From Cranbrook AOTS Malibu Adventure

By Pete Brown

An Eight hour ride on the Malibu Princess was just the kind of cruise I needed to mellow out and get ready for the next four days of non stop action. After experiencing an adult camp at Young Life's Malibu Club you should never be the same! I don't think I ever will be.

Hi, my name is Peter Brown, and I have been involved with the Cranbrook United AOTS for about ten years. I was invited to attend Camp Malibu by a friend who is

interested in getting a Young Life Program started in Cranbrook. Having been involved in youth work for many years including lots of camping at Rock Lake Camp, an opportunity to go to some one else's camp is always enticing (especially when you see a video that shows water skiing, sailing, golfing, challenging courses and heaps of other fun stuff happening). I also wanted to learn more about what the Young Life program is about. Without a doubt it was the best camp I've ever been to both in terms of quality of facility and experience, And the food was excellent; served

to your table by smiling waitresses (all volunteer) and you never had to wash a dish (again all taken care of by volunteer staff) !

What is Young Life? It is a non-denominational teen ministry whose objective is to reach out to teens with no church affiliation, to form personal relationships with them and to present the gospel message to them through Young Life Club activities. Young life is particularly interested in reaching teens that other youth ministries may miss, with an eventual goal of encouraging those young people to find a church home. Is Young Life only for the "young"? Although the main thrust of the program is geared towards teens, adults are encouraged to be a part, particularly in the area of sponsorship of local staff, organizational support and prayer support. And opportunities are available to go to camp! At our camp we had about 220 people from 19 to 79, (the 79 year old had undergone a hip replacement 29 days before camp, and had suffered a heart attack 2 days after the hip operation! But that didn't slow him down, his camp knick name was Wild Bill). So if you thought your days at camp were over, maybe its time to reconsider! And maybe just maybe, you will catch a fresh vision for youth ministry Young Life Style. and maybe , (no probably), you will have the best camp of your life.

* Camp Malibu is located about 100 miles north of Vancouver at the entrance to Princess Louise Inlet. Access is by air or boat only. If you wish more information about Young Life contact their B.C. Office at suite 101, 1155 West Pender St., Vancouver, B.C. V6E 2P4.

40th B.C. Round Up

Speaker- Allister Skinner
Theme- Close Encounter of the Spiritual Kind

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A Letter From Dr. Peter

Dear John(Carswell)

I've just received the most recent edition of the "Handshake". My congratulations to you for having packed so much news and information into an excellent little newsletter.

To bring you up to date on the Hospital Project- it was indeed a remarkable opportunity to get together with the AOTS on our trip across the country from Toronto to Vancouver. Unfortunately I didn't realize that we were sitting next to one another in fact until we arrived in Vancouver

and I overheard some AOTS conversation.

Men of the AOTS will be most interested to know that B.C. Clinics and Hospitals have been selected to be participants in a program with the B.C. Ministry of Health in an attempt to improve health services to our rural areas.

We have been selected because I believe

we are seen to be something of a model of medical and health care, offered with a profound level of dedication on the part of our physicians, and at a very economical cost to the ministry and to the communities involved.

At this point the Ministry has assisted

us with full computerization of our Hazelton, and Bella Coola offices. We have in place in Bella Coola physicians who are able to provide anaesthesia and surgery and cover a broad range of services.

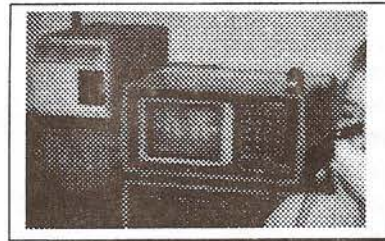
In Hazelton we are able to cover emergency surgery, and regular anaesthesia. You will be interested to know that our ophthalmology(eye) program continues with some strength at this point with a

visiting ophthalmologist and with prospects of a permanent ophthalmologist in place before mid '93.

The equipment provided by the AOTS both in our ophthalmology and dental clinics continue to be well and extensively used and is gratefully acknowledged frequently by members of our communities.

God's blessings on all of your members and their very fine work.

Sincerely
Peter Newberry M.D.



