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ABOUT THE COVER

The cover this quarter features Commander Clarence (Sonny) Green, District Aide-de-Camp of Ohio and newly appointed FCF Representative of the Colonial Territory.

Commander Green is giving archery instruction at the First National Camporama held in August of 1974 at the U. S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.

The second National Camporama will be held in July of 1978.

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DISPATCHER'S EXPRESS

The District Commanders Conference, Instructor/Trainer Seminar, and Aides-de-Camp Council filled up a week this past March long to be remembered! It was the last of the old and the beginning of the new, as we combine in 1977 for the Royal Rangers Council.

It is time for such a change—not over due—but due. This fact is underlined by the presentation this year of 27 Silver Eagle awards, top recognition for District Commanders. Special commendation to *Les Hughes* with 11 consecutive years!

A new presentation called “Knotty-of-the-Year” Award went to our good buddy *Alan Gell*. Special thanks to the *Chi Omega Rho* boys (the collegiate order of Royal Rangers) for the sweatshirt presentation Johnnie said was labeled “X horseshoe P.”

Thanks to Brother G. Raymond Carlson and Brother Joseph R. Flower for their participation from an Executive level. Thanks also to Brothers Gaither and McGarvey for their inspiration and creativity.

May I also take time to comment on the new *STRAIGHT ARROW* program being launched for five- and six-year-old boys. After much thought and prayerful evaluation, the *STRAIGHT ARROWS* will take their rightful place among Royal Rangers.

Many churches and some districts have had their own programs for this age group with a variety of names. These suggestions and proposals have been of great help to our National Commander Johnnie Barnes in recognizing the need, responding to the challenge, and meeting the demand.

We are confident of your acceptance of the *STRAIGHT ARROW* program, cheerful adjustment in immediate or long-range planning (as the case may be), and the general promotion of *STRAIGHT ARROWS*.

We anticipate good, positive feedback as you, our leaders in the local lodges, implement the new, exciting *STRAIGHT ARROW* concept.

C'MON, COMMANDER—TAKE THE TIME

by Don Franklin

Years of living tends to erase vivid memories of our bygone days as kids: fun-packed days, days always ending too soon. Life was a bowl of cherries *then*. But now? Our "get-up-and-go" has "got-up-and-went!"

Sometimes we're reminded by the brutal frankness of a youthful remark, that we're a bit "stuffy." Sometimes we even hear that awful phrase "old foggy" thrown at us. Humph! Isn't it funny how ancient *we* can appear to a 10-year-old boy?

Well, maybe we can "get with it" once again. Think so?

Take your Pioneers, for instance. They see the world as one big, fantastic adventure. Do *you*? Hmmm?

To boys, frogs are temptingly dangerous. Lizards are definitely "man-eating dragons." A horned toad is as sinister as sin. Everybody knows they "spit blood!" Ugh! A tired, old, friendly dog can be switched instantly (by imagination) into a charging, foaming-at-the-mouth rhino ready to devour you in one, easy gulp!

Even a beat-up old cat can quick-as-a-flash turn into a black panther on the prowl. Turtles, worms, skunks, crawdads—at this age, even a *wart* is exciting!

Why should a commander *take the time*? To *do what*?

The answer is simple. Take the time to see the world through those sparkling, fun-hungry eyes of a boy. Begin to see the "lions 'n tigers" lurking behind those bushes over there. See that charging band of wild savages whooping and hollering. Let your skin crawl and your breath come in short gasps as the "good guys" turn back those ugly savages "just in the nick of time." Turn that tree house into a "last chance lookout station." Man, that's living; for boys, that is.

Imagination!

Consider that last trip you took down those back roads, for example. Remember all the old "Jeep trails" and weed-covered roads you zipped by? Well, each of those roads, to a boy, was a beckoning path to a goldmine. A kid looks at them and sees mysteries to be explored, secrets to be discovered, and hideaways of blood-thirsty outlaws back there in those ominous shadows.

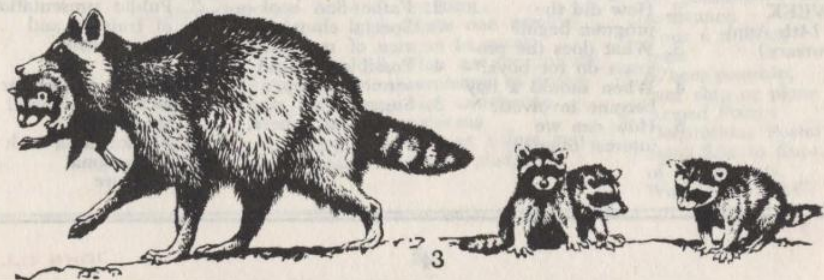
And what would *we* see? A no-where road to nothing. But a boy? *HE* sees adventure! He *craves* it, *itches* for it, and *thrives* on it.

