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LIVE OAK—TRUSTEES ORGANIZE—The trustees of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch held their organization meeting here Oct. 18. They are (from left): Florida Sheriffs Association Attorney John A. Madigan, Jr.; Suwannee County Sheriff Hugh Lewis; Florida Sheriffs Bureau Director Don McLeod, secretary; Clay County Sheriff John P. Hall, treasurer; Monroe County Sheriff John M. Spottswood, chairman; Taylor Sheriff Maurice Linton; Hardee Sheriff E. Odell Carlton; Polk Sheriff Hagan Parrish; Escambia Sheriff Emmett Shelby; and Pinellas Sheriff Sid M. Saunders.

## Trustees of Boys Ranch Plan Extensive Survey

An extensive survey of Father Flanagan's famous Boys' Town and similar projects in several states is being planned as one of the next moves in the development of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

The survey will be made in person by the ranch trustees and a tentative itinerary is being arranged.

Trustee Chairman John M. Spottswood, sheriff of Monroe County, said every effort will be made to get a background of practical knowledge regarding the construction and operation of child care homes, so that the best possible facilities and staff personnel can be provided for the sheriffs' project.

The ranch, sponsored by the Florida Sheriffs Association and supported by the dues of its honorary members, will provide a permanent home for worthy and needy boys.

It will be located on a 722-acre site on the Suwannee River, 11 miles north of Live Oak.

Acquisition of the site, through the signing of deeds, was completed Oct. 18. A total of 160 acres was donated by Thomas Musgrove of Live Oak and the Live Oak Elks Club. The balance was purchased for approximately \$30,000.

Although considerable architectural and engineering planning must be completed before actual construction of ranch facilities can be started, the trustees expect to go ahead with site preparation work such as road building and land clearing.

This work will be under the supervision of a Live Oak steering committee which includes Suwannee County Sheriff Hugh Lewis, chairman; Rudolph Scott, Clarence Ratliff, Otto Wettstein, J. L. McMullen, Thomas Musgrove, Duke McAllister, Bob Tuttle, Alfred Airth, Merl Jernigan, Tom Abercrombie, Louie Wadsworth, John Roland, Mayor Marvin Phillips and Norman Prostman.

Sheriffs Association officials said the beginning of construction of ranch facilities will depend upon the funds available after preliminary planning surveys are completed.

Revenue will come from two primary sources: (1) the mem-

bership fees of the Association's Honorary Members, payable in January for 1958; and (2) direct donations to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Trust Fund.

The ranch is not being planned as a penal institution.

Instead it will be a haven for boys from broken homes, homeless boys, neglected boys, who, because of their environment, are in danger of becoming juvenile delinquents.

In a companion project designed to help boys who have already been adjudged juvenile delinquents by Florida's Courts, the Sheriffs Association is providing scholarships for outstanding students released from the Florida Industrial School at Marianna to attend colleges and technical schools.

Two boys are currently attending a university and one is enrolled in a technical school under the scholarship program.

### Total Loss

CHRISTMAS—A thief who made an unsuccessful attempt to burglarize a service station took off in such a hurry that he left his shoes behind, according to Orange County Sheriff Dave Starr.

### "Highway Zoo" Contest Winners

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

**First Prize (\$50)** — Joe Knight, Cedar Key.

**Second Prize (\$35)** — Gerald Thompson, Plant City.

**Third Prize (\$15)** — Marie Booth Kuhn, Palmetto.

**Honorable Mention** — (Sorry, no prizes) — Carolyn Wilson of Trenton and Margaret Spangler of Tampa.

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



RANCH DIRECTOR—Hillsborough County Sheriff Ed Blackburn, Jr. was appointed executive director of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch by the ranch trustees. His duties will consist of raising funds and coordinating the various phases of the ranch project.

### Telephone Paging Trips Check Passer

GAINESVILLE—The Alachua County sheriff's office learned that a man wanted for passing a worthless check was eating in a restaurant, but the problem was to identify him.

So Deputies Harry Layfield and Henry Parker kept an eye on the customers while another officer phoned the restaurant and asked to have James H. McIntosh paged.

When McIntosh heard his name called he flinched, and the deputies moved in to nab him. He was later fined in Alachua County court and held for Hillsborough County authorities on additional worthless check charges.

### Fast Changer Makes \$10 On Cup of Java

PENSACOLA—The Escambia County sheriff's department reported a "quick change artist" is operating in this area.

Described as about 55 and well dressed, he cheated a restaurant cashier out of \$10.

First he paid for a cup of coffee with a \$20 bill. Then after he got his change he decided to pay for the coffee with a smaller bill. After a series of confusing money exchanges he walked away and the cashier later discovered the cash drawer had been depleted to the extent of \$10.

## Sheriffs Speedily Nab Airborne Bank Bandits

Flying bank bandits had their "wings clipped" in record time through the teamwork of three sheriffs and the Florida Sheriffs Bureau.

The two masked bandits, later identified as Tampa fliers, entered the First State Bank of Fort Meade at 1 p.m., Oct. 24, stole over \$26,000 at gunpoint and took off in a stolen airplane amid a hail of bullets.

Some 25 hours later, Irvin Suits and Donald J. "Bugs" Thompson were under arrest and had been positively identified as the bandits; Suits had confessed; the stolen money had been recovered and all of it had been accounted for except \$67.

In the annals of crime, this case will be remembered because of the unique airborne getaway — believed to be the first of its kind in Florida.

Among lawmen it will also stand as a prime example of cooperative law enforcement—of Sheriffs working together to match the fast-moving pace of modern criminals.

The wrapping up of the airborne bank robbery case combined the talents of Hillsborough County Sheriff Ed Blackburn Jr., Polk Sheriff Hagan Parrish, Lee Sheriff Flanders G. Thompson, Florida Sheriffs Bureau Director Don McLeod and a large number of trained deputies.

The Tampa City Police and FBI agents also cooperated in the swiftly unfolding case.

Modern radio communications, patrol cars, bloodhounds, a Coast Guard helicopter and a chartered boat were used in the widespread investigation.

Officers reconstructed the robbery this way: Thompson and Suits flew to Winter Haven in a borrowed Cessna airplane, stole an Aeronca there and flew both planes to Plant City.

They left the Cessna at Plant City and flew to Fort Meade in the Aeronca. Then, using Constable Harry Godwin as a hostage, they entered the bank, ordered employees to fill a pillowcase with money, slugged cashier Morris Lunn, sped away in Godwin's car, and drove to the air strip.

Police Chief Glenn Baggett and Perry Johnson, who had given chase, fired at them as they took off in the stolen Aeronca. Bullet holes were later found in the plane.

They landed the Aeronca at Plant City, abandoned it and

took off in the Cessna. When the Aeronca was found, officers were not immediately aware of the plane switch, and started a large scale manhunt in the vicinity of the airport.

Meanwhile Sheriffs Blackburn and Parrish received a tip that led them to believe that a borrowed Cessna piloted by Thompson might be involved.

When a physical description of Thompson tallied with the description of one of the bandits they knew they were on the right track.

A short time later the Cessna

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## 'New Approach' Brings Praise

ST. PETERSBURG—An editorial in the St. Petersburg Independent praised Pinellas County Sheriff Sid Saunders for a "sincere new approach to the problem of juvenile delinquency."

It said that Saunders, in urging the formation of Junior Deputy Sheriff Leagues throughout the state, "betokens the growing application of responsible officials" to the solution of the problem.

Saunders had pointed out to the press that juvenile delinquency is a product of rural areas as well as cities.

And he had explained that lack of recreation programs in rural areas had placed a heavy responsibility upon sheriffs to try to keep young people out of trouble.

They can assume this responsibility, he added, by forming county-wide Junior Deputy units to instill respect for law enforcement officers and teach today's youth to be law abiding citizens.

"If each sheriff in the state could save one boy or girl from a life of criminal activity and shame," he said, "our efforts would be well rewarded."

## Ohio Sheriffs Pick Spottswood as Featured Speaker

KEY WEST — Monroe County Sheriff John M. Spottswood, president of the Florida Sheriffs Association, has accepted an invitation to address the 27th Annual Convention of the Buckeye State Sheriffs Association, at Columbus, Ohio.

He will be the featured speaker at a convention banquet scheduled for Dec. 4.