Eye Equipment



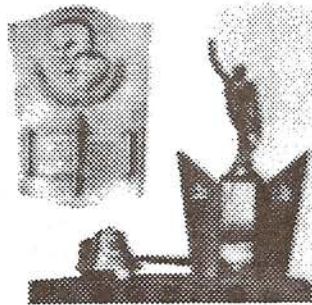
Dental Equipment

The D.R.Poole and Dave Sherwood Trophies

The time is Now to get your entry in for the above two trophies . Mr. President you have your entry form so lets get to it right now. Your club may not win but it will go to make up a most impressive cross country report on Youth Work. Read on to see who these trophies were named after



Delbert Russel Poole was born Oct. 15th, 1882, on a farm near Woodstock Ont. A minister came through his district telling of the need of young men for religious work on the Canadian Prairies, which were rapidly opening at the time. Although not much more than a boy he responded to this call and found himself



doing student ministerial work on the Canadian Prairies, which were rapidly opening up at that time. Later he attended Brandon College but before graduating he went into YMCA work in Saskatoon and Toronto. He finally became Boy's Work Secretary of the National Council of YMCA for Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

In 1926 he became National Boy's Work Secretary succeeding Taylor Statten. Following this he became General Secretary of the Religious Education Council of Canada.

In 1946 he became part time Executive Secretary with a meager salary far below the worth of a man of his stature and caliber. In the decade of his tenure he did more to put the movement on a National basis than any other man. From Youth To Men and an inspiration to both throughout his lifetime.

See !Hear !
UC-Hospital's
Story
at National Convention
Aug 13-14-15
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The Dave Sherwood Trophy



It is fitting that two trophies that National Presents should honour D.R. Poole and Dave Sherwood for they worked hand in hand to promote

AOTS across Canada. Dave was the third National President and held office for three years. Prior to this he initiated AOTS in Ontario and saw it reach its peak there. It was his presence and encouragement that saw many clubs flourish and the membership trophy is well named. Dave was a strong club man and managed within his busy schedule to sing and Support



the Scarborough AOTS Glee Club. Seen below is John Whatley of Lakefield AOTS receiving the Dave Sherwood Trophy for 1989 from Craig Watson who is at the present time Central Vice President.. **Fill Form out Now!**

may nominate a consenting candidate for every position but President. Here the Present President Elect becomes President with the nomination and election of the next President Elect. The various Conference AOTS Presidents are elected by the region they are to represent and are installed as members of the National Executive. Nominations are welcome and should be mailed to:

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items of AOTS business. The latest mailing included the D.R. Poole and Dave Sherwood Trophy entry forms amongst other pertinent information. There will be more mailings as required.

In the next Handshake you will enjoy a most enthusiastic report of Ken's attendance at the North American Conference of Church Men's Staff this last January. We will also share with you an outstanding devotional that was presented at this meeting.

Our National Executive Director stands ready to answer all queries regarding AOTS and will forward any materials he has relating to your question.

Write him:
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Elliot Lake Ont.
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Phone him: 1-705-848-1800
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Executive Director

Applications are invited for the position of Executive Director of the National Association of United Church AOTS Men's Clubs. This is a two year term-1993 to 1995 and duties include the operation of the National Office . The Promotion of Aots Aims within and beyond the AOTS movement. Please send your resume together with a brief outline of your involvement in the life of the Church and Men's work in particular. Applications to be received by May 15th 1993.

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**National
Executive
Director
Ken Lane**



Reports that he has just completed the second mailing for 1992-1993 to all clubs and individual members regarding club membership and other various

National Elections!

The National elections take place every two years and are slated to take place at the 18th Biennial National Convention at Langley B.C. on August 13-14-15- The nomination committee under the Chairmanship of Dary Wilson is working on a slate of officers for election. There are no nominations from the floor but any two AOTS Members in good standing



Sask. St. Andrews

Volume 35 #1 of the Menu wishes us all a Happy New Year and then reports the following:

Yes! here we are starting into another year and as we always do we are starting off our year's activities with our installation of officers at our annual Ladies night. You will note that we are ahead of our neighbours to the South as their big inauguration day is the day after ours. We are looking forward to seeing you out that evening with your partner. As we did last year we are inviting the widows of former members so you will be able to greet some old friends. With the weather being what it has been we will be glad for a chance to get out of the house before cabin fever sets in.

