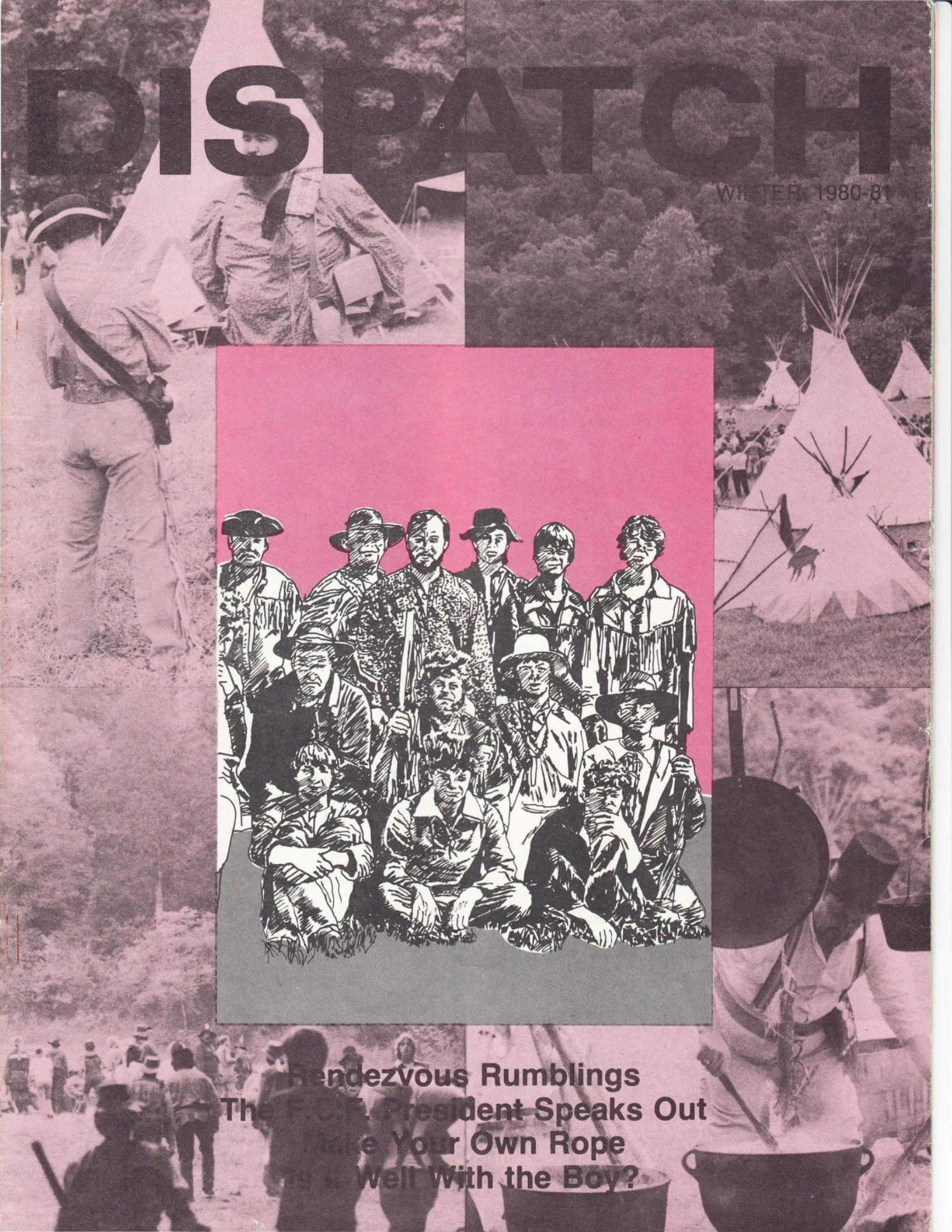


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How about an idea for your outpost and district—a fun time in the winter season. Last year, Outpost 39, of the Southern New England District, located in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, hosted its 5th annual Slide-a-Rama on February 2, 1980. The year before, 125 boys attended from all across the western area of the district, with expected double that this year.

Next come the Pioneers who must build their own sled out of scraps of skis, wood, etc., with no modified store-bought sleds of any sort allowed. Commanders supervise the boys, and let them do the constructing of the sled—however, a watchful eye is looking for any safety hazards. In the downhill Pioneer race, 2 boys per sled participate from start to finish.

Next comes the Trailblazer dogsled continued on page 15 ▶

NEW ENGLAND OUTPOST #39

More than fun.



COVER ART & PHOTOS: Highlights from this year's F. C. F. National Rendezvous in Crossville, Tennessee.

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Rendezvous Rumblings

The mist of rain that hit my face as I crossed the footbridge into Rendezvous '80 was reminiscent of four years before at Blue Eye. But the excitement at Crossville was to be much different from the unplanned adventures of yesteryear.

The Cumberland Mountains of Tennessee provided a perfect setting for this quadrennial meeting of the Royal Rangers Frontiersmen Camping Fraternity. The third of its kind, it attracted some 683 men and boys from across the United States and overseas. Miss Karen Phillips, an FCF member from Australia, was an honored guest.

The camping area was a dazzling spectacle with some 84 teepees pitched across the valley. Indians once camped here and called the place "Sequatchie," which means, "hog trough." We saw later how this valley would live up to its name.

The Sequatchie River ran along the southern line of the camping area, and provided fresh drinking water for the camp. An old stone wall marked the site of a water mill where early pioneers ground their corn. Below the dam was an excellent swimming hole that many frontiersmen took advantage of during the hot afternoons.

Daily activities included the blast of muzzle-loaders, the thud of knives or tomahawks finding their mark, the crack of flint against steel, along with the jaw-in' 'n' the tradin.' Evenings were permeated with the smell of woodsmoke.

Unplanned guests included a couple of donkeys from the Peninsular Florida District with the unforgettable names of Flapjack and Ginger. You've never really enjoyed a camp-out until you've been awakened in the middle of the night by a donkey braying.

A major attraction was the live pig brought along by the boys from Alabama. After the shoit was prepared for roasting, the men from Dixie were hauled into Frontier Court on a murder charge, Judge Hawkeye presiding. Charged with "hogacide," the defendants weasled out by paying a \$5 fine and inviting the staff to supper.

The late evenings were punctuated with ole-time Pentecostal services under the brush arbor. Circuit-rider Johnnie Barnes himself preached his heart out

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The Cumberland Mountains of Tennessee provided a perfect setting for this quadrennial meeting of the Royal Rangers Frontiersman Camping Fraternity. Men and boys benefited both physically and spiritually.

every night as the camp experienced a genuine move of God. Speaking of his own experience with God, Preacher Barnes said, "I feel better now when I feel bad, than I used to feel when I felt good!"

Preaching on the essentials of Bible Christianity, the circuit-rider said true Christians are (1) Born again, (2) Have ceased from the practice of sin, (3) Love the brethren, (4) Work for Jesus, (6) Follow the Golden Rule, and (7) Have the hope of the return of the Lord.

Long to be remembered is the Frontiersmen Trace, the undertaker measuring visitors for the wooden box, checker games atop old barrels, and the pickin' 'n' grinnin'.

