

Churches recognized for 20 or more years of Gold Crown awards

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Special plaques have been awarded to 21 Assemblies of God Sunday schools in recognition of receiving Gold Crown Awards for 20 or more consecutive years.

The awards were based on evaluation contained in the National Standard of the Sunday school Checkup. The Checkup is being replaced this fall with a simpler evaluation form known as Update.

Special plaques were awarded to three Sunday schools which have earned Gold Crowns for each of the 29 years of the National Standard's existence. These were: *First Assembly*, Pine Bluff, Ark.; *Bethel Assembly*, Wichita, Kans.; and the *Assembly of God*, Paola, Kans.

Other schools receiving recognition were: *Faith Chapel*,

Franklin, Ala.—25 years; *Central Assembly*, Little Rock, Ark.—20 years; *First Assembly*, Marianna, Ark.—23 years; *First Assembly*, North Little Rock, Ark.—26 years; *A/G Tabernacle*, Atlanta, Ga.—27 years; *Assembly of God*, Osborne, Kans.—25 years; *Assembly of God*, Winfield, Kans.—27 years; *Assembly of God*, St. Cloud, Minn.—22 years; *First Assembly*, Meridian, Miss.—25 years; *Eastside Assembly*, Springfield, Mo.—27 years; *Light-house Assembly*, Ardmore, Okla.—24 years; *Central Assembly*, Enid, Okla.—24 years; *First Assembly*, Wentzville, Mo.—21 years; *Glad Tidings Assembly*, Denver, Colo.—27 years; *Dry Oak Assembly*, Belton, S.C.—24 years; *Assembly of God*, Thayer, Mo.—27 years; *First Assembly*, West Plains, Mo.—24 years.

Johnnie Barnes attends annual conference on scouting

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Johnnie Barnes, national commander of the Royal Rangers, represented the Assemblies of God at the annual Partnership Conference of the Boy Scouts of America. The conference program included a Congressional Breakfast held here at the Hilton Hotel.

Leaders of numerous organizations that sponsor BSA groups throughout the U.S. were present.

Barnes is chairman of the Assemblies of God Committee on Scouting. He also serves on the National Church Commission on Scouting representing the National Association of Evangelicals. (This commission is responsible

for the God and Country award program, and for the chaplaincy program at summer camps.)

Assemblies of God churches currently sponsor 71 BSA units with 771 members. These include 43 Boy Scout troupes, 7 Explorer posts, and 21 Cub packs.



Johnnie Barnes (right) chats with Robert M. Oswald (left) and George Elsey during his visit to the American Red Cross headquarters in the nation's capital.

Royal Rangers leader visits National Red Cross office

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Johnnie Barnes, national commander of Royal Rangers, recently visited the headquarters of the American Red Cross in Washington, D.C., to discuss matters of mutual interest. He met with ARC National President George Elsey and the director of Safety Programs, Robert M. Oswald.

For the past 6 years, Royal Rangers leaders have been required to complete an ARC first-aid course as part of the Leadership Training Course. At present 18,221 men are enrolled in the Royal Rangers Leadership Training Course.

Brother Barnes is an instructor-trainer for ARC and certifies a large number of first-aid instructors at Royal Rangers Advanced National Training

Camps. Both he and Paul Stanek are recognized by the American Heart Association as instructor-trainers for heart massage.

The American Red Cross recently developed a new training program for cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) or heart massage. The new CPR training program will be incorporated also at Royal Rangers training camps.

Following his visit to the National ARC office, Commander Barnes announced that Red Cross CPR training will be made available at the next Advanced National Leadership Training camp at Marshfield, Mo., in September 1975.

Some 100 Royal Rangers leaders from across the nation are expected to attend this camp.

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