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July 1978

## A National AOTS Newsletter (such as it is)

**psst!**

You should be among the first to know the 11th Biennial Convention of the National Association of U.C. AOTS Mens' Clubs will be held in Toronto July 26, 27, 28, 29, 1979. **Yes** that's right 1979, not 1980. Plan now to attend for the time of your life.

General Council has now decided to meet in 1980 instead of 1979 as previously expected.

Rather than run into conflict with them as we did in 1977, plans have been advanced as announced herewith.

The University of Toronto will accommodate us in July 1979 - so, plan to bring the family to Toronto - accommodation could not be more centrally located - University & College Streets.

### HARRY COLNETT BURSARY

15 applications were received, this year, for the Harry Colnett Bursary. The winners are being selected and notified. The National AOTS has decided to award a second bursary this year, 1978. Finances will dictate policy in future years. The names of the two winners were not available at time of printing this Newsletter.

NATIONAL AOTS NEWSLETTER

YES! It has finally materialized, the first issue of a National AOTS Newsletter. It is not what we would like it to be, but it is a beginning with GREAT opportunities for improvement. We thank you for your patience and ask for your support.

We are presently receiving many club & church Newsletters plus District Council Minutes etc. We thank you for them and hope you will continue to keep them coming. If you have not been doing so, please send yours along too. Send them to - National AOTS, Al Smith, Executive Secretary, #602 - 70 Baif Blvd., Richmond Hill, Ont., L4C 5L2. He will get it to the right person. The next issue is planned to be mailed on November 15; the deadline for receiving material will be October 15. Keep us informed of Coming Events well in advance so we can include them in the Newsletter. The more information we can include the better, especially about regional events. Would a form to use in reporting be helpful? Let us know.

For this issue we are sending five copies to each affiliated Club. If you would like more (or less) of future issues, let us know. One copy will be sent to other clubs (if we have a contact name). Individual Members and Life Members will each be sent a copy.

NATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Over the past year there has been several changes in our National Council. Elsewhere in this letter is a complete listing of the Council with addresses, but here we would remark on the changes.

As most of you know, Don Smith has left United Church House and is now working with UNICEF. Albion Wright has been temporarily covering Don's responsibilities relating to AOTS & Men's work. An appointment will be made in the early Fall. We will miss Don but wish him well in his new endeavours. As a National Life Member of AOTS he will continue to be a part of us.

Our National President, Dave Murphy, has suffered from a couple of heart attacks and felt it necessary to resign. Last reports indicate that his health is improving. If you wish to drop him a line I am sure he would appreciate it. His address is in the list of the Council.

Mr. Tom Ferguson, our Eastern Vice-President, has been appointed as National President. Welcome and Congratulations Tom; we are all behind you.

For the first 6 months of this year, Al Smith has handled the National Office as Administrative Secretary, when Phil Spence resigned the Executive Secretary's position at the end of December. Al has now been confirmed as Executive Secretary of our National Association.

Keith MacFayden has replaced Al as Central Vice-President. Keith is a Past-President of the Toronto Conference AOTS Council.

Bob Whitman has resigned as National Youth Chairman to concentrate on the job of Chairman for the 11th National AOTS Convention which will be held at the University of Toronto, July 26-29, 1979.

Replacing Bob as National Youth Chairman is Bill Sefton of Toronto. Welcome to the team Bill.

Mr. Cyril Locke, Springdale, Nfld. has replaced Ralph Roberts as AOTS President for Newfoundland. Ralph found it impossible to work in too many areas. Welcome Cyril and thanks to you Ralph for your contribution to AOTS.

## 41st B.C. AOTS ROUNDUP - April 1, 1978

This one-day event(9 a.m. to 6 p.m.) was hosted by the Langley AOTS Club. 90 men were present from 30 churches. Vancouver Island had 40 men present.

Western AOTS Vice-President, Dr. Murray McPherson, Winnipeg, spoke on the theme, "We ALL Serve The Same Christ", emphasizing the need for a unity of men's work within the church. Murray suggested that "We have to get with it". He spoke with a tone of optimism towards AOTS, especially in the West. The men were impressed by Murray's enthusiastic presentation which served to direct them to think on the subject of "Service". Many chatted with him during breaks in the day.

Reports were received from various areas and types of Clubs and Men's Work in British Columbia.

"Large is Grand" was the theme of the Duncan Club's report, which was in the form of a skit. With a membership of 68, they basically operate on 1. Every man on a committee. 2. Every committee working 3. Projects of all descriptions. 4. Visiting other clubs. 5. Devotions every meeting. 6. Annual change of officers.(To date no man has served twice as President). They won the Roundup Attendance Award with 14 men out.

