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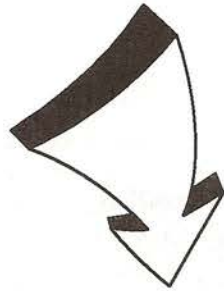
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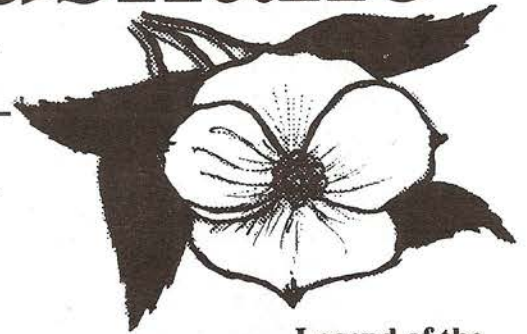
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**Trinity Western University
Langley, B.C.
August 13th-14th-15th, 1993**



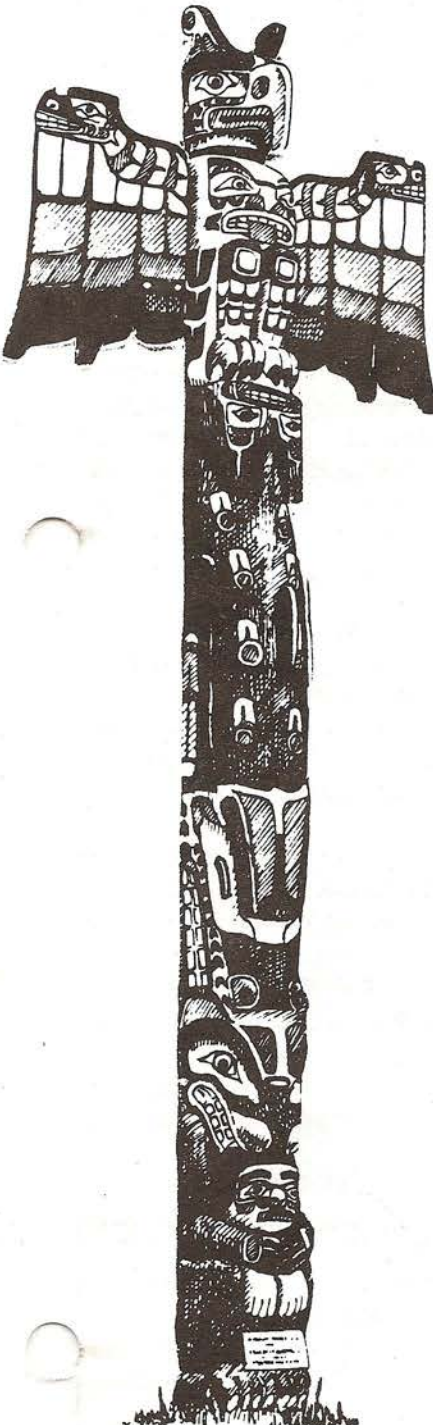
Legend of the Dogwood*

According to legend the Dogwood tree once grew straight and tall. But then it was used to make the cross on which Jesus was crucified. As a memorial to this event the tree never again grew large enough to be used for this purpose.

In the Spring, when the dogwood blooms, the four-petal arrangement of its flowers reminds us of the cross. Each white petal has an indentation on its outer edge symbolic of the nail wounds suffered by our Savior. Then in fall, the leaves of the dogwood turn a fiery red to commemorate the blood of Jesus with which our salvation was secured.

Anonymous

*British Columbia's Floral Emblem



President Lloyd Reports



My How time flies when you are having fun!!! It does seem it is almost two years since I took over as National President of AOTS. It has been a very busy but short term of office. During this time. I have instigated two meetings with Ruth Evans Chair of Unit #3 of the DMC and William Bremner of 85 St. Clair St. and through these meetings have helped to open a line of communication with the National Church. We have met with the National President of the United Church Women, Ann H Clark, and discussed the work of the men and women of the church. The highlight of my term of office, was my tour of the B.C. Alberta Men's clubs as well as attending the B.C. and Alberta Round Ups. I would like to thank those responsible for getting me from place to place, and a special "Thank You" to those members and their wives who opened their

homes for Bed and Breakfasts. I am looking forward to meeting many of these people again, at the Biennial Convention in Langley, B.C. I would like to name each and everyone of you but I am afraid I would miss someone.

