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## Wanted - Help For "Unwanted Boy"

### Ex-Gov. Caldwell and Sen. Johnson Mid-Winter Conference Speakers

ORLANDO — Former Governor Millard Caldwell and State Senate President-Designate Dewey Johnson will be among the featured speakers at the Mid-Winter Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association which will be held here January 14, 15 and 16.

Orange County Sheriff Dave Starr, conference host, said Gov. Caldwell will address a luncheon meeting on January 15; and Sen. Johnson will address a luncheon meeting on January 16. All meetings will be held at the San Juan Hotel.

(See complete conference program on page 8.)

He said other highlights will include:

#### AN INVITATION

Honorary Members of the Association are invited to attend the Mid-Winter Conference. However, it will be necessary for them to notify Sheriff Dave Starr in advance, so that proper arrangements can be made.

### 3 Sheriffs Reappointed To Bureau

TALLAHASSEE — Gov. LeRoy Collins reappointed Sheriffs John Hall, of Clay County; John Spottswood, of Monroe County; and George Watts, of Washington County, to the Florida Sheriffs Bureau.

Their previous terms expired Oct. 1 of this year and their new terms will run until Oct. 1, 1960.

Sheriff Hall has been serving as vice-chairman of the seven-man bureau. The other members are Gov. LeRoy Collins, chairman; Attorney General Richard Ervin; Sheriff Broward Coker, of Highlands County; and Sheriff Leslie Bessenger, of Pasco County.

### Bad Check Alarm System Spreading

PALM BEACH — Things are getting hotter for the bad-check "artist" who tries to ply his trade in Florida, as the use of the merchants-alarm system spreads to more Florida cities.

West Palm Beach and Riviera Beach are among the latest communities to install the system. No count is available, but about a score of cities now use the system, which has proved effective.

Under the alarm system, with variations in each community, when a bad-check "artist" is spotted or suspected, each merchant is responsible for notifying other merchants until all businesses in the area have been alerted.

Election of new Sheriffs Association officers and directors, January 16.

An exhibition drill by Sheriffs' mounted posses from several counties, January 15.

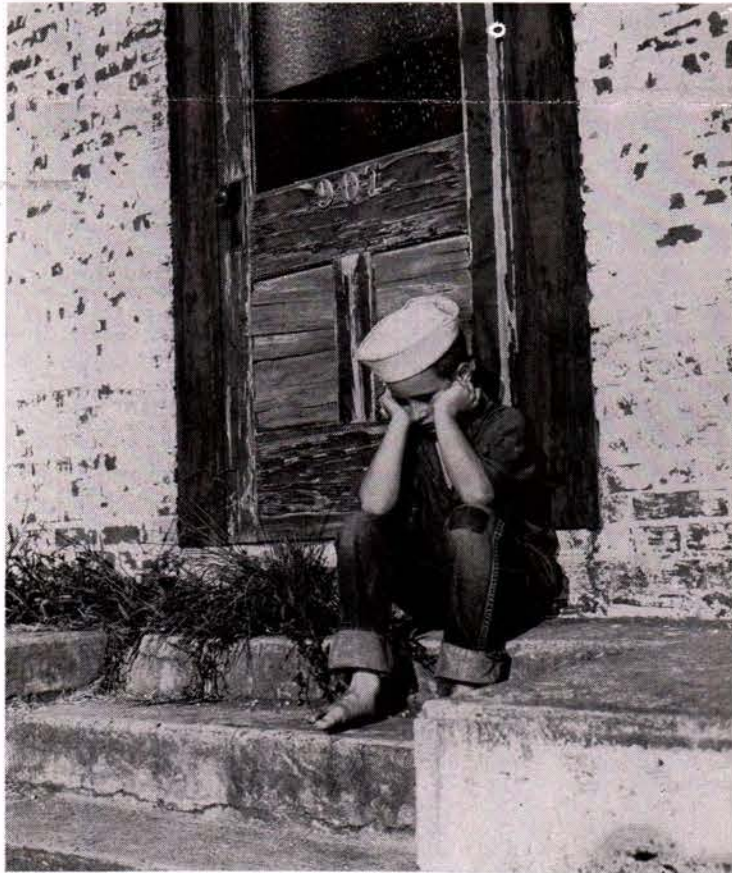
A cocktail party and cabaret-style banquet, followed by an entertainment program, January 15.

Progress reports on: the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, by Sheriff Ed Blackburn Jr., executive director; and the Florida

Sheriffs Bureau, by Don McLeod, director.

Starr said several hundred invitations will be sent out to State and Orange County officials.

He said arrangements for the conference are being made by a committee composed of: his wife, Doris, as official hostess; Sam Bush, program chairman; Mrs. Anna Lee Pethtel, registration chairman; and Miss Ruby Poole, banquet chairman.



UNWANTED BOY—This photograph has been selected as the official symbol for the 1959 Honorary Membership Campaign of the Florida Sheriffs Association. (Photo by Ken Richards)

### Florida Has Thousands Who Need Good Home and Secure Future

It's sad, but it's true.

Florida has thousands of "UNWANTED BOYS."

Some are from broken homes, others are needy, homeless or just plain neglected.

From bitter experience, Florida's Sheriffs know that many of these boys will become the "WANTED CRIMINALS" of tomorrow unless something is done to give them a good home and a secure future.

With this in mind, the Florida Sheriffs Association will launch its third annual Honorary Membership Campaign next month.

In this state-wide campaign each of Florida's 67 Sheriffs will mail letters to selected citizens in his county inviting them to become Honorary Members of the Sheriffs Association.

#### From Dues — Operating Fund

The dues of those who accept the nomination (minimum dues are \$10 a year, Sheriffs pay as high as \$400 a year) will be used to provide operating funds for the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, a friendly home for "unwanted" boys located on the beautiful Suwannee River, near Live Oak.

In effect, Florida's Sheriffs will be saying: "Join the Sheriffs Association and help us give shelter and loving care to some 'unwanted' boy."

This is an invitation to participate in a bold humanitarian venture without parallel. It is also an opportunity to assist in a unique crime prevention program that strikes at the very roots of crime.

#### Impossible to Contact Everyone

The 1959 Honorary Membership Campaign will continue through January and February, but it will be impossible for each sheriff to send a letter to every qualified citizen during this short period. Therefore, if you do not receive a letter, ask your Sheriff to nominate you for membership.

If you are already a member, please respond promptly when you receive a reminder requesting payment of your 1959 dues.

In just 18 months the Ranch has materialized from dream to reality. With the assistance of our Honorary Members we acquired a 722-acre site late in 1957 and started construction of the first buildings in 1958.

#### Bring On the Boys

The first two buildings, designed to provide residence facilities for 40 boys, are now nearing completion and preparations are being made to admit the first boys in the early part of 1959.

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## Sheriffs' Budget Law Passes First Court Test; Appeal Expected

PANAMA CITY — The 1957 budget law that brought nationwide praise and recognition to Florida's Sheriffs passed the first test of its constitutionality in circuit court here, Nov. 29.

Ruling on a suit filed by the Calhoun County Commission, Circuit Judge Clay Lewis held that the law was valid.

The County Commission is expected to appeal the ruling and, since a constitutional question is involved, it is likely that the appeal will go directly to the State Supreme Court.

The Budget Law took all but a handful of Florida counties

off the antiquated fee system and placed them on a business-like budget-salary system.

#### Uniformity Questioned

The Calhoun County Commission attacked the law on grounds that it did not comply with a constitutional provision requiring general laws regulating fees and duties of county officials to be of uniform application throughout the state.

Uniform application was lacking, the Commission argued, because certain counties were excluded and the salaries of sheriffs in counties of similar size were not the same.

Attorneys representing Cal-

houn County Sheriff W. C. Reeder, the Florida Sheriffs Association and the Attorney General argued that:

(1) The budget law did not come within the purview of the constitutional provision cited (Article 3, Sections 20 and 21).

(2) And, even if it did come under the purview of Article 3, Sections 20 and 21, the salaries and exclusions were based upon reasonable classifications.

#### Injunction Refused

The County Commission was represented by Attorneys Ernest Welch of Panama City and Virgil Mayo of Blountstown; Sher-

iff Reeder by Bill Leath of Panama City; The Sheriffs Association by John A. Madigan Jr. of Tallahassee; and the Attorney General's Office by Assistant Attorney General Ralph McLane.

