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Appeal Takes Budget Law to Supreme Court

TALLAHASSEE — The Calhoun County Commission has appealed to the Florida Supreme Court a ruling by Circuit Court Judge E. Clay Lewis that the 1957 Sheriffs Budget Law is constitutional.

Judge Lewis declared the law valid on Nov. 29 after the County Commission attacked it 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.

The Circuit Court Judge ruled that the law established a reasonable classification of counties within the Constitutional requirements, and was not violative of any Constitutional provision.

The Budget Law took all but a handful of Florida counties off the antiquated fees system and placed them on a business-like budget-salary system.

12 Sheriffs Appointed to Ranch Board

ORLANDO — The board of directors of the Florida Sheriffs Association at a meeting here January 16, appointed 12 Sheriffs to the Board of Trustees of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

The directors also reappointed 14 civilian trustees who served during 1958.

Hillsborough County Sheriff Ed Blackburn Jr. was elected chairman of the trustees; Pinellas County Sheriff Don Genung was named secretary; and J. L. McMullen, civilian trustee from Live Oak, was named treasurer.

An executive committee consisting of these officers plus Suwannee County Sheriff Hugh Lewis, Pasco Sheriff Leslie Bessenger, Bay Sheriff M. J. Daffin and Duval Sheriff Dale Carson was named by Blackburn.

Sheriffs named to the Board of Trustees in addition to those listed above are: Marion Sheriff F. L. McGehee, Orange Sheriff Dave Starr, Hernando Sheriff Sim Lowman, Indian River Sheriff Sam Joyce, St. Lucie Sheriff J. R. Norvell and Broward Sheriff J. A. Lloyd.

Civilians reappointed to the board in addition to McMullen are: W. A. Leonard Jr., Pensacola; State Sen. Fred O. Dickinson, West Palm Beach; Arthur G. Dozier, state director of child training schools, Marianna; U.S. Sen. George A. Smathers; former State Sen. Merrill P. Barber, Vero Beach; L. P. Gibson, Perry; Col. Robert Pentland Jr., Miami; Col. Mitchell Wolfson, Miami; John A. Snively Jr., Winter Haven; W. F. Edwards, Dade City; Juvenile Court Judge Marion W. Gooding, Jacksonville; Walter Sherman, Panama City; and R. E. Carrigan, Orlando.



NEW PRESIDENT—Sarasota County Sheriff Ross E. Boyer was elected and installed as the new president of the Florida Sheriffs Association at the Association's Mid-Winter Conference, in Orlando, January 16. A veteran law enforcement officer, he served with the Florida Highway Patrol for five years and has been Sarasota County's Sheriff since 1952. He was second vice-president of the Association during 1957 and 1958.

Sheriffs Elect Boyer President

ORLANDO — The Florida Sheriffs Association elected officers and directors for the year 1959 at its annual Mid-Winter Conference here January 16.

Sarasota County Sheriff Ross E. Boyer, as president, headed a slate of officers which included Lee County Sheriff Flanders Thompson, first vice president; Orange County Sheriff Dave Starr, second vice president; Florida Sheriffs Bureau Director Don McLeod, secretary; and Clay County Sheriff John P. Hall, treasurer.

The new directors are:

First District — Escambia Sheriff Emmett Shelby, Jackson Sheriff Roy Roberson and Leon Sheriff W. P. Joyce.

Second District — Putnam Sheriff Walt Pellicer, Union Sheriff P. D. Reddish and St. John's Sheriff L. O. Davis.

Third District—Volusia Sheriff Rodney Thursby, Seminole Sheriff J. L. Hobby and Indian River Sheriff Sam Joyce.

Fourth District — Hardee Sheriff E. Odell Carlton, Monroe Sheriff John Spottswood and Palm Beach Sheriff John Kirk.

Spottswood was elected chairman of the Board of Directors and immediately appointed the Publications Committee which is responsible for all Association publications and the operation of the Honorary Membership program. Members are Spottswood, McLeod, Hall, Boyer and Immediate Past-President Leslie Bessenger, Sheriff of Pasco County.