Imagination is the "biggest nation on earth." And to a boy, imagination is a bridge to excitement, a ticket to discovery, and a catapult into the delicious world of the unknown.

How about spiffing up your next outing by taking time to check out all those secret places your guys want to see? *See* what's at the end of those trails. You could be in for rich discoveries: cliffs, caves, waterfalls, whirlpools, swimmin' holes, quicksand, cemeteries, spine-tingling suspense, coffins, log cabins, quarries, the remains of a dead horse (phew!)—ghastly, maybe, but terribly exciting. Mmmm boy!

Turn back those wheels of time just a bit. See the world through a set of 10-year-old eyes. Unlock the door to mystery. Get the idea?

Rediscover fun. Take the time.



September

WEEKLY THEME	WEEKLY PROGRAM FEATURE	SPECIAL ACTIVITIES	PROJECTS & RESOURCE
LABOR DAY (Industry)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Labor Day honors working people 2. Observed 1st Monday of September 3. First celebrated by Knights of Labor in New York City, 1882 4. Congress made it a legal holiday, 1894 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Invite local "blue collar worker to outpost meeting 2. Inquire about industry tours 3. Assign each patrol to make list of possible careers 3. Prepare special devotion on work 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tour a factory 2. Visit a farm 3. Organize a "Yard Work Detail" to build treasury 4. Check local employment agency for boys needing work 5. Plan a work day for meeting room
WEEKLY THEME	WEEKLY PROGRAM FEATURE	SPECIAL ACTIVITIES	PROJECTS & RESOURCE
PRAYER CRUSADE (Back-to-School: Sept. 12-19)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Call attention to the Prayer Crusade 2. Have special prayer for church, state & nation 3. Explain principles of prayer: worship, conversation, petition 4. Take prayer requests 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Plan Fall Roundup of strays 2. Recruit new members 3. Encourage work in handbooks 4. Plan cook-out (Branding Time) 5. Put "legs on prayers" 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Emphasize prayer & roundup in church bulletin 2. Assign Lt. Cmdrs. to contact fathers who are unchurched 3. Make a drive to enlist more leaders 4. Plan a Father-Son camp-out
WEEKLY THEME	WEEKLY PROGRAM FEATURE	SPECIAL ACTIVITIES	PROJECTS & RESOURCE
CITIZENSHIP (Citizenship Day, Sept. 17) (Ref. Luke 20:25, 1 Thess. 5:12, 1 Tim. 2:2, Heb. 13:17,24)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Know your rulers 2. Remember rulers 3. Pray for rulers 4. Yield to rulers 5. Salute (respect) rulers 6. Pay just taxes to rulers 7. Honor rulers (Rom. 13:1-6) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Participate in local citizenship activities 2. Encourage all leaders to become registered voters 3. Make citizenship poster for bulletin board 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Invite the town mayor to speak to boys 2. Start a "Pitch In" campaign to clean up environment 3. Volunteer for beautification work on church property
WEEKLY THEME	WEEKLY PROGRAM FEATURE	SPECIAL ACTIVITIES	PROJECTS & RESOURCE
ROYAL RANGERS WEEK (14th Anniversary)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why have Royal Rangers? 2. How did the program begin? 3. What does the program do for boys? 4. When should a boy become involved? 5. How can we interest others? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Leader-Boy Banquet 2. Father-Son cook-out 3. Special church service of recognition 4. Possible pastoral sermon for boys 5. Suggest boy participation as ushers, etc. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Public recognition of leaders 2. Public presentation of training and advancement awards 3. Special prayer for local and national leadership 4. Blanket area with promotional brochure

