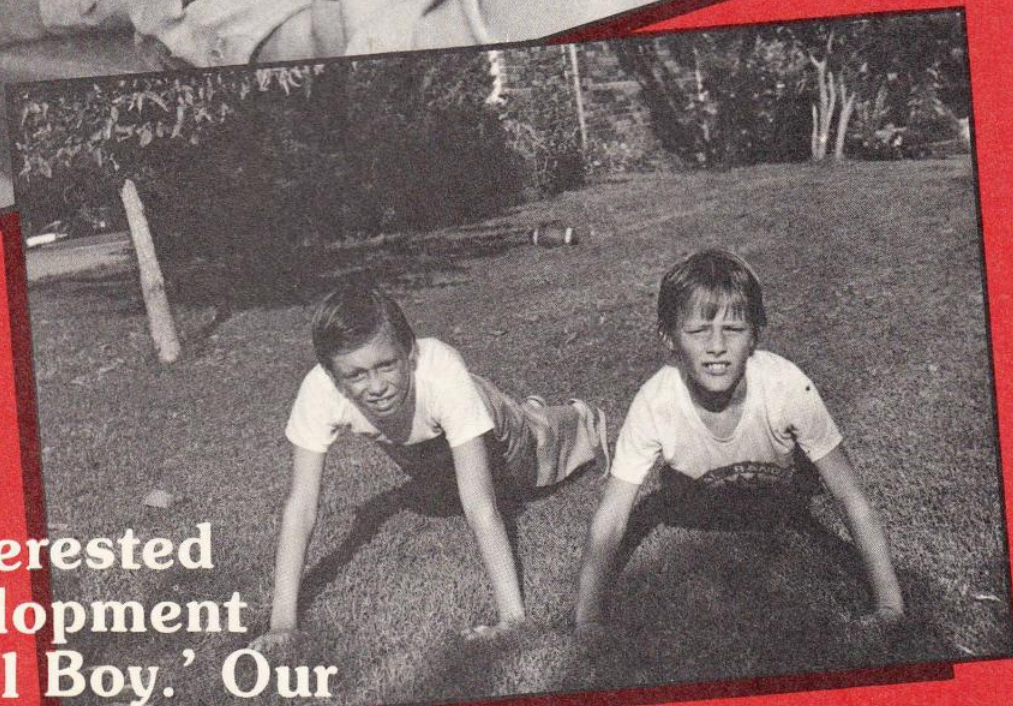
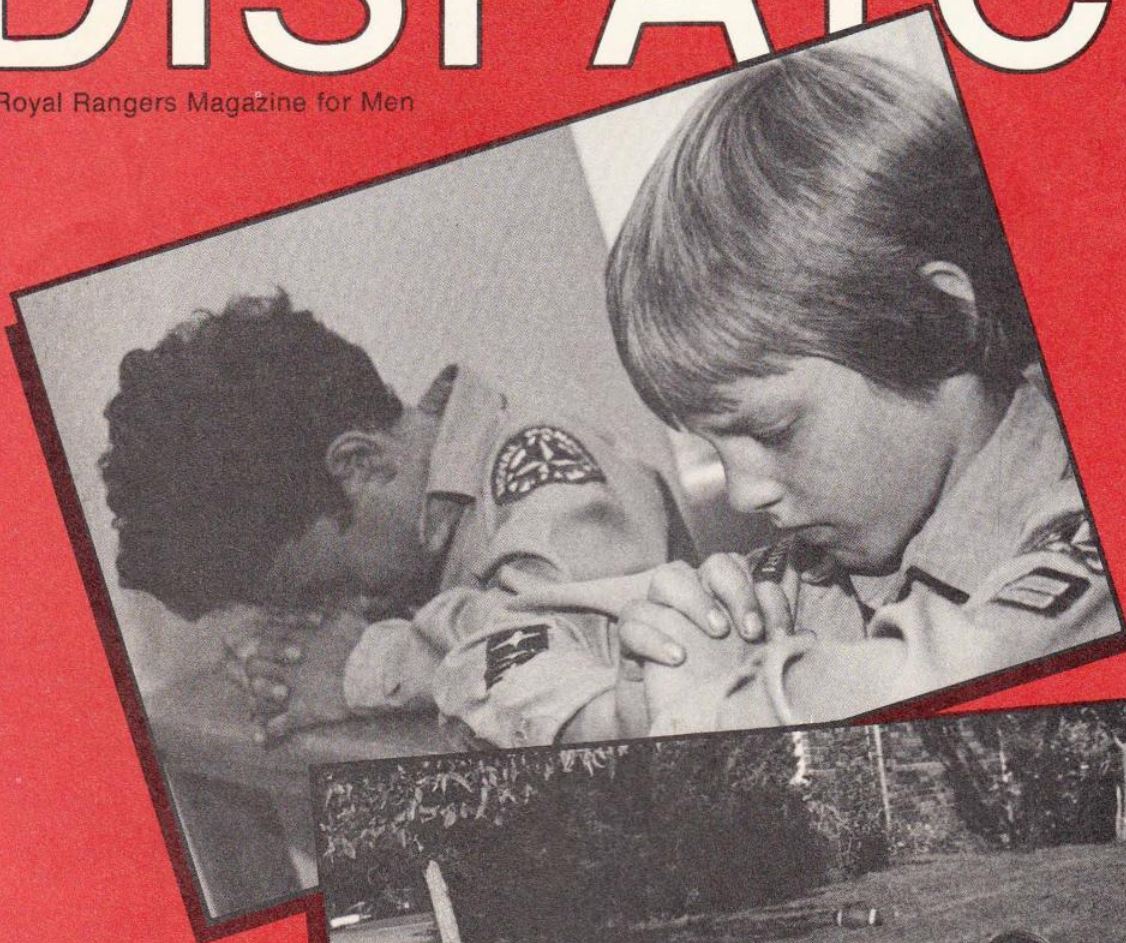


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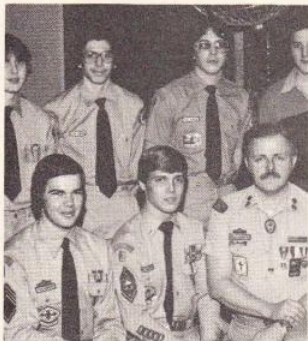


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LEFTHANDERS are being left out. Not only left out but left over and left behind. The commander that realizes lefthanded boys are living in a RIGHTHANDED world, can appreciate the predicament of the lefty and help him cope with his differentness.

According to one researcher who spent forty years studying the relation between handedness and speech disorders, "coercing a child to use his right hand if he's naturally lefthanded, is a form of brain tampering—a serious business and can be disastrous." The researcher learned that "everyone has a native side, dictated to by the brain. In lefthanded persons, the right cerebral hemisphere takes the lead in directing functions like speaking, writing, and reading. In righthanded persons, the left hemisphere is dominant. Trying to shift a child's handedness can lead to stuttering, squinting, bedwetting, and emo-

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RAISE YOUR ... "RIGHT" ... HAND

By Box Fox



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WHERE HAVE ALL THE BOYS GONE?

We have the glorious privilege to show the boys the way!

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by John Eller

Boys are disappearing from America! They are gone from our streets, schools, and homes! Is it a lowering of the birthrate? Are more being claimed by accidents, disease, and death? Perhaps they are. But there is yet another reason why so many are gone. They have vanished into manhood!

Boyhood is a rapid process. It does not last forever. It is brief. It is quick. And it is gone! Just get busy here and there, become taken up for a few secondary things, and boys are gone! Once they have vanished, they will never be boys again!

BOYS ARE IMPORTANT

It was a boy who killed the giant. A boy gave his lunch which Jesus multiplied to feed 5,000 men plus women and children. It was a boy who heard of the plot and saved the life of the apostle Paul.

A boy put his finger in the dyke and saved a whole town from destruction.

A boy fell over Niagara Falls during the French and Indian War and survived. A boy represented the United States at the funeral of Anwar Sadat.

