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NATIONAL F.C.F. LOG

A PICTORIAL HISTORY OF THE FRONTIERSMEN CAMPING FRATERNITY.

THIS FRATERNITY WAS FOUNDED IN THE YEAR 1966 TO GIVE RECOGNITION TO MEN AND OLDER BOYS WHO HAVE DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES IN ADVANCEMENT, TRAINING, AND CAMPING.

ITS THEME, ACTIVITIES, AND CEREMONIES ARE BASED ON LORE AND TRADITIONS OF THE EARLY FRONTIERSMEN.

THIS BOOK IS DEDICATED TO THE FIRST LEADERS AND MEMBERS IN THE FRATERNITY.

DAVID BARNES, HISTORIAN

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BOB REID, JOHNNIE BARNES AND RON HALVORSEN, WHO CONDUCTED THE FIRST FCF INITIATION IN THE NATION.

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THE FIRST DISTRICT SCOUT AND FIRST ASSISTANT SCOUT OF THE FIRST CHAPTER (SEQUOIA--SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA).

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SOME EARLY MEMBERS OF THE DANIEL BOONE CHAPTER. LEFT TO RIGHT-ED DUDDY III, VIRG PALMER, JOHN ELLER, ED DUDDY II, AND JAMES GRIGGS.

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LEFT TO RIGHT--GLEN BONDS, DON FRANKLIN, JOHN ELLER, J. BARNES, AT SILVER DOLLAR CITY, MISSOURI, 1970.

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STAFF & CANDIDATES AT FIRST WILDERNESS VIGIL 1971 AT PINEY CREEK, MO. LEFT TO RIGHT--VIRG PALMER, ALAN GELL, WES KILCREASE, LES HUGHES, RALPH PALMERTON, DAVID BARNES, FLOYD LARSON & BOB SIMPSON, BACKGROUND CENTER J. BARNES.

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DANIEL BOONE CHAPTER OUTING AT SILVER DOLLAR CITY, 1971.



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FIRST NATIONAL FCF RENDEZVOUS

Over 200 members of the Royal Rangers Frontiersmen Camping Fraternity converged in Springfield on June 14th to begin activities of the first National Rendezvous, which was acclaimed as the most spectacular event in Royal Ranger history. Activities and events rivaled those of an old-time Rendezvous of frontier days.

After officially opening the Rendezvous with a blast from the National Presidents's horn, the delegates began two jam-packed days of fun and fellowship.

Events included: a tour of National Headquarters, swap time, an "F.C.F. Olympics," black powder shoot outs, knife and tomahawk throwing pole climbing, log rolling, frontier singing, squaw calling, pioneer tales, and the selection of the F.C.V. outfit.

Demonstrations included "How to: shoot a flintlock rifle, make beef jerky, smoke fish, mold bullets, tool leather, and do Indian beadwork.

The big feed on the last day featured the cooking of an Ozark razorback, Kansas antelope, and two turkeys on spits over an open fire. The menu also included Indian corn, wild greens, venison, and quail.

A rally in Fantastic Caverns auditorium featured the presentation of awards for the various contests and the selection of "Mr. Frontiersman" for the Rendezvous. The winner was Keith Weaver of Oklahoma City.

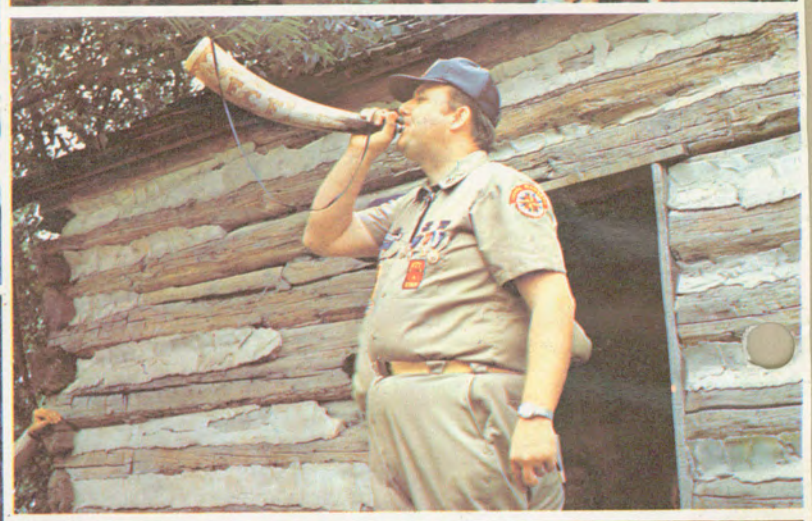
The festivities were terminated with an impressive friendship fire on an island in the Sac River.

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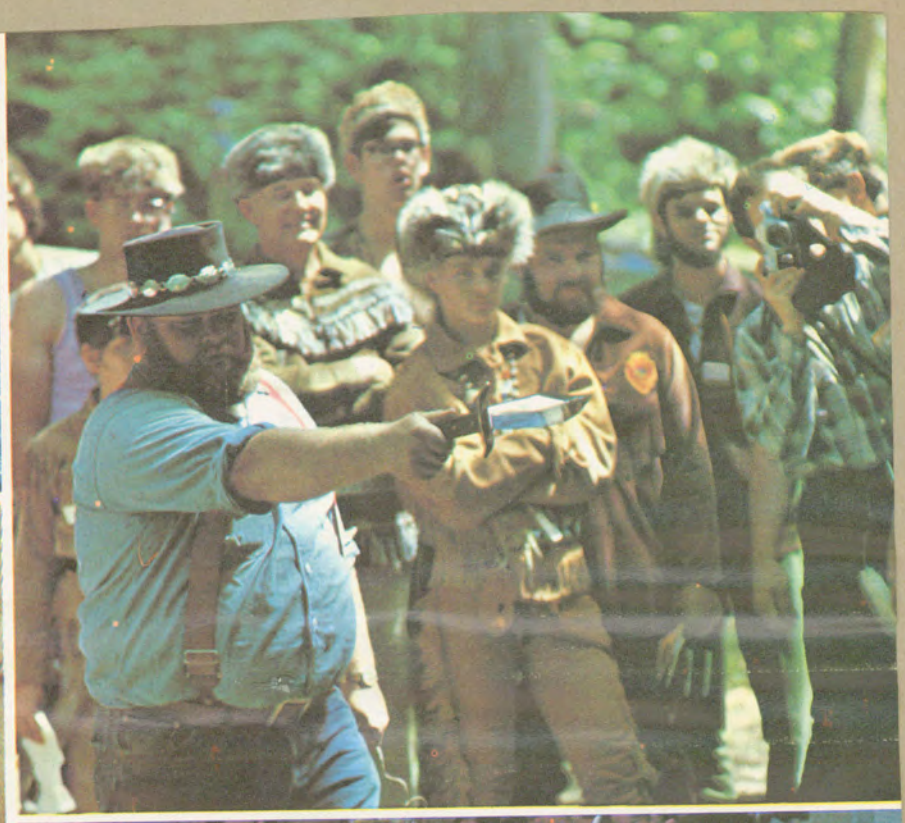













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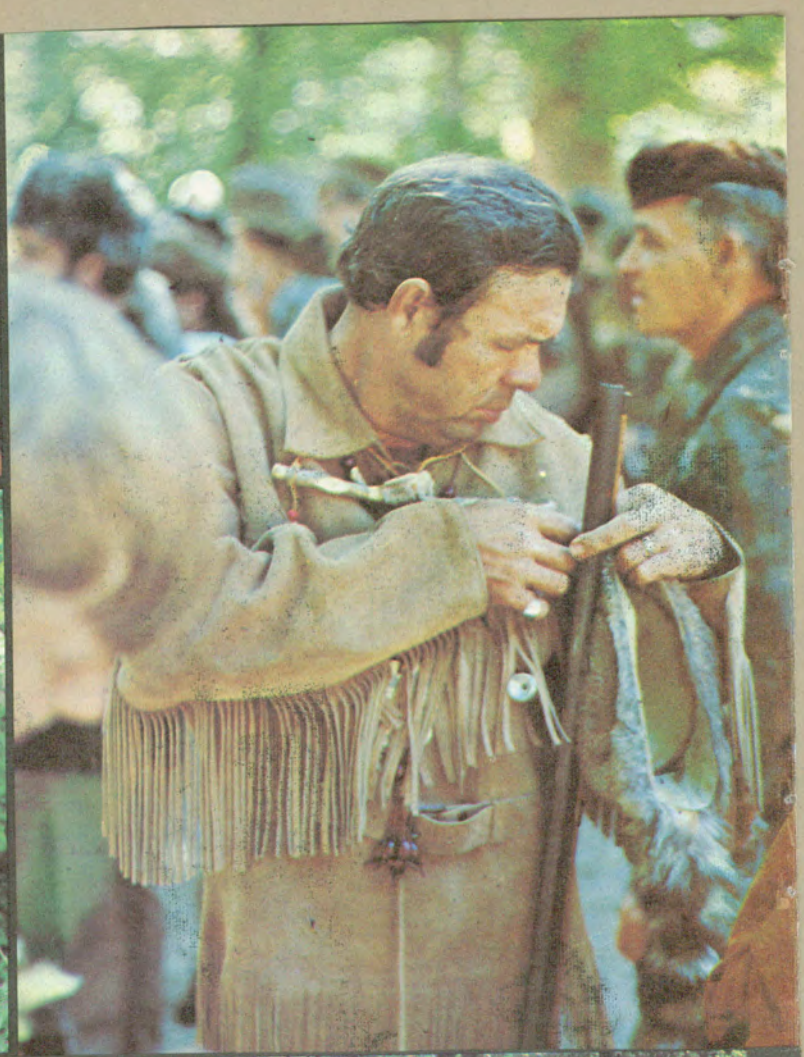





















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STAFF AT FIRST NATIONAL FCF RENDEZVOUS, FANTASTIC CAVERNS 1972. LEFT TO RIGHT--BOB SIMPSON, J. BARNES, FRED DEAVER, WES KILCREASE, JOHN ELLER, RALPH PALMERTON, AND ELTON BELL. NOW SHOWN--OLLIE DALABA and PAUL JOHNSON.

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—Staff Photo

Butch Keifer, at 6-foot 9-inches and 385 pounds, has a sizeable advantage over his 5-foot, ½ inch, 105-pound opponent, Jim Steffens. The arm wrestling match was one of several frontier contests sponsored by the Royal Rangers.

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CLOSING FRIENDSHIP FIRE AT FIRST NATIONAL FCF RENDEZ-VOUS 1972. LEFT TO RIGHT--DAVE FRANKLIN, OLLIE DALABA, RALPH PALMERTON, ELTON BELL, JOHN ELLER, PAUL JOHNSON, WES KILCREASE, DAVID BARNES AND JOHNNIE BARNES.

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PAUL STANEK ENDURING HIS FCF WILDERNESS VIGIL.

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FCF ACTIVITIES IN MARCUS WHITMAN CHAPTER (NORTHWEST) LEFT TO RIGHT--_____? DAVE BARNES, PHIL WAYMAN (KNEELING), KEN NASH, AND _____? SITTING IN FOREGROUND JOHNNIE BARNES.

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KEITH WEAVER "MISTER FRONTIERSMAN" RECEIVES AWARD FIRST NATIONAL RENDEZVOUS 1972.


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FRED DEAVER LOOKS ON (ENVIOUSLY) AS DAVE HOWARD PRESENTS J. BARNES WITH A CIVIL WAR SWORD. PLAINSMEN TERRITORIAL RENDEZVOUS, PINEY CREEK, MISSOURI, 1973.

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DAVE BARNES & FRED DEAVER (AT TARGET) CONDUCT A TOMAHAWK THROW AT PLAINSMAN RENDEZVOUS, 1973.

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FRED DEAVER PRESENTS GLEN BONDS WITH A CHECK FROM THE PLAINSMEN TERRITORY TO LAUNCH AN EVANGELISM LITERATURE PROGRAM FOR THE AMERICAN INDIANS, 1973.


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J. BARNES AND RONNIE BUTCHER (ASSIST. TERRITORIAL SCOUT) AT COLONIAL RENDEZVOUS, 1974.

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TROY BUTCHER (LEFT) PREPARING TO PRESENT J. BARNES WITH BEAR CLAW NECKLACE (HANGING FROM HIS NECK) - COLONIAL RENDEZVOUS.

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WAITING FOR EVENING SERVICES TO BEGIN AT FIRST NATIONAL CAMPORAMA.

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NEW NATIONAL PRESIDENT FRED DEAVER, PINS PAST PRESIDENT PIN ON RETIRING PRESIDENT JOHN ELLER.

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RETIRING NATIONAL SCOUT DAVE FRANKLIN (RIGHT) CONGRATULATES NEW NATIONAL SCOUT DEAN GARRISON, WHILE ASSISTANT NATIONAL SCOUT DADE MASSEY AND FRED DEAVER LOOKS ON, 1974 NATIONAL CAMPORAMA.



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FRED DEAVER, DON RAY, DAVE FRANKLIN AND DAVE BARNES CHAT WITH U.S.A.F. SERGEANTS ABOUT FLINT LOCKS AT U.S.A.F. ACADEMY DURING NATIONAL CAMPORAMA.

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EUGENE FIELDS REPRESENTING THE INDIAN NATION CHAPTER PRESENTS J. BARNES WITH A BEADED FRINGED RIFLE COVER, 1974.

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MEMBERS FROM THE FCF VILLAGE, PERFORMING DURING AN EVENING RALLY, NATIONAL CAMPORAMA.

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FRED DEAVER RECEIVING THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S HORN FROM RETIRING NATIONAL PRESIDENT JOHN ELLER.

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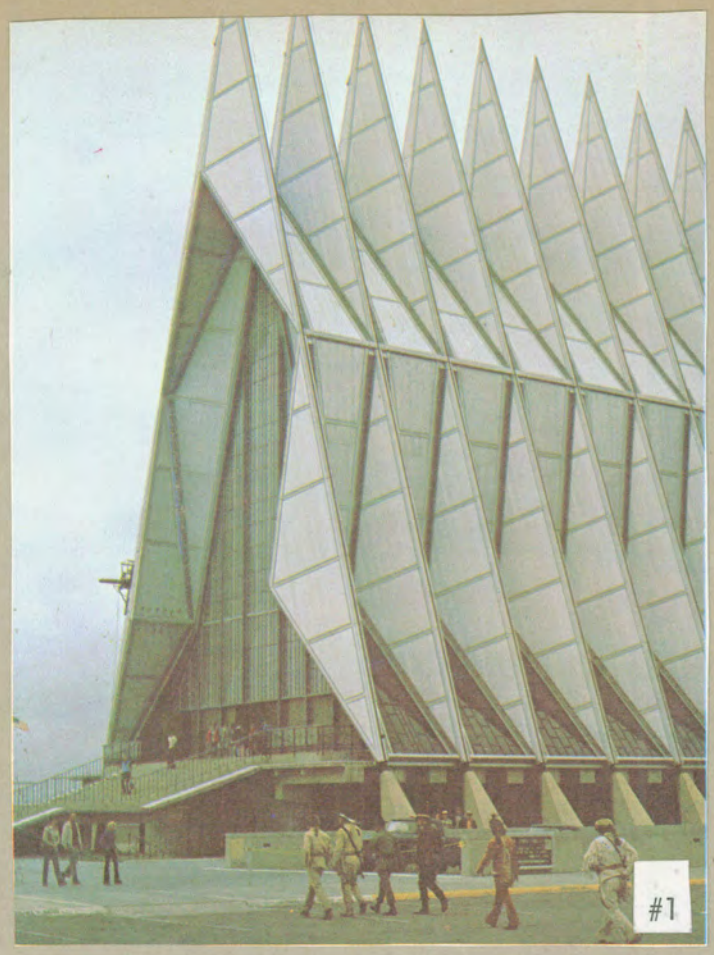
LT. GOVERNOR OF COLORADO FRED STRICKLAND, POSING WITH FRED DEAVER AND GLEN BONDS.

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GUN DISPLAY AT FCF VILLAGE, NATIONAL CAMPORAMA, 1974.

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JOHNNIE BARNES WITH SOME YOUNG ADMIRERS, MOUNTAINMAN TERRITORIAL RENDEZVOUS 1975.

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COUNCIL FIRE ANTICS AT MOUNTAINMAN RENDEZVOUS. LEFT TO RIGHT--HANK COLE, JIM PRICE, _____? AND DAVE HOWARD.

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DAVE HOWARD, MOUNTAINMEN REPRESENTATIVE PRESENTING AWARDS TO TOP CONTENDERS AT 1975 MOUNTAINMAN RENDEZVOUS.

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DON RAY, PLAINSMAN TERRITORIAL REPRESENTATIVE AND FRED DEAVER CHEWING THE RAG AT 1975 PLAINSMEN TERRITORIAL RENDEZVOUS-DOGWOOD VALLEY, MISSOURI.

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1975 PLAINSMEN TERRITORIAL RENDEZVOUS, DOGWOOD VALLEY, MO.







Fred Deavers, standing, president of the National Frontier Camping Fraternity, spoke at a recent father-son banquet held by the Royal Rangers at Memorial Hall here. Seated behind Deavers is Dale Maynard, 1010 Ash, Senior Commander for eight area churches.

ROYAL RANGERS FROM ACROSS NATION 'ROUGH IT' DURING FCF RENDEZVOUS

BLUE EYE, MO.—Over 400 men and boys from across the nation and as far away as Australia spent days and nights "roughing it" near here in secluded Dogwood Valley of the Missouri Ozark Mountains. The campers were members of the Frontiersmen Camping Fraternity (FCF) of the A/G Royal Rangers program, an outdoor organization for boys.



Commander Johnnie Barnes calls Frontier Court to order while "Judge Hawkeye" (Fred Deaver, Riverton, Kans.) sits ready to dispense justice during Kangaroo court at FCF.

Sleeping in tepees scattered along Indian Creek and cooking on open fires and camp stoves, they gathered for the FCF National Rendezvous beginning July 27.

Unplanned adventure included a flash flood that washed through the valley, forcing partial evacuation of the campsite.

The flood was caused by locally heavy rains during the second night of the camp-out. No one was injured. According to Johnnie Barnes, national Royal Rangers commander, tragedy was avoided by quick action and close cooperation on the part of the campers.

The Rendezvous was directed by Commander Barnes and FCF President Fred Deaver of Riverton, Kansas. District and local Royal Rangers leaders, along with church pastors who are FCF members, also took part.

Activities included competition in tomahawk and knife throwing and black powder, muzzle-loading rifle shooting. Fraternity members also competed for honors in flint-and-steel fire starting and in horn blowing.

Each evening participants gathered to enjoy frontier pageants and skits, followed by an evangelistic service in a brush arbor. Nightly events closed with singing, stunts, and fellowship around a council fire.



States and districts in all four geographic territories of the 1,500-member fraternity were represented at the outing.

According to Commander Barnes, the purposes of FCF are these: to give recognition to men and boys who have shown exceptional interest and outstanding achievement in the Royal Rangers program and campcraft; to build a brotherhood of "top-notch" men and boys over the years who will continue as Royal Rangers and camping enthusiasts; to emphasize the advancement program and skill development; and to develop a crop of elite Royal Rangers who will strive to be the best in Christian example and leadership.

The national Rendezvous is held every four years. During interim years, FCF functions are conducted on territorial and state levels. Currently, more than 4,000 Assemblies of God churches sponsor outposts. Nationwide membership is about 150,000.



DANNY BIXLER—NATIONAL SCOUT

NEW NATIONAL FCF SCOUTS

During the election at the 1976 National FCF Rendezvous, Danny Bixler was elected as the new National Scout for the Royal Rangers program. Danny is from Kansas City, Missouri, and holder of the Gold Medal of Achievement.

Also elected as the new Assistant National Scout was Dave Osborn. Dave is from Salem, Ohio.

Both of these young men are very active in Royal Rangers, and are certainly qualified to fill these two very important positions in the Royal Rangers program.

Congratulations Danny and Dave!

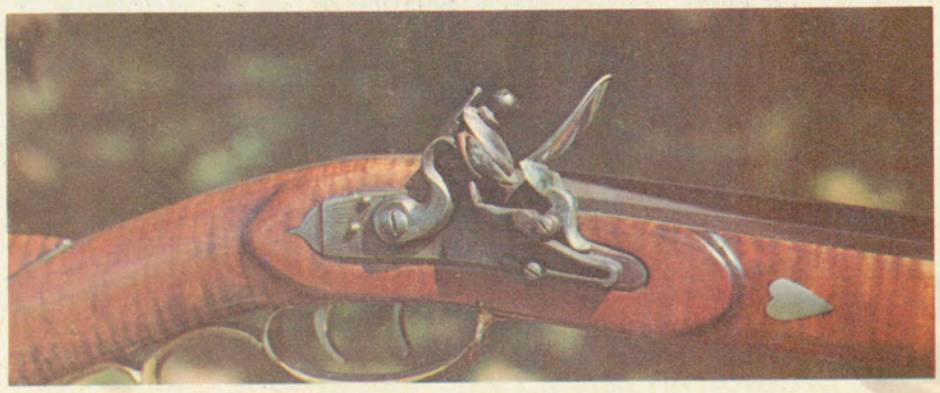


DAVID OSBORN—ASST. NAT. SCOUT

NATIONAL F.C.F. RENDEZVOUS 1976



From out of the past came—
Fred Deaver and John Eller.



The flintlock—
one of the symbols of the Rendezvous.



A look into the past.

Members of the Royal Rangers Frontiersmen Camping Fraternity converged on Dogwood Valley near Blue Eye, Missouri, July 27-31 for their second National Rendezvous. From all across the nation they came to celebrate our nation's bicentennial, and to enjoy the excitement of the rendezvous. They camped along Indian Creek in a beautiful Ozark setting.

Throughout the day they participated in activities patterned after the activities of our frontier forefathers during their annual rendezvous. Activities included, black powder rifle shooting, tomahawk throwing, flint and steel skills, and best costume contests.

Each evening God blessed in a special way at an old-fashioned brush arbor meeting. Following one brush arbor service was a very colorful council fire service.

The group also enjoyed colorful pageants, stunts, and presentations.

Another pastime was "swapping." Many FCF members went home feeling they had made some of the best "trades" in their life.

Judge "Hawk Eye" Deaver also conducted frontier court (as the need arose), and meeted out swift justice to the guilty parties.

And, there was a special unplanned feature—locally heavy rain caused a sudden flash flood early one morning making it necessary to evacuate the camping area. The group is to be commended for the way they worked together during this temporary crisis. The water soon abated, the sun came out and the rendezvous was soon back on schedule. The participants proved that Royal Rangers are "READY."

A donation of $400.00 was raised by the frontiersmen for a special Latin American missionary project.

