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When airplane crashes

Four Give Lives For Royal Rangers

FOUR CASKETS STOOD at the front of Christian Assembly of God, Zion, Illinois, on March 5, 1970, in which rested the bodies of four dedicated men of the church who had gone to be with the Lord.

Theirs was probably one of the largest funerals ever held in Zion. The funeral procession reached from the town to the cemetery. More than 300 cars were counted at the church—with an estimated 1,000 persons attending the service.

Ross Tabor was the minister of youth, chaplain of the Royal Rangers, and teacher of the college and career class.

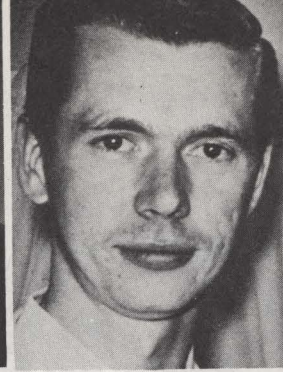
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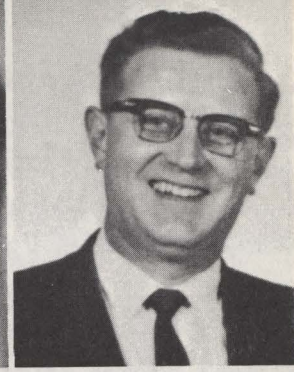
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Robert Heikenfeld



Orville Winrich

ers, an usher, a Christ's Ambassadors sponsor, and a teacher in the primary department of the Sunday school.

Robert Heikenfeld, who had achieved the highest rank in Boy Scouting several years ago, was a church board member, a Sunday school teacher in the senior high department, and commander of the Royal Rangers.

Orville Winrich served as director of visitation, assistant Sunday school superintendent, and superintendent of the adult department.

On the last day of February, the four men flew to Point Lookout, Missouri, to locate a future camping site for their

Royal Rangers, and to finalize arrangements for securing use of the site.

The men left in their plane for their return trip to Waukegan on Sunday about noon, and a short time later encountered extremely unfavorable weather conditions. Their small plane became lost in the fog. Ten miles north of Mountain Grove in south-central Missouri, they crashed into a hilltop.

In spite of the magnitude of the shock the news brought to the families and to the members of Christian Assembly in Zion, there was a supreme peace in knowing that these men were with the Lord.

Pastor William Douglas of-

ficiated at the combined funeral. The Spirit of the Lord was felt in a dynamic way by each one present. The Lord then capped the service with a message in tongues and interpretation. Even the most bereaved were seen to lift their hands in praise and thanksgiving to God for His help and strength.

All four men were laid to rest in the same cemetery, three of them in the same grave plot, and another a short distance away. A time of consecration and committal was held—the people lifted their voices and sang praises to the Lord as they bid farewell to those so dearly beloved.

Helping boys

Meet the Master

FRED DEAVER is having success in Kansas in winning boys to the Lord Jesus Christ. What accounts for his wonderful results?

"I am made to think of the woman at the well," says Fred. "No doubt it was her thirst for water that brought her to the well, but the main thing is *that* is where she met the Master!

"Many boys, no doubt, join Royal Rangers because of their thirst for fun, adventure, or to wear the sharp Rangers uniform, but the main thing, as Rangers leaders know, is to see that these boys meet the Master."

Fred has completed the Royal Rangers Leadership Training Course and the Advanced Training Course. He also at-

Commander Fred Deaver presents a special recognition certificate to Mike Kenzle.

tended the first National Training Camp in Springfield, Missouri. All of these things, he feels, have helped to build up his confidence in understanding boys and how to reach them for Christ.

When Fred was the commander of an outpost, he was able to lead many boys to



Christ. He began by showing a very personal interest in each boy, and having a God-given love for them.

Now, as deputy district commander and aide-de-camp for Kansas, he still receives a thrill at seeing many boys won to Jesus at the "council fires" in the sectional and district Pow Wows.

Of these Pow Wows, Fred says, "I believe it is at these council fires that all the devotions, the Bible studies, and prayers which the local commanders, and the lieutenant commanders have given their boys at the outpost meetings, 'pay off.'

