

BOY SCOUTS OF CANADA  
CANADIAN COUNCIL OF B.-P. GUILD

NEWS LETTER #3-4

November, 1979.

The following report was sent to the National Council, Boy Scouts of Canada, for their fall meeting of November 15, 16, 17, 1979.

"Summer is a quiet time with the B.-P. Guilds, much the same as other branches of Scouting. However we do not stop completely.

July saw some twenty members of the British Columbia Guilds assist with the Big Country Jamboree '79. The Toronto Guild had a drive to expand Guilds in Ontario at the Gilwell Reunion. Matters are in hand to establish a Guild in Swift Current, Saskatchewan and by the time of this meeting the first investitures will have been made.

Five members of the British Columbia Guilds attended the XIIIth General Assembly of the International Fellowship of Former Scouts and Guides held in Bergen, Norway in August. Four members were delegates while the fifth member was a teller. The meeting has been reported in News Letter #3-3 of the Canadian Council of B.-P. Guilds and is available for those who do not have it and would like to read it. Of particular interest is the fact that the International Fellowship voted \$5,000.00 US. to each of the World Bureaus of Scouts and Guides. During the time the International Fellowship has been operating the Stamp Bank it has handled over 20 million stamps and realized some 2 million Belgium francs for the Scouts and Guides World Bureaus."

The above was written in September. I am very happy to report that on October 6th, Bill Panting of the 1st Canadian Guild invested 6 members into the 10th Canadian B.-P. Guild (Swift Current) (1st Saskatchewan). Don Read is Guildmaster and Francis Handwork Secretary. Don's address is 1333 Bell St. Swift Current, Sask. S9H 1S5 and Francis' 389 10th Ave. N.W. Swift Current, Sask. S9H 1B7. Welcome Swift Current to the B.-P. Guilds and we do hope you are only the first of many Guilds in Saskatchewan.

Another important step taken recently is the decision of the Canadian Council to establish a Central Guild for Canada. Until now this was not considered necessary but your secretary has been corresponding with many interested individuals living in areas where until now it has been difficult to start Guilds. In effect he had been acting as if there were a Central Guild. We have decided to make this a fact and notices to this effect will be sent to all interested individuals along with this news letter. Your Secretary will act as co-ordinator of Central Guild members for the present.

Honours and Awards: Jack Fleetwood, 3rd Canadian, 5 year pin.

Brian May, 3rd Canadian, 15 year pin.

Doug Duffield, 9th Canadian, Medal of Merit.

Ian MacLaren of the 3rd Canadian and his son Brian, Certificate of

Commendation for assisting in apprehending thieves of coin collections in the Cowichan Bay area. A good service to scouters and the community.

Gleanings from Guild reports at the annual meeting of the B.C. Council of B.-P. Guilds: The 1st has been associated with 10 service projects this last year and has had 3 social events. One third of its 36 members are on scout councils etc. The 2nd was not present and sent no report. The 3rd were active raising money for their trust fund. They were involved in B.-P. Week, Cowichan Walkathon, Camp fire meetings, Canada week, Remembrance Day Services etc. 1981 will be 70 years scouting in the Cowichan Valley and a reunion is being planned. The 4th organized a Founders night with the 1st and 9th; played an active part in Jamboree accommodation in the Vancouver area especially for a group of scouts from Florida and New

Zealand. They have sent 3 boxes of stamps to the Stamp Bank and placed a plaque at the Memorial Station in Camp Byng to the memory of Myf and Rex Retallack after whom the Chapel was named. The 5th assisted in the Vernon Ice Stampede, are in charge of awards at the Regional Annual Dinner, assisted with the Big Country Jamboree; offered their assistance to District Councils and have endorsed the blue jacket grey slacks dress for the Guild. The 9th reported 5 service activities for the last year in addition to finding a location for the Founder's Night event.

The following Fellowship Day 1979 has been received.

"Our first 25 years are over. We have looked back, we have celebrated and all have had the opportunity of reading the history of IFCFSAG in the Bulletin.

Many of us have just returned to our homes after attending the 13th General Assembly of our Fellowship in Bergen. A successful week of meetings, discussions, new friendships made and old ones more firmly cemented, while the welcome and hospitality of our Hosts rose to the heights of their native mountains and their fjords mirrored the depths of their friendship.

Now your new Council has to carry out the Resolutions which were agreed and work through all the suggestions and ideas which discussions revealed. Nevertheless the future of our Fellowship depends on the members - depends on EACH ONE OF US.

At Bergen, we accepted the requests for membership from Bangladesh and Spain, which brings our total members to 34 countries. However, the Assembly felt it necessary to suspend the membership of Columbia, Liechtenstein, Mexico and Venezuela because of prolonged inactivity on the part of these countries as regards the International Fellowship.

How many former scouts and guides are there in your country who have never even heard of IFCFSAG? What are you doing about it, and if your most enthusiastic members had to drop out for a time, would others be willing to take over?

Many articles have been written in the Bulletin and elsewhere but alas, we cannot make people read. So I ask those of you who can and do read to go out and make personal contacts and help all former scouts and guides to realize and understand the great potential of our movement - the purpose of our existence - an adult movement spread over five continents, showing through our lives how the high ideals which B.-P. put into the "Game" which he started for boys and girls, has developed into a discipline of Service and Friendship throughout the nations of the World.

Gloria LOWSON,  
Chairman, Council of IFCFSAG."

For those of you who issue your own newsletter may I offer a suggestion that I take from the newsletter of the 4th Canadian. Each issue has a thumbnail sketch of one of their members thus allowing their membership to become more acquainted with each other.

Now for a couple of congratulations: First to Carl and Thora Juul-Hansen on celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary; may they celebrate many more annual if not Golden.

Next to the 9th Canadian B.-P. Guild for investing seven new members at their annual meeting held recently. Can any of you top this.

The Canadian Council wants to thank the B.C.-Yukon Council of Boy Scouts for their help and encouragement this last year and to wish them and all of you a Very Merry Xmas and a Prosperous B.-P. Guild Scouting 1980.

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IFCFSAG and various interested individuals.