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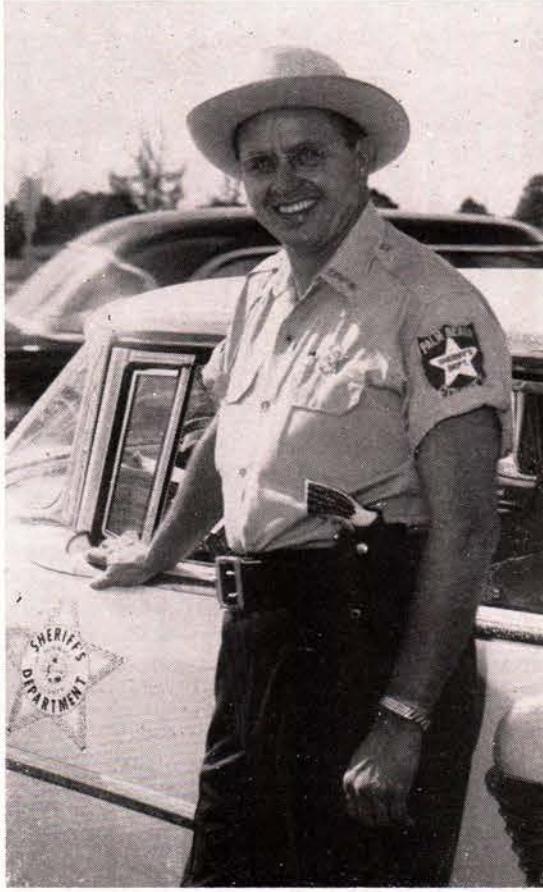
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EXPOUNDER OF GOD'S LAW...



ENFORCER OF MAN'S LAW...

Would He Kill a Man?

Minister Sees "Life in the Raw" as Deputy

WEST PALM BEACH—On Sunday the Rev. Ted Temoshchuk preaches God's law from the pulpit of Lake Avenue Baptist Church.

Weekdays he changes into the uniform of a Palm Beach County Deputy Sheriff to enforce man's law.

And so far he has found no serious conflict between his two jobs.

Would he kill a man if he had to?

"I've had some fights," he said, "but I've never had to pull my gun. Under circumstances where it was my life or his, when there was no way out, I would defend myself."

How would he justify killing a man?

"God has both a moral and a spiritual law," he explained. "Man is obligated to the moral law as well as the spiritual law. Man must obey the laws of society or he will pay for the sin as he would if he disobeyed a spiritual law. To shoot a man under unalterable conditions would not be contrary to 'Thou shalt not kill.'"

During seven years as a deputy, Rev. Temoshchuk has learned more about "life in the raw" than he ever would have as a clergyman.

"I feel now I have a better understanding of mankind," he said. "You see him and learn to know him as he is in life. And man is as God depicted him...totally depraved."

A native of Pennsylvania, the minister-deputy attended Moody Bible Institute and Northern Theological Seminary, in Chicago.

While doing evangelistic work in south Florida, he became the spiritual leader of his present congregation. In 11

years it has grown from four members to 132.

Rev. Temoshchuk entered law enforcement work as chaplain of the city police force and helped with domestic re-

lations and juvenile cases.

He said he later became a deputy "because I thought I could do a lot more good, and I think I have."

Good News for Lawmen

New Raiford "Screening" Center Expected to Cut Down Escapes

Here's good news for Sheriffs and other lawmen who dislike tramping through swamps and woods in the dead of night behind baying bloodhounds.

A new classification center opened last month in the state prison at Raiford "will very definitely reduce the number of escapes," according to R. B. Gramling, Assistant Director of the State Division of Corrections in charge of inmate treatment and training.

He said all convicts entering the state prison will be carefully screened in the new center to determine: (1) How much of a custody risk they are; (2) their potential for training; (3) their general intelligence level; and (4) their background experience.

Following this screening, those considered dangerous or prone to escape will be kept under maximum security at Raiford; and only those considered suitable for medium security, in good physical condition and between the ages of 20 and 35 will be transferred to road camps.

This, Gramling said, will stop the "unloading of Raiford's undesirables on the road camps...the policy in years gone by."

All convicts entering the state prison will go to the classification center where a trained staff will determine what type of custody they are suited for. Those tagged for maximum or close custody will stay at Raiford; medium custody convicts will go to the road camps; and those considered the best risks will be sent to the minimum security facilities at Apalachee Correctional Institution or the open security facilities at Avon Park.

"We will make mistakes", Gramling admitted, but he pointed to the new Avon Park prison as an example of the effectiveness of prisoner classification. He said in the first four months of operation 400 prisoners were transferred to the new facility, but only four escapes were reported.

The new "honor system" prison is surrounded by a fence which Gramling said could be easily scaled, and the guards are not armed.

Gramling said the classification center will enable Florida's far flung prison system to operate more efficiently and it will "use the prisoners' potentialities to the fullest extent."

Site on Suwannee River Chosen for Boys' Ranch

The Florida Sheriffs Boys' Ranch, a permanent home for worthy and needy boys, will be built by the Florida Sheriffs Association "way down upon the Suwannee River."

A 722-acre ranch site, located on the banks of the historic stream 11 miles north of Live Oak, was selected at a special meeting of the Association in St. Petersburg, Oct. 2.

It has about a quarter-mile of riverfront and contains a large flowing spring that can be converted into a swimming pool. The site is partly wooded, but most of it is farm land.

Thomas Musgrove, farmer and former Suwannee County commissioner, donated 120 acres; and the Live Oak Elks Lodge contributed 40 acres which it had previously received from Musgrove as a youth camp site.

The Association will purchase the remaining 562 acres at a cost of about \$30,000. This land is already under option.

Funds for the site purchase and construction of ranch facilities will come from the dues of the Association's honorary members and from direct contributions.

A Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Trust Fund was created at the St. Petersburg meeting to receive donations and bequests; and, if possible, to make them tax-exempt.

It will be administered by a nine-man board composed of Monroe County Sheriff John M. Spottswood, Association president; Florida Sheriffs Bureau Director Don McLeod, Association secretary; Clay County Sheriff John P. Hall, Association treasurer; Hardee County Sheriff E. Odell Carlton, board of directors chairman; Suwannee Sheriff Hugh Lewis, Escambia Sheriff Emmett Shelby, Polk Sheriff Hagan Parrish, Taylor Sheriff Maurice Linton and Pinellas Sheriff Sid Saunders.

This board will meet in Live Oak, October 18, to name chairman and treasurer, and to make plans for development of the ranch site.

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Cash Gifts Aid Ranch Project

Cash donations for the Florida Sheriffs Boys' Ranch began coming in as soon as the selection of a site was announced.

In Live Oak, 11 miles south of the ranch site, Sheriff Hugh Lewis reported that 100 persons immediately signed up as Honorary Members of the Florida Sheriffs Association and paid membership fees totaling \$1,000.

Direct donations included \$1,000 from Charles Rosenberg of Tallahassee, Rose Printing Co. owner; \$150 from the St. Petersburg Elks Lodge; \$100 from the Orlando Sears Roebuck & Co. store; and \$100 from a sheriff who asked to remain anonymous.

The ranch will be financed by the dues of Honorary Members, and by direct contributions to a new Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Trust Fund created this month.

Scholarships Awarded to Three Youths

Three boys have been released from the Florida Industrial School for Boys at Marianna for specialized training under the new Florida Sheriffs Association scholarship project.

Two of the youths, 16 and 17, enrolled at a University and the third one, 17, is attending a vocational high school.

They were selected by Arthur Dozier, superintendent of the Marianna School and state director of child training schools, from a field of 51 candidates.

