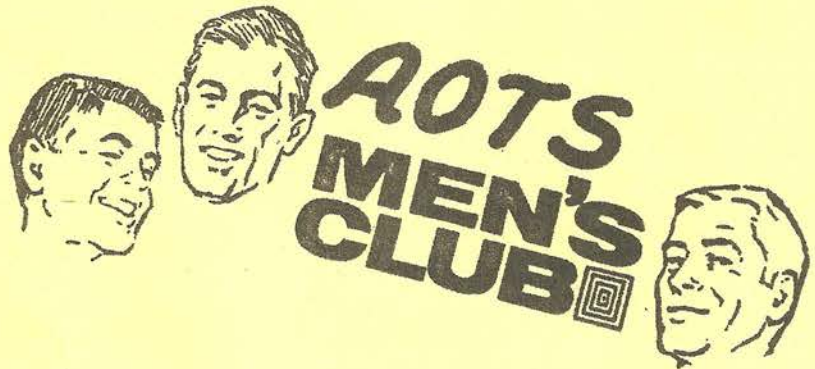
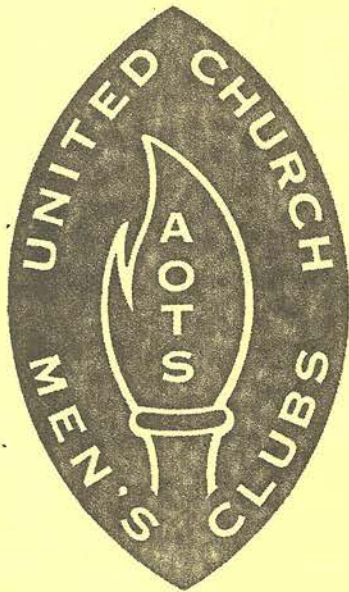


# National AOTS Newsletter

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AOTS is a movement of United Church men founded in 1923 and dedicated to promoting Christian fellowship, deepening the spiritual life of men, and developing effective programs of Christian service. Clubs are active across Canada, from Vancouver Island to Newfoundland, and in Bermuda, and are united under the National Association. The Newsletter is published by the National Association as a means of communication with the clubs and individual members. It appears four times a year: February, April, September and November from the office of the Executive Secretary: G. Allan Smith, #602 70 Baif Boulevard, Richmond Hill, Ontario, L4C 5L2.

National Association of United Church AOTS Men's Clubs

The United Church of Canada

"I am among you as one that serves." Luke 22:27.

## COMING EVENTS

- March 7 - Annual Regina District Council AOTS Spring Rally, Wesley U.C., Regina.
- March 24th - Mailing date for material for April issue of the Newsletter.
- March 29 - Annual British Columbia AOTS Round-Up, South Burnaby U.C.
- April ? - 20th Anniversary Celebration, Consecon U.C. AOTS MC, Consecon, Ont.
- April 25-27 - 26th Ontario AOTS Round-Up, Geneva Park. Speakers: Dr. Norman MacKenzie, Dr. Brian Aiken, Rev. Bill Major, Rev. Doug Joblin. Advance registration to March 10th: \$20, thereafter \$25 (plus \$40 on arrival). For information contact: Registrar Art Strain (705)474-5953, or Chairman Ned Brownlee, (705)472-2619.
- April 30 - Niagara Presbytery Rally, Fonthill U.C. Speaker: Rev. Gary Piper, Guelph, Ont., "Priorities for Men in the Home and in the Church".
- May ? - Manitoba Conference AOTS Spring Round-Up.
- May 2-4 - 22nd Manitoba Laity Conference, at Gimli.
- May 2-4 - Coastal Christian Men's Conference, Trinity Western College, Langley, B.C. Theme speaker: Rev. George Morrison, South Burnaby U.C. Contact: C. Lucas (604)522-2112.
- May 30 - June 1 - 1980 United Church Men's Conference, Elgin House, Port Carling, Ont. - men only.
- June 13-15 - men and wives.  
Theme: "Christian Wholeness"; theme speaker: Dr. Thomas A. Langford, Dean of the Divinity School, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina.  
Other speakers include: Dr. W. Clarke MacDonald on the first weekend, Dr. Bob McClure on the second weekend, plus Dr. Larry Kelly, Waterloo, and Rev. Maurice Boyd, London, on both weekends.
- June 20-22 - Ontario Conference for Women of the United Church, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ont. Co-sponsored by The Ontario Council and the Division of Mission in Canada of The United Church of Canada. Registration: \$75.
- August 15-24 - Youth Forum (meeting in conjunction with General Council), St. Andrew's United Church, Halifax, N. S. For 100 youth, ages 15 to 21, \$225 per person. Deadline for registration: May 15th (see page 10 for details).
- Sept. 13-14 - 25th Annual Stanhope Men's Conference, Stanhope, P.E.I. (date tentative).
- Sept. 20-21 (tentative) - 25th Annual Men's Fellowship Rally, Loon Bay, Newfoundland. Contact: Newfoundland Conference AOTS President Cyril Locke, (709)673-3326.
- October 17-19 - 26th Annual Banff Men's Conference, Banff, Alberta. Theme speaker: Rev. Ted Scott, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, "The Influence of Affluence". Contact: Chairman Ralph Horley (403)464-4786.
- November 15-16 - 25th Anniversary Celebration, Victoria Avenue U.C. AOTS MC, Chatham, Ont.
- August 21-23/81 12th Biennial National AOTS Convention, University of Calgary, Calgary.