Memorial Fund

As you know, we are planning on presenting our annual \$ 100 scholarship for 1992 to Darilyn Johnston at ladies night.

We have been looking ahead and have booked the following dates for our projects in 1993.

Sat. March 27- Pancake Supper

Sat. May 22- Garage Sale

Saturday September 25- Chuck Wag-on Dinner

Paint Party

As you will remember we agreed to paint the Social Hall kitchen. The ladies are making arrangements to have the walls, etc. washed and when that is done we will be organizing a work party to get this job done.

Camp Capernaum

Another project we have in the works is the construction of some wooden bunks for our cabin at Camp Capernaum. We also plan on installing some kind of floor covering.

Sick and Visiting

We are glad to report that Bill Edwards is now out of hospital. we hope you are feeling better and we wish you all the best, Bill.

Other Events

South Saskatchewan Men's Rally (see center of page)

Convention 93 (sponsored by National AOTS)

Banff Men's Conference (Sponsored by South Saskatchewan Men)

B.C. South Burnaby

One of the last things the outgoing President of this club does is present a proposal of disbursements in the fall of his last year in office. Trevor Dawson brought down 18 separate disbursements 14 of which could be classified as Out Reach with the balance going to church related projects. The total was \$4,225.00. Thanks for the Minutes S.B. Look for more items in the next issue

Charlie Burritt Fund. Scholarships
25,26,27 presented at \$430.00 each. Well don South Burnaby.

**South Saskatchewan
Men's Rally
St. Andrew's United Church
Moose Jaw
Friday April 2nd 1993
Fellowship and Registration 6P.M.
Supper 6:30 P.M.
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Hamilton Reports

Hamilton Conference- St. James-Rosemount, Kitchener and St. Paul's, Oakville Clubs held regular fall 1992 meetings, the former staging a profitable nut and fruit cake sale before Christmas and the latter again having a successful crafts items table at the Annual UCW Bazaar on Saturday November 7, enabling them to clear over \$800.00. A possible two charges may be forming clubs. Westminster United Church in Mississauga and Sydenham St. United in Brantford.

Howard Wills reporting.

Newfoundland

Botwood Reunion

St. Matthews AOTS travelled as a club to Botwood to be a part of a camp reunion. Botwood hosted last years men's camp, so they hosted the reunion. This is an annual event involving an afternoon of meetings and an exchange of greetings from all of the AOTS clubs present. It concluded with the combined clubs then conducted the evening worship service at Botwood United.

Eating well: St. Matthews closed out the active season with a choice of Steak or Lobster for dinner. The club invited the

senior Choir, the Male Choir and the leaders of all its church groups and of course covered all bases by also inviting their spouses to this wind up party. Fund Raising Events: Put on to help the Church and its youth groups. Leaning towards food once again they report a Beans and Bologna Supper which netted \$973.00, a Jumbo Bake Sale netting \$550.00 and planned an annual Moose Burger Sale and Car wash.

From a report by Melvin Slade.

St. Paul's AOTS

Deer Lake NFLD. Reports of hosting the District Council. Visited the Salvation Army Men's Fellowship club and share their faith and breakfast with their members. Visited the oldest member of their club and helped him celebrate his 90th birthday. Had annual spring clean up of church grounds. Ran a yard garage sale for first time

with modest success. Members attended the Annual Men's Rally at West Haven Camp. Closed out season with a Ladies night at one of local Hotels

From report by Malcom Fudge.

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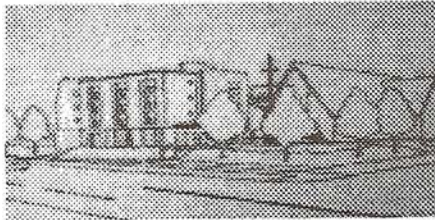
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All eyes of the Wilmar Heights Congregation and AOTS club are on the artist's conception of the Wilmar Court complex.(above) It looks like a winner in design and the concept of community housing. The Handshake has on hand a photo-copy of the building committee, complete with hard hats, amongst which are some prominent members of the Church's AOTS Club. Sorry folks we were unable to transpose a suitable image.