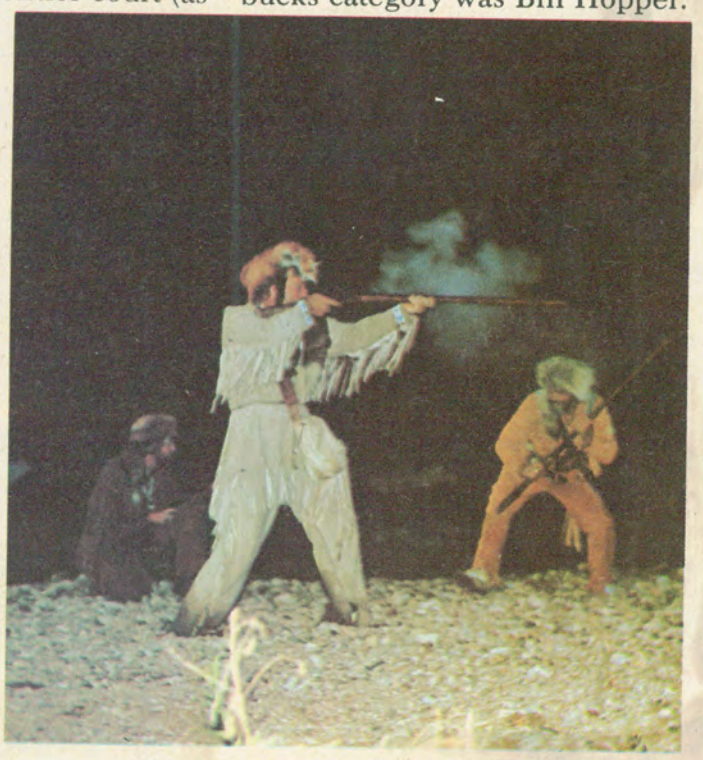
Biennial elections were conducted. Fred Deaver was re-elected as president, Danny Bixler was elected as the new national scribe, and Dave Osborn was elected as the new assistant national scout.

The retiring national scout was Dean Garrison, and the retiring assistant national scout was Dade Massey.

The winner of the "Mr. Frontiersman" contest was Jerry Haines, in the old-timer category, and the winner in the young bucks category was Bill Hopper.



"Spirit of 76" Bicentennial ceremonies.



The excitement of a frontier pageant.



Frontier justice was swift and sure.



"Chewing the rag" with old friends.



Brush arbor revival.



Black powder shoot.



Pulling together during the flash flood.



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JUDGE HAWKEYE DEAVER ENDURING "A TASTE OF HIS OWN MEDICINE"

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"76" BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

A NUMBER OF FCF MEMBERS USED THEIR FRONTIER SKILLS AND COSTUMES TO HELP CELEBRATE OUR NATION'S 200TH BIRTHDAY.

PHOTOS ON THE OPPOSITE PAGE SHOWS A FEW FCF MEMBERS IN ACTION.

UPPER RIGHT--DONNA JESTER BEING MADE HONORARY MEMBER OF FCF. SHOWN LEFT TO RIGHT FRED DEAVER, DAVE HOWARD, DONNA JESTER AND DON RAY.

LOWER RIGHT--JOHN ELLER & JOHNNIE BARNES AT TENNESSEE STATE FAIR GROUNDS.



Johnnie Barnes, national RR commander, and Paul Stanek, national RR training coordinator, dressed in the costumes of Revolutionary War soldiers, explain to a group of Royal Rangers some of the plans for the Bicentennial celebration. One event will be the second National FCF Rendezvous near Blue Eye, Missouri, July 27-31, 1976. The theme will be "The Spirit of 76."

Royal Rangers leaders are also being encouraged to cooperate with and assist in the local Bicentennial celebrations in their area. Several FCF members have already been asked to use their skills and costumes to add a frontier flavor to several such celebrations.





The signing of a treaty between the Englishman John Fenwick and the Indian chief Mohawksey was reenacted at the original site beneath the ancient Salem Oak Tree. (Photo by Budd Springer)

In the reenactment, Assemblies of God men who are members of the Frontiersman Camping Fraternity of the Royal Rangers played the role of Indians. Their FCF outfits were admirably suited to the occasion.



Jim Racan, Don Ray, Terry Smith, Jerry Haines, Danny Bixler, Roger Lind, Dean Miller, Brad Mitchell, Jim McGill, Don and Jim Hannah gave a Frontiersmen demonstration at Park College in Parkville, Mo., that included knife and tomahawk throwing, shooting muzzle loaders, and other feats.



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FRED DEAVER POSING WITH PAINTING DONE FOR JIM BOWIE CHAPTER.

MIDDLE PHOTO

JOHNNIE BARNES AT MONTANA POW WOW & FCF CALL OUT 1977.

LOWER PHOTO

FRED PRESENTS JOHNNIE WITH A PAINTING OF "OLE STRONG HEART" AT A COUNCIL FIRE.

Frontier Lore Is Fred Deaver's Speciality

To some Joplin employees, Fred Deaver's known as the VW building artist. To others he's a hard worker who has been with the company for 23 years. But Fred Deaver is much more. He's a writer, a poet, a frontiersman, and a volunteer worker with the Royal Rangers.

Deaver began his creative career drawing cartoons while he was in the army. Since then he's sold many of his works for more than $500 and says that he would be afraid to estimate the number of paintings and drawings that he's done over the years.

Recently, he wrote a children's story for the HIGH ADVENTURE magazine (similar to Boy's Life) and painted the picture which appeared with the article. Both are entitled "Heap of Trouble."

One of Deaver's most creative works of art is a Kentucky Flintlock rifle which he spent over 50 hours making. "Our forefathers paid $14 for the same rifle back in days of the frontiersmen, and today it is worth about $600, but I won't sell it," says Deaver. "Not long ago, I killed a six-point mule deer with this rifle."

A member of the National muzzle Loaders Association, Deaver has created an entire frontiersman's wardrobe including, the buckskin suit, a bowie knife, patch knife, corn beads, bear claw beads, and powder horns. And if that's not enough to give him the pioneer look, Deaver has grown a bees wax-coated handlebar mustache.

"But the part of my life that I'm most proud of," says Deaver, "is my affiliation with the Royal Rangers. Our motto is reach, teach and keep boys for Christ." Deaver shares his talents with the Royal Rangers year-round and then helps to take them on national tours during his vacations.

Deaver is the national president of the Frontiersmen, which is the fraternal order of the Royal Rangers. He is also a member of the Assemblies of God, the national church organization which sponsors the Rangers.

But with all of this, the Joplin native still finds time for his art. Some of his paintings recently won first, second, and honorable mention awards in the Baxter Springs Kowtow Day celebration. Deaver's frontiersman's outfit also won first place in the costume category.

–Hydraulics Press

Fred Deaver is national president of the Frontiersmen Camping Fraternity. He made the award-winning costume he is wearing and the Kentucky Flintlock rifle. In the background are some of his paintings.









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SHELBY LANIER--SEMINOLE CHAPTER 1977

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LEFT TO RIGHT HOLLY GENTRY, DOC. SEUBOLD AND KEN HARDCASTLE OF THE QUAPAW CHAPTER 1977.

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HAWK EYE DEAVER - 1978







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FRONTIER TRADERS

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GERALD (TWIGGY) HAINES TRYING TO "SKIN" A WOULD-BE TRADER.

BOTTOM RIGHT

BUTCH (TINY) KEIFER GETTING READY TO MAKE ANOTHER "BIG PATCH DEAL."

TOP RIGHT

CHARLEY (LONE EAGLE) HENDRICKS TRYING TO "GRIN DOWN" OLE HAWKEYE DURING A TRADE.

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INDIAN IN REVOLT AFTER TRADING WITH FRONTIERSMAN.









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i saw,i heard, i felt the camporama. i saw, i heard,



i saw the F.C.F. teepee village silhouetted against the sunset.



i saw demonstration and costumes of our forefathers that took us back over 100 years into our past.



CAMPORAMA







NATIONAL F.C.F. SCOUTS ELECTED

During the recent biannual meeting of the FCF members held in conjunction with the national Camporama, two important elections took place. That of the National Scout and the Assistant National Scout.

Not only do these young men represent the total FCF membership throughout the U.S., but they also serve as members of the national FCF Committee and the national Royal Rangers Council.

Elected to serve as National Scout was Steve Benesh, 17 of Beaumont, TX (Longhorn Chapter—South Texas District).

Elected to the post of Assistant National Scout was Dale Stout of Bakersfield, CA (Sequoia Chapter—Southern California District).

Our congratulations to these two top young men. We know they will do a great job in this capacity.

Retiring as National Scout was Danny Bixler of Kansas City, MO (Daniel Boone Chapter).

Outgoing Assistant National Scout was Dave Osborn of Salem, OH (Johnny Appleseed Chapter).

These young men have served the FCF program with distinction over the past two years.

Thank you Danny and Dave for a job well done!



NEW SCOUTS—
Steve Benesh at right
Dale Stout at left

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LEFT--SONNY GREEN TALKING TO TWO FCF MEMBERS FROM AUSTRALIA. BACKGROUND (IN COONSKIN CAP) FRANK BERRY FOREGROUND--EARL (MUD BOTTOM) FISHER AND HAWKEYE

MIDDLE LEFT

DON BIXLER & JIM (HAWKIN) REGAN DEMONSTRATE THE ART OF BLACKSMITHING.

TOP RIGHT

DON RAY (TORMENTER) AND SONNY GREEN (VICTIM) IN STOCKS.

MIDDLE LEFT

EVEN THE PARK RANGER CANNOT ESCAPE THE JUSTICE OF JUDGE DEAVER.

BOTTOM

FCF VILLAGE








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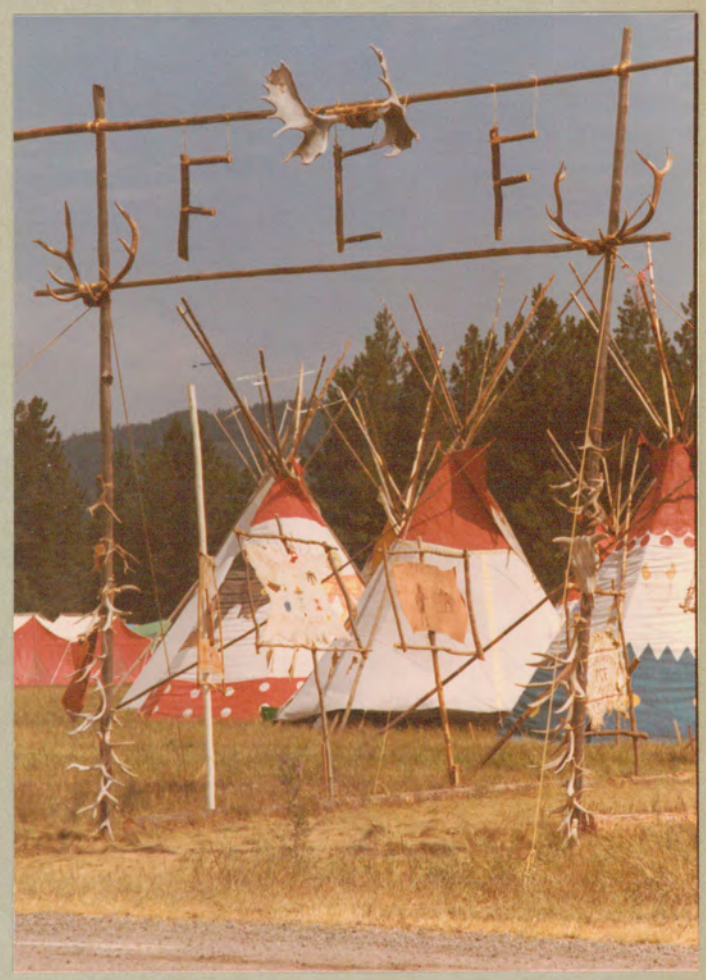
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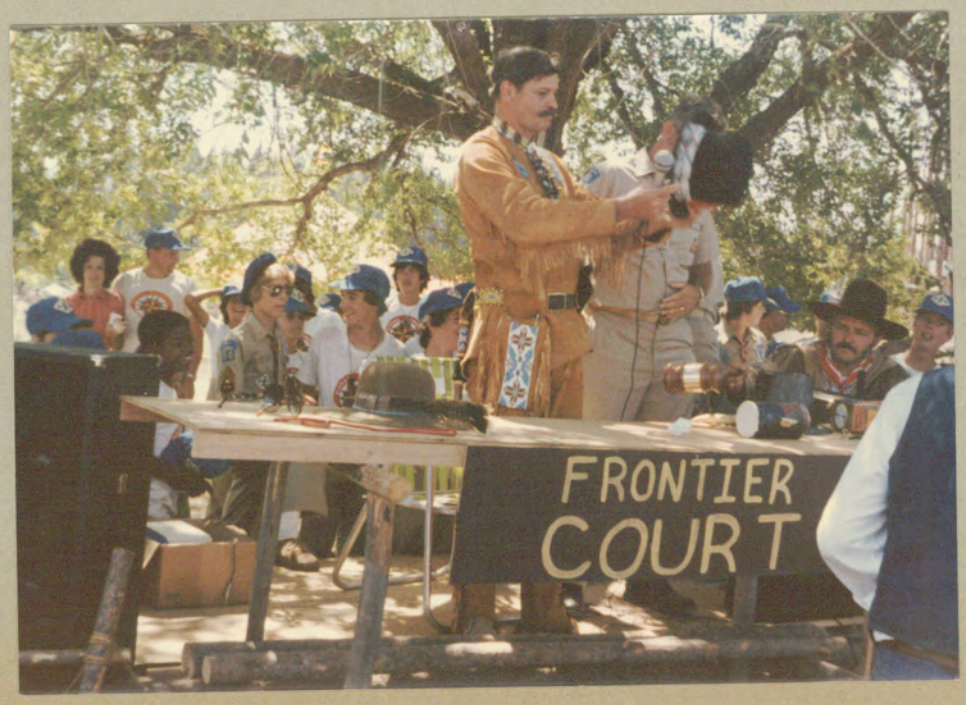
MORE SHOTS OF THE FCF VILLAGE DURING THE 1978 NATIONAL CAMPORAMA.


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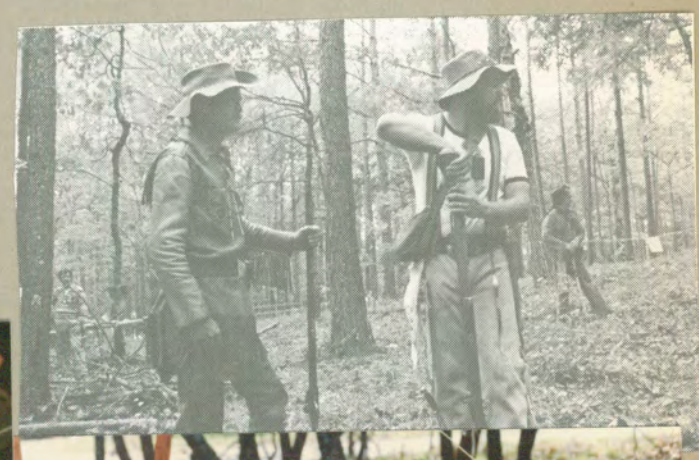
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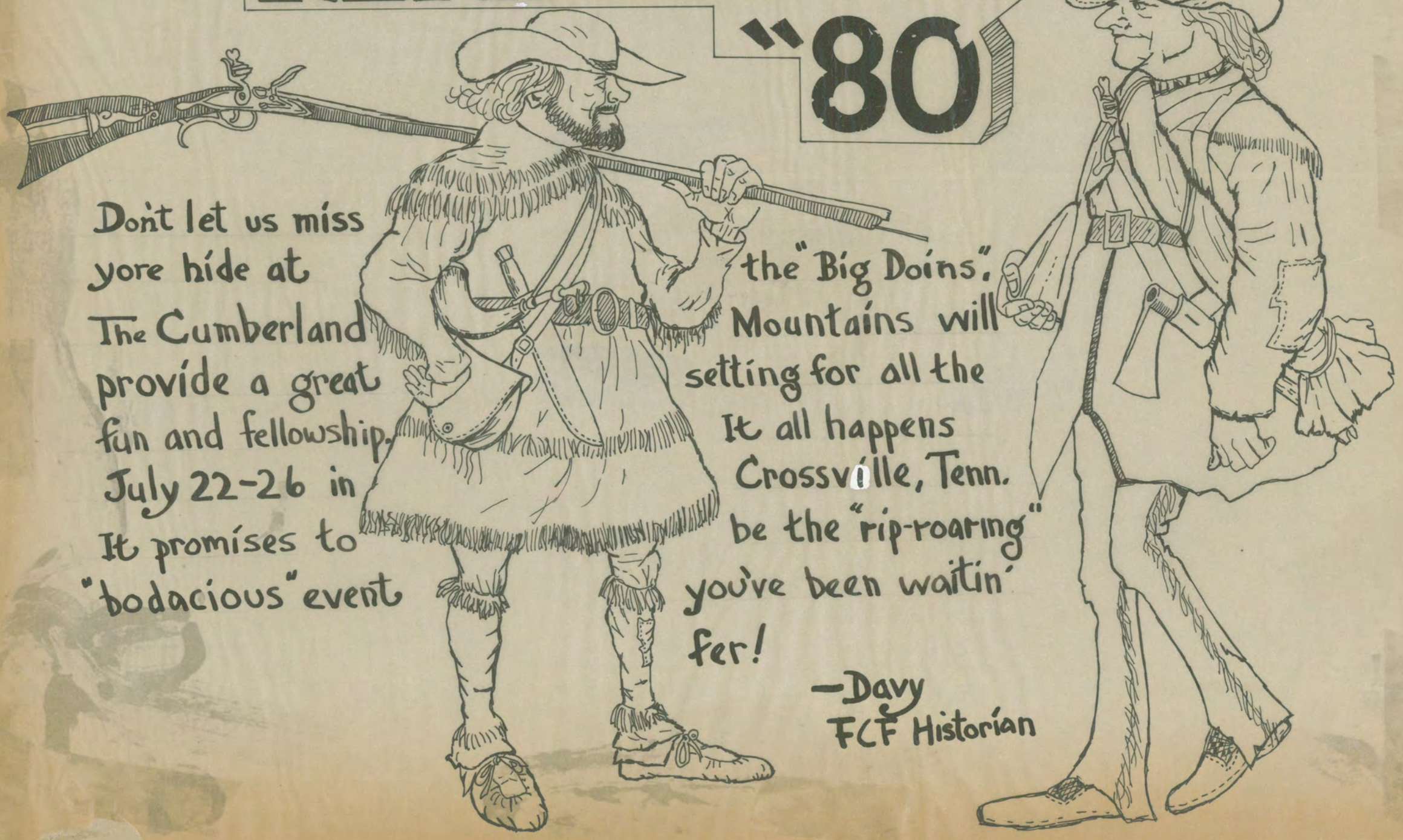






FCF National

RENDEZVOUS "80



Don't let us miss yore hide at The Cumberland provide a great fun and fellowship. July 22-26 in It promises to "bodacious" event

the "Big Doins". Mountains will setting for all the It all happens Crossville, Tenn. be the "rip-roaring" you've been waitin' fer!

—Davy
FCF Historian

National Frontiersmen Camping Fraternity Rendezvous.

On a warm July day (22nd) some 670 members of the Frontiersmen Camping Fraternity converged on beautiful Sequatchie Valley in Tennessee for their 1980 quadrennial rendezvous. From every section of the country they came—dressed in their colorful frontier clothing, soon they pitched their teepees and primitive lean-tos and turned the valley into a scene from out of the past.

They checked their muzzle loader, prepared their fixen and made ready for three days of exciting frontier activities.

The valley located at the headwaters of the Sequatchie River was idealistic for the various events.

The opening ceremony included a devotion by Rev. Silas Gaither and an explanation of the historical significance of the location. Then it was free-for-all time. This included competition in rifle shooting, tomahawk throwing, knife throwing, and fire by flint & steel.

There was traders row where swapping and trading was a popular pastime. A series of frontier skills were demonstrated daily on subjects such as rifle making, leather work, bead work, knife making, scrimshaw, hide tanning, frontier foods, etc.

The evening service took on the form of a brush arbor revival with Johnnie Barnes as speaker. These services became a time of spiritual refreshing and spiritual dedication. From the response of the men, the "Ol time religion" is still alive today.

Picking and grinning time followed the brush arbor services. This event directed by Mark Gentry featured many musical instruments such as guitar, harmonica, banjo, fiddle, bass tub fiddle, dulicimer, Jew's harp, etc. Old time pioneer and frontier songs and music echoed across the moonlit valley. Morning inspirational devotions were conducted by Paul McGarvey.

One special feature was a production by the Alabama (Confederate) chapter. They presented an amusing satire of an early frontier camp. This group also won the most authentic frontier camp award.

There was a special Seneca Trace with a young buck (boy) and old timer (man) from each territory competing. Timed skill included, rifle shooting, tomahawk and knife throwing, flint & steel fire starting, trap setting, etc.

From time to time frontier court was held with Judge Hawkeye Deaver presiding. Justice was swift and sure. All fines went to a special Home Missions project.

National elections were also held. Fred Deaver was unanimously elected for another four year term as National President.

Sonny Green was elected as National Vice President. Rick Wescott of Pennsylvania was elected as National Scout and Dale Long of California was elected as Assistant National Scout. Rick Wescott succeeded Steve Benesh as National Scout and Dale Long succeeded Dale Stout as Assistant National Scout.

There were winners in many different categories, the person with the highest overall points was declared "Mr. Frontiersman." There were two age divisions—young bucks (boys) and old timers (men). Winners were Ray Lambert and Carl Crackel who tied for old timers and Ron Hornback, Jr. young bucks. (Duplicate awards were given to the old timer winners.)

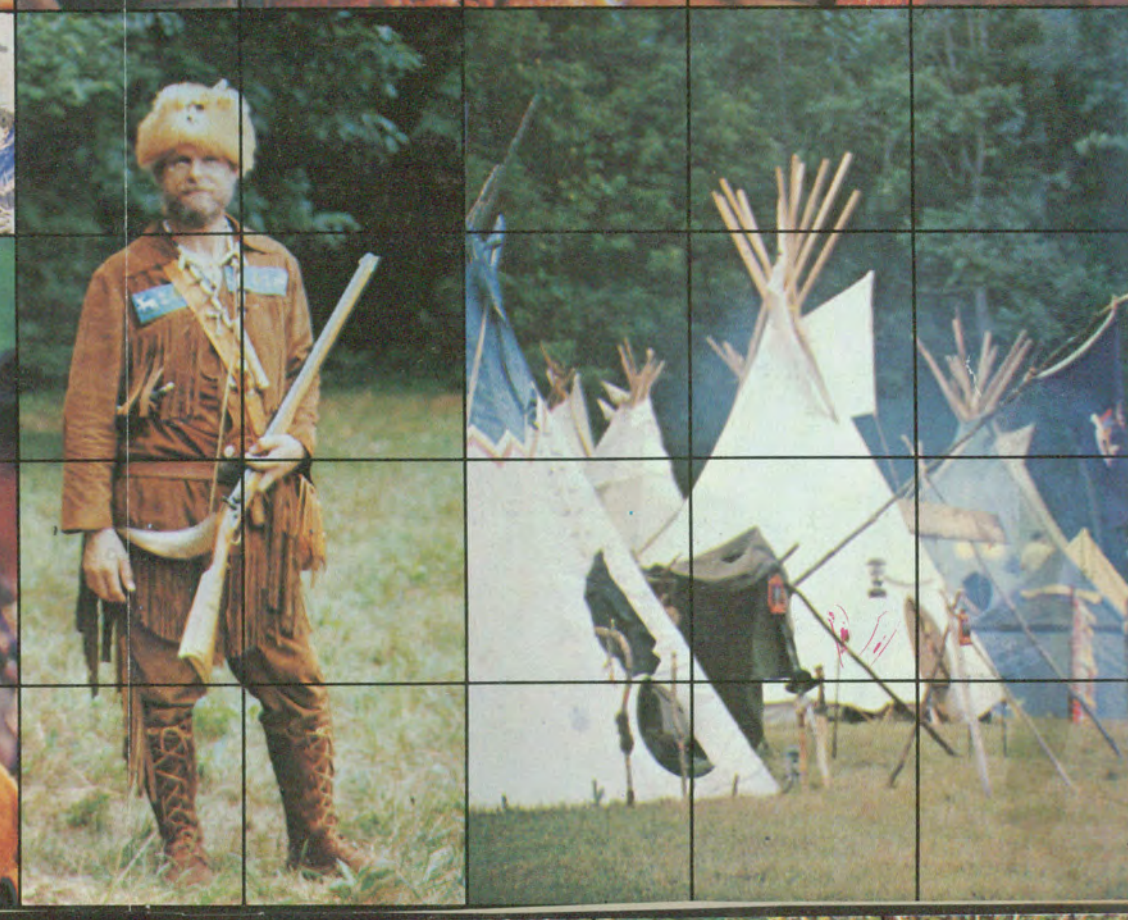
Traveling the furthest distance was Karen Phillips from Adelaide, Australia. She was the official representative for the Australian FCF. She was very popular among the young men and most agree she made some of the best patch trades at the Rendezvous. She inspired many to try to attend the Australian Camporama in January 14-19, 1981.

