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## Governor Signs Three FSA Bills

TALLAHASSEE — John A. Madigan, Jr., Florida Sheriffs Association attorney, reported that Gov. LeRoy Collins signed into law the following bills from the Association's 1957 legislative program:

**CRIMINAL REGISTRATION BILL**—Requiring all convicted felons to register with the Sheriff or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau within 48 hours after entering any county in Florida. The registration requirement will be effective for 10 years after the felony was committed, or five years after the felon is released from prison; but it will not apply to parolees, probationers, persons who have received a full pardon, or persons who have had their civil rights restored.

**SPECIAL DEPUTY BILL** — Authorizing sheriffs to appoint special deputies with specified and limited powers for specialized assignments such as industrial plant guards, night watchmen, sporting events, police and undercover investigators. The sheriff can give or withhold arrest powers to these officers.

**OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION** — Designating forest green and white as the official color for sheriff's department cars; and a five-pointed star, with the seal and map of Florida superimposed, as the official badge insignia of Florida sheriffs. Use of the official colors for private cars will be prohibited in the future, and only sheriffs or their deputies will be permitted to display the badge insignia.

Madigan said the Association is grateful to the members of the legislature as a whole for their cooperation, and particularly to those who piloted the bills through the house and senate.

He listed the latter as Sens. Fred O. Dickinson, Jr., of West Palm Beach, and Doyle E. Carlton, Jr., of Wauchula; and Reps. Cecil G. Costin, Jr., of Gulf County, John J. Crews, Jr., of Baker, George L. Hollahan, Jr., of Dade, William V. Chappell, Jr., of Marion and William G. Oneill of Marion.

He said the Association has sought passage of these bills for several sessions, and is particularly gratified to see the registration bill pass since this was at least the third attempt to get it on the law books.

Other association bills were still pending in the legislature when the Star went to press.

## Slight Error Upsets Sale

FT. LAUDERDALE—Luther H. Adkins and Victor T. Pettinger of West Hollywood, thought they had found a "hot prospect" when they met Jesse Crum at Terry's Trading Post, a second-hand shop.

They offered to sell him a new shovel, then showed him other tools, a radio, calculating machines and an electric percolator in the trunk of their car.

At this point Crum decided that the two men were also "hot prospects", so he revealed that he was a deputy sheriff and placed them under arrest of theft charges.

He later verified that the merchandise in the car had been stolen from a realty office.



**SHERIFF REWARDED**—ARCADIA—DeSoto County Sheriff Lloyd Holton (right) receives \$100 reward from Sebert Hall of Florida Citrus Mutual for the arrest and conviction of three Negroes charged with stealing young citrus trees from the Clark Brown Grove. John Parker, president of the DeSoto County citrus growers, watches the transaction.

## Reports from Florida Cities Reveal Increase in Major Crimes for 1956

Reports from 48 Florida cities with a total population of 1,140,179 show that major crimes increased from 35,423 in 1955 to 41,188 in 1956.

Compiled by the FBI, the reports showed large increases in larceny and auto thefts. The total for larceny was 19,930 in 1955 and 24,573 in 1956. Auto thefts increased from 2,910 to 3,519.

Here are the figures from Florida cities with more than 25,000 population (1956 totals are shown first and 1955 totals are in brackets):

**Murder and non-negligent manslaughter:** Daytona Beach 8 (2); Fort Lauderdale 7 (12); Gainesville 7 (4); Hialeah 1 (no reports in 1955); Jacksonville 35 (30); Key West 1 (0); Lakeland 3 (1); Miami 22 (33); Miami Beach 2 (1); Orlando 4 (15); Panama City 0 (0); Pensacola 6 (6); St. Petersburg 9 (2); Tallahassee 4 (incomplete reports received); Tampa 21 (29); and West Palm Beach 3 (11).

**Robberies:** Daytona Beach 18 (16); Fort Lauderdale 34 (34); Gainesville 2 (2); Hialeah 13 (no reports in 1955); Jacksonville 207 (239); Key West 7 (10); Lakeland 7 (0); Miami 380 (430); Miami Beach 30 (54); Orlando 20 (21); Panama City 8 (2); Pensacola 21 (14); St. Petersburg 13 (23); Tallahassee 5 (incomplete reports received for 1955); Tampa 116 (133); and West Palm Beach 13 (13).

**Burglaries:** Daytona Beach 324 (286); Fort Lauderdale 395 (370); Gainesville 163 (83); Hialeah 177 (no reports in 1955); Jacksonville 1,455 (1,651); Key West 22 (50); Lakeland 76 (124); Miami 3,681 (3,352); Miami Beach 1,192 (1,143); Orlando 520 (433); Panama City 108 (108); Pensacola 381 (314); St. Petersburg 511 (520); Tallahassee 211 (incomplete reports for 1955); Tampa 1,615 (1,799) and West Palm Beach 274 (205).

**Larceny and thefts:** Daytona Beach 834 (622); Fort Lauderdale 1,522 (1,194); Gainesville 465 (447); Hialeah 419 (no reports in 1955); Jacksonville 4,306 (3,987); Key West

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## Crime Bulletin Aids In Nabbing Fugitive

MONTICELLO—The Florida Sheriffs Bureau crime bulletin was responsible for the capture of an escaped Negro convict who had been a fugitive for 17 years.

He was identified as Willie Nelson, 53, convicted of attempted rape and assault in Mississippi in 1935, and sentenced to life imprisonment. He escaped from the Mississippi State Penitentiary, at Parchman, Miss., March 5, 1940, and law enforcement officials in several states as well as the FBI had been looking for him ever since.

He was picked up by Monticello police recently on a minor charge and Jefferson County Sheriff J. B. Thomas noted that he resembled the picture of a fugitive that had appeared in the Sheriffs Bureau Bulletin (as well as on the "wanted" page of the Sheriff's Star).

With the help of the Sheriffs Bureau and the FBI Sheriff Thomas was able to make positive identity, and the "wanted" man also readily admitted that he was Nelson.

Officers who questioned Nelson learned that he had been a trusty at the Mississippi prison and "just walked off."

Nelson, a small seemingly harmless man, said he had spent most of the time since his escape in the vicinity of Mobile, Ala., and had been picked up several times by the police for minor infractions of the law.

However, no one identified him as a fugitive until an alert Florida sheriff, aided by a crime bulletin, ended his flight.

The capture of Nelson is only one of many accomplishments chalked up by the Sheriffs Bureau Crime Bulletin. It has been responsible for the apprehension of many other "wanted" persons, and earlier this year it played a key role in breaking up an armed robbery gang that carried on extensive operations in Texas and Florida. It has also aided in the recovery of considerable stolen property.

The bulletin was started as a public service by the Florida Sheriffs Association, and became an official publication of the Sheriffs Bureau when the bureau was organized in 1956.

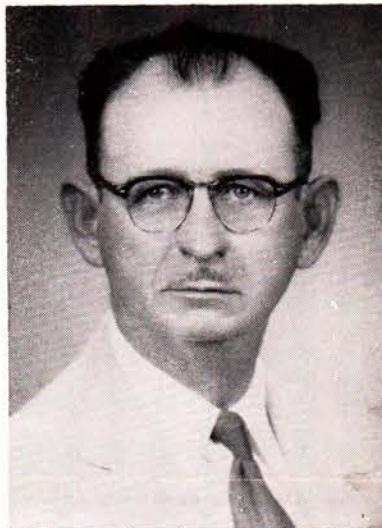
It features wanted and missing persons and descriptions of stolen property. The bureau sends it periodically to all police departments and sheriff's departments in Florida, and to law enforcement agencies in many other states.

