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Bryant Favors Local Control Of Enforcement

SARASOTA — The efforts of the Florida Sheriffs Association to foster control of law enforcement at the local level were described by Farris Bryant of Ocala, former Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, as one phase of "the biggest political problem of our times."

Speaking at the Association's 44th Annual Conference here, he stated the problem this way: "How shall we serve the vast needs of a complete interdependent metropolitan society and yet preserve that local control of government which has through all recorded history been inseparable from freedom and democracy?"

He said there are several answers to the problem, including: (1) home rule ("which at the national level is called 'state's rights'"); (2) leadership like that of Franklin D. Roosevelt; (3) increasing executive authority which will be exercised in favor of vote-heavy metropolitan areas; (4) decisions rendered by judges from metropolitan areas; (5) development of all areas; and (6) mutual confidence and respect.

"Most of all," he added, "we need more light and less heat; more tolerance and less bitterness; a spirit between all Floridians such that when we are forced to go one mile we will willingly go twain. Somewhere along that second mile we will find the answer."

Bryant said the "swing to centralized government in the United States became significant in 1936 when the southern states agreed to relinquish the veto power over presidential nominations which the two-thirds rule in the National Democratic Convention had given them.

"Until that time, no Democratic nominee for president could be selected without their approval; and after that time they had no effective voice in national affairs save in the Senate of the United States where it was preserved only by

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SARASOTA—SPEAKER GREETED—Sarasota County Sheriff Ross E. Boyer (standing), official host for the 44th Annual Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association, greets Former House Speaker Farris Bryant of Ocala, the featured conference speaker. Mrs. Bryant is pictured at left and Mrs. John M. Spottswood, wife of the Association's president, at right.



SARASOTA—NEW OFFICERS—These Florida Sheriffs Association officers were elected at the 44th annual conference here June 21 and will be installed at the mid-winter conference in St. Augustine, in January. They are (from left): Clay County Sheriff John P. Hall, treasurer; Sarasota County Sheriff Ross E. Boyer, second vice president; Pinellas County Sheriff Sid M. Saunders, president; Pasco County Sheriff Leslie Bessenger, first vice president; and Florida Sheriffs Bureau Director Don McLeod, secretary.

Merchants Warned On Saturday Sales

TALLAHASSEE—Leon County Sheriff W. P. Joyce warned merchants to be especially wary of bad check passers on Saturdays.

He said professional worthless check writers prefer to operate on Saturday when banks are closed and it is difficult for merchants to establish the authenticity of checks.

Job-Selling Racket Reported at Ocala

Ocala — Marion County Sheriff F. L. McGehee reported a new "racket" in his area.

He said two middle-aged white women attempted to sell U. S. Civil Service jobs to Negro women. In one instance they promised to get the intended victim a government job if she would pay them \$150.

Sheriff Banquet MC

FT. MYERS — Lee County Sheriff Flanders Thompson was master of ceremonies at the Central Methodist Church Father-Son Banquet. "Honesty Starts in the Home," was the banquet theme.

Collins, Ervin Endorse Anti-Delinquency Plan

TALLAHASSEE — A plan to combat juvenile delinquency by creating a state-wide Junior Deputy Sheriff League counselor has been endorsed by Gov. LeRoy Collins and Attorney General Richard W. Ervin.

Proposed by the Florida Sheriffs Association, the counselor would aid Florida's sheriffs in establishing and operating effective Junior Deputy programs for teen-age boys.

The Governor and Attorney General were advised of the plan at a meeting of the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, of which they are members.

Then they and the Sheriff members of the bureau author-

ized Bureau Director Don McLeod to seek the aid of other state agencies in setting up the counselor system.

A number of Junior Deputy Leagues are already operating throughout the state and the Sheriffs Association is fostering expansion of the program.

Association officials feel that a counselor, with training in youth work and recreation, will be able to give valuable professional advice to sheriffs and their Junior Deputy leaders.

They are also considering the possibility of establishing a state-wide Junior Deputy council composed of delegates from leagues in the various counties of the state, and have discussed creation of a summer camp which would be made available to JDs.

The Junior Deputy program is a nation-wide movement designed to provide wholesome recreation for boys and encourage them to become law abiding citizens.

Sheriffs Bureau To Increase Field Service Staff

TALLAHASSEE—The Florida Sheriffs Bureau will increase its staff of investigators from four to eight and call them special agents under policies adopted to implement an appropriation of \$534,495 voted by the 1957 legislature for the next biennium.

The bureau is composed of the Governor, Attorney General and five Sheriffs. It was created by the 1955 legislature.

Immediate expansion of the investigative staff—even if it means delaying other phases of the agency's program—was recommended by Gov. LeRoy Collins and Attorney General Richard W. Ervin, and approved by the Bureau membership at a meeting here July 2.

Ervin said the success of the program in the future would be measured by its record in aggressive law enforcement.

Bureau Director Don McLeod was authorized to defer starting proposed identification and crime laboratory programs until later in the current biennium, if necessary, in order to provide funds to hire the extra special agents.

It was his suggestion that the field men be called special agents instead of investigators. He said broader duties under the Bureau's steadily expanding program will require them to act as technical advisers to law enforcement agencies, hold training schools, and assemble information for the "modus operandi" and identification files.

He also received Bureau approval for an organizational plan which proposes the establishment of laboratory, identification, modus operandi, publications, field services and administrative sections within the agency.

Highlights of 44th Annual Conference

SARASOTA — Here are some highlights of the 44th Annual Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association, which was held at the Lido Biltmore Club here June 20 and 21.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS—Named to serve during 1958 were: Pinellas County Sheriff Sid M. Saunders, president; Pasco County Sheriff Leslie Bessenger, first vice president; Sarasota County Sheriff Ross E. Boyer, second vice president; Clay County Sheriff John P. Hall, treasurer; and Florida Sheriffs Bureau Director Don McLeod, Secretary. These officers will be installed at the mid-winter conference in January, and the present officers will continue to serve during the remainder of 1957.

REGISTRATION HIGH — A total of 48 sheriffs were registered before the registration desk closed on the first day of

the conference, and late-comers boosted the total to 50 which is a record for recent years. Sheriffs' wives, state officials and other guests brought the total of persons attending the meeting to well over 150.

CONFERENCE SITES — St. Augustine, with St. John's County Sheriff L. O. Davis as host, was selected as the site for the 1958 mid-winter conference in January, and West Palm Beach, with Palm Beach County Sheriff John Kirk as host, was chosen for the 45th Annual Conference, next June.

CONSULTANT HIRED — Former Assistant State Auditor W. R. England of Avon Park was hired by the Association as a consultant to help sheriffs convert their departments from the fee system to a new budget-salary system which the 1957 legislature established in

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Protection of Public Officials Said Part of Grand Jury's Duty

WAUCHULA — It is as much the responsibility of a grand jury to protect public officials from the tyranny of hostile individuals as it is to protect individuals from the tyranny of public officials, according to Circuit Judge Gunter Stephenson.

He expressed his opinion in remarks to a Hardee County grand jury which investigated the death of a prisoner in the county jail. The jury later found that the prisoner's death "was not caused in any way by the treatment or lack of treatment accorded him after his arrest."

Here is the text, in part, of the judge's instructions to the jury:

"Gentlemen, at the outset, may I say that perhaps no instrument of Democratic Government is more misunderstood or more important than the Grand Jury. Its function is not only to indict for crimes or to exonerate where charges without foundation are brought before it. It shall also serve as an investigation, reporting and advisory body in all areas which directly affect the public interest. It is truly the watchdog of the rights of a free people and by dispatching in a fair and impartial way, matters brought to their attention, the Grand Jury becomes the buffer between the free citizens and arbitrary power.

"The Grand Jury has had a reporting function apart from and in addition to its indicting functions for many years. Its investigations may reveal inefficiency, carelessness, or neglect that require correction and yet not justify indictment.

"There is no greater deterrent to evil, incompetent, and corrupt government than publicity. Therefore, reports stimulating public employees to regard their office as a public trust are in the general interest.

"In keeping with the highest purposes of a Grand Jury, it may also criticize individuals whose ill founded and irresponsible charges have instigated investigations.

