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SCHOLARSHIP CONFERENCE—Arthur Dozier, (second from left), director of Florida's new division of child training schools, discusses details of a Florida Sheriffs Association project to provide scholarships for boys released from the Florida Industrial School for Boys at Marianna. Conferring with him is a Sheriffs Association committee composed of (from left) W. P. Joyce, Sheriff of Leon County; Carl Stauffer, FSA Field Secretary; and Don McLeod, Director of the Florida Sheriffs Bureau.

Sheriffs Launch Drive To Fight Delinquency

The Florida Sheriffs Association this month launched a long range "Fight Delinquency Campaign" designed to help boys who are in trouble with the law, as well as those who are in danger of becoming lawbreakers.

In initial projects the Association will: (1) establish a permanent ranch home for needy and worthy boys; and (2) immediately offer annual scholarships to outstanding students released from the Florida Industrial School for Boys at Marianna. Both projects will be supported by the dues of the Association's Honorary Members.

Here are details:

Boy's Ranch

The ranch project was started with a state-wide "man-hunt" unlike anything in the history of law enforcement.

Through Association channels, every Sheriff in the state was asked to search his county for someone willing to donate a suitable ranch site of approximately 160 acres on a river, lake or the coast.

It was requested that offers of land be submitted to the Association through the sheriff of the county in which the owner lives. A site selection will be made after all locations have been thoroughly investigated.

In addition to the search for a site, the FSA has also established a trust fund to finance the ranch facilities. Honorary Membership dues were used as a "nest egg" to start this fund, but direct donations or bequests will also be accepted.

Association officials said the size of the ranch project will depend to a great extent upon the public support it receives, but even a modest facility would represent an investment of "many thousands" of dollars.

The ranch will provide care and training for underprivileged boys who have no home or come from an unsatisfactory home environment. Many of them could be classed as "potential delinquents", but the ranch is not planned as a haven for "problem children", and it will in no way usurp the function of the state's industrial schools.

Its function will be to keep worthy and needy boys out of trouble. In doing so, it will serve to reduce the growing incidence of juvenile delinquency.

The ranch will be patterned after Father Flanagan's Boys' Town, a famous Nebraska institution, but detailed plans will not be completed until after a site is selected and financial resources have been determined.

Scholarships

The scholarships, ranging as high as \$1,000 apiece, will pay the expenses of boys released from the Marianna school and transferred to trade schools, a boys' ranch or similar establishments.

Candidates for the awards will be selected by Arthur Dozier, director of the division of state child training schools, and a Florida Sheriffs Association committee will choose the recipients from among these candidates.

The number of scholarships available in 1957 will depend upon the financial needs of each recipient and the type of training selected for him.

Dozier praised the scholarship program and said there are a number of boys at the industrial school who are qualified to participate in it. He said it will provide a valuable incentive for the boys and will assist in rehabilitating them.

The scholarship and ranch projects of the "Fight Delinquency Campaign" were developed by a projects committee composed of Monroe County Sheriff John M. Spottswood, Association president; Hardee County Sheriff E. Odell Carlton, board of directors chairman; Florida Sheriffs Bureau Director Don McLeod, Dade County Sheriff Thomas J. Kelly, Clay County Sheriff John P. Hall, Pasco County Sheriff Leslie Bessenger, Hillsborough County Sheriff Ed Blackburn Jr. and Polk County Sheriff Hagan Parrish.

The campaign slogan is "Don't invite it—fight it."

Conference Set For Jan. 23-24

ST. AUGUSTINE—St. Johns County Sheriff L. O. Davis announced that January 23 and 24 have been selected as the dates for the 1958 Mid-Winter Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association.

St. Augustine was chosen as the conference site earlier this year, but the setting of the date was left to the Association's board of directors and Davis, the host sheriff.

All events during the two-day program will be held in the Hotel Ponce de Leon. Details will be announced later this year.

One of the highlights of the Conference will be the installation of Pinellas County Sheriff Sid M. Saunders as the 1958 president to succeed Monroe County Sheriff John M. Spottswood.

Saunders was elected at the 44th Annual Conference, in Sarasota, in June. Pasco County Sheriff Leslie Bessenger was elected first vice president, and the following were re-elected for another one-year term: Sarasota County Sheriff Ross E. Boyer, second vice president; Clay County Sheriff John P. Hall, treasurer; and Florida Sheriffs Bureau Director Don McLeod, secretary.



Sheriff Thomas J. Kelly

Kelly Awarded Inter-American Merit Medal

MIAMI—Dade County Sheriff Thomas J. Kelly has been awarded The Silver Medal of the Bolivarian Merit Order by unanimous action of all chapters of the International League for Bolivarian Action throughout the Western Hemisphere.

The award was made "in recognition of his outstanding and most effective services in the furtherance and preservation of Inter-American goodwill and solidarity in peace and war," according to an announcement made in Miami by Dr. A. Ramon Ruiz, retired Nicaraguan diplomat and the League's Director.

Dr. Ruiz said an official presentation of the medal and an accompanying citation will be held in Miami or Washington as soon as Sheriff Kelly recuperates sufficiently from a recent heart attack.

A former insurance executive, Sheriff Kelly is a veteran of both World Wars and retired as a brigadier general after 29 years of active service and National Guard duty.

Meetings Set On New Budget System Forms

W. R. England, Florida Sheriffs Association consultant, announced a series of 10 meetings designed to acquaint sheriffs and their employees in all areas of the state with new budget-salary system forms.

As the result of a bill passed by the 1957 legislature, Florida sheriffs in 48 counties will abandon the fee system of operation and adopt the budget-salary system on Oct. 1.

Seven large counties are already operating under budget-salary systems by authority of special acts, and 12 counties will remain under the fee system.

Here is the meeting schedule:
 Mon. Aug. 19 ... Arcadia
 Wed. Aug. 21 ... Brooksville
 Fri. Aug. 23 ... Chipley
 Mon. Aug. 26 ... Green Cove Springs
 Wed. Aug. 28 ... Sanford
 Fri. Aug. 30 ... Bronson
 Wed. Sep. 4 ... Ft. Myers
 Fri. Sep. 6 ... West Palm Beach
 Wed. Sep. 11 ... Crestview
 Fri. Sep. 13 Tallahassee
 All sessions will start at 9:30 a.m.

Switchboard Girl Foils Suicide Try

FT. LAUDERDALE — The switchboard operator in the Broward County Sheriff's office, Mrs. Pat Topel, wife of Deputy Sheriff Al Topel, was credited with saving the life of a would-be suicide who called to report he had swallowed sleeping pills.

She kept the 35-year-old man on the phone with "small talk" while a deputy and an ambulance rushed to the scene. The man was treated at a hospital then held in the county jail to prevent further suicide attempts.

Easy Money

Do you find that certain drivers on the highway bear a marked resemblance to animals in the zoo?

If you do, the "Highway Zoo" safety contest on page 3 should be right up your alley.

It's easy, and it's open to people of all ages. Cash prizes totaling \$100 will be given away each month.

How It Started

Prior to 1957, membership in the Florida Sheriffs Association was open only to the state's 67 sheriffs. Early this year, however, the Association voted to invite selected citizens to become honorary members.

The response was immediate and enthusiastic. Letters poured in pledging support for the Association's efforts to defend local self-government and promote better law enforcement. Many of them also urged the Association to do everything possible to combat the shocking increase in teenage crime.

The "Fight Delinquency Campaign" was organized in response to these requests and honorary membership dues provided the initial financing.

Stolen Truck Case Solved With Ease

JACKSONVILLE — Deputy Sheriff Jack Valentino didn't have to go far to recover a stolen truck driven here from Lake City.

Acting on a tip from Lt. Stanley Lee of the Duval County Road Patrol he looked in the rear of the county jail, and there it was.

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Baker Hires Deputy

STUART — Leon Newton Hunt, former member of the Stuart Police Department, was hired by Martin County Sheriff Roy C. Baker as a deputy sheriff. His law enforcement experience includes a tour of duty as a military policeman.

Missing

The Editor of the Star needs several copies of the March and April issues to complete his files. If any sheriffs or honorary members have any, please send them to Box 344, Tallahassee.

Parents Cautioned to Protect Children Against Molesters

Children are constantly in danger of being molested by mentally deranged adults, according to a warning issued to parents by the Florida Sheriffs Association.

Here are some simple rules any parent can teach to a child as one means of protection against this danger.