## Star Scores

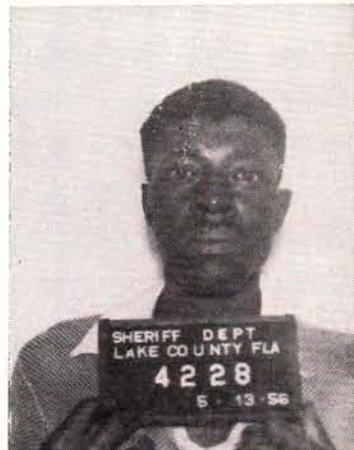
SEBRING — James Ivan Graham, alias James Story, held here by the Highlands County Sheriffs Office for larceny of an auto, is no friend of the Sheriff's Star.

Sheriff Broward Coker discovered through the "Wanted" section of the Star that Graham was wanted in Ft. Myers, so he notified Lee County Sheriff Flanders G. Thompson of the fugitive's whereabouts.

The result: Graham will be sent to Ft. Myers to face worthless check charges when authorities here are through with him.



**Sheriff J. B. Thomas**  
Alertness paid off . . .



**Willie Nelson**  
Hunted 17 years . . .

## "Gunpowder" Paper Bookies' Invention

MIAMI—Gambling evidence that goes "poof" when touched with a match is the latest crime world invention confronting sheriff's deputies in this fast-moving city.

Sheriff Thomas J. Kelly's vice squad was introduced to the new development in a gambling raid when two bookie suspects set fire to their betting records and the papers were reduced to ash in a flash.

The highly inflammable paper, according to Deputy Joe Gorman, appears to be impregnated with a substance similar to gunpowder, and is considered dangerous.

Deputy Bill Whitacre received burns recently when he was holding some of the paper seized in a raid and a bookie touched a match to it.



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## Quotes

GOV. LEROY COLLINS—  
"There is no longer any logical basis for continuing the fee system as a basis for compensating any county officials, but it is especially important that we eliminate this evil from the law enforcement field."

ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF DAVE STARR—"Juvenile court proceedings should be open to the press and public. I'm not talking about first offenders. I think we should keep on trying to teach them the gravity of their offenses without broadcasting the names and details. But for the repeaters, I think the publicity would teach them, their parents, and all parents some good lessons."

DADE COUNTY SHERIFF THOMAS J. Kelly—"If you find a blasting cap, don't touch it—not even with a ten-foot pole."

PINELLAS COUNTY SHERIFF SID SAUNDERS—"Pinellas County has no gangsters or mobsters...and underworlds do not exist in this county. We can be proud of a low crime rate and a high conviction rate."

OCALA STAR-BANNER—"Anyone who with an open mind has watched the operation of the State Sheriffs Bureau under the direction of Don McLeod cannot but be convinced that the bureau has been of material assistance in promoting law enforcement in Florida."

## Ad Sale Halted

The Florida Sheriffs Association has discontinued the sale of advertising and will finance the Sheriff's Star and the publication of the association yearbook with honorary membership fees.

Monroe County Sheriff John Spottswood of Key West, Association president, said: "We feel that the public has been imposed upon too long by too many publications seeking to support their activities by so-called advertising which has created a burden on merchants and businessmen of the state."

"We want the public to know that we no longer endorse or support the solicitation of advertising in law enforcement publications."

## Ex-Sheriff Receives Citizenship Award

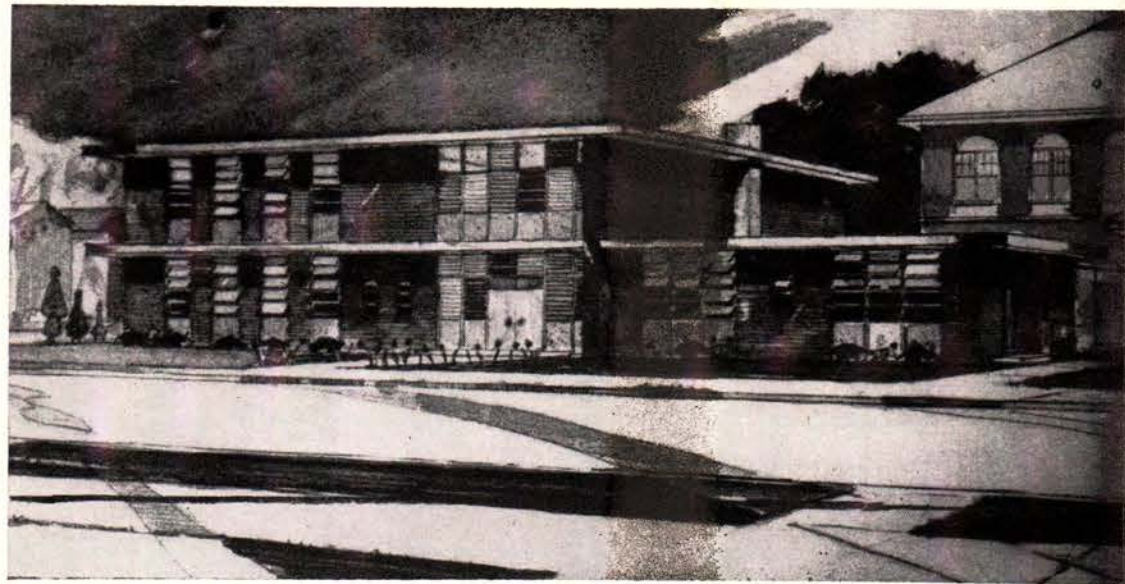
BARTOW — Former Polk County Sheriff Joel C. Garrard has received the annual Lions Club citizenship award.

A cattleman and citrus grower, he was appointed sheriff by Gov. LeRoy Collins in March 1956 to complete the unexpired term of Sheriff Pat Gordon, and was succeeded by Sheriff Hagan Parrish.

## Auxiliary Installs Officers in Miami

MIAMI — Newly installed president of the Dade County Sheriff's Employees Auxiliary is Mrs. R. T. Sims.

Other officers are Mrs. Jack Tuckfield, vice president; Mrs. Earl Pickett, recording secretary;



PROPOSED NEW JAIL—KISSIMMEE—Here is an architect's drawing of the proposed new Osceola County Jail tentatively planned as an annex to the county court house. (Photo by Ed Cooper)

## Osceola's Jail Project Moves

KISSIMMEE — Initial steps have been taken to finance a new Osceola County jail which Architect James Gamble Rogers II of Winter Park estimates will cost about \$170,000.

The county commission recently passed a resolution authorizing the county tax assessor to levy a tax of up to five mills to pay for the 60-inmate structure over a period not to exceed 30 years. Tentative plans call for it to be located on the court house grounds, facing Bryan St.

Sheriff R. M. Buckels has expressed doubts that the proposed new building will be adequate for future needs, and has suggested that the cost estimate may have to be increased to fit necessary expansion.

He said present county jail facilities, which also accommodate City of Kissimmee prisoners, are already filled beyond the rated capacity of about 50 prisoners.

"Our prisoner load is increasing so rapidly," he said, "that I believe it will be more than the new jail can handle before it can be completed."

tary; Mrs. Emil Moldenhauer, corresponding secretary; Mrs. C. W. Thompson, treasurer; Mrs. Doris Clarke, Mrs. Thomas J. Kelly and Mrs. Peter Venckus, executive directors.

Sheriff Thomas J. Kelly was the guest of honor and speaker at the installation meeting.

## Increase In Major Crimes

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101 (158); Lakeland 268 (265); Miami 6,201 (4,867); Miami Beach 2,463 (1,875); Orlando 1,031 (714); Panama City 228 (171); Pensacola 951 (911); St. Petersburg 1,430 (1,108); Tallahassee 468 (incomplete reports for 1955) Tampa 3,030 (2,671); and West Palm Beach 664 (372).