Big is Wonderful was the theme of the South Burnaby Club. With a membership of 43, President Bob Bagshaw explained the feeling that makes this club so successful; "BIG" hearts, inspiring fellowship, camaraderie, and a willingness for each member to do his share. They were runners-up for the Attendance award with 13 men out.

Going it Alone - Morven Reid of Trinity United, Port Coquitlum, stated that this previously affiliated club is managing well. However, they are considering re-affiliation. 25 members strong, they have 14-18 turn out for their 6.30 supper. Their Easter Sunrise Worship & Breakfast was a fantastic success with over 100 people out. They help the needy by distributing Christmas Hampers.

Have Gospel Will Travel - George Waugh of Canadian Memorial Men's Club reported that they specialize in Laymen's Sunday Services. They provide a complete Service including, at times, a choir of 30 voices. They have been to over 40 churches in the past number of years.

The Junior Club - This story was presented by the senior member of the most junior club, Reg Rickaby. After serving 63 years at Collingwood United, Reg is now at Lyn Valley and is responsible for the formation of this club far more than he will admit. To date it is unstructured; meets once a month with a dinner and a speaker. The men are getting to know one another through this club and also getting to know their minister. The age grouping is quite young, the spirit good, and there is a good feeling that it will succeed. Attendance 27-31.

The Seniors Club - Fred Nichols leads this club of 57 paid up members; the eldest being 94 and anyone under 65 is suspect of cutting a few years off. It fills a need for retired men with lots of projects - social and otherwise. They put out a good bulletin.

Small is Beautiful - The Lake Cowichan Club has seven members under the leadership of Gil Flata. All are active and very helpful. They involve their wives too. Their budget and activities are amazing. They prove that it can be done with small numbers.

B.C. AOTS ROUNDUP cont'd -

Naramata - Allan Jones, a staff member of this Centre for training lay people for Leadership, reported that they have a men's group that meets for fellowship but has no structure. He also reported on courses available at the Centre. In a brief historical sketch of the Centre he emphasized the influence that AOTS had on getting the Centre going.

Men's Conferences - Jim McPherson, Past Chairman of the Christian Men's Coastal Conference endorsed Conferences as marvellous opportunities for men to find their faith, renew their faith and share their faith. He told of the magic of such get-to-gethers.

United Church Men - Nelson Ball, the voice of the men in the B.C. Courts of the Church, pointed out that there were groups of men active in church work who were not affiliated with AOTS. The AOTS tries to keep in touch with these, while the UCM under him concentrates on Men's Conferences. In 1978 it is expected that about 500 men will attend the several Men's Conferences held in B.C. He was happy to hear of new clubs in the Kootenays and at Trail. A group of men in Prince George have accepted responsibility for the 79 Banff Men's Conference.

The Roundup ended with a Banquet at 4.30 and Lem Burnham of the Chinese United Church giving an illustrated talk on his mission in Hong Kong. He did social work there from 1955-73.

The Vancouver Island people all made it to the Ferries on time including two lost souls from Fairfield United.

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#### 4 D's for AOTS

In his address on November 19, 1977 to the 18th AOTS Roundup for Belleville Presbytery, Bay of Quinte Conference, Don Smith challenged the AOTS with the consideration of four D's for AOTS. The meeting of over 100 men was held in Selby United Church, a building that is 102 years old.

What is your dream for AOTS, Don asked the men as he spoke about the first 'D' for Dreams. The second 'D' is for Depth. Don't play around in the shallow water. Jesus said, "Launch out into the deep and then lower your nets". The AOTS must not be bound by tradition, organizational patterns etc. but prepare for Diversity, the third 'D'. This leads into the fourth 'D' of Daring. We must dare to experiment and try various things if we are to succeed in our dreams for AOTS.

The business of the meeting included the election and installation of the new executive headed by Jack Arthur of Westminster U.C., Belleville. Phil Spence, National AOTS Executive Secretary, installed the officers.

The 1978 Belleville AOTS Roundup will be held at Westminster Church, Belleville, about the 3rd Saturday of November.

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From his desk at UNICEF, Don Smith, reminds us that 1979 will be observed as the International Year of the Child. The United Church as well as UNICEF will be extensively participating in the IYC. The AOTS, with Youth Work (boys & girls) as one of their major concerns, could be involved too. Local clubs might be interested in the UNICEF Greeting Card Program.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF UNITED CHURCH AOTS MEN'S CLUBS

As there have been several changes in the National Council over the past year, the following list will bring you up to date as of June/78.