It was a boy who grew up in a carpenter's shop in Nazareth to become the Saviour of the world!

A boy became Moses. Another boy became Samson. And it takes a boy to be a Royal Ranger!

Men are not Royal Rangers. We may wear the uniform, and we should. But we are Royal Rangers leaders!

It takes a boy to be a Straight Arrow or a Buckaroo. It takes a boy to be a Pioneer, Trailblazer or Air, Sea, or Trail Ranger. Only a boy can earn the Gold Medal of Achievement, Gold or Silver Buffalo. It takes a boy to be a Junior Commander or train at JLTC. Only a boy can become National Ranger of the Year.

As leaders, we cannot be any of these things. But we have the glorious privilege to show the boys the way!

We are leaders of boys, not merely leaders of leaders. We are not male egoists, and certainly not male chauvinist pigs. But we are rather men interested in the development of the total boy.

The question is, "What are *you* doing to lead boys in the right way?" Our work in Royal Rangers ministry is to reach, teach, and keep boys for Jesus Christ!

WHAT IS A BOY WORTH?

Some people don't think boys are worth very much, while others think they are worth a lot. We are told the blackmarkets of the world price them at six figures and upward, while in certain

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countries of the world, you may take home as many as you want just for feeding them.

The Prophet Joel speaks of a time when men will trade a boy into slavery for an evening with a prostitute, and swap a girl for a bottle of wine (Joel 3:3). We are almost at this point today. People are more concerned with pleasure than with heavenly treasure; more concerned with lust than life; more concerned with fun than with the race we have to run.

If we don't place a value on boys, perhaps no one will in their lifetime. When we stand before God, He will not ask how many medals we wore or how many trophies we received. He will want to know how many boys we have reached, kept, and taught for Jesus Christ!

A boy is worth more than all the scientific and technological advancements of our time. His soul is worth more than all the world (Mark 8:36, 37).

Perhaps the childhood of this writer was not so sheltered after all. In memory I stand by the casket of a boy left to drown by his playmates. I stand by the

casket of another boy who committed suicide. I stand by the coffin of yet another boy flogged to death at the hands of a drunken stepfather!

Who knows? One of those boys may have discovered the cure for cancer by now! One of them may have become a great evangelist. One of them may have been instrumental in winning thousands of other boys to Christ. But no one took an interest in them, and they are gone! We will never know their potential. **A ROYAL RANGER IS SOMEBODY**

The Royal Ranger knows who he is and where he is going. He has a sense of worth and direction. Our ministry offers to him a new approach to Christian training. We focus on his needs, interests, and characteristics.

The emphasis of this ministry is to make the Christian life so challenging to boys that they will recognize and assume their places of responsibility as believers in Christ and followers of Him.

In order to give a boy the sense of worth and direction, there are four important things we do for him.

First, we instruct him in Bible doc-

trine. When a boy completes this program, he should have a basic knowledge of what the Bible teaches.

Second, we challenge him for Christian service. When a boy completes this program, he should be ready to take his place in the area of Christian service where God wishes him to be.

Third, we inspire in him a belief in the fundamental beliefs of our church. When a boy completes this program, he should be Assemblies of God in belief the remainder of his life.

Fourth, we seek to satisfy the boy's basic need for activity. A boy engaged in this program should have enough interesting things to do to prevent him from being tempted to engage in unwholesome activities.

Boys need love, understanding, and a sense of belonging. They need a sense of importance, activities, and an opportunity for development. Boys need guidance to the way of Christian living.

Are boys worth the effort? Indeed they are! A man never stands quite so tall as when he stoops to help a boy!

ARE YOU TOO BUSY FOR BOYS?

“God has put a certain number of boys in your hand. We must answer for what we do with them. It is an awesome responsibility, but a golden opportunity! Join a Royal Rangers ministry now.”



There is a parable found in 1 Kings chapter 20 which was told King Ahab by one of the sons of the prophets. The young prophet had disguised himself, and appeared before the king wounded.

He told the king a prisoner was committed to his care, with the understanding if he were let to get away, his life would be required in exchange, or else, he would pay a talent of silver. But while busy here and there, the young prophet said the man was gone!

The king replied that his judgment had already been determined.

At this point, the young prophet ripped off the disguise and told King Ahab he had allowed Ben-hadad, King of Syria, out of his hand when God had appointed his utter destruction. Therefore, the king's life would be for his life, and his people for their people. King Ahab went down to his house in Samaria very much displeased.

God has put a certain number of boys in your hand. We must answer for what we do with them. It is an awesome responsibility, but a golden opportunity! This is no time to get out of the Royal

Rangers ministry, but the time to get in!

When Joseph's brothers put him in the pit at Dothan, Reuben, the eldest son of Jacob, planned to take him out later and deliver him to his father. But while he was busy elsewhere, the rest of the brothers sold him to the Ishmaelites who took him down to slavery in Egypt. When Reuben returned, he was horrified. His cry of anguish which rang into that pit resounds in our ears today. "The boy is gone! Where shall I go?" (Genesis 37:30).

Norm Nethers, former District Commander of Ohio, has shared with me his paraphrase of Luke 13:6-9.

"He spoke also this parable: a certain district had a Royal Rangers outpost planted in a given community. The Master Ranger came and sought for boys that had been saved, but found none! Then the Master Ranger said to the Outpost Commander, 'Behold, these past three years I have come seeking the fruit of boys saved, but I have found none. I will take away their Divine character. It is useless for them to continue in this ministry fruitless!'"

"And the Commander begged the Master Ranger, pleading, 'Lord, GIVE ME ONE MORE YEAR. I promise I shall work more diligently than ever before in my outpost where you have placed me: I shall fertilize your ground with fervent prayer. Then if it bears fruit, all will be well. And if not, then thou shalt take away our charter forever, and I will go into eternity empty-handed!'"

We should ask ourselves, "What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it?" (Isaiah 5:4).

Boys are disappearing from America every day. But thousands more are taking their place. Yesterday's boys have all vanished into manhood. What will we do with the boys of today?

A BOY'S WORTH

We have clocks to tell the time of day
And scales to tell the weight of hay;
But what rule would you employ
To tell the worth of a little boy?
Measures there are for silver and gold,
By carats the worth of diamonds are told,
But there is no measure on all the earth
To tell what just one boy is worth.

—Anonymous *

WHY YOUR CHURCH NEEDS A TRAIL RANGER PROGRAM

"Teenage boys today have many distractions and a very busy schedule, but you can have a smooth running and very impressive Trail Ranger group if you work hard and pray hard."



BY SONNY GREEN

One of the most challenging age groups I have ever worked with in Royal Rangers is the 15-thru-17-year-old boys. It is an age that many Christians feel is hard to reach, but I disagree; it is a matter of applying three principles.

First let's start with the *WHO*. There must be a man who cares and understands this age boys. He must first understand that he is not going to change their life-style. Certain music, clothes styles, basketball, football, baseball, girls, cars, fast food chains are all part of a teenage boys life. It's a part of his world. A leader can't change it, but he can become a part of it.

After you have found the man, ask him to pray, not just for boys, but pray that God will give him a double portion of LOVE and a BURDEN for older boys. Trail Rangers is a very special ministry within Royal Rangers. Teenage boys today have many distractions and a very busy schedule, but you can have a smooth running and very impressive Trail Ranger group if you work hard and pray hard.

