



National Commander Reports Great Year for Royal Rangers

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



National Commander Johnnie Barnes conducting California seminar for Royal Ranger leaders.

the reports of a new interest on the part of boys in Bible study, and Christian service.

One mother stated, "I don't know too much about this program, but I know it sure has made my boy act different at home and during church."

There is enthusiasm not only among the boys, but also among the men of our churches. The National Commander has toured various districts this past year. He states, "I have sensed an undecurrent of excitement that is contagious. Pastors have related how certain men in their churches

have become very active in this program who had showed little interest in the work of the church before. It is amazing how burdened and thrilled some of our men are over Royal Rangers."

Goethe said: "There is nothing so powerful as an idea whose time has arrived." Evidently this is true regarding Royal Rangers. The timing for its launching was providential.

General feeling about Royal Rangers is summed up in the statement of one of the Rangers who exclaimed, "Boy! It's the greatest!"

Royal Rangers at Grass Valley Organize Their Own Christian Riding Club

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

"The outpost has its own baseball team, which tied for first place in the Nevada County church athletic league this year.

"The boys also have their own riding club, and from time to time 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 horseback.

"In July of this year, the boys had two weeks of Ranger boot camp on a cattle ranch nearby. Daily Bible lessons were taught,

as well as practical skills."

One of their projects is the Cedar Creek Apache Mission in Arizona. Recently the group made a missionary trip to this home mission station, to worship, fellowship, and share work. The outpost also provides Christmas gifts each year for the mission. As a 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 Murrel Hazel are I.t. Commanders. The pastor reports:

"The creation of this boys unit by the Men's Fellowship has supplied the missing link in the overall program of the church. Not 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 program."

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 co-operation 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."