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Last February I was asked by the National Council, Boy Scouts of Canada to prepare a report for their May 11 - 12, 1979 meeting. Following is the report which appeared as Appendix M of their report.

" Since reporting to National Council last November, the Guilds across Canada have continued in their various activities relating to Scouting in Canada and the community. One error appeared in that report. The year 1944 in the second line should have read 1974 as the year in which B.-P. Guilds were formally recognized by the National Council, Boy Scouts of Canada. The first Guild was organized in 1960.

We regret that our contact with the Guild in Windsor, Ontario has been lost and we hope to re-establish this in the near future.

There is good news from Swift Current, Saskatchewan, that about ten former Scouters are interested in the aims and objectives of the B.-P. Scout Guilds. Possibly by the time summer rolls around, we will have our first Guild in Saskatchewan. Enquiries have also been received from Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.

Six members from the Vancouver Guilds will be travelling to Bergen, Norway, this coming August to attend at their own expense the XIIIth General Assembly of the International Fellowship of Former Scouts and Guides. Naturally we would like to see other Guilds and provinces represented. Possibly in the not too distant future Canada will be in a position to host a General Assembly."

That is almost the full context of what I had sent. I had added, in the third paragraph and before the last sentence, the following: "Come on Manitoba, join them and help expand our provincial representation". As copies of this newsletter go to Manitoba I was anxious to let them know we are waiting for them to form their first guild.

Now for a correction to my last report and an apology to Audrey Waddy of the 3rd Canadian whose name I misspelled.

There is not too much to report in the way of service activities so far this year; at least I've not received too many reports from guilds to use as a basis of this news letter. I would like to hear from the guilds on a regular basis so as to be able to report your activities. I should mention the service given by the 1st, 4th and 9th to the Xmas poinsettia distribution - this being plants donated by Eatons and turned over to the Boy Scouts for distribution to senior citizens. Our assistance to the Boy Scouts is to be in whatever capacity possible. The 1st Canadian assisted the Vancouver-Coast Region with their Annual Meeting; there are several members on the Region Executive. The 4th are preparing a plaque to Myf and Rex Retallack to be placed in the Memorial Station of the Retallack Chapel at Camp Byng. A report from the 8th Guild in Calgary tells me they will be helping to refurbish the Camp Gardener barbecue area, have helped on the Calgary Ice Stampede, started a separate Guild trust fund with the interest to be used

for donations to worthy causes and have collected, processed, and sent to Norway about 6,000 stamps last year and have so far this year 2,000 stamps ready.

Honours and Awards: from the 8th.

Long Service Pins: Tom Collins - 45 years.  
Dal Stanford - 30 years.  
Frank Wills - 20 years.

"Gone Home" : Frank Wills, mentioned above, and founder member of the Calgary Guild.

In March, Frouida Baker and Doris Coole, Past President and Past Secretary of the B.C. Council of B.-P. Guilds travelled to Vernon with your secretary to invest members of the 5th Canadian B.-P. Guild who this year are the active executive of the B.C. Council. It was most enjoyable and an opportunity to use the investiture procedure recently sent to your secretary.

Frouida has been involved with "Hospitality" associated with the Big Country Jamboree being held in British Columbia at Douglas Lake this July 8-15th. She thinks that any of you involved in similar situations would be pleased to know of the very positive response she has received from the Armouries for overnight accommodation for groups of scouts providing previous arrangements have been made well in advance.

There will be some 20 members of B.C. Guilds involved in the Provincial Big Country Jamboree.

I am enclosing for each of you a copy of our new application form for membership in the Guilds and am sending a small supply to your secretary. Use this to recruit new members to your Guild, or better still send it to a friend to start a new Guild somewhere else in Canada. We would like to see Guilds established in other Provinces.

This will be the last news letter until our return from the XIIIth General Assembly. I hope that in September I will have at least an outline of the event along with lots of news from the individual Guilds. No news from you reduces the value of this news letter; KEEP THE NEWS COMING.

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