SPEAKER—R. O. Culver, director of the State Department of Corrections, has accepted an invitation to speak at the opening session of the Florida Sheriffs Association's Mid-Winter Conference, which will be held in the Ponce de Leon Hotel, St. Augustine, January 23 and 24.



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## Wanted

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

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

## Martin's First Sheriff Dies

STUART — Berton Hamilton (Bert) Babcock, 73, first sheriff of Martin County, died at his home here Sept. 29.

A onetime blacksmith, he was also known as Stuart's first fire chief and was credited with constructing the city's first fire truck from a converted auto.

A native of Denver, Colo., he came here in 1912 and later operated a sheet metal shop and auto dealership.

When Martin County was created in 1925, he was appointed sheriff by Gov. John W. Martin and served for two years. He was succeeded by Sheriff Marion McGee.

## Sheriff Favors Fixing Old Jail

MACLENNY—Baker County Sheriff Ed Yarborough recommended that the county commission renovate the present county jail rather than replace it with a new one.

He said he believed it could be improved to meet state requirements at a cost of about \$5,000, compared to an estimated cost of \$75,000 for a new jail.

The jail was constructed about 20 years ago with WPA funds, but the sheriff said it is still sound. He said plumbing which was criticized by a state inspector had been repaired.

An antiquated heating system was also criticized by the inspector and the county commissioners voted to improve it in order to provide adequate heat.

## Grid Training Comes in Handy

PANAMA CITY—The grid-iron training of Deputy Sheriff Lavelle Pitts came in handy when a man wanted for passing a worthless check tried to make a getaway on foot.

A former junior college football star, Pitts tackled the fugitive after a two-block chase in spite of the fact that he had a metal door slammed in his face and took a spill on a concrete driveway.

Sheriff M. J. "Doc" Daffin, who witnessed the chase, complimented the deputy for his fleet-footed capture.

## Jail Destination Of 100 Teen-Agers

FT. LAUDERDALE—A plan was devised here to fight delinquency by taking some 100 teen-agers to the county jail. But there was no intent to lock them up.

They were members of the Lake Forest Teen Club and the idea was to give them a tour of the jail so they could see how the "criminal element" lives.

Capt. Frank Ridenour of the Broward County Sheriff's Department was asked to conduct the tour.

## Search Produces Surprise Results

HOLLYWOOD — Police got some unexpected results in their efforts to identify the skeleton of a woman found in a field.

Although the skeleton's identity remained unknown, they found five other women who had been listed as missing. They were found in Ohio, New Jersey, Georgia, New York and Florida.

## Lethal Bedfellow

ST. AUGUSTINE — A gun does not make a good bedfellow.

That's what an Elkton woman discovered when she and her husband went to bed with a pistol under a pillow. During the night it was accidentally discharged and she was shot in the chest.

## MISSING



GEORGE H. DRUMMOND

White male, age 73, 5 feet 6 inches, weighs 145 pounds, grey hair, hazel eyes. Subject disappeared from Neptune Beach, Jacksonville, Fla., in the day time of 6-28-57, and has not been seen or heard from since. Any information that would lead to his whereabouts or that would help his family locate him advise. Liberal reward offered by his family for information responsible for his location. Notify Sheriff, Jefferson County, Birmingham, Ala., Phone No. FA-4-5638 or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.

## WORTHLESS CHECK ARTIST'S GALLERY

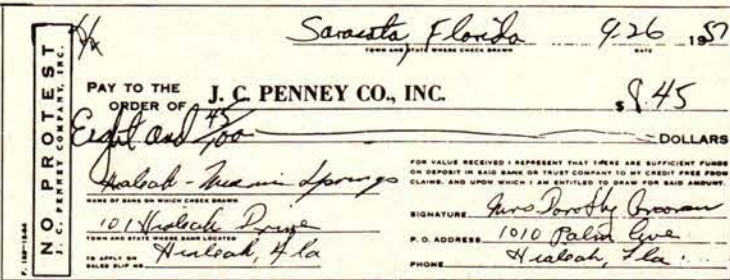
From The Files of The Florida Sheriffs Bureau



DOROTHY W. CORCORAN

White female, born 1-17-21, Long Island, N.Y., 5 feet 7½ inches, weighs 122 pounds, slender build, blonde hair, blue eyes, fair complexion. Fingerprint classification 29 over 20, W over W, 100 over 001, 17. Subject travelling with husband and two small children in a 1952 Pontiac 4 door sedan, California

License EUP-344. They left Sarasota 10-1-57, destination unknown. Came to Sarasota from Hialeah, Fla., wrote checks on Hialeah-Miami Springs bank. Warrant issued charge Worthless checks. If located in Florida, she will be returned for prosecution. Notify Police Dept., Sarasota, Fla., or Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



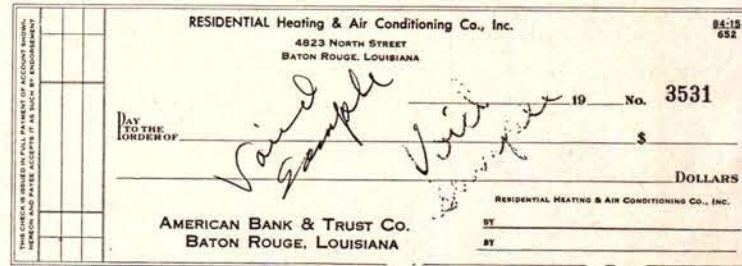
Sample of Check Passed by Dorothy W. Corcoran



WILLIAM OMAND BOWER

White male, age 63, 5 feet 10 inches, weight 170-180 pounds, medium build, black-greying hair, thin on top, blue eyes, medium complexion. Noticeably stoop-shouldered. Has curved scar left side of forehead to left ear, small scar back of neck, scar on back left index finger, scar tip of right thumb. Tattoos include word "GLENN" on right shoulder, "SAVILLA NELSON," "WILLIAM BOWEN," cross with words "YOURS UNTIL DEATH," wreath of roses, eagle and shield on right forearm, initial "W" left forearm. His left forearm deformed and use restricted. Left eye reportedly defective, may wear glasses. Wears dentures. May carry a cane. His occupation is: Carpenter, cook, interior decorator, laborer, painter, railroad worker, shoe repairman. This man has used over 100 aliases in nationwide fraudulent check operation. His usual approach is to open accounts by presenting a check in form of certified draft in amounts of several thousand dollars. In many instances he presents a saving account bank book, requesting account be transferred to the institution where he is opening account. Represents self as retired farmer from Nebraska seeking business opportunity in real estate line to establish residence in Florida. He is known to have been in West Florida recently. On October 1, 1957, he deposited a \$29,200.00 check in Farmers Merchant Bank, Monticello, but was unsuccessful in attempt to cash a check. In this instance used the name GRADY E. LANGSTON, but has been identified as Bower. On October 8, 1957, he opened an account at Citizens State Bank, Marianna, with a deposited check in amount of \$33,-

245.00, and succeeded in cashing check there for \$300. He was driving a 1957 Fairlane "500," brown and yellow, four door with 1957 Florida License 13W—rest of numerals unknown. Used Drivers License #1834317, P.O. Box 72, Havana, Fla. He may be armed and should be considered dangerous. Some of the many aliases he uses are: FRANK LEWIS, ACKERLY, RAY E. BASSETT, WILLIAM J. BAUER, JOHN WILLIAM BOWEN, ROBERT CHEEK, WALTER CRAIN, GEORGE JOHNSON, ALVIN JAMES McQUITY, HAROLD BURTON OWEN, C. SMITH, WALTER SNODGRASS, WALTER L. WEAVER. Any information that will assist in locating subject notify nearest FBI office or Florida Sheriff Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



Sample of Check Used by Wilmer Walter Evans

WILMER WALTER EVANS

Alias CHESTER J. GELTIER, white male, born 2-3-21 in Vernon, Fla., 5 feet 10 inches, weighs 195 pounds, stocky build, brown hair, grey eyes. Occupation: Pipefitter. Has stated he was returning to Florida to seek employment and possibly going on to Venezuela. Has record at Sheriffs Office, Pensacola, Ferdinandina Beach, Jacksonville,

## Paper Lauds Ranch Idea

OCALA—An editorial in the Ocala Star Banner predicts that the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch will help to combat juvenile delinquency.