"This is why I believe it is most vital that whoever conducts the council fire be most careful in all details. I have found that I have had most of my success in leading boys to Christ as I spend much time in fasting and prayer, and then in presenting Jesus to the boys in a simple manner on their own level. I always like to have the 'prayer warriors' at church informed of these council fires too—because I believe that

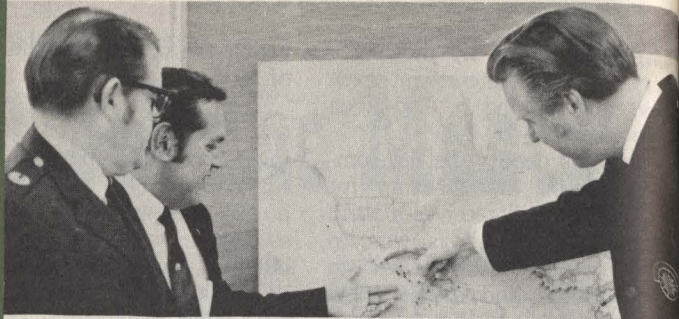
people are saved when the saints of God prevail.

"On second thought," counters Fred, "I am wrong in saying I have led a boy to Christ, for I am only a small part of a great team. Some sow the seed, some water, and some reap, but God giveth the increase."

Not long ago Fred conducted a 13-week Leadership Training Course which was climaxed with an overnight camp-out. Ten men completed the course and fifteen boys were saved as a direct result of this training course. A banquet was held on December 12, 1969, in which National Commander Johnnie Barnes and National Training Coordinator Paul Feller presented the men with their Leader's Medal of Achievement.

December 12, 1969 was a high point for Fred in another way. Fred's wife gave birth to their first baby boy on that day!

Deputy District Commander Fred Deaver thinks that "prayer, fasting, and a willingness to be 'God's man' is what it takes to be a Royal Rangers leader and to win boys to Jesus."



George Davis, Juan Romero and Johnnie Barnes indicate locations on map of South America the flying Royal Rangers leaders visited (see front cover also).

SEVERAL INCHES OF snow and ice covered the ground as we boarded a commercial airliner in Springfield, Missouri, enroute to San Antonio, Texas. We would begin from here a flying tour with George Davis of several Latin American countries in behalf of "Exploradores del Rey" (the Spanish name for the Royal Rangers program.)

Various national conventions would be attended and we would set up national organizations for the Royal Rangers program. Anticipating exciting adventures; balmy, sunny weather; beautiful scenery; and

great fellowship in the rallies and conventions, we were not disappointed.

Members of our party were George Davis, Latin American coordinator for Royal Rangers; Juan Romero, Latin American training coordinator; Floyd Larson, northeast regional aide-de-camp; and Raul Solis, district commander for the Latin American District. Veteran missionary pilot George Davis flew our plane.

After spending our first night in Brownsville, Texas, and our second night in the historical city of Vera Cruz, Mexico, we headed for Costa Rica. The

Flying Abroad for Royal Rangers

By **JOHNNIE BARNES**

National Commander Royal Rangers

plane nosed up above the clouds and the high mountains of Central Mexico to the Pacific coast; turned south, and flew down the coastline. We saw scenes which were to be repeated many times during the trip—rugged mountains, lush green jungle, sandy beaches and the rolling blue sea. In the distance we could see many famous Central American volcanoes.

In Costa Rica, "Land of the Eternal Spring," we landed at the beautiful capitol of San Jose. In our first Royal Rangers convention our team put into operation a plan that proved successful throughout the re-

mainder of the tour. George Davis and Juan Romero presented the overall program. Floyd Larson spoke on the layman's role in Royal Rangers; Raul Solis told what is happening in the Latin American district of the United States; and then I presented the spiritual potential of the program. A Royal Rangers film presentation was also given. Between the presentations, George and Juan blessed the audience with their singing.

Juan served as interpreter when I spoke. It was a joy working with him, for he not only interpreted the words, but



"Templo Vista Hermosa." Under the leadership of Missionary David Godwin, this church has made an impact on the entire city. Our first meeting was a Men's Fellowship convention held in the "Templo." The response of these men to the Royal Rangers program was very pleasing. Plans were made to expand the program throughout the country.

also projected the spirit of what was said. The altar service at the Costa Rica convention was wonderful. What a thrill to see men, women, and boys weeping and rejoicing as they rededicated their lives to God.