AOTS is to me, alive and well, although we are only holding our own as far as membership is concerned, I know that we have a tremendous opportunity for growth. We must look to the future, and perhaps that will mean change. A change not for the sake of change, but rather, as a new beginning. I believe we must look to our past, when AOTS became a section of the Board of Men to become "The National Association of United Church AOTS Men's Clubs". I believe we must put more emphasis on United Church Men "As One That Serves" and in this way bring in more of the non affiliated AOTS clubs. John Carswell your President Elect and I have discussed many aspects of AOTS and I believe are of a very similar mind.

(Cont. Page 6 President's Report)

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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.



**Yosh
Yasunaka
Art Editor
Handshake**

The Handshake welcomes Yosh Yasunaka (above) on to its staff as our Art Director. He has been responsible for the art work on Page 1 of this issue. The Convention 93 flyer that was an insert in the last issue of the Handshake was created by Yosh and I think you will agree it was a fine piece of advertising. As Yosh says he is artistic in nature and we look forward to working with him. He is Secretary of South Burnaby AOTS and a member of that congregation. Yosh attends all our major AOTS get togethers and takes a part in their organization. He is secretary of Convention 93 and does an excellent job following and expediting the innumerable details of such a gathering. Welcome aboard Yosh.

In Loving Memory Of Lloyd Russel of Chilliwack



**One Who Truly
Served.** His Friends

and Family will surely miss this man who gave so unstintingly of his love and service. Very active in Men's work, a long time President of Chilliwack AOTS, and the 1987 Chairman of the Banff Men's Conference. Know as "Mr Fix It" in Church, home and community he leaves both a physical and spiritual memory for those he served

Convention93

Workshops

Saturday Aug 14

Val Anderson MLA

"A Christian In
Politics"



Val is one of our own and has been associated with the men of our church in B.C. for many years. He comes to us now as Minister come politician serving as the social services critic in the Liberal opposition. How does a Christian who has been elected as a MLA handle the world of politics. Hear the answers at his Work Shop.

What Does God Want of You and Me

Part I (Cont.)
John Carswell



In the first part, the question, "What Does God Want of Me?" was answered by using your God given talents and applying them in many ways to serve the Lord. The final analysis was that if you

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

The conclusion of Part I lies in the question:

But I am old and cannot get around like the younger people.

It makes no matter there is a place for you in the community. You are included, and yes, you are needed.

Surely you must be dreaming when you say we older people are needed or even included sometimes. Tell Me How?

Yes, indeed you are wanted and needed. Even people that are confined to home.

Let me explain

1. You can phone different people to enquire how they are. Have a list of people to call.

2. You can send a card to some one. It need not contain a long letter. Just say "I was thinking of you and wondered how you are?" Even if your hands are crippled someone will gladly write it for you. just ask. Keep your phoning list up to date as well as your addresses valid.

3. Take time to communicate with the outside world. Keep in touch with people as best you can and when you hear from someone having a problem, pray for them. Have a list of people you want to pray for and just do it daily.

4. Read your bible daily and get a booklet like the Upper Room in order to follow as a guide for your devotions.

Most of all remember that God loves you and so do I!

John Carswell



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Reports Reports

Much news out of Ontario. So much that the Handshake will have to highlight most reports and detail the most outstanding events.

Round Up: See Page 6 for a report on Round Up by Craig Watson . More News and Photographs in September issue.

Toronto Conference: Has elected new executive which will take over in October of 1993. Meanwhile the intrepid Bob Brewster sends an ECUNET registration form for the 18th National Convention at Langley on August 13,14,15 1993. It is our understanding that it has gone out to hundreds of members of the ECUNET Chat in North America and in Europe.


Bellefair: Two chatty Newsletters from this club. They strongly recommend a program where members take five minutes to tell of their background and early life. Could be called a "Share and Tell". Whatever it was, everyone enjoyed the fellowship. They are off to the Blue Jay's game April 27th. Have orders for 240 tickets. 1993 Club Variety Show and Dinner in the works.