Other boys are under consideration for a fourth scholarship which the Association expects to award in the near future.

Dozier said the scholarships are providing a valuable incentive, and are making available specialized types of training which are not available at Marianna.

The scholarship project, together with the boys' ranch project described elsewhere on this page, are part of a "Fight Delinquency Campaign" supported by the dues of the Florida Sheriffs Association's Honorary Members.

"Highway Zoo" Contest Winners

Here are the winners of the "Highway Zoo" Contest which appeared in the September issue of the Star:

FIRST PRIZE (\$50) — Dr. M. L. Warner, Bradenton.

SECOND PRIZE (\$35) — Todd A. Kuhn Jr., Palmetto.

THIRD PRIZE (\$15) — Mrs. Frances J. W. Lindenburg, Miami Shores.

HONORABLE MENTION (sorry, no prizes)—L. Grady Simpson of Mount Dora; and I. Moscovitz of Jacksonville.

Identical cash prizes are being offered in the October contest on page 3.

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

R. L. Bohon Dies; Deputy 31 Years

JACKSONVILLE — Robert Louis Bohon, a Duval County deputy sheriff for 31 years, died Sept. 5 following a heart attack at his home here.

He began his law enforcement career as a deputy under Sheriff W. H. Dowling in 1925 and stayed on when Sheriff Rex Sweat took office in 1933. He retired as chief deputy in January, when Sweat was succeeded by Sheriff Al Cahill.

Moonshine Price Increase Said Due to Intensified Enforcement

Here's bad news for moonshine consumers:

Reports indicate that intensified law enforcement is causing a price rise.

In Jacksonville, for example, raids conducted by Duval County Sheriff Al Cahill's new "moonshine squad" were credited with helping to skyrocket the cost of 'shine from \$9 a gallon to \$20 a gallon.

Deputies who comprise the squad, have confiscated thousands of gallons of the illegal "firewater" since they went into action early in August. They cooperate closely with state and federal beverage agents.

In Okaloosa County, Sheriff Ray Wilson's deputies destroyed a 16-barrel moonshine still, dumped 800 gallons of mash, confiscated 750 pounds of sugar and took into custody a juvenile found near the scene.

A 500-gallon still, said to be capable of cheating the federal government out of \$50,000 per month in taxes, was found in a house within the city limits of Leesburg. Two men were charged with operating it.

Sheriff's Deputy James Yates said it was the largest still he had ever raided within the corporate limits of any city.

In Gilchrist County, Sheriff Clyde Williams and Deputy Charlie Parrish were credited with spotting a still of similar size, which they later raided

with the assistance of federal agents.

Two Nassau County men were arrested at the scene. The officers also destroyed 1,000 gallons of moonshine, and confiscated a two-ton truck and an automobile.

In Nassau County, where Sheriff Ed Yarbrough has been waging a relentless war on the illegal whisky industry, six men were sentenced to state prison and one was placed on probation after pleading guilty to charges of possessing moonshine stills.

Wanted: Tracker For Missing Trail Hound

KISSIMMEE—How do you trail a trail hound?

That was the problem facing Deputy Sheriff Claude Tindall when his brown and tan hound, Rascal, disappeared.

Tindall, who carefully trained Rascal to trail human fugitives, was worried that someone might try to convert him into a hunting dog.

Obscene Material Sheriff's Target

PENSACOLA — Sheriff Emmett Shelby said he will rigidly enforce a new Florida law governing obscene literature.

The law makes it a felony to sell, publish, distribute, lend, show or transmit any obscene literature. If convicted, a person may be fined up to \$1,000 or imprisoned up to three years.

PTA officials urged the public to support Sheriff Shelby's efforts by reporting the existence of obscene material, and by asking magazine dealers to keep such material off their display racks.

Thieves "Pick On" Cantonment Man

PENSACOLA—A. F. Downey of Cantonment told the Escambia County Sheriff's Office he wished hubcap thieves would "pick on someone else."

He said over a period of several months they had stolen two complete sets of hubcaps from him.



TAMPA—CONTEST WINNER—Sheriff Ed Blackburn, Jr., presents \$50 cash prize to Miss D. Ann Jones, 14, of Tampa, who was the first place winner in the "Highway Zoo" contest which appeared in the August issue of The Sheriff's Star. Winners of the September contest are announced elsewhere in this issue.

MISSING PERSONS

From the files of the Florida Sheriffs Bureau



BETTY JO McCRUM

white female, age 31, 5 feet 3 inches tall, weighs 108 pounds, light blonde hair. When last seen in Daytona Beach, August 16, 1957, she was driving a 1955 Ford, white top, black bottom, with 1957 Florida License 17-5899. Any information concerning her whereabouts notify Sheriff Thursby, Deland, or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



MRS. ANNA ROGERS

also known as MRS. GEORGE ROGERS, MISS ANNA MAE MIHALIK, white female, age 44, approximately 5 feet 9 inches tall, weighs about 140 pounds, dark brown hair, greenish eyes, appears to be staring. Mentally upset, unable to work but would most likely attempt to find work in hotels or restaurants as dish washer. Missing from her home since about August 9, 1957. Any information concerning this subject notify Sheriff Miller, DeFuniak Springs, Fla., or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



ROBERT G. WILSON

white male, age 31, 4 feet, 8 inches tall, (dwarfed), weighing 200 pounds, blue eyes. Should have in his possession a Nebraska Drivers License #J71-767. He has been missing from his home in Kimball, Nebraska since October 30, 1956. His two brothers have offered a reward of \$1000 for information leading to his whereabouts, dead or alive. Any information should be addressed to County Attorney Jack Mey, or Sheriff, Kimball County, Kimball, Nebraska, or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.

Visitors Help Sheriff Nab Fleeing Man

PENSACOLA — Escambia County Sheriff Emmett Shelby received a valuable assist from visiting officers operating under the principle that "one good turn deserves another."

Leon County Sheriff's Office Investigator Ruben Smith and Tallahassee Police Sgts. R. J. Strickland and Ted Lehman were enroute to Shelby's headquarters and stopped at a bridge to wait for an escort to guide them in.

While they were waiting they heard a radio report from the sheriff's office that a man wanted on larceny charges was fleeing in a panel truck.

Then the truck passed them, so they took out after it, apprehended the wanted man and turned him over to the Escambia Sheriff's office.

In return for this Shelby was more than happy to make available the services of his polygraph (lie detector) equipment and operator.

Sheriff's Aide Dad's Club Head

PLANT CITY — Jack Dempsey, head of the Hillsborough County sheriff's office traffic department, was elected president of the Plant City High School Dad's Club.

One of the club's projects for this year is a free trip to Gainesville for Planter football players to see the L.S.U.—University of Florida grid game, Oct. 26.

Message Volume Increase Noted

JACKSONVILLE — The volume of telephone and radio messages handled by the Duval County sheriff's office has increased tremendously, according to Sheriff Al Cahill.

He told the Meninak Club that his staff of 165 employees handles an average of 3,700 radio messages and 4,000 phone calls daily.

He said before he took office in January radio broadcasts averaged about 1,200 a day and phone calls amounted to "several hundred" a day.

Sheriff Warns of BB-Gun Crackdown

DELAND — Volusia County Sheriff Rodney B. Thursby promised strict enforcement of a law which requires youngsters to be under adult supervision when they use air rifles.

He said: "We don't want any repetition of the shooting outburst this county saw when vandals shot up business places and homes, causing damage estimated at \$1,500."

Convicts Caught Making "Hooch"

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—Pontiac Penitentiary guards uncovered a makeshift liquor producing plant operated by tubercular convicts.