Judge Lewis refused to grant the County Commission's request for an injunction which would have prevented Sheriff Reeder from receiving funds to operate his department under the budget system.

He also ordered the County Commission to give Sheriff Reeder the budget funds he had requisitioned to the extent that the board was financially able.



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## Wanted-Help for "Unwanted Boy"

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How many boys we admit and how fast we expand our facilities will depend upon how many persons become Honorary Members in 1959.

The formula is simple:

**MORE MEMBERS EQUALS MORE DUES — MORE DUES EQUALS MORE BOYS AT THE RANCH.**

The Ranch has been hailed as one of the outstanding projects ever undertaken by a law enforcement organization, yet it is only one of several projects sponsored by the Sheriffs Association, with the help of its Honorary Members, to combat juvenile delinquency and promote better law enforcement.

### Two Scholarships Awarded

The Marianna Scholarship Plan, while not as widely publicized, is equally bold and unique. Under this plan the Association provides scholarships for outstanding youths released from the Florida School for Boys, at Marianna, to attend universities and vocational schools.

Two scholarship recipients are already enrolled in a Florida university and a third scholarship will be granted in the early part of 1959.

The Ranch is designed to help boys who are headed for trouble with the law; and the scholarship plan is designed to help rehabilitate those who are already convicted law breakers. Dues of Honorary Members help to support both projects.

Through a widespread information and education program the Association in many other ways fosters crime prevention, highway safety and modern crime fighting techniques.

Here, then, is an entirely new approach to law enforcement — a plan that allows public-spirited citizens to assist their Sheriffs in building a better and more secure future for Florida.

All citizens who believe in better law enforcement are urged to participate.

## Why Join Sheriffs Association?

Why join the Florida Sheriffs Association?

Hardly a day goes by that the Association's headquarters in Tallahassee does not receive answers to this question in letters from citizens expressing their appreciation for the opportunity of becoming Honorary Members.

Such a letter was received recently from Warren D. Patterson, a journalism student at the University of Florida, who formerly participated in Dade County Sheriff Tom Kelly's Junior Deputy Sheriff program.

Here are some excerpts:

"Looking back, I ask myself why the Florida Sheriffs Association means anything to me. Some of my answering thoughts are below.

### "I Am Proud"

"First of all, I am especially proud to be associated with those citizens who recognize the need for preventative, more than corrective, measures in the combatting of juvenile delinquency.

"For a positive approach indicates a willingness to recognize that juvenile delinquency is as much a result of society's failure to meet the needs of juveniles, as it is of their failure to meet the needs of society. JD's (juvenile delinquents) aren't bigger than society; they, in their youth, only THINK

they are.

"Secondly, the (admittedly brief) personal association with those citizens who were willing to PERSONALLY participate in the various Junior Deputy Sheriff programs was a stimulating and highly educational experience.

### Experience Helpful

"While working under the guidance of these example-setting citizens, I learned firsthand about the 'new generation'—their thoughts, their actions, their words, their 'why.' Though not complete, this is invaluable information to me as a journalist, as a possible future employer and as a citizen.

"Thirdly, the experience I gathered as a member of the Florida Sheriffs Association, both through personal contact and the SHERIFFS STAR, has helped me to better realize and understand my responsibilities as a citizen.

"Fourth, and most important to me, was the feeling of accomplishment I had when active in the Junior Deputy Sheriff program—the gratification felt when you see your beliefs successfully put into action.

"I feel honored that I was one of the first persons asked to enlist in the Association's fight for better law enforcement."



TALLAHASSEE—THE MODERN SHERIFF—Sheriff W. P. (Bill) Joyce featured modern crime fighting tools in the exhibit he prepared for the North Florida Fair. Another modern touch was added with the new uniforms worn by Deputy Sheriffs Abbie Bakes (left) and Helen Whiddon.



SEBRING—MORE VISITORS—The fame of Highlands County's well designed new jail has spread far and wide, resulting in a number of inspection tours by officials from Florida and Georgia counties. Here Highlands Sheriff Broward Coker (right, rear) poses at the jail entrance with a visiting delegation from Lowndes County, Ga. Standing on his right is Lowndes County Sheriff Jewell Futch, president of the Georgia Sheriffs Association. The two men in front are Lowndes County Commissioners and the man at the extreme left is an architect.

## Mail a Check to the Sheriff . . . .

The following editorial appeared in the Lakeland Ledger and reflects the good job of publicizing the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch that has been done by Polk County Sheriff Hagan Parrish.

Today being Sunday, it is an especially good day to talk about doing a good deed.

The sheriffs of Florida's 67 counties have become much interested in preventing crime by helping boys between the ages of 12 and 15 before the boys get into trouble.

In order to do this the sheriffs have assumed sponsorship of a project known as the Florida Sheriffs' Boys' Ranch. The ranch is a 722-acre tract of farm land near Live Oak. Cottages and other buildings are being constructed.

On this ranch boys will be given spiritual guidance and classroom instruction.

The boys will be chosen from among the many found to be living in unfavorable environmental situations, including homes in which parents seem incapable of rearing the boys properly.

Such a program of crime prevention is one that should appeal to all right-thinking Floridians.

The sheriffs are dependent upon the public for contributions with which to go forward with their wonderfully constructive project.

A check for any amount between \$10 and \$100 will make you an honorary member of the Florida Sheriffs' Association. A check for any amount between \$100 and \$1,000 will give you the classification of founder. Any amount over \$1,000 will make you a lifetime member.

Much more important, though, is the fact that whatever amount you give will help to train young boys in the ways of good citizenship.

Make your check payable to the Florida Sheriffs' Boys' Ranch and mail it to Polk County's Sheriff Hagan Parrish at Bartow.

He is one of the trustees of the Boys' Ranch, and it would be a splendid commentary on the people of Polk if they sent a flood of checks to him during the next few days.

### Deputies Now Have Own Pistol Range

FORT LAUDERDALE — Broward County sheriff deputies and members of the Sheriff's Auxiliary are now getting target practice on their own pistol range, located just west of Davie. The county donated the land and various companies donated the materials for construction.

The pistol range is also used by the Florida Highway Patrol and the Florida Military Academy.

## Lloyd Thanked For Treatment Of Prisoners

FORT LAUDERDALE — Twenty-nine Cuban "rebels," finishing 60-day sentences for smuggling arms to Cuba, liked their jail treatment so much they presented Broward County Sheriff J. A. Lloyd with a scroll of appreciation.

The "rebels" had been sentenced to 60 days in jail and fines of \$200 each for attempting to smuggle arms and ammunition through Port Everglades to Rebel leader Fidel Castro.

In an impromptu ceremony marked by loud applause and cheers, the freed "rebels" presented Sheriff Lloyd with a parchment scroll, beautifully lettered, bearing individual signatures and this message:

"The Harpoon Expeditionaries (named after the boat, Harpoon, which they had planned to use for their smuggling activities) present this diploma to Sheriff J. A. Lloyd in recognition of his performance as head of the jail in which we served 60 days in the cause of democracy and liberty for the people of Cuba.

"His exemplary conduct and fair treatment expresses the kind feeling of the American people toward our ideals."

Accepting the scroll with a big smile, Sheriff Lloyd commended the Cubans for their conduct. "You have been wonderful prisoners," he said.

## Job Well Done Brings Praise

FORT LAUDERDALE — Successful apprehension of two men wanted for robbery, assault and rape resulted in the following letter to the editor of the Ft. Lauderdale Daily News from Donald McKay of the Shamrock Oil Company:

"The personnel of the Shamrock Oil Company wish to compliment the officers of our Sheriff's Department and the officers of the Fort Lauderdale Police Dept. for apprehending the two men who went on a rampage last week — beat up and robbed four men, one our night manager, and wound up their madcap spree by raping a woman.

"These officers did an outstanding bit of police work. Seldom do they get a word of praise, nor do they expect such.

"Our heartfelt thanks to these men who go about their arduous duties, protecting us from the unknown degenerate. It means so little to each of us until it strikes close to home."



# Boys Ranch Round-Up

News about the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, a home for needy and neglected boys the Florida Sheriffs Association is building on the Suwannee River, near Live Oak.

