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Site Offers for Proposed Boys' Ranch Studied by Florida Sheriffs

Offers of building sites from all sections of the state brought the Florida Sheriffs Association's dream of a boy's ranch nearer to realization this month.

The offers are being studied and a site selection is expected to be made shortly after Oct. 1. Any further offers should be made prior to Oct. 1 through the sheriff of the county in which the owner lives.

The Association is looking for approximately 160 acres on a river, lake or the coast. It is planning the ranch as a home for needy and worthy boys, similar to Father Flanagan's famous Boys' Town, in Nebraska.

The ranch project and a scholarship project (see details elsewhere on this page) are both part of a "Fight Delinquency Campaign" designed to help boys who are in trouble with the law, or are in danger of becoming lawbreakers. Both projects are supported by the

dues of honorary members of the Florida Sheriffs Association.

A trust fund has also been established to which organizations and individuals can make direct financial contributions. The first such donation was made by the Sears Roebuck & Co. store of Orlando through

Manager Walton McJordan and Assistant Manager Charles J. Cunningham.

They presented a check for \$100 to Orange County Sheriff Dave Starr after viewing a television program in which Starr, Sheriff Odell Carlton of Hardee County and FSA Field Secretary Carl Stauffer dis-

cussed the ranch project. (see picture page 6.)

One of the most promising site offers was received from Thomas Musgrove, former Suwannee County Commissioner, and the Live Oak Elks Club.

The 160-acre tract is on the Suwannee River approximately 10 miles northwest of Live Oak,

and it is being offered as a gift. Musgrove has agreed to donate 120 acres and the Elks are willing to give up an additional 40 acres which he gave to them about three years ago for a youth camp.

Partly wooded, the site includes riverfront as well as a flowing spring that could be developed into a swimming pool.

Sheriffs E. Odell Carlton of Hardee County, Ed Blackburn Jr. of Hillsborough, John P. Hall of Clay and Hugh Lewis of Suwannee, accompanied by Florida Sheriffs Bureau Director Don McLeod, inspected the site on Aug. 21.

They were well impressed with the physical aspects and also with the enthusiasm and interest shown by the people of Suwannee County.

It was learned that the Association can acquire additional adjoining property if necessary.

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. 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.

"Highway Zoo" Prizes Given; More Offered

Cash prizes totaling \$100 were presented to three winners in the August "Highway Zoo" traffic safety contest sponsored by the Florida Sheriffs Association.

And, identical prizes are being offered in the September contest, which will be found on Page 3.

The winner of the \$50 first prize was D. Ann Jones, 14, of 2613 Jetton, Tampa.

The second prize of \$35 went to Mrs. R. E. Martin, Jr., 33, of Inverness; and the third prize of \$15 was awarded to James M. Milligan, Jr., 28, Orange Court Hotel, Orlando, Fla.

Selected for honorable mention (sorry, no prizes) were: Mrs. E. H. Tucker, 51, of Naples; and Agnes Faikel, 50, of 2236 Gulf-to-Bay Blvd., Clearwater.

The judges were Florida Highway Patrol Lt. Roger Collier, traffic safety coordinator assigned to the Governor's office; and Al Thomasson, Deputy State Insurance Commissioner and former newspaperman.

The "Highway Zoo" contest series is based upon the theory of safety experts that courteous and careless drivers bear a marked resemblance to certain animals.

If you "dig" this idea, turn to page 3 and try your luck.

Sheriff Wins Mayor Race

ORANGE CITY — Volusia County Sheriff Rodney B. Thursby was elected mayor of Orange City by a 74-vote margin over Carroll S. Shaw, publisher of the Orange City Free Press, a weekly newspaper.

The tally in the Sept. 3 election was 297 ballots for Thursby and 223 for Shaw.

A native of Orange City, Thursby served four terms on the city council before resigning as chairman last fall after his election as sheriff.

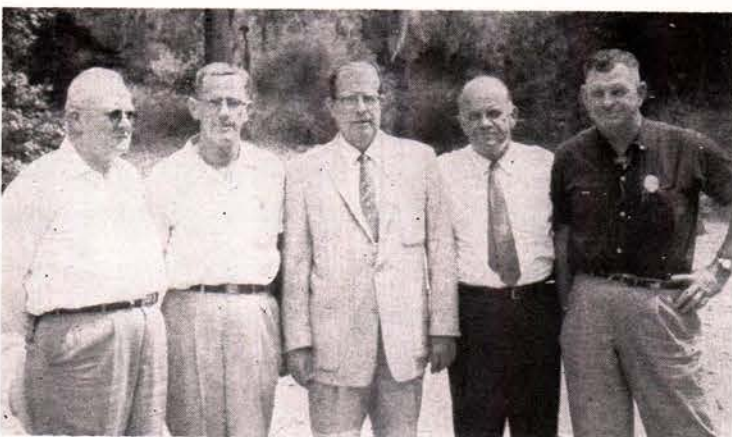


Site Inspected

LIVE OAK — In the photo above, Sheriffs and Suwannee County citizens are shown inspecting a prospective site for the Florida Sheriffs Association's Boys' Ranch on the banks of the Suwannee River.

The sheriffs who made the inspection for the Association are shown in the photo to the right. They are (from left): John P. Hall of Clay County, Hugh Lewis of Suwannee County, Florida Sheriffs Bureau Director Don McLeod, Ed Blackburn, Jr., of Hillsborough County, and E. Odell Carlton of Hardee County.

Sheriff Carlton is chairman of the projects committee which developed initial plans for the ranch project as part of a "Fight Delinquency Campaign."



Dates Set for June Meeting

WEST PALM BEACH—Sheriff John F. Kirk announced that the 45th Annual Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association will be held here June 25, 26 and 27.

Palm Beach County was selected earlier as the conference site, but announcement of the dates was delayed pending determination of the scheduling for the annual convention of the National Sheriffs Association.

The NSA will hold its meeting June 16, 17 and 18, according to information received from President S. D. (Dave) Starr, Sheriff of Orange County (Fla.)

Scholarship Screening Work Begun

MARIANNA — Screening of candidates for Florida Sheriffs Association scholarships is nearing completion here at the Florida Industrial School for Boys.

FIS Superintendent Arthur Dozier said his staff selected a total of 51 outstanding boys from the student body of over 700, and the scholarship recipients will be chosen from this group.

At the end of the screening process, he will nominate a number of boys and submit their names to a Sheriffs As-

sociation committee for final approval.

The scholarships — part of the Florida Sheriffs Association's "Fight Delinquency Campaign"—will pay the expenses of boys released from the Marianna school and transferred to trade schools, a boy's ranch or similar establishments.

Dozier, who was recently given additional duties as state director of child training schools, said the scholarships will provide a valuable incentive and will enable boys to complete programs at a more advanced level than is usually possible in

the state school.

The number of scholarships available in 1957 will depend upon the financial needs of each recipient and the type of training selected for him. The project will be supported by dues of the Sheriffs Association's Honorary Members.

The scholarship committee appointed to make the final selection of recipients is composed of Florida Sheriffs Bureau Director Don McLeod, Leon County Sheriff W. P. Joyce, FSA Field Secretary Carl Stauffer and FSA Attorney John A. Madigan Jr.