This newsletter is reaching you a bit later than scheduled, partly because of other commitments and partly because of interest in the federal election. It is also a busy time of year as we wind up one and start another. However, this is not a commercial operation and deadlines are not rigid. Besides, we are writing to friends, are we not?

First, a report on President Murray McPherson's recent swing through western and central Ontario, as outlined in the last letter. His escort was Ross Agar, London Conference AOTS President, who sent us the following information.

Murray arrived at London Airport at 3:30 PM November 15th to start a busy three-day visit to London, Toronto, and Bay of Quinte Conferences. Due to sickness at the London Conference office, plans to meet first with the Conference executive staff had to be cancelled.

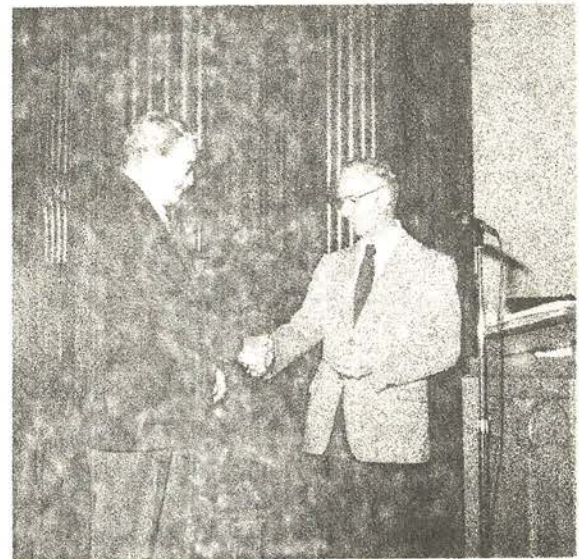
The first gathering with AOTS men was at a dinner meeting that evening at Dundas Centre United Church, London, where he was greeted by 75 men representing nine United Churches, one Anglican, and one Baptist Church, all in the London area. Following dinner and a short program Murray gave an excellent talk on the purpose and the responsibilities of AOTS clubs. The second meeting was on the 16th at Victoria Avenue United Church in Chatham. It was the occasion of the annual rally of the Tri-County AOTS District Council and 110 men were present. In the program following dinner new officers for the District were elected, Murray conducting the installation ceremony, and Jack Cleave of Sarnia, National President in 1967-71, was presented with a Life Membership plaque by Tri-County in recognition of meritorious service to AOTS. The presentation was made by Ross Agar. Murray then spoke, again giving a fine address on what AOTS stands for and what we, as members, should be doing about it.

On Saturday, the 17th, they were up at 5:30 AM to drive to Toronto, where Murray chaired a meeting of the National Executive Committee from 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Then on to Bloomfield in Bay of Quinte Conference and a dinner meeting with 90 men of that area. This was the 20th annual fall round-up of Belleville Presbytery AOTS District Council. Again there were elections, with Murray installing the new executive, and again Murray spoke, on "AOTS -- Past Present and Future". On Sunday they drove back to London Airport and at 1 PM he took off on his return flight to Winnipeg.

In his talks to the three AOTS gatherings Murray dealt with the contribution of AOTS to the life of the Church, in terms of numbers involved (latest U.C. records show 3781 men in AOTS and 5604 in U.C. Men groups or unaffiliated clubs), fellowship, social outreach, and project activities. He touched on the history of AOTS, from its founding by Dr. Riggs at Kerrisdale Methodist Church (now Ryerson U.C.) in Vancouver, January 8, 1923, its expansion into eastern Canada in the early 50's under D. R. Poole, to its present status (as of January 1, 1976) as an integral part of the Church within the Division of Mission in Canada, but one in which we are assuming increasing responsibility for staff and financial needs. He listed the objectives of AOTS: to promote Christian fellowship, to deepen the spiritual life of men, and to develop effective programs of community service, noting (as per Don Smith, 1979 Toronto Convention) that AOTS



service is performed "because of concern for people and that unique relationship made possible through Jesus Christ", and that without such concern service can be sterile. Arguing that we serve more effectively when we do so in mutual support and cooperation, and that this is the purpose of our club/district council/national association structure,



Ross Agar presents Life Membership plaque to Jack Cleave, at Victoria Avenue United Church, November 16, 1979.