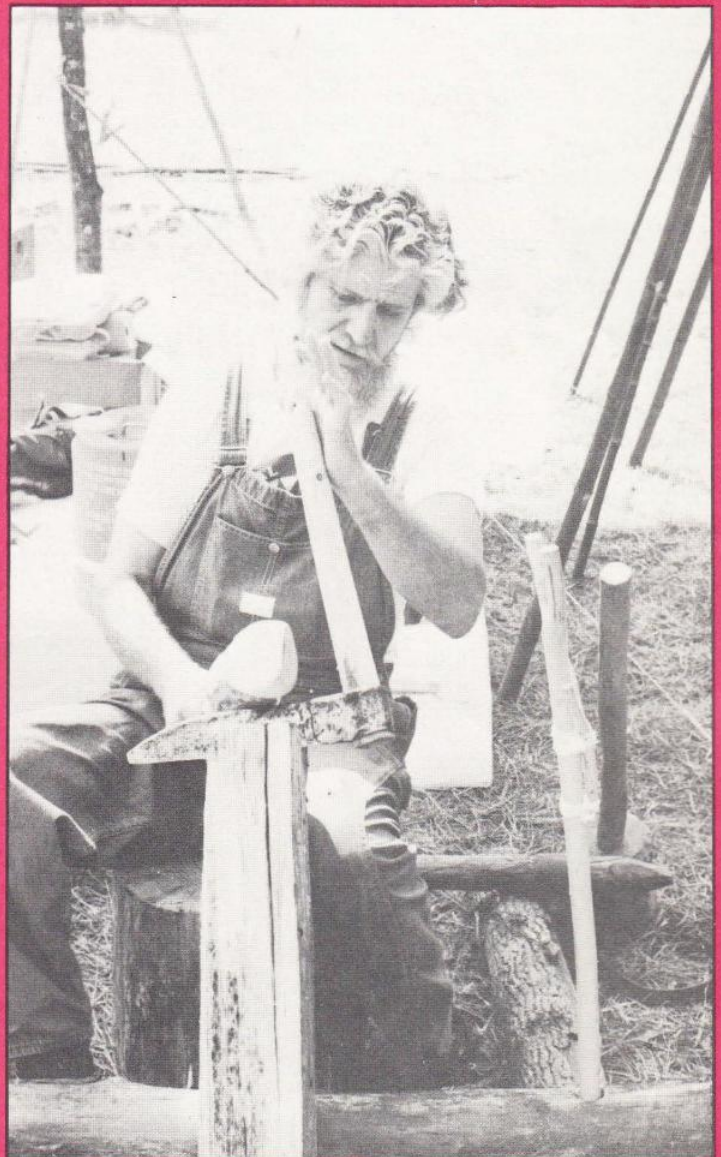
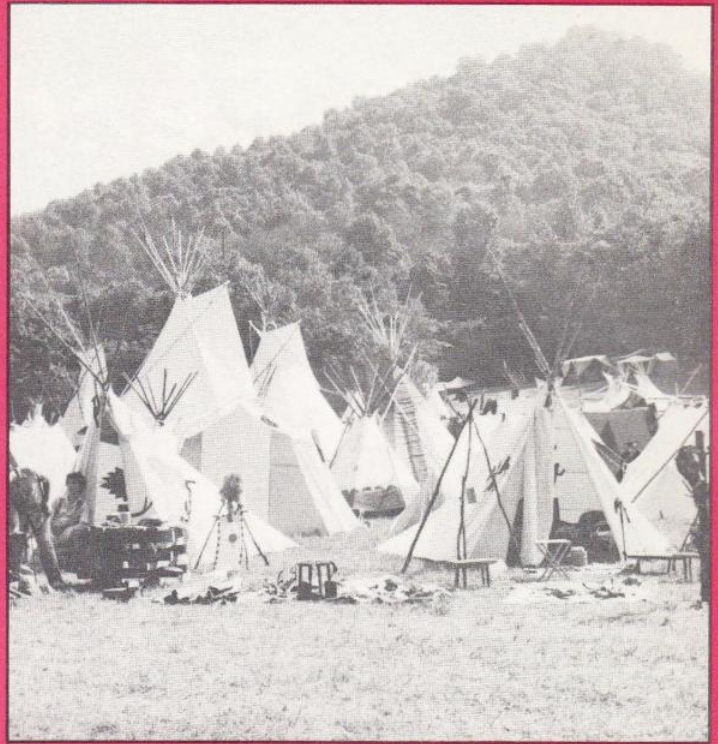
Returning to modern life has its advantages, but the rumblings from the Rendezvous will enrich the frontier spirit around many friendship fires for many moons to come.

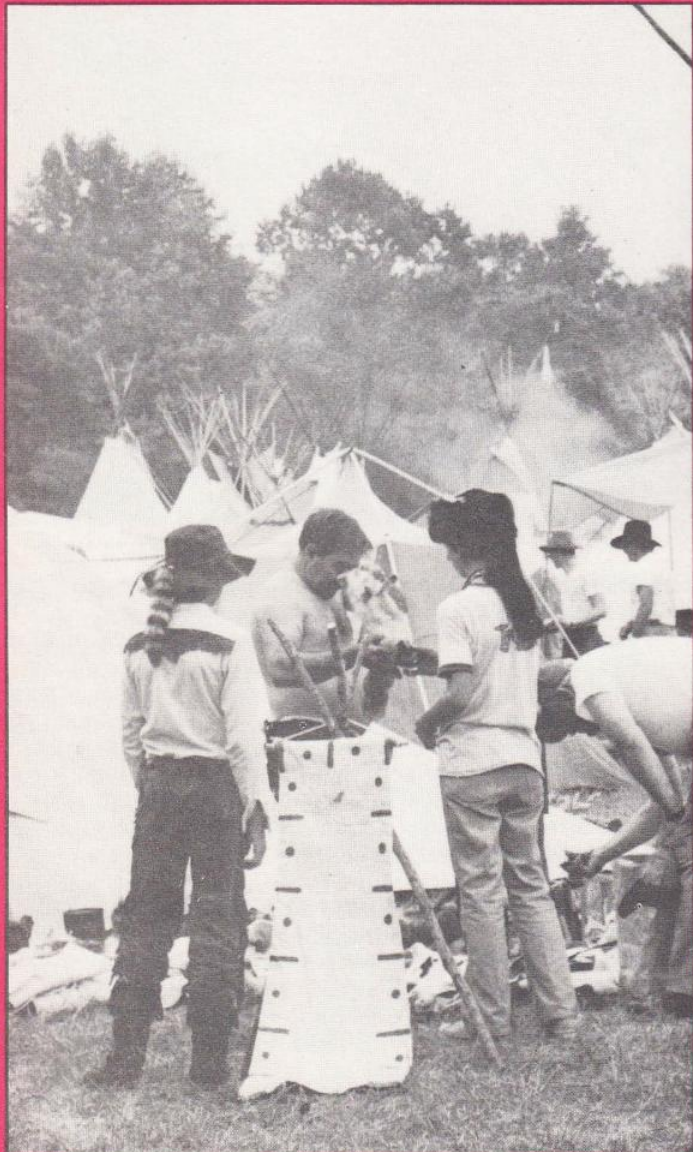
New words to an old tune fill our memory:

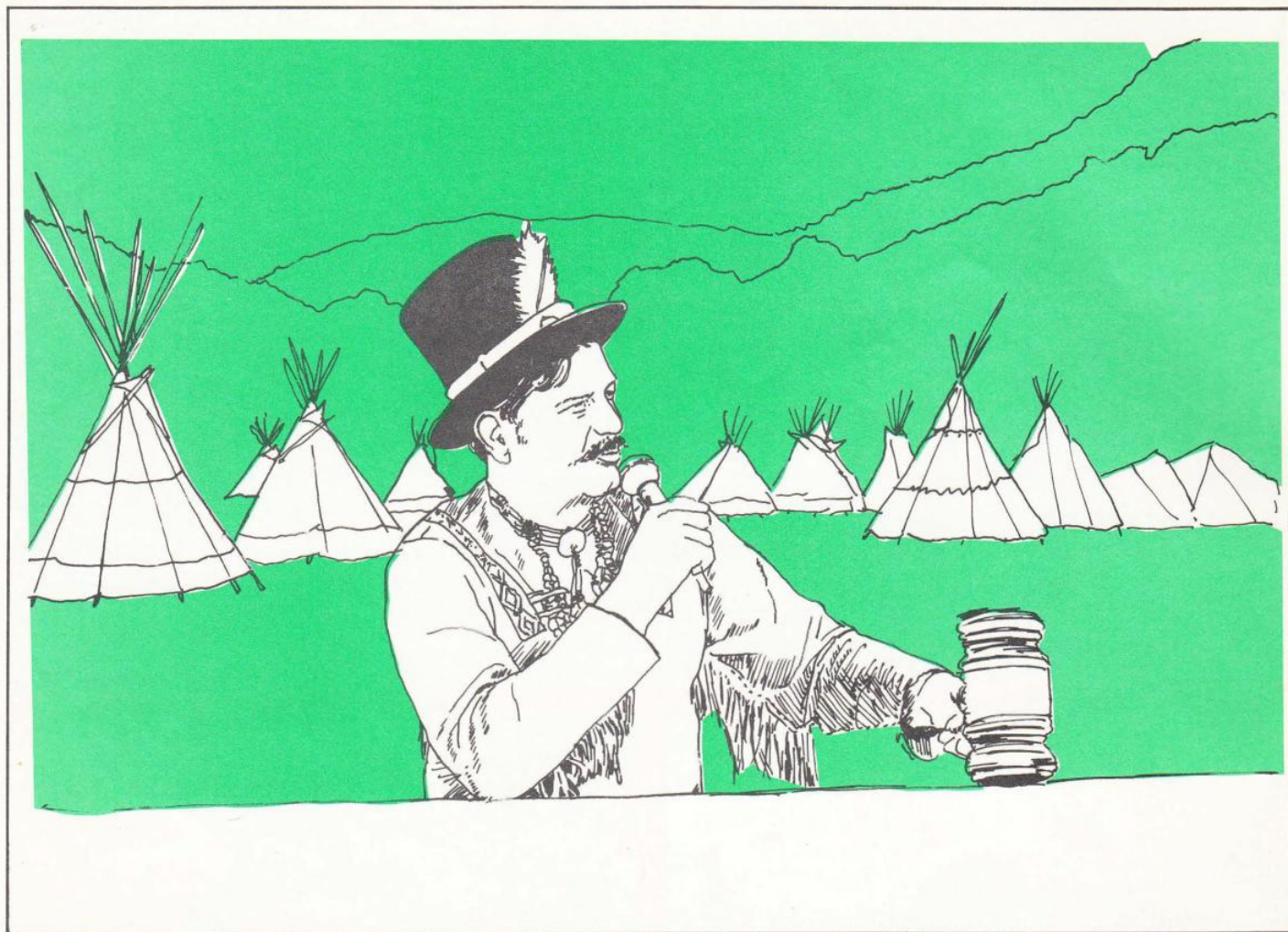
*"We had a Rendezvous in '72,
Got washed away at Blue Eye, me and you,
In '80 we're in Crossville, Tennessee,
In the Frontiersmen Camping Fraternity."*

