

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD MEN SERVING MORE EFFECTIVELY THROUGH THE CHURCH

DURING THE PAST YEAR interest in our work among men has greatly increased," states Glen B. Bonds, national secretary of Men's Fellowship.

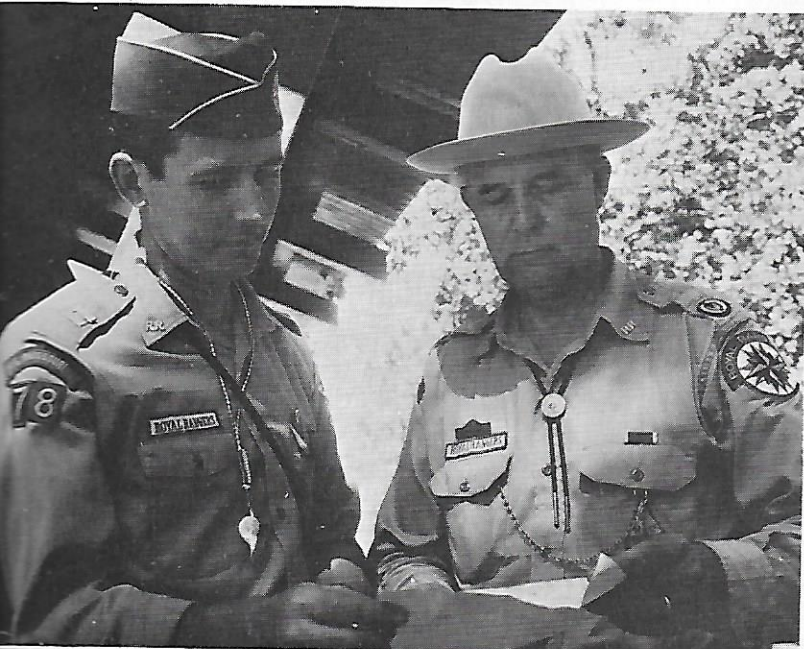
"We have seen a growth in almost every area of our work. Our newly organized national Men's Fellowship committee met for the first time this year and laid out an aggressive program. As we have followed this plan of action, we have seen a greater measure of cooperation among our Assemblies of God men.

"Both pastors and laymen are recognizing there is a definite ministry for the laymen in today's church. The pastor cannot do all the work of the church himself. He must have the help of his men. So more and more churches are turning to the National Men's Fellowship Department to find training and places of ministry for their men.

"As these requests for assistance have multiplied, the national department has discovered happily that it now serves all the men of the Assemblies of God, and not just those in organized local Men's Fellowship chapters," concludes Brother Bonds.

TWOFOLD PURPOSE OF MEN'S DAY

The first Sunday of December is Men's Day to give special recognition to the men who serve faithfully in the



Royal Rangers leadership training is carried on at all levels. Donald Bixler (left) of Raytown, Mo., and James E. Griggs, Southern Missouri District Royal Rangers commander, review preparations for a Pow Wow. During the past summer four national Royal Rangers training camps were held for advanced camping training.



Following a presentation on LFTL ministry (providing literature for overseas crusades) by Sam Cochran, president of the National LFTL Council, the men write out their faith pledges for LFTL for the coming year. Thousands of souls have been won to Christ through this literature ministry. More than \$300,000 has been pledged for 1969.

local church and to receive an offering to help support the National Men's Fellowship Department.

A part of one of the Sunday services may provide opportunity for the men to testify to the results of their ministry in the local church. While there are many areas of church life quite evident to the congregation, some are not so easily observed. These ministries—such as jail services, institutional meetings, and noon prayer meetings need to be brought to the attention of the whole church. This can be done on Men's Day, December 1.

Only once a year does the National Men's Fellowship Department ask the whole Fellowship to assist in meeting its office costs. With a growing program more personnel is needed. A response from each church at this time will provide a stronger program to benefit all our churches.

CAPABLE LAYMEN NOW IN LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

From a wide background of experience in various areas of business and church life, splendid men have now been selected for leadership in our men's programs. The national Men's Fellowship committee is comprised of two lay representatives from the Action Crusades, two from Light-for-the-Lost, and two from the Royal Rangers division, along with leaders in the national office. This lay representation brings into the planning sessions the best experience from men successful in business and in church leadership.

Plans developed through such committee action have resulted in a stronger effort for active participation by men in the sectional and local programs. *Insight*, a bimonthly leadership publication, is now sent to all sectional Men's