President-elect Ray Leckie of Sarnia presents past-president pin to Forest Shuttleworth, Tilbury, for Tri-County AOTS District Council, November 16, 1979.

he said that "structure and organization can be a burden, but with good leadership and cooperation they can be a source of power."

Looking to the future Murray said: "I believe there is an upswing of interest in the concern for and interest in organized men's work amongst the men of our church. It is our duty to foster this interest and to offer all men an invitation to be part of this great adventure so that all may see more clearly their role in the mission of the church. He urged that we "stand up and be counted as were Peter and John (Acts 4:13): "And when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated laymen, they were amazed. They realized then that they had been the companions of Jesus."

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As reported in our last letter Murray was to visit clubs in Manitou Conference during the first week of December. We understand that all went well and look forward to receiving a report from Conference AOTS President Jack Thompson.

### CLUB NEWS

The mail bag was a bit heavier this period, reports, letters, press clippings, etc., coming one way or another from 21 clubs (of ~ 130) representing 8 conferences (of 12). But there are many clubs we haven't heard from. Please write, sending your letters and news items to: Executive Secretary G. Allan Smith, #602 70 Baif Blvd., Richmond Hill, Ont. L4C 5L2. To appear in the next newsletter it should be in the mail by about the 24th of March.

#### BRITISH COLUMBIA Conference, 3 clubs reporting.

Duncan U.C., Duncan (#016), (our largest, 71 members in 1979, and one of our oldest clubs), two press clippings and a list of the officers and committees for 1980. The latter is impressive: 4 officers plus 14 committees, each with a chairman and vice-chairman, and sharing 72 members and no one on more than one committee. And among the 72 are 6 chart members (1951), 6 past presidents of district council, and 16 (!) past presidents of the club. What a remarkable line-up. The clippings report the arrival of a refugee family

from Laos, sponsored by members of the Church; an inter-club gathering with South Burnaby U.C. (80 members and wives, including 19 from Burnaby); and an interesting talk by Chief Denis Alphonse of the Cowichan Indian Band on some of the problems faced by their young people today. Contact: Jock Gillatt, President, (604)746-6084 (Jock retired recently from his work as school principal).

Fairfield U.C., Victoria (#685), January issue of their interesting two-page newsletter. Have been invited to join Duncan U.C. AOTS in their annual Ladies Night and installation of officers on January 17th. Netted \$125, and a lot of fun, in the annual Candy Cane Tea held on Dec. 1st. Sale of nuts has gone well. Contact: Fred Nichols, President, (604) 478-4894.

Gordon U.C., Victoria (#757), December and January issues of their newsletter. Have also been invited to Duncan for Jan. 17th! Raised \$480 from the "Country Store"; planning a dinner dance for Feb. 15th, walk-a-thon for Good Friday. Donations of \$100 to youth work, Salvation Army, and Harry Colnett Fund. Meeting program for March: Nuclear Energy.

SASKATCHEWAN Conference, 1 club reporting.

St. Andrew's U.C., Moose Jaw (#158), January issue of their fine newsletter "The Menu". The club is beginning its 28th year and all is reported well. A revision of the committee set-up will have every member active on the one of his choice. Fund-raising results include a net of \$1081 from the sale of 1500 boxes of nuts, and \$150 from sale of Canada Savings Bonds, as sub-agents. Incidentally, The Menu has a long history as well; this issue is Vol. 22, No. 1!

MANITOBA Conference, 1 club reporting.

Knox U.C., Winnipeg (#195), meeting notice reporting that Knox would be hosting the annual District Council Christmas Round-Up, in the form of a combined ladies night and president's night (referring to Murray McPherson, Clare Bailey, and Frank Lewis, council presidents at the National, Conference, and Manitoba District levels, respectively), Dec. 3rd, with an attendance of about 100 expected.

BAY OF QUINTE Conference, 2 clubs reporting.