Concerning prayer. Let me make a suggestion that you pray for each individual boy and his special needs. A good idea is to use your Trail Ranger record book when going to prayer. Lay it open in front of you so all the names are before

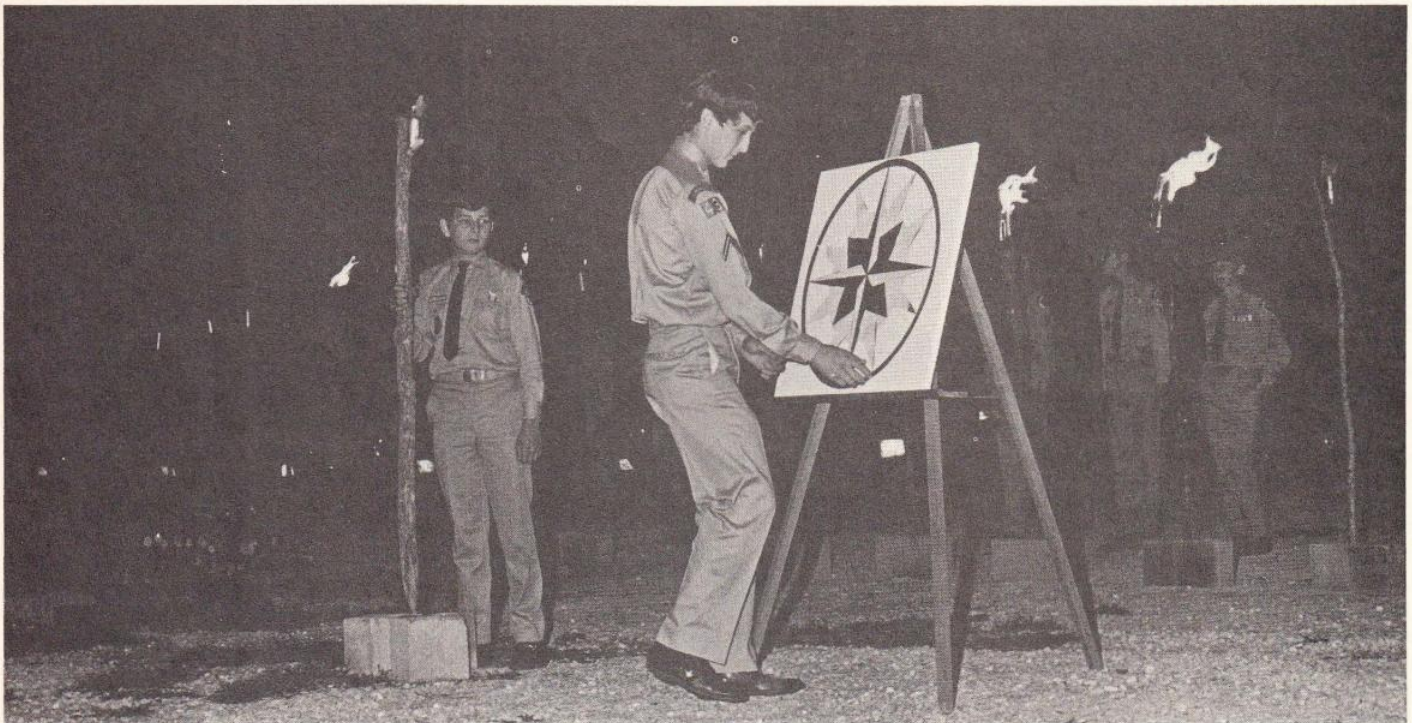
you.

We covered the *who*, now let's talk about the *HOW*.

The Senior Commander should go to the pastor to set up a meeting with the pastor, Missionettes leader, CA director, senior commander and the future Trail Ranger commander. Many churches have a family night program, so you do not want to start a conflict with other programs. Missionettes, CA's, and Royal Rangers must work hand in hand together as an arm of the church. Always remember, our youth programs cannot grow if there is conflict between them. **GOD WILL NOT BLESS CONFLICT.**

Work out a schedule that will run

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smoothly with the other programs in the church. There are some pastors who may wish their teenage boys to be in CA's. Diplomatically point out that a well-run Trail Ranger program is a tremendous evangelistic outreach in the city. There are hundreds of boys even in the neighborhoods surrounding the church, that need a program that is Christ centered with a challenge that appeals to his age.

There is something about the soft noise of a babbling brook, a crackling fire, the smell of food being cooked over an open fire that speaks to a boy no matter if he's nine or ninety. He never gets tired of the fellowship found only there

and he'll never outgrow his need for it either. God deals in a very special way in His out-of-doors.

Let me say again, that there can be no conflict. God will only bless harmony.

Now we've covered the who and where, let's talk about the *WHEN*.

After the approval of your pastor, set a launching date when you would start your Trail Rangers ministry. Leave yourself plenty of time to send for books, literature, and other helps needed from the Gospel Publishing House. Lay out a program plan for at least four months so the boys will know on their first meeting about some of the exciting plans you have made. Remember, first impressions are lasting. *Be prepared.* This age boy

can spot immediately if you are not prepared. Perhaps a backpacking or a canoe trip might be good for your first outing. Teenage boys love this type of excitement.

In closing let me summarize:

First: A man with a very special love and burden on his heart for older boys.

Second: A meeting with the pastor, CA & Missionettes heads. (Remember, no harmony, no blessing.)

Third: Set a launching date, and prepare. (Remember, fail to plan, plan to fail.)

May God richly bless you as you launch out into this ministry of reaching, teaching, and keeping older boys for Christ. ★



A Fund Raising Event

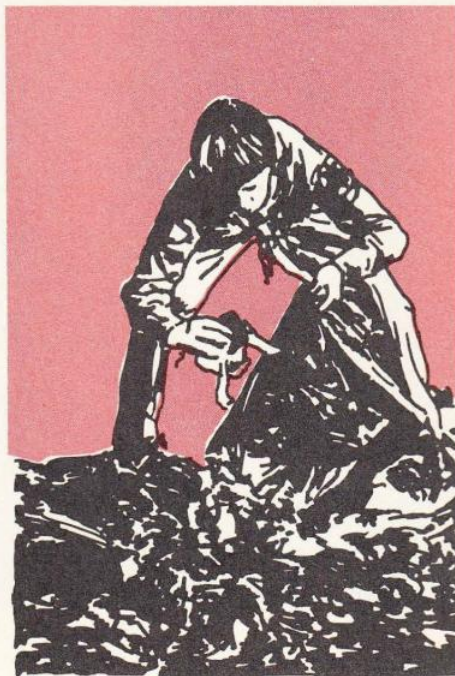
Most Royal Rangers outposts are dependent upon the men's ministries for financial support and that is the way it should be. However, many churches do not have an active Men's Ministries program and cannot afford to finance Royal Rangers through the church budget. This presents a problem for the commanders since the Royal Rangers program is definitely NOT inexpensive. With the boy's uniforms costing nearly \$40 through the Gospel Publishing House, and food for camp-outs going up every day, most commanders feel apprehensive about asking the boys to continually pay for everything. God has given me a method whereby the boys can earn enough money in one or two months to literally finance the entire outpost for a year and I would like to share it with as many Royal Rangers leaders as possible.

The name I have given the idea is a TRASH-A-THON and the best part of it is that you not only earn money doing it but gain recognition for doing a community service at the same time. The idea is really quite simple and is, in fact, a modification of the familiar Walk, Talk, Swim, etc., a-thons conducted by many charitable organizations. The major difference is that those events usually accomplish nothing more than fund raising while a TRASH-A-THON helps clean up the community while you do it.

The mechanics of the TRASH-A-THON are simple:

1. Choose an area in the community that needs cleaning up or is prone to littering. (Streets through town, public parks, recreational areas, etc.)
2. Decide in advance how much territory you wish to cover.
3. Contact all the businesses in or near the area, and offer to list their business on posters as a sponsor of the TRASH-A-THON in return for a pledge. Ask

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them to pledge so much per pound of litter that your group can dispose of in the designated area.

