

Royal Rangers Training Center dedicated

EAGLE ROCK, MO.—Dedication ceremonies were held here on the site of the new 1,445-acre National Royal Rangers Training Center on March 16. The event followed the March 13-15 Royal Rangers National Conference in Springfield, Mo. Leaders of the Assemblies of God men and boys ministry from across the nation were in attendance.

Master of ceremonies for the dedication was Silas Gaither, national director of the Division

of Church Ministries. Thos. F. Zimmerman, general superintendent, delivered the dedicatory message.

"This site meets the requirements not only for the present but for the future of this great ministry for boys which has exploded in the past few years," Zimmerman said.

The dedicatory prayer was led by General Secretary Joseph R. Flower. Comments by Johnnie Barnes, Royal Rangers national commander, and Fred Deaver, Frontiersmen camping fraternity president, and a song by Mark Gentry, Jr., Royal Rangers national field representative, were also featured.

The training center will be used for a wide variety of camping and training activities. The 1986 Camporama, with an expected 5,000 plus boys, and the 1988 Frontiersmen Camping Fraternity Rendezvous are among planned events.

Money for the purchase, development, and maintenance of

the land is coming from one-time donations by churches, Royal Rangers groups, and individuals. Under the "Stake a Claim" program each claimholder un-

derwrites the purchase, development, and the perpetual maintenance of one of the 1,445 acres with a single \$500 donation.

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General Superintendent Thos. F. Zimmerman (with microphone) speaks at the National Royal Rangers Training Center dedication. Also shown are Royal Rangers leaders (left to right): Mark Gentry, field representative; Johnnie Barnes, national commander; Fred Deaver, FCF president; and Paul Stanek, training coordinator.

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