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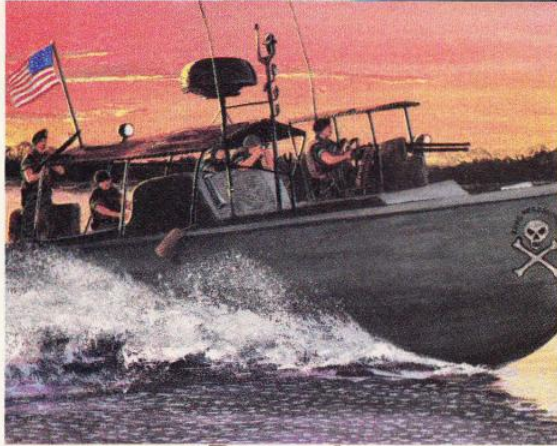
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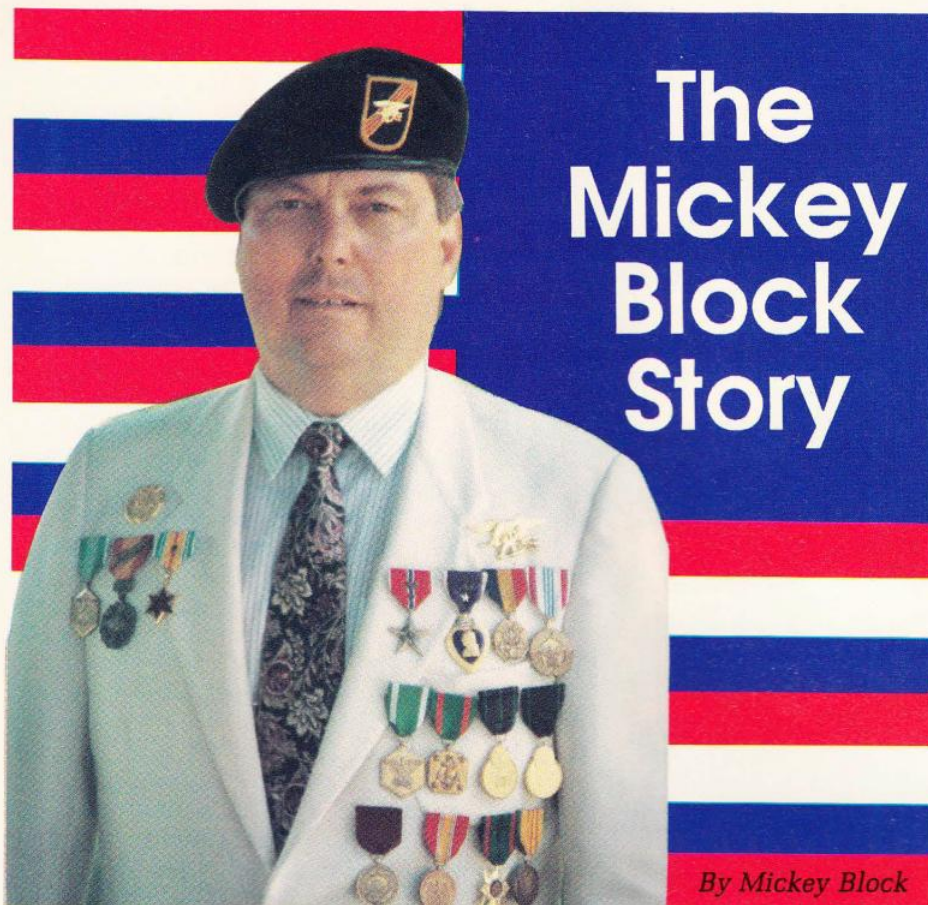
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By Mickey Block

We were working out of Sadec, on the Cambodian border—the last of an original group of River Rats trained by the CIA to run secret operations through Naval Intelligence. We were the only four guys of the entire River Section (40 men) who survived past the 1968 Tet offensive.

We had remained in Vietnam voluntarily because we loved war. We were counterterrorists and we enjoyed our work. As a child, I was physically abused by my parents. The pain and bitterness made it easy for me to enjoy killing the enemy. . . .

It was around May 1969 that our river section was transferred to Operation Slingshot in Tan An. There they put us up on a floating barge where we slept in bunk beds.

By this time only Buddy and I were left. Buddy slept across from me in one top bunk, and the guitar-playing Preacher Man, Dave Roever, slept in the bunk under mine. He drove both of us perverted old-timers absolutely crazy. While Dave played the guitar, Buddy and I would both shake our heads because he kept telling us he loved us and that his Lord and Savior loved us even more. Sometimes we could hear him whispering his prayers

in the dark, but if he got too loud we'd just tell him to "knock it off!"

We were on patrol in a free-fire zone, meaning you can shoot anything that moves or makes a noise—complete enemy territory. There were positively no Americans or friendly forces in the immediate area.

Sudden Danger

Suddenly the point man sitting on the front of the boat took a bullet in his chest. I told Buddy to back the boat off the riverbank as soon as I opened up with a dual M-60 machine gun, and get us out of the area as fast as possible. When I began to shoot, two boats opened up on us with eight machine guns. Within a matter of seconds, we were showered with literally thousands of rounds of armor-piercing bullets.

A brand-new, inexperienced, scared American PBR [Patrol Boat River] patrol crew from our barge was trying to sneak off patrol early and accidentally had cut through the ambush area. They thought we were the enemy as they came up behind us on our blind side.

I was suddenly knocked backwards and felt a burning sensation, like someone whipping me with a

wire cable. But I knew if I didn't get back up, the Vietcong would be on top of us in the boat.

I somehow crawled back up to the M-60 machine gun, and by that time things really broke loose. I started to return fire again into the jungle. Then, like in slow motion, I was lifted up and thrown back. As I was falling I could feel the bullets ripping into my body. I landed on my back in the rear of the boat.

At this point Buddy began gunning the engines to get the boat off the shore, but the boat and the engines were so shot up that we started to sink. Buddy was screaming and crying at the same time, swearing at people in the jungle to stop shooting at us.

I was drifting in and out of consciousness. I had been in Nam long enough, and had seen enough people die to know I was dying. I heard people crying and telling God and me how sorry they were. There were sounds of a chopper in the distance coming down to take me out. The noise of the helicopter grew louder as it came closer, and I heard voices say, "He is dead," and, "He's not going to make it." I was lifted up and put in a poncho liner.

I woke up in the third field hospital outside Saigon in the intensive care unit. They had pumped me with morphine. Their philosophy was, "Why make him suffer anymore? He's going to die anyway."

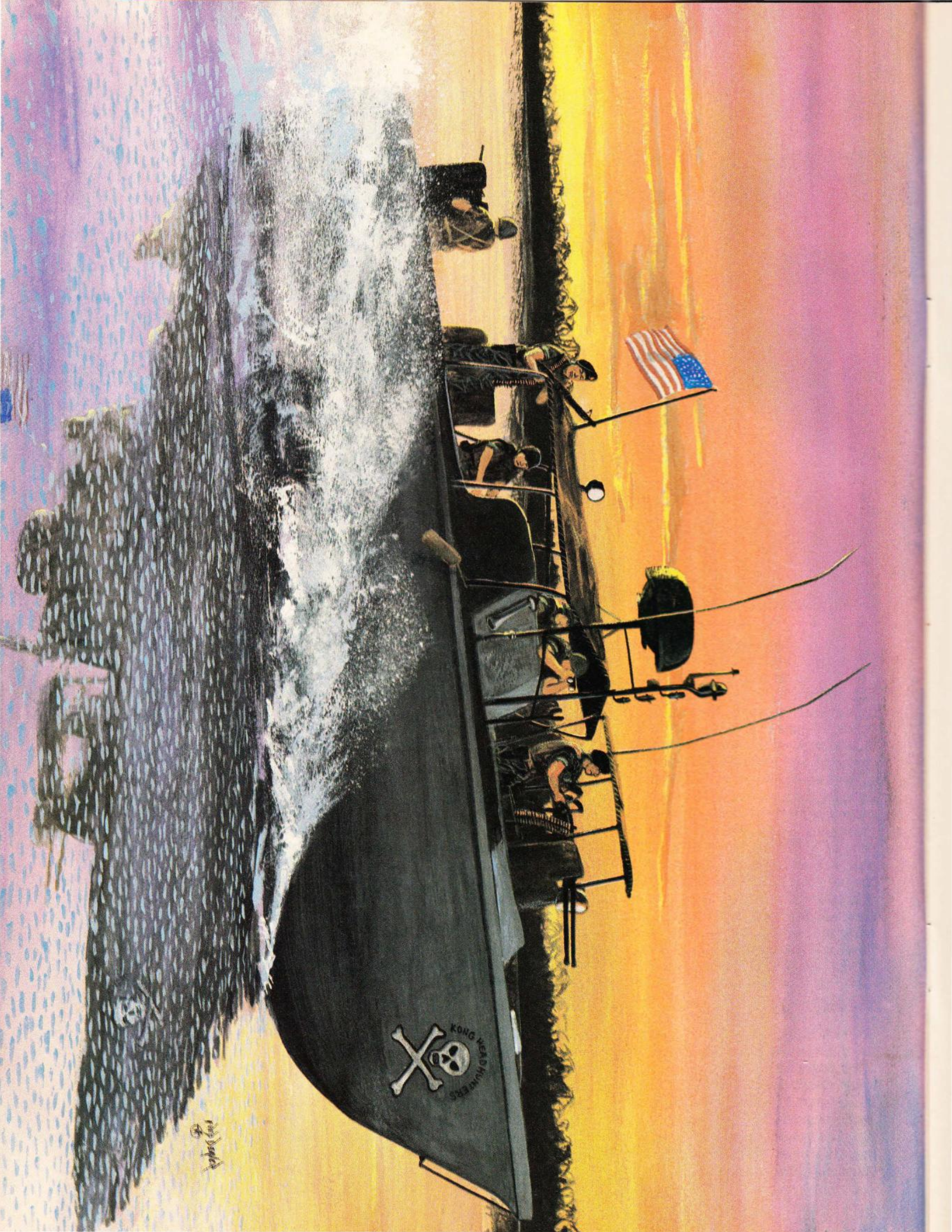
13 Years Later

But 13 years and 37 operations later, I had become addicted to both illegal and prescription drugs and smoked marijuana and drank heavily.

I had a wonderful wife and two beautiful children, but this abuse wrecked my marriage, and we were headed for divorce court. I couldn't handle it any longer. I was sick of hurting. I hurt every day.

One day, through the booze and drugs, I heard a voice persuade me to end it all. I went to the gun cabinet, got out my 357 Magnum, went into the bedroom, and prepared to blow my brains out. But I had a vision of my two children running down the hallway laughing.

Entering the bedroom to see their daddy, they instead saw my brains splattered on the bedroom wall. I heard their screams and saw the per-



manent psychological damage that would be done.

I was broken. I cried out, "God, if you're for real . . . if you really sent your Son . . . if you can take away all my hurt, pain, bitterness, anger, and frustration, I need you now." And I hit the floor and repented of every sin I could remember.

There were not any skyrocketers or sounds of angels, but a love and power I had never known suddenly took over my life.

Unexpected Reunion

On Friday, July 2, 1982, Shirley was in the kitchen preparing lunch, listening to a radio broadcast called *Born Twice*. The guest was a visiting evangelist, a disabled Vietnam veteran. Shirley called to me outside and asked if I'd be interested.

Several weeks before, Buddy Wilson made a surprise visit following a business trip. He told me how he had helped throw the burning body of the Preacher Man on a rescue helicopter only 2 weeks after I had been wounded. According to Buddy, there wasn't a chance in 10 million the Preacher Man lived to make it back to the field hospital.

As I walked into the kitchen, I heard a somewhat raspy voice talking about riverboats, special operations, and losing 40 percent of his flesh to a white phosphorous grenade in the Mekong Delta. Instantly my mind raced back 13 years. There, underneath my bunk with his guitar, was the Preacher Man. It couldn't be! He was dead—gone—burned alive like all the others who didn't make it!

I had to know if the Preacher Man was still alive. Nothing else had any meaning at that moment. I knew I had to call that radio station. After all, I had come back from the dead. Could it be possible the Preacher Man did too?

As I began dialing, my hands started shaking and my throat went dry. When the pastor answered, my heart jumped into my throat. I managed to ask if the Vietnam vet was still there. Soon the evangelist came on the phone and introduced himself. I asked him if he was with River Division 573, and he replied that he was. I asked him if he was stationed on a barge in Tan An. Again, his answer was yes. I asked him if he was the guy they called Preacher Man. There was a pause. Another yes.

When I asked him if he was the guy who slept under my bunk and kept telling me about Jesus, my voice started to crack. Dave cried out: "Are you the one I used to call Pervert #1? Man, I thought you were dead!"

The next 15 minutes were filled with tears, laughter, and the most loving, yet peaceful feeling I had experienced since my return from Vietnam. Dave told me how he had cried and prayed to the Lord the night I was wounded that God would spare my life.

Dave asked if it would be possible for Shirley and me to meet him at First Assembly where he would be speaking. When we arrived that night, the church was jam-packed with a crowd of the most excited individuals I had ever seen.

Forever Changed

As Shirley and I listened to Dave's sermon, it was like we were in a dream world. He spoke about divine intervention and how the Lord brings individuals together at the right time and place.

He said it was God's will that he be in Grand Rapids at that precise moment. He explained about the unexpected, unplanned request to be on a local Christian radio program. He told of the phone call after leaving the broadcast booth that took him back 13 years to the jungles of Vietnam.

In a shaken, emotional voice, Dave told the congregation of a hardened, hollow-eyed combat veteran who became known as Pervert #1; a man who vehemently [intensely] rejected his testimony of Christ. He told of how the horrors of war had turned this teenage soldier, whose life's foundation was built on immorality and profanity, into a bitter alcoholic.

Then, after countless attempts to bring him to the Lord, armor-piercing bullets from automatic machine guns and grenades ended the life of the

man he had tried so desperately to befriend.

By this time, Shirley and I were sobbing, no longer able to control ourselves.

When he heard the news of the attack and how badly I was wounded, he broke down and wept and asked the Lord to save my soul.

I buried my face in my hands. I could feel my wife quivering and sobbing as she leaned next to me. . . .

Suddenly, the atmosphere of despair and loss was replaced with joyous victory as Dave rocked the entire congregation with an announcement—the man he had given up as lost for eternity was there worshipping with them tonight!

At Dave's request, I stood to meet him halfway down the center aisle. Loving hands reached out to sustain and embrace Shirley, as if a long lost loved one had finally come home.

Suddenly, a power, a force, enveloped my entire body. It was neither physical nor psychological, yet it was so overwhelming. All the pain, heartache, disappointment, anger, and frustration of an entire lifetime were being supernaturally extracted from me.

