

Mobile Crime Lab

ORLANDO — Orange County Sheriff Dave Starr has added the mobile crime laboratory pictured above to his line-up of rolling equipment. In the other picture Sheriff Starr (right) is shown being congratulated by Gov. LeRoy Collins for his progressive law enforcement techniques.

The mobile unit has a two-way short-wave radio, portable 110-volt power unit, comparison projector, fingerprint and evidence camera, Sirchie field kit, comparator, and still and movie photographic equipment.

It is also equipped with a public address system, hydraulic lift to extricate victims from mangled cars, and other emergency equipment.

Sheriff Starr, who is first vice president of the National Sheriffs Association, said the unit will be used at scenes of homicides, robberies, burglaries and serious accidents.



Jury Convicts Sheriff's Slayer

TRENTON — A circuit court jury on March 27 convicted Harley Conner, 56-year-old farmer, of first degree murder in the shotgun slaying of Gilchrist County Sheriff Mark Read.

The jury made no recommendation of mercy, making the death sentence mandatory, but Judge John A. H. Murphree deferred sentencing to permit the filing of a defense motion for a new trial.

The state presented evidence to show that Sheriff Read was murdered Dec. 10, 1956, when he went to Conner's home at the request of the farmer's relatives.

Conner had been drinking heavily and was making threats with a shotgun, according to evidence at the trial.

He pleaded innocent by reason of insanity.

Co-op Case No. 1

Here's How Series of Florida Robbery Cases Was Solved

TALLAHASSEE — Here's how the Florida Sheriff's Bureau, by coordinating the efforts of law enforcement agencies as far away as Norfolk, Va., and Dallas, Tex., solved a series of armed robberies.

In Florida, particular credit belongs to Sheriffs Al Cahill of Duval County and Ed Blackburn, Jr., of Hillsborough County.

The case history begins in Norfolk.

A police detective thought there was something suspicious looking about Hubert Hardin, so he walked up to the car where Hardin was sitting.

As he did so, Hardin suddenly stuffed something under the front seat.

The detective discovered the object under the seat was a wad of money, but questioning Har-

din and searching the car failed to give the police any reason for holding him.

Since the car had a Florida license, the detective called a St. Petersburg detective he knew to see whether Hardin was wanted there.

Hardin's description sounded familiar to the St. Petersburg officer. He studied a moment, then recalled seeing it in the Florida Sheriffs Bureau crime bulletin.

This was the break the bureau had been waiting for in its efforts to solve a series of Jacksonville armed robberies involving losses totaling \$25,000.

Hardin was brought back to Florida and efforts were intensified to find the other stick-up artist who had been operating with him.

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More Flexible Prisons Predicted for Future

WASHINGTON — Prisons of the future will be built around the goal of "making the period of incarceration fit the offender," according to James V. Bennett, director of the U.S. Bureau of Prisons.

State after state, Bennett said, is getting away from efforts to control crime through the punitive approach alone. Instead, he added, they are setting up various boards and tribunals with broad authority to determine the time when a particular offender can be safely released.

He said: "The prisons of tomorrow will be built around this same fundamental objective. This will require, among other things, that each state have an integrated system of correctional facilities under the direction of a single officer.

"No longer will we have independent institutions operating pretty much in a vacuum and without interchanging ideas or personnel or inmates as needed. That fundamental objective is in a fair way of accomplishment in Florida through the appointment of Col. Richard Culver as your commissioner. That is an important and significant first step."

Change in DWI Routine Asked

TALLAHASSEE — The Florida Parole Commission wants to get out of the business of restoring driver's licenses to persons convicted of driving while intoxicated.

Florida law makes revocation of license mandatory for persons convicted of this offense.

It also requires the commission to consider applications for restoration of license, but investigation of applications is made by the Department of Public Safety.

In a recent statement, the commission said: "We feel that it is an unsatisfactory situation in which, because of our inability to actually make our own investigations, and because the whole program is foreign to our primary program of probation and parole, our efforts are ineffective and more or less superfluous.

"Furthermore, we feel that because of the widespread criticism against restoration of licenses to persons convicted of driving while intoxicated, our program of assisting the courts in administration of probation and in the release and supervision of persons on parole has suffered severely."

The commission recommended that the law be changed so that it can be relieved of the responsibility of considering license restoration applications.

In 1956 the commission received 1,917 applications and restoration was authorized, under restrictions, in 1,585 cases. Applications denied totaled 332.

The commission pointed out that the licenses restored constituted less than 3 per cent of the licenses revoked during the year, and that in all cases the licenses were returned only under restrictions.

The persistence of old prison structures has hindered reform, Bennett said.

"They are added to, patched up, overcrowded until they are incapable of functioning as useful instrumentalities of crime control. The persistence of these ancient and obsolete structures is a millstone about the neck of progressive penology in this country."

Prisons are what they are today "because they have not been shaken loose from outworn traditions and neglect," he said. "And I doubt you would exempt Florida from this general statement. You have long since outgrown your physical plant, but more importantly, your alert and progressive people have out-distanced in their thinking and point of view with respect to the treatment of offenders the sterile, stultifying and demoralizing program found in your prisons, many of the road camps and in some other correctional institutions."

Florida, he said, "with its nearly 100 per cent population increase in the last 17 years, has added some new facilities, developed broader use of parole, widened its staff to handle probationers and is now under the leadership of your energetic and humane governor and his associates embarking upon a far-reaching master plan that, I am sure, will put Florida in the vanguard in this regard as it is in many another field."

In addition to an integrated system of correctional facilities, he said, "Florida will also want to take into account the experience of other states in establishing diagnostic and classification centers where all new commitments will be sent by the courts for study, determination of where they will be committed and outlining a program for each individual offender. Much time, lost motion and money can be saved by the establishment of a central receiving and classification facility of the kind I have mentioned."

Bennett added:

"No program of that kind can be successful unless it is implemented by an integrated institutional system varying in character from prisons of maximum custody to open institutions and camps. No state of the size and potentialities of Florida, for in-

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Sheriff Played Historic Role

PHILADELPHIA — When the Declaration of Independence was read in public for the first time here in 1776, whodunit?

According to a painting by Clyde O. DeLand, the reader upon this historic occasion was none other than Sheriff John Nixon of Philadelphia, distinguished ancestor of Vice President Richard Nixon.

The sheriff is said to have proclaimed the document from the balcony of an observatory which stood in the State House yard. Pictured on the balcony with him were Benjamin Franklin, Robert Morris, Thomas Jefferson, Samuel Adams, John Hancock, John Adams and Francis Hopkinson.

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Citizens Can Reduce Crime

HARTFORD, Conn. — How can the average citizen reduce the volume of crime?

