

SOUTHERN THE CROSS



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(Top) Heartwarming presentation of Bonehead.



(Middle) Girls "Glad to be back."



(Photographs by Andrew Thorpe.)

(Lower) Staff. Back Row L – R Ted lewis, Bill Wells, Denis Marsden
 2nd. Row L – R Heather Hanson, Wayne Grove, Chaplain Laine Willis
 Front Row Commander Bill Butterfield – Edna Speechly

WHAT MAKES A GOOD JUNIOR LEADER.



I was a guide and a senior guide so it seemed natural that I would become a Junior Leader. Guides and senior guides have responsibilities such as calling the roll and keeping the record of meetings. Similarly junior leaders have responsibilities. He should assist the Commander and Lt. Commander of his outpost.

A good junior leader is an example. As most junior leaders don't have their Gold Medal of Achievement and are still doing their advancement trail, they should show the example by progressing in their course. If Rangers see a junior leader working hard, they will work hard too. The uniform of a junior leader must be correct no badges out of place and there would be plenty of them. Encourage Rangers to make an award vest, by making and wearing yours.

A good junior leader will help at meetings by assisting his commander, teaching, leading games, giving devotions or whatever is required of him. Often you will find that you are so occupied for the evening that you will have to complete your advancement trail at home.

As a junior leader you should encourage Rangers by telling them of the exciting camps you have been on, especially district camps. Then they will want to share your experiences at the next district camp. Encourage them when they are camping, morale is very important. When cooking is absolutely disastrous, offer suggestions, even try to eat it — remember a Ranger is courteous, so be courageous.

Finally and most important is to get first class training, at a Junior Leaders Training Camp. These are great camps, you make great friends as well as receiving excellent training as junior leaders. Last Years camp in N.S.W. had to be cancelled because of lack of enthusiasm. DON'T let this happen in your state. DON'T let your Rangers down, Go, and be a good junior leader.

by Lt. Com. Bruce Thompson

N.S.W. — J.L.T.C. 1975

Over the June long weekend 26 of our potential Junior leaders attended the Second Junior Leaders Training Course at the Pennant Hills Scout Training Camp.

It was a weekend to remember, not only for the fellowship and blessing, but also for the added hardship of camping in difficult and trying weather conditions.

Friday night everyone registered and formed into their Patrols, the two girl patrols being "Saints" and "Bottle Brush" and the two boy patrols being "Eagles" and "Pathfinders",

The Rangers gathered from Hamilton, Dapto, Petersham, Neutral Bay, Bombaderry, Lithgow and from far afields as Ipswich in Queensland.

Chaplain Laine Willis ministered the word and many lives were changed and touched through his Ministry which helped to keep the morale high during camp.

The highlight of the camp which will be remembered, talked and laughed about for many a year, was that of the overnight back pack.