And before you know it, four years will have rolled around, and we'll hear:

*"And here it is the time for Rendezvous,
A muzzle-loadin' shoot for me and you,
We'll knife and tomahawk, our way clear through,
At the National FCF Rendezvous!"*







The F.C.F. President Speaks Out

BY FRED DEEVER

One of the most common questions that I'm asked is: "How is the FCF program going?" My answer is always—"GREAT!" As we compare our first rendezvous back in 1972, with the recent rendezvous at Crossville, Tennessee, in 1980, we see many great strides forward in the FCF program.

At the very first rendezvous there were no teepees. In 1980 Sequatchie Valley was covered with over 80 teepees and primitive lean-tos. Our men and boys have gained expertise in the skills of our forefathers, and have become authentic in their dress. Their buckskin and homespun costumes plus authentic gear made them look like real frontiersmen from the past.

It is very inspiring and gratifying to see these men and boys keep alive the skills of our frontier forefathers. They have learned the methods of primitive cook-

ing and starting fires with flint and steel. They have learned to use the muzzle loader, and are becoming experts in the field of frontier history.

Great strides have been made spiritually in the FCF over these past years. We are seeing greater spiritual emphasis at the phase two testing and initiations. Around the friendship campfire at night we encourage all FCF members to become greater examples in Christian living and in Christian service.

We are seeing within the ranks of FCF a strong brotherhood of love that is complementing the Royal Rangers ministry. Many of these men and boys have found places of leadership within the local church, the section, the district, and regions. These dedicated men and boys are striving to give God their best, and it is with great pleasure that we observe this spiritual growth. We have placed our

eyes steadfast on the goal to become a motivated Christian organization.

The FCF is the most colorful organization of its kind—second to none in the world. It has captured the imaginations of men and boys. It has caused them to want to advance in Royal Rangers. It has been the umbilical cord that has kept the boys after they have gone through the Royal Rangers program, or who are attending college; or involved in military service. FCF has been the link that has kept them involved with Royal Rangers, and in the church.

A new organization called the "Trappers Brigade" is challenging men and boys to become involved in benevolent work outside of Royal Rangers. They are reaching out in service to the church community, and to the world community. The image and esteem of the FCF in the eyes of those people that the Trap-



pers Brigade has assisted has been great. We are excited about the Trappers Brigade and its role in FCF.

We are considering new ideas to better finance our FCF chapters. One plan is life membership for FCF members. Life membership funds would be put into an investment account where the chapter can draw interest each year to help finance their projects and goals. This could be a great financial help for the districts.

One of the things that we hope to accomplish in the next four years is the standardization of our FCF Phase One and Two initiations throughout the United States, and that all chapters begin to coordinate in a united effort to reach the same goals for FCF.

I believe the FCF program has been ordained by our Lord Jesus Christ. We need to pray more for the men and boys

in the fraternity and for souls throughout this nation and throughout the world; that our fraternity will be well spoken of in the ranks of all our ministries. What a privilege it is to be able to serve God in such an enjoyable way and yet at the same time to be able to accomplish the things that the Scripture teaches us. To be a part of a motivating force that can cause men and boys to want to become part of a real ministry. The FCF is a bridge to help reach boys for Christ. We must always complement the Royal Rangers, for without the Royal Rangers there is no reason for our being.

As national president, it has been a real high honor and privilege to serve the men and boys of this nation in this great fraternity. I am earnestly seeking God for leadership in the next four years to help guide this great spiritual giant that is beginning to flex its muscles. *

Who Are These Fathers?

By Alan A. Brown

February finds us celebrating the birthday of George Washington, the "Father of His Country." This event provides an opportunity to turn attention to other "fathers," real and otherwise. How many "fathers" in the following 14 questions can you identify correctly?

1. This father is always pictured carrying a scythe and an hourglass.
2. History records him as the "Father of the Declaration of Independence."
3. Whose father swore him into office as President of the United States?
4. England, too, has a "Father of His Country." Who was he?
5. He's famed as the "Father of Medicine."
6. He's the fatherly symbol of the City of New York.
7. "It's a wise father that knows his own child," wrote Shakespeare. In which play?
8. Obsessed by greed, he changed his daughter into gold.
9. A President of the U.S., he was also the father of a President of the U.S.
10. This river is known as the "Father of Waters."
11. Father Brown is the noted detective in the mystery stories written by whom?
12. He was the father of our own George Washington.
13. As chief-of-staff of the French Army during the first World War, he was nicknamed "Papa."
14. He was the father of Cain and Abel.

ANSWERS

1. Father Time
2. Thomas Jefferson
3. Calvin Coolidge
4. Alfred the Great
5. Hippocrates
6. Father Knickerbocker
7. "The Merchant of Venice."
8. King Midas
9. John Adams
10. Mississippi River
11. Gilbert K. Chesterton
12. Augustine Washington
13. Marshal Joffre
14. Adam

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Get Your Boys Involved In the Holiday Season

“The Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years seasons are great opportunities for Royal Rangers to serve the church community. Consider the following ways commanders can make their Royal Rangers a part of the many celebrations of these seasons:

By Bob Fox

During a hike in the woods a troop of Boy Scouts came across an abandoned section of railroad track. Each, in turn, tried walking the rails but eventually lost his balance and tumbled off.

Suddenly, two of the boys, after considerable whispering, offered to bet that they could both walk the entire length of the track without falling off. Challenged to make good their boast, the two boys jumped up on opposite rails, extended a hand to balance each other, and walked the entire distance of the section of track with no difficulty whatever.

There, in a nutshell, is the principle of

modern church family living. The day of the hermit and the lone wolf is gone forever. We do things better, we produce more, and we live better by helping each other. The fellow who lends a helping hand benefits himself, while at the same time he helps the other fellow.

An individual church's Royal Rangers Department can make significant contributions to the total church program. The winter season is approaching, when Royal Rangers ministries are not often apparent in the local church. Ranger programs need not blend into the woodwork, cease to function, or get lost among

all of the activities of these busy seasons.

The Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years seasons are great opportunities for Royal Rangers to serve the church community. Consider the following ways commanders can make their Royal Rangers a part of the many celebrations of these seasons:

- In full uniform, serve as ushers on those special days.
- Host a pie social after some Sunday evening service.
- Decorate the church or arrange a Thanksgiving, Christmas, or New Years scene on the church ground.



OUTPOST COMMANDER'S AWARD

The Outpost Commander's Award is a special achievement award for Outpost Commanders who have demonstrated outstanding service in achieving the goals of the overall Royal Rangers program. The following is a list of categories in which points may be earned for this award. All points must be earned for service rendered during the calendar year.