It had a 20-gallon capacity and was located in a tunnel which carries steam pipes under the hospital.

Ingredients used in the "hooch maker" included raisins, sugar, potato peelings and canned fruit juices, apparently obtained by stealing kitchen supplies or by smuggling leftovers out of the dining room.

Just for "Kicks" . . .

OCALA — A bold thief stole City Police Officer Ronald Proctor's personal car from in front of the police station, drove it to the Moose Lodge and abandoned it.

Former Sheriff May Get Movie Offer

EVERGLADES — Former Charlotte County Sheriff Fred Quednau of Punta Gorda was named as a prospective technical adviser when plans were announced for filming Budd Schulberg's movie, "Cottonmouth", in this area.

The script is built around the sometimes fatal efforts of Audubon wardens to protect egrets from hunters seeking plumes for women's hats in the early part of this century.

Quednau actually traded for egret plumes as a boy and is familiar with conditions that existed during the time the movie depicts.

\$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:

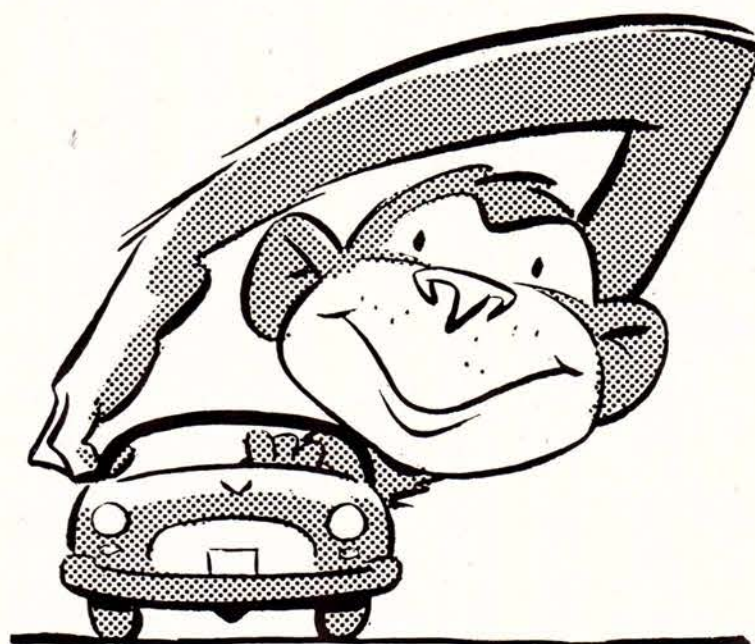
Simply add a last line to the jingle under the "Highway Zoo" cartoon and make it rhyme with the third line. (Example: "Ought to Be Banned.") Then fill in your name and address on the lines provided under the jingle and mail to Contest Editor, Box 344, Tallahassee, Fla. Be sure to read the contest rules carefully 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, October 31, 1957; and received by the contest judges no later than November 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 CHIMPANZEE

This Reckless Goof
Who Hangs onto the Roof
And Drives with One Hand,

Submitted by

Name

Age

Address

Teen-Agers In Trouble

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

BARTOW—A 14-year-old boy who stole a late model Cadillac here was sentenced to five years in the state prison at Raiford. Criminal Court Judge Roy Amidon said he sent the youth to prison because of a "bad past record" which included another auto theft, two burglaries, shoplifting and an escape from the Hillsborough County Juvenile home.

OCALA — An 18-year-old girl was jailed after she allegedly fired a pistol in her husband's face. Sheriff F. L. McGehee said the pistol misfired and only the primer went off, giving the husband powder burns.

ORLANDO—A shotgun, baseball bat and a hammer were among the weapons confiscated by three sheriff's deputies when they dispersed a crowd of 35 to 40 youths at a drive-in restaurant.

PENSACOLA—Two 14-year-old "horse rustlers" were taken into custody by Deputy Sheriff Joe Gassman. He said the boys rented two horses from a riding academy and failed to return them.

JACKSONVILLE — Three-year prison sentences were handed to two youths 17 and 18 after they stole a car and led officers on a wild chase across Mayport Naval Auxiliary Air Station. They had previously escaped from a federal institution in Virginia.

MIAMI BEACH — An 18-year-old youth shot and killed a 33-year-old man after they argued over ownership of a chicken dinner served by a waitress.

HOMESTEAD—Young boys on a vandalism spree taxied a crop dusting airplane into a canal near here and caused additional property loss estimated at around \$400.

CLEARWATER—A 13-year-old boy admitted to sheriff's deputies that he burglarized three business places here, and complained because one break-in netted him only about \$7.20. He said it was not worth the time and effort.

TALLAHASSEE—A brief joy ride in a "borrowed" truck ended in death for one 19-year-old youth and painful injuries for his 17-year-old companion when the truck careened into a tree.

MIAMI—Two boys, 17 and 18, were arrested and charged with stealing more than 50 pistols from Bud's Trading Post.

SARASOTA—A 13-year-old boy who stole a bicycle said he would rather go to jail than accept a nightly curfew and other restrictions which probation would place upon him. Juvenile Judge Russell Thomas granted his wish and sentenced him to one day.

MIAMI — Two 16-year-old boys who sawed their way out of Juvenile detention quarters at the St. Lucie County Jail were captured here. Earlier they had escaped from a Rhode Island reform school.

PANAMA CITY—Persistence did not pay off for two Birmingham, Ala., boys 14, and 13, who stole a car and drove it here.

When the stolen car became stuck in soft beach sand, they stole another one to pull it out. Then the second car got stuck, and they stole a third car to free it. The third one bogged down and off they went to steal number four. It was also stuck when the Bay County Sheriff's Office moved in and halted the "chain reaction" by taking the boys into custody.

STUART — A 15-year-old boy and his 13-year-old sister who "played hooky" from school were drowned while wading in the St. Lucie River.

VERO BEACH—A boy hunting rats with an air rifle at the Vero Beach Country Club was picked up by Sheriff Sam T. Joyce for violating a law that requires any youngster under 16 to be under adult supervision when using an air rifle.

TAMPA—An escapee from the Florida Industrial School for Boys said he burned his parents' home so he would be sent to state prison instead of being returned to the Marianna school.

BARTOW — A 16-year-old Lakeland boy charged with stabbing his 13-year-old half-sister was ruled mentally competent to stand trial on a charge of assault to commit first degree murder.

MIAMI—A 13-year-old boy admitted breaking into a school with three others and stealing a \$200 bass fiddle, \$48 worth of chocolate bars and a blow torch.

SARASOTA — The "hand-writing on the wall", traditional sign of bad luck, was just that for two youths, 17 and 18. They were arrested by Deputy Sheriff Donald Craft and charged with scrawling vulgar words on the newly plastered wall of an Englewood residence.

WEST PALM BEACH — Three juveniles and a 17-year-old youth were charged with stealing \$300 worth of property from a construction job.