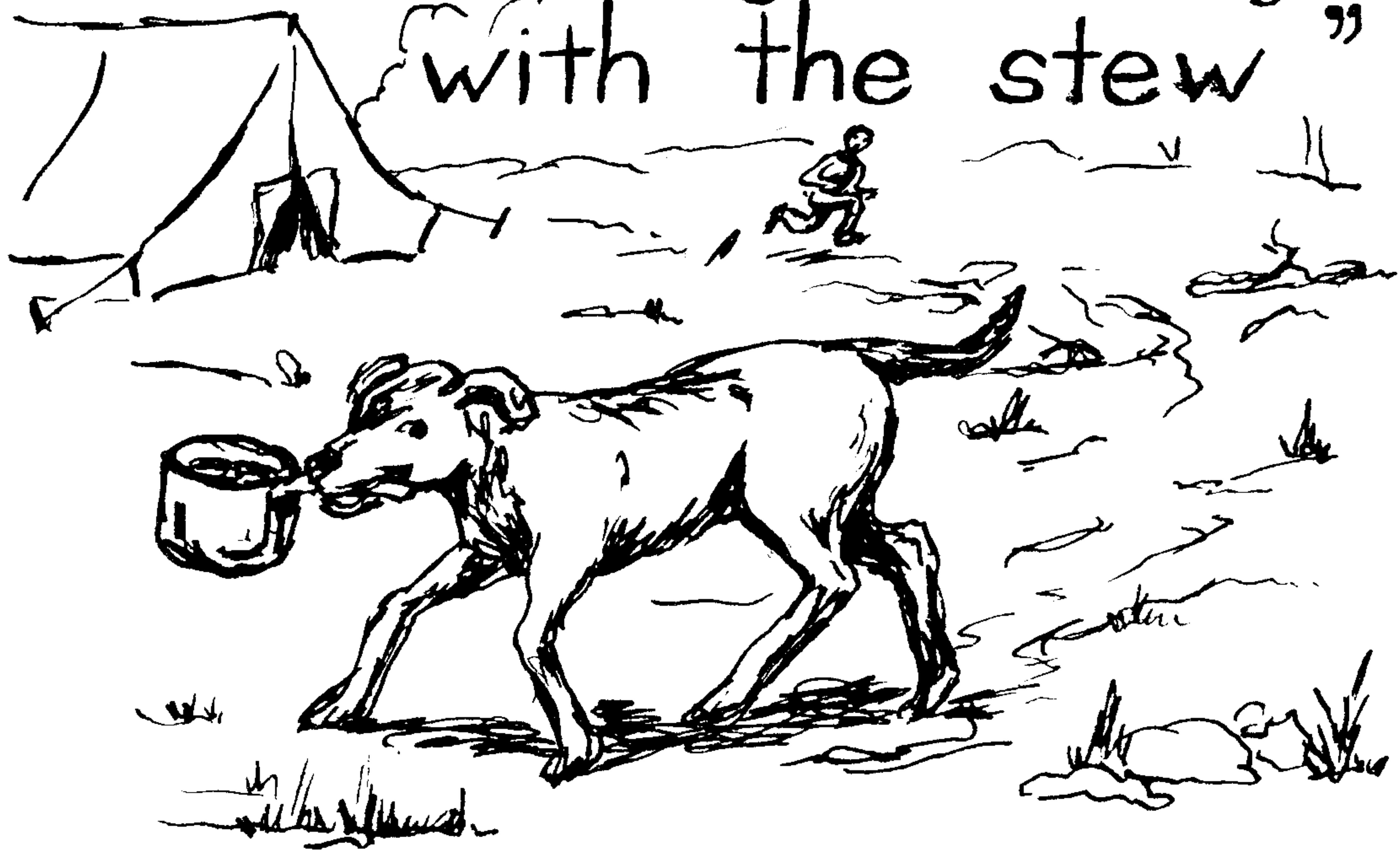
The Rangers set out with compass in pouring rain to find their site to camp for the night. After that night they returned to Base Mainly soaked but in high spirits..Learning to share and trust in friend and the Lord was the unanimous Testimony.

Our congratulations to these Rangers who to a person rose to the challenge which many Ranger Leaders would not attempt, nor even come through smiling.

The experience gained will fit them well for the future of the programme.

Please pray for these Leaders of Tomorrow "As the fields are white unto Harvest but the Labourers are so few."

“...and the dog ran away
with the stew”



BILYANA DISTRICT TRAINING CAMP

If a flying saucer ever landed there I can't say, not being a resident of the place, but I do know it was invaded at least once — by a few cars, a dog or two, and quite a crowd of beings generally known as humans.

The said place was Bilyana, a perfect campsite in the tropical bushland south of Tully in far north Queensland, and well hidden from prying eyes. So well hidden in fact, that a few unfortunate people went a lot further than necessary, ending up in a place they had no business to be in.

Anyhow, the District Training Camp got under way on Friday evening of 13th. June, with many a shiver and shudder from the Royal Rangers and Commanders of Cairns and Tully Outposts, as it was a chilly sort of night. It was agreed that that particular weekend was the coldest one of the year, by the way. (Wonder why?)

Next day the pleasures of having a cold bath in a cold creek were discovered, though not especially appreciated by some. The water was colder than ice, it seemed.

The main feature of the camp was the training sessions of course, which covered quite a range of different crafts. We learnt the ins and outs of tying knots of various kinds; how to read and follow a compass; how to cook edible stew and custard (not in the same pot) amongst other things; and lots of other terribly interesting and profitable things about First Aid, Nature etc., that we hadn't known before, but happily know now.

There was activity all the time, from the moment we crept out of our tents to when we crept back in again. The organising of the Training Camp was indeed well done and no time was wasted in idleness.

Duties were performed well and willingly, and it was encouraging to see how most pitched in and co-operated with their various tasks, proving how teamwork makes things so much easier.