Connecticut State Police Commissioner John C. Kelly's answer is to reduce the number of opportunities for criminal offenses, and increase the likelihood of speedy apprehension of criminals.

"An unlocked automobile," said he, "a house from which the residents are obviously absent, a solitary individual in a dark and isolated place—these are the opportunities for which the criminal is inclined to look. If these opportunities are denied to them, crime will be prevented."

He said a high level of effective law enforcement must also be maintained by local, state and federal agencies with the use of up-to-date police methods and equipment, and complimented by complete cooperation among enforcement agencies.

"It is a well established fact," he said, "that prompt detection, vigorous and prompt prosecution and the certainty of punishment fitted to the crime, the criminal and the community, is the finest kind of crime prevention program."

Auxiliary Active In Sheriff's Dept.

MIAMI—Wives, mothers and sisters of Dade County Sheriff's office employees are members of an unusual auxiliary organization.

They collect clothes, books, magazines and games for men and women jail inmates; also assist with junior deputy sheriff activities.

They recently started a group called the "Girl Cadettes" with a program similar to the junior deputies.

Rewards Effective In Citrus Thefts

LAKELAND — Florida Citrus Mutual claims theft of citrus fruit is being deterred by a standing offer of a \$100 reward for anyone helping to catch or convict a fruit stealer.

According to Mutual General Manager Robert W. Rutledge, the reward has been paid 30 times since it was first announced seven years ago.

Polk County Deputy Sheriffs Enoch Odom and Harvey Bell were among recipients.

Term-Extending Amendments Fail

Constitutional amendments to extend the terms of sheriffs in New Jersey and Oklahoma were decisively defeated.

The New Jersey proposal would have increased the present three-year term to five years, and the Oklahoma amendment would have doubled the present two-year term.

Police, Fire Depts. To Be Integrated

DEARBORN, Mich.—Officials of this Detroit suburb are planning to integrate the police and fire departments into one large department.

Station wagons equipped to handle police work as well as fire and rescue missions will replace police patrol cars.

The city will no longer hire separate police and firemen. Under the new system, new men will be trained in both police work and firefighting.

Integration of the two departments with a total strength of 224 men was suggested nearly 20 years ago by Mayor Orville L. Hubbard. He said it will provide Dearborn with "more efficient" police and fire protection.

Traffic Death Rate Increases 23 Pct.

TALLAHASSEE — Florida's traffic deaths increased 23 per cent during 1956, according to figures compiled by the Department of Public Safety.

Because of increased traffic on the state's highways, the death rate per 100,000,000 vehicle miles went up only 12.7 per cent—from 6.3 to 7.1.

A total of 1,205 persons were killed in 1956, compared to 978 in 1955.

Other state-wide totals were 87,329 accidents; 985 fatal accidents; 29,629 persons injured.

A breakdown by sex shows that last year's fatalities included 907 males and 398 females. The age group between 25 and 35 was the most heavily hit.

HERE'S HOW ARMED ROBBERY

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A tip from a south Florida city made Carl Richards a likely suspect. His picture was pulled out of the bureau's file of almost 30,000 known criminals and sent to Jacksonville.

There he was identified as the man who had allegedly helped Hardin stick up two liquor stores, and also as the lone gunman who had held up a supermarket.

The next problem was to find him and the trail led to Tampa, via Dallas.

Actually the bureau was checking on another member of its underworld "who's who," Louis "Blackie" Llerandi of Tampa, when its attention was drawn to Dallas. Rumor had it that "Blackie" had been involved in a holdup there, so out of the bureau's file and into the mail went his picture, along with a picture of Richard.

In Dallas, officers not only verified from the picture that they wanted Llerandi, but also identified Richard and his wife as Llerandi's accomplices in an \$8,000 armed robbery.

Dallas authorities filed charges against Llerandi, and he was arrested in Tampa, March 10, by the Hillsborough County Sheriff's office.



New Taylor County Jail, Perry, Florida

Sheriff's Star Deadline

Sheriffs and other law enforcement officials are invited to submit articles and pictures for publication in the Star. They must be received in Tallahassee prior to the 10th of each month in order to appear in that month's issue. Address all mail to Editor, Sheriff's Star, Box 549, Tallahassee.

Drastic Campaign Proposed by Swiss

GENEVA, Switzerland — City officials here have proposed a drastic campaign against juvenile delinquency.

No persons under 18 will be allowed to attend movies, theaters, dance halls and night clubs.

The ban is absolute, according to an overseas dispatch, and there will be no exceptions. Older persons will be required to carry identity cards establishing their right to enter such places.

Law enforcement authorities all over Europe are watching the experiment with great interest, and there is some doubt whether the ban will ease the juvenile problem—or intensify it.

An auxiliary police force formed to enforce the restrictions has been dubbed the "minors brigade." It includes both men and women.

Gas Chamber Halt Asked

SAN FRANCISCO — Some California officials want to give death—death by execution in the gas chamber, that is—a holiday.

And, their campaign to halt capital punishment grew by leaps and bounds last month when a stay of execution from Gov. Goodwin J. Knight was one minute too late to save a convicted kidnaper-murderer from death in the gas chamber.

At the time of the execution there was a bill before the legislature to declare a moratorium on death sentences for a period of five years, and it immediately became one of the most pressing measures in the legislative hopper.

State Atty. Gen. Edmund G. Brown said the five-year moratorium would provide the state with figures to compare for the purpose of determining whether or not capital punishment is a crime deterrent.

"Rather than being a deterrent," he said, "capital punishment has given official approval to the taking of life under certain circumstances. Those who have neither the money for continuing legal proceedings, nor the emotional publicity attractiveness of their cases, are summarily executed as a routine matter."

Sheriff at 26 Kansan's Feat

LARKIN, Kan.—Sheriff Tommy Cole of Kearny County, who was 26 last May, has been given the unofficial title of "Youngest Sheriff in the United States."

His closest challenger in Florida is Okaloosa County Sheriff Ray Wilson of Crestview, who was 28 when he was appointed to fill the unexpired term of the late Sheriff H. Isle Enzor in July, 1956. He added another birthday in December, and started serving a full four-year term in January.

Other young wearers of the star badge in Florida are Baker County Sheriff E. Ed Yarborough of Macclenny, and Okeechobee County Sheriff Jasper Christman McPherson of Okeechobee, both 30.

Lawmen Adopt Code of Ethics

LOS ANGELES — The California Peace Officers' Association has adopted a new code of ethics in which law enforcement officers are pledged to:

"Keep my private life unsullied as an example to all; maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others.

"Honest in thought and deed in both my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the laws of the land and the regulations of my department.

"Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature, or that is confided to me in my official capacity, will be kept ever secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty.

"I will never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudice, animosities or friendships to influence my decisions.