Good Memory

TAMPA—The good memory of Hillsborough County Sheriff Ed Blackburn Jr. was bad news for Nestor Barbolla.

Blackburn saw Barbolla driving a car and remembered he had been arrested seven months earlier for driving without a license. He stopped him, found marijuana cigarettes in his car and jailed him on charges of possessing narcotics.

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Sheriffs Plan Area Meetings

CHIEFLAND—Central Florida Sheriffs are planning to hold occasional informal meetings to get to know each other better and promote cooperative law enforcement. The idea originated with a dinner meeting which Levy County Sheriff J. W. (Jimmy) Turner held at his home near here. His guests included Sheriffs J. M. (Joe) Crevasse, Jr., of Alachua County, Al Parker of Dixie County, F. L. McGehee of Marion County and John Whitehead of Union County. Sheriffs B. R. Quinn of Citrus County and Clyde Williams of Gilchrist County were also invited but were unable to attend. Sheriff Crevasse invited the group to hold its next meeting in his county.

Automobile Used As Burglary Tool

JACKSONVILLE — Sheriff's Deputies and police uncovered a new burglary technique with the arrest and conviction of Armond Joseph Jackson. He admitted using his auto to batter down the doors of clothing stores from which merchandise valued at \$11,000 was taken.

No Bargains in Law Enforcement

CRESTVIEW — Citizens get only what they pay for, Sheriff Ray Wilson told the Crestview Kiwanis Club. When a community is willing to pay for a higher grade of law enforcement, it gets better performance, he added. "It takes an enormous amount of money and men to operate any law enforcement agency," he continued, pointing to recent murder, robbery and narcotics cases which increased the enforcement load of his department. In regard to his future plans, Sheriff Wilson said he hopes to budget sufficient funds to send staff members to specialized law enforcement schools to increase their crime detection "know how." He said he also would like to add a lie detector to his equipment. He described the lie detector as "one of the greatest assets an officer can have."

Sheriff Adds Water Patrol

SANFORD — A boat provided by P. G. Kurch of the Sanford Boat Works will be used by Sheriff J. Luther Hobby to patrol the lakes and waterways of Seminole County. A 16-footer capable of carrying a 1,000-pound load, it is powered with two 35-horsepower outboard motors. Appropriate insignia will identify it as an official unit of the sheriff's department. Equipment includes siren, flashing red lights, running lights, spotlights, drag hooks, rope lines, life jackets and fire extinguishers. Sheriff Hobby said the boat will be used for rescue missions and to investigate law violations. "Many times we have needed this type of equipment around Seminole County," he added. A trailer will enable the sheriff's department to quickly transport the patrol boat to any section of the county in the event of an emergency. The Sheriff expressed his appreciation for Mr. Kurch's generosity, and added that the patrol boat will be an important factor in promoting water safety in this area.

Larceny Unlimited

Here are some more items from the Star's collection of off-beat larceny cases: ARCHER — Somebody stole F. B. DeBore's television antenna when he was away from home for a few hours. * * * MIAMI — Two burglars ransacked Bird Chevrolet Co. and literally got only peanuts for their efforts. When Sheriff's Deputies Earl Todd and Ray Davis arrested them their pockets were stuffed with bags of peanuts taken from a vending machine. * * * BARTOW — A thief with apparent ambitions to "clean house" stole a vacuum cleaner from St. Thomas Catholic Church, but left religious paraphernalia untouched.

Fake Deputy Talked To Wrong Woman

DELAND — Jack Frost, 21, made a costly mistake when he told a deputy sheriff's wife that he was a deputy sheriff. When she reported him, he was arrested and sentenced to pay a fine of \$125 or serve 120 days in jail for impersonating an officer and using an improper driver's license.



PENSACOLA—KEY TO NEW IDEA—Escambia County Sheriff Emmett Shelby (second from left) accepts ignition key to 1957 model Cessna 172 from Odie G. Bell, operator of Bell Flying Service here, while Escambia Road Patrol Director W. E. Ambrose (in uniform) and Gordon Barnhart of radio station WPFA look on. Bell donated the use of the plane for the sheriff's aerial traffic control program.

Airborne Traffic Control System Being Operated by Sheriff Shelby

PENSACOLA — "Operation Air Spot," an airborne traffic control project, has been launched by Escambia County Sheriff Emmett Shelby in an all-out effort to reduce accidents, deaths, injuries and unnecessary congestion on roads in this area. Arranged with the cooperation of Bell Flying Service and Radio Station WPFA, it is designed to give the motoring public up-to-the-minute reports on traffic conditions in critical areas and to enable the sheriff's department to handle traffic more effectively. A 1957 plane provided by the flying service will be used to observe traffic conditions all over the county. Piloted by a deputy sheriff on most flights, it will also "airlift" officers to trouble spots in a hurry and eliminate the necessity of fighting traffic to get there.

"Operation Air Spot" will function primarily on weekends and holidays.

Escambia Road Patrol Director W. E. Ambrose will map out the major "problem areas" to be checked on each flight, but a constant lookout will be maintained for other possible trouble spots.

Conditions observed from the air will be reported by radio immediately and relayed to patrol cars. Radio Station WPFA will also transmit the information to the public in periodic broadcasts.

Plans call for two programs of 15 minutes each on Friday, four on Saturday and four on Sunday. Holiday air time will be scheduled as needed.

Each program will include a short summary of local and national news and weather, special features and a traffic and safety report direct from the airplane.

In the event weather conditions keep the airplane grounded, special reports from Highway Patrol and sheriff's Department cars will be used to insure adequate coverage of the traffic situation.

The new project was given a trial run on the Fourth of July, and has since proved highly successful.

Long aware of the value of aircraft in law enforcement work, Sheriff Shelby hopes to eventually obtain a plane as part of his department's equipment. He said it could be used in search and rescue work, traffic control, transporting prisoners over long distances and for similar assignments.

He said savings realized because of economy of operation and speed would soon pay for the plane, especially in a department that is short on manpower.

Sheriff Solves 2 Theft Cases

MILTON—Two theft cases were reported solved by Santa Rosa County Sheriff Santa D. Broxson. In the armed robbery case he charged Julius P. Broxson, Gerald Broxson and Lewis Barrow, all of Pensacola, with holding up Golden's Service Station, in Navarre, and taking \$90 from Night Manager Boyd Foster. The Broxsons are brothers. They are also distant relatives, possibly seventh or eighth cousins, of the Sheriff. In the other case, the Sheriff charged Jamie Slawson, 19, of Dixonville, and a 17-year-old Santa Rosa County youth with breaking and entering Willis' Store at Berrydale. He said 43 knives were included in the stolen loot recovered as a result of this arrest. Still missing were 35 knives, a watch and a pair of shoes.

Newspaper Lauds Monroe Sheriff

KEY WEST — The Coral Tribune praised Monroe County Sheriff John M. Spottswood for the services rendered by his department. Pointing to the renovation of the sheriff's offices and provisions for around-the-clock operation of the sheriff's short-wave radio system, the newspaper commented that "This improvement in service is a sample of what Sheriff Spottswood has been doing since he took office."

The article continued: "Those who are prone to criticize the ever increasing cost of maintaining this department should also remind themselves of the type of service now being rendered in comparison to that given by the . . . previous administrations. "Throughout his administration, Sheriff Spottswood has been painfully meticulous in his selection of high type personnel, with the result that the sheriff's department of Monroe County is now recognized throughout the State of Florida as one of its most progressive."



