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## Sheriff's Bureau Expansion Told By Don McLeod

ST. AUGUSTINE — Steady growth and expansion of the Florida Sheriffs Bureau is reflected in a report presented by Bureau Director Don McLeod at the Mid-winter Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association, Jan. 23.

McLeod said the Bureau will be able to greatly increase its services to local law enforcement agencies with the opening of a new Identification Section, scheduled for March 1; and the opening of the Modus Operandi and Laboratory Sections later in the year.

(The Modus Operandi file of the Bureau will contain the "method of operation", or "trademarks", of thousands of known criminals and will be valuable in providing suspects for many types of crimes.)

The highest type and the most technically qualified personnel will be hired to man these new sections, McLeod said, adding that preliminary interviews have already been held with a number of prospective technicians.

He said that larger quarters to accommodate the growing crime fighting agency will be provided in the capitol center, at Tallahassee.

Two small duplex apartment buildings south of the capitol are currently being converted into a single building which the Bureau expects to occupy in about 60 days.

The Bureau has also been assured that it can eventually have 5,000 feet of floor space in a proposed new wing of the capitol center Carlton Building as a more permanent future home.

McLeod said the Bureau gave investigative assistance to local law enforcement agencies in 65 major cases during its second year of operation, ending Sept. 30, 1957.

He said these cases originated in 28 counties and produced 39 arrests.

The Bureau was created by the 1955 Legislature to fill Florida's need for a state-wide crime fighting agency.

It was sponsored by the Florida Sheriffs Association, and it is controlled by a seven-man board composed of the Governor, Attorney General and five sheriffs.

Its primary function is to cooperate with and assist local law enforcement agencies by: (1) providing trained technical personnel; (2) operating a central identification and records section containing photos and information on some 30,000 known criminals; (3) conducting law enforcement training sessions; and (4) operating a crime laboratory.

## Everybody's Mum After House Burns

FT. LAUDERDALE — It's easy to see why Sheriff's Deputy Lee Carter had a hard time finding out who lived in a house destroyed by fire.

The cause of the fire, Carter explained, was a 110-gallon moonshine still.



**RANCH SYMBOL**—This picture of a friendly sheriff leading a homeless boy through the gateway of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch has been adopted as the official symbol of the Ranch. The role of the Sheriff was taken by Sheriff George Watts of Washington County. Robert Stauffer, 10-year-old son of Carl Stauffer, Florida Sheriffs Association field secretary, posed as the boy. More details and pictures of the ranch will be found on page 7. (Photo by Ken Richards)

## Why Elect Them?

## Appointing Sheriffs Viewed as Sure Prelude to Police State

What's wrong with appointing sheriffs?

Why should we continue to elect them to office?

Answers to these questions are contained in the following comments by Sheriff Donald P. Tulloch of Barnstable County, Mass., reprinted from The National Sheriff, publication of the National Sheriffs Association:

"The trouble with some of these self-styled intellectuals who enjoy the attention they get by calling themselves 'experts' is . . . that they are steering public thinking away from the system of elected public administrators and toward one of appointed leaders.

"In other words they are saying, in effect, that Democracy doesn't work, and in my language, that is a bit on the 'pink' side. As I see it, one of the reasons why the sheriff's office has survived without major change down through the centuries is that it has met a very important need for a people who insist upon having in their government a system of checks and balances to guarantee popular control over agencies of public service. It is consistent with the philosophy behind our constitutional form of government to have an elected official as the highest law enforcement officer in the county.

### Police State Next

"This officer is selected by the people and answerable directly to them. To eliminate (Continued on Page 2)

## Boys Ranch Bouquets

## Sheriffs Draw Widespread Praise For Project Designed to Aid Boys

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Florida's sheriffs have been commended for their Boys Ranch project by many persons in all walks of life.

Here are some quotations from recent letters:

"I have been delighted with the progress I have received of the progress made by the Florida Sheriffs Association in connection with the Boys' Ranch project. I congratulate the Sheriffs of Florida on the great and unselfish work they are doing in a field of human relations where there is a tremendous opportunity to do good.

Hon. LeRoy Collins, Governor of the State of Florida

"I know that over the years the Boys' Ranch will pay tremendous dividends in its contribution to the development of our most important resource—fine young people growing up to be good citizens."

Hon. George Smathers, U. S. Senator from Florida

"The Florida Sheriffs are to be congratulated for the establishment of a Boys' Ranch. Its potential for helping worthy and needy boys is unlimited."

Hon. Arthur G. Dozier, Director, State Division of Child Training Schools.

"The news that the Florida Sheriffs Association is planning a Boys' Ranch is one of the most encouraging things we've heard in some time. There is a real need in our program in the state for an institution of this sort . . . All of Florida, and particularly those of us who work with wayward boys, are indebted to you."

Hon. O. D. Howell, Jr., President, Florida Council of Juvenile Court Judges.

"I think that the undertaking of establishing a boys ranch in the State of Florida by the

Sheriffs Association, to combat juvenile delinquency and promote better law enforcement, is certainly a worthwhile project, and I am glad to participate in a small way."—J. H. (Ham) Dowling, Tallahassee.

"Wonderful work — may God's blessings be yours."—Mrs. Emilie Winslow, Miami.

"I am sure the Sheriffs Boys Ranch will become one of the greatest things for the youth and the State of Florida in time that could possibly be done."—Frank M. Harris, Attorney, St. Petersburg.

"Beyond a doubt the finest and most needed undertaking promulgated anywhere in many years."—H. C. Baldwin, Gainesville.

"Your first annual report . . . evidences the fact that this Association is doing an outstanding work for the youth of this state."—George W. Wylie, Attorney, St. Petersburg.

"Your organization is to be commended for the fine work it is doing with the Boys Ranch."—J. M. Feinberg, Tallahassee.

"The Boys Ranch is one of the most worthy undertakings which I have heard of in some time."—John Fite Robertson, Sarasota.

## Starr Named to Ranch Trustees

ST. AUGUSTINE — Orange County Sheriff Dave Starr was appointed to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Trustees to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of John Spottswood.

The appointment to the policy-making body of the Ranch was made by the board of directors of the Florida Sheriffs Assn.

Spottswood, who served as chairman of the ranch trustees as well as president of the Association during 1957, resigned due to the pressure of other duties and the Association accepted his resignation with regrets.

He said he will continue to serve as a member of the Florida Sheriffs Bureau.

## Rodeo Success

OCALA — Marion County Sheriff F. L. McGehee reported a rodeo he sponsored here raised \$1,170 for the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

He termed the benefit show a success in spite of unfavorable weather that reduced attendance at the four performances.

## Ranch Contributions Ruled Tax Deductible

TALLAHASSEE, FEB. 12.—Sheriffs Association Attorney John A. Madigan, Jr. today announced receipt of an official ruling by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue that contributions made to the Florida Sheriffs Boys' Ranch Trust Fund are deductible donations for federal income tax purposes.



**LIFE MEMBERS**—The Florida Sheriffs Association awarded Honorary Life Memberships to these two Tampa men in appreciation for donations of \$1,000 each which they gave to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. Cecil Webb (left) is the head of Dixie Lily Milling Co. and a former State Road Board Chairman. J. C. Valenti is head of J. C. Valenti & Co., growers, packers and shippers.