What were the highlights?

If you asked a certain dog, he'd say it was when he got hold of some delicious stew before anyone saw him! Result: one empty pot, full happy dog, sad hungry humans.

Nature lovers would agree that the hikes taken were highlights for sure. There was real delight in hiking through the lovely bush, looking for various types of flowers, and a number of butterflies, avoiding snakes and prickles, and finally reaching the beautiful gurgling waterfall set amongst the rocks. Then we regretfully turned back for Camp. The other hike was through more open, burnt-out country, where what we'd learnt in Compass craft was to our advantage, if we felt unsure of ourselves.

No Training Camp would be complete without the evening around a roaring camp fire, where we relaxed our weary bodies for a while. It was beautiful to sit and sing joyfully the songs we treasure, and watch the skits with amusement, and to listen to the more serious and meaningful words of our Senior Commanders, before the evening was over.

In all, we felt it to have been a highly enjoyable and successful Training Camp, for we'd learnt so many new and valuable lessons, and how to pull our weight the whole time. We also know how NOT to do certain things!

Camp broke up Monday 16th. June, with many sighs of regret that it was over. We'd enjoyed every moment, (not counting cold baths and sleepless nights) and acquired a very strong desire for more Training Camps.

So if you want to do something exciting and profitable for your Senior Rangers and Commanders, you know what to do! The rewards are well worth the effort, for you cannot help but benefit by such a venture.

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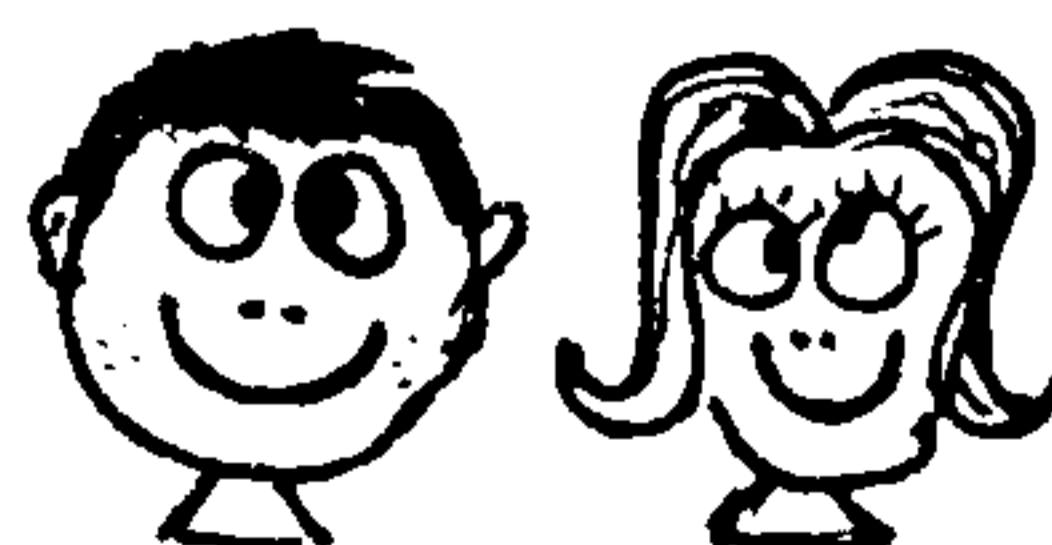
The 25th. January, 1975 was a sad day in the history of the Queensland Frontiersmen Camping Fraternity Chapter. As they farewelled Commander Cathie who was one of the first four ladies initiated into the Chapter in Queensland, Commander Cathie was also the Ladies President.

We are all sorry to see Commander Cathie leave but we are all certain that she will be happy over in Western Australia.

Thank -you so much for all that you have done for us. May God's blessing go with you and your family wherever you go.

*HEATHER HANSON - Scribe.
Overlanders Chapter.
Queensland.*

**HAPPY CHRISTMAS
RANGERS**



THE GREAT NEED.

The need is great and the time is late,
And the labourers are so few,
Who'll climb the hill to do His will,
He's calling me and you.

My life has half been wasted,
My heart has grown cold,
Lord, stir the dying embers,
Bring me back into the fold.

There's darkness in the valley
With no light to be seen
For the sake of those in dire need,
Let's be the in-between.

Restore to me salvation
In its fullness, pure as gold,
That your work will not be hindered,
By a heart that's grown cold.