Auto thefts: Daytona Beach 61 (53); Fort Lauderdale 120 (120); Gainesville 43 (63); Hialeah 72 (no reports for 1955); Jacksonville 759 (678); Key West 22 (68); Lakeland 36 (24); Miami 1,282 (1,041); Miami Beach 226 (195); Orlando 175 (116); Panama City 25 (23); Pensacola 159 (109); St. Petersburg 129 (96); Tallahassee 64 (incomplete reports received for 1955); Tampa 461 (325); and West Palm Beach 8; (50).

## Kelly Launches New TV Series

MIAMI—Dade County Sheriff Thomas J. Kelly has inaugurated something new in a series of law enforcement television programs over station WCKT which uses deputies on their actual jobs rather than professional actors to reveal the inner workings of the sheriff's department.

Titled "The Man with the Star", the series of 26 shows will be presented every other Sunday at 4:30 p. m. Each show will run for 15 minutes.

Included in the series is a discussion of law enforcement jurisdiction by Sheriff Kelly and Dade County Road Patrol

## New Equipment Okayed

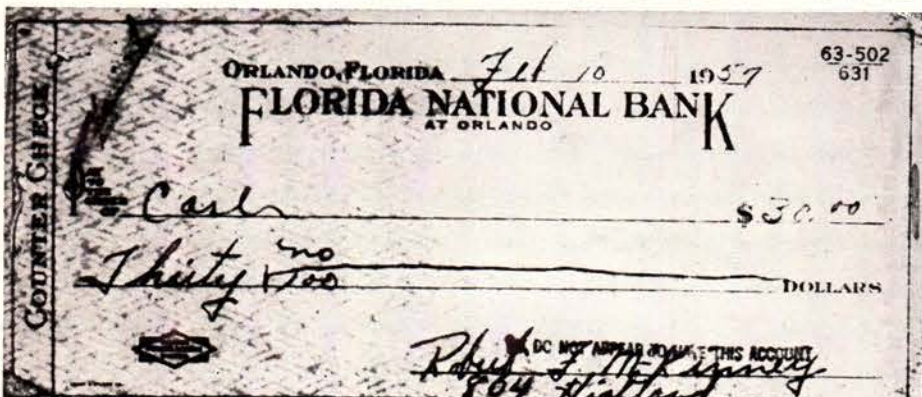
OKEECHOBEE—The Okeechobee County Commission has agreed to purchase radio equipment and a drunkometer for Okeechobee County Sheriff J. C. McPherson. The drunkometer will be used in testing persons accused of driving while intoxicated.

Chief M. G. Hammon.

Other programs will show the sheriff's criminal bureau of investigation at work, rescue work, jail procedures, sea and air patrols.

Real deputies were cast as "The Man with the Star" in the opening and closing of each program. They are William Wilder and Jack Allen.

# WATCH OUT FOR "HOT" CHECKS LIKE THESE



EXAMPLE OF CHECK PASSED BY ROBERT F. McKINNEY

### ROBERT F. McKINNEY

white male, about 35, medium build, dark hair and complexion. Driving 1950 dark color Mercury, with Florida license, numerals unknown. His method of passing checks is to have car gassed and serviced then tells attendant he will write check. When he is questioned he states he lives in neighborhood and writes nearby address on check he presents. He is believed to be checking the State of Florida in this manner. Warrant has been issued. He is wanted by Police Department, Orlando and by Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.

### THOMAS W. MORGAN

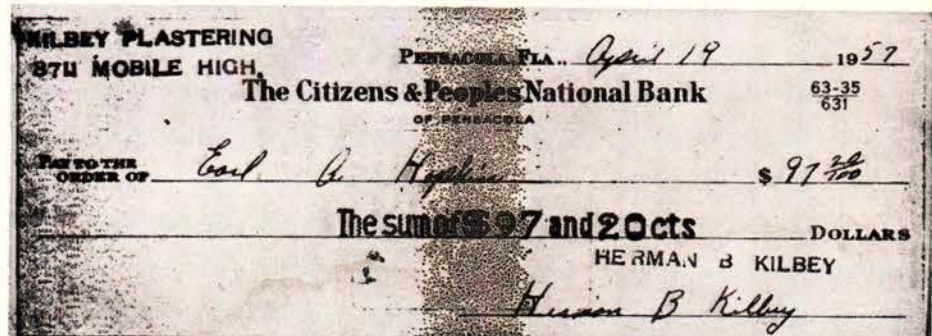
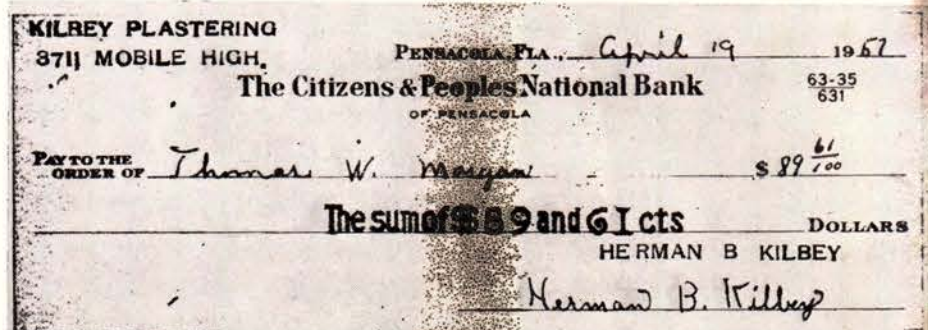
white male, 40, 6'1", 160, brown hair, red face, rather long.

### EARL A. HOPKINS

white male, 5'9", 165, black hair, reddish complexion.

These subjects using a U-Drive-it car, first one subject then the other would pass one of these checks. Notify Police Dept. Pensacola and Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.

Presented through the courtesy of the Florida Sheriffs Bureau



EXAMPLE OF CHECKS PASSED BY T. W. MORGAN AND E. A. HOPKINS



# ROLL CALL

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

JACKSONVILLE—Mrs. Lucy D. Buchanan was honored upon completion of 20 years in the Duval County Sheriff's office.

Judges suspended Court and officials gathered to witness the brief ceremony as she was presented with a gold anniversary pin and an orchid. Sheriff Al Cahill also gave her the rest of the day off.

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PERRY—Ordinarily folks don't visit the Taylor County Jail voluntarily, but they did when Sheriff Maurice S. Linton recently invited the public to inspect the new jail building and facilities.

He held a joint open house with County Agent Henry Davis and Home Demonstration Agent Sallie Childers whose new quarters are adjacent to the jail on the site of the old county convict camp.

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CLEARWATER—Pinellas County Sheriff Sid M. Saunders appointed Raymond R. Tussey, 56, as court bailiff to succeed William Casper, who has retired.

A retired Chicago policeman, Tussey was a jailor at the county jail here before he assumed his new duties. He is the holder of several awards, including one from the Chicago Tribune for apprehending an armed robber, and one from the American Legion for outstanding police work.

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FT. LAUDERDALE—Bicycle safety is being promoted in the schools by the Broward County Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff J. A. Lloyd said students will be tested for riding skill and knowledge of state bicycle laws. Bicycles will also be tested for mechanical defects.

Since the safety campaign was launched deputies have issued juvenile court citations to youngsters for riding without lights at night and riding double.

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FT. PIERCE—A new addition to the St. Lucie county jail has been accepted by the county commission. It includes a radio room, interrogation room and other facilities for the convenience of Sheriff John R. Norvell Sr.

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WEST PALM BEACH—Cost of a new short-wave radio system requested by Palm Beach County Sheriff John F. Kirk was estimated at \$33,500 by County Engineer Stephen R. Middleton.