Name _____ Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ District _____ Outpost Number _____

FILL IN THE BLANKS WITH THE NUMBER OF POINTS EARNED:

1. AN UP-TO-DATE CHARTERED GROUP: 20 points. _____
2. COMPLETED LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSE: 20 points. _____
3. ADVANCEMENT PARTICIPATION: 25 points if at least 50% of your outpost received an advancement, and at least four Councils of Achievement were conducted. _____
4. OUTPOST CAMPOUTS: 2 points for each campout. _____
5. OUTPOST OUTINGS: 2 points for each outpost outing other than campouts. _____
6. ATTENDING A NATIONAL TRAINING CAMP: 10 points. _____
7. ATTENDING OTHER NATIONAL TRAINING EVENTS: (ANTC, NTT, etc.) 10 points. _____
8. OUTPOST PARTICIPATION IN A DISTRICT POW WOW: 5 points. _____
9. BOYS WON TO CHRIST: 5 points for each boy. _____
10. NEW MEMBERS: 2 points for each new member. _____
11. RANGER OF THE YEAR PROGRAM: 5 points. _____
12. WEARING PROPER UNIFORM: 5 points. _____
13. OUTPOST MEETINGS: 1 point for each meeting conducted. _____

REQUIREMENTS FOR AWARD

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

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

NOTE: Please complete your copy of the Outpost Commander's Award 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. Five dollars should be attached to cover the cost of the medal. (Subject to change by GPH without notice.)

If all Outpost Commanders of one church earn this award, the Senior Commander may wear an Outpost Commander's Award also.

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Dear Royal Rangers Leader:

Choice Christian greetings!

This is your personal invitation to attend a Royal Rangers National Training Camp. These camps are designed to give you the very best of training for all phases of the Royal Rangers program, with the major emphasis on camping!

Attending NTC is one of the greatest investments you can make! We therefore, urge you if at all possible, to take advantage of this opportunity.

The attached application form lists locations and dates of the camps. Since we must limit each camp, we encourage you to send in your application as soon as possible.

For those leaders who have already attended an NTC, you are invited to attend one or all of three additional training experiences.

On the National Training Trail you will participate in one of three outstanding, rugged outdoor adventures surrounded by some of America's most beautiful scenery. We will be on the trail for three exciting days, carrying all our gear and food in backpacks. The locations and dates: Big Thicket, Texas--May 28-31; Desolation Valley, California--July 9-12; and Bakers Mills, New York--September 10-13.

National Aquatics Camp (NAC) is designed to provide leaders with the opportunity to develop their basic skills in aquatic activities, to train leaders in the techniques needed to provide a safe aquatic program for boys and to provide opportunity of outstanding fellowship and adventure. Location and date: Los Angeles, California--September 1-6, 1981.

National Canoe Expeditions (NCE) gives leaders specialized training on how to conduct canoe trips and to provide an outstanding adventure in some of the most beautiful canoe country in America. Dates and locations: Point Pleasant, Pennsylvania--June 4-7; and Ely, Minnesota--July 16-19.

For further information and applications, please contact the National Office, your District Commander or your District Training Coordinator.

Here's hoping you will be able to join us for one of these exciting adventures!

"READY" in His service,

Johnnie Barnes
National Commander

JHB:dj

NATIONAL TRAINING CAMP

1981 APPLICATION

NAME _____ STREET ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
 CHURCH _____ DISTRICT _____
 OCCUPATION _____ AGE _____

CAMP PREFERENCE

<input type="checkbox"/>	Pen Florida	Flaming Arrow Camp, Lake Wales, FL	February 5-8,	1981
<input type="checkbox"/>	North Carolina	District Campground, Siler City, NC	April 9-12,	1981
<input type="checkbox"/>	Arizona	Camp Lawton BSA, Tucson, AZ	April 23-26,	1981
<input type="checkbox"/>	Texas	District Campground, Jacksonville, TX	April 23-26,	1981
<input type="checkbox"/>	Kansas	Pending	May 7-10,	1981
<input type="checkbox"/>	Illinois	District Campground, Carlinville, IL	May 14-17,	1981
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tennessee	Camp Ambassador, Goodlettsville, TN	May 14-17,	1981
<input type="checkbox"/>	Minnesota	Heritage BSA Camp, South Haven, MN	May 21-24,	1981
<input type="checkbox"/>	Southern Cal	Los Angeles Area, CA	May 21-24,	1981
<input type="checkbox"/>	Potomac	Bailey Campgrounds, Falling Waters, WV	May 28-31,	1981
<input type="checkbox"/>	Northwest	Camp Meacham, Camp Meacham, OR	June 25-28,	1981
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hawaii	Hawaii	July 15-18,	1981
<input type="checkbox"/>	Northern Cal	Steward Scout Ranch, Saratoga, CA	July 30-Aug. 2,	1981
<input type="checkbox"/>	Northeast	Camp Edge, Alloway, NJ	September 10-13,	1981
<input type="checkbox"/>	Alabama	Camp Ambassador, Verbena, AL	October 15-18,	1981
<input type="checkbox"/>	Georgia	District Campground, Forsyth, GA	October 22-25,	1981
<input type="checkbox"/>	Southern Cal	Los Angeles Area, CA	December 10-13,	1981

You must be in good health in order to participate in the strenuous activities of the training camp. Therefore, it is required that you have a physical examination. After the examination, please sign the following statement. "After consultation with my physician I know of no physical reason that would restrict me from participating in the camp activities."

_____ (Signature)

Medical facts we should know in case of emergency:

In case of emergency notify: Name _____ Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Phone _____ Rela-
 tionship _____

REGISTRATION FEE

Because of the limited size and the advanced cost of setting up these camps, a \$30 registration fee must accompany this application. This will be applied toward the total camp fee which will be approximately \$55. If for any reason you are unable to attend camp, you must notify our office two weeks prior to the camp to receive a refund!

Mail this form to: Royal Rangers, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Missouri 65802

NATIONAL TRAINING CAMP

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT CHECK LIST

CLOTHING

- 1 complete Class B Royal Rangers uniform (long sleeve khaki shirt, khaki trousers, khaki Royal Rangers belt--no dress coats or ties are worn)
- Please note: No cap or hat is needed. A special beret will be issued. (Every item except emblem, nametab and district strip should be removed from uniform)
- 1 Royal Rangers jacket
- 1 Royal Rangers sweatshirt (for colder areas only)
- 1 pair Army fatigue trousers or other work-type trousers for casual wear
- 2 Royal Rangers T-shirts
- Extra uniforms or fatigues for fresh change, as desired
- 1 pair heavy shoes or boots for camp activities and hiking
- 2 pairs heavy socks (navy or black)
- 1 poncho or raincoat with hood
- Underclothing and handkerchiefs
- Pajamas

PERSONAL ITEMS

- Sleeping bag
- Folding camp cot
- Toilet kit and mirror (no outlet for electric razor)
- Towels and washcloths
- Mess kit (plate, bowl, and cup)
- Silverware kit (knife, fork and spoon)
- Canteen
- Pack and lightweight pack frame (for overnight hike)
- Small lightweight tent (for overnight hike)
- Ground cloth (waterproof)
- Air mattress or foam pad
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Personal first aid kit
- Pocket knife and whetstone
- Hand axe
- 8 inch mill file
- Compass (Silva style preferred)
- Waterproof match container with matches
- "Adventures in Camping" handbook
- "Leader's Manual"
- Small Bible
- Pen and pencil

OPTIONAL ITEMS

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|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Sunburn lotion | Camera |
| Sunglasses | Compact sewing kit |
| Insect repellent | Survival kit |
| Folding plastic cup | Small package of facial tissues |
| Thermal underwear (for colder areas) | Ditty bag to carry small items |
| Nail clippers with fingernail file | Pillow |

ved on

and New Year's seasons are great
to serve the church community."

(FCF men and boys in costumes would add life to the scene.)

- Enter community parades. Build a church/Rangers float.
- Cooperate with the Men's Department to raise money and then take a needy or handicapped boy Christmas shopping. Call it "Take a Boy Shopping Day."
- Planning a church Thanksgiving or Christmas offering of canned goods. Royal Rangers could prepare food baskets for the needy. Remember, FCF men and boys get Trappers' Brigade points for food baskets.
- Ring the church bell every hour on the hour Christmas Day.
- Advertise your church and Rangers program by volunteering for flag ceremonies with appropriate community civic clubs during the many seasonal activities.
- Put on a skit in the Thanksgiving, Christmas, or New Years services.
- In full uniform, pass out Christmas treats at your church's Christmas program.