1. Never accept rides from strangers.

2. Never accept gifts of money, candy or anything else from a stranger without parents' approval.

3. Do not play in vacant lots overgrown with shrubbery, in

alleys or in public rest rooms.

4. Never go with strangers who offer you pay for a job or ask directions.

5. Always travel with a companion.

6. Report the suspicious actions of any adult to your parents, and whenever possible write down his auto license number.

7. Stay out of strangers' homes, unless you have your parents' permission.

8. Let your parents know where you are at all times.



STARKE—MOONSHINE HAUL—Bradford County Sheriff P. D. Reddish inspects cargo of moonshine confiscated by Deputies Fate Brown, C. R. Cox and D. R. Redding in a still raid near Keystone Heights. The raid netted 450 gallons of moonshine, a large quantity of mash and the auto pictured above. Ruben Mosely, arrested at the scene, was charged with possession of a moonshine still and released under \$2,500 bond.

Deputy Appointed

PALATKA—Sheriff E. W. Pellicer appointed George Winch of Satsuma as a deputy sheriff. Winch was formerly employed by the Putnam County Tax Assessor and gained law enforcement experience with the military police of the U. S. Air Force.

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.

Ex-Liberty County Sheriff Passes

BRISTOL—Former Liberty County Sheriff E. A. Chestang, 75, died at his home here July 15, and burial services were held at the Bristol Cemetery, July 18.

A native of Mobile, Ala., Mr. Chestang moved to Liberty County at an early age. He served as deputy sheriff and sheriff here for 17 years.

Shine Production Being Modernized

LAKE BUTLER — Several modern improvements were built into a large moonshine operation destroyed near here by Union County Sheriff John Whitehead and state and federal agents.

The layout consisted of four 40-barrel capacity stills which were arranged to operate as a unit or singly to provide "flexible" capacity.

Unlike the traditional wood or oil fired models, they were heated with bottled gas.

Seized in the raid in addition to the "1957 model" still were 500 gallons of moonshine, 500 gallons of mash, and four motor vehicles.

Sheriff Whitehead said it was one of the biggest moonshine operations he had seen during his law enforcement career here.

Robbery by Phone New Development

NEW YORK — Robbery by telephone is the latest development in the fast-moving world of crime.

A liquor store clerk told police a gruff voice telephoned and said: "This is a stickup. Get in the back of the store. If you're not there in four seconds, I'm coming in and kill you."

The clerk scuttled into the washroom, then heard someone open and shut the cash register. He peeked out in time to see a man vanish out the door with \$107.

Child Molester Drive Launched

MIAMI—The Dade County Sheriff's Department launched a drive against child molesters after an increase of over 60 per cent in violations of this type was reported here.

Sgt. Pat Gallagher, of the Sheriff's Criminal Bureau of Investigation, said the campaign would include a hard-hitting educational program to inform children and parents how to meet the situation.

He said four CBI men would be trained to go before school groups to explain how to recognize and combat the threat of molestation.

They will also handle child molestation complaints and crack down on them as hard as possible.

Gallagher urged parents to report violations. "I realize they are trying to spare the feelings of their children and hate to see them paraded in court," he said, "but our belief is that silence is just what the molesters thrive on. It permits them to go free and harm other children."

Deputy Praised for Errand of Mercy

FT. PIERCE—Deputy Sheriff George Christiansen was praised for his successful errand of mercy from White City to a hospital.

According to the Ft. Pierce News-Tribune, his quick thinking and even speedier driving undoubtedly saved the life of little Stanley Griffin, who had accidentally hanged himself in a rope swing.

The 2½-year-old youngster was blue from lack of oxygen when the deputy started his dash to the hospital.

BAD CHECK ARTISTS' GALLERY

FROM THE FILES OF THE FLORIDA SHERIFFS BUREAU



THOMAS E. CHANDLER
and
GERALD F. BLACKSTONE

Both of these subjects have presumably passed themselves as Thomas E. Chandler, as there is quite a deviation in the description. One of the subjects described as approximately 40 years of age, 5 feet 8 to 10 inches tall, weighing about 160 to 175 pounds, dark hair. Exceptionally well dressed, very impressive talker. Subject #2, approximately 35 years of age, about 6 feet tall, weighing 175 to 185 pounds, dark hair, parted left side. Appeared to be well educated, impressive talker, dressed well. Both subjects presented Southern Bell Telephone, Western Union American Oil Co., and Hotel Credit Cards for identification, also AAA membership card #24914M. Also used membership card of some fraternal organization believed to have been Elks card. Checks are drawn on First National Bank of Atlanta, Ga., under the firm

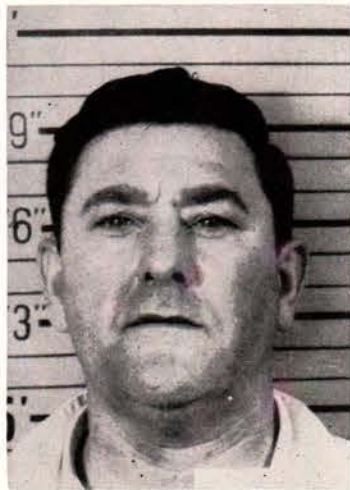
name of Blackstone, Chandler and Associates, Public Relations and Advertising. Checks have been issued with a check writ-

ing machine (see sample above). Any information notify Sheriff Joyce, Tallahassee or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee.



JAMES WILSON

White male, 54, 5 feet 10 inches, 210 pounds, black hair, blue eyes, ruddy complexion.



Warrant issued, charge worthless checks. Notify Sheriff Blackburn Tampa, Florida or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee Florida.



RICHARD J. BOOGARD

White male, age 36, 5 feet 8 inches, 147 pounds, slender build, brown hair, blue eyes, medium complexion. Scar on right elbow. Occupation: Salesman. Fingerprint classification 32 over 24, W over W.10 over 11. He is believed to be somewhere in Florida. If apprehended ascertain if will waive extradition, if not he will be extradited. Warrant has been issued, violation check law. Notify Marshal Snider, Court of Common Pleas, Wichita, Kansas or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee.

Don't Take Chances

On Checks—Get

Positive Identification

\$100

"Highway Zoo" Traffic Safety Contest

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CASH PRIZES

1st Prize....\$50

2nd Prize...\$35

3rd Prize....\$15

Folks who violate the rules of safe and courteous driving bear a marked resemblance to familiar animals in the zoo, according to safety experts. In support of this theory, the Florida Sheriffs Association is presenting a series of "Highway Zoo" safety contests designed to provide fun for all ages and at the same time make the public aware of its bad driving habits.

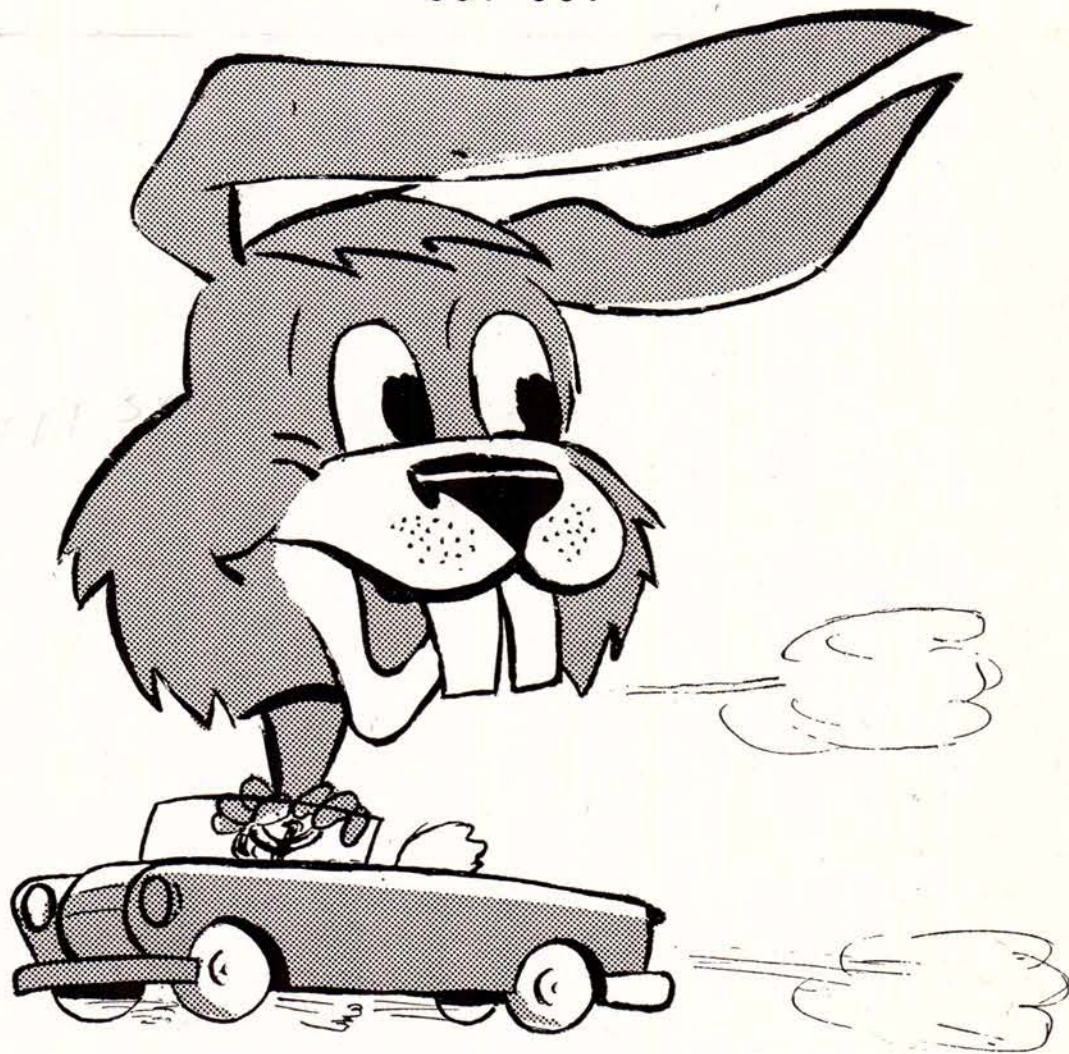
TO ENTER:

Simply add a last line to the jingle under the "Highway Zoo" cartoon and make it rhyme with the third line (Example: "But, Believe Me Pal, His Antics Ain't Funny.") Then fill in your name and address on the line provided under the jingle and mail to Contest Editor, Box 344, Tallahassee, Fla. Be sure to read the contest rules thoroughly before you begin.

CONTEST RULES

1. This contest is open to anyone living in Florida, REGARDLESS OF AGE, except Florida Sheriffs and their immediate families, and employees of the Florida Sheriffs Bureau.
2. Each contestant can submit a maximum of five entries.
3. However, each contestant will be eligible for only one of the cash prizes.
4. All entries must be submitted on the official entry form printed on this page, or a reasonable facsimile thereof. They will be judged on the basis of neatness, aptness and originality.
5. Mail entries to Contest Editor, Box 344, Tallahassee, Fla. They must be postmarked not later than Midnight, August 31, 1957; and received by the contest judges no later than September 3, 1957.
6. Decisions of the judges will be final.
7. All entries will become the property of the Florida Sheriffs Association and none will be returned.
8. All winners will be notified by mail.

CUT OUT



THE JACKRABBIT

In the "Highway Zoo" There's a Scatback Jerk
Who Zigs and Zags in a Manner Berserk.
He Weaves Through Traffic Like a Frightened Bunny

Submitted by

Name _____

Age _____

Address _____

Security Patrol Unit Proposed

FT. LAUDERDALE — Broward County Sheriff J. A. (Quill) Lloyd announced plans to convert the county road patrol into a new "security patrol."

Officers assigned to the proposed new unit would use station wagons equipped with oxygen tanks, litters, first aid supplies, fire extinguishers and other emergency items. They would be trained in first aid, rescue work and fighting fires as well as in law enforcement work.

An item for the purchase of five station wagons was included in the sheriff's proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1.

Florida Bar Receives Award Citation

NEW YORK — The Florida Bar Association received honorable mention for the Award of Merit which the American Bar Association annually presents to the outstanding bar association in the nation.

This was the fourth time in five years that the FBA had been designated as a runner-up for the award.

Young Policeman To Become Monk

DETROIT—A young policeman, perplexed over man's troubles and tragedies, is putting aside his gun and badge to become a monk.

A year and a half as a patrolman convinced John W. Weglarz, 24, that a great number of people need religion. "Until I became a policeman," he said, "I did not realize what was going on in the world around me."

Sugar Seized in Moonshine Drive

BALDWIN—A U. S. Government drive to put moonshiners out of business by cutting off essential raw materials went into action here with the seizure of a tractor-trailer truck loaded with 30,000 pounds of sugar.

Federal agents who confiscated the cargo also charged Wildon Manual Cook, Macclenny used car dealer; and Harvey Robert Smith, Winter Haven truck driver, with possession of sugar for use in manufacturing moonshine whisky.

The officers said Cook attempted to show that the sugar had been sold by a Tampa broker to a Jacksonville soft drink bottling company, but this was disproved.

The confiscated sugar would have produced 3,000 gallons of moonshine, representing a federal tax loss of \$31,500, according to one of the officers.

Cheney Elected to Parole Group Post

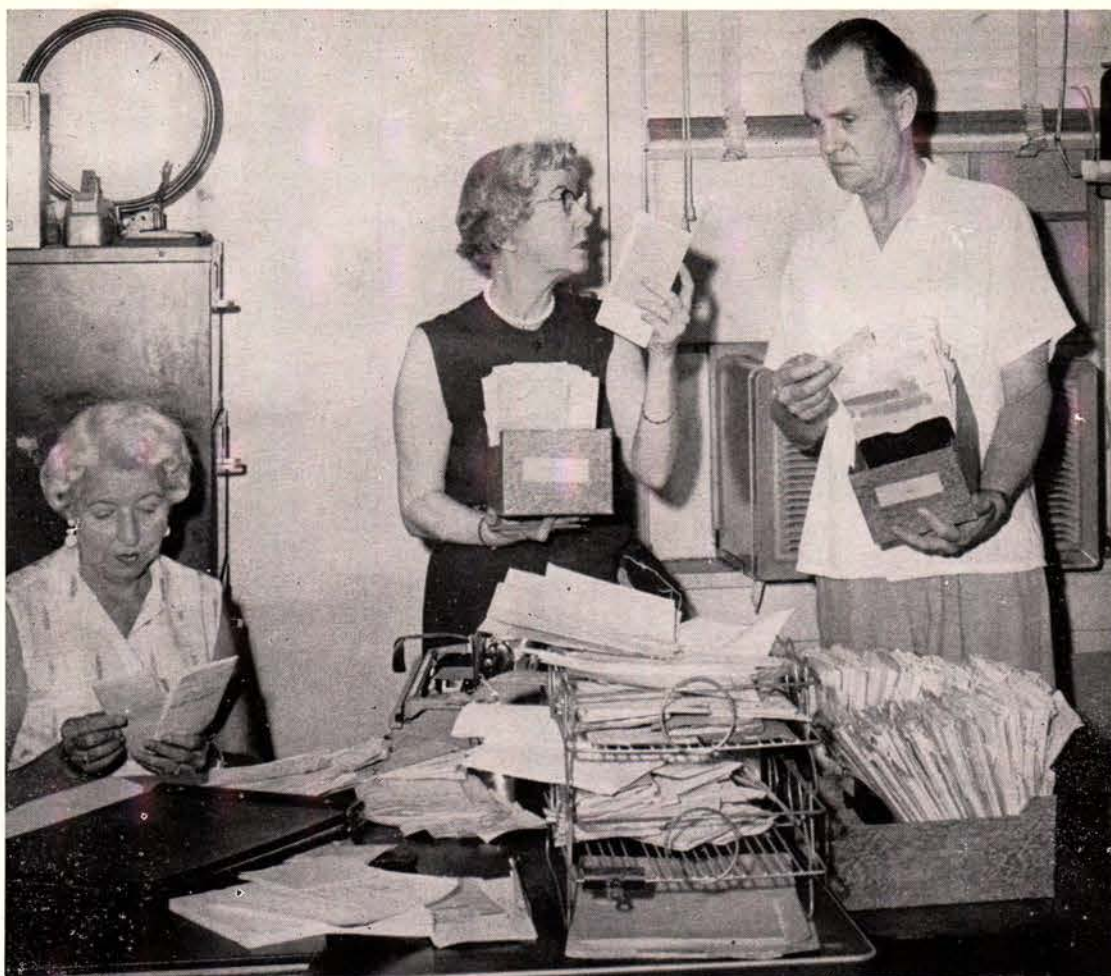
DENVER—Joseph Y. Cheney, chairman of the Florida Parole Commission, was elected to the board of trustees of the National Probation and Parole Association.