October

WEEKLY THEME	WEEKLY PROGRAM FEATURE	SPECIAL ACTIVITIES	PROJECTS & RESOURCE
WEATHER (Fair)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Definition of weather 2. Weather & climate 3. Sun, our greatest source of energy 4. The sun's effects on growing things 5. Sunshine and outdoor activity 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Determine the average number of clear days for your area 2. Make a study of the average temperature in your town 3. Prepare a U.S. map for weather forecasting purposes 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Visit a U.S. Weather Station 2. Keep a record of forecasts for a week: compare 3. Secure a copy of: WEATHER Golden Press New York
COLUMBUS DAY	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review events leading to Columbus' voyage to the New World 2. Relate something of the fear and apprehension of the times 3. Emphasize the courage of the man 4. Voyage lasted Aug. 3-Oct. 12 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assign boys to gather data on Columbus 2. Prepare a world map tracing voyage 3. Plan a "Discovery Day" in connection with a decision day for unsaved boys 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Secure or construct models of Columbus' flotilla: ships Santa Maria, Nina, and Pinta 2. Invite local history teacher to speak to outpost 3. Plan participation in any local observance
WEATHER (Foul)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Scriptural references to weather 2. Weather changes 3. Weather & seasons 4. Violent changes in weather 5. Weather patterns and predictions 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Make a chart identifying different clouds 2. Secure a rain gauge 3. Obtain a barometer and thermometer 4. Explain meaning of meteorological terminology 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Install rain gauge near meeting location 2. Resources: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> °Encyclopedia °Bible concordance °U. S. Weather Bureau 3. Keep records of meeting day weather for a designated period
VETERANS DAY	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Originally called "Armistice Day" 2. Marks the cessation of WWI hostilities between Allies and Germany 3. Since 1954, used to honor veterans of all wars 4. Now observed 4th Monday of October 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Invite all local veterans to outpost meeting 2. Have one serviceman to speak 3. Plan an appropriate ceremony to recognize and honor veterans 4. Present colors and repeat pledges 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Contact local VFW or American Legion for possible assistance 2. Tour a military base 3. Where possible, tour ship or plane 4. Armed Forces Decorations Poster: Send 25c to Supt. of Documents, Washington, D.C.

November

WEEKLY THEME	WEEKLY PROGRAM FEATURE	SPECIAL ACTIVITIES	PROJECTS & RESOURCE
ELECTION DAY	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Democracy is the best government 2. Of the people, by the people.—A. Lincoln 3. Evils of dictatorship 4. Corruption in government 5. Taking advantage of right to vote 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Obtain sample ballots to acquaint boys with polling process 2. Encourage registration of those 18-up 3. Assign a Lt. Cmdr. to explain Presidential election process 4. Invite a local election official to speak 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Contact local or county Board of Election for information 2. Plan a mock ballot for boys to vote 3. Make a list of issues Christians should cast vote: gambling, alcohol, vice, etc. 4. Launch "Vote For Jesus" campaign
PRISON SUNDAY	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prisons are for punishment for wrong 2. No jail is inviting 3. Prisons are for correction, reform, and rehabilitation 4. It's best never to have a record 5. Christian responsibility to inmates 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Contact city or county about jail service 2. Inquire about any teens imprisoned 3. Ask local police to send speaker or demonstration to outpost meeting 4. Obtain chart on drugs 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Send older boys & leaders to jail service 2. Obtain witnessing materials from ELA (Men's Dept.) 3. Request space in church bulletin for reports 4. Contact Gideons about Testaments
RADIO	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. REVIVALTIME is weekly A/G radio broadcast 2. Speaker: C. M. Ward 3. On the air since 1953 (ABC Network) 4. Over 725 stations 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Check local listings for station & time 2. If not heard, suggest to pastor it be considered 3. Participate in the World Prayer-meeting Nov. 21 4. Pray for broadcast 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Write for sample radio cassette: Rev. Jewell Tucker Revivaltime Box 70 Springfield, Mo. 65801 2. Use cassette as meeting feature
THANKSGIVING	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock, 1620 2. First Winter long & hard, many died 3. Friendly Indians helped plant maize 4. First Thanksgiving 1621, by order of Gov. Wm. Bradford 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Invite a local speak on harvest 2. Prepare food baskets for needy 3. Visit a nursing home for elderly 4. Have a Thanksgiving "sharing time" during outpost meeting 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Encourage participation with family (Nat'l. holiday since 1863) 2. Have boys take turns offering prayer of Thanksgiving 3. Express gratitude to parents, etc.
EDUCATION	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The importance of mental development 2. Expansion of knowledge 3. Social benefits of the educational process 4. Christian Education 5. Rewards of Study 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Plan a tour of a nearby college campus 2. Invite a local educator to meeting 3. Use "Back-to-School" theme to round up strays 4. Make a chalkboard listing of advantages of education 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recognize honor students 2. Encourage scholastic achievement 3. Emphasize the perils of "Drop-Outs" 4. Encourage cooperation with schools & faithful attendance by local Royal Rangers