NATIONAL OFFICERS:

President	Tom Ferguson	Box 13, Trenton, N.S.	BOK 1X0
Past President	Ken Lane	354 Stanfield Dr. Oakville, Ont.	L6L 3P6
Past Pres. (inactive)	Dave Murphy	29 Palmer's Lane, Charlottetown	CL1A 5V7
Eastern Vice-Pres.	vacant - Have you a nomination?		
Central Vice-Pres.	Keith MacFayden	1081 Pharmacy Ave., Scarborough	M1R 2H2
Western Vice-Pres.	Murray McPherson	740 Lanark St. Winnipeg, Man.	R3N 1M3
Treasurer	Bob Lewis	#902-150 Mary St., Chatham, Ont	N7L 4V2
Executive Sec.	Allan Smith	#602-70 Baif Blvd. Richmond Hill	L4C 5L2

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN:

Membership	Ross Adams	R.R.1, Consecon, Ont.	KOK 1T0
Projects	Reg Attwell	2935 Wildwood Dr. Nanaimo, B.C.	V9T 1A4
Constitution	Clare Boyd	Box 706, Mitchell, Ont.	NOK 1N0
International	Alex Darrell	57 Roslin Ave., Toronto, Ont.	M4N 1Z1
Ecumenical	Dr. Fred Holberton	3818-14A St. S.W., Calgary, ALTA.	T2T 3W6
Program	Sidney Bagnall	78 Elvaston Dr., Toronto, Ont.	M4A 1N6
Long Range Planning	Jack Cleave	361 Twin Lakes Dr. Sarnia, Ont.	N7S 4X4
Youth	Bill Sefton	18 Gleneden Cr., Toronto, Ont.	M4B 2X9
11th Convention	Bob Whitman	2398 St. Clair Ave. W. Toronto	M6N 1L1
79 Ont. Roundup	Roger Kettle	124 Coverdale St. Chatham, Ont.	N7L 2V2
Communications	vacant - Have you a nomination?		
Leadership Development	vacant - Have you a nomination?		

CONFERENCE AOTS PRESIDENTS: (They represent their conference AOTS men on the National Council)

Newfoundland	Cyril Locke	Box 190, Springdale, Nfld.	A0J 1T0
Maritimes	Malcolm MacDonald	R.R.5, Sydney, N.S.	B1P 6G7
Mont. & Ottawa	Dr. John Polley	612 Highland Ave., Ottawa, Ont	K2A 2K3
Bay of Quinte	Harold Burke	105 Byron St., Trenton, Ont.	K8V 2Y3
Toronto	Bob Wiles	1 Stanhope Ave., Toronto, Ont.	M4K 3N4
Hamilton	Gordon Hall	91 Somerset Cr., Waterloo, Ont.	N2L 1N1
London	Ross Agar	74 Wilson Ave., Chatham, Ont.	N7L 1K7
Manitou	John Thompson	Box 1558, Cochrane, Ont.,	P0L 1C0
Manitoba	George Cordell	248 Carpathia Rd., Winnipeg, Man	R3N 1S9
Saskatchewan	Donald (Duke) Dey	14 Bell St., Regina, Sask.	S4S 4B6
Alberta	Jim Dickie	8915-148 St., Edmonton, Alta	T5R 0Z8
British Columbia	Dr. Bill Hastings	803 Younette Dr., West Vancouver	V6K 2E1
Member-at-Large	Jack Banks	#616-47 Thorncliffe Pk. Dr., Tor.	M4H 1J5
Member-at-Large	Erskine Dyer	Box 1829, Hamilton 5, Bermuda	
Member-at-Large	John Aspin	72 Tecumseh Dr., Aurora, Ont.	L4G 2X4

Please make special note of the new address for the National Treasurer. The National Office address is that of the Executive Secretary, Al Smith.

# SECOND MILE SUPPORT FOR AOTS

PLEDGES RECEIVED to June 30/78

So far, 35 people have pledged nearly \$2500. for 1978. We need 4 times that if we are going to reach our objective, \$10,000.

The 9th Biennial Convention in Ottawa in 1975 established a base for financial support of our National and International operations as \$5.00 per member per year. This is the "First mile" of AOTS support, but does not cover the expenses involved in giving the service needed and requested such as developing promotional material and programs; producing a regular President's letter, etc.

