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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all as we embark upon another calendar year! A New Year affords a glorious opportunity for us to make an assessment of our lives in terms of what we are allowing ourselves to do in the interest and wellbeing of others. The true value of a soul can only be discovered when a person has shown charitable compassion, love and understanding for the multitudes of those in need — many whom are removed by geography, race and color, or by unfortunate circumstance. We will do well to remember that all fit into the checkered fabric of the master plan of our creator. We will do well to remember that we are our "brother's keeper."

The new year provides yet another opportunity to probe deep within ourselves, and to do some discarding of wornout ideas. Ideas which have outlived their usefulness and contribute nothing to stimulate spiritual or psychological growth. Aren't we all guilty of allowing our lives to be cluttered up with the mundane and worthless. Cluttered to the point where we are unable to accommodate one innovative idea which, if developed, may bring about a fresh sense of reformation, enlivening, freshening, even rejuvenating the atmosphere around us.

The new year is a focal point from which we are able to chart a new course, set new goals, and blaze new trails for the future — lest we sail circuitously, arriving at the same destination behind time, having made no appreciable gains.

AOTS is at a junction in time, and clearly needs to take inventory of its worth, to consolidate what is of value and maintain those values, to discard extra baggage which has lost its value, and to take on greater challenges which stir the imagination of our people. We could (if we would) not only underwrite the cost of certain trivia for our hospitals, but even build a hospital, were that necessary. Such a far-fetched idea can only be near-fetched if we get the support of not only five thousand men, but one hundred thousand. This seemingly high number is only a reasonable percentage of men within the United Church.

National fund-raising is a must if we are to be more than a fellowship association. Fellowship is tremendously important, but the question must be asked, "Fellowship for what purpose?"

I appeal to you to sponsor ONE fund raising event each year to be earmarked NATIONAL AOTS. The net proceeds of the venture to be equally divided between our National Hospital Project and the Second Mile effort. It could be a simple procedure, but miraculously beneficial to AOTS. LET'S TRY IT!

Let us use this year in AOTS to garner new and innovative ideas, to kindle and re-kindle fires of enthusiasm among the uncommitted. A new surge of interest will emerge, and AOTS will be recognized truly as an association committed to service in our day. A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU!

C.S. Locke
National President

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"I am among you As One That Serves"
Luke 22:27

THE TRAVELS OF ERNIE STAFFORD

Dear Editor,

A brief report of a holiday *cum* visitation to the interior of BC. August 7th, I wrote to clubs telling them of the trip and hoped I could meet some men. On September 9th, accompanied by my wife Betty and Bill and Marjorie Kenyon of Duncan, we journeyed to Hope where I tried to contact a member, without success.

Then on to Princeton where I left a pamphlet on AOTS in the local church. The next day on to Rossland where I contacted and had a good meeting with six men representing Rossland, East Trail and Knox United in Trail. Rossland is active and so is Knox. East Trail are starting up again after a slack period.

Next day, off to Cranbrook where I had a fine meeting with three men. Their club meeting was the following night. Sorry I missed it, but the chat with the men was great and they are quite active.

We travelled next from Cranbrook to Salmon Arm via the Rogers Pass and Glacier National Park. Contacted Keith Best of Salmon Arm who was sorry their club had folded but the spirit is there and with encouragement could possibly start again.

On to Rutland-Kelowna the next day, but was unable to contact Elroy Cross. Apparently the club is active though and I shall follow up with a letter. Our final visit was to Hope again on the Friday, and this time I was able to see Arnold Asgum and another man. Sadly again, the club doesn't seem to be active. I suggested some ideas and feel that there's hope in Hope!

1300 miles of motoring, and well worth the effort. AOTS is alive in these distant areas. They need our help and prayers. Encouragement will breed enthusiasm.

Sincerely in His Service,
Ernie Stafford, BC President

A DEMOCRATIC CHURCH??

At the annual meeting of the AOTS National Council held in Toronto, November 9 to 11, 1984, the decision was taken to support the case for democratic government in the Church. Named to a study committee, with power to add, were John Polley of Ottawa and Maurice Wright of Oakville.

