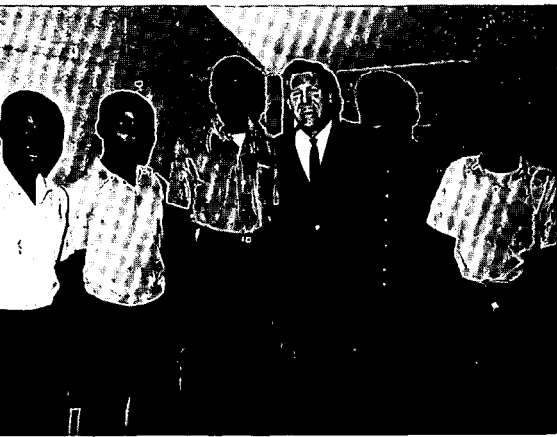


Royal Rangers leaders of Montego Bay, Jamaica, gained valuable insights on the Royal Rangers program from conference with Johnnie Barnes.



These Fort Worth, Tex., Royal Rangers demonstrate "teamwork" as they work together to prepare lunch.



Royal Rangers Commander Merle Calkins gives racing tips to Trailblazer Richard Hotchkiss of Carlsbad, Calif., during a Go-Kart event sponsored by Rangers of Carlsbad, Sweetwater, and Chula Vista, Calif., outposts.

BUILDING TOMORROW'S MEN

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A NUMBER OF YEARS AGO a wise man said, "It is better to build boys than mend men."

What a challenge the church has to train and develop today's boys so they will become the kind of men needed in the church of tomorrow! In this generation of the new morality, in this age of crime and violence, in this hour of world unrest, in this time of crisis—may God help us begin now to build tomorrow's Christian men.

The Royal Rangers program has accepted this challenge. It is a well-rounded, consistent plan for developing boys socially, spiritually, mentally, and physically.

I was thrilled by the recent testimony of a Royal Ranger who stated he was saved at a Royal Rangers

campout. The program also inspired him to embrace the principles of Christian living; the activities helped him develop a strong physical body; being a part of the outpost taught him to get along with other people; and the program influenced him to dedicate his life to full-time Christian service. He is now in Bible school studying for the ministry.

TO DEVELOP BOYS SPIRITUALLY

The first step is to encourage boys to accept Christ. Many unchurched or unsaved boys are drawn to Royal Rangers by the attractive uniforms, the colorful badges and awards, and by the exciting activities.

When a boy joins the group, the wise leader immediately gives him an opportunity to accept Christ. As Christ is presented against the backdrop of Royal Rangers, Christianity seems to take on a new dimension. Accepting Christ becomes an exciting adventure!

Here are two examples of what is happening in many groups.

Commander Jewett of Morris, Illinois, writes: "We are thrilled that 35 boys have definitely accepted the Lord Jesus as their Saviour. Praise His name!"

Commander Baker of Santa Clara, California, com-