"With no compromise for crime and with relentless prosecution of criminals, I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or violence and never accepting gratuities."

Flexible Prisons

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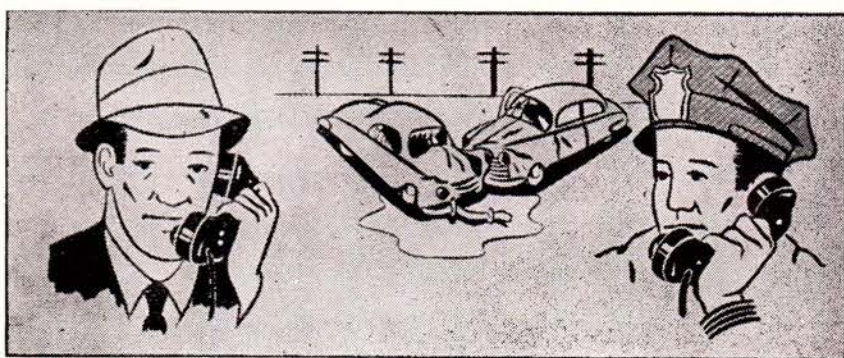
stance, can get along without a modern medium custody prison equipped with the facilities for a diversified work, vocational training and school program."

He said there is a need for "a variety of small and specialized institutions for the treatment of particular age groups or special problem cases like the psychopath, the alcoholic, the mentally handicapped."

He said that "equally important to experimenting with new types of institutions is a practical down-to-earth program of research into how well some of the things we do for the prisoner really work. We must call upon the resources of our colleges and universities to follow up on cases, analyze procedures, advise on methods, develop after-care programs."

"In the prison of tomorrow," he added, "the techniques of the psychiatrist, the social case-worker and the skilled counselor will be applied in day to day institutional operations. More and more we will develop institutions which produce a climate conducive to the acceptance of responsibility by the prisoner and prepare him for citizenship by building up his own resources."

THE SHERIFFS' SAFETY MESSAGE



Report Accidents Immediately

The law is very specific about what you must do, in case of an accident:

If the accident involves injury or death of any person, you must immediately stop and return to the scene of the accident and remain there until you have given your name, address, and registration number of the car you were driving to the owner or driver of the other car. If any person is injured or killed, you must give every reasonable assistance, including aid in getting the patient to a physician, surgeon or hospital for medical treatment.

If the accident results only in the damage to a vehicle, you are required to give your name, address, and registration number of the car you were driving to the owner or driver of the other car.

If you strike an unattended car, it is your duty to locate the owner or notify him of your name and address by leaving it in a conspicuous place near the vehicle.

Regardless of the type of accident, the driver of any vehicle involved in an accident resulting in injury or death or property damage over \$50 must make a written report to the Department of Public Safety, Tallahassee, within 24 hours.



Financial Responsibility

Florida has strict laws on financial responsibility of automobile drivers — if you cannot assume financial responsibility for an accident you will lose your right to drive.

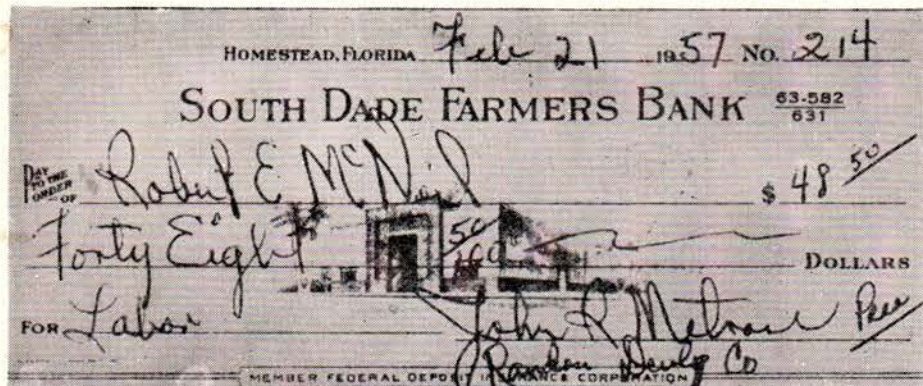
The law affects all motor vehicle owners and operators, including non-residents, who become involved in accidents resulting in the death or injury of a person or property damage totaling \$50 or more — regardless of who was at fault in the mishap.

Liability insurance requirements are \$10,000 for injury of one person, \$20,000 for injury of two or more persons and \$5,000 to cover property damages.

In order to protect your motoring privileges, if you are involved in an accident you must obtain releases signed by all persons in the accident; be finally adjudicated not liable by a competent court; post a surety bond or collateral with the State Treasurer amounting to \$25,000 to cover any damage claims; or carry liability insurance in the required amounts.

Even if you are not driving your car, as the owner, you are responsible. This Financial Responsibility Law may sound harsh and tough — and it is. But it is designed to protect you.

WATCH OUT FOR "HOT" CHECKS LIKE THESE



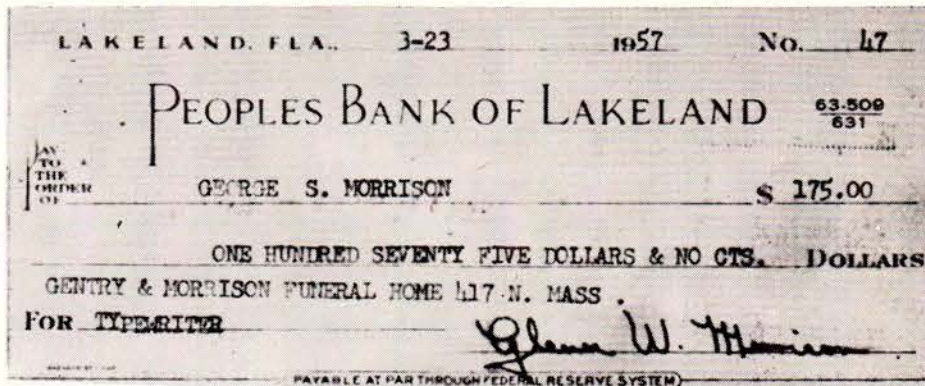
EXAMPLE OF CHECK PASSED BY ROBERT E. McNEIL

ROBERT E. McNEIL

white male, 25, 5' 7", 155 pounds, brown hair, with receding hair line, blue eyes. Uses Florida Drivers License and Air Force card for identification. Warrants issued for 7 counts Worthless checks. Notify Police Dept., Homestead and Florida Sheriffs Bureau.