The subject of democratic government in the United Church has been of interest to some members of AOTS for several years. The first formal action was taken at the 1981 Calgary convention when a resolution was approved calling on the executive of General Council to initiate a study (see National AOTS Newsletter, November, 1981). As there appears to have been no effective response to this call, AOTS will itself now undertake the task.

The interest in a proper democratic form of government arises for two reasons:

- (a) the Church's involvement in a variety of complex issues of a social, political, or economic nature, the Church often taking a partisan stance, without there being a proper democratic mandate for this activity from its members, and
- (b) the domination of the affairs of the Church by the ordained ministry.

The latter can be seen, for example, in the make-up of General Council, clergy and laity having equal representation even though the laity greatly outnumber the clergy in the Church membership, and in the non-elective membership of the clergy in the conference and presbytery courts. This runs counter to the Church's teaching of the basic equality of lay and ordained members and its recognition of their joint role in the ministry of Jesus Christ.

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After declaring a proper democratic form of government in the Church to be a worthy objective for AOTS to pursue, Council instructed the committee to prepare a comprehensive statement in support of this objective and to develop a preliminary recommendation for the form it might take. The committee was also asked to enquire into the status of the Church's response to the 1981 resolution.

AOTS clubs or individual members having an interest in this matter are invited to submit any comments they might wish to offer. All such contributions will be acknowledged. Requests for further information are also welcome and will be answered. PLEASE SEND YOUR COMMENTS OR INFORMATION REQUESTS TO:

Maurice M. Wright
1415 Willowdown Road
Oakville ON L6L 1X3

EDITORIAL RE: ADDRESSES

A letter I received opened with, "I have been informed by the members of Windsor Park AOTS Club that they have not as yet received their Oct. 1984 Issue, Vol. 7, #3 of the NATIONAL AOTS NEWSLETTER."

From the mail that arrives at my place, I can understand why the letter carrier has a bad reputation for late and non-delivery.

I know of four Windsor Parks in Canada, two in England and no doubt you can name a few more. This may be one of the envelope addresses returned by the mail and forwarded to the Treasurer for updating the mailing list which is sent to me for each individual or group.

I do not mean to pick on Winnipeg — try these and see if you recognize any of them as your own:

British Columbia
Langley United Church AOTS
R. Pardde, Langley
Brechin AOTS
George Turner, Burnaby AOTS
Ken Martin, South Burnaby
Lake Cowichan AOTS
Duncan AOTS
Gordon United Club, Langford, Victoria, BC

Manitoba
St. James Assiniboia - 20 members
Knox United AOTS
Shaughnessey

Windsor Park
Atlantic Garden City
Westworth
Grey Street
Anywhere?
Park Street AOTS
Bellefair AOTS Newsletter
Harry Wolfram of Crown Life
St. Paul's United, Stirling

You can help by insuring YOUR ADDRESS AND YOUR DUES are UP TO DATE. I might say I get some mail addressed to Ken TAYLOR at my address. I can return it as he does not live here, or I can do what I do with the junk mail...

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

The Newsletter informs us that U.C. Men are involved in many projects beneficial to the finances of their congregations. I would hope that this would not be the main thrust of their activities, nor the reason for their existence.

There must be many groups stressing the spiritual values of Christianity. More stories like the ones about Christian athletes are the kind that make exciting reading.

Weekend retreats, where men grapple with problems relating to sharing their faith, applying Christian principles to issues of our time, all point out the fact that where spiritual needs are neglected, nothing else much matters.

President Cyril Locke's message was inspiring and challenging.

Your Biennial Convention should not require tourist attractions to promote its appeal. The addresses of the theme speaker, and the resulting stimulating discussions of those attending, should be the highlight of the conference.

Yours truly
Ivan Darrach
Charlottetown, PEI

AN OPEN LETTER TO CLUB MEMBERS

Dear Club Member,

Since becoming your president, I have written National committee chairmen, Conference AOTS presidents, vice presidents, members at large and individual members, but, in my opinion, you are the most important group. If it were not for you, there would be no need for the other groups mentioned.