Kingston Road AOTS: Report a good write up in the January Herald by Barry Ross. Sold Christmas Cakes, Cheese, Games and Maple Syrup. with profits over the \$1000.00 mark. A long sick report showing concern for members. Had Pancake Breakfast in February. Plans for a Mothers Day Breakfast Will participate in Church "Adopt a Room" with AOTS responsible for Board Room.

Wilmar Heights: Initiated 4 new members. Contributed \$100 to help Janet Pomeroy attend Toc Alpha Conference. Team sponsored Hockey Game January 16th. Supplied lunch at Macdonald's for team. \$280.00 to "Sleeping Children Around the World". Participating in "all groups Auction". Off to Blue Jay's game in Sept.

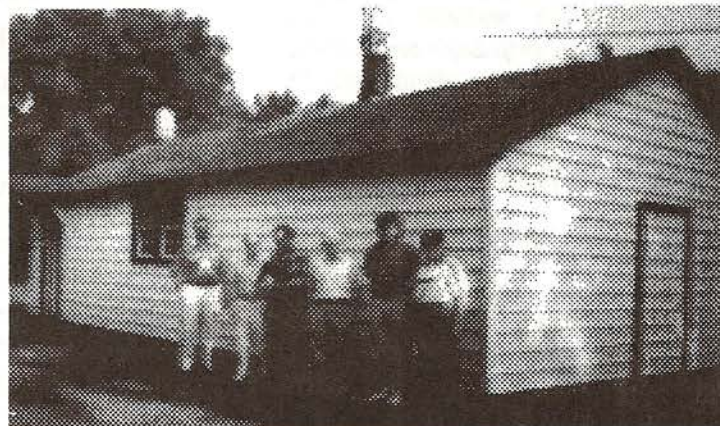


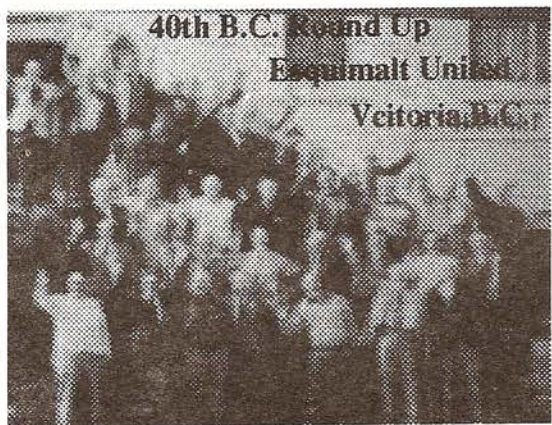
In The Harrow Workshop: If you look to the table on the right you can make out some sophisticated toys the students have made. In a zig zag formation from left to right we have: Bill Park,Chatham; Bob McKenzie Leemington; Rev. Curtis Marwood, Windsor; Walt Gough, Windsor; John McKinley, Harrow; David Davidson Comber; William McLounie, (behind) Pres, of new Comber Club; Joe Horne, Leamington; Rev. Jim Reeb, Leemington; Bill Goslin, Chatham; JackAuthier (behind) Chatham; Rev. Ross williams, Chatham; Russell Brown, Woodshop Director, Harrow.

Convention Workshop
 Saturday Aug 14
 Keith Arner
 "AOTS
 Conference-Presbytery'
 New Clubs"


The Harrow Workshop on right.Standing beside it from Left to Right are: Rev. Curtis Marwood of Roseland U.C. Windsor; Bill Park, Pres . of Park St. AOTS, Chatham; John Mckinley, Pres. of Harrow AOTS; Russ Brown, Workshop Direc- tor, Harrow AOTS; William Mclounie. Pres. of New Comber AOTS; WAlT Gough, member Roseland U.C.

Harrow AOTS: Most Southerly Club in Canada. and the Handshake might add the most active. These are the boys who sell tons of Christmas Cakes to help pay for things like their newly paved parking lot and what not. Harrow AOTS has a unique "Out Reach" for all boys and girls (9 -13 Years) of the town," Woodworking". Behind the church edifice is a neatly framed building about 30'by15', serviced with specific wood working machinery and work benches. For many years the club has sponsored two week wood working classes each winter for up to 70 boys and girls. One of their projects was souvenir Napkin Holders that were distributed at the 1991 National





God Bless!