"The Grand Jury can thus perform its historic function of protection against tyranny, that is on one hand tyranny of a public official and, on the other hand, the tyranny of hostile individuals or group of individuals who leveled such charges in the self assumed role of public protectors without foundation and fact, may be exposed with the same inquiry and report the same as regularly appointed or elected public officials.

"Fair play is the keystone of a proper Grand Jury report. Fair play embraces; (1) reliance solely on legal evidence, (2) the issuance of a report only after a complete investigation, and (3) reflection into the report of the views of the Grand Jurors themselves.

"A Grand Jury shall not sin-

gle out persons in civil or official positions to impugn their motives or by word, imputation or innuendo hold them up to scorn or criticism. They will not be permitted to become the tool of blocs and groups to pry into personal affairs or oppress someone, and if they find charges to be made without foundation, it is as much their duty to exonerate as it is to indict.

"It is by dispatching in a fair impartial way matters brought to their attention that the Grand Jury becomes the buffer above referred to.

"You are an investigating body to ascertain whether there is probable cause to believe that a crime has been committed and if upon that investigation and from the sworn testimony of the witnesses before you, you find that there is probable cause that the crime has been committed and that a particular individual committed said crime, you are justified in finding what is known as a true bill.

"As to the degree of proof necessary before you should vote in favor of returning a true bill as I have just stated, you should find probable cause to exist. There may be instances when it seems probable that a crime has been committed and yet you feel that the man is not guilty or feel there is considerable doubt in your mind as to his guilt.

"In such case you should vote not to return a true bill for when you hear only one side of the case, that is the State's side, and you do not hear the defendant's story, and there is still considerable doubt in your mind as to the guilt of the alleged defendant, certainly the State cannot convince a petit jury on the trial, of the guilt of the accused beyond a reasonable doubt for this jury hears the defendant's story which is obviously and usually favorable to the defendant.

"Of course, you do not have to follow this rule if the State has other or better evidence than can now be placed before you and which probably could be placed before a petit jury.

"I want to call your attention further to the oath that each of you took. The oath is prescribed by the statute and contains in simple terms the solemn obligation by which you are bound and which you must in every respect observe. It means exactly what it says. You as grand jurors for the body of this county shall diligently inquire and true presentment make of all such matters and things as shall be given you in charge. And right here, gentlemen, it is proper for me to say the State Attorney, as I have said before, is the proper officer appointed by law to give you those matters in charge. Your oath further says that counsel of the State of Florida,

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ORLANDO—MOONSHINE RAID—Orange County Sheriff S. D. (Dave) Starr's men were assisted by state and federal agents in destroying one of the largest moonshine stills encountered in this area in recent years. In the picture above fermenter barrels are being given the axe by State Beverage Agent Lee Pace. Shown below is Deputy Sheriff H. D. Martin with truck load of new metal cans confiscated at the still site.



Non-Paid Auxiliary Helps Sheriff Solve Rising Cost of Crime Work

PUNTA GORDA — Charlotte County Sheriff Travis Parnell has partially solved the high cost of combatting crime by organizing a sheriff's auxiliary composed of non-paid volunteers.

These men and women help him and Chief Deputy Bill Keeler in many different ways. They accompany regular staff members on patrols, operate the short-wave radio system, aid in administrative tasks and perform minor investigative duties.

Every auxiliary deputy has been thoroughly screened and placed under bond, the same as regular deputies.

They are being taught law enforcement procedures, judo, use of firearms and criminal investigation. County Judge J. T. Rose and County Prosecuting Attorney Edward Gerson have instructed them in courtroom procedures.

Sheriff Parnell said future training sessions will include lectures by FBI, U.S. Treasury Department and State Conservation Dept. agents.

He said the fact that the auxiliary deputies serve without pay "is enabling us to give the people of Charlotte County better service than ever before. We are now able to provide a radio operator on duty 24 hours a day and keep the court house office open from 9 a.m. to 3 a.m."

Chief Deputy Keeler commented that the auxiliary members are valuable as witnesses, help with traffic in accident investigations and render service in many other ways. They have limited arrest powers.

The initial group of auxiliary deputies includes Robert Donald, Mrs. Sylvia Hartman, Clarence Williams, Pete Teter, Hugh MacGibbon, Herbert Allgood and Tom Knight.

Sheriff Parnell said he has

about 20 other bonded deputies under his jurisdiction who for the most part hold positions such as private game wardens and caretakers.

One of the next projects on his agenda, Sheriff Parnell added, is the formation of a Junior Deputy Sheriff League to provide recreation for teenage boys and instill in them respect for law enforcement.

WANTED

The Sheriff's Star wants news items and pictures from sheriff's departments and other law enforcement agencies all over the state.

Please address all contributions to Editor, The Sheriff's Star, Box 344, Tallahassee.

Use Diving Training For Rescue Work

YANKEETOWN — Marion County Sheriff's Deputy George Smith and Florida Highway Patrol Sgt. E. B. Stafford had an opportunity to use their recent skin diving training when they recovered the bodies of two Negroes who drowned in the Old Inglis Dam near here.

The drowning victims were identified as William Johnson, 68, and his grandson, Robert Johnson, 8.

Stafford and Smith were among some 20 law enforcement officers who received instructions in air lung diving and rescue work at Silver Springs in April.

Pete Smith, chief deputy sheriff of Levy County, commented them on the quick recovery of the bodies. He said the incident proves the importance of skin diving training for law enforcement officers.

Bryant Favors

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the 'two Senators from each state' rule."

An Ocala attorney, Bryant was chairman of the Florida delegation to the Democratic National Convention in 1952. He was also a candidate for governor in 1956.

He said the division of interest between metropolitan and rural areas is not peculiar to Florida. "Chicago is always at political odds with down-state Illinois; New York City with up-state New York; Baltimore with the rest of Maryland; and Atlanta with the rest of Georgia."

The reasons for these divisions, whether here or elsewhere in the nation, are the same, he added.

He said some of them are the liberal sentiments in metropolitan areas as opposed to conservative sentiments in rural areas; the wealthier metropolitan areas versus the poorer rural areas; and the greater importance of government spending in rural areas.

Highlights

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48 counties. He has long been active in helping sheriffs with fiscal problems, but held no official status prior to this action.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS — Reports showed that the Honorary Membership Program has received excellent public response. It was started early this year to permit individuals selected by sheriffs to become honorary members and support the Association's various projects.

PROJECTS COMMITTEE — Monroe County Sheriff John M. Spottswood, Association president, appointed a projects committee to propose ways and means of using the revenue from honorary membership dues to combat juvenile delinquency, encourage highway safety and promote better law enforcement. The members of the committee are Hardee County Sheriff E. Odell Carlton, chairman; Monroe County Sheriff John Spottswood, Clay County Sheriff J. P. Hall, Florida Sheriffs Bureau Director Don McLeod, Pasco County Sheriff Leslie Bessinger, Hillsborough County Sheriff Ed Blackburn, Jr., and Polk County Sheriff Hagan Parrish.

BUDGET PROCEDURES — One of the final events of the conference was a workshop on budget procedures with Assistant State Auditor Joe Henry and Mr. England as consultants. Association members also conferred with B. J. Mawhinney of the State Comptroller's Office on new retirement legislation; and Lt. Col. Reid Clifton, assistant director of the Florida Highway Patrol, on traffic law enforcement.

BUREAU BOOST — A resolution passed on the second day of the conference gave the Florida Sheriffs Bureau and Director McLeod a unanimous vote of confidence and commendation. A number of sheriffs took the floor to laud the bureau for the cooperation it had given them in criminal investigations.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT — The Association was honored to have Orange County Sheriff S. D. (Dave) Starr, newly-elected president of the National Sheriffs Association, present at the conference.

Norton Now Chief

OPA-LOCKA — Thomas L. Norton, former member of the Broward County Sheriff's Department and U. S. Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Unit agent, was named Opa-Locka police chief.

WANTED PERSONS

As Compiled by the
Florida Sheriffs Bureau



WALTER JAMISON
Wanted for violation of Social Security Act, charged he knowingly and wilfully made false certification to obtain unemployment compensation for himself. Warrant issued. If apprehended notify FBI Tallahassee, or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee.