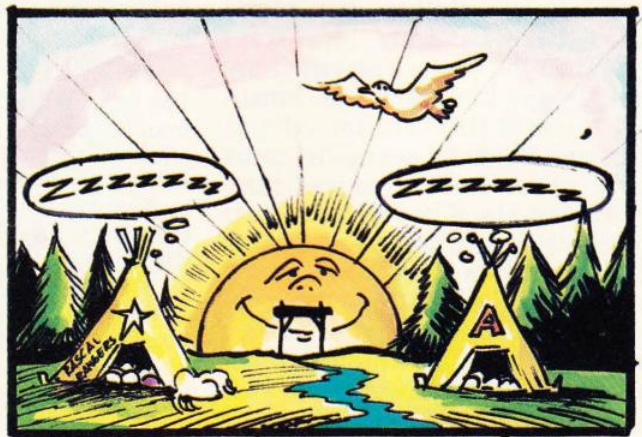
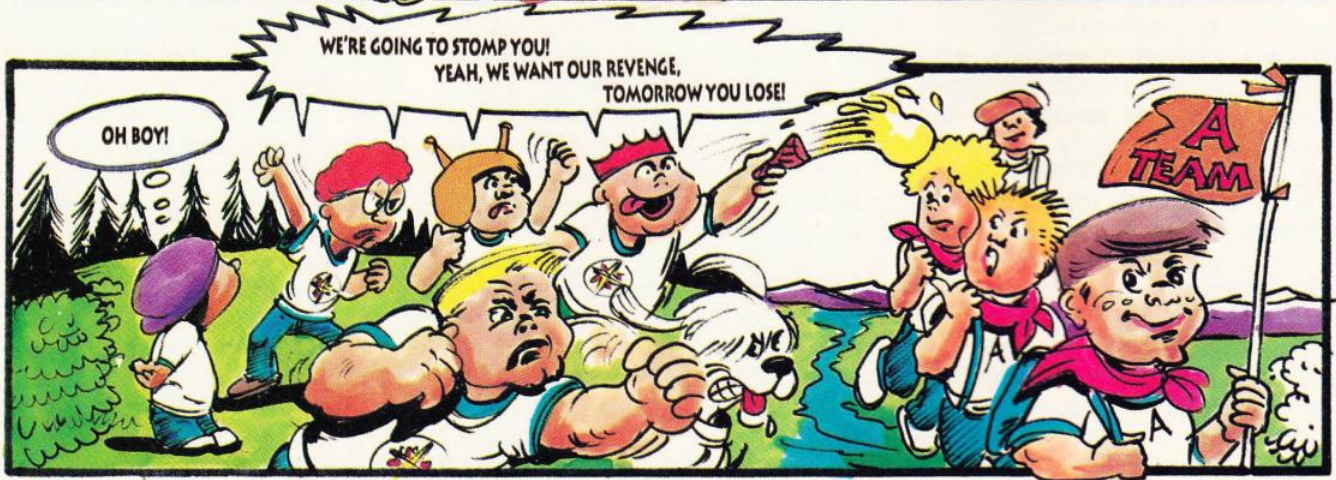
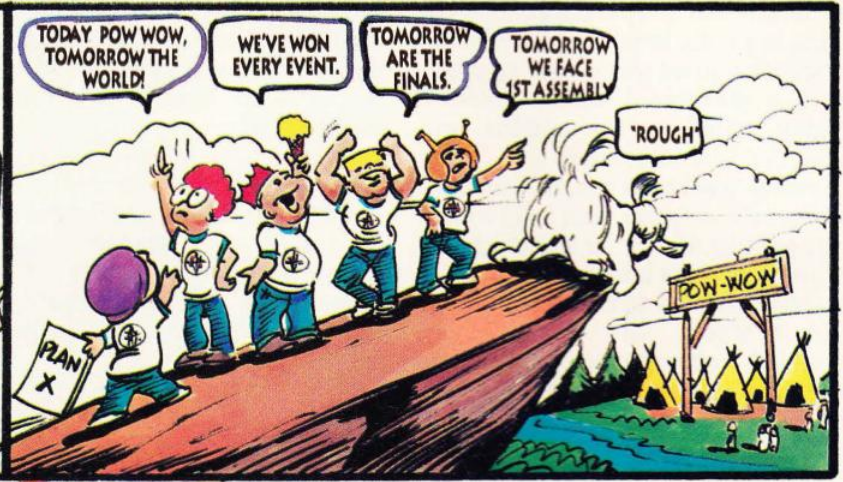
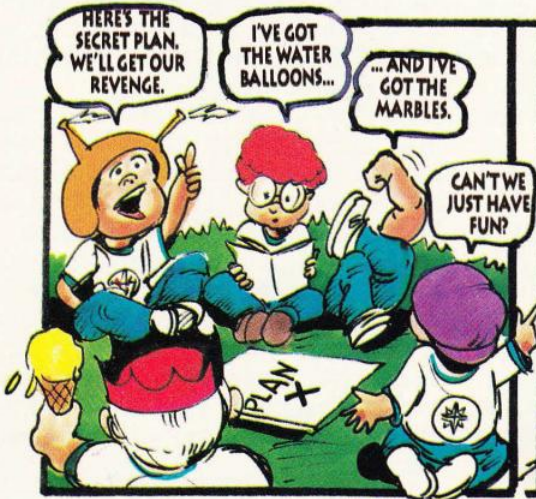
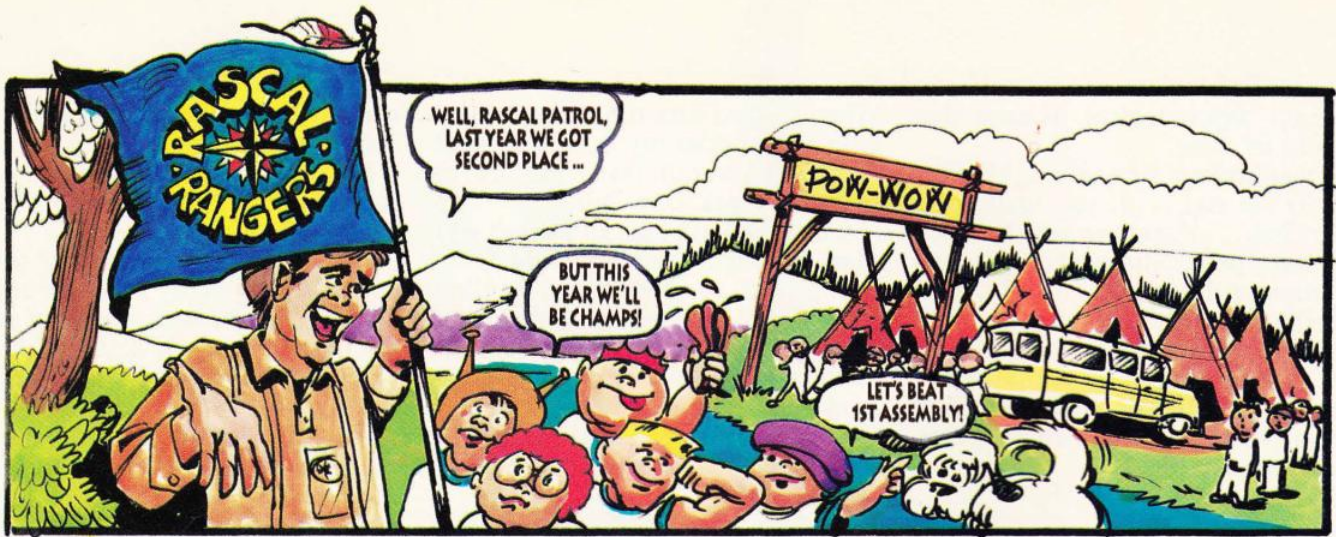
I stopped walking momentarily and placed my hands on my temples, uncertain whether I could make it to the altar. I felt so strangely weak, and yet, at the same time, a warm peace and contentment filled me.

I finally approached Dave and reached out to him. I saw past that viciously scarred face into the eyes of a man filled with a joy, peace, and compassion that transcended into pure, supernatural love.

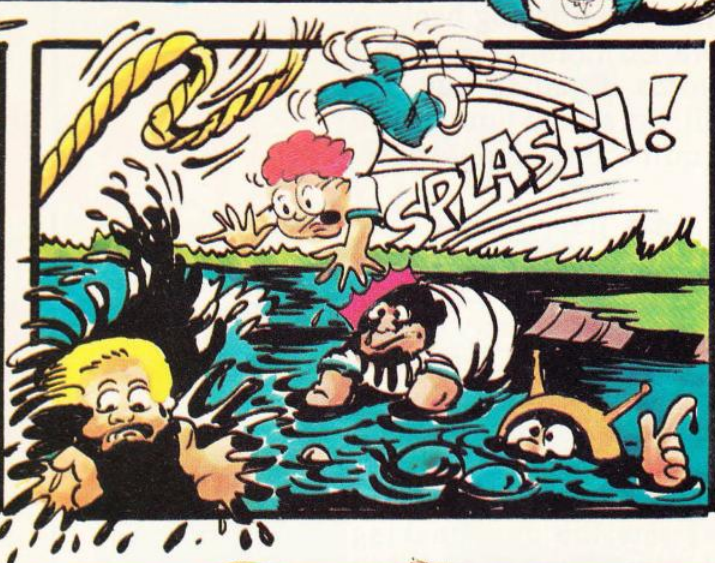
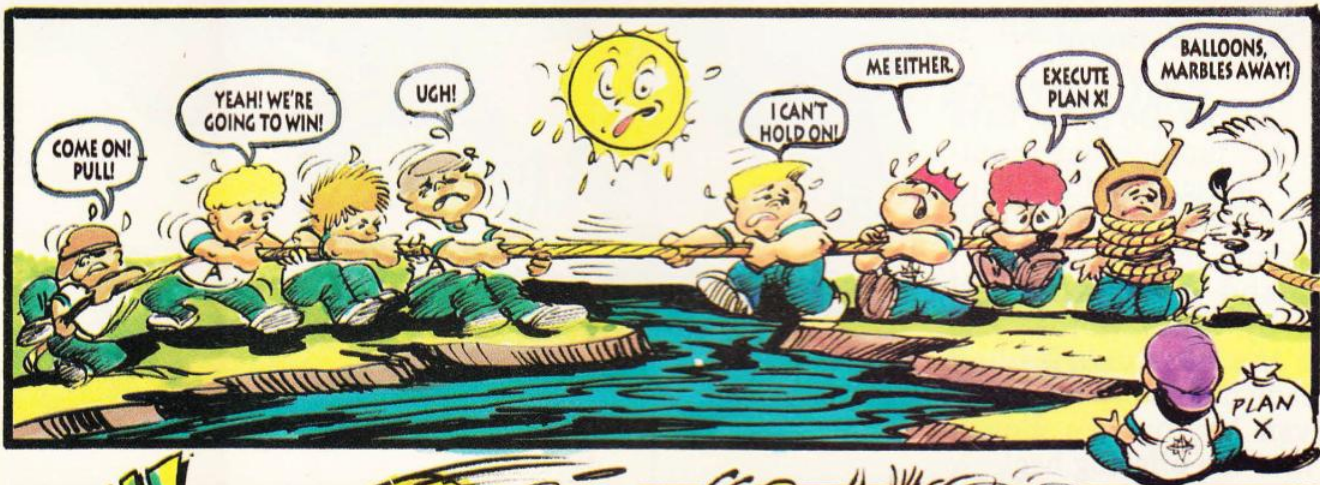
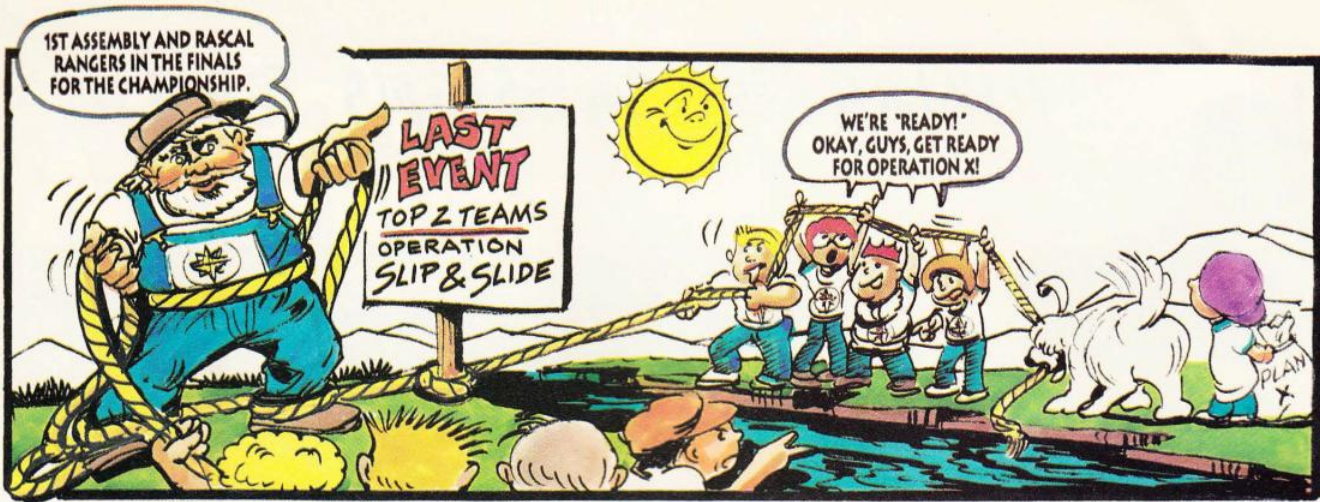
We turned and faced the teary-eyed audience. We were alone, yet, there was the presence of Someone much larger: Someone more powerful than the human mind could comprehend standing directly behind us with His hands on our shoulders. We were part of a divine, predestined plan. ☉

The Mickey Block story is an excerpt from his booklet *Saved to Serve*. Mickey's incredible story is told in its entirety in *Before the Dawn*, published by Pocket Books. This paperback book can be purchased at most bookstores. His testimony is also available on videocassette and can be ordered through: Saved to Serve Ministries; P.O. Box 834; Grandville, MI 49468.





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HIKING The MISSIONS TRAIL

By L. Mastrorio

More. Do more. Give more." The exciting missions convention had just ended at my church. I couldn't understand why I was still nagged by those words. The stories the missionaries had told made me empty my pockets. Even McDonald's money went into the offering bag!

"More. Do more. Give more." The words began to bug me. After all, I'm still in junior high. I can't quit school and go overseas!

The next day, during basketball practice, a new player showed up. The coach introduced the dark, skinny guy as Chan Fai Fong. Chinese, I guess. He played well, but sometimes he misunderstood the plays.

Later, while in the locker room, I saw the guys making fun of him. Chan Fai didn't catch on. He kept laughing and pretending he understood what they said. I knew better, though. I felt sorry for the guy because he was being picked on. But I didn't have the courage to do anything about it.

Later I saw Chan Fai walking down the street. He was headed toward the Chinese restaurant. I figured he must work there after school.



Photo by Ken Benintendi

More Than Egg Roll

Then I remembered the words from the missions convention: "More. Do More." *More what?* I wondered. My eyes fixed on the sign of the Chinese restaurant. About all I know of Chinese is "egg rolls." I had a nagging feeling God wanted me to do something—something weird.

That night I confessed to the

Lord, *What did I know about people from other countries?*

I suddenly realized none of my excuses were valid. It was time for straight talk with Jesus. So I began: Lord, what is this "more" stuff about? I'm ready to listen.

Without hesitation the Lord spoke to my heart: *Jason, you can do lots more. Chan Fai is*

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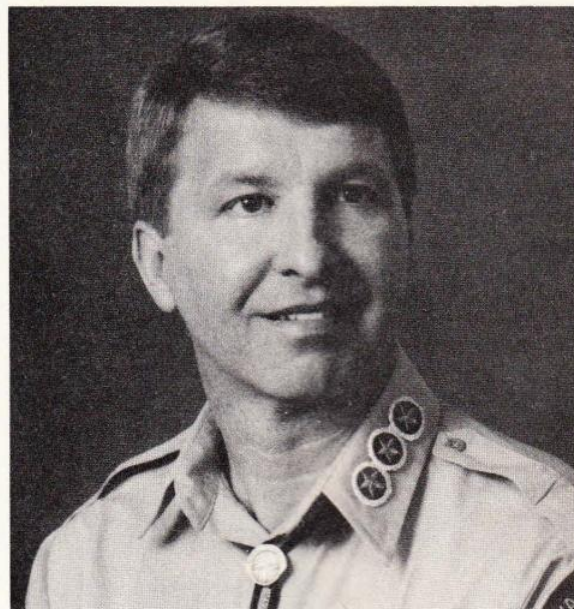
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*A man never stands quite so tall
as when he stoops
to help a Boy*



From The National Commander



The year was 1960. Burton Pierce, known then as national secretary for the Men's Fellowship, had received a memo that the Executive Presbytery had acted on his recommendation: The challenge was to begin a program for boys. This signed into action a dynamic ministry which has since led multiplied thousands of boys to Christ. Indeed, God has ordained Royal Rangers.

I marvel at the handiwork of God. The velocity of this ministry has not diminished . . . but has increased in magnitude. Each year thousands of boys are being added to the Lamb's Book of Life and are being filled with the Holy Spirit. It is a known fact that some national leaders are each leading about 1,000 boys to Christ every year.

In addition, thousands of leaders are being called to the ministry of Royal Rangers. This year alone more than 8,000 people have begun the task of training to become commanders.

One might ask, "Is the ministry working?" With resounding praise to God I say, "Yes!"

- At the district Pow Wows I attend across this nation, I see hundreds of boys streaming toward the altar to invite Jesus to be Lord of their lives.

- It is in the outposts that, week after week, leaders are building boys into godly men. It is there the Christian foundation is being laid, which will not escape the minds of boys.

- In our brief existence more than 2,200 boys have earned the Gold Medal of Achievement—the highest obtainable Royal Rangers award, which marks outstanding Christian character.

