



**"THE FAMILY SCENE" — From left, James son.
Abbott, Chris Roden, Mr. Coleman, and David Jack-**

he is one of our finest counselors. I would like to share Ellis' attitude regarding all this. He shared with me that he felt he had been in Bonny Oaks for a reason, not by accident. "He realized this feeling during his senior year after his commitment to Christ. He knew he had a purpose in life and committed to it. One of his main objectives, while ministering as a counselor here, is to help convince other youngsters that they are important in God's eyes and that God has a

plan for them if they will accept it. He means now, right here at Bonny Oaks.

"Whatever your circumstances are, take hold of your life and make the best of it. Ask God to help you accept your problems and to learn to deal with them constructively...

"We rate success as a young man or woman who is a good solid citizen even though they may be a janitor or a waitress. However, there are many prominent Chattanoogaans who were

former Bonny Oaks residents and are doctors, lawyers, etc.

"Our basic premise is that God has a plan for each one of us and we strive to help young people realize this and gain control of their lives. This is the same goal Ellis Coleman is executing in his ministry here.

"Ellis Coleman is an example of one of the finest Christian young men I know and is doing an outstanding job here at the Bonny Oaks School."