It was exciting in our next convention in Panama City, Panama, to observe the results of a great Pentecostal revival of sweeping throughout Panama. One result was the beautiful



Juan Romero interprets for Johnnie Barnes (above left) both audibly and visually. George Davis, Latin American coordinator for Royal Rangers, (above) presents the overall program, while Floyd Larson (below left) spoke on the laymen's role in Royal Rangers and Juan Romero interprets.



George Davis, Raul Solis, district commander for the Latin American District, and Floyd Larson, national Royal Rangers aide-de-camp, ready for a takeoff.

Sunday evening we attended revival services in an air cathedral. George and Juan gave the Royal Rangers film presentation and I gave a word of testimony. The "Exploradores del Rey" of the church then presented us with a beautiful souvenir of lovely embroidery work done by the San Blas Indians. We were blessed by the ministry of Elmer Bueno, the campaign evangelist.

Our next flight was over many miles of dense, unexplored jungles, and then up to 13,500 feet above the Andes Mountains to the city of Bogotá, Colombia—

a large modern city nestled in a valley in the mountains.

Our Royal Rangers presentations here were part of a minister's institute conducted at the Bible school in Bogotá. Attending the institute were representatives from all over South America. Response to our program was most encouraging but we were even more thrilled by the testimonies of pastors telling what has happened in the "Exploradores del Rey" program in the various areas of South America.

We made two evening presentations in local churches. The

Johnnie Barnes visits with a Guatemalan during the flying trip to the field of ministry of Missionary John Franklin.



mothers in one church had made Royal Rangers uniforms for each of the boys in their group. The boys wore these uniforms so proudly it showed on their faces. It was a heartwarming experience to see these boys kneeling at the altar, dedicating their lives to God.

An interesting benefit from wearing our Royal Rangers uniforms developed at the airport when we were leaving Bogotá. An airport official canceled a \$5 fee each because we had on our Royal Rangers jackets!

A few days later we were in San Salvador for the annual Men's Fellowship convention. The most densely populated country in Central America, and containing the largest Assembly of God in Central America, this country presents a real challenge for the "Exploradores del Rey" program.

Our hearts were moved as we watched men, who had walked miles with their small packs of food and other items, coming into the convention. I thought, "If all our Christian men had such dedication, what an impact they could make for God."

Our final convention was in Acapulco, Mexico, a famous seaside resort city, with many beautiful beaches and the famous cove where young men dive off a cliff into the waters 135 feet below. In a combined CA, MF, WMC, and Royal Rangers annual convention, our presentation was received with great enthusiasm. We feel that the "Exploradores del Rey" program will soon be making an impact on the lives of thousands of boys in Mexico.

The tour was an exciting adventure, but more than this, I received a greater vision of the potential of the Royal Rangers program in these countries.

In many of the countries, there was political unrest. Some of these countries have armies in readiness for possible future warfare. My prayer is that this trip may also inspire the development of a new army, not a military force, but an army of Christian young men carrying high the banner of the Lord Jesus Christ, and that this army will continue to grow until it makes an impact on all of Latin America.

Whenever needed, Arthur Smith is

"Ready" To Serve

THERE IS NO QUESTION in my mind but that God has called me to work with young people," says Arthur Smith, Royal Rangers senior commander at First Assembly of God, Phoenix, Arizona.

Art has taught in the Sunday school for four years now, in the fourth and seventh grades. Also, he directs children's church for grades four through six. In the Sunday school class, he and his wife "team teach" and also work together in the children's church. He is extremely happy and thankful to the Lord for such a wonderful wife.

Art is grateful for the privilege he has of leading many boys and girls to Christ through these areas of service.

For two years First Assembly of Phoenix has had a Royal Rangers group and Art has been active in it since its beginning. Starting as a lieutenant commander, he later became outpost commander for the Pioneers, and is currently senior commander of the Royal Rangers at First Assembly.