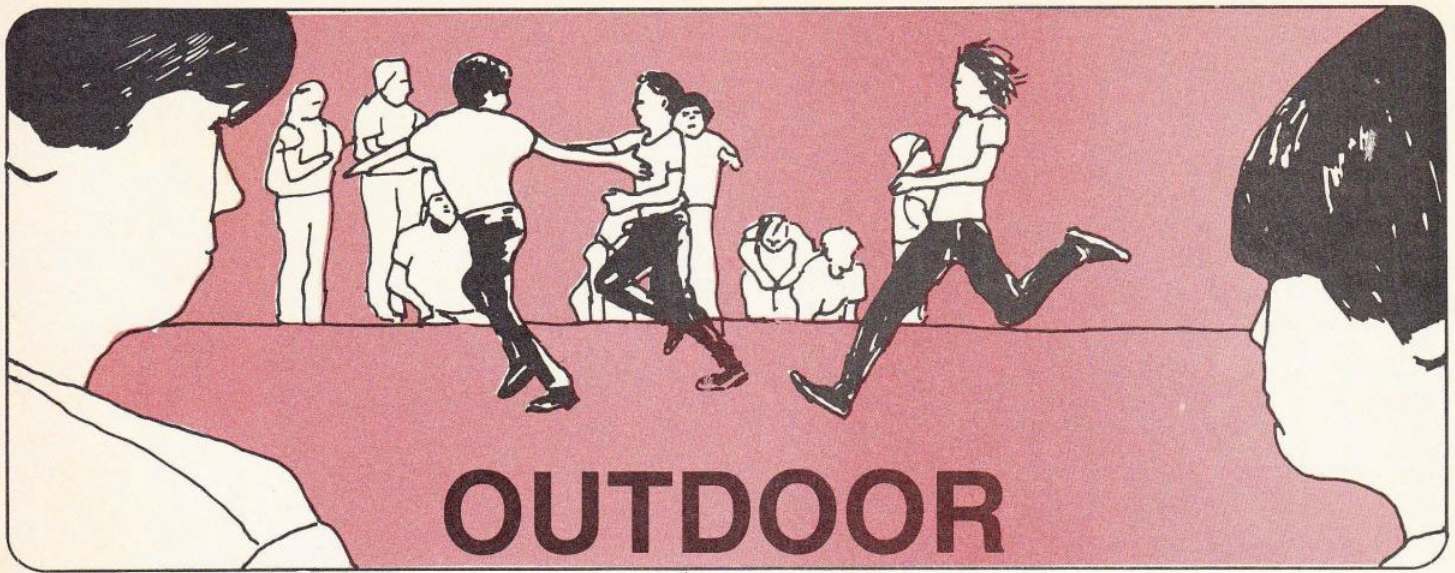
4. After contacting the businesses, have your boys go there to sign them up. You can stage a contest among the boys to see who can get the most pledges.
5. Have your leaders or men in the church take the boys door-to-door to get individual pledges.
6. Make sure that the people understand their pledge is for the whole group, not just what the one boy can collect. (That's why you only ask for a few pennies a pound.)

7. After spending as much time as possible getting pledges, make up your posters, gather everyone together and walk the route picking up all the litter you can. (Hint: if you can find them, use transparent plastic bags so that passers-by will see you are not just picking up aluminum or returnable bottles.)

8. After you cover the given area or spend the allotted time picking up trash, have the truck(s) or trailer(s) weighed full, then empty it (them) at an appropriate dump or landfill and weigh it (them) empty. The difference in weight times the amount pledged is then collected from each person or business who has made a pledge.

If you will think about it for a moment, the possibilities of raising phenomenal amounts of money exist. When our outpost held our first TRASH-A-THON we only spent one month getting pledges and two days picking up during which time we collected 980 pounds of trash for which we had pledges amounting to over \$600. At the time, our outpost consisted of three leaders and less than ten boys. The pledges were all obtained by 7 of the boys and only four of them actually gathered trash. Another limiting factor on the first TRASH-A-THON was that we only had one trailer and it was filled to overflowing before we covered the allotted distance.

Gathering 980 pounds of trash in one and one half days was not very difficult. Suppose we had 30 boys out for two months getting pledges: if each of them could sign up 50 people at \$.01 per pound, the total pledge would have been \$15 per pound times 980 pounds of trash, we would have collected \$14,700 and no one individual would have had to give more than \$10. Plus; if we had 30 boys, we could have collected much more trash! *



OUTDOOR Games for Groups

To prepare for these outdoor games, arrange chairs in a circle, with an open space in the middle. In team games, teams can be chosen in any way. In games in which there is an individual winner, an interesting or appropriate small prize can be given.

HEADHUNTER

Headhunter is a switch on Musical Chairs and a lively game that will provide much hilarity and get an outdoor meeting off to a good start. It is best for six to twenty players. Program chairman will make up a list of African animals. Chairs are placed in a large circle with about three chair-widths between each two. Players stand outside the circle of chairs. Game leader assigns one animal at random to each member. He stands in the center of the circle and gives a "travelog" to go with the animals. "Here we are at last in darkest Africa. I see a (name of animal)." As the first player's animal name is called he must walk into the circle, give his idea of the sound of his animal and take one of the chairs. Other players follow in the same way. Players arise, and one chair is removed from the circle. Leader then says, "March on!" Players walk in a circle inside the circle of chairs. Leader again says, "I see a (name of animal)." Player with animal name again gives his "imitation." This procedure is repeated several times until the leader says, "I see a headhunter!" At this everyone near a chair sits down, and player not in front of a chair is eliminated. Play continues in this way until all but one player is eliminated, and last "explorer" remaining gets the prize. (Animals of Africa include monkeys, including baboons, apes including the chimpanzee and the gorilla, wild hogs, zebra, rhinoceros, hippopotamus, giraffe, elephant, rabbits and hares, the lion, leopard, or panther,

BY RICHARD HAWK



cheetah, and other cats, hyenas, jackals, wart hog, buffalo, antelopes, including the gnu, or wildebeest, ibexes (type of wild goat), and Barbary sheep. The giraffe is a good "fooler," since many people think it has no voice. It does though occasionally make a low husky grunting sound.)

ANIMAL CHARADES

Animal Charades is an outdoor adaptation of the old favorite parlor game, Charades. Two teams are formed. Each team makes up a list of animal names. Leader of one team gives one written on a slip of paper to a player on the opposing

team, who must give his impression of the animal without saying anything, to try to get his teammates to guess it. After they do, a player from the other team takes a turn. Scorekeeper keeps time, and after everyone has had a turn, team taking less time is declared the winner. This game is not as complicated as regular Charades, but provides a lot of amusement as the players act out the animals, trying to waddle like a duck, imitate a chimp, and so on.

OUTDOOR WORD CHAIN

Outdoor Word Chain is best with from four to twenty players. A player designated by game leader begins the game by giving the name of any object found in nature. For instance, the first player in the circle might say, "Cloud." Player to his left must name an outdoors object beginning with the last letter of the previous word. He might say, "Dogwood." Game leader acts as timekeeper, and each player must answer within five seconds. Next player must give another word beginning with "d." He might say, "Duck." Then the next player must name something beginning with "k." He might say, "Kangaroo," or "Koala," and the next player must give a name beginning with last letter of that previous word. Any player who cannot give a correct name within the time limit is eliminated and must leave the circle of players. Last player remaining is the winner.

PEANUT PURSUIT

Peanut Pursuit is another sprightly sport that will liven up an outdoor meeting. Program committee members should hide a number of shell peanuts before the meeting. During the games session a "peanut hunt" is announced. Members are divided into teams of four,

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YOUR OUTPOST

PLANNING GUIDE

BY JOHN ELLER

SEPTEMBER

Program Feature

1st Week: 1. Labor Day honors working people
(Include Camporama Report)

2. Observed 1st Monday, September
3. First celebrated by Knights of Labor, NY 1882
4. Congress voted a Legal Holiday, 1894

2nd Week: 1. Back to School Prayer Crusade
2. Special prayer for church, school, nation
3. Explain principles of prayer: (1) Worship, (2) Conversation, (3) petition

3rd Week:

(See Luke 20:25, 1 Thes. 5:12; 1 Tim. 2:2; Heb. 13:17, 24; Rom. 13:1-6)

4th Week:

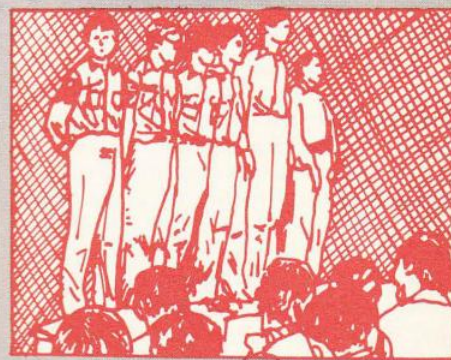
4. Take special prayer requests
1. Citizenship
2. Know rulers
3. Remember rulers
4. Pray for rulers
5. Obey the law
6. Salute (respect) leaders
7. Pay just taxes
8. Honor rulers

1. Education: a boy grows mentally
2. Expansion of knowledge
3. Social benefits of educational process
4. Christian education
5. Rewards of study



September means "BACK TO SCHOOL" time for America's youth. It's a rough adjustment from summer's fun!