George Street U.C., Peterborough (#390), November and January issues of Harambee, also a fine newsletter. On November 28th the Club celebrated its 20th anniversary in a gala affair with visitors from near and far. Ray Stabler, Mr. AOTS at George Street, who has not missed a meeting in the 20 years, cut the birthday cake. Guest speaker was Rev. Bob Rumble, Evangelical Church of the Deaf, Toronto. A club life membership was presented to Larry Seili. Coming up: a pancake social by the men on Feb. 19th, and on March 26th the annual "Ladies Night", on an Irish theme.

Holloway Street U.C., Belleville (#353), a letter from President Carl Wannamaker. He reports that their Roast Beef Dinner project of Oct. 28th netted \$750, their participation in the UCW Bazaar \$200, and their Christmas Party \$48 (for a needy family), for a fine total of \$998 to support their service work. And on Jan. 21st they hosted an interclub meeting with Bridge Street U.C. AOTS of Belleville.

LONDON Conference, 4 clubs reporting.

Victoria Avenue U.C., Chatham (#188), the November, December, and January newsletters (100 copies distributed monthly). This is a very active group: selling nuts; continuing with monthly Sunday 7:30 AM breakfast meetings; members of the Dresden Men's Fellowship (every second month); met with Tilbury AOTS men on Jan. 27th; soliciting pen pals for out-of-town

students; supporting "Vision Mission" in aid of needy people requiring eye glasses; have joined in support of refugee families by their congregation. Ladies Night coming up on March 28th. And they hosted the Tri-County AOTS District Council meeting of November 16th at which National President Murray McPherson was guest speaker.

Thamesview U.C., Fullarton (#114), press clippings reporting a visit by Fordwich U.C. Men's Club on Oct. 24th, and a gathering of 91 on Nov. 28th to honour coaches and captain of the winning team in the Fullarton Township minor fastball house league and local Scout and Cub leaders. The AOTS trophy was presented to the team captain and service bars to the Scout and Cub leaders. Charlie Walkom is their new president.

South Raleigh U.C., Merlin (#773), the annual report of the club secretary. An excellent year: 10 breakfast meetings with an average attendance of 52; speakers on a variety of topics: cornea transplants, guide dogs, broadcasting, slide presentations on Korea and on Australia, and more; successful fund raising via sale of nuts (purchased \$4608 worth for resale!) and pancake supper; among various donations \$560 went to Kenesserie Camp; received the travelling gavel from Releview AOTS (Ridgetown) and passed it on to South Chatham AOTS; 15 members attended the 1979 Ontario Round-Up at Geneva Park.

Harrow-Malden AOTS, Harrow (#003), a letter from President Max Calhoun reporting the celebration of their 25th anniversary, with 50 members and guests from Sarnia, Chatham, Blenheim, and South Raleigh clubs present. Max adds:

The speaker was Dr. Colin McKeen, a former resident of Harrow and a charter member and past president of the Club. While residing in Harrow he was head of plant pathology at the Harrow Research Station. Dr. McKeen is now retired and living in Ottawa.

Dr. McKeen noted that it is good to look back to see where we have been and in the light of past experience look forward to the future. He recalled that the AOTS club formed as a result of the fellowship enjoyed during construction of the Christian Education addition to the Church.

The Club was honoured further by the presence of Ross Agar, President of London Conference AOTS Men, and Ray Leckie, President of the Tri-County AOTS District Council. Past presidents in attendance included Bob Walsh (1956) of Bramalea and Dr. Ralph Wensley (1961) of Byron.

#### HAMILTON Conference, 2 clubs reporting.

St. James-Rosemount U.C., Kitchener (#613), a letter from Gordon Hall, a past president of the Club and currently Finance Committee Chairman on the National Executive. He describes how the men operated a hot dog-hamburg-coffee-etc. booth at the Central Ontario Exhibition last Aug. 28th to Sept. 3rd, to earn a profit of over \$2000. During the day the ladies minded the store, the men then taking over at 5 PM through to 11 PM. About 75 men and women took part over the seven days. Ladies Night attracted 40 couples. The Club is having a Men's Fellowship-Prayer Breakfast with men of First United Church, Waterloo, on February 2nd, with the younger men of the Club in charge of arrangements.

St. Paul's U.C., Oakville (#103), the annual report by President Bill Sprung. Profits from the sale of nuts and bazaar items funded donations of \$675, mainly to various youth activities in the Church and community. Program topics included talks by Dr. Clarke MacDonald, Division of Mission in Canada, and Harry Barrett, Mayor of Oakville, a cruise to the British Virgin Islands and a seminar on Car Care, by members Keith Lacey and Ron Brown several films, Ladies Night, father-and-son steak fry, and September hamburger-corn boil picnic with the wives --- a great year. In January: an excellent talk on Vandalism in the community, and how to deal with it, plus the election of a new executive. A record 31 members paid dues at this first meeting! The new president: Elmer Stewart (416)827-0582.