EARNEST RAY SHELDON
White male, age 21, 5 feet, 7 inches, 126 pounds, blond hair, grey eyes, ruddy complexion, slender build. FPC: 19 over 4, W over 4, W over W, 000 over III, 18 over 220. Driving 1951



Plymouth Arizona License C-77648. Traveling with wife, Betty Jean Williams. Sheldon wanted for Breaking and entering, Grand Larceny and Forgery. Warrants issued. Notify Police Dept., Tampa, or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee.



CAROL BROWN
Also known as REYNOLD RICHARDS, colored male, age 23, native of the Bahamas. If apprehended notify by telephone collect Mr. Beers EL-47111, Ext. 496 or FL-97834, Jacksonville, Fla. U. S. Dept. of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service, or notify Florida Sheriffs Bureau.



JOHN A. HALL Jr.
White male, age 24, 5 feet, 10 inches, 145 pounds, blonde hair, blue eyes. Residence Belle Glade.



JAMES LAWTON MAY
White male, age 37, 5 feet, 8 inches, 160 pounds, medium build, brown hair, grey eyes. Felony warrant issued. If ap-



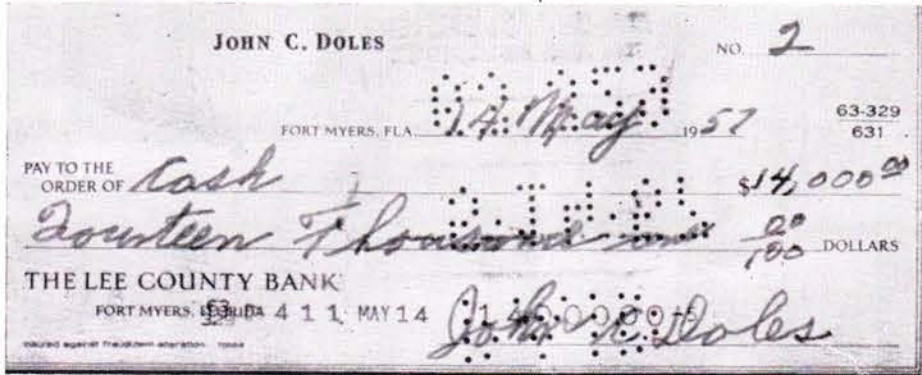
prehended ascertain if will waive extradition, if not will extradite. Notify Marshal Snider, Court of Common Pleas, Wichita, Kansas or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee.



CALIB SMITH
Nickname "PICCILO," colored male, age 21, native of the Bahamas. If apprehended notify by telephone collect Mr. Beers EL-47111, Ext. 496 or FL-97834, Jacksonville, Fla., U. S. Dept. of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Serve, or notify Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee.

BAD CHECK ARTISTS' GALLERY

FROM THE FILES OF THE FLORIDA SHERIFF'S BUREAU



ALBERT F. OGLE, SR.
White male, age 54, 5 feet 4 inches tall, 130 pounds, short cropped grey hair. Wears glasses. Has wife Ellen, and a small dog of whom he is very fond. While he was working for Giles Construction Co., West Palm Beach, he stole approximately 20 blank checks from center of Mr. Giles check book. He is known to have cashed five checks, all in amount of \$96.50. Warrant issued charge Forgery. Notify Sheriff Kirk, West Palm Beach or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee.



HOWARD CARL THURBER
With aliases, H. C. THURBER, H. C. HURBER, white male, age 39, 5'8", 175 pounds, medium build, dark brown hair, brown eyes, ruddy complexion. FPC: 1 over 1, A over Ta, 4 over



2, Ref A over Ra. Wanted on charge Forgery and Uttering. Capias issued. FBI stops has also been placed on subject. Notify Sheriff Blackburn, Tampa, or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee.



RAYMOND W. WISE
White male, age 33, 5 feet, 7 1/2 inches, weighs 130 pounds, slender build, brown hair, green eyes. Has broken nose. Driving 1948 black Chrysler four door



Sedan, 1957 Fla. License 4W-12165. He is known check passer. Warrant will be issued, Worthless Check charge. Notify Sheriff Saunders, Clearwater or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee.

Samples of Checks Passed by John C. Doles

JOHN C. DOLES
White male, age 45 to 50, 5 feet 7 or 8 inches, weighs 150-155 pounds, brown hair, thin, parted in middle, brown eyes. Has mustache, heavy in center, light bony face, ruddy complexion. Believed to be heavy drinker. On April 29, Doles deposited check for \$300 cash in Lee County bank Fort Myers. On May 6, he deposited a check for \$8,300 on the Fla. National Bank, Key West forged on W. S. Wells, Sr. On May 7, he deposited a check for \$4,800 on same bank forged on Styron Shrimp Co., Stanley L. Styron. On May 8, he deposited two forged checks on these same two names in amounts of \$1,500 and \$4,800. On May 6, Doles withdrew \$70, on May 14, \$14,000 and on May 15 withdrew \$5000. The Lee County bank held up checks until they cleared Key West, but later it was discovered the checks were forgeries. Doles had by that time left Ft. Myers. While he was living there he did a lot of flying via National Airlines from Ft. Myers to Miami (possibly Key West). Warrant has been issued, charge Forgery. Notify Police Dept., Fort Myers or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee.

Teen-Agers In Trouble

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

DADE CITY — Six boys who made their hideout in a citrus grove near here were arrested and charged with a series of thefts in Pasco and Pinellas Counties. They were all identified as former inmates at the Florida Industrial School for Boys.

Pasco County Sheriff Leslie Bessenger said the arrests resulted from close cooperation between his department and the sheriff's departments in Pinellas and Hillsborough Counties.

WEST PALM BEACH—Two 16-year-old girls who admitted living with married men were committed to the Girls Industrial School at Ocala. They were charged with being incorrigible, failing to obey their parents and driving without a driver's license.

FT. LAUDERDALE—Sheriff J. A. Lloyd reported the arrest of six boys charged with stealing outboard motors and a boat valued at \$2,000.

INVERNESS — Four Levy County youths were arrested in Citrus County and charged with hunting deer in a reserve near Lecanto. Two of them were each fined \$200; and the remaining two were sentenced to pay a fine of \$350 each and serve five days in jail.

ST. PETERSBURG — Three boys, 13 and 14 years old, were sentenced to the Florida Industrial School for Boys at Marianna after they were found guilty of a series of Pinellas County burglaries.

"Maybe this will make others stop and think before they embark upon a career of crime," said Deputy Sheriff Willie Brass, one of the arresting officers.

NEW PORT RICHEY—Three Zephyrhills youths held in connection with a series of store burglaries attempted to escape from the city jail here while awaiting a preliminary hearing.

They disconnected a three-foot section of pipe from the plumbing in their cell and were using it to force the cell door lock when the project was halted.

ST. PETERSBURG — Two teen-agers were charged with assault after a fight at a Pinellas Park drive-in restaurant.

SANFORD — A 17-year-old Sanford boy was held in the Sanford County jail on a rape charge.

PENSACOLA — A 16-year-old boy was charged with attempting to rape a 14-year-old girl after he allegedly broke into her bedroom and threatened her with a knife.

DeLAND — Two Sanford youths camping on an island in Lake George were transferred to the Volusia County jail after an outboard motor in their possession was identified as having been stolen from Volusia County.

FT. LAUDERDALE — An 18-year-old youth faced hit-and-run charges after the car he was driving struck and injured three children at a drive-in movie.

LAKELAND — A 16-year-old boy was charged with assault with intent to murder after he slashed his 13-year-old sister with a butcher knife, reportedly without provocation.

He also stabbed himself in the throat, barely missing his jugular vein. "I just went crazy," he told Deputy Sheriff Hamp Rogers.

MIAMI — A teen-age boy shot and killed his playmate in a contest to see who had the quickest "draw."

Officers reported the boys were practicing quick draws with unloaded pistols, and loaded one of the pistols when their play was interrupted. Later when they resumed their game they forgot about the loaded gun.

WINTER HAVEN — A citrus grove owner chased three teen-agers at speeds up to 90 miles an hour and captured them at gunpoint after he caught them removing equipment from his property.