Alertness: avoids accidents. Accidents are avoidable
WINNER 13TH AAA
POSTER CONTEST

PRIZE WINNER — This prize-winning poster is being used by the Safety Department of the Tampa Motor Club to remind motorists that school is open again and urge them to exercise all possible caution to protect the lives of Florida's youngsters.

\$100

"Highway Zoo" Traffic Safety Contest

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The Florida Sheriffs Association

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.

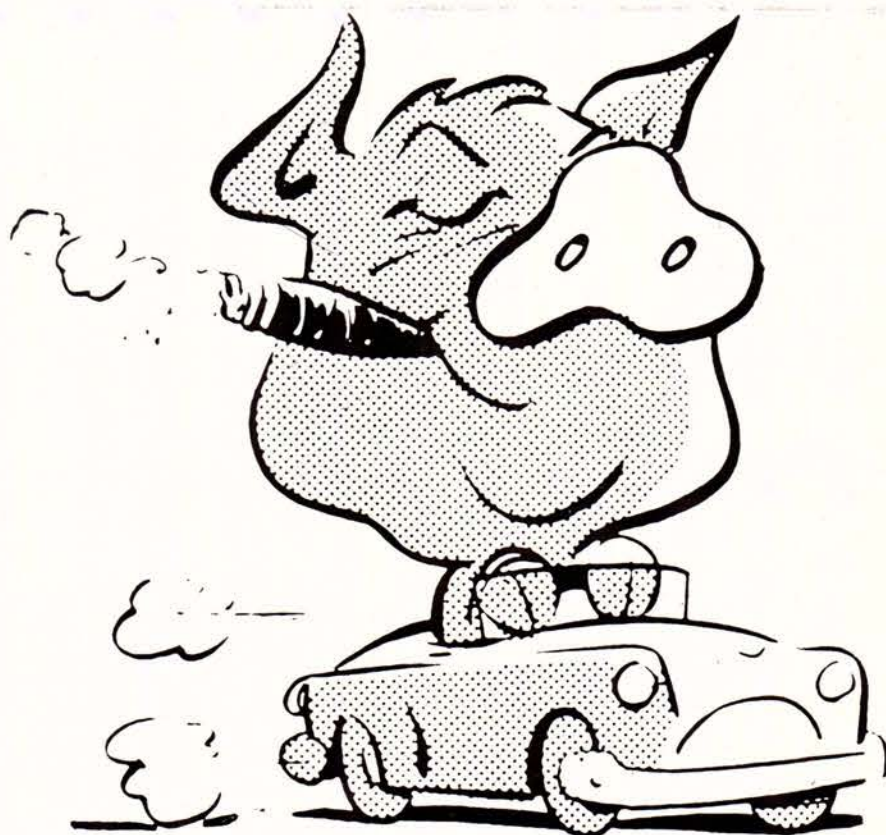
TO ENTER:

Simply add a last line to the jingle under the "Highway Zoo" cartoon and make it rhyme with the third line (Example: "They Insist on Taking it out of the Middle.") Then fill in your name and address on the lines 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, September 30, 1957; and received by the contest judges no later than October 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.

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The ROADHOG

Roadhogs Object to a Courtesy Code
Unless it Gives Them the Whole Darned Road.
If Forced to Take Half, You Can Bet Your Fiddle,

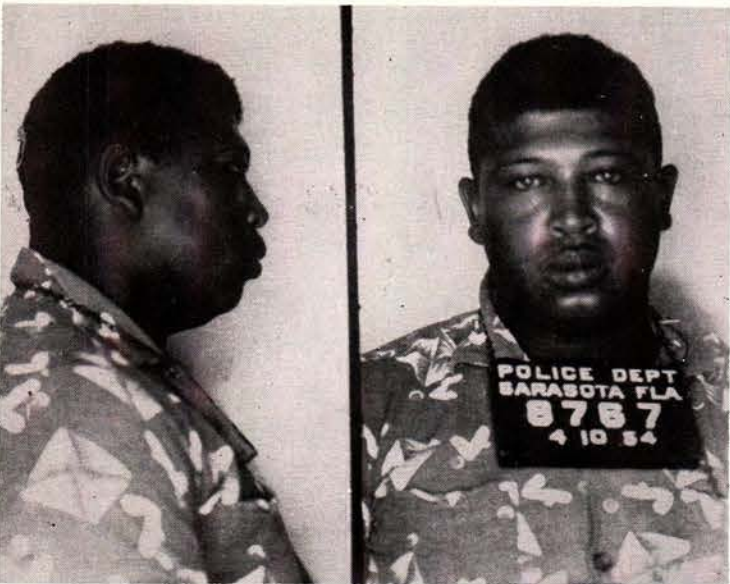
Submitted by
Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

CUT OUT

WANTED AND MISSING PERSONS

As Compiled By The Florida Sheriffs Bureau



CLAUDE MITCHELL
Alias "Big Fat", FBI #605 118B, colored male, age 25, 6 feet, 285 pounds, black hair, hazel eyes, light complexion. Has 4 inch scar back left hand, two inch scar left forearm. Warrant will be issued charge Breaking and Entering. Notify Police Dept., Sarasota, Fla., or Florida Sheriffs Bureau Tallahassee, Florida.



EVERETT MOWRY and DOROTHY MOWRY
White male, approximately 28, 5 feet 7 inches, weighs 152, brown hair. Scar on side of face. Some times known as "Fat" Mowry. Wanted by Minnesota State Parole Board 117, St. Paul, Minn. His wife Dorothy, white female, age 30, 5 feet 7 inches, weighs 160, stocky build, light brown hair. Wanted for violation check law. Felony warrant issued, will be extradited. They are believed to be driving a 1955 Ford Crown Victoria, white with green top, Motor #G 5 DW 111797. May have small daughter with them. If apprehended notify Marshal Snider, Court of Common Pleas, Wichita, Kansas or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



LOUIS CARIE BROWN
Alias Lewis Brown, Bill Brown, colored male, 31 years old, 5 feet 7 inches, weighs 180, black complexion. Has one inch scar on back of left hand, and one inch scar over left eye. Born in Glenwood, Ga., Construction laborer by trade. Warrants have been issued for Aggravated Assault and for Assault with intent to commit murder. If apprehended hold without bond and notify Sheriff Flanders Thompson, Fort Myers, Fla., and Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



NOAH DRISCOLL
Colored male, age 30, 5 feet 4 inches, weighs 130 pounds, black hair, brown eyes. Usually a neat dresser. Warrant issued, charge Assault with intent to commit murder. If apprehended notify Police Dept., Naples, Fla., or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



GARRETT C. D'AULT
Alias Richard G. Milton, white male, age 38, 5 feet 9 inches, 175 pounds, brown hair, hazel eyes, ruddy complexion. Escaped from Volusia County jail where he was being held on charge Breaking and Entering. If apprehended notify Sheriff Thursby, DeLand, Fla., or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



MISSING
LENORA LASHLEY
White female, age 17, 5 feet 4 inches, 115 pounds, brown hair, grey eyes. Last seen wearing yellow dress, black high heeled shoes. Subject believed to be with Peggy Ann Evans and enroute to Christiansburg, Ohio. Any information notify Sheriff Saunders, Clearwater, Florida, or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