TORONTO Conference, 2 clubs reporting.

Lillefair U.C., Toronto (#558), January newsletter from President Harry Wolfram. Contributed more than \$2000 to the Church from funds raised by sale of Canada Savings Bonds (\$1800) and a fall rummage sale (\$200). Planning purchase of a floor microphone for the sanctuary. Ladies Night to be held on Feb. 11th.

Faith U.C., Toronto (#151), November and December issues of the Church newsletter. The men took part in the annual fall bazaar and held a Christmas party on Dec. 4th.

NEWFOUNDLAND Conference, 6 clubs reporting.

As noted elsewhere we have brief reports on six clubs by way of district council minutes.

Botwood U.C., Botwood (#023). To honour member Isaac Caravan for many years of service to the Club by presentation of a suitable plaque.

Bishop's Falls U.C., Bishop's Falls (#215). Sold mugs to raise \$315; donated \$75 to two fire victims; the men to take a Sunday evening service once a month starting Dec. 2nd. The new president is Fred Balsom (709)258-6887.

Memorial U.C., Grand Falls (#566A). A new club; the first executive was installed last February and they are off to a good start with 40 charter members. Six dinner meetings were held during the year with attendance averaging 27. Main project of the year was to paint the interior of the Memorial U.C. Group Home. Bill Phillips is president for 1980.

St. Matthew's U.C., Lewisporte (#324). In addition to the regular monthly meeting in October, there was a special dinner meeting on October 31st to hear Dr. Fred Holberton of Calgary, Alberta (and chairman of the organizing committee for the 12th Biennial National AOTS Convention). Dr. Holberton, as a staff person in Alberta Conference, was in Newfoundland for 10 days to exchange offices with his counterpart, Rev. Ralph Taylor, of Newfoundland Conference, so that each could look at men's club work in the other's part of the country.

Grace U.C., Springdale (#187). A strong club with 40 members. Sent 14 to the Loon Bay Conference, raised \$1250 through a take-out dinner, and shared in Laity Sunday.

Windsor U.C., Windsor (#461). Also organized a successful take-out dinner project. Held a Christmas party and have sponsored a foster child.

So ends CLUB NEWS for this period. Please keep your letters etc. coming. Send them to: Executive Secretary G. Allan Smith, #602 70 Baif Blvd., Richmond Hill, Ont. L4C 5L2. If there is anything you particularly wish to have printed please indicate this and be sure the story details are complete and accurate. And to those we have yet to hear from --- clubs or individual members, please write. You do a lot that others should know about; make it a point to tell them. To be on time for the next issue have it in the mail by March 24th.

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."  
Matt. 5:16.

If you mean to act nobly and seek to know the best things which God hath put within the reach of men, you must fix your mind on that end, and not on what will happen to you because of it.  
George Eliot

(From George Street AOTS Harambee, January 1980)

## DISTRICT COUNCIL/CONFERENCE NEWS

Several AOTS District Councils have reported during this last period.

Vancouver Island, the minutes of the first quarterly meeting for 1980, held Jan. 18th (via Don Morton, past B. C. Conference AOTS president), 41 men representing 9 clubs attending. New officers were elected and installed, Ernie Stafford of Duncan becoming president. This Council has been meeting regularly on a quarterly basis for 20 years!

Regina, the minutes of the meeting of Nov. 6th, 7 men attending. Duke Dey reported the Banff Conference a great success.

Manitoba, a lengthy report from President Frank Lewis, with several items of interest: both a spring and fall round-up were held in 1979; Knox U.C. AOTS has introduced a new procedure for the reception of members, the hand-out package comprising a membership pin, membership certificate, the brochure "You Were Asking About AOTS", plus the usual membership card; Knox AOTS paid the entire cost for the radio broadcasting of Knox Sunday Church services in 1979; encouraging results in the promotion of new clubs in the area. An organization chart listing 23 members and 12 committees indicates this Council to be a strong active body.

Tri-County (embracing Chatham, Windsor, and Sarnia areas), a report of the November 16th meeting at which National President Murray McPherson was guest speaker. A new executive was elected and installed, Ray Leckie of Sarnia succeeding Forest Shuttleworth, Tilbury, as president.

Central Newfoundland, excellent minutes of the meeting of Nov. 24th at Grand Falls, with reports on six clubs (see page 7). When all results are in the Loon Bay Conference is expected to show a profit of several hundred dollars. Present officers were re-elected for another year, President Joe Saunders therefore continuing in office.