- Since we have begun many of these boys and others have become pastors, missionaries, government leaders, and lay pastors.

- I just attended the 1992 National Rendezvous

at Eagle Rock, Missouri. There I witnessed a gathering of more than 800 boys and men who are the spiritual leaders of Royal Rangers. I witnessed the dedication to God and to this ministry in the action of hundreds of FCF men. And I saw hundreds of boys following in their footsteps, striving to be God's men for the hour.

These young men practiced the ways of FCF with glee in their eyes. They camped under the stars and, with their leaders, praised God to the tune of fiddles, harmonicas, and guitars.

Their costumes did not reflect the tone of frontiersmen alone. They, with pride, were living proof that godly men and boys are marching forward with a testimony of Christ.

"Thank you, Lord, for the pioneer leaders who have helped establish this ministry. I praise You, God, that we are moving forward for You. To You be the glory that more than 1 million boys have learned about You through this ministry. I rejoice that You have blessed us with 30 years of successful evangelism. And to You I and the other leaders of this ministry vow to sacrifice of ourselves so that millions of other boys of this world may learn of You."

Commander, we have come this far because of God's goodness and blessings. But we have only begun to see the wonders God has in store for this ministry. We, as did Moses, must climb to the mountaintop to meet with God. We must hold strong to the Master's hand as He leads us to the top.

Let's believe in great things for the years ahead. Together we will praise God for a glorious 30 years and for a harvest of young souls, as never before seen, in the days to come.

Fitnecessary

The beginning of a new school year is a great time to begin an exercise program in your outpost. Photocopy this page and present it to your Rangers. Encourage them to practice these steps at church, school, and home. With the boys' input, make an exercise chart—listing the boys' names, specific exercises, and repetitions. Encourage the boys to do these exercises daily. Each week place a check mark by the names of boys who completed their exercises. Have a quarterly contest, and award a prize to the boy with the most check marks at the end of each quarter.

By Steve Maruszak

The habits people practice during their youth can be easily carried over to their adult years. So why not begin good habits today? If you are not in good physical condition, begin by shaping up for the school team or for the next Royal Rangers outing.

Below is a list of exercises you can do to become more physically fit:

1. **Walk or ride your bike** whenever possible. Walking is one of the best exercises known because it puts less stress and strain on the leg joints and muscles.

2. **Participate in strenuous physical activities** at least three to four times a week. Choose one that will double your resting heart rate for 20 to 30 minutes.

Sports such as swimming, tennis, biking, basketball, roller or ice skating, racquetball, and soccer will strengthen your heart and body. Remember to warm up first by stretching and doing some light jogging. Cool down the same way after you complete an activity. Ask a friend or a family member to participate with you. Exercising is much easier and fun when done with a partner.

If the weather is bad outside, other recreation—such as rope jumping and aerobics—can be done indoors. Try exercising to your favorite music.

3. **Try sprinting or jogging.** If you

are trying out for a school team that requires much running, put in some extra work sprinting or jogging beforehand. By doing so you can avoid soreness and injuries, which can disrupt your efforts to make the team.

4. **Remember to get plenty of rest.** Sleep at least 8½ hours each night.

5. **Exercise with weights.** If you choose to use weights to build your strength, go slowly and lift a light amount (one-third to one-half your body weight) at first. Increase the weight you lift as you become more fit. And always lift with a partner.

Never take steroids. Scientific studies have proven steroids have dangerous, life-threatening side effects. They can also stunt a young person's growth. Also, your physical well-being and development can be affected by your diet.

Here's a guide to better health:

1. **Cut down on foods high in fats,** especially those made from beef products. Fats lead to health problems. You may want to begin reading food labels.

2. **Cut down on fried foods.** If you are going to eat them, look for foods fried in vegetable oil. Again, read food labels to find foods containing fewer fats.

3. **Eat fewer sweets and foods containing sugar.** White, granulated,

processed sugar has little or no nutritional value and provides only empty calories.


4. **Choose fruits for snacks or desserts.** They provide essential nutrients like vitamins, minerals, and carbohydrates.

5. **Use less salt in your diet.** Most foods have more salt cooked into them than you normally need even before you reach for the salt shaker. Salt, when overused, increases both blood pressure and body fluid.

6. **Eat a balanced diet** that contains proteins, fats, and carbohydrates—and vitamins and minerals. Your body needs vitamins and minerals, which come from vegetables and fruits, to function properly.

7. **Always drink plenty of water.** You need to replace body fluids you lose from physical activity. Your kidneys and other organs must always have lots of water.

Hopefully you have picked up and will begin to use a few ideas that will help you become physically fit. And remember, your body is a "temple" of the Holy Spirit. (Read 1 Corinthians 6:19.)

Habits are not easily changed. But the Bible teaches us in Philippians 4:13: We can do all things through Christ, who strengthens us. 

National Council: A Time of Firsts

The 1992 National Royal Rangers Council—held April 23-25 in Springfield, Mo.—saw a number of “firsts” and adopted new programs.

- The 1992 Council—more than 200 district, regional, and national leaders—was the first to operate under the new Royal Rangers Constitution and Bylaws, which was adopted the previous council. Councilmen sent 17 resolutions to the floor.

- Among resolutions adopted was one of the first national missions programs: Light-for-the-Lost Junior Councilmen. This program was also adopted by the LFTL Council and the District Men's Directors, who convened simultaneously at conventions in Springfield.

The missions program is awaiting review and approval by officials of the General Council.

The LFTL Junior Councilmen program is designed to educate Rangers about home and foreign missions and to encourage them to participate in world missions outreach. Detailed information on this program will be shared in upcoming *High Adventure* and *High Adventure Leader* issues.

- Also adopted was the resolution to implement the New International Version in Royal Rangers curricula. This Bible translation has been officially endorsed by the General Council Executive Presbytery.

- This was the first council in which standing committees met and functioned. These committees are the Resolutions Committee, Training Committee, Public Relations Committee, Productions Committee, Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship Committee, and Programs Committee.

These standing committees, which function under the guidelines of the Royal Rangers Constitution and Bylaws, were formed to study and enhance various programs within our ministry.



Photo by Zenith Randles

Rev. Dick Gruber, a guest speaker during council, illustrates the number of hours leaders have each week to reach boys for Christ.

The committees met April 23 to begin an extensive list of work projects.

Standing committee members also met with councilmen during special breakaways to discuss ongoing areas of ministry. Also, standing committee chairmen gave reports to the entire council in relation to committee objectives and goals.

- Another first was the largest-ever attendance of wives at this year's council—90 strong. The Royal Rangers ladies group gathered for special activities with one another and with wives of DMD's and LFTL councilmen.

- Though not a first, there was another vote of confidence for each of the council officers. David Wharton, president; Mark Gentry, vice president; and James Barger, secretary; were reelected to serve 2-year terms of office. Congratulations council officers!

Special Highlights

- Councilmen were among the first to see the new Royal Rangers video *One in a Million*. The video was produced by the national Royal Rangers Office in cooperation with the Cardone Media Cen-

ter. For further information on this 6-minute video, see page 16.

- Guest devotion speakers during morning council meetings were Rev. Joseph Flower and Rev. Terry Raburn. Brother Flower, general secretary of the General Council, spoke April 24. Director of Church Ministries Terry Raburn spoke the following morning.

- Each evening was highlighted by special services in which guest singers and speakers presented the gospel challenge.

During the April 23 evening service, councilmen were ministered to by a four-piece brass ensemble and a men's quartet, both from Central Assembly in Springfield. That night Paul Stanek, national deputy commander, and Don Franklin, national staff member, were presented honorary doctorate degrees by John Eller, national dispatcher.

Other councilmen honored that night were John Eller, Don Franklin, and Ellis Stutzman—each of whom were awarded a Medal of Honor. Guest speaker that night was National Commander Ken Hunt.

The evening service of

April 24 was highlighted by the Revivaltime ensemble. The service was capped by the special ministry presentation of Rev. Richard Gruber. Brother Gruber, himself a commander, is children's ministries consultant for the national Sunday School Department.

The Silver Eagle Banquet was the finale of the council, April 25. That evening councilmen were ministered to with special singing and musicals. One highlight of the banquet was the presentation of 42 Silver Eagle Awards to councilmen for their outstanding leadership. The evening concluded as Rev. Ken Riemenschneider, secretary of Men's Ministries, challenged the councilmen with a special message.

On the platform beside Brother Riemenschneider sat two birthday cakes that commemorated the 25th anniversary of the Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship and the 30th anniversary of the Royal Rangers ministry. Indeed the spirit of ministry to boys was captured that night and throughout the council as the 1992 Royal Rangers theme resounded “Mission 2000 ... the Children” (Mark 10:14).



Commanders Travel to South Africa

A team of 12 Men's Ministries delegates traveled to South Africa last May to participate in a Light-for-the-Lost Prayer Task Force trip.

The leaders, three of whom were Royal Rangers leaders, divided into two groups to travel to Rustenburg and Johannesburg for a time of fasting, praying, and distributing of LFTL tracts.

National Commander Ken Hunt, Randy Claunch, of New Mexico, and Mike King, of Tennessee, were Royal Rangers leaders among those who traveled to South Africa.

Claunch, public relations coordinator for South Central Region, reports of his tour to Durban:

"The first day we spent 3 hours praying for the people of Durban and for a mighty outpouring of God's Spirit. Afterward we passed out tracts around the city museum and library. Later that

day we traveled to Phoenix, a suburb of Durban, where we attended a service of about 100 people. These people prayed with a loud fervor. The church had 20-30 Royal Rangers boys and men.

"The following day, May 7, we fasted for two meals and prayed for 4 hours. Later we handed out thousands of tracts along a train depot and outdoor market place. That evening we attended a service in Chadsworth, another Durban suburb. During altar call we prayed for a demon-possessed lady. We *commanded* the demon to leave!

"Friday, May 8, we fasted during breakfast time. At 3 p.m. we went to Durban then later to Phoenix for another church service. About 200 attended that night.

"The next day we met with about 60 believers. After the meeting we were pleasantly surprised to hear a number of




Photo by Randy Claunch

Royal Rangers of Phoenix, South Africa

questions from men and pastors about the Royal Rangers program. Afterward we met with pastors for a time of prayer. Later that day we passed out thousands more tracts along the beach front.


"Sunday, May 10, we traveled to Zululand for church services. At each of the meetings among the Zulu, Royal Rangers leaders and boys

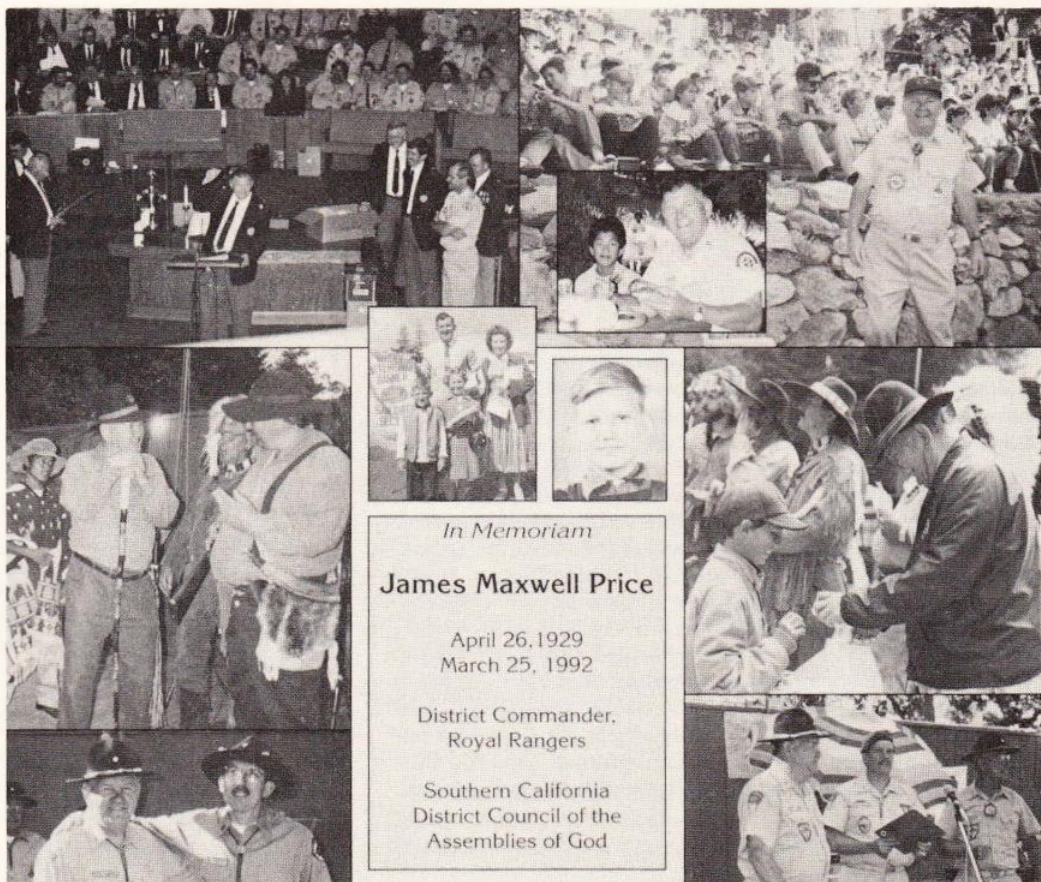
were my constant companions. We were able to share a great deal of encouragement to them.

"Monday, May 11, was our final day in Durban. The following day we traveled to Johannesburg, where we rejoined the other Prayer Task Force team then later returned to the States." 

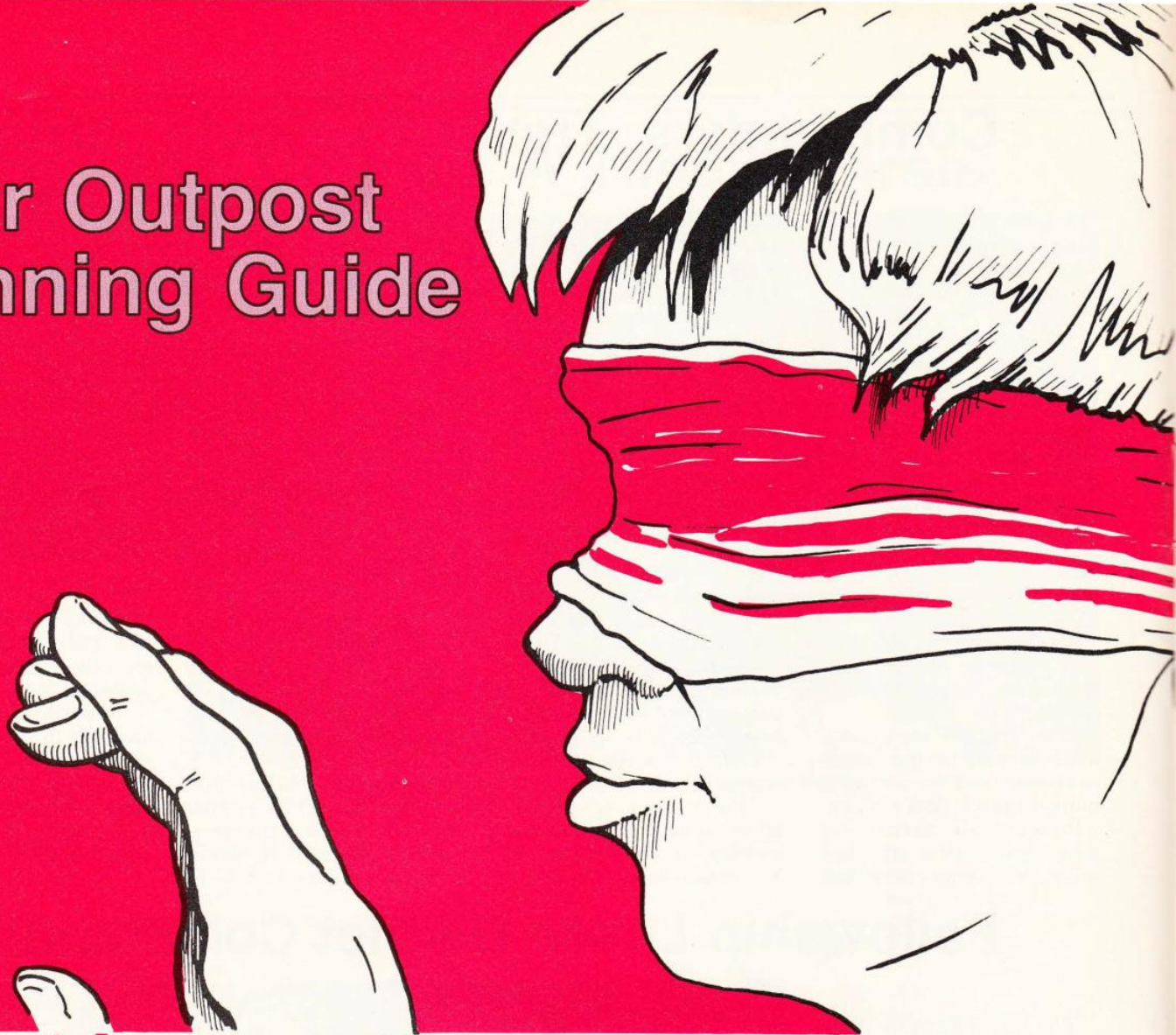
Fellowship Loses District Commander

The Royal Rangers ministry lost a devoted servant of God March 25, 1992. Southern California Commander James Price passed away after a series of heart complications. He died at age 62. His funeral was held at Newport Mesa Christian Center in Costa Mesa, Calif.