OCTOBER



PLAN a special church service in honor of ROYAL RANGERS WEEK.

Program Feature

1st Week: 1. Royal Rangers Week
2. Why Have RR?
3. How did RR begin?
4. What does program do for boys?
5. When may a boy become involved?
6. How to interest other boys

2nd Week: 1. Columbus Day: review events on voyage to New World
2. Relate something of the fear & apprehension of the times
3. Emphasize courage of man
4. Dates of voyage: August 3-Oct. 12

3rd Week: 1. Fair Weather: define
2. Weather and climate
3. Sun: greatest source of energy
4. Sunshine & outdoor activity

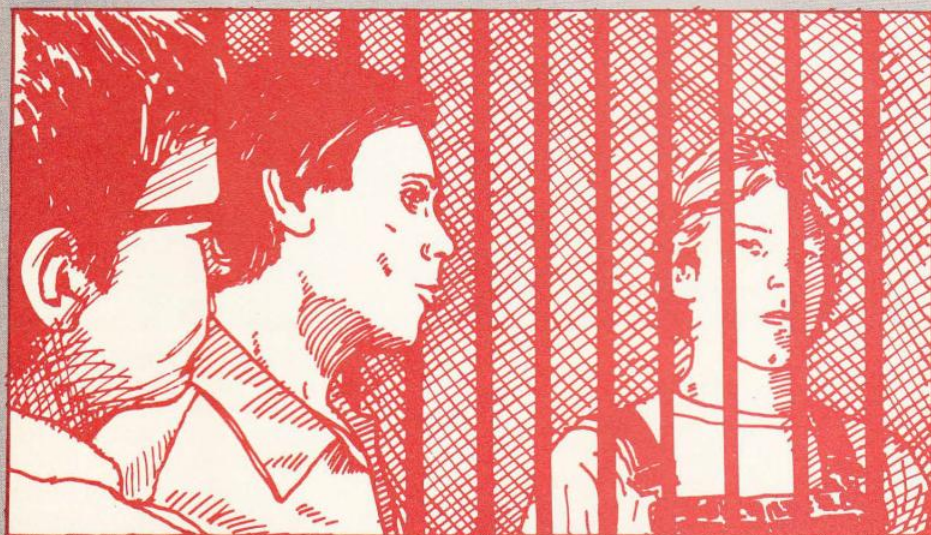
4th Week: 1. Foul Weather: what the Bible says about weather
2. Weather changes
3. Weather & seasons
4. Violent changes
5. Patterns & predictions

NOVEMBER

Program Feature

- 1st Week:
1. Election Day: Democracy
 2. Of the people, for the people
—A. Lincoln
 3. Evils of dictatorship
 4. Corruption in government
 5. Take advantage of right to vote
- 2nd Week:
1. Veterans Day: (once called "Armistice Day")
 2. Marks cessation WWI hostilities between Allies & Germany
 3. Since 1954, used to honor veterans of all wars
 4. Vietnam veteran now honored among unknowns
- 3rd Week:
1. Prisons: places of

1. punishment for wrong
 2. No jail is inviting
 3. Prisons are for correction, reform, & rehabilitation
 4. Better to have no record
 5. Our responsibility to witness of Christ
- 4th Week:
1. REVIVALTIME: radio ministry of A/G
 2. Speaker: Dan Betzer
 3. On the air since 1953
 4. 600 stations
 5. Reaches more people in one day than Paul reached all his life
- 5th Week:
1. THANKSGIVING
 2. Landing of Pilgrims at Plymouth Rock, 1620
 3. Friendly Indians helped plant maize
 4. First Thanksgiving, 1621, by order of Gov. Wm. Bradford, Mass. Bay Colony



Contact your city or county jail about organizing some service for your Royal Rangers to perform. Inquire about juvenile prisoners.

ACTIVITIES FOR RANGERS

- in connection with a decision day for unsaved boys
- Determine the average number of clear days in given period
- Study average temperature in your area
- Prepare a U.S. weather map for weather forecasting purposes
- Make chart of clouds
- Secure a rain gauge
- Obtain a barometer and thermometer
- Explain meaning of meteorological terms
- Obtain sample ballots to acquaint boys with polling process
- Encourage registration of those 18-up
- Assign a Lt. Cmdr. to explain election process
- Invite local election official to speak
- Invite local veterans to attend meeting
- Have one serviceman to speak
- Plan an appropriate ceremony to honor & recognize veterans
- Present colors and repeat pledges
- Contact city or county jail about service
- Inquire about any juveniles imprisoned
- Ask local police for a speaker or demonstration
- Obtain chart on drugs
- Check local listings for station and time
- If not heard, suggest it to pastor
- Plan to spend a few minutes participating in World Prayermeeting
- Pray for radio ministries
- Invite farmer to speak or give demonstration
- Prepare food baskets for needy
- Involve any members of Trapper's Brigade
- Visit a nursing home
- Have a praise time at meeting

SPECIAL

- Invite a "blue collar worker" to meeting. Inquire about hours
- Each patrol make list of possible careers
- Prepare special devotion about work
- Fall round-up of strays
- Recruit new members
- Encourage work in handbooks
- Plan a cook-out (branding time)
- Canvass neighborhood for new boys
- Participate in some community project
- Encourage all leaders to become registered voters
- Make citizenship poster for bulletin board

FALL-TIME

- Plan tour of nearby college campus
- Invite local educator to meeting
- Continue to round up strays.
- Chalkboard list of educational advantages
- Leader-Boy Banquet
- Father-Son Cook-out
- Special church service of recognition
- Possible pastoral message about boys
- Suggest boys participate as ushers, etc.
- Assign Patrol Guides to gather data on Columbus
- Prepare a world map tracing voyage
- Plan a "Discovery Day"

PLANNING GUIDE CONTINUED.

PROJECTS AND RESOURCES

Tour a factory
Visit a working farm
Organize a "yard work detail" to build treasury
Check local employment agency for boys needing jobs
Work day in meeting room
Emphasize prayer crusade and round-up in church bulletin
Assign each commander to contact all unchurched fathers
Leadership drive
Father-Son Camp-out
Invite the town mayor or city manager to speak
Start a "pitch-in" campaign to clean up environment
Volunteer for beautification work on church property
Recognize honor students
Encourage scholastic achievements
Emphasize perils of

"dropouts"
Encourage faithful attendance to school
Use "Back-to-School" theme
Public recognition of leaders
Public presentation of training and achievement awards
Special prayer for local, sectional, district, regional and national personnel
Blanket area with promotional materials
Secure or construct models of Columbus flotilla: Santa Maria, Nina, Pinta
Invite a local history teacher to speak to boys
Plan participation in any local observance
Visit a U.S. Weather Station
Keep a record of forecasts for a week: compare
Secure a copy of:

WEATHER
Golden Press, NY
Install rain gauge near meeting location
Resources:
* Encyclopedia
* Bible concordance
* U.S. Weather Bureau
Keep records of weather on meeting days
Contact local or county Board of Election for information
Plan a mock ballot for boys to vote
Make a list of issues
Christians should cast a vote: alcohol, gambling, vice, etc.
Launch a "Vote for Jesus" campaign
Contact local VFW or American Legion for possible assistance
Tour a military base
If possible, tour a ship or plane
Visit a war memorial
Armed Forces Decora-

tions poster send 25¢ to Supt. of Documents, Washington, D.C.
Send older boys & leaders to jail services
Obtain witnessing materials from Men's Department
Request space in church newsletter for reports
Contact Gideons about Testaments
Write for sample cassette: REVIVALTIME
Box 70
Springfield, MO 65801
Use part of cassette as meeting feature
Call attention to any local radio programs of the church
Encourage participation with family (National Holiday since 1863)
Have boys take turns offering Thanksgiving prayer
Encourage expressions of gratitude to parents, etc.