Special commendation goes to Chris Hinkle, Dave Wharton, and the men of the Tennessee (Volunteer) Chapter as host district. They came through with flying colors. Their efficient and dedicated service was a major element in the success of the rendezvous. High praise ▶













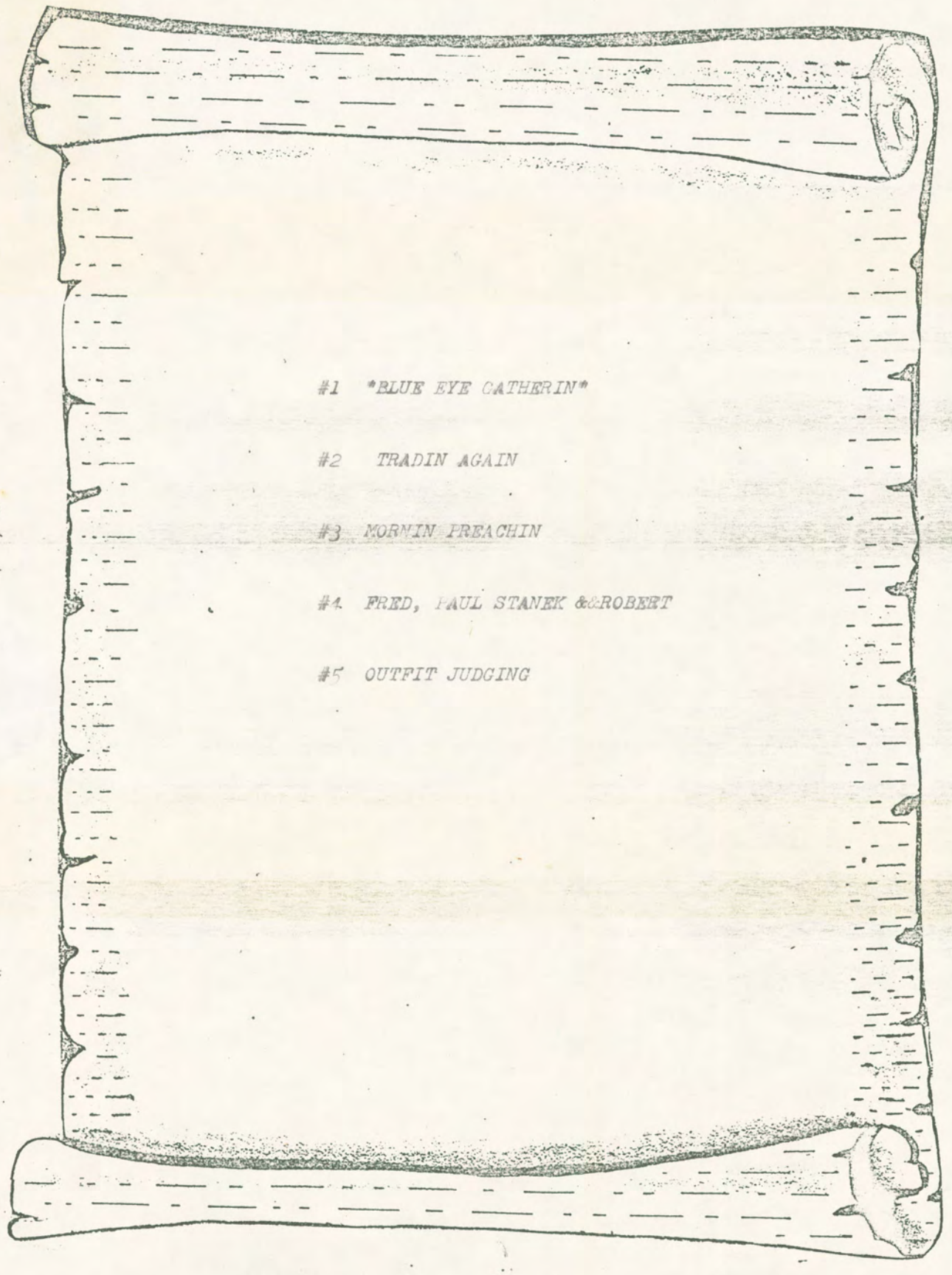












#1 "BLUE EYE CATHERIN"