In the reports of Conference Presidents and Regional Vice Presidents to the last meeting of the National Executive (January 19th) there is a note of optimism for the growth of AOTS. Thus, Jim Dickie (Western Region VP) reports renewed interest in Southern Saskatchewan and Manitoba. Clare Bailey (Manitoba Pres.) confirms this for Manitoba and attributes it to the strong leadership of National President Murray McPherson and enthusiasm of District Council President Frank Lewis. He cites Knox Church, Brandon, and Young Church, Winnipeg, as two examples of the trend. Jack Arthur (Bay of Quinte Pres.) is encouraged by interest in several new areas: Hastings (east of Peterborough), Seeley's Bay (north of Kingston), and Cannington (north of Belleville). Likewise, Ross Agar (London Pres.) sees possibilities for new clubs in Thamesville, Tilbury, Stratroy, and Wallaceburg. Cyril Locke, reporting for Newfoundland, says that LaScie has applied for a charter, that Gander and Stephenville have reorganized and may affiliate soon, and sees interest developing in Pasadena, Topsail, and Dunville.

As Murray McPherson says (page 4) "it is our duty to foster this interest", to let newcomers know that a warm welcome awaits them in the AOTS fellowship. An effective way we can do this, additional to district rallies and round-ups, is through interclub visitations, whether the invited group is an organized club or not. We should have one or two such visits in our club's program every year. It also helps to keep us looking outward.

"If you wish to be miserable, you must think about yourself, about what you want, about what you like, and what respect people ought to pay you." Charles Kingsley

"If you run into a person who is disagreeable to others you may be sure he is uncomfortable with himself; the amount of pain we inflict on others is directly proportional to the amount we feel within us." Sidney J. Harris



## ROOTS AND ROUTES

### Where we're from and where we're going.

Alan Staig, Associate Secretary, Ministry with Adults, Division of Mission in Canada, suggests how we should approach the 80's.

As we move from the Seventies into the Eighties we find ourselves looking back and looking forward; expressing both nostalgia for what is past and hope and expectation for what is to come. We very quickly come to the realization that much of our past - our heritage - is rich and valuable, provided we use it as a springboard from which to jump forward. If we fail to do that, we run the risk of wallowing in reminiscences, and living exclusively in our past.

It would be a strange person who looked to the future without some concerns and reservations. How easy it is to contemplate the tensions and dangers of the present and future with an air of hopelessness, of resignation and of despair. We are so vividly made aware by the media of refugees, war, hostages, human rights, hunger, poverty, and oppression, that we lose sight of the good and the progress.

Our role as Christian laymen is, I suggest, two-fold: to be aware and informed of the complex and changing world around us, and to express - firmly and confidently - our confidence in the future by and through our faith in Jesus Christ. However we find the work of men and men's clubs in the United Church in the years ahead unfolding, we must not for one minute lose sight of our purpose as individuals and as clubs:

"... to lead men to an understanding of the work and witness of the Church, that through commitment to Christ, they may fulfil the Ministry to which they are called in the home, in daily work, in the community, and in the world."

My wish for you for the decade ahead is that you derive satisfaction, joy and excitement in the fulfillment of that challenge.

Alan Staig, January 1980.

Alan also has brief reports on two conferences he attended recently.

Over the weekend of November 27-29, thirty men gathered from all over the United States and Canada in Nashville, Tennessee, to attend the North American Conference of Men's Work Secretaries. Those thirty men - from about the same number of Christian denominations - represented somewhere about ten million Christian laymen in North America. The United Church of Canada was represented by Alan Staig.

The fellowship and fun was great; the program and agenda was stimulating and demanding. Among the topics dealt with were:

- Discipling men into the Church.
- Understanding youth.
- Sexual Abuse, (especially of boys) and pornography.
- Ministry by, to and with men.
- Visit of Vice-President Jim Snead to the European Men's Work Conference in Denmark.
- Idea of production of a film or films about men.

The four men from Toronto (representing Baptist, Salvation Army, Presbyterian and United Church) have resolved to meet periodically to discuss areas of common interest.

Making his theme from the song written by Stan Farrow for the 1979 AOTS Convention: "Men of the Church There's a Job to Do", Alan Staig met with Erie Presbytery Men on December 8th and worked with them on the opportunities - and some of the pitfalls - that men face today.