WHITE MALE

approximate age 35, 6 foot or slightly over, weighing about 200 pounds, dark brown or black hair. Well dressed, nice looking. On March 29 this individual called



SAMPLE OF CHECK PASSED BY UNKNOWN MALE

Remington Rand Typewriter Co., Lakeland, Fla., posing as owner of well known Funeral Home. He requested a portable typewriter for his use, to be picked up by his son-in-law. A few minutes later he called again saying his son-in-law had failed to bring his wallet or identification but for them to release typewriter to him for cash check. A Desert Sage color typewriter Ser. #312359 was obtained with \$33 in cash in return for a check for \$175. A second check cashed same day at Taylor Hdw. Co., for \$75. Wanted by the Police Dept., Lakeland. Notify Florida Sheriffs Bureau.

Scientist Views Future Lawman

TOPEKA, Kan.—Dr. Karl A. Menninger, psychiatrist and director of the Menninger Clinic here, sees a growing need for the "truly educated" law enforcement officer.

He said this officer of the future will have to "know about human beings, not only from practical experience, but from study."

"He must know something about psychology, including abnormal psychology. He must get a new glimpse of these changing concepts of the control of human behavior."

It was Dr. Menninger's opinion that the policeman's "character, his serenity, his ideals, his good manners, his high purposes are more important than sharpshooting, judo, fingerprint identification, and a lot of other things that I realize are necessary in your profession."

He advised the law enforcement profession not to "sell short the idealism, the intelligence and the gratitude of the common American citizen."

"Give him what he ought to have in the way of good police service of the highest type," said he, "and he will crown you with gratitude, and, incidentally, raise your salaries."

Wild Bill's Home Has Lady Sheriff

LaSalle County, Ill., home of James Butler (Wild Bill) Hickok, the legendary two-gun law enforcer, has a lady sheriff.

She is Mrs. Frances Lambert, a grandmother in her late fifties who was appointed to fill a vacancy caused by the death of her husband.

A nephew of Wild Bill said he was not too keen about the idea of a woman sheriff, but added he felt his famous uncle would not have opposed it as long as the woman "could handle the job."

England's Traffic Worse Than Ours

LONDON—American safety experts find a certain amount of consolation in the fact that the traffic accident situation is worse over here than in the U.S.

The traffic death rate, in terms of fatalities per total registered vehicles, is about 30 per cent higher in England than in the U.S., although the British have only about one-twelfth as many motor vehicles as Americans do.

Law enforcement periodicals blame England's high accident rate primarily on congested and outmoded highways. Speed is given as another leading cause—just as it is in the U.S.

Watch Out for Loaded Lighter

WASHINGTON—A cigarette lighter that shoots real bullets?

Yes, warned the National Sheriffs Association recently, there are such things and the ability to promptly identify one may mean the difference between life and death for some law enforcement officer.

Converting the lighter to a weapon consists merely of replacing the wick holder with a tube of steel or hard brass, and attaching a piece of spring steel to the bottom plate to serve as a firing mechanism.

The lighter is fired by slipping a .22 caliber cartridge into the metal tube, opening the top assembly of the lighter and tripping the firing mechanism with the thumb.

Distinguishing features are its weight (due to the fuel compartment being filled with lead), the firing mechanism which protrudes over the bottom of the case, and the fact that it will not function as a lighter.

Volusia Prisoner Liked Jail Sojourn

DELAND—Normally everyone in jail is anxious to get out.

But after Mary Hicks, 29, Osteen Negro, served 50 days for petty larceny, she begged Volusia County Sheriff Rodney B. Thursby to let her stay on indefinitely.

Aware that she had been a model prisoner and had made a number of friends in the county jail, the sheriff compromised by letting her stay an extra day.

Sheriff's System Breaks Baby Ring

JACKSONVILLE—Here's how WMBR television station got a "scoop" and law enforcement officers broke up a state-wide baby-selling ring:

It all came about through a system of teamwork between newsmen and lawmen instituted by Duval County Sheriff Al Cahill.

The case broke when a Jacksonville private detective tipped off police that a baby had been offered for sale in a trailer camp.

Police arranged for a go-between to purchase the baby with \$1,500 in marked bills, then arrested the couple that had sold the child.

WMBR photographers covered the arrest from the rear of an unmarked panel truck, and the pictures, in addition to providing an exclusive news story, were used as evidence when the couple was convicted in criminal court.

Walters Ends Long Career



TALLAHASSEE—S. L. (Sam) Walters, chief clerk of the Prison Division of the Department of Agriculture, retired April 1 after more than 36 years as a state employee.

Mrs. W. Perry Neel, his secretary and assistant for the past 14 years, was appointed acting chief clerk to succeed him.

A native of Colquitt, Ga., he was employed as an auditor for the State Road Department in 1920, with supervision of prisoners assigned to road work as one of his duties, and he has handled prisoners in various capacities since that time. He was appointed prison clerk in 1934.

At the time of his retirement, Walters said he felt the prison system of Florida has improved considerably during his years of service, and expressed the opinion that in general Florida prisoners receive better treatment than the average convict in other state prisons.

"However," he added, "inadequate housing has been evident in the past several years and I am in hopes that the next legislature will provide funds for the construction of at least one new prison, as well as needed additions to the prison at Raiford, so that an intelligent program of classification, segregation and rehabilitation can be put into effect."

Sheriff Kelly Backs Youth Center Benefit

MIAMI—Dade County Sheriff Thomas J. Kelly and the Dade County Sheriff's Employees Assn. were among the backers of a stage show presented to raise money for the Dade County Youth Center and Camp.

Sheriff Kelly has spearheaded efforts for a youth camp since 1952.

Happy Pills Held Highway Hazards

NEW YORK—A New York University doctor warned that "peace of mind" drugs and other "potential drowsiness producers" can contribute to highway fatalities.

Dr. Harold Brandaleone said he was referring to "otherwise valuable" drugs which doctors should continue to prescribe, but doctors should also realize the dangers involved and warn their patients of possible driving hazards.

In a report to the 38th Annual Meeting of the American College of Physicians, he said: "The average physician fails to realize that when his patient drives a car, the antihistamine, the antihypertensive (anti-high blood pressure) or tranquilizer he prescribed may be a factor in a fatal automobile accident."

"Antihistamines and tranquilizing drugs which might induce drowsiness must be prescribed with a great deal of caution to persons who drive motor vehicles."

He added that drugs designed to combat high blood pressure carry a two-fold potential danger—a possible sedative effect and also the possibility of lowering blood pressure too much.

The drug hazard, he said, constitutes only one phase of the medical aspects of the highway accident problem which results in "a motor vehicle death every 13 minutes and an injury every 23 seconds," in the United States.

"Any disease causing such mortality and morbidity deserves much more attention from the medical profession than it has heretofore received," he concluded.

Deputies Stop Man Catch "Tall Tale"

DELAND—Sheriff's deputies collect some mighty tall tales—here's one:

Volusia County Sheriff's Deputies Howard DeMott and Emory Clapper stopped a man chugging along in an old car after they had heard a shot fired.