From the Minutes* Conducted a C.S.B and a Christmas tree sale. Conducted a laity Sunday complete with a Men's Choir. Reported on a combined Toronto Conference to be held at Cedar Glen. The biennial Reunion of the Scarborough AOTS Glee Club was held on November 27th at St. Paul's Scarborough. Appreciation night for Club sponsored Hockey Team. Easter Breakfast is planned also a Golf Outing and last but not least a group of fans are going to a Blue Jay game in Sept. Thanks for the above to Lorne Thornly Club Secretary.
* Keep the minutes coming guys. Try and do as Lorne did here and mention all past present and future activities. This arrangement is working well and is a case of killing three birds with one stone. You get your minutes recorded, they become a club report, they keep the Handshake happy and most importantly the men across Canada informed.

Prince Edward Island

60 Men Attend

There follows excerpts from four pages of minutes of the Island United Church Men's Annual Meeting. Would that there was space to detail this exciting report of men in action to you but here we go with the highlights. Held in Cornwall this

evening event began with dinner followed by praise to Our Lord through Song and Prayer.

The introduction of the head table which aside from the executive and committee chairman, who will be heard from later included Rev. Elaine Smith pastor of Cornwall Church the guest speaker, Mrs Eunice Wennacett, President of the Presbyterial UCW who brought greetings. and her daughter Roxanne McLellan.

Henry Clark * Bursary. Was presented to Roxanne McLellan by members of the bursary committee. Gordon Mackenzie and Edward Pearson.

The MacNair Trophy for best attendance at Stanhope was won by the Park Royal Club.

The Allison MacKinnon trophy was presented to the York-Covehead club by Donald MacLean at the Stanhope Conference for being the most active club

President Lorimore Harris called for Committee reports.

Boys and Girls Public Speaking- Report given by Chairman Don Campbell. The finals were held in Cornwall United on April 25th, 1992 with 29 speakers from 9 charges. All speakers were excellent. An afternoon to make everyone proud of our young folk.

Men's Choir. Sang in 13 churches over the past month and were slated for Kensington in November for the Henry Clark Bursary Fund.

Robert Heany (right) the AOTS rep for the Presbytery reported as the Eastern Vice President of National AOTS . He urged those present to become members of the parent organization and challenged us "to change the world for God by the year 2000."



Stanhope Conference 92 saw 71 men in attendance. Donald MacLean reported that the speakers, the singing and the fellowship were all superb. With

\$1500 in the Conference Funds he recommended that \$500.00 be kept for seed money, \$500.00 to the Henry Clarke Fund and \$500.00 to the general fund of the UCM.

The President then gave his report citing his pleasure with the cooperation of his executive and committee chairman and his involvement at Presbytery and Conference as the UCM representative. He suggested that each club should sponsor a teen age boy to attend the annual meeting to learn what the organization does.

Lloyd Yeo asked for an ovation for Donald and Kevin who do such a tremendous job with the Stanhope Conference.

14 Officers ,committee chairman and club representatives were then elected and installed by Rev. Elaine Smith who was assisted by Eunice Wenacott.

Henry Clark

. Many of the men outside of the Atlantic Provinces may well ask who is Henry Clarke?, We will let our Eastern Vice President Robert Heany tell us. "PEI men have a choir which takes part in services all over the Island. Our number of Choir participants can range from 25 to over 40. This Choir was founded by the late Henry Clarke- possibly thirty years ago. It is not uncommon for some men to travel from 100 to 150 miles to take part in a service.. As of 1993 this choir will be an official AOTS choir. This choir several years ago made a tape of sacred songs resulting in excellent sales. The profit from these sales became the foundation for the Henry Clark Bursary. We are working to increase the fund from which grants are given to needy students amongst which will be some who will go into the ministry.

Editor's Notes. Another choir led by Sid Bagnall up in Ontario are going to attend a Blue Jay's ball game . They have asked to sing the National Anthem. Good luck Fellows and Gals! If you get to do this let us know and we will all be watching. Look for a biography of Henry in the next issue. The Handshake has on hand a most excellent such item prepared by his daughter. We just know you will feel privileged to share this fine Christian gentleman' remarkable life.