During his first year in Royal Rangers, he was thrilled when he led his first Royal Ranger to accept the Lord. "I place Royal Rangers high on the list as ways of winning the lost for

Christ," says Art. "And I know that boys will bring in more boys once they have come to know Christ as their Saviour. The excitement of hiking, swimming, fishing, and camping trips brings in boys who might never otherwise see the inside of a church."

Pipefitting is Art's occupation. He has been at this type of work for more than seventeen years. Art and his wife have four children, ages 16, 14, 8, and 6.

Probably one of the most outstanding incidents in the lives of



"It's a good thing I'm a Christian or I'd tell you what a jerk you are!"

the Smiths, is the story of how they came to Christ.

Fourteen years ago, when their second child, Susan, was born, the doctors told Art and his wife their new baby had a very bad heart condition and would not live.

"We kept Susan at home in a crib fixed with oxygen and ice for about two and a half years," recalls Art. "Finally the heart clinic here in Phoenix sent us to the UCLA heart clinic in Los Angeles. There we were told she would have to undergo surgery."

Due to the condition of Susan's heart and because of her frailty, the specialists suggested that the Smiths wait six months before the operation. The doctors were very frank and told them only 30 percent of these cases came through the operation.

The Smiths took little Susan back home.

For sometime, Art's mother had been watching Oral Roberts on television. When little Susan was brought back home from the Los Angeles clinic, she suggested they take Susan to an Oral Roberts' meeting.

This was a difficult thing to decide, for both Art and his wife had been raised in the Methodist church. But having tried all the doctors, oxygen, clinics, and everything else suggested, they decided they should try this.

Taking two weeks off from work, the Smiths drove to Fresno, California, where Oral Roberts was holding a crusade.

Art describes what happened when they arrived. "The first three days there, we saw things that were unbelievable to us. When a woman with a large goiter was prayed for, the goiter disappeared leaving only loose flesh.

"We sat near a little girl whose eyes were badly crossed. After prayer her eyes were straight.

"On the third evening, Oral Roberts preached about the three Hebrew children and the fiery furnace. I will never forget that sermon, for that evening, both my wife and I were saved. We knew without a doubt that Christ had come into our lives."

With new faith in God and His power, the Smiths took lit-

tle Susan forward for prayer the next afternoon.

As they were praying for his little daughter, Art says, "I felt the wonderful presence of God's healing power come. Where Susan's little chest was out of shape because of the excessive action of the lungs, God reached down and perfected His work by making her chest completely normal."

Since that afternoon, more than eleven years ago, Susan has not needed oxygen again—proof of her complete healing.

"I never before knew Jesus Christ was so real and that He loved us so much," Art concluded.

The past eleven years have been wonderful years in the Smith home. Now each member of the family is a born-again Christian and all but the two youngest children have received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

A man who is "ready," not only in Royal Rangers, but also in working with all young people, and serving the Lord in every capacity he can, Arthur Smith is indeed an example to follow.



The Royal Rangers of the First Assembly of God, Wilmington, California, received the first charter (Outpost No. 1) in Southern California. A practice campout (below) is held on the playground of the Wilmington Christian School, which is operated by the church.

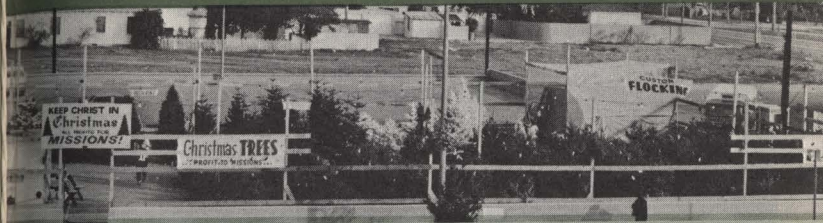
Royal Rangers Active in "Church of Year"

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God, Wilmington, Cal-
ifornia, selected to be the Men's

Fellowship "Church of the Year" for 1969, carries on a strong Royal Rangers program.

After having heard they placed "first" in the nation for 1969, the men prefer to describe their group as more "sensible" than "sensational," and more "outreaching" than "outstanding."