The system will include a 250-foot tower and is designed to increase the range of radio communication.

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BLOUNTSTOWN—Calhoun County Sheriff W. C. Reeder received assistance from an unexpected source when he was chasing an auto that was trying to elude him.

The runaway car went out of control and plunged into Lake Hilda. When the two occupants bobbed to the surface of the water, there was the sheriff waiting to escort them to the county jail.

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PALATKA—Putnam County Sheriff Walt Pellicer had to talk himself out of a tough situation when he faced an armed man who had been drinking heavily.

The pistol-waving citizen fired four shots in the sheriff's direction, two of them hitting the ground at his feet, but the sheriff, after talking to him for over an hour, persuaded him to surrender the gun.

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Ocala—Deputy George W. Smith of the Marion County sheriff's department attended school at Silver Springs to learn the techniques of "skin diving" and how to use the aquatic air lung.

The classes qualified him for underwater rescue and salvage work. Highway Patrolmen and Wildlife officers were also enrolled.

MIAMI—A plan to create playgrounds in Dade County's "critical" delinquency areas was proposed to the county commission by Sheriff Thomas J. Kelly.

He said the recreation facilities would be provided by civic and fraternal groups if the commissioners would permit the use of county-owned property.

"The price would be low," he said, "but the playgrounds would pay untold dividends in law enforcement and family control."

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JACKSONVILLE—Duval County Sheriff Al Cahill received over 800 replies from school children when he asked them to suggest articles to be placed in the cornerstone of the new Duval County jail.

One youngster suggested the "Book of Exodus"—an escape classic—and another felt than an Elvis Presley record would be appropriate.

A frog was also proposed because of its reputation for living long periods without food or water.

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FERNANDINA — When two prisoners said they wanted something to do while serving time in the Nassau County Jail, Sheriff H. J. Youngblood put them to work with paint brushes and plumbing tools.

They painted the interior of the jail cells and the kitchen, repaired the windows and fixed the plumbing leaks—did a fine job too, according to the sheriff.

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PANAMA CITY—Bay County Sheriff M. J. "Doc" Daffin was host to an area meeting of law enforcement officers from nine counties.

Included were the sheriffs of Walton, Okaloosa, Washington, Holmes, Jackson, Liberty, Calhoun and Gulf counties, plus two FBI agents and Panama City police officials.

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GAINESVILLE — Alachua County Sheriff Joe M. Crevasse Jr., planned an extensive program for the observance of Junior Deputy Sheriff's Week.

Plans included letting the junior deputies take over temporarily the operation of the sheriff's office and the jail.

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SANFORD—The Seminole County Commission approved purchase of new radio equipment for Sheriff J. L. Hobby.

The federal government, through its civil defense program, will pay a portion of the cost. Sheriff Hobby estimated the county's share will be around \$5,000, exclusive of trade-in allowances for the present outdated equipment.

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TAMPA — This will go down in the annals of Hillsborough County law enforcement as "the Case of the Multiplying Money."

When Nurseryman David W. Davis reported that his safe was stolen, he said there was \$14,000 in it. When the Hillsborough County sheriff's office recovered the money and returned it to Davis, however, it totaled over \$18,000.

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### Sheriff's Department Praised by Visitor

ORLANDO — The Orange County sheriff's department is one of the finest in the south, according to Eugene S. Burke, executive vice president of Georgia Motor Trucking Assn. and former director of the Georgia Highway Patrol.

Burke, a speaker at the Orange County safety seminar, made an inspection of Sheriff Dave Starr's facilities during a visit to Orlando and said the department compared favorably with any that he had seen over a long period of years in law enforcement.

### New Warning Tickets Keep Youths in Line

JACKSONVILLE—The new traffic violation warning tickets police officers have been issuing here have a double advantage in helping to get young drivers started right.

They give officers an opportunity to give some friendly advice to teen-agers in "borderline cases", and they also let parents know when a youngster is guilty of poor driving habits. The tickets are made out in duplicate and one copy goes to the owner of the car.

### Sheriff Starr Speaker

ORLANDO—Orange County Sheriff Dave Starr presented an address on "Civic Responsibility" when the Florida Association of Civil Service and Personnel Agencies held its 21st annual conference here.

### Catching "Rustlers" Brings \$500 Reward

LAKELAND — Harry McCollum, livestock auction market president here, received a \$500 reward from the Florida Cattlemen's Association for apprehending two Okeechobee men convicted of stealing cattle.

McCollum became suspicious when the two "rustlers" drove up to the market with a truck load of cattle. He consulted with R. E. Padgett Jr., of Avon Park, who identified the brands, then he called the Glades County sheriff and verified that the animals were stolen.

When the award check came along, McCollum split it with Padgett.

### Champion Manhunter Serves Two Counties

BROOKSVILLE — Around these parts, Dick Martin of Inverness, is considered the champion manhunter.

Employed by Citrus and Hernando counties, he tracks down fugitives and lost children with the aid of his two trusty bloodhounds: "Queen" and "Big Boy".

He has taken part in 170 chases and has assisted in capturing 116 criminals—men, women and juveniles.

### Here's Warning For Pedestrians

TALLAHASSEE—The pedestrian continues to fare pretty rough in this ever mounting traffic struggle, and unless he begins to practice more precautionary measures, he'll probably get along much worse as time goes by.

For instance, 211 of the 1205 folks who died as a result of traffic mistakes last year, were pedestrians; 2,459 were injured and of the total killed 168 were men, the remaining 43 women.

While there is actually no law which governs the pedestrian, such lifesaving suggestions as those perfected by years of study by safety experts can certainly do some good, if heeded.

Facing traffic when you walk which actually gives you a better chance of successfully dodging wayward drivers, wearing light colored clothing if you walk at night, and above all, watching how you walk in areas where there is traffic, comprise a trio of the most worthwhile pedestrian safety suggestions anyone could give.

A total of 125 persons under 14 years of age lost their life in traffic crashes in 1956. Of the total, 14 were bicyclists while 111 were pedestrians or were involved in death dealing vehicle wrecks.

Children under 14 continue to lose their lives in traffic at the rate of around one out of every ten deaths reported.

### Death Takes Former Deputy

MIAMI—Allister G. (Al) Harkness, 83, a Dade County deputy sheriff and circuit court bailiff for 22 years, died here April 22.

He came to Miami 34 years ago from Brooklyn, N. Y., and was a part-owner of the Burdine and Quarterman department store that was wiped out in the "bust" of 1925-26.

He was a Mason, a member of the Miami Lions Club and a member of Central Baptist Church.





Sheriff Ross E. Boyer

## Host Sheriff Says Welcome

SARASOTA — Sarasota County Sheriff Ross E. Boyer has issued a statement welcoming all sheriffs, honorary sheriffs and guests to the 44th Annual Conference.

"It is truly said that Sarasota is 'Florida's Entertainment Capital,'" he stated, "and I am sure that you will agree with this after your visit here."

"I hope that I will have the opportunity to welcome each and every one of you personally, and I have made it a must assignment for myself to see that everyone is treated to the finest conference ever."

The conference host is a 10-year man in the field of law enforcement, having served with the Florida Highway Patrol for five years before being elected sheriff in 1952. He was elected to a second four-year term in 1956.

Prior to entering law enforcement he was engaged in land clearing and the hotel business. He is a member of the Methodist Church; Past Exalter Ruler of Sarasota Elks; a Moose; and a member of the Chamber of Commerce.

A native of Stone Harbor, Cape May County, N. J., he was educated in the public schools of Dade County and attended Denison University, Granville, Ohio. He is married and the father of one daughter.