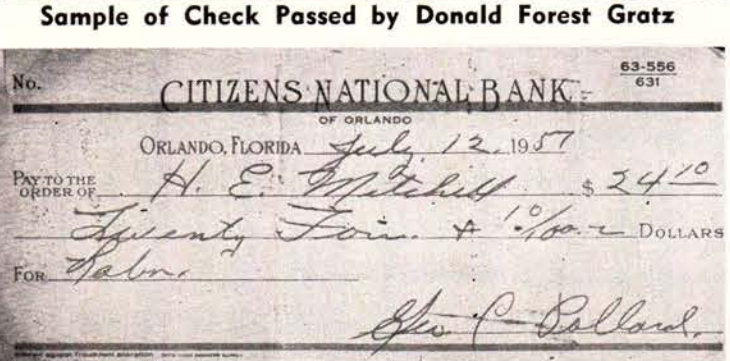
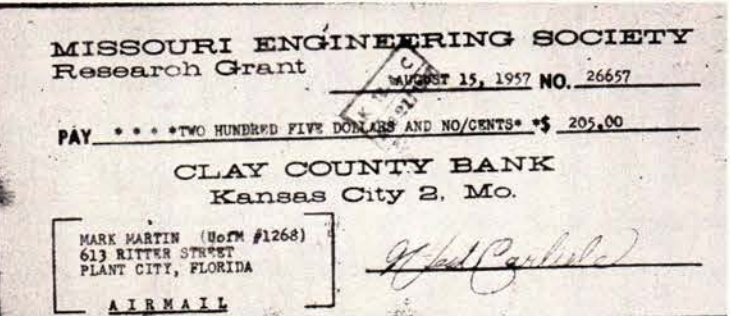
MISSING
PEGGY ANN EVANS
White female, age 16, 5 feet 6 1/2 inches tall, weighs 180 pounds, dark brown hair, hazel eyes. Last seen wearing dark brown dress with black sash, black shoes. Any one having knowledge this subject's whereabouts notify Sheriff Saunders, Clearwater, Fla., or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



CAROL WRIGHT
With aliases Carol Wood, Carol Woods, Caron Lee, C. Heidenreich, white female, age 30, 5 feet 3 inches, weighs 110 pounds. Brown stringy hair, bad teeth, several missing. Subject with husband, DWIGHT WRIGHT, alias FLETCHER WRIGHT, TOM WRIGHT, white male, in late 30's, 6 feet 4 inches, weight 225 pounds, dark brown curly hair, believed to have been working state, including Jacksonville, Sanford, Orlando area. Male subject poses as retired army officer, has identification card name Dwight Wright, also Sears Roebuck credit cards #25438 and 25439. Couple have six children under 10 years of age including infant. Warrant issued, worthless checks. Any information notify Sheriff Starr, Orlando or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.

BAD CHECK ARTISTS' GALLERY

FROM THE FILES OF THE FLORIDA SHERIFFS BUREAU



Sample of Check Passed by Donald Forest Gratz
Sample of Check Passed by Harold E. Mitchell
Alias MITCH, white male, age 40, 5 feet 10 inches, weight 175, stocky build, slightly buck toothed, brown hair. Occupation: Concrete block layer. Usually dressed in slacks and sport shirts. Loud talker. Some times drives girl friend's car, a two-toned green 1955 Buick four door. Warrant will be issued, charge Worthless checks. Notify Sheriff Thompson, Fort Myers, Fla., or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.

Donald Forest Gratz
Alias
Mark Martin
(Check at left, photo at right)

Using name MARK MARTIN, nick name MIKE, described as 23 to 25 years of age, 6 feet, weighing 170-180 pounds. Wears horn-rimmed glasses. Appears to be of Jewish descent. Nice appearance, smooth talker. Claimed to be student at the University of Missouri. Cashied two checks in Lakeland both in amount \$205.00, purchasing merchandise getting balance in cash. Had articles shipped to Men's Hall, Room 14, Bldg., B. University of Missouri. This subject later identified as DONALD FOREST GRATZ, in FBI Check Circular #10, July 10, 1957, which states Gratz utilizing numerous aliases has been engaged in passing fraudulent checks on nationwide basis since April, 1956. Specializes in victimizing merchants in small towns by posing as college student or instructor. His occupation listed as male nurse. Speaks Spanish fluently, is proficient in typing and shorthand. Fingerprint classifications 8,I over L,1 over 23,T over W,10



DONALD FOREST GRATZ
over MOO,16, Ref:2 over 23. Reportedly has suicidal tendencies. Any information concerning subject notify nearest FBI office, Police Dept., Lakeland, Fla., or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



ROBERT ADDISON MOOT
Alias ROBERT ADDISON CHALK, white male, age 38, 5 feet 10 inches, weighs 175, blonde hair. Driving cream color 1951 Chevrolet 1957 Florida License 1-179345. Has in his possession blank checks on Plastic Fabrications Co. Warrant issued, charge Forgery. Notify Police Dept., Miami Fla., or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.

**Don't Take Chances
On Checks—Get
Positive Identification**

Drive Against Delinquency Outlined

Here are details of the "Fight Delinquency Campaign" launched recently by the Florida Sheriffs Association:

It is a long-range program designed to help boys who are in trouble with the law as well as boys who are in danger of becoming lawbreakers.

PROJECT NO. 1

The Association will establish a permanent ranch for needy and worthy boys similar to Father Flanagan's Boys' Town, a famous Nebraska institution.

A trust fund has been created to finance the ranch and a state-wide search has been launched for a suitable site of approximately 160 acres on a river, lake or the coast.

Honorary membership dues were used in starting the fund, but donations or bequests will be accepted from individuals and organizations. Offers of land should be made through the sheriff of the county in which the owner lives.

PROJECT NO. 2

A number of annual scholarships, ranging as high as \$1,000 apiece, will immediately be offered to students who have made an outstanding record at the Florida Industrial School for Boys at Marianna.

Mr. Arthur Dozier, superintendent of the Marianna school, has agreed to select the boys and release them so they can be transferred to trade schools, a boys' ranch or similar private establishments for specialized training.

The amounts of the scholarships will vary depending upon the financial needs of the recipients and the type of training selected for them.

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 private 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 law enforcement.

Many of the letters also urged the Association to do everything possible to halt the shocking increase in teen-age crime.

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

Suggestions for further "Fight Delinquency" projects will be welcomed. Address all letters to Florida Sheriffs Association, Box 344, Tallahassee, Florida.

Successor Chosen

EUSTIS—John W. (Jack) Morgan of Orlando has been chosen to succeed Lake County Sheriff Willis V. McCall as district deputy grand exalted ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. The district includes 12 lodges in seven Central Florida Counties.

Stealer of Shavers Has "Close Shave"

CINCINNATI — Ten cents saved Billy Joe Hargett from a possible penitentiary term. Convicted of stealing electric shavers valued at \$59.90 he was sentenced to 60 days in the county jail on a charge of petty larceny. Under Ohio law, ten cents more on the value of the shavers would have made him guilty of grand larceny, a penitentiary offense.