WINTER HAVEN—Two Eloise youths were sentenced to three years in state prison for auto theft by Polk County Criminal Court Judge R. H. Amidon.

Deputy Victim of 'Monkey Business'

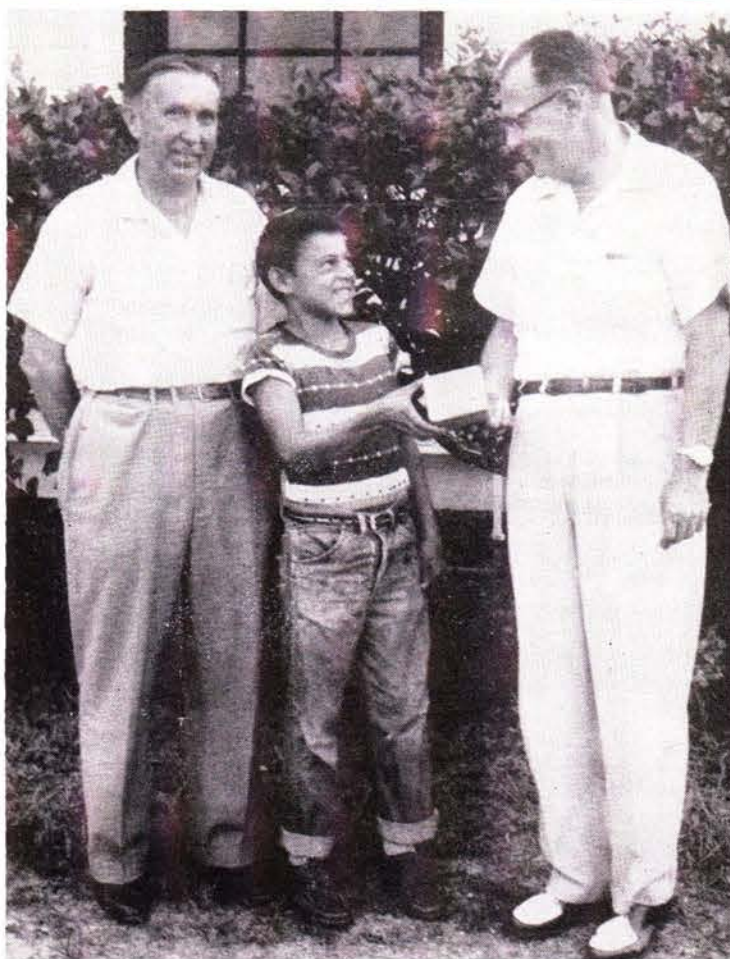
FT. LAUDERDALE — The Broward County Sheriff's Department reported this bit of "monkey business":

Deputy James W. Knight, in attempting to capture a stray monkey, had a difficult time luring it off a roof top with a banana, then was bitten twice before he got the fugitive penned up in the county pound.

Answering another "animal" call, Deputy H. D. Hunter escaped injury but nursed an unpleasant memory after he disposed of a skunk that had holed up under a refrigerator.



FIELD SECRETARY—Carl Stauffer, Tallahassee newspaperman, has been appointed Field Secretary of the Florida Sheriffs Association to succeed E. R. Hafner of Tallahassee, who resigned May 1. His duties will include editing The Florida Sheriff, the Association's yearbook; and The Sheriff's Star, the Association's new monthly newspaper.



DELAND—HONESTY PAYS—Richard (Ricky) Dreblow, 13, of Enterprise, turns over to Volusia County Sheriff Rodney B. Thursby a package containing \$6,114, and receives in return a \$200 reward. Also pictured is L. O. Hayman, principal of Enterprise Junior High School, who notified the sheriff after the youngster reported finding the money along a roadway. The bundle of cash had been lost by W. W. George, Sanford businessman, who gave Ricky the \$200 reward. (Photo by Robert L. Cox)

Sheriffs Bureau Termed Success In Spite Of Financial Handicaps

SARASOTA — Reporting to the 44th Annual Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association, Director Don McLeod said the Florida Sheriffs Bureau has "more than justified its existence in spite of financial handicaps, and will in the future fill Florida's evident need for a state-wide law enforcement coordinating agency."

He said to date the bureau, which was established Oct. 1, 1955, has answered requests for assistance in 106 criminal cases originating in 37 counties. Participation in these cases resulted in the arrest of 102 individuals. Among them were:

A man who was later convicted of killing the Sheriff of Gilchrist County and was sentenced to the Electric Chair.

Five men who attempted to discredit a Florida Sheriff by "planting" a moonshine still on his property, and later pleaded guilty.

A man who was convicted of murder and robbery in northeast Florida.

Two men charged with the murder of a Volusia County man whose body was found on a trash dump.

McLeod said the bureau has established a "modus operandi" file containing the pictures, fingerprints and records of some 28,000 convicted criminals and has coordinated it with an electronic sorting device which expedites the selection of suspects in Florida crimes.

He said a periodical crime bulletin which the bureau distributes to law enforcement agencies throughout the southeast and key points across the nation has resulted in the apprehension of numerous "wanted" criminals and missing persons.

In its first year and nine months the bureau operated on borrowed funds at the rate of about \$60,000 a year.

The 1957 legislature gave it an appropriation of \$534,000 for the next biennium. McLeod said this will permit the bureau to establish a state crime laboratory and expand its services to a limited extent.

Lauderdale Officer Completes Course

FT. LAUDERDALE—Lt. Robert T. Smith of the Ft. Lauderdale Police Department, was recently graduated from the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Academy, in Washington.

He was one of 98 law enforcement officers from 38 states who completed the 59th session of the Academy.

Previous graduates include Police Chief J. Lester Holt and Broward County Deputy Sheriff John Norman Mehl.

Wanted



LEROY FRIEMUTH

White male, age 34, 5 feet, 11 inches, 165 pounds, brown hair, green eyes, ruddy complexion, slight build. Warrant issued, charge forgery. Notify Sheriff Lloyd, Fort Lauderdale, or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee.

Officers Study Drug Addiction

DAYTONA BEACH — Law enforcement officers attending a course arranged through the cooperation of Volusia County Sheriff Rodney B. Thursby and the Volusia County Mental Health Society were told that Narcotics addicts are less likely to commit a crime when they are under the influence of a drug such as morphine.

But, the real danger comes, Dr. Charles A. Brown explained, when they are suffering from lack of their drug and are willing to commit any crime to obtain it.

Dr. Brown, who is a Daytona Beach psychiatrist, also explained that "If the individual has been taking for years a drug that is an opium derivative, such as morphine or heroin, there is little or no personality damage once he's freed from the drug, but this is not true of a person who is addicted to alcohol or cocaine."

He said the taking of cocaine results in "rapid deterioration of personality and ethical sense which in a distressing degree is permanent."

He added, however, that the effects of marijuana have been "greatly overrated."

"A patient," he said, "may be taken off it completely without any medical treatment and, contrary to popular belief, there is no personality change."

"The only damage is the memory of the 'lift' obtained by the smoking of reefer. Therefore, the only damage is psychological."

Man Wins Award For Animal Rescue

GAINESVILLE — Gene Lid-don of Gainesville received an award from the National Humane Society for rescuing a dog from a 60-foot sinkhole.

Deputy Sheriff Dudley Garrett and Animal Shelter Attendant William F. Peacock were credited with assisting him in the rescue.

Williams Reported Recovering O. K.

TITUSVILLE — Former Brevard County Sheriff H. T. (Bill) Williams was recovering satisfactorily from an operation he underwent at St. Luke's Hospital, Jacksonville, according to the latest available report at press time.

Williams was succeeded in January, 1957, by Sheriff James W. Dunn, former city police officer and deputy sheriff.

Public Urged to Aid Crime Fight

PENSACOLA—A plea for assistance from the public in the fight against crime was made by Escambia County Sheriff Emmett Shelby in an address before the Pensacola Kiwanis Club.

He said the public could aid the sheriff's office by immediately reporting any suspicious activities or rumors relating to crime. He also stressed the importance of jury duty and urged his audience not to shirk it.

Reviewing activities in his department since the first of the year, he discussed a recent training school for sheriff's personnel and reported that three of his staff members are FBI Academy graduates.