And, be sure to take black and white photos of these activities for publicity in the local media and the district's Royal

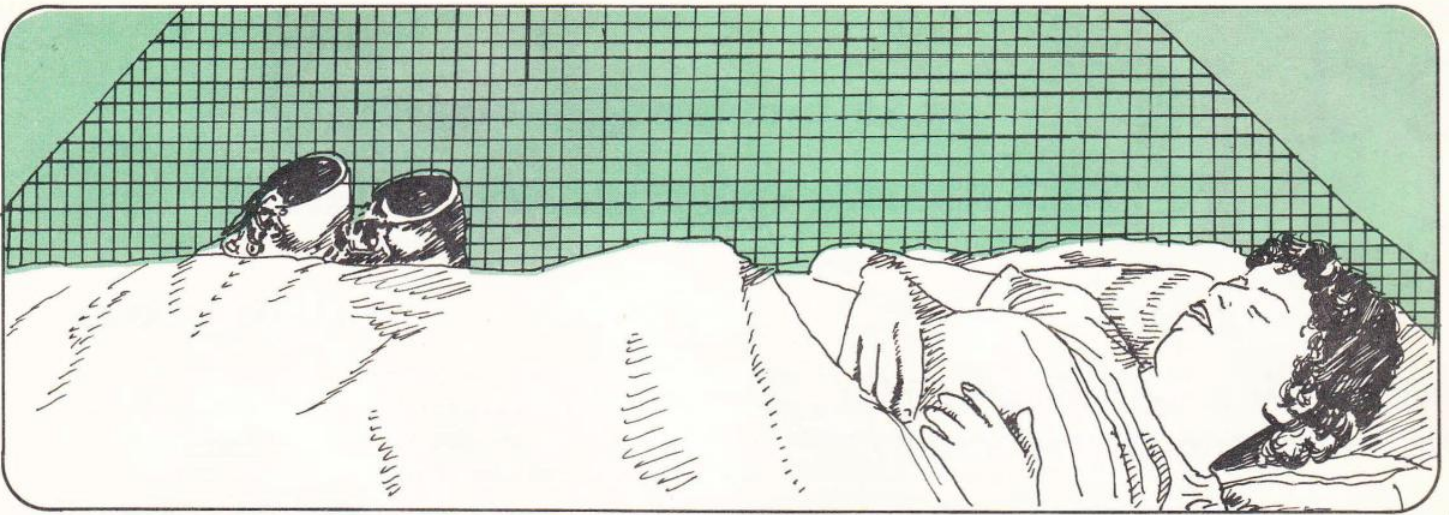
Rangers News.

These are just a few of the many innovative ideas every outpost can create in cooperation with the church staff.

The difference between an effective church in reaching a community for Christ and an ineffective church is often reflected in the cooperation, or lack of it, among the people who make up that church.

When people help each other freely and voluntarily, there's a spirit of teamwork that draws a church together. Give your boys a chance to minister during these important seasons. *





Backyard Camping

BY BARBARA SKAGGS

Straight Arrows get their chance to rough it.

Sleeping bags and pillows began to fill the house. The Straight Arrows were so excited . . . they were actually going to camp out, just like the Buckaroos or Pioneers, you know, the "big" Royal Rangers!

So often, Straight Arrows hear announcements about Royal Rangers camp-outs in church and at Royal Rangers meetings, yet the Straight Arrows themselves are too young and inexperienced to be included. Many Royal Rangers campouts are located near water or in mountainous regions. Long hikes are a



A small campfire provided atmosphere.

part of many programs which little legs couldn't master as well as other activities. It is hard for a Straight Arrow to be enthusiastic as an older Pioneer brother leaves the house with sleeping bag and foil lunch.

This was the situation I had encountered as a Straight Arrow Commander at



our church. Not desiring their spirit of "adventure" be dampened by circumstance (they would participate in those camp-outs if they could!) my husband and I organized a Royal Rangers camp-out for Straight Arrows only, at our home one Friday night. Parents didn't even hesitate leaving their offspring in our care . . . no rivers, no wilderness. After all, it was just a "spend-the-night" party wasn't it?

Not to our Straight Arrows!

They ate campside beans and hot dogs and roasted marshmallows over a small campfire my husband, Don, prepared—in our grill!

After chow-time, some games and songs, a devotion was shared. The boys then turned in.

In our fenced-in backyard, the Straight Arrows settled in for the night beneath a blanket of stars.

During the night, one Straight Arrow after another, asked Commander Don to escort him into the house. By morning, about half of those Rangers were sprawled in our living room, den, and on

"Commander, did you happen to find a teddy bear?"



the floor and sofa!

After a hearty camp breakfast of cereal and milk, parents began arriving to retrieve their "campers."

How thrilled our hearts to hear one of those little ones shout, "I camped out, Dad!"—he had spent the night on the sofa!

The Straight Arrows took their outing seriously. Don had them break camp and perform other duties; duties they would learn in more detail as they advanced in the Royal Rangers program. In all, the event was a success.

If your Straight Arrows are faced with a similar situation, you may wish to try this "camp-out" method. But don't be surprised if, an hour or so after the last Ranger has left, you receive a phone call from an anxious boy who wistfully asks, "Commander, did you happen to find a teddy bear?"



Campground Scare

AS GIVEN TO LEON WILLS
BY KENNETH AUSTIN

Very soon the lights were out and most were asleep.

Commander Jimmy Mitchell of Outpost 96 at Altus, Oklahoma, had planned an exciting camp-out in the Wild Life Refuge near Lawton, Oklahoma, but were visited by some uninvited guests.

After gathering at the church and having prayer, there was a mad scramble for the bus and a 50 mile trip to the campsite. Commander Matheney had gone ahead to be sure the gates were unlocked, only to find the lock had been changed and a new key could only be obtained from the Park Ranger, which took some of their precious time. After a few unscheduled



delays, the site was reached, camp hurriedly set up and meals cooked in preparation for the council fire with Rev. Carl McCoy, Presbyterian of Section 12 Oklahoma District, speaking.

After a wonderful and inspiring time



around the fire, the boys made their way back to their tents. Very soon the lights were out and most were asleep.

Sometime during the night Commander Austin and Commander Collins were awakened by a strange, unfamiliar noise that was very close. Their first thought was that some wild animal of the Wichita mountains was getting ready to attack. Very slowly and carefully Commander Austin reached for his flashlight and unzipped the tent flap not knowing what to expect. The light revealed what seemed like an endless group of eyes. A whole herd of wild buffalo were grazing through the camp. They realized the importance of being careful not to excite or panic these 2,000 pound creatures or everything in their path would be demolished if they decided to stampede. It was not even a good idea to awaken the boys because of the added excitement. Finally not knowing what else to do, one of the Commanders turned on his car's headlights hoping the beasts wouldn't get too excited. It was working. The animals

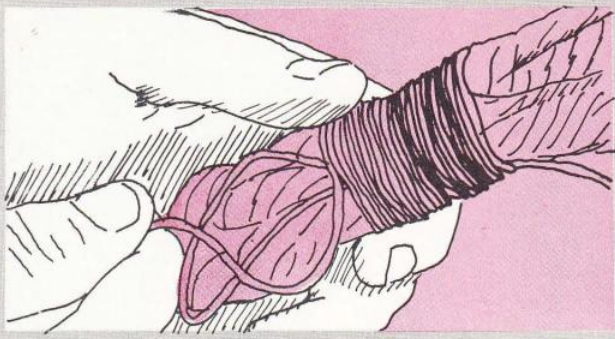
A whole herd of wild buffalo are grazing through the camp



scattered in all directions until one of them caught its foot in the guy rope to the flag pole. It came down with a loud crash, causing them to stampede, but by then they were all out of camp.

The next morning all that was left of their visit were hundreds of huge tracks and the flagpole on the ground. Prayers were given in thanks to God for his divine protecting hand because even though these animals are part of a Wild Life Refuge, they are still very wild and have injured several people who were trying to get pictures.

The camp-out was very successful and several wild animals were guests, but the herd of 2,000-pound wild buffalo was truly an unexpected visit.



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MAKE YOUR OWN ROPE

BY WAYNE FARRAND

The Royal Rangers program includes many outdoor and camping activities, where an abundant supply of rope of various lengths and sizes is an advantage. Factory-made rope can become an expensive budget item. Therefore, the ability of a Rangers outpost to make its own quality rope provides a great opportunity as an activity and also to make material for other activities.

Equipment and Materials

Construct ropemaking machine consisting of headstock and tailstock frames and spacer board. See attached diagrams.