Men's Fellowship director is Lloyd Waterfield. Lloyd follow-



ed several years of excellent groundwork by former director Ray Neill. He has described the Wilmington program as being fourfold.

It's mealtime for the Royal Rangers of the First Assembly of God, Wilmington, California, during their camping trip to Oneil Park, Orange County, California (top). The Royal Rangers sold Christmas trees (center) and gave the profits to a missions project.



Morning devotions (above) brought all the boys together at the practice campout on the playground of the Wilmington Christian School. Pastor Roy Sapp (below) describes his missionary trip to Rhodesia at a Light-for-the-Lost banquet. The church participates actively in both Light-for-the-Lost and Action Crusades outreaches.



ROYAL RANGERS

Commanding the Royal Rangers outpost is Glen Fosha, assisted by Aaron Rich, Archie Dawson, Gary Adams, Bob Norton, and Larry Tacket. The boys help to pay for their campouts and trips by distributing 10,000 copies of the "Harbor View," the monthly church newspaper, to homes in the community.

BIMONTHLY BANQUET

An average of ninety men attend the bimonthly banquet. Local hunters keep wild game on the menu, including venison, moose, caribou, and Alaskan brown bear. The meal is usually followed by special musical numbers and then a spiritual challenge by a special speaker.

"We do not leave without giving opportunity for men to accept Jesus Christ," said Lloyd Waterfield. The banquet meal is free to visitors, as the men pay \$2.00 monthly—eliminating asking for money at the banquet.

LIGHT-FOR-THE-LOST

The Wilmington MF placed second among Southern California churches for giving to Light-

for-the-Lost in 1969. Lloyd Waterfield, Ray Neill, and Hal Ezell are national councilmen.

In December, a Christmas tree lot was shared by the MF and the CA's. The profits—\$2400—were divided equally between Light-for-the-Lost and Speed-the-Light.

OUTREACH

Under the direction of Association Pastor Charles Roberts, many men are involved in organized outreach programs. These ministries include Sunday school, services in a local convalescent hospital, ministry at the Los Angeles Teen Challenge, and a weekly service at the federal prison on Terminal Island.

Assisting in the hospital, narcotics ministry, and federal prison are Gary Adams, Steve Valencia, Paul Ower, Evans Santiago, and Bill Clawson.

Following an impetus by Sam Jordan, an Action Crusade night continues in the church each Tuesday evening. This ministry is under the direction of Hal Ezell and Associate Pastor Cecil Good. Men and their wives are ringing doorbells for the cause of Jesus Christ.



Nearly 60 boys converged on the John Prosser farm for an overnight campout last October.

Though retired from his job, he is still Active in Royal Rangers

JOHN PROSSER, a former chemical processing foreman, did not retire when he left the Wood River, Illinois, refinery at age 65 on November 25, 1965 with more than 43 years of service—he just changed what he was doing.

John has served as senior commander of the Royal Rangers outpost of Jerseyville and the surrounding territory. He organized the outpost in October, 1966, starting with 18 boys. The outpost now has 37 boys.

Serving as senior commander,

John works with two other adult leaders, Louie Oliver and Bill Cox. His grandson, David Price, is a junior commander. David works with the 7- and 8-year-old group.

In a sectional Pow Wow at Carlinville last August 8 and 9, with ten outposts participating, John's outpost won first place in the selection of campsite and neatness of tent set-up competition. In the foot races and jumping contests, the Jerseyville group led the way again, with five firsts, three seconds,

and two third-place finishes. Three Jerseyville boys also won membership in the Frontiersmen Camping Fraternity at the Pow Wow.

John does not consider himself a working man because he does not farm his 120 acres. But, he does keep busy with his herd of Hereford cattle and a flock of ducks on his lake. Then, every summer, he puts in a big flower and vegetable garden too!

An example of John's enthusiasm for the Royal Rangers program was shown last October when nearly sixty boys converged on his farm and set up camp for an overnighter.

Royal Rangers need men like John Prosser—men who see the need, and will not retire from the work of the Lord.

John Prosser, Harrold Southward, Carl Weiner, Charles Moxey, Charles Henricks, Philip Moxey, and Don Lloyd provide leadership for the Royal Rangers of Jerseyville, Illinois.



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