The editorial said if the state's sheriffs establish the ranch and open it to needy and worthy boys who do not have a good home environment, "the objective they have in mind, a reduction of the growing incidence of juvenile delinquency, will be achieved."

The editorial also added that: "It goes without saying that if the boys ranch is successfully established, there will be no lack of financial support from honorary members of the (Florida Sheriffs) Association and others."

The ranch will be built on the Suwannee River, near Live Oak, as a permanent home for worthy and needy boys. It will be supported by the dues of the Florida Sheriffs Association's Honorary Members. Direct contributions will also be made to a ranch trust fund.

## Courting's O.K. But Not in Court

CLEARWATER — A young couple apparently thought court was the proper place for courting.

They were in an embrace and the young man occasionally planted a fervent kiss on the young lady's neck until Deputy Sheriff Gil Cheek spotted their actions and told them they would have to stop it or get out of the courtroom.

So they deferred their courting for a while and turned their attention to a circuit court damage suit trial.

## "Old Black Magic" Crops Up Again

WEST PALM BEACH—That "Old Black Magic" turned up on the Palm Beach County Sheriff's docket when a man was held for investigation in the stabbing of a woman inmate at the Southeast Florida Tuberculosis Hospital.

The suspect told sheriff's deputies he attacked the woman because she "put the voodoo" on him.

## Striking Prison Staff Imprisoned

KAMPLA, Uganda — The whole staff of Jinja Prison was jailed after the 74 wardens and five wardresses went on strike and refused to obey a lawful order to get back to work.

They were welcomed inside by cheers from the regular convicts while policemen took charge outside.

The staffers struck because some of their privileges had been withdrawn.



# \$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.

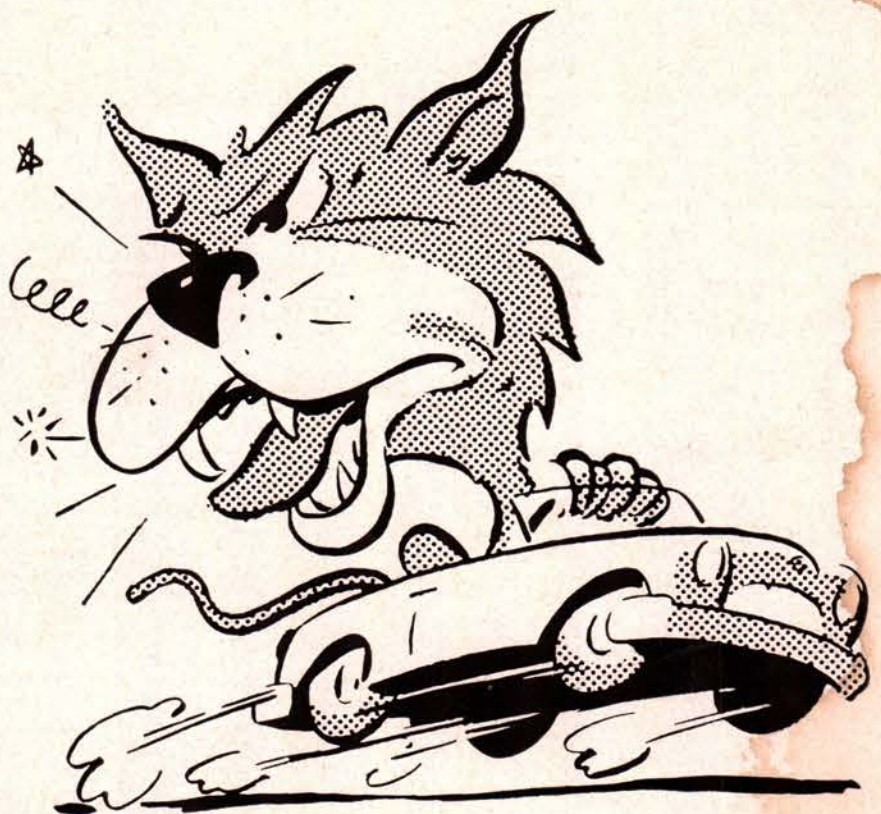
### TO ENTER:

Simply add a last line to the jingle under the "Highway Zoo" cartoon and make it rhyme with the third line. (Example: "If You Disagree, Be Ready to Fight.") 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, November 30, 1957; and received by the contest judges no later than December 3, 1957.
6. Decisions of the judges will be final.
7. All entries will become the property of the Florida Sheriffs Association and none will be returned.
8. All winners will be notified by mail.

CUT OUT



### THE WILDCAT

This Vicious Snarler Vents His Wrath  
On Every Driver Who Crosses His Path.  
In His Opinion He's Always Right

Submitted by

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

CUT OUT



# Teen-Agers In Trouble

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

OCALA—Sheriff F. L. McGehee took into custody a 14-year-old boy who admitted he set two fires in the Silver Springs area "just to see the pretty red flames."

He also admitted burglarizing a motel and an automobile; and told of being fired on by one householder while he was prowling around peeping into dwellings.

BRADENTON—A 17-year-old youth was stabbed in the abdomen during a teen-age brawl at a drive-in theater. Some of the youths involved were said to have been armed with a rifle, a knife and a blackjack.

SANFORD—An auto race was staged by three 17-year-old youths after they stole two cars from a Sanford man's garage. Arrested after they had abandoned the cars, they were quoted as saying: "We had nothing to do and no money, and we wanted some excitement."

PENSACOLA—Deputies H. C. Destin and F. M. Rose jailed a 15-year-old boy after he shot twice at another boy in an attempt to settle a quarrel.

GAINESVILLE—Four youths were held for robbing a young hitchhiker from whom they allegedly took a wrist watch, a cigarette lighter and a \$20 check. Officers said the youths had skipped school and were slightly intoxicated from drinking beer, wine and rum.

FT. PIERCE—Deputy Sheriff Pat Duval arrested an 18-year-old youth on a forgery charge and estimated that bogus checks he had cashed would total between 400 and 500 dollars.

OCALA—A 19-year-old Brooksville youth who allegedly stole an auto at gunpoint in Gainesville, was captured here after Deputy W. L. Parker chased him at speeds up to 110 miles per hour. The youth finally lost control of the car and wrecked it.

JACKSONVILLE—Two teen-age car strippers ran right out of their boots and got away when Duval County Patrolmen J. C. Waldrop and W. A. Barrow caught them looting cars on a theater parking lot. The officers said the shoeless pair can claim their footwear at any time—at their own risk.

FT. PIERCE—A 14-year-old boy driving without a license was involved in a highway accident that caused the death of an 80-year-old man.

STUART—Sheriff Roy C. Baker reported the apprehension of two boys, 15 and 16, who attempted to make a getaway in a stolen motor boat after burglarizing three homes. Their loot, valued at \$1,000, included firearms, ammunition and knives.

FT. PIERCE—A 14-year-old boy apprehended by Deputy Sheriff Wallace Higgs confessed some 15 thefts over a period of several months, and implicated another boy of the same age.

The largest amount taken was \$127 from a parked car, and the smallest amount a few pennies taken from a residence.

CRESTVIEW—Deputy Sheriff Reuben Hendrix and Constable Carson Turlington turned over to juvenile authorities here two boys, 14 and 16, accused of stealing three cars in one day in Pensacola and Destin.

VENICE—A 17-year-old youth admitted he drove two bulldozers into a lake near Laurel while under the influence of alcohol.

CLEARWATER—Three Safety Harbor brothers, 9, 10 and 13, admitted they threw a switch which could have wrecked the Seaboard Air Line's Silver Meteor train near Safety Harbor. They said they did it to stop a freight train so they could "hop" a ride north.

BARTOW—A 19-year-old youth was charged with auto theft after his photograph was found in a stolen car.

BROOKSVILLE—Two days of intensive investigation by Sheriff Sim L. Lowman, Deputy Sheriff Melvin Kelly and Police Chief Bill Cobb resulted in the apprehension of two 15-year-old boys accused of burglarizing a drive-in theater. They also admitted a recent grocery store burglary.

## Auto Seen as Lethal Weapon For the Young

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—A California surgeon said high school students may be too young to be trusted with a potentially "lethal weapon"—the automobile.

Dr. Forrest Young said high schoolers are better drivers than their elders from the standpoint of having faster reflexes, but are prone to "take a lot more chances with a high-powered car."