Yes, that is what 39 true AOTS types are calling out to the rest of Canada. The weatherman cooperated with a beautiful warm spring day and



such was the feeling that continued throughout the day. The Rev. Al-lister Skinner (left) delivered the theme both in the morning session and after the banquet. Adding

spark to the meetings were Past National President and a past Honourary National President Ernie Stafford and Don Morton respectively.

There were spirited sing songs throughout the day led by our own Bob Bagshaw. Bob, along with Ron Berod, will be leading our singing at the National Convention.

The afternoon business session saw Don Baycroft elected as Provincial President along with a strong table of officers and Committee Chairmen.

Roy Jones the National Convention Chairman gave an in depth report that indicated everything is well in hand. The Handshake did a one on one survey as to attendance at the convention and received several positive responses.


There were a few errors and omissions. Although Duncan won the attendance trophy South Burnaby failed to bring said item with them. The percentage attendance trophy was won by Esquimalt AOTS. Another glaring error was the failure to have the Vancouver Island Dis-

trict Council Report. Sorry Alf you get full space in the next issue. To add insult to injury we failed to install the new executive of the Provincial Council.

With these errors aside everyone enjoyed the day and evening. Some 30 wives joined us for the banquet to enjoy along with the men a fine meal and pleasing entertainment. The Langley contingent stayed over night and attended the morning worship service.

The rest of the mainland crew crawled onto the 9 p.m. Ferry and arrived home,

**Convention 93
Workshops
Saturday Aug 14
Dr Don Page
"Prayer Study Groups"**



tired but stimulated, between the hours of 11:30 p.m. and 1 A.M.

Bill Hastings (the 4 A.M. to 1 A.M. mainland) reporting.

B.C. Club's Minutes and Annual Reports

Oak Bay (from their annual report)
The Handshake was most impressed by the enthusiastic presence at the Round Up of a new generation of younger men who have taken over the running of this club. According to their annual report to the church they are operating within the tradition of AOTS, yet according to their contribution of new and exciting ideas at the Round Up things are looking good at Oak Bay. Their activities cover the

gamut from a Pancake Breakfast to a Garage sale on the projects side, from a Ladies Night Out at a local restaurant to their Annual Christmas Turkey Dinner which included 36 guests on the fellowship side. In the outreach department they continue to repair and maintain their cabin at Cam Pringle. Financial contributions were made to support 3 projects within the Church and to seven worthwhile public service organizations within the community.

Hen Adsett Sec. Reporting



Duncan

That's Bob Waddy on the left the new President of the Duncan Club. The

Handshake apologies for misspelling his name in the last issue.

We have photographs, Newspaper clippings and minutes authored by club secretary Don Morris, excerpts of which will be coming your way in subsequent issues.

\$15,262.49

Consider if you will the above sum. Have you got it? OK, this amount was taken from the annual financial report of the Duncan club and it was listed under Donations. In Outreach: to the the National Hospital Fund \$500.00, to 11 community charitable organizations \$2250.00, to the church itself \$ 13,012.49 spread amongst the building fund, the general fund, and youth.

Congratulations Duncan!

What do you say guys? Like "Three Cheers for Duncan."

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They Meet and Greet



Ruth Evans and Bill Bremner

In the afternoon of Feb 26th, Ruth Evans and Bill Bremner met with Lloyd Richards, Ken Lane and John Carswell, at United Church Head Office at 85 St. Clair. The meeting was productive with each party trying to reach a meeting of the minds of where the men fit into the master plan of the United Church of Canada. It was unanimously agreed that both parties would endeavour to cooperate in making certain that the Lord's will be exemplified.

The two groups parted with uplifted hearts, feeling an accomplishment had been reached in that there is a possibility of the two parties working on a project together some time in the future. During this time of meeting, God's presence was felt by all.

John Carswell

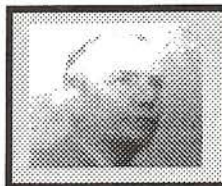


National Officers on the Job (l to R John Carswell (Pre elect-Ken Lane Exec-Director-Lloyd Richards National President

Thanks to
Ray Silzer of Regina
E.V.Roy Merrick of Kamloops
Oak Bay United AOTS
of Victoria
For supporting the Handshake.

