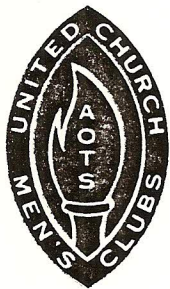


THE HANDSHAKE

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GREETINGS FELLOW CHRISTIANS

Once again, we are asking you to stand up and be counted as a Christian man within our Church. Our numbers are legion, our voice is but a whimper. Our Leader is the greatest, His cause the ultimate. Reach out right now to your neighbour, start a club, form a Prayer Study Group, attend a Christian Men's gathering. Don't just sit there and think about it.

WE LISTEN, WE REPORT

We have heard from you by letter, by phone, and by personal contact. Keep up the good work and keep it coming. Most responses have been positive, but we welcome a chance to convert the negative thinkers.

FROM THE NATIONAL A.O.T.S. PRESIDENT

Cyril Locke of Newfoundland writes to ask for our support and our prayers. He also wants us to work even harder in the Lord's name. We wish him well and we pass on the thought to hear Cyril read the scriptures is to hear God's Holy Words as He surely intended them to be heard.

FROM THE B.C. A.O.T.S. PRESIDENT

Ernie Stafford of Duncan, B.C. will hold down this office for the next two years. He writes that it is time to go forward and do something. His gentle nudge has inspired us to go to press. Ernie is a strong A.O.T.S. man with the solid backing of the Vancouver Island men. Ernie and his Sec. Don Morton will be visiting as many A.O.T.S. events as is possible. How is this for a track record?

Oct. 11 Brechin United A.O.T.S. visited; 34 men present, Morton reported on National Convention in Newfoundland. Stafford brought greetings from Nationa. Brechin has sent \$200.00 to the National Hospital Project.

Oct. 27 Duncan A.O.T.S. 43 members and 34 guests (kids), Magician for entertainment. \$300.00 to Hospital Project. \$500.00 to Church Building Fund. \$50.00 to Jimmy's Telethon.

- Nov. 8 Esquimalt A.O.T.S., 50 men and women present. Ernie brought greetings and asked for support of Hospital Project. Speakers were REv. and Mrs. Dobson on the Holy Land. Excellent. No business. Great fellowship. Besides Ernie and Don from Duncan, there was one visitor from Chemainus and one from Gordon United.
- Nov. 12 Lake Cowichan A.O.T.S. Club. 20 present. Ernie installed Rev. Ann Pollock as Honorary President. His assistant was Dennis Naggy, a life member of the Club. Club gave \$500.00 to Hospital Project. \$50.00 to Xmas Hamper Fund.
- Nov. 23 Don Morton was accompanied by Vice President, Bill Cumming, West Burnaby, A.O.T.S. where he outlined the history of A.O.T.S. and its recent growth. Club has put on a congregational lunch on the first Sunday of every month for fifteen years. Devotional by Ken Waldon stressing the need for the Club to be more involved in the spiritual activities of the Church.
- Nov. 29 At Langley A.O.T.S. Club. 40 men present. Langley had initiated eleven new young members at the previous meeting. Speaker was a Professor from Trinity Western College who conducts tours into Russia made up of Christians. They were asked some very unusual questions when their tour guides found out that they were Christians. One guide wanted to hear about the Bible. Another wanted them to explain prayer. These were two people who had no instruction by the State in prayer and not a word about the Bible. Don Morton asked for help re the Hospital Project and Ernie Stafford brought Greetings and asked for support from the Bluc which is to host the 1984 Round-Up on March 30th. We met after the meeting to detail the program, speaker, etc. See you there Saturday, **March 30**
- Dec. 4 To South Burnaby United A.O.T.S. to install Officers and partake of a steak dinner that this Club puts on annually in the form of a Ladies' Night.
- Dec. 11 Don Morton attended the Annual Christmas Party at Collingwood United. This affair is jointly sponsored for lo these fifty odd years by the Provincial A.O.T.S. U.C.M. Council. It is a most joyful way to start off the celebration of Christ's birth with songs of praise and Christian Fellowship.

FROM PRESIDENT FRANK MacLEAN
OF THE PROVINCIAL A.O.T.S. U.C.M. COUNCIL

Gives credit to Nelson Ball for making the arrangements for the above mentioned Christmas party. The 75 men present are a credit to Nelson's diligence.