Ontario London Conference



The year 1992 has been both challenging and rewarding for men's work in London Conference. The challenge was to bring enthusiasm and spiritual meaning to men of the Church and community and to share with all men a better understanding of personal fulfillment in active involvement in the life of their church.

Just as a local church is incomplete in its ministry and Mission when it functions only for itself and by itself, so men are incomplete and less effective than they might be until they join forces with other like minded individuals and groups on a regional and national level.

Significant developments in London Conference

Huron Perth Presbytery - AOTS Men's club Rally with 70 men present. Meeting with Belgraves Men's Club and guests from Anglican and Mennonite churches.

Essex Presbytery-Inaugural meeting with new club at Comber charge. Workshop at Harrow on **How to have a suitable Men's Club**
Roseland church submitted an application for an new AOTS Club
Harrow AOTS Club and UCW had a joint meeting.

Middlesex Presbytery
Conducted a survey of men's clubs re: activity and future men's work in the church

Kent Presbytery
Ladies Night at South Chatham AOTS club for members and guests.
Tri County District Golf Day.
AOTS National President Lloyd Richards and Keith Arner met with Bev Robinson Conference Staff person to consider promotion of men's work in London Conference.

Summary.
During 1992 fifty eight (58) contacts were made regarding men's work in London Conference including several three day meetings.
Two new AOTS clubs with Leemington voting to renew their charter.

London Conference now has the largest membership in the National Association with two hundred and fifty-nine (259) members.

Future
The 1993 AOTS Round Up is hosted by London Conference on April 16,17,18 with Keith Arner as chairman.

Keith Arner
London Conference AOTS President

B.C. Van-Island District Council



Congratulations to Alf Lloyd (above) who has breathed new life into the Vancouver Island District Council and who has just been re-elected as it President. The council met at Esquimalt on January 16th with 25 men from five clubs attending.

General Business:
A most successful Rally at Camp Pringle was reported with some 72 people in attendance with Duncan winning the attendance trophy with a representation of 35 persons. The \$25.00 collected at the service was donated to the camp.

Club Reports.
Duncan.
Has donated \$6000.00 to the church renovation fund. Conducted Laity Sunday service. The 25th Annual AOTS Burn's supper and dance was held on the night of Jan 25th. It was snowing hard but 175 came and enjoyed this most successful event. Fred Brown and Brian Carter in charge. On January 28th a new slate of officers were installed for the 43rd time. They were: Bob Waldy president
Alan Taylor Vice pres.

Des Morris Sec.
Keith Bennett Sec.
AOTS to take service at Duncan Extended Care Hospital and the Cowichan Lodge. Slated for the services are Waldy, Stafford Morton, Mann and Morris.

Our condolences to the family and friends of President George Hardwick(left). George was taken suddenly on the 23 of January 1993. A 27 men's AOTS choir sang two anthems at the service.

Oak Bay:
Held a garage sale that netted \$4000.00. Cancelled Strawberry tea as the strawberries came too early. Approximately 30-32 attend meetings. Support folks attending Naramata ,Camp Pringle and events in the U.S.A. 55 attended ladies night at a local restaurant. Bill Cathro given a life membership. Membership 32.

Gordon:
Reported on scouting from 1st Juan de Fuca. Beavers 30, Wolf Cubs 25, Scouts 16. The 11th Fred Hayhurst scholarship was presented in June. Other activities includes bringing 3 ladies to church, having lunch after church and getting groceries for the three ladies. Membership 20.

Esquimalt: Donations of \$100.00 to Camp Pringle, to Victoria presbytery Youth and young adult choir. Sponsored Miss Lynn Tram to youth leadership training course at Camp Pringle at \$200.00. 4 members attended the celebration of faith. Hosted "This is your Life Ormand Lavenne in honour of our fine minister's 10th anniversary at Esquimalt. Approx 160 people in attendance.

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Starting Again

by
Gil Reashore
Spiritual
Life

Well here it is that time of year again. **TIME TO START OVER!** The passing of the old year and the ushering in of the new is upon us once again. There should be some special time set aside for reflections and anticipation.