PUNTA GORDA—ENFORCEMENT SCHOOL—This "graduation day" picture was taken at the conclusion of a FBI Law Enforcement School sponsored by Charlotte County Sheriff Travis Parnell, shown seated (right) with Police Chief Sim Holt (left) and FBI Special Agent George Gatins. Standing are (from left): H. C. MacGibbon, Herbert Allgood and James J. Brown, auxiliary deputy sheriffs; City Policeman Willard Gandy; Charlotte County Prosecuting Attorney Edward Gerson; Robert Donald and J. H. Teter, auxiliary deputy sheriffs; City Patrolman Henry Fiendel; Tom Knight and Bert Smith, auxiliary deputy sheriffs; City Patrolman Harold C. Tompkins; Chief Deputy Sheriff W. H. Keeler; and C. A. Williams, auxiliary deputy sheriff. Subjects taught by FBI instructors and County Judge J. T. Rose included: Patrolling and Observation; Laws of Arrest; Searches and Seizures; Rules of Evidence; Collection and Preservation of Evidence; Crime Scene Searches; Interviews and Signed Statements; and Testifying in Court. Sheriff Parnell plans to sponsor a more advanced FBI course in October, in addition to schools instructed by the Border Patrol and the U. S. Treasury Department.

Mechanical "Informers" Used

Catching and Holding Gambler Becoming Tough Assignment

FT. LAUDERDALE — Catching a gambler, and holding him, is a tough assignment these days, according to Sheriff J. A. (Quill) Lloyd's investigators.

Until recently the prime requirement was a dependable informer who, like a bird dog, provided the undercover information which enabled officers to stage effective raids, arrest gamblers and make the charges stick.

But, according to Ben W. Grigsby, chief criminal investigator for the Broward County Sheriff's office, a Florida Supreme Court ruling has practically knocked out the use of confidential informers in obtaining search warrants.

And, therefore, officers find it necessary to make a much more elaborate investigation to catch a gambler than they would to nab other felons, including murderers.

They have had to depend more and more upon the use of gadgets such as pocket-size recorders, miniature cameras and "black light" marking devices in order to gather evidence that will stand up in court.

A camera so small it can be hidden in the hand has been used to secretly photograph gambling suspects and their auto license numbers.

Valuable evidence has been obtained by slipping a small recording machine under the front seat of a suspected gambler's car, and hiding a mike in the cushions.

For this technique to be effective, the car must be shadowed 24 hours a day and the machine removed without the suspect's knowledge.

"It's a gamble that doesn't often pay off," admits Grigsby. "Sometimes the machine is discovered and smashed or just removed, so we're out one recorder."

Marked money has been used extensively in gambling investigations. Invisible dyes are utilized to print an identifying mark which later shows up in court before a jury when an ultra-violet ray lamp makes the markings visible.

Grigsby said Sheriff's Office investigators are using a lot more tricks than these but they can't be revealed because it would put gamblers on their guard and hamper future investigations.



FT. LAUDERDALE—SLEUTHING TOOLS—Miniature camera and recording equipment used in gambling investigations is checked by (from left) Broward County Deputy Sheriffs Grover Kelley and Pat Blackmore, and Sheriff's Office Chief Criminal Investigator Ben W. Grigsby. (Photo by Gene Hyde Associates.)



ST. PETERSBURG—SHERIFF HONORED—Pinellas County Sheriff Sid M. Saunders (right) and Pinellas County Civil Defense Director Roland Johnson (left) received meritorious service awards from American Legion Post 14. Shown making the presentation is Post Commander Chester L. Knarr. (St. Petersburg Independent Photo).

Ex-Martin Sheriff Killed in Accident

NEW SMYRNA BEACH — General Marion Hancock, 63, of Stuart, former Martin County Sheriff, was killed near here Aug. 27 in a two-car highway collision.

Hancock, who also served as a Palm Beach County deputy, was alone driving north when a car driven by William W. Frost, Jr., 21, of Atlanta, swerved over the center line on a sharp curve, according to Constable Russ Galbreath.

The Constable said Frost, who was seriously injured, would be charged with wilful and wanton reckless driving.

Marion County Jail Improvements Made

OCALA — Several improvements have been made at the Marion County Jail under the supervision of Sheriff F. L. McGehee.

The interior was redecorated and repaired, faulty plumbing was corrected and new bedding was installed. Women's cells were painted in pastel shades, and the men's cells were done in white.

A seclusion room for mental patients was also added to the jail equipment.

Deputy's Fast Work Saves Knife Victim

LABELLE — Hendry County Deputy Sheriff Truitt White was credited with saving the life of Virgil Maddox, 19, by rushing him to the Hendry County Hospital in Clewiston after his throat was slashed.

The alleged assailant, John Poole, was charged with assault with intent to commit murder.

Jailer Breaks Up Attempted Escape

DELAND — The alertness of Jailer Garland DeLoach foiled an escape attempt at the Volusia County Jail.

Five men awaiting transfer to the State Prison at Raiford had sawed through one steel bar in a second floor cell block and were working on two adjoining bars when DeLoach spotted them.

Sheriff Rodney B. Thursby said the prisoners were using a hacksaw blade which had apparently been smuggled into the jail.

Lee Sheriff Makes Award Presentations

FT. MYERS — Lee County Sheriff Flanders G. Thompson made the official presentation of two certificates awarded by the Junior Chamber of Commerce in a Safe Driving Campaign.

One went to Tom Collins as the "safest and most courteous driver of the year;" and the other was presented to the Ft. Myers News-Press, daily newspaper, for its promotion of traffic safety.

Sheriff Helps To Reunite Brothers

PANAMA CITY — Ralph Hall of Panama City had a hunch that Dade County Sheriff Thomas J. Kelly could help him find his long lost brother, Vernon.

So he wrote to the Sheriff telling him that Vernon was believed to be in the Miami area, and sure enough the sheriff's men located him.

Later when the brothers were reunited here for the first time in 40 years Vernon said: "This means more than I can say. I thought I was all alone in the world, and now I have a family."

Teen-Agers In Trouble

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

STUART—A gang of 13 boys ranging in age from 13 to 18 confessed seven burglaries here. Sheriff Roy C. Baker, Deputies Jack Hodapp and Ray Heisley and Police Chief Sam Harliss said stolen guns, ammunition and whisky were recovered from the boys. They had reportedly been gathering weapons to use in a battle with a St. Lucie County teen-age gang on Fort Pierce beaches.

MILTON—Sheriff's Deputies T. W. Weekley and Bill Harris arrested two youths who admitted stealing 25 used batteries from a local garage.

TAVARES—Bill Earl Flake, 18, of Tavares, was charged with aggravated assault and assault with intent to kill following a "knife fight" in which two other teen-age Tavares boys were wounded.

GAINESVILLE—The 16-year-old son of a Gainesville city commissioner was placed on probation in juvenile court after he admitted he fired a pistol at a carload of boys who made off-color remarks.

FT. LAUDERDALE—Two teen-age girls reporting on "sex parties" told the sheriff's office they were forced to become intimate with five 17 and 18-year-old youths. They said several parties had been held over a period of 14 months. One girl was 13 and the other 18.

KISSIMMEE—Two boys, 10 and 11, were sentenced to the Florida Industrial School for Boys after they beat and robbed their grandmother. According to Sheriff Robert M. Buckels they knocked her down with a wooden club, took \$50.50 from her and fled.