Commander Price served as Southern California District commander for 22 years, the duration of his career in Royal Rangers. We will greatly miss this beloved brother. His many hours of devoted ministry will not be forgotten. 



Your Outpost Planning Guide



Straight Arrows Program

By David and Marie Brecheen

September: Disabilities and Self-worth

Overall Approach—Sharing how God made each person different and unique, each with self-worth.

1st Week—Blindness. Young people become very vocal when they see someone who has a disability like blindness. To help counteract this reaction, educate your Straight Arrows about blindness and how a blind person may feel. State the simple facts about blindness and how blind and seeing people react and deal with blindness. Explain how blindness can be caused by many things. Tell how blind people today can live useful and full lives—specially equipped schools for education, trained dogs for transportation, access-enhanced public buildings. Many blind people function in everyday jobs and participate in sports, such as skiing, swimming, hiking, and basketball.

Blind people do not like to be looked on as “disabled.” Therefore, teach your Rangers to treat an impaired person like anyone else. Show Scripture verses where Jesus healed the blind. There are a number of examples in the Bible where Jesus prayed for and healed people who were blind. Explain that Jesus did this so God would be glorified and that Jesus still heals the blind today.

Scripture verse this week: John 9:1.

2nd Week—Deafness. As with a person who is blind, a deaf person is one who is easy to recognize if we are alert to those

around us. Tell your Rangers that this impairment, like blindness, is caused by many physical problems. Explain that persons who are born deaf, or who lose their hearing at an early age, are usually also mute. Now share about the communication skill called sign language.

As early as the 1600s people were taught how to speak by using hand signals. In 1750 a school was opened in Paris to teach people how to speak with their hands. In the United States schools were opened for the deaf in the 1800s. Since then deaf people have been taught how to speak vocally as well as with sign language. Deaf children today are taught in some public schools but usually in special schools. Like those who are blind, the hearing impaired do not like to be thought of as less than whole. They have learned how to live with their difference and want to be treated like others. Some have learned how to read lips and can carry on a conversation without being recognized as being deaf. Your boys need to know that we can pray, as was shown in the Bible, for those who have this problem. But what many people do not realize is that many deaf people would prefer a “non-hearing world” so there would be less strife in the world. For further information, read the winter 1991-92 *High Adventure* article titled “Johnny Goes to Camp,” on page 8.

Scripture verse this week: Mark 7:37.

3rd Week—Physical Disabilities. This week teach your Rang-

ers how to accept, respect, and appreciate people with physical deformities. Our boys need to understand that, though they may be different in some ways, those with disabilities are no less equal. A boy with a disability likes friends and loves to play just like all the rest. Educate your boys on some of the reasons people are deformed—both through birth and accidents. For the remainder of the meeting, assign each boy to function under one of the following handicapped conditions: 1. lame, 2. hearing impaired, 3. deaf, 4. blind, 5. deformity. Bring these items to the meeting for this exercise: 1. wheelchair, 2. crutches, 3. ropes or strips of cloth—for loosely securing arms and legs, 4. earplugs, and 5. blindfolds. Instruct the boys that they must function with the condition they have been assigned. This exercise should help your Rangers to better understand those who are handicapped.

Scripture verse this week: Acts 3:6.

4th Week—Mental Disabilities. Prior to this week do some research on the various kinds of retardation and learning disabilities. This disability is one of the hardest to recognize and may be one of the hardest topics for you to discuss. Mental disabilities range from learning disorders (such as dyslexia) to mild, medium, and severe retardation. And these disabilities are caused by anything from drug abuse to chromosome disorder to heredity. Explain that most children with learning disabilities and mental retardation can attend special classes—and in some cases take prescribed medicine—so they can function in society. For example, often individuals with Down's syndrome can learn to take care for themselves and their finances well enough to live by themselves.

Again, explain to the boys to never make fun of anyone with a disability.

Scripture verses this week: Luke 9:1,2.

5th Week—Self-worth. Many boys today struggle with lack of self-esteem. Millions of kids today come from broken homes or homes where they are mistreated and even abused. You may likely have some Straight Arrows who face such circumstances and who feel they have no self-worth. Explain to your Rangers that God created each of them and loves them beyond measure. Remind them that God loved them enough to send His only begotten Son to die on the cross. Then explain that they can do "all things" through Christ and that they are children of the "King." And do not just repeat these words; mean them with all your heart.

Now help the boys make a list of things they like about themselves and another list of goals they wish to accomplish. Whatever exercise you do, help build up the self-image of your boys.

Scripture verse this week: Philippians 4:13.

October: Ecology and Conservation

Overall Approach—Learning to take care of our earth.

1st Week—Our World. Our natural environment consists of soil, water, rocks and minerals, plants, animals, air, and sunlight. Have the boys give input on how they can help take care of each. Help the boys understand that they themselves must become responsible for taking care of Planet Earth. Man has polluted portions of the lands to the point it cannot grow plant life. Lack of plant life, in return, reduces the production of oxygen and promotes soil erosion. Soil erosion inhibits further growth of plants. Our boys must understand that they must help stop this vicious cycle.

Share information on erosion control from the summer 1991 *High Adventure Leader* and other resources. Combine this information with wildlife study. Then conclude the meeting by taking the boys outside to gather trash around the church. Perhaps you could take the boys on a "Clean Up America" as-

signment around the church neighborhood. In other words, get the boys involved.

Scripture verse this week: Genesis 1:1.

2nd Week—Water Resources. It has been said that water is the liquid of life. We know from the creation story that God covered most of the earth with water. Let the boys know our bodies are mostly made of water too. We know water is used for many things. Explain the importance of water—for our bodies and to enable crops to grow. Ask the boys to name other ways water is used. Then emphasize the point that we need to keep our water clean so that we can continue to use water for these purposes.

Say something like this: "Pollution can ruin our water. We need to protect it from chemicals, sewage, and things thrown into our streams, rivers, and lakes. The water in many of our rivers is so polluted that it is unfit for human use without expensive purification treatment. Often it is unfit even for fish. Because our clean and freshwater supplies are limited, we must do our part to help. Boys, you can help your parents conserve water at home. Don't keep water running when washing cars or bikes. Turn off the water when it is not needed. Control use of water on lawns, gardens, and plants. Don't waste water when you shower. And if you see trash in our streams, ask your parents to help you properly throw it away." For a field trip take the boys on another "Clean Up America" journey to a nearby stream.

Scripture verse this week: Genesis 1:9.

3rd Week—Solid and Hazardous Waste. Though your Rangers cannot do much about solid and hazardous waste, they need to be aware of such pollution. First, ask a boy to define the term *solid waste*—anything that goes into a dump or landfill that does not decompose. Share these facts with your Rangers: "According to one study an average family of four throws away about 50 pounds of garbage each week! Cities are running out of space to dump garbage. Some cities must haul garbage hundreds of miles away to the nearest available landfill."

Now ask a boy to explain the term *hazardous waste*—motor oil, pesticides, batteries, some cosmetics, paints, pet care products, windshield washer fluids, many arts and crafts supplies, etc. Some products just mentioned can be recycled. Call your city or county recycling agencies to learn what items can be recycled. Recycling tips can be found in the summer 1991 *High Adventure/High Adventure Leader*. Your outpost can raise money for missions or an outpost project by recycling aluminum cans.

Scripture verse this week: Genesis 1:11.

4th Week—Recycling. Share these fascinating facts about trash and recycling: 1. Americans go through 2.5 million plastic bottles every hour. 2. Every year we throw away 24 million tons of leaves and grass clippings, which could be used as compost. 3. There are enough Styrofoam cups in landfills today to circle the globe more than 400 times. 4. We could fill the 1,350-foot-tall twin towers of New York City's World Trade Center with all the glass jars and bottles Americans throw away in just 2 weeks. 5. If a soda can is thrown out of a car window, it could still litter the earth somewhere 500 years from now.

Many towns and cities across the country encourage recycling by providing recycling bins. So get involved this meeting by taking your boys somewhere nearby where they can gather trash. Have them place the items that can be recycled in a special container.

References for this month: *Woodsy Owl Leader's Guide*, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service; *Let's Learn About Water*, County Water Authority; *You Can Be a Conservationist*, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture; *The Mailbox*, The Education Center,

November: Food and Cooking

Overall Approach—Because of the urban era we live in, many boys are not exposed to field crops or gardens. Therefore, they may not have a clear understanding of how food is produced. If so, this month is devoted to them.

1st Week—Where Vegetables Come From. Devote this week to telling your Straight Arrows how vegetables are grown. Secure photographs, from encyclopedias or other sources, that will help you illustrate the various types of vegetables and equipment used to harvest them. Describe the very basics of how a vegetable is grown—from plowing the ground, to planting the seed, to watering it regularly. Discuss how weather plays such an important role in the development of plants. Then explain that vegetables are grown in home gardens and on farms or ranches. Show photographs of the small garden tools needed to produce a garden and the gigantic vehicles used to harvest the crops. Tell the process involved in harvesting food. Bring to the meeting some fruit and vegetables. Explain the difference between the two. Ask your boys if any of them have been to a farm where they saw food being grown. Have them tell the group what they saw.

Scripture verse this week: 1 Timothy 6:8.

2nd Week—Where Meat Comes From. Devote this week to explaining how grocery stores get the meat and fish we eat today. Most boys have no knowledge where we get our food, other than at a marketplace. Explain that most meat and fish are raised on large ranches, imported from overseas, or fished by professional fishermen. Let the boys know that the amount of meat and fish we eat today far exceeds that which we could provide for ourselves. Involve your boys in a discussion on what types of livestock they have seen on farms. Ask them if they know where hamburger meat or tuna comes from. Then explain—using photographs, if possible—how livestock and fish are raised then processed for meat.

Scripture verse this week: Deuteronomy 14:4.

3rd Week—How Food is Prepared. This week explain how food is prepared. First, talk about how food is prepared at home. Most boys have probably watched or helped their mothers cook food. Explain that some vegetables can be cleaned, sliced, and eaten without being cooked and that others require cooking. Ask the boys if they can name some vegetables that do and do not require to be cooked. Next, explain that all meats, poultry and fish, must be thoroughly cooked. Otherwise the meats would be unhealthy to eat.

If your church has a kitchen, prepare to take your Straight Arrows there to demonstrate how to prepare some basic foods. For example, to teach the boys how to fry, bake, broil, and boil, have some hot dogs and buns on hand to demonstrate each type of cooking. Since hot dogs cook quickly, you will have time to teach your boys plus allow them to enjoy what you have prepared. Another option would be to prepare hot dogs over a campfire. We usually see food cooked over a campfire pit or a portable cook stove. So give the boys a chance to eat out in the open.

Scripture verse this week: John 21:9.

4th Week—It's time again for a "Fall Harvest Festival." You have shared about food and cooking all month, so conclude the month by presenting a food spread. You may wish to invite the Buckaroos and the Missionettes (same age group) to join. Decorate the meeting room with fall colors. You may wish to include games. If so choose some nonaction ones. Conclude with a devotional on "Thanksgiving."

Buckaroos Program

By David and Marie Brecheen

September: Explorers

Overall Approach—Teaching Buckaroos about some great pioneers who went into the unknown to explore new lands and space. The Christian Character Trait this month is *making decisions*.

1st Week—Our first explorer is Leif Eriksson. Leif, known as Erik the Fortunate, made—what some believe—history's greatest discovery by accident. In A.D. 1000 Leif sailed from his home in Greenland to Norway, where he had lived. He was a friend of King Olav Tryggvason. While at court Leif was converted from paganism to Christianity. That spring Leif sailed with two missionaries to Greenland to convert the colonists. While trying to save time by going around Iceland, Leif's crew ran into a storm. As a result the ship went farther south than they had intended. Weeks later the Viking crew sighted land. But it was unlike the vast nakedness of Greenland; it was dark green with rolling, thickly forested land. Today this land is known as Newfoundland. When they went ashore, the crew found much game and rivers alive with fish. Leif found fields of self-sown wheat and wine berries. Leif made no further trips there, but his brother Thorvald did. Thorvald took 160 Vikings there and stayed several years. Thorvald and his crew explored the land down to the coast of North America. Thorvald also became the father of the first child of European parentage to be born in America. The last Vikings visited this continent in 1347.

Scripture verse this week: Joshua 24:15.

2nd Week—Marco Polo was another young man who changed the course of history. He was a young Venetian merchant and scholar. Marco was only 17 years old when he started the first of his famous journeys. The year was 1271. Very little was then known of the Far East. Marco, his father, and his uncle set out to Asia from Europe. After 8,000 miles across endless plains, barren steppes, rugged mountains, and countless rivers, they arrived at the palace gates of Kublai Khan at Chandu. The trip took 3 years. Marco found favor with the powerful Khan and was allowed to explore the vast continent of Asia—from north to south, east to west. Because Marco was such a sharp, knowledgeable young man who had a keen and observant mind—he was able to clearly and accurately record what he saw. Marco recorded about the cultural wealth of China and the great court of Peking. He also told about Tibet, Siam, Burma, Laos, Java, Japan, and Sumatra. He recorded some about the size of the land of India and Ceylon. He wrote of the secluded Christian empire of Abyssinia and of Madagascar and Zanzibar.

Because of the great details Marco had gathered from his journeys, others who had followed his footsteps were able to use Marco's notes to draw an entire new series of scientific coastal charts for the benefit of mariners and merchants. It was from these known, printed facts that Christopher Columbus set sail and rediscovered North America.

Scripture verse this week: Ruth 1:16.

3rd Week—The first great explorer to see and cross the great plains in the southwest United States was Francisco Vasquez de Coronado. This Spanish explorer was a high official in Mexico when he heard about the magic Seven Cities of Cibola, far to the north. An imaginative friar told of many-storied houses filled with gold, silver, and gems. With this information Coronado took 300 Spanish cavalry and more than 1,000 paid Indians and blazed a new trail into what is now New Mexico,

looking for this "magic city."

Coronado and his group had marched across the arid Mexican desert country, across rugged mountains to reach the Rio Grande. It was in July of 1540 that this band of men arrived at Cibola—which is known today as Zuni, New Mexico. They found no gold, no treasure, no magic. Instead they found a little crowded village containing a couple hundred savages. Coronado set up his headquarters near Albuquerque and sent expeditions to the north and west. He himself led a group of men to the east and arrived in Texas, looking for another "city of gold." He went as far as Palo Duro Canyon in the Texas panhandle. They pushed on until they reached the great bend in the Arkansas River in Kansas. Coronado and his band went in search of gold but, instead, found a great new land. They were the first Europeans to explore the great American plains. And this part of the country still retains a Spanish influence today.

Scripture verse this week: Acts 21:13.

4th Week—David Livingstone was one of the most famous explorers of Africa. According to historians this Scottish minister and doctor has earned the title "greatest explorer of Africa." Livingstone's dedication to open up all of the Dark Continent remains unmatched to this day. In late 1849 he crossed the unexplored Kalahari desert in order to establish friendly relations with the tribesmen living near Lake Ngami. This was the first time a European gazed upon that beautiful lake. He later made his way 200 miles to the north and discovered the Zambezi River. This was almost in the center of Africa. The scientific world did not know it existed. At this time Livingstone decided to devote the rest of his life to exploring Africa. He crossed the Congo going to the Atlantic. On this journey he came down with a terrible fever, which did not stop him. He finally arrived at the port of Luanda in the province of Angola. It was there he was nursed back to health.