THE OUTPOSTER

FCF CHAPTER NAMES

ALABAMA—Confederate
ARIZONA—Bill Williams
ARKANSAS—Quapaw Mountain Men
AUSTRALIA:
New South Wales—Cobb & Company
Queensland—The Overlanders
South Australia—Colonel Light
Victoria—Yaraadoo
West Australia—Koolwanna
EASTERN—George Washington
GEORGIA—Okefenokee
GULF LATIN—Azteca
ILLINOIS—Abe Lincoln
IOWA—Davey Crockett
KANSAS—Hawkins Rifle
LOUISIANA—Jim Bowie
MICHIGAN—Henry Rowe Schoolcraft
MINNESOTA—North Star
MISSISSIPPI—Choctaw
NEBRASKA—Fort Kearney
NEW JERSEY—John Fenwick
NEW MEXICO—Jedediah Smith
NEW YORK—Andirondack
NORTH TEXAS—Shawnee Trail
NORTHWEST—Marcus Whitman
N. CALIF.-NEV.—John Muir
N. MISSOURI—Lewis and Clark
OHIO—Johnny Appleseed
OKLAHOMA—Indian Nation
OREGON—Oregon Trail
PEN. FLORIDA—Seminoles
ROCKY MOUNTAIN—Kit Carson
SOUTH CAROLINA—Swamp Fox
SOUTH TEXAS—Long Horn
S. CALIFORNIA—Sequoia
S. NEW ENGLAND—The Minute Men
SOUTHERN MISSOURI—Daniel Boone
SPANISH EASTERN—Pathfinder
TENNESSEE—Volunteer
WEST FLORIDA—Apalachee
WEST TEXAS—Palo Duro
WIS.-N. MICHIGAN—Chippewa

ANIMAL TALK

Did you know that man could not fly, even if he had wings? His breastbone isn't strong enough for the stress.

Someone asked which animal can hold its breath the longest. The whale, no doubt. That sperm whale can stay submerged for an hour or more.

PIE-IN-THE-SKY

After a long camp-out, most fellows look forward to returning home to Mom's pies. Ever wonder which is most popular? A recent national survey shows we rate American pies as follows: (1) apple; (2) cherry; and (3) pecan.

CAVE ROOM

Is there a cave room in the Carlsbad caverns as big as the Houston Astro-dome? Indeed there is! Bigger. *Far bigger!* One cave room in Carlsbad is the world's biggest. It's 4,000 feet long, 625 feet wide and up to 280 feet high. The Astrodome runs 710 feet by 710 feet and 208 feet high at its highest point.

TRAINING EVENTS

NTC Northeast, Blue Mtn. Retreat, New Ringgold, Pa., Sept. 9-12
NTC Northwoods, Gaylord, Mich., Sept. 30-Oct. 3
NTC Gulf Region, District Campgrounds, Alexandria, La., Sept. 16-19
ANTC Camp Arrowhead (BSA), Marshfield, Mo., Sept. 22-26
NTT Adirondack, New York, Oct. 7-10
NTC Southeast, Camp Alaflo, Enterprise, Ala., Oct. 14-17

A/G STATE FAIR

National Commander Johnnie Barnes will be one of the featured speakers at the Tennessee Assemblies of God State Fair October 1, 2 at the Putnam County Fairgrounds near Cookeville, Tenn. More than 5,000 people are expected for the parade, exhibits, and services.

Others appearing at the fair will include: Jeannie C. Riley, The 'Couriers, and David Roeber, renowned Viet Nam veteran. This Bicentennial event is expected to attract high school and military bands, more than 60 floats, and visitors from across America.

TRAIL BOSS

Commander, if you were Trail Boss in the Old West, how would you keep your bearings from day to day in the strange terrain? One such crewmaster wrote in his log that he always pointed the wagon tongue to the North Star at night to give himself direction the next morning.

Tips On Bad Weather Driving

When bad weather blows in, emergency tow truck drivers get ready. They know that within minutes their switchboards will be lighting up with emergency calls.

Yet it is astonishingly easy not to have trouble in snow or rain. Here are some useful tips:

Turn on lights. In rain, cars tend to disappear. Use parking lights at least, to make your car more visible.

Look out for the oily road slick that forms in new rain. It is as slippery as ice and tires skid on it very easily.

Use windshield washers when light drizzles start. Otherwise, wiper blades may turn the first few drops into an oily smear, report windshield wiper experts at Anco.

When a storm is forecast, a good snow driver will park his car so that he will be able to move it afterwards. Avoid tight parking spaces and don't park uphill.

