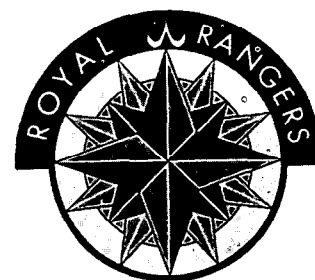




Royal Rangers of Carlsbad, Calif., explain the points of the emblem during an induction ceremony.



Royal Rangers of Glad Tidings Tabernacle, Everett, Mass., entered this award-winning float in the Fourth of July parade.



ments: "I'm happy to report that 28 boys now know Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. About 10 have received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Praise the Lord!"

At outpost meetings, during campouts, and around council fires, boys are being introduced to Jesus Christ, the Master Ranger. Annual reports indicate that over 7,000 boys accepted Christ through the Royal Rangers program last year!

The next step is to encourage boys to embrace the principles of Christian living. This is done through the Royal Rangers pledge and code. The code contains the basic ingredients of Christian character. In special ceremonies the boys repeat this code and promise to live by it.

During the weekly outpost devotions the commander has the opportunity to challenge boys in Christian living. In each step in advancement every boy is required to give evidence that he is living by the code.

Third, the boys are built spiritually through Bible study and instructions in the fundamental beliefs of the church. Besides certain chapters on these subjects in the handbooks, Royal Rangers are given a Bible study lesson they must complete each week. These lessons give a

well-rounded knowledge of certain Bible subjects and our fundamental beliefs.

To complete each step in advancement, a Ranger is required to demonstrate his knowledge of the doctrines of the church. I was thrilled by a recent incident at a Royal Rangers award presentation service. The commander asked a 12-year-old boy to share with the audience one of his advancement requirements—to give the 16 fundamental beliefs of the Assemblies of God with a Scripture reference for each.

The young man stood and in rapid-fire succession not only gave the 16 fundamentals and a Scripture reference, but also quoted the Bible verse for each. With a beaming face the pastor nudged me and whispered, "I believe he did a better job than I could do."

TO DEVELOP BOYS MENTALLY

Important new knowledge is gleaned by the boys as they are taught skills in first-aid, campcraft, ropecraft, toolcraft, nature study, compass and map, safety, and other subjects. Their minds are challenged as they endeavor to meet the various requirements in the advancement program. Advanced awards open doors to vast fields of knowledge.

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