InMemory Of

William
John
(Jack)
Banks



Journalist

In his 87th year, Jack served AOTS on the staff of the Board of men, as the recording secretary of National, as Editor of the Bridge Builder, as Author of the AOTS history "The First Half Century of AOTS". For those who had the privilege of serving with him he will be remembered truly As One That Served.

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Project

The Observer on Tape

History It was started by the disabled Committee in Winnipeg in 1983. In early 1985 when the chair person of the group moved from the area, they were no longer able to carry on the project.

At this time the NATIONAL AOTS was challenged to take over the project. Jack Arthur, Central Vice President of the National AOTS, presented the challenge to Queen St. AOTS, Kingston, Ontario whose president Armando Del Gobbo was himself blind.

In July of 1985, Queen St. AOTS took over the project and has carried it since, taking it from 45 subscribers for the first issue, July 1985, to the nearly 400 subscribers in 1993.

How does it work?

Each month an advanced copy of the Observer is received and read onto three ninety minute tapes by Alta Maclean. She also describes the pictures and really brings the articles to life. Armando Del Gobbo, Chairman of the project introduces each months set with greetings from AOTS and information on the project.

A high speed copier is used to produce the required number of tapes to be sent out. The tapes are packed in special mailing pouches and go out to nearly four hundred subscribers across Canada.

It takes about 36 hours from the time that the advance copy is received to the time the tapes are mailed out. This is only possible by the fantastic hard work of the reader and the rest of the crew. It is a huge job and they deserve a great deal of credit for making it all happen.

After listening to the tapes, the subscriber returns them for re-use. In 1990, 13,506 tapes were handled five times each as they were unpacked, erased, copied and packed again for mailing.

There is no subscription cost for this service as Canada Post does not charge postage for this service and donations cover other expenses.



Convention News

President's Report

(cont from page 1)

I hope that each and everyone will give John your prayers and support you have given to me over the last years. It has been an honour and a privilege to have served you as your President, and I thank you for your prayers and support through my term of office. "THANK YOU"

I wish all the clubs across Canada and Bermuda the very best in continued service to both the Local Club and the Church, through the leadership of your new President John Carswell, and may you together truly become "An Arm of the Church, reaching in fellowship to all men AS ONE THAT SERVES.

Yours In His Service
Lloyd Richards

Cut Off Dates.

Convention 93 Registrations

The Convention Committee has to guaranteed a given number of registrations. So please register now and help the Convention committee to sleep at nights.

On Sight

You may register on site, up to the convention.

By Mail

Allow at least 10 days for delivery to get in the hands of the registrar by Aug 1 Best of all do it now. Please do it now. You can use use Registration form on bottom of page 10.

Banquet and Barbeque

Extra tickets available.

D.R. Poole Youth Work Award

On hand by Auust 1

Dave Sherwood Membership Increase Award

On Hand by August 1

Information and Emergencies call 604-888 7511

World Class Abbotsford Air Show August 5-6-7. Preceeds AOTS Convention by one week.

R.V. Camping within 5 minutes of Campus. Shuttle service to Trinity or parking available for R.V.s. No overnight parking on Campus.

Ladies

Are invited to all sessions of the Convention.

Or on Friday Afternoon

A visit to Historical Fort Langley and Afternoon Tea at Mara House. Choice

Central Vice Presidentt



Craig Watson Reports

As Betty and I prepare for our trip to the Health Institue in Ottawa this Friday it is our sincere hope to find some progress in Betty's wait for for a new valve for her heart. The waiting since February 1st does take its toll occasionally but the support we have experienced by receiving cards, calls, and words of encouragement and words of prayer by so many AOTS friends we are truly and ever grateful. While we have had to slow down a bit in many of our involvements in so many different areas, we still have managed to stay in touch and attend many AOTS meetings.

Having just returned from the Ontario AOTS Round Up at Geneva Park, it seems an easy task to report that AOTS is very much alive in Ontario. The attendance was approximately 115. and we were faced with many challenges during the weekend. London Conference are to be congratulated on the programme, with music, and theme speakers on a variety of topics.. It was great to to hear Dr. Murray McPherson

of Horse Drawen Carriage Ride Boutique and Mall Shopping. Transporta-tion provided.