The Deafening Roar of Silence

By Larry Lerew, Sr.

Most of us who are blessed with all our senses constantly live in a world of sounds; some beautiful, some ugly, some drawing us forward and others warning us away. A form of sound—music, can be attractive and beautiful, loud or soft, and possibly ugly depending on the ear, taste, and conditioning of the listener. So are other sounds such as the gurgle of a rushing brook, the thunder of lightning or the thunder of a huge cascading waterfall. Each draws our attention and each affects us positively or negatively. We live in a society where generally speaking the squeaky wheel gets the oil or the high performance engine receives the



*Listen for the
silent boy in your
Royal Rangers Outpost.
Find time to
explore his needs.*

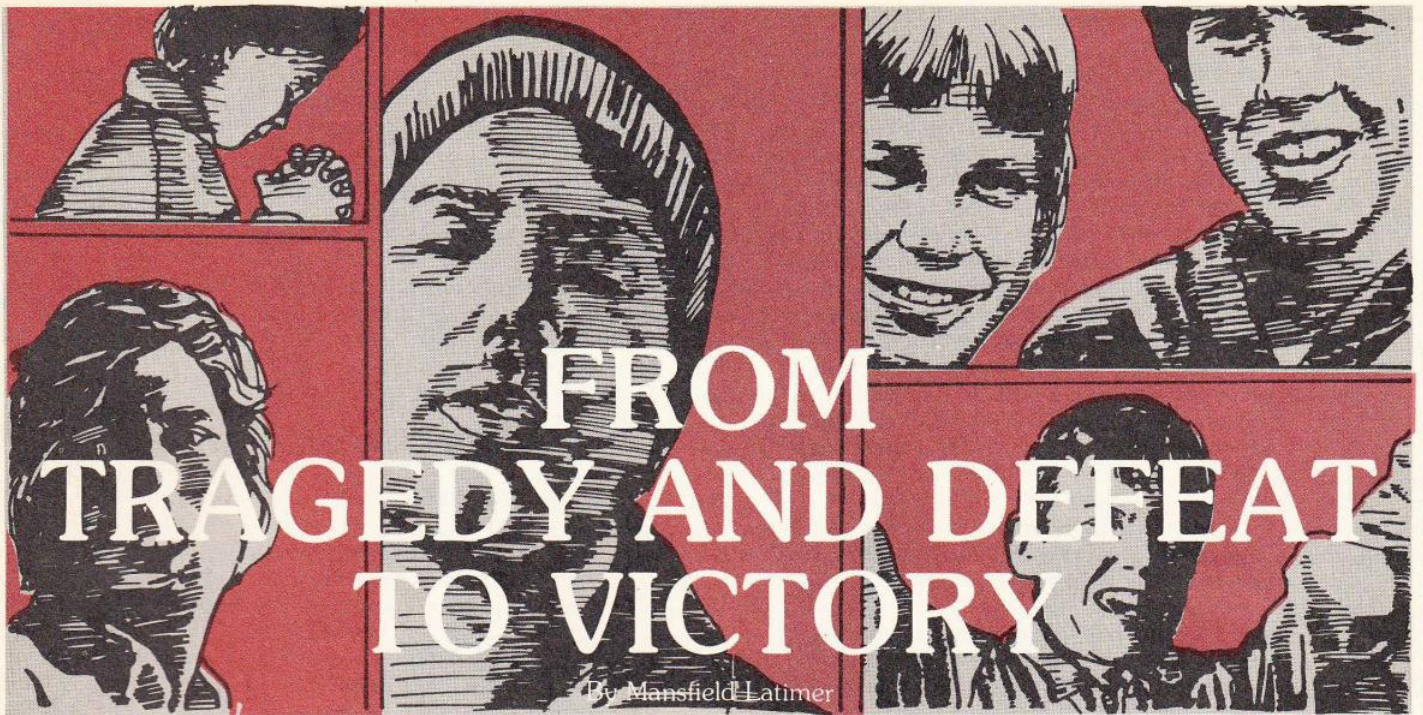
most care. So it is with the sound of people, especially boys. Much has been said with the sound of praise for the high achievers and much has been said with the sound of concern about the problem boys, but rarely have we heard the deafening call for help from the silent boys. There are boys who because of their nature tend to stay in the background or because of troubled spirits or

fear are quietly alone. The quiet boys by nature tend to fall away from the mainstream and get lost in the eddies. The troubled or fearful boys tend to quietly drift away.

Many of us leaders, with good intent, discover a quiet boy and try to rapidly pull him into the mainstream with the flow and direction of the group. This may make the quiet boy by nature more unsure of the water he's traveling. The mainstream may also increase the turbulence of the troubled or fearful boy causing him to spin out over the banks of Christian life. There are no definite answers or solutions to these potential tragedies only four suggestions:

- L Listen for the roar of silence from the quiet boy amidst the sounds of the world.
- O Observe the boy's likes, dislikes, and fears without judgment or opinion.
- V Volunteer personal effort to find quiet times to become personal friends.
- E Enjoy that friendship and bring him along in HIS WAY at the boy's own flow and direction.

The Lord blessed us with that boy and the responsibility to nurture that seed in the Lord's way. If we prepare the soil properly, the seed will grow naturally. God bless you.



FROM TRAGEDY AND DEFEAT TO VICTORY

By Mansfield Latimer

The year was 1700. The place was Charleston, South Carolina. Rev. Archibald Stobo, a missionary on his way to the mission field, stopped to take on supplies for his ship and was invited to preach. While the minister and his wife were ashore a killer hurricane destroyed his ship and all aboard. Tragedy? Yes. Defeat? Yes. But . . .

The year was 1915. The place was Enterprise, Alabama. Like the rest of the cotton-dependent South, the town fearfully watched as the cotton boll weevil crept up from Mexico and crossed the Mississippi. Enterprise farmers fought the insect with chemicals and poisons, but the weevil was unscathed. Along with low cotton prices and soil erosion, the boll weevil sapped the strength of the town's agricultural economy. Tragedy? Yes. Defeat? Yes. But . . .

The year was 1941. The baby girl was not only black, she was also crippled. Nine years later she was able to walk only with the help of braces. Tragedy? Yes. Defeat? Yes. But . . .

Tragedy and defeat can be, and often are, the evil twins that destroy man's faith and his will to go on. But this does not have to be. Where there is faith, hope, vision, and the will to work, tragedy and defeat can often be turned into victory.

In each of the above cases there was tragedy and defeat but in each case these were turned into victory.

In the first case, after the hurricane destroyed his ship, the Rev. Stobo stayed in Charleston to accept the pastorate of a church but in 1704 he saw the need to organize churches on maritime islands below Charleston to minister to the people living on these islands. He resigned his pastorate and organized a church, in the heart of palmettos and

pinetrees of rural John's Island.

This 262-year-old church has managed to survive hurricane winds, the 1886 earthquake, and two wars. This church, and many others, now stand as monuments testifying to the victory that overcame the tragedy and defeat caused by the hurricane in 1700.