## They See the Need

### Convicts Produce Variety Show To Raise Funds for Boys Ranch

AVON PARK—A convict at the state prison here said he and his fellow-inmates are aware that if programs such as the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch had been in effect when they were in their formative years "perhaps we wouldn't have become part and parcel of a penal institution."

Writing for the AVON PARK SUN, the convict disclosed that the prison inmates were planning a variety show to raise funds for the Boys Ranch and the Avon Park Youth Center, because: "We are more than eager to help give youngsters chances to grow up in the healthy environment that many of us have been denied."

Here is a re-print in part of his article:

This article is being written and is to be considered as an unsolicited testimonial.

The Avon Park Youth Center is a familiar to you all. It's beneficial features are apparent. As a place for the youth of the community to go during leisure hours for healthy recreation, it's value cannot be measured in dollars and cents.

#### Father of Two Boys

The other venture being contributed to, The Florida Sheriffs Boys' Ranch, is another really noteworthy cause that deserves all the support that you can give it. The Boys' Ranch, to be located on the Suwannee River near Live Oak, Florida is a program that just defies evaluation. It has been lauded by the larger Florida Tabloids as being a progressive step . . . it will help resolve the great dilemma of juvenile courts; whether to send a boy off to a reformatory or back to a sorry home. Governor Collins terms it as a tremendous opportunity to do good. Recently while reading a brochure describing the program in detail, the question behind it all came to my attention: "How Much Is A Boy Worth?" Being the father of two boys myself, the question has an obvious answer in my mind. The Boys' Ranch will be devoted to providing a wholesome, homelike environment for boys who, through neglect or lack of opportunity,

are in need of the type of love and discipline that will make them good citizens. Planned along lines similar to Father Flannagan's Boys Town, the Ranch will not be a "reform school" in any sense of the word. The Florida Sheriff's Association has been cognizant of the need for such a program for many years. But they have just recently been able to devise suitable financial methods for its construction and operation.

It sounds like yours truly is beating the drum for these two projects . . . you're right . . . I sure am. Enough can't be said on their behalf in my humble opinion. As stated above, there

#### Eager to Help

are two small boys waiting for my return home . . . a daughter too. Those kids are my only really worthwhile contribution to the world to date. Good or bad, they will represent me in whatever they do or wherever they go. Is it so much for me to want them good and for me to be in favor of any program that will serve to develop good character and personality traits. A child is not self-sufficient; he or she needs love and affection as well as guidance and leadership, patience and understanding. You won't find much of either on a city street or in the smoky interior of a pool room . . . take it from one who knows.

Both these projects are near and dear to the hearts of the inmates of APP. They are only too aware of the fact that if such programs had been in effect when they were in their formative years that perhaps they wouldn't have become part and parcel of a penal institution. We are more than eager to help give youngsters chances to grow up in a healthy environment that many of us have been denied. One fine example of the population's feelings towards small fry was exhibited last Christmas when many of the boys put in long hours (after normal duty hours) on the toys brought in by the Lions Club. We want to assist society in any way that we possibly can and one of the means of helping that has been opened to us is this coming show.



LIVE OAK—BOYS RANCH "CHOW BELL"—This bronze steam locomotive bell donated by Southern Railway Company will be used to call boys to "chow" at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. M. F. Akers (right), general manager of the L.O.P. & G. Railroad presented the bell to the Ranch, and J. L. McMullen, (left) accepted it on behalf of the Boys Ranch Trustees. McMullen is chairman of the Ranch building committee.



CHIPLEY—WITH GRATEFUL APPRECIATION—Sheriff George Watts Jr. (right) presents Boys Ranch Founders Club certificate to R. L. Gainer, well known Chipley cattleman, in recognition of his generous contribution to the Boys Ranch.

## More Names Added to Membership Roll of Boys Ranch Founders Club

The following persons, business firms and organizations who contributed \$100 or more to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch were added to the membership roster of the Boys Ranch Founders Club during November and will receive appropriate certificates:

Davis Construction Corp., St. Petersburg

Dunn - O'Brien Construction Corp., St. Petersburg

B. M. Puckett, St. Petersburg

W. C. Johnson, St. Petersburg

Mrs. Clara L. Coffman, Naples

C. P. Prosser, Ft. Lauderdale

Thomas H. Radford, Live Oak

M. F. Akers, Perry

Plant City Steel Corporation, Plant City

Wauchula Lodge No. 1700, B. P. O. Elks

Tallahassee Civitan Club

Lions Club of Ft. Pierce

Employees, Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, Tampa

Rotary Club, Live Oak

Pat Sims, Wauchula

Edna L. Blood, Delray Beach

Silas M. Jackson, Sr., St. Petersburg

Ellis Mize, Panama City

Carl J. Sedlmayr, Tampa

O. J. Weiss, Tampa

E. M. Watts, Lakeland

Frank J. Fore, Lakeland

J. L. Miller, St. Petersburg

Lions Club of Eustis

Henry Clifford McCollum, Jr., Lakeland

W. Henry Edenfield, Tampa

Carl R. McMullen, Largo

Leonard Woodruff, St. Petersburg

John A. Leverock, Pinellas Park

Clearwater Block Busters

Brooksville Volunteer Fire Dept.

Brooksville Police Department

## Crime Pays

Here's another case where crime paid-off for the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch—a bold unique venture in crime prevention.

Three boys broke into and damaged the office of John J. Morton at the Pensacola speedway.

When they were caught Juvenile Court Judge Theodore F. Bruno ordered their parents to pay for damage to the office totaling \$42.34.

Morton turned the money over to the Boys Ranch, where it will be used to provide a friendly home for boys who are in danger of drifting into delinquency.

## 4-Man Board to Select Boys

A four-man board will soon begin selection of the first boys for admission to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

Members of the board are: Arthur Dozier, director of the State Division of Child Training Schools, chairman; Vincent Jones, resident manager of the Ranch; J. L. McMullen of Live Oak, a Ranch trustee; and Marshall Dutton, State Welfare Department official. They were appointed by Sheriff John Spottswood, chairman of the Ranch trustees.

Preparations are being made to admit the first boys to the Ranch early in 1959.

Each boy will be approved by the Sheriff and the Juvenile Court Judge of his county; and will be required to take physical, mental and psychological tests to determine his fitness for the Ranch program.

In the beginning the age limit will be 12 through 15. This range will be broadened as facilities and finances permit. At the present time residence facilities are being completed for 40 boys but the Ranch will eventually accommodate 400.

## Blackburn and Genung Named Ranch Trustees

Hillsborough County Sheriff Ed Blackburn Jr. and Pinellas County Sheriff Don Genung are the newest members of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Board of Trustees.

They were appointed by the Florida Sheriffs Association Board of Directors at a meeting in Tampa, Dec. 1.

Blackburn, one of the originators of the project, will continue to serve as executive director of the Ranch, a position to which he has devoted countless hours.

He has traveled thousands of miles and made hundreds of speeches on behalf of the Ranch. He has also raised thousands of dollars for the project.

Genung, although a new Sheriff, has done such an outstanding job in promoting the Ranch that his county is leading the state in contributions by a wide margin.

He will continue to serve as the Finance Chairman of the Ranch.

The Board of Trustees, composed of Sheriffs and outstanding citizens throughout the State, is responsible for administration of the Ranch, which is being built on the Suwannee River, near Live Oak, as a home for needy and unwanted boys.

## Crime Prevention Boys Ranch Goal

LAKELAND — Crime prevention is the purpose of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, Polk County Sheriff Hagan Parrish explained to members of the Lakeland Kiwanis Club. "It is to prevent boys from going off the deep end."

"We will take boys who are about to get into trouble and get them out of their environment," he said. "Many times, parents cannot cope with the situation. Often there is a lack of parental guidance and parental intelligence."

"A carefully planned guidance program is the solution to the youth problem, and Boys Ranch will seek to supply that kind of guidance."

## In Memoriam

The following persons have made contributions to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Memorial Fund:

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard C. Smith, New Port Richey; in memory of Mr. William Furgus Oliver.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Suber, Gretna; in memory of Mrs. Duncan Lester.