Let's carry Jesus' warning
Let's carry Jesus' love,
Let's help the wanderer on his way
We'll have our reward above.

I'll take my cross up daily,
And onward I have trod
With my reward in Heaven,
My goal shall be MY GOD.

by KEVIN KURPE
Mt. Isa – Queensland

A ROYAL RANGER HYMN

Tune: Redemption 626

1. We are Royal Rangers now,
We have an emblem bright,
Four gold points that help us grow
Strong in the saviours might;
Four red points that show the truth,
Those in our church will teach,
Eight blue points of ranger code
We strive to reach.

2. We are Royal Rangers now,
Ready for anything,
Christ our Saviour, Healer, too.
Christ our coming King,
He can give the Spirits power,
Help us to live each day,
Pleasing Him at home, at school, at work or play

3. We are Royal Rangers now,
Brave and polite and true,
Clean, alert, obedient,
Honest in all we do,
We must keep the golden rule,
Grow as we read God's word,
Pray and witness, go to church,
And serve the Lord.

Chorus.

Rangers are we,
Loyal we'll be,
Pledging service to God and man,
Rangers are we. (Repeat.)

RANGER

Tune: Elim Chorus 474

R is for recruit, each one who joins us,
A is for alert in work and play,
N for neat and clean in mind and body,
G for growing up in every way
E is for our emblem, blue, red, golden,
R for royal, Christ will be our King.
Put them all together, they spell Ranger
and Rangers for the Lord are we.



COUNCIL OF ACHIEVEMENT

The Commonwealth Commander visited Queensland No. 8 group at the Toowoomba Assembly in September for their Council of Achievement.

The Sunday night service proved an excellent vehicle for demonstrating the skills many Rangers had learned. The musical items in particular showed that the Royal Rangers had spent much time preparing for the occasion. Two of their songs in particular I felt worth including to help groups which do not have musicians with such talents. Please use them.

Leaders were suitably recognised during the Council of Achievement for Leadership Training Course work. Rose Shepherd and Beryl Barrett having recently completed Section 1 and Hazel Kajewski Section 2. I look forward to receiving other sections, particularly the men's;

The highlight of the presentation was the first award of Master Rating to be made to a Trailblazer at Toowoomba – Jacqueline Kajewski, who is setting an example to all of the Rangers.

Pictured as well are the six Toowoomba outposts and their leaders taken with me. They are:

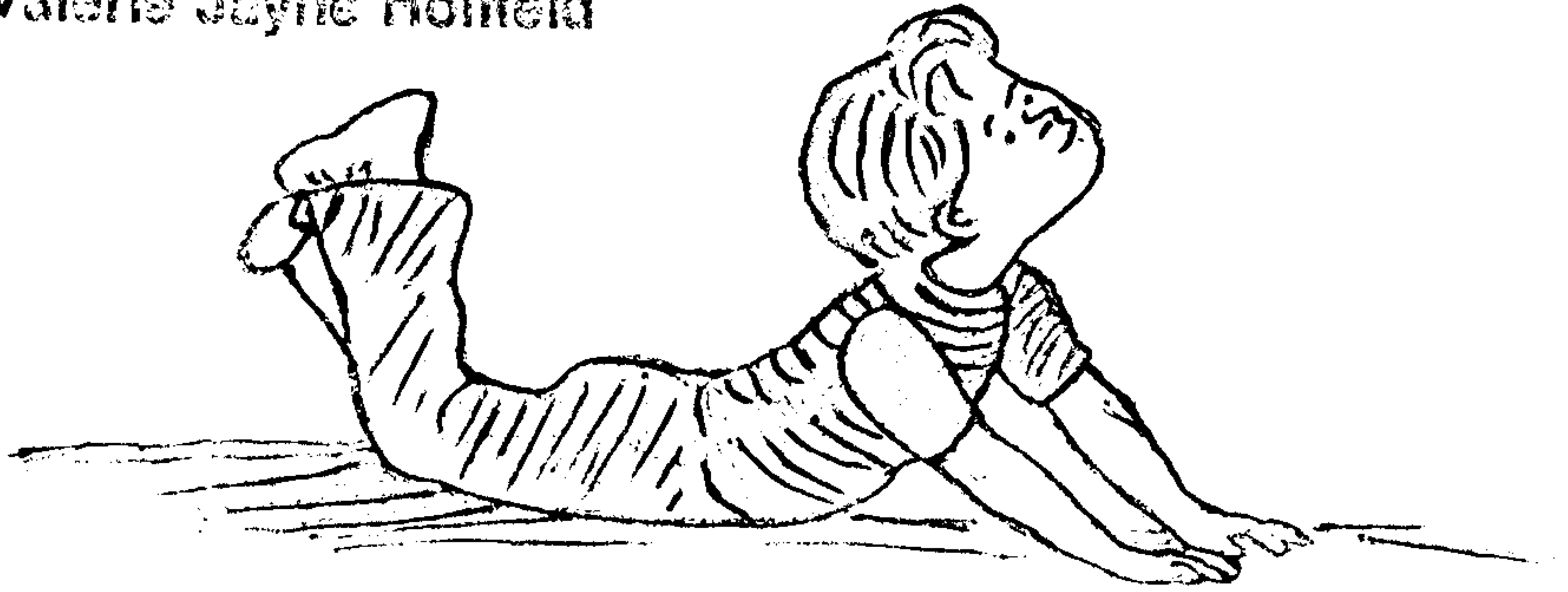
Left to Right.