## Highway Death Drop Reported

TALLAHASSEE—A Florida Highway Patrol survey indicated that an increasing number of motorists are voluntarily cooperating in the observance of traffic laws, with a result that 1957's highway death toll is far below any comparable period in the last 7 years.

Tabulations following the Easter Sunday weekend showed that 1957 is running 86 deaths fewer than for a comparable period of 1956. The total on Easter Monday a. m. was 355 traffic deaths against 441 for the same 3 months and 21 days last year.

Comdr. H. N. Kirkman said that a number of factors probably contributed in an effort to hold the line and lower the death toll, along with the public's easing up on their accelerator and staying on their proper side of the road.

The drop was attributed to stepped up enforcement by local police, sheriffs and state troopers in highly congested traffic areas, general improvement in traffic control policies and a genuine desire on the part of the motorist to help save his life and the lives of others.

# Sarasota Site of 44th Annual Conference

SARASOTA—Detailed plans are nearing completion for the 44th Annual Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association which will be held here June 20 and 21.

Sarasota County Sheriff Ross E. Boyer will be the convention host, and county and city officials are assisting him in preparing an outstanding two-day program.

Following the traditional pattern, the program will strike a balance between business and pleasure—serious matters and just plain entertainment.

On the business side will be the annual election of officers, talks by government and law enforcement officials, conferences on law enforcement problems, and executive sessions to transact the business of the association.

Sites will be selected for the association's two 1958 conferences—the mid-winter conference in January and the 45th annual conference in June.

The officers elected during the Sarasota meeting will not be installed until the 1958 mid-winter conference.

Under the heading of pleasure there will be several social events and a wide variety of entertainment attractions offered by the conference city.

Monroe County Sheriff John Spottswood of Key West, the Association President, and Hardee County Sheriff E. Odell Carlton of Wauchula, chairman of the board of directors, will preside at the various meetings and conference events.

The Lido Biltmore Club, one of Sarasota's finest beach hotels, will be the conference headquarters. Completely air conditioned, it will provide 90 to 95 rooms at a conference rate of \$8 per day, single or double.

Sheriffs and invited guests will receive copies of the program as soon as final details are completed. The program will also appear in the next issue of the Sheriff's Star.

Gov. LeRoy Collins, cabinet members, supreme court justices and other high state officials will be invited to attend.

Also on the guest list will be the persons who have become affiliated with the association during recent months under a new honorary membership plan.

## "Entertainment Capital" Conference City's Claim

SARASOTA — Florida's sheriffs and their guests will have an opportunity to discover why Sarasota claims to be the state's "entertainment capital" when the Florida Sheriffs Association holds its 44th annual Conference here June 20 and 21.

Favored by nature with 35 miles of fine white sand beaches, an unexcelled climate and more major tourist attractions than any other Florida locality, this Gulf Coast resort city attracts thousands of visitors annually, both winter and summer.

While there are some 100 light industries in Sarasota county, and the area is nationally known for its celery farms and cattle ranches, it is primarily a resort center.

Its attractions, ranging from carnival to culture, are many and varied to suit every taste. Of widest interest, probably, to young and old alike, is the winter quarters of Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey Circus, where more than 200,000 persons click through the turnstiles each year from December through March.

"Cultural Center of the South" is another slogan often used in reference to Sarasota, for it boasts of several museums and an extensive colony of artists, writers and musicians. Two of the museums were left to the State of Florida by the late, great circus magnate, John Ringling. A third was created in his memory.

The most important, the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art is built around a beautifully landscaped courtyard containing sculptures brought here from abroad by the Ringlings. The building itself, in late 16th century Florentine style, contains this country's greatest collection of the Flemish master, Peter Paul Rubens, as well as many other famous works of art. Representing an investment of \$25,000,000, it has been called by experts one of the finest art museums in America.

Two brand new attractions, which have been opened in the

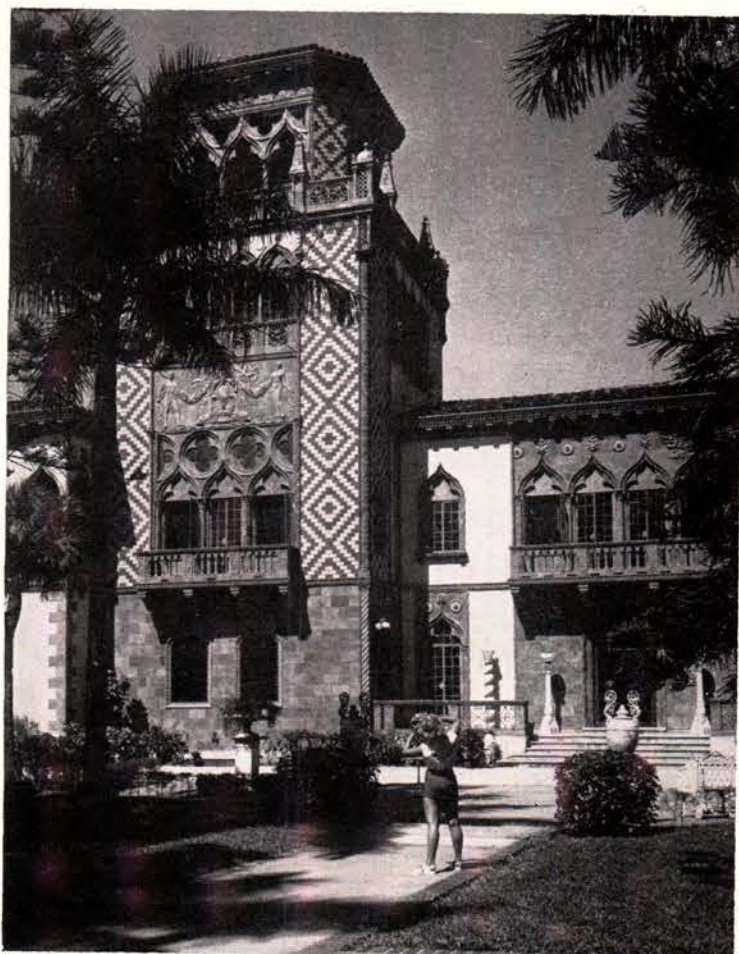
past year, have boosted Sarasota's entertainment facilities to 10 major attractions and have Sarasotans toying with the idea of changing their slogan to "Entertainment Capital of the World." The newest entry in the tourist entertainment field is Sunshine Springs and Gardens. Sunshine Springs, Sarasota's answer to Cypress Gardens, is a man-made lake with 15 miles of water front. Four water ski shows are presented daily to thousands of spectators in a grassy amphitheater. Swan boats wind through canals in the beautiful tropical gardens.

Sarasota Jungle Gardens delights visitors who marvel at the colorful flamingoes, peacocks, and many rare, tropical

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Beautiful Barbara Bowers detracts not at all from the scenery at Sarasota's famed Lido Beach.



Ringling Mansion, built by the late, great circus magnate and willed to the State of Florida.



Expert Water Skiers are featured at Sunshine Springs, Sarasota's answer to Cypress Gardens.



# Sarasota Scenes



Aerial view of Sarasota's famed Lido Beach.



Courtyard of the Ringling Museum, a gift from circus magnate John Ringling to the people of Florida.



Street scene in prosperous Sarasota.

## Honoraries Invited to Conference; Asked to Give Advance Notification

All honorary members of the Florida Sheriffs Association and their wives are invited to attend the association's 44th Annual Conference, which will be held in Sarasota, June 20 and 21.

However, in order that Sheriff Ross Boyer, conference host, can make an accurate estimate of the number of guests, it will be necessary for honorary members to fill out the form below and mail it to him on or before May 31.