So let us spend a few quiet moments as a club and as individuals, and think back over the last year, and over all our years, with mixed emotions and be very mindful of the trials and testings that are so much a part of our earthly journey.

Take a moment **NOW** and thank the Lord for the many ways He has blessed us and sustained us as an organization as a club, as individual members and all other Christian men.

Then too with mixed emotions, we look to the future. Oh we sometimes are shaken by its ominous prospects and we are

Retirement and You

We begin a series to show how some men handle retirement. Lets starts with the hobby of writing your memoirs as our good friend Len Jarvis does as he tells of a jaunt across Europe by train.

What's a Nothing?

Getting my heavy bags up the steep steps of the coach was giving me trouble until a well dressed man who had been following behind me offered to help. He very easily lifted them up the steps and in the process pushed me into another man who was standing at the top. I immediately apologized to him and then turned and thanked the man who had helped me. Down the corridor I went and into a seat with my two heavy bags at my feet. I was exhausted. A few moments later I automatically reached to my breast pocket to confirm that my passport and Eurail Card were safe and found they were not there a frantic search of all my pockets re-

almost afraid to think what it might hold for us. But we also must rejoice in the assurance that our lives are of "THE ONE" Who knows the end from the beginning. We can depend on Him to guide and provide for us, one day at a time.

Now I know that a positive attitude about the future is harder for some people to maintain than others. There are those faced with enormous monetary burdens and they can see no way out of the mess they are in. Others have children who ruin their lives with the abuse of drugs. Still others have a marriage relationship that has been stained by infidelity. The future seems so dark to so many. There appears to be no ray of hope in their dark night of despair. And, yes; I do know from personal experience what it means to be plagued by physical injury. It is debilitating.

However, no matter how bleak the outlook, we as children of God can face the future victoriously. We must remind ourselves of the Lords faithfulness. We rejoice in the assurance that He is love. We dwell on the blessings we do possess. We look for the coming of Christ and eternity in which there will be no more illness or pain, no more sorrow, and

vealed not only were they missing but also my credit card and 700 marks in currency I continued searching desperately but was soon forced to the conclusion that I had been victimized by two very sharp pickpockets. We leave our friend telling himself,

"Now, you are just a nothing; you don't exist."

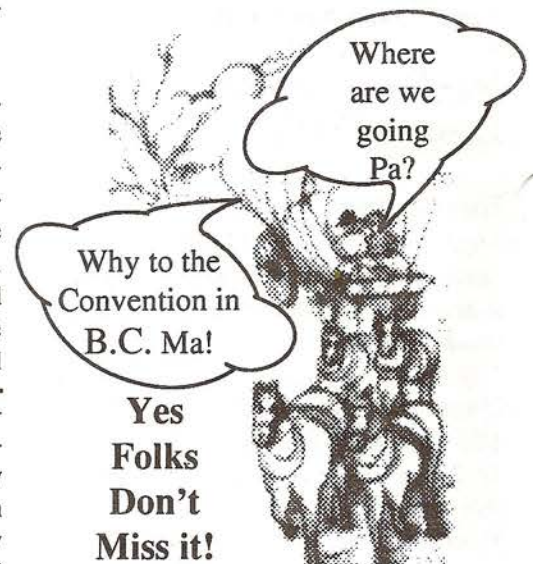
Len will resolve his story in the next issue. He sought out and found companionship and a way to do what he always wanted in a creative writing course at the local community centre. It is not suggested that this is everyone's bag but as the various stories unfold you might find yourself saying, "I could do that". We have on file hobbies of retirees that run the gamut from Computermania, to gardening, to ball room dancing. May we add your hobbies to that file.

P.S. Lets get out of the easy chair into a hobby. **Try it! You'll like it!**

thanks be to God; no more tears. We rejoice in the knowledge that the trials in our lives are so designed as to accomplish God's purpose in us. We are confident that whatever the Heavenly Father allows in our lives is the best for us.

James 2-4 says. "Count all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete lacking nothing."

May the Lord's grace sustain you. Seek his knowledge to do perfect work in all your undertakings; go forth with **JOY** as once again we **START ANEW.**



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