You, the local club members, are the mainstream of the Association. From you flows the financial assistance to keep the wheel turning, the stimulus for fellowship and the innovative ideas for local projects and programs.

You visit the sick, attend the needy, foster children in far away countries, and bind up the broken hearted in society. In short, you carry out the mandate of AOTS — to promote Christian fellowship, and to deepen the spiritual life of men.

With this letter, I lift my hat to you to whom so few of us owe so much. You are the real standard bearers of AOTS.

Again, thank you for the many ways you are constantly assisting National. Let us continue to cherish and build a greater association, a truly united effort AS ONE THAT SERVES.

C.S. Locke
National President

NATIONAL YOUTH COMMITTEE REPORT

Dale Maris, Chairman

The time is swiftly approaching for the upcoming Biennial Convention in Sudbury. A major emphasis of the National Youth Committee will be the advancement of the D.R. Poole Youth Work Promotion. Changes are being made in the format and in the principles.

The Convention is an opportunity for an AOTS club to assert their belief in the importance of the future and the youth of their church and community. It is not merely a chance to show the many programs which are in operation. Rather the goal of the D.R. Poole program is to identify the importance of the ministry to youth to which AOTS is deeply committed.

The committee's motto is LEADERSHIP THROUGH EXAMPLE. There is no finer example through which a Christian can witness faith than befriending another. There is an obvious need among the youth of this nation for the spirit of Christian friendship. Fulfill that need for the youth of your home, church and community. Find the courage to be a friend to those who are crying to hear the Gospel of Love.

YOUR
YOUTH COMMITTEE MEMBER OF THE MONTH
Doug Carr brings a wealth of experience in AOTS affairs and as a secondary school teacher. Married and a father of three, Doug has always been active in the life of his church. At South Raleigh AOTS Doug serves as the club photographer and the club's representative with the Presbytery youth camp. In his spare time, Doug can be found warbling away as an avid barbershop singer.

14th BIENNIAL CONVENTION

For - Word Together

1985: A new year has dawned.

Convention fever is building. Excitement reigns supreme at each organizing meeting as we look forward to "Confessing Our Faith." A new chapter in our history is in the making — it is our challenge.

This can also be a year of challenge for all AOTS clubs as older members tire, cut back on active duty, and wane in years. What's that you say? You're the youngest member of your club at forty-two? Where have all the youth gone? A familiar scene at almost any club gathering. The very life-sustaining blood of the club is not in stream.

But look across the country and see very large active youth forms and a struggling youth committee trying to make inroads into the organization. They "will be challenging all AOTS men" (last Newsletter) to gain recognition in the future.

As I read it, the cart is before the horse. Should not the challenge be coming from men to youth? Are they not saying that the club programs of the past need new idea infusion — something to sustain their interest, to give them a piece of the action so we can grow stronger together as one cohesive unit?

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A good rewarding goal for a new year, for all clubs, would be to take on the challenge of financially sponsoring one or more young people to attend the convention. It would be a Christian experience not soon forgotten. We would be better commissioned as clubs to go forward "As Ones That Serve."

Gil Reashore
South Porcupine

FOURTEENTH NATIONAL CONVENTION



SUDBURY 1985

Huntington University - August 16,17 & 18

Rev. Stew Bell: Manitou's dynamic conference officer will deliver three exciting messages on the theme "Confessing Our Faith."

Rev. Clarke MacDonald: will have you on the edge of your seat with his message as banquet speaker.

The entertainment will move you to your feet with great gospel music.

REGISTRATION:

Mr. Ned Brownlee
116 Carlo Crescent
North Bay ON P1B 8B1

"DO IT NOW"

Vacation in beautiful North Eastern Ontario and include our exciting Biennial Convention.

"THINGS TO SEE"

GO UNDERGROUND Big Nickel Mine

Go underground in the only hard rock mine open to the public in Ontario and learn how Canada's rich resources are recovered.



LAURENTIAN MUSEUM AND ARTS CENTRE

Located off John and Paris Streets, this unique building is open year round. The museum promotes local artists by displaying their creations and by organizing special shows to make known the work of our talented artists.