Mrs. R. E. Hatcher, Tavares; in memory of Mr. Reuben E. Hatcher.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Herzog, Sr., St. Petersburg; in memory of Lawrence A. Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Roy Hickman, St. Petersburg; in memory of Mr. William J. Clarke, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Hoyte, St. Petersburg; in memory of Walter Isham.

Warwick Chapter, DBE, St. Petersburg; in memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Cunningham.

Mrs. Eva Truitt and neighbors, St. Petersburg; in memory of Mr. Vernon L. Turpen.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown Crowder, Leesburg; in memory of Mr. Truman G. Futch, Jr.

The Memorial Fund will perpetuate the memory of deceased relatives and friends by providing the financing for a facility of permanent significance such as a Ranch chapel.

Send contributions to Memorial Fund, Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, P. O. Box 344, Tallahassee, Florida.

They should be accompanied by:

(1) The name and address of the contributor.

(2) The full name of the person in whose memory the contribution is given.

(3) The name and address of the deceased person's next of kin to whom notification of the gift is to be sent.

ALL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE BOYS RANCH ARE INCOME TAX-DEDUCTIBLE.



# With Thanks - - - From Les

DADE CITY—Pasco County Sheriff Leslie Bessenger, who has done an outstanding job in raising funds for the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, is shown in the pictures below presenting Boys Ranch Founders Club certificates to some of the major contributors from Dade City.



Certificate presented to H. S. Massey, vice president of Pasco Packing Co.



... to James F. Croley, of Croley Insurance Agency.



... to DeCarr D. Covington Jr., who is in the citrus business in Dade City.



... to Brantley D. Thomas, president of First Federal Savings & Loan Association of Pasco County.



... to J. E. Evans, of Evans Citrus Co.

## Jury Verdict Caps Sheriff's Long Search

CRESTVIEW — A circuit court jury on Nov. 23 found Jesse Cayson, 56, and his brother, Doyle, 51, guilty of the 1940 shotgun slaying of Lester Wilson, father of Okaloosa County Sheriff Ray Wilson.

The trial grew out of Sheriff Wilson's boyhood vow to avenge the murder of his father.

He was 12 when a shotgun blast fired through the front door of his home snuffed out his father's life. It was said then that Lester Wilson was the victim of a vicious political assassination because he was a former Crestview police chief and was planning to run for sheriff.

Over the years there were numerous state and county investigations of the murder, but it remained unsolved.

However, Ray Wilson refused to give up. Patiently he assembled bits of evidence and picked up clues the investigators had abandoned.

When he became Sheriff on July 3, 1956, he intensified his investigation and two years later, on July 11, 1958, grand jury murder indictments were filed against the Caysons and W. D. Brown, all of Crestview. Brown was acquitted.

A jury of 11 men and one woman returned the guilty verdict that successfully concluded Sheriff Wilson's 18-year search for the killers.

## Eavesdropping Has Become A Fine Art

The ear-to-the-keyhole technique of "eavesdropping" is now a thing of the past — thanks to the miracle of modern electronics.

"Eavesdropping" is now a fine art, but a dangerous and frightening one, points out the "Oklahoma Peace Officer."

Modern science has now made possible horn-shaped devices sensitive enough to pick up conversation through the open windows of offices or cars parked across the street; telephone movies of business conversations later "translated" at lip-reading schools; and telescopic close-ups from low flying planes or helicopters.

Tiny, portable transmitters, hardly bigger than a package of cigarettes, can be taped to an executive's desk, and for the two week's life of the batteries they will broadcast all conversations to a receiver located as far as a block away. A similar instrument can be fitted into a wall or floor plug, from which it transmits through the building's electrical system to a receiver.

These devices, the "Oklahoma Peace Officer" warns, are not toys. These are electronic gadgets which could aid blackmailers and unethical business competitors beyond the dreams of avarice.

"It may be we'll have to struggle with a whole new mare's nest of anti-spy legislation, and even then the best protection will be — as always — a zip of the lip."

## Good Marksman

PUNTA GORDA — Charlotte County Commissioner Bill Anger, who served as a member of a Sheriff's posse chasing some wanted safe crackers, came close to getting a rattlesnake bite. He stepped within six inches of a six foot rattler, but Sheriff Travis Parnell, spotting the snake, whipped out his pistol and shot the snake's head off before it could strike.



CLERMONT—HIS CREED, HELPING OTHERS—Although an invalid, Oscar Kopf has a wonderful outlook on life and spends much of his time thinking of ways to help others. Here he is receiving a Boys Ranch Founders Club certificate from Sheriff Willis McCall (standing) in recognition of a substantial contribution he made to the Boys Ranch.



BARTOW—POPULAR EXHIBIT—Here is part of the exhibit prepared by Sheriff Hagan Parrish for the Auto-Home Show sponsored by the Optimist Club here last month. It featured equipment used in criminal identification and rescue work. In the center of the picture is Deputy Sheriff Hoke Fitzgerald, and at the extreme left is Miss Lucy Chambliss, a member of the Polk County Sheriff's Mounted Posse.

## Conference On Bad Checks

TALLAHASSEE — Merchants attending a law enforcement conference here were warned that they are now in the most critical time of the year for the passing of worthless checks.

It was pointed out that October, November and December, are peak months, according to crime statistics.

The merchants were also told what they could do to avoid losses through worthless checks; and they were given a detailed description of the scientific measures the Florida Sheriffs Bureau and Florida's Sheriffs are taking to catch bad check artists.

The conference was sponsored by Sheriff W. P. Joyce, with the cooperation of the Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce, the Florida Sheriffs Bureau and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Deputy Sheriff John Melton, representing Sheriff Joyce, opened the conference.

Berwyn Williams, head of the Sheriffs Bureau's training division, reported that nationwide losses of merchants due to bad checks during 1957 were estimated at \$742,000,000 and they are expected to hit a higher figure this year.

Deputy Sheriff Raymond Hamlin gave an analysis of the local check problem; and Deputy Sheriff Jack Dawkins told merchants how to report fraudulent checks.

Check cashing precautions were discussed by John Fay, Sheriff's Bureau document examiner; and federal jurisdiction in worthless check cases was outlined by FBI Agent Gerald D. Mohr.

The conference closed with a panel discussion in which Sheriffs Bureau Director Don McLeod acted as moderator.

## Forgers Using New Gimmick

TAMPA—Tampa store managers were warned of a new racket which recently cropped up in Florida.

The racket works like this: A man appears at the door, saying he's from a fictitious credit association and is making a survey for banks in the area. He merely wants answers to a few questions.

The householder, pleased that there's nothing to buy, usually agrees readily.

So the stranger asks where the individual banks, whether in a checking or savings account, and if the account is under \$500, between \$500 and \$1,000 or more than \$1,000.

Finally, he asks for an official banking signature on his report and walks away with all the information he needs for a forgery.



# WANTED PERSONS

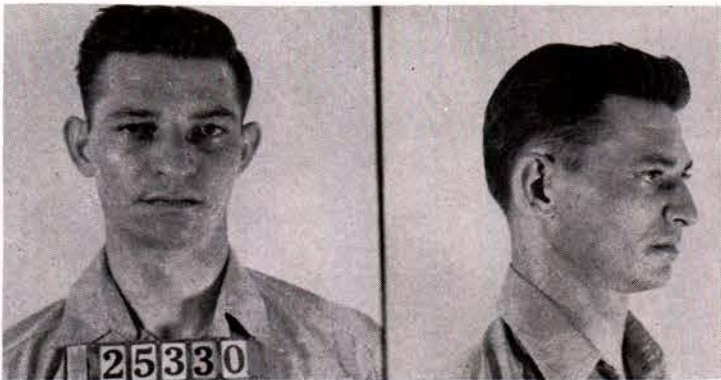
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ROY SLAPPY

Also known as GEORGE HY-TIRE, colored male, unknown age, 5 feet, 9 inches, weighs 157 pounds, black-grey hair, brown eyes, dark complexion. One half inch scar above right eye, approximately half of right eye-

