

gathered in the Campfire Arena for an evangelistic rally. Speaker was National Commander Johnnie Barnes. During the altar call 93 boys went forward to accept Christ as their personal Saviour.

After the evangelistic service, one of the newest features of Royal Rangers was presented. It is called the "Frontiersmen Camping Fraternity," a program in which top-notch Rangers are selected for membership in an advanced camping club.

Members and leaders added color by wearing coonskin caps and buckskin shirts during the exciting ceremony. Many older boys were inspired to return home and work hard to qualify for membership in this group.

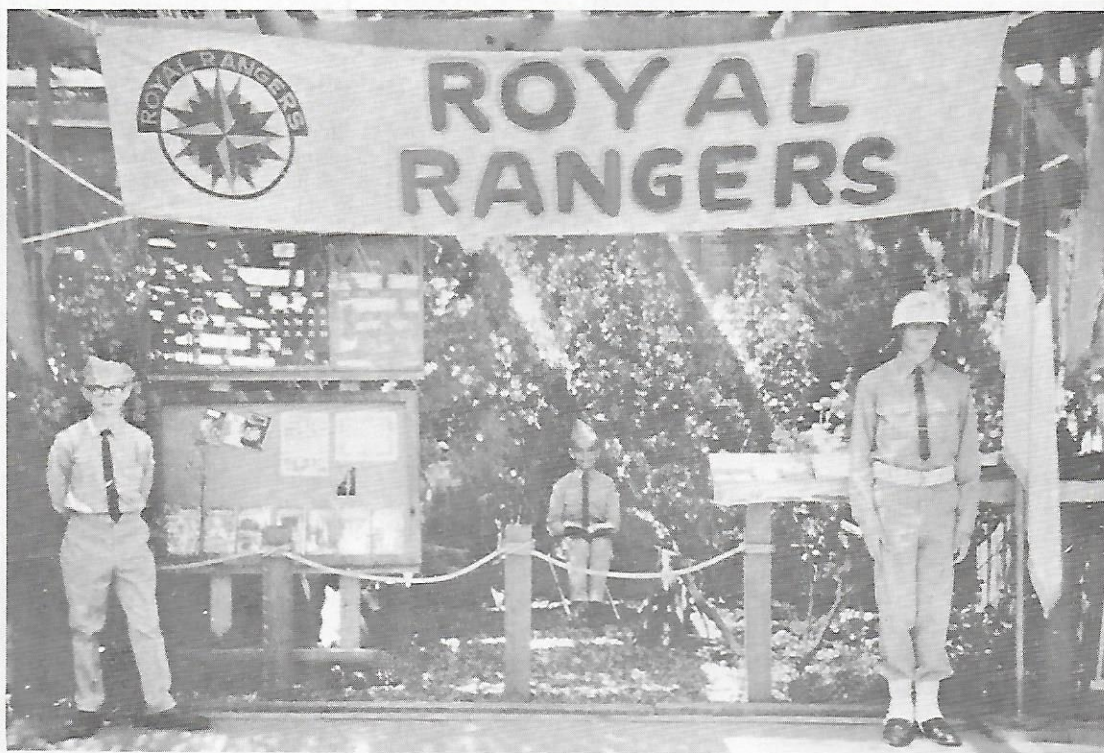
On the final morning the group gathered in the arena for presentation of special awards. Several leaders, boys, and groups received special recognition. The final devotional message was given by Ed Cole, district commander of Northern California-Nevada.

Outstanding planning, promoting, and directing of the camporee was done by District Chaplains

L. E. Halvorson, Southern California, and Joe Gerhart, Northern California-Nevada; by District Commanders Ed Cole, Northern

California-Nevada, and Ron Halvorson, Southern California; and by Camporee Coordinator Max Nungesser.

The success of the camporee was expressed by a Royal Ranger when he said, just before leaving, "Man, it was the greatest!"



The Royal Rangers booth at the California State Fair in Sacramento.

ROYAL RANGERS WITNESS AT CALIFORNIA STATE FAIR

THE 1966 CALIFORNIA STATE FAIR in Sacramento, Calif., attracted over a million people last year. For the first time in its history, the fair had a Royal Rangers exhibit!

Commanders from various outposts brought their equipment and worked diligently to prepare an outdoor camp booth. The walls were painted forest green, and the floor was covered with wood chips to give it a rough outdoors texture.

Pup tents were set up, and logs laid for the campfire. Monterey pines and manzanita bushes completed the effect.

A special tract, printed for the

occasion, displayed the Royal Rangers emblem in full color with the words, "YES, IT IS EXCITING." Inside was a brief description of the Royal Rangers program and the plan of salvation.

The Royal Rangers exhibit was in the fair for a definite purpose. Day after day the Royal Rangers and their leaders told men, women, boys, and girls about the Lord Jesus Christ and explained to them that Christ is the answer to their search for reality. Many hearts and lives were touched, and souls were saved from day to day.

On the final day of the fair, three teen-age boys came to the

booth. Lyle Romack, deputy district commander of Northern California-Nevada and leader of the project, introduced himself and engaged the boys in conversation. These boys had never been to Sunday school nor had anyone ever told them of Jesus.

That day in front of the Royal Rangers exhibit, these three teenagers bowed their heads and asked Jesus Christ to come into their hearts. They, with many others, found the answer to their search for reality!

Leaders involved in the fair-booth project unanimously agreed that the results were well worth the cost and effort.



GROWING!

IF YOU COMPARE the photo above with the one on the cover of this *Evangel*, you'll have a graphic picture of growth. Both photos are of David Barnes and his father, Johnnie (who is national commander of Royal Rangers).

The cover photo, previously unpublished, was taken four years ago when David was nine and Royal Rangers was just getting started.

The photo above was taken a few days ago. David, now 13, has grown a lot. So has the Royal Rangers program—to reach some 75,000 boys. Comparing the photos also shows the importance of reaching boys now. They grow fast!

For information on starting a Royal Rangers group in your church, or for chartering a group already organized, contact: Royal Rangers, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo. 65802.

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