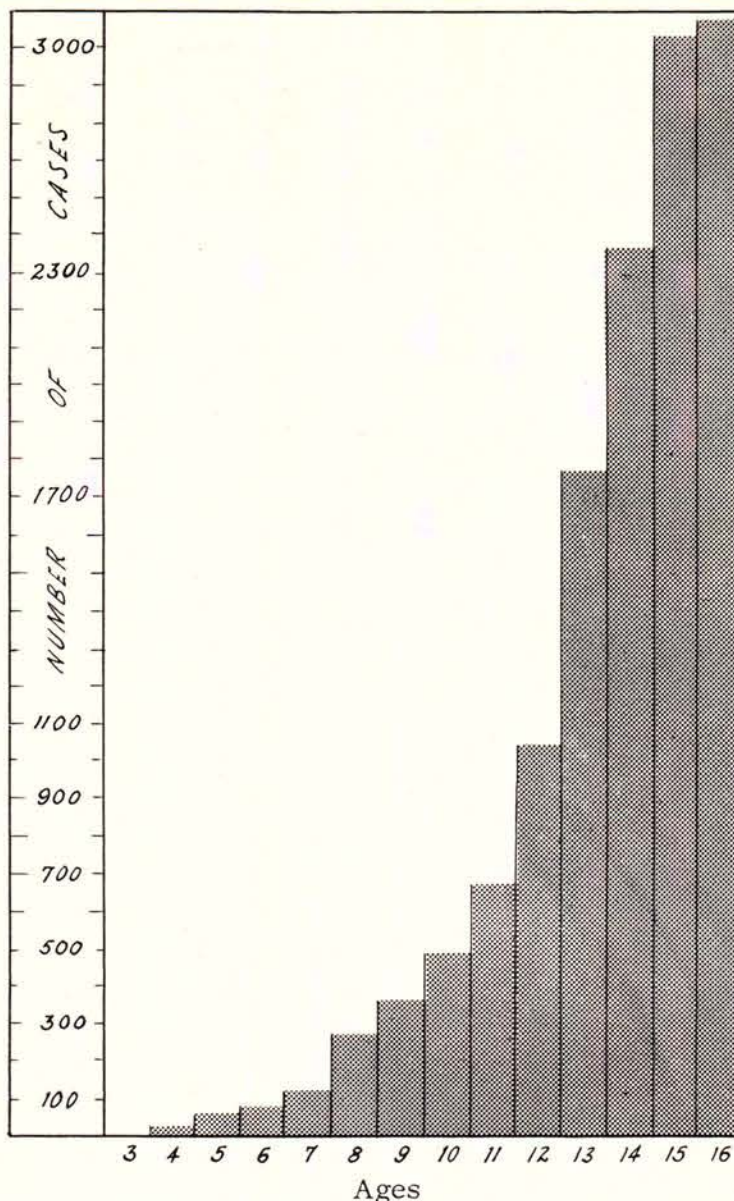
Delinquency of Parents Cited

EUSTIS—Animals take better care of their young than some parents, Orange County Sheriff Dave Starr told the Eustis Kiwanis Club.

And, he added that most juvenile delinquency is the result of parental delinquency.

"Many children today just aren't getting the proper supervision," he said. "We've got to get back to keeping the family together as a unit. The parent's duty is to be in the home with the children."

Lake County Sheriff Willis V. McCall, program chairman, arranged for Sheriff Starr's club appearance.



DELINQUENCY AGE RANGE—This State Welfare Department chart shows the number of cases handled by Florida's Juvenile Courts in each age bracket during 1956.

Four-Year-Olds Not Immune

13 Through 16 "Dangerous Age" Florida Court Statistics Reveal

Where is juvenile delinquency likely to hit in your family?

Florida Juvenile Court statistics just released by the State Welfare Department indicate that youngsters 13 through 16 years of age are in the greatest danger.

But, they also show that your innocent-looking four-year-old is not immune.

In 1956, the year covered by the report, juvenile courts disposed of 13,315 delinquency cases, and 10,161 (or 76 per cent) of them involved children in the 13-16 age bracket. Florida law makes anyone under 17 a "juvenile."

At the other end of the age scale there were 22 cases involving four-year-olds; 29 involving five-year-olds; 75 involving six-year-olds and 133 involving seven-year-olds.

The report reveals that stealing of one kind or another sent 4,416 children into court.

Other reasons were: running away, 1,965; acts of carelessness or mischief, 1,672; truancy, 1,429; being ungovernable, 1,368; sex offenses, 442; traffic violations, 426; and injury to persons 250.

Seasonally the report showed that cases dropped to their lowest point in June, just as school closed; and reached their highest point in October, just after the opening of the next school term.

The 1956 report is the first one issued with statistics from all 67 of Florida's juvenile courts. This was made possible by a 1955 law which requires all juvenile courts to make monthly statistical reports.

The State Welfare Department cautioned that the statistics on court cases should not be considered as an exact indication of the extent of delin-

quency in Florida, since they do not include acts that were unnoticed or were not reported to the courts.

Variations from county to county in the handling of delinquency problems was cited as another reason why the court data could not be used to fully measure the state's youth crimes.

Sheriff Bags Alaskan Moose

LABELLE—Sheriff Bill Maddox has realized his ambition to bag a moose.

He and a hunting companion, Milburn Rudd, each brought down a moose and a caribou during an Alaskan hunting trip. They also caught the limit of silver salmon on the Keni Peninsula.

The pair traveled by auto over the Alcan Highway, which Sheriff Maddox said was not as primitive as some writers have described it to be.

He said it was rough in spots, but could be traveled without difficulty at moderate speeds.

The men found ample accommodations along the way for eating, sleeping and getting their car serviced, but paid as high as 67 cents per gallon for gasoline while crossing Canada.

They were unable to get dry ice to bring back some of the moose meat, so they resorted to the old fashioned method of frying it and packing it in lard.

Sheriff Maddox was granted a leave of absence by Gov. LeRoy Collins to make the 32-day trip.

Teen Drinking Big Headache

The problem of teen-age drinking is causing growing concern among Florida's Sheriffs.

And many of them are cracking down on unscrupulous beverage retailers who aggravate the problem by selling beer to minors.

At Vero Beach, Indian River County Sheriff Sam T. Joyce reported finding "more and more drinking among teen-agers."

He said four intoxicated boys were recently picked up and the youngest was 14.

"Parents," he said, "are the ones who can give us the greatest help in this matter. Without their cooperation it might get out of hand."

At Crestview, Okaloosa county Sheriff Ray Wilson announced a general crackdown on beverage license holders after two restaurant operators were charged with selling beer to minors.

He said one of the arrests was touched off when an intoxicated 15-year-old boy wrecked a car.

In Broward County, the sheriff's office arrested four persons for beer sales to minors. The clean-up was led by Chief Criminal Investigator Ben W. Grigsby and Deputy John Mehl.

South Florida officers said teen-agers are complicating enforcement efforts by using falsified identification cards which show them to be 21 or over.

A 19-year-old youth picked up recently had seven false identification cards on him. One was a driver's license, one a health card and several were military service cards.

It was found that teen-age boys sometimes obtain military service cards from servicemen over 21 and replace the serviceman's picture with one of their own.

Law Puts "Bite" On Teeth Maker

MIAMI—A would-be dentist discovered that the law has "teeth."

Aurelio Padron was arrested by sheriff's deputies on five charges of illegally practicing dentistry after he made some false teeth for Florida Board of Dentistry investigators.

Officer Sets Speed Record

PINELLAS PARK — Some kind of speed record was set when the Police Chief of this Pinellas County community caught a thief before the victim of the theft had time to report it.

Here is how it happened, according to Fred L. Walker, Editor of The Pinellas Parker:

"Police Chief William McMahon was alert and 'on the ball' this past week, when he caught a ten-year-old boy, just minutes after he had robbed a local Pure Oil Service Station of over \$200.00. In fact he 'got his man' before the robbery was discovered.

"McMahon spotted the youth running thru a palmetto covered field on the outskirts of the town, and gave chase to question him for not being in school. When he caught the boy he discovered he was carrying a cash box containing money. The boy admitted the theft.

"The Service Station owner, Russell Fisher, was just going to report the theft when the Chief drove in with the young culprit in the patrol car. The box had contained \$208.36, but evidently \$7.00 was lost during the chase.