The second case the farmers of Enterprise, Alabama, were defeated by the cotton boll weevil and this tragedy forced them to plant a number of new crops, including peanuts. These crops thrived in the southwest Alabama soil. As early as 1917 the county harvested more than a million bushels of peanuts. Today Enterprise calls itself "The Peanut Capital of the World."

In appreciation of the insect that forced them into a stronger economy, Enterprise citizens erected in 1919 a monument to the boll weevil. The large statue stands today in the middle of a downtown intersection. This is another example of tragedy and defeat being turned into victory.

In the third case the little black crippled girl who, until she was nine years old, could walk only with braces was Wilma Rudolph.

In 1956, at the age of 15, she was part of a relay team that won a bronze medal at the Melbourne Olympic Games. Four years later at the Rome Olympics, she won the 100- and 200-meter dashes and the 400-meter relay to capture three gold medals.

For her accomplishments, she became one of the first athletes enshrined in the National Track and Field Hall of Fame in Charleston, West Virginia.

Again tragedy and defeat was turned into victory because a little crippled girl had a vision of what might be and was willing to sacrifice and work to make her dream come true.

We are destined to suffer some tragedies and defeats. None of us are immune from problems. It is how we react to them that determines the future direction of our lives. Below are some suggestions which can help you cope when you face adversities in your own life.

1. Look forward—not backward. Don't dwell or brood on your tragedy or defeat.

2. Think positively. Make plans to overcome your problems.

3. Work and sacrifice to make your plans and dreams come true.

4. If tragedy or defeat has permanently blocked the road you were traveling toward your goal, seek an alternate route.

5. If your original goal in life is destroyed select a new goal. There can be more than one goal in life. The new one may be better than the old one.

6. Learn from your problems. Look on them as opportunities and a challenge.

7. Face your burdens. You can't run away from them. If you run, you only carry your burdens with you.

8. Everyone must bear his own burdens but don't be too proud to seek help or to accept it when it is offered.

9. Find others who have had similar problems. Learn from their experience. Perhaps you can help them and, in so doing, help yourself.

10. Just as trees grow strongest and roots deepest where the winds blow hardest, men grow strongest under adversity. Don't give up. Keep on keeping on. Faith, hope, vision, and the will to work can turn your personal tragedy and defeat to ultimate victory.

11. And finally, we find all the encouragement we need when we read in Romans 8:28 that ". . . all things work together for good to them that love God."*

THE SITUATION

It is approximately 10 a.m. in mid-August and you have just crash landed in the Sonora Desert in Southwestern United States. The light twin engine plane containing the bodies of the pilot and the co-pilot, has completely burned. Only the air frame remains. None of the rest of you have been injured.

The pilot was unable to notify anyone of your position before the crash. However, he had indicated before impact that you were 70 miles south-southwest from a mining camp which is the nearest known habitation and that you were approximately 65 miles off the course that was filed in your VFR flight plan.

The immediate area is quite flat and except for occasional barrel and saguaros cacti appears to be rather barren. The last weather report indicated the temperature would reach 110 degrees that day which means that the temperature at ground level will be 130 degrees. You are dressed in light weight clothing—

short sleeved shirts, pants, socks, and street shoes. Everyone has a handkerchief. Collectively, your pockets contain \$2.83 in change, \$85 in bills, and a ballpoint pen.

THE PROBLEM

Before your plane caught fire your group was able to salvage the 15 items listed below. Rank these items according to their importance to your survival, starting with "1" the most important, to "15" the least important.

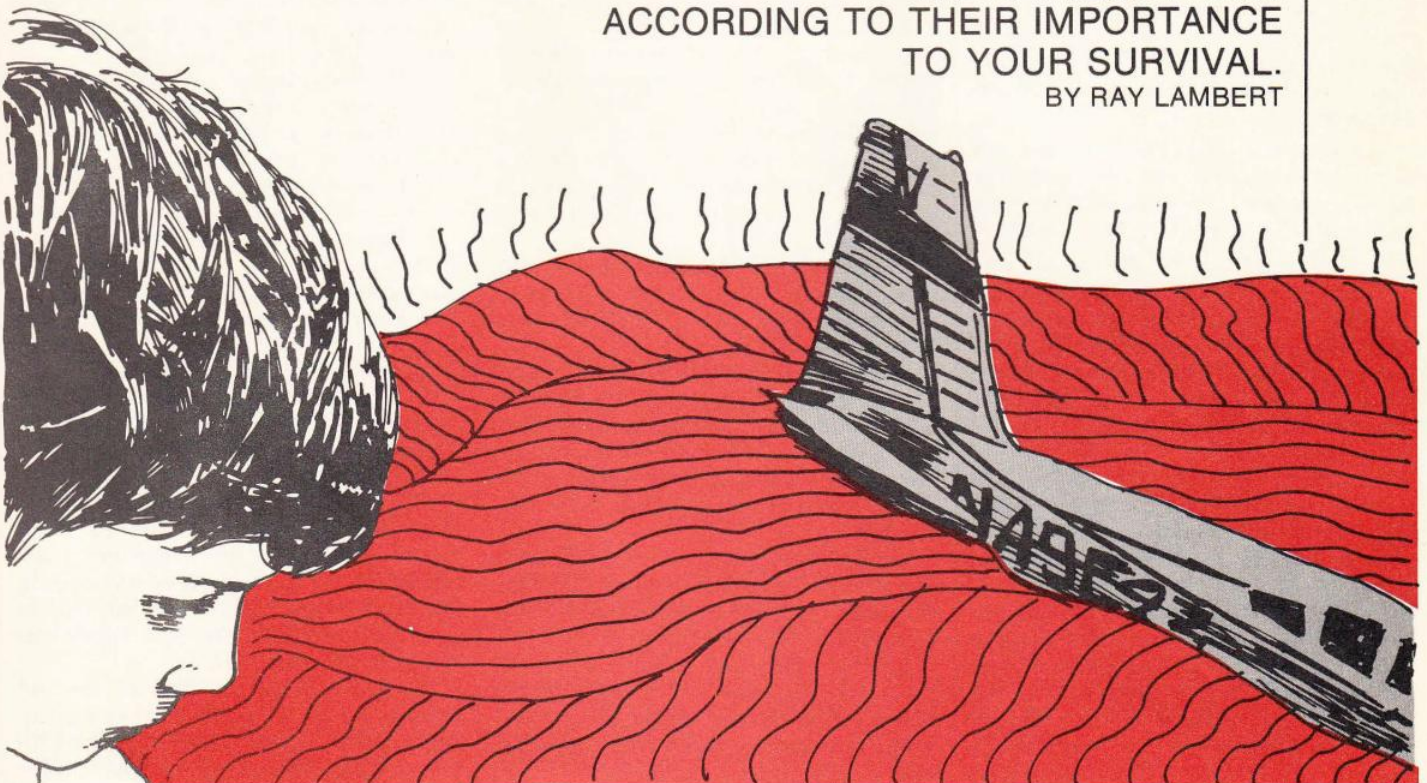
- ___ FLASHLIGHT (4 battery size)
- ___ JACKKNIFE
- ___ SECTIONAL AIR MAP OF THE AREA
- ___ PLASTIC RAINCOAT (large size)
- ___ MAGNETIC COMPASS
- ___ COMPRESS KIT WITH GAUZE
- ___ .45 CALIBER PISTOL (loaded)
- ___ PARACHUTE (red and white)
- ___ BOTTLE OF SALT TABLETS (1,000)
- ___ 1 QT. OF WATER PER PERSON

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THE DESERT SURVIVAL PROBLEM

RANK THESE ITEMS
ACCORDING TO THEIR IMPORTANCE
TO YOUR SURVIVAL.

BY RAY LAMBERT



RAISE YOUR "RIGHT" HAND

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tional maladjustments." His advice, "LEAVE THE CHILD ALONE."