Bessenger is also automatically a member of the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors reappointed John A. Madigan Jr., of Tallahassee, as the Association's attorney; and Carl Stauffer, of Tallahassee, as the Association's field secretary.

Judge Finds Boys Ranch "Refreshing"

PENSACOLA — "It is refreshing to see action instead of talk about juvenile delinquency."

This was the comment of Escambia County Juvenile Court Judge Theodore F. Bruno after he heard Escambia County Sheriff Emmett Shelby describe the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch in a speech before the Suburban West Rotary Club.

"I think this is a wonderful program for the Sheriffs Association," he added, "and I want to commend you for your activity in promoting this in Escambia County."

Johnson Sees Sheriffs in Vital Role

ORLANDO — State Senate President Dewey Johnson described Florida's Sheriffs as a vital link between the people and their government when he addressed the Mid-Winter Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association here January 16.

He said therefore they play an important role in maintaining public confidence in government.

Senator Johnson went on to praise the Sheriffs for the sound and practical legislative programs they have presented through the years and he reviewed some of the problems facing the 1959 legislature.

Explaining that financial problems will be uppermost, he expressed the hope that Florida will see a "tremendous increase in the volume of revenue" during the next biennium; and that there will be no increased taxes in any field.

It is his desire, he said, that the next session of the legislature will be "a taxpayer's session" and that the legislators will approach financial matters from the taxpayer's point of view.

In closing, he declared that "good government comes from the people; and we will find it, right back where we lost it, with the people."

FSA Legislative Program Drawn

ORLANDO—The Florida Sheriffs Association at its Mid-Winter Conference here, January 16, received a report from its Legislative Committee through the Chairman, John Spottswood, Sheriff of Monroe County; and the Association Attorney, John A. Madigan, Jr., of Tallahassee, as to a suggested program for recommendation to the 1959 Legislature.

Among the general bills discussed were the following:

1. A bill to extend the budget-salary law to all counties throughout the state, thus abolishing the fee system statewide. At the present time, there are still twelve counties on the archaic fee system which were excluded from the general bill when it was passed in 1957.

2. An act to require all doctors, nurses, hospitals or employees thereof treating persons suffering from gunshot wounds or other wounds of violence to report the same immediately to the sheriff's office. The purpose of this bill is self-evident, being a definite aid to law enforcement generally.

3. A bill to prohibit the giving of false reports or information concerning crimes. This bill would correct a serious deficiency in the laws of Florida which presently do not provide any penalty for one who knowingly makes a false report

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Local Rule Urged By Caldwell

ORLANDO — A return to stronger local self-government was urged by Former Governor Millard Caldwell when he addressed the Mid-Winter Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association here January 15.

Speaking to an audience dominated by Sheriffs who have long prided themselves as the "first line of defense in local self-government," he lashed out at the "careless people who have gone with hats in hand to the state capitols and to Washington for alms"—and have allowed local control to slip away.

"Up until the 30's," he said, "the local community kept the peace, educated its children, looked after its poor, cared for its sick, assessed its own taxes

and paid its own way.

"It was independent, it wore no man's yoke. But now that community is a mere ward of centralization. It takes its orders on law enforcement from Tallahassee and Washington; its schools are dominated by the Supreme Court and the state capitol; its poor are left to the deep frozen charity of the welfare service and it looks to the state and nation for financial help and general guidance.

"Certainly it is clear above and beyond other facts that unless we can recapture our government, unless we can re-establish the constitution as the basic and controlling document of the land, nothing else is of great importance."

Brighter Year

DELAND — It's a brighter new year for Volusia County's Junior Deputy Sheriffs. Each of the youngsters received a flashlight as a personal Christmas gift from Sheriff Rodney Thursby.

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Odell Carlton's Alertness Nets \$1,100 for Hardee County Man

WAUCHULA —Because Hardee County Sheriff Odell Carlton looked long and hard at some \$10 and \$20 bills, J. H. Sykes of Wauchula is \$1100 richer.

It seems that Sykes' brother had put some \$1500 into a change purse and hid the purse in an old heater. But he died without telling anyone where he had hid the money and a search by Sykes didn't turn up any of the cash.