"Pinellas Park may be a small town, but we do have a very efficient police department, of which we are proud."

ROLL CALL

News Items From Sheriffs' Departments All Over The State

WEST PALM BEACH—Sheriff John Kirk is going to have a "navy."

He will patrol the lakes and waterways of Palm Beach County with a "fleet" of small boats to enforce water safety regulations and reduce water safety hazards.

The county commission will provide the boats, and sheriff's deputies will operate them.

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TITUSVILLE—Cocoa Police Chief G. E. Dempsey resigned to take a position as a deputy under Brevard County Sheriff James V. Dunn.

He joined the Cocoa force in 1946 and became chief in 1952. Previously he served as a deputy under Brevard Sheriff Bill Williams and with the Rockledge police department.

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WINTER HAVEN—Sheriff Hagan Parrish, president of the Winter Haven High School Dad's Club, spearheaded a drive to raise money for the school's athletic teams. One of the club's projects is the purchase of a bus to transport players to out-of-town games.

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ORLANDO—Orange County Sheriff Dave Starr reported this "shakedown":

A crew of chimney repairmen told E. M. Thomas his chimney was loose, then to prove their point climbed up his roof and shook it loose. They offered to fix it for \$90 but he turned them down and notified local authorities.

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EVERGLADES—Collier County Sheriff E. A. (Doug) Hendry announced the hiring of three new deputy sheriffs. They are Fred Worth, John Boon and Bill McCrea.

Worth replaces Louis Baucom who recently resigned. Deputy Chuck Whidden, formerly stationed in Everglades, was transferred to Naples.

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MIAMI—Sheriff's Deputies Joe Gorman and William Whitacre reported a laundry they raided was doing a rushing business—taking horseplayers to the cleaners.

The phone rang several times during the raid and Whitacre took bets—on the cuff—from three callers. The proprietor was charged with bookmaking.

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PENSACOLA—Acting on a tip, Deputy Sheriff Charley Cheese arrested a man who admitted slaying another man at a baseball game in Selma, Ala., 35 years ago.

The long-gone fugitive was quoted as saying he fled Selma after the slaying and worked in coal mines and on farms in Kentucky and Alabama. He had been working here since January under the name of Carthorne Foster.

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PERRY—Taylor County Sheriff Maurice S. Linton was a witness to—and almost a victim of—a six-car highway accident.

One of the cars went out of control and would have struck Linton's approaching car if Linton had not quickly swerved onto the shoulder of the road. Damage was estimated at \$1,500. No injuries were reported.

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BRONSON—Prompt action on the part of Levy County sheriff's deputies was credited with saving the life of a man whose face was slashed in a fight. They rushed the victim from Otter Creek to Alachua General Hospital where he received immediate transfusions and treatment for shock.

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KISSIMMEE—Sheriff Robert M. Buckels reported three Polk County men were held on cattle rustling charges after they allegedly took two calves from the Latt Maxey Ranch.

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STARKE—Assistant Starke Police Chief Riley Sweat resigned to accept a position as deputy sheriff under Bradford County Sheriff P. D. Reddish.

Sweat was a member of the police force for about eight years. "I have worked with Riley ever since I have been sheriff," said Reddish, "and I have never worked with a better man."

SANFORD—Seminole County Sheriff J. L. Hobby announced a crackdown on speeding and reckless drivers. "This," he said, "is the only way we can hold down our traffic accidents."

He noted that traffic arrests increased and accidents decreased during the early part of the campaign.

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TAMPA—Hillsborough County Sheriff Ed Blackburn Jr. hired Newspaperman Ellis Clifton as chief of his vice squad. Clifton formerly served as a deputy under Blackburn from 1953 to 1955 before accepting a job as staff writer with the St. Petersburg Times.

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CRESTVIEW — Two experienced bloodhounds, "Lucy" and "Peewee", were added to the staff of Okaloosa County Sheriff Ray Wilson. He purchased them from the Coffee County, Ala., sheriff who had given them plenty of experience by lending them to Kilby Prison guards to track down escapees.

Sheriff Cahill Officiates

Cornerstone Laid at New Duval County Jail

JACKSONVILLE — Cornerstone-laying ceremonies on Sept. 13 focused widespread public attention on the new Duval County Jail, described by Sheriff Al Cahill as one of the finest and most modern jails in the nation.

Scheduled for occupancy before the end of the year, it is connected to the new Duval County Court House by a double-decked bridge over Liberty St.

The new jail will cost \$1,800,000 and will have a capacity of about 600 prisoners. Chief Deputy Edgar R. Day said the old jail has a rated capacity of about 225, but as many as 310 have been jammed in on busy weekends.

Sheriff Cahill, who served as master of ceremonies at the cornerstone rites, said most of the nation's 3,000 county jails are inadequate, and that is one reason why 75 per cent of the persons committed to them are repeaters.

He said it will be his purpose, as warden of the jail, to re-

turn as many prisoners as possible to useful, constructive living.

U. S. Rep. Charles E. Bennett, featured speaker for the occasion, described the jail as a symbol of "continuing progress in our war against crime."

"For every prisoner who enters this building," he said, "let a citizen come out."

"Let it not be the end of the road for society's unfortunates; let it be, instead, a place of beginnings, a place where broken lives are mended and ruined men learn to hold up their heads again as befits members of a free society."

The lawmaker observed that there are no two prisoners alike, but he said they usually have these things in common: inadequate, improper goals in life; a sense of failure; a feeling of loss of personal dignity; and "an apprehension that neither society nor individuals bear them any love or good wish."

He said "Thoughtful consideration should be given to

Boat Hits Bathers; Operator Jailed

ORLANDO — A speed boat driver was jailed by the Orange County sheriff's office after the boat he was operating ran into and injured two swimmers on Lake Barton.

Later Sheriff Dave Starr issued a warning that boating and water safety regulations will be strictly enforced.

"Posse" Aids In Spite Call Case

HAINES CITY—A man who was making sleep-shattering early morning phone calls was caught when a "posse" of townspeople teamed up with the Polk County Sheriff's office to watch every public pay phone booth in the city.

The phone booth vigil produced fingerprints and a time record of phone calls that helped to identify Fred Willis, 52, as the person who had called the home of two school teachers 18 times in 24 days.

Further checking revealed that Willis had intended to disturb a man with the same last name as one of the teachers, but his efforts misfired when he used the teachers' number by mistake. No charges were filed.

physical recreation, music, reading, lectures, vocational training, constructive work, sermons, Sunday School activities and other such aids," in an effort to help prisoners to become good, effective citizens.

An official greeting from city officials was extended by Jacksonville Mayor Haydon Burns; and prayers were offered by leaders representing three religious faiths. County Commissioners were platform guests.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, Sheriff Cahill sealed in the cornerstone with mortar a metal box containing newspapers, booklets, photographs and other souvenirs.

One item was a roster of former Duval County sheriffs and another was sound motion picture film showing the old jail in operation.

Solon Suggests AA - Like Unit For Prisoners

JACKSONVILLE—A sort of "Prisoners Anonymous" similar to Alcoholics Anonymous was suggested by U. S. Rep. Charles E. Bennett of Jacksonville as a means of rehabilitating jail inmates.

"Understanding friendship is needed by both the prisoners inside and also the recently released prisoners," he said.

"It need not be furnished by only those who have been convicts."

"If I were choosing a name for such a group or organization it could be called 'Old Friends'—which is sufficiently inspiring and descriptive while at the same time not so revealing as to be embarrassing."

He also said he felt that "adversity, whether of imprisonment, illness or otherwise, can be a wise teacher."

