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Summer
Royal Rangers'
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33rd GENERAL COUNCIL

PLAN TO ATTEND

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Saturday, August 23, 1969, 7 a.m.

BAKER HOTEL

Dallas, Texas



More men are expected for the Prayer Breakfast in Dallas. A great crowd attended MF Breakfast at Long Beach, Calif.

D. L. "SAM" JORDAN, Speaker
President, National Action Crusades Council

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WORKING WITH BOYS in Royal Rangers is a continuing challenge," states Joe Pottle, Southern New England District Royal Rangers commander, "but it is a rewarding one—when I see the boys growing in Christ. Whenever I begin to get discouraged, the Lord sends a boy we are able to help, and I am encouraged again."

Joe has a wide-open field of opportunities to witness on the job. Working with rough men, it is not easy to live a real testimony in front of them, but with the Lord's help, Joe has been able to witness to his fellow-workers.

About two years ago, Joe witnessed to one of the men on a job. When he left that job, Joe didn't see this young man

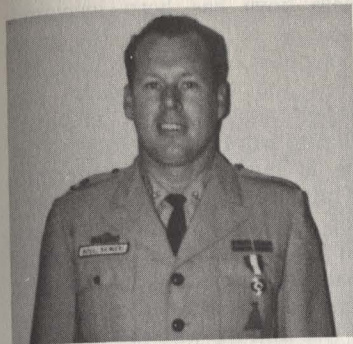
TOTALLY INVOLVED

By K. ANDERSON

An ironworker foreman in the construction field, Joe builds steel structures for new buildings. He also does ornamental and finishing work, such as stairways, window frames, storefronts, sash, and metal ceilings. His work has taken him as high as the top of the first sky-scraper in Boston—the Prudential Tower.

again for almost a year. Then, one Sunday afternoon, the young man called. Crying and very emotionally upset, he asked to come to his house.

When the two sat down to talk, the young man revealed a strange story. He told how he had once been saved, but had backslidden. Drink now had a strong grip on him, and



Joe Pottle

was about to destroy him and his family.

At the end of his rope, he now apparently had no way to turn. As a last resort, he remembered Joe and their talk of nearly a year before.

Now Joe again witnessed to the saving power of his Saviour, and presented Christ as the only answer to such problems. The two men knelt in prayer. When Joe arose to leave the house, he assured his friend that he would continue to pray for and keep in touch with him.

At church that night, when Joe arose from the altar service, he was directed to a

young man kneeling at another area of the altar. It was his friend with whom he had talked and prayed that afternoon.

Together with his wife the man had come to church and had gloriously found his way back to the Lord. The Lord rewards those who faithfully witness for Him.

Today, working with boys is very close to the heart of Joe Pottle. He relates how he became involved in the Royal Rangers at Parkway Assembly of God in Revere, Massachusetts.

"I had never worked with boys before, but God got hold of me through my own sons. They joined the Royal Rangers at church, so I would take them to each meeting.

"Soon they were telling me how few men were working with their group, and asked me if I could help out in some way. I consented to help on a temporary basis. Soon I found God doesn't work that way.

"I began to see the need, and God began working in my heart concerning it. Before long I was

a lieutenant commander with a patrol of my own.

"When Outpost Commander Fred Neal became seriously ill, a big vacancy was left—for he was great with the boys. Under him the outpost at Parkway Assembly was started and the group grew rapidly, becoming the second outpost to be chartered in the Southern New England District.

"I was approached concerning the position of outpost commander. When I consented to accept this, I suddenly realized I was *totally* involved! The Lord continued to guide, and our outpost grew. We now have ten men actively involved in our outpost."

Next Joe was asked by the district superintendent and presbyters to assume the post of district commander. Joe accepted and is presently happy in this office. All of the Southern New England District is thrilled at the results coming from the Royal Rangers program.