Since the National Association of United Church Men's Clubs is now a registered Charity for Income Tax purposes, receipts for all donations, including not only your National Dues but also any other gifts to support our operation and projects are available.

At the 10th Biennial Convention held in Halifax in 1977, Mr. Brydon MacCrea, a former AOTS National President, stated he believed there would be at least 100 men across Canada who were convinced of the value of AOTS as a force for practical expression of Christian principles in our Church, to commit themselves to yearly give \$10.00 per month for 10 months for National support. Your National Executive endorsed the idea and instructed that it be passed on to the members for their action.

The Second Mile plan enables every member to have an opportunity to express financially his feelings toward our objective to be "As One That Serves". We recommend use of post-dated cheques as a practical method of payment if you desire.

### Sample Commitments

\$25.00 per month	\$250 in 10 months	\$300 in 12 months
10.00 " "	100 " " "	120 " " "
5.00 " "	50 " " "	60 " " "
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.50 " "	5 " " "	6 " " "
.25 " "	1.00 in 4 months	3 " " "

Commitments are not binding but please let us know if you plan to change. Plans for our growth depend on your support. Progress will be reported in current President letters.

Please complete and return this tear-off strip with your first payment or batch of post dated cheques.

Please mail to  
 Mr. Robert Lewis — National Treasurer  
 United Church AOTS Men's Clubs  
 #902 - 150 Mary St.  
 Chatham, Ont., N7L 4V2

### UNITED CHURCH AOTS MEN'S CLUBS — SECOND MILE FUND

As an expression of my belief in the principles of AOTS I will endeavour to contribute to the Second Mile Fund for 1978 as follows

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month for \_\_\_\_\_ months for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Signed .....

Please indicate  if you wish to remain anonymous.

Address .....

Postal Code .....

COMING EVENTS

- August 18-20, 1978 - Montreal-Ottawa Conference Event for Men, Women and Youth at Lennoxville, Quebec. Genevieve Carder will be the theme speaker. One of the workshop leaders will be Ken Lane, Past National AOTS President.
- September 22-24, 1978 - Men's Fellowship Camp at Loon Bay, Newfoundland. It is being planned by Lewisporte AOTS.
- October 13-15, 1978 - 24th Banff Men's Conference - theme speaker is Rev. Dr. Robert Mumford, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario. Registration \$12.00; Total for weekend \$45.00. Registrar is - Phil E. Blakeley, 2313 11th Ave., Lethbridge, Alberta T1K 0K6
- October 15, 1978, 11.00 a.m.- AOTS reunion in conjunction with a special Anniversary Service at Woodgreen United Church, Queen St. East in Toronto.
- October 21, 1978 - Renewal Day - 1st Church Waterloo, Ont. (all day) It is Ecumenical and includes men and women - Leader -Gordon Williams.
- October 22, 1978, 7.30 p.m.- Scarborough AOTS Glee Club 20th Anniversary Service at T.Eaton Memorial Church, Toronto.
- November 3-4, 1978(tentative) - Hobby Show - Oak Bay AOTS, Victoria, B.C.
- November 4, 1978 - Hamilton Conference Men - Make It Happen - at St. Pauls, Oakville, Ont.
- November 5, 1978 - Toronto Conference AOTS Fall Rally-2.30 - 9.00 at Mount Dennis United Church, Toronto. Lorne Walsh (Executive Secretary of Toronto Conference) will be the leader on the theme, "Lord, Why Me?" Registrar is Mr. Bob Wilkie, 212 Kingswood Rd. Toronto, M4E 3N7. phone 699-2794. Cost \$7.00.
- November 18, 1978 - (9-4) - Tri-County (London Conference) AOTS Rally at Park St. Church, Chatham. Theme- Canadian Unity. A fitting follow-up to last years program on the Energy Crisis.
- November 28-30, 1978 - North American Conference of Men's Work Secretaries at 217 St. George St., Toronto.
- March 11, 1979 (tentative) - Toronto Conference Junior Choir Festival sponsored by the Toronto Conference AOTS Men's Club Council.
- March 31, 1979 - B.C. AOTS Roundup. Host - Gordon United AOTS.
- April 27-29, 1979 - Ontario AOTS Round-up - Geneva Park YMCA Centre. Planning Chairman, Roger Kettle, Chatham, London Conference.
- May 12, 1979 (tentative) - Auction Sale - Oak Bay AOTS, Victoria, B.C.
- July 26-29, 1979 - National AOTS Convention at University of Toronto  
The 1979 Banff Men's Conference will be planned by men of the Prince George area, B.C.