Gloria Shum, Beryl Barrett, Heather Smith, Barry Weller, Sharon Swenson, Keith Kajewski, Rose Shepherd, Len Zupp, Hazel Kajewski and Ray Doherty.

GENERAL NOTICES

- A. New Advancement Levels for Trailblazers who have completed Leadership Training. U.S. Fall Dispatch covers release of silver and gold Buffalo Awards. We wish to Australianise these to an Australian animal. Leaders who are aware of where suitable pins with Australian animals can be – Please urgently advise Commonwealth Office.
- B. Christian Charm Course Badge and details next issue.
- C. Annual Outpost Commanders Award Application form in Fall '75 Dispatch, may be used this year only. By next year a revised format we hope will be available. Whether you earn it or not strive to meet the standard as a minimum.

By Valerie Jayne Holifield



WHAT ARE PRIMARIES MADE OF?

Last Sunday you were approached by the superintendent of the primary department and asked to substitute for one of her teachers next Sunday.

Or you suddenly discovered that your "baby" is growing up and is ready to start off to school. Now as you begin to prepare a lesson or contemplate this new phase in your child's life, you may be wondering, "Just what is a primary like anyway? And what in the world will I ever do with one in the family or a whole roomful in Sunday school?"

Primary is the designation given to children in the first three grades of school, or ages 6 through 8. This is a time of considerable change, both inwardly and outwardly, because of the new horizons that are opened to the child through entering school.

Physically, the primary is not growing as fast or as sporadically as he did in his first few years. But now that his growth has slowed, he has abundant energy — for anything and everything. He is everywhere and into everything; he approaches activities with abandon; but his attention span is limited, and he jumps quickly from one activity to another.

This activity doesn't cease when he enters the classroom. He wiggles on his chair, sits on the edge of it, and may even fall off. Although this ceaseless activity may be annoying to the teacher, the primary is not trying to be uncooperative. He simply cannot sit still. (One way in which you can channel this energy is through the use of active learning exercises — motion songs, marching activities, dramatization.)

This is the time to exploit the mental curiosity of the primary. Never again will he be quite as curious, quite as eager for knowledge — about anything and everything — as he is right now. His powers of observation are keen, but his mental understanding does not always keep pace with them. Therefore, it is necessary to be careful not to overestimate his ability. He is quite literal-minded, viewing the world in concrete, rather than abstract, terms. He relates to the here and now, making concepts such as numbers, time, distance difficult to grasp.

Another big asset a primary brings with him to your class is the ability to memorize quickly and easily. Now is the best opportunity to instill scriptural concepts through the use of memory work.

The primary child not only brings with him an active body and an inquisitive mind, but he also possesses a great many emotional needs. He is quite insecure, and needs reassurance that he belongs, that he is achieving and contributing to the activity at hand. He has a need for love and affection, demonstrated both in word and action.

Even though he is becoming more independent and learning to take responsibility, because of his basic insecurity he will praise himself and expect praise from others. In order to receive this he may depreciate another child, even one of whom he is genuinely fond.

Because he has moved beyond his home and entered a new sphere, friends begin to play a more important role in the life of a primary. He makes friends easily, both with peers and adults. Group acceptance is a supreme importance to him at this time, and he would rather work with other children as a team than compete against them.