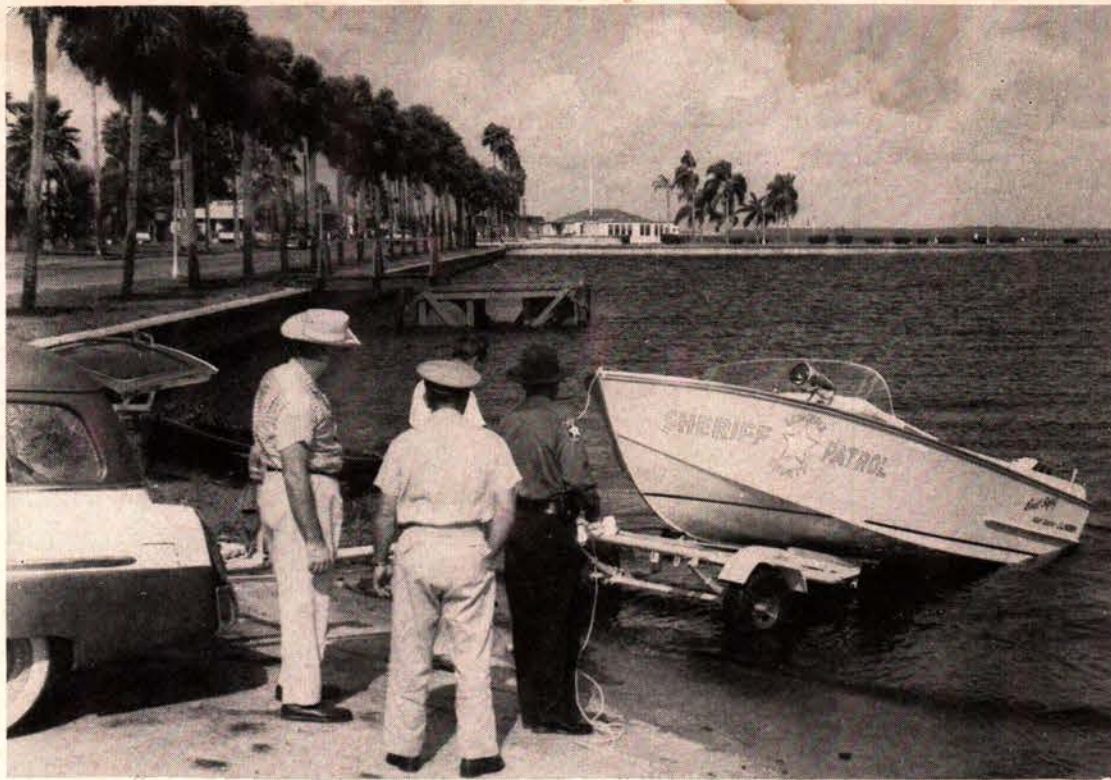
"When we see some of these kids 16 years of age involved in an accident, and having two or three drinks under their belts, we wonder if we are doing the right thing by passively sitting by and saying, 'Go ahead and drive.'"

"Maybe it is too early for them to be trusted with a lethal weapon," Dr. Young said.

On the other hand, Dr. Clifford C. Snyder, of the University of Miami, a member of the same panel, upheld teen-age drivers—at least those of military age.

"We are prone to be critical of the teen-age driver," said Snyder, "and yet we have let him fight a war and handle complex instruments on an airplane. I don't think we should be critical."

Dr. Snyder added, though, that greater vigilance should be placed on teen-agers operating motorcycles and motorbikes and on "mental patients and elderly persons" operating automobiles, as a possible means of cutting down on accidents.



SANFORD—SHERIFF'S "NAVY"—Sheriff J. Luther Hobby (left) supervises the launching of a new patrol boat which will be used in rescue missions, as well as to enforce boating regulations and promote water safety on Seminole County's lakes and streams. It was provided by H. G. Kurch, of the Stafford Boat Works. Shown assisting in the launching are (from left) Commander V. Brewster, NAS, Sanford; Harry Robson, of Robson's Sporting Goods; and Deputy Sheriff A. E. Evans. The 16-foot boat is equipped with a siren, flashing red lights, life saving equipment and a radio. (Photo by Bergstrom Photo Service)

## Lawyers Teach Pitfalls of Communism

TALLAHASSEE—A bold program to tell Florida high school students of the advantages of democracy over communism is entering its second year with expanded force.

The program is based on the principle that knowledge and understanding of communism is a strong weapon against it.

The teaching about communism is done by Florida lawyers who use specially prepared lectures written by members of

The Florida Bar and approved by the State Department of Education. The communism lecture is one of a series of five lectures on citizenship and basic American freedoms being given in Florida schools.

Other subjects deal with participation in public affairs, the court system, freedom of speech, press, radio, and TV, the Constitution and the courts, and the obligations of freedom.

The teaching in Florida

schools of the truth about communism has won national acclaim. The lecture has been officially endorsed by the American Bar Association and recommended for use in high schools throughout the nation. Baya M. Harrison, Jr., St. Petersburg, President of The Florida Bar, said requests for the series of lectures have been received from almost all of the 48 states and other states are getting similar programs patterned after the Florida plan.

A. Bradford Smith, Venice, Chairman of the American Citizenship Committee of The Florida Bar, said the letters to The Florida Bar headquarters in the Supreme Court Building in Tallahassee express a widespread concern about the need to teach students the truth about communism.

The idea for the lectures, particularly the explanation of the dangers of communism, grew out of a conference in 1955 between State School Supt. Thomas D. Bailey and Appellate Judge Donald K. Carroll, at that time President of The Florida Bar.

Florida schools were offering courses in American Citizenship but, Bailey pointed out, there was a natural reluctance on the part of public school teachers to discuss in their classrooms the highly controversial subject of communism, for fear of being misunderstood and misinterpreted.

Having outstanding members of The Florida Bar speak on the subject, however, had many natural advantages and offered a solution to the problem. With this understanding, approval of the State Board of Education was obtained, and the preparation of suitable material got underway.

Smith said the lecture on "The Meaning of Communism" was prepared by Judge Carroll following a long study of literally hundreds of books and articles on the subject, including original sources. Copies of the preliminary draft were submitted to patriotic organizations and individuals who had special knowledge in the field, including members of the American Bar Association's Committee on American Citizenship and Committee on Communist Tactics, Strategy and Objectives.

The program got underway in the fall of 1956, and although there was very little advance notice, close to 30 per cent of the high schools in the State took part in the program last year. Additional schools are expected to take part this school year.



TALLAHASSEE—COMMUNISM LECTURE—Gov. LeRoy Collins scans lecture on communism prepared by The Florida Bar for presentation by attorneys to Florida high school students. Looking on are A. Bradford Smith (left), Venice attorney and Chairman of the Florida Bar's American Citizenship Committee; and State School Superintendent Thomas D. Bailey.

## Convict Gives to Ranch Fund

CLEARWATER—A convict who wants to help keep young men out of prison gave a \$1 contribution to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Trust Fund.

The following letter addressed to Pinellas County Sheriff Sid M. Saunders, president-elect of the Florida Sheriffs Association, accompanied the contribution from William L. Webb:

"I have been reading in the papers about your Florida Sheriffs Association project to have a 'Boys Ranch' such as 'Boys Town.'"

"I want you to know that I think this is a fine project on your part and the other sheriffs. I am enclosing \$1.00 which I would like to contribute toward such a project as you all are doing."

