

of the Rangers and is now attending Sunday school regularly too. He has encouraged his parents and family to come along to Sunday school.

Royal Rangers has created much talk and enthusiasm in this little Alaskan community.

"Can our boys come to Royal Rangers? They have heard so much about them and would like to come," is a question often asked Paul Riley, the pastor at the Assembly of God church, who gladly gives an affirmative reply.

First meeting of the Rangers was held July 13, 1963, with six boys in attendance. Since that time the number has continued to grow until over 20 boys are now enrolled.

Making lamps for their mothers as a Christmas gift was the first handicraft undertaken. These lamps were from peeled willow showing the light and dark shades in the wood. Now the boys are making bird feeders from birch wood. Both the birch and willow grow in abundance in this area.

One unsaved young man who heard of the activities of this group donated model cars, boats, and airplanes for them to assemble. A complete photo-developing set has also been given to the Rangers.

Perhaps the most valued possession of the boys, however, is an old foot locker. They call this their Treasure Chest. All winter they were soliciting camping gear from their parents and friends, happily looking ahead to the summer months when they could enjoy camping out together. Their Treasure Chest will be used to store this equipment.

Outdoor activity is not confined to the summer. In February an ice skating party and weiner roast gave a bit of spice to the regular routine. After this party, the fellows warmed up at the parsonage and a birthday cake and hot cocoa were served in honor of one boy's birthday.

Part of each meeting is spent in a devotional service. All the boys love to sing the choruses and listen attentively as the Word of God is taught.

This boys club is giving these boys something constructive to occupy their time and is providing them with spiritual help and guidance, as well as presenting the plan of salvation to many for the first time.

Acceptance and support of this program for the boys has been received from unexpected places. It seems the entire village realizes something is happening which is of great benefit.

## Royal Ranger Buried in His Uniform

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—A very touching story has come to the head office of Royal Rangers here, from Lihue, Kauai, Hawaii. This article appeared in the *Honolulu Star Bulletin*, Dec. 25, 1963.

"An 11-year-old boy was accidentally shot to death during a hunting trip near the Puhi Reservoir.

"Douglas Kenny was pronounced dead at Wilcox Hospital at 12:15 p.m.

"Detective Captain Joseph Carvalho said the youth was hit in the right temple by a 410 shotgun blast from a distance of

10 feet. (The hunting trip was not related to Royal Ranger activities.)"

Pastor Robert E. Allen writes:

"Douglas Kenny was a very difficult boy to handle before joining the Royal Rangers. The Royal Ranger program brought about a marvelous change in him. He began to cooperate, became a good sport, and was obedient to his leader. This was quite a change from his previous attitude.

"His parents, though not Christians themselves, realized the change in their son and also his devotion to the Royal Rangers. They requested the Royal Rangers to walk as honorary pallbearers at the funeral in their uniforms, and also requested that Douglas might be buried in his uniform. This was unusual, but nevertheless we complied with their request.

"Douglas' mother has recently accepted Christ as her personal Saviour. We are so very grateful that Douglas had the opportunity of being a Royal Ranger."



The Royal Rangers were honorary pallbearers at the funeral of Douglas Kenny in Lihue, Kauai, Hawaii.

## "Do It Like the Royal Rangers"

COLUMBUS, GA.—Only organized a few months ago, with Lamar Hughes as commander, the Royal Rangers outpost at the East Highland Assembly of God, Columbus, has already become a symbol of success and victory in church activities. There are 32 boys and five helpers besides the commander. All are uniformed and carry out the Rangers regulations to the "nth degree."

When the annual world missions convention rolled around the Rangers were assigned a display booth to decorate and maintain. The booth and its handlers received more comment than all the others put together.

The troop has made two out-of-town trips to present the Rangers program to other churches and help them organize.

Around East Highland, when Pastor R. C. "Keetah" Jones or some other leader wants something done right, you will hear them say, "Do it like the Royal Rangers."

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