The Royal Rangers Leadership Training Course has broadened his vision. His desire to

help boys has been increased because he now sees the great potentials open before him. He feels the training course has better qualified and prepared him to win boys for Jesus. Now he is pushing the Leadership Training Course as a "must" for the Royal Rangers leaders in his district, and plans seminars for promoting and starting them on the training course.

Joe and his wife are proud of three sons who are Royal Rangers. Their oldest son was chosen "Ranger of the Year" by his outpost in 1967.

District Commander Joe Pottle values the program of Royal Rangers in a special way:

"Since the wonderful beginning of the Pentecostal movement and the Assemblies of God, there has been a universal cry of 'Where are our children? What is happening to them? Why can't we hold on to them?'

"One of the problems is that our children aren't being reached at an early enough age. Once a week on Sunday morning *was* not and *is* not enough!

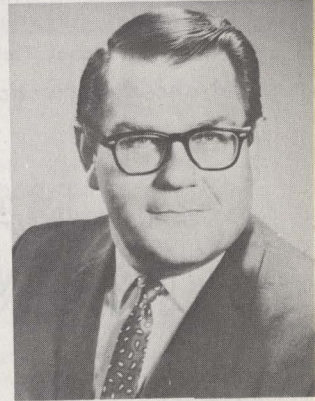
"The Royal Rangers program has been a tremendous move in the right direction to remedy the situation. Properly planned and carried out, with a qualified and Spirit-filled staff of leaders, we are seeing wonderful results in the youth in all our churches where this is carried on.

"I feel that we cannot value Royal Rangers too highly. Reaching boys and families out-

side the church has been like frosting the cake. The potential is unlimited, and with God's help we know that when Jesus returns there will be an army of young people to stand in His presence because of Royal Rangers. I plan on doing my best and giving my all to see this program grow for the honor and glory of our Saviour."

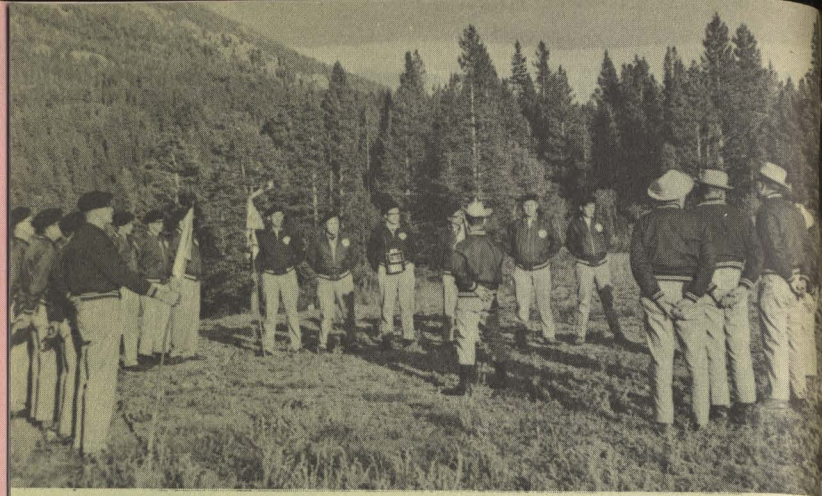
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NATIONAL TRAINING CAMPS

"ONE OF THE MOST challenging experiences I have ever encountered was the National Training Camp," exclaimed one of the men who attended one of the four Royal Rangers National Training Camps held last year. Twenty-five districts were represented by 119 men at the camps held at Camp Arrowhead in Missouri, Estes Park in Colorado;

Shaver Lake in California; and the Genesee Regional Scout Camp in New York.

Designed to give top-notch training and rugged camping adventure to Royal Rangers leaders, the National Training Camps provided these to the men plus outstanding fellowship, and a real spiritual refreshing.

The program consisted of classes in water safety, first aid, firecraft, lashing, ropecraft, nature study, toolcraft and use of the compass. Time was allotted for individual participation and practice.