Livingstone's most demanding trip was back across Africa as he made his way to the Indian Ocean. He opened up a whole new trade route and a new world for the natives. From there he discovered the mouth of the Zambezi River (1856), Lake Nyasa (1859), and Lake Bangweulu (1868). The outside world thought that Livingstone was lost or dead. So in 1871 a New York City newspaper sent reporter Henry Stanley to find him. He did find him, but Livingstone was again sick. Stanley helped nurse him back to health. They then explored Lake Tanganyika and other parts of Africa together. David Livingstone died 2 years later. He left a record of African exploration that has not yet been surpassed. He not only gave the natives of Africa trade routes, but he also shared with them healing to the body as a doctor and healing to the soul as a missionary. Indeed Livingstone left his heart in the jungles of Africa.

Scripture verse this week: Ephesians 1:4.

5th Week—We conclude our study of explorers by looking at the life of space explorer/astronaut Colonel John Glenn. Glenn was born in Cambridge, Ohio, in 1921. He entered Muskingum College. But during his junior year (1939) Glenn left to take preflight training in the Naval Aviation Cadet Program.

He became a pilot in the Marine Corps and flew 149 combat missions in World War II and in the Korean War. He became a test pilot later and in 1957 became the first man to make a nonstop supersonic transcontinental flight from Los Angeles, California, to New York City. He set a speed record of 3 hours, 23 minutes, 8.4 seconds. Glenn then became one of the elect men selected to be an astronaut with NASA. On February 20, 1962, Glenn became the first American to orbit the earth in space in the spacecraft *Friendship 7*. *Friendship 7* was a Project Mercury Gemini capsule. *Friendship 7* orbited the earth three times and covered about 81,000 miles in 4 hours, 55 minutes. Glenn retired from the Marine Corps in 1965 and became a business executive and consultant to NASA. Later Glenn ran for and was elected senator for Ohio.

Scripture verse this week: Philippians 1:21.

October: Ecology & Conservation

See Straight Arrows Program for October. The Christian Character Trait this month is *gentleness*.

Scripture verses for this month: **1st Week**—Galatians 5:22; **2nd Week**—2 Timothy 2:24; **3rd Week**—Titus 3:2; **4th Week**—1 Peter 2:18.

November: Food & Cooking

See Straight Arrows Program for November. The Christian Character Trait this month is *kindness*.

Scripture verses for this month: **1st Week**—2 Corinthians 6:4-6; **2nd Week**—Ephesians 2:7; **3rd Week**—Titus 3:4; **4th Week**—2 Peter 1:7.

References for September: *Encyclopedias; A Book To Begin On Explorers*, by Leslie Waller, published by Holt, Rinehart & Winston; *Famous Firsts in Exploration*, by Hebert Mollay Mason, Jr., published by G.P. Putnam's Sons.

Decade of Harvest Prayer Calendar

Don't forget to mark your calendar! The first Saturday of every month has been designated a day of fasting and at least 1 hour of prayer for the Royal Rangers Decade of Harvest efforts. Please unite in prayer that God will use this ministry as a tool to bring an outpouring of His Spirit throughout this nation and others. Let's believe God for the following: 1. win 200,000 boys to the Lord, 2. a 50 percent growth in membership, 3. enroll an additional 20,000 leaders, 4. a 25 percent increase in Assemblies of God churches with Royal Rangers outposts, 5. a 100 percent increase in training camps for leaders.

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Pioneers, Trailblazers, Air-Sea-Trail Rangers Program

By John Eller

September: The Adventure of Life

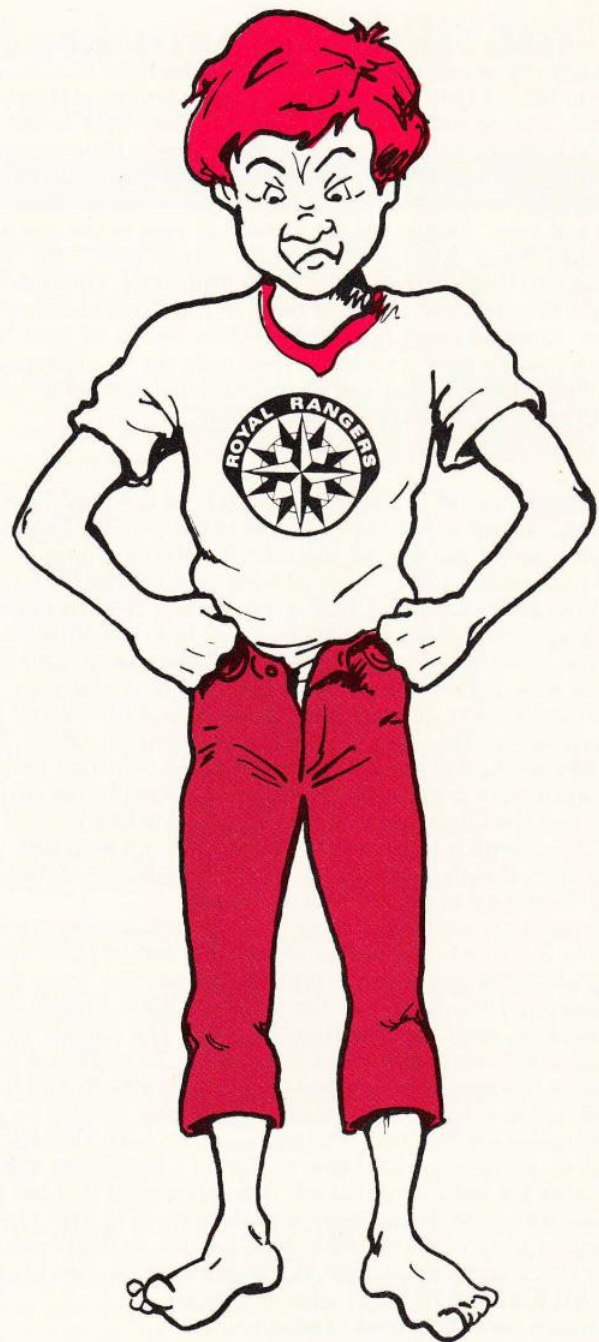
1st Week—Relate the following to your Rangers: "Life is filled with changes. Learning to adjust to these inevitable changes is very important. You boys are gradually changing into men. This should not frighten you. God made you this way. What you have dreamed of is happening. Don't get excited if others seem to be ahead of you. God has a special plan just for your life; you will catch up in due time. Some great physical changes are taking place for you. You are entering adolescence. It's a time of unsteady growth. But if you understand this, you have nothing to fear. Your arms and legs may seem to get out of proportion. One minute you are full of energy, then the next minute you are tired. Take it easy; you don't want to injure your health. Don't get lazy, either. Keep your trust in the Lord, and He will give you wisdom." After you have shared the above, demonstrate—through the use of visual aids and/or handouts (e.g., encyclopedia)—how the human body functions, and add some tips on good health habits (i.e., eating right, getting 8 hours of sleep, proper exercises).

2nd Week—Continue the theme from last week: "As a growing boy you may be considered by some to be awkward or clumsy. Those who look at you this way have simply forgotten what growing up was like for them. One day, before too long, you will be an adult. Some of you may soon be thinking about shaving your facial hair. But don't rush into it; you'll have to whittle on your beard for the rest of your life. And, fellows, you need to be more careful about bathing. Everyone despises body odors, even you. Use deodorant every day. Change socks and underwear daily." Have a volunteer prepared to present a demonstration on "The Importance of Body Care." Encourage the helper to bring visual aids—such as mouth wash, breath mints, soap, and shampoo.

3rd Week—Again, proceed with your discussion on *growing up*: "Many of you may have already discovered that your voices are changing as you become older. You may have been a tenor as a boy but a baritone or bass as a man. And your voice probably cracks. But relax because that's natural. Your vocal cords are stretching into their adult positions. Don't rush or strain your voice. Let the change come as it will. Before long you'll be able to sing without fear of squeaking or cracking."

Invite your local song leader or minister of music to speak this week to your Rangers about voice change. Ask the person to be sensitive to the needs of boys and the changes their voices are experiencing. Invite a doctor or local dietitian to discuss diet in relation to facial problems and complexion.

4th Week—This week discuss with your Rangers their relationship with girls: "By now you've probably taken an interest in girls, which is normal. But this also requires you to examine your heart as a Christian. In doing so you need to ask God to help you control your behavior and feelings so they won't get you into trouble. Seek to make friendships in large groups. Dating comes soon enough, so don't rush it. Learn to be courteous at all times and considerate of the feelings and welfare of others. This is the mark of a Christian gentlemen and that



which separates the men from the boys. Some points you should remember are (write these down on a chalkboard or give handouts) as follows: 1. When introduced to a girl, shake hands only if she offers hers. But always offer to shake hands when introduced to another boy. 2. When a girl is about to be seated, help her with the chair. Never sit while the girl is standing. 3. Open the door for a girl so she can walk ahead of you. 4. Help the girl with the car door. Open the door then shut it once she is comfortably inside. 5. Never sit in the car and honk for her to come out. 6. If you're on a date, pick her up at the proper time. Conduct yourself like a Christian gentleman at all times, and return her safely home at the proper time. Build a good relationship with the adults in her life. They may be your future in-laws."

This would be a good time to open discussion on the importance of good behavior around girls. Boys naturally enjoy talking about this topic, which will open the door for you to

relate some sound, biblical truths on relationships.

5th Week—Continue the discussion on relationships: “The earlier in life we learn to deal with and handle our own problem, the better person we become. We must learn to accept the changes in our bodies and to realize they are God-given. When perplexed pray about your problems, or talk with your commander or pastor. They will pray with you to help you adjust. You’ll face new responsibilities in the transition from boyhood to manhood. Study your Bible to see how people solved problems in Bible times. (Cite some Scripture verses at this time.) Study the biographies of great Christians to see how other boys became men of God. (Be prepared to talk about some well-known individuals, such as pro ball players.) The adventure of life is the most difficult test to pass.”

Now list and discuss the following: 1. Keep your mind clean. 2. Keep your heart right with God. Now state the following: “Mark Philippians 4:8,9 in your Bibles, and read these verses often. You can have peace with the stresses of change if you keep your mind on the things of the Lord and if your affections are on doing His will. (Read Romans 12:1,2.) As you pass the test of life, you’ll be able to help and assist others who are following you on the trail of life. Move ahead with the confidence and satisfaction that God is changing you into the man He wants you to be.”

October: Problem Solving

1st Week—Explain the following to your Rangers: “Anytime people work together, problems can arise. It’s important that we approach these problems with a positive attitude. Otherwise unity and cooperation can be impaired, if not destroyed. Our goal, as Rangers, is to work together as an outpost and to promote harmony among leaders and boys. To achieve this goal everyone must work together. So your input and participation are vital. When problems arise most people react negatively to the situation. But we, as Christians, should not allow situations to sway us. So remember: Your attitude during difficult times can inspire others to look for answers they can find through Jesus Christ.”

Now, using an overhead projector or a chalkboard, list the following: 1. The Challenge, 2. The Odds, 3. The Possibilities, 4. The Perceptions, 5. The Conditions, 6. The Mechanics, 7. Brotherly Love, 8. Mutual Interest, 9. Communication, and 10. Prayer. Discuss each point in how it relates to relationships with one another.

2nd Week—Proper training for an athletic event is very important. Explain the need for conditioning in each of the following ways: physically, mentally, emotionally, spiritually, and socially. Select a favorite sport among the boys in your outpost, and explain the following: 1. rules, 2. equipment, 3. techniques, 4. training, 5. purpose of each player, 6. diagram of playing area (diamond, field, court, etc.), and 7. value of sport to the individual. Ask a leader to give a talk on the importance of good sportsmanship. Have the leader explain how a Christian can honor Christ as he participates in sport events. Tell how good attitudes can translate into everyday life and behavior. Ask one of your Rangers to give a 3-minute talk on lettering in a high school sport. Assign each boy to look up three Scripture references about athletics.

3rd Week—Christian service is an important aspect of outpost activity. Involvement in Christian service can actually prevent problems that arise from inactivity and boredom. Ask five Rangers to write 50 words about the following: 1. grace, 2. repentance, 3. faith, 4. new birth, and 5. sanctification. Explain—using Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23, John 1:12, 1 John 1:9, and Revelation 3:20—how a person becomes a Christian. Talk about these responsibilities of a person after becoming a Christian: 1. conduct, 2. faithfulness, 3. stewardship, and 4. wit-

nessing. Emphasize involvement in positive Christian service as a way to keep problems from becoming destructive.

4th Week—For this meeting feature demonstrate how to lead a person to Christ. Show how to encourage the person by praying for and with him, reading the Bible with him, and discussing problems with him. Have a Ranger, using the input of others, list on a chalkboard ways we can be of service to God and the Church. Give a talk about opportunities in the field of full-time Christian service—positions such as pastor, evangelist, missionary, and chaplain. Discuss the following topics in regard to full-time Christian service: 1. training and education needed, 2. opportunities available, 3. satisfactions and rewards, 4. sacrifices necessary, and 5. how a calling is received. Also, discuss how a layman can be involved in Christian service while engaged in another vocation.

November: Problem Solving

1st Week—Show how the Christian life is a warfare. Look up several Scripture references in your concordance to support this statement. We must recognize the real enemy: Satan. Explain to your Rangers that people are not our enemies; the devil is! Discuss how the whole armor of God—as found in Ephesians 6:13-17—for the Christian enables us to defeat Satan: 1. loins girt with truth, 2. breastplate of righteousness, 3. feet shod with preparation of the gospel of peace, 4. shield of faith, 5. helmet of salvation, and 6. sword of the Spirit (Word of God). Watch, pray, and be determined for God.

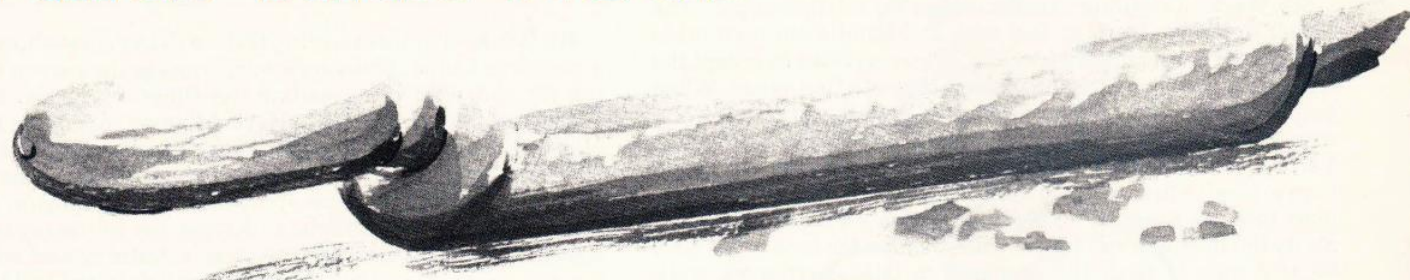
2nd Week—Continue the emphasis on spiritual warfare. Explain the following: There are certain things we Christians can avoid that will help promote unity and reduce unnecessary conflicts. When discussing the following points, refer to the list found in Proverbs 6:16-19. 1. A proud look: Show how pride is the basis of all conflicts. 2. A lying tongue: Discuss how lies hurt everyone. 3. Shedding innocent blood: Show how indifference and negligence are also harmful. 4. Devising wicked imaginations: Explain how thinking evil thoughts of others is not of God. 5. Running to mischief: Discuss how talebearing and gossip hinder the work of the Lord. 6. False witness: Explain that what we say about others can promote right or wrong. 7. Sowing discord: Tell how Jesus taught that peacemaking is of God.

3rd Week—Continuing with the theme from last week, show how we can combat these negative influences with positive action: 1. *Instead of a proud look, become humble.* We must all humble ourselves before we can be exalted. 2. *Trade the lying tongue for truth.* We must all learn to speak the truth in love. 3. *Instead of shedding innocent blood, seek to protect the innocent.* That protection will come back to us. 4. *Trade wicked imaginations for good thoughts.* We should allow the Lord to fill our hearts with virtue and praise. 5. *Instead of running to mischief, run the race set before us.* Keep looking unto Jesus. 6. *Trade false witness for the true witness of Christ* (see Acts 1:8). 7. *Instead of discord, do things that promote peace and harmony.* God has called us unto peace.

