



Above: Campers gathered in a great semicircle for the opening ceremony led by Fred Deaver, national Frontiersman Camping Fraternity president. Speaker was Silas Gaither, national director, Division of Church Ministries.

Below: Some boys brought along live chickens which they killed as needed and roasted over an open fire. Bottom: Paul McGarvey, secretary of the Men's Ministries Department, led morning devotions. Territorial and national leaders are in the background.



RENDEZVOUS '80

A major event in this year's Royal Rangers program was the National Rendezvous of the Frontiersmen Camping Fraternity (FCF) held July 23-25.

Some 683 members of FCF (men and boys) gathered in the Cumberland Mountains in Tennessee for these days and nights of frontier life. They pitched their 84 teepees and primitive lean-tos on an old Indian camping ground near the headwaters of the beautiful Sequatchie River and lived the way the pioneers must have lived in bygone days.

From every section of the country they came in their colorful frontier costumes and turned the valley into a scene from out of the past. They even brought along two donkeys, a live pig, and a little flock of chickens.

Frontier skills were demonstrated daily along such lines as leather work, rifle making, beadwork, scrimshaw, knife making, and hide tanning. Appetizing frontier meals were prepared over open fires, including roast pork and roast chicken.

Morning devotions were conducted by Paul McGarvey, secretary of the Men's Ministries Department of the Assemblies of God.

The evening services, reminiscent of the old-time brush arbor revivals, were times of great blessing. Johnnie Barnes, national commander of the Royal Rangers, was the preacher.