#2 TRADIN AGAIN

#3 MORNIN PREACHIN

#4 FRED, PAUL STANEK &&ROBERT

#5 OUTFIT JUDGING

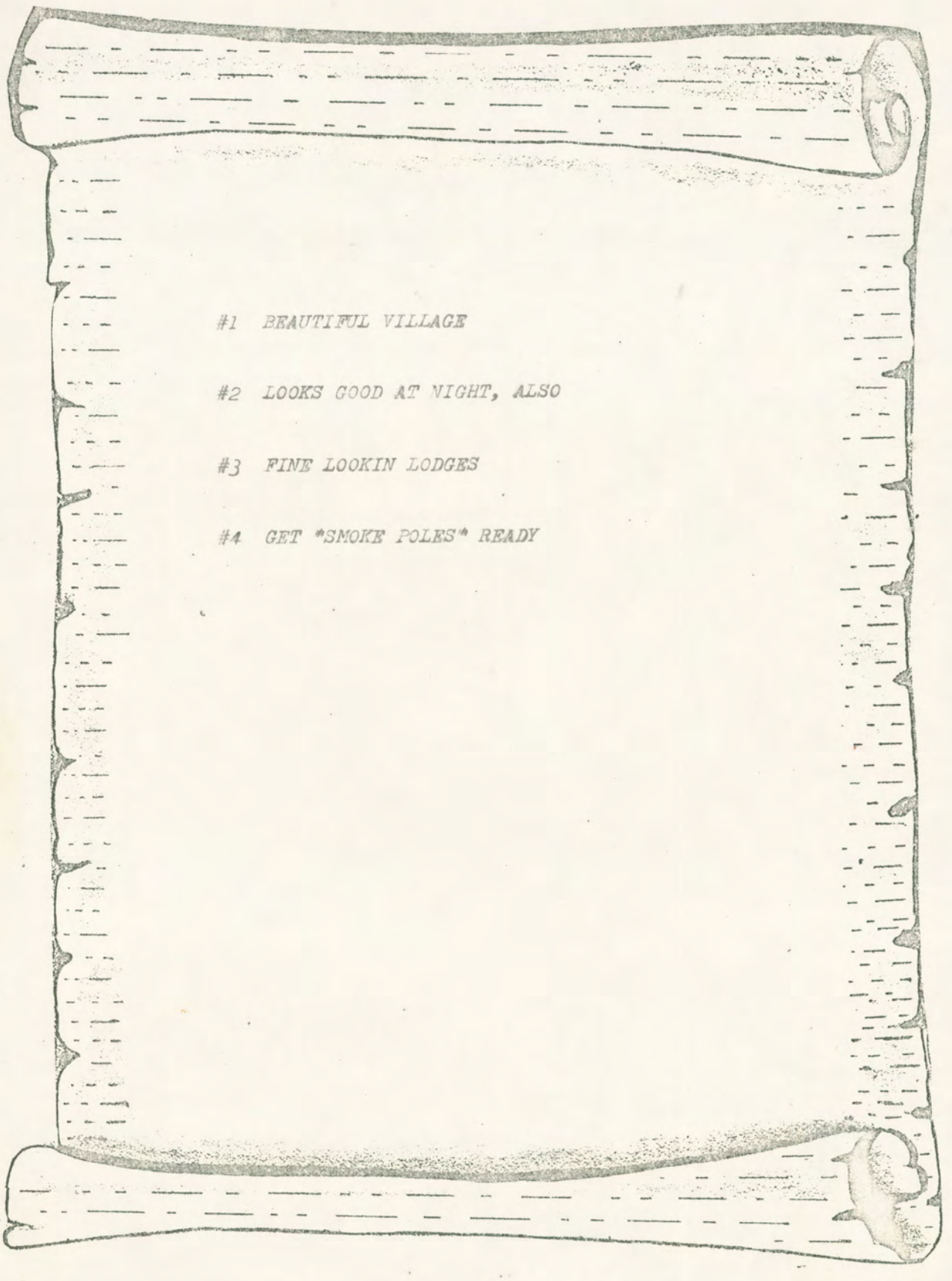












#1 BEAUTIFUL VILLAGE

#2 LOOKS GOOD AT NIGHT, ALSO

#3 FINE LOOKIN LODGES

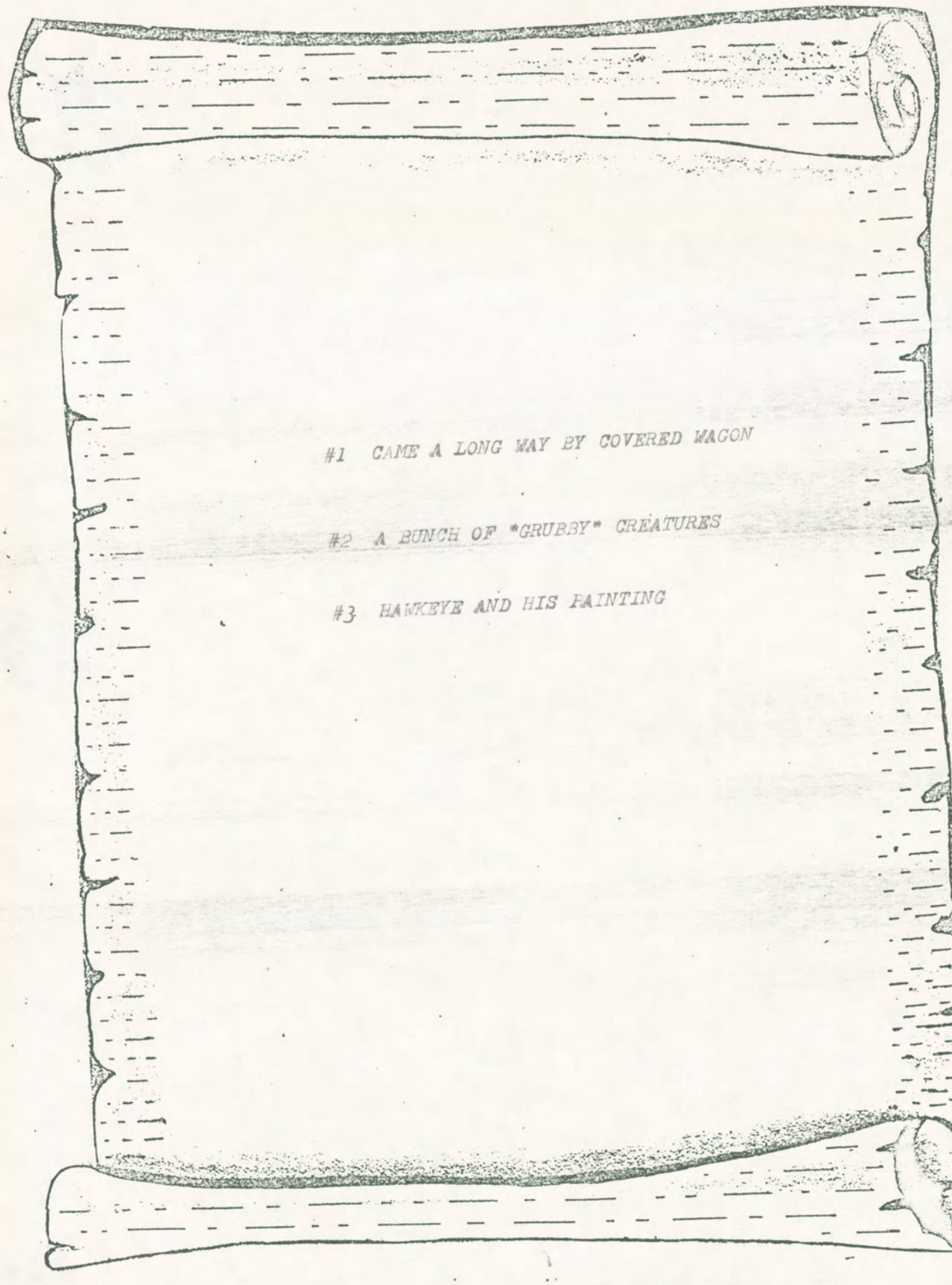
#4 GET "SMOKE POLES" READY











#1 CAME A LONG WAY BY COVERED WAGON

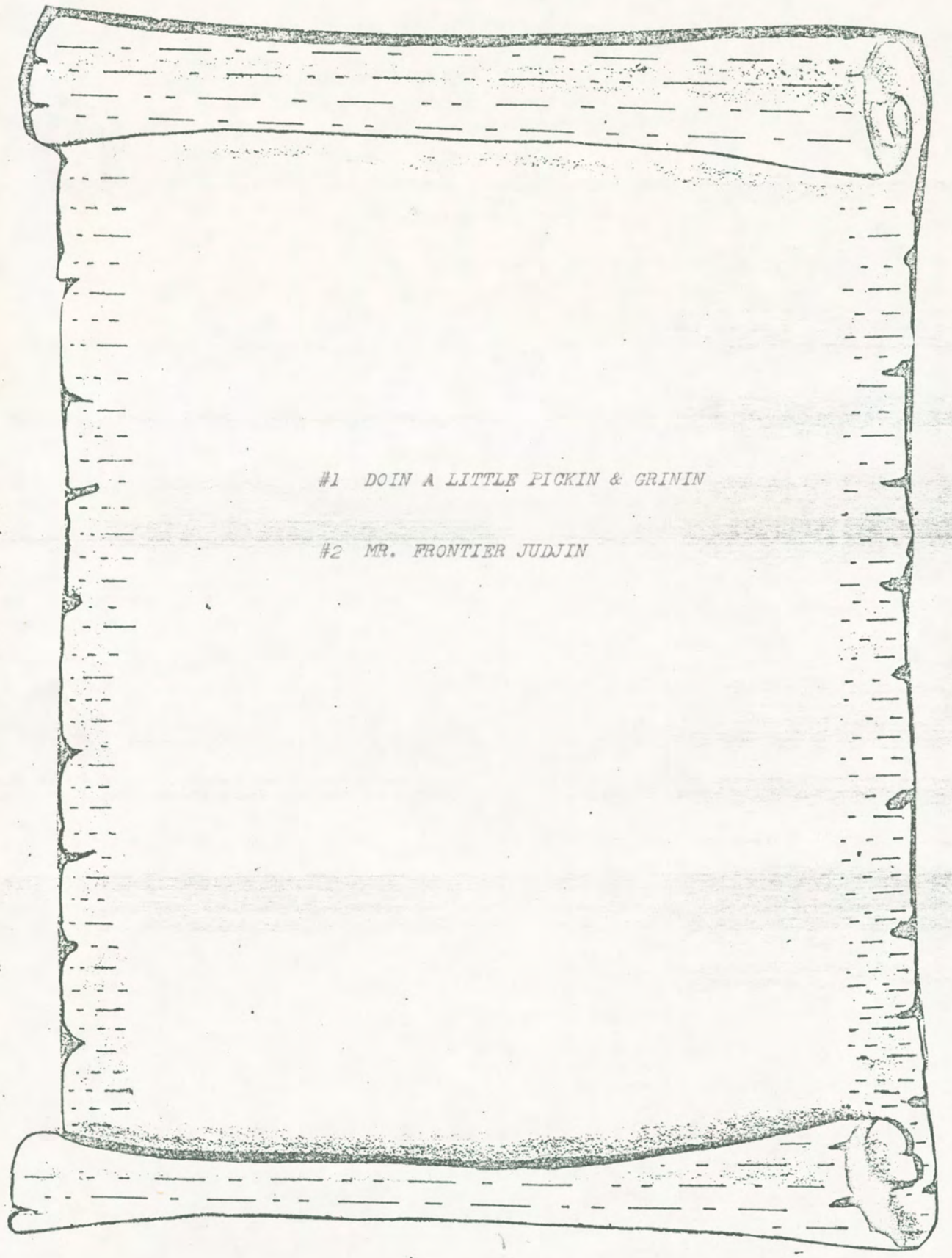
#2 A BUNCH OF "GRUBBY" CREATURES

#3 HAWKEYE AND HIS PAINTING







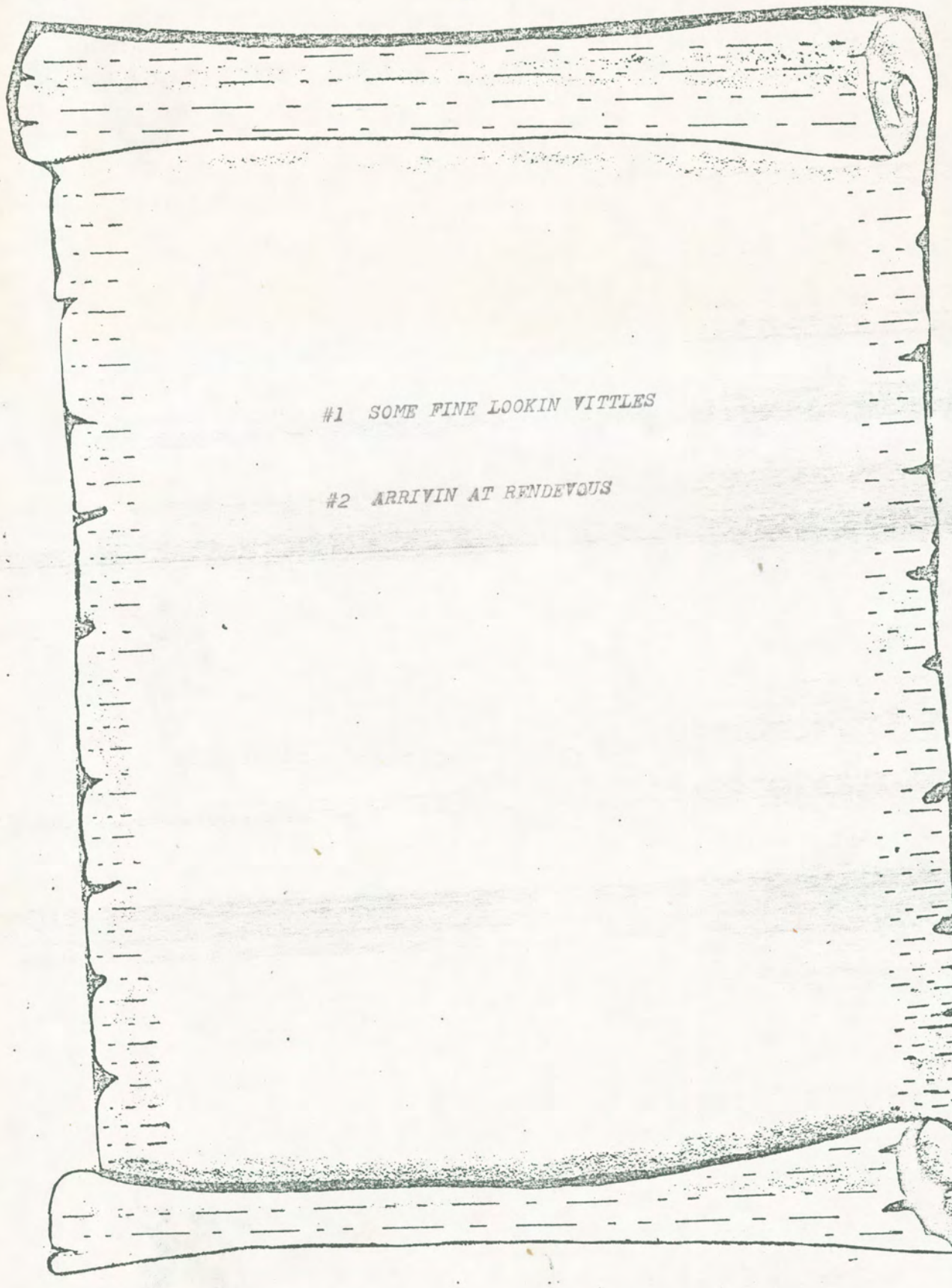


#1 DOIN A LITTLE PICKIN & GRININ

#2 MR. FRONTIER JUDJIN





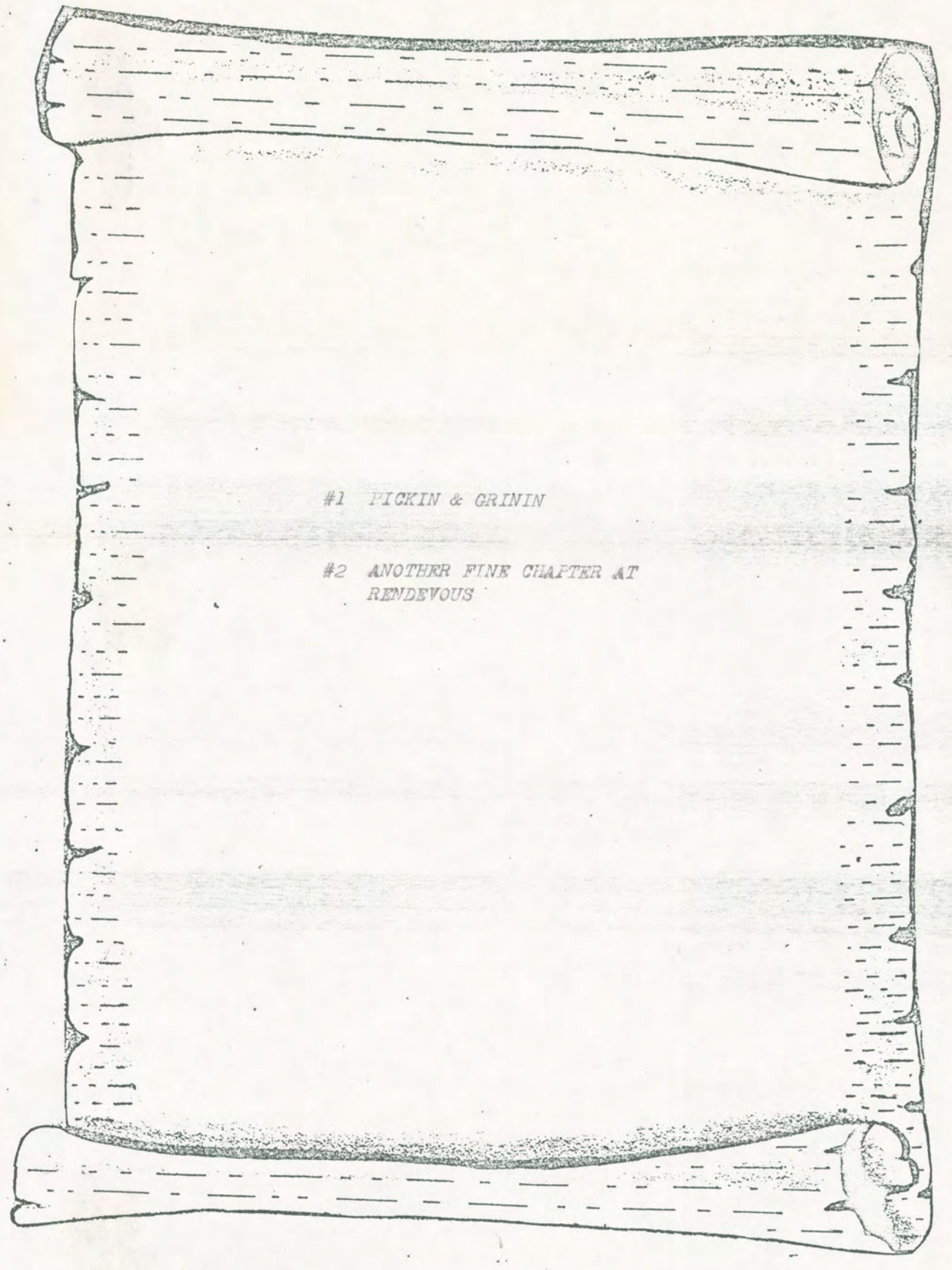


#1 SOME FINE LOOKIN VITTLES

#2 ARRIVIN AT RENDEVOUS





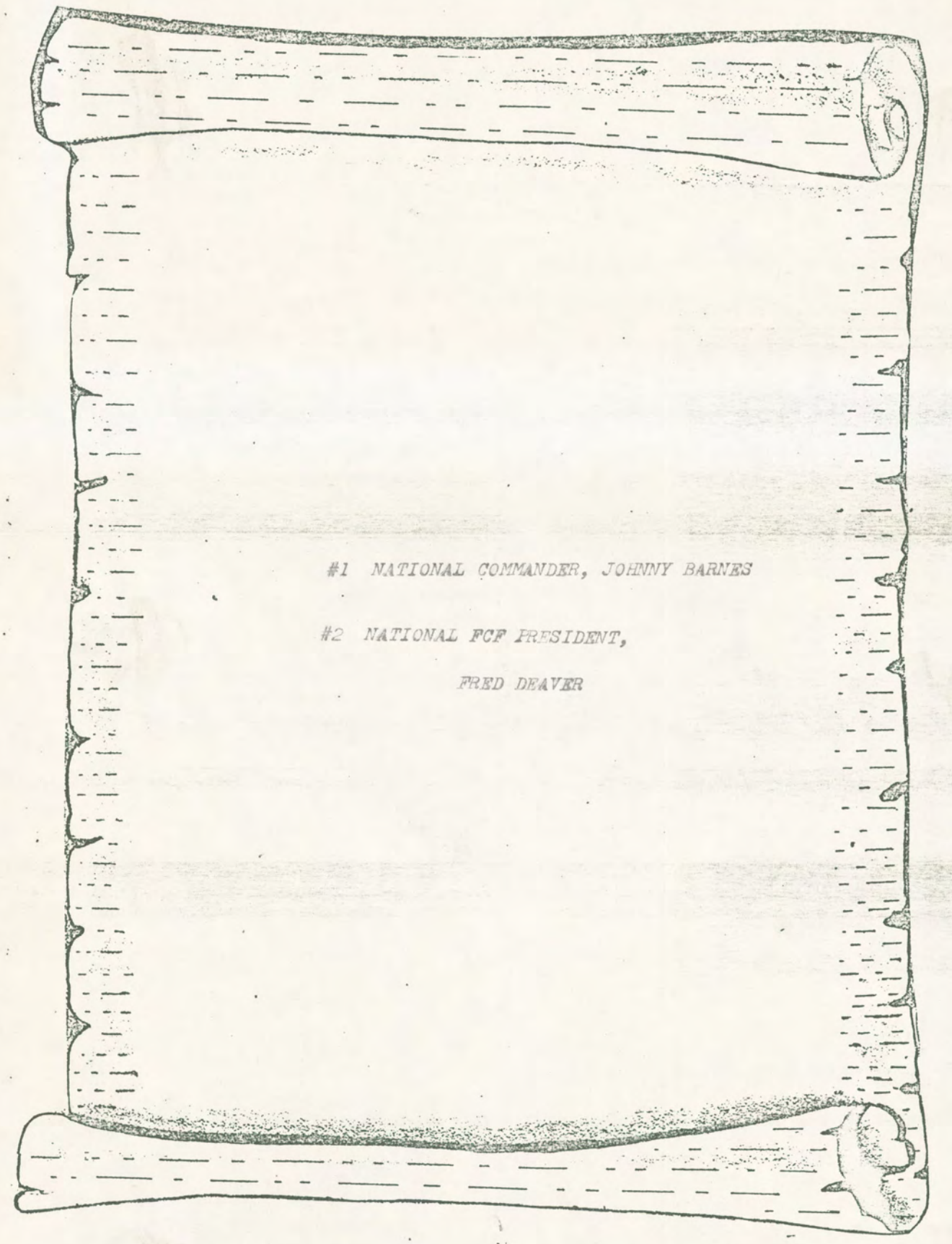


#1 PICKIN & GRININ

#2 ANOTHER FINE CHAPTER AT RENDEVOUS







#1 NATIONAL COMMANDER, JOHNNY BARNES

#2 NATIONAL FCF PRESIDENT,

FRED DEAVER

National camp-out attracts many

By WAYNE KINDNESS

More than 700 men and boys attended the National Rendevous of the Frontiersmen Camping Fraternity last week, held in a clearing south of the Linary Community.

The Frontiersmen Camping Fraternity (FCF) is a part of Royal Rangers, an organization similar to the Boy Scouts, sponsored by the Assemblies of God.

The clearing where the Rendevous was held is believed to be an original rendevous site ofr the early frontiersmen. FCF members from across the United States and some foreign countries attended the National Rendevous -- held every four years at different sites throughout the United States.

FCF, which has about 10,000 members according to national commander and founder Johnnie Barnes, was established in 1966 to recognize the men and older boys of Royal Rangers who had distinguished themselves in advancement, training and camping.

"There has been a phenomenal growth," Barnes said. "It's great to see how it has grown."

Barnes said the entire FCF program was laid out with handbooks, training for leaders, etc., before the program was launched.

"There's nothing quite like an idea who's time has arrived," Barnes said, of the growth of FCF. "We wanted to preserve the skills and crafts of our forefathers," he added, explaining the frontier theme. "There are many organizations which now place emphasis on the historical skills. The Bicentennial helped cultivate it."

"There is a tremendous spirit of fellowship here," Sonny Green, a territorial leader from Ohio and guide for a visiting newspaper reporter, said.

Green said FCF, the National Rendevous, Camporamas (held in territories every two years) and Round-ups (held in states every year) give the man a chance to be with the boy, hopefully to impart some wisdom, logic and fellowship.

"It is not only to teach a boy how to live in the world, but to teach him about God," Green said of the non-denominational FCF. "In the end you can think, 'maybe you've helped a boy."

Green said there is extensive

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National leader

Johnnie Barnes is the founder and still national commander of the Royal Rangers and the Frontiersmen Camping Fraternity.



Famous artist

Fred Deaver, Western and wildlife artist, is a member of the Frontiersmen Camping Fraternity. In the late '70's, Deaver was commissioned to paint a portrait of John Wayne on behalf of the Boy Scouts of America. Deaver's work was presented to Wayne in September of 1978.

Crossville Chronicle

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600 Royal Rangers join in three-day Sequatchie 'powwow'

By Richard L. Davis

More than 600 Royal Rangers, members of the National Frontiersmen Camping Fraternity, including 300 youths and 300 adults, were packing up their Indian Village, teepees and all, today to return to their homes throughout the United States, and even one from Australia--the only girl to attend.

Sponsored by the Assembly of God Church, the Royal Rangers are comparable to the Order of the Arrow in Boy Scouting, except that they are dedicated to preserving pioneer skills, along with the individualism and pioneer spirit which has made the United States what many consider the model nation in the world.

They were attracted here by Don Crace's offer to utilize his 350 acres, and Clinton Hamby's 800 acres for their encampment, and musket range from Wednesday through Friday night.

This land is uniquely situated, nestled in the Sequatchie Valley, about eight miles down the mountain, after you take a left at the first turn beyond Griffin's Quick Service Market, about five miles south of Crossville on Highway 127 South, beyond the state park.

Johnnie Barnes, national commander of Frontiersmen Camping Fraternity, of Springfield, Mo., explained to The Chronicle Thursday that this site was chosen for the annual encampment on recommendation of District Commander Chris Hinkle of Powell, Tn., and his aide-de-camp Dave Wharton of Nashville.

Each day found the Royal Rangers and members of the fraternal group attired in pioneer clothing, giving all the appearances of a page from history and the days of Davy Crockett. In fact, on entering beneath a small, wooden archway, it also appeared to be today's setting from the Pioneer Village at Disneyland in California.

There were dozens of teepees, a swap market, and pioneer articles, including animal skins, knives, hatchets, pioneer art, and all sorts of articles to make the admirer of the early days of this nation eager to buy or trade, or both.

One of the highlights was the closing ceremonial Saturday morning, marking the end of the initiation of new Royal Rangers who will be assembled at similar gatherings in the future.

Fred Deaver, president, of Riverton, Kansas, explains all of this activity connected with pioneer lore is designed to keep alive the old skills while attempting to improve on them.

Royal Rangers include members living in 42 nations, in addition to the United States, Deaver said, with emphasis both on skills training and preserving the religious beliefs that brought the

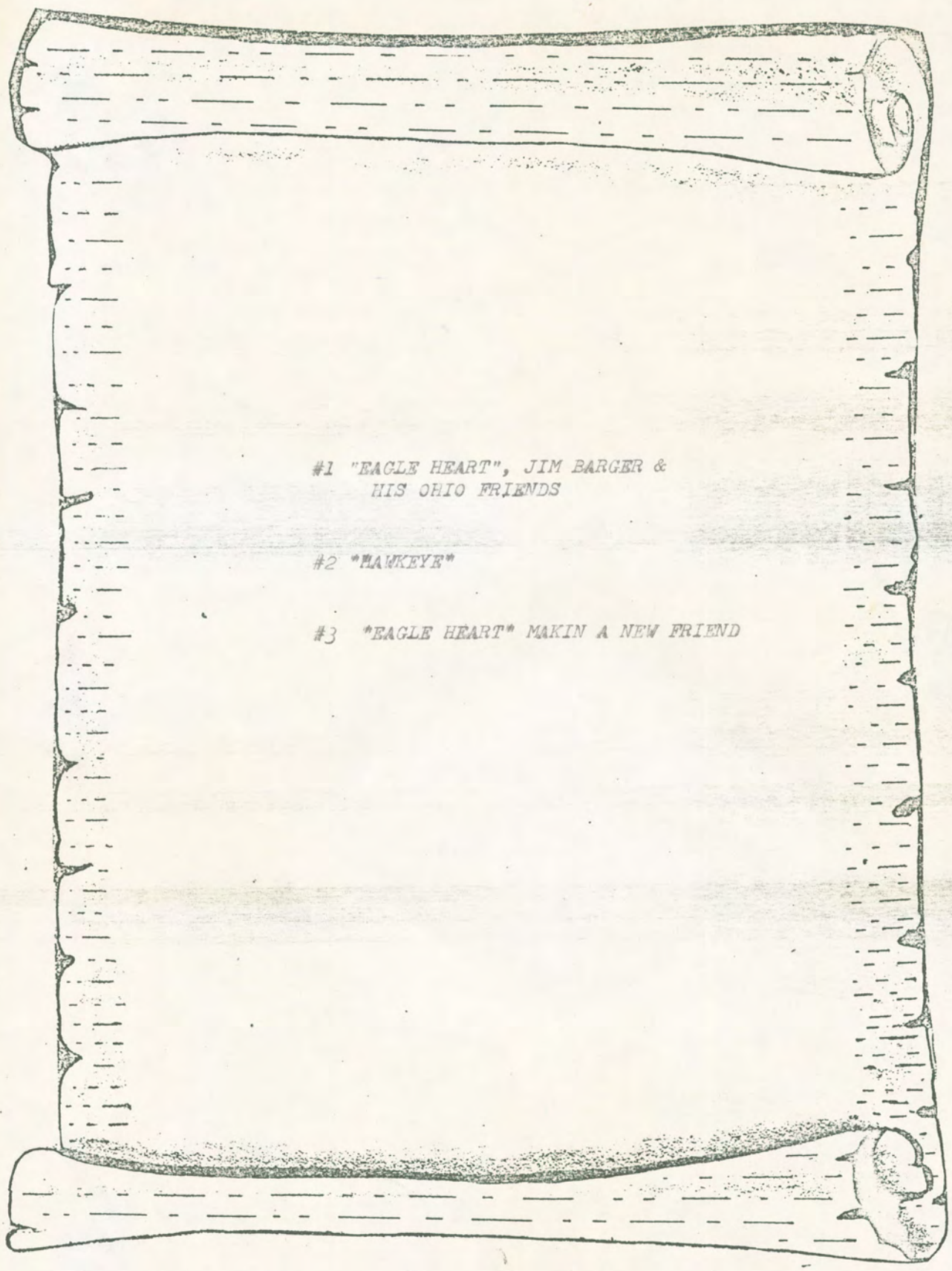
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Fred Deaver of Riverton, Kansas, president of the National Frontiersmen Camping Fraternity, joins the only foreigner to attend the encampment of 600 members this year, Karen Phillips, 18, of Adelaide, in Southern Australia.



Frank Berry, president from North Texas, joins Johnnie Barnes, national commander from Springfield, Mo., and District Commander Chris Hinkle of Powell, Tn., at encampment site provided by Don Crace of Crossville in the Sequatchie Valley, one of the most picturesque areas of Tennessee.



#1 "EAGLE HEART", JIM BARGER &
HIS OHIO FRIENDS

#2 "HAWKEYE"

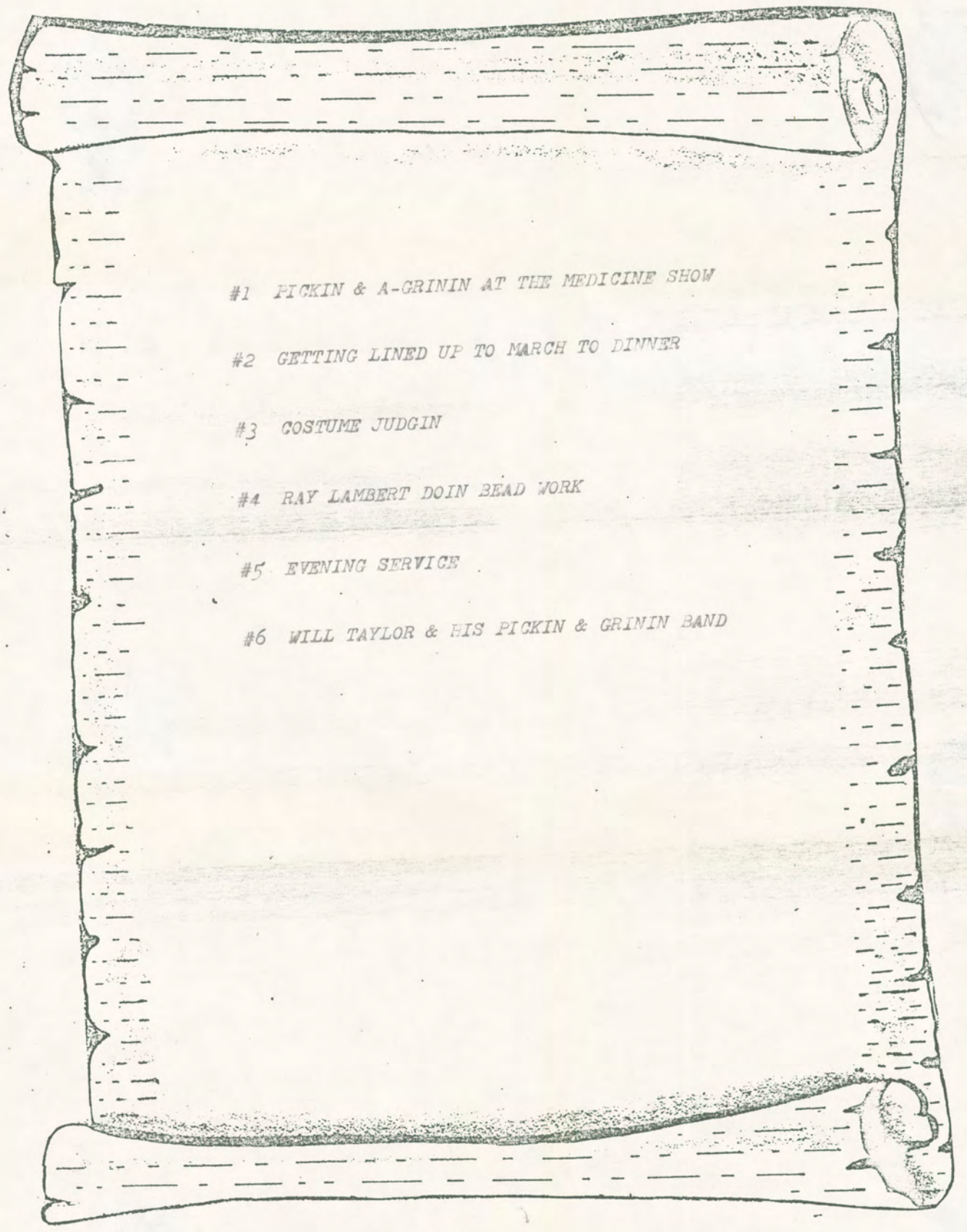
#3 "EAGLE HEART" MAKIN A NEW FRIEND

THE 1982 NATIONAL CAMPORAMA









#1 PICKIN & A-GRININ AT THE MEDICINE SHOW

#2 GETTING LINED UP TO MARCH TO DINNER

#3 COSTUME JUDGIN

#4 RAY LAMBERT DOIN BEAD WORK

#5 EVENING SERVICE

#6 WILL TAYLOR & HIS PICKIN & GRININ BAND


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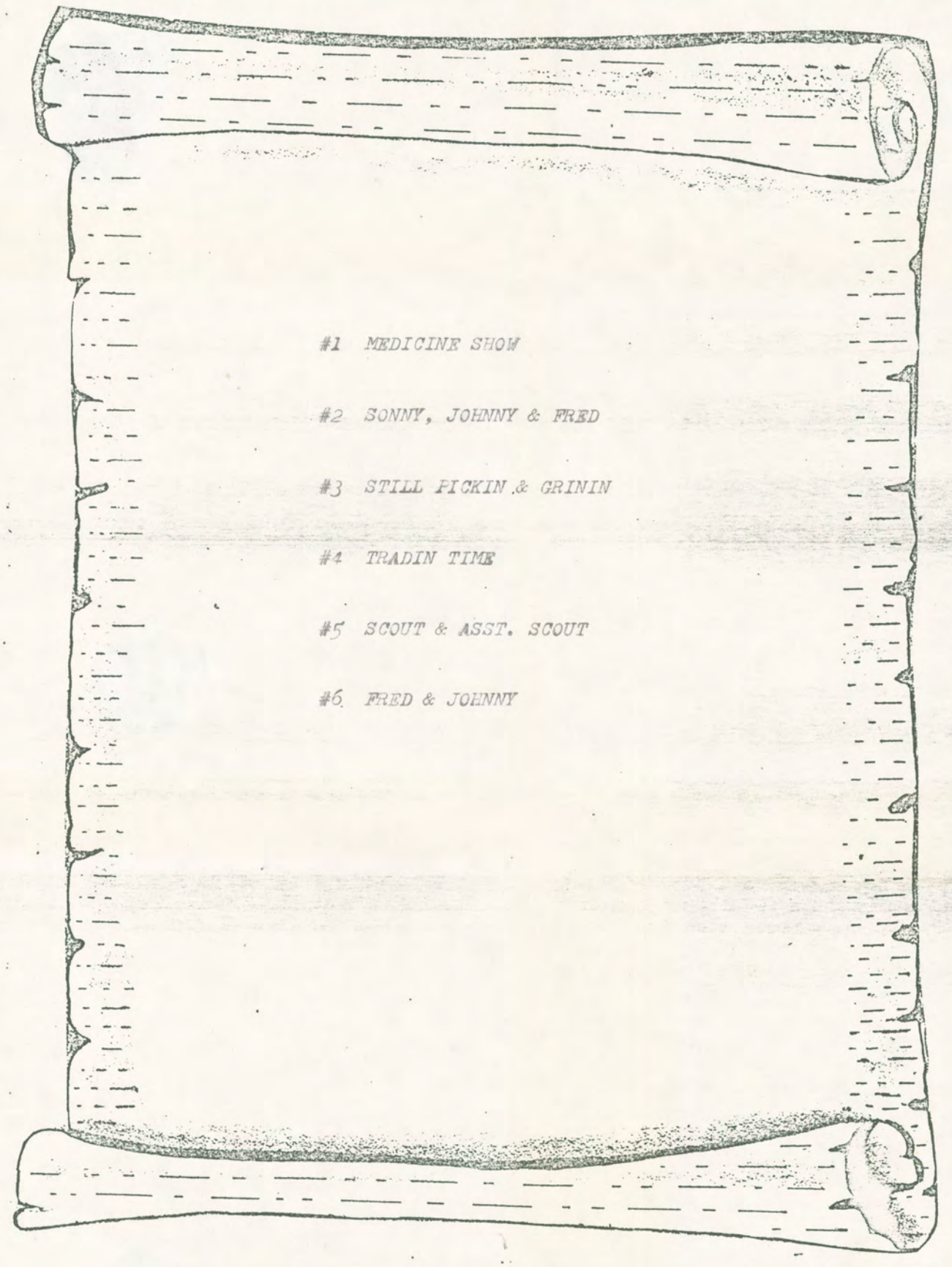












