

# A cycle of boy-

FIRELIGHT FLICKERED on the faces of the men as they stood in a semicircle around the council fire. The forest echoed the sounds of rejoicing as the Royal Rangers leaders lifted their hands and voices in dedication and worship.

Suddenly one of the younger men took a step forward and stated:

"Commander Barnes, I would like to pay tribute to the Royal Rangers program and to my former commander. If it were not for Commander Fred Deaver and the Royal Rangers program, I probably would not be a Christian today. Fred's counsel and encouragement plus the challenge of the Royal Rangers helped me through many difficult times in my adolescent and teen years.

"My heart is full of gratitude for this program and its many dedicated leaders. I am now a commander in the Galena, Kansas, church. Tonight I have fully dedicated myself to the task of passing on to other boys in the church the same type of help and encouragement I have received."

I remembered many other similar testimonies from young men who have been Royal Rangers and who are now serving as leaders. When this young man finished speaking, it hit me very forcefully that the Royal Rangers program has made a full cycle. Many boys who were Royal Rangers when the program started are now leaders passing on to other boys the benefits of training they have received.

Then I realized that the boys now enjoying the program will in a few years become men too; and many of them will soon become leaders and keep the cycle going, thereby creating a continuous cycle of man-boy involvement for Christ.

Yes, Royal Rangers is a self-perpetuating program that reproduces itself. It has set in motion an unending cycle.

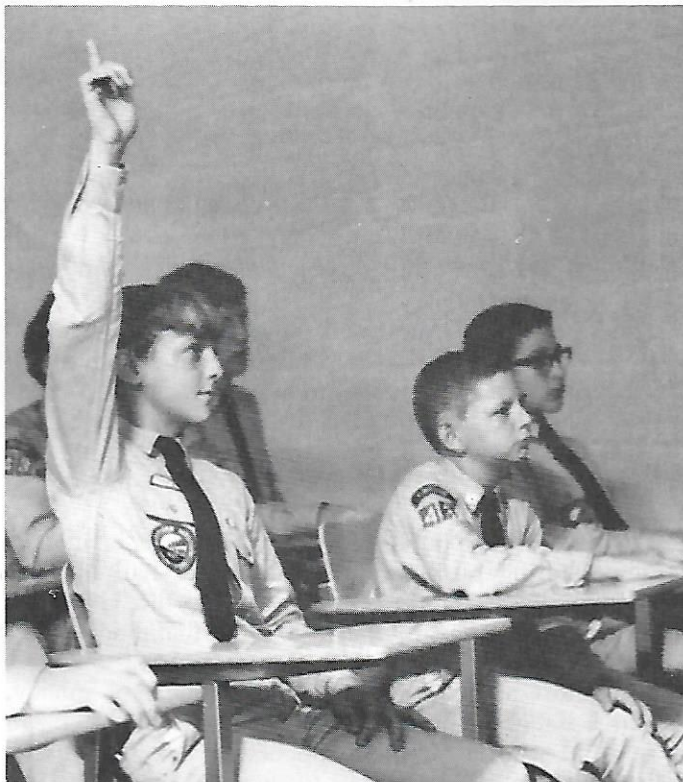
## EVANGELISM

Ken Nash of Moses Lake, Washington, was saved in the Royal Rangers program. Now a Royal Rangers leader, he won 37 boys to Christ last year.

Some boys don't wait until they are adults to start this cycle of evangelism. Eleven-year-old Charles Tuttle of Outpost 12, Colorado Springs, Colorado, gave a devotional to his outpost. At the conclusion seven of his



**ABOVE:** Boys such as Dave Franklin, who have spent many years in the Royal Rangers program, are now preparing to become leaders. They keep the cycle going. **BELOW:** Today's Royal Rangers will soon become leaders themselves.



**RIGHT:** Outpost meetings include training in a variety of skills that will be passed on by these boys when they become leaders. **FAR RIGHT:** Training in first aid skills prepares boys for emergencies.