They are C. W. Solari, Chief Deputy Royal Untreiner and County Road Patrol Director W. E. Ambrose.

Two Birds

TOKYO—How's this for knocking off two birds with one stone?

A Tokyo policeman spotted a man picking a woman's pocket in a store. When he made the arrest, he discovered the woman was so busy shoplifting sweaters she didn't notice the pickpocket.

ROLL CALL

News Items From Sheriffs' Departments All Over The State

PERRY—A new short-wave radio system which will connect Taylor County with the state-wide sheriffs' radio network has been placed in operation by Sheriff M. S. Linton. Base stations at the court house and the county jail will maintain night and day contact with five patrol cars, and will also be able to send out alarms to other areas of the state through the network affiliation.

BARTOW—Sheriff Hagan Parrish sponsored a ten-day training course for Polk County law enforcement officers with FBI agents as instructors.

LIVE OAK—Officers in four counties assisted Suwannee County Sheriff Hugh Lewis in apprehending the parents of a Negro baby abandoned here.

Sheriff Lewis traced the couple to Gainesville and placed them in the county jail here under desertion charges. He expressed his appreciation for the cooperation of the Live Oak Police and officers in Columbia, Duval and Alachua counties.

TAMPA—Archie Adair, chief criminal deputy for the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, was one of 98 law enforcement officers who were graduated from the FBI National Academy in Washington in June.

Ocala—Graduates of a fingerprinting school conducted here by Special FBI Agent John Lenihan of Miami included Lee McGehee, son of Marion County Sheriff F. L. McGehee, Joseph H. Gayle Jr. of the sheriff's office; and Deputy Sheriffs W. K. Owen, W. M. Coward and Barry Berrian.

MADISON—Madison County Sheriff S. H. Moore joined with the city police, highway patrol and county judge in a campaign to halt the unlawful use of restricted driver's licenses by teen-agers.

He announced that quite a few young people were violating the authority of their restricted licenses by failing to have a licensed driver accompany them. He also warned that parents can be prosecuted for permitting an unauthorized person to drive.

MIAMI—The Dade County Sheriff's Air Patrol has done an effective job in helping to reduce holiday traffic accidents, according to Sheriff Thomas J. Kelly.

He said the Air Patrol utilizes volunteer pilots and planes to spot traffic violators and report them by radio to deputies patrolling the highways on motorcycles and in cars. John McBride of Miami Springs, a commercial airline pilot, is commander of the patrol.

FERNANDINA BEACH—Sheriff H. J. Youngblood warned Nassau County residents to be on the lookout for a man who has been posing as a health officer in order to work a sales racket.

He said the fake officer informs homeowners that their water supply is contaminated, then tries to sell them water softening equipment to remedy the situation.

GAINESVILLE—Three Alachua County deputy sheriffs called to Kirkwood overpowered and took into custody a six-foot alligator that had claimed squatter's rights on a citizen's lawn.

PALATKA—Putnam County Deputy Sheriffs Floyd Johnson and W. C. Mincy successfully completed a 40-hour course covering five types of intoxication tests used on persons charged with drunkenness or driving while intoxicated.

TALLAHASSEE—Leon County Sheriff W. P. Joyce has applied to the Federal Communications Commission for a permit to erect a new sheriff's department short-wave radio tower at the county road camp on Miccosukee Rd. It would replace the present tower on top of the court house.

BRADENTON—Manatee County Sheriff Roy Baden participated in a panel discussion of "Better Relations with Law Enforcement Organizations" during a district meeting of nurses here.

He stressed the importance of notifying the state attorney when a critically wounded person tells an officer he wants to make a statement.

DELAND—"Mother Nature" was credited with an assist when the Volusia County Sheriff's Office caught a man accused of buying a car with a worthless check.

Criminal Investigator Emory Clapper and Deputy Sheriff Herman Cheesboro said a heavy rain delayed the fugitive just long enough for them to catch him when he was attempting to make a getaway in an auto.

FT. WALTON BEACH—Okaloosa County Sheriff Ray Wilson has inaugurated round-the-clock law enforcement service in this gulf coast community.

He increased his staff of deputies to provide 24-hour patrols and announced plans to establish a branch office here with a short-wave radio hook-up.

FT. PIERCE—The St. Lucie County Commission purchased a new short-wave radio communications system for Sheriff J. R. Norvell at a cost of \$9,327. It will include a base station, ten mobile units and three walkie-talkies.

WEST PALM BEACH—A man had gone berserk at a drive-in theater, according to a report received by the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office.

Investigation showed that the man was normal enough, but his car had gone out of control and caused \$900 damage after he reached for the brake and struck the accelerator instead.

SARASOTA—The Sarasota County Sheriff's Office will play a key communications role if a hurricane strikes here.

Deputy Sheriff Jack Royal told a Red Cross Disaster Institute that in the event of a big blow patrol cars would be strategically stationed to maintain county-wide radio communications.

He said the department would also issue storm warnings and emergency instructions through local commercial radio stations.



SANFORD—SHINE FLOWS—Seminole County Sheriff J. Luther Hobby (left) supervises the dumping of 140 gallons of moonshine whisky confiscated in raids conducted by his office. Assisting him are Deputy Sheriffs W. L. Long and James J. Singletary.

MISSING PERSONS

Reported by the
Florida Sheriff's Bureau



MARY FRANCES CRAWFORD

White female, age 22, 5 feet 2 inches weight 110 pounds. Black hair, brown eyes. Has habit of covering teeth while smiling due to decayed upper front teeth. When last seen May 24, 1957, she was wearing blue jeans and pink turtle neck sweater. Notify Sheriff Davis, St. Augustine or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee.



DONALD C. REVELS

White male, age 31, 5 feet, 11 inches, weighs 165 pounds. Black thick bushy hair, brown eyes, fair complexion. Scar on inside left wrist. Believed to be driving 1950 black Ford Club Coupe, 57 Florida License 1-176798. He was last seen at 8:45 P. M., May 25, 1957 in Hialeah, Florida and disappeared under mysterious circumstances, which may indicate foul play. It is requested that all officers conduct a search to locate this person and car. Notify Sheriff Kelly, Miami or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee.

Agent Arrested In Phony Policy Case

CLEARWATER—Forgery charges were filed against LeRoy Witter, insurance agent accused of creating fictitious policy holders and "killing them off" to collect their death claims.

According to Pinellas County Sheriff's Deputies Don Genung and Bill Roberts, the agent obtained policies for at least four persons who did not exist, then filed false reports showing that they died by auto accident, natural causes, snake bite and drowning.

They said lack of attention to detail led to Witter's arrest. An insurance official noted in the auto fatality claim that the company had no record of the doctor whose name (apparently fictitious too) appeared on the death certificate.

A further check showed that previous deaths reported by Witter had not been recorded as vital statistics.

The deputies said Witter was on parole from a forgery charge in Hillsborough County.

Sheriff Proposes Addition to Jail

EVERGLADES — Collier County Sheriff E. A. (Doug) Hendry has proposed a two-story addition to the county jail which would increase the capacity from 62 to 162 prisoners.

It would provide a barracks to house 52 road gang convicts and accommodations for 48 persons in maximum security cells.

Plans also call for facilities to be used in photographing and interrogating prisoners.

Sheriff Hendry said he inaugurated the photographing of prisoners after he took office in January and provided the equipment at his own expense. He added however that adequate space is not available in the present jail building.

The jail was built five years ago at a cost of \$130,000 but the Sheriff pointed out that it was designed for 60 prisoners and is sometimes required to hold twice that many.

Case Dismissed

MIAMI—U.S. Customs officials asked the Dade County Sheriff's Department crime laboratory to analyze a shipment of dried weed believed to be marijuana, but a customs investigator described as "an old Georgia boy" saved the lab men a lot of trouble.

According to news reports, the former farm boy took one look at the suspected reefer weed and told the chemists to put away their test tubes. "That," he said, "isn't anything but dried peanut vines."

Sheriff Praises Public Response To Flood Crisis

PERRY—Sheriff M. S. Linton praised the public for its response to the flood crisis that made hundreds homeless here during heavy rains.