Then Sykes gave away the heater.

One day, about a year later, an itinerant fruit picker attracted attention because he had apparently come into a great deal of money without working for it. Sheriff Carlton picked up the man for questioning.

A search of the itinerant workers' pockets turned up \$1191 in \$10 and \$20 bills. The man maintained that it was his money. He said he made it selling drugs to other prisoners when he was serving time in a West Virginia prison. He told the sheriff he had buried the money in a swamp in 1945 and had recovered it last September.

His story was plausible — until Sheriff Carlton took a good look at the money. There, on the right side of the face of the bills, alongside of the signature of the Secretary of the Treasury, were the series dates of the bills. And they read

"Series 1950." which meant that the worker couldn't possibly have buried the bills in 1945 if they hadn't been printed until 1950.

The fruit picker then confessed. He had found the money in an old purse in the heater—the money which Sykes' brother had hid a year ago.

Sykes got his money back — the \$1,100 which was left. The fruit picker got the car he had bought with the money and a \$91 reward. And Sheriff Carlton? He got the satisfaction of another day's work, well done.

Daffin Has No Unsolved Big Crimes

PANAMA CITY—Bay County Sheriff M. J. (Doc) Daffin's campaign for better law enforcement has been commended by the Panama City News-Herald, the Panama City police chief and a veteran FBI officer.

The News-Herald said the Sheriff's Department could boast of not having a single unsolved major crime in the county. "And members of a once-flourishing Panama City underworld are behind bars serving long terms."

Among Sheriff Daffin's accomplishments were listed putting marked patrol cars on the highways and uniformed deputies in them, and placing matrons at the county jail. The most progressive step, the News Herald said, was the creation of a crack investigative department which is considered one of the best in the state.

"Daffin and his investigators have a near perfect record in solving Bay County crimes," the paper said.

Panama City Police Chief Ira Ross said: "The Panama City police department and the sheriff's office enjoy the best relations in history. The net result has been a higher ratio of crimes solved for both my department and the sheriff."

And a veteran FBI agent said "We can always depend on the fullest cooperation from Sheriff Daffin and his staff."

Well Known Name Sheriff's Heritage

ORANGE CITY—Thursby is a well known name in this Volusia County community.

Louis P. Thursby was the earliest known white settler of this area over 100 years ago, and his grandson, Rodney B. Thursby, is both the Mayor of Orange City and the Sheriff of Volusia County.

Sheriff Thursby comes by his role of public official naturally. His father served 12 years on the Volusia County Commission.

Big Time Crime Marches on; Up 11 Per Cent

WASHINGTON — Major U. S. crimes increased 11 per cent in the first nine months of 1950, according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Robbery was up 18 per cent; burglary, 14 per cent; forcible rape, 13 per cent; larceny (over \$50), 13 per cent; auto theft, 5 per cent; murder, 3 per cent; and aggravated assault, 2 per cent.

Cities with populations ranging from 25,000 to 750,000 showed an increase of 14 per cent; but those from 750,000 to one million in population were up only 8 per cent.

New York logged the greatest number of crimes, and Utica, N. Y., has the fewest — a total of 377 including 1 murder, no forcible rapes, 6 robberies, 11 aggravated assaults, 127 burglaries, 90 larcenies and 142 auto theft cases.

Heads Young Demos

CRESTVIEW —Okaloosa County Sheriff Ray Wilson has been elected chairman of the Young Democratic Club of Okaloosa County. He is Florida's youngest Sheriff.



PALATKA — BLASTED TO BITS — A 600-gallon moonshine still was reduced to rubble in a raid led by Putnam County Sheriff Walt Pellicer. In the top photo the sheriff applies the axe while the still equipment is checked by Deputy Sheriffs W. Mincey and Floyd Johnson; Sam Auvit, State Beverage Agent; and C. C. Spinks, Federal Agent. The bottom photo shows all that was left of the still after the officers dynamited it.



CLEARWATER — JAIL STAFF IN UNIFORM — Sheriff Don Genung (right) inspects new uniforms issued to Pinellas County Jail Staff members (left to right) Philip Kunz, Vernon Griffith, Matron Helen A. Deneen, Capt. Carl Walker and George Rozelle. This is only one of many improvements Sheriff Genung has made in the administration and operation of the jail. (Clearwater Sun photo.)