A member of the association since 1935, he was chairman of the group's professional council in 1948 and 1949. The board of trustees is the policy-setting group of the national organization.

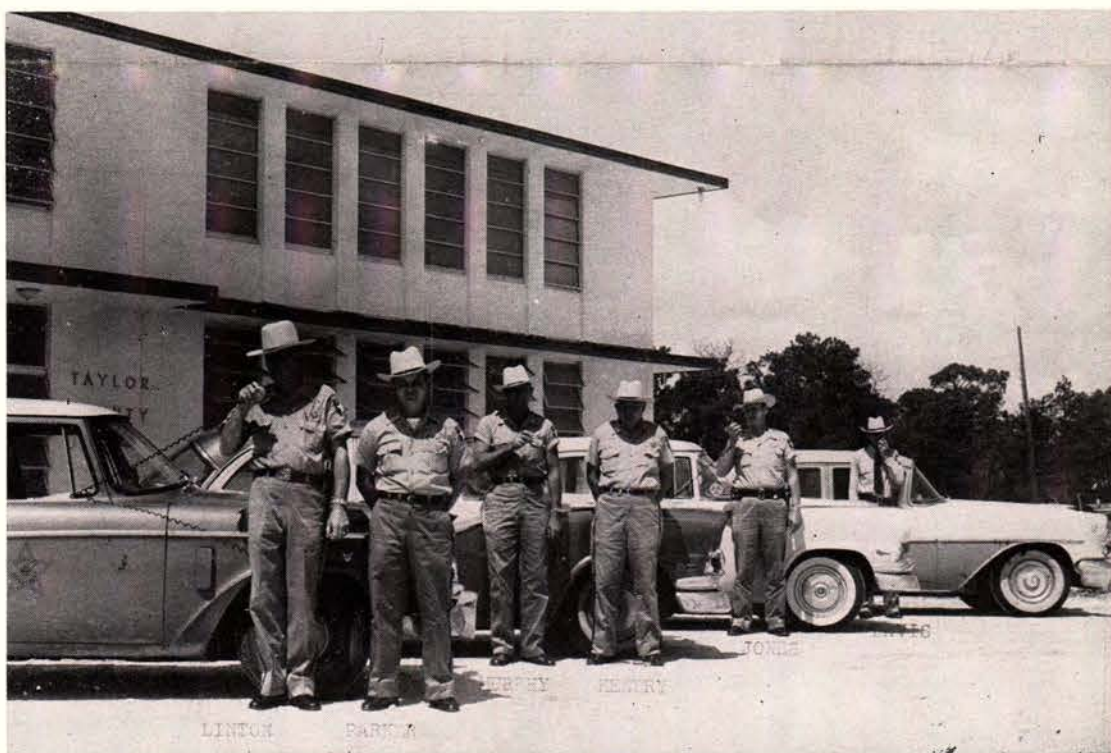
Heart Attack Fatal To Veteran Deputy

JACKSONVILLE — Deputy Sheriff Joe Frigo Sr., 50, died July 9 following a heart attack.

A veteran of more than 19 years in the Duval County Sheriff's Office, he started as a county road patrolman and after eight years was assigned to duty as a deputy in the criminal department.



DELAND—PAPER JUNGLE—A newspaper reporter was so impressed with the volume of paper work handled by Volusia County Sheriff Rodney Thursby's office staff that he took this "action" picture of (from left) Mrs. Maurice Barco, secretary; Mrs. Ed. Stone, bookkeeper; and H. M. DeMott, administrative assistant, deep in the "paper jungle." He also wrote an accompanying article describing the sheriff's broad responsibilities in keeping voluminous records and handling many types of legal papers such as bonds, warrants, subpoenas, replevins, liens and processes. To the public this effectively revealed a little known facet of the sheriff's duties, and it is a story that could be repeated in every county in the state. Each Florida sheriff carries a proportionate load of clerical work, depending upon the size of his county, and his clerical workers are an important part of the law enforcement team.



New Radio System

PERRY—Installation of a new short-wave radio system is the latest step in the modernization of the Taylor County Sheriff's Department.

In the picture above, Sheriff M. S. Linton (extreme left) gives the new equipment a test run. Shown with him in their new uniforms are (from left) Deputies Elbert Parker, Grady Murphy, Roland Hendry, Roland Jones and Olin Davis.

The new 50-prisoner county jail which Sheriff Linton recently placed in operation is shown in the background.

In the other photo, Deputy Parker operates the transmitter at the base station of the radio system.

Thursby Hires Deputy

DELAND — Volusia County Sheriff Rodney B. Thursby announced the appointment of Glyn Seward as a deputy sheriff. Seward formerly had 20 years of law enforcement experience in Kentucky, including seven years with the Kentucky Highway Patrol.



Veteran Officer Ends Long Stint

MIAMI—Frank A. Edwards, chief probation officer for the U. S. District Court here, retired July 31 to end a 50-year career in law enforcement.

He began his career in 1907 as a deputy sheriff in Lake City, where his father, the late W. J. Edwards, was a Justice of the Peace.

In 1913 he went to Jacksonville as chief office deputy under Sheriff W. H. Dowling, and spent his honeymoon "babysitting" with a murder case trial jury which took two weeks hearing the evidence.

He served as chief deputy under Sheriffs Dowling, Robert Merritt and W. B. Cahoon, and in 1934 came to Miami to serve as chief deputy U. S. Marshal.

He was appointed a probation officer in 1937 and became chief probation officer in 1941.

Two Bits of Chrome Hit-Runner's Undoing

FT. PIERCE—Two pieces of chrome found at the scene of an accident were the only evidence the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office had in its search for a hit-run driver.

However, they proved to be sufficient to enable Deputy Sheriff Al Test to find the car from which they were missing and place the owner under arrest.

Soap-in-a-Sock Jail Escape Plot Foiled

WEST PALM BEACH—Two young men made an unsuccessful attempt to break out of the county jail here by fashioning a "blackjack" from soap and a sock.

A search of their cell also revealed pieces of a broom-handle which they had apparently intended to use as clubs. They plotted escapes twice within a week and were foiled each time.

"Rock" Was Hero Of Big Manhunt

LAKE CITY—Union County Sheriff John Whitehead's three-year-old bloodhound "Rock" was credited with the eighth capture of his young life when he put a 30-man posse on the trail of Jonathan Gregori, escaped mental patient.

Gregori escaped from federal officers who were transporting him from Jacksonville to Tallahassee and eluded pursuers for some 16 hours before he was recaptured.

The searching posse included sheriffs and deputies from Columbia, Suwannee and Union Counties, U. S. Marshals, FBI agents, members of the U. S. Forestry Service and the Florida Highway Patrol.

Air Patrol Aids Traffic Control

PENSACOLA — Sheriff Emmett Shelby has been using an airplane to expedite traffic control in Escambia County.

On weekends and holidays congested areas are spotted from the air and reported by radio to the sheriff's department staff on the ground.

Sheriff Shelby said he feels the periodic air patrols will help his department to save lives and improve the flow of traffic.

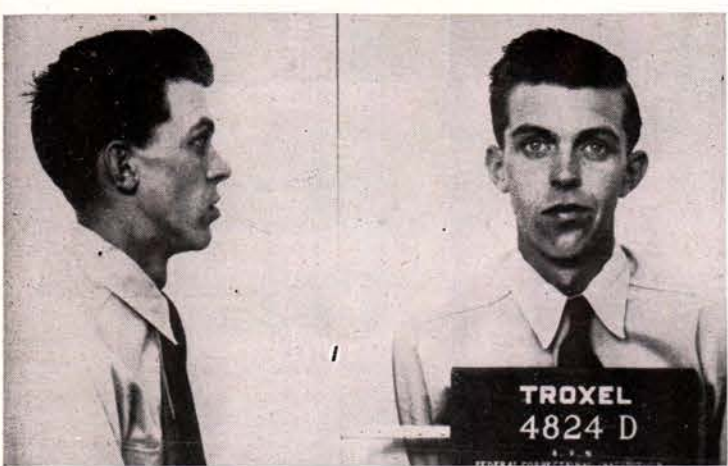
Daffin Spearheads Pioneers' Picnic

PANAMA CITY—Bay County Sheriff M. J. (Doc) Daffin, who is president of the Bay County Pioneers, spearheaded plans when the old timers held their 17th annual picnic here.