"Prison can offer an opportunity for meditation and self-improvement which a man on the outside has no time to pursue. Gold is made perfect in fire, and good men in the furnace of adversity."

Finally he expressed the belief that "no man is wholly bad."

"A little of God is in each of us," he said, "and the only unforgivable sin is persistence in evil. Fear is belief in evil and faith is belief in God—or good."



JACKSONVILLE—PRESERVED FOR POSTERITY—Duval County Sheriff Al Cahill places a copy of The Sheriff's Star in the metal container which was sealed in the cornerstone of the new Duval County Jail.

Sheriff Coker to Operate from New \$250,000 Highlands County Jail

SEBRING — A new \$250,000 jail completed last month will give Highlands County modern facilities for housing prisoners and eliminate the overcrowding that existed in the old jail.

It will also give Sheriff Broward Coker a new base of operations from which to carry on more efficiently the steadily expanding law enforcement activities of his department.

The two-story structure of

brick, steel and concrete has a foundation and a roof that will permit addition of a third story if and when future expansion is needed.

In contrast to the gloomy, ill-smelling jails of yesteryear, it is well lighted and ventilated by awning style windows without bars. A corridor between the cell blocks and the windows places them well out of reach of the prisoners, and heavy

screens provide added security.

The first floor, which is air conditioned, includes a comfortable apartment for Jailer George Crist and his family, a well-equipped kitchen and operational facilities for the sheriff's department.

The operational facilities include a reception room inside the main entrance; sheriff's private office and conference room; communications room

for radio, telephone and teletype equipment; and a photographic department for "mugging" prisoners and processing film.

Facilities are also provided for fingerprinting and interrogating prisoners.

The second floor, reached by elevator, has cells for 82 prisoners, in addition to a hospital cell and a confinement room for mental patients. The cells

for trustees and juveniles are separated from those of the other prisoners.

The old jail had a capacity of 32 prisoners but many more than that number frequently had to be crowded into it.

Winter Park Architect James Gamble Rogers II designed the new jail and Fred W. Pinkley of Lakeland was the general contractor. The cells were installed by Roanoke Iron and Steel Co.



NEW HIGHLANDS COUNTY JAIL



OLD JAIL

Larceny Unlimited

Beehive and Philosophy Books Among Items on Theft Docket

These off-beat thefts were reported by sheriff's offices around the state:

A bee hive was stolen from an orange grove in Davie by a thief with a sweet tooth and plenty of nerve.

At Fruitland Park, part of an orange grove literally "disappeared" overnight when someone carted off 30 young citrus trees. It was the second tree theft in that area in recent months.

A "poor loser" could have been responsible for stealing a sign from the lawn of Mr. and Mrs. Ray K. Vickers, in West Hollywood. The sign identified the couple as winners of the "Home of the Month Contest."

Also from West Hollywood came reports of a "pants burglar" who was making a sizeable collection of money and jewelry.

Crooks of this ilk are said to be no novelty in Broward County, as witnessed by the extensive operations of convicted thieves Antonio Ferlice and Charles Davis.

The latter used an inflatable raft to row to his site of operations on Ft. Lauderdale Beach, and was arrested there while awaiting the outcome of an appeal from a previous conviction.

He claimed he only victimized persons who could "afford" to lose money, and his loot was believed to have total-

ed thousands of dollars in value.

A hunger for knowledge was apparently gnawing at the thief who stole a 12-volume set of philosophy books from an auto at Daytona Beach.

And, "hog rustlers" were busy in Dixie County where Deputy Sheriff George Green arrested three men and charged them with stealing 24 of Leon Bellot's porkers. The men were identified as Laverne Akins and Jack Lee of Perry, and Max Akins Jr. of Lake City.

"Chain" Alarm Thwarts Bad Check Passers

A "chain reaction" alarm system is being used in Florida cities to trap and discourage worthless check passers.

It works this way: When a merchant receives a bad check he immediately notifies the sheriff or the chief of police, giving a description of the check passer and his method of operation.

The lawman then phones a previously designated "key man" among the local merchants, who in turn calls two other merchants. These two each call two more and the process is repeated until the alarm is flashed over the entire business district.

In Tallahassee, where the system has been in operation seven or eight months, Sheriff W. P. Joyce reports that it has been effective not only in producing arrests but also in making merchants more cautious about accepting checks, and check passers more wary about plying their trade.

It takes only "a matter of minutes", he said, to warn some 60 merchants that a check artist is operating in the city.

The system was established through the cooperation of the sheriff's office, city police and chamber of commerce.

A similar system was set up in Panama City by Sheriff M. J. Daffin and Police Chief George McCall.



SANFORD—ILLEGAL BUCK—Seminole County Sheriff J. Luther Hobby inspects one of three deer found in the trunk of a car driven by Harvey Gore of Route 1. Deputy H. H. DeWitt found the animals after he stopped Gore for a traffic violation. Gore and two companions, James Luther Hodges of Chuluota and Carl Calvin Smith of Route 1, were charged with possession of deer out of season. (Photo by Bergstrom)

Man Startled by Flaming Sidewalk

PALM BEACH — Looking through the window to see what his dog was barking at, John Morse got the surprise of his life.

He saw flames moving up his sidewalk toward the front door, and quickly extinguished them with a garden hose.

Investigating sheriff's deputies said someone had poured kerosene along the walk and on the front steps, then ignited it.

Gas Saves Safe

CRESTVIEW — A tear gas "booby trap" connected to a safe at the Crestview Plumbing & Hardware Co. chased some would-be safe crackers away so fast that they left their tools behind. The tear gas was released when the burglars attempted to knock the combination dial off the safe.

Sheriff Lauded By Grand Jury

JASPER — The Hamilton County grand jury praised Sheriff Charles Rhoden for his investigation of the alleged flogging and kidnapping of Vann Curry, a Negro.

In a presentment, the jury reported that Sheriff Rhoden "acted in a lawful, upright and honorable manner and was ready at all times to perform his duties in the matter, and that he did make a thorough, full and complete investigation."

The jury also found that, although there had been a "very minor wrangle and altercation" between Curry and Floyd Peterson over a debt, "there has not been any mobbing, flogging or kidnapping of any persons whatsoever, including Vann Curry."

McFarland Heads Juvenile Officers

MIAMI — R. A. McFarland, chief of Sheriff Tom Kelly's juvenile division, was installed as president of the newly organized Florida State Juvenile Officers Association.

Installed with him were Fautina Gallegos, detective in the Miami Juvenile Bureau, as vice president; and Sgt. Wayne Thurman, of the North Miami Police Department, as secretary-treasurer.

Buzzards, Ice Hazards of Glades Patrol

DAVIE—Ice and turkey buzzards are among the hazards faced by Hully Stirling, ex-Navy pilot who flies missions over the Everglades for the Broward County Sheriff's Office.

He said ice can form in the plane's carburetor, even when it's 90 degrees in the sun, due to the refrigerating action of fast evaporating high-test gasoline. It takes heat away so fast the outside surface freezes and moisture coming through the tubes crystallizes into ice.

When that happens, a forced landing is sometimes necessary.

Buzzards are a menace because their curiosity, plus inability to judge the speed of a man-made flying machine, sometimes causes them to "dive-bomb" passing planes.

Stirling said a 15 to 20-pound buzzard striking the plane at full speed "can go down—taking you with him."

Available to the sheriff for emergencies 24 hours a day, Stirling is a citrus grower and cattle rancher who can't get flying out of his blood.

He said flying helps him to keep track of his herds, "but mainly I fly for fun. If I can help the sheriff's office or somebody out of trouble, I'm glad to do it."