Other museums, such as the Copper Cliff Museum, the Flour Mill Museum and the Anderson Farm focus more on our history, through their collections of early furnishings, farm implements and antiques.



SAULT STE. MARIE, ONTARIO

Boat cruises through the Canadian and American locks, the busiest lock system in the world. See giant ships of all flags, St. Mary's River rapids, the international bridge and one of Canada's largest steel mills.



Also see the 188 foot M.S. "Norgoma" Museum ship — then tour the city on our famous double decker buses.

WILDERNESS EXCURSIONS
(James Bay and Arctic Salt Water)



Polar Princess arrives at Moose Factory Island

THE RED CARPET TOUR

The Motor Vessel "Polar Princess" departs daily on a comprehensive cruise through the unspoiled wilderness of the Moose river. You will breathe the clean air of the Arctic, as you sail the salt waters of James Bay. During the trip down river your tour guide will relate the "Legend of the Polar Princess" and describe the history of the region. You will also be given the opportunity to learn to speak a few Cree Indian phrases. Along the way, at low tide, you may bear witness to the fate of the M. V. Eskimo trapped on the ice in 1955 by an early freeze-up. On James Bay, guides will show you Shipsands Island where, in the fall, immense flocks of geese gather before beginning their long journey south. Northern flora and fauna, shore birds and fossils are evident throughout the journey.

DIONNE HOME



A unique tourist attraction in North Bay is the Quints' Home Museum located on Hwy. 11 S beside Pinewood Park Motor Inn.

The log cabin is the original birthplace of the Dionne Quintuplets, born on May 28, 1934 in Corbiel.

The births of the quintuplets were the world's first known survival of five identical babies and they brought a touch of magic to a world struggling to lift itself out of a depression.



Conclude your holidays with a houseboat vacation on Lake Nipissing in French River Country.



THUNDER BAY CRUISES
Ontario, Canada



Also visit:



Old Fort William

14TH AOTS NATIONAL CONVENTION

LAURENTIAN UNIVERSITY, HUNTINGTON COLLEGE
RAMSEY LAKE ROAD, SUDBURY ONTARIO

=== THEME SPEAKER ===

AUGUST 16, 17, 18, 1985

NO REFUNDS ON CANCELLATIONS RECEIVED AFTER JULY 3, 1985.
A discount of \$5.00 will be given on early men's registration (before July 3).

REGISTRATION FEE (payable in advance)	ACCOMMODATIONS (payable on arrival)	
Men \$35	Single (Ltd.) \$16/night	
Women \$20	Twin Bedroom \$24/night	
Dependents \$10	— There are no extra beds, bring your	
Single Youth \$20	sleeping bag **\$N.C.**	



MEALS -- (to be paid on arrival)
Friday thru Sunday lunch inclusive \$28
Saturday Night Banquet cost included in Registration fee.

*** "CONFESSING OUR FAITH" ***

Registration: E. C. (Ned) Brownlee Phone 705-472-2619
REGISTRAR, 14th AOTS NATIONAL CONVENTION
116 Carlo Cr., North Bay ON P1B 8B1

=PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY=

(Male Member or
Single Youth) Name

Address

City Province Postal Code

Club Church

Office Held Voting Delegate Individual Member

My wife will be attending Her name is

Dependent (age 6 years and up) Attending: (ages 5 years and under free)

Name Age Sex/...../...../

Name Age Sex/...../...../

Travelling by: Car VIA Rail Plane Bus RV

Arriving in Sudbury (Date & Hour)

We/I want to stay at Huntington College, please reserve a

Single Twin I wish to share a room with smoker / non-smoker.

**If we can't supply single, are you willing to share a twin?

Special Arrangements Required - Specify
(Baby-sitter needed, handicapped, special diet, etc.)

Attach Cheque or Money Order payable to: 14th AOTS NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE

I Enclose cheque/money order for \$ for full registration fee.