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the office of sheriff, or reduce his police powers, or his power to supersede the authority of lesser law enforcement agencies, would be to cut off direct popular control over police activities in the county. Experience has shown that the condition invariably precedes the establishment of a police state.

"The fact that any individual sheriff fails to exercise the common law or statutory authority vested in his office, or that he fails to conduct his duties with the dignity called for by such a high office, is hardly a sensible reason for abolishing his department. The American way of handling a situation of this kind is to replace the offending official at the next election.

### Sheriffs in Politics?

"There is a great deal of propaganda being spread throughout our country to the effect that no elected official should be engaged in law enforcement. The statement most frequently used to clinch this argument is to the effect that politics have no place in police work. If we are thinking of the derogatory connotations frequently associated with the word *politics*, we certainly don't want politics mixed up in law enforcement, any more than we want it in any other governmental department. But if we mean by politics the practices involved in the science of government properly conducted, then it is beneficial. Politics is like gasoline. If it is used as it is intended to be used, it is of infinite benefit to mankind. If, however, it is applied carelessly or wrongly, it is dynamite.

### Public Controls Officials

"It certainly is not true that all those who believe in and express the philosophy that the people should not have the privilege of electing their chief law enforcement officer are communists, or have conscious ulterior motives, but it is my firm belief that such philosophy is in keeping with the communist abhorrence to filling governmental offices by free public election.

"We are all familiar with the insidious unrelenting effort that is being made, not only to centralize government in the United States, but also to remove further from the people's control the function of their public services. Continuance of this trend will surely lead to the loss of many more of our freedoms, and eventually to dictatorship. We sheriffs, because we are still powerful constitutional officers standing as

a bulwark against these attempts to weaken democratic government, are prime targets for the subversives. We must never forget this and must be on the alert constantly."

## Schools For Sheriffs Set

AVON PARK — W. R. England, special consultant for the Florida Sheriffs Association announced final plans for the first in a state-wide series of schools he will hold to acquaint sheriffs and their staffs with proper operational procedures.

The initial schools will be held in Dade City, Feb. 6 and 7; and Sarasota, Feb. 20 and 21.

The following subjects will be covered: duties of sheriff and deputies; retirement; arrests, with and without warrant; appearance bonds; extradition; search warrants; serving witnesses; court attendance; fines and jail sentences; fine and cost bonds; escapes; handling prisoners; miscellaneous court orders; coroners' inquests; civil process; executions and financial records.

England, a former state auditor, has held over 200 schools for sheriffs. He said additional 1958 sessions will be scheduled and announced as far in advance as possible.

## Sheriff Praises Supervised Races

FT. MYERS — Lee County Sheriff Flanders Thompson said the drag races supervised by him and the Florida Highway Patrol gave young people "a chance to get rid of that excess energy in a supervised way."

He said "these same kids are not the ones who give us trouble out on the highways," and he added that not all traffic problems can be laid to youthful drivers.

"The auto is a dangerous weapon if used improperly," he added. "You've got to learn to drive for the other fellow as well as for yourself."



ORLANDO—POSSE ORGANIZED—Orange County Sheriff Dave Starr is pictured here leading his newly-organized mounted posse. The picture was taken at a benefit horse show held here by the posse to raise funds for equipment. Members provide their own horses and uniforms. Each receives a star-studded brow band for his horse and a green and white saddle blanket decorated with a sheriff's star insignia. Sheriff Starr said the posse will be useful in searches for lost persons and escapees; and will also be available for traffic or civil defense duty, and for parades. Both the Sheriff and Mrs. Starr are riding enthusiasts.



OCALA—SHERIFF SCORES—These pictures show hits scored by Marion County Sheriff F. L. McGehee in his war on moonshiners. In the top picture he is shown (left) with Deputies Cooper (center) and Berrian, and 50 gallons of moonshine confiscated in the arrest of two "shine runners". The other picture shows the sheriff's department giving the axe to a moonshine still. Shown from left to right are Deputy Berrian, Sheriff McGehee, Deputy Costin, Deputy Parker and Captain Smith.



## Sheriffs Give Gold Badge to W. R. England

ST. AUGUSTINE—The Florida Sheriffs Association, during its Mid-Winter Conference here Jan. 23, presented a solid gold, ruby-studded sheriff's badge to W. R. England, of Avon Park, as a token of appreciation for his long and faithful service to the Sheriffs of this state.

A former state auditor, England is a special consultant for the Association and has been helping Sheriffs with their fiscal and operational problems for over a quarter century. They call him "The Answer Man."

In accepting the badge, England expressed his gratitude and stated that he has not missed any of the regularly scheduled conferences of the Association in the past 25 years. Two such meetings are held each year.

He said Clay County Sheriff John P. Hall is the only sheriff in office now who was in office when he (England) attended his first Association conference 25 years ago.

Hall, he explained, will equal the all-time record for service in the sheriff's office on July 24. At that time, he said, Hall will have served 29 years, seven months and 20 days, the same period of time served by former Leon County Sheriff Frank Stoutamire, who set the present record.

England, during his long association with Florida's sheriffs, has held over 200 schools to acquaint sheriffs and their staffs with correct operational procedures. And he has traveled untold thousands of miles to hold individual conferences with sheriffs on similar matters.

He played a key role in standardizing the operational procedures and forms of the sheriffs years ago; and more recently he helped to formulate the 1957 law which took 48 sheriffs off the antiquated fee system and put them under a budget-salary system.



# WANTED PERSONS

As Compiled by the  
Florida Sheriffs Bureau  
Don McLeod, Director



**JOHN WILLIAM CALLOWAY**  
Alias JOHN NEAL Jr., white male, age 37, 5 feet, 10 inches, weighs 160 pounds, brown hair and eyes, fair complexion, medium build. Escaped from Palm Beach County jail 12-26-57 after being sentenced to five years State Prison for B&E of auto. Capias issued, will extradite. Notify Sheriff John Kirk, West Palm Beach, Fla., or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



**JOHN F. HUNT**  
During month of October, November and December 1957, two confidence men were operating in city of Orlando. These men have been identified as RALPH TINCHER, who is in custody, and JOHN

F. HUNT who is described as white male, age 58, 6 feet, 2 inches, brown hair, blue-gray eyes, ruddy complexion, no teeth. Is heavy cigar smoker of Havana Imported. His method of operation is to pose as owner of stable of race horses, a big

ranch in Texas. Claims to be very wealthy. Subject persuades victims, most of them elderly women, to put up money on a certain horse he owns, claiming horse is going to win the race that day. If the horse does win, he leaves town with victim's money, and if it does not win, he sticks around to pull the same deal again. He was in Palm Beach County early in December, 1957, coming there from Miami. While there he used the aliases of J. B. HUNT, J. B. AUSTIN, JOSH COUSDIN, JUDGE COUSDIN. While in Orlando he used same MO. Out of 23 General Appearance Pictures from FBI he was picked by all of the victims as being the one who swindled them. Any information concerning this subject, notify Police Department Orlando, Sheriff John Kirk West Palm Beach, or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.

