



California Royal Ranger Leaders Trained at Special Seminar

Just as soon as the Royal Ranger program was launched a number of churches in the Southern California District began to organize. Enthusiasm spread until there were groups scattered throughout the district.

Because of the wide interest, District Superintendent L. E. Halvorson invited Johnnie Barnes to present the Royal Ranger program at the District Ministers Institute. Due to response at the institute, Brother Halvorson stated: "This exciting story should be told throughout our District." Arrangements were made for Commander Barnes to return later for a two-week tour of the district.

Just preceding the tour a training seminar for Royal Ranger leaders in the Los Angeles area was conducted by Brother Barnes in Wilmington, Calif. The leaders received instructions in organizing an outpost, conducting outpost meetings, planning a camping trip, and camp craft techniques. One of the features was a lunchtime cook-out.

The tour was highlighted by testimonies from pastors on what Royal Rangers had done for their church. In presenting Commander Barnes, Superintendent Halvorson encouraged each church to organize Royal Rangers and challenged the audience with the great potential of the Ranger program. Brother Halvorson stated, "I think it should be in all our churches."

Pioneer Outpost at Springfield, Missouri Enjoys Camping

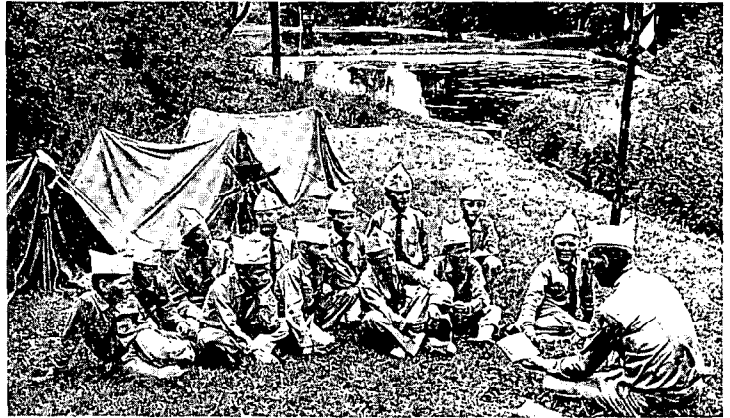
The Pioneer outpost of Central Assembly of God in Springfield, Mo., enjoys many opportunities for outdoor adventures. Camping without mother and dad is a new experience for most of these nine-year old boys. Their commander teaches them how to pitch tents, prepare the fire, trench, cook on an open fire, and wash dishes. They also learn much about woodlore, nature, wild life, axemanship, rope work and knots. They are trained in first aid and taught to respect the rights of others. Most important of all, they learn about

Christ and this is the part that makes Royal Rangers different from other organizations for boys.

The group is under the able leadership of Ralph Wolfe. Commander Wolfe remarks:

"To me it is an honor and privilege to be associated as an outpost commander with the Royal Rangers. I feel that this new boys program can be of immense value to every church, large or small, city or country, in the Assemblies of God constituency.

"Boys want to belong to something; they are always searching for an outlet for their energy and imagination. They crave companionship and adventure. This is provided in the Royal Ranger program."



Trailblazer Outpost at Memphis Builds Program Around a New Theme Each Month

Trailblazer Outpost 4 of Calvary Assembly of God in Memphis, Tenn., is very active. Outpost Commander Roy Carden has very carefully planned each activity a full year in advance. Each month's program is centered around a special theme that is accentuated in the weekly outpost meetings.

The group has already completed training in knot tying, tent pitching, lashing, first aid, campcraft, axe safety, rifle safety, animal tracking, cooking, fire build-

ing, packing a pack, sanitation, canoeing, swimming, signaling, and nature study.

Projects and events completed by the group are: ten-day camp, Pioneer field meet, canoe float trip, lost aviator search, commando expedition, nature hike, Robinson Crusoe hike, North Star hike, cave exploration, water-rama, and several hikes and camp-outs.

Commander Carden states: "With all these activities, however, we do not fail to stress the importance of church attendance, be-

ing faithful to the Sunday school, and being faithful in witnessing for Christ.

"We have several young men who, before the program was started, were very hard to get into church. Now they attend Sunday school and we have seen these boys grow remarkably in the Lord in the past few months.

"Many of the boys have joined the Junior Choir and are working in C.A.'s. We love our boys and I believe this program is a real answer to prayer."

IS YOUR GROUP CHARTERED?

Many Royal Ranger groups are functioning but not yet chartered. By chartering, each boy will receive an official membership card and the group will receive an attractive charter for display in its meeting room. In addition, each outpost commander will receive, free of charge, a quarterly publication called "Royal Ranger Leaders Dispatch."

For free information on how to become an officially chartered outpost, write to: Royal Rangers, 1445 Boonville, Springfield, Missouri 65802.