He said: "Every organization designed to meet emergencies went all out in a magnificent example of doing an unpleasant job in a pleasant manner."

"Boy Scouts, Welfare Department, Civilian Defense, Red Cross, Health Department, industrial firms and individuals joined in helping local authorities in the calmest and most efficient manner possible."

"I have never seen a better example of neighborly cooperation. Practically every person forced out of his home was immediately offered food and lodging with those whose homes were not touched by the flood. Consequently comparatively little outside help was needed."

Gov. LeRoy Collins, in response to a plea from the sheriff, ordered the Florida Forest Service to send beds and a field kitchen to the stricken area.

However, the willingness of Perry residents to take flood victims into their homes greatly reduced the need for this aid.

'Victim' Appears; Rescue Halts

TAMPA—Archibald A. Brest of Tampa swam across Crescent Lake and walked back to find that he had been reported missing and rescue workers were searching the lake for his body.

Deputy Sheriff Eddie Zalva said a friend thought Brest had drowned while attempting to swim across the lake, and got quite a shock when he saw the supposed drowning victim arriving on foot to watch the rescue operation.



CRESTVIEW—GAMBLING HAUL—Okaloosa County Sheriff Ray Wilson (left) inventories slot machines his department confiscated during a surprise raid on a private club in Ocean City.

Manhunter Adds Three to Score

INVERNESS — Citrus County Sheriff Burton R. Quinn reported Deputy Richard Martin has added new laurels to his reputation as this area's champion manhunter.

He said it took Martin and one of his trail dogs only about 20 minutes to round up three fugitives who escaped from a stolen car.

The trio had fled into a swamp after abandoning the "hot" car north of Brooksville. Sheriff Quinn and Deputy R. G. Holden chased the car at speeds up to 120 miles per hour before it was abandoned.

Martin's skill as a manhunter has earned him the title of "Dick the Dog Man". He and his trusty dogs, "Queen" and "Big Boy", have been credited with tracking down well over 100 criminals.

His captures have included murderers, robbers, moonshiners, peeping toms, arsonists and escapees. He has also assisted in locating lost persons.

The mild-mannered 32-year-old officer is on 24-hour call in both Citrus and Hernando counties and is paid for his services by both counties. He has been employed as a deputy by Sheriff Quinn since January, 1954.

Over 16,000 Sent To Safety School

JACKSONVILLE — Over 16,000 traffic law violators have been sentenced to attend the Jacksonville Traffic Safety School since it was created Mar. 3, 1953.

And, there is no doubt in the mind of Police Chief Luther A. Reynolds that it has helped reduce automobile accidents here.

The school is conducted by the Jacksonville Police Department and the enrollment consists of both adults and juveniles—some of whom are ordered there by the courts and others who attend voluntarily.

It is conducted at the police academy under the direction of Capt. E. E. Allen, and provides a six-hour course of movies and lectures.

Subjects covered include: "The Seven Deadly Sins of Unsafe Driving," "Speed and Stopping Distances," "The Three E's (engineering, education, enforcement) and Traffic Safety" and "How to Develop Safe Driving Habits."

Proper observance of traffic and road signs and principles of pedestrian safety are also covered. Students who successfully pass a 20-question multiple-choice examination receive certificates to show they completed the course.



OCALA—SHERIFF'S FISH FRY—Marion County Sheriff F. L. McGehee (second from left) held a fish fry at the pistol range here for over 100 persons, including members of the sheriff's and city police departments, FBI, Florida Highway Patrol and State Beverage Department, and their families. Pictured with the host are (from left): Ocala Police Chief K. C. Alvarez; Highway Patrol Trooper George Price; and FBI Agent John P. Lenihan. According to Sheriff McGehee, occasional gatherings such as these "have helped to produce a tremendous increase in cooperation, understanding and mutual assistance among law enforcement officers in this area."



BARTOW—SHERIFF SURROUNDED—Members of the Winter Haven Girls Club besieged Polk County Sheriff Hagan Parrish for autographs when they visited his office during a "know your government" program.

Five Sentenced In "Shine" Plot

BRONSON — Four men who conspired to discredit Levy County Sheriff J. W. Turner by planting a moonshine still on his property were each fined \$500 and given five-year suspended prison sentences.

They are Jess Dixon of Bronson, Ray Burnett of Gulf Hammock, Flavius Jerrels and Bryan Lynn, both of Williston.

A fifth defendant, Ira C. Sutton of Williston, was given a five-year suspended sentence for possession of moonshine still equipment. Testimony showed he sold the still to the four conspirators.

Sheriff Turner commended Don McLeod, Director of the Sheriffs Bureau for the able assistance rendered by Bureau men in breaking the case.

Circuit Judge George L. Patten, in passing sentence, said the offense was "an abominable venture to bring ridicule upon the good name of Levy County and all of its citizens," and to deliver a "punishing, below-the-belt blow to law enforcement."

Sheriffs Offer Vacation Tips

It's vacation time, and sheriffs around the state are urging homeowners to take the following precautions before leaving home:

(1) Notify the sheriff's office of the time of departure and return so that deputies can make periodic checks of the premises.

(2) Stop newspaper deliveries. Old newspapers scattered around a lawn and front porch are a dead giveaway to burglars looking for a home to loot.

(3) Stop milk and laundry deliveries.

(4) Stop mail deliveries if possible, or ask a neighbor to check the mail box each day and take the mail inside.

(5) Ask neighbors to keep an eye on your property and look around for any unusual activities around the house.

(6) Leave a light burning inside the house while you are gone, or ask a neighbor to turn it on each evening and off each morning.

(7) Give the Sheriff the names of any persons such as yard men or maids who are authorized to work around your property during your absence.

Sheriffs Help Entertain School Safety Patrols

Sheriffs sponsored or assisted with a number of outings honoring school safety patrol members last month following the close of the 1956-57 school term.

In Polk County, Sheriff Hagan Parrish sponsored a swimming party and watermelon feast to which he invited over 1,200 patrol members. He purchased a truckload of melons from local growers and assigned deputies as life guards.

Sheriff Ed Blackburn Jr. and his department assisted in staging a picnic at Clearwater Beach for Hillsborough County patrol members.

A similar picnic was held at Fort Myers Beach with an assist from Lee County Sheriff Flanders G. Thompson and his staff. A total of 416 boys and girls attended this affair and stowed away 800 hot dogs, 100 pounds of cold slaw and 864 soft drinks.

100 Boys Wanted For Musical Posse

MIAMI — Dade County Sheriff Thomas J. Kelly has issued a call for 100 boys who like to play music and march in parades.

He said the Sheriff's Posse Junior Bugle Corps is being reorganized and recruits are wanted.

Does Full Moon Cause Increase In Crime Rate?

FT. MYERS—One sure way to start an argument among law enforcement officers is to ask them whether a full moon causes the crime rate to soar.

News reporter Paul Lewis was apparently aware of this when he stirred up the old controversy here recently to put some life into an otherwise dull news day. Here are some of the answers he got:

"The full moon doesn't have anything to do with the number of crimes," said Lee County Sheriff Flanders G. Thompson. "It all depends on whether or not it's payday. You don't get any trouble on nights of the full moon unless somebody has some money to cause commotion with."

Deputy Inlo Swope sided with the Sheriff. He said he believed the amount of trouble in store for law enforcement officers could be figured by counting the number of shrimp boats in port, rather than gazing at the moon.

Deputy Allen Schmelz disagreed, and supported his side of the argument by citing actual cases of violence that flared up on nights when the moon was full.

"When it's a full moon night," he said "I just tighten my belt and get ready to stay up all night because I know I won't get a chance to eat or go home—it's usually that busy."

Patrolman Hank Wright said the number of Negro cuttings increases when the moon is full; and County Jailor Barton Millwood reported that prisoners are harder to handle at such times.

Police Chief Burl Underhill didn't put too much stock in the full moon superstition. He had his own theory that cool weather brings crimes against property, and hot weather crimes against persons.

To wind up the inquiry, newsman Lewis went to the city police records and found that 35 per cent of the arrests during the month of May were made during the seven-day period when the moon was full.

Young Offender Problem Cited

BOSTON—Thomas J. Turley of Boston believes there is an unmet need for programs to deal with "half-size" offenders—namely youths 17 to 21 years old.