Those who attended the

camps excitedly expressed their reactions to this new experience:

Ed White—NY said, "Wonderful experiences—rough, tough, and rugged experiences to be remembered for a lifetime. I shall never forget them. I recommend them to every man who is a Royal Rangers leader."

Don Franklin of the Western Camp was greatly pleased with every aspect of the camp. "The administration was excellent; food and supplies wonderful; program and implementation very good; devotionals superior; setting superb; work load a good test and very fair; the organization superior, the subject materials highly informative; quality of instruction excellent."

Vic Ostrom (Western Camp) voiced approval of the experience and "found much that will be of real service in my work with Rangers in North Texas."

Many expressed appreciation



Faculty for National Training Camp at Estes Park, Colorado.



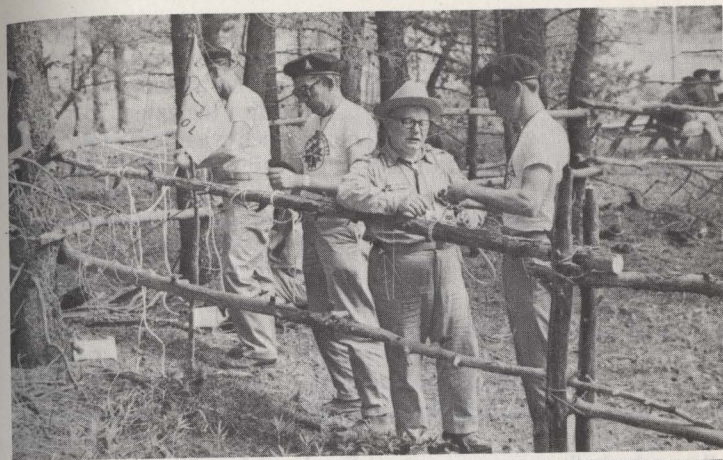
Training was given in making camp (left), and in practical demonstrations (right) — ropecraft and first aid.

for the new information they gleaned. Robert Fisher (WNTC) said: "Although many class sessions were 'old hat,' I was thankful for the fresh new way of presenting them. I think NTC should have greater advertising."

Christian fellowship with the other men was an aspect that was invaluable. Jerry Longwell (Central National Training Camp) says, "The idea of cultivating patrol spirit was an excellent idea." Another said: "I arrived at National Training Camp with mixed feelings. To be honest about it, the idea being put into a patrol sounded

downright silly. I was only in a patrol a few hours when I realized that a spirit of comradeship had emerged and we became concerned about each other's welfare." Yet another said: "I shared the warmth of wonderful men who have the same burden for the souls of boys and a better America."

Not only the training, and fellowship, but the spiritual times also, were exceptional. Ollie Henley (CNTC)—"To me, this camp was inspiring, filled with learning and fun. Throughout this camp I have felt the Spirit of God at all times. I hope to use the infor-



mation gained in this camp to help the boys in my area to become Christians and better Americans."

Paul Stanek found the camp a "place of spiritual growth as well as educational. It has had an impact on me for the work, love and outreach for all boys in the Royal Rangers program. I found that we all share the same Lord and that we all are workers together in one body, though we are all from different parts of the nation, different race and color, all in Christ—all one body."

District MF director James Griggs gave his appreciation for the NTC in this way: "It was

inspiring to see the depth of dedication and consecration of the men who attended. It helps us to realize the extent to which our laymen wish to be involved, and it assures us all of the continuing progress of the Royal Ranger program." He remarked that "the camp was personally rewarding and of great benefit to the men of our district who attended."

Four National Training Camps were planned for this year. Two have already been held—Texas (April 10-13), Ozark (May 22-25); and the West Coast (July 16-20); and Adirondack (August 7-10) remain to be held.



Classroom lectures (left) provided additional information, while use of the compass (right) was demonstrated by Glen B. Bonds, national secretary of the Men's Fellowship Department. National Royal Rangers Commander Johnnie Barnes (below) directed last year's NTC and is also leader for each of this year's NTC,