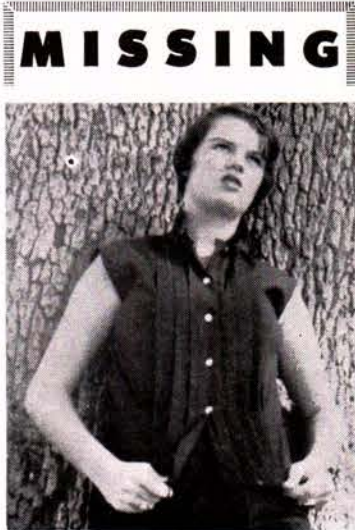
brow white. Place of birth Americus, Ga. FBI #986 325. Wanted on charge of Escape. If apprehended notify Sheriff Thursby, DeLand, Fla., or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



AARON BOUDREAUX

With aliases ARRON ANTHONY and "ACE", white male, age 28, 5 feet, 11 inches, weighs 162 pounds, medium build, black hair, dark brown eyes, olive complexion. Two inch scar on center of chest, slight pit scars on both cheeks. Subject was sentenced 10 year term to Mississippi State Penitentiary on June 3, 1958 on

charge Armed Robbery. He escaped from this institution on Oct. 28, 1958. Subject is a known boat enthusiast, prior to his commitment owned a fishing boat and fished in Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Mississippi. If apprehended notify SP, Parchman, Miss., or The Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



BONITA ANN BLODGETT

Nickname "BONNIE", white female, age 16, 5 feet, 7 inches tall, weighs 140 pounds, light brown hair, brown eyes, fair complexion, good teeth. Appears older than actual age. Missing since 8-23-58. If located notify Sheriff Thursby, Daytona Beach, Fla., or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



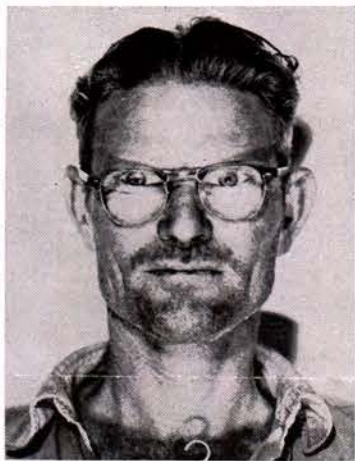
RICHARD J. JONES

White male, age 24, 6 feet tall, weighs 180 pounds, medium build, brown hair, blue eyes, fair complexion. Occupation: Painter. Escaped from Macomb County jail, Mount Clemens, Mich., where he was serving sentence for Aggravated Assault. He is also a parole violator from Michigan State Prison. From FBI transcripts of recent arrests he is believed to be in Florida. His FBI #394197A. If apprehended notify Sheriff, Mount Clemens, Mich., or The Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



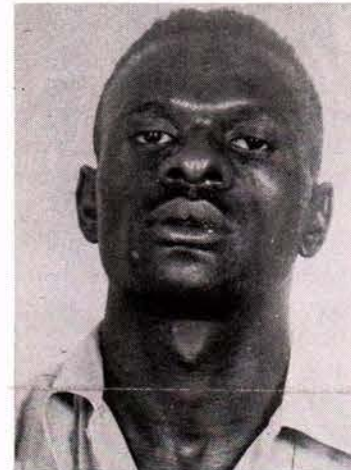
RONNIE LEE GRAY

White male, date and place of birth 6-8-40, Comer, Ga., 6 feet, 1 inch tall, weighs 165 pounds, medium build, brown hair, green eyes, ruddy complexion. One inch cut scar on left cheek. Possibly in state of South Carolina. Wanted for Attempted Rape of 14 year old white female. Outstanding J P warrant, bond \$5,000.00. If apprehended will extradite. Notify Police Dept., Lakeland, Florida or The Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



ROBERT McCRAY

With alias ROBERT FLOYD McCRARY, White male. Date of birth 7-3-19, 6 feet tall, weighs between 160-170 pounds, red hair, blue eyes, ruddy complexion, wears glasses. Occupation: Laborer and Truck Driver. FBI #424 061 B. Wanted in Alabama on charge obtaining money under false pretense. Warrant issued. If apprehended notify Sheriff Hagan Parrish, Bartow, Florida or The Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



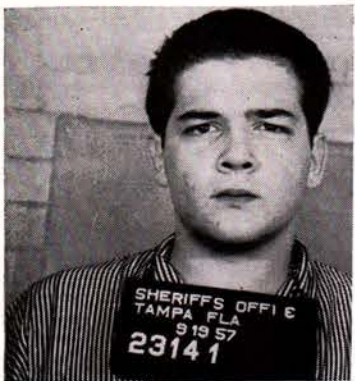
MAMO TISDOL JR.

Colored male, age 29, 5 feet, 7 1/4 inches tall, weighs 144 pounds, black hair, maroon eyes, dark complexion. Wanted for B&E of a Service Station in Hollywood 8-19-58. Subject fled on foot, leaving his vehicle containing all stolen articles. If apprehended notify Police Dept., Hollywood, Florida, or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



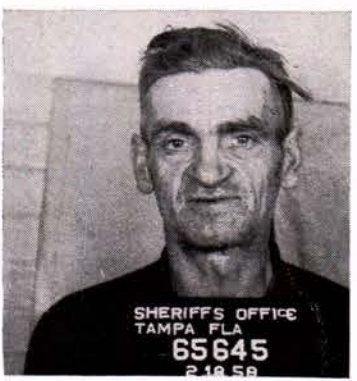
SYLVIA KIMBLE

White female, date and place of birth 7-8-11, Monterey, Va., 5 feet, 5 inches tall, 130-135, dark brown hair, dark blue eyes, fair complexion. Chain smoker. Likes to fish. Has business education but prefers to work as domestic in private homes, or does practical nursing. Lived in St. Petersburg at one time. Photograph shown was taken several years ago. If any one knows subjects whereabouts notify Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



PAUL E. CONWAY

White male, age 19, 5 feet, 11 inches, weighs 250 pounds, brown hair and eyes, ruddy complexion. Capias issued, charge Escape from County Convict Camp, 10-23-58, where he was serving sentence for Worthless Checks. If apprehended notify Sheriff Blackburn, Tampa, Fla., or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



HENRY De FOE

White male, age 58, 5 feet, 7 inches, weighs 140 pounds, brown hair, hazel eyes, ruddy complexion. Capias issued, charge Escape from County Convict Camp Crew 7-9-58, where he was serving time for Entering W/O Breaking. If apprehended notify Sheriff Blackburn, Tampa, Fla., or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.

## Youths Who Stole County Judge's Car Are Held in Marion

OCALA — Three boys who stole a county judge's car on a runaway escapade from their homes in Tampa were in custody of juvenile authorities here. Juvenile Officer Charles Tuzzeo said the trio, ages 13, 14 and 15, started out in a car they stole in Tampa. It ran out of gas near Dunnellon.

The runaways hopped into a station wagon parked by a service station and drove away. The vehicle is owned by County Judge Frank Scofield of Inverness.

Someone saw them drive off, and Dunnellon Police Chief W. E. Dunwoody caught up with the youthful thieves a few miles down the road.

Tuzzeo said he expects to release the boys to Hillsborough juvenile authorities for disposition of the case.



JESUS REYNA-CASTANEDA

With alias, ENRIQUE ALBARDO - REYNA, Mexican male, about 33, 5 feet, 7 inches tall, weighs 135 pounds, black hair, right eye brown, has lost left eye. Attempted confidence game on student in Jacksonville 10-31-58. Has been deported several times. Claims birth in Mission, Texas. If apprehended call collect Investigator Jesse D. Edwards Jr., EL 4-7111 Ext 496 or RA 4-0090, U.S. Immigration Service, Jacksonville, Fla., or The Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



JOHN ROGER McCRANIE

White male, age 15, 5 feet, 8 inches tall, weighs 130 to 140 pounds, sandy hair, freckled face. Scar on left side of face from ear to nose. Social Security No. 263-62-9057. Missing since July 13, 1958. Any one having knowledge of subjects whereabouts contact Sheriff McCall, Tavares, Fla., or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.





OCALA — CUBA-BOUND ARSENAL — Sheriff F. L. McGehee (right) and Deputy Sheriff Glenn Smith inspect arms and ammunition confiscated from Cuban rebel sympathizers arrested here while apparently transporting their cargo to the forces of Rebel Leader Fidel Castro. This was one of several similar arms hauls made by officers recently in central and south Florida.



