

National Commander Reports Great Year for Royal Rangers

One Year from Official Launching Date Finds About 1400 Churches Participating in Boys Program



National Commander Tohnnie California **Barnes** conducting seminar for Royal Ranger leaders.

From New York to California, from Michigan to Texas, people are excited! The new Assemblies of God boys program is making a hit with our churches. Here is what our readers are writing: From California—"This is the

hottest thing to hit California since the gold rush.'

From New York-"This is just the thing our churches have been waiting for."

From Texas-"This is one of the biggest things to happen in Texas in a long time." (When a Texan says big, it must be big.)

From Michigan-"I have worked in different boys programs for years but Royal Rangers is undoubtedly the best all-around boys program I know of anywhere."

Since this program was launched in September of 1962, groups have been organized in all fifty states. "At this juncture we have around 400 groups who have been officially chartered. However, our correspondence indicates there are around a thousand more churches who have organized Royal Rangers but have not been officially chartered," says Johnnie Barnes, National Commander.

"It has been wonderful not only to receive reports of the exciting activities the boys are engaging in, but also reports of the spiritual impact Royal Rangers is making. Many boys have been saved; four churches have reported over 20 boys converted in each of their groups. Many have been the reports of a new interest on have become very active in this the part of boys in Bible study, program who had showed little and Christian service.

gram, but I know it sure has men are over Royal Rangers." made my boy act different at home and during church."

among the boys, but also among is true regarding Royal Rangers. the men of our churches. The National Commander has toured providential. various districts this past year. He states, "I have sensed an unhow certain men in their churches greatest!"

interest in the work of the church One mother stated, "I don't before. It is amazing how burknow too much about this pro- dened and thrilled some of our

Goethe said: "There is nothing nd during church." so powerful as an idea whose There is enthusiasm not only time has arrived." Evidently this The timing for its launching was

General feeling about Royal Rangers is summed up in the dercurrent of excitement that is statement of one of the Rangers contagious. Pastors have related who exclaimed, "Boy! It's the

Royal Rangers at Grass Valley Organize Their Own Christian Riding Club

Unusual success and benefit have as well as practical skills." been reported from Outpost 3 of Bethel Church, Grass Valley, Calif. Pastor Mel Harrel writes:

"The outpost has its own baseathletic league this year.

"The boys also have their own have a meet called a Christian Rodeo. Last year this riding club was featured at a C. A. rally in the Placer County Fairgrounds. They opened with the grand entry and the Lord's Prayer. This was done in full uniform, and on horse-

had two weeks of Ranger boot plied the missing link in the over-

One of their projects is the Cedar Creek Apache Mission in Arizona. Recently the group made a missionary trip to this home ball team, which tied for first mission station, to worship, felplace in the Nevada County church lowship, and share work. The outpost also provides Christmas gifts each year for the mission. As a riding club, and from time to time foreign mission project the group sponsors a student in an African Bible school.

The group is under the leadership of Arthur Howe, outpost commander. Don Manuel and Murral Hazel are Lt. Commanders. The pastor reports:

"The creation of this boys unit "In July of this year, the boys by the Men's Fellowship has supcamp on a cattle ranch nearby. all program of the church. Not Daily Bible lessons were taught, only has it brought life into the



church, and added new boys, but has given new meaning to Men's Fellowship. The boys program, together with Light-for-the-Lost, has given the stability we needed in our local Men's Fellowship pro-

Outpost Organized at Juneau, Alaska

Royal Rangers were organized in Juneau, Alaska's capital city, on January 8, 1963. Pastor Neubauer of the Bethel Assembly of God reports:

"Our splendid group of boys is truly American (Indian, Eskimo, Negro, and white). A sense of responsibility, fair play and cooperation towards others is molding them into an interesting and strong unit. Each has native knowledge and ability that he proudly shares with others. The inherent skills are very noticeable when they are on hikes, camp-outs and studies of wild life.

"Recently an evening was desig-



nated as 'Royal Rangers Open House' with parents invited as special guests. A very interesting program had been planned and was well presented. The history, organization and purpose of Royal Rangers highlighted the program. Boys who had qualified for promotion were duly honored. Certificates and awards were presented.

"Our Royal Rangers are becoming imbued with a sense of status, dignity and responsibility to their Sunday school and church. While they benefit, our church benefits."

The group is under the leadership of Outpost Commander Don Anderson and Lt. Commander Elmer Ignell. Commander Anderson also reports: "Geographically we are right on a salt water bay that is protected by several islands. We are located at the foot of a great mountain and surrounded by river and lakes. Wild life, fish, and fowl abound. This is ideal territory for the Royal Ranger program and our group is endeavoring to take advantage of it."