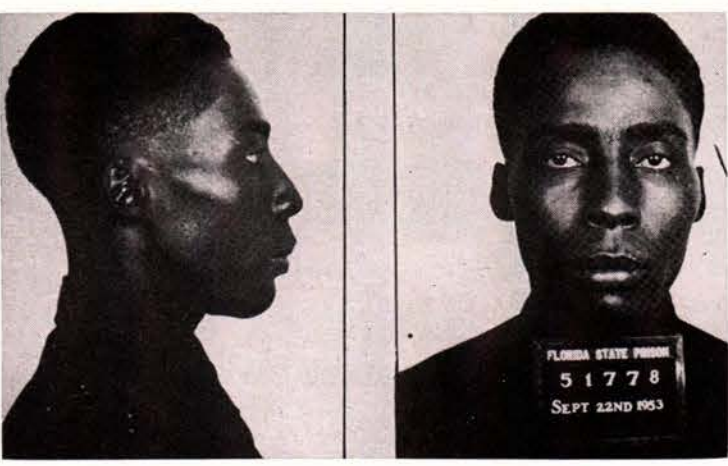
Hardly ancient enough to be a senior citizen himself, Sheriff Daffin explained that membership in the Pioneers is open to "just anybody who has been around long enough to love Bay County."

WANTED PERSONS

As Compiled by the
Florida Sheriffs Bureau



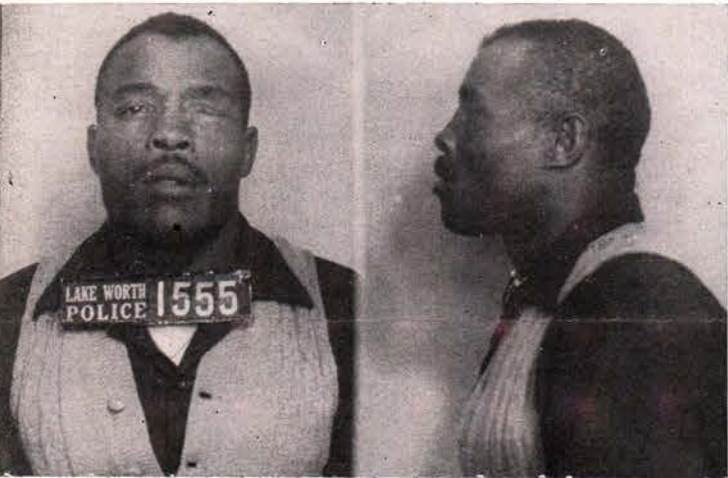
RICHARD ALVIN TROXEL and ANDREW BUCHAN McKILLOP
Troxell, white male, no other description (See photograph) FBI #796 956 A. U. S. Army Serial #RA 17279868, fingerprint classification: 17 over 17, W over T, O11 over-11, 15. McKillop described as white male, 21, 6 feet ½ inch tall, weighs 200 pounds. Place of birth Toronto Ont. Naturalized citizen. FBI #607 312C. U. S. Army Serial # RA 16533538, Social Security #262-58-3212. Fingerprint classifications: 16, M over M, 1 over 1, U over U, 000 over 000, 13, Ref 1 over 2. Warrants issued, charge breaking and entering. Notify Police Dept., Fort Lauderdale or Florida Sheriffs Bureau Tallahassee, Florida.



JIMMY LEE KING
Colored male, age 43, 5 feet 5½ inches in height, weighs 128 pounds, short small build, black hair, dark brown eyes, black complexion. Teeth fair, ½ gold crown upper front, four lower missing. Cut scar inside edge upper left arm, dim scar upper left arm, dim cut scar inside left forearm, cut scar inside left forearm near wrist base; large cut scar upper right elbow joint. Very small ears. Wanted for escape. Notify Sheriff Edwards, Quincy, Florida or Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



MICHAEL DEVENY
With aliases: FRANK BOVEY, JOHNNY BOVEY, JOHN BRIGGS, THOMAS CARSON, JOHN DALTON, MIKE DEVENY, H. GOLDBERG, JOHN R. LUCAS, FRANK MORGAN, "KENTUCKY", "THE MAD TURK" and others. White male, age 32, 5 feet 10 inches, weighs 180 to 195 pounds, medium build, black wavy hair, brown eyes, medium to dark complexion. Nationality: American. Occupation truck driver, welder. Small brown mole on right cheek; line scar crotch of both thumbs; tattoo of a dagger piercing a heart on right arm near shoulder; tattoo of cross on outer portion of right forearm. Has been known to wear a mustache. Has been recently reported as wearing hair combed in "duck tail" style. FBI #1,317,817. Fingerprint classification: 18,0 over 1,32 over 24, W over W, MOO over O11. Has been convicted of burglary, forgery, robbery, escape and other charges. Currently wanted for Bank Robbery and Interstate transportation of stolen motor vehicle. Deveny has reportedly stated he does not intend to be taken alive and will shoot it out if officers attempt to arrest him. He should be considered extremely dangerous. If any one in possession of any information concerning the whereabouts of this individual notify nearest FBI office or The Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



JAMES JOHNSON
Colored male, age 38, 6 feet, one inch, 200 pounds, very muscular heavy build, black hair, brown eyes, has mustache. Left eye missing. Large scar on left arm from shoulder to wrist on outer arm. Escaped from Lake Worth city jail July 14, 1957. Notify Police Dept., Lake Worth or Florida Sheriffs Bureau Tallahassee, Florida.



RANDALL CURTIS BASS
White male, age 37, 6 feet 1 inch tall, weighs 185 pounds, brown hair and eyes, ruddy complexion. FBI #526 677B, Fingerprint classifications, 18, 1 over 1, T over Tt, 10 over O, 10. Caplas issued, charge aggravated assault. Notify Sheriff Blackburn Tampa, Fla., or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.

MISSING PERSONS

From The Files of The Florida Sheriffs Bureau



JOHN A. (JACK) BREWER
White male, age 31, 5 feet 10 inches, weighs 160 pounds, black curly hair. Wears rimless glasses. Last seen July 22, 1957, wearing light shirt, slacks, black shoes, driving green 1952 Chevrolet two door, dent in right door, Florida License 19-15094. Any one with knowledge of subjects whereabouts notify Police Dept. Melbourne, Fla., and/or Sheriff Dunn, Titusville, Fla., and Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Fla.



JOHN DUNHAM MacEACHRON
White male, age 30, 6 feet, very thin build, sandy hair, blue eyes, medium complexion. Very large lined hands. Wears horn-rimmed glasses. Has worked as taxi driver, chauffeur, Boy Scout Counselor and in theatrical work. Has taught speech in public schools. Missing since January 8, 1957. May be using an alias, as he has stated he was going to try to start life over again some where else. Any knowledge concerning whereabouts of this missing person notify Police Dept., Lake Worth, Fla., or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



NINA BROCK
White female, age 16, 5 feet 7 inches, weighs 97 pounds, slender build, black curly hair, worn shoulder length, blue eyes, fair complexion, two buck front teeth. Wears horn rimmed glasses occasionally for reading. Fast talker, nervous type. Has worked as waitress. Left Panama City nite of July 23. Believed to be with subject ANTHONY JOSEPH WERDEN, described in this issue. Any knowledge of her whereabouts notify Sheriff Daffin, Panama City, Fla., or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Fla.



ANTHONY JOSEPH WERDEN
White male, age 21, 5 feet 10 inches, weighs 165 pounds, medium build, hair light brown or blond, blue eyes, fair complexion. Brown mole on cheek under left eye; tattoo of parachute and boot on right arm. Occupation: Cook. Social Security #370-32-1373. While in Air Force was stationed in Columbus, Ga. Last known to be driving 1950 or 1951 light blue Pontiac four door sedan, Michigan License, numerals unknown. Left Panama City nite of July 23 with runaway juvenile NINA BROCK, this issue. Warrant has been issued for Werden, charge Withholding Support. Notify Sheriff Daffin Panama City or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



JOHN JESSOP
White male, 5 feet, 10 inches, weight 150 pounds. First class shoe salesman. Probably working in either men or women's shoe store. Has previously worked at several Thomas McAn shoe stores. Warrant issued, charge desertion and non-support. Notify Sheriff Parrish, Bartow, Fla., or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.