A best friend is something much sought after by the primary child, and this should be encouraged, even if it produces some bitter quarrels and arguments. Here is an opportunity for the child to learn firsthand how to solve his problems in interpersonal relationships.

Finally, and most important to you as a teacher, the primary is spiritually discerning. He is God-inclined. He has a tender conscience and wants to obey. You as a teacher or parent have the opportunity to shape his future. The primary understands the difference between fact and fiction, right and wrong, precept and practice. In working with this age it is of paramount importance that you carry out in your life what you advocate in the classroom. Your primaries are watching!

The primary child is ready to make a decision; he can understand a simple, concrete presentation of salvation. He is interested in and eager to worship. So he will have right attitudes later, it is necessary that he have good first impressions. Experiences of worship that are orderly and properly conducted will produce a deep feeling of respect.

Sunday morning as you stand before the class of wiggling, inquisitive, outgoing primaries, as you learn to live with one in your home, remember that God made them just the way they are for a special reason. They have many characteristics which can be used to good advantage in presenting them with the claims of Christ and instilling in them proper spiritual values and objectives. You have in your hands a wealth of opportunity; what you do with it is up to you.

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After discovering the usefulness of R.R. in my church, I was pleasantly surprised to learn that its goals matched mine, too. I found that R.R. goals are as solid as our denominational goals. What really caught my eye was the fact that R.R. aimed to instruct, challenge, inspire our young people in the areas of Bible doctrine, Christian service, moral conduct and basic beliefs of our church, all of this through the means and interesting activities young people naturally enjoy. Remembering my boyhood days, I realize how very promising these goals really become to boys of today. Their appetites are many, and R.R. matches these appetites with a well-rounded programme. And the programme provides the tools to bring those boys in off the streets of sin.

It has been my privilege to actually see with my own eyes some spectacular results of R.R. evangelism at work. Entire families have been brought into church because a boy becomes saved and filled with the Holy Spirit through the R.R. programmes. The natural interest of the parents caused them to go to the church and find out what is causing the wonderful new change in their child! And they found out! And now they are church leaders, active in winning others to Christ. This is New Testament evangelism at its best!

As a pastor entrusted with the spiritual welfare of many youngsters, I know **OF NO OTHER PROGRAM** that can match R.R.! It **JUST PLAIN WORKS!** Three outstanding features of R.R. really impresses me. R.R. is (1) distinctively Pentecostal, (2) Bible-based and (3) Christ honoring. And this formula produces souls saved, lives changed, all-around church growth. I would never be without this programme.

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I guess you can say that I **AM SOLD ON R.R.** I believe in it and plan to use it in every church in which I minister.”

Rev. Don Franklin
Assemblies of God,
Battle Creek, Michigan U.S.A.



Editorial

Rangers — you are the most important people in Royal Rangers. This is for you to read. I trust that 1975 was a good year — full of both fun and achievement!

It's been a tremendous year with many firsts. Some were really great, otherswell rugged. What were some of them?

F.C.F. Rendezvous — Some Southern Cross' featuring it are still available, write if you would like one. Aim to be there in 1979!

N.T.T. — if you know somebody who attended, ask about cabin bread.

Lake Tali Karng Trail — a very rare badge was struck for those intrepid Victorians who shared this rugged experience.

S.A. Trail — it was rugged too, I understand.

N.Q. Bilyana District Training Camp — the dog ran away with the stew.

Tasmania — a camp at the foot of Mt. Wellington, next to a trout stream. How was the fishing?

W.A. Morley Trailblazers boys excelled by undertaking a "do it yourself build a canoe" programme. I hope you have a lot of adventure and learn a great deal this summer as a result.

A Ranger must be "ready" at all times, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Whatever you do, success only comes as you are ready for the occasion. You are about to start your Summer holidays. Are you ready to follow the example of the very best Royal Rangers? Use your time fruitfully? This holiday work on your advancements. Surprise your Commander when you go back with your skills and readiness to pass your awards. One boy I know intends to complete 12! Ready yourself NOW. Take out your handbook and turn to the advancements. How about:

Your Bible Award — you can complete your Bible reading, Parable teaching and other written work.

Your Church Award — obtain "what my church believes" before going away. Study it carefully.