#1 MEDICINE SHOW

#2 SONNY, JOHNNY & FRED

#3 STILL PICKIN & GRININ

#4 TRADIN TIME

#5 SCOUT & ASST. SCOUT

#6 FRED & JOHNNY





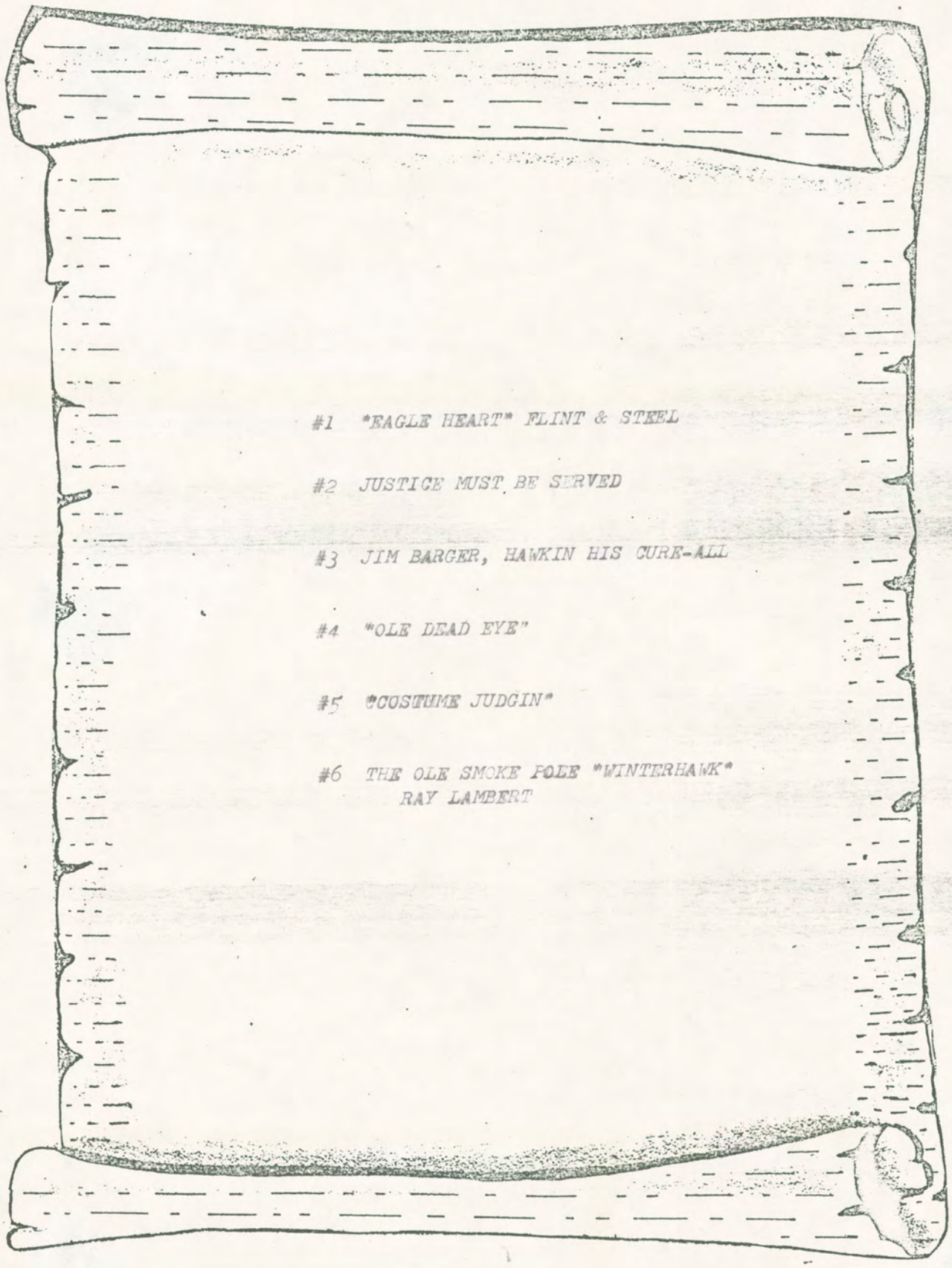






Jeff Woodard, Nat'l Scout
and
Roger Moore, Ass't Nat'l Scout





#1 "EAGLE HEART" FLINT & STEEL

#2 JUSTICE MUST BE SERVED

#3 JIM BARGER, HAWKIN HIS CURE-ALL

#4 "OLE DEAD EYE"

#5 "COSTUME JUDGIN"

#6 THE OLE SMOKE POLE "WINTERHAWK"
RAY LAMBERT


Flint "n" Steel

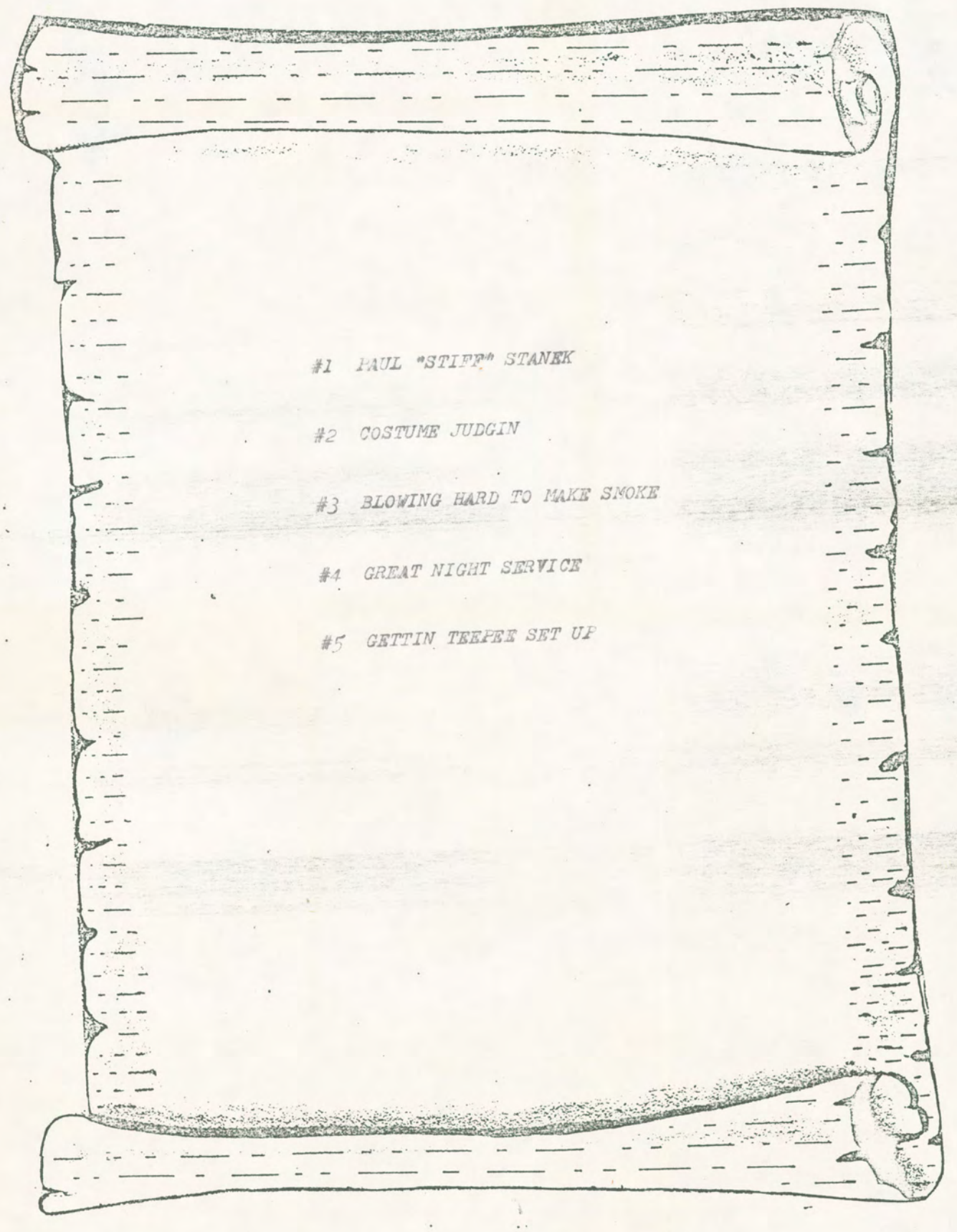



MEDICINE SHOW









#1 PAUL "STIFF" STANEK

#2 COSTUME JUDGIN

#3 BLOWING HARD TO MAKE SMOKE

#4 GREAT NIGHT SERVICE

#5 GETTIN TEEPEE SET UP

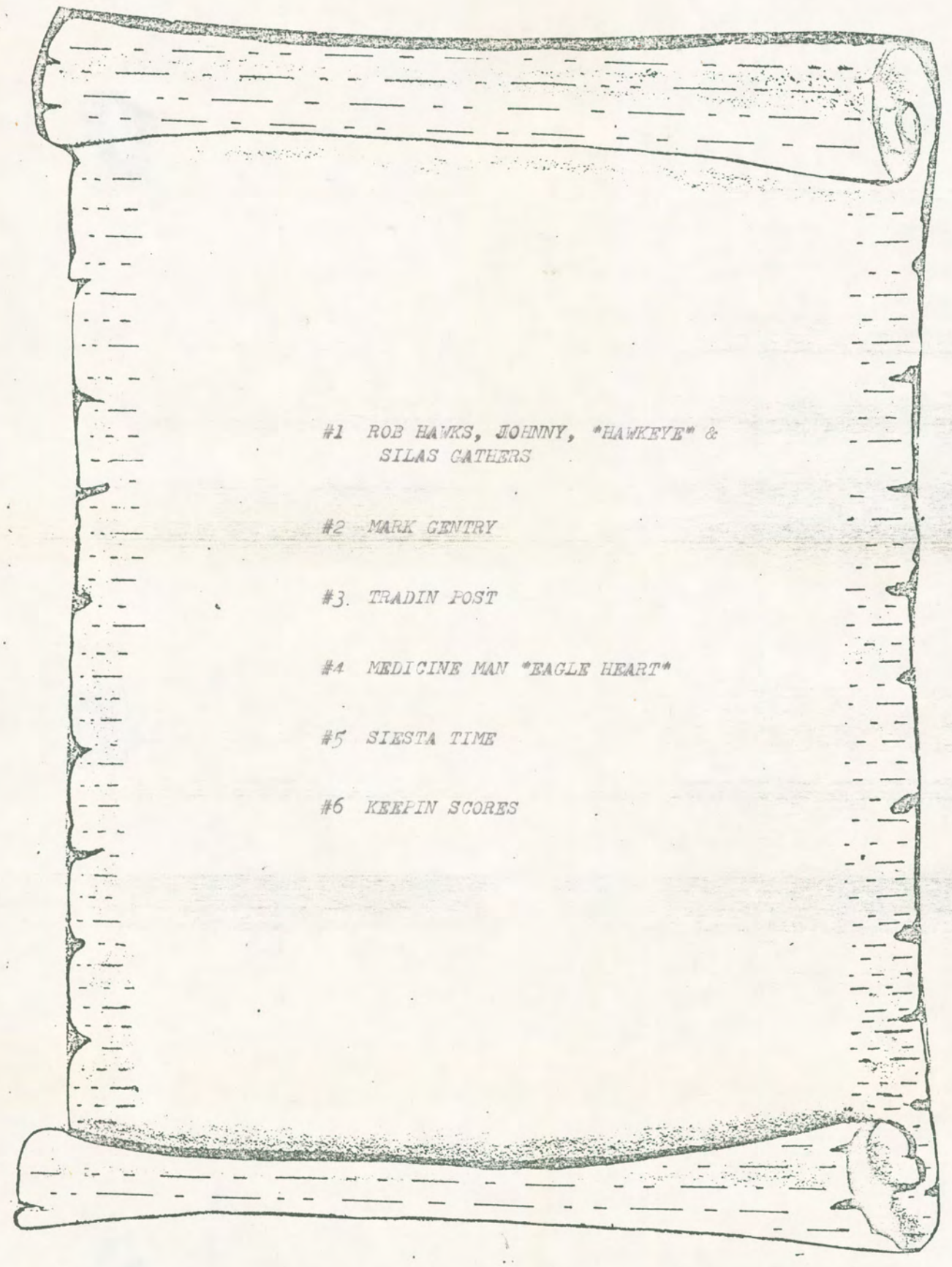












#1 ROB HAWKS, JOHNNY, "HAWKEYE" &
SILAS CATHERS

#2 MARK GENTRY

#3. TRADIN POST

#4 MEDICINE MAN "EAGLE HEART"

#5 SIESTA TIME

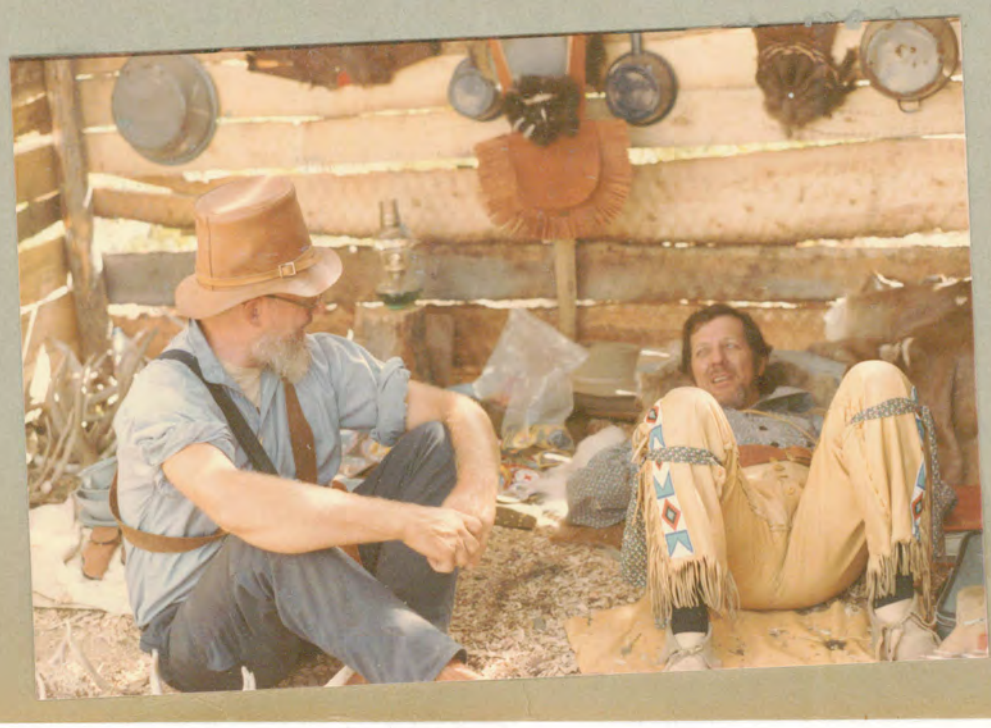
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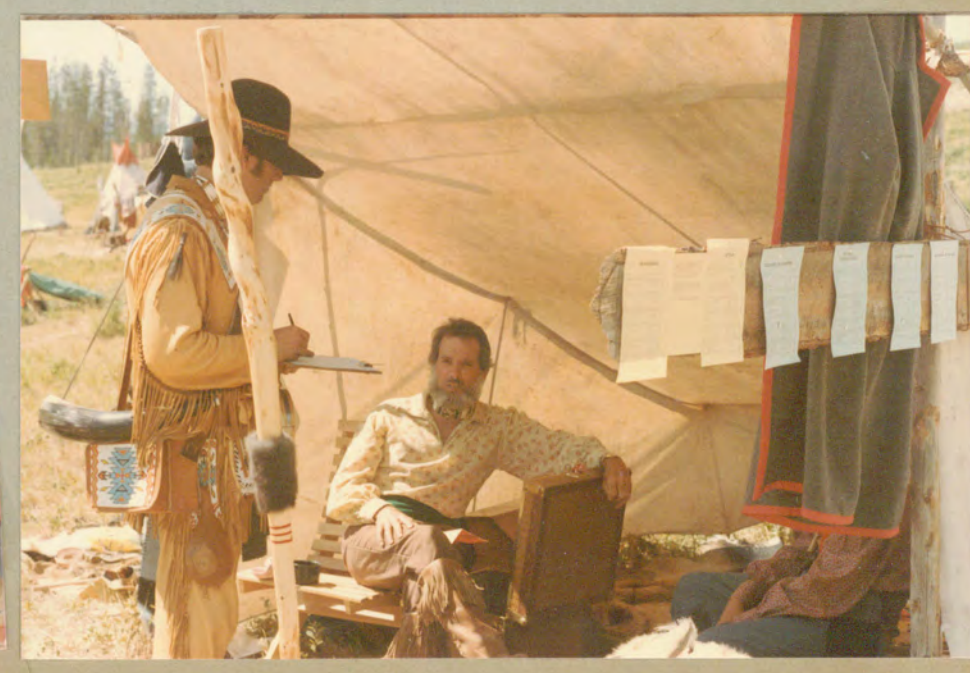