Manila binder twine or baling twine is used as raw material for the rope. This is available at farm supply stores.

Strong string or cord is needed to whip the ends of the rope. A sharp pocket knife is needed to cut the twine and the finished product.

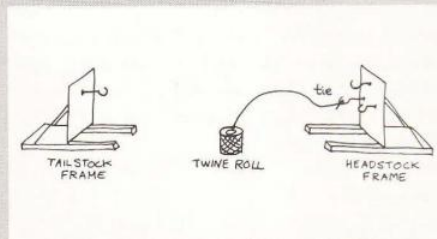
General Information

Rope is made up of many small lines of twine divided into three (3) strands. The twine in each strand is twisted together and the three strands are also twisted together. The ropemaking machine used in these instructions accomplishes this.

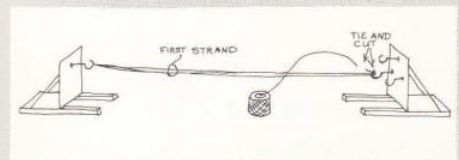
Stringing Instructions

The ropemaking frames are set up with the hooks facing each other. Since rope shrinks during construction about 10% as the lines and strands are twisted, set the frames up an appropriate distance further apart than the desired length of rope. Estimate the size of rope to be made by judging how many lines of twine are necessary in the rope. The total should be divisible by three (3) so there is an equal number of lines in each strand.

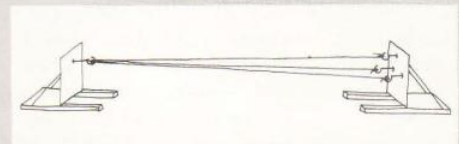
STEP 1. Stringing the machine is begun by pulling the end of the twine from the bale or spool on which it comes and tying it to one hook of the headstock.



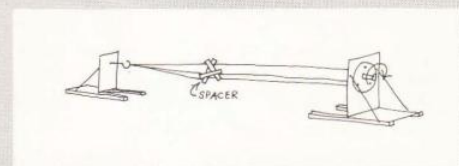
STEP 2. With Rangers standing on the platforms of both the headstock and tailstock frames, string the desired number of lines between this headstock hook and the single tailstock hook. Tie the last line off on either the headstock hook or the tailstock hook. It makes no difference, only assures that the desired number of lines are included in this strand.



STEP 3. In the same manner string strands of equal numbers of lines to each of the other two headstock hooks. All three strands are strung to the single tailstock hook.



STEP 4. Place the strand spacer between the three strands and begin cranking the headstock crank in a clockwise direction. A lot of cranking is required at the headstock to twist all three strands so they are twisted tightly. The strand spacer must be kept in place to keep the strands separated. The tailstock crank is not turned while the strands are being twisted.



STEP 5. When the strands are twisted tightly, the spacer is moved toward the tailstock to begin the strand twisting. As the tailstock crank is turned

counterclockwise, the spacer is held firmly about 6 to 8 inches ahead of the twisting strands. The twisting of the strands will tend to push the spacer along. Firm control of the spacer is maintained to keep a tight twist in the strands.

from time to time to maintain a tight twist in the strands.

STEP 7. When twisting is complete, the ends of the new rope are whipped before cutting the rope loose from the hooks to prevent fraying.

STEP 8. When the rope is cut loose, it may have a fuzzy appearance from protruding fiber ends in the twine. It can be given a smooth look by briefly running it over a low fire to burn off this fuzz. Leather gloves should be worn to do this.

* In stringing the machine, keep an even tension in all lines to prevent sagging.

* Make sure headstock and tailstock frames are weighted or a person is on the platform at all times during twisting.

* Arrows can be marked on the headstock and tailstock frames indicating proper direction for cranking. Twisting in the wrong direction will spoil the rope. If the rope will not hold its twist, this condition would be obvious and the twisting directions should be reversed.

* As the tailstock cranking twists the strands together, the spacer must be moved smoothly along to avoid long or kinky twists. The spacer should be kept vertical at all times.

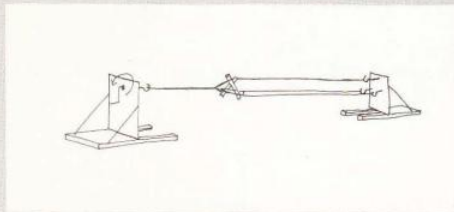
* Long ropes up to 100 feet can be made. More than one spacer may be necessary to keep the strands separated during the initial twisting.

Helpful Hints

* Ten lines of binder twine (which is smaller diameter than baling twine) in each strand will make a rope of about one-half (1/2) inch diameter.

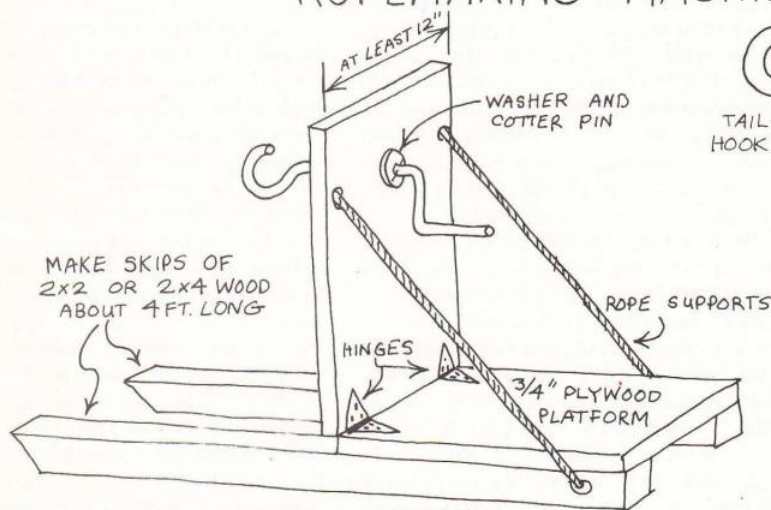
* Two or three lines of bailing twine in each strand will make good lashing rope.

HAVE FUN ROPEMAKING!

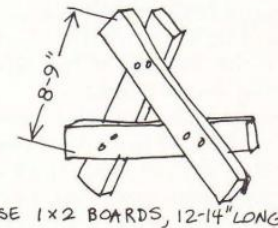
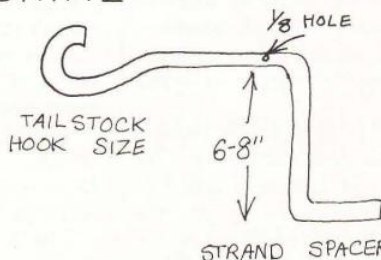


STEP 6. The tailstock is cranked in this manner until the strands are twisted together completely to the headstock. It may be necessary to turn the headstock crank

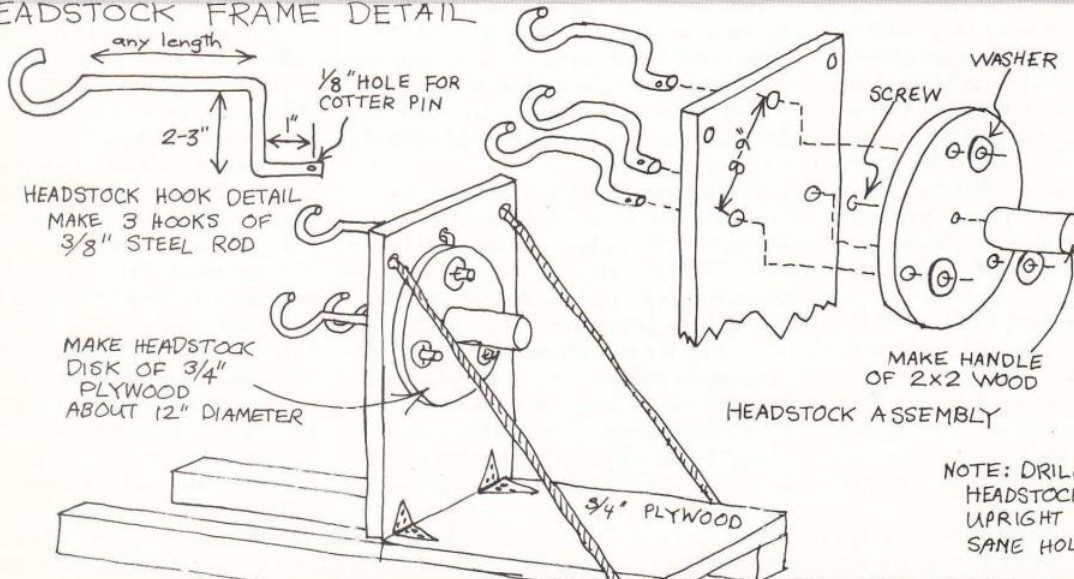
ROPEMAKING MACHINE



TAILSTOCK FRAME DETAIL



HEADSTOCK FRAME DETAIL



HEADSTOCK ASSEMBLY

NOTE: DRILL HOLES IN HEADSTOCK DISK AND UPRIGHT TO GET SAME HOLE SPACING

IS IT WELL WITH THE BOY?