"I do not expect any special

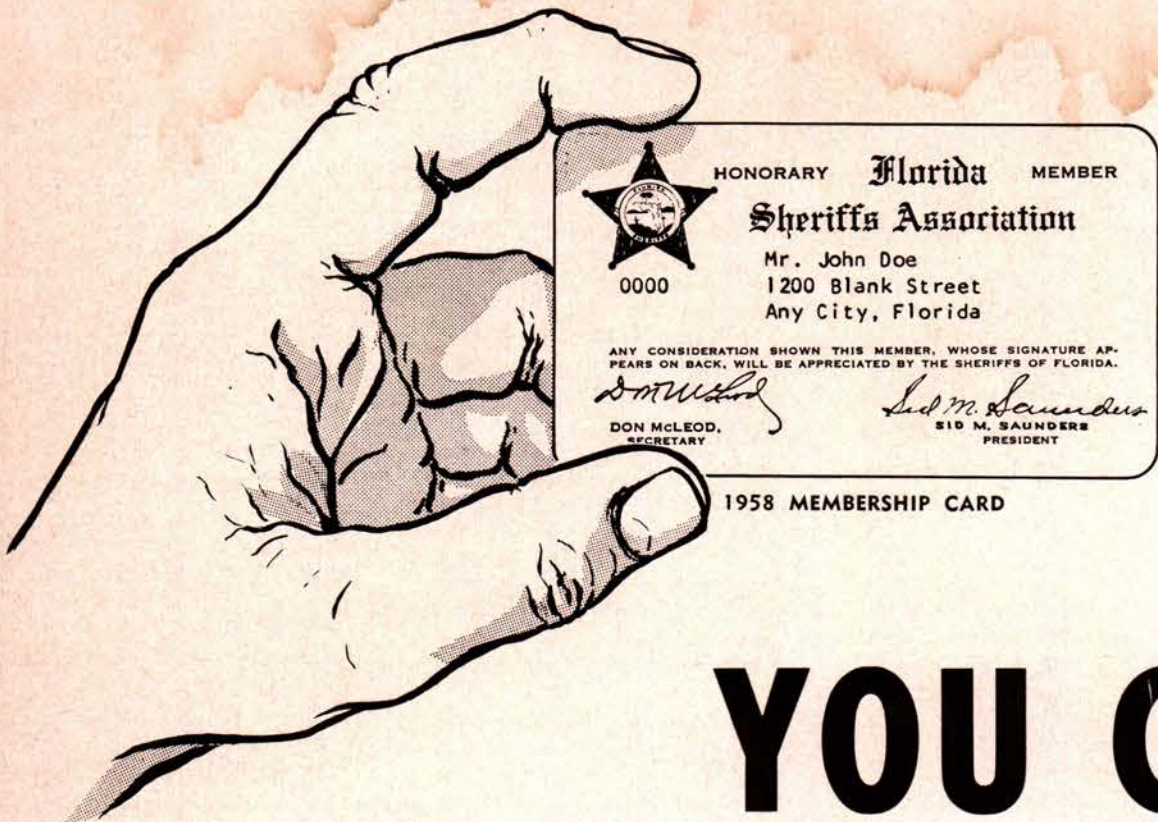
treatment for this, nor do I want anything special done for me while I am in jail. I have already been sentenced to Raitford for five years and was brought here (to the Pinellas County Jail) for (further) sentencing.

"I simply make this statement to show that I do make the contribution because of the good it will do for boys. I have been in prison and I am not the only older convict that hates to see young fellows end up there. Your project should help a lot in keeping them out."

"Thanks for accepting this little amount."

The Boys Ranch referred to in this letter will be built on the Suwannee River, near Live Oak, as a permanent home for worthy and needy boys who are in danger of becoming juvenile delinquents.





# YOU CAN HELP FIGHT DELINQUENCY

## By Applying for Honorary Membership in the Florida Sheriffs Association

### Dues

**OF HONORARY MEMBERS  
WILL BE USED TO:**

★ **BUILD THE FLORIDA SHERIFFS BOYS' RANCH ON THE SUWANNEE RIVER, 11 MILES NORTH** of Live Oak, Florida, as a permanent home for worthy and needy boys who are in danger of becoming juvenile delinquents—those from broken homes, the underprivileged, the neglected, the homeless. A 722-acre site has been acquired and construction of facilities will begin as soon as sufficient funds are available.

★ **PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR OUTSTANDING BOYS RELEASED FROM THE FLORIDA** Industrial School for Boys at Marianna to take specialized college and technical school training. Two scholarship recipients are already enrolled in a university and a third is attending a technical high school. This rehabilitation program will be expanded as funds become available.

**Both of these projects are part of the Florida Sheriffs Association's state-wide "FIGHT DELINQUENCY CAMPAIGN."**

**FILL OUT AND MAIL  
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Florida Sheriffs Association  
Box 344  
Tallahassee, Florida

Gentlemen:

I hereby apply for Honorary Membership in the Florida Sheriffs Association and I am enclosing \$10.00 as payment of my 1958 membership fee, of which \$1.50 is for a year's subscription to The Sheriff's Star.

I understand that acceptance of my application is subject to the approval of the Florida Sheriff Association Screening Committee, and that my membership fee will be returned in the event such approval is not granted.

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**AS AN HONORARY MEMBER YOU WILL RECEIVE:**

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- ★ Honorary Membership Decal for Your Auto,
- ★ Honorary Membership Wall Plaque for Your Home or Office,
- ★ A Year's Subscription to The Sheriffs Star,
- ★ A Copy of the 1958 Florida Sheriff, Yearbook of The Florida Sheriffs Association.



# ROLL CALL

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

**GREEN COVE SPRINGS**—Clay County Sheriff John P. Hall, "dean" of Florida's Sheriffs, passed a milestone when he recently acquired a private office.

For 28½ years he and his staff occupied one room in the Clay County court house, and any time he wanted to hold a private conference he usually had to move out onto the lawn.

Now there is an outer office for the staff and an inner office for Sheriff Hall. Construction of a new county office building made the additional space available.

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**MACCLENNY**—Baker County Sheriff Ed Yarbrough reported two moonshiners galloped away on horseback when their still was raided. He said a mounted sentry spotted the raiders, picked up a partner who was operating the still and took off in Western movie style.

The 620-gallon still was destroyed and beverage agents confiscated an automobile and 1,405 pounds of sugar.

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**FERNANDINA BEACH**—The Fernandina News-Leader congratulated Nassau County Sheriff H. J. Youngblood and his staff for successful operation of a county-wide Junior Deputy Sheriff's League in which some 350 youths are enrolled.

The program is gaining wide recognition and bringing favorable publicity to the county, the newspaper said.

The League, which is supervised by Deputy Sheriff Jack Freeman, recently acquired a 16 millimeter movie projector and screen purchased with public contributions.

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**FT. LAUDERDALE**—Plans to open branch offices in West Hollywood and North Pompano Beach were announced by Broward County Sheriff J. A. "Quill" Lloyd. "We're going to start off on an 8-hour day," he said, "and if the situation warrants it we'll increase each office another eight hours."

The move is designed to take some of the load off the central complaint and booking desks located in the court-house.

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**PENSACOLA**—Escambia County Sheriff Emmett Shelby was chairman of a committee that raised funds and arranged a World Series trip to New York for Pensacola's "World Champion" Babe Ruth League baseball team.

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**LAKE WORTH**—The Lake Worth Herald praised Palm Beach County Sheriff John Kirk and his son, Chief Deputy Sheriff John Kirk Jr., for patrolling Lake Osborne to enforce boating regulations and promote water safety.

The newspaper said boating and swimming enthusiasts will feel "kindly" toward the sheriff for recognizing a dangerous situation and taking care of it when no one else was available.

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**SANFORD**—Sheriff J. L. Hobby has not taken up marble shooting.

Those numbered balls in his office were confiscated from a man who admitted he had been using them to throw "nighthouse"—an illegal lottery game.

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**STUART**—Deputy Sheriff Joe Johnson picked up a six-year-old boy exactly three minutes after the lad had been reported as truant. Officers in this area have been on the alert for truants ever since the drowning of two children who skipped school.

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**PANAMA CITY**—Bay County Sheriff's Department staffers were puzzled when three men came to the county jail and asked to talk to "the mounties".

It turned out they were French Canadians who had gone broke while vacationing here, so they were turned over to the U. S. Border Patrol—nearest local equivalent to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

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**PERRY**—Deputy Sheriffs do a lot of work "behind the scenes" that the public is not aware of.

For instance, it was Deputy Elbert Parker who climbed up inside the dome and straightened things out when each face on the court house clock was telling a different time.

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**CRESTVIEW**—Practically everyone in Okaloosa County will be on the sheriff's "wanted" list when the annual Red Cross fund campaign opens. Sheriff Ray Wilson is the fund chairman, and the goal will be over \$17,000.

**BARTOW**—There's a story behind the new gold badge Polk County Sheriff Hagan Parrish is wearing.

His employees presented it to him as a birthday gift. They also held a surprise birthday picnic for him at Lake Alfred Lions Club Park, September 30, and invited the deputy sheriffs' families as guests.