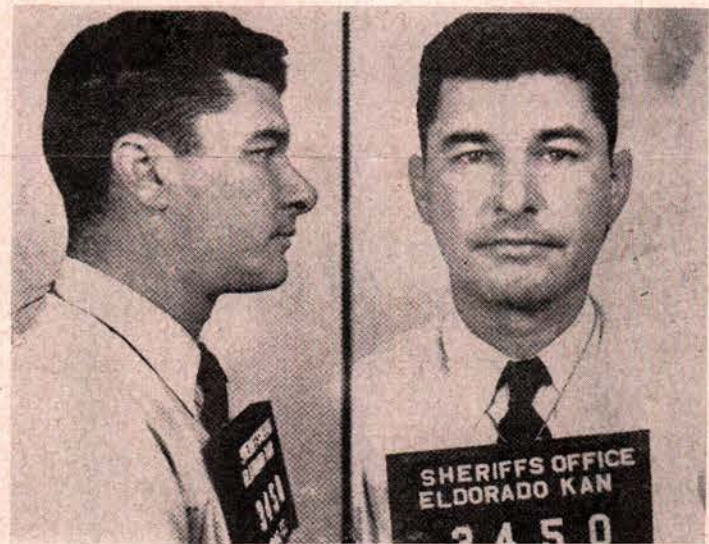
# BAD CHECK ARTIST'S GALLERY

From the Files of the  
Florida Sheriffs Bureau  
Don McLeod, Director



**DOMINIC FRANK ZICCARDI**  
White male, age 35 to 40, about 5 feet, 7 inches, weighs 165 pounds, small bald spot on back of head. On 12-9-57 subject made a purchase of citrus fruit, requested it be shipped to Isabelle Ziccardi, 1706 North

Del., Indianapolis, Ind. Gave check #3 drawn on Sarasota Bank and Trust Co., signed Herry (sic) Taylor, payable to Dominic Ziccardi. Forgery warrant issued. Notify Police Dept., Sarasota, or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



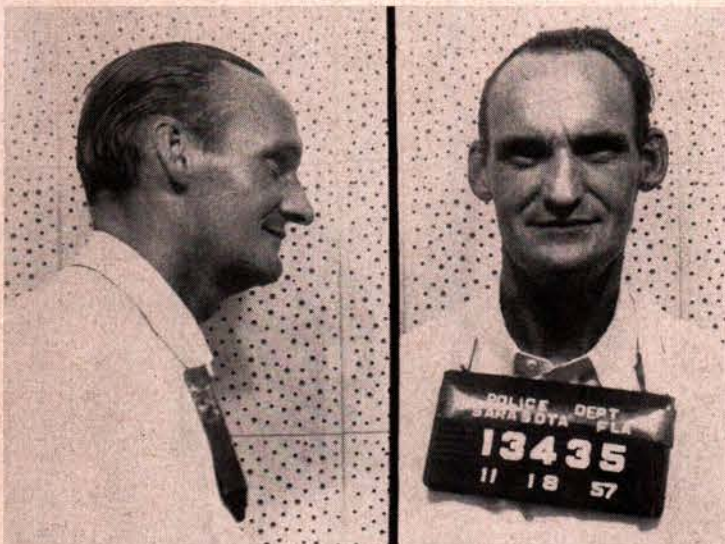
**HUGH WESLEY SAWYER**  
White male, age 37, 5 feet, 11 inches, weighs 165, black hair, brown eyes. FBI #1923998. Usually works in Aircraft and Automobile plants, also good painter and decorator. Wife's name Mary Sue (O'Day) Sawyer, described as white female, about 25, approximately 5 feet, 3 inches, weighs about 130 pounds, blonde hair, blue eyes. Talks constantly. She has po-

lice record some where in Florida, said to be Palm Springs, but this did not check out. These subjects originally were from Georgia, and known to have been in Atlanta first part of 1957. Warrant issued for male subject, charge Bond Forfeiture on charge of Forgery. Will extradite. Notify Sheriffs Office, El Dorado, Kansas, or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



MADELYN JUNE ROBLES

Maiden name MADELYN JUNE LINDSEY, also known as Madelyn June Bowman, Madelyn June Barnes, white female, age 21, 5 feet, 5 inches, weighs 120 pounds, hair last known to be brown but some times red, or blonde. Known to have been in Miami recently. While there passed forged checks on mother, Maude Wheeler. Rented car from Beach Auto Rental Co. Car described as tropical turquoise 1958 Chevrolet Biscayne 4 door, 1957 Florida Lic. 1E-11456. Claimed to be going to Tallahassee. While in Leon County, before going to Miami, passed forged checks on old boy friend. Her current boy friend said to be FLOYD BOWMAN or BOWLINE, white male, age 28 to 30, 6 feet, 2 or 3 inches tall, weighs 190 to 200 pounds. His occupation is Lifeguard. They have been reported as consorting with known dope addicts. Warrants will be issued, charge Forgery. Notify Sheriff Joyce, Tallahassee, or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



**CHARLES K. WORTHINGTON**  
Alias KENNETH WORTHINGTON, white male, born 9-15-19 in Phoenix, Arizona, 5 feet, 11 inches, weighs 152 pounds, slender build, brown hair, blue eyes, ruddy complexion. Tattoo of girl with word "Kenneth" on left forearm, a rose

tattooed on right forearm. No. 2 finger amputated. Works as carnival equipment man. FBI #2581245. Warrant issued, charge Forgery. Notify Police Dept., Sarasota, or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



**CONRAD (TIM) EDWARDS**  
Also known as CONRAD NYLE EDWARDS, white male, age 26 or 27, 5 feet, 10 inches, weighs 180 pounds. Tattoo of a club, spade, heart and diamond on right hand. Driving dark blue over light grey 1948

Chevrolet, 1957 Kansas License TR-2196. Felony warrant issued, charge Forgery, will extradite. Notify Sheriff of Trego County, Wakeeney, Kansas, or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.

## Thugs Bested by Wounded Victim

OCALA — Johnny Goodson is not a man for stickup artists to trifle with. He proved it when two men held him up, took his money and shot him three times. According to Sheriff F. L. McGehee, Goodson then disarmed the thugs and recovered his money before he collapsed.





**SARASOTA—TRIAL RUN**—Sarasota County Sheriff Ross E. Boyer (left) goes for a trial spin with two of his deputies in a new sheriff's department patrol boat which will be used in rescue and law enforcement missions. The 16-foot Crosby boat and the 60-horsepower Mercury motor were donated by the respective manufacturers.

## Sheriffs Busy Reports Show

The ever-increasing load of law enforcement duties carried by Florida's sheriffs was reflected in 1957 activity reports.

Sarasota County Sheriff Ross E. Boyer reported that arrests handled by his office during the year totaled 3,334; compared to 2,279 in 1956; 1,781 in 1955; 1,568 in 1954; and 1,395 in 1953.