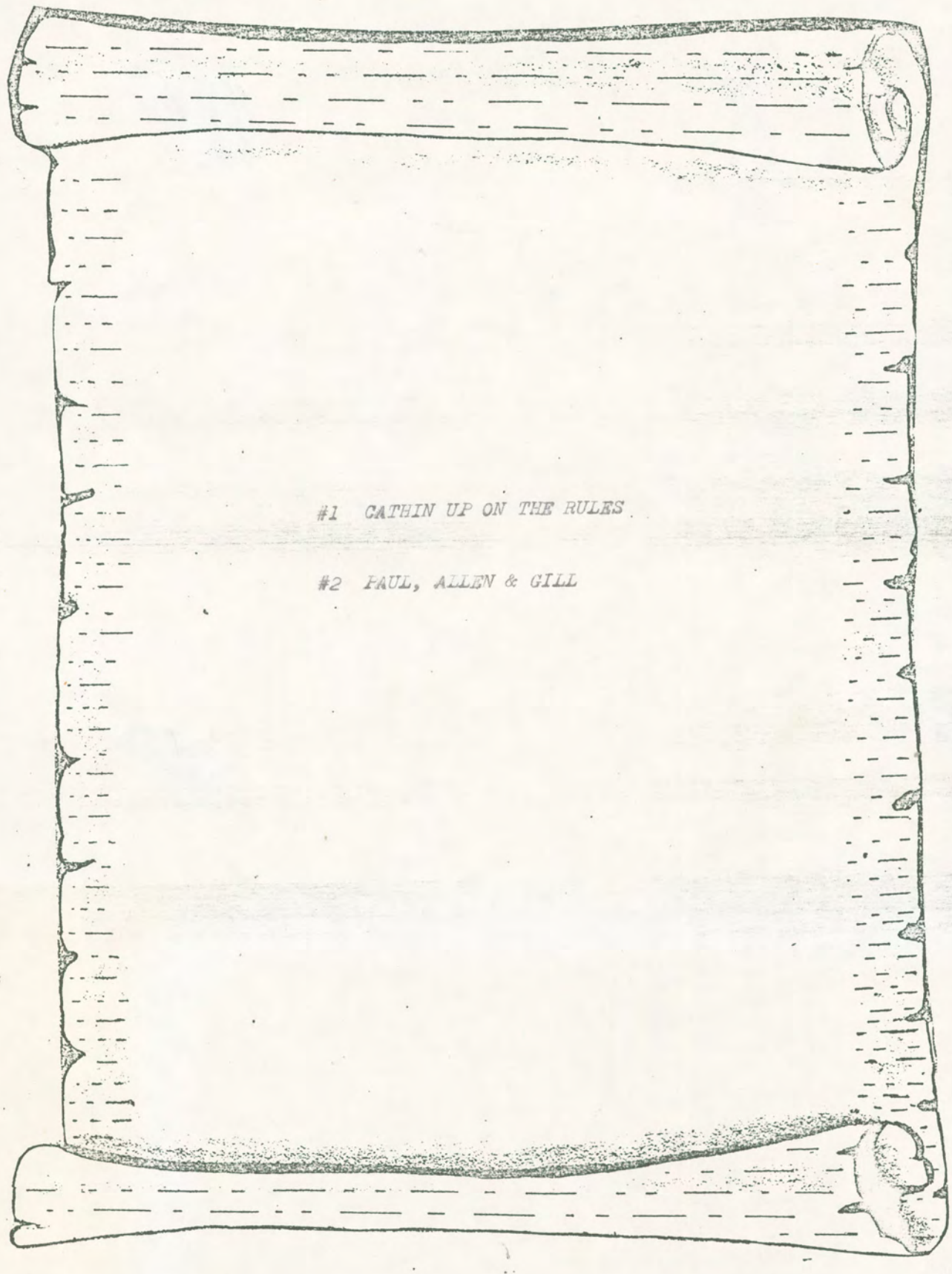






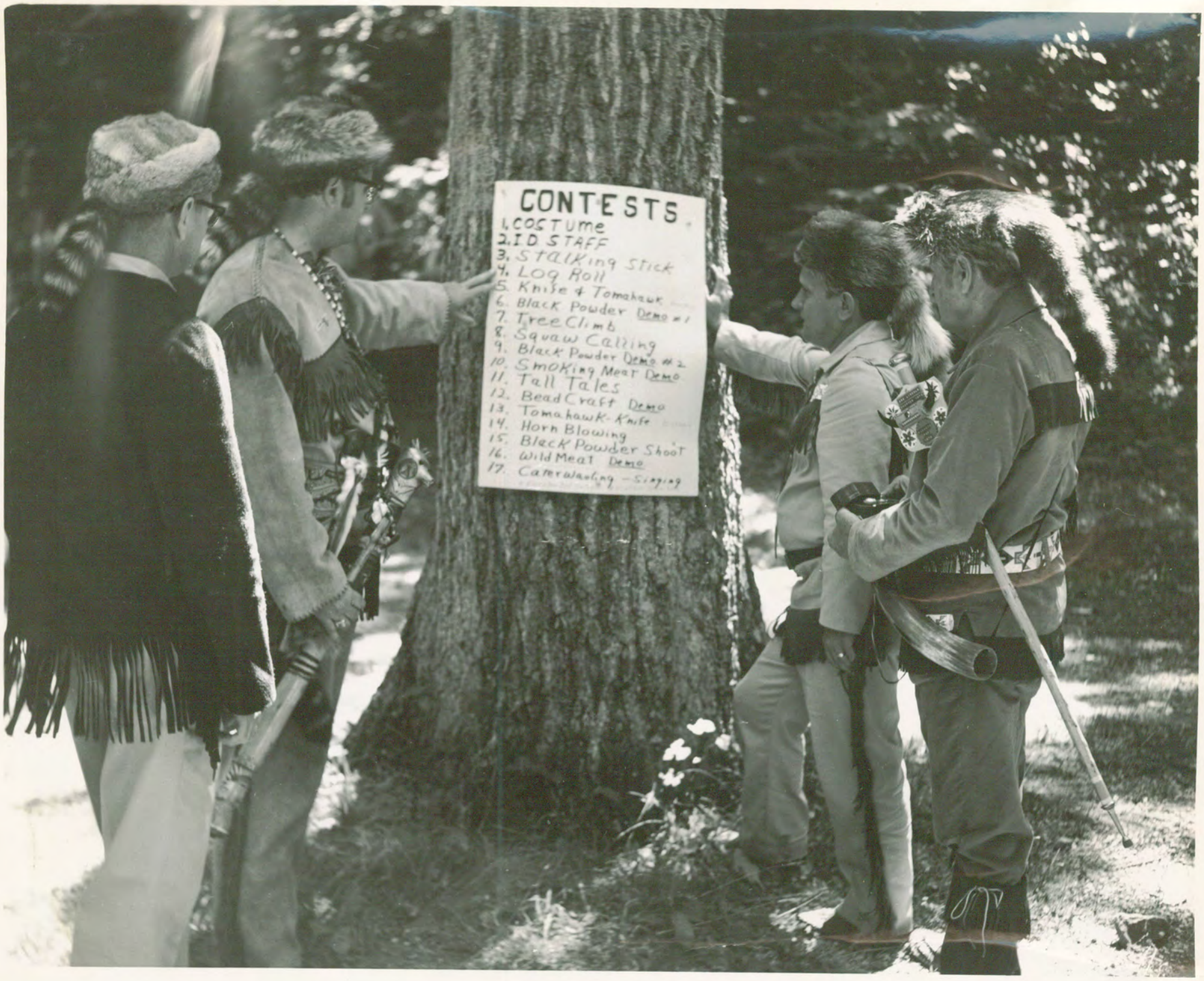




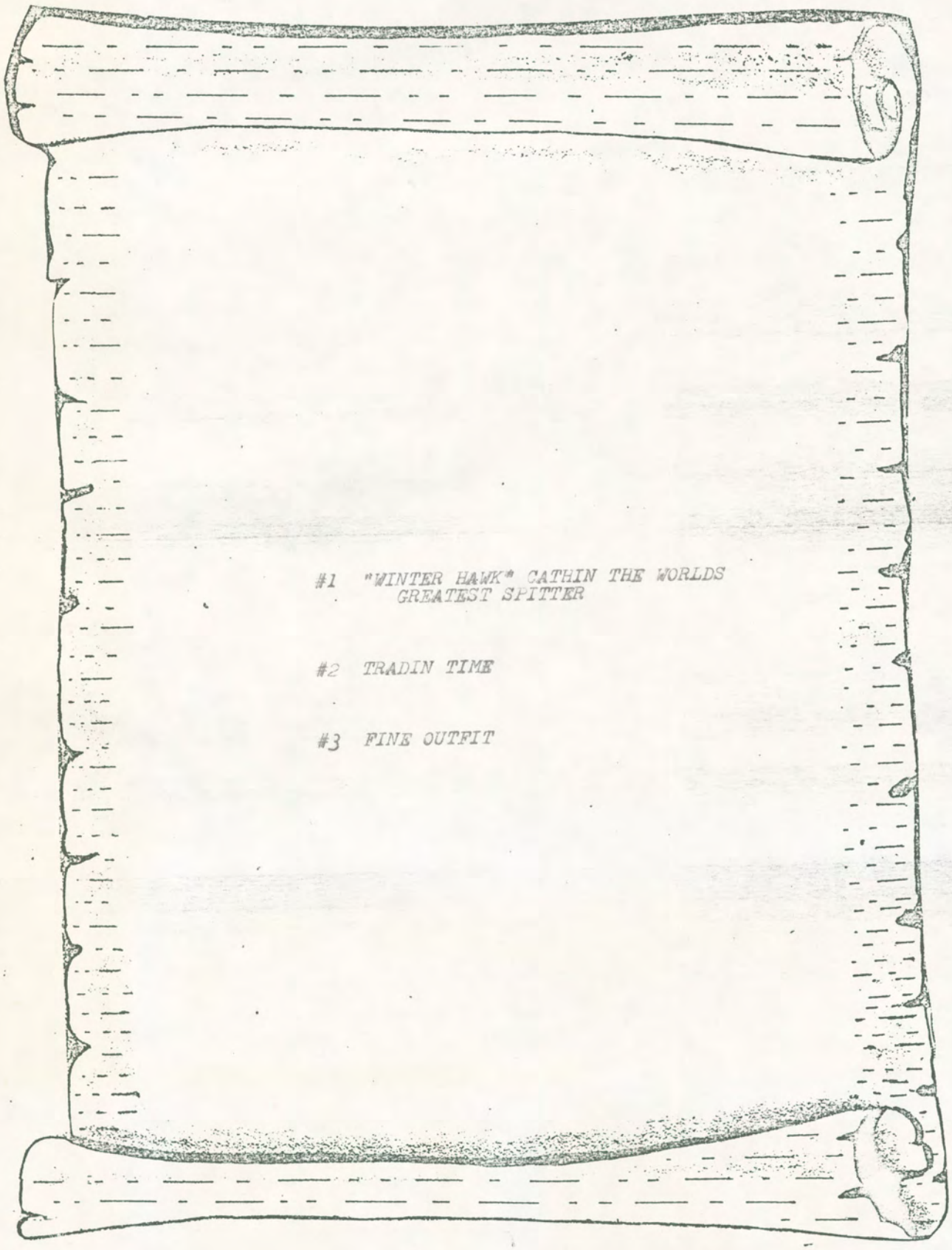


#1 CATHIN UP ON THE RULES

#2 PAUL, ALLEN & GILL


CONTESTS
1. COSTUME
2. I.D. STAFF
3. STALKING STICK
4. LOG ROLL
5. KNIFE & TOMAHAWK
6. BLACK POWDER DEMO #1
7. TREE CLIMB
8. SQUAW CALLING
9. BLACK POWDER DEMO #2
10. SMOKING MEAT DEMO
11. TALL TALES
12. BEAD CRAFT DEMO
13. TOMAHAWK-KNIFE
14. HORN BLOWING
15. BLACK POWDER SHOOT
16. WILD MEAT DEMO
17. CAMPFIRE SINGING


INT and STEE



#1 "WINTER HAWK" CATHIN THE WORLDS GREATEST SPITTER

#2 TRADIN TIME

#3 FINE OUTFIT


OHIO
8
ROYAL RANGERS





#1 "GREAT DISPATCHER" JOHN ELLER

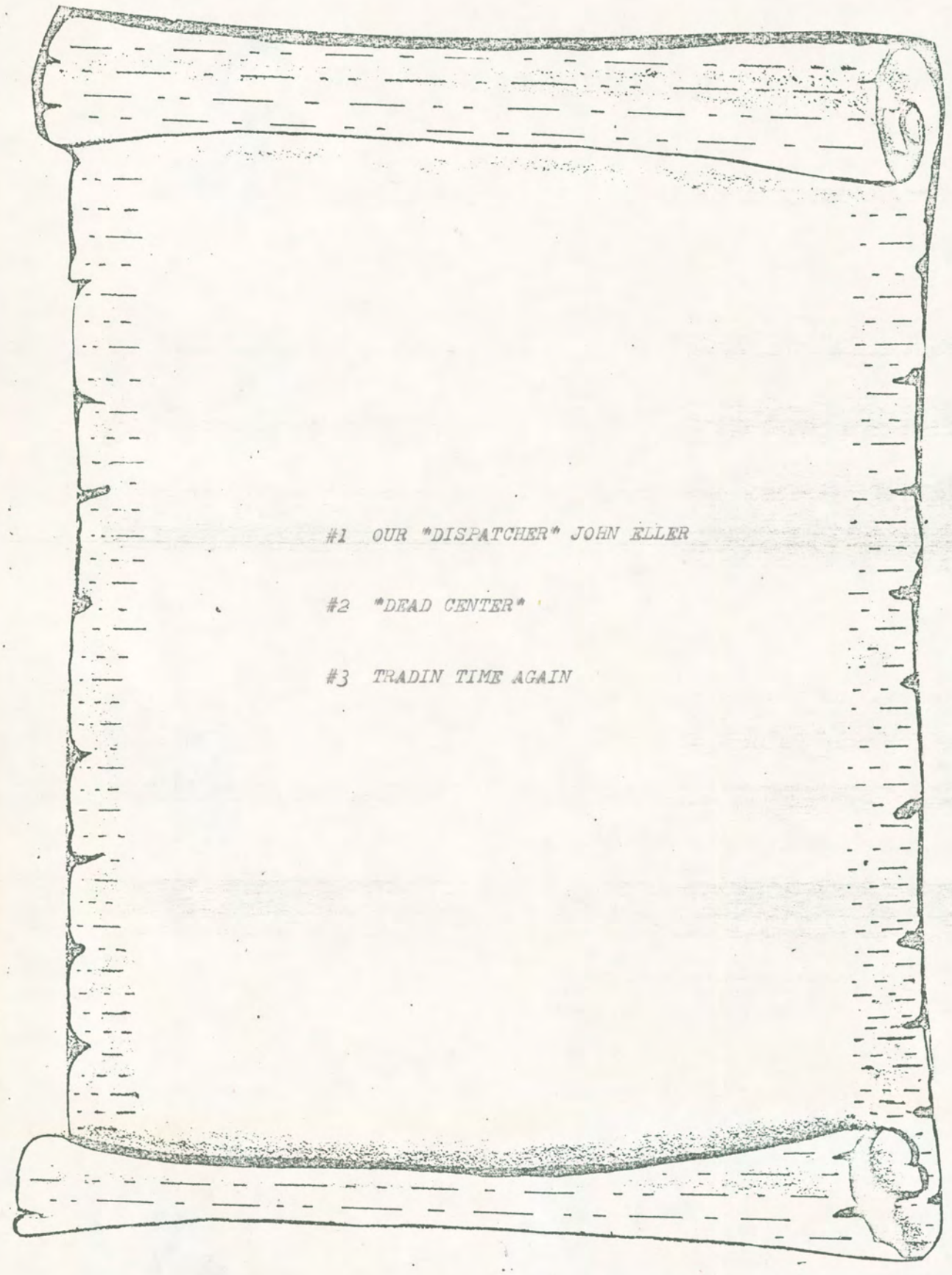
#2 GATHERIN FOR MORNING ACTIVITIES

#3 FUN WITH THE LITTLE CRITTERS


ROYAL RANGERS LEADER'S
DISPATCH
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#1 OUR "DISPATCHER" JOHN ELLER

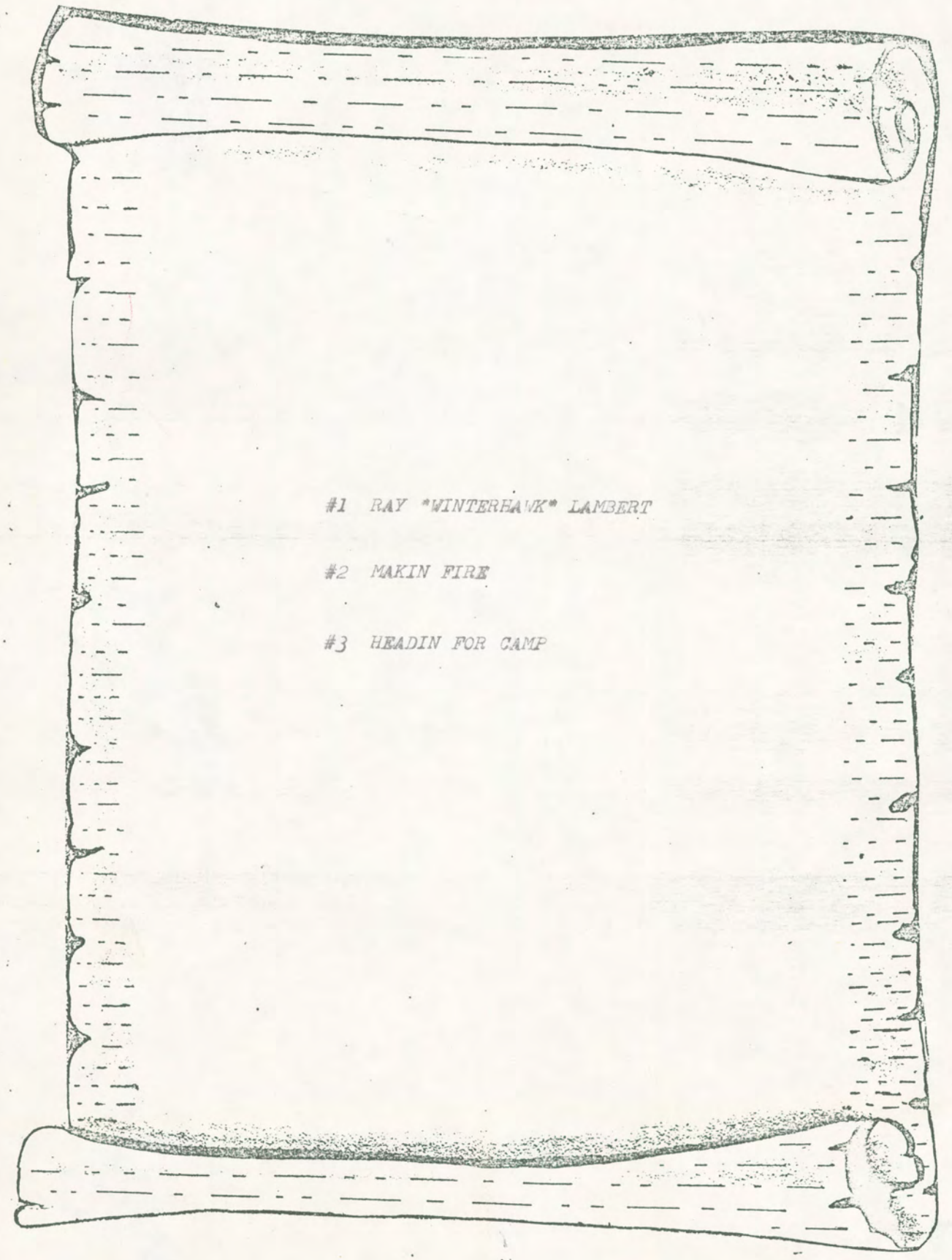
#2 "DEAD CENTER"

#3 TRADIN TIME AGAIN


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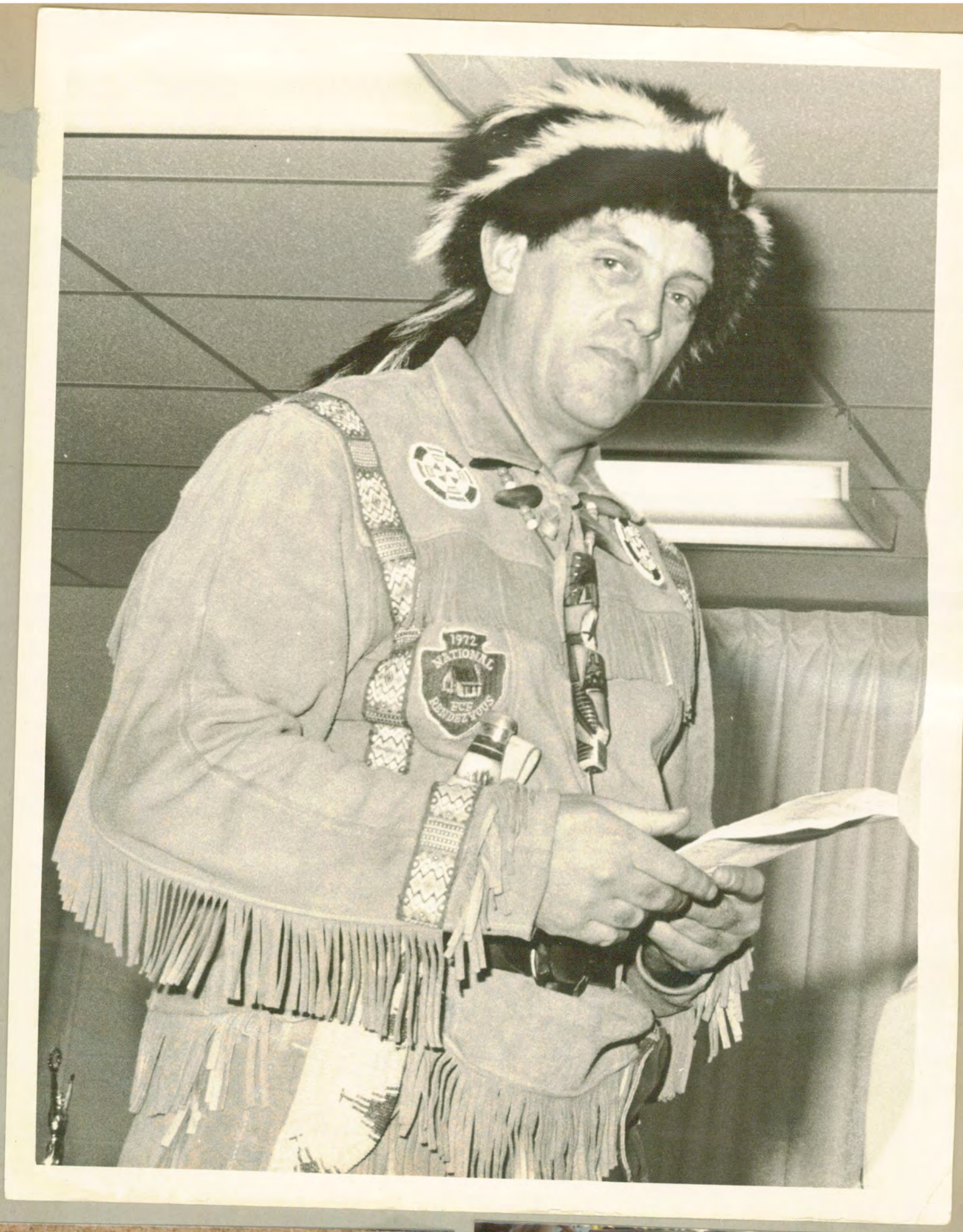




#1 RAY "WINTERHAWK" LAMBERT

#2 MAKIN FIRE

#3 HEADIN FOR CAMP


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#1 THE "JUDGE", RAY LAMBERT,
LARRY HARPER, "NAT. SCRIBE"
& RALPH PALMERTON, "TERR. REP"

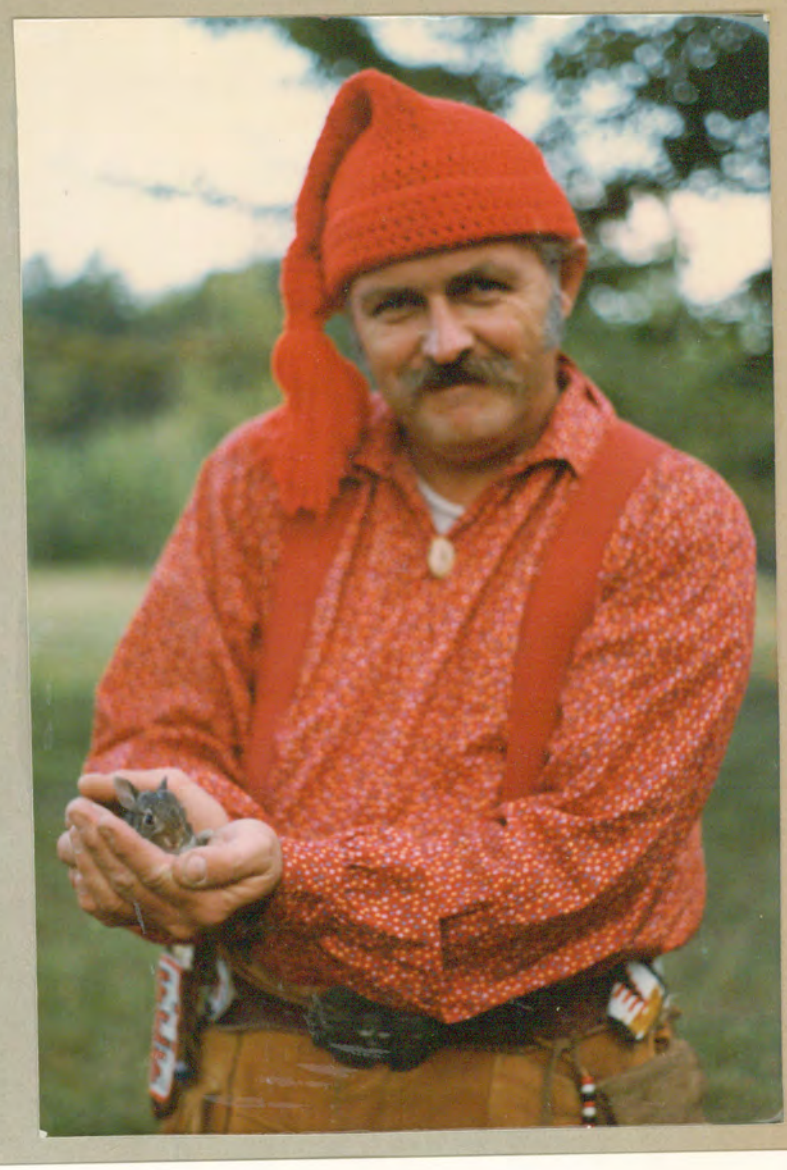
#2. "DOC" & CHRIS HARKNESS

#3 F.C.F. VICE PRESIDENT, SONNY GREEN

#4 "HAWKEYE"

#5 VOTIN FOR NATIONAL SCOUT











#1 FRONTIER COURT

#2 PAYYOUR FINE OR THESE THREE
PUT YOU IN STOCKS

#3 SHELLY LANIER

#4 OUTFIT JUDGIN

#5 SONNY GREEN, RAY LAMBERT & FRIENDS

#6 JOHNNY



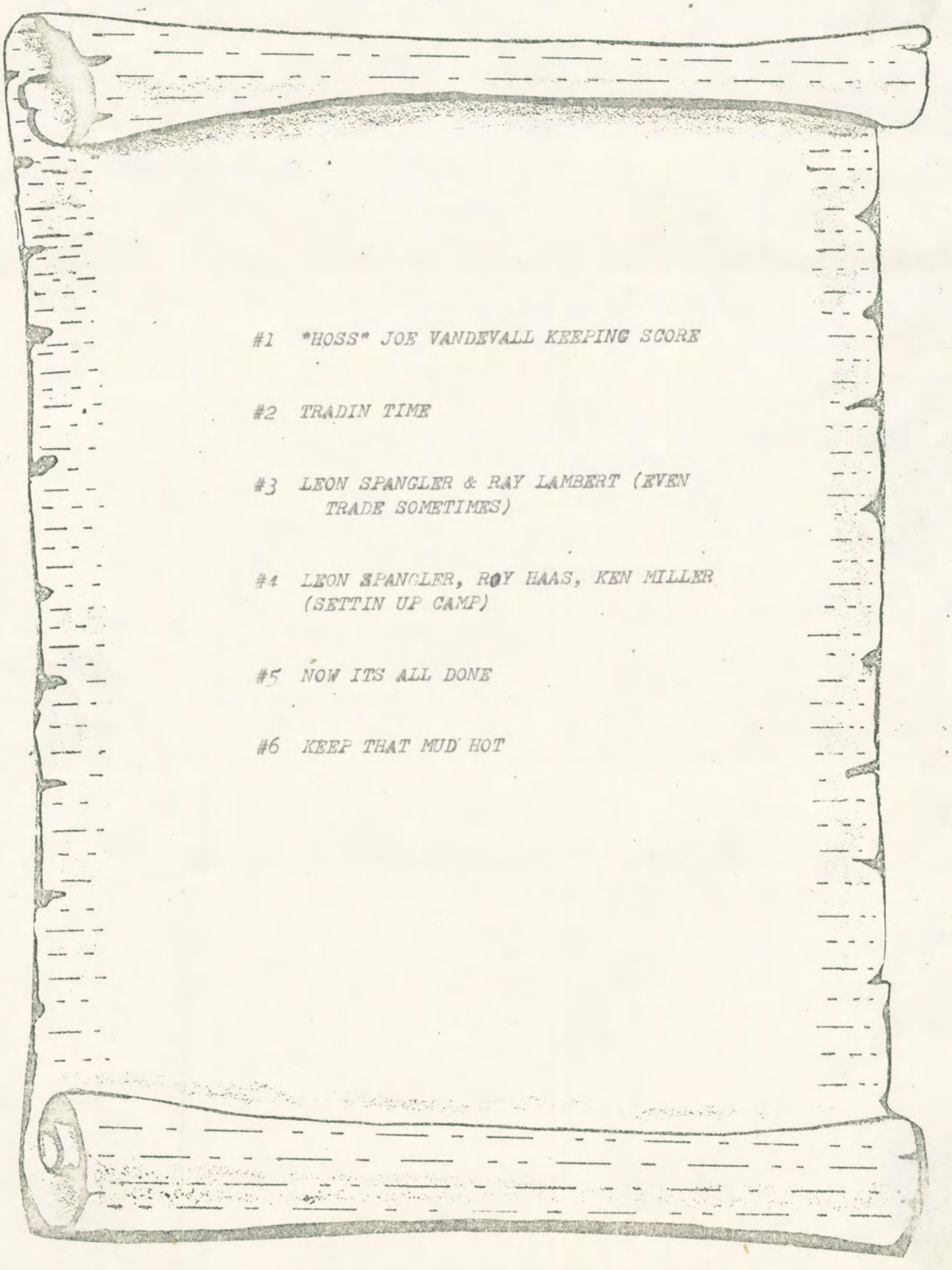












#1 "HOSS" JOE VANDEVALL KEEPING SCORE

#2 TRADIN TIME

#3 LEON SPANGLER & RAY LAMBERT (EVEN TRADE SOMETIMES)

