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"Later on John Rivera initiated Royal Rangers in our church. The way that the boys (over 30 of them) responded to the program was incredible. The progress and accomplishments were amazing! The Royal Rangers brought out talent, skills, and abilities that were previously hidden. I began to discover myself and gain more respect for my peers and for others.

"I believe that part of my ministry, both now and in the future, will be working with boys. I have been working with boys ever since I was 15. For five years now God has given me the grace to gain parents' confidence and the respect of boys. In my home city of New York there are many lonely, restless, neglected boys. These are the future drug addicts, winos, and criminals—unless they are reached in time. Sometimes in our churches we neglect to pay enough attention to our boys' needs. Then before our eyes they develop wrong attitudes toward our churches and leaders."

Bill plans to use Royal Rangers to reach boys for Christ in his future inner-city ministry in New York.



Gary Tyler

Gary Tyler from Detroit, Mich., is a senior at Evangel College. An education major, he plans to be a public school teacher. Gary states:

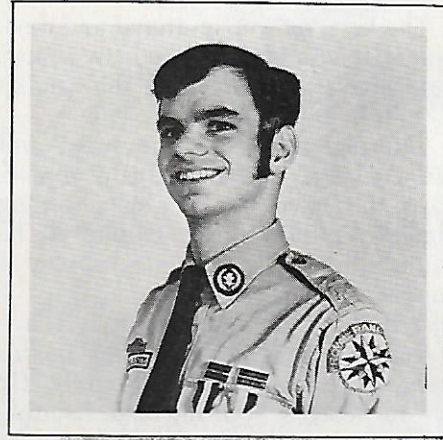
"I became interested in Royal Rangers because of its emphasis on camping and the outdoors. However, as I became more involved, I discovered that the heart of the program was spiritual—that boys were finding Jesus Christ. I also discovered that the activities and advancements were designed to prepare boys to meet the temptations and pressures of life.

"When I reached 18, I volunteered my services as a Royal Rangers leader. As I became more involved in leadership, I realized that my future ministry would be

working with boys. Consequently, I chose public school teaching as my occupation. I plan to continue to be a Royal Rangers leader in the church.

"I believe Royal Rangers is one of the ways the Lord has ordained by which His message of salvation should reach the boys and young men of our nation and world."

Gary is president of the Michigan Chapter of the Frontiersmen Camping Fraternity (an auxiliary of Royal Rangers); and during the school year he serves as commander of outpost No. 97 in Springfield, Mo.



Kenneth Nash

Kenneth Nash is a student at Washington State University and is one of 43 boys in the United States who have earned the coveted Royal Rangers Gold Medal of Achievement. Here is his story.

"I thank the Lord for the opportunity of being a Royal Ranger. It has been a great blessing to me. I have learned much through the program.

"At one time I was a Boy Scout and really enjoyed all the activities. While still in the Boy Scouts, I heard about the Royal Rangers program and decided to try our own Assemblies of God boys' program. It was during that year, while I was in both programs, that I discovered that Royal Rangers satisfied every imaginable need of my young life.

"When I was 10, I was filled with the Holy Spirit. During that time the Lord told me He wanted me for a service for Him. Six years passed, and I had almost forgotten that great day at camp. Then one day the Lord reminded me about my service for Him. I was instructed to work with boys. Since that distinct call from God I have worked at six camps as a counselor and lifeguard. I have also been involved in the Royal Rangers program seven years, helping other boys share in the same blessings the Lord has given me.

"Other memories include the joy of personally seeing 18 boys in one year stand and say, 'Because of the Royal Rangers program I have received Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour.'

"As a high school student, I became interested in architectural designing. I decided to attend college. Since that time I have attended Washington State University, majoring in architecture. In the future, with the Lord's help, I plan to use my abilities and knowledge in His service by designing churches.

"As a Royal Ranger leader, I can say that, through the knowledge gained from the leadership training course and the National Training Camp, the Lord has equipped me to reach, teach, and keep boys for Christ."