Always use snow tires. It's futile to go very far through deep snow without the right tires.

Make sure your windshield wiper blades are free of ice and snow. This can cause blades to streak, skip and stick. Snow blades which are completely encased in rubber are now available. Designed by Anco, they prevent ice from clogging the blade.

When driving through a dense fog, turn on your wipers. Much of the "fog" that bothers drivers is merely fine accumulation of mist on the windshield.

By following these useful tips when bad weather blows in, you can help yourself avoid that avoidable accident and save yourself being charged for an emergency tow.



WINTER



The great question of the 70s is, shall we surrender to our surroundings or shall we make our peace with nature and begin to make reparations for the damage we have done to our air, to our land, to our water. — The 1970s must be the years when America pays its debt to the past by reclaiming the purity of its air, its waters and our living environment. It is literally now or never.

OLD GAELIC BLESSING

*May the roads rise
with you,
And the wind be always
at your back,*

*And may the Lord
hold you
In the hollow of
his hand.*

OUTPOST DEVOTIONS



BURIED TREASURE

(Phil L. Roberts)

There is a story in ancient Greece of a rich farmer on his death bed. Calling his two sons, he informed them that somewhere on his farm was buried treasure.

After the old man's death, the two boys set out with pick and shovel to dig for their father's treasure. Eagerly they searched, digging to depths in the soil never reached before. They were searching for an iron-bound chest, which was never discovered.

The time came to plant the corn, and the search had to stop. But the soil had been turned so well that when harvest came, there was such a great abundance of corn, the likes of which had not been seen before. The boys had found their riches!

You also have inherited a precious heirloom that has come down to you through many generations. It too lies buried so far as many are concerned, not in a field, but in a book.

This book has been bequeathed to you. And if you would be rich in all the best things in life, then search out this book. Dig into it with all the spiritual tools at your disposal. Read it, study it, meditate upon it, pray over it, and you will find riches!

This book is your BIBLE!

HEART IN TUNE

(Harvey Cooper, Lithgow, NSW)

Item needed: carburetor from a car motor.

Explain to the boys the purpose of the carburetor, that it is a complicated mixing valve to supply the correct fuel-air mixture to the motor. When the carburetor is "in tune," we get the best performance out of our motor. But when it is "out of tune," we get poor performance.

Our hearts are also complicated mixing valves, supplying fresh blood to our bodies. Spiritually, however, the Holy Spirit and the Word of God flow

through our hearts to nourish our innermost being.

Let's purpose to keep our hearts in tune with God so that we might give to Him our best service for His glory.

SHOOTING STARS

(Chuck Wood, Alta Loma, CA)

During the evening, possibly around the campfire, begin by telling the boys how beautiful it is in the wilderness with the fresh air, smell of the trees, and aroma of the campfire. Note the beauty of the heavens with the stars twinkling.

Ask the boys if they can picture how beautiful Heaven must be. Just imagine, if God gave us this little bit of beauty to live with, how much more fantastic it will be where God and Jesus are living. I wouldn't want to miss it for anything, would you?

I was with a good friend once out under the starlit sky. While I was looking around, my buddy was looking up and saw a shooting star. It happened so fast that I didn't see it, and it was gone forever.

My buddy said it was the brightest and most beautiful shooting star he had ever seen. I was saddened to think that because I was not looking in the right direction, I would never see that star. My chance was gone.

Fellows, our life and our chance of making it to Heaven are just like that star. The Bible says that no man knoweth the day or the hour when the Son of man cometh. And also we are told that He is coming in the twinkling of an eye.

We know that the only ones who are going in the Rapture are those who are ready, waiting, and watching for His return. Wouldn't it be terrible if we knew that we were not ready for Jesus to come. We will miss it if we are not watching.

Let us all pray together and ask Jesus to come into our hearts and to help us to be ready when He comes.

GOD OUR GUIDE

(Paul L. Allen, Puyallup, WA)

Scripture: Psalm 48:1-14

A family recently made a trip to Washington, D.C., to see the sights of our nation's capital. Washington is laid out much like the spoke of a wheel and is difficult to maneuver around in.

Fortunately, there were bus tours available with trained guides to show and explain the various sights. Without the help of the guides, the family would have been hopelessly lost in the maze of traffic, one-way streets, and dead-end alleys.

The psalmist turned to God for guidance. He acknowledged the God of heaven as his God forever and ever. He recognized God as the guide of his life even unto death. His God would guide him throughout life and into the New Jerusalem.

God wants to be the guide in our lives, for He is the only One qualified to guide us and keep us from becoming hopelessly entangled in the maze of this world.