AVON PARK—CONVICTS KICK IN—Highlands County Sheriff Broward Coker (left) accepts Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch contribution of \$231 from Avon Park Prison Convict J. E. Hess while Prison Superintendent L. L. Wainwright looks on. Convicts at the prison raised \$462 by putting on a variety show and split the proceeds between the Boys Ranch and Avon Park Youth Center. See story on Page 3.

## Students Help Clear Land At Boys Ranch

LIVE OAK — Hundreds of man hours of hard labor were contributed to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch by 110 members of Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity from the University of Florida.

Traveling in a motorcade escorted by Alachua County Sheriff Joe M. Crevasse, Jr., the young lads arrived at the Ranch, 11 miles north of here, on the morning of Dec. 6, and put in a full day cutting and piling timber to clear pasture land.

They worked under the supervision of Ranch Manager Vincent Jones, Ranch Trustee J. L. McMullen and Suwannee County Sheriff Hugh Lewis, and were served a barbecued pork lunch.

Although unaccustomed to hard manual labor, several of the fraternity members told Sheriff Lewis they hoped they would have an opportunity to return for another "log rolling" session next year.

## Kirk Increases His Manpower

PALM BEACH — An increase in the number of deputies and the establishment of a new substation at Delray Beach were announced by Palm Beach County Sheriff John F. Kirk.

The staff of deputies will be increased by 16, for a total of 64 men. Most of the new men will be assigned to road patrol duties.

The new substation at Delray Beach is the second to be set up in the county. A station was opened recently at Belle Glade.

The increase in deputies, the two substations, and a new radio system which will reach Sheriff's Department cars in every section of the county (the largest in land area in the state) will give residents of Palm Beach County around-the-clock service and protection by the Sheriff's Office.

## Academy Grad

JACKSONVILLE — James C. Patrick, Chief Deputy in Duval County Sheriff Dale Carson's Criminal Investigation Department, was graduated last month from the FBI Academy in Washington, D. C.

## Remembered Night

OSPREY — Two boys stole a 16-foot outboard boat and spent the night out in the Gulf. After a night-long search by officers, the boys were picked up the next morning and returned to their parents, hungry, wet, but unharmed. The boys, brothers, were 7 and 9 years old.

## THE SHERIFF'S JOB

(Author Unknown)

Now, this Sheriff's job is a curious one;  
Like the housewife's work, it's never done.  
Calls come by night and come by day;  
They may be near or miles away.  
Do hurry up, says the caller;  
You're badly needed in Possum Holler.  
Paw's on the rampage; he's got a gun;  
Been looking for Maw since half-past one.  
So we jump in our flivver and hit the trail;  
And drive like a streamliner carrying the mail.  
Our only hope and all we can figger,  
Is to be on hand before Paw pulls the trigger.  
We finally arrive, and amid confusion,  
We learn the affair was a simple delusion.  
Paw with his gun was just hunting squirrels;  
Maw had gone to school with the two oldest girls.  
Next day we're hunting a mottled-faced cow;  
That night we referee a nice family row.  
Now, that's just a sample of what we do;  
An endless variety of the old and the new.  
It may be a prowler, a burglar, a drunk;  
He may steal your billfold, your watch or your trunk.  
We set out to catch him, and we do our best.  
We catch our percentage and lose the rest.  
We can't catch them all, for some leave no clue —  
They don't leave their cards, like the candidates do.  
Sometimes they plead guilty, and the Judge will scold.  
Then half the country will want them paroled.  
They blame the recession, the sputnik, tariff  
But most of the folks put the blame on the Sheriff.  
So it's quite a game, if you stay right in —  
You'll get a pat on the back, and a sock on the chin  
But, I like it, and I'm shedding no tears —  
AND I'D LIKE TO BE YOUR SHERIFF FOR  
ANOTHER FOUR YEARS.

## Mail Bag Continues to Produce Verbal Bouquets for Boys Ranch

The Florida Sheriffs Association continues to receive praise, and favorable comments, in letters from citizens all over the state, for establishing the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. Here are quotations from some of them:

"You are doing an excellent job and I am glad to add my tiny bit to your program." — Irving A. Holder, Mims.

"I am glad of the privilege to contribute a little bit to this (Ranch) fund. I consider this (project) to be of exceptional merit." — William E. Goetz, Clearwater.

"Best wishes for success in this wonderful work." — Mrs. Ralph H. Buck, Fort Walton Beach.

"I shall support the Boys Ranch because it is a worthy cause which helps teen-agers

to become decent, respectable citizens of America." — Speiros Aperghis, Tarpon Springs.

"You . . . are to be commended for your outstanding effort in behalf of the youth of our state." — W. W. Balkcom, Jr., Tampa.

"Thanks very much for giving me the privilege of donating to the Boys Ranch. It's a wonderful project." — L. C. Poole, New Port Richey.

"This is a great undertaking to combat juvenile delinquency . . . We hope and pray that all the citizens of the state, and all organizations, will feel that it is their duty to share and do their part in this great and needy cause." — Paul F. Kozushko, New Port Richey.



FORT PIERCE—IT WASN'T ORANGE JUICE—St. Lucie County Sheriff J. R. Norvell samples contents of 175-gallon moonshine stash his department discovered and confiscated. With him are Deputy Sheriffs Pat Duval (left) and Andrew Jorgensen. (Photo by St. Lucie County Sheriff's Dept.)



NOKOMIS — SHERIFF PAYS OFF — The three winners in a Nokomis Elementary School traffic safety poster contest are shown here with Sarasota County Sheriff Ross Boyer (left) who gave each of them three silver dollars. Also pictured are Deputy Sheriff C. N. (Cap) Stevens (center) and Ward Wright, safety patrol supervisor at the school. (Photo courtesy the Sarasota News.)

## Fingerprinting Defended

PANAMA CITY — Fingerprinting of all persons booked at the county jail is an absolute necessity for good law enforcement, explained Bay County Chief Sheriff's Investigator Floyd Nixon in reply to a complaint of two tourists who were fingerprinted while being booked on speeding charges.

"One person who has been wanted for over 15 years was apprehended not long ago," Deputy Nixon said, "because he was fingerprinted at the Bay County jail while being booked on a minor charge." When the prints were sent to the FBI in Washington, as are all fingerprints, they showed up as being those of a man wanted by law

enforcement officers in another city.

The FBI, Nixon said, recommends fingerprinting all persons who are booked and this policy is carried out in many counties. "Besides," he said, "I cannot see why any honest person would object to being fingerprinted."

## Lloyd Lauded

FORT LAUDERDALE — Broward County Sheriff J. A. Lloyd has received a certificate of commendation for his work as the county's chief law enforcement officer. The award was presented to him by Lodge 21, Fraternal Order of Police Associates.



## "The Lawyer's Corner"

A digest of recent Attorney General's opinions of interest to Law Enforcement officers.

Edited by JOHN A. MADIGAN, JR.  
Attorney for the Florida Sheriffs Association

**058-300 — ISSUE OF WARRANTS WITHOUT DEPOSIT BY JUSTICE OF THE PEACE IN WORTHLESS CHECK CASE** — The issuing of a worthless check is a crime of a public nature and a Justice of the Peace may issue a warrant for persons so charged without requiring the deposit provided for in Section 939.16, Florida Statutes.

**058-305—EXPENDITURE OF PUBLIC MONEY FOR ENTERTAINMENT** — County officers cannot expend public funds for entertainment or hospitality purposes. However, where expenditures for advertising and publicity are authorized, the nature of such authority granted and the amount of discretion vested will determine if such expenditures can be made for hospitality and entertainment. The distinction of county enterprises as governmental, proprietary, or quasi-proprietary, does not in any way affect the expenditures in question.

**058-309 — JURISDICTION OVER EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK** — Since the United States Government has not notified the Governor of the State of Florida of its assumption of police jurisdiction over the Everglades National Park, the law enforcement officers of this state have jurisdiction over said park for all crimes committed on or within its boundaries.

**058-287 — SHERIFF CONTRACTING TO FEED PRISONERS** — The sheriff may contract with himself or a member of his family or his employees or members of their families in counties having a population of not more than 100,000 persons for the feeding of prisoners provided he complies with the provisions of Section 839.091; that the sheriff may purchase food for said prisoners from himself or from a mercantile concern with which he is financially connected, in those counties of not more than 100,000 population provided the provisions of Section 839.091, Florida Statutes, are complied with.