Deputy Hired

QUINCY—W. M. Hendricks resigned as assistant police chief of Havana (Fla.) to accept a position as deputy under Gadsden County Sheriff Otho Edwards. He had been on the Havana police force for six years, and formerly served on the Quincy police force.

Trial Date Set In "Rare Coins" Case

WEST PALM BEACH — A man accused of defrauding three coin collectors to the tune of \$6,000 is scheduled to go on trial here Dec. 16.

Eugene Knerr, 55, of West Palm Beach, pleaded innocent after he was returned here from Milwaukee by Deputy Sheriff Ralph Clark to face charges of obtaining money under false pretenses.

According to County Solicitor Charles A. Nugent Jr., common coins sold by Knerr as collectors' items were worked over with acids, small chisels and polishing materials to make them look like proof sets issued by the Philadelphia mint.

Knerr admitted selling the coins, but claimed he believed they were authentic rare coins.

WANTED PERSONS

As Compiled by the
Florida Sheriffs Bureau



JAMES BEN NELSON
white male, age 38, 6 feet, weighs 155 pounds, black hair, possibly crew cut, grey eyes, ruddy complexion. Tile setter and terrazzo worker by trade. Will undoubtedly seek employment in this field. When last seen was driving 1951 Plymouth Sedan, white body, blue top, 1957 Florida License #2-14414. Warrant issued, charge rape of 14 year old girl. Notify Sheriff Cahill, Jacksonville, or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



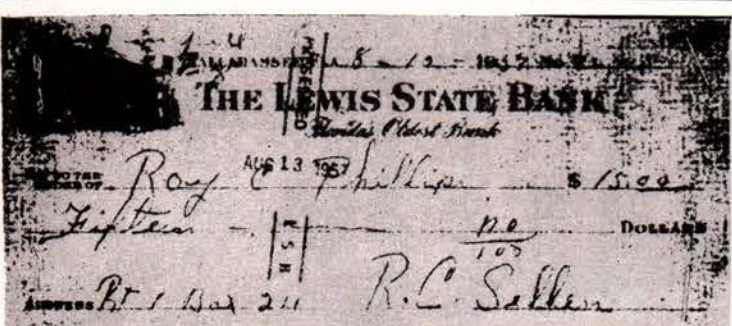
DONALD GEIGER
white male, age 30, 5 feet, 8 inches, slender build, brown hair, fair complexion. Truck driver by trade. His hobby is roller skating. He is believed to be driving an old car, color grey, 1957 Kansas License S/G 41356. Felony warrant issued for embezzlement. If apprehended, ascertain if will waive extradition, if not he will be extradited. Any information contact Marshal Snider, Court of Common Pleas, Wichita, Kansas or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



WHITE MALE
On August 22, 1957, a finance Co., of Orlando was held up and robbed of over \$900. Subject hung around finance office for some time stating he wanted to make a loan and was waiting for co-signer to arrive. After office help left he pulled gun on remaining clerk demanding money. He emptied all cash from safe drawers, then removed cash from safe, which was open. He is described as white male, age 24 to 26, weighing 160 to 175 pounds, black curly hair, clean shaven, neat, clean cut type. A composite picture was made which bears close resemblance to subject. Any one having knowledge of this notify Police Dept., Orlando or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.

BAD CHECK ARTISTS' GALLERY

FROM THE FILES OF THE FLORIDA SHERIFFS BUREAU



SAMPLES OF CHECKS PASSED BY JAMES RICHARDSON (Alias R. C. SELLERS) and MRS. MARY CLARK

JAMES RICHARDSON
alias R. C. SELLERS, white male, in late 40's, 5 feet 5 inches, weighing 180 - 190 pounds, stocky build, black hair, blue eyes, tan complexion. Northern accent. Habitually holds glasses in hand while talking to prospective victim. Appears calm, neat dresser, wearing sport coat and slacks. Used as identification a card showing Kentucky drivers license #54-7472. 18 Mayo Court, Ft. Thomas, Ky. Possibly accompanied by MRS. MARY CLARK, alias RUTH WILSON, RUTH CONGER, white female, no description. This couple known to have passed worthless checks in Bay county and Leon County, represents selves as agent for Bronz Rite Studios, of Thomasville, and Valdosta, Ga., and Tallahassee, Fla. Warrants have been issued. Any information contact Sheriff Joyce, Tallahassee, Sheriff Daffin, Panama City, or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Fla.



DAVID LOUIS GOLDREYER
white male, 49 years of age, height 5 feet 8 inches, weighs 180 to 185 pounds, stout build. Brown hair, balding, brown eyes, ruddy complexion. Nationality, American. Occupation bookkeeper, clerk, salesman. Scars on back of head, small round scar on right elbow. Reportedly has knowledge of textiles and other fabric. Has been convicted for theft of U.S. Mail, forgery and interstate transportation of stolen property. If apprehended notify nearest FBI office or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



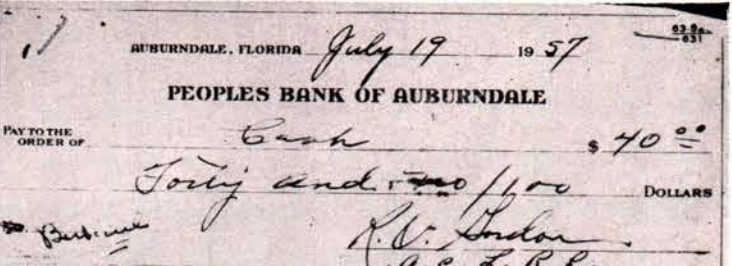
JOHNNIE B. ARCHIBALD JR.
white male, age 34, 5 feet, 11 7/8 inches tall, weighs 175 pounds, medium large build. Receding hair line, hazel eyes, ruddy complexion. Continuously chews tobacco. Wears long-billed baseball type cap. Occupation, car salesman. Place of birth Alamo, Tenn. FBI #3 324 728. He is believed to be in the vicinity of the Florida-Georgia line. Wanted for embezzlement and worthless checks. Warrant has been issued, will extradite. Notify Police Dept., Naples, Florida or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Fla.



BILL SANDS
(Photo at Left)
white male, age 35 to 40, height 6 feet 2 inches, weighs 190 pounds, regular build, light brown hair, brown eyes, fair complexion. Occupation entertainer, comedian master of ceremonies. Usually plays the larger night clubs. Felony warrant issued charge worthless checks. Notify Sheriff Daffin, Panama City, Fla., or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



WALTER GUENTHER
with aliases W. A. WELLE, CARL G. GUNTER, CARL STEIN, HENRY BELTER, HENRY REINER, white male, age 64, born in Berlin Germany, height 5 feet 8 1/2 inches, weight 141, medium build, medium brown-greying hair, grey-blue eyes, ruddy complexion, bad teeth. Trade: Baker. Vaccination scar upper left arm, burn scar left arm, cut scar upper right arm. Wears glasses. Has long criminal record. Serving life term for Robbery. Last seen wearing white clothes. May be in a red Chevrolet Station Wagon. Escaped from State Road Camp 4610 Gainesville. If apprehended notify State Prison, Raiford, Sheriff Crevasse, Gainesville or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



SAMPLE OF CHECK PASSED BY R. O. GORDON



R. O. GORDON
some times uses name O. R. GORDON, white male, tall, heavy set, appears to be the outdoor type. Well dressed, looks like business executive. Represents self as being employed by various firms, such as Atlantic Coastline Railroad, Florida Power and Light Co., The Telephone Co., etc. Purchases foodstuff at super markets, stating the firm he works for is giving barbecue for employees. Gets remainder of check in cash. Has worked this in Palatka, Bartow, Jacksonville, Daytona Beach etc. Any information concerning this subject notify Sheriff Pellicer, Palatka, Sheriff Parrish, Bartow, Constable Kinchen, Daytona Beach, or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.