4th Week—Using a chalkboard, lead a buzz session on things we can do in Royal Rangers to promote cooperation. Ask for participation from both leaders and boys. Here is a list of possible prompters: 1. facing the issue, 2. learning to get along, 3. overcoming the fear of man, 4. learning the value of team effort, 5. working together for a common goal, 6. pulling together as a church body, 7. working through conflicts, 8. searching for ways and means to reach agreements and to find a common ground, 9. working with diverse personalities, 10. reducing friction, 11. cooperating in spite of difficulty, and 12. peacemaking as a common goal.

Crafts That Heal

Crafts for Boys



By David and Ammie Craun

The healing and therapeutic value of crafts have been known for centuries. Handmade gifts have been used by people of many cultures and ancient societies as expressions of love, generosity, and kindness.

Several institutions that professionally treat people with emotional or mental problems use crafts as therapy to help their patients resolve conflicts with others. The criteria for such handmade gifts are as follows: 1. The craft item must be something that can be completed with some degree of satisfaction. 2. The craft must have a structure that allows the person to "customize" the craft so it can be uniquely the person's own creation. 3. The craft must be given personally to the individual with whom there is a conflict.

Likewise, these three criteria can also be applied in the outpost. Added with prayer, crafts can help bring about the healing of broken relationships or bruised emotions, for example. Crafts given to a person as a symbol of love, forgiveness, repentance, sorrow, or openness can produce the positive effects of restoration and healing. The idea is to encourage your Rangers to make craft items then to give them as gifts to others.

Many of us, however, do not possess either the skill or the patience to hand make a craft with much expertise. As a result many inexpensive, predesigned items have been manufactured so that individuals can "customize" (by tooling, coloring, painting, reshaping, modifying, etc.) their own crafts. These crafts hold a valuable place in that they are perfect for being used as "crafts that heal."

Some of the more obvious craft projects that can be purchased as kits are as follows: models (cars, boats,



planes), wooden toys or games, leather work (coin purses, wallets, key chains), and art pieces with pre-printed patterns. Most of these projects can be purchased at hobby, art, and craft stores. Several catalog companies specialize in low-cost craft projects. One such company is S & S Arts and Crafts, etc. For orders or customers' service call 1-800-243-9232; for a free catalog call 1-203-537-3451.


Several ideas to get one started on the road to crafts that heal are:

1. Felt wall hangings with a personal message;
2. Dried gourds that have been painted and that have bells or beads attached;
3. Dough art crafts that are handcrafted/sculptured then dried and painted;
4. Paper and fabric collages—string, ribbon, and colored sand can be added;
5. Precut and punched leather craft objects—which are personal tooled, carved, and decorated;
6. A remembrance gift box (a small, empty box that has been gift wrapped with a scripture, a poem, or a special message attached);
7. Nature craft projects—collect objects from nature and have the boys use their creative abilities to shape, combine, and fabricate unique designs to

be given away; 8. String art; 9. Thumb print art—which can be made to look like insects by adding legs, eyes, antennae, etc.; 10. Precut wood projects—many stores have such crafts that can be easily assembled and stained/painted; 11. Clay writing tablets—made with clay, rolling pin, and a dull table knife.

The clay writing tablet is one craft boys of all ages would enjoy making. After rolling out and shaping the clay, use a ballpoint pin or a stylus to write a message on the clay. Then place the clay in an oven—using low heat—or place outside in the sun to dry. Once the clay dries and hardens, the written message can be highlighted with paint or a fine-point marker. Encourage your Rangers to give the tablet to a friend or family member who is ill or troubled.

God's Word teaches us to love our enemies and to do good to those who spitefully use us. Crafts as a gift to our "enemies" make this profound truth easily applicable for Rangers of all ages.

Remember the three criteria mentioned above and begin using your craft period for "crafts that heal." 

The Snapping Popgun

By John and J. D. Eller

Noisemakers, horns, and rattlers are old friends. A favorite noisemaker is the Snapping Popguns. They're lots of fun to play with and easy to make.

Items Needed

1 sheet of typewriter paper
1 pencil

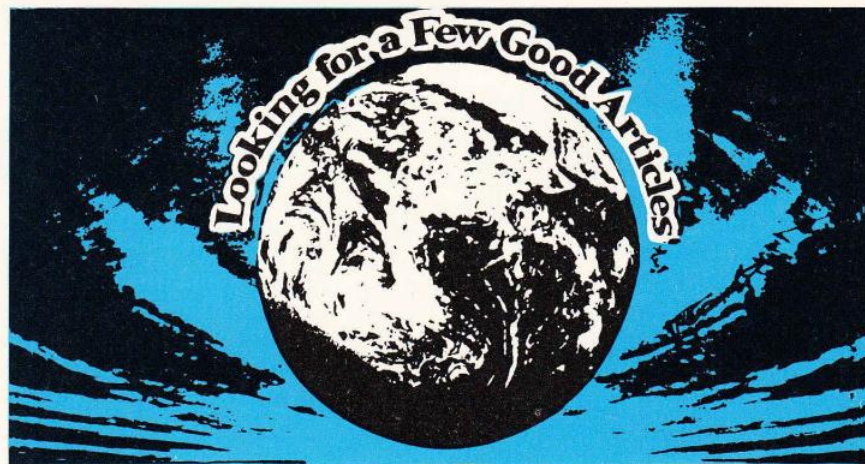
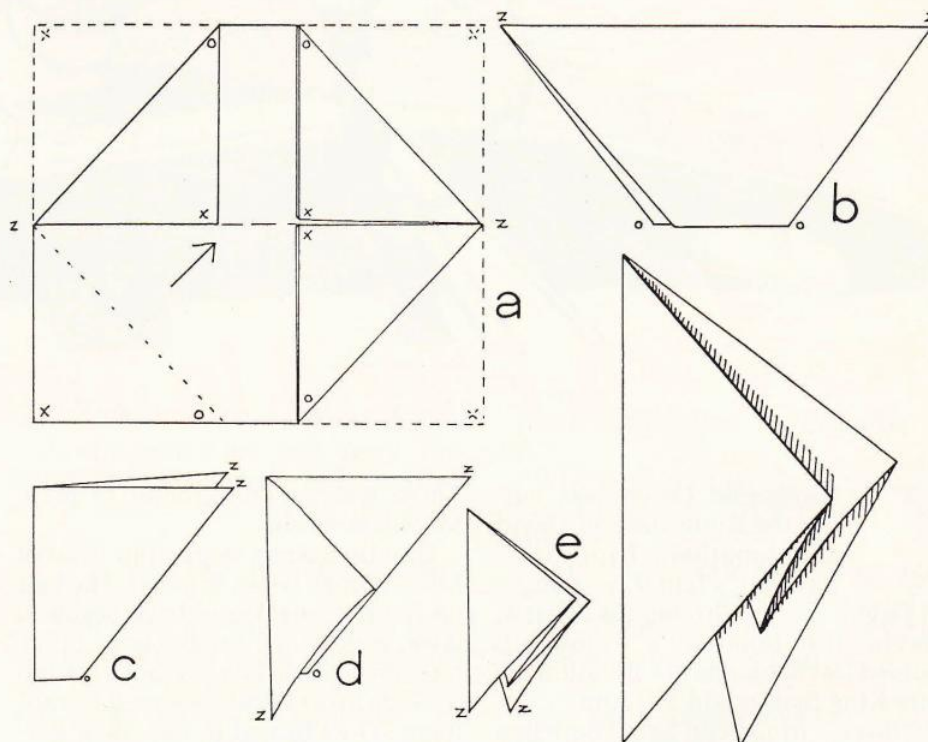
How to Make

The size of paper you use will determine the amount of noise it will make—the larger the louder. The paper should be longer than it is wide. Fold the paper in half along the long side then unfold it. Write the letter "z" on opposite sides of the folded line.

Now draw a small letter "x" on all four corners. Fold all corners to the folded line marked "z" (see Figure A). When all corners are in the middle, fold the paper in half (see Figure B). Then fold the corners inside as shown on Figure B. The folded line marked with the letter "z" is now on top.

Next, fold the paper in half again so that both corners marked with the letter "z" are together (see Figure C). Now fold down the top edges of the corners "z" as shown in Figures D and E. To make the gun pop, first hold the two points marked with the letter "z" in your hand with the folded inside part facing away from you. Snap your wrist hard. The folded inside part will pop out, making a noise.

To pop the gun again, push the fold back into the gun.



You've likely heard the Bill Gaither's song "A Few Good Men." Well, the *High Adventure* staff is in need of a "few good articles." Has your outpost participated in a unique Royal Rangers adventure—such as mountain climbing, scuba diving, cross-country hiking, or other outdoor events? Does your outpost, or one you know of, have an outstanding ministry? Do you know of Rangers-related adventure and news stories you think the whole world should read about? Or do you have a Royal Ranger in your outpost who has outstanding attributes or who has done some outstanding feat?

If you can answer yes to any of these questions, submit an article to the national Royal Rangers Office: High Adventure; 1445 Boonville Avenue; Springfield, MO 65802-1894.

Devotions for Boys

By Rev. Lauren W. Orchard



A Friend in Time of Need

Commander Owen was telling the Bible story of David and Jonathan. King Saul, Jonathan's father, was angry at David. He had thrown his spear at David. But Jonathan's friendship helped David escape the situation before King Saul could kill him.

"Boys, a friend can help you when you don't know what to do," said Commander Owen. "We all want friends. Yet to have friends we must show ourselves to be friendly. Remember, boys, Jesus said He would be a friend who stays closer to us than a brother."

The next morning Mike was thinking about friends as he walked to the bus stop. He remembered the help he had received when the gang came after him to beat him up last spring. But now he was sad. He would like a buddy to walk the 4 blocks to the bus stop with him. None of his school or church friends lived around him, though.

Suddenly Mike's thoughts were interrupted as a brown and tan dog slipped beside him and started walking with him. He was a medium-sized mutt.

As Mike bent to pet him, the little guy touched Mike's face with his nose. Mike looked at his name tag, which read "Barney." Together they walked down the street.

Without warning two older boys stepped out of the alley in front of Mike. Mike had seen them take money and lunches from other kids. Now they were after him. As they approached Mike's palms began to sweat and his legs became weak.

There was no one around to help. Mike was afraid.

Quietly Barney stepped in front of Mike. Barney began to growl. The hair on Barney's neck and back began to raise, and the low rumble grew into a ferocious snarl. The two boys started backing up as Barney stepped toward them. They turned to run, then Barney rushed after them.

Mike didn't know if he was laughing or crying. The fear that had gripped him was wearing off. Yet the sight of the two bullies with that little

dog chasing them was just like a cartoon scene. As Mike sat down to regain his strength, a cold nose pushed up under his arm and a warm tongue licked his cheek.

That afternoon, as Mike walked home from the bus stop, Barney met him halfway. Mike wasn't sure who owned him, but Barney had been a help—a real friend in a time of need. Now Mike realized he had two good friends to walk with him to the bus stop: Jesus . . . and a dog named Barney.

Reality Check

The officer turned the corner of the hallway with revolver drawn. Out of the shadows charged the crazed killer with ax in hand. "Kaboom," the 357 magnum sounded. Down went the killer as the officer turned and walked away.

As the theme music grew louder and the credits rolled on the TV screen, Mike wasn't sure he was comfortable with the movie. It wasn't real. It was just too easy to "blow away" the bad guys then not feel anything inside.

He remembered last Saturday when his bike was stolen. The anger and loss made him want to "kill" somebody. But now . . . he didn't want to "kill" anybody. Death was final!

Instead, Mike began to wonder why someone would take his bike. *Was he*

an addict needing money for a drug habit he couldn't control? Mike thought. Was he wanting to ride a bike because he didn't have one? Perhaps the thief was expressing his anger at life because he wasn't loved and felt angry because he wasn't.

Mike walked to his room and prayed: "Heavenly Father, I'm angry and hurt because my bike was stolen. Please forgive me for being so mad and letting my emotions run away with me. Father, I don't know why someone took my bike. But help me not to lose touch with You because of anger. And, Lord, help me to let Mom know I love her, rather than behave like the pain I've been. Amen."

With a quiet peace inside himself, Mike slid the covers back and crawled into bed. Taking time for prayer was a good reality check.

Nothin' But Trouble



Blood was oozing from the smaller boy's nose. His glasses lay broken on the floor. Mike watched as the big, curly headed boy kept hitting the other boy. Finally Commander Owen ran into the room, pulled the boys apart, and removed the bully from the room.

The big bully was Jack. This was his first night at Royal Rangers. Not only had he started the fight, but he had broken fixtures in the bathroom, said some nasty things to one of the Missionette girls, and swore at the commander earlier in the evening. He was nothing but trouble!

Mike was angry. *Why did Jack act like he did? Mike wondered. Why didn't he leave if he didn't like being there? Who invited him anyway?* The questions raced through his mind. He disrupted everything and everyone. Now there was blood on the floor, and Jason's glasses were in pieces.

"Are you okay?" Mike asked Jason as he pulled tissues from a box for Jason's bloody nose.

"Yea, I'll be okay as soon as I stop shaking," replied Jason. "I need to clean up."

While Jason was washing, Mike noticed lights from a police car flash through the window. He rushed outside to see Jack with a knife in his hand. The commanders, and now the police, were trying to talk Jack into giving up the knife.

"Jack, don't do it!" Jason yelled as he suddenly appeared. "It'll be okay! Really! Put away the knife!"

Jason stopped in front of Jack and slowly held out his hand. The older boy glared at Jason and stepped toward him.

"Jack, I love you! Don't do it," Ja-

son pleaded. "Give me the knife."

As the police led Jack away, the knife lay on the ground. Mike walked up to Jason, who sat on the curb crying.

"Why was Jack so angry?" Mike asked Jason.

"Last week his dad killed the lady living with them and is now in jail," said Jason. "He's angry at everybody and doesn't care what happens."

"But," Mike stammered, "Who invited him to Royal Rangers?"

Jason paused then said slowly, "I did."

"Why'd ya do that, Jason?" Mike asked surprised. "He's nothin' but trouble!"

Jason slowly looked at Mike and the others now around him and spoke, "That may be. But he's my brother . . . and I love him."

Jesus said, "Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13, NIV).

Mom's Got a Boyfriend

Dear Uncle Marv,

Hi from Chicago! Well, I'm doing better in school. My last report card had one A, three B's, and two C's. That's not too bad is it?

In the last month I've made friends with a dog named Barney. He walks with me to the bus stop. And a friend of mine stopped his brother from killing himself. I felt real bad for him.

Anyway, I remember you said I could write you anytime I had a problem. I've got a problem. I don't know if Mom told you yet, but she has a boyfriend. Since Dad died Mom has never dated. But now she is getting serious . . . I think.

He's okay I guess. He tells me I could do better in school. And he gets upset if I hang around the kitchen after dinner. He tries to be nice, but I just don't like him with Mom. Each night after dinner she used to talk with me about school or whatever happened. Now she hardly has time for me.

I talked with my Royal Rangers leader. He said Mom was probably lonely and that it was natural for her to want to find a husband again. He said the best thing for me to do is to tell Mom how I feel. He also suggested I talk to God about it. I guess that wouldn't hurt.

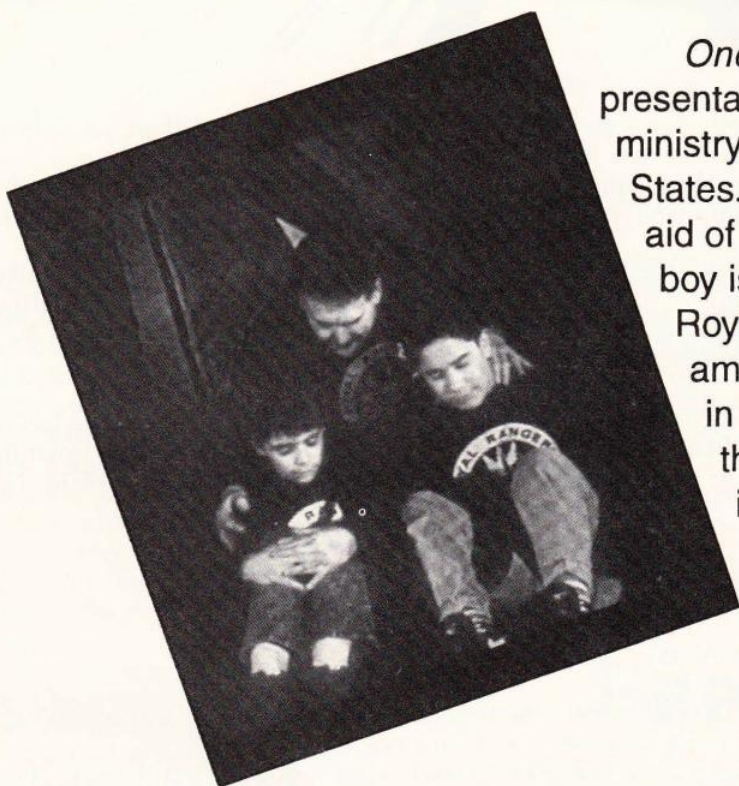
I don't understand. Mom has me! She doesn't need him! She should think how I feel. Please write soon. Thanks for listening. Love, Mike.