Scenic Tour No. 2 Saturday Via bus through Surrey to Ski-Train . Crosses over the Fraser River, around the City of New Westminster , across the Municipality of Burnaby into Vancouver. Across Coal Harbour by Sea Bus and Lunch at the Lonsdale Quay in North Vancouver. Alternate choices on the way back are Gastown, Pan Pacific Hotel and Canada Place, Chinatown, Pacific Centre Shopping Mall

At Day's End

On Friday a Salmon Barbeque.
On Saturday
a Banquet-Birthday Party.

report on Habitat in Winnipeg, after which the Ontario Men agreed to support this project financially.

It has always been a great experiece to attend any Round Up but this one seemed to make one appreciate the joy of belonging to a very special group of spiritually minded men.

Looking ahead, I feel we should extend our views and plans to "Celebrate Our Faith" at the National Convention in August at Langley,B.C.. I challenge all clubs to try and have a representative attend and be a part of this 70th Anniversary of AOTS.

It is always a joy to hear of new clubs being chartered, groups of men enquiring about AOTS, it shows me there is a need to-day as there was 70 years ago.

The publishing of the Handshake has been a valued instrument to promote AOTS across Canada and Bermuda. It has kept us informed of the happenings of the other clubs and other areas. As a result it has drawn us closer together and working toward one goal.

To the Editors and all responsible I say thanks you.

Yours in AOTS

Craig Watson
Central Vice President



Alberta-Round Up 93



Installation of Officers Alberta AOTS Conference

L to R. Rev. Don Wright of Moosejaw Theme Speaker; Stand In for Wally Lavoie of Lethbridge New Sec Tres; Bill Love New Vice President Calgary; Ray Wittt President Elect of Wetaskiwin; Jack Shaw Provincial President; John Carswell National President- Elect installing officer.

We choose to walk the narrow roads, eternally to find: the one that Christ has promised us will lead to life divine.

The 37 men in attendance the 6th Annual Alberta Round Up sang "We choose to walk the narrow road" with lyrics composed by the Theme speaker the Reverend Don Wright. This inspirational song, the chorus of which, is above set the tone for his address "Brothers in Christ: Being Visible In His Service".

Jack Shaw reports a successful Round Up and brings to out attention several highlights. Individual Member Arnold Bendick from Edmonton represented a new club of some 25 men who are seriously thinking of joining the Brotherhood of AOTS. John Carswell suggested that perhaps they could host the Round Up of 1994. The case of the missing "Travelling Gavel" was given for investigation to Vice President Bill Love with the Red Deer Club as the prime suspect. Dr. Art Jenkyns (left), founder of



Operation Eye-sight International, spoke of and received a donation on behalf of that or-

ganization.

A donation was made to Andre Visscher (right) President of Calgary Habitat which will build a Habitat House in Calgary this summer,



Wetaskiwin AOTS

From the Minutes Jan Feb 1993
The Christmas Cheer Supper saw 20 helpers mostly AOTS serve dinner on Dec. 27 th 1992 to about 65. The meal was served at the Moose Halls with the surplus food sent to Bethany Homes.

Under New business- MSC \$50.00 for



Important Announcement

49 Annual Banff Men's Conference
Oct. 15,16,17 1993
Banff Centre, Alberta

Rev
Robert
Duthie

Who Am I ?

Men in to-days pluralistic society are asking "Who am I? "Rev. Robert Duthie, theme speaker for the 39th Annual Banff Men's Conference says the real questions are,

Who are We?

and

"Who are the followers of Jesus Christ? "

From these three questions comes the theme for the 39th Conference.

Who are the People of God ?

The event promises to be one of the most inspiring and thought provoking for many years. The topics will be of interest because of the gifted theme speaker as well as the relevance of these questions in a confused, rootless culture," as Rev. Duthie says.

Ross Evans, chairman of the Regina-based conference planning committee, says that United Church men should also bring along a friend, son, father or any other man who would enjoy a weekend of fun, fellowship and inspiration.

the Grade IV Sunday School Class Bibles.