OKEECHOBEE—Three Ft. Lauderdale boys, 11, 13 and 15, were apprehended here after they stole a car and headed for Texas to work in the oil fields.

LAKE BUTLER—A juvenile who escaped from the Alachua County Jail was captured here driving a stolen car.

OCALA—A 19-year-old Orlando youth received a 15-year sentence after he pleaded guilty to taking a Winter Garden man's car at gun point.

BRADENTON—"Every once in a while I get an urge to do something like this".

That's what a 15-year-old boy told Sheriff Roy Baden after he allegedly took \$1.50 from a housewife at gunpoint.

ST. PETERSBURG—A 17-year-old girl who pleaded guilty to stealing a record player from a department store was told by Judge Henry Esteve: "You come up with a program to stop this juvenile delinquency in 10 days or you'll serve 30 days in jail."

Her companion in the theft, Frank Atkins, 18, also pleaded guilty and was given 30 days without an alternative.

FERNANDINA—A Nassau County Grand Jury indictment charged Walter Franklin Branson, 18, of Jacksonville, with first degree murder in the fatal shooting of a motorist who gave him a lift.

BRADENTON—Sheriff Roy Baden announced the apprehension of three youthful vandals who admitted a number of thefts. Among the stolen items recovered was a deputy sheriff's pistol.

LAKE CITY—A 15-year-old boy who stole his father's car in Chattanooga, Tenn., was apprehended here.

PINECREST—A 13-year-old boy was shot to death by his 10-year-old brother following an argument over the shooting of a sick chicken. Juvenile officials said the slaying appeared to have been an accident, but the argument brought the gun into the incident.

BARTOW—Three girls and two boys were caught in the act of burglarizing a store. They were charged with theft of 12 cans of beer and three cartons of cigarettes.

MIAMI—The sheriff's office recommended psychiatric treatment for one of two 11-year-old boys who tortured to death a neighbor's crippled cat. Deputy Sheriff George Murphy said the boy had a past record of cruelty to animals, and neighbors had complained about his killing birds with an air rifle.

COCOA—A teen-age Cocoa youth was held under \$1,000 bond charged with knifing another boy near Cocoa Beach.

MIDWAY—An argument over a 50-cent gambling debt was said to have led to the fatal shooting of a 15-year-old boy by an 18-year-old youth.

PLANT CITY—A 14-year-old youth was charged with driving while intoxicated and driving without a license after he was involved in a two-car accident that injured four persons.

WINTER GARDEN—Two runaway Orlando girls, 15 and 16, were apprehended after they stole a car in Clermont and were involved in accidents in Clermont and Winter Garden.

Lawman Advocates Timed Spankings

NEW YORK—Spankings administered at the right time by parents may help prevent juvenile delinquency in the opinion of Stephen P. Kennedy, New York City police Commissioner.

He said where a strong family life exists and parents set a good example and exercise reasonable control, there probably would not be any need for resorting to sterner methods.

"But," he added, "parents shouldn't be reluctant to apply corporal punishment whenever the necessity arises."



ORLANDO—FIRST DONATION—A trust fund to finance facilities for the Florida Sheriffs Association's proposed Boys' Ranch received its first donation when Charles J. Cunningham (right), assistant manager of Orlando's Sears, Roebuck & Co. store, presented a \$100 check to Sheriff S. D. (Dave) Starr. The donation was offered by Sears General Manager Walton McJordan after viewing a television announcement of the ranch project. Sheriff Starr discussed ranch plans with Hardee County Sheriff E. Odell Carlton and FSA Field Secretary Carl Stauffer on the "Channel 6 Cross Roads" program aired by WDBO-TV. Carlton is chairman of the projects committee that proposed the ranch. (Orlando Star Photo).



MULBERRY—SKELETON CHECKED—Polk County Sheriff Hagan Parrish (left) turned archeologist to investigate a human skull and bones uncovered by Oak Ridge Sand Co. during routine dredging. The bones he is examining with a dredge operator were sent to the FBI laboratory for identification. Many old timers believe them to be from the old "Boot Hill" cemetery which was used over 50 years ago. (Photo by Bill Friend).

Bible Reading Urged To Fight Delinquency

NEW YORK—Evangelist Billy Graham proposed daily reading of the Bible in school classrooms as a countermeasure to the problem of juvenile delinquency.

He also urged parents to "rededicate themselves to just being parents," and churches to devote their programs to youth to combat waywardness.

Three chief contributing factors to the misdirection of youth were cited by the evangelist, namely: (1) neglect at home of parental responsibility; (2) lack of moral and spiritual training of children at home; and (3) lack of moral and spiritual training in schools.

Here's the Dope



Here's How Some Youths Avoid Trouble

Editor,
The Sheriff's Star
Tallahassee, Fla.

Dear Sir:

After reading "Teen-agers In Trouble" in the last edition of the "Star," I thought would write about something good that teen-agers are doing.

I am president of a boys club called the Stags. The Stags are sponsored by themselves. We have a very able advisor, Naples Police Sgt. Stan Loncon. Our club is a civic organization. We help ourselves by helping others. Here is a little of our club's history.

The Stags are almost two years old at this time. The club was started by four boys who wanted to better themselves. The age for membership was set at 16 to 21. The Stags sponsor a young group of boys (14 to 16), The Stag Juniors. After the club was about a year old, the City of Naples gave us a club house of our own. We are now planning to add to this building. We have everything from telephone to TV, from pool to ping pong. All the Stags wear the red and white Stag jacket.

The Stags have been active in both of the "Poliothons" that Radio Station W.N.O.G. has put on. W.N.O.G. gives one day for "request as you pay." A person calls the Radio Station and a Stag picks up the money. The first year the Stags and W.N.O.G. made about five hundred dollars for the March of Dimes. This year the amount tripled.

The Stags are now planning to help the local football team by putting on a dance and fish fry. This is to help pay for new equipment.

We know that we have not solved the teen-ager problem in general but we are trying to keep ourselves and our friends out of trouble. Thank you.

Yours truly,

Leon Jackson, President
Naples, Fla.

Naples Chosen For FBI Meet

NAPLES—The 1958 annual retraining session of FBI National Academy graduates will be held here August 11 through 14, with Collier County Sheriff E. A. (Doug) Hendry as the host.

Attended by academy graduates from all over the state, the four-day conference will be held at the Beach Club Hotel.

During the 1957 session in Orlando last month, Sheriff Hendry was successful in having this lower west coast resort city selected for next year's session although several other Florida cities made bids for it.

Stuart Unhealthy For Moonshiners

STUART—Cooperation of local officers makes this an unhealthy place for moonshiners, according to State Investigator William Eddy.

"This is the best place in the world to catch them," he said, "not only because of the one bridge over the river, but also because I get 100 per cent co-operation from the sheriff, the city police and the highway patrolmen in this area."

His remarks followed the arrest of a Miami man driving a dump truck loaded with 570 gallons of moonshine.

ROLL CALL

News Items From Sheriffs' Departments All Over The State

Marion Deputy, 80
Still Going Strong



JOHN FRANKLIN BRYAN
Not ready to retire . . .

ORANGE SPRINGS—If you want to know how old a law enforcement officer should be when he retires, you'll have to ask someone older than Marion County Deputy Sheriff John Franklin Bryan.