#4 LEON SPANGLER, ROY HAAS, KEN MILLER (SETTIN UP CAMP)

#5 NOW ITS ALL DONE

#6 KEEP THAT MUD HOT

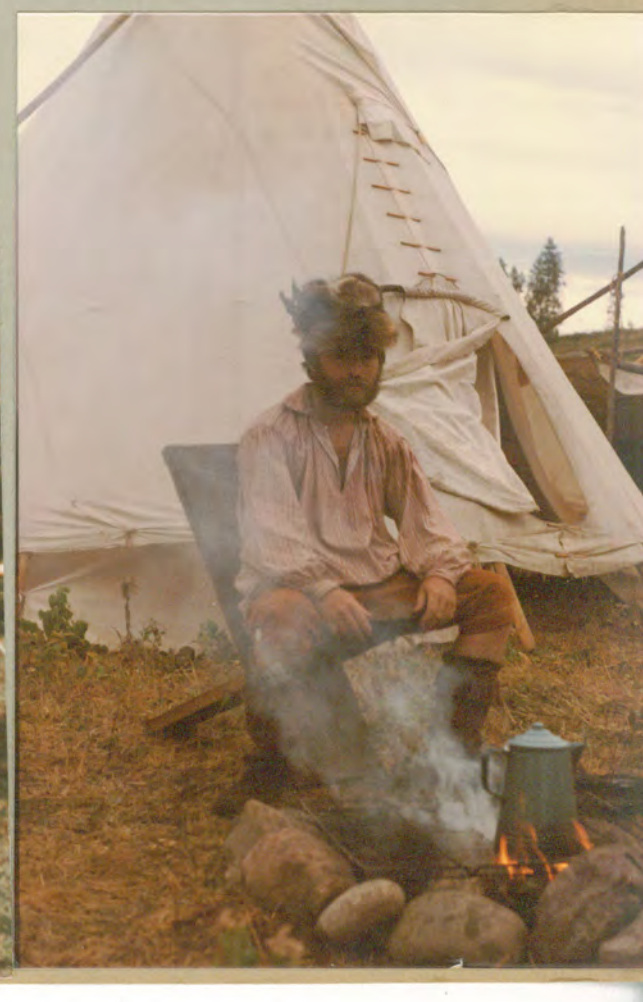


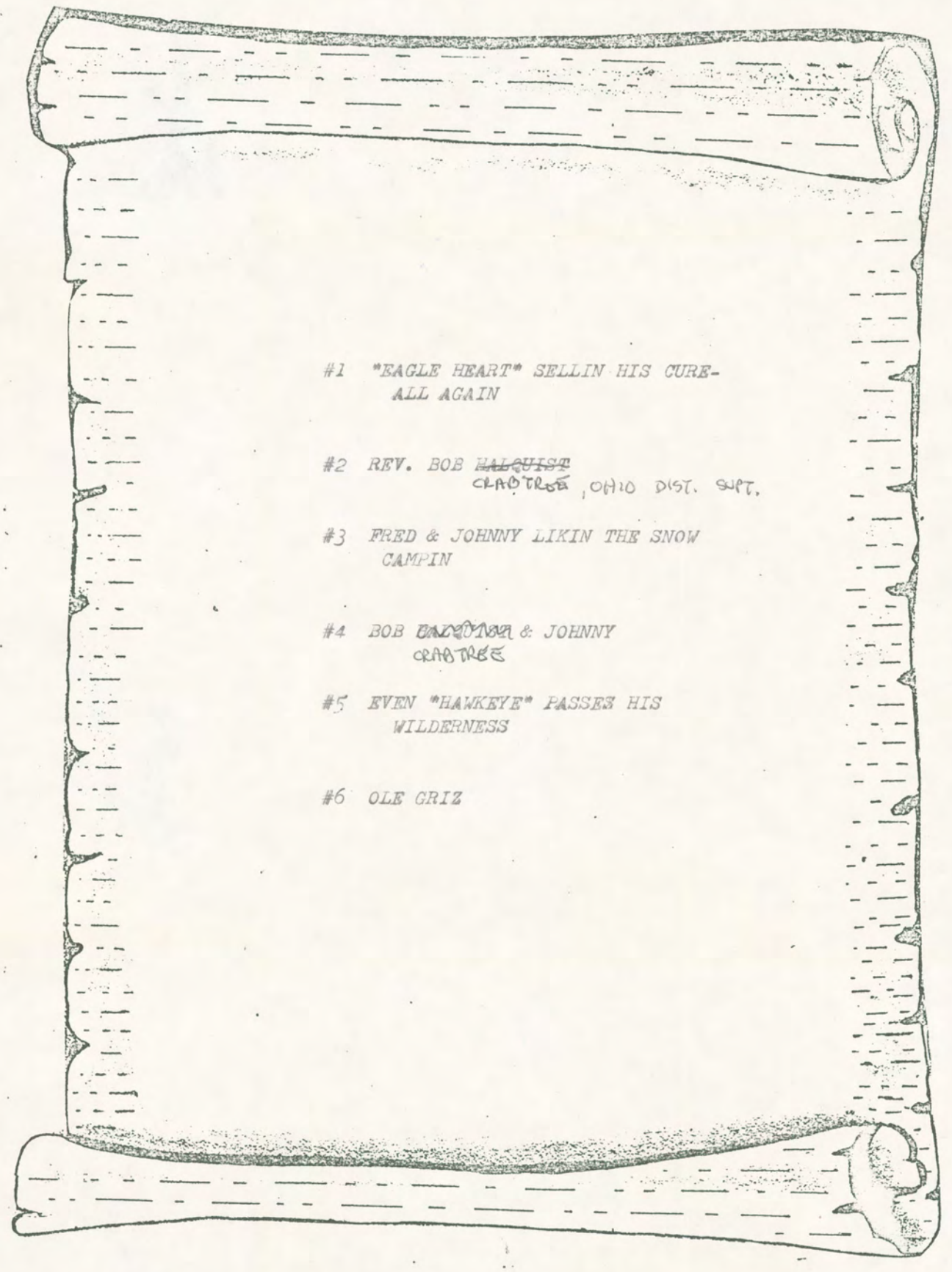












#1 "EAGLE HEART" SELLIN HIS CURE-
ALL AGAIN

#2 REV. BOB ~~HALQUIST~~
CRABTREE, OHIO DIST. SUPT.

#3 FRED & JOHNNY LIKIN THE SNOW
CAMPIN

#4 BOB ~~HALQUIST~~ & JOHNNY
CRABTREE

#5 EVEN "HAWKEYE" PASSES HIS
WILDERNESS

#6 OLE GRIZ


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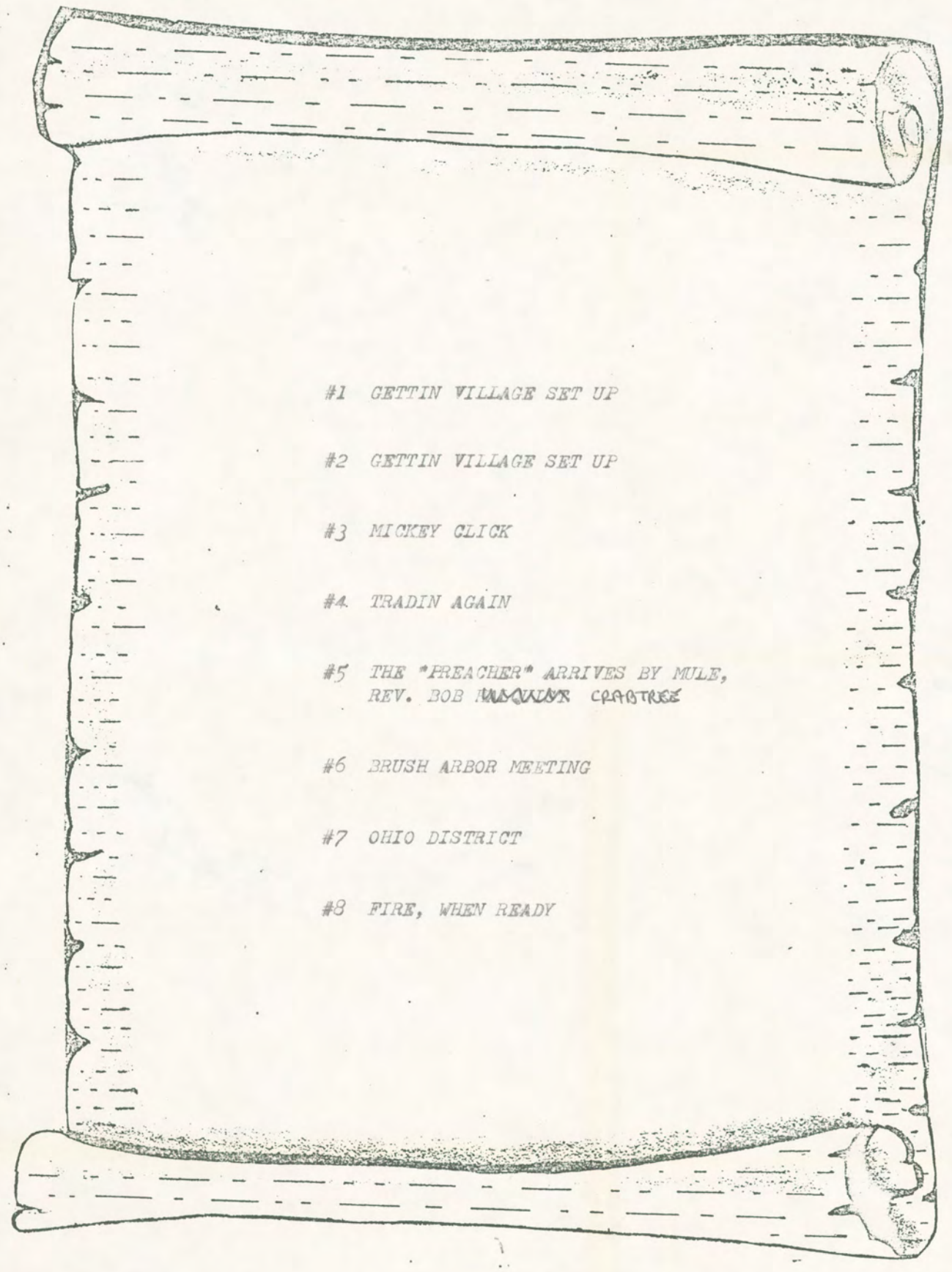

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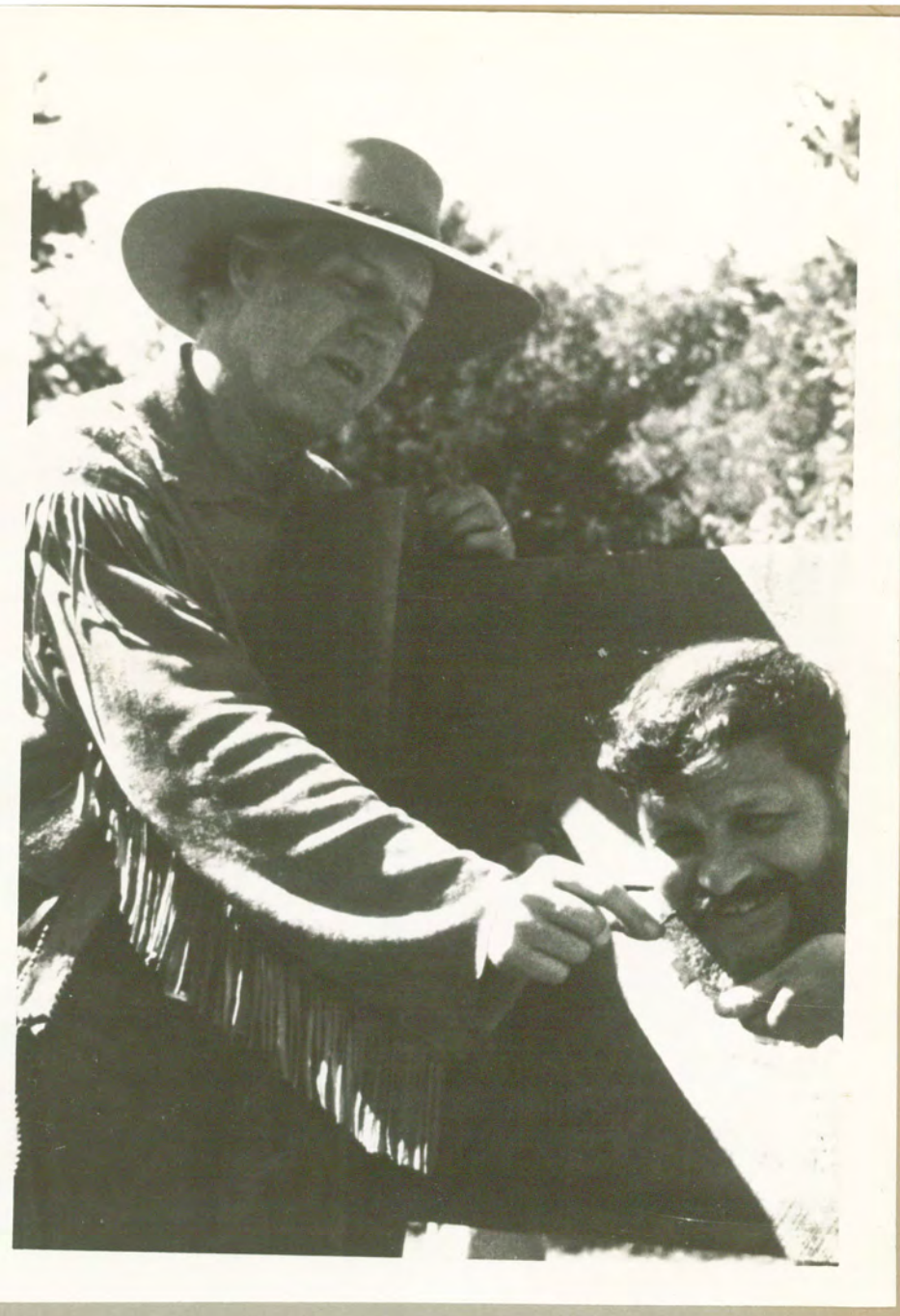
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by John Eller

YOUNG BUCK RENDEZVOUS

It was a Young Bucks Rendezvous from start to finish! Almost 40 percent of those registered at the National FCF Rendezvous at Eagle Rock, Missouri, June 28—July 2, 1988, were the Young Bucks! (boys under age 18)

It was one of those unforgettable events in the Royal Rangers Frontiersmen Camping Fraternity that boys could enjoy to the fullest, and they came from everywhere to join the fun!

Brian Cobble from Outpost 4, Columbus, Mississippi, found the entire week filled with excitement and adventure. Brian is 14 and had been initiated into FCF less than 2 weeks before, but he did a good deal of trading getting his costume together for his Buckskin advancement.

Shawn Shockey of Outpost 53, Lonaconing, Maryland, thought it was the greatest campout he ever attended. He got to spend some time with his friends and made lots of new ones. He even traded an Old Timer out of his prized wolf hide!

J. D. Eller of Outpost 69, Springdale, Arkansas, traded a handful of patches for a rifle, shirt and trousers. He even got a pair of suspenders and a drinking horn thrown in to boot. (You should have seen that Old Timer running around looking for a drink of water!)

Aaron Borrelly of Outpost 43, Tampa, Florida, really enjoyed the Hawk throwing and the Flint and Steel competition. Aaron, who is 14, is heavy into patch trading and found some of the Old Timers with lots of trading to do.

Lloyd Marsh of Outpost 72, Dallas, Texas, said the Rendezvous was real encouraging. He remembers the excitement of lives being moved for God. Lloyd, age 14, was impressed that General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God Rev. G. Raymond Carlson would take time from his busy schedule to speak at this event and share from his heart.

Virgil King of Outpost 12, Newton, Iowa, enjoyed the fun of sleeping in tepees and cooking his own food. Virgil, age 12, said that worship in the woods made him feel close to the Lord. He hopes to make the next Rendezvous 4 years from now.

Everyone was impressed with the delegation from Singapore, "the land flowing with milk and honey." This group of 13 brought such interesting trade items as Chinese cloaks, chopsticks, fans, flutes, Chinese lanterns, Chinese chess, fireworks, costumes, and even some British pith helmets! It was like "Thieves Alley" in the old "Lion City."

Max Concepcion of Outpost 88, Spanish Eastern District, and a resident of West New York, New Jersey, was surprised at the cross section of





frontiersmen represented at the Rendezvous. When interviewed, Max was on his way across the meadow to visit Winter Hawk, who claimed to be a direct descendent of the Comanche Indians.

David Page of Outpost 8, Brunswick, Ohio, was attending his very first Rendezvous. He was impressed by the authentic and colorful outfits, and will always remember Will Taylor plucking on a banjo, and Howard Gentry sawing on a fiddle.

Matt Burres of Outpost 23, Plymouth, Michigan, found the Rendezvous to be more fun than he even imagined. Matt, who is 13, recommends FCF to other boys who want to achieve and enjoy the benefits of true wilderness camping.

Jeffrey Hockett, from Houston, Texas, said it was the most spiritual Rendezvous he had ever attended. Jeffrey is FCF Scout of the Longhorn

Chapter in South Texas.

Jeffrey is just turning 18 and is enrolled already in a Master's degree program at Oxford University (England), pursuing studies in International Business.

Things some of the Young Bucks had never seen the like before was Old Grizz Regan forcing his food on any unsuspecting frontiersman. But who could resist such delicacies as "Bird's Nest Soup" (a little crunchy, but nourishing), and "Armadillo-a-la-mode" (a little crusty, but cold)?

Other great memories for the Young Bucks include:

-Alan Gell and Robb Hawks telling jokes too corny to repeat and singing songs too old to remember.

-Young Bucks praying with Old Timers and other Young Bucks.

-The Razorbacks of Arkansas making their presence felt crying, "Woo Pig Suie!"

-National FCF President Fred Deaver trying to define "Dame Bramage," while displaying some of the finest artwork in America or the world.

-Several round men eating square meals.

-The Adirondack Chapter's Conestoga wagon.

-Hide tanning, gunsmithing, and a blacksmith at a working forge.

-All the Circuit Riding Preachers in costume.

-The hopeless search for the coyotes who ate the staff's turkeys.

-The rain that ran people into church.

-National FCF Vice President Sonny Green taping videos with a musical background on a jam box.

-Southern California District Commander Jim Price setting up one of those newfangled camp grills for Johnnie Barnes.

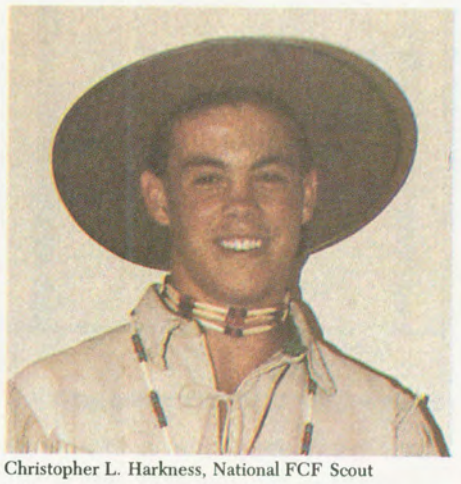
-Dr. Virgil Shepherd telling us that a certain popular bath oil is an excellent insect repellent.

-Obvious omissions from the demonstrations such as pickling deer's feet, making turkey gobble gravy, and mule skinning.

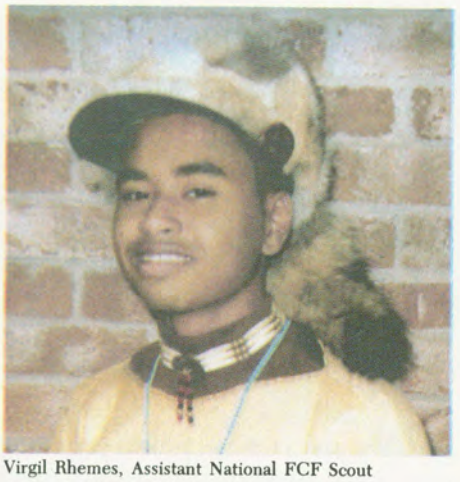
Just as this report was ready to be filed, a memo arrived in the mail from Bob Fox, an Old Timer with a big heart for boys in Patterson, Missouri. It reads as follows:

"At the Rendezvous were 4 boys and a commander from Jackson, Missouri.

"The church had furnished a van and gas money and one meal traveling to and from home.