"What were you doing?" they asked.

"Hunting," he replied. "For what?" they inquired. "Rabbits," he said.

The night was dark and the man did not have a flashlight, so the deputies wanted to know how he could hunt under such circumstances.

"You don't need a light," was the man's answer, "you just kick the bushes and they run out, and 'bam', you can't miss."

"Where's your rabbit?" asked the Deputies.

"Guess I missed him," was the reply.

Sheriff Makes Appeal On Benefit Program

FORT MYERS—Lee County Sheriff Flanders G. Thompson recently made an appeal on behalf of Riverside School for mentally retarded children.

He appeared, along with a women's barbershop chorus, on a benefit program to raise money for the school, and described the work the institution does in preparing the unfortunate youngsters to take full advantage of their potentialities.

He also spoke on "Child Delinquency" recently before the Russell Park Civic Club.

Deputies Honored; Awarded Time Off

MIAMI—Two of Dade County Sheriff Thomas J. Kelly's deputies won recognition for outstanding service in the line of duty, and received a two-day holiday as an award.

Louise Kaplan, matron in the county jail, was honored for finding a quantity of heroin in a cigarette lighter while searching a woman prisoner.

John A. Salla, polygraph expert, was praised for outstanding interrogation work.

Wrong Side Driving Top Fatality Cause

PENSACOLA—Driving on the wrong side of the highway is one of the chief causes of fatal accidents Escambia County Sheriff Emmett Shelby told a district meeting of Business and Professional Women's Clubs.

It was his opinion that four-laning of all major highways throughout the state would decrease the fatal accident rate to a great extent.

A forum in which he participated also discussed ways in which women's groups can aid in the spread of safety consciousness among adults and children.

Claude Tindall Now On Buckels' Staff

KISSIMMEE—Claude Tindall, former chief deputy sheriff in Broward County, is currently employed here as a deputy under Osceola County Sheriff R. M. Buckels, according to a "flash" received from Ed Hafner, field secretary of the Florida Sheriffs Association.

Claude and his brother "Woodie," who is an investigator on the staff of Gov. LeRoy Collins, are sons of former Osceola County Sheriff Young Tindall.

ROLL CALL

News Items From Sheriffs' Departments All Over The State

MISSING



GLADYS EARLINE STRATTON

white female, 16, 5' 5", 130, dark brown hair, hazel eyes. Missing from her home in Cypress, Calif., since Dec. 8, 1956. May be with one Keith Claude Aston, white male, approximate age 24. He is driving dark green 1952 Henry J. with large trailer hitch on rear, Calif. License FMA-526. Notify Sheriffs Office, Santa Ana, Calif., and Florida Sheriffs Bureau.

MACCLENNY — Baker County is reaping a profit from moonshine operations—and it's legal. Sheriff Ed Yarborough reported that sale of equipment and supplies seized in moonshine raids since he took office in January enriched the county treasury by \$1,035.25. The raids were conducted by the sheriff's office and the State Beverage Department.

BROOKSVILLE—Arrest of nine teen-agers solved a series of thefts here recently. It also left Hernando County Sheriff Sim L. Lowman and Brooksville Police Chief W. D. Cobb II with several hundred dollars worth of stolen automobile accessories to identify.

FT. LAUDERDALE—Broward County Sheriff J. A. Lloyd is attempting to stem the rising death toll from accidents involving motor scooters, motorcycles and bicycles. He announced he would launch an inspection program of two-wheeled vehicles at schools, and would impound those improperly equipped or operated recklessly. In the first 11 weeks of 1957 five persons were killed in the county in accidents involving two-wheeled vehicles.

STUART—Tragedy and frustration are the sheriff's constant companions. A recent experience of Martin County Sheriff Roy C. Baker is a good example.

On a routine cruise through Indiantown he warned some young boys about the dangers of playing near a water-filled excavation. Hours later he was called back to help recover the body of one of the youngsters who had fallen in the deep hole and drowned.

ST. PETERSBURG—Talk about tough assignments. A businessman recently asked Pinellas County Deputy Sheriff Harold Glenn to track down two lost envelopes containing endorsed checks worth \$1,814. Glenn made an intensive search and finally found them about 50 feet away from a drug store where the owner had purchased some stamps.

SHERIFF URGES TRAFFIC DEPT.

MIAMI—Sheriff Thomas J. Kelly has advocated a separate traffic engineering department, independent of the sheriff's office, to deal with critical problems arising on Dade County's more than 4,000 miles of highways in unincorporated areas. He suggested such a department would require a trained traffic engineer, an assistant, a crew to conduct traffic surveys, maintenance and painting staffs, and clerical help. "After analyzing the studies and surveys," said Sheriff Kelly, "the traffic engineer could recommend what is needed to deal with the situation at presently dangerous intersections." In addition to creation of the new department, he recommended that persons involved in traffic accidents, due to their own negligence, should be required to take a new driver's test before being allowed to get behind the wheel again.

Old Timer Leaving Law Enforcement

CLEARWATER — Law enforcement is losing an old timer. William J. Casper of Largo, court bailiff and special investigator for the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, has announced that he will retire April 30. Prior to coming to Florida in 1940, he was in law enforcement work in Buffalo, N. Y. He was civilian "police chief" at MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa, during World War II, and worked as a store detective in St. Petersburg before taking his present position.

Ultimate for Reds; Investigate Everyone

BUDAPEST—Communist police do things in a big way. They have been ordered to check the entire population of Hungary in an effort to nab rebels who participated in last October's revolt against the Russians. The job is to be completed by Sept. 30. Any Hungarians who do not bring their identity cards and military records to the police to be stamped before that date will be subjected to an intense investigation.

MIAMI—A Junior Deputy horse posse for teen-age boys sponsored by Dade County Sheriff Thomas J. Kelly is believed to be the first of its kind in the nation. Based at the W-40 Ranch, in Kendall, it was launched with an initial membership of 42 youngsters. It is led by Special Deputy Phil Groh, owner of W-40 Ranch, who has been training the members for over six months. The young horsemen will be used in tracking down lost children and adults, and for scouting duties in other types of emergencies according to Deputy Dave Narrow.

MIAMI—One of services Sheriff Tom Kelly provides in unincorporated areas of Dade County is registration of bicycles . . . does it free of charge so stolen bicycles can be returned to owners when recovered . . . at present time approximately 20 per cent of recovered cycles can not be returned to owners because not registered . . . sheriff's office is forced to sell them at auction to get rid of them.

EVERGLADES — County Commissioners made Sheriff E. A. Doug Hendry happy when they voted to buy new refrigerator and freezer for county jail . . . saved him inconvenience of storing meat for prisoners at local grocery store . . . had been doing so because jail refrigerating equipment was unsatisfactory.