Those in attendance discussed "The job within the Church" and "The job beyond the Church" By splitting into small groups, the delegates grappled with such questions as:

- To what extent is a men's group useful for fun, study, and the deepening of the faith?
- In what ways would you suggest a committed group of men can reach out to the community to bring men to an understanding of Jesus Christ?

Food, fellowship, fun and singing all combined to make it a worthwhile day.

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The Youth Forum to be held in conjunction with the meeting of General Council, August 15 to 24, at St. Andrew's United Church, Halifax, is for 100 youth, ages 15 to 21. Its purpose is to -- "share our faith; deal with our concerns as youth in the Church; make music and celebrate; learn about General Council and give General Council a chance to learn about us."

The cost is \$225 per person, which includes a \$50 registration fee due by May 15th. If cost presents an obstacle to attendance several courses for financial assistance are suggested: the congregation, or the presbytery, or the Investment in People Fund of the conference. Obviously, the local AOTS club is also a possibility, and some clubs may wish to make this known and help young people to attend this gathering. The application form requires: name, gender, age, address, phone, congregation, conference, the \$50 registration fee, and a yes or no as to whether the applicant attended Youth Forum '77. Send this to: Youth Forum, c/o Mardi Tindal, Division of Mission in Canada, 85 St. Clair Ave. East, Toronto, Ont. M4T 1M8.

BULLETIN

Chemainus-Ladysmith AOTS MC (#769), a small club of 17 members on Vancouver Island has made an early payment of dues to the National organization, together with a noteworthy bonus: the Club voted to match, dollar-for-dollar, each \$5 in dues paid by a member, as a means of assisting the National Association to become self-supporting! As a result, for six early joiners the payment sent in to the National office was \$60.00 rather than the required \$30.00! What a marvelous attitude; just a great example for all of us.

IN MEMORIAM

Archie Manzer, of Gordon U.C. AOTS MC, Victoria, B. C., March 1979, in his 84th year.

John Bell, of St. Paul's U.C. AOTS MC, Oakville, Ont., August 10, 1979, in his 76th year.

Jim Richardson, charter member of Wilmar Heights U.C. AOTS MC, Toronto, Ont., August 23, 1979, in his 58th year.

J. P. (Jack) Weller, charter member of Trinity U.C. AOTS MC, North Bay, Ont., December 5, 1979.

Ruth Petricek, Division of Mission in Canada, December 22, 1979. Ruth, for many years, served as a staff secretary in the office of the Board of Men, and became known to many for her active involvement in men's work in the Church.

Harold Mesley, of George Street U.C. AOTS MC, Peterborough, Ont., January 13, 1980.

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It's amazing what you can get done if you don't care who gets the credit.

Motto, Community Forum Group, Balmoral and St. Mark's Churches, Saskatoon.

### People on the Move

Ernie Stafford, of Duncan U.C. AOTS MC, Duncan, B. C., to 1980 President, Vancouver Island AOTS District Council.

Gary Wilson, Consecon U.C. AOTS MC, Consecon, Ont., to 1980 President, Belleville Presbytery AOTS District Council.

Ray Leckie, Central U.C. AOTS MC, Sarnia, Ont., to President, Tri-County AOTS District Council.

Joe Saunders, Bishop's Falls U.C. AOTS MC, Bishop's Falls, Newfoundland, to President, Central Newfoundland AOTS District Council.

Hugh McCullum, former editor of the Anglican Churchman, to editor of the United Church Observer (Mr. McCullum was theme speaker at the Hamilton Conference "Make It Happen" fall rally of 1978, speaking on Project North).

Jack Robertson, Brooks U.C. AOTS MC (and president), Brooks, Alberta, to President, Alberta Conference AOTS Men.

Don Muir, Hamilton, Ont., retired (formerly personnel manager with Stelco), former member of the Board of Men and for many years active on Hamilton Conference U.C. Men, named "Hamilton's Distinguished Citizen of the Year", by the Hamilton Advertising and Sales Club.

Don G. Smith, Mississauga, Ont., to Assistant Vice President, Corporate Relations, CUMIS Insurance Co., Burlington, Ont. Don, who is so very well known in AOTS circles, was Associate Secretary, Board of Men/Division of Mission in Canada 1965-78, as well as Executive Secretary of the National Association of U.C. AOTS Men's Clubs 1970-78. And he is currently Program Chairman on the National Executive.