**058-292 — TRANSPORTATION OF CHILD COMMITTED TO TRAINING SCHOOL** — After a juvenile court has ordered a child committed to a state industrial school, the Juvenile Judge may direct who shall transport the child to said school.

## Leap-For-Life Ends Joy Ride

**PENSACOLA**—Two teen-age boys stole a railroad motorcar and almost paid for it with their lives.

Ignoring the warnings of the bridge tender, the boys took the motorcar and headed out on a 1½ mile trestle over Escambia Bay just about the time a freight train was due on the trestle.

Fortunately, the bridge tender was able to derail the motorcar and remove it from the tracks before the freight train passed.

The boys were forced to dive about 15 feet into the bay. They were promptly picked up and arrested.



**GREEN COVE SPRINGS—MAN OF MANY ROLES**—Clay County Sheriff John P. Hall, who is treasurer of the Green Cove Springs Chamber of Commerce, hands out Chamber of Commerce premium awards to 4-H Club winners at the conclusion of the Clay County Centennial Fair. A banker with timber, cattle and real estate interests, Sheriff Hall also serves as treasurer of the Florida Sheriffs Association and the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Trustees. (Photo by Tropical Photo Shop)



**ST. AUGUSTINE—TIP FROM ALOFT**—Deputy Sheriff Everett Haney (left) and Chief Jailer Kenneth Masters survey remains of moonshine still they raided after a passing airplane pilot spotted it and contacted Sheriff L. O. Davis. Capable of producing over 2,000 "fifths" of moonshine a week, it was still warm when the raiders moved in. (Photo by Rupert Chastain)

## WANTED—Building Materials

Contributions of building materials for the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch will be gratefully accepted.

Persons who give materials valued at \$100 or more will qualify as Boys Ranch Founders Club members; and those whose contributions total \$1,000 or more will be eligible for a lifetime honorary membership in the Florida Sheriffs Association.

Contributions can be made by contacting your local Sheriff.

Here is a partial list of materials needed for the second residence building, which is now under construction.

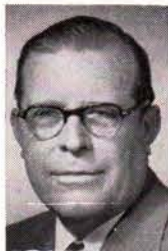
1. Eighty-three trussed rafters—pitch 4 in 12—top chord 2" x 6", bottom chord—2" x 4", web members—2" x 3" designed for 30 lbs. per square foot live load and 20 lbs. per square foot dead load. Lumber to be No. 1 Southern Pine with 1500 F. Connectors to be "Gang Nails" or similar and equal product.
2. Five 2'-0" x 6'-8" x 1 3/8" flush panel interior wood doors.  
Five 2'-6" x 6'-8" x 1 3/8" flush panel interior wood doors.  
Three 3'-0" x 7'-0" x 1 3/4" glass jalousie exterior doors.
3. Twenty-one pairs aluminum double hung windows with mullions-mfg. No. 3040.  
one pair aluminum double hung windows with mullions-mfg. No. 3034.  
Two single double hung aluminum windows-mfg. No. 3034.  
One group of three aluminum double hung windows-mfg. No. 3040.
4. Five thousand square feet of asphalt singles.
5. Five thousand square feet of No. 15 asphalt saturated building felt.
6. Four thousand eight hundred square feet of 4" rock wool insulation.
7. Six lavatories.
8. Five water closets.
9. One urinal.
10. One electric drinking fountain.
11. Five thousand square feet of square edge 1" x 6" No. 2 common.
12. Ten thousand one hundred and twenty-five—4" x 8" x 16" concrete block.
13. Twenty-seven thousand 2 1/4" x 3 3/4" x 8" clay brick.
14. One thousand two hundred sixty-five—8" x 8" x 16" concrete block.

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## Signal 14

(Information)

... to all stations



**DON McLEOD**  
Director

Sheriffs Bureau Identification and Modus Operandi Sections have moved to a new location, the corner of Gaines and Bro-nough streets, making more room at the old Gaines Street location for the Crime Laboratory... mail to both these sections will continue to go to the same address of P. O. Box 447, Tallahassee.

With Identification and Modus Operandi moved out, Jim Halligan, superintendent of the Crime Laboratory, is very busy arranging space for operation of the crime lab... the present FSB location on Gaines Street will house all laboratory facilities and will be the scene of all crime lab work... It is contemplated the lab will be ready for full operation by January 1...

The Bureau's Crime Laboratory now has a chemist with the arrival of Joe Koles in Tallahassee... Koles is a graduate chemist of the University of Kentucky and has been employed for the past six years by a chemical firm in Bloomfield, N. J... this leaves only the position of ballistics expert unfilled in the laboratory.

The Leon County Sheriffs Office, the FSB and the Federal Bureau of Investigation cooperated with the Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce recently in presenting a Fraudulent Check Conference at Tallahassee... all those involved in the presentation called the affair a success... 40 persons, representing 27 Tallahassee mercantile establishments, registered for the program and all were enthused with the evening's conference... 28 of those present indicated they would like to attend regularly scheduled programs dealing with the fraudulent check problem.

Director McLeod was quite pleased with the response to the conference because he feels that programs of this nature will aid law enforcement officers in curbing the high losses sustained each year as a result of forgeries... he believes that by showing merchants precautions they can use before cashing checks in their establishments, these merchants can force a great many forgers out of this lucrative racket... just how serious this problem of fraudulent checks really is can be best

## Gunslinger Exits Sobbing

**DANIA** — Lutheran Pastor George Shuster befriended a man who threatened him at gunpoint and held two sheriff's deputies at bay for close to an hour.

The intruder came to Rev. Shuster's house to kill his son, George, in the belief that George owed him \$600.

"I stretched out my arms toward him and assured him we were his friends," Rev. Shuster related. "We're not against you. We want to help you," he said.

The gunman put down the gun, shook hands with the pastor, and then broke into sobs on Rev. Shuster's shoulder.

Deputies took him away to jail and charged him with assault with a deadly weapon.

Rev. Shuster wrote out a check for \$300 and a promissory note for another \$300 to give to the gunslinger.

"The Lord helped me and I want to help that boy," he said.

illustrated by national statistics which show that in 1955 merchants were "taken" by fraudulent check passers to the tune of \$450,000,000... this figure increased in 1956 to \$535,000,000 and in 1957, it is estimated, the figure jumped to \$742,000,000... and it is certain that a good percentage of this money was picked up in Florida... these figures are reason for real concern among law enforcement officers and merchants as well.

October, November and December accounted for 35 per cent of all checks passed in 1956, according to Todd Company, Inc., manufacturers of check supplies and check protectors... according to these figures, we are presently in the most critical months of the year as far as fraudulent checks are concerned... to say that merchants should use a great deal of caution, is putting it mildly...

## Teen Hoodlums Said Worse'n Old Time Thugs

**NAPLES** — Today's "teen-age hoodlums" are worse than the underworld gangsters of the good old days, according to an expert who should know a hoodlum when he sees one—Charles "Lucky" Luciano, one-time kingpin of vice and dope rings in the U. S.

Apparently appalled by some of the things he has been reading, Luciano, 60 and gray haired, told a news reporter:

"The underworld does not kill policemen and no gangster would push around his mother or officials such as school teachers. When I was a youngster in New York, there was less juvenile delinquency—far less."

He placed 80 percent of the blame for teen-age crime in the laps of newspapers, magazines, television shows, and movies.

"They're advertising crime as a product, much as a man sells soap," he said, "and I can prove it."

"Whenever an unusual crime is played up in the press and even by television, then there follows a rash of similar crimes. Why? Because the kids and others are implanted with a new idea. Remember the kidnappings following the Lindbergh case?"

The 20 per cent remaining blame for teen-age crime goes to parents, Luciano declared, because the "kids are given too much money, too much liberty and free time."

## Ex-Deputy Dies

**PALMETTO**—Karl Burnhart Campbell, Manatee County Deputy Sheriff for 20 years, died November 9, in a Bradenton hospital. He was 73, having retired as deputy sheriff about 10 years ago.

## How About That?

**TAMPA**—There'll be no more ruined shoes and soggy feet for Hillsborough County deputies who have to track wanted men through the swamps. Sheriff Ed Blackburn ordered six dozen pairs of rubber boots for his staff.



