

men for SERVICE TO BOYS



FIRST "LEADER'S MEDAL OF ACHIEVEMENT" AWARDED

WILSON H. CHENAULT, North Tonawanda, N. Y., became the first Assemblies of God man in the nation to receive the "Leader's Medal of Achievement" upon completion of the Royal Rangers correspondence course in Leadership Training.

A member of the Assemblies of God Evangelistic Center at North Tonawanda, N. Y., where Homer C. Cooper is pastor, Brother Chenault has brought considerable skill and dedication into the local program. He was a former swimming instructor, line coach on the rifle range, and drill instructor while serving with the United States Marines. Marching in the Tulip Parade at Holland, N. Y., last year, his Royal Ranger patrol took first prize as the best drill group.

Wilson Chenault is plant patrolman for a large automobile plant, and his working hours are 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. This means that after an overnight campout with as many as 28 boys he is forced to do without sleep for two days and a night. Brother Chenault says that if he ever questions giving up his command, he forgets about it immediately at the next outpost meeting as he looks "into the faces of the boys that God has entrusted to my care for just one hour and a half."

Second to qualify for the award was W. R. Canniff, Senior Commander of the Royal Rangers at Calvary Temple in Auburn, Wash., where James Nicholson is pastor. Brother Canniff's teaching experience at various Sunday school levels and a sincere love for boys provide a splendid background for his contribution to the Royal Rangers program and his "Leader's Medal of Achievement" award.



Wilson Chenault



W. R. Canniff

Several districts are conducting leadership training conferences. There were 94 men in attendance at the first annual Royal Ranger commanders conference in Northern California and Nevada District in February. Thirty new outposts have been chartered since this conference.

Lester Hughes, district commander for Minnesota, conducted an on-the-spot seminar for leaders at a beautiful outdoors site.

Leadership training at the sectional or area level is also a feature of the two-year-old Royal Ranger program initiated at headquarters by the national commander, Johnnie Barnes. A Royal Ranger leader is appointed sectional or area commander to coordinate the councils of local leaders who meet monthly for training, sharing of ideas, and fellowship.

Problems unique to local churches require local training groups. Often they meet one night a week, but on occasion several consecutive nights are scheduled to give special training.

The correspondence course in leadership training offered by the national office is divided into four sections. Each section requires intense application in both theory and practice in such areas as counseling, camping, organization, and award procedures to mention only a few. Upon completion of the entire course the "Leader's Medal of Achievement" is presented.

Far left: National Commander Johnnie Barnes (right) briefs district commanders before the Royal Rangers rally at the National Training Seminar in Springfield. Center: National leaders, including Executive Director Howard Bush (left) and General Superintendent T. F. Zimmerman (second from left) participated in the rally. Below: Using various objects, Royal Rangers demonstrated the purposes and goals of the program.



Below: These men took part in the first annual Royal Rangers Commanders Conference in the Northern California-Nevada District last February.

