

boy has enabled Royal Rangers to grow and minister effectively as an arm of the church.

Every week throughout our country and in many countries of the world, thousands of men and boys are involved in Royal Rangers. From the Straight Arrows, to the Buckaroos, Trailblazers, and Air, Sea, or Trail Rangers, boys are shown the light of God's love through the dedicated leadership of our Assemblies of God men. These are men willing to receive leadership training to prepare themselves for this opportunity to minister.



The Leadership Training Course, launched early in the program, contains practical training on all phases of the Royal Rangers ministry. Over 30,000 men have enrolled in this training.



Every year Royal Rangers leave their hometown assemblies to enter our Bible and liberal arts colleges. Others are already in the work force

and are serving our churches in responsible positions of leadership. Many men who participated in Royal Rangers as boys are now finding renewed interest and fulfillment as local outpost commanders. And some Royal Rangers grow up to become pastors and missionaries.



Through personal counseling, outpost meetings, campfire devotions, rallies, and pow wow evangelistic services, thousands of boys have started the greatest of all adventures—the adventure of living for Christ.



Recently, at our National Camporama in Eagle Rock, Missouri, I stood on the steps of the lodge and



watched the boys pass by in review. My heart was full as over 3,000 faces passed my view.

My good friend Fred Deaver, leaned over and remarked, "John, we have come a long way in 25 years."



I thought of the:
... Bright-eyed boy who proclaimed, "Commander Barnes, the Royal Rangers is the greatest program in the world!"

... Top-notch Rangers who rushed into a burning jail and released the only prisoner, then assisted two police officers who were overcome by smoke.

... Many dedicated leaders who have given of their time, their treasure, and their talent.

... Spark of vision that began 25 years ago that has flamed into a God-anointed ministry to boys.

A tear trickled down my cheek. I looked at Fred and answered, "This is something God has done."

With the same faith and hope of 25 years go, we look to the future.