STARKE—It was an old gag, but worth \$400 to fast talking couple posing as faith healers . . . Sheriff P. D. Reddish said pair used Bradford County woman's savings in ritual to cure cough . . . pretended to leave money inside Bible . . . victim discovered money was gone after flimflammers were "long gone."

GAINESVILLE—Act of petty larceny was almost committed in presence of Alachua County Sheriff's Office Investigator Roland Johnson . . . He got out of car to serve paper, came back and found someone had stolen hub cap.

CLEARWATER—Once a year Pinellas County Sheriff Sid Saunders puts his office on wheels . . . this year no exception when he set up shop in trailer at Pinellas County Fair, Largo . . . purpose to help find lost children, render first aid, maintain law and order . . . service started 1954.

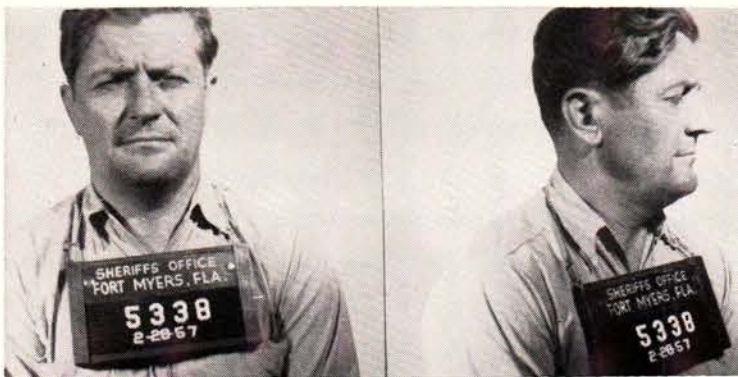
STARKE—It isn't likely that Bradford County Sheriff P. D. Reddish will penalize his office deputy, Mrs. Loca Norman, for day-dreaming. According to the Bradford County Telegraph, she was "wool-gathering" recently when her gaze strayed out the window and alighted upon a passing truck owned by a "wanted" man. She quickly notified Deputy Fate Brown, and, giving chase, he came back with, not one, but two "wanted" characters.

TAMPA—A move to open juvenile court proceedings to the public has the support of Hillsborough County Sheriff Ed Blackburn Jr. A member of the Governor's Committee on Juvenile Delinquency, he also has criticized other phases of the present juvenile statutes. "The most ridiculous part of the present law," he said, "is that it requires us to get permission from a juvenile judge when we want to fingerprint a juvenile." He said a ban on keeping records on juvenile offenders also hampers enforcement officers.

ORLANDO—Orange County Sheriff S. D. Starr was chosen moderator of a law enforcement panel discussion which was part of a safety seminar program here recently. The seminar included experts from several states discussing "Every Citizen's Duty to Safety."

WEST PALM BEACH—Perhaps it was a record—anyhow Palm Beach County Deputy Ralph Clark had a busy time of it when he chalked up 19 arrests in one weekend. One of the cases involved a man who had allegedly almost severed the arm of a woman with a shotgun blast. Clark was also credited with stopping three knifings and two shootings by appearing on the scene "in the nick of time."

WANTED PERSONS AS COMPILED BY THE FLORIDA SHERIFFS BUREAU



**JOHN RICHARD BLAKE
or JOHN R. BLAKE**
white male, 5' 8", 170 pounds, born 11-15-16 in Waterford, N. Y. Brown hair,

streaked with grey, blue eyes. Occupation: Salesman. Wanted on Grand Larceny charge by Sheriff Flanders Thompson, Fort Myers, Fla., and by Florida Sheriffs Bureau.



WILLIE NELSON

colored male, 53, 5' 7", black hair and complexion, brown eyes, medium build.

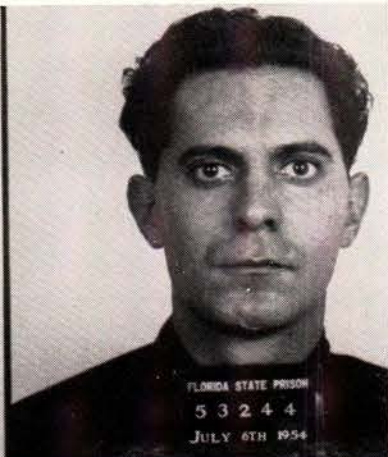


Construction laborer. Born Laurel, Miss. Wanted for Rape charge in Gulfport, Miss. Notify Parole Commission, Mississippi, Sheriff Willis McCall, Tavares, Fla., and Florida Sheriffs Bureau.



JERRY DEAN MICHAEL

white male, 25 to 28, 6' 1", 200 pounds. Auburn hair, blue eyes. Wanted for nonsupport of wife and children. He is believed to be in the Miami area. Notify Constable Marosites, Ormond Beach, Fla., and the Florida Sheriffs Bureau.



DOMINGO DIAZ alias MINGY

FBI #3 727 083, State Prison #53244, white male, 30, 5' 10 1/2", 172 pounds, black hair, brown eyes. Latin Extraction. Born Tampa. Numerous tattoos on both arms, including star back of right hand. Often wears a mustache.

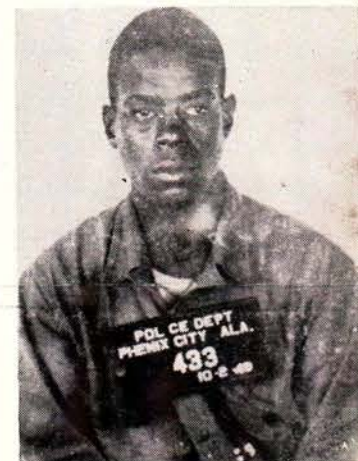
Writes left handed. Wanted for escape from State Road Camp Largo July 30, 1956, where serving sentence for auto theft and possession of burglary tools. Detainer for armed robbery held by Fulton County, Ga. Wanted by Sheriff Sid Saunders, Clearwater, Fla., State Prison Raiford and Florida Sheriffs Bureau.



**EDGAR B. LOUREY
with aliases ED LOUREY,
EDGAR B. LOWREY**

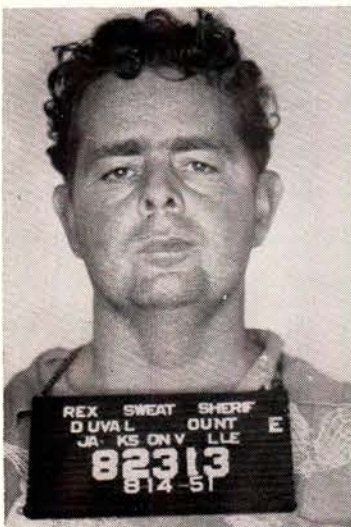
white male, 46, 5' 7", 153, medium build, grey balding hair, blue eyes, ruddy complexion. Teeth bad, uppers

false. Butcher by trade. Wife's name Ida, has 12 year old son. Has passed several hundred dollars worth of Worthless Checks in Wichita, Kansas. If apprehended ascertain if will waive extradition, if not will extradite. Wanted by Court of Common Pleas, Wichita, Kansas. Notify Florida Sheriffs Bureau.



