

BOY SCOUTS OF CANADA

CANADIAN COUNCIL OF B.P. GUILDS

NEWS LETTER # 2 - 1

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You will note a new numbering of our news letters #2-1, this is our second year and the first letter of the year. It will be easier to keep track this way.

It is very difficult to write a news letter without the help of all of the guilds. I get very few news letters so get little information on the service activities of the guilds. Please let me have more and be sure your secretary writes.

The T. Eaton Company in British Columbia, each year decorate their stores with poinsettia plants and prior to Xmas the scouts distribute them to senior citizens and shut-ins. The 1st Canadian B.-P. Scout Guild assisted in handling the plants at Scout House in Vancouver. One of their members Frank Airey received a plant from the Richmond scouts. Frank will be 89 by the time you receive this letter. He started the first scout troop in North America in Vancouver in 1909 and is still active in the guild.

The new year is the time for tabulation and registration of the membership in the B.-P. guild. The International Fellowship of Former Scouts and Guides also count membership from this date. Be sure that you are registered by paying your dues to your secretary so they can be forwarded promptly to the Council ~~Secretary~~. Registrar

Scout-Guide week is coming up soon. I hope you have done everything you can to help scouts celebrate this week and bring scouting to the attention of the public at large. This is one week when you can join with the scouts in an annual celebration.

I hope you have all been giving some thought to the contents of a handbook we would like to print. At least let us know what you would like to see in it. What is it you first wanted to know about the guilds; what do you want to know now? Give us a list of projects and activities you think should be part of the guild world.

"The Calgary Guilder" has just arrived from the 8th Canadian (1st Alberta) B.-P. Scout Guild with the following quote from the Guildmaster Bob Beazley: "Our Guild is in a healthy state with 36 paid-up members. But the first year of operation has clearly shown us that there are varying interests among members, and the future success will depend on members contributing in the field they prefer in scouting or other community work and at the same time enjoying the fellowship of the Guild through different social functions."

Several Calgary Guild members have been recently honored. Rev. Francis S. Fry and Arthur T. Jenkyns received "Queen's Jubilee Medals" and Hubert Zelmer, Tom Collins and Roy Brain "long service awards." Congratulations to all. Calgary now boasts some 16 members of their guild who are holders of an honor conferred on them by the Chief Scout of Canada. How about your guild?

We have started looking at a guild application form that hopefully could be adopted by all guilds. When this is ready it will be sent to your executive for comment before proceeding with printing. We feel it should contain information on the

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objectives of the guilds which can be kept by the applicant plus a clip-off section to be returned to the guild.

We are happy to announce the formation of the 9th Canadian B.-P. Scout Guild in Burnaby B.C. This guild held it's charter night in December. They along with the 1st and 4th guilds are holding "One Big Family Entertainment" later this month. The 2nd and 3rd guilds often meet together. This cooperation between guilds will go a long way to furthering the objectives of guilds in Canada. Can you help establish another guild?

A few of the scout service projects involving guilds of late, besides the poinsettia distribution have included the 1st Guild assisting in a weekend Venturer Advisors Woodbadge outing for the Vancouver-Coast Region and the 4th Guild is re-organizing their library. The 8th Guild gave clerical assistance and sold tickets for the Calgary Ice Stampede as well as worked at the scout Camp Clem Gardner and collected and sorted stamps for the International Guilds. Let me have information of your projects so that reports can be included in our next news letter.

We are still looking for registrations from the 4th, 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th. Let our registrar Seymour Archbold have them as soon as possible. He cannot complete any registrations with the International Fellowship until all are received.

Keep the image of Canadian Guilds strong.

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