Tourist and Travel information on request, please indicate (YES/NO)

IF FURTHER REGISTRATION FORMS ARE REQUIRED PHOTOCOPIES ARE ACCEPTABLE

COUNCIL NEWS

Toronto Conference

COMING EVENTS

- Junior Choir Festival - March 3, 1985 - Asbury & West United Church, Toronto. This is a Festival, not a competition. Each choir sings two songs of their own choice and all the choirs join in a closing hymn. Adjudicators comment on each choir's presentation. Each choir receives a certificate and a small amount of money to help toward their music. This is one way we can help the boys and girls and their leaders in their church involvement.

- Conference AOTS Annual Meeting will be on Saturday, March 23, 1985 at Bellefair United Church.

- 1985 Ontario AOTS Roundup - April 26-28, 1985 at Geneva Park YMCA Center near Orillia. Rev. John Griffen of Trinity UC, Newmarket, will be the theme speaker on "Sowers of the Seed."

- International Youth Year: 1985 has been designated by the United Nations as International Youth Year. Clubs should consider this as they plan projects and programs in 1985. The youth in your church might be pleased to put on a program for a meeting.

PAST EVENTS

- We hosted the National AOTS Council for their Annual Meeting, Nov. 9-11, 1984. About 25 National Council members were present. Our Fall Rally followed the National meeting on Sunday afternoon and evening, Nov. 11. An evening address by National President, Cyril Locke, was followed by Communion. Cyril had a good week visiting and speaking in Toronto and south western Ontario. A suggestion made by Cyril in all his addresses - that each club put on one special project each year with proceeds going to the National Association and the National Hospital Project.

PORNOGRAPHY - The Division of Mission in Canada has a Pornography Kit that is available for \$2.00. It contains the Report of the Task Force on Pornography, a Worship Service, a study guide, articles and a resource list. Each club should have a program on the subject.

CLUB INFORMATION & AFFILIATION - Now is the time to get an updated list of your Officers, and other club information and your affiliation fees into the National AOTS Office.

CLUB NEWS

Our thanks to all clubs contributing news to this issue. Some editing is necessary but we hope we have retained those items of interest to most of our readers. If you do your own editing beforehand it is more likely to be printed "as is." Please keep in mind that this is a national newsletter when you write your submissions. Copies of local newsletters are an acceptable means of reporting, but of course we must edit. Your name and club affiliation must be clearly marked.

ST. MATTHEWS'S AOTS, Lewisporte, NFLD - The 29th Annual Men's Fellowship Rally was held at Loon Bay, Sept. 21-23, 1984. 120 men registered for this camp and indications are that it was a great occasion. Enthusiasm is still much in evidence for this type of fellowship and spiritual renewal. Mr. John Norman, past Lay Minister of Loon Bay - Campbellton charge, was the theme speaker on "God, The World of Science, and You." Many will long remember both the man and his message.

BELLEFAIR AOTS, Toronto - reports that on Dec. 12, the guest speaker was the National President of AOTS, Cyril Locke. The men from clubs at Don Mills, Kingston Road, Cliffcrest and Riverdale were invited. AOTS participated in the Laity Sunday service. The December meeting took them to Fudger House again to play games and bring some Christmas spirit to the people there. On March 23 they will host the Toronto Conference AOTS Council meeting.

SOUTH CHATHAM AOTS, Chatham, ON - Club donations of over \$2300 in 1984 to Camp Keaesserie (hope we spelled that correctly), \$500; Canadian Foodgrains Bank, \$400; UC Hospital fund, \$300; National Youth Committee, \$100; and others. Coming activities of the club - in March, AOTS annual church service, where the AOTS take the services at all three points on the charge; a day at the WHEELS INN in Chatham with swimming, table tennis, indoor golf and badminton events; a trip to the SALTMINES in Detroit, Mich. (we would like to know more about this one, Bruce!) and away down the road, the annual BBQ at Chalmer's Centennial Court.

HOLLOWAY ST. AOTS, Belleville, ON - Lloyd outlines some of their 1984 events:

February - Fund raising pancake supper.

March - Ladies' Night.

May - Visitation from Westminster Club.

A contribution was made to the daughter of one of our church members who joined Cross Roads Canada.

September - 25th Anniversary.

Representation from 10 clubs in the Bay of Quinte Conference. Phil Spence was our guest speaker and he spoke on the Past, Present and Future of AOTS. Phil was the guest speaker 25 years ago.

