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Governor Winthrop Rockefeller signs a proclamation declaring a Royal Rangers week for Arkansas. Alan E. Gell (next to right), national Royal Rangers aide-de-camp, has spearheaded the project of securing governors to declare a Royal Rangers week in their state. In addition to Arkansas, he has secured proclamations from the governors of Texas and Louisiana.

**Active in many areas of church,  
Alan Gell lives**

# ALL for CHRIST

**T**HE NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED and highly successful "Royal Rangers Day" at the 1968 World's Fair, Hemis-

fair, was through the excellent work of Alan Gell. He was also responsible for securing official proclamations for Royal Rangers

from Governor Winthrop Rockefeller of Arkansas, Governor John J. McKeithen of Louisiana, and former Governor John Connally and present Governor Preston Smith of the state of Texas.

A first lieutenant in the United States Army, Alan Gell is currently serving at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Born and raised in Texas, he completed high school in Dallas and attended the University of Texas majoring in mathematics. There he played the trumpet in the Longhorn Band, and served as an officer of the Chi Alpha chapter.

Just prior to entering the military service, Gell served as a tax examiner with the Internal Revenue Service. He has received numerous commendations and awards from the IRS and the Army.

In addition to being an active-duty military officer, Gell serves as Royal Rangers Regional Aide-de-Camp of the South Central Region. He has been active in the Royal Rangers program for five years, having completed the Leadership Training Course

and serving as an instructor at two National Training Camps for Royal Rangers leaders.

Lieutenant Gell has been active in all types of church activities. His service includes choir director, soloist, Sunday school teacher, and youth worker. Read his personal testimony:

"I was raised in a Christian home by Christian parents. Either I was extremely lucky—or God was already carrying out His plan in my life. I realized my need for Christ at an early age, and accepted Him as my personal Saviour.

"There was always the understanding that we would work actively in the church, so while I was in the seventh grade, I started playing my trumpet for the Lord on Sunday evenings and in the weeknight services.

"As the years passed, I began taking on positions in CA's, the Sunday school, Vacation Bible School, and other activities.

"When I was a high schooler, I played in a trumpet trio with Bill Marocco and Gilbert Lindsay. We not only played for our church, but we also had the

Antonio; where I have been for almost two years now. This is a definite answer to prayer, one of the most obvious I know of in my life.

"I have made some close friendships with many fine Assemblies of God officers and enlisted men in the service. The opportunities to witness for the Lord in the military service are unlimited!

"Many times we do not realize that our lives have an effect on others. Recently I was fortunate to hear the outcome of an event that took place while I was attending the annual conference of the Royal Rangers Aides-de-Camp in Springfield.

"I was standing in the lobby of a motel talking to several leaders, when across the lobby I noticed a very young serviceman in uniform. I felt compelled to go over and speak with him.

"Walking over to him, I introduced myself to this private and his companions (his aunt and uncle who were attending a Gideon's conference). Striking up a conversation with him, I related how God had so wonderfully directed my army career.

Not once did I ask him about his salvation, but before we parted, he asked if I could meet him later that evening and talk 'Army.'

"We went out for some hot chocolate late that evening. Again and again in my conversation with him, I stressed the need for real dedication to God, even of one's everyday existence.

Oddly enough, I never felt the urge to speak to this young man of salvation. I have found that things work out best when I follow the leadings of the Holy Spirit in witnessing, for He is the One that is doing the work.

"The private and I parted company after a while, and I partially forgot him. Then, a short time ago, I received a most unexpected letter from the young man's aunt. She told me that her nephew had not been a Christian as I had supposed, but he had given his heart to the Lord after our talk.

"I was glad that I had yielded to the promptings of the Lord that night of our talk. We never know how God will use us, if we will but yield our lives to him."

## God Gave Him a Burden

**R**OYAL RANGERS PROVIDES boys with just the right balance of ingredients needed to shape the leaders God would use in the coming days of these, the last days," says Aide-de-Camp Gary B. McKee.

In addition to serving as aide-de-camp of the New York District, McKee is the sectional Royal Rangers commander for the New York City area.

Employed by RCA Communications, he is an operating maintenance technician. He began work with the company ten years ago, after serving four years active duty and three years active reserve with

the Coast Guard. At his time of discharge, he was ranked as radioman first class.

McKee was led into the Royal Rangers program "through an approach by my pastor, and through the hand of God." God gave him the burden and the guidance which enabled him to establish a Royal Rangers outpost in a church where the program had previously failed and the church was reluctant to start another program.

Having only been a Christian for some two years now, McKee has worked hard to promote the boy's program which he feels "can reach every person with the gospel of Jesus Christ." He has already completed the Leadership Training Course and the Advanced Course, and has also attended a National Training Camp.

In his outpost, eleven of his thirteen registered boys are Christians. One boy from a Catholic background was led to the Lord.

Gary McKee is married, and he and his wife have two sons, Wayne (10), and Gary (6).

have time to appeal to Washington and get action."

