

THE HANDSHAKE

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Sponsored by the UC AOTS Men's Clubs of B.C.

If this issue had a theme it would be "Men on the move in the name of Christ." So read on fellow Christian and prepare to be amazed as we give you a small portion of the spirit of Christian achievement in Men's work throughout this land of ours. This issue deals mostly with National affairs. Our September issue will concentrate on B.C.

WE ELECT THREE PRESIDENTS

Jack Arthur as National President

Ernie Stafford as Western Vice-President

Bill Cumming as President of B.C.

Jack and Ernie were inducted at the 14th Biennial AOTS National Convention. We elected Bill at the last Round-Up. He was inducted as a National Officer in absentia at Sudbury at the same time as the other two. Jack Arthur's first message as President came to us in December Issue of the National News Letter. Did you get your copy? If not ask your club President. Jack's enthusiasm and dedication is most evident in his report and its general tone bodes well for us throughout his term.

A REPORT OUT OF THE 14th BIENNIAL CONVENTION

As gleaned from the reports that have crossed this desk we can look forward to the streamlining of our organization, Leadership Training, and more outreach by our National Officers. The reports from the National projects were exciting but more about this latter. The Christian fellowship that always prevails at these affairs saw its culmination with 250 people sitting down together at the main Banquet. Our two B.C. delegates Don Morton (Past National Honorary President) and Ernie Stafford (Past Provincial President) caught the great spirit that prevailed as evidenced in the following quote from Ernie's report

"The convention's brochure had as its last comment May God Be With You Till We Meet Again. Don Morton and I agreed as we flew back to B.C. that our Heavenly Father was present at Sudbury and that we had truly been Spiritually Uplifted by the Fellowship, Christian Love and Sincerity, and that AOTS is alive and moving forward."

PROJECTS! PROJECTS! PROJECTS!

The Harry Colnett Scholarship is alive and well. Even better than that it is set up to carry on in perpetuity. Some of you will not know that this fund was set up at the Winnipeg Biennial where the theme was the Feeding of the Third World. Each year two \$500.00 scholarships are granted to students who are studying to become agriculturists but who also show an interest in third world agriculture. As Harry died during this Convention the fund

was named in his Honour

THE TALKING MAGAZINE PROJECT

This is a project run by the UC AOTS Men's Club of Kingston Ontario which was given National status at Sudbury. Here tapes of the issues of the United Church Observer, ^{are made} and distributed to the sight impaired. It is a Project of pure service. Surely there are individuals in your congregation who would welcome your sponsorship of this excellent service. Make you contacts through our National Secretary, Jack Cleave at 361 Twin Lakes Dr., Sarnia Ontario. N73 4X4.

The NATIONAL HOSPITAL PROJECT

Many of you have climbed aboard this most succesful and worthwhile Project many have not. Although it is going like gangbusters it needs your help. A brief bit of background. Don Watt came to us a few years ago to see if the men of the United Church could help the Churches Hospitals, of which there are five, four of them right here in B.C. Incidatly Don is the chief Hauncho Doctor Fellow who runs this national medical show. AOTS accepted this challenge Nationally. First off we sponsored two Native Indians to take a course in hospital administration. They are now helping to run their hospital in Bella Bella, B.C. Next funds were raised to the tune of 10,000 dollars to puchase a cardiac defibrillator-monitor for the Baie Verte Peninsula Health Centre in Newfoundland. A mission accomplished that sees this life supporting diagnostic equipment being called upon several times. It came out of the Biennial that our next peice of equipment has to do with the eyes. This ophthalmic instrument has a pedigreed name that escapes me for the moment. Its cost is also in the 10,000 dollare range and in case you missed it this is an appeal for your support. By the way it will be used in the Hazelton Hospital. Help can come from individuals, small or large groupd. As the man said one, three or fifty. Clubs or individuals can work through the address given above

WE WANT TO KNOW WHATS GOING ON IN B.C.

Two years ago the Handshake had a real good idea of the health of of all mens groups and organizarions throughout the Province. We are starting all over again to make contact by sending a copy to the "Contact" for men in each of our churches. Last time many of you wrote and what a thrill it was to learn of the magnititude of your activities. Lets set up communcation once again so we can tell you about one another. As per the attached notice many of us get together from all areas at least twice a year. Won't you join us? God willing we will see you again in our September Issue. May God Be With You Until We Meet Again

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