Turn to God as the only guide for life's pathway.

THE FLASHLIGHT

(Harvey Blods, W. Chicago, IL)

Items required: 3 or 4 flashlights (make sure they *work!*).

Scripture: Psalm 27:1.

Introduction: The invention of the flashlight followed closely the perfecting of the dry-cell battery. The flashlight has many and varied uses wherever a safe, strong light is needed. It is convenient to carry and is low-cost illumination.

Points to consider: (1) There are many kinds, styles, colors, and sizes of flashlights, as there are people. (2) The business of the flashlight is the shine when the button is pushed, but God's people are to shine for Jesus all the time.

Also notice: (3) As the power of the flashlight depends upon the power of the batteries, the Christian's power is found in the love of God manifested in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit. (4) The flashlight asks no questions. It shines wherever it may be and in whatever circumstances it finds itself. It is

obedient at all times, just as the Christian should be.

Now observe: (5) The flashlight is not necessarily a beautiful contraption. It is like the Christian, not known for beauty, but for willingness to serve. (6) A flashlight banishes darkness by furnishing light, just as a Christian banishes the darkness of sin by sharing the light of Christ.

Finally note: (7) The flashlight needs new batteries or a fresh charge to give it power. Likewise, the Christian must have new power from God quite often. He obtains this by prayer, Bible reading, service, fellowship with other Christians, and attendance at Sunday school and church every Sunday. (8) A flashlight does not last forever. In time it will waste away and be discarded. A Christian may discard his body, but his light shines on that other shore, in heaven above. And it's all because of the love of God.

Closing: Let us ask the Lord to help us shine for Him.

A TIME FOR EVERYTHING

(Melvin Hobson, San Bernardino, CA)

Commander's purpose: to show the boys that God has a timetable; a time and a season for everything.

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 3:1.

Commander: Did you ever notice how much of your life is regulated by the clock? There is the alarm in the morning, the time when you have to leave the house so you won't be late for school. There is also a bell at school, as well as the clock your parents look at when they think it's time for you to go to bed at night.

One of the comforting things about being a Christian is that God has a plan for every life. God's plan operates on schedule. God has set the schedule in operation; it works on God's time. We have to learn to be patient and be sure our lives are operating according to God's order.

Moses had to learn that lesson also. He was one of God's great men, but only after learning not to get ahead of God's plan.

Prayer: Dear Jesus, teach us to pray and find Thy timetable for our lives. Give us time to help others. Amen.

BURNT OFFERINGS

(*Marvin Miller, Torrance, CA*)

As the fire glows, it brings to mind the burnt offerings of the Old Testament times—a sacrifice of a pure animal, offered to God, for their sins.

But Jesus was our human sacrifice, pure and good, who died for all sinners, that we might not have to offer burnt offerings anymore. No other sacrifice for sin is necessary to please God. We must simply accept Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord.

God gives us eternal life through Jesus Christ. Would you invite Him into your heart now?

PULLED OUT OF THE FIRE

(*David Culley, Harleysville, PA*)

Scripture: Jude 17-25

Fire has many uses that benefit man. Who can name some? (Answers should include such things as light, heat, cooking of food, etc.) Fire, like all things God has given man, is good and useful only when used properly and for the right purposes. When fire is used carelessly or maliciously, it can cause great damage.

When God created man he gave him all he needed for his safety and well-being. But when man rebelled against God and followed after Satan, the entire earth was changed from what it was when God created it to what it is now.

All the things of the earth were cursed because of Adam's sin. Since sin is so terrible and does so much harm, it has to be punished.

The Bible shows that when Satan sinned, God prepared a place called Hell in which to punish him and his followers. Here is a place of fire that can never be put out. All who reject Jesus as their Saviour will go there because sin is that serious. Sin is like fire out of control, destroying everything. Sin *must* be punished!

That is one purpose God has in fire. Not because He enjoys it, but simply because there is nothing else to be done. People don't belong in the fire, not a campfire like this, or a furnace like Nebuchadnezzar had; and certainly not in the fire of Hell!

The fires of Hell were prepared for

the Devil and his angels, not the sons and daughters of Adam. Even though we are all sinners, we can be saved from the fires of Hell and the sin that would drag us into it. How? By accepting Christ as our Saviour—believing that He died in our place as a punishment for our sins—and living for Him every day.

A SPONGE FOR GOD

(*J. D. Coker, Gainesville, TX*)

Items needed: medium-sized sponge, pan of water, empty pan, and Bible references (Acts 1:8 and Matthew 10:7,8).