JOHNNY LEE VANN

FBI #409-1884, colored male, 5' 11", slender build, dark hair and complexion, brown eyes. Born 1-24-28. Scar right arm below elbow, two scars left arm below elbow, six inch cut scar left side of neck, bullet wound in scalp, three scars abdomen. Has criminal record, usually armed and considered dangerous. Notify Attorney General Montgomery, Ala., and Florida Sheriffs Bureau.



**JOHN AARON PEACOCK
alias LITTLE RED**

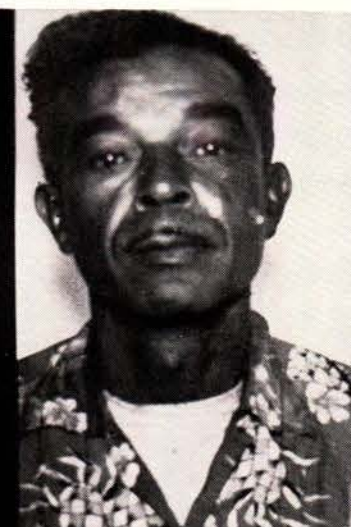
FBI #2 065 070, white male, 40, 5' 5", 157 pounds, brown hair and eyes, ruddy complexion. Scar back of left hand.

Wanted for Armed Robbery of Ballentine's Super Market, Aiken, S. C. Federal process for unlawful flight held by FBI. Wanted by S. C. Law Enforcement Division, Columbia, S. C. Notify Florida Sheriffs Bureau.



**EDDIE BROWN SR with
alias WILLIAM E. BROWN**

colored male, 47, 5' 2", 142 pounds,

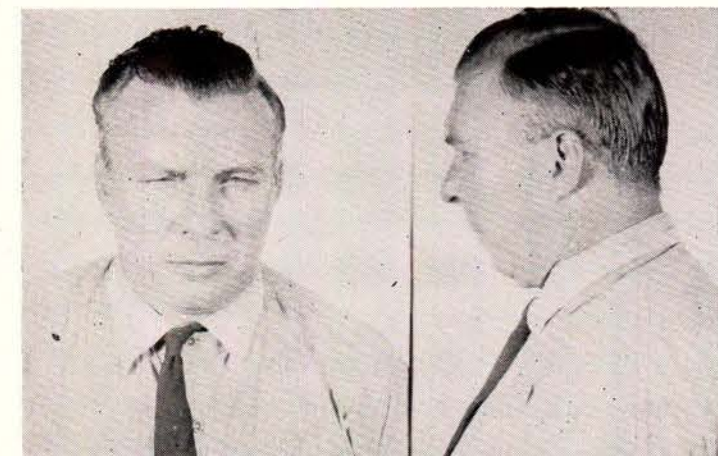


black hair, brown eyes. Cut scar left side of neck. Born in South Carolina. Wanted on Forgery charge by Sheriff Willis McCall, Tavares. Notify Florida Sheriffs Bureau.



**ROGER ROY AGUIAR
with aliases ORLANDO
ROSNER, RUSSO, RUSSMO
and ROSANA**

white male, 21, 5' 11", 160 pounds, dark brown hair, brown eyes, wears horn-rimmed glasses. Reported to be narcotics addict. Armed, carries .32 automatic in front of belt. This individual has cashed stolen checks from Wentworth Corp, Borward Observer, Atlantic Pre-cast Concrete, Atlantic Foundation and possibly others. Is prolific worthless check passer. He is wanted by Sheriff Tom Kelly, Miami, Sheriff Lloyd, Fort Lauderdale, Police Dept. Gainesville. Notify Florida Sheriffs Bureau.



**WINSTON MARION
REYNOLDS**

white male, 46, 5' 10", 200 pounds, stocky build, light brown curly hair, blue eyes. Occupation: Operator of Neon Sign Business and reportedly avid gambler. Small moles right cheek and neck. Tattoo nude woman and initials "L.M.S." left forearm, tattoo of heart

and arrow word "LOVE" right forearm; operation scar right side of abdomen. Habitually calls men friends "Good Buddy". Seldom wears hat. He may be accompanied by Maizie Jean Lambert, white female, long black hair, brown eyes. Hold both subjects. Federal warrant for bond default on Reynolds. Notify nearest FBI office and Florida Sheriffs Bureau.



EDWIN G. WILEY

white male, 26, 5' 8", 200 pounds, heavy build, light brown hair. FBI #497059. Believed to be in Florida attending

Motor Cycle Races. If apprehended ascertain if will waive extradition, if not will extradite. Wanted for forgery and uttering. Notify Court of Common Pleas Wichita, Kansas and Florida Sheriffs Bureau.

HURRY! ONLY A FEW DAYS
LEFT TO ENTER THE

**FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION
SAFETY CONTEST
\$275 IN PRIZES**

TEEN-AGERS: If You Have Not Reached Your Eighteenth Birthday,
This Is Your Opportunity To Be of Service to the
Citizens of Your State and to Yourself.—

In 50 Words or Less—Tell

**"HOW TO PREVENT HIGHWAY
ACCIDENTS"**

PRIZES:	Best Essay	\$100.00
	Second Prize	75.00
	Third Prize	50.00
	Fourth Prize	25.00
	Fifth Prize	15.00
	Sixth thru Tenth	10.00

CONTEST RULES

1. This contest is open to anyone living in the State of Florida who has not reached the age of eighteen (18) except families of Florida sheriffs or employees of the Florida Sheriffs Association.
2. TYPE, in 50 words or less, double-spaced, on plain paper, "HOW TO PREVENT HIGHWAY ACCIDENTS." Each entry must be the original work of contestant submitting it, except that members of the immediate family may assist. Submit as many entries as you wish. Only one prize award to a family.
3. Entries will be judged by Dr. James Paul Stoakes, Professor of English, Florida State University on the basis of aptness, interest and originality. Judge's decision is final. Prizes are listed elsewhere on this page. All entries become the property of the Florida Sheriffs Association. None will be returned.
4. All winners will be notified by mail.
5. Mail to: Dr. James Paul Stoakes, Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida. Entries must be postmarked not later than April 30, 1957, and received by the judge not later than May 10, 1957.

English Sheriffs Can't Make Laws

Sheriffs and members of the clergy are not eligible for election to membership in the houses of Parliament, according to a news item from London.