BY JOHN ELLER



"Is it well with your husband? Is it well with you? Is it well with the boy?" (2 Kings 4:26, *Interlinear Bible*).

It is interesting to note that the nine children of promise in the Bible were all boys. Ishmael, Isaac, Samuel, Samson, Solomon, the son of the Shunammite, Josiah, John the Baptist, and Jesus were all sons!

The single child of promise without a name in Scripture is most intriguing. The Shunammite and her husband had befriended the Prophet Elisha by providing a little upper room for him when he passed that way. The grateful man of God recognized the faith of this woman, and asked if he might return the favor by speaking to the captain of the army or even the king of the realm.

The Shunammite wanted none of these, but replied, "I have no child, and my husband is old" (2 Kings 4:14).

The prophet answered, "At this season, according to the time of life, you shall embrace a son" (2 Kings 4:16). The woman could hardly believe her ears! It was too good to be true! But it would happen just as the man of God said!

The boy grew, and before long, could go out to the field and watch his dad and the reapers. *Then came the test!* The lad became ill and was taken to his mother. He had a terrible headache, sat on his mother's lap until noon, and died!

What a letdown! And if the story ended here, the Scriptures may not have taken the time to record it for us. *But there was more!*

The Shunammite laid the boy on the bed in the prophet's chamber, said nothing to her husband about the child's death, and set out to find Elisha. The same God who had given her the boy could raise him to life!

The prophet saw her from afar, and sent his servant to inquire of her mission. He knew she would not have traveled fifteen miles on a donkey just to ask the

time of day.

So the main question was, "Is it well with the boy?" Embodied in that inquiry was all the concern, compassion, and commitment of the man of God. And that question is equally relevant today.

It is well with the men. But, Royal Rangers are *not* men, they are *boys!* We must decrease. *They* must increase!

The boy may be orphaned, unwanted, or rejected. He may be wayward. He may be adopted, deformed, or even forgotten. But—is it well with the boy?

The boy may be homeless, forsaken, and unloved. He could be prodigal and gone astray. But—is it well with the boy?

Every boy must be looked upon as a promise of tomorrow, of a better day, of a brighter future—is it well with the boy?

Left alone, the boy becomes a social outcast, a physical disaster, a mental breakdown, a spiritual tragedy! The hope and great expectation of Royal Rangers is that boys will become socially adjusted, a physical specimen, a mental genius and a spiritual giant!

Justice Tom C. Clark was once quoted as saying, "I am convinced that every boy, in his heart, would rather steal second base than an automobile."

Boys are either little men or big babies. Let us keep them headed in the right direction!

Many things can go wrong with the boy. He can be misled, misguided, or misused. He can become ill, suffer pain, or even death. He can lose his sense of direction, become bored, or even lonely. His life can be empty, meaningless, and with the wrong sense of values. His priorities can become confused. He can become rootless and rebel. He may be intimidated, ostracized, and a castaway.

The boy is manhood in progress. Manpower is the careful development of boypower. It's an important process. Boyhood is the link between babyhood and manhood. Boyhood is a stage of de-

velopment, a cocoon, that takes us to the point of no return.

We are dealing with boys, not clones! And I ask you again, "Is it well with the boy?"

We must be *reaching* boys: in the home, at church, and in school. Boys must be reached in Sunday school, as well as bus riding boys, and unchurched boys. We must be reaching boys from the "up-and-outs." Boys must be reached that are on the streets, on welfare, or on drugs. We must reach toward both the known and the unknown!

Boys must be reached regardless of race, creed, color, or national origin. We must reach boys *before* they reach the courts, the detention homes, the reform schools, the prisons, penitentiaries or death row! We must reach them before they reach manhood. We must reach boys before they reach for the things of this world!

We must be *teaching* boys. Boys are the only material we have with which to make men. Let us instruct them wisely! Teach not only by word, but by example! Teach truth and walk in truth!

Boys must be taught principles, precepts, and purpose. They must be taught Bible doctrine, Christian living, and wholesome attitudes.

We must teach the total boy to become physically active, mentally developed, socially adjusted, and spiritually mature. We must teach the boy to live healthy, have a good attitude, present a good image to the world, and to be aware of spiritual values.

Boys must be taught to be obedient, self-reliant, and to respect the rights of others. The boys must learn compassion for the less fortunate and to be humble before the Lord.

We must teach the boy to base his problem-solving on the Word of God, to lead honest, righteous and godly lives, and to make a clear distinction between

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right and wrong.

We must be reaching *every* boy. Teaching the *total* boy. And keeping *all* boys for Jesus Christ! We are losing 70% of the boys out of our churches by time they reach the age of 21!

We must be busy keeping boys because the stakes are high, keeping boys because we are playing for keeps, and keeping boys because the outcome is everlasting!

We must be keeping boys so they will be kept in the hour of temptation; kept in the hour of persecution; kept in the hour of deception. We must be keeping boys so we will not lose them, keeping boys so they won't lose Christ, and keeping boys so they won't be lost!

We must be keeping boys for Heaven's sake, keeping boys for our sake, and keeping boys for their own sakes! We must keep them *in* the world, but not *of* the world. We must keep them *in* the narrow way and *off* the broadwalk. We must keep them *in* the love of God, and *away* from the love of the world!

Keeping boys means future Royal Rangers Commanders and Men's Ministries activists. Kept boys become ushers and Sunday school personnel, deacons and trustees, preachers and evangelists, pastors and missionaries!

We must keep boys that some thought were of no use. We must keep boys refused by this world, boys considered to be of no good except to God!

Is it well with the boy? For the Shunammite's boy, it was *not* well! The prophet sent his servant to lay his staff upon the face of the boy. But there was no voice, and no hearing.

No material things can substitute for personal contact with the boy. Buy for him anything and everything either of you want. But what he really needs is a little of your time, a little personal attention, a little *love*!

The Shunammite's boy did not awake, so, the prophet went to where he was. Elisha put his mouth to the boy's, his eyes on his, hands to hands, and stretched himself until the flesh became warm. He then walked through the house and made contact again.

Elisha ministered to the lad, unselfish, and without hope of reward. He was not afraid to come in contact with the boy's need, and he helped him!

Suddenly, the boy came back to life! He sneezed seven times. A sneeze is a breathing spasm. The dead do not sneeze. He is restored to his family, and the last we hear of him, the prophet is saying, "Take up your son!"

Do you have a boy? If you don't, then, adopt somebody's. Take him up, not into your arms, but into your heart. Minister to him as the Lord has ministered to you.

Is it well with the boy? For every hour we spend enlarging the role of the man in Royal Rangers, let us spend another hour enlarging the role of the *boy*! ★

race, where they too must build their own sled. Their teams consist of 4 boys—2 acting as the "dogs," 1 as the rider, and 1 pushing. The race is based not on the fastest but who can answer the most questions right. Each team must race to several designated posts, where they find their assigned number on an envelope containing questions on such subjects as: Bible, Ranger knowledge, first aid, compass, etc. Once all have crossed the finish line, points are added up from the questions, to determine the winning team. In this race, the fastest doesn't always win.

Keeping in mind "safety comes first" each sled built in the Pioneer and Trailblazer race are inspected beforehand by Safety Judges who are Sectional and District Staff. First, they are checked to make sure each one is safe to race, then 1 out of all is chosen as being the safest sled and is presented with the Safety Award. Some determining factors looked for are nails sticking out, splintered wood, sharp metal, etc.

Last, but not in any way least, are the Trail Rangers, who compete against each other in a cross country ski race—best time wins.

For safety, a first aid truck and personnel are on the scene, and to take the chill off and get acquainted, hot chocolate and donuts are provided to all.

The races prove to be exciting, as the crowds of people who have come as a result of radio and newspaper announcements soon find out. This is but one way of making Royal Rangers known in Southern New England. Another way is a special Royal Rangers display tent set up at the Slide-a-Rama, with all kinds of unique things; pictures, High Adventure magazines, FCF displays, crafts, Royal Ranger literature, and of course, a sign-up sheet for any boy interested in knowing more about Rangers.