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**JACKSONVILLE**—New equipment recently purchased by Duval County Sheriff Al Cahill includes two portable 1,250-watt generators and two powerful hydraulic jacks.

The generators will be used to power flood lights and other equipment when regular power is not available; and the jacks, which are capable of lifting huge weights, will be used to free people trapped in auto or industrial accidents.

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**MOORE HAVEN**—Sheriff and Mrs. Roy Lundy are out of the county jail.

Which is one way of announcing that they have moved out of the jailer's quarters and into a new home.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bowen moved into the jail as jailer and matron.

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**BROOKSVILLE**—Hernando County Sheriff Sim L. Lowman announced he will use an electric timer to catch speeding motorists in rural areas.

The timer was purchased jointly by the city police and the sheriff, and will also be used in Brooksville, primarily in school zones and congested areas.

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**KISSIMMEE**—Deputy Sheriff F. O. Ledbetter was wounded in the shoulder by an elderly Osceola County man who later killed himself with a gun.

Ledbetter and Deputy Carl Johns were summoned to the man's house after he had fired at his wife and daughter-in-law. The Deputy was shot as he approached a barn where the man was hiding. Johns radioed for additional officers but the gun-wielder was dead from a self-inflicted wound by the time they arrived.

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### Wives Please Note

## County Jail Chef Turns out 30-cent Meals

**KEY WEST**—Budget-minded housewives could learn a thing or two from Bobby Gwynn, chef supreme at the Monroe County Jail.

In spite of the high cost of living, he turns out tasty, nutritious meals at a cost of 30 cents apiece.

And, he does it consistently.

Last year 33,432 meals were dished up to jail "guests" and the total cost, according to figures released by Sheriff John M. Spottswood, was \$10,153.



**KEY WEST—OFFICIAL SAMPLER**—Monroe County Sheriff John M. Spottswood samples one of the nutritious 30-cent meals prepared by County Jail Chef Bobby Gwynn. (Photo by Wil-Art Studio, Key West)

## Comic Books New Weapon

A new tactical approach in the federal government's war on moonshine is reported in the following article from the Kansas City Star:

"Head for the hills men. The revenuers are a-coming again—armed with comic books.

"That's the new approach taken by Uncle, who is mightily disturbed by the drain on the treasury of thousands of gallons of tax free mountain dew. Seems that as fast as one illegal still is seized, another is in business. So the government wants merchants in the moonshine areas (largely the South-east) to stop selling sugar to suspicious characters. A little comic book called "Don't Be a 'Sugar Daddy' to Moonshiners" tells the story.

"There'd be something nostalgic about all this were it not for the fact that the moonshiner of today is of a different breed.

"Time was when the mountain brewery was a one man business operated by a frank soul who saw nothing wrong with putting part of his corn crop in pone and part in a jug.

"Today less than 15 per cent of the white lightning ('with the 220 volt taste') is for such neighborly consumption. Most of the 40,000 stills believed in operation bubble away under the auspices of big time operators who turn a pretty profit at \$3 a gallon, no tax.

"But even gangsters can't make booze without sugar. It takes 100 pounds of sugar for every 100 pounds of mash to turn out 10 or 12 low proof gallons.

"So, with the help of a comic book, the government hopes the whole moonshine industry will go sour."

Meeting your neighbor half way doesn't mean driving astride the highway center line.

Gwynn's "kitchen magic" has not gone unrecognized. State and federal jail inspectors have consistently given him A-1 ratings; and they have also paid him the additional compliment of asking for copies of his budget-minded menus for use in other jails around the state.

On duty Deputy Sheriffs also testify to the excellence of the cost-cutting meals by eating at the jail regularly. It saves time and enables them to maintain a constant "stomach inspection" of the kitchen.

No one is likely to get fat and lazy on the jail fare, since a "no seconds" rule is strictly enforced, but meals are carefully planned to fulfill nutritional requirements.

"A working man uses 3,600 calories a day," Gwynn explained, "but one who doesn't work needs only 2,400. We strike a happy medium here with 3,000 calories."

A typical menu includes eggs, sausage, juice and coffee for breakfast; meat loaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, apple pie for lunch; and "home made" chili, cold cuts and coffee for the late meal.

State law allows \$1.25 per day for feeding each prisoner. In Monroe County the cost is 90 cents a day.

### Patrol Directors

**MACCLENNY**—The Baker County Schoolboy Patrol is under the direction of Sheriff Ed Yarbrough, Police Chief C. H. Rhoden, Florida Highway Patrol Trooper L. B. Boyett, Safety Officer Vince Smallwood and Baker County High School Athletic Director Mike Gazdick.

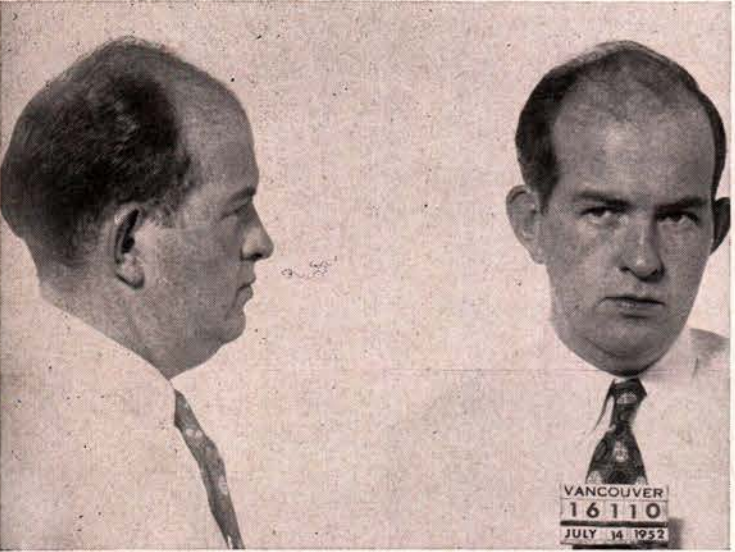


WANTED PERSONS

As Compiled by the  
Florida Sheriffs Bureau



**JAMES OSWALD HEYROCK**  
White male, age 35, 5 feet 9 inches, weighs 205 pounds, grey-brown hair, blue eyes. Driving 1957 Chevrolet, pearl bottom, ivory top, 1957 Florida License 10E-266. May be en-route some place in Alabama. Warrant will be issued, charge Grand Larceny. Notify Police Dept., Pompano, Fla., or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



**ROBERT READMAN KEOUGH**  
(or GEOUGH)  
White male, age 35, 6 feet 3½ inches tall, weight 220 pounds, reddish hair, balding. Canadian by birth. Wanted by U. S. Immigration as previous deportee. Subject passed two worthless checks in St. Augustine Sept. 13, 1957. If apprehended call collect, Investigator Jesse Edwards, U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Dept. of Justice Jacksonville, Fla., EL 4-7111 Extension 496 or RA 4-0090, or notify, Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



**WILLIAM F. WATTS**  
Also known as **BILL WATTS**, white male, age 34, 5 feet 10 inches, weighs 180 pounds, has black hair, hazel eyes, ruddy complexion. Fingerprint classifications: 16), 25 over 24, W over W, 10 over 10, blank over 15, ref: 25 over 23. Warrant issued violation of probation. Notify Sheriff Blackburn, Tampa or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



**ROBERT VERNON HURST**  
White male, age 34, 5 feet, 7 inches, weighs 150 pounds, brown hair, brown eyes, slender build. Is an alcoholic. Tattoo on left arm of Coast Guard insignia. Has relatives in Orlando, Bradenton, Palmetto, Daytona Beach. Warrant issued charge Fraud and Non-support. Notify Sheriff Lloyd Fort Lauderdale or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.

1957 Report Shows

Nation's Crime Rate Up  
Florida's Up and Down

WASHINGTON — Although nation-wide crime rates increased in every category, Florida's rate for murder aggravated assault and auto theft declined in the first half of 1957, according to FBI reports comparing the first six months of this year with the first six months of last year.

The FBI said more major crimes occurred in the nation in the first half of this year than in any six-month period in the past. Police statistics pegged the increase over 1956 at 8.4 per cent.

But in Florida the number of known cases of murder or negligent manslaughter per 100,000 inhabitants was 5.4, down from 6.3 in the first half of 1956.

However, there was an increase in rates of other crimes in Florida.