"Give me your flag," shouted the British consul. The American flag was handed to him. Then, taking the Stars and Stripes in one hand and the Union Jack in the other, he hurried across the field and elbowed his way through the crowd. He rushed up to the doomed man, folded the American flag around him, and laid the British flag over it. Then he stepped aside a few paces,



faced the officer and soldiers, and shouted:

"Shoot if you dare!"

The bullets would have gone through the flags of two powerful nations. The order to fire was withheld and, after a hurried consultation, the man was released.

The Lord Jesus Christ offers a man or woman greater salvation and protection than that. He can wash a black heart white in His precious blood, place that soul beneath His care, and say to Satan: "Shoot if you dare!" For "the blood of Jesus Christ (God's) Son cleanseth us from all sin" (1 John 1:7). "And they overcame (Satan) by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony" (Revelation 12:11).

Let me urge you to believe in Christ, accept Him as your Saviour, and then travel life's pathway beneath the blood-stained banner of the cross. That banner has never failed.

There is wonderful salvation and eternal protection for you. Accept it in and through the Lord Jesus Christ, your Saviour.

## Royal Rangers Outpost in Dayton, Ohio under

# DEDICATED LEADER

**T**HIRTY YEARS OLD, happily married, and the father of a robust, two-year-old future Royal Ranger named Andrew. This is David Butz of Germantown, Ohio.

A research chemistry group leader, David is employed with the National Cash Register Company. For several years following his graduation from the University of Toledo in 1961 he worked for Monsanto Research Corporation.

S. David Butz is senior commander of Royal Rangers Outpost No. 6, of Bethel Temple, Dayton, Ohio, which received Ohio's "Best Outpost" award in 1968.

Having been reared on a farm near Maumee, Ohio, by wonder-

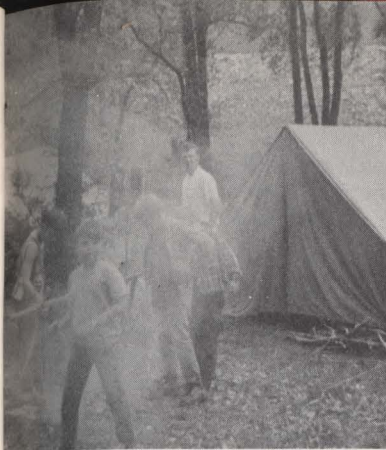




During the Spring campout which 55 Royal Rangers attended, this Adventures in Camping workshop was held (above). First-aid instructions (below) were given by Trailblazer Commander Dick Tunney.

ful Christian parents, David and his four brothers and sisters reflect their godly parents example in their lives.

David's two sisters are in full-time ministry as pastors' wives, and one brother is an active member of his local Assembly and Royal Rangers outpost in Jacksonville, Florida. His other brother, a medical specialist in internal medicine, serves the Lord in part-time ministry in the Portland, Oregon area Assemblies of God churches with a tremendous personal testimony.



Pioneer boys—"the smoke-eaters"—prepare their fire for cooking supper stew (above). Pioneer Lt. Commander Lonnie Ellison (below) gives a firecraft demonstration using only one match.



Bethel Temple in Dayton, Ohio, benefits by having David and his family as active church members. David is senior commander of Royal Rangers Outpost 6. In August, 1967, the outpost underwent a revitalization when the enrollment mushroomed from less than 25 to about 60 boys. Enrollment is now well over 75. In the 1968 Ohio Pow Wow, the outpost was awarded Ohio's "Best Outpost" plaque.

In the past year and a half, at least eight decisions for Christ have been made in the meetings and campouts of the



On a trail hike, these Buck-A-Roos were warned "Watch out for poison ivy."

outpost. Senior Commander Butz credits these fine results to an outstanding Royal Rangers outpost council and their willingness to work and pray in the interest of reaching and keeping boys for Christ; to the leadership seminar held at the beginning of the Rangers season; to the staff of talented and dedicated commanders; and to a wonderful church board and pastor who have backed the Royal Rangers spiritually, financially, and personally.

Great interest is shown (below) as Sea Ranger Senior Guide Steve Stubblefield gives a ropecraft demonstration.



Pastor Charles A. Anderson, of Bethel Temple, Dayton, Ohio, and Royal Rangers Councilman Helfinstine get in on the kitchen detail at the campout.

The Butz home has become a favorite spot for Rangers activities. A 20-acre "hobby" farm near Dayton, it includes 10 acres of cropland, an apple and peach orchard, pasture land with grazing sheep, and two creeks surrounding woodlands with bountiful wildlife. The Rangers enjoy camping, hiking, swimming, ice skating, and many other things at the Butz farm.

David enjoys his work with boys. He says, "I appreciate their enjoyment of the wonders of nature as well as their re-

quirement for fun and mischief. In that regard, I guess I'm still one of them."

Firmly convinced that the Royal Rangers program is the answer to the developmental problems of today's boys, Butz says: "As we honor the Lord in all our activities, He will make our efforts fruitful in terms of mature, spiritual leaders who will bless not only their Royal Rangers outpost, but the local church, and the entire sphere of their influence."