Parrish Sees Mob Tension At Little Rock

BARTOW — "The tension was rough. It was as though the lid could blow off any minute. The people were strung like violin strings."

That's how Polk County Sheriff Hagan Parrish described trigger-tense Little Rock, Ark., just before federal troops moved in to enforce racial integration of Central High School. He was there Sept. 21 and 22 to retrieve an escaped prisoner, and talked with many people about the integration controversy.

"The consensus of most everyone—at all levels—seems to be that they just aren't going to stand for integration," he said.

"I went into a hardware store to buy a set of handcuffs. The owner told me people had been demanding so many guns and other weapons from him since school opened he just removed them from his showcase and was refusing to sell them."

"While I was in the store, three teen-age 'zoot-suiters' came in and tried to buy guns. They all wanted 25 caliber pistols."

Parrish said he saw a motorcade of hundreds of white high school students parading through downtown Little Rock chanting, "We don't want integration! We won't be integrated!"

He was also present at the high school seconds before a mob attacked Negro newsmen as nine Negro students were slipped into the school via a side entrance.

Ranch Site

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The purpose of the ranch project is to help homeless, neglected and underprivileged boys who are in danger of becoming juvenile delinquents.

In a companion project designed to help boys who are already in trouble with the law, the Association is providing scholarships for outstanding students released from the Florida Industrial School for Boys at Marianna.

Both projects are part of a "Fight Delinquency Campaign" supported by the dues of the Association's Honorary Members.

Resolution Passed on Ranch Site

ST. PETERSBURG — The Florida Sheriffs Association, at a special meeting here Oct. 2, passed a resolution expressing its "deep and grateful appreciation" to the citizens of Live Oak and Suwannee County for their "unprecedented magnanimity, generosity and hospitality" in providing a Suwannee County site for the Florida Sheriffs Boy's Ranch.

The resolution expressed particular appreciation for the generosity of Thomas Musgrove and the Live Oak Elks Lodge, co-donors of 160 acres of the ranch site.

It also cited Suwannee Sheriff Hugh Lewis for organizing the campaign to locate the ranch in Suwannee County; and J. L. McMullen, Clarence Ratliff and Bob Tuttle, for implementing the drive.



October 1 was "B-Day" For 48 Fla. Sheriffs

October 1 was "B-Day" for sheriffs in 48 Florida Counties.

That was the day they abandoned the antiquated fee system of compensation and started operating under a new budget-salary system created by the 1957 legislature.

It marked the beginning of a new era in law enforcement and—since seven large counties were already under budget systems established by special acts—it left only 12 small counties under the fee system.

They are Liberty, Lafayette, Wakulla, Citrus, Franklin, Hamilton, Jefferson, Sumter, Madison, Suwannee, Columbia and Gadsden.

W. R. England, special consultant for the Florida Sheriffs Association and former assistant state auditor, said the new system will make a great improvement in the operation of sheriffs' offices.

He said it will simplify book-keeping procedures and make them more efficient and comprehensive.

"The Sheriff will know the financial status of his office at all times," he added.

Other proponents pointed out that it will also eliminate the "profit motive" from law enforcement.

Under the fee system the sheriff charged fees for making arrests, serving papers and performing other duties.

If the fees failed to produce enough income to pay the operating expenses of the office and the sheriff's compensation, the sheriff did not get paid. Consequently there were times when the sheriff found it necessary to concentrate on "profitable" minor violations, at the risk of neglecting time consuming investigations of a more serious nature which produced little or no revenue.

Under the budget system, each sheriff is paid a salary set by law and he requisitions his operating funds from the county commission.

Putting the 1957 law into effect required a tremendous amount of time and effort.

Mr. England held two series of schools for sheriffs and their employees to implement it, and he is planning a third series to keep it operating smoothly.

In the first series the mechanics of budget making were explained; and the second series, which ended Sept. 13, covered the use of new budget system forms.

The third series, which Mr. England expects to start some

time before the end of the year, will serve to iron out any difficulties encountered in budget operations.

"There is still a great deal of work to be done," said Mr. England, "and it may be necessary to hold two-day sessions."

He said he received excellent cooperation from the State Auditing Department and the State Comptroller's Office in setting up the budget system.

And he expressed particular appreciation for the assistance of State Auditor Philip Shaw, who not only helped with the preparation of budget forms but also aided in conducting the budget schools.

WANTED

By The Florida Sheriffs Bureau



JOHN A. HALL

white male, age 24, height 5 feet 10 inches, weight 145 pounds, blond hair, blue eyes, light complexion. Home, Belle Glade. Warrant has been issued, charge Grand Larceny. Notify Sheriff Blackburn, Tampa, Fla., or Florida Sheriffs Bureau.

Parents Punished For Boys' Crimes

SARASOTA—When two boys, 6 and 9, were picked up for vandalism County Judge Russell Thomas placed their parents on probation because he felt the youngsters wouldn't understand the significance of it.

Then, as he concluded the hearing, he made a statement the boys understood perfectly: "I want the fathers of these boys to give them a spanking when they get home tonight."

TALLAHASSEE—BUDGET SCHOOL WINDUP—Consultant W. R. England (extreme right) instructs final session in a series of schools designed to acquaint sheriffs and their office staffs with forms to be used under the new budget system. State Auditor Philip Shaw, who assisted with the schools, is seated at Mr. England's left; and Leon County Sheriff W. P. Joyce, who was host to the windup session, is pictured standing at the right of the jury box. About 35 persons (some of them out of camera range in this picture) attended the school here in the Leon County courtroom. Similar sessions were held in Crestview, West Palm Beach, Fort Myers, Bronson, Sanford, Green Cove Springs, Chipley, Brooksville and Arcadia.



TALLAHASSEE—FELON ROUND-UP—Mrs. Vera Teston, Florida Sheriffs Bureau secretary, tests new camera installed at the bureau headquarters to photograph felons under Florida's criminal registration law. The new law, sponsored by the Florida Sheriffs Association during the regular 1957 session of the legislature, requires convicted felons to register with the sheriff or the Sheriffs Bureau within 48 hours after entering any county in Florida. It will enable sheriffs to keep a closer check on hoodlums—particularly those who come to Florida from other states.

Credit Due

The Sheriff's Star of May, 1957, failed to give proper credit to the Monticello Police Department in the capture of Willie Nelson, a fugitive from the Mississippi State Prison.

Subsequent checking shows that Nelson was arrested by the police department after an informer identified him as a fugitive.

Police Chief Alfred Foster said he personally contacted Mississippi officials to notify them of the capture. He said he later released the prisoner to them and received a \$50 reward which he deposited in the Monticello Police Fund.

The Star credited the police with arresting Nelson, but was not aware of the role they played in identifying him.

Sheriff Feeds Search Crew

BRONSON — Some 25 officers who participated in a gruelling seven-day search for two escaped convicts were rewarded with a steak and barbecued chicken dinner by Sheriff J. W. Turner on Oct. 2.

The men who participated in the successful night and day manhunt were from the Florida Highway Patrol, State Forestry Department, Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, State Department of Conservation, the sheriff's office and the Bronson State Road Prison Camp.

The two convicts escaped from the prison camp here and were captured in the Suwannee Swamp with the aid of airplanes, horses and bloodhounds.

Sheriff Turner described the search as "an excellent example of cooperative law enforcement."