Place the items on a desk or table, then read Acts 1:8. Explain to the boys how we must give ourselves to the Lord before we can expect the infilling of the Holy Spirit.

Once we have received the baptism with the Holy Ghost and fire, we are to walk daily with the Lord and continue to receive this power.

Place the sponge in the pan of water and allow to soak.

When God blesses, we should receive all God has for us. God will fill us to overflowing if we will allow Him.

Now read Matthew 10:7,8. God's power is given to us that we may proclaim liberty to those in bondage.

Pick up the sponge and hold it over the empty pan. While you continue speaking, slowly squeeze the sponge until there is no water left in it.

God gives us blessings without our having to pay for them with riches or deserve them with fame or popularity. They are free. His salvation is free. We need to be willing to serve as a "sponge" for God, to "soak up" His blessings and then share the news with the lost world. They need God. He gave himself for us—we should freely give Him to the lost.



A pair of spoons tacked close together on the wall will make a broom or tennis racket holder.

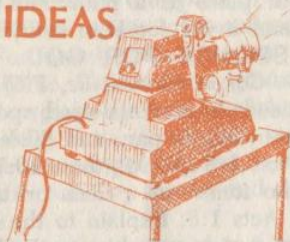
FOUR



STAR



IDEAS



DRAW A FACE

(Albert J. DaConceicao,
Perth Amboy, NJ)

Each boy is given a piece of paper and told to draw a face of his girlfriend. Instruct them to hold the paper behind their backs, draw a circle, add a nose, ears, eyes, mouth, teeth, and hair. Then have them turn in their papers without looking for display before the group.

Allow the boys to pick one they like best and give a prize.

BUS STOP

(Sergio R. Torres, San Gabriel, CA)

Tell the boys their ability in simple mathematics will be tested with a simple addition problem.

A bus starts out with six passengers, stops, one gets off, and four get on. Next bus stop, two get off and three get on, etc. (Do this for ten stops, with all the boys adding and subtracting.)

Now, how many times did the bus stop?

SPONGE RELAY

(Dean Blanton, Ontario, CA)

Take two buckets filled with water and two medium-sized sponges. Place them about 35 feet in front of two columns of boys. Now walk to the buckets and put a sponge in each.

At the signal, each boy must go to the bucket and carefully remove his sponge without spilling much water. He returns to the column and gives the sponge to the next boy. After each boy has his turn, check to see how water is left in the buckets. The team with the most water is the winner.

GUESS THE KNOT

(David Padilla, Lakewood, CO)

Have the boys divide into two teams. Give the first team a piece of rope. Have them leave the room, then tie a knot of their choosing.

Then blindfold a person from the other team and have him guess what the knot is. Each correct answer earns a point for his team.

Continue play until each team has a full turn.

HOLD AND PASS

Divide the boys into two groups and seat them at a table, facing each other. Each group picks a captain. Pass out straws to each player and place 10 dried beans before each of the two captains at the end of the table.

On signal, the two captains pick up beans with the straw and drop them in front of the player next to them. The beans continue down each side. The first team to finish to the end of the table is the winner.

MARCO POLO

(Frederick M. Drye, La Puente, CA)

Take one boy and blindfold him. Spin him around three times and let him go. He now tries to catch the other fellows by saying "Marco," while they must answer, "Polo." The first one he tags get the blindfold.

TUGBOAT

(Don Tilley)

Divide the boys into several teams, with three boys to each team. Have each team form a wedge or "V" formation. The boys in back must hold tight to the boy in front. Each team is to push or shove another team outside of a given circle, the size to be determined by the number of teams. The team remaining in the circle is winner.

UP IN THE AIR

(Roger Blaney, Carlsbad, CA)

Equipment needed: paper bags and a supply of books.

Seat two boys across from each other. Lay the bags flat on the table and put one book on top of the bag. Have the boys blow up the bag and make the book rise.

Increase the number of books until one wins. (Small books or booklets of equal size work best.)

COMPASS RELAY

(Orville Werner, Aurora, CO)

Equipment needed: two compasses, two pencils, and two lists of ten landmarks or features easily identifiable from the area where the boys normally engage in recreational activities.

Procedure: Divide the boys into two groups. Draw two circles on the ground and place a compass, pencil, and landmark list in each circle. Have one boy from each group run to a circle and write down the compass reading of the first landmark on the list. He then runs back to his team and send the second boy who does the same with the second item. Have the boys take turns until all landmarks are completed.