Volusia County Sheriff Rodney Thursby said county jail bookings were up more than 25 percent — from 3,019 in 1956 to 4,458 in 1957. These figures included persons arrested by constables and Florida Highway Patrol officers as well as deputy sheriffs.

Crimes included 14 murders, 30 felonious assaults, 58 major burglaries and three rapes.

In St. Lucie County the bookings topped 3,200 and made 1957 an exceptionally busy year for Sheriff J. R. Norvell.

## Crime Bulletin Scores Twice

**TALLAHASSEE** — Florida Sheriffs Bureau Director Don McLeod reported two more cases in which the Bureau's Crime Bulletin was instrumental in the apprehension of wanted criminals.

One case involved an unidentified man found dead in a Lakeland Hotel.

The man's description was published in the Bulletin; Detective Lt. Earl Newberry, of St. Petersburg, found it familiar; and he helped the Lakeland Police to identify the man as William Edwin Hurley, 81, former Boston Postmaster and former Massachusetts state treasurer.

In another case the bulletin aided Duval County Deputy Sheriffs Ben O. Jones and Walter Bechem in arresting Irving A. Grubman, who was wanted by Miami Beach Police for passing worthless checks.

The bulletin described Grubman as "a good talker" who "likes to tell jokes," and the deputies found a man fitting that description in a hotel lobby.

They had a bellboy page "Mr. Grubman," and placed him under arrest when he stopped talking and joking to answer the page.

The Bulletin, which describes stolen property, wanted and missing persons, is distributed by the Sheriffs Bureau to law enforcement agencies throughout Florida and in neighboring states.



**TITUSVILLE—CONTEST WINNER**—Brevard County Sheriff J. W. Dunn presents \$50 first prize check to Mrs. A. F. Sommer, of Rockledge, top winner in the "Highway Zoo" traffic safety contest which appeared in the November issue of the Star.



**OCALA—PRIZE WINNER**—Marion County Sheriff F. L. McGehee presents check for \$35 to Miss V. M. Grinka of Ocala, who won second prize in the "Highway Zoo" traffic safety contest which appeared in the November issue of The Star.



**BARTOW—PRIZE WINNER**—Polk County Sheriff Hagan Parrish (left) presents \$15 check to Carl P. Jensen Jr. of Dundee, third prize winner in the "Highway Zoo" traffic safety contest which appeared in the December issue of The Sheriff's Star.

# Teen-Agers In Trouble

These teen-agers in trouble made headlines around the state:

**FORT LAUDERDALE** — A 17-year-old boy was sentenced to five months at hard labor in the county stockade after he admitted his own mother's accusation that he took \$65 from an envelope she had put in a mailbox. She told police she could "do nothing" with him and wanted him prosecuted.

**FORT MYERS** — Seven youths were arrested for breaking and entering and one for hiding stolen goods, after a series of robberies here. The robberies consisted of breaking into a refrigerated meat truck, the theft of five cases of beer and a case of wine from a local distributor, and a series of break-ins at groceries, a supper club and a drive-in.

**DAYTONA BEACH** — A 15-year-old youth, arrested for stealing a watch, a gun, and some cash, was sent back to New York City. Charges were dropped after consultation with juvenile authorities.

The youth, a chronic runaway, said he made a "New Year's resolution not to run away any more."

**ORLANDO**—A 19-year-old boy, stopped for reckless driving, was charged with auto theft. The youth was driving a stolen car at the time, and admitted taking three other autos for joy rides.

He also admitted ransacking some 75 cars in the Orlando area within a month. The loot included 30 ball-point pens.

**ST. PETERSBURG** — Three runaway girls, the oldest only 14, tried to outrun a fleet of police cars at 100 miles an hour in a stolen car. Their car crashed and the trio ended up in the hospital.

**DELAND** — A band of teen-age vandals, ranging in age from 12 to 17 years, caused approximately \$1500 damage to a former hospital building. Two 12-year-old boys have admitted their part in the vandalism and others are being questioned.

Damage to the building consisted of breaking about 80 per cent of the windows and glass door panels, tearing screens and door facings, and other forms of destruction. A sink was torn out of an upper floor of the four-story building and thrown down an elevator shaft.

**OCALA** — Four teen-agers from Homosassa were held on charges of stealing a shotgun and tool chest from a ranch near Ocala. The items have been recovered.

**BROOKSVILLE** — Two teen-age boys from St. Petersburg were arrested and charged with "larceny of a cow."

The boys, 15 and 16, accompanied by an adult, had been hunting in the area, without much luck. When they could find nothing else to shoot, they shot three cows in the pasture, making off with the hind quarter of one of the animals. They cooked and ate part of the meat and buried the bones and hide.

**MIAMI** — Four teen-agers brutally attacked and beat a guard and then escaped from Youth Hall. Three of the boys, all 16, were captured.

The guard, Walter Larson, already suffering from almost total blindness in one eye, was releasing the boys from their room to go to the rest room when the attack took place. Hospital officials said Larson lost complete sight in one eye and "may become blind in the other eye."

**FORT LAUDERDALE** — Three teen-agers and an adult were held for cattle rustling, after they sold eight cows to a meat packing company.

## Jail Cost Cut By Deep Freeze

By Scotty Campbell

**FORT PIERCE**—A new deep freeze unit of the three-compartment size has been installed in the St. Lucie County jail for economy reasons in feeding prisoners.

Kept at zero temperature, the seven-foot freezer stores several hundreds of pounds of perishables, and the department can thus purchase foods when market prices are low and store indefinitely.

Sheriff J. R. Norvell is responsible for feeding three different groups of prisoners, and he has a reputation of being liberal in his food program.

Three meals are served daily, prepared by an employed cook.

Sheriff Norvell handles all county prisoners, those of the Highway Patrol, and many city arrestees.

It is expected the freezer's savings will pay its cost within a limited time.

## Madigan Named to Review Committee

Florida Sheriffs Association Attorney John A. Madigan Jr., of Tallahassee, was appointed to a committee to review the final manuscript of a nationwide "Sheriff's Manual".

The appointment was made by Orange County Sheriff Dave Starr, president of the National Sheriffs Association.

The manual is sponsored by the National Sheriffs Assn. It is being compiled by Lt. Everett M. King of the Alameda County, Cal., Sheriff's Office, from questionnaires sent to 1,453 sheriffs throughout the nation.

## Cooperation of Lawmen Cited

**DELAND** — The police, the Volusia County Sheriff's Department and the Florida Highway Patrol were praised for their cooperative spirit by Mayor R. E. Lee.

He said the "perfect harmony" that existed between these agencies was an important factor in enabling DeLand to establish an outstanding traffic safety record — including a fatality-free year in 1956.





**NAMED TO BUREAU**—Pinellas County Sheriff Sid Saunders (left) was appointed to the Florida Sheriffs Bureau by Gov. LeRoy Collins as a new member, and Highlands County Sheriff Brown Coker was reappointed for another term. Saunders fills a vacancy created when Hillsborough County Sheriff Ed Blackburn Jr. asked the Governor not to reappoint him because of the pressure of other duties. Coker is a past president of the Florida Sheriffs Association and Saunders is the current president. The bureau is composed of Gov. LeRoy Collins, Attorney General Richard Ervin and five Sheriffs.