## PROGRAM

**Mid-Winter Conference  
FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION  
San Juan Hotel, Orlando, Florida  
January 14, 15, and 16, 1959**

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14

3:00 p.m.—Board of Directors Meeting  
4:00 p.m.—Registration, hotel lobby  
Fee for Sheriffs .....\$10  
Fee for Guests .....\$ 5

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 15

9:00 a.m.—Registration, hotel lobby  
10:00 a.m.—Conference Opens  
Invocation by The Rev. Ridgley L. Hall, Pastor of Oakland Presbyterian Church, Oakland, Florida.  
Addresses of Welcome by  
Sheriff Dave Starr, Conference Host  
The Hon. Robert S. Carr, Mayor of Orlando  
The Hon. John Talton, Chairman of the Orange County Commission.  
Response by:  
Sheriff Leslie Bessenger, President, Florida Sheriffs Association.  
Recognition of Honored Guests by:  
Sheriff E. Odell Carlton, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Florida Sheriffs Association.  
10:45 a.m.—Coffee Break  
11:00 a.m.—Report on the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch by:  
Sheriff Ed Blackburn Jr., Executive Director of the Ranch.  
11:30 a.m.—Report on the Florida Sheriffs Bureau by:  
The Hon. Don McLeod, Director of the Florida Sheriffs Bureau  
12:00 Noon—Opening Session Adjourns.  
12:30 p.m.—Luncheon for Sheriffs and guests.  
Address by The Hon. Millard Caldwell of Tallahassee, former Governor of Florida.  
2:30 p.m.—Exhibition Drill by Sheriffs' Mounted Poses, at Fairview Parkway field, adjacent to Ben White Raceway, North 441 and Lee Road.  
Open to the public.  
Master of Ceremonies, Nadine Sanford of Orlando  
4:30 p.m.—Exhibition Drill ends.  
6:30 p.m.—Cocktail Party for Sheriffs and guests, San Juan Hotel.  
7:00 p.m.—Banquet for Sheriffs and guests, San Juan Hotel.  
Toastmaster, Sheriff Dave Starr, Conference Host.  
Entertainment arranged by Sheriff Starr.

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 16

10:00 a.m.—Executive Session (Sheriffs only)  
Election of officers for 1959  
12:00 noon—Session adjourns  
12:30 p.m.—Luncheon for Sheriffs and guests.  
Address by The Hon. Dewey Johnson, of Quincy, State Senator and Senate president-designate for the 1959 session of the Florida Legislature.  
Installation of New Officers  
2:00 p.m.—Executive Session  
4:00 p.m.—Conference Adjourns.



**TAMPA—SAFETY IN SKIRTS**—Sheriff Ed Blackburn, Jr., is pictured here (center) with fifteen trimly uniformed women guards he placed on duty Oct. 1, 1958, to insure the safety of school children at street crossings. He said to his knowledge this is the first unit of its kind in Florida sponsored by a Sheriff. The women crossing guards work approximately three hours a day. They receive \$1.50 per hour and complete uniforms are provided for them. Also shown in the picture are Deputy Sheriff Jack Dempsey (left), chief of Blackburn's traffic division; and Sgt. Lillard (right). They are in charge of the crossing guards.



**DEPUTY DUKE'S CREATOR**—Famous Cartoonist V. T. Hamlin (left) checks cartoon strip with his assistant, Dick Graue.

### On the Lighter Side

## Famous Cartoonist Will Produce "Deputy Duke" Strip for Star

**SARASOTA** — Deputy Duke Dallas, a new cartoon character, will soon come roaring off the drawing board of cartoonist V. T. Hamlin—his siren going full blast—and into the pages of THE SHERIFFS' STAR.

Hamlin, who is world famous as the creator of Alley Oop, recently volunteered to produce the Deputy Duke strip free of charge for the STAR.

He was motivated by his keen interest in the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch and other projects of the Florida Sheriffs Association—and also by the conviction that "most of the stuff in the STAR is pretty grim."

"You need something to lighten it up," he declared. And that is just what we hope Deputy Duke will do. He will typify the "lighter side" of law enforcement—as contrasted to the violence, sordidness and tragedy.

Deputy Sheriffs do have amusing experiences—many of them laced with frustration—and therefore the Deputy Duke strip will be based in part upon real-life incidents.

In taking on Hamlin as a non-paid member of its editorial staff, the STAR has acquired a "colorful" individual whose own life has sometimes approximated the adventures of the celebrated Oop.

This he will not vigorously deny. Just don't tell him he looks like Oop, for this he does deny.

Born in Iowa, Hamlin likes to consider himself a Texan—and well he might since some of the more exciting chapters of his life were played out in the Texas oil fields and on the

fringes of a Mexican revolution. He is 58.

A former newspaper reporter and newsreel photographer, he created Oop in 1930. The strip has been distributed to hundreds of newspapers by Newspaper Enterprise Association, a syndicate, for the past 25 years. He has been a resident of Sarasota since March, 1934.

He has met violence—the frequent companion of excitement and adventure — many times. "I guess I was born to be hanged," he said, "or I would have been dead long before now."

During World War I he was gassed and wounded by shrapnel at Metz.

Later when he was flying pictures of a Mexican Revolution into the States he rode a disabled airplane into the ground at 200 miles per hour and walked away with a cracked vertebrae.

He was shot in the thigh accidentally, and a bullet grazed his ribs in a Texas oil field fracas.

Tossed out of a boat about a mile and a half from shore, he made it alone to a channel marker and was rescued after a couple of hours. "I swam and swam and talked to God," he said.

That was when he was 51. Last year at age 57 he cracked up in a midget auto race at Panama City, and decided to cut his pace of living a bit.

For excitement he now limits himself to fishing and running the rapids of the Yellowstone River in a rubber boat.

Of violence he has had enough. "Getting shot and seeing men killed is not funny," he said. "I like to amuse and entertain."

## Jaycees Present Annual Award to Sheriff Hendry

**NAPLES** — Collier County Sheriff E. A. Doug Hendry was awarded the Naples Junior Chamber of Commerce "Good Government" award for 1958.

A graduate of the FBI Academy, the Florida Police Academy, and various other law enforcement courses, Sheriff Hendry has built up a highly skilled, qualified staff which includes two graduates of the Miami Police Academy, two graduates of the Florida Police Academy, a graduate of the U. S. Army CID school, and 10 graduates of the FBI Fingerprint Classification school.

The sheriff has made it a policy to search out and hire only the most highly skilled personnel for his office. He considers the law enforcement record system set up in the Collier office as one of the most complete in the state. The Department also maintains a complete criminal identification department.

Sheriff Hendry's Department has three offices—a main office in Everglades, a branch office in Immokalee, and an office in the Naples Police Headquarters. It also has a radio tie-in with the five surrounding counties, the three major cities in the county, and the Florida Highway Patrol.

Sheriff Hendry, 34, first entered law enforcement work in 1948, as a member of the Fort Myers Police Department. Early in 1949, he became deputy sheriff in Collier County, under the late Sheriff L. J. Thorpe. He then joined the Naples Police Department, serving until 1956, when he ran for the office of sheriff and was elected. Sheriff Hendry is married and has three sons.

## Here's Example Of Cooperation

**APALACHICOLA** — "How's this for close cooperation between law enforcement agencies?" asks Franklin County Sheriff Herbert O. Marshall.

On the night of Nov. 28, Deputy Sheriff Bill Collins and Florida Highway Patrol Trooper Smith stopped a car with three men in it.

While Smith was arresting the driver for drunken driving and searching the car for whiskey, Collins saw the driver pull a pistol from his pocket and try to pass it over the car to a passenger on the other side.

Appearing suddenly out of the darkness, Collins drew his gun, covered the trio and retrieved the pistol before any damage could be done with it.



**BRADENTON—ONLY HALF FREE**—Manatee County Sheriff Roy Baden questions Prisoner Ronald Tomkins after Tomkins got hung up in an attempt to escape from the Manatee County jail. After sawing the bars, he managed to get his shoulders through the opening but couldn't get his hips through. He had to call for help and was freed with a blowtorch about 45 minutes later. (Photo Courtesy Sarasota Journal).