New Club

A new AOTS club is being considered for United Church Stony Plain. Four members from our Wetaskiwin, Ray Witt, George Dowler, Vince Hendrickson and Pres. Don Busse met with their committee on Monday, Dec 21, 1992. Prospects are good that a club will be formed-. Charter Night for this club planned

New Carpets

Plans to match \$500 donation by the UCW for new tile and carpet requirements for the church .

Father Son Banquet
for March 5th at general meeting

The Registration fee is \$240.00. You may complete a registration form available at your church and send the full amount or a pre-registration fee of \$50. Mail your registration to:

The Registrar
1993 Banff Men's Conference
137 Durham Drive
Regina, Sask
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Additional information and conference registration brochures are available from United Church offices or AOTS men's Clubs, or you may call the conference registrar at (306) 586-2986, or promotions chairman Moses Kahani at (306) 586-4402

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Manitoba Recognition Night

This annual event is sponsored by the Winnipeg AOTS District Council. This year it was held in the Memorial Banquet Room on March 29/93 with fourty three men and women present. Those honoured and as special guests ministers from nine Winnipeg United Churches. Dinner was served by a UCW unit from Gordon King United. The entertainment was anecdotes relating to the ministries of the special guests. The evening was chaired by by the District Council President G.C. Klein and organized by the Recognition Night Committee of Rev Walter Cowan, Dr. Murray McPherson and Clare Bailey. All present agreed that it was a successful, enjoyable social event.

Clare Bailey Reporting



Habitat Winnipeg

To Members and Adherents of the United Church

Attn: Chairman of Finance/Treasurer
From the beginning of Habitat for Humanity in 1976, the institution that has played the most important role in Habitat's ministry is the Church. All over the world thousands of churches representing a wide range of traditions have become Habitat partners. They are striving, with a unique hands on approach, to supply decent affordable housing with and for God's people in need. Linking with Habitat, these churches are committed to making a dream of decent shelter a reality for poor families in North America and around the world. Through these co-operative efforts it is hoped that the United Church of Canada can help to make this dream a reality for many families in Manitoba and other Canadian communities.

With this in mind the District Council of AOTS Men's Clubs has taken the initiative and responsibility to sponsor a house. To achieve this goal, local AOTS members are seeking you support in helping raise funds on behalf of the Unit-

ed Church in Winnipeg. As many of you know, President Jimmy Carter and his wife, Rosylin, have agreed to take part in the building of 18 habitat homes here in Winnipeg next July. We are very excited by this announcement and are looking forward to making the United Church a part of this major building program. To achieve this goal local AOTS members are seeking your support in helping to raise funds necessary to cover the costs of material and labour. The amount needed is \$50,000, exclusive of the labour that will be donated by AOTS members and their families during construction next July.

Please show your support for this cause by sending your donation to

Convention 1993
Theme Speaker
Rev Michael Ward
Speaks on
"Celebrating Our Faith"



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President Distict Council
Reporting

* The donation may take the form of Cash, Pledge, No interest loan .Building Materials or Trade Services

Newfoundland AOTS Men's Rally West Haven Camp

On the First weekend in June the Humber District Council will hold the Annual Men's Rally For years we have heard of this gathering and thanks to Malcom Fudge we know for the first time how they operate. as a matter of fact they could be the mirror image of B.C.'s Celebration of Faith

The Handshake has asked for the minutes of this Rally but we are told that minutes are not kept as there is no business but rather they share the word of the Lord. It is a weekend of spiritual renewal amidst Christian Fellowship.

Each year on an alternating basis one of the clubs of the Humber District AOTS Council agrees to act as the Host Club for the rally and takes care of sending out application forms, registering the members, compiling the week end agenda and arranging for a theme speaker. Usually there is representation from Deer lake, La Scie, Springdale, Nipper's Harbour-Wood Woodstock-Pacquet, St. Anthony and Baie Verte clubs.

Westhaven is located in the town of Pasadena which is approximately half way between the the city of Cornerbrook, and the town of Deer Lake. It is two miles off the Canada Highway.

From Malcom Fudges Report

National Elections

Remember no nomonations from the floor. However nominations are open until the Convention. The nominators and the nominee must be members in good standing. Your club president or secretary has an offical nominating form.

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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**Newfoundland
United We Stand**

Accompanying Gordon Butt's report of the activities of the Botwood AOTS was a paragraph that brought on the above heading. The Handshake says, "Right on Gordon!"