BARTOW — BOUND FOR THE RANCH — Sheriff Hagan Parrish checks load of equipment contributed to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. It included 26 new lavatories donated by E. W. Watts of Lakeland; and a miniature billiard table donated by Tropical Amusement Co. of Lakeland.

Article Cites Popularity of Sheriff Parker

PANAMA CITY—Gulf County Sheriff Byrd E. Parker Sr. was the subject of a feature article in a recent issue of the Panama City Herald. Highlights of the article, by News-Herald Staff Editor Mike Darley, follow:

"Gulf County's Byrd E. Parker Sr. is the dean of Panhandle sheriffs and has gained a reputation of being a 'lawman's lawman' in his almost quarter of a century in law enforcement.

"Elected Gulf County's chief law enforcement officer in 1936 Sheriff Parker has been returned to that high office for six consecutive terms. His popularity is attested by the fact that he has been opposed for reelection only twice.

"Although Sheriff Parker almost never carries a gun, he has tangled with some of the toughest criminals in West Florida. And when he does carry a revolver it's tucked away in a pocket out of sight. Many Gulf Countians of voting age never have seen the veteran law enforcement officer armed.

"I've never had any trouble making an arrest except with drunks," commented Sheriff Parker when asked if he ever has had the occasion to regret being without a weapon.

"Sheriff Parker is 63, but his actions are those of a much younger man. The dean of Northwest Florida sheriffs has a stern appearance, but those who know him best say he is one of the kindest persons in Gulf County. Sheriff Parker is a big man with almost reddish hair which still is unblemished by gray. . .

"Law enforcement has developed into a tradition in the Parker family. The sheriff's only child, Byrd W. Parker, Jr., is his chief deputy. Other members of the Gulf sheriff's department includes Deputies J. G. Hersey of Port St. Joe and Louie Wayne White of Wewahitchka and J. L. Bailey, and Bookkeeper Mrs. Nella White, also of Wewahitchka.

"The Gulf County Sheriffs department has kept pace with progress. Sheriff Parker has three patrol cars equipped with two-way radios and his office is on the Florida sheriffs statewide radio hookup. . ."

Youth Startled By Fast Arrest

PENSACOLA — Arrested shortly after he held up a grocery store, a teen-age youth was impressed with the speedy work of the Escambia County Sheriff's Department.

"Boy," he exclaimed after deputy sheriffs S. R. Gill and Jimmy Williams picked him up, "I've seen criminals captured on TV in half an hour, but this was even quicker than TV."

Sheriff Emmett Shelby said two merchants who spotted the youth acting suspiciously and reported his auto license number to the sheriff's department provided an important assist.

No Mollycoddling In This Court

STUART — A firm policy toward juveniles was started by Martin County's new County Judge, Evans Crary, Jr.

"I mean to protect first offenders," he said, "and those second offenders who show signs that they can be saved. The others who refuse to do better will find themselves treated like anyone else who commits a crime."

Indicating that there will be no mollycoddling, he added: "I believe in discipline."

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.



DELAND—BOATS FOR BOYS RANCH—Sheriff Rodney Thursby (left) expresses his appreciation to Frederick Stockhausen, owner of U-Mak-It Kits, Deland, for two 14-foot boats and an outboard motor which Stockhausen donated to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. The boats, delivered in build-it-yourself kit form, were manufactured by Stockhausen's firm and are similar to the one shown in the picture. (Florida Times-Union Photo)



CLEARWATER—LARGE DONATION—Sheriff Don Genung (left) accepts a \$1,000 contribution to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch from the Sertoma Club of Clearwater. Shown making the presentation is Howard S. Lawrence, Sertoma president. The donation represents all of the profits from a benefit basketball game sponsored by the club, plus funds from the club's treasury. This is one of the largest donations made to the Ranch by a civic club and will entitle the Sertomans to a lifetime membership in the Boys Ranch Founders Club. (Clearwater Sun Photo)