P.S. Maybe I could come and live with you if Mom gets married.

(Commander: After reading this letter, have the boys help you find solutions to this situation. Boys in your outpost may be facing this same conflict. So be sensitive to their needs. Note Bible passages about jealousy, loneliness, and uncertainty of the future.)

One in a Million

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One in a Million is a 5-minute video presentation to promote the Royal Rangers ministry in churches across the United States. The video illustrates, through the aid of lyrics and dramatization, how one boy is introduced to Christ through Royal Rangers. Thus, he becomes 1 among the more than 1 million boys in this nation who have embraced the name Royal Rangers since its inception.

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***You could be the one
Jesus is counting on
to share the gospel
with him or her.***

a good basketball player. He's not tripping over his feet in the game; he's tripping over English. You can teach him English, and you can teach him about Me.

Isn't that just like the Lord! He's always right. *That's exactly what "more" I can do, I told myself.*

The next day I made friends with Chan Fai. And I learned a lot more about Chinese than "egg rolls." And Chan Fai learned about Americans . . . and about Jesus Christ!

Because God gave me the courage to share about Christ, Chan Fai has become the first Christian in his entire family of Buddhists.

In time I know God will save his whole family. But none of this would have happened if I would have believed the lie from Satan that I had to grow up and become a missionary

and go overseas before leading a foreigner to Christ.

People representing all the world live in every major U.S. city today. Here's something I didn't know: More than half a million Hindus live in the United States, and over 6 million Muslims live in America.

Thousands of Asians have emigrated to the States. What's sad is that they bring their idols with them. Mexicans pour over the Rio Grande daily, hoping to prosper in the land of plenty. Often they come to the States wearing icons of "saints" around their necks.

No one has told these newcomers about Jesus. Often their children are lonely, too embarrassed by poor English to make any American friends.

Why has Jesus brought them here? The Bible says that God ordains where everyone should live so they will seek Him and find Him (see Acts 17:26,27). Jesus may have placed one of these lost friends in your school

or neighborhood. You could be the one Jesus is counting on to share the gospel with him or her.

So what can you do? The same thing I did: Open your eyes. Become a "foreign" missionary right where you live.

The next time you eat at a Mexican or Chinese restaurant, check out more than the food. A stranger to this land may be working there.

So leave a witnessing tract on the table, along with a tip. Ask to post a flier at the restaurant the next time your youth group has a special event. Be friendly . . . and they will be friendly too.

Ask the Lord to help you make a new friend from among these minority peoples. Pray for those you see. They may look a little different. But they are just like you and me; they like to have friends too.

Try it! You can't do anything more than share about Jesus. Be a missionary right at home!



Did You Know . . .

. . . More than half a million Hindus live in the U.S.

. . . Over 6 million Muslims live in America.

. . . The Asian or Pacific islander population increased to more than 2.8 million in 1990—a 40 percent increase.*

. . . "The American Indian, Eskimo, or Aleut population exceeded 100,000 in four States in 1990."*

. . . Hundreds of Hispanics make America their home each day. The Hispanic population in the United States totals more than 22.4 million.*

**Information taken from the 1990 Census Profile report.*

Major bummer!

An ongoing series about Jonathan B. Flounder

By Robb Hawks, national programs coordinator

Jonathan felt like a real hero. A long time had passed since he had stood up for anything. Yet he had actually stood up and told two school bullies that he was a Christian. Wow! And if that wasn't enough, Trisha said she was a Christian too. Summer school turned out to be great!

The weeks had quickly passed and soon summer was over. The first day of regular school had come and gone. Jonathan quickly settled into the fall routine. Trisha and Jonathan had gotten to be good friends—really good friends.

Life seemed to be in perfect harmony—that was until the new guy arrived at his class. James Henry Hawthorn IV was the new kid in town who had moved from England.

It is said that a little competition is good for the soul. But Jonathan was one young soul that wasn't ready for any competition, especially where Trisha was concerned.

The day James arrived every girl at school spread the word. Every girl in the entire class seemed to swoon when James looked their way.

During the class period the minutes ticked by in time with the stomach growls of Jonathan's hunger. Simultaneously the bell and his stomach rang. He leaped from his seat to meet Trisha in the lunchroom. As Jonathan made for the door, a long arm swept out and grabbed him.

"Jonathan, I would like to talk with you for a moment," Coach Debits said.

"Huh?" Jonathan managed to say with a sideways glance at the wrestling coach, who was substituting for a sick English teacher.

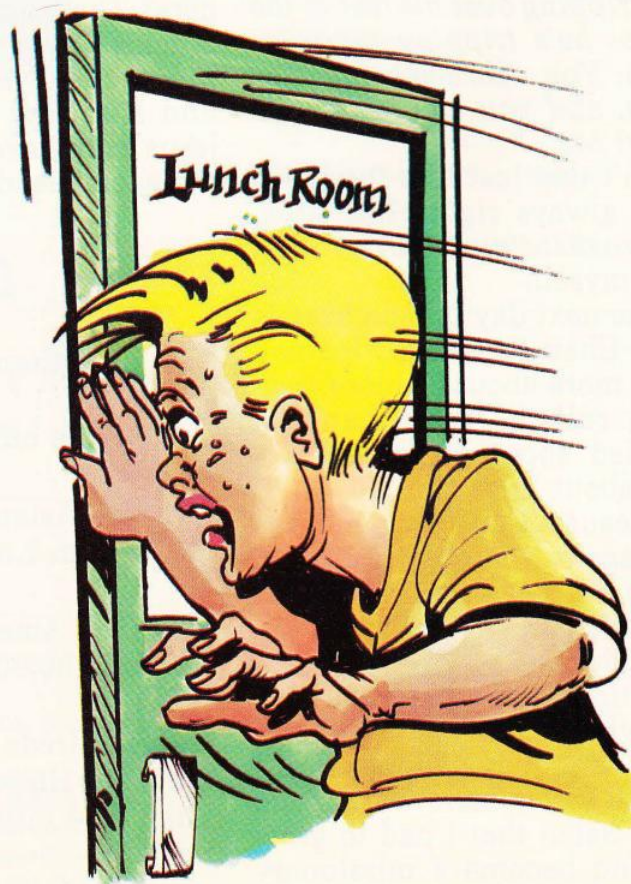
"I want you to consider the wrestling team this year, Jonathan," the coach continued. "I think you could do well."

"Yeah, well, uh, I'm sort of in a hurry right now, Coach. Can we talk later?" Jonathan asked as his stomach roared with hunger.

"Sure, Jonathan. You can count on it," the coach replied. "Have a good lunch."

Jonathan took off down the hall in a massive sprint for the cafeteria then burst through the double doors of the cafeteria. He stopped and scanned the room. There Trisha was by the soda machine, sitting in their favorite spot.

Jonathan slowly swaggered across the room toward his girlfriend. Suddenly, before he could



reach the table, there he was—James Henry Hawthorne IV, who was about to sit by Trisha.

Jonathan stopped dead in his tracks. His heart seemed to stop beating, and his face went white. When James flashed Trisha a big smile, Jonathan's heart began to pound. His face turned beet red. And his eyes began to bulge.

With a burst of speed Jonathan dashed across the room. Jonathan leaped onto the cafeteria table and blurted out: "What do you think you're doing? Who said you could sit by my girl?"

Without giving James a chance to reply, Jonathan grabbed him by the collar and punched him in the face.

The world seemed to disappear in a blur of arms, feet, and chairs. Trisha kept trying to get Jonathan to stop, but her small voice was lost amidst the cheers from fellow students.

Jonathan finally found himself on top of James. As he reared back to hit James again, a long arm reached out and grabbed Jonathan's arm.

Jonathan slowly looked up and into the eyes of Coach Debits. The seriousness of his situation suddenly struck home. Not only did Jonathan realize he had exploded, it suddenly dawned on him that he had just blown his new Christian witness.

"What's this all about?" Coach Debits asked as he pulled Jonathan off James.

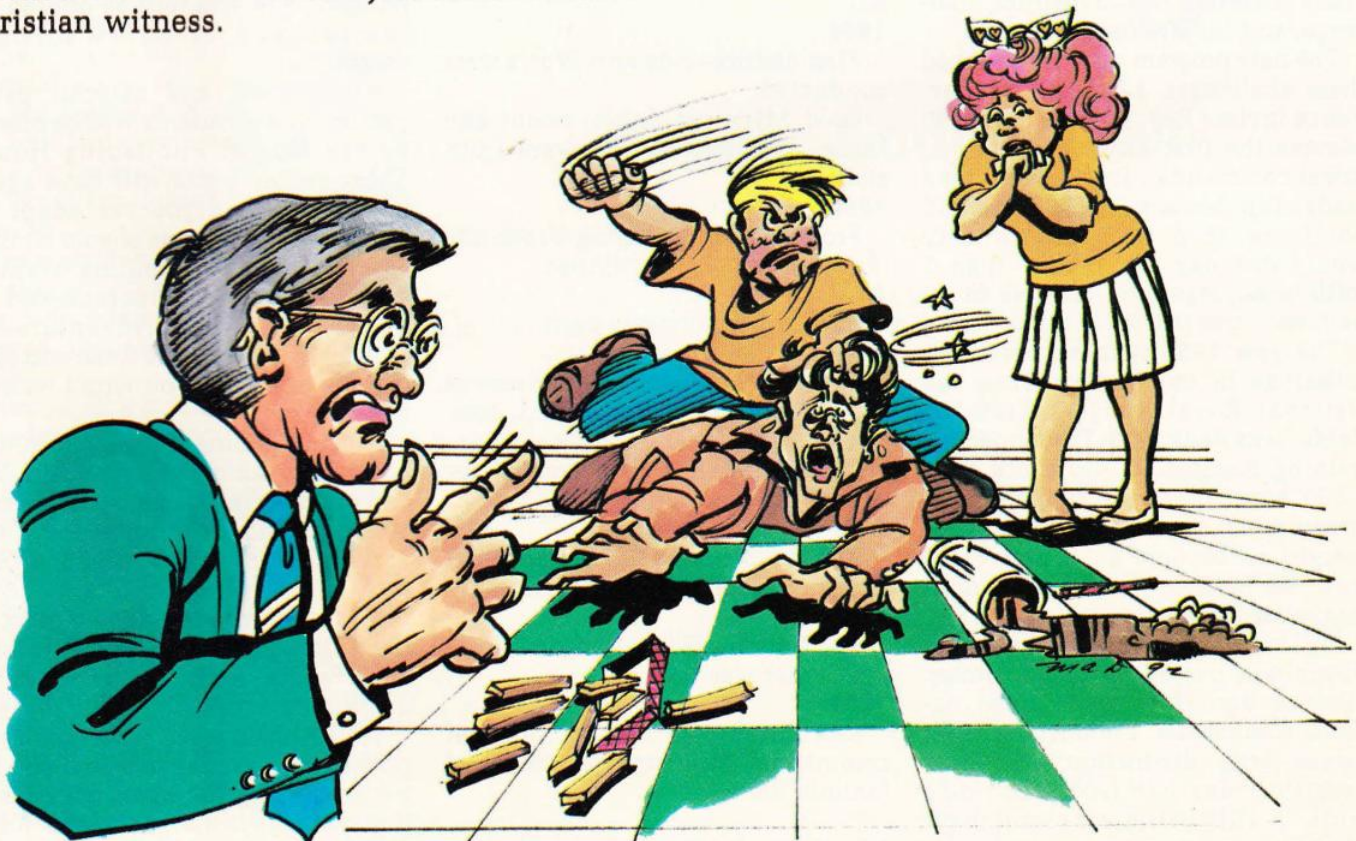
"James is new to the school," began Trisha, "and I heard he was a Christian. So I invited him to sit with Jonathan and me at lunch. I was planning on inviting him to our youth group, and. . . ." Her voice broke off as she flashed a glance at Jonathan.

"And I made a major jerk out of myself," Jonathan said as he croaked.

"That's an understatement," the coach responded. "I think we had all better take a little trip to the principal's office and straighten this out."

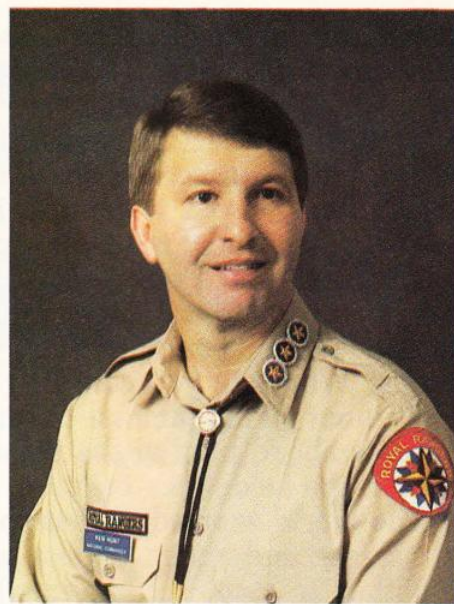
As they walked down the hall toward the "big door," Jonathan knew he was in serious trouble. *If only I had thought first to find out what was going on, this whole bummer could have been avoided,* Jonathan thought.

Jealousy can cause all kinds of trouble. Proverbs 6:34 states, "Jealousy is the rage of a man." Being angry is not a sin. But when anger leads to violence, we have lost control and are falling into a trap of sin. Jonathan learned this lesson the hard way!



"Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold"
(Ephesians 4:26,27, NIV).

We're 30 and Growing



National Commander Ken Hunt

In 1962 one of the greatest ministries to boys was born: Royal Rangers. Since then more than 1 million boys in the United States have been involved in Royal Rangers. Thousands of other boys and girls worldwide have also joined Royal Rangers. Today the Royal Rangers program exists in 50 nations.

We Royal Rangers have a rich heritage, one we all should learn about and appreciate. If you haven't done so, take the time to learn about the trails we've traveled and some of the unconquered mountains we wish to climb.

The Birth of Royal Rangers

The year was 1961. After much planning and prayer, our national church leaders decided to create our own boy's program: Royal Rangers.

Burton Pierce, then Men's Fellowship leader for the Assemblies of God, concluded the program should include goals that would instruct, challenge, and inspire boys.

The new program met and matched these challenges. Late in 1961 Rev. Pierce invited Rev. Johnnie Barnes to become the first Royal Rangers national commander. Johnnie accepted leadership January 1, 1962. He did not know then that this ministry would one day reach more than 1 million boys and be planted in 50 nations.

The year 1985 witnessed another milestone in our history when the National Royal Rangers Training Center was dedicated. Developed for training Rangers, it has more than 1,500 acres of prime timber, hills, streams, and spacious meadows. All merged to become a "dream come true" for Johnnie Barnes and countless other Rangers.

Following Johnnie's death his dream was passed on in September 1989 as Ken Hunt was named national commander. Commander Hunt serves, with distinction, our great program today. We recognize God's work is still being accomplished: "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord" (Zechariah 4:6).

Interesting Facts

1962

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

1963

Dispatch magazine (now *High Adventure Leader*) was published that fall.

1964

First district-wide Pow Wows were conducted.

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

1966

Frontiersmen Camping Fraternity (Fellowship) was developed.

1971

High Adventure was born.

1972

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

Chi Omega Rho was created for college students.

1974

The first National Camporama was held in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

1985

The National Royal Rangers Training Center was born.

1989

Ken Hunt was named national commander following the death of Johnnie Barnes.

What's on the Horizon

• The national office will soon produce new materials for boys on ju-

nior leadership training. If you enjoy tackling the responsibility of leadership, you can soon learn more about how to improve your leadership skills.