This information was very helpful to our family in dealing with the training of a lefthanded granddaughter . . . the first in the family of either parents known. We learned in our search for knowledge on the subject that only 10% of the population is lefthanded. That the use of most products, designed for righthanders, is no easy task for lefties. Example . . . scissors, can openers, pencil sharpeners, wristwatches, cameras, stringed musical instruments to name a few. Then learning to write and even hold a pencil can be frustrating. Other problems the lefty faces are . . . setting down to a meal. Everything has to be shifted from right to left to avoid spilling food, and unless the lefty can set at the corner or the end of a table, he'll be bumping elbows with his righthanded dinner partner. Many jobs are closed to lefthanders as machines are most often set up for righthanders. Few athletes, musicians, or photographers are lefthanded. The shutter release on a camera is for righthanders you know. BUT REGARDLESS OF THE PROBLEMS OR FLUSTRATIONS the advice is . . . LEAVE THE LEFTHANDED BOY ALONE. Training him to use his right hand creates emotional problems because the brain is being forced into unnatural patterns. The native sidedness is thrown out of balance and confusion results. If you tell him to raise his right hand and repeat the Ranger Pledge, he'll be just as likely to raise his left hand and how many times have we seen this. When you command, "RIGHT TURN," he may turn left, for left is right . . . if you get the drift. Even though lefties, may have added problems, they're better off being lefthanded than having people tamper with their brains, thus injuring them more than all the problems he'll encounter living in a righthanded world. Of course there are companies who specialize in LEFTHANDED merchandise, Aristera Organizations, in Westport, Connecticut, for one.

The more we can understand these problems of the lefthander, the more we can help the lefty boy. . . . Let's help lefties stand for their RIGHTS . . . er, that is LEFTS.

OUTDOOR GAMES FOR GROUPS

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and each group chooses a captain. (About ten peanuts should have been hidden for each team. Supposing there are 24 playing members present, there will be six teams, and about 60 peanuts should be hidden.) A signal is given for the search to begin, and the teams begin looking for the peanuts. Only the captains though are allowed to pick up and hold the peanuts. Each team is given a particular animal sound its members must make when spotting peanuts, such as the "oink" of a pig, the "baa" of a sheep, or the "crow" of a rooster. When a player finds a peanut he must point it out to the captain by making his animal sound. Team finding the most peanuts within ten minutes wins, and each member is given a small prize. One peanut may be painted gold, player finding this peanut is given a "grand prize." *

THE DESERT SURVIVAL PROBLEM

CONTINUED

- A BOOK ENTITLED, EDIBLE ANIMALS OF THE DESERT
- A PAIR OF SUNGLASSES PER PERSON
- 2 QTS. OF 180 PROOF VODKA
- 1 TOP COAT PER PERSON
- A COSMETIC MIRROR

ANSWER ITEM AND RANK

- #1 *COSMETIC MIRROR*—Of all the items the mirror is absolutely critical. It is the most powerful tool you have for communicating your presence.
- #2 *1 TOP COAT PER PERSON*—Once you have a communication system to tell people where you are, your problem is to slow down dehydration.
- #3 *1 QUART OF WATER PER PERSON*—You could probably survive 3 days with just the first two items. Although the quart of water would not significantly extend the survival time, it would help to hold off the effects of dehydration.
- #4 *FLASHLIGHT* (4 battery size)—The only quick, reliable night signaling device is the flashlight. With it and the mirror you have a 24-hour signaling capability. It is also a multiple use item during the day.
- #5 *PARACHUTE* (red and white)—

The parachute can serve as both shelter and signaling device.

- #6 *JACKKNIFE*—Although not as crucial as the first 5 items, the jackknife would be useful for rigging the shelter and for cutting up the very tough barrel cactus for moisture.
- #7 *PLASTIC RAINCOAT* (large size)—In recent years the development of plastic, nonporous materials had made it possible to build a solar still.
- #8 *.45 CALIBER PISTOL* (loaded)—By the end of the second day speech would be seriously impaired and you might be unable to walk. The pistol would then be useful as a sound signaling device and the bullets as a quick fire starter.
- #9 *A PAIR OF SUNGLASSES PER PERSON*—In the intense sunlight of the desert photthalmia and solarretinitis (both similar to the effects of snow blindness) could be serious problems especially by the second day.
- #10 *COMPRESS KIT WITH GAUZE*—Because of the desert's low humidity, it is considered one of the healthiest (least infectious) places in the world. The kit materials might be used as: rope or for wrapping your legs, ankles, and head, including face, a further protection against dehydration and sunlight.
- #11 *MAGNETIC COMPASS*—Aside from the possibility of using its reflective surfaces as an auxiliary signaling device, the compass is of little use.
- #12 *SECTIONAL AIR MAP OF THE AREA*—Might be helpful for starting a fire, or for toilet paper. One might use it for a head cover or eye shade.
- #13 *A BOOK ENTITLED "EDIBLE ANIMALS OF THE DESERT"*—The problem confronting the group is dehydration, not starvation.
- #14 *2 QUARTS OF 180 PROOF VODKA*—When severe alcoholism kills someone, they usually die of dehydration. Alcohol absorbs water.
- #15 *BOTTLE OF SALT TABLETS* (1,000 tablets)—Widespread myths about salt tablets exist. The first problem is that with dehydration and loss of water blood salinity increases.

CORRECTION:

In the spring issue incorrect information was listed in the Outpost Planning Guide. The correct address for the Modern Talking Picture Service is: 5000 Park Street North, St. Petersburg, FL 33709. They will send a catalog or brochure if you will request one.

THE SECRET OF SUCCESS



A CHALLENGE FOR ROYAL RANGERS COMMANDERS

BY JAMES G. McHAFFIE

The Royal Rangers Commander has the challenge of being successful both in his outpost and his home. Four specific ingredients come to mind as we consider the success of any Royal Rangers commander.

First, have yourself a dream. Dream about what you want to experience as an outpost commander. This dream should include the number of boys you desire to have in your outpost, the place you meet, the equipment needed, the activities to be involved in (such as camping, pow-wow, field trips, advancements, achievements, etc.), but most of all the spiritual growth of your outpost. Your expectations determine much of what you will experience.

Your dream should also include your wife and family. To paraphrase, "What shall it profit a Royal Rangers Commander if he gain a great outpost and lose his own family." The dream you have for your family will be fulfilled when we faithfully abide by these two rules: (1) Have a great appreciation for your family and their time. Remember they are God's gift to you. (2) Be a good steward of your time. You are God's gift to your family.

Second, plan for your success. Remember, "If we fail to plan, we are planning to fail." Work a detailed plan of every outpost meeting. The Royal Rangers Leader's Handbook gives us excellent standards from which to pattern our outpost meetings. Your calendar can be an excellent tool in planning effective meetings, programs, outings, etc. Use the different months and seasons to provide themes and specific challenges. A well-balanced schedule on the calendar will help to keep interest high and avoid apathy and disinterest.

Your plans and calendar properly coordinated will keep the home and family unit a place of harmony and blessing. Remember you are the priest of your home and the responsibility is great.

Plans are very important and cannot be stressed enough. The largest building to the smallest birdhouse need a plan to avoid waste of material, manpower, and time. We are building the kingdom of God. Don't forget to plan.

The third rule for success is to have desire, lots of desire. Pray for desire, work for desire, ask for desire, fill your life full and running over with desire.

Desire is the specific burden from the Lord to help boys. We can never expect to be successful until we minister to these boys with love and a desire to help them.

Desire is a valuable quality to have in your home and family relationships. God's gift of love and desire can change a mediocre husband-wife relationship into a beautiful love affair that God intended it to be. This kind of desire comes from God, ask Him for it.

The final rule to success is determination. Many an outpost has failed simply because no determination was made to make it succeed. Certainly there are going to be times of discouragement, but remember anything in God's program is worth a real determined effort. There is no room in God's Army for deserters, traitors, or even to be A-W-O-L.

Everyone can be a success when they take advantage of every opportunity to dream, plan, and desire with a great determination to please God. Rely not only upon your own abilities but upon the Lord. "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." (Philippians 4:13.) *