



ROYAL RANGERS— A NEW DIMENSION IN EVANGELISM

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LAST YEAR over 10,000 boys were won to Christ through Royal Rangers, and over 4,000 were filled with the Spirit.

What has caused our boys program to become such an outstanding evangelistic outreach? Most leaders agree it is because Royal Rangers presents a new and unique approach to winning boys for Christ. One commander expressed it this way:

"The attractive uniform, the colorful badges, and the exciting activities of the program capture the attention of many unsaved boys. These items become the 'bait' on our evangelistic hook. Because a boy is attracted by these things, he will join the group.

"After attending the meetings and participating in the activities, he then discovers the spiritual aspect of the program and is given the opportunity to accept Christ. When an evangelistic appeal is given to a boy against a backdrop as colorful and exciting as Royal Rangers, Christianity takes on a new dimension. To accept Christ becomes an exciting adventure. This is one of the reasons many boys are won to Christ through Royal Rangers."

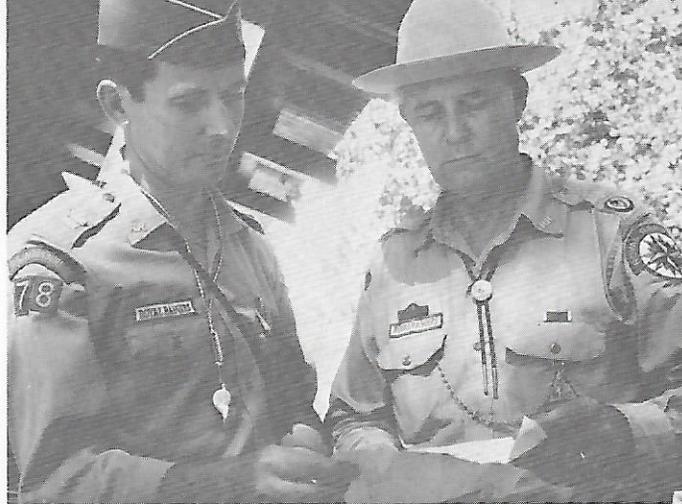
David Robinson, senior commander of Outpost 34, McKeesport, Pennsylvania, is another leader who has seen tremendous results through Royal Rangers. He writes:

"The spiritual blessings are many among our boys. Some are so outstanding it's almost unbelievable. The many different occasions in which the Lord has blessed would be too numerous to mention, but there are two or three I would like to mention.

"About six weeks ago the juvenile officer for McKeesport called and asked if we took an interest in boys in trouble with the law. We said we most certainly did and explained our Rangers program.

"George, the boy the officer referred to us, was only 12 years old and was already in court for vandalism, burglarizing homes, truancy from school, and much more.

"George came to our meetings and soon was part of the group. He gave us no trouble whatsoever and was even showing an effort to set the example of what a Ranger should be. George went with us on the next camp-out and had a grand time.



Don Bixler, Powwow coordinator, and District Commander James Griggs review the camp schedule for the day.

"Up until this time George had not really given his heart to the Lord. But this past Wednesday night was the beginning of a new life. On that night George came to the meeting and brought his whole family with him. I was asked to go to the pastor's study and there I met George's mother. It seemed that George liked coming to Rangers more than any one thing, and she wanted to know why. After I explained the program and her son's interest in it, she returned to the main service. We called George into the office and talked to him about Jesus. After about 15 minutes George knelt and asked Jesus to come into his heart. Unknown to us, his mother was doing the very same thing in the main prayer service. Praise God, what a time of rejoicing!

"Many families are coming to our church as a result of Royal Rangers. Just this past week a family of eight started attending our assembly through the efforts of a nine-year-old Pioneer. I could go on and on.

"We had been praying many months for an opportunity to minister in a home for boys here in McKeesport. A few weeks ago that opportunity came. Two of our Royal Rangers called on the priest in charge of the home. He

Instructors and trainees at the National Training Camp near Marshfield, Mo., march to a worship service. National Commander Johnnie Barnes (lower photo) leads a campfire devotional.