**NEW DUVAL SHERIFF**—Gov. LeRoy Collins signs commission for Duval County Sheriff Dale G. Carson whom he appointed Jan. 30 after suspending Sheriff Al Cahill. Carson, 36, resigned his position as an FBI agent, in Jacksonville, to accept the appointment. A native of Amsterdam, Ohio, he started his law enforcement career as a police officer in Columbus, Ohio; received a B.A. degree at Ohio State University in 1949 after majoring in criminology and psychology; worked as a railroad detective and became an FBI agent in 1951. His wife, Dr. Doris N. Carson, is practicing medicine in Jacksonville.

## Peaceful Town Gunfight Scene

**LAKE BUTLER** — This normally peaceful community was the scene of a running gunfight in which Union County Sheriff John Whitehead and E. F. Ripplinger, a local merchant, were the heroes.

The two men took out after a gunman who had held up Ripplinger's store. The sheriff was driving and the merchant, a onetime Army marksman, trained a rifle on the fleeing getaway car.

When they got within range, Ripplinger fired a shot into the visor above the gunman's head, and the gunman returned the fire with a 38 revolver in true "western" style.

One of the gunman's shots hit the fender of the sheriff's car. Then Ripplinger shot into one of the rear tires on the fleeing car and the chase was over.

Not knowing the bandit had emptied his pistol, Sheriff Whitehead rammed his car into the rear of the getaway car in an effort to prevent further shooting.

At this point the gunman threw his gun and the money he had stolen into the roadway and gave himself up. He was identified as Francis C. Beadles, 37, of Columbus, Ohio.

# ROLL CALL

## News Items From Sheriffs' Departments All Over The State

**CRESTVIEW** — Okaloosa County Sheriff Ray Wilson raided a moonshine still recently, arresting two men and seizing a 200-gallon "cooker," a new pickup truck, 8 pounds of mash and 20 gallons of moonshine whiskey.

What makes this news? Well, the still was located half a mile east of Campton, at a site appropriately named "Rum Still Branch."

**APALACHICOLA** — Franklin County Sheriff Herbert Marshall has announced the installation of short wave radios in all Department cars. The radios will also be connected with the city radio system.

**ST. AUGUSTINE** — A good memory helped the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office identify a skeleton of a man found in Sand Creek on Fish's Island.

Deputy Sheriff Noah Carter remembered that the Office had received a notice of a missing Birmingham man almost six months ago. Acting on a hunch, he had a St. Augustine Record photographer take pictures of a wallet and cigarette lighter found near the skeleton. The pictures were sent to the Birmingham man's relatives and immediately identified. There was no evidence of foul play and the remains were shipped to Birmingham for interment. Case closed.

**PANAMA CITY** — If you think going to another state to bring back a prisoner is easy work, ask Bay County Sheriff Deputy Marvin O. Freeman for the other side of the picture.

Sent to Arizona to bring back a suspect, Freeman reported he: traveled 5,000 miles by bus, spent 121½ hours on the trip, slept about 3½ hours, received a deputy sheriff's commission in Pinal County, Arizona, and took part in the arrest of a drunken sailor in a Texas bus station!

**GAINESVILLE** — Alachua County Deputy Sheriff Robert (Dale) Jordan has been appointed by Governor LeRoy Collins as a member of the State Children's Commission for Alachua County.

Deputy Jordan is head of the Junior Deputy Sheriff's League,

which numbers more than 1200 in Alachua County. He is also treasurer of the Alachua County Mental Health Association.

**PANAMA CITY** — Bay County Sheriff's Office Chief Operator W. J. Barefield has a four-year old son who made the news in the classic "man-bites-dog" tradition.

It seems little Tommy was trying to climb a fence near his home but was hampered by his Boxer pup, who clamped onto the boy's trouser leg. After swinging at the pup a few times—and missing—Tommy got down on all fours and took a hefty bite out of the dog. Then he went back to his fence climbing, this time without any interference.

**FORT LAUDERDALE** — Broward County Sheriff J. A. Lloyd, Brown and Bigelow, calendar printers, and the Royal Tire Service, cooperated in a safety program by placing "slow down and live" calendars in Broward County Schools.

**PUNTA GORDA** — The Charlotte County Sheriff's Department, including Sheriff Travis Parnell and ten deputies and auxiliaries, completed a seven-week law enforcement school conducted by the FBI.

**VENICE** — Sarasota County Deputy Sheriff Don Craft was credited with helping to save the life of a man who attempted to commit suicide by inhaling exhaust pipe fumes.

Enroute to the hospital with the unconscious man in his patrol car, Craft radioed for an ambulance, transferred oxygen equipment from it to his car, then continued his dash while an ambulance attendant administered oxygen.

When they reached the hospital, the would-be suicide victim had regained consciousness and was pronounced out of danger.

**STUART**—The movie camera Martin County Sheriff Roy Baker received for Christmas was put to good use when he took it along on a moonshine still raid.

He not only got a picture of two alleged moonshiners at work, but also promptly captured them when they mistook the camera for a gun and threw up their hands in surrender.



**DEFUNIAK SPRINGS—NO CHEER HERE**—The "holiday cheer" contained in these 13 five-gallon jugs of moonshine was poured down the drain by Walton County Sheriff Curtis R. Miller (right) and Jailer E. G. Poole. It was confiscated at a 400-gallon capacity moonshine still that was destroyed by the sheriff's department.

## Dispatcher's Wit Spices Dull Night

By Scotty Campbell

**FORT PIERCE**—An Orlando radio dispatcher gave out the squelch of all squelches recently as overheard by a drowsy dispatcher and a dozing news reporter in the offices of Sheriff J. R. Norvell.

As they listened, Cocoa called Orlando for 10-29 information on a vehicle license tag.

Orlando shuffled files and reported back on the 10-29.

Five minutes later, Cocoa again called for a 10-29.

Once more Orlando shuffled files and reported back.

Slightly less than five minutes later, Cocoa requested another 10-29.

Orlando shuffled files and reported back—with this suggestion: "—and tell your officer to get out of that parking lot."

Only sound heard in the 3 a.m. quiet was the chuckling of one local radio dispatcher and a news reporter.

## Paper Says Ranch Will Help Hundreds

**ORLANDO** — The Orlando Sentinel, daily newspaper, had this to say about the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch:

"Florida Sheriffs hope to do more than merely apprehend lawbreakers in the future; they expect to help prevent some from developing by providing a home for needy and worthy boys."

"This project will help hundreds of boys through the years, but if it actually helped only one it would be worth all the trouble."

## Saunders Selected Club's Top Speaker

**ST. PETERSBURG** — The Lions Club of St. Petersburg voted Pinellas County Sheriff Sid Saunders its outstanding speaker for 1957.

Saunders, the new president of the Florida Sheriffs Association, appeared before the club Nov. 20 to discuss the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

He later accepted several invitations to discuss the ranch project before other groups.

## Sheriff Halts Fruit Swiping

By Scotty Campbell

**FORT PIERCE** — Sheriff J. R. Norvell's entire staff of deputies found themselves on an odd sort of round-the-clock patrol throughout St. Lucie County early in January—and the weather played a direct part in the business.