November - Return visit from Westminster Club. Roast beef dinner on the 24th for fund raising. A contribution was made to the R.W. Large Memorial Hospital at the end of the year.

KAPUSKASING AOTS - Randy keeps us posted via the Kaps newsletter. Get a load of his account of their supper on Nov. 20. "...the succulent aroma of a special feast prepared 'avec excellence' by master chef Rupert Banks enticed the members to adjourn downstairs for dinner. In the true spirit of being 'as one that serves,' chef Banks and master gardener Jim Ballantyne dished out a veritable Northern banquet of Marinated Moose, Cochrane pheasant, duck, wild rice, and marinated rutabaga topped off with '14 day coleslaw.' For dessert—homemade pie."

This year the AOTS will have a booth at the Poinsettia Tea and Bazaar at the church. As a new venture this year, several members of AOTS met together for a few evenings during the month to build cradles and toy vehicles for sale at the Bazaar. AOTS members are very busy with the committees organizing the Biennial Convention in Sudbury.

ST. PAUL'S AOTS, Sterling, Ont. - Harold Hagerman's Bulletins give this information: Our last meeting, a bring a friend night, proved to be very successful with over 30 members and friends present. Ed Warren's pictures of his recent European tour along with his commentary were very interesting. 21 members attended the November roundup at Bloomfield. Rev. Charlie Buchanan gave us an excellent message.

ST. ANDREW'S AOTS, No Address (Believed to be in London Conference) - Welcome to AOTS anyway as we have a copy of your charter service indicating Park Street AOTS were your sponsors. To president Herb Parker and his executive, we wish you loads of success.

SHAUGHNESSY AOTS, Winnipeg - 1984 was an active year with two meat sales, a congregational picnic, Valentine's dance in the church hall and a pancake breakfast. Every second meeting has a guest speaker. Two refugees spoke of their experience in El Salvador. In October, Dr. M. McPherson (a past National AOTS president) spoke and showed slides of his trip to

Mexico as a member of an ecumenical group of observers. Projects have netted \$1500. Coming up is our annual Ladies Night event.

KNOX AOTS, Winnipeg - John McLean reports:

Sponsored 14 young girls and boys from the core area to a summer camp at Fairford, MB, about 200 miles from Winnipeg. Contributions from the congregation resulted in the necessary \$700 being raised. At our Christmas party in December, a suitably engraved silver tray was presented by President John Coe to Mrs. Josie Montgomery in recognition of her work in organizing our monthly dinners over the past 30 years.

ST. JAMES ASSINIBOIA AOTS, Winnipeg - report membership at 20 with financial support going to AOTS Hospital Fund. In addition, provided \$1500 to the 153rd Scout Group and \$500 to Ethiopian relief fund.

ATLANTIC - GARDEN CITY AOTS, Winnipeg - provide wheelchair service at the Fred Douglas Lodge on Sundays to enable people to attend the church services.

WESTWORTH AOTS, Winnipeg - Held two successful fund raising projects. Realized \$600 from Christmas nut sales and \$687 from the sales of Canada Savings Bonds.

GREYSTREET AOTS, Winnipeg - Meet Saturday morning with a pancake breakfast. Funds raised by sale of boxed chocolates. A social evening December 1st netted \$250. Assist with the wheelchair patients on Sundays at the municipal hospitals.

ST. ANDREW'S AOTS, Moose Jaw, SK - Bill keeps us posted with "THE MENU." October - the month of Banff Conferences and chuckwagon dinners and time to look forward to Bond drives and nut drives. The club continues to support Camp Capernaum and to provide drivers for Meals on Wheels. A profit of \$533 from the Chuckwagon Dinner & Bake Sale. The rag drive produced 100 pounds of rags and \$77 from Ormiston Mining. The nut drive sold 1910 boxes and added \$1639 to the bank account. AOTS provided 120 bags of treats at \$2.00 each for the children's Christmas party.