"The whole is only as strong as each individual unit. AOTS is a UNIT. Each member of the club, in one way or another contributes, to the clubs success. It may be simply by attending a meeting or by getting actively involved. Whatever the case, each member of each unit in the United Church contributes to the overall success. If you are reading this, then this is a sign that you are to be congratulated."

**AOTS Men's Camp
Humber District AOTS
Council Meeting Excerpts**

In Maclom Fudge's report on Page 8 we listed the clubs attending this event. Also present were the non affiliated clubs of Port Aux Basque, Corner Brook and Pasedena. Appreciation was expressed to the Host Club of Deer Lake for the excellent job they did in preparing for the camp and all who helped make the camp such a grand success. It was moved, Guy Matthews that the next DC meeting be held at Woodstock on Sat. Oct 24 at 3:00.p.m. with supper served at at 5:00 p.m. Seconded by Cyril Locke and carried.

In appreciation of the Guest Speaker Rev. Albert Trask a suitable honaraium and expense allowance was m.s.c. A new slate of Officers was elected under the chairmanship of Cyril Locke.

- President Alf Slade
- Vice President Harry Oake
- Secretary Dorman White
- Treasurer Harry Seaward.

Cyril thanked those who had accepted positions on the executive and those who had served in the past. Cyril also explained the benefits in being affiliated with the National AOTS and challenged those who were not members of the National team to get involved.

Newly elected President Alf Slade then addressed the men and stressed the need for other clubs to get involved by serv-

ing on the executive of District Council and for all clubs to make a greater effort and regularly attend council meetings.

Harry Oake
Acting Secretary

**Nova Scotia
12th Annual Cape Breton Is-
land United Church Men's
Conference. Sept. 1992.**

A few excerpts from a marvelous report in regards to this major men's event
Town Crier-Tartans-Bagpipes

"47 men assembled in the parking lot at 8:30 a.m. at Mira Pines. The official Town Crier, Mr Allan MacInnis, in full regalia, officially proclaimed the opening of the Conference, and a Ciad Mile Failte (on hundred thousand welcomes) to everyone. The buglers, Mr. Eldon Critchley and Mr. William Rowe, sounded their joyful notes that echoed across the country side of the Mira. Then with the skirl of the bagpipes. Rev. Victor McLeod clad in the MacLeod tartan kilts, paraded the men to the dining hall for breakfast."

VIPs

The President designate of Maritime Conference the Rev. Victoria MacLeod was the theme speaker. President Rev. Henry Tye and a past President Rev. Stanley G. MacQueen were surprise guests. Past President A. Bruce MacDonald of Sydney Presbytery gave a warm welcome. The Handshake adds that all types of men's gatherings should be so lucky to be honoured and supported by Conference and Presbytery officials. Men came from P.E.I., Dartmouth, Truro, Debret, Springhill, Cape North, Bras d'Or, Sidney, Sidney River, North Sydney, Sydney Mines, Glace Bay, Morien, Dominion, Marion Bridge, and North Forchou. A certificate of recognition was presented to Malcom (Malckie) MacDonald as founder of the C.B. Island Men's Conference.

Official Photographer James Dalton of First United, Sydney held this post. Hopefully all other gatherings will do the same. Ear mark a duplicate set for the Photographic Archives of Men's work that the Handshake Editor has kept.

Fourteen 100 page volumes to date. We are looking forward to seeing the results of Jim's efforts complete with I.D. of course.

Next Conference

Sept. 24-25-26 1993. Sponsors will be Waterview of Marion Bridge and Gabarus pastoral charges. Theme speaker Rev. Douglas I (Stretch) MacEachern, Minister of St. John United, Cape Breton.
E. Wilson Jones reporting



Al Treble Honoured

Four Past Presidents of Duncan AOTS gathered to honour Al Treble with a club Life Membership From left to right with the year they were President beside their name are Norm Carter (1958), Don Morton (1952), Al Treble (1981), Reg Bromley (1984) and the late George Hardwick(1992). Of late Al has been keeper of the Duncan AOTS Books of Memories, but due to poor health has had to give up this and other activities.

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* Taken from "Finding Faith"
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