BERMUDA INTERLUDE - February 4 - 12, 1978.

In appreciation of the consistently high attendance at the National AOTS Conventions by delegates from the Bermuda AOTS Clubs this Bermuda Interlude was planned. AOTS men and their wives from most parts of Canada, a total of 56, made the trip and enjoyed fellowship with the local AOTS clubs. The accommodation at the Hamilton Princess was very good. From this base the Canadian visitors attended a number of workshops, visited churches and men's groups as well as doing all the tourist things like sightseeing and shopping. The Saturday evening banquet was addressed by Cyril Packwood, author of the book, "Chained on the Rock".

The Interlude was a highly successful Event; the planning brought the Bermuda clubs closer together and the Canadian delegates received a deeper appreciation of Bermuda and its people.

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PETERBOROUGH, ONTARIO - We have two AOTS Clubs in Peterborough- George St. and Grace-St. James. Both clubs help in the Chapel Service at Millbrook Correctional Centre. Both clubs also support children attending the Church Camp at Tweed - Quin-mo lac. George St. is active in collecting clean, old newspapers to sell, for recycling not rereading. Apparently they are selling now for around \$70. a ton.

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The OAK BAY (Victoria) AOTS June Newsletter shows plenty of activity there. At their Ladies Night on June 5, they had 79 members and guests attend. They are assisting for a boy and girl to attend Camp Pringle, and they shared the cost of an appreciation dinner for the Sunday and mid-week leaders. Plans are made for a Hobby Show in November and an Auction next May. They will also be selling nuts in December. They are co-operating in the Upper Room Rescue Mission and are funding the purchase of a film-strip projector and a cassette record-player for church school use. They had 16 men at the Coastal Christian Men's Conference and expect to have some at the Banff Conference in October. Their Executive includes directors for Meetings, Service, Program, Outreach and Projects. Corban Goble is the President.

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Vancouver Island District Council Minutes reports on activity of their member clubs-

Brechin - Sold nuts, held a flea market and Plant sale. They gave a donation to Naramata.

Centennial - A Plant Sale and a work-party at Camp Pringle

Chemainus-Ladysmith - A work-party & picnic at Moorecroft. \$200. donated to worthy causes.

Lake Cowichan - Donations to Boy Scouts charter, Museum, & Music Festival.

Duncan - Catered a big Brother/Son supper; a bread & bun stall with the UCW (proceeds went for mentally handicapped); driving Sr. Citizens to monthly tea; operate an annual spring tea.

Esquimalt - Worked at Camp Pringle; donated to church Renovation Fund.

Gordon - Involved in recycling & a walkathon.

Oak Bay - reported above.

Dick Wade is the President of the District Council.



## SOME HAMILTON CONFERENCE ACTIVITY IN 1977-

MAKE IT HAPPEN- Nov.5/77 - Delta United Church, Hamilton - 88 men attended - Don Smith was theme speaker on "A Man's Reach". He challenged the men to get back to basics, re-read and study the Bible and as laymen really begin to once again actively assert ourselves as Christians. It was a wonderful day. The offering in memory of Clare McDonald, who was a great worker among men, died eleven months ago.

ST.JAMES ROSEMOUNT CLUB - Had a very successful part in the Central Ontario Exhibition in that they operated a booth and were able to gross in excess of four thousand dollars. This money becomes the basis for their annual church and community involvement.

SUMMIT MEN'S CLUB - Mount Hamilton United Church, Hamilton - Approximately 40 men attended the inaugural meeting for the Fall Season. The Conference AOTS President was invited to speak. The presentation took the form of a personal witness as to Christ's goodness and what AOTS meant in his life. It was a good meeting and most timely as encouragement was needed at this point in time.

TREE PLANTING CEREMONY - Six beautiful evergreens were planted at the Conference site. These six trees represent the six presbyteries. The significant fact is that the men of Hamilton Conference will be involved in helping to pay for these beautiful ornamental evergreens.

ENCOURAGING NOTE - Following the "Make it Happen" get-to-gether it was noted that three groups of men in Hamilton and Brantford are demonstrating interest in the formation of clubs in their areas.

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From St.Andrew's AOTS News Letter "THE MENU" we notice that their financial projects in 1977 included a Pancake Supper and Bake Sale, a Rag Drive, a Chuckwagon Dinner & Bake Sale, a Nut Sale, and Bond Sale Commissions. Of the money raised \$1000. went to the church and nearly \$700. to Youth Work.