ST. JAMES AOTS, Edmonton - The fall season started with a Ladies Night event, with a tour of the new Space Sciences Centre, including a show on the Challenger space program. October was a talk and

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CLUB NEWS (continued from page 9)

demonstration of new equipment by the Institute for the Blind. November produced a well attended Fall Fair and Bazaar including a lunch.

DUNCAN AOTS, Duncan, BC - Don reports the club off to a good start with 42 men out to the first fall meeting with movies and a talk on the South Seas by Mrs. Dreany. Donations were approved to give a further \$300 to the AOTS Hospital project, \$50 to the Christian Blind Mission and \$200 to the Valley Transport fund. The July fun fair netted \$295. Coming events: AOTS catering for UCW dinner, AOTS pancake brunch and AOTS variety show.

GORDON AOTS, Langford, BC - October meeting with installation of new officers by Don Morton, Honorary National President, and Ernie Stafford, BC President. Brenda Crease and Judy Muir spoke briefly in appreciation of assistance to CGIT. Cliff Kennedy and Wayne LaBlanc spoke on Banff Men's Conference. Ernie Stafford outlined the progress of AOTS in BC and stressed the importance of interclub visitation. The finance report showed \$3017 donated to 10 charities.

LAKE COWICHAN AOTS, BC - (from the Lake Cowichan Leader) Gil Flaata and Bill Kenyon accepted the travelling gavel — symbolic of Christian fellowship — when Brechin AOTS visited recently. Brechin's Norm Henderson presented the gavel.

LANGLEY AOTS, Langley, BC - hosted the successful BC AOTS Annual Roundup the last weekend in March. Other events included a pancake breakfast and a BBQ. AOTS sponsored a bus trip to the Billy Graham Crusade in Vancouver. The main source of income is the annual auction. This helps support two foster children, one in Kenya and one in Mexico. The latest event was a ladies' night when Rev. David Smith and his wife Marcia gave an account of "Life on BC's West Coast."

SOUTH BURNABY AOTS, Burnaby, BC - Ken Martin reports October as a big anniversary month — 75th for the congregation, 30th for the AOTS, and 25th for the present church building. At the October meeting, 11 of our 13 living past presidents were in attendance. A pancake breakfast netted the club \$500. Our club support and encourage support for the Charles C. Burritt Memorial Scholarship. The late Charlie Burritt was a past National AOTS President and member of South Burnaby AOTS.

A PREACHER'S PRAYER

Lord, fill my sermon with good stuff
And stop me when I've said enough.

Amen.

WEST BURNABY AOTS, Burnaby, BC - George Turner sent a note to say their club has 16-20 members. Their guest speaker in October was Bruce Northrop, retired Superintendent of the RCMP. The club continues a 25 year tradition of serving lunch to the congregation on the first Sunday of each month — on Thanksgiving Sunday, hot turkey with all the trimmings. The Club also supports the Food Bank which uses our building as its Burnaby outlet.

IN MEMORIAM

Jim Howes - June 23, 1888 - Dec. 7, 1984. A long time member of St. Andrew's AOTS in Moose Jaw.

Laurence Scott - passed away in September 1984. A long time member of King City AOTS. He was very active in the 1969 AOTS Tulip Bulb Project and was the recipient of a trip to Holland as a result.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

The next NEWSLETTER will be published in April, 1985. Material must be received by March 31, 1985. Coming events should be for May 1st and after.

The NEWSLETTER is looking for articles which analyze or comment on the experience of a club or individual, or which challenge some of our easy assumptions about men's work. Submissions do not have to be typed if they are readable by us.

Letters to the Editor are welcome and will be printed, after editing, when space permits.

Jokes and cartoons would help us lighten the load.

If your group is planning a conference, roundup or rally we will be glad to publish this information.

Please identify yourself clearly and send your materials to the Editor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1985 ONTARIO AOTS ROUNDUP

DATE - Friday, April 26 - Sunday, April 28, 1985

PLACE - Geneva Park YMCA Centre near Orillia, ON

THEME - "Sowers of the Seed".

THEME SPEAKER - Rev. John Griffen

PLANNING - Toronto Conference AOTS

PLANNING CHAIRMAN - Layton Stewart

REGISTRAR - Harry Noble (Kingston Road AOTS)

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