Organising some trips with your outpost (don't forget a Commander), complete the ASTRONOMY, CAMPING, CYCLING, HIKING, PATHFINDING and other numerous outdoor awards. If you can't get away — do the various swimming awards or AMATEUR RADIO, CHEMISTRY, CITIZENSHIP, FIRST AID, WEATHER, SEWING, HOBBY and other indoor awards.

How much better skilled you will be by February! you will have had a lot of fun, and achieved much. You will have gained from the skills learnt — who knows how God will use these in the future? Rangers of 11 years ago today are in a variety of professions and jobs. Some are Pastors, Missionaries, School Teachers, Nurses, Engineers, Accountants, Mechanics, Chefs — an endless list. All use the skills learnt as a Ranger. Be "ready" to put your holidays to a good use!

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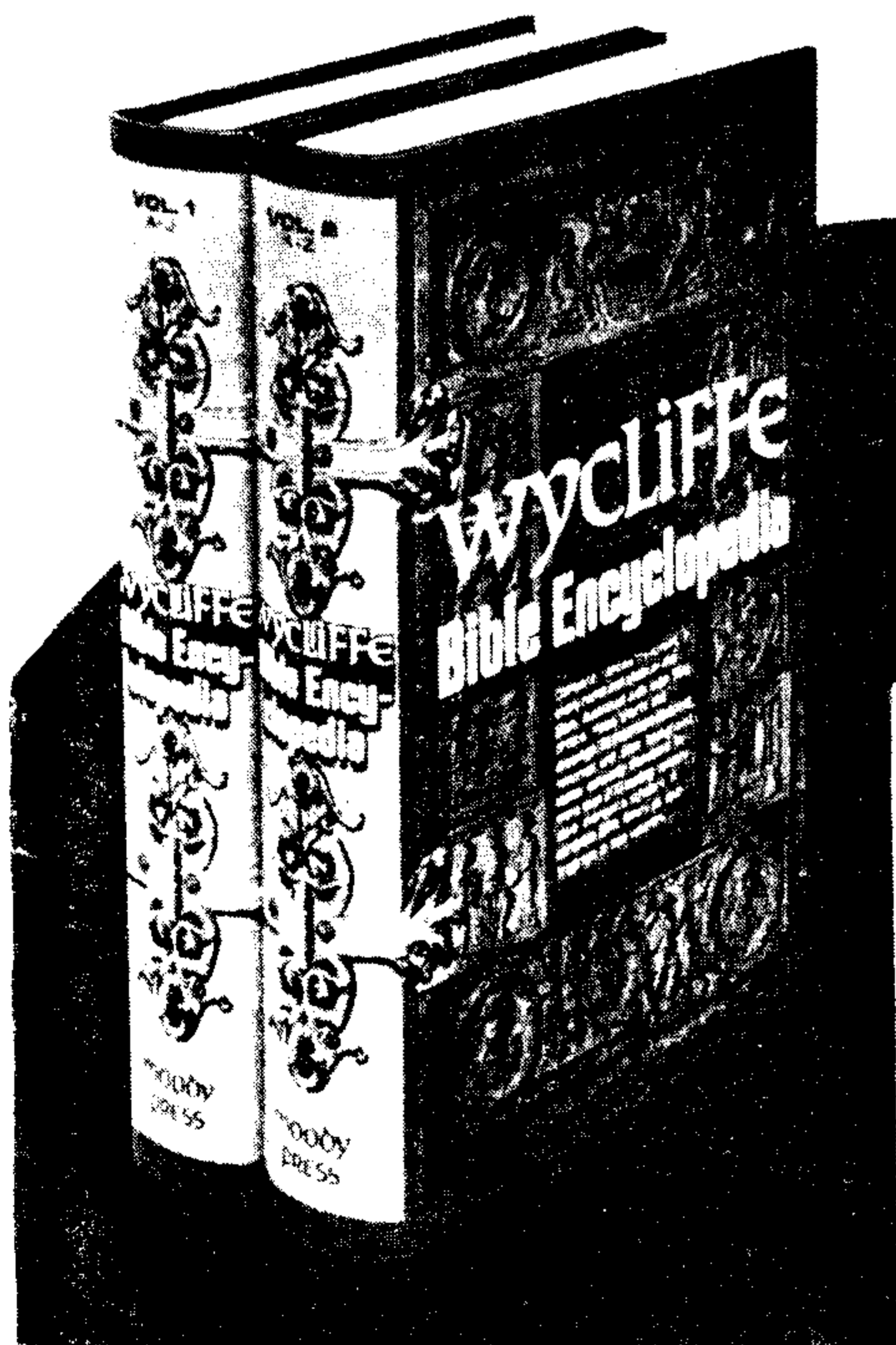
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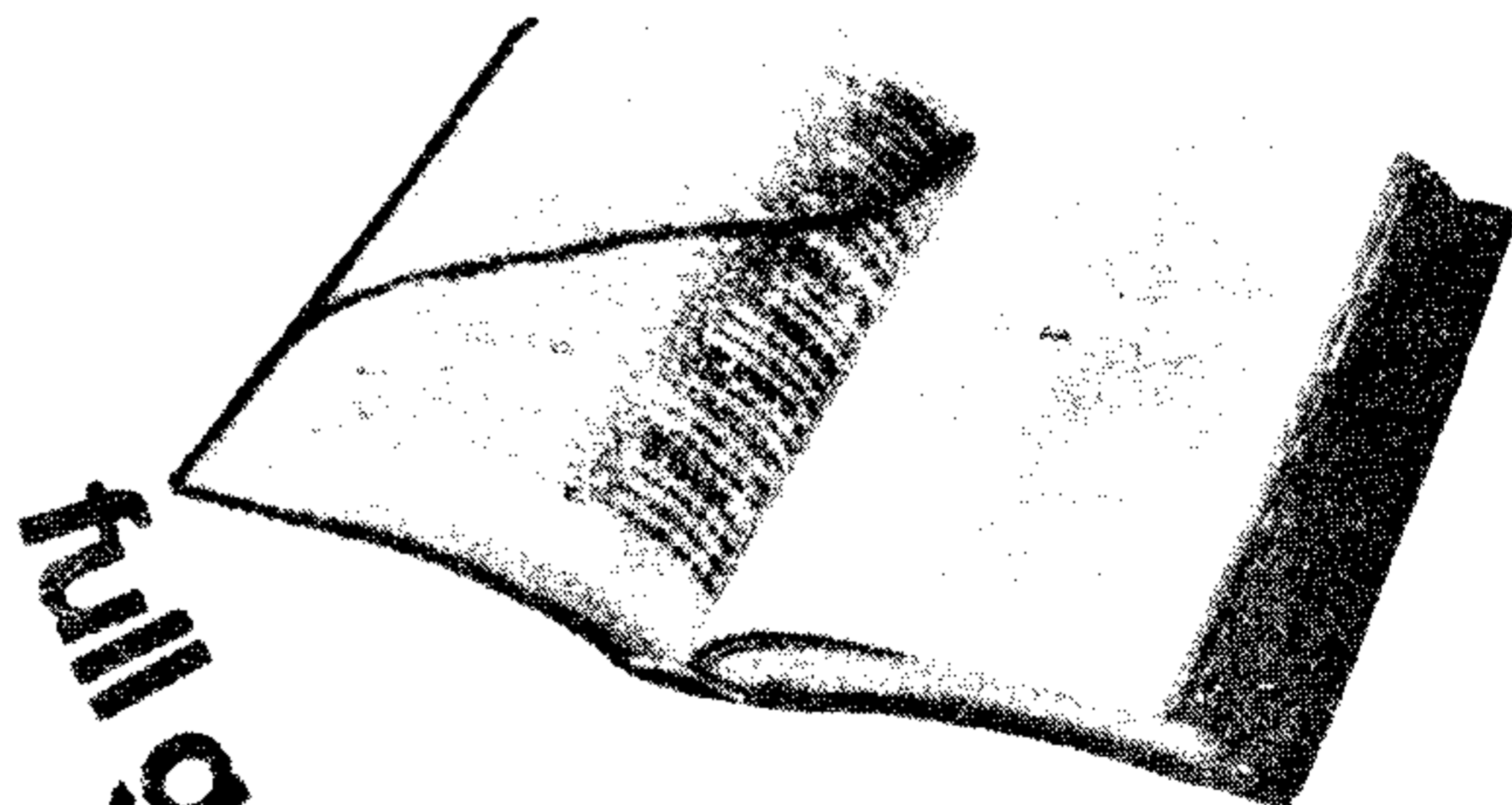
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