Still going strong at 80, Deputy Bryan has no intention of putting aside his gun and badge. "Sheriff needs somebody up here to keep order," he said, "and I reckon I'll do it just as long as I'm able to get around."

He may be the oldest active peace officer in the business. "Leastwise," said he, "I haven't heard of one older than me."

He has been deputy sheriff at Orange Springs for some 10 years, and in law enforcement "off and on" since he was 19. There was a 15-year period in which he worked as a railroad maintenance man.

Sadie Boosts Tally

BARTOW — Sheriff Hagan Parrish's celebrated trailhound, "Sadie", added another fugitive to her score when she tracked down a man accused of burglarizing a cabin on Lake Pierce.

He was apparently in the act of looting other cabins when Sadie, accompanied by Deputies Ernie Thrower and Carl Andrews, caught up with him.

KISSIMMEE—Two prisoners were just a half-bar from freedom when Sheriff Robert M. Buckels and Deputy Ernest E. Barber caught them sawing out of the Osceola County Jail.

A search revealed four hacksaw blades tied by a string and suspended inside a shower pipe. A Kissimmee youth was later arrested and charged with smuggling the blades to the prisoners.

FORT LAUDERDALE—The Broward County Citizens' Committee on Law Enforcement, established by Sheriff J. A. (Quill) Lloyd with Real Estate Broker George F. Silva as chairman, will serve as an advisory board to the sheriff.

Silva said it will be made up of "desirable citizens interested in law enforcement" and it will not function as a crime commission.

JACKSONVILLE—Duval County Sheriff Al Cahill declared war on moonshiners, and outfitted Deputies Claude West and John Shipman for "jungle-type" warfare.

The "Shine Squad" was assigned a jeep to penetrate isolated areas, and will be equipped with snake bite kits, snake boots, camouflage suits and paunchos. It will work in co-operation with state and federal agents.

MILTON—Santa Rosa County Sheriff Bart D. Broxson told the Milton Kiwanis Club that law enforcement officials can "never get the job done" without help from the public.

He said parents especially can help to prevent juvenile delinquency by keeping a close check on the whereabouts and activities of their children.

GAINESVILLE—Alachua County Chief Deputy Sheriff Lucian J. (Lu) Hindery was one of approximately 100 officers chosen throughout the nation to attend the 12-week session of the FBI National Academy which opened in Washington, D.C., Aug. 19.

Another member of Sheriff Joe M. Crevasse Jr.'s staff, Deputy R. D. (Bob) Jordan, recently attended a law enforcement public relations course sponsored by the Florida Highway Patrol.

LABELLE—Hendry County Sheriff Bill Maddox spent his vacation in Alaska hunting big game with a friend, Milburn Rudd. They planned to make the trip by auto.

LAKE BUTLER—Union County Sheriff John H. Whitehead is a member of a five-man Chamber of Commerce committee credited with spearheading a new municipal recreation dock on Lake Butler.

He and another member of the committee, Joe Leonard Shaw, also built the foundation for the 250-foot dock with the use of piling poles donated by North Florida Telephone Company.

CLEARWATER—Pinellas County Sheriff Sid M. Saunders announced appointment of Hal Ward as Circuit Court Bailiff to succeed Ray P. Tussey, who resigned due to ill health.

Ward formerly served with the North Carolina Highway Patrol and now lives in Palm Harbor.

DELAND—The Holy Bible was responsible for a moonshine arrest here.

Deputy Sheriff Sherman Walker went to the home of Frank Williams to recover a Bible Williams had borrowed and failed to return. While he was there, his well-trained nose led him to a cache of nine half-pints of moonshine.

The Bible was returned to its rightful owner and Williams was fined \$50.

GREEN COVE SPRINGS — Clay County Sheriff John P. Hall was given a surprise party August 25 to celebrate his 63rd birthday.

It was held in the Green Cove Springs Elks Lodge and was attended by approximately 200 persons. He is serving his 29th consecutive year in office and is the "dean" of Florida Sheriffs.

OCALA—Marion County Deputy Sheriff Bill Whaley was selected to attend a U.S. Treasury Department law enforcement training school in Washington, D.C.

It is designed to acquaint officers with the latest methods of detecting and apprehending counterfeiters, bootleggers, confidence men and other types of criminals.

PENSACOLA—Escambia County Sheriff's Office Investigator Bill Lynch teamed up with City Patrolman Roland Davis to demonstrate the "new look" in law enforcement for the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Lynch explained that "The days of the blackjack and rubber hose tactics are over and modern law enforcement officials rely on scientific methods."

Then the two officers gave a judo demonstration in which they showed how to disarm an assailant and perform other enforcement duties. They are both certified judo instructors and will open a school for area law enforcement officers in September.

ZEPHYRHILLS—Pasco County Sheriff Leslie Bessenger improved law enforcement communications here by providing a short-wave radio transmitter for installation in the police station.

He said since it is on the sheriff's office frequency it will enable his department and the police department to maintain constant contact.

Mayor Rice of Zephyrhills said "I'm grateful to Sheriff Bessenger. He has the best interests of all our people at heart."

ARCADIA—"Courtesy Pays," according to an old slogan, but here's a case where it didn't.

DeSoto County Sheriff Lloyd Holton accepted a St. Louis woman's check for payment of traffic arrest bonds, rather than hold her in jail in default of bond. Later she left him "holding the bag" by stopping payment on the check.

PANAMA CITY—Floyd Nixon, chief investigator for the Bay County Sheriff's Office, attended a retraining session of the FBI National Academy in Orlando. He is a graduate of the Academy.

WINTER HAVEN—Deputy Sheriff Bill Hamilton was credited with being the first lawman on the scene when the Exchange National Bank burglar alarm went off at 4:45 a.m.

A highway patrolman and police officers were close on his heels, and in less than seven minutes the building was surrounded. Then a close inspection of the bank revealed that the excitement had been caused by a false alarm.



BUNNELL—BIG MOONSHINE HAUL—If there is a moonshine shortage in Flagler County, blame it on Sheriff Homer Brooks and his deputies. This cargo of 681 gallons headed for the city dump was seized between February and July. On hand for the dumping were (from left): Florida Highway Patrol Trooper John F. Worden, Jr.; Deputy Sheriffs Charles F. Brown, W. J. Eberhardinger and H. B. Drummond; and Sheriff Brooks. (Photo by Rupert Chastain.)

Sheriff Nabs Coast-to-Coast Check Writer

TALLAHASSEE—A Los Angeles man who admitted leaving a trail of worthless checks amounting to thousands of dollars across 20 states was arrested by Leon County Sheriff W. P. Joyce and turned over to the FBI.

Joyce said George E. George, 29, was picked up after he gave an office supply dealer a worthless check for \$2,500 as the down payment on \$6,000 worth of office furniture. He posed as a sheet music jobber and claimed he was planning to establish an office here.

According to the Sheriff, George was attempting to establish a false credit rating and was "getting set to make a really big kill over the weekend while the banks were closed."

However, the fraudulent nature of his check was detected sooner than he anticipated and he was placed under arrest before he had time to flood the city with worthless checks.

Ironically, he had only 22 cents at the time of his arrest. Joyce said it was impossible to estimate accurately how many thousands of dollars were involved in the forgeries George admitted.