Award 25 points to the team that finishes first and 10 points for each compass reading within 10 degrees of the correct reading. Award 5 points for each reading with an error between 10 and 20 degrees. Team with the most points wins.

ERASER TAG

(Noble Bowen, Denver, CO)

Arrange the meeting room so that there are walkways around the circle and through the middle. Select two boys to begin. Give each an eraser which he must balance on his head. At a given signal, the boy appointed to be "it" tries to tag the other while balancing the eraser on his head. The first boy to drop the eraser is replaced by another boy. If "it" tags the boy out, he also is replaced. Continue play until all have participated.

BLOW THE BALL

(Doyle Bryan, Sedro Woolley, WA)

Equipment needed: a long table and two ping pong balls.

Choose two teams to line up on opposite sides of the room. A boy from each team takes a turn (both at the same time) blowing their team's ball to the opposite end of the table without dropping it to the floor. Score a point for each successful effort. The idea is to move the ball toward your own goal while endeavoring to blow the other ball off course.

FUEL IDEA

(David Webb, Lakeland, FL)

Equipment needed: 5-gallon flat bottom crockery or earthenware jar, and several slick paper magazines: Time, Reader's Digest, etc.

Chemicals: common salt, yellow calcium chloride, red copper ammonium sulphate, blue.

Prepare a container with 2½ gallons of water and stir in 4 lbs. of the above. Roll each magazine as tightly as possible and tie firmly with several turns of strong cord at each end. Immerse each log end-wise into the solution until the jar is filled. Let stand four to six days.

At the end of each 12-hour period, turn the logs so that the solution will penetrate evenly. At the end of the period, take the logs out and set on paper to dry. **DO NOT POUR REMAINING SOLUTION IN DRAINS!**

These logs will burn brightly on campfire coals.

(Ed. note: caution should be exercised in the use of any and all chemicals.)



OUTPOST COMMANDER'S AWARD

We are happy to announce a special achievement award for Outpost commanders who have demonstrated outstanding service in achieving the goals of the overall Royal Ranger program. The following is a list of categories in which points may be earned for this award. Except for the Leadership training Course, National Training Camps and National Training Trails, all points earned must be earned for service rendered during the current calendar year.

1. AN UP-TO-DATE CHARTERED GROUP: 25 points.
2. COMPLETED LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSE: 25 points (or 5 points for each completed section)
3. ADVANCEMENT PARTICIPATION: 25 points if at least 50% of the boys in the outpost received an advancement and at least 4 Councils of Achievement were conducted.
4. FOUR OUTPOST CAMPOUTS DURING THE YEAR: 10 points; 2 points for each additional campouts.
5. OUTPOST OUTINGS: 2 points for each outpost outing other than campouts.
6. ATTENDING A NATIONAL TRAINING CAMP: 10 points.
7. ATTENDING A SECOND NATIONAL TRAINING EVENT SUCH AS NTT, ANTC, AQUATIC CAMP, WINTER CAMP, ETC: 5 points each.
8. OUTPOST PARTICIPATION IN A DISTRICT POW WOW: 10 points.
9. BOYS WON TO CHRIST: 5 points for each boy won to Christ during the year.
10. NEW MEMBERS IN THE OUTPOST: 2 points for each new member.
11. OUTPOST PARTICIPATION IN THE RANGER OF THE YEAR PROGRAM: 10 points
12. WEARING PROPER UNIFORM DURING ALL OUTPOST FUNCTIONS: 5 points.
13. OUTPOST MEETINGS CONDUCTED DURING THE YEAR: 1 point each meeting.

REQUIREMENTS FOR AWARD

1. The outpost must have an up-to-date charter.
2. The Commander must have completed at least Sections I & II of the Leadership Training Course.
3. A minimum of 175 points are needed to qualify (150 for Buckaroo leaders).

All Outpost Commanders who meet the above three qualifications will be eligible to receive and wear the Outpost Commander's Award. Time period - JANUARY 1 of the current year through DECEMBER 31.

EVALUATION SHEET MUST BE SUBMITTED TO YOUR DISTRICT COMMANDER BY JANUARY 30

ANNUAL OUTPOST COMMANDER'S AWARD EVALUATION SHEET

Name _____ Address _____ City _____
State _____ Zip _____ District _____ Outpost
Number _____

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NOTE: Please complete your copy of the OCA Evaluation sheet and mail it to your DISTRICT COMMANDER, not the National Office. Your District Commander will supervise the awarding of the Outpost Commander's Award. Three dollars should be attached to cover the cost of the medal.

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