Everything is go for the Coastal Christian Men's Celebration of Faith. The Council will be making the arrangements this year. They are pleased to announce the Rev. Reynolds of Ryerson United as the theme speaker. The place is Trinity Western College. The dates are **April 27-8-9**

FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF NATIONAL

Our newly appointed Exec. Sec. is Jack Cleave of Sarnia, Ontario. Jack has a list of positions in which he has served in the United Church that is longer than your arm. From Church to Presbytery, to Conference to the National Church. He has worked on all levels. He has long served under the banner of A.O.T.S., having held many offices, not the least of which was the position of National President. The Langley men remember him as the father of their former Assistant Minister Jean Leckie.

FROM THE DIVISION OF MISSION IN CANADA

Taken from the Minutes of our National Executive we read of the appointment of a replacement for Alan Staig. We note that it is for only six months. We have no idea as to the terms of reference for this office. Will he be responsible for men? We may never know.

FROM THE PRAYER STUDY GROUPS

A growing part of the Christian Brotherhood. To list but a few in B.C. we have Knox United, Est Burnaby United, an interdenominational group in Chase, B.C., and in Burnaby, B.C. the Provincial Prayer Study Group. There are the Ottawa Parliamentary Group, the Washington Senate and House of Representatives Groups, and many, many others. Actually, the numbers are legion and growing everyday. To belong to one is to know its value.

FROM THE CHILLIWACK PROGRESS

Under candidates for the municipal elections, the name of Fred Tossell, long time President of the Chilliwack United Men's Group. Again, from the Chilliwack Progress. Fred was defeated, but we wish him well and hope he will run once again for alderman in Chilliwack.

FROM THE COWICHAN LEADER

The headings read:

- MacDonald tabbed by A.O.T.S. to serve as chairman in 1984.
(Chairman of the Vancouver Island District Council)
- A.O.T.S. hail Honary President.
(Rev. Ann Pollock installed as Honorary President)
- A.O.T.S. to help with Lake's 25th (Cowichan Lake Club)
- Junior Choir of Church serenades A.O.T.S. member
(National President Gordon Hall was the member)

FROM THE DAILY NEWS - St. John's

Heading reads: "Big turnout for opening session of United Church organization."

The opening paragraph goes on to say: "300 people attended the opening session Friday of the United Church A.O.T.S. (As One That Serves) Men's Clubs in St. John's.

Also from the Daily News -
Monday, July 25, 1983.

Nflder. chosen president of United Church's AOTS men's clubs

The AOTS men's clubs organization of the United Church of Canada met for the first time in Newfoundland over the weekend...and they came out of the meeting with their first Newfoundlander as national president.

He is Cyril Locke from Springdale, who worked for the newsprint company in Grand Falls for 15 years until taking over a family business on his retirement.

Mr. Locke was elected to the presidency at the 13th annual meeting of the United Church AOTS (As One That Serves) Men's Clubs held in St. John's Friday through Sunday (at the university).

Other officers are eastern vice-president Malcolm MacDonald of Sydney;

central vice-president Jack Arthur of Bellevill, Ont.; and western vice-president Clare Bailey of Calgary.

The theme speaker was Rev. Boyd Hiscock, executive secretary of the Newfoundland Conference of the United Church, and his subject was "The earth is the Lord's."

Chaplain was Rev. Ralph Taylor, also from the Conference office, and the convention chairman was Melvyn Rowe from the AOTS club in Topsail, who with his helpers did such a job on organizing the meeting that one out-of-the-province delegate remarked: "We certainly got the royal treatment."

The organization meets every two year and this was its first time in Newfoundland.

FROM WINNIPEG, MANITOBA

Where they are compiling a history of the A.O.T.S. Movement under the direction of our good friend Dr. Murray McPherson. A request from the Elmer Kennedy, who is doing the chapter "Projects and Service" for as much information as possible on the "nut campaign." Also other special projects that we have been responsible over the years. We will gather from the archives what we can, although there are so many to choose from. Can anyone out there help?

THE EDITOR OF THE HANDSHAKE RETIRES

I have hung up my forceps and sold my practice, thus ending a career of forty years in Dentistry. I have not, however, retired as your editor, nor as a servant of the Lord. Perhaps now I will get each edition out in my leisure time instead of burning the midnight oil as I am doing now. You couldn't tell could you, that this was done in haste?