There were 43.3 robberies per 100,000 inhabitants, as against 37.1 in the like period last year; 529.2 cases of burglaries as against 476.9; and 1,127.6 cases of larceny or theft against 1,078.5.

The FBI report gave these statistics on the number of known crimes in Florida cities of more than 25,000 population (January-June figures shown in parenthesis):

**MURDER AND NON-NEGLECT MANSLAUGHTER:**  
Daytona Beach 3 (5); Fort Lauderdale 5 (5); Gainesville 3 (2); Jacksonville 14 (20); Key West 0 (0); Miami 14 (7); Miami Beach 0 (2); Orlando 3 (3); Panama City 2 (0); Pensacola 1 (5); St. Petersburg 5 (2); Tallahassee 2 (1); Tampa 10 (11); and West Palm Beach 3 (2).

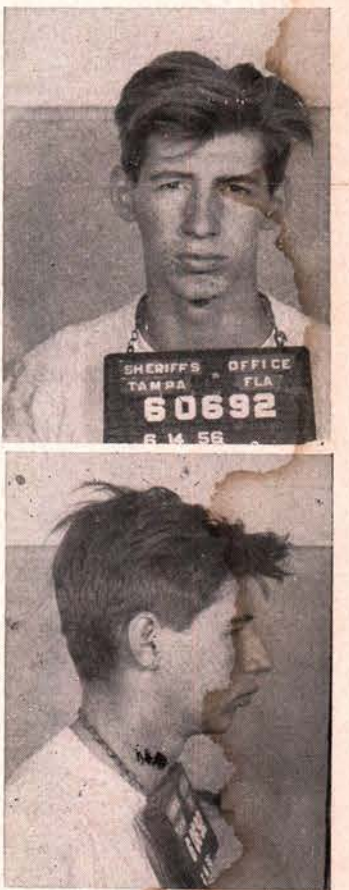
**ROBBERY:**  
Daytona Beach 10 (8); Fort Lauderdale 21 (13); Gainesville 0 (1); Jacksonville 173 (88); Key West 5 (5); Lakeland 4 (3); Miami 208 (216); Miami Beach 33 (21); Orlando 15 (10); Panama City 1 (4); Pensacola 8 (13); St. Petersburg 30 (7); Tallahassee 7 (3); Tampa 76 (40); and West Palm Beach 7 (9).

**AGGRAVATED ASSAULT:**  
Daytona Beach 4 (113); Fort Lauderdale 13 (12); Gainesville 8 (23); Jacksonville 121 (28); Key West 20 (12); Lakeland 17 (69); Miami 34 (127); Miami Beach 4 (1); Orlando 96 (84); Panama City 6 (4); Pensacola 49 (58); St. Petersburg 26 (15); Tallahassee 31 (26); Tampa 79 (122); and West Palm Beach 28 (21).

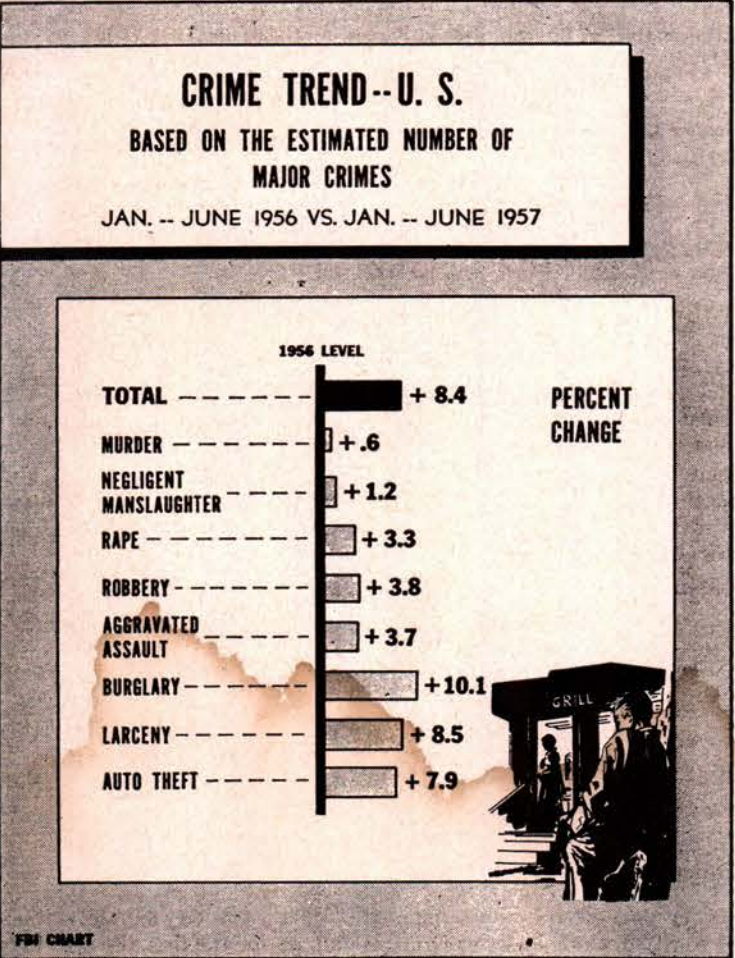
**BURGLARIES:**  
Daytona Beach 179 (122); Fort Lauderdale 251 (193); Gainesville 99 (192); Jacksonville 1,429 (678); Key West 20 (11); Lakeland 124 (54); Miami 1,844 (1,956); Miami Beach 710 (793); Orlando 254 (250); Panama City 54 (54); Pensacola 195 (165); St. Petersburg 369 (225); Tallahassee 90 (94); Tampa 766 (827); and West Palm Beach 121 (128).

**LARCENY (\$50 AND OVER):**  
Daytona Beach 109 (138); Fort Lauderdale 175 (216); Gainesville 50 (38); Jacksonville 1,012 (684); Key West 26 (18); Lakeland 50 (34); Miami 787 (830); Miami Beach 449 (485); Orlando 177 (161); Panama City 47 (39); Pensacola 88 (77); St. Petersburg 238 (140); Tallahassee 34 (57); Tampa 397 (342); and West Palm Beach 69 (74).

**AUTO THEFTS:**  
Daytona Beach 38 (34); Fort Lauderdale 69 (75); Gainesville 7 (23); Jacksonville 371 (385); Key West 16 (10); Lakeland 21 (21); Miami 629 (613); Miami Beach 150 (114); Orlando 73 (103); Panama City 7 (11); Pensacola 94 (82); St. Petersburg 68 (65); Tallahassee 27 (37); Tampa 245 (232); and West Palm Beach 45 (11).



**JAMES N. NOTTINGHAM**  
White male, age 19, 6 feet, weighs 150 pounds, brown hair, brown eyes, ruddy complexion. Fingerprint classifications: 7), 9 over 18, Ar over aA, 3 over 3. Warrant issued violation of probation. Notify Sheriff Blackburn, Tampa, Fla., or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



**Fish "Bootlegging" Brings 283 Arrests**

TALLAHASSEE — The State Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission reported the arrest of 283 fresh water fish "bootleggers" during the 30-day period ending Sept. 26.

"Bootlegging" is the illegal taking of fish to sell on the market or the transportation, possession, sale or purchase of such fish.

Most of the cases were for bootlegging of bass or bream and some of the arrests were for the use of illegal fishing devices such as "monkey fishing" equipment.

In "monkey fishing" an electrical charge is used to stun fish so they can be easily scooped up with a net.

Don't ever underestimate the power of suggestion. Do the right thing in traffic, and watch the influence you wield over others.



Larceny Unlimited...

# Thieves Not Fussy About Loot, Arrest Files Show

A look at sheriffs' files around the state indicates some thieves aren't too particular about what they steal—just as long as it isn't nailed down too securely. Here are some examples:

**PENSACOLA** — When some light-fingered intruders were unable to find any cash in a local night club they hauled off a cash register valued at \$900.

**SARASOTA**—An agile character shinned up a utility post here and stole a 75-foot electric light cable.

**OCALA**—A Reddick man was accused of stealing a saddle and selling it for \$7.50. Apparently he couldn't find a horse to go with it.

**ZELLWOOD**—Sheriff Dave Starr was looking for the culprit who stole two pine trees a

loving husband had planted beside his wife's grave in the Zellwood-Tangerine cemetery.