Executive sessions will be open only to sheriffs, but the conference banquet and other events will be open to guests. There will be a registration fee of \$5 per person.

Sheriff Boyer will be unable to arrange hotel reservations, but, upon request, will provide a list of hotels and motels and their rates.

Sheriff Ross Boyer  
Sarasota, Fla.  
Dear Sheriff Boyer:

I will attend the 44th Annual Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association, in Sarasota, June 20 and 21, 1957. Please send me detailed information about the program.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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### Former Sheriff in Shop Center Deal

FT. LAUDERDALE—Former Broward County Sheriff Amos Hall and former State Sen. George Leaird are members of a syndicate developing a shopping center here which is ex-

pected to cost between \$1,500,000 and two million dollars. Plans were disclosed when the syndicate purchased 55 acres of land in the vicinity of the SE 17th St. causeway. Hall did not run for reelection last year and was succeeded by Sheriff J. A. Lloyd.



Sailing is a popular sport for all ages at this gulf coast city.



CIRCUS HALL OF FAME SARASOTA, FLORIDA



# WANTED PERSONS

As Compiled by the  
Florida Sheriffs Bureau



**PHYLLIS A. ZERBE**  
white female, age 25, 5' 3 1/2", 170 pounds, brown hair and eyes, ruddy complexion. War-

rant issued Worthless Checks. Wanted by Sheriff Blackburn, Tampa, and Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Fla.



**GILBERT HOMER MAGGARD**  
white male, age 35 to 45, 5'6 3/4", medium build, brown hair, blue eyes. His fingerprint records are 16.M over M.9 over 3.u over W.000 over 100, 16 over 17. Subjects are brothers and warrants

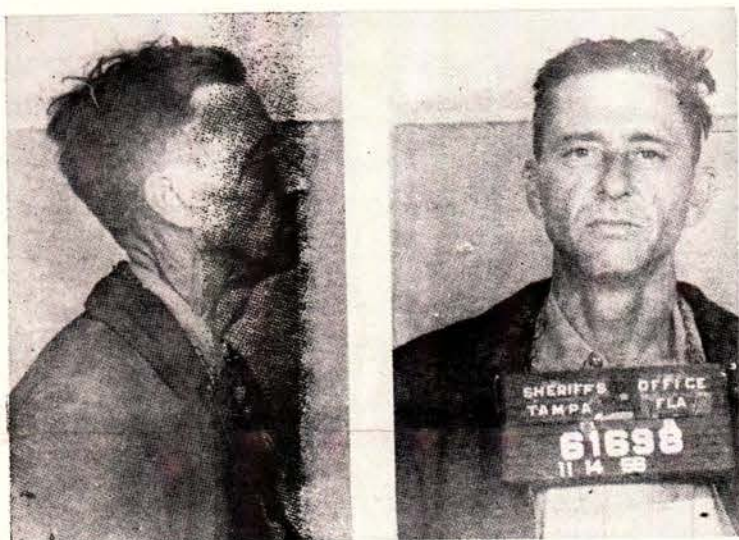


**SAMUEL JESS MAGGARD**  
white male, 35 to 45 years of age, 5'9", 150, blue eyes.



**E. J. SKIPPER**  
white male, 36 years of age, 5'11", brown hair and eyes, ruddy complexion, medium build. Scar on forehead at hair-line. He is wanted by Sheriff Andrews of Bonifay, for assault and battery, by Sheriff Wilson Crestview for worthless checks and by Sheriff Daffin Panama City for worthless checks and withholding support. Five warrants have been issued. Notify the above Sheriffs and Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.

have been issued for worthless checks and auto theft charges. They may be in vicinity of Fort Myers or Homestead. Reported to have relatives in Belle Glade. Wanted by Sheriff Carlton, Wauchula and by Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee.



**AMOS E. ELKINS**  
white male, 49 years of age, 5' 8 1/2", brown hair, hazel eyes, light complexion. Fingerprint records, 26), 1 over 1, Ut over R.I over II.9 over 7. Escaped from County Convict Camp

April 17, 1957 where he was serving term for Breaking and Entering and Grand Larceny. Also has hold on him from Sheriff Turner, Bronson, Fla., and Florida Sheriffs Bureau Tallahassee.



**A. C. LAYMON**  
white male, 45 years of age, 6' 2" wears glasses. He is driving 1953 Chevrolet Sedan 57 Florida License 5-13818. He is accompanied by a white female, name and description unknown. Warrant issued. Wanted by Sheriff Parrish, Bartow and by Florida Sheriffs Bureau Tallahassee, Florida.



**HARVEY W. SESSIONS**  
also known as H. W. SESSIONS, HARVEY WILSON, HARDY WILSON SESSIONS, HARVEY WILLIAM SESSIONS: FBI # 1617319, White male, age 45, 5' 8", tall and heavy built. He is believed to have drivers license with Tampa address. Stated his wife



lives in Jacksonville. Has forged names of Ben Overstreet, Jr., Ed C. Miller, Robert L. Sanders, Jr. Has passed worthless checks in Macon, Ga., and possibly other Florida cities. Warrant issued for Forgery. Wanted by Sheriff Joyce, Tallahassee and Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.

# MISSING PERSONS

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**CAROLINE HESTER McREYNOLDS**  
alias CAROLINE ZIMMERMAN FISHER, CARRIE F. ZIMMERMAN: white female, age 66, 5'7", 125, short reddish-brown hair. Wearing tri-focal glasses and full dentures. Missing from Miami Shores since

February 2, 1957, under extremely suspicious circumstances. A reward of \$1000.00 is offered by her family for information leading to location of subject. Notify Sheriff Kelly, Miami, or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee.



**GILBERT DENTON**  
white male, 30 years of age, 5' 7", 148 pounds, dark brown hair, gray eyes. Has tattoos both arms. Left Panama City, February 24, 1956, enroute Miami. Any knowledge of this subject notify Sheriff Daffin, Panama City or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



**PAT LEWIS**  
white female, 16, 5'2", auburn hair, brown eyes. At time of disappearance was wearing red corduroy skirt, small check pink blouse and black ballerina slippers. These girls were last seen walking to the entrance of school they attended, on April 11, 1957. They left no notes at home and are believed to have only about 30 cents between



**BONNIE TESTON**  
white female, 15, 5'3", 118 pounds, brown hair and eyes. Last seen wearing skirt and white blouse. Her companion.

them. Both were good students and no family trouble reported at homes. Any information notify Sheriff Thursby, Daytona Beach and Florida Sheriff Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



## She Takes Job In Her Stride

PUNTA GORDA — When a man is elected sheriff in one of Florida's smaller counties, his wife usually finds herself saddled with the job of jail matron and chief cook.

For some this comes as something of a shock, but Mrs. Travis Parnell, wife of Charlotte County's new sheriff, found no difficulty in taking it in her stride.

She had been doing the job for some 15 years while her husband was chief deputy and jailer, so when he became sheriff she kept right on with her regular duties.

"It isn't so hard now," she said, "for I have a woman to help with the meals and a modern kitchen to work in."

"Back in 1941 there were no conveniences—only a kerosene stove to cook on, with a tin box to set on top for an oven, no hot water, no storage cabinets. I had 42 prisoners to cook for, and it was really hard work."

All this is now changed. The kitchen across the corridor from the county jail cell blocks is roomy and convenient, and from all reports the food that comes out of it is good enough to make a crooked man want to go straight.

It is a tribute to Mrs. Parnell's culinary skill that one of the most effective disciplinary measures used against unruly prisoners is to force them to skip a meal.

Mrs. Parnell's jail duties include pinch-hitting for the sheriff when he is away, and therefore she sometimes is required to interrupt meal preparations to "book", fingerprint and lock up a new prisoner.