• We are adding more challenges to the Advancement Trail for boys. In the near future you can experience even more adventures through Royal Rangers, and you will be offered the chance to earn several new advanced awards.

• Soon new and colorful patrol patches and standards will be offered by the Gospel Publishing House. These patrol items will have specified names, and you can adopt the patrol name and items of your choice.

• The national camping events—such as the 1994 Camporama and the 1993 Eagle Rock Adventure—in planning have in store fresh and electrifying activities you won't want to miss.

• Just beginning is the Light-for-the-Lost Junior Councilmen program. You and other Royal Rangers will soon be given the chance to learn about and participate in world missions projects.

So keep your eyes glued to upcoming *High Adventure* issues to learn more about each of the activities mentioned above.

We each can wear, with honor and pride, the Royal Rangers Emblem. For we are among the more than 1 million who have helped make Royal Rangers the great program it is today.

We're 30 years old and growing!



By John and J. D. Eller

According to Indian folklore, the Bull Roarer was once used to imitate the sound of onrushing winds in the hope of bringing on rain. The wood of the Bull Roarer often came from a tree that had been struck by lightning. And the roarer was aptly decorated with drawings of lightning and thunderbird symbols.

The "moaning stick," as it was sometimes called, does a good job noisemaking. It is simply a thin piece of wood that is swung around on the end of a string. Even though the roarer is easy to make, it can be designed with many shapes and sizes. No two need be exactly alike. Follow the simple instructions below to make your own.

Items Needed

Thin scrap of wood
String
Sandpaper
Drill (adult supervision)

How To Make

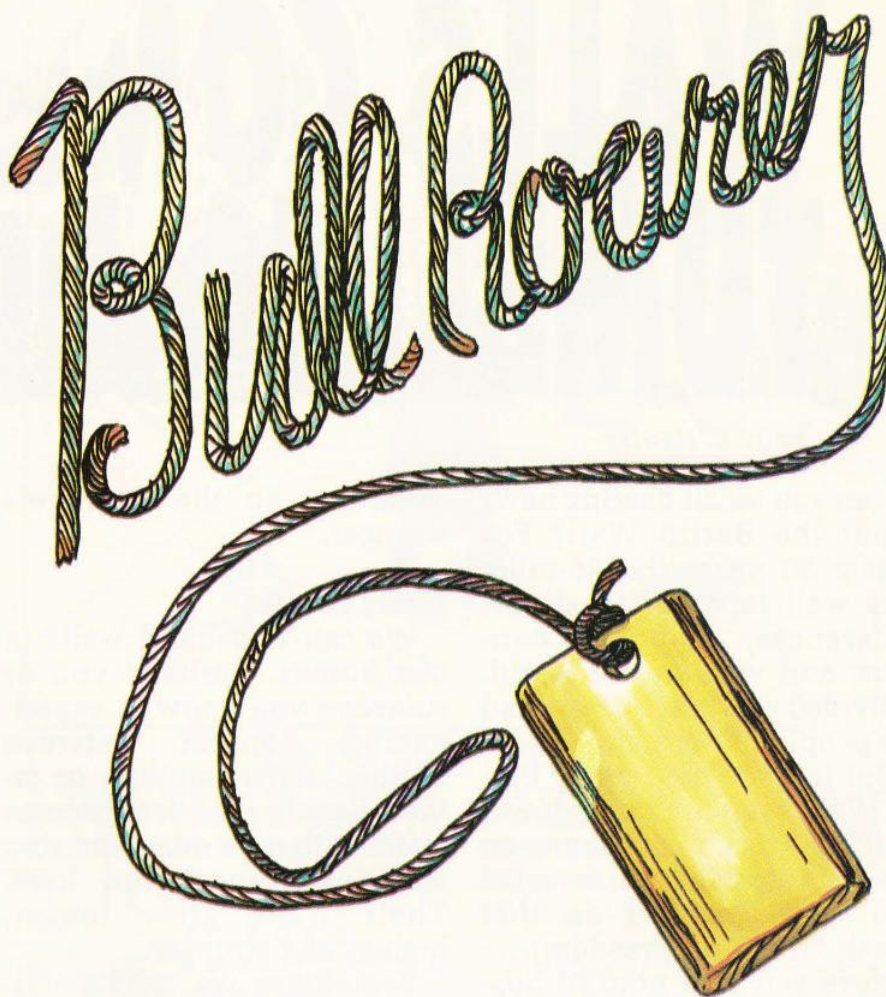
There are no exact dimensions for the small, thin, flat wood. The thinner and lighter it is, the safer everyone will feel about something that's going to be swinging around in the air. The shape doesn't have to be rectangular.

Try rounding one end and varying the shapes of the sides, for example. The side edges should be slightly tapered, though, using sandpaper or a file.

Next, drill a small hole in the center edge of the wood—see illustration. (Note: The hole can also be made with a nail and a hammer.) Then thread a string—about 3-4 feet long—through the hole and tie the string in a knot. Now your Bull Roarer is ready for testing.

Tightly hold the free end of the string, and quickly spin, in a circular fashion, the roarer over your head or in front of you. The faster you spin, the higher pitched the sound will be. If you don't hear the "roar" right away, keep on spinning or stop and start again. The sound will come and go, but that's part of the fun.

Now you can have a "roaring" good time!



Ranger Code Puzzle

By Jim Roberts

Every Royal Ranger should do his best to live by the Ranger Code. Try to find the points of the Code in this puzzle in less than 10 minutes.

	A	O	P	T	E	L	C	R	O	P	E	T	Y
1. ALERT	E	O	P	R	O	K	L	R	A	L	E	R	T
2. CLEAN	T	I	O	P	E	T	E	P	L	U	I	O	F
3. HONEST	E	T	Y	W	O	P	A	Y	I	O	Q	K	P
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4. COURAGEOUS	E	Y	I	O	P	E	W	T	S	E	N	O	H
5. LOYAL	Y	I	P	E	W	I	O	G	R	E	C	L	E
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6. COURTEOUS	S	P	I	R	I	T	U	A	L	O	R	T	U
7. OBEDIENT	F	Y	I	C	O	U	R	T	E	O	U	S	T
	L	O	Y	A	L	O	Y	A	W	I	P	C	O
8. SPIRITUAL	M	O	P	S	U	O	E	G	A	R	U	O	C

WALLS COME TUMBLING DOWN

by W.K. Hawley

Can you recall hearing news about the Berlin Wall? For nearly 30 years the 26-mile-long wall represented all the differences, disputes, conflicts, and wars in our world. It divided a city, a country, and the people of Germany.

But in 1989 the mighty Berlin Wall came tumbling down. Quickly, work lights shone on the broken slab and revealed one word painted on that panel: "freiheit" (freedom).

Have you ever noticed how often people build intangible (something not seen) walls (barriers) in their own lives? In doing so they seclude themselves from true freedom.

Learning to live with conflicts and divisions carry over into our daily lives. We adjust to our own frustrations, families fighting, and friendships ending because of arguments. People often wonder if there is such a thing as true peace and freedom.

True, the Berlin Wall has come down. Political peace and freedom are breaking out in the most unlikely places. Yet conflicts take place even between Royal Rangers. In some outposts the same two Rangers are always fighting one another. Each week the wall between them grows wider and higher. No one wants to be around

them ... so the wall gets stronger.

Walls Divide

We can also build walls in our homes. Perhaps you or someone you know is experiencing conflict between brother, sister, mother, or father. Family members become upset with each other and stop showing respect and love. Their walls grow longer, higher, and stronger.

Sometimes we isolate ourselves from our parents and teachers because we dislike their authority—even if they may be right. Angry words and hurt feelings build walls that divide families.

God Behind a Wall

When the Wall was built in Berlin, freedom and peace disappeared. Likewise, when walls are built in our lives, we discover there is no real peace or joy. Without God's presence and friendship, there's only emptiness.

We can break down the walls that isolate us from others, though. But we can't do it alone. We need help. We need Jesus!

"For he himself [Jesus Christ] is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of

hostility" (Ephesians 2:14, NIV).

Breaking the Walls

We each must take a look at the walls we've built between ourselves and Jesus. Have you really taken an opportunity to accept Him into your life? Jesus wants to be a part of your life, to forgive your sins, and to present you with the gift of eternal life.

After that wall is down, Jesus wants to help tear down the other walls we've built in our hearts. And with that He brings freedom, peace, and help to resolve the conflicts in our lives.

Do you want true peace and freedom in your life? Jesus is waiting for you to ask Him for help.

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Comedy Corner

Brent and Jonathan were discussing their upcoming class reunion. There was a question about one member. Brent had heard that the man had passed away; Jonathan wasn't sure.

"Should we list his name along with those who are deceased?" asked Brent.

"But what if we're wrong?" responded Jonathan.

"I'm sure I read a newspaper article about his death, though," replied Brent.

"But what if we put his name on the list then he shows up at the dinner?" questioned Jonathan.

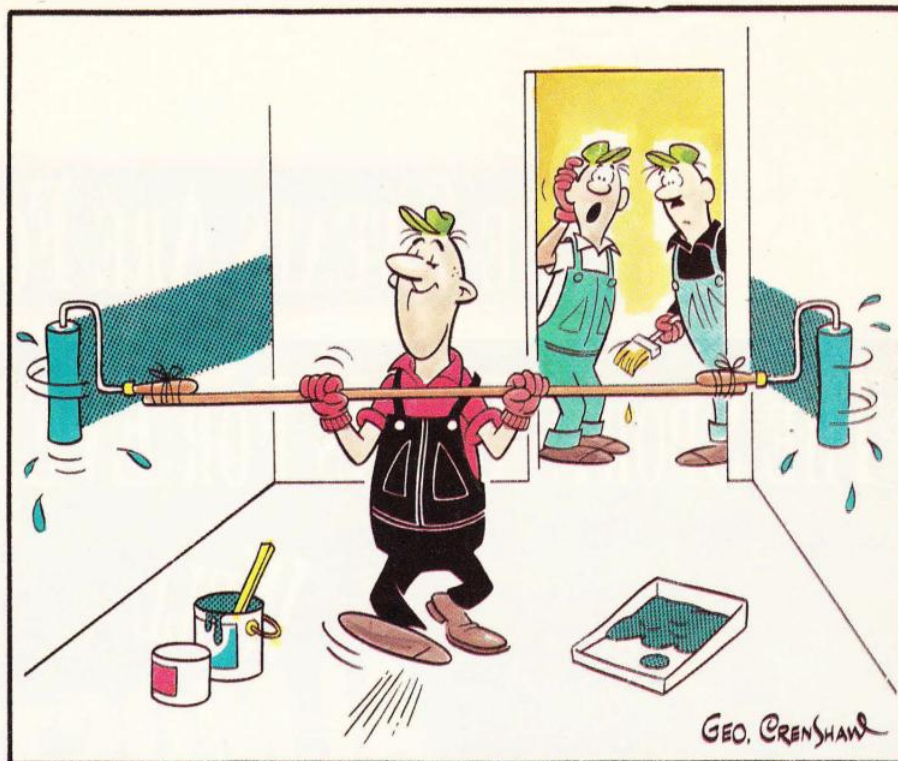
"Well," said Brent, "we could always give him the prize for coming the longest distance."

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Plumber: "Well, here we are. And we haven't forgotten a single tool."

Home Owner: "That may be so. But, evidently, you've forgotten where to go. You've come to the wrong address!"

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"NOW I'VE SEEN EVERYTHING!"

A British visitor at the Yankee Stadium, who didn't understand the game rules, left as the scoreboard read:

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As he left the stadium, a kid outside the gate asked, "Hey, mister, what's the score?"

The British gentleman replied, "Oh, it's up in the millions."

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Jim: "I thought you were awarded a scholarship to that big medical school out East?"

Tom: "I was. But they didn't want me while I was still alive."

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A mother and daughter were in the kitchen washing dishes. Meantime, the father and 4-year-old Billy were in the next room working on a project. Suddenly, the father and son heard a crash from the kitchen as a dish fell to the floor.

"It was Mom," Billy said bluntly. "How do you know?" asked his dad.

"Because," replied Billy, "Mom isn't saying anything."

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Father Kangaroo: "Betty, were's the baby?"

Mother Kangaroo: "Oh, no! I've been robbed by a pickpocket."

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"How close did the lightning come to hitting you?" the farmer asked his hired hand moments after an electrical storm.

"Well," stammered the worker, "I don't know. But my hair wasn't parted before."

Thomas LaMance
Prewitt, New Mexico



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"He's doing the Heimlich maneuver on Dad. He accidentally ate Rover's dog food."

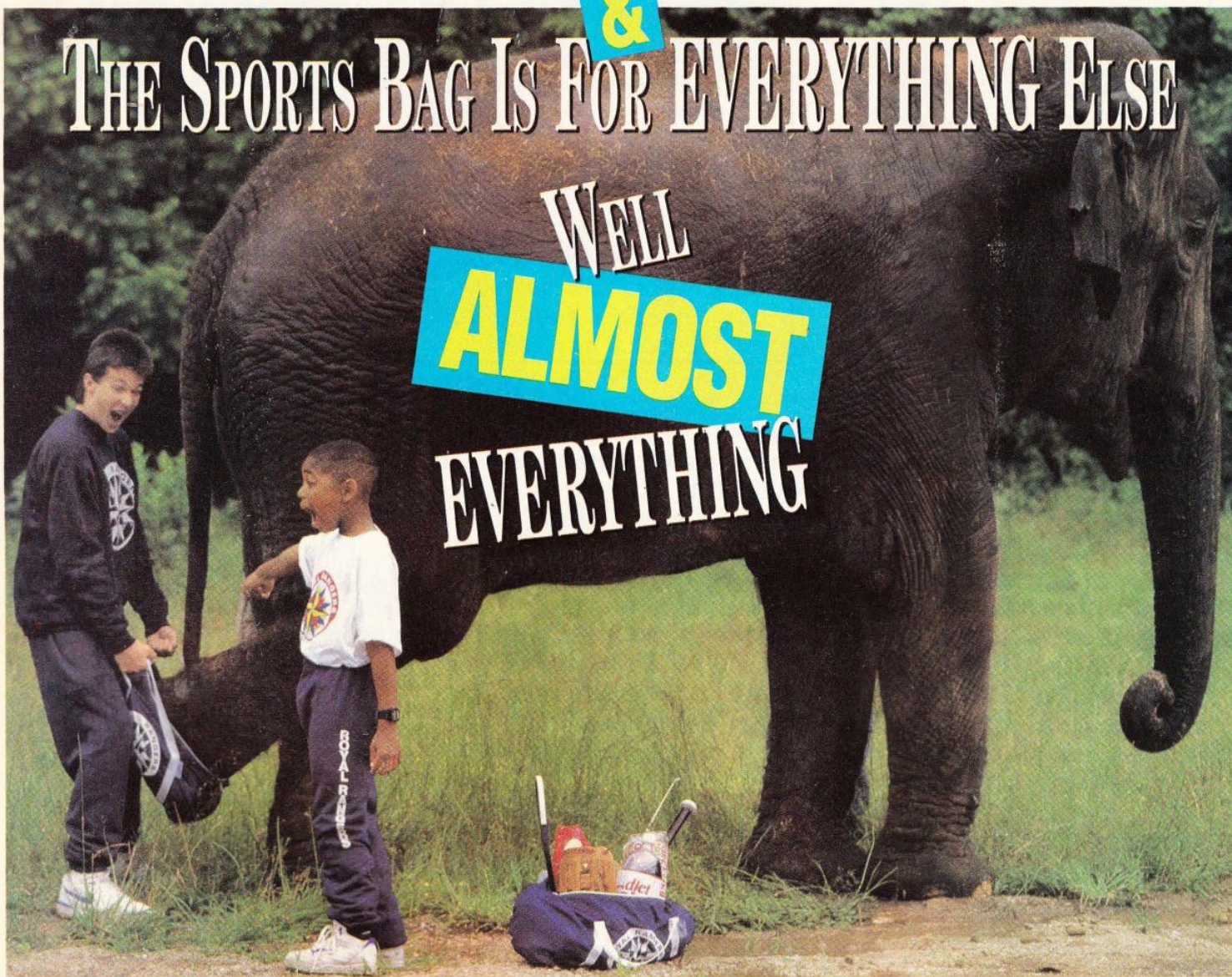


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