**ST. AUGUSTINE** — Thieves almost put the cafeteria out of business at Mill Creek School when they carted off an electric refrigerator, electric fan, electric clock, electric mixer, electric coffee pot, a collection of pots and pans, 10 pounds of cheese, 100 pounds of potatoes, 13 pounds of wieners and other foods.

**ORLANDO** — The kitchen sink was about all thieves overlooked when they entered a home here and took a refrigerator, electric stove, roll-away bed, clock, television set, radio, table and four chairs.

**MARATHON**—A burglar got something he hadn't bargained for when he attempted to break into the home of Daisy McGathay. She threw potash on him and he retaliated by bombarding her with rocks before he fled.

**PALATKA** — Thieves showed their contempt for "the law" when they broke into the office of County Judge William E. Warren and stole over \$600 in cash.

## Magazine Tells Of Fraud Case In Escambia

**PENSACOLA** — The excellent detective work done by the Escambia County Sheriff's Department in solving a clever insurance fraud case is described in an article in the November issue of OFFICIAL DETECTIVE STORIES.

The article tells how a funeral home employee, Robert Johnson, attempted to cheat insurance companies out of thousands of dollars in life insurance death claims.

It explains that he obtained insurance policies on an accomplice, Gene Upton, made himself the beneficiary, and later collected large sums of money by obtaining a fraudulent death certificate to show that Upton had died.

The fact that Johnson was in a hurry to collect the death claims, plus his failure to attend alleged funeral rites for his "friend" Upton made insurance investigators and the sheriff's department suspicious.

An extensive investigation failed to produce evidence that a funeral had been held for Upton. Neither his friends in this area nor the doctor who signed the death certificate had seen him after his alleged "death" from a fall.

Finally coming to the conclusion that Upton had not died, the sheriff's department, through long and patient undercover work, flushed him out from his hiding place and proved him very much alive.

Faced with this evidence, Johnson admitted his "get-rich-quick" scheme and pleaded guilty to two counts of grand larceny. He was sentenced to 10 years in state prison, and seven years of the sentence was withheld pending restitution to the insurance companies.

Upton, held as an accomplice, was awaiting trial at press time.

The magazine article gives credit for solving the case to Sheriff Emmett Shelby, former Chief Deputy Royal Untreiner; Deputies C. W. Solari, Charlie Cheese and Walter Cotton; and Investigator Jack Williams.

### Insult to Injury

**ORLANDO** — Sheriff Dave Starr reported this case of insult added to injury.

A motorist ran out of gas near here and went to get some. While he was gone, someone towed his car into an orange grove, stripped off the rear wheels and spare tire, stole a 22 rifle from it and set it on fire.

## Bank Bandits

(Continued from Page 1)

was traced to Tampa International Airport and when Thompson landed he was taken into custody by Sheriff's Bureau Director McLeod and Lt. B. L. Cooper of the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office.

Suits, who had separated from Thompson earlier and planned to meet him in Tampa, was arrested by two Tampa Police officers when he was involved in an auto accident.

After Suits confessed and implicated Thompson, the next problem was to find the loot. An all-night search of Mullet Key, deemed to be a likely spot, only turned up hordes of mosquitoes.

Next the search turned to Boca Grande Island. There officers, aided by trusties (prisoners) provided by Sheriff Thompson, found two suitcases in tangled underbrush. One contained clothes and ammunition. The other the missing loot.

Suits and Thompson were charged with airplane theft, resisting arrest with violence, and theft of Constable Godwin's auto and watch.

Following trial on state charges they are expected to be turned over to the FBI for trial on federal bank robbery charges.

## Man Handcuffed By Curiosity

**CLEARWATER** — Curiosity was the downfall of a mechanic who decided to try on a pair of handcuffs he found in a deputy sheriff's car he was repairing.

He was unable to get them off and the deputy, who had the key, was not immediately available. So, the repairman was a bit hampered in his work for the rest of the day.

### Chief Resigns

**PENSACOLA**—Chief Deputy Sheriff Royal Untreiner resigned, effective Oct. 15, to devote full time to a motel which he and his mother operate. Escambia County Sheriff Emmett Shelby accepted the resignation with regrets and announced he plans no immediate replacement.



**LIVE OAK—RANCH BOOSTERS**—The Florida Sheriffs Association presented a resolution of appreciation to Suwannee County citizens who were instrumental in obtaining a site on the Suwannee River near here for the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. Association President John M. Spottswood, Jr., sheriff of Monroe County (fourth from left) is shown presenting a copy to Thomas Musgrove, who donated 120 acres of the 722-acre site. The others are (from left): Live Oak Mayor Marvin Phillips (representing the city Commission), Clarence Ratliff, Bob Tuttle (representing the Live Oak Elks Lodge, donors of 40 acres), J. L. McMullen, John Roland (representing the county commissioners) and Suwannee County Sheriff Hugh Lewis. (Photo by Mims Studio)



**BARTOW—CONFISCATED "GOOF BALLS"**—These amphetamine tablets and capsules, worth hundreds of dollars, were confiscated by state and county authorities in truck stop raids. (Lakeland Ledger Photo by Winnett.)

## Six Arrested; Drug Haul Made in "Goof Ball" Raids on Truck Stops

**BARTOW**—Six persons were charged with illegal sale and possession of "goof balls" following raids on six truck stops in Polk and Highlands Counties.

"Goof balls" is the slang term for tablets and capsules of amphetamine, a drug truck drivers take to keep awake on long night hauls.

A large quantity of the drug, valued unofficially at hundreds of dollars, was confiscated by state and county authorities participating in the raids.

Chief Criminal Deputy Sheriff A. H. (Hamp) Rogers of Polk County said the tablets and capsules were probably brought into Florida by truckers from

northern states since investigation revealed no local source of supply.

The raids, in which more than 22 officers participated, followed four weeks of undercover work by agents of the chemistry division of the Florida Department of Agriculture.

Lee Thompson, top aide of Agriculture Commissioner Nathan Mayo, said the state has been campaigning against the illegal sale of "goof balls" for years, and a new law passed by the 1957 legislature has greatly aided the campaign.

The new law, he explained, prohibits the possession of "goof balls."

## Paper Appeals For Increase In FSB Funds

**MELBOURNE** — The Melbourne Times in its Sept. 13 issue, printed an editorial expressing concern over the financial plight of the Florida Sheriffs Bureau.

"Nearly two years old and growing steadily, but without sufficient financial support to underwrite its necessary growth... this in a nutshell is the cruel description of the Florida Sheriffs Bureau," the editorial stated.

It pointed out that the Bureau appropriation for the current biennium is only approximately half of the amount requested by Director Don McLeod to do an effective statewide job.

Then it added: "Maybe the State can't finance all the requests for appropriations as they are received."

"But we hate to think of fellows like Don McLeod and Jimmy Dunn (Brevard County Sheriff) operating their bureaus and offices on inadequate funds. We hate to admit, even in an undertone, that many people laughingly refer to Florida as 'a good place to get away with crime,' but how would the average businessman want to run an office on half of actual needs?"

"Why are some of the higher-ups so fearful of a State Police Department, which is what they claim the Bureau will investigate? We've been told the FHP got much opposition in its infancy and if you can point your finger at a more efficient organization than our Highway Patrol we dare you to do it."

"We think Florida needs a Sheriff's Bureau... bigger and better if possible."

"If the taxpayers aren't willing to voice their opinion in favor of one they'd better resign themselves to inadequate, obsolete and haphazard criminal detection and investigation."

"It's always easier to 'get away with crime' if the criminal has more money and friends at his disposal than the law enforcement agencies do."

## Thieves Hit Eatery 10 Times in 6 Mos.

**DELAND** — "They're robbing us blind," was the comment of Charles Schoonover after thieves had burglarized a barbecue stand at DeLeon Springs for the 10th time in six months.

His wife, Thelma, said about \$20 was taken in the 10th visit, but the loss for the entire series of burglaries would total over \$250.

"If we don't stop them some way, we will be out of business before the year is out," Schoonover added.



**ORLANDO—CONTEST WINNER**—Orange County Sheriff Dave Starr (right) presents \$15 highway safety contest award to James M. Milligan, Jr., of Orlando. Milligan won third prize in the "Highway Zoo" contest which appeared in the August issue of The Sheriff's Star.