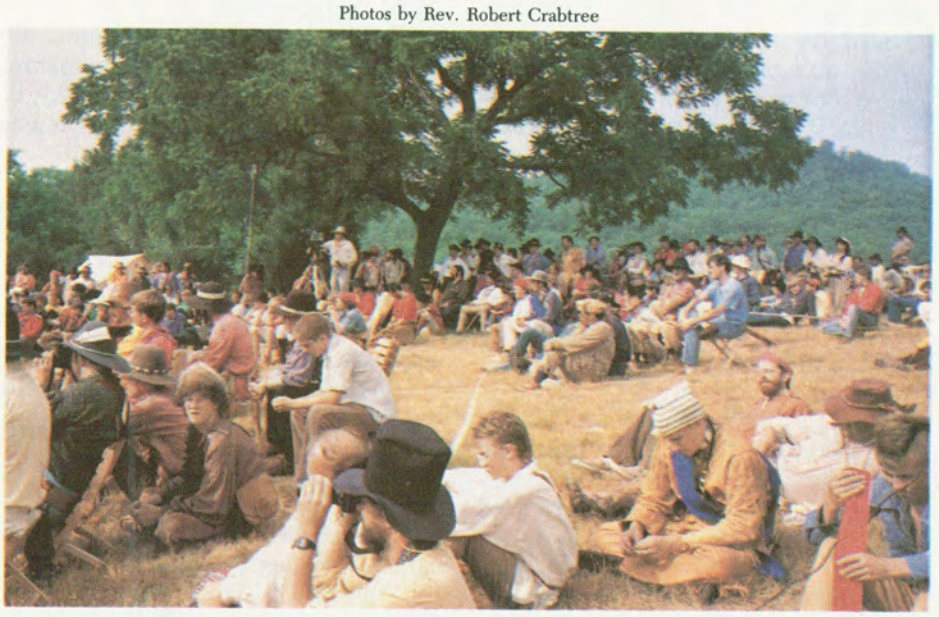


Christopher L. Harkness, National FCF Scout



Virgil Rhemes, Assistant National FCF Scout

Photos by Rev. Robert Crabtree



"A friend was talking with the boys while Commander Seabaugh was away and said, 'Boys, Commander John is a real buddy to you guys, isn't he (bringing you here and all)?'

"The boys almost in unison said, 'He's not a buddy; he's like a daddy to us.' "

This brought tears to this friend's eyes as he related the incident to me. This was the first national event of any kind the boys had attended, and they were so thrilled.

This was repeated over again among the many boys who came. Some of the Old Timers were observed virtually giving expensive leather, fur and beadwork to the Young Bucks. It was heartwarming to see the glow of appreciation in the eyes of these boys and to know their hearts and lives would be affected for years to come by the love and compassion of the Old Timers.

Like someone said, "The Young Bucks are following in the footsteps of their dads."

During the Rendezvous, Chris Harkness, of Orange Park, Florida, was elected National FCF Scout, and Virgil Rhames of Fort Smith, Arkansas, was elected as the new Assistant National Scout.

Both of these young men will also serve as members of the National Royal Rangers Council during their term of office.

This article is the view of the 1988 National FCF Rendezvous by just one reporter. If every one of the 763 who registered wrote down their impressions of this great event, we could still be publishing when the next Rendezvous rolls around 4 years from now.

As one Young Buck said, "It was better felt than telt!"

Editor's Note: The FCF program is divided into two age divisions. Those under 18 are called "Young Bucks." Those over 18 are called "Old Timers."









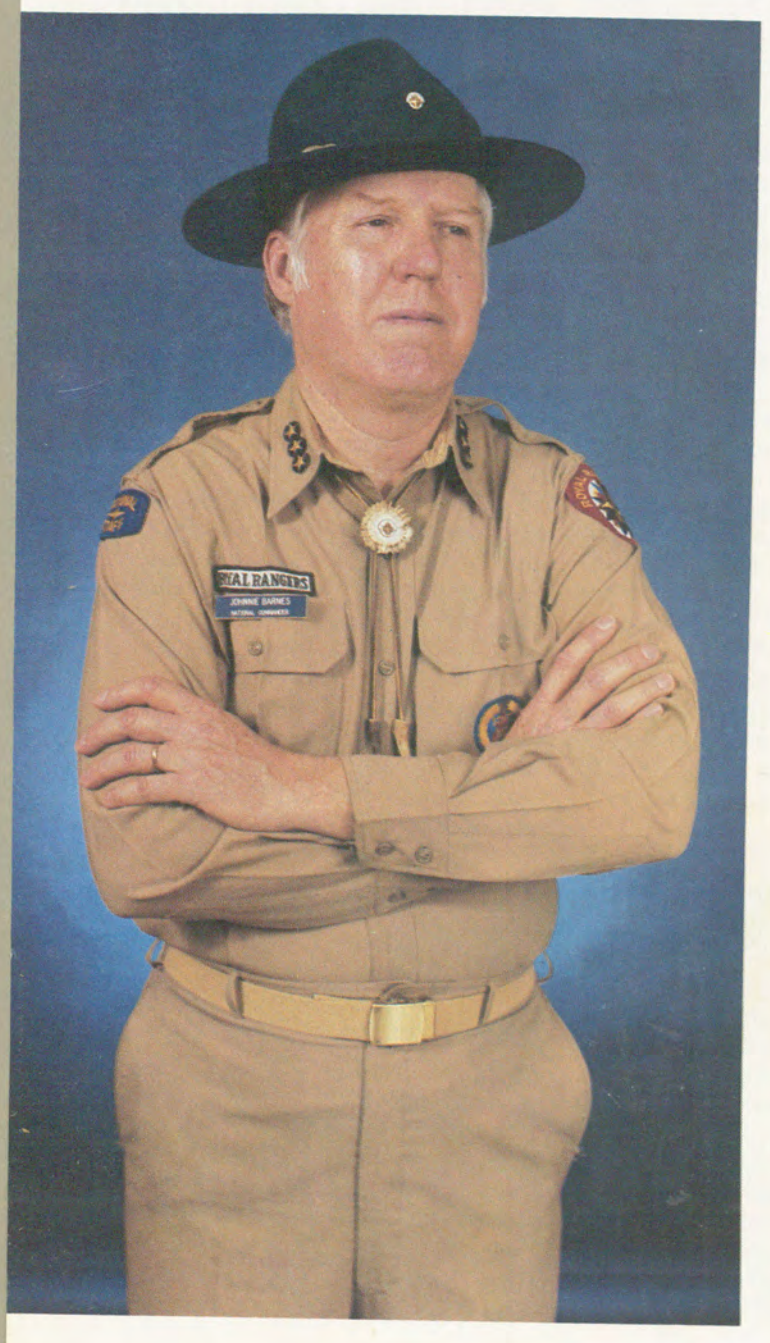






IN MEMORY OF COMMANDER BARNES

Founder and national commander of Royal Rangers, John Henry Barnes, died Thursday, June 15, 1989, in his home and after an apparent heart attack. He was 61.



With just one small step, he caught up with our Savior.

Johnnie founded the Royal Rangers ministry in 1962. "Under his leadership, Royal Rangers has grown to more than 5,300 groups in the United States, with more than 128,000 members involved weekly, and now is operating in 43 countries worldwide," reported Bro. Gaither. "He worked relentlessly with total commitment and dedication to make Royal Rangers available to every boy."

Others of our leaders, understanding God's sovereign plan for Johnnie's life, made the following remarks: "Johnnie has been a chosen vessel," exclaimed Bro. Flower at Johnnie's funeral. "Johnnie Barnes has been a legend in his own time." Then at graveside, Bro. Carlson reflected, " 'There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.' We can also say that there was a man sent from God whose name was Johnnie."

That he was a man of many talents was observed by former National Men's Fellowship Secretary Burton Pierce. "Here was a man with a heart for boys, a writer, an artist, and an outdoorsman. I shared my impression with Bro. Bush. We sought God. We had found God's man."

How can you sum up his strengths? "Johnnie loved boys," pondered Ken Riemenschneider. "We have lost a gifted and respected leader, one that was dedicated and obedient to the call of God on his life." Fred Deaver, friend and wildlife artist, interjected, "He was a man who believed in nurturing champions.

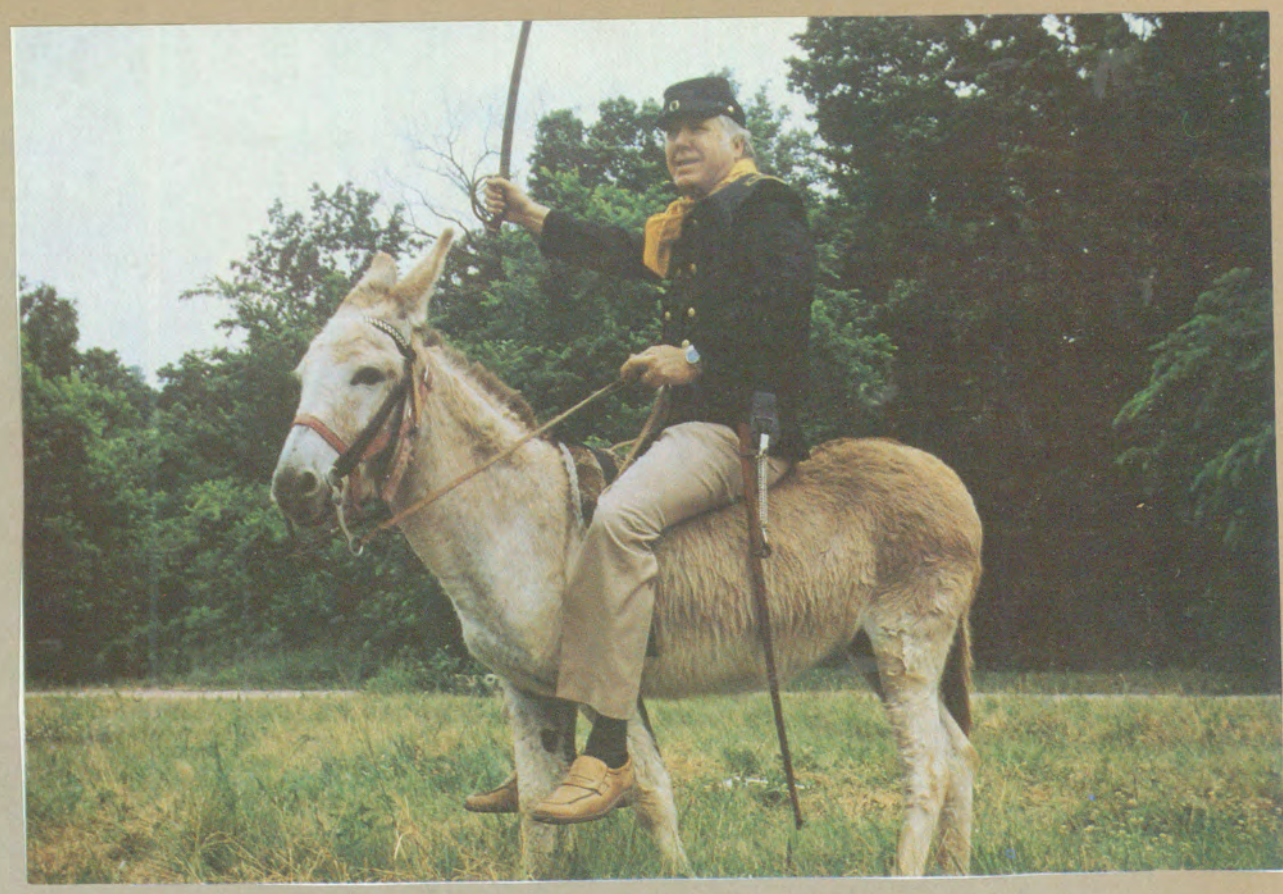
"Johnnie once told me," continued Deaver, " 'Someday you may have a commander better than I am, but never will you have a leader that loves boys more than I.' "

Johnnie Barnes was indeed a faithful soldier of the cross. His tireless efforts to "reach, teach, and keep boys for Christ," enabled him to minister Jesus' love to thousands of men and boys. He will be greatly missed, but because he lived by the Royal Rangers Code and Pledge, it is comforting to know that he indeed was *ready*.

"We salute you Commander!" concluded Bro. Gaither, "for a job well done."

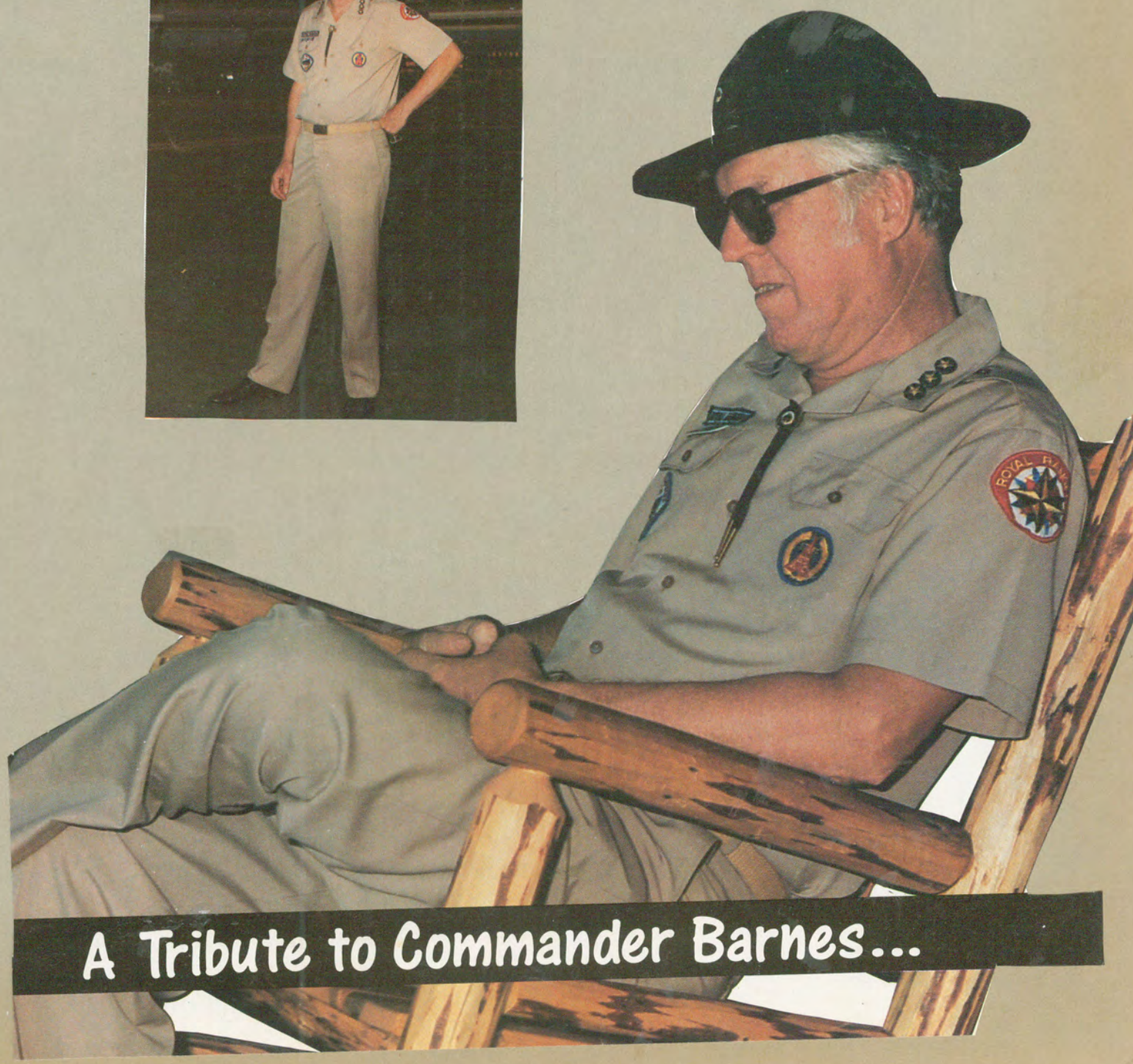
And we Royal Rangers, echoing the graveside words of Aide-de-Camp John Eller, resound: "Good night, Commander, Sir! May you rest well. We'll see you at Morning Assembly."









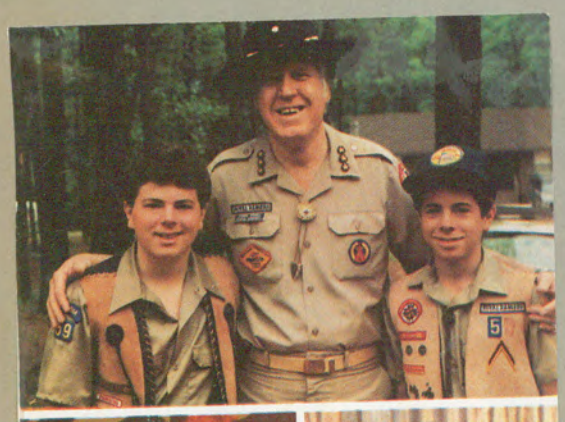


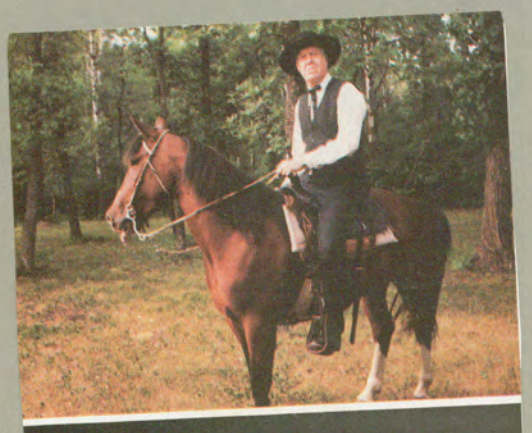
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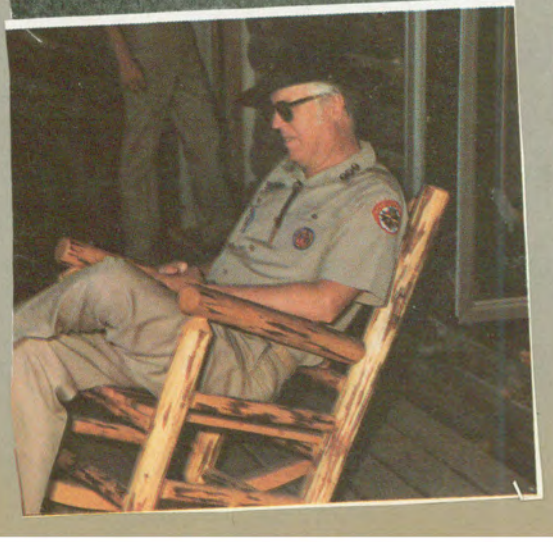


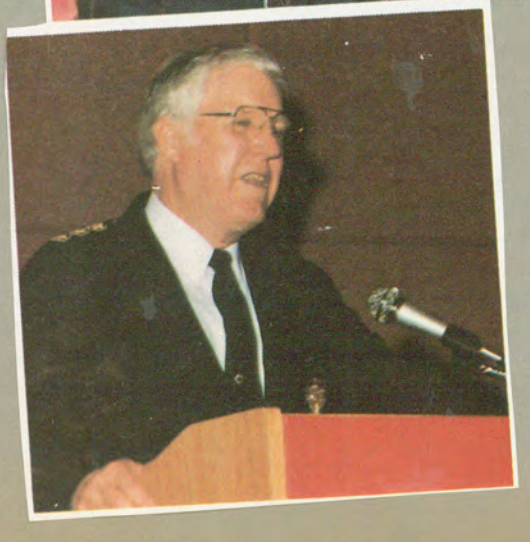














In these, almost 28, years of Johnnie's leadership, the Royal Rangers program was born, nourished, and matured.

Listed below, in chronological fashion, are several Royal Rangers developments as they unfolded. You will agree! Johnnie's vision was providential; the results are awesome.

1962

In January Johnnie moved to Springfield, Missouri. Brother Charles W. H. Scott suggested the name of Royal Rangers.

This ministry was divided into three age divisions: Pioneers, Trailblazers, and Air or Sea Rangers.

Six handbooks were prepared.

The first outpost was organized under the leadership of Bob Reid at Springfield, Missouri.

1963

Bob Reid was appointed the first national training coordinator.

The *Leadership Training Course* was developed.

Dispatch magazine was published in the fall—Johnnie Barnes, editor.

1964

First districtwide powwows were conducted.

Gold Medal of Achievement and Medal of Valor awards were initiated.

1965

The Silver Eagle Award program for district commanders was launched.

Paul Feller became the second national training coordinator.

Each district superintendent was given the title of district chaplain.

1966

The Buckaroo program was initiated.

Handbooks for Buckaroos and leaders were prepared.

Royal Rangers started in Latin American countries—a handbook was translated and printed in the Spanish language.

Royal Rangers began in Australia. The group was located in Petersham, New South Wales, under the leadership of Commonwealth Commander Will Thorne.

Frontiersmen Camping Fraternity was developed.

Several district commanders were presented with the Silver Eagle Award.

Royal Rangers Week—to be commemorated each June (later changed to October)—was established by the Executive Presbytery.

1968

Trail Rangers program was established.

In March the first meeting of the National Aide-de-Camp Council was conducted in Springfield, Missouri.

Four National Training Camps were conducted in Missouri, Colorado, New York, and California.

1969

A new revised handbook for Air-Sea-Trail Rangers was published.

The first Advanced National Training Camp was held at Marshfield, Missouri.

1970

Four National Training Trails were conducted.

John Eller was appointed as the first national FCF president.

David Barnes was named the first national FCF Scout.

1971

High Adventure was born.

Don Franklin became the third national training coordinator.

1972

The first National FCF Rendezvous was conducted in Springfield, Missouri.

Junior Leaders Training Camp was introduced.

"Chi Omega Rho" was created for college students.

1973

National Canoe Expeditions were added along with another ANTC.

1974

Fred Deaver became the second national FCF president.

John Eller became the editor of *Dispatch.*

The first National Camporama made its debut at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

1976

The National Aquatic Camp originated.

Instructor/Trainer Seminars emanated from Springfield, Missouri.

Dogwood Valley, Missouri, was the site for the second National FCF Rendezvous.

1977

The genesis of the National Royal Rangers Council was in Springfield, Missouri.

The first Winter National Training Camp was conducted in the Colorado Rockies.

A new, enlarged *FCF Handbook* was printed.

The Straight Arrows program was launched.

David Barnes assumed the editorial duties of *Dispatch.*

1978

The second National Camporama came together at Farragut State Park, Idaho.

The Ranger of the Year selection originated.

1980

The third National Rendezvous was held in the Cumberland Mountains of Tennessee.

1981

A series of NTC Staff Schools were conducted.

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1982

Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, became the home for the third National Camporama.

1984

West Glacier, Montana, was the site for the fourth National Rendezvous.

1985

The Assemblies of God purchased 1,445 acres near Eagle Rock, Missouori. The National Royal Rangers Training Center became reality.

Pat Brown was assigned as the first camp coordinator for the Training Center.

1986

Dispatch was replaced with the *High Adventure Leader.*

The fourth National Camporama was held at the all-new National Royal Rangers Training Center at Eagle Rock, Missouri.

The new Commander Johnnie Barnes Lodge was dedicated.

Mark Gentry was assigned as director of development for the Training Center.

1987

An additional 88 acres was purchased by the Training Center—total now 1,533 acres.

Ralph Glunt became the second camp coordinator for the Training Center.

1988

The National Royal Rangers Training Center hosted the fifth National Rendezvous.

Ken Hunt was appointed as editor/promotions coordinator.

It is evident, the history of Royal Rangers speaks for itself. It is estimated more than 1 million boys have through these years, been involved in Royal Rangers. Thousands are saved and filled with the Spirit every year. Families are bonded together. Boys, from broken homes, are given male influences on their lives, and on and on.

But the real history of Royal Rangers lies ahead, yet to be written. As we catch Johnnie's burden and vision, we linger but momentarily in the past, we smile at the present, as we forge into the future.

A Tribute to Johnnie Barnes...

Good night Commander, Sir!
May you rest well.
We'll see you at Morning Assembly.





















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