A board member of the Massachusetts Division of Youth Service, Turley said when this age group gets into trouble with the law, as it is increasingly doing, it needs a type of treatment different from that given younger delinquents, and different from that given adult offenders.

He blamed the armed service draft and "lack of a definite federal policy on the draft" for causing many youths in this age bracket to get into trouble.

"A good many of the kids are worried about the draft," he said. "It hangs like a sword over their head."

Other things he said were making this group "a little more restless, ill at ease and maladjusted" were the increasing use of automobiles, "looseness of family life," the availability of more spare time, early addiction to liquor and rock 'n roll music.

"I've talked with these young persons and many of them don't for the life of them know how they got into trouble," he said. "They are not chronic offenders and they really didn't mean to get into trouble."

"The problem of youthful offenders of the sort is a matter that really goes beyond state lines," he added. "It is something the federal government



SARASOTA—TECHNICAL HUDDLE—Four sheriffs attending the 44th Annual Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association pause to discuss the Alcometer, an apparatus for testing drunken drivers. They are (from left) Hardee County Sheriff E. Odell Carlton; Clay County Sheriff John P. Hall; Monroe County Sheriff John M. Spottswood; and Palm Beach County Sheriff John Kirk.



SARASOTA—ARMAMENT CONFAB—An equipment display presented by Ed Meyers of Federal Laboratories at the 44th Annual Conference of the FSA gave five sheriffs an opportunity to discuss the relative merits of various types of armament. They are (from left) W. R. Taff of Wakulla County, Cletus Andrews of Holmes, F. L. McGehee of Marion, Curtis R. Miller of Walton, and J. W. Turner of Levy.



SARASOTA—DISTAFF CAUCUS—Mrs. Ina S. Thompson (center), Florida's Motor Vehicle Commissioner, chats with two sheriffs' wives during 44th Annual Conference of Florida Sheriffs Association. At left is Mrs. Sam T. Joyce of Vero Beach; and at right is Mrs. Ross E. Boyer of Sarasota.

should do something about."

Turley predicted that the time is not far away when the number of juvenile offenders who are adjudicated delinquent will reach one million a year in the country, and he said the young are getting into more and more serious trouble. Eighty per cent of the automobiles which are stolen, for instance, are stolen by older teen agers," he added.

Although cities with their slums have in the past been blamed for many delinquents, Turley said, "a good many kids are coming to us from rural areas." Many youngsters who are in trouble, he said, are "seeking discipline which they do not get."

New Jailer, Matron Named

OCALA — Marion County Sheriff F. L. McGehee announced the appointment of Charles Edward (Buck) Costin and his wife as jailer and matron at the county jail.

They replace Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Perkins, who resigned.

Sheriff McGehee also reported a number of jail improvements. He said prisoners repainted the interior of the jail and made mattress covers. Four new shower stalls and two seclusion rooms for mental patients were scheduled to be installed.

Law Requires Felon Sign-up

Sheriffs will be keeping a closer check on the criminal element after Aug. 7.

That is the effective date of a 1957 law which will require persons convicted of a felony to register with the sheriff or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau within 48 hours after entering any county in Florida. Failure to do so will be a misdemeanor.

The new law does not apply to parolees, probationers, persons who have received a full pardon or persons who have had their civil rights restored.

The registration requirement will be in effect for 10 years after the felony is committed and for five years after the felon is released from prison.

The Florida Sheriffs Association sponsored the law as a means of keeping track of out-of-state hoodlums who seek refuge in Florida.

Orange County Sheriff S. D. Starr was the first sheriff in the state to register a felon and file a report with the Florida Sheriffs Bureau.

Don McLeod, Bureau Director, said registration forms have been prepared and felons do not have to wait until the effective date of the new law to sign-up.

Grenade Holdup Newest Crime Fad

CHICAGO—The latest creation in this "fashion center" of crime is the hand grenade hold-up man.

He walks into a place of business carrying a paper bag, announces that the bag contains a grenade that will blow the place to bits unless he receives some money, pockets the cash and disappears.

He has collected at least \$4,000 so far, and no one has had the nerve to call his bluff. Consequently police do not know whether the paper bag actually contains a grenade, or just a "dud."

Sheriffs Association Urges You To Heed Bicycle Safety Rules

Here are nationally recommended bicycle safety rules. The Florida Sheriffs Association urges you to clip them out, read them, and help your child to understand them.

1. Observe all traffic regulations—red and green lights, one way streets, stop signs.
2. Keep to the right and ride in a single file. Keep a safe distance behind all vehicles.
3. Have white light on front and danger signal on rear for night driving. Wear white or light colored clothing at night.
4. Have a satisfactory signalling device to warn of approach. Always ride at a safe speed.
5. Give people who are walking the right of way. Avoid sidewalks—otherwise use extra care.
6. Look out for cars pulling into traffic. Keep sharp lookout for sudden opening of automobile doors.
7. Never hitch on other vehicles. Never "stunt" or race in traffic. Never ride two on a bike.
8. Never carry other riders. Carry no packages that keep you from seeing ahead, or prevent you from controlling your bike.
9. Be sure that your brakes are operating correctly, and keep your bike in perfect condition.
10. Slow down at all street corners and look to right and left before crossing.
11. Always give hand signals for turning and stopping. For a left turn the LEFT arm should be straight out; for a right turn the RIGHT arm should be straight out.
12. Ride in a straight line. Do not weave in and out of traffic or move from side to side.

Over 330 Boys Enrolled In Nassau JD's

FERNANDINA BEACH — Over 330 boys have enrolled in Junior Deputy Leagues sponsored by Nassau County Sheriff H. J. Youngblood, and they have indicated their enthusiasm for the program by maintaining a high average attendance at weekly meetings.

In January Sheriff Youngblood appointed Jack H. Freeman as a full-time deputy to organize and conduct league activities in the public schools.

Since Nassau County is large and sparsely settled, it was decided that leagues would be formed in the towns of Callahan, Hilliard and Yulee; and the City of Fernandina Beach.

Weekly meetings were arranged and transportation was provided for league members, some of whom live many miles from the nearest school. The Rotary Club of Hilliard and the Callahan police volunteered to provide cars for transportation.

Within 30 days a total of 200 white boys and 135 colored between the ages of 11½ and 18 had enrolled.

It was expected that this original show of enthusiasm would taper off, but Sheriff Youngblood and Deputy Freeman were surprised to find that weekly attendance through June 5 averaged 285—or 156 for the whites and 129 for the colored.

Sheriff Youngblood said the interest of the boys was maintained by allowing them to conduct their own meetings with a minimum of adult supervision.

In the beginning the boys were permitted to choose between the club type meeting and the military—and they selected the latter by unanimous vote.

They were divided by age, grade and size into squads of 10, under a captain and assistant captain. Then the boys selected a Junior Chief Deputy, Assistant Junior Chief Deputy, Executive Lieutenant to keep the records and a chaplain.

Activities for the weekly meetings included military drill instruction, educational movies, sports activities and instructional talks on law enforcement.

Because of the heavy tourist and truck traffic on highways passing through Nassau County, uniformed Junior Deputies were assigned to school buses and highway crossings to insure the safety of their fellow students.

Not a single highway accident involving a school child was reported in the county during the 1957 portion of the school term, according to Sheriff Youngblood.

Weekly Junior Deputy meetings were discontinued during the summer vacation period and will be resumed in the fall. However, interest in the leagues is being maintained through a series of camping trips to the Valdosta, Ga., Junior Deputy Club House.

These trips, arranged with the cooperation of Sheriff Jewel Fitch, of Lowndes County, Ga., include a tour of Moody Air Force Base and swimming in Twin Lakes. At latest report over 150 boys had signed up to participate.

While on tour the boys take care of their own cooking and clean-up chores. This system is said to be working fine, except that Deputy Freeman had to discourage the serving of soft drinks and hot dogs for breakfast.

Junior Deputy Leagues organized by Sheriff Youngblood and other Florida Sheriffs are part of a nation-wide program designed to provide wholesome activities for boys and instill in them respect for law enforcement.

It is the policy of the Florida Sheriffs Association to encourage the formation of leagues throughout the state.