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Teen-Agers In Trouble

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

PENSACOLA—Two youths, 17 and 19, narrowly missed being electrocuted when they climbed a 700-foot television transmitter tower on a dare.

The Sheriff's office, which took them into custody then released them without charges, said the youths passed within inches of wires carrying 75,000 volts.

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GREEN COVE SPRINGS—Knife wounds inflicted on a 17-year-old boy by a 16-year-old boy required 150 stitches.

The sheriff's office said a fight developed between the pair after the ignition wires were cut on the wounded boy's car.

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OVIDO—An 18-year-old Pennsylvania youth had an excuse ready after the station wagon he was driving crashed into the rear of a farm tractor equipped with a fogging rig.

He told Deputy Sheriff H. L. Baker he had never seen a fogging rig before and thought he had run into the smoke from a brush fire.

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SARASOTA—A young "Don Quixote" had his \$25 bond estreated in J. P. Court here.

Deputy Sheriff Richard C. Curry charged him with knocking down nine signs with his jeep—including a speed limit sign and an Englewood town limit marker.

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LAKE WORTH—Two boys 15 and 16 led officers on a 100-miles-per-hour chase and crashed into a store building causing almost \$5,000 damage before they were captured.

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DELAND—An outbreak of vandalism resulted in the arrest of:

Four teenage girls and five young men charged with running over the new Deland Golf Course in stolen electric carts and causing over \$1,000 damage.

Two youths charged with tossing eggs at stores and cars during a ride down the main street.

Four teen-age sailors from Sanford Naval Air Station accused of destroying \$5,000 worth of plate glass windows with a high-powered BB gun in Volusia and Seminole Counties.

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ST. PETERSBURG—A jingling noise in the rear door of a police cruiser turned out to be some jewelry a 13-year-old boy secreted there after he was picked up for questioning on a burglary case.

Officers said he slipped the loot through a hole in the door which had been caused by the removal of the door handle.

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INDIANTOWN—Boys 14 and 15 admitted taking six sacks of oats, seven mattresses and seven blankets from a warehouse here, according to Sheriff Roy C. Baker.

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ORLANDO—Youths 17 and 19 admitted to Sheriff S. D. (Dave) Starr that they held up a Kissimmee service station operator and took \$78, using a broken soft drink bottle as their stick-up weapon.

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SANFORD—An 11-year-old boy was held by the Seminole County Sheriff's Office after he showed Deputy Sheriff Morgan McClelland where he had buried money stolen from his aunt, the treasurer of a church. Over \$150 in church funds were reported stolen.

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TALLAHASSEE—A 17-year-old AWOL soldier who was unsuccessful in an attempt to rob a Wakulla County service station with a toy pistol, was sentenced to 13 months after he was captured in Mayo.

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QUINCY—An 18-year-old Greensboro youth was charg-

Before Georgia Sheriffs

Starr Levels Criticism at Young "Hot Rodders"



VALDOSTA, GA.—LENSMAN AND TARGET—National Sheriffs Association President S. D. (Dave) Starr, an ardent amateur movie cameraman, was "caught in the act" by a newspaper photographer at the Georgia Sheriffs Association convention. Pictured above also is Starr's target, Sheriff Jewell L. Futch, president of the Georgia Sheriffs Assn.



MODERN "JONAH"—Twelve-year-old Corker Blocker, one of Nassau County Sheriff H. J. Youngblood's Junior Deputies, plays the role of a modern "Jonah" gulped down by the air intake of a jet plane during a visit to Moody Air Force Base, Ga. He is "rescued" by Nassau County Deputy Sheriff Jack A. Freeman who supervised a group of 16 J.D.'s on the air base trip as part of a summer recreation program sponsored by the Sheriff's Office. (Official U.S.A.F. Photo)

ed with possession of moonshine after police found seven five-gallon jugs of it in the car he was driving.

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ST. PETERSBURG—Boys 13 and 15 who wrecked the home of Walter Cramer, father of U. S. Rep. William C. Cramer, were told they could stay out of reform school if they would go to work and pay for the damage on a weekly basis. Damage in the vandalism case was estimated at over \$1,000.

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HOLLYWOOD—Three youths accused of stealing \$218 from an Attalla, Ala., appliance store were apprehended here by police and turned over to the Sheriff's Department for return to Alabama.

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BOYNTON BEACH—Police were searching for a teen-ager who created a fake bomb scare in a theater by telephoning a warning to the ticket booth.

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MIAMI—A 12-year-old boy was drowned when his buddy of the same age lost control of a car and drove it into a canal.

The driver, uninjured was said to have taken the car without his parents' permission.

VALDOSTA, Ga. — Orange County Sheriff S. D. (Dave) Starr, President of the National Sheriffs Assn., leveled sharp criticism at today's reckless young "hot rodders" when he addressed the annual convention of the Georgia Sheriffs Assn. here July 11.

"There is too much of this running up and down the highways in souped-up automobiles without respect for the laws of God or man," he declared.

And, much of it is due to excessive pampering of youth, he added. "I don't see why we have to give young people everything they ask for and demand in an effort to get them to behave."

A native of Savannah, Ga. and a veteran law enforcement officer, Sheriff Starr described for the Georgia Sheriffs his new mobile crime unit—a unique vehicle equipped for on-the-scene crime detection and rescue work.

He also listed for them the following "Seven Deadly Sins": politics without principle, wealth without work; pleasure without conscience, knowledge without character, business without morality, science without humanity and citizenship without sacrifice.

"God provides our needs but not our wants," he said, "because we want too much."

The Georgia Sheriffs re-elected Lowndes County Sheriff Jewell L. Futch as their president; Muscogee County Sheriff E. H. Howell, first vice president; and Decatur County Sheriff Bob Broome, secretary-treasurer.

Chattooga County Sheriff Fred Stewart was named second vice president to fill a vacancy.

President Futch, who was the convention host, made a strong appeal to his fellow Sheriffs to uphold their responsibilities as the "first line of defense in local self-government."

There has been a movement, he said, to relegate sheriffs to the trash heap and replace them with appointees subject to the whims of public officials.

"When such an effort comes to light," he said, "it is not only time for the sheriffs to rise up in defense of their time-honored office, but for the people to step in against this treat to their very freedoms."

W. R. England Hurt In Auto Accident

BARTOW—W. R. England of Avon Park, Florida Sheriff's Association consultant and former Assistant State Auditor narrowly escaped critical injury here July 18 when the auto he was driving collided with a freight train.

He sustained a sprained back and minor cuts, but was able to return to work Aug. 12.

Kelly Recovering From Heart Attack

MIAMI—Dade County Sheriff Thomas J. Kelly was reported "steadily improving" from a heart attack which he suffered at his home here July 20.

He was released from Jackson Memorial Hospital Aug. 9, and at press time was taking a vacation at his summer home in Georgia.

Too Many Quarters Lands Man In Jail

NAPLES — Moten Sanders spent his way right into the Collier County Jail—a quarter here and a quarter there.

Sheriff's Deputies became suspicious when the Naples Negro paid for various purchases with quarters, so they charged him with stealing \$25 in quarters from the coin box of an electric refrigerator in Barefoot Bill's cafe.

ROLL CALL

News Items From Sheriffs' Departments All Over The State

JACKSONVILLE—A clergyman turned detective to assist the Duval County Sheriff's Office.

The Rev. Gladstone Rogers, Episcopal Rector, reported two teen-age boys were parking a car behind his church in the daytime and using it at night. The motor number revealed it was stolen.

Later he tipped off the Sheriff's Office when one of the boys approached the car, and Road Patrolman D. R. Horne, who was waiting nearby, promptly took the 15-year-old into custody.

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PALATKA—Putnam County Sheriff E. W. Pellicer has been named Area Zone Chairman for the Lion's Club. He is also a past president of the Palatka Lions Club.

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EVERGLADES—Gov. LeRoy Collins wondered what he should wear when he went into the Everglades to "pow-wow" with the Seminole Indians on tribal matters.

Turning to Collier County Sheriff E. A. (Doug) Hendry for advice, he was told that the short-sleeved shirt and khaki trousers he was wearing would be very appropriate, so he went as he was.

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BLOUNTSTOWN—Sheriff W. C. Reeder proudly reported to the Rotary Club here that 14 out of 16 burglary cases were solved during the first six months of his tenure as Calhoun County's chief law enforcement officer.

He said he had high hopes of bettering the score by solving the remaining two cases.

