

The response from the men and boys showed that the "old-time religion" is still alive today.

Fun times included checker games atop old barrels, the undertaker measuring visitors for the wooden box, patch-trading sessions, and "picking and grinning" times. These late-night "picking and grinning" sessions, led by Mark Gentry, featured the guitar, harmonica, banjo, fiddle, dulcimer, and other instruments. The frontier-style songs and music echoed far across the moonlit valley.

The Alabama chapter won the award for the most authentic frontier camp.

In the "Mr. Frontiersman" contest, Ron Hornback won the young bucks (boys) division while Ray Lambert and Carl Crackel tied for top honors among the old-timers (men). In the Seneca Trace contest of skills, Ron Hornbeck won the young bucks division and Rick Medeiros the old-timers bracket.

From time to time frontier court was held with Judge Hawkeye Deaver presiding. Justice was swift and sure. All fines went to a special home missions project.

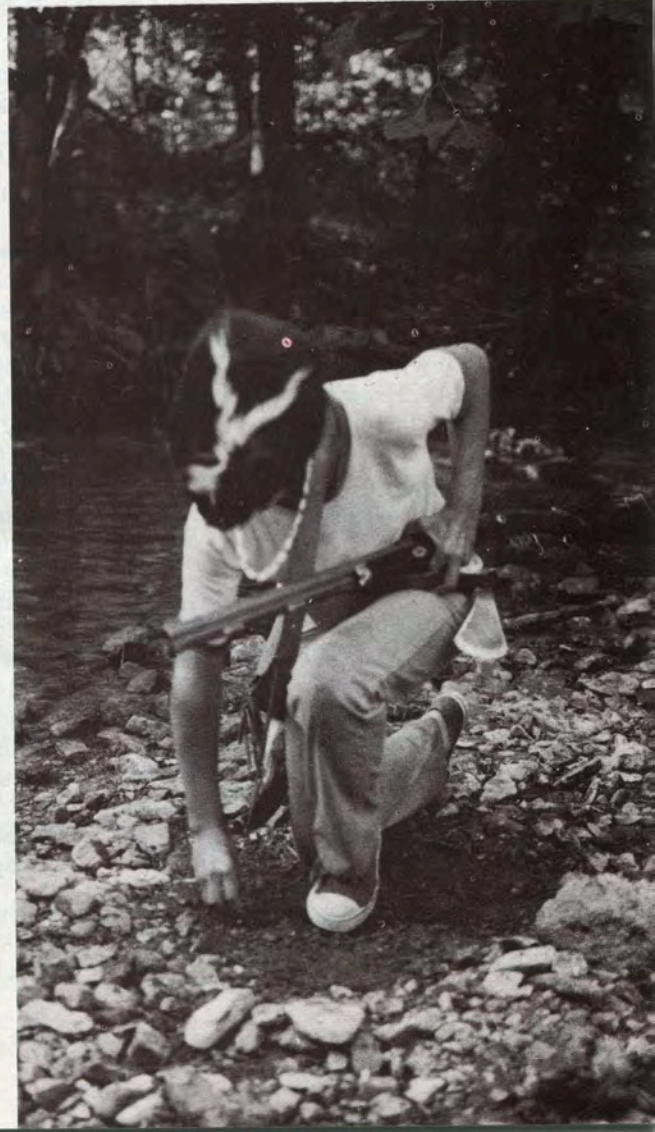
National FCF officers elected were: Fred Deaver, president; Sonny Green, vice-president; Rick Wescott, national scout; Dale Long, assistant national scout.

*Above left: Royal Rangers peel vegetables for a meal.*

*Above right: The Alabama chapter used this cooking pit at their award-winning campsite.*

*Right: A young buck lays down his charred cloth to begin the process of making fire by flint and steel. This was part of the Seneca Trace contest.*

*Below: Paul Stanek, the "undertaker," poses in his own wooden box. Paul is promotional and training coordinator for Royal Rangers.*



Photos by Paul Stanek, Bob Simpson, and Lonnie Selstad