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A recent event of interest to many AOTS members is that 1979 was the 75th anniversary of The Canadian Bible Society as a national society. Their September, 1979, quarterly newsletter reports on this and gives some interesting early history of Bible Society activity in Canada. Apparently a branch of the Bible Society was first organized in Canada in Quebec City in 1804 (the same year The British and Foreign Bible Society was founded in London), by the Rev. Francis Dick, minister of the Congregational Church there. However, because the government and established church of that day did not approve of his non-conformist church, and because there was no link with the British and Foreign Bible Society, this move did not receive official recognition (this coming later, in Quebec, in 1813). So the beginning of Bible Society work in Canada is usually awarded to Nova Scotia, the earliest reference being in a letter dated Nov. 14, 1808. It was not until 1904, however, that activity in Canada, which had been as a branch of the British and Foreign Bible Society, was brought under a national body, the Canadian Bible Society. Since then it has become one of the largest bible societies in the world and its program of distribution of the Scriptures is world wide.

If you would like to become a member and support this important work, send your name and donation to: The Canadian Bible Society, National Office, Suite 200, 1835 Yonge Street, Toronto, Ont. M4S 1Y1. Or send it to any of the 19 branch offices across the country.

**PROGRAMS!!** What have been your best programs? Don Smith wants to know!  
Send him a brief outline of what you did that worked so well for you.

And Don Smith also wants you to send him COLOURED SLIDES of AOTS MEN IN ACTION! making, painting, building, discussing, celebrating, or whatever - action situations.

All of this is for preparation of a program resource kit for AOTS clubs. Send your material now to: Program Chairman Don Smith, 1676 Wedmore Way, Mississauga, Ont. L5J 2J8.

The National Association of United Church AOTS Men's Clubs, 1979 Financial Statement.

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>1979 Budget</u>	<u>1979 Actual</u>	<u>1980 Budget</u>
Club dues	10,000.00	10,053.00	11,000.00
Individual memberships	500.00	725.00	750.00
Life memberships	250.00	225.00	250.00
Contributions (Note 1)	1,000.00	1,538.73	1,500.00
Second Mile Support for AOTS	4,000.00	2,672.35	6,000.00
Grant, Division of Mission in Canada	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
Sale of supplies	1,000.00	1,120.50	1,000.00
Miscellaneous income (Note 2)	250.00	1,995.30	500.00
	<u>23,000.00</u>	<u>24,329.88</u>	<u>27,000.00</u>
<u>Disbursements</u>			
Salary, Executive Secretary (Note 3)	9,500.00	9,499.92	8,400.00
Employee benefits	250.00	351.84	250.00
Stenographic help	250.00	-	250.00
Office supplies and equipment	1,000.00	2,394.77	1,500.00
Telephone	250.00	98.16	500.00
Postage	500.00	851.37	600.00
Travel - Executive Secretary	2,000.00	1,387.00	2,500.00
President	1,000.00	1,676.03	1,500.00
Regional Vice Presidents	1,000.00	753.88	1,000.00
Meetings - Annual Council	4,500.00	3,945.17	5,000.00
Executive	1,000.00	917.52	1,000.00
Sub-executive	250.00	114.35	250.00
Standing committees (includes Newsletter) (Note 4)	2,000.00	-	3,000.00
Supplies for resale	1,000.00	70.00	1,000.00
Miscellaneous (Note 2)	-	1,742.21	-
Conference funds (Note 5)	500.00	1,230.06	500.00
	<u>25,000.00</u>	<u>25,032.28</u>	<u>27,250.00</u>

Reconciliation:Notes

Opening balance	7,467.61	1. Undesignated donations.
Receipts	<u>24,329.88</u>	2. Mainly offerings for the Harry Colnett Memorial Fund.
	31,797.49	3. Salary for 1980 not reduced, but portions included under office expense, telephone, and travel.
Disbursements	<u>25,032.28</u>	4. In 1979 the cost of supplies, postage, etc. for the Newsletter was placed under office supplies and postage.
Closing balance	6,765.21	5. Up to \$1 per \$5 paid in dues may be returned to the conference from which payment came, for expenses.

Club Dues

<u>Number of Clubs</u>	<u>Number of Members</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
81	1,762	\$5	\$8,810
4	51	Donation	155
8 (1978)	184	5	920
1 (1975)	9	2	18
1 (1980)	30	5	150
<u>95</u>	<u>2,036</u>		<u>10,053</u>
95	1,862		9,474 (in 1978)

Harry Colnett Memorial Fund

Total funds, December 31, 1978	\$6,214.93
<u>Receipts</u>	
Clubs and individuals	989.00
Ontario Round-Up offering	624.25
National Convention offering	700.50
Bank interest	<u>685.14</u>
Total funds, December 31, 1979	9,213.82

<u>Second Mile Support</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Donors</u>	<u>Amount received</u>
	1978	43	\$3,191.40
	1979	37	2,672.35