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LAKE CITY—The Columbia County grand jury, in a recent statement, praised Sheriff Ralph P. Witt and his deputies and State Attorney William Randall Slaughter for "their untiring efforts" during the investigation of the highway death of Mary Rogers.

"It is obvious," the statement said, "that a complete and thorough investigation... was made and that this Grand Jury has heard all known witnesses and evidence." The jury ruled that the death was accidental.

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FT. PIERCE—Deputy Sheriff Pat Duval was suspicious of a door-to-door "salesman" so he followed him.

When the man realized he was being followed he abandoned his car and ran, leaving behind a trail of lottery tickets that confirmed the deputy's suspicions. Later he gave himself up and was held under a lottery charge.

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GREEN COVE SPRINGS—Deputy Sheriff H. B. Smart was sent to the Clay County Circuit Court with orders to "shoot to kill" an intruder that interrupted proceedings in the courtroom.

With one shot he brought down an excited pigeon and the dignity of the flustered court was restored.

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BARTOW—Hagan Parrish is going to be one of the most "available" sheriffs in Florida.

He recently announced plans to have printed placards bearing the night-or-day phone numbers of the sheriff's office posted in telephone booths, service stations, restaurants and other public places all over Polk County. He said a complete file of complaints will also be maintained under a new indexing system which he has established.

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PENSACOLA—Prisoners in the Escambia County Jail were a happier lot when Sheriff Emmett Shelby increased their meals from two to three a day.

He said although the prisoners were inactive in their cells they still felt hungry three times a day and had difficulty adjusting to the jail routine of two meals a day.

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PANAMA CITY—Bay County Sheriff M. J. (Doc) Daffin is pleased to have Tyndall Air Force Base as his neighbor.

Three times recently helicopters from the base aided him in finding missing and distressed persons—including two young boys who were lost in a swamp.

ORLANDO—Fast work by the identification staff of the Orange County Sheriff's Department revealed that a prisoner held here on an auto theft charge was also wanted in Ohio as a murder suspect.

Sheriff S. D. (Dave) Starr credited Randy Ferrell with making a quick identification through fingerprints. The prisoner was attempting to make bond on the auto theft charge when the murder accusation was discovered and he was held without bond.

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BRONSON—That old saying about the wheels of justice grinding slowly doesn't apply in Levy County.

Take the case of the two men who robbed a service station. According to Sheriff J. W. Turner they were apprehended about two hours after the crime, and two days later they were on their way to the State Prison at Raiford to serve sentences they received on guilty pleas.

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KEY WEST—Sheriff and Mrs. John M. Spottswood attended the dedication of the multi-million-dollar Truman Memorial Library and Museum in Independence, Mo.

The memorial was established in honor of Former President Harry Truman, a frequent Key West visitor and an Honorary Member of the Florida Sheriffs Association. Sheriff Spottswood was active in a Monroe County campaign which raised more than \$7,000 for the library building.

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ST. AUGUSTINE—It was almost like old times for Sheriff L. O. Davis when he was called upon to serve as master of ceremonies and to coach the Jacksonville Bravettes, girls' state champion softball team during benefit appearance here.

In addition to being a veteran law enforcement officer, he formerly served as athletic coach at St. Joseph's Academy in St. Augustine.

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TITUSVILLE—Sheriff James V. Dunn, a veteran of many rescue missions, is getting prepared for any drowning emergencies that may arise.

He has acquired a motorboat and trailer that can be rushed to the scene of a mishap anywhere in Brevard County, and is planning to add other auxiliary equipment. The rescue boat has already been used on Lake Poinsett and the St. Johns and Indian Rivers.

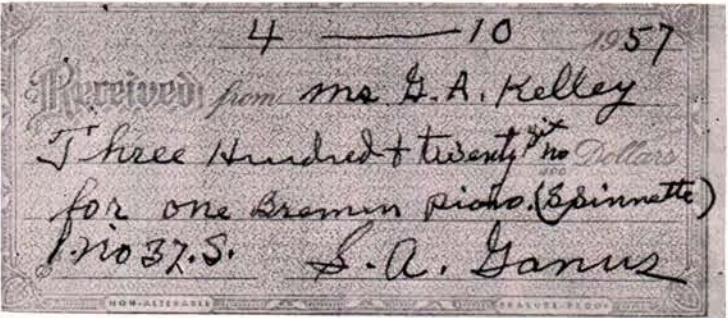
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MIAMI—Housewives formed an impromptu "posse" to help the Dade County Sheriff's Office capture two escaped prisoners.

As the two fugitives ran through a residential area a number of women kept the Sheriff's Office informed of their location thorough a series of phone calls.

Road Patrol Dispatcher Lonnie Malden, aided by the phone calls, swung five patrol cars into action and the escapees were captured after a sprint of 13 blocks.

Piano Salesman "Wanted"



The above receipt is the handiwork of S. A. Ganus, piano salesman wanted by Liberty County Sheriff L. C. Rankin and the Florida Sheriffs Bureau on embezzlement charges.

According to the Sheriffs Bureau, Ganus tells prospective customers he can obtain pianos for them at half price, takes orders, accepts payment, but fails to deliver the pianos.

He claims to be a salesman for Starck and Bremen Piano Co., Chicago, but this firm denies he is their representa-

tive. He is a white male, age 65 to 70, approximately 5 feet, 10 inches tall, weighing 180-200 pounds, close cut gray hair, gray eyes, walks with a limp, driving 1954 or 1956 light blue Ford with Florida License, 25-2616, occupation: music teacher.

Warrants charging embezzlement have been issued. Anyone having information regarding this man please notify Sheriff Rankin, Bristol, Fla., or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Fla.

Sheriff Cleans Burglary Slate



Sheriff Roy C. Baker



William Paul Matthews

STUART — The Martin County Sheriff's Office cleared up all of its unsolved burglary cases to date with the arrest of former convict William Paul Matthews and his companion, Mrs. Doris Foster of Jensen, 34-year-old mother of two children.

Sheriff Roy C. Baker said four checks and three money sacks found in possession of the pair when they were arrested on suspicion by Deputies Ray Heisley and L. N. Hunt resulted in four breaking and entering charges being filed against them.

They were charged with looting the Blue Goose Bar, Gulf Oil Bulk Plant and Ordway's Garage, all of Stuart; and Miller's Bar, Jensen Beach.

Matthews, described as a two-time loser on previous burglary convictions, was also charged with passing a worthless check, withholding support from his family and violating parole.

Sheriff Baker said Mrs. Foster provided valuable assistance by signing a statement in which she admitted aiding and abetting Matthews in the burglaries.

The Sheriff's Office was credited with excellent detective work in solving the cases.

Hall President Of Judges' Assn.

PALM BEACH — W. Troy Hall Jr. of Lake County was installed as president of the Florida County Judges Assn. and Frank B. Dowling of Dade County became the president-elect.

Election and installation of officers was one of the highlights of a three-day convention here last month.

Also elected were: Monroe W. Treiman of Hernando County, secretary; Kenneth Cooksey of Jefferson County, treasurer; William C. Brooker of Hillsborough, Thomas J. Rivers of Clay, James C. Gwynn of Leon, Raymond R. Lord of Monroe, Virgil B. Conkling of Brevard, G. E. Bryant Jr. of Okeechobee, Lewis O. Meyers Jr. of Marion and B. R. Burnsed of Baker, vice presidents.

Sheriffs Pledge Assistance in 'Cane Warnings

TALLAHASSEE—The Florida Sheriffs Association and the Florida Sheriffs Bureau have pledged their cooperation to the U. S. Weather Bureau in setting up a state-wide hurricane warning system.

Under tentative plans, the Hurricane Warning Center in Miami would send out a warning to sheriffs in threatened areas and each sheriff would be responsible for spreading the warning throughout his county. Details are being worked out in conferences between sheriffs and Weather Bureau officials.

Particular stress is being placed upon effective warnings for Florida's 35 coastal counties.

Gordon E. Dunn, meteorologist in charge of the Miami warning center, said the recent Hurricane Audrey disaster in Louisiana revealed a need for closer cooperation between the Weather Bureau and sheriffs' offices in threatened counties.

He said since 90 per cent of all fatalities in hurricanes are due to drownings, the warning to each sheriff would contain a forecast of the maximum tide for his area.

The sheriff, being familiar with coastal areas threatened with inundation, would then be responsible for evacuation of these areas.

In many counties sheriffs have developed systems in which radio-equipped patrol cars will be used to maintain emergency communications in strategic areas during hurricanes, enemy attack and other disasters.