It happened like this:

The mid-December freeze left St. Lucie County and immediate area one of the few sections of the state totally undamaged in regards to citrus.

Lush treefuls of ripe oranges, grapefruit and tangerines, and the sky-high price they were fetching, proved too much for thieves—professional and otherwise.

One particularly bad theft occurred in broad open daylight and involved an experienced picking crew equipped with a truck. Witnesses who saw the crew working away never gave the matter a second thought. But Sheriff Norvell did.

He put Deputies on a day and night watch, checking grove workers to ascertain they were legitimate employees of the owner, and the orange swiping stopped.

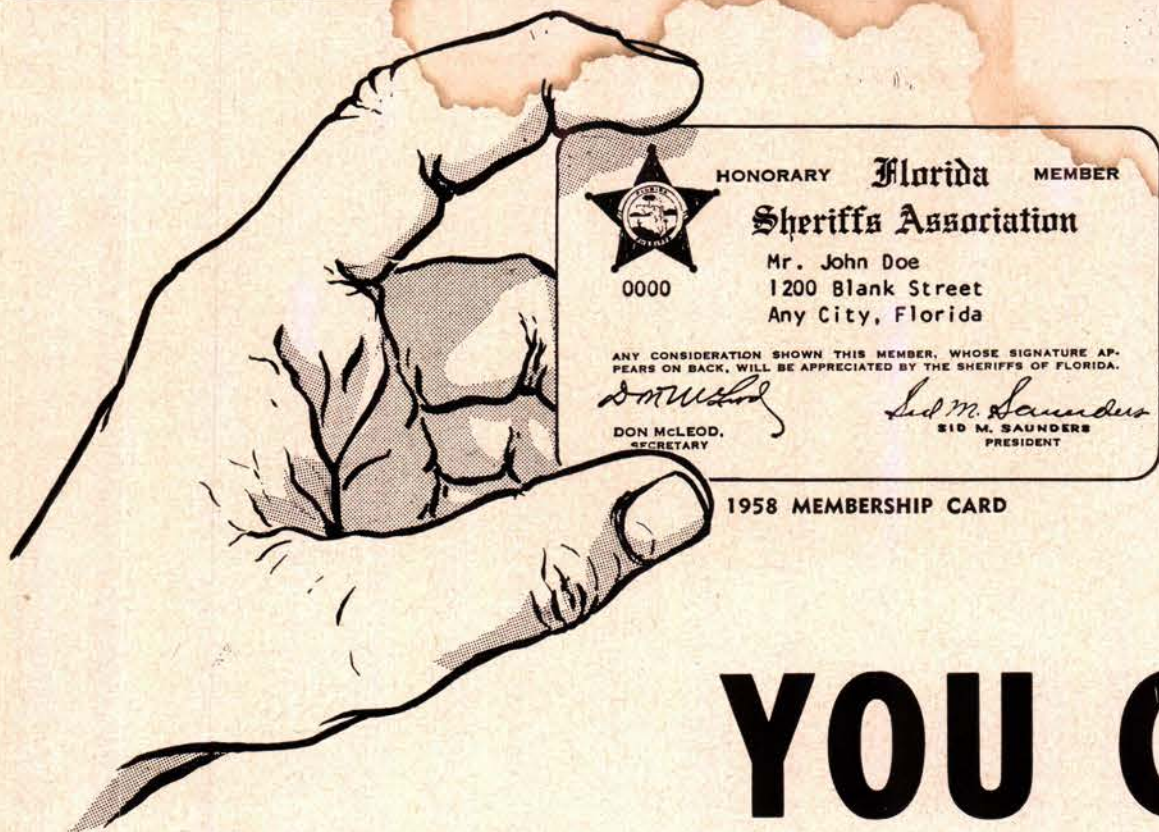
## Rex Sweat Voted Life Membership

**ST. AUGUSTINE** — Former Duval County Sheriff Rex Sweat of Jacksonville, was voted honorary life membership in the Florida Sheriffs Association.

The action, taken at the Association's Mid-Winter Conference, was moved by Lake County Sheriff Willis McCall, seconded by Clay County Sheriff John P. Hall and approved unanimously.

Sweat, who attended the conference, was introduced as a charter member and long-time supporter of the Association. He is a past president of the Florida Sheriffs Association and the National Sheriffs Association.





# YOU CAN HELP FIGHT DELINQUENCY

**By Applying for Honorary Membership  
in the Florida Sheriffs Association**  
(IF YOU ARE ALREADY A MEMBER, SHOW THIS AD TO A FRIEND)

## Dues

### OF HONORARY MEMBERS WILL BE USED TO:

★ **BUILD THE FLORIDA SHERIFFS BOYS' RANCH  
ON THE SUWANNEE RIVER,** 11 miles north of

Live Oak, Florida, as a permanent home for worthy and needy boys who are in danger of becoming juvenile delinquents—those from broken homes, the underprivileged, the neglected, the homeless. A 722-acre site has been acquired and construction of facilities will begin as soon as sufficient funds are available.

★ **PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR OUTSTANDING BOYS** released from the Florida Industrial School

for Boys at Marianna to take specialized college and technical school training. Two scholarship recipients are already enrolled in a university and a third is attending a technical high school. This rehabilitation program will be expanded as funds become available.

**Both of these projects are part of the Florida Sheriffs Association's state-wide "FIGHT DELINQUENCY CAMPAIGN."**

**FILL OUT AND MAIL  
THIS APPLICATION FORM**



Florida Sheriffs Association  
Box 344  
Tallahassee, Florida

Gentlemen:

I hereby apply for Honorary Membership in the Florida Sheriffs Association and I am enclosing \$10.00 as payment of my 1958 membership fee, of which \$1.50 is for a year's subscription to The Sheriff's Star.

I understand that acceptance of my application is subject to the approval of the Florida Sheriff Association Screening Committee, and that my membership fee will be returned in the event such approval is not granted.

PLEASE  
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TYPE NAME

STREET AND  
NUMBER

CITY OR  
POSTOFFICE

DATE OF BIRTH			RACE	COLOR EYES	COLOR HAIR	HEIGHT	WEIGHT
MO.	DAY	YEAR					
OCCUPATION			COMPANY				

I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION  
IS TRUE AND CORRECT

SIGNATURE

#### AS AN HONORARY MEMBER YOU WILL RECEIVE:

- ★ Honorary Membership Wallet Identification Card,
- ★ Honorary Membership Decal for Your Auto,
- ★ Honorary Membership Wall Plaque for Your Home or Office,
- ★ A Year's Subscription to The Sheriffs Star,
- ★ A Copy of the 1958 Florida Sheriff, Yearbook of The Florida Sheriffs Association.



# Florida's Sheriffs Men of Action, Not Dreamers-But

Florida's sheriffs have always been men of action.

Realists . . . practical men . . . unaccustomed to idle dreaming.

And yet for years—ten, twenty, thirty, who knows how

many?—they have shared a dream that someday, somehow they could do something really significant to help homeless, needy neglected boys.