When this came to the attention of Charles J. Hahn, executive secretary of the National Sheriffs Association, he commented that it's well the British rule does not apply here.

If it did, said he:

Congress would have been denied many valuable senators and representatives, including 10 former sheriffs who served in the congress of 1947—among them Leonard Hall, former chairman of the Republican National Committee.

And, Grover Cleveland, who started his political career as Sheriff of Erie County, N. Y., would probably have failed to reach the presidency.

Hahn didn't put former New York Gov. Al Smith, the "happy warrior" of the 1928 presidential campaign, in the same category, but noted in passing that he, too, was a former sheriff of one of the five counties making up the City of New York.

Sheriff Wages War On Trash Dumpers

CRESTVIEW — In spring, Okaloosa County Sheriff Ray Wilson's fancy turned to—rubbish.

He received so many complaints about rubbish being dumped along the highways that he had to start an intensive enforcement campaign against the violators.

Reminding the public that it is a violation of the law to use roadways for garbage dumps, he warned that all infractions would be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

He said refuse along the highways not only detracts from the natural beauty, but in many cases constitutes a serious traffic hazard.

Blackburn Opposes Prosecutors' Plan

TAMPA — Hillsborough County Sheriff Ed Blackburn is opposed to letting state attorneys and county prosecutors use Florida Sheriffs Bureau investigators.

He said to do so would result in the beginning of a state police force, and "I am unalterably opposed to that."

A member of the Sheriffs Bureau board, Blackburn pointed out that about 100 investigators would be needed if the bureau had to answer the requests of prosecutors. This is more than five times as many as the new budget contemplates.



BUREAU BIRTHPLACE—This building in the capital center at Tallahassee contains the offices of the Florida Sheriffs Bureau. It was a private residence, and then a blood bank headquarters, before the newly created crime fighting unit moved in about a year and a half ago.

Parole Panel Takes Credit For Relieving Prison Jam

TALLAHASSEE—The Florida Parole Commission, in its annual report, took credit for helping to relieve overcrowded conditions in Florida's prison system during 1956.

This accomplishment was attributed primarily to a plan which was recommended to a special session of the legislature last summer and resulted in the hiring of 17 additional parole supervisors.

The plan called for an increased number of pre-sentence investigations based on the commission's belief that judges would request more if sufficient staff members were available.

According to the report, "judges have responded to such an extent that the number placed on probation during the last four months of 1956 actually exceeded the prediction made in our suggested plan."

The plan also called for more pre-parole investigations in order to increase the number of prisoners released on parole. As a result, 676 persons went on parole during 1956, compared to the commission's estimate that the normal total would have been about 540.

"As a net result," said the report, "there were on Dec. 31, 1956, more than 300 less people

in the Florida Prison System than there would have been had the special session of the legislature not made the supplemental appropriation (to hire more supervisors)."

"In short, the prison congestion is being relieved considerably; the taxpayers are being saved many thousands of dollars; hundreds of men and women are today becoming better citizens."

The report shows that prisoners released on parole increased from 431 in 1955 to 676 in 1956; and those placed on probation increased during the same period from 695 to 944.

Polk County's Sadie Has Done It Again

BARTOW—Sadie has done it again.

Sadie is Polk County Sheriff Hagan Parrish's celebrated man-hunting trail hound.

Her latest triumph was the capture, in 40 minutes, of two prisoners who escaped from the state prison camp here. One of the prisoners was serving a life term for murder, and the other was doing a 10-year stretch for armed robbery.

Police and Fire Integration Hit

ENDICOTT, N. Y.—Commissioner of Public Safety Frank Skobern is opposed to integration of the fire and police departments—a move which is being considered by a number of American cities.

"It is true," he said, "that the function of each department is to provide constant protection of people and their property, but the similarity ends there."

"The policeman must be primarily concerned with the acts and omissions of human beings, but the fireman is primarily concerned with the chemical qualities and reactions of matter. Each is a specialist in his respective field of service."

Pointing to the large number of subjects and techniques with which firemen and policemen are required to be familiar, he declared that it is "futile to attempt to train any one person in all phases of both these services."

"Instead of providing our people with a policeman or fireman of professional quality, we would be giving them a handyman of mediocre ability."

Proponents of the plan claim it permits maximum economy, efficiency and flexibility.

Is Higher Police Pay Necessary?

CHICAGO — Are higher salaries necessary to develop better police departments?

Prof. John Long, political science teacher at Michigan State University, told a conference of police officials here that they are not.

He said "policemen stay on the force because they love their work."

Police commissioners from the nation's largest cities disagreed with him. They said low salaries have become the prime problem in recruiting competent personnel and make it difficult for police departments to compete with business and industry.

San Francisco Police Commissioner Francis Ahern said even though his city pays a starting salary of \$5,268 a year, a recent recruiting drive attracted only 1,000 men. In 1929, when he joined the force, a similar campaign drew 8,000.

San Francisco's starting salary is among the highest in the country. In Chicago and New York it is \$4,200, Detroit \$4,689 and Philadelphia \$4,000.

Sheriff Backs Youth Center

VENICE — Sarasota County Sheriff Ross E. Boyer is one of the promoters of a proposed \$50,000 Venice youth center.

He discussed preliminary plans with Venice Police Chief John C. Shockey and J. Leighton Cornwell after apprehension of a gang of girl shop lifters indicated the possibility of a delinquency problem.

Cornwell, now a Venice resident, was the first head of the juvenile division of the U. S. Department of Justice under Attorney General Tom Clark, and has long been interested in youth activities.

Both Sheriff Boyer and Chief Shockey stressed that Sarasota County is one of the "cleanest" in Florida, but added that the proposed youth center would help to keep it that way.

Spottswood Honored

KEY WEST—Monroe County Sheriff John Spottswood, current president of the Florida Sheriffs Association, has received the Junior Chamber of Commerce "Good Government" award.



STAFF PORTRAIT—Fernandina—Here is Nassau County Sheriff H. J. Youngblood (extreme left) with his deputies and patrol cars. The deputies (from left) are: G. W. Coursen, John D. Johns, S. J. Howard, Roy A. Hickox and Curtis Telfair.

Junior Deputy Unit Proposed

JACKSONVILLE — Duval County Sheriff Al Cahill, in an address before students at New Stanton Senior High School, disclosed that he is planning a Junior Deputy Sheriff program to combat juvenile delinquency.

"This matter of juvenile delinquency is not so serious," he said, "that you young people and my office cannot get it under control. Therefore, I am asking the students of this school to accept and consider helping me to introduce and promote a Junior Deputy program."

In another recent appearance, Sheriff Cahill handed out more than 1,000 safe driving awards at a banquet sponsored by the fleet division of the Jacksonville-Duval County Safety Council. He was the featured speaker at the banquet.

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