Want to know how to get onlookers involved in all this? Have a special "Citizen's Race" with a trophy for the winner! It's sure to spark interest and get everyone involved and having a great time of fellowship in the snow but most of all in Jesus. He is our reason for Rangers, and we want everyone to see and know we love and serve the Almighty God and that thru teaching boys the right way, they and their parents may be won to Jesus Christ.

After all races are finished, a great day in the snow is wrapped up by the presenting of trophies to each winning outpost, a special Slide-a-Rama patch to each boy attending and a brief devotion.

If anyone would be interested in receiving more information on this kind of event, please contact:
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Little Raymond returned home from Sunday school in a very joyous mood. "Oh, Mother," he exclaimed, "the teacher said something awfully nice about me in his prayer this morning."

"Isn't that lovely! What did he say, pet?" questioned the mother.

"He said, 'O Lord, we thank thee for our food and Raymond.'"

Thomas LaMance
Modesto, CA

"Dad," said the small boy, "why do I say a short prayer and you a long prayer?" "Because you are not old enough to learn a long prayer."

"Is that it? I thought it was because I haven't got wicked enough yet to say a long prayer?"

Charles Vincent Mathis
Wildwood-by-the Sea, NJ

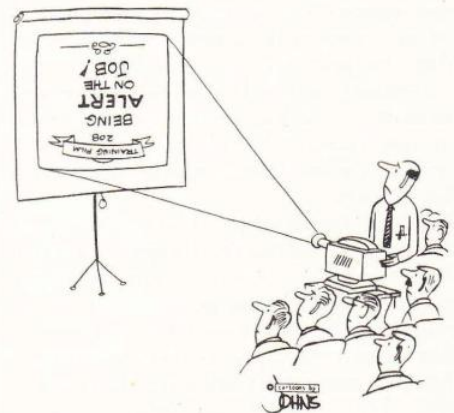
The youngster nudged mother during worship and asked, "What's that plaque on the wall?"

"Hush, be quiet," mother answered.

When the question was repeated, mother said, "It honors the men who died in the service."

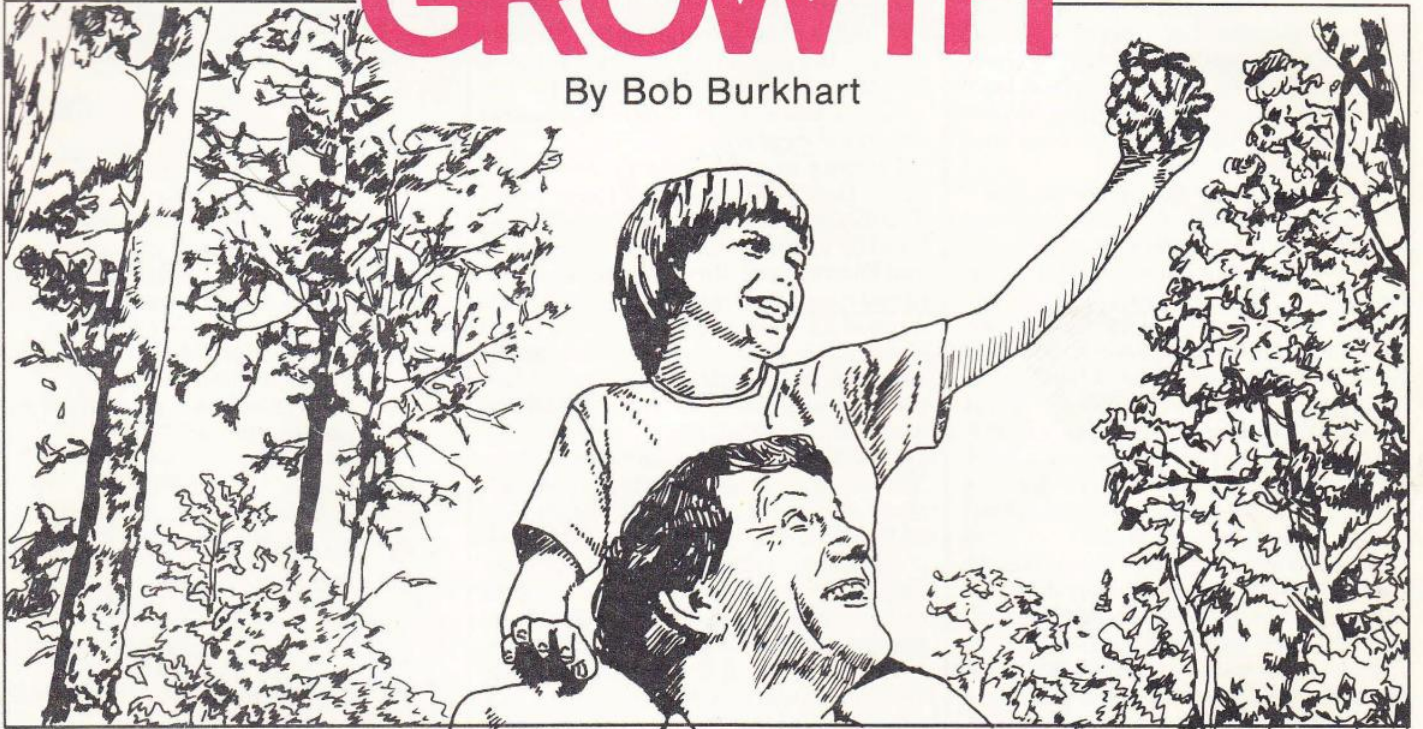
"Which one—the morning service or the evening service?" the youngster asked.

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REASONS FOR GROWTH

By Bob Burkhart



It was hard to believe. Our Royal Rangers ministry is the largest chartered outpost in the Michigan District. When our Senior Commander, Max Davis, told me this I recalled another conversation we had two and one-half years before. At that time the only question was if Bethany should continue our Rangers ministry. The previous Senior Commander died suddenly, only a few boys were attending, and many of the Commanders were discouraged. The outlook was dismal at best, but we prayed and determined to build. Now we thank God for His blessings.

As I thought about those years I could see reasons for our growth. They could be summed up in a few words: leadership, support, and spiritual life.

Leadership is a key to success in any ministry. This has been especially true in our Ranger ministry. Leadership needs to come from both the pastor and the laymen.

Pastoral Leadership: The pastor must share the vision for the Rangers ministry from the pulpit. The pastor must be the spiritual guide and provide direction, encouragement, and enthusiasm.

Lay Leadership: The key to a successful Rangers ministry is dedicated lay leadership. They need to be spiritually alive

and an active part of the total church ministry. Administrative ability and people ability all go into good lay leadership.

Support is another key to growth. Support for the Rangers ministry from the church, official board, and pastoral staff is essential. Support can come in many forms.

Financial Support: Recognizing the value of the ministry and providing adequate funds from the church budget is essential.

Promotional Support: Giving service time to promote, honor and recognize the Ranger ministry, sponsoring a Ranger banquet, encouraging participation in public events (i.e., parades, etc.) and seeking newspaper coverage of Rangers events are all ways the church can support the Rangers ministry.

Program Support: We have done a number of things to support the Rangers program. We expanded our bus ministry to Wednesday night, changed the Wednesday service schedule to accommodate the needs of the children, provided adequate facilities and full access to the secretarial staff of the church.

Pastoral Staff: Pastoral presence at Rangers events, support from the pulpit, sharing the church calendar and avail-

ability are all ways the pastor can show his support for the ministry.

Training Support: Making participation in training courses, national training camps and other training events possible and encouraging attendance are ways to support the people who lead the Rangers ministry.

The final but most important area is spiritual life. It is really the key. No Rangers ministry can be successful without deep spiritual life.

The first area of concern is the spiritual life of the Commanders. Untold hours of prayer and fasting have gone into our Rangers ministry. Prayer has been the key to solving many problems and has even provided free access to a fifty acre wood. Prayer changes things!

The second area of concern is the spiritual life of the ministry. Rangers is a ministry not a program, club, or substitute for Boy Scouts. Keeping that focus is a key to success. The burning desire of the leadership is to reach boys and their families for Christ. In one three month period we saw 23 boys led to Christ. Several families have been added to the church as a direct result of the Rangers ministry.

We thank God for what He has done in Michigan Outpost 24. ★