The dream was thrust upon them by the boys they encoun-

tered in their daily work—the runaway boys, the boys from broken homes, the first offenders, the "good boy" trapped in a bad environment.

Today that persistent dream is coming true on the Florida

Sheriffs Boys Ranch—a 722-acre tract of gently rolling land on the Suwannee River, 11 miles north of Live Oak, Fla.

The Ranch, although adopted as a project of the Florida Sheriffs Assn. only last year,

is already a going concern.

Farming operations, scientifically planned with the help of government experts, have already been started under the supervision of Thomas Musgrove, Suwannee County farmer who donated 120 acres of the ranch site.

A paved road into the ranch is in the final stages of construction. It was provided by the Suwannee County Commissioners.

A scenic area on the riverfront has been cleared as the future location of ranch buildings and recreation areas.

Surveys are being made so that a long-range plan can be developed for landscaping and construction of facilities.

Actual construction work on the first buildings is expected to start in June, and funds are currently being raised to make this possible.

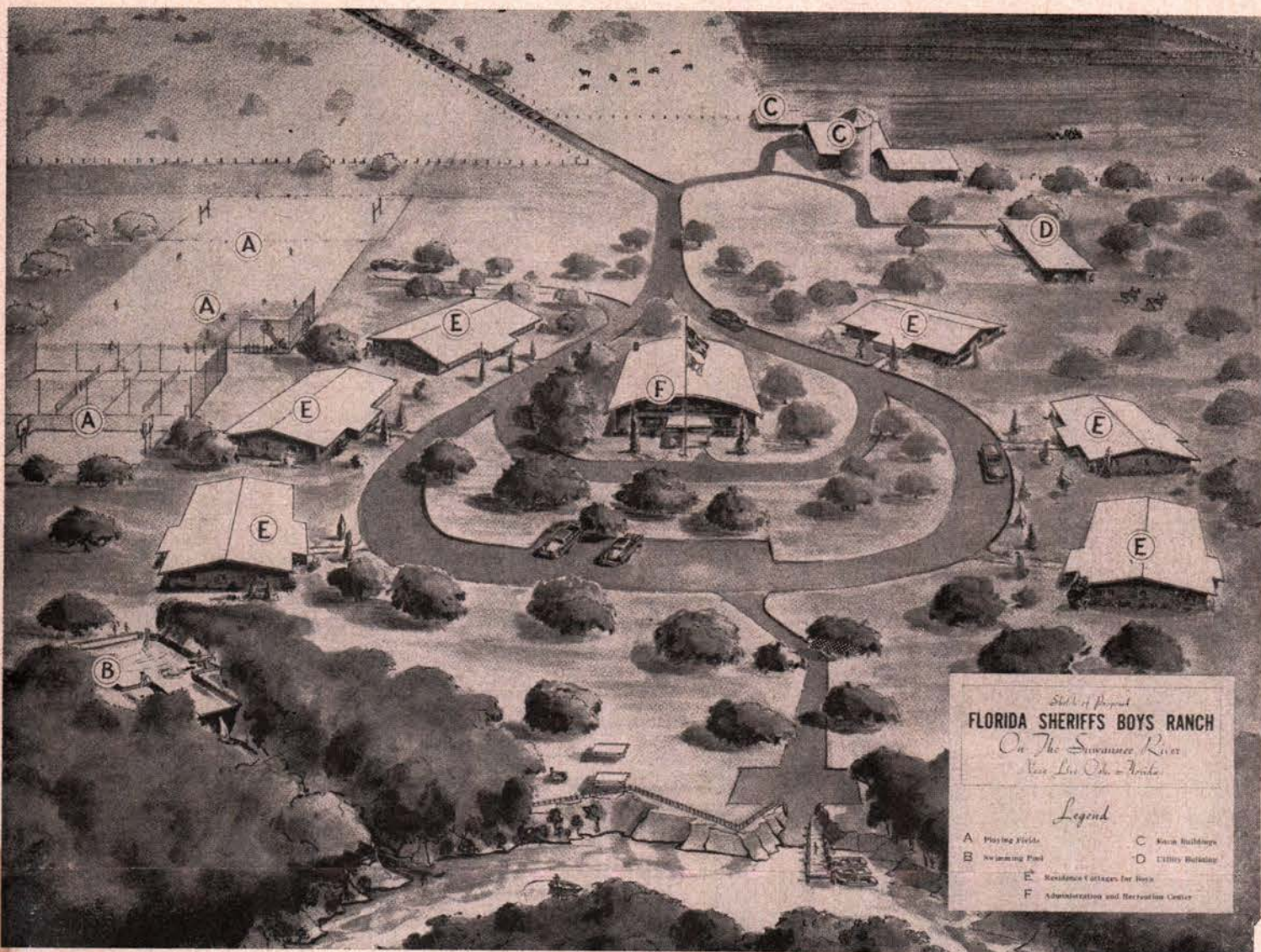
The Ranch will be supported by the dues of the Sheriffs Association's Honorary Members and the 1958 membership drive is well under way. Direct contributions are also being made to the Boys Ranch Trust Fund.

It is hoped that the first boys will be admitted to the Ranch in September.

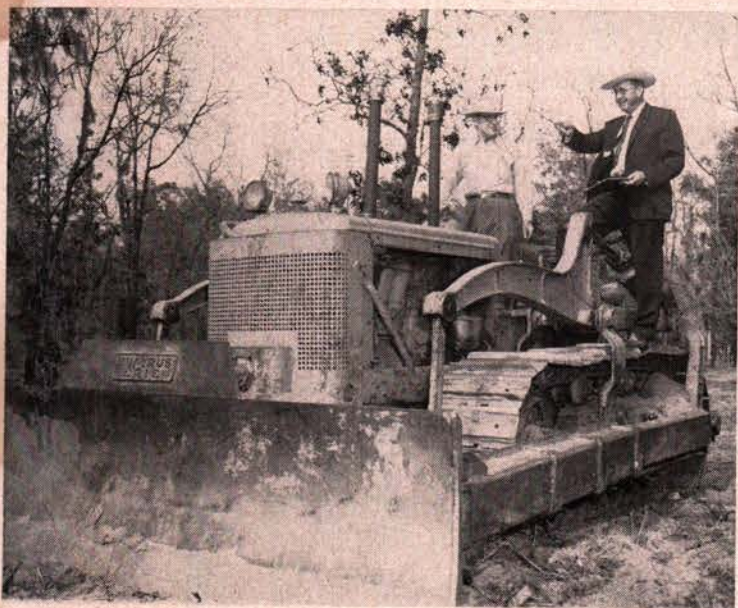
With this goal in mind, a committee of juvenile court judges, child care experts and sheriffs is developing admissions policies; keeping in mind the basic premise that the Ranch will be a home for worthy and needy boys—and not a penal institution.

Boys living at the ranch will attend the Suwannee County public schools. They will also be permitted to attend the church of their choice in Live Oak, and will receive moral and spiritual training of a non-denominational nature at the Ranch.

Arrangements will be made to provide vocational training both at the Ranch and in the public school system.