Some of their activity in 1978 will include 10 men to the Banff Conference, a continuing Rag Drive, another Pancake & Sausage Supper, & financial support of the Vacation Bible School. One of their members, Ken Doraty, has been nominated to the Sask. Sports Hall of Fame. In February, they were informed on Citizen Advocacy. "A Citizen Advocate works on a one-to-one basis with a handicapped person to live a normal life in the community."

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Another St.Andrew's, this one at Edmonton, is sponsoring a Youth Band. Back in March its membership was up to 15. This club has also sent \$250. to the Harry Colnett Fund.

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TRI-COUNTY DISTRICT, London Conference - The Travelling Cross has travelled from Park St. to South Raleigh, to Erieview, to South Chatham and is now at Central in Sarnia.

Vistoria Ave., Chatham AOTS won the Championship of the Olympic Day held at Park St. Church in March. This same club won the Attendance Award at the Ontario Roundup in 1977 & 1978. Are the rest of the Ontario Clubs going to let them take it again in 1979? The Planning Committee for 79 is centred there with Roger Kettle as Chairman so they will be giving him plenty of support.

ONTARIO AOTS ROUNDUP - April 28,29,30, 1978

The 1978 Ontario AOTS Roundup was held at the Geneva Park YMCA Centre, near Orillia, Ontario with 192 attending. Harold Burke, Bay of Quinte Conference was Chairman. He and his committee did an excellent job. The one complaint was that they tried to put two snorers like Phil Spence and Sid Bagnall in the same room.

The program was on AOTS and allowed for 2 sessions of workshops for each of the following - Youth - Bob Whitman, Officers - Don Smith, Devotions - Gary Wilson, Finance & Projects(2nd mile) - Bob Lewis, Membership & Visitation - Phil Spence, Publicity & Promotion - Val Carswell, Programs - Sid Bagnall.

Great fellowship, singing and food was enjoyed by all. The Committee even built a Play-off National Hockey game into the Saturday evening program.

Along with resolutions of appreciation and for next years Roundup the following resolution was presented and passed -  
Inasmuch that it is an undeniable and irrefutable fact that United Church AOTS Men's Clubs have made a most meaningful and significant contribution to the development and strengthening of the Christian Life, Christian Service and Christian Fellowship of thousands of men within and without the United Church of Canada, over a period of some 55 yrs. and is still doing so; and inasmuch as AOTS has been a most generous and effective Support and Arm of the Church for these many years, and still is and has the capacity to be more so; and inasmuch as there is no other effective National Organization of laymen in the United Church:

Be it therefore resolved that we, the(190) delegates gathered on April 28,29,30,1978 at the Ontario Roundup of United Church AOTS Men's Clubs at Geneva Park, Lake Couchiching, Ontario:

1. Express our deep concern and regret at the apparent lack of acceptance and adequate recognition of the Programs, Aims, and Objects of AOTS by the General Council, Church Conferences and Presbyteries, and their Divisions and Departments.

2. Express our regret at the failure, for the most part, of the bodies above named, to realize and recognize in any significant manner that AOTS is ready, willing and able to continue as a most effective force in developing the Spiritual Life of men, and indeed, to continue as a most vital part of the United Church of Canada.

and be it further resolved that we, the Roundup Delegates, request the National Council of United Church AOTS Men's Clubs to express these deep concerns and regrets to the General Council(or other proper body) urging that very serious consideration be given to delegating to AOTS the responsibility for all Men's Work within the United Church of Can. with provision for assistance to AOTS to carry out this work;

and finally, be it resolved that this Resolution be made known to all member clubs of the National Association of United Church AOTS MC's.

Moved by L.Gordon Hall

Seconded by S.E.Bagnall

Carried.

## Toronto Conference Junior Choir Festival

The overwhelming sound of a hundred and sixty voices singing, "Joyful, Joyful we adore Thee" provided the highpoint and finale for a Festival of Song at Asbury & West Church, Toronto, on Sunday, March 12, 1978. Participating were some 10 choirs and singing groups, varying in age from quite young to teenagers, from various United Churches in Toronto. Added colour and interest were provided by instrumental accompaniment as well as piano. Also, many of the choirs were most attractively gowned, with original colours and styles of uniforms.

Two numbers were sung by each group and the generally fine calibre of diction & expression were mentioned by the adjudicators, Mr. & Mrs. John Ambrose. Each choir received its summary and marking at the close of the Festival, along with a certificate of participation for the event. All choristers were given crests to mark the occasion.

