



LONG TOM

August 1977



HEY HEAR THIS !! We have a canoe trip for all F.C.F. members, new and old; all Young Bucks and Old Timers. Lots of fooferrall and shinin times and continual companionship of the Holy Spirit. The dates are September 23, 24 & 25th. The place is the Neches River and Hiway 175 located halfway between Frankston and Jacksonville on Hiway 175. There will be a testimonial service and council fire service beginning at 10:00 P.M. Friday night. If you miss this one you're going to miss a good one, so plan to be there early and take part to make it a big success.

Our schedule reads: Push off at 8:00 A.M. Sat. Eat lunch about noon somewhere on the river; Bank just up river someshere from Hiway 69 for a good meal and ol' timey mountain man council fire singing and yarnin' and all them good things. The campsite for Sat. night will be within the first $\frac{1}{4}$ mile upriver from Hiway 69.

Sun. morning we'll have church and Sun. School for anyone who wishes to stay. Afterwards we'll shove off down th river to Rocky Point. There we'll dock and be picked up and dismiss before 3:00 on Sunday.

You must bring your own canoe, all your food and canteens for water. We will haul in fresh water at each stop. Bring any other camping gear you may need.

YARNIN' WITH THE PRESIDENT !! Picked up my phone the other night and talked to the biggest little guy in Texas, Shorty, to all you mountain men. He said to say, Hi ya'll. Said he'd be lookin forward to see all you ol' timers and young bucks when you get on down to Territorial this year.

Your president would like to send to you a word of thanks and appreciation for your help and support thru the many things that we have accomplished in our F.C.F since our last Long Tom. Bobby Tate has come in as our Vice-President and is doing a tremendous job. We appreciate his help and support along with all the other officers of the F.C.F. We had a tremendous staff at Phase I who were very professional and did a fine job; the same for Phase II, where Bobby Tate and his committee ran and organized an exciting Phase II.

I couldn't end this without mentioning each of you that has helped with our new and exciting Buckskin ceremony and made the two that we have had a complete success. I'm glad to be the president of the Shawnee Trail Chapter F.C.F. and love the opportunity to work with each of the fine Young Bucks and Old Timers that go to make up our membership. You make our chapter the greatest. *Larry E G*

AN INDIAN PRAYER !! O' Great Spirit Whose voice I hear in the winds, And whose breath gives life to all the world, hear me!

I am small and weak; I need your strength and wisdom. Let me walk in beauty and make my eyes ever behold the red and purple sunset. Make my hands respect the things you have made and my ears sharp to hear your voice. Make me wise so that I may understand the things you have taught my people. Let me learn the lessons you have hidden in ev'ry leaf and rock. I seek strength not to be greater than my brother, but to fight my greatest enemy, myself. Make me always ready to come to you with clean hands and straight eyes. So when life fades as the fading sunset my spirit may come to you without shame.

HEAR THE HUNTERS' HORNS? There a callin' you all to somethin big that someone is talkin about. It's the 1977 Territorial F.C.F. Rendevous. Those horns are talkin down round Conroe, Texas on Ol' Timer Raymond Massey's place. They're sayin' all you Ol' Timers and Young Bucks, bring out your smoke sticks, tomohawks and throwin' knives. Bring out your flint and steel and ev'ry bit o' your skill.

Come on, Shawnee Trail, we want to show 'em we came for somethin' and we want to tote it home. Practise up and sharpin up and make your eyes real keen. We want

FAMILY DAYS 1977

With 20 members and 30 non-members for a total of 50 in attendance, we've never had a better and more enjoyable time. The weather was beautiful with just a little rain around noon on Sunday. The services were outstanding with every family adding their input and presence, doing all they could and just a little more to make everything just great !! The co-operation and fellowship the entire week-end -- we just can't find words to explain how wonderful they were. This would not be complete without a big thanks to the James K family who came all the way from Oklahoma.

Overall winners were: MR. FRONTIERMAN-OLDTIMER, "Coyote"(David Moore); YOUNGBUCK, "Cactus Face"(Randy Curtis); OUTSIDER, Billy O. Harrison, Jr.; FRONTIER LADY, Dana Moore; FRONTIER FAMILY, David C. Moores. The meal Sat. afternoon was Bar-be-que beef, boiled whole potatoes, red beans, tossed salad and peaches. ~~MAMMAM~~ Good !! Again a big thanks for doing more than your part to make the whole event just great. (The UNDER TWELVE TROPHY went to Ginger Klopfenstein)

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There was a time of sorrow and pain for a brother & sister member of F.C.F. at Family Days. For it was around 9am on Sun. morning that the sheriff brought word that Sis. Henley had lost her father. The love, hope and support of all F.C.F. members & their families go out to you & Sis. Henley. We all love and appreciate you and your family. Thanks for being in our F.C.F. P.S. Many, Many thanks to each one of you who attended the services.

CANOE TRIP

Twelve members joined by one guest, Dennis Smith(F.C.F. Pres. of Australia) took a canoe trip down the Neches river the 24th of Sept. the water was fine; the weather couldn't have been better. The fun, the ducking and the good fellowship was running as deep as the water in the river. Ask Coyote how it was to sink. Ask Lazy F how it feels to be dumped by an Australian. This was a great fun-filled, fellowship-sharing experience. There were enough trees to go over, under and through that no one went to sleep. The trip was about 20 miles long and seemed shorter.

F.C.F. COUNCIL FIRE - AUSTIN

Five F.C.F. members from Waco joined me at Central Assembly in Austin on Oct. 23rd for a churchwide council fire. It was a big success. Thanks for the help, you guys.

TERRITORIAL RENDEVOUS - SEPT. 29, 30 & OCT. 1st

Shawnee Trail members moved on down to Conroe for this big F.C.F. event. The Territorial comes once every two years. Next year will be the Nat. Camporama, then the following year Territorial again. The next rendezvous will be held in the far north country. We did not do so good here close to home. Maybe we can do better in the cold country. "Chipmunk" won 2nd place in tomohawk. Lazy-F went thru his Wilderness vigil.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Once again we have the opportunity to say thanks for a job well done to each of you who have taken part in F.C.F. events since my last note. Without your hard work and dedication we couldn't hold the fires and the services we have held this 3 months. I have asked many of you for help and have never been turned down. Just to say thanks doesn't seem like enough. I will try to return the support you have given me by supporting you with my help and my prayers. Many, Many, Thanks, "Lazy-F"

BUCKSKIN REQUIREMENTS

Many of you have had a question in the Buckskin requirements concerning tutoring a boy. We will clarify this requirement for you. This will be the standard in the Shawnee Trail Chapter and is to be followed until changed by your officers.

1. All members must tutor a boy into F.C.F. to advance to Buckskin. This means:
 1. To spend as much time as necessary to prepare the boy to pass Phase I.
 2. To supply transportation to & from Phase I & Phase II testing.
 3. To make sure that the boy has his initiation fee, or pay it for him.
 4. If the boy is not from your church you must obtain permission from his commander and pastor before you sponsor him.
 5. You must make sure that the boy has transportation to all F.C.F. events for one calendar year after he is a member, this means brings him or be sure he has a ride to these events.

If any of you have any questions contact Lazy F. (214) 242-7191.