Moonshine Found By Weight Checkers

ORANGE CITY — A truck loaded with moonshine valued at \$13,000 was confiscated here during a routine truck weight check.

A federal agent said the non-tax-paid whisky represented a tax loss of over \$4,500.

Larceny Unlimited

Fire Station and Parakeet Among Loot in Crime File Theft Cases

Here are some off-beat larceny cases from the crime files of Florida's Sheriffs:

JACKSONVILLE — Someone tore down and carted off the partially constructed walls of a new fire station which was being built for the Oakwood Volunteer Fire Department. Between 800 and 1,000 cement blocks valued at about \$500 were reported stolen.

CLEARWATER — John C. Price and William J. Clark were charged with grand larceny by Deputy Sheriffs Ken Roberts and Gill Cheek after 13 drive-in theater speakers were found in their possession. The speakers were believed to have been taken from a St. Petersburg theater.

PERRY — Sheriff Maurice Linton chased and caught a tourist who stole a mattress pad from a local motel. He recovered the pad and released the culprit under \$100 bond.

LABELLE — Daring thieves with a mammoth "sweet tooth" stole a truck load of bulk sugar from a warehouse of the United States Sugar Corp. Officers theorized that the loot was intended for use in moonshine operations.

PALATKA — Wilton Howard was charged with petty larceny after he allegedly stole a parakeet from Mrs. Annie M. Rewis.

This May Be the Answer

Hubcap Code Proposed to Deter Auto Strippers

WEST PALM BEACH—Chief Deputy Sheriff John F. Kirk Jr. is urging adoption of a new identification system designed to hamper and discourage auto hubcap thieves.

Originated by Sgt. Paul N. Dixon, Miami Police Department Safety Education Supervisor, the system consists of stamping code numbers on the outside of each hubcap next to the valve stem opening.

This, according to Dixon, will eliminate the difficulty officers presently have in determining the ownership of stolen hubcaps, and should greatly improve the recovery and return rate.

It is believed that accessory thieves will also hesitate to take hubcaps that have the telltale markings on them.

Sgt. Dixon's system gives each auto owner a code that reveals the year and make of his auto, the county in which it is registered and the last four figures of its serial number. (see illustration)

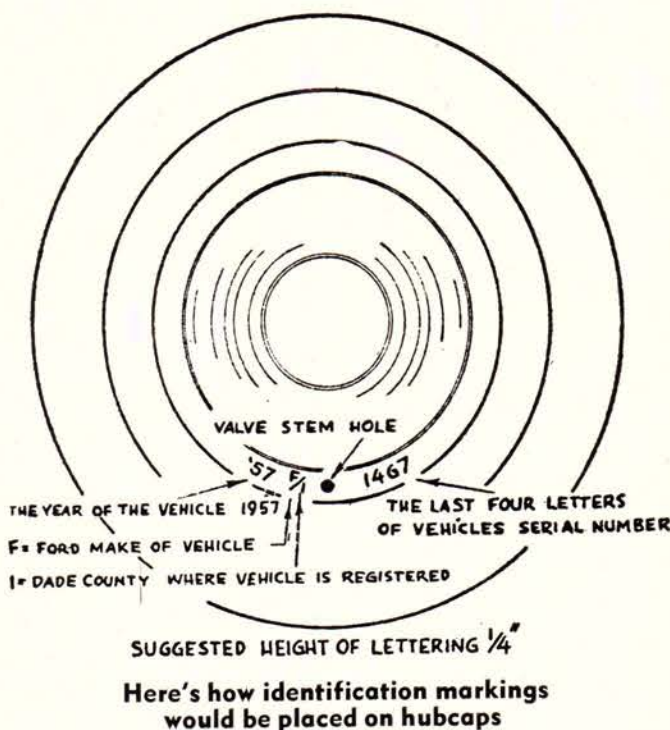
For instance, 55 P/6 1724 would appear on the hubcaps of a 1955 Pontiac registered in Palm Beach County with a serial number ending in 1724.

Adoption of the uniform marking plan is being considered by Dade, Palm Beach and Broward Counties. The marking would be done with an electric needle, and an attempt is being made to interest major oil companies in doing it as a public service.

The proposed system would give law enforcement officers a powerful weapon in a field where they are virtually helpless now.

Few, if any, hubcap thefts are solved at the present time since one hubcap looks very much like another. Normally, arrests are made only when the thief is caught in the act.

Most of the pilfering is believed done by juveniles for "kicks", but many stolen hubcaps are also sold to junk dealers.



Cooperative Enforcement

Recent Cases Show How Sheriffs Bureau Operates

The files of Florida's Sheriffs contain many examples of cooperative law enforcement. Here are three cases in which sheriffs teamed up with the Florida Sheriffs Bureau to solve serious crimes:

BONIFAY—This one might be called the case of the "termite" safe crackers.

It began late one night when two men crawled under the Bonifay Drug Store, cut a hole in the floor to enter the building, "peeled" the safe open with a tire tool and stole \$400 in cash and approximately \$500 worth of narcotics.

When Sheriff Cletus Andrews arrived on the scene the first important clue he found was the "termite" technique used by the burglars in entering the building.

This led him, and the Sher-

iffs Bureau agent he had called in for assistance, to single out Jack E. Barefoot of Bonifay as a likely suspect. They were aware that Barefoot had associated with known safe crackers who used the hole-in-the-floor method of operation, but their problem was to find him.

A "pick-up" message went out on the sheriffs' state-wide communications network, and Barefoot was apprehended in Chipley by Sheriff George Watts Jr. and Holmes County Deputy Buford Harris.

Arrested with him was James D. Harris of Bonifay who admitted being Barefoot's accomplice in the safe job. Both men pleaded guilty and each was sentenced to 10 years in state prison. The missing money and drugs were also recovered.



BONIFAY—SAFE CRACKERS' HANDIWORK—Pictured above is the handiwork of safe crackers who broke into the Bonifay Drug Store; and below are drugs recovered when the case was solved. (Photos by Florida Sheriffs Bureau.)



Swap and Run...

PENSACOLA—It could have been a thief with a conscience who left three wrist watches in place of \$80 taken from the home of Mrs. F. H. Carren.

Cattle Rustling Flare-up Halted

GAINESVILLE — Alachua County Sheriff J. M. Crevasse Jr. said the arrest of two 20-year-old Archer youths solved a series of central Florida cattle rustling cases.

He said Wallace Royce Blitch and William Earl Kirkland signed "full statements" admitting the theft of 59 head of cattle from four ranches, following an investigation by Deputy Sheriff Harry Layfield.

Using a pick-up truck, the pair allegedly took stock from the ranches of Ralph Hayes, Gainesville; Monroe Venable, Archer; and L. M. Moring, Bronson.

The cattle were sold in Gainesville over a six-week period, according to Sheriff Crevasse.

MARIANNA—A check forger who successfully plied his trade over several states was put out of business when the Jackson County Sheriff's Office arrested him at a local hotel.

After Erwin Nathan Goldsmith of New York was picked up for giving a Marianna merchant a forged check, an extensive investigation by Sheriff Roy Roberson and the Sheriffs Bureau revealed that he was also wanted in Rhode Island, Massachusetts and Illinois.

The same investigation resulted in forgery charges against Goldsmith in Tallahassee, Orlando and Gainesville.

Sentenced to three years in prison for the Marianna violation, he amazed investigators when he said he had been asked for identification only twice in his long check passing career. He said he used an Illinois driver's license application for identification in these instances.

OKEECHOBEE — Sheriff J. C. McPherson said the Sheriffs Bureau gave him valuable assistance in the arrest of James Cullen Rogers, Okeechobee farmer charged with operating a mobile Bolita lottery.

He said Deputy Sheriff John Collier and a Bureau agent watched from a place of concealment nearby while Rogers transacted his lottery business from his auto.

When Rogers was arrested the officers confiscated his auto, \$3,384 and Bolita paraphernalia. He was held under \$5,000 bond for the November session of circuit court.

New Service Offered By Sheriff McCall

TAVARES—Sheriff Willis V. McCall is offering a new service to Lake County residents called a property check report.

Citizens may request, on a form available at the sheriff's office, that their home be checked during any period they plan to be away on trips or vacations.

The form also provides space for the name of a local person who can be notified in the event that the sheriff's deputies find any conditions that should be reported.

When completed it will show how many times the property was checked, when it was checked, and who checked it.