The prizes were gifts of money contributed by the Scarborough AOTS Glee Club and won by the following - West Hill 35, High Park 25, St. John's Wishing Well 15, Donminster 10, Asbury & West and Royal York Road were tied and received 5 each. Others participating were North Runnymede, Iondale, Church of the Master, and Mount Dennis.

The Toronto Conference AOTS Men's Club Council organized the event under the directorship of Sid Bagnall, Wilmar Heights. Refreshments were served by Asbury & West AOTS - hot dogs & pop for the young people and coffee for the many parents and friends attending.

Another Festival is being planned for early 1979, tentative date is March 11, 1979. It is hoped and expected to be even better than the 1978 Festival, with participation from churches outside of the Metro Toronto area. The National AOTS would like to see similar events sponsored in other Conferences.

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THE SCARBOROUGH AOTS GLEE CLUB WILL CELEBRATE 20 YEARS OF SERVICE in song to the church and community when they hold a Choral Worship Service at T. Eaton Memorial Church, Toronto, on Sunday, October 22, 1978 at 7.30 p.m.

The Glee Club was organized by Sidney E. Bagnall of Wilmar Heights United Church AOTS Men's Club, Scarborough, Ontario, in September, 1958. Sid, as Director, and 7 of the other 12 original members are still with the Club, which now numbers over 40 men and women.

Their emphases over these 20 years of Christian Service through harmony in song, has been in providing a great number and variety of programs to church and community groups across the country, ranging from National AOTS Conventions to Sunday evening services in small rural charges; from full-scale Variety Concerts to large audiences to brief and intimate programs to small groups of Senior Citizens, Hospital Patients, etc.

The Glee Club members have chosen this Service on Oct. 22 as a fitting way in which to commemorate those years and to rededicate themselves to their aim; To Promote Harmony Among Men and to provide a Christian Service. Rev. Ted Kersey will be the guest speaker. A warm invitation is extended to the public and all their many friends to attend.

REPORT from LANGLEY, B.C. (Received in March/78)

The AOTS had a very rewarding year in 1977. The outstanding achievement was the purchase of a new piano for the sanctuary which left a debt of more than \$1,300. However, a very successful auction sale wiped out the debt and left a small bank balance.

The saddest event was the loss of Art Thorfinnson, vice-president and past secretary. He will be remembered for the warmth of his fellowship and his dedication to the welfare of the club.

The club is still growing; four new members joined during the year. Supper meetings are held on the last Monday of the month at 6.15.

The C.G.I.T. helped at the annual pancake social and a sizeable donation was made to the Provincial C.G.I.T.

Through the Christian Children's Fund, two foster children, one in Kenya and one in Mexico, are still being supported. Each Sunday School teacher was given a subscription to the U.C. Observer.

On June 1st a dedication service was held for the Memorial Plaque to honour the late Rev. Joe Cinnamon, who had been a Life Member of AOTS. A very happy occasion was the presentation of a Life Membership Certificate to Herman Walker, the club's faithful and efficient treasurer for many years.

The phone-a-ride service is still helping any person who needs a ride to church.

The annual barbecue was held at the Vans' home. The wives of the AOTS members enjoyed it so much that they volunteered to do the dishes!

The nut drive was a success; special thanks are due to the Scouts, Cubs, and Beavers for help.

Visitors' Night saw friends from Cloverdale and Dr. Bill Hastings, B.C. AOTS President, and members from Provincial AOTS present as guests. District Council held one of their meetings here. On April 1st the B.C. AOTS Round-up will be held at Langley. With the co-operation of the U.C.W. and the Provincial members its success is assured.

Club members attended the '77 Roundup at Victoria, the Banff Men's Conference, the Spring Fair at Burnaby and the AOTS Christmas Party in Vancouver. Excellent fellowship and spiritual uplift were received from all these conferences.

Tom Murray (Pres.)

Ron Pardoe (Sec.)

Note- We would like reports like this from other clubs; we can't promise to print them all.

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NATIONAL LIFE MEMBERSHIPS  
 UNITED CHURCH AOTS MEN'S CLUBS  
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Article 33 of the Constitution: - A Life Membership in the National Association may be conferred for meritorious service to the Men's Club Movement on terms and conditions as determined from time to time by the National AOTS Council or its Executive.

Any club or 3 Individual Members may nominate a person for a Life Membership.