But Not for Self-protection

Escambia County Disc Jockey Carries a Pistol

PENSACOLA — There have been times when disc jockeys have needed a gun to protect themselves from irate radio listeners—but such is not the case with W. W. Slappey, gun-toting wax spinner on the staff of Escambia County Sheriff Emmett Shelby.

Slappey's gun is part of his equipment as a deputy sheriff and the weekly disc jockey show he broadcasts over a local radio station is part of his job as safety education officer for the Escambia County Road Patrol and the sheriff's department.

During his stints before the "mike" he spins records and offers safety tips. His programs, he says, are designed to "entertain listeners as well as help them."

The former Highway Patrolman originated this type of radio show in 1952 when he was stationed in Lake City. Its success was evidenced by letters of commendation from congressmen, judges and civic organizations.

He served 14½ years with the Highway Patrol and became affiliated with the Escambia Road Patrol in January.

"This is home," he explained, "because I was born and raised in Havana, and also spent two years with the Highway Patrol in Pensacola and Milton."

The genial officer's philosophy of law enforcement is to "make a friend and a case against him at the same time." This is not always easy, he admitted, but it apparently works for he won an honorable mention award in the American Automobile Association's most courteous law enforcement officer contest.

Deputy Slappey formerly served under Sheriff Shelby when Shelby was a Highway Patrol sergeant in Panama City, during 1941.

"He gave me my on-the-job training then," said Slappey, "and now he's my boss again."



NEW NSA DIRECTOR—Escambia County Sheriff Emmett Shelby was elected a director of the National Sheriffs Association when he attended the NSA convention in Galveston, Texas, last month.

Parrish Stresses Record Keeping

HAINES CITY—The key to efficient law enforcement is good record keeping, Polk County Sheriff Hagan Parrish told the Haines City Rotary Club.

He said one of his major projects since he took office in January has been the establishing of an effective record system.

Part of the system, he said, is a "modus operandi" file which catalogues the operating methods of known or suspected criminals and is patterned after FBI files.

He said cooperation with the FBI in exchanging information is an important aid in the apprehension of crime suspects.



Safety Officer Slappey at the "Mike."

'Answer Man' in Charge

Series of Schools Being Held To Ease Budget System Shift

AVON PARK — The big job of guiding Florida's sheriffs in their transition from the antiquated fee system to the new budget-salary system has been tackled by W. R. England of Avon Park, Florida Sheriffs Association consultant and former Assistant State Auditor.

He completed the first round of a state-wide series of "budget schools" for sheriffs and their staff members this month, and is planning follow-up sessions in August and October.

The first round of instruction concerned the intricacies of preparing budgets. Schools were held in Stuart, Punta Gorda, Arcadia, Defuniak Springs, Marianna, Orlando, Palatka and Ocala.

The second round in August will deal with the new record forms sheriffs will use under the budget system; and the third round in October will be held to make certain that the forms are being properly used.

The forms will be developed by Mr. England in cooperation with representatives of the comptroller's and state auditor's departments.

The 1957 law which shifts 48 of Florida's sheriffs from the fee system to the budget-salary system, requires that each sheriff submit a budget to his county commission by July 15. It sets Oct. 1 as the date the 48 sheriffs will change over to the new system.

Seven counties are already under budget-salary systems by virtue of special acts passed in previous sessions of the legislature; and 12 small counties, all but one of them in North Florida, will remain under the fee system.

Mr. England's role as consultant and advisor in the historic change-over comes as no accident. He helped to draft the budget-salary bill passed by the 1957 legislature, as well as earlier versions rejected by the 1953 and 1955 legislatures.

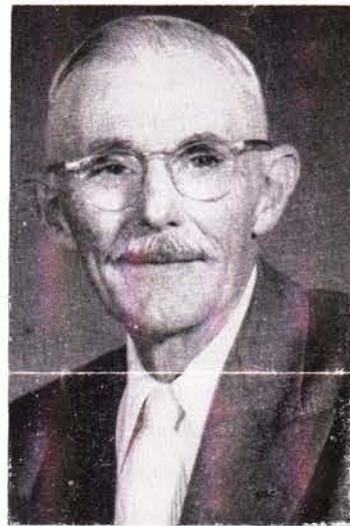
For many years he has also been helping Florida's sheriffs with their fiscal problems.

Traditionally he has been "the man with the answers" when sheriffs needed someone to unsnarl their bookkeeping tangles, define their authority or pinpoint their duties.

He conducts an answer service at his home here, responding to wires, phone calls and letters from sheriff's departments all over the state.

He also stumps the state to give individual attention to the sheriffs who subscribe to his service, and to hold 12 or 14 schools each year.

In 1954 the Florida Sheriffs



W. R. England

Association recognized his tireless efforts by presenting him with a custom-made bedspread decorated with the map of Florida, the initials of the Association and a five-pointed star.

At its 44th Annual Conference in Sarasota last month the Association extended further recognition by giving him the new status of a paid consultant.

A native of Virginia, the venerable "answer man" came to Florida in 1919 and practiced as a public accountant until 1933, when he became connected with the State Auditing Department.

He retired as Assistant State Auditor in 1949. Since then, as a Certified Public Accountant, he has devoted his time to keeping sheriffs posted on the rulings and laws that affect their offices; and instructing them on office procedures.

Before his connection with the State Auditing Department, Mr. England specialized in county audits and systems, especially for law enforcement offices. To gain a practical knowledge of these offices he took active charge for three years of the Highlands County Sheriff's Office, while carrying on his other accounting work.

In 1934, while with the State Auditing Department, he worked out the uniform system of accounts for state law enforcement offices which is now in use. He also played a major role in the publication by the state of the "Florida Sheriff's Manual."

Although well along in his 60's and white-thatched, Mr. England still goes about his work with a vitality and drive that would stagger a younger man. Slowing down is one thing he doesn't talk about.

Deputies Praised By Heart Victim

TAMPA — Norman J. Taylor of Tampa credits Hillsborough County Deputy Sheriffs Scott and Newcombe with saving his life.

He blacked out while driving on Route 92, west of Plant City, then managed somehow to get his car out of traffic and got a call sent to the sheriff's office.

When the two deputies arrived on the scene they properly diagnosed his difficulty as a heart attack rather than intoxication, and gave him emergency treatment before taking him to his home.

Taylor, after having been attended by a physician, expressed his gratitude to the deputies and Sheriff Ed Blackburn Jr. He said the prompt emergency treatment the deputies gave him probably saved his life.

Kirk's Son Becomes New Chief Deputy

WEST PALM BEACH—Palm Beach County Sheriff John F. Kirk appointed his son, John F. Kirk, Jr., as his chief deputy.

The position of chief deputy is a new one in the sheriff's department. Previously administrative duties were divided among Hiram Lawrence, Mrs. Iris Riggs, Mrs. Marie Pearce and Jerry Lynch.

The new second-in-command had been in charge of the sheriff's road patrol for the past year, and participated in gambling and moonshine raids. He is 24 years old and formerly attended Georgia Military Academy and the University of Florida.

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your fellows and your own shall keep secret unless required by some competent court. This portion of the oath that has reference to secrecy is very important and cannot be over-emphasized.

"It often happens that a grand juror during the time they are in session or afterwards may inadvertently speak about those matters which came before them while acting on the grand jury. I charge you that you should under no circumstances, unless released by some competent court, discuss such matters. Your vote should never be made known. The opinion expressed by either of you on any matter should never be made known. And the testimony given before you should not be made known by either of you unless, as I said, you are released by some competent court, and this is binding upon you for all time."

"The grand jury retains a great deal of its strength through the secretiveness of its investigations and it is necessary for you to abide by that rule absolutely."

"In conclusion the oath states that you shall present no man for envy, hatred, or malice, neither shall you leave any man unpresented for love, fear, favor, affection or reward or hope thereof, but that you shall present things truly as they come to your knowledge to the best of your knowledge to the best of your understanding so help me God."

"Those gentlemen, constitute the general charges which are given to the grand jury as to its duties and the manner of conducting its work. If during the investigation this Court can be of any assistance to you, you have but to make your wants known to the State Attorney or your Bailiff. You may now retire to consider the work before you."