Although it is very demanding, she finds her job rewarding. She hopes, as she goes about her daily tasks, that she has been able to somehow help prisoners leave the jail better citizens than when they came in.

She listens to the prisoners' troubles, gets them cigarettes and writing paper, and sometimes lets visitors stretch their time limit a bit.

The thought that seems to sum up her attitude goes like this: "There but for the grace of God go I."

### State Prison Inmates Get More Play Time

RAIFORD—State prison inmates have been given more after-work play time.

Formerly prisoners were in their cells at 5 p. m. Now they are permitted to participate in organized athletic and recreational activities from 5 to 6:30 p. m., Monday through Thursday.

Sports and recreational events include softball, baseball, boxing, volley ball, track and field events.

### Third Grader's "Toy" Starts Investigation

PALMETTO—The Manatee County sheriff's office was requested to investigate when the "toy" a third grade boy was playing with at Memorial School turned out to be a stick of dynamite.

The incident eventually led to the arrest of 13 Negro youngsters accused of stealing five sticks of dynamite from the Manatee County Mosquito Control Commission.

### Deputies Rewarded For Auto Care

JACKSONVILLE — Duval County Sheriff Al Cahill has adopted a unique way of rewarding deputies for taking good care of his department's rolling equipment.

When he added a new car recently it went to Deputies

James C. Bailey and William T. White Jr. because the auto they had been driving, with 90,000 miles on the speedometer, had caused less expense than others in the department with less than 30,000 miles.

### Sheriff Sponsoring Safety Patrol Trip

PALAKTA—Putnam County Sheriff E. W. Pellicer and Mrs. Ruth Kerslake will sponsor the annual vacation trip of the entire Putnam County Schoolboy Safety Patrol.

The week-long trip, starting June 10, will include stops at Tampa, St. Petersburg and Sarasota. The group will travel by bus and will be accompanied by a deputy sheriff, a city policeman and two bus drivers.

The cost of the trip, estimated at \$1,500, will be defrayed through several money-raising projects.

### Sheriff to Be Paid For Arrest Injuries

TALLAHASSEE—The legislature passed a bill authorizing the Citrus County Commission to pay Sheriff Burton R. Quinn \$1,490 for medical expenses.

The expenses were incurred after Sheriff Quinn was wounded while attempting to arrest William W. Jones on Aug. 28, 1955.

The bill was introduced by Sen. J. A. (Nick) Connor of Brooksville and passed the house with the assistance of Rep. Allison Strickland of Chassahowitzka.

### Blanket Bond System Saves Time & Cash

TALLAHASSEE—A bill proposed by Duval County Sheriff Al Cahill and passed by the legislature will save time and money in the processing of surety bonds for deputies.

### WHO IS THIS MAN?

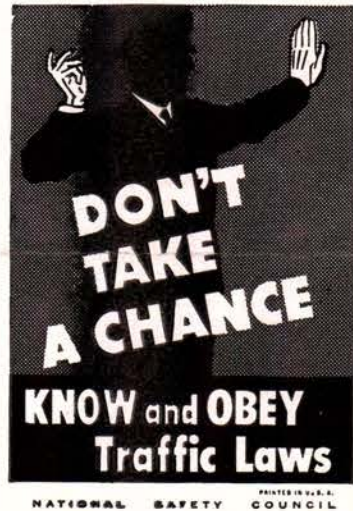
STUART, FLORIDA. On April 1, 1957 an unknown deceased person was found in a secluded area of Jonathan Dickinson State Park, located 16 miles south of Stuart. The skeleton is believed to be that of a white male, age 50 to 55, height 6'6", weight 160 to 170. There is nothing about the skeletalized remains to indicate cause and manner of death. He appeared to have suffered from severe case of rheumatism or arthritis, causing him to walk in a slightly stooped manner.

Under the new system, the Duval County commission will be authorized to accept a blanket bond giving \$1,000 coverage to all deputies. Sheriff Cahill said this will be about \$1,400 a year cheaper than the present method of obtaining an individual bond for each deputy, and will eliminate administrative "red tape".

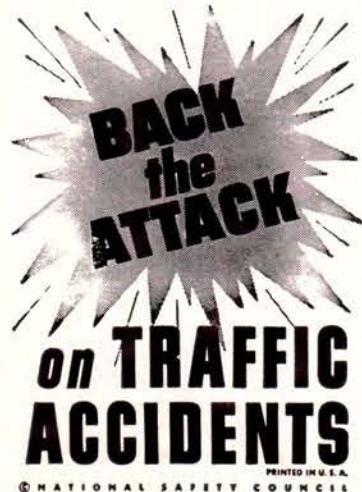
ner. He wore clear, transparent, plastic framed glasses, the right lens being a semi-oval convex, indicating near-sightedness. He carried an aluminum spectacle case with blue cloth cover. He wore suspenders with leather fastener tips and a pair of black, high top shoes size 9½ or 10. They were of cap toe design and had been reheeled and half-soled. He apparently carried a small, medium brown canvas zippered handbag; a two blade pocket knife with imitation pearl handles, one pound ball peen hammer with home made handle of ashwood; a 30 inch single barrel, 12 gauge shotgun with exposed hammer. A complete description of teeth, and Xrays of fillings on file Sheriffs office Stuart and Florida Sheriffs Bureau. Anyone having or believing to have any knowledge or information that may lead to the identify of this person notify Sheriff Baker, Stuart, Fla., or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.

# Believe in Signs ?

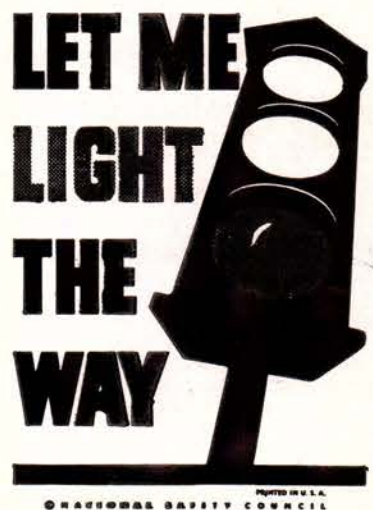
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Requires a conscious desire to  
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## Crime Grows Faster Than Population

WASHINGTON — Crimes have increased almost four times as fast as the nation's population since 1950, according to FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover.

He said major crimes increased 13.3 per cent in the U. S. last year compared to the 1955 total, and that nearly 46 per cent of the arrests in such cases involved juveniles under 18.

Hoover has been advocating publicizing the names of youths who commit serious crimes.

He said "Arrests of people under 18 increased 17.3 per cent in urban areas, and the number of young people in this age group increased about three per cent in 1956."

The FBI's estimated major crime total for last year was 2,563,150, an increase of 300,700 over the 1955 total, and the first time that crimes in this category have topped the two-and-one-half-million mark.

The 1956 report said that on an over-all basis, rural crime rose 15.7 per cent, and there was a 12.7 per cent increase in cities.

On a national basis, robbery alone dropped off, with offenses in this category down 1.3 per cent for the year.

The report listed these increases for other crimes: Larceny 16.7 per cent; aggravated assault 4 per cent; murder and nonnegligent manslaughter 1.8 per cent; negligent manslaughter 0.7 per cent.

"There was a major crime committed every 12.3 seconds during 1956," the FBI said. "Every 4.1 minutes, there was a crime of murder, manslaughter, rape or assault to kill."

"It is estimated that each day during 1956, 34 people were feloniously slain and 263 other felonious assaults were committed; 55 rapes occurred; 4,338 larcenies were committed; 721 cars were stolen; 155 robberies were committed; and 1,436 burglaries were perpetrated."