He said he was advised by Nashville, Tenn., authorities that George was wanted there on charges of passing worthless checks totaling about \$5,000.

Because of the nature of the case, and since no actual loss was suffered from George's operations here, he was turned over to federal authorities and no charges were filed by the sheriff's office.

Warning On Killers Given To Motorists

Defective tires and brakes can be killers, the National Safety Council warned motorists.

Tires that are cut and worn thin invite a motor vehicle accident, the Council said.

In time of stress—especially when going around curves—they may fail.

Blowouts or unsafe tires are factors in one of every 100 fatal traffic accidents and in one of every 100 accidents.

To lessen the chance of blowouts, the Council advised motorists to:

1. Rotate tires regularly.
2. Have tires checked by competent garagemen.
3. Watch for tell-tale signs—frequent loss of air, for example—of tire failure.
4. Replace worn tires periodically.

Brake failures are reported in two of every 100 accidents and in two of every 100 fatal accidents.

So-called long brakes that must be pushed near the floorboard before they work—will cause trouble when quick stops are necessary. Brakes that require frequent pumping are dangerous, too, the Council said.

Brakes that can stop a car traveling 20 miles an hour in a distance of 17 or 18 feet are rated excellent.

Average brakes can stop a car at 20 miles an hour within 21 feet. At the same speed, most cars can stop within 25 feet.

Powerful brakes, the Council said, are safety factors, of course, but they can be dangerous, too, if they are used to stop a vehicle with complete suddenness.

Passengers may slide off seats and be injured. Children, in particular, may be hurt because their legs are too short for them to brace against foot rests.

Sudden stops of trucks may result in a load shift and cause overturning.



BARTOW—SLOT MACHINES SMASHED—Polk County Sheriff Hagan Parrish swings a sledge hammer as he and his deputies comply with a court order to destroy slot machines and other gambling devices confiscated from clubs in Lakeland and Winter Haven by State Beverage Department agents. (Lakeland Ledger Photo).



MACCLENY—FIDDLING SHERIFF—The bow work of Sheriff Ed Yarbrough is admired by his daughters, Susan (left) and Rene. (Florida Times-Union Photo).

Baker County's Fiddling Sheriff Finds His "Fast Draw" Pays Off

MACCLENY — Sheriff Ed Yarbrough is noted for his "fast draw."

With a fiddle bow that is. And is has proved to be an asset in and out of law enforcement work.

He started drawing the bow across the strings at the age of 15, and earned spending money playing for square dances when he was in high school.

His ever-present fiddle helped to relieve the monotony of barracks life when he was in the Army during World War II, and it enabled him to win an amateur contest at Ft. McPherson.

In his close race for sheriff in 1956, it proved to be a handy political sidearm.

With a guitarist to accompany him, the young candidate drew crowds to his sound truck by playing snappy hoedown and hillbilly music.

"I'd stop the sound truck," he said, "and play a couple of tunes until I drew a crowd. Then I'd speak a few minutes with the understanding that more tunes would follow. My audience was more or less 'captive,' but they didn't seem to mind the commercials as long as the music lasted."

Sheriff Yarbrough no longer fiddles for money—just for relaxation and to entertain his constituents. He frequently plays for dances and social events.

"I'm happy to offer my services," he said, "as long as it doesn't interfere with my duties as sheriff."

His fiddle is a family heirloom made in Germany over 150 years ago and handed down from generation to generation.



SARASOTA—PICNIC PREPARATIONS—Sarasota County Sheriff Ross E. Boyer and Mrs. Boyer held a picnic at Nokomis Beach for deputies and auxiliary members and their wives. Shown checking supplies are (from left) Deputy Jack Royal; Auxiliary Members Bert Dixon and Tony Montagnesi; Deputy Lonnie Selph and Sheriff Boyer.

Good Tracker

DELAND — Deputy Sheriff Hardie Daugharty is "better than a bloodhound" in the opinion of Sheriff Rodney B. Thursby.

He won this reputation after he tracked and found a missing 80-year-old Pierson resident.

Team Wins Game; Loses 3 Players

CLEWISTON — There were three "unearned runs" which did not appear on the score book when a baseball team from Ortona Prison Camp played a Clewiston team here.

The "runs" were credited to three prisoners who escaped after the first game of a double-header. They helped their team chalk up an 8-6 win before doing the disappearing act.

Newspaper Lauds Buckels and Men

KISSIMMEE — When visiting sheriffs praised Osceola County Sheriff Bob Buckels, the Kissimmee Gazette commented that he had been "doing such a good job that it is taken for granted."

In addition to lauding Buckels, the newspaper said: "It is hard to come by a group of more loyal, able and dedicated men than Deputies Ernest (Kayo) Murphy, Claude Tindall, Buddy Barber, Frank Ledbetter and Carl Johns."

TV Newsmen Cover Capture

PENSACOLA — Escambia County Sheriff Emmett Shelby believes in letting the public know how law enforcement is conducted.

When we helped to spread a two-state dragnet for the murderers of Geneva, Ala., Sheriff J. Cuthbert Woodham, he took along newsmen from WEAR-TV, Pensacola's television station, and they were able to shoot on-the-spot pictures of two suspects in Santa Rosa County.

Within a short time, television viewers in northwest Florida watched the dramatic apprehension of William Hable and Cecil Tiner, both of Dallas, Texas.

Tiner later confessed the shooting of Sheriff Woodham, who was fatally wounded while

Alert Deputy

Santa Rosa County Deputy Sheriff Herb Forsyth played a key role in the capture of Tiner and Hable. He spotted their getaway car parked on Route 98, just west of Navarre, and summoned other officers when he saw Hable flee into a nearby swamp. This helped to pinpoint the manhunt. The getaway car had run out of gas, and Hable had been waiting for Tiner to return with some.

conducting a roadblock search for suspects in a hospital narcotics theft case.

"Law enforcement is a matter of public business," said Sheriff Shelby. "In this case, citizens were able to see our officers at work in an effort to capture the killers of Sheriff Woodham."

"This type of public relations, I believe, will make the public more aware of the dangers in law enforcement and the need for adequate public support of improvements in law enforcement work."

Toughening up Rites Proposed For Teen-Agers

WASHINGTON — Putting youths through a tough initiation to prepare them for manhood has been suggested as one means of curbing juvenile delinquency.

Arthur Niederhoffer of the New York City Police Academy and Prof. Herbert A. Bloch of Brooklyn College proposed the equivalent of primitive puberty rites such as scarification (marking with scars) tattooing, trial by ordeal "and a host of other painful and exotic practices."

They said through such customs certain societies "have laboriously contrived to discipline their young for the great adventure" of manhood.

Lack of a modern equivalent, they added, helps to explain "adolescent drinking, sexual escapades, wild automobile rides . . . which to the youth at any rate appear to be the prerogative of the mature adult."

In a paper prepared for the American Sociological Society, the two sociologists compared practices of South Pacific, African and Australian tribes with those of East Harlem and Los Angeles gangs in bodily decoration, subjection to pain and self-mutilation.

"It is almost," they said, "as if the young person . . . is moved to exclaim: 'If you don't care to test us, then we'll test ourselves.'"

They did not suggest any specific puberty rites for modern times.