Nomination forms are available from the National Office. The fee is \$25.00. As of June 15/78 our Life Members are:

NO.	NAME	CONFERENCE	DATE
1	Milton Thorpe	B.C.	Mar. 31/74
2	Jim Lord	B.C.	Mar. 31/74
3	Merton Gordon	B.C.(Deceased)	Mar. 31/74
4	George Fountain	B.C.(Deceased)	Mar. 31/74
5	Judge K. Collins	B.C.(Deceased)	Mar. 31/74
6	Phil Spence	B.Q.	Sept. 29/74
7	Jack Banks	Tor.	Sept. 29/74
8	Clare Boyd	Lon.	Sept. 29/74
9	Rev. Joseph A. Ramjit	B.Q.(Died June 6/76)	Mar. 15/75
10	Ross Adams	B.Q.	Mar. 15/75
11	Rev. R. Leonard Bacon	M&O	Mar. 31/75
12	Dr. Gordon Lapp	Tor.	Apr. 17/75
13	Rev. Norman Estey	Mar.	Sept. 27/75
14	Ross Agar	Lon.	Sept. 27/75
15	Rev. Carl Zurbrigg	M&O	Sept. 27/75
16	John Marlow	M&O	Sept. 27/75
17	Clarence R. Stirling	Lon.	Sept. 27/75
18	Alex Darrell	Tor.	Sept. 27/75
19	David G. Brown	Man.	Dec. 5/75
20	Taylor K. Franklin	B.Q.	Mar. 20/76
21	G. Brydon McCrea	Man.	July 10/76
22	Howard G. Parker	Mar.	Aug. 31/76
23	Thomas W. Ferguson	Mar.	Aug. 31/76
24	Major Osborne R. Crowell	Mar.	Aug. 31/76
25	Dr. Robert McClure	Tor.	Sept. 15/76
26	Edward D. Jones	M&O(Died Mar. 5/77)	Dec. 11/76
27	Albert H. Diston	Sask.	Feb. 19/77
28	Charles Burritt	B.C.	Mar. 19/77
29	Fred Saunderson	Lon.	Mar. 19/77
30	Allan R. Jones	B.C.	Mar. 19/77
31	Wilf. Balmer	Tor.	Mar. 19/77
32	Jack H. Dawson	Tor.(Died Mar. 10/77)	Mar. 19/77
33	G. Allan Smith	Tor.	May 14/77
34	Donald C. Morton	B.C.	June 17/77
35	Sidney E. Bagnall	Tor.	June 17/77
36	Dr. Norman H. MacKenzie	Manitou	Nov. 13/77
37	Bert Bratton	Tor.	Mar. 11/78
38	John Aspin	Tor.	Mar. 11/78
39	Don G. Smith	Ham.	Mar. 11/78

A certificate is available from the National Office for local clubs to present to men given Life Memberships in the local club.

## INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL AOTS ASSOCIATION

Since 1973 an Individual Membership in the National AOTS Association has been available to interested men who subscribe to the Aims of AOTS. The current dues are \$5.00 a year. Particulars with application forms are available from the National Office or any National Council member. Nearly 200 men have joined though our active list is not that high; some have fallen by the wayside, some have found fellowship in a local club, some have become National Life members, and some haven't got around to paying up their dues. As of June 15/78 the following have paid their 1978 dues. The first number is the enrollment number; the second number indicates the years that dues have been paid e.g. 778 means that they have paid for 1977 & 1978.

067 James G. Anderson	75678	099 Henry Maundrell	7678
014 Nelson Ball	745678	100 Roy Merrick	7678
151 Randall B.Boates	78	176 Gordon C. Mowat	78
152 Rev.C.Boutilier	78	044 David Murphy	75678
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185 P. Battle	78	088 Aubrey Oldham	75678
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177 Samuel J. Bell	78	148 Willard H. Proud	778
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181 Hilton Burgess	78	093 John Reichert	76 8
065 Forbes W. Cavanagh	75678	083 Dwight A. Reveler	75678
120 Dave Chevalier	778	116 Arthur J. Robinson	778
153 Rev.Gary Clarke	78	171 Dr. Philip A. Potter	78
154 Alban W. Craswell	78	164 Floyd Serviss	78
196 Alfred E. Crawford	78	047 Forest Shuttleworth	75678
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115 Sybren H. deJong	778	197 J. Ross Scrimger	78
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111 Erskine Dyer	778	150 Stanley R. Snow	78
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157 Russel M. Ewing	78	179 Rev. Chas. Swan	78
158 Theo Foy	78	149 W.F. Taylor	78
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159 Alvin L. Hardy	78	057 Stewart N. Thompson	75 78
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