"There was one major crime committed for each 65 persons in the general population of the United States during 1956."

"There were 263,720 automobiles reported stolen during 1956 as compared with 227,150 during 1955. This was an increase of 36,570."

"Victims of killers totaled 12,620, while 116,730 instances of rape or aggravated assault were reported. Robberies totaled 56,770, while 525,720 burglaries were reported."

The report listed 1956 property losses in robberies, burglaries and thefts at 440 million dollars, 13.8 per cent greater than in 1955.

## Deputies Praised for Assisting Sick Child

MIAMI—"People often make complaints but they seldom praise the good deeds of law enforcement officers," a mother told Dade County Sheriff Thomas J. Kelly recently.

Then she did what she could to remedy the situation by praising Deputies James R. Everall and Alvin Coutts for rushing her two-year-old daughter to the hospital for treatment of an infected foot.

Doctors said serious illness was averted by the deputies' quick action.



**SAFETY INSPECTION—SANFORD**—Seminole County Deputy Sheriff A. E. Evans inspects Jensen Jones' bicycle while Mrs. R. N. Murray, PTA safety chairman, looks on. Inspections such as this are part of a bicycle safety program sponsored by Sheriff J. L. Hobby. (Photo by Bergstrom Photo Service)

## Conference City Juvenile Delinquent Sometimes Just "Boy Who Happened to Get Caught"

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birds, meandering about the lawn and lakes, in a lush, tropical setting of over 4,000 plants, trees and shrubs, some of native habitat, others imported from tropical countries. It is believed to be one of the finest collections of tropical flora in the country.

For the sports enthusiast, Sarasota offers two golf courses, the Sarasota Bay Country Club, and municipally-owned Bobby Jones, which recently expanded to 27 holes. There is also a sporty par-3 golf club, 2 driving ranges and a miniature putting course. Other entertainment facilities include tennis, shuffleboard, deep-sea fishing, bowling on the green, dog racing, stock car racing, and the spring training activities of the Boston Red Sox.

A sightseeing boat operates out of City Pier, taking passengers on a restful two-hour cruise in Sarasota Bay and adjoining bayous. From this vantage point can be seen many beautiful water-front homes set amidst tropical landscaping.

Sarasota's history goes back 300 years to the date when Hernando de Soto is reported to have been the first white man to set foot on its soil. Sara de Soto, daughter of the conquistador, commemorated for many years by the people of the town in the Annual Pageant of Sara de Soto in February, is a legendary figure, for history can find no record of a daughter accompanying the de Soto expedition. However, it is an excellent excuse for carnival and pageantry, climaxed by a Grand Parade.

The founding of the town of Sarasota was conceived in Scotland in 1885 by officials of the Florida Mortgage and Investment Company, Ltd., a British concern which had purchased 50,000 acres in this region. Sarasota was incorporated as a town in 1902. The incorporation as a city took place in 1913.

**FORMER GOV. FULLER WARREN**—"Most public officials are entitled to more commendation than censure. Most of them do the best they can, often under difficult circumstances."

PITTSBURGH—A youth expert's survey indicates that in many cases a juvenile delinquent is merely "the boy who happened to get caught."

William C. Kvaraceus, professor of education at Boston University, told in a prepared speech how the offenses of 2,000 juvenile delinquents in the Fort Wayne, Ind., area were tabulated and the results checked with 437 college students in Texas.

The college students, he said, admitted in anonymous questionnaires that they had committed in earlier years an average of 11 offenses each "of the same type for which the Indiana boys had been sent away."

Kvaraceus said the question of which youth is considered delinquent depends on many factors. High among these, he said, is "the irritability level of the community."

In rural communities, he explained, the irritability level is likely to be high—"People will put up with quite a lot before calling the police."

In the city, Kvaraceus said, it's lower—"It's likely to be a case of 'a delinquent is anybody I don't like.'"

Kvaraceus' topic was "Delinquents and pseudo delinquents." Among the latter, not really delinquent, he listed:

1 The Halloween prankster, who may deliberately do mali-

cious damage but is really a rather well-adjusted youth "who knows the rules of the game and may actually be disappointed if he isn't punished when he breaks them."

2 The football victory celebrator, who in the course of parading down Main Street with the vanquished foe's goal posts may accidentally break a store window.

3. The mentally retarded youth "who is a little hazy as to right and wrong."

Among genuine delinquents, Kvaraceus said, there are perhaps a dozen "strains," of which these are some more frequent ones:

1. The constitutional type — the muscular youth who seems to be always straining for action.

2. The youth with a physical problem—"The boy who has lost all his hair in an illness, for instance, who may steal to win back the friends whom he has lost because he looks funny."

3. The social delinquent, who may "steal a car or carry a switch-blade knife because it's the way to 'belong' in his neighborhood."

4. The "group - involvement" type. As distinguished from the social delinquent, this youth often comes from a good home and neighborhood. "By himself," Kvaraceus said, "he would have a fairly clean bill of health, but in a particular group gets involved in some bizarre activity." Group - involvement delinquency is usually temporary; as when a boy goes away to school, ending when the group breaks up.

"We must get away from the catch-all description of delinquency," Kvaraceus said.

"To talk about a 'delinquent' is like talking about a child who has a headache. He might just need glasses (pseudo delinquent), or he might have a brain tumor.

"If he has a brain tumor, it may call for surgery—but nobody can bet that surgery will do any good."

## Sheriff's Net Scores Again

BROOKSVILLE — It's commonplace — but still news — when the state-wide sheriffs' radio network is responsible for the apprehension of criminals.

One of the recent instances involved two young gunmen who attempted to hold up a liquor store in Pasco County. In making a getaway they eluded a roadblock at Brooksville, but a radio message from Hernando County Sheriff Sim Lowman reached Citrus County Sheriff B. R. Quinn, and he apprehended the pair at Crystal River.

Two pistols were found in pockets behind the sun visors of the getaway car.

## Sheriff Finds Suicide Faked

TALLAHASSEE — Racing to the scene of a reported suicide case, Leon County Sheriff W. P. Joyce found a man lying on the ground, his chest covered with blood and a shotgun nearby.

The man was rushed to the hospital, in spite of his pleas to "leave me here to die," but the doctor who examined him was unable to find any wounds.

Further investigation revealed the would-be suicide, in an effort to arouse his wife's sympathy, had killed a chicken, rubbed the blood on his shirt, fired his shotgun in the air and sprawled on the ground to await developments.

The wife's reactions were not reported, but the sheriff's are a matter of record. The man was arrested and fined for firing his shotgun near a dwelling and disturbing the peace.

## Regular Driver Checkups Urged

RICHMOND — Every driver should have a complete physical checkup every five years, in the opinion of Irvin S. Markel, head of a Richmond engineering firm that studies the road habits of almost 100,000 truck and bus drivers.

It is part of his doctrine that no driver, or vehicle, should be allowed on the road unless they pass periodic fitness tests.

He also believes that uniform safety laws should be adopted by all of the states in the union, and contends that the dispositions of drivers' wives have a strong influence on highway safety.

An affectionate kiss, instead of a pout, when a driver leaves for work, he said, can be a factor in cutting down accidents.

Markel is convinced that the man who persists in driving after drinking is a menace, but he doesn't know what to do about him.

He said "The jury is liable to look at him and say, 'There but for the grace of God go I', and they'll let him off."

## New Radio Equipment For Walton Sheriff

DEFUNIAK SPRINGS—New short-wave radio equipment installed in the county jail will connect Walton County Sheriff Curtis R. Miller with the state-wide sheriffs network.

Other equipment will also allow him to communicate with Florida Highway Patrol cars in this area.

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