Sketch of Proposed  
**FLORIDA SHERIFFS BOYS RANCH**  
On The Suwannee River  
Near Live Oak, Florida  
*Legend*  
A Playing Fields  
B Swimming Pool  
C Farm Buildings  
D Utility Building  
E Residence Cottages for Boys  
F Administration and Recreation Center



**SITE CLEARING**—Suwannee County Sheriff Hugh Lewis (left) and Lake County Sheriff Willis McCall discuss land clearing operations at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. (Photo by Ken Richards)

## RANCH SKETCH

This artist's sketch shows a proposed layout for the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, with the Suwannee River in the foreground.

The principal features are:

(A) Playing fields which will be part of a full-scale recreational program.

(B) Swimming pool which will be developed on the site of a large spring if feasible.

(C) Farm Buildings for use in an extensive agricultural program.

(D) Utility building.

(E) Residence cottages, each designed to hold approximately 20 boys.

(F) Central Administration building with facilities for indoor recreation.



**RANCH RIVERFRONT**—Sheriffs and Suwannee County citizens study possible site for boat dock on the riverfront at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.



**RANCH ROAD**—Suwannee County Road Department begins construction of paved road leading into the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. (photo by Ken Richards)



**FARMING BEGINS**—Farming operations have been started at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch under the supervision of Thomas Musgrove, shown here on tractor. Musgrove donated 120 acres of the ranch site. (photo by Ken Richards)



# CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS



**ST. AUGUSTINE—NEW SLATE**—These 1958 officers of the Florida Sheriffs Association were installed at the Mid-Winter Conference. They are (from left): Clay County Sheriff John P. Hall, treasurer; Pasco County Sheriff Leslie Bessenger, first vice president; Florida Sheriffs Bureau Director Don McLeod, secretary; Pinellas County Sheriff Sid Saunders, president; Sarasota County Sheriff Ross E. Boyer, second vice president. (photo by Rupert Chastain)



**ST. AUGUSTINE — FINAL CHECK-UP** — Monroe County Sheriff John Spottswood (left), immediate past-president of the Florida Sheriffs Association; and St. Johns County Sheriff L. O. Davis Jr., conference host; check last minute details at the Mid-Winter Conference. (photo by Rupert Chastain)

## Dozier Lauds Ranch Project

**ST. AUGUSTINE** — Arthur Dozier, state director of child training schools, said the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch "will be of tremendous value to the state."

Speaking to a luncheon audience at the Mid-Winter Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association, he added that the Ranch, which Florida's sheriffs are building as a permanent home for worthy and needy boys, will not duplicate any other child care programs.

Instead, he said, "it will serve areas of need which are not now served."

He predicted that as the project becomes better known to the public the Sheriffs Association will find raising funds for it less of a problem.

The Ranch is currently supported by the dues of the Association's honorary members and by direct contributions to the Boys Ranch Trust Fund.

Dozier also thanked the Association for making scholarships available to outstanding boys released from the Florida School for Boys at Marianna to attend colleges and vocational schools. He is superintendent of the Marianna school.

He said the scholarship program, which is also supported by the Association's honorary membership dues, provides a valuable incentive for boys to make a good showing at the state school. At the same time, he said, it provides educational opportunities which are not available at the Marianna institution.

## Sheriffs Laud Ranch Director

**ST. AUGUSTINE**—The Florida Sheriffs Association, in a resolution passed at its Mid-Winter Conference, commended Hillsborough County Sheriff Ed Blackburn Jr. for the services performed as Executive Director of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

The resolution expressed the Association's "grateful appreciation" and stated that the Sheriffs of Florida are deeply indebted to Blackburn.

In a conference report, Blackburn described the Ranch as "the most challenging dream we could ever have."



**ST. AUGUSTINE—WHISTLE STOP**—Sheriffs and guests wait in front of the Ponce de Leon Hotel for sightseeing train which transported them to the fish fry, one of the program highlights at the Mid-Winter Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association. (Photo by Rupert Chastain)

## Prison Ills Curable — Culver

**ST. AUGUSTINE** — There's nothing wrong with Florida's state prison system that "straight thinking and down to earth planning" won't cure, according to R. O. Culver, director of the State Department of Corrections.

Speaking at the Mid-Winter Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association here Jan. 23, he said the state prison at Raiford was "woefully antiquated" when he took over the newly-created position of corrections director last year.

These conditions are being remedied with new facilities and procedures, he added.

He placed particular emphasis on the new prisoner classification program which he said will result in work programs suited to each prisoner's ability.

He said he hoped that through the program planned by his department the sheriffs would find prisoners "less of a problem to you when they come back home."



**ST. AUGUSTINE—CONFERENCE "CUTIES"**—Here are some of the Sheriffs' wives who attended the FSA Mid-Winter Conference (from left): Mrs. Broward Coker of Sebring; Mrs. L. O. Davis of St. Augustine; Mrs. John Spottswood of Key West; Mrs. Ross E. Boyer of Sarasota; Mrs. H. J. Youngblood of Fernandina; Mrs. Carl Stauffer, wife of the FSA field secretary; Mrs. Hugh Lewis of Live Oak; Mrs. Emmett Shelby of Pensacola and her sister; Mrs. Ray Wilson of Crestview; Mrs. George Watts of Chipley; and Mrs. Maurice Linton of Perry. (Photo by Rupert Chastain)

## Sen. Pope Sees Sheriffs Bureau As Key Law Enforcement Agency

**ST. AUGUSTINE** — State Sen. Verle A. Pope told a banquet audience at the Mid-Winter Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association, Jan. 23, that he believes creation of the Florida Sheriffs Bureau will prove to be one of the most advanced steps in the state's history.

The veteran St. Augustine lawmaker, winner of several legislative awards, advocated

and voted for the creation of the Bureau in 1955.

Sponsored by the Sheriffs Association, it operates as a state-wide crime fighting agency. Its primary function is to cooperate with and assist local law enforcement agencies.

Sen. Pope cited the Bureau as evidence that there has been a general improvement in law enforcement in Florida during recent years.

He said Sheriffs and their deputies are becoming more aware of their duties—and at the same time he stressed the necessity of strengthening the forces of law enforcement to cope with violators.

Aware of the Sheriffs Association's traditional role as the first line of defense in local self-government, he also declared that the tendency to create state agencies to perform jobs for which the counties already have facilities must be stopped.



**ST. AUGUSTINE — BANQUET SPEAKER** — State Senator Verle A. Pope of St. Augustine addresses banquet meeting at the Mid-Winter Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association.

## Rosenberg Gets Commendation

**ST. AUGUSTINE**—In a resolution passed at its Mid-Winter Conference here Jan. 24 the Florida Sheriffs Association commended Charles Rosenberg, owner of Rose Printing Co., Tallahassee, for "outstanding service in helping to make our Honorary Membership program a successful undertaking."

Rosenberg helped to plan the program and played a key role in putting it into operation last year. His firm handles the printing for the program and also prints the Association's publications: a yearbook and a monthly newspaper.

Dues from the honorary membership program are used to support the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch and provide scholarships for outstanding boys released from the Florida Industrial School for Boys to attend college or vocational schools.