Boys Ranch Founders Club Roster Grows

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

- Bay Lodge No. 1106, International Association of Machinists, Panama City.
- Avon Park Prison Inmates
- Ed C. Wright, St. Petersburg
- Escambia County Sheriff's Department, Pensacola
- E. L. Kent, Live Oak
- John Creel, DeFuniak Springs.
- Henry Elliot, DeFuniak Springs
- Clyde Harbeson, DeFuniak Springs
- Horace Shores, DeFuniak Springs
- Dr. R. B. Spires, DeFuniak Springs
- Mrs. Carl L. Hamilton, Venice
- Fred K. Conn, Tampa
- International Minerals & Chemical Corporation, Bartow
- Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity, Gainesville
- Harry G. Williams, Orlando
- Wilbur A. Williams, Jr., Orlando
- M. F. Marks, St. Petersburg
- Louis Calder, New York
- Employees, Tampa Terminal, Alterman Transport Line, Inc.
- Hardee County Auxiliary Deputy Sheriffs, Wauchula
- Erven J. Moock, St. Petersburg
- Joe Ward Smith, Brooksville
- G. N. Nunn, Brooksville
- J. W. "Bud" McKethan, Brooksville
- Frank McClung, Brooksville
- Charles Lykes, Tampa
- James Griffith, Brooksville
- J. H. Boyd, Masaryktown
- Tiffany Tile Corporation, Port Tampa
- Mrs. Lillian M. Porter, San Francisco
- Paul Lang, Warrington
- Captain Rex H. White, Pensacola

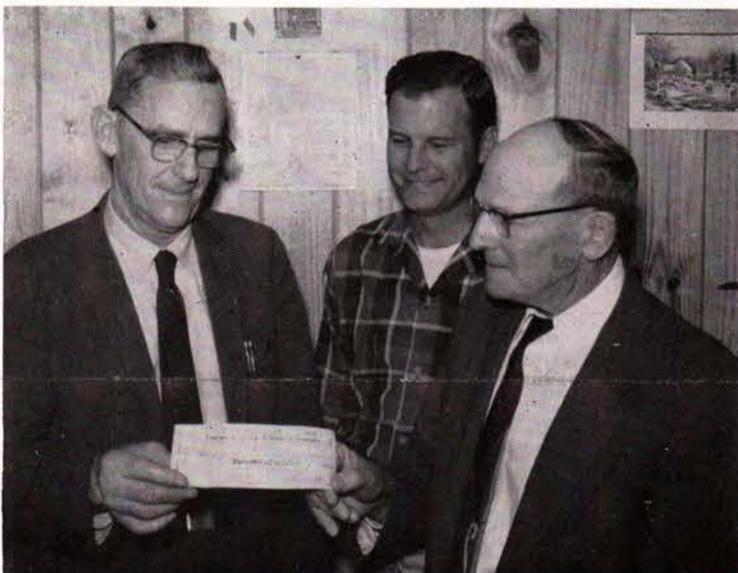
So You Want to Help?

Here's List of Items Needed at The Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch

LIVE OAK — "Tell us what you need."
 This request has come from many persons all over the state who are interested in helping the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. For their benefit and the benefit of others like them, the building committee of the Boys Ranch has prepared the following list of items which can be used in constructing buildings, outfitting boys or developing the farming program:

- 70 sqs. ranch type roof — 10M sq. ft. 1-x-6 V. Joint siding — 30 rolls 30lb. felt — 5M ft. 4" thick insulation — 5M ft. celotex 12 x 24 white twintex — 15M ft. 1-1/4" crown mole — 2M ft. cove mole — 500 sheets of 4'x8' plywood 3/4" — 20 sheets 4'x8' plywood 1/4" — 2M ft. 1x2's — 4M ft. 2x4's — 23 pairs of all-wind-tight windows (37) — 1M ft. 1"x6" novelty siding — Six 2/8 x 6/8 gum doors — five 2/0 x 6/8 gum doors — Three 3/0 x 6/8 solid core doors — Two 2/6 x 6/8 solid core doors — Twelve pair hinges 4x4 butts — Nine pair hinges 5x5 butts — Four trivalent aluminum louvers 4-12 pitch 12ft. long — Three 10" ceiling exhaust fans — Five wall soap dispensers — Four wall mirrors (12x14) — Five lavatories — Four comodes — One urnial — 1M ft. light green wall tile (straight ceramic tile) — 400 ft. dark green wall tile (straight ceramic tile) — 1M ft. dark green cap tile (Ceramic tile) 6M lbs. crab orchard stone — 13 bedroom light fixtures — 9 hall and bathroom fixtures — 3 outside porch fixtures — 3 outside door light fixtures — 500 pair 3/8 offset cabinet hinges — 400 pair 1-1/2" metal cabinet knobs — 50 single switches — 50 outlet wall plugs — 25M common red brick — 10M 4"x16" building blocks — 20 gross No. 8x1-1/4" wood screws — 5 kegs 8d common nails — 2 kegs 2 0d common nails — 1 keg No. 6 finish nails — 20-lbs. No. 4 finish nails — 1 Keg No. 8 finish nails — 1500 ft. 2x10 pressure treated — 500 ft. 2x4 pressure treated — 2M ft. black rubber or plastic 6" base — 1 right hand bath tub — All kinds pipe fittings — 2M ft. of tin wall conduct and fittings — 100 4" ceiling boxes for conduct Nine 60 lb. cans of interior block proffer — 35 gals. of super kem-tone inside paint-light green (or equal) — 40 gals. white shellac — 10 gals. white enamel (egg shell) — 5

- gals. white enamel undercoater (egg shell) — 4" and 6" paint brushes — 50 sheets of fine sandpaper — 80 gal. hot water heater, two elements 240 volts, round type — 30 gal. hot water heater, two elements 240 volts, table top — 10 gal. capacity water fountain — Upright freezer (15-to-18') — Refrigerator (11'-to-12') — Automatic Clothes Washer — Automatic Clothes Dryer — One 3 compartment stainless steel sink — Two 500 gal. underground fuel tanks with fittings — One 250 gal. above ground propane system (gas tank) complete with 250 lb. working pressure — 20 single beds with mattresses — 88 single bed sheets — 44 single blankets — 24 pillows — 48 pillow cases — 20 straight chairs — 3 leather or plastic upholstered couches — 4 big living room chairs — One 36'x 20' Living room rug — One 12'x15' Living room rug — 50 single bed spreads — 10 double bed spreads — 100 throw rugs — 500 bath room towels — 500 wash cloths — 500 face towels — Soap — Tooth brushes — Tooth Paste — Hair Oil — Combs — Hair brushes — Safety Razors & Blades —
- CLOTHES FOR BOYS AGES 12 to 16** including, work & dress trousers — work & dress jackets — Work & dress shirts — T. Shirts — undershirts — trunks — coats — dress & white work socks — work, dress & tennis shoes — work & dress hats — shorts — ties — 25 small radios — 2 T.V.'s & all-purpose antennas — 1 Hi-Fi record player combination and records — books — pencils — note books — Office desk & chair — Two letter size file cabinets — 1 electric adding machine — 1 typewriter — 100 file folders — One electric meat slicing machine — One electric food chopper —
- FARM NEEDS**
 Fertilizer and analysis:
 Small grain pasture — 5-10-15 — 31 tons
 Bahia grass pasture — 8-8-8 — 58 tons
 Corn — 6-12-12 — 14 tons
 Tobacco 3-9-12 or 3-9-9 — 6 tons
 Cattle — Hogs — Wire fence (13 strands x 44" high) 5 miles — 4 point barb wire, 5 miles — 5000 fence posts
 Wire fence staples, 5 kegs — Hammers — hand saws — cross cut saws — shovels — hoes — rakes — post hole diggers — axes —



LIVE OAK — TITHE FOR THE RANCH — E. S. Palmer (right) presents \$840 contribution to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Schwartz. Sheriff Hugh Lewis (left) and Ranch Manager Vincent Jones accept it. (see story below)

From Tithers

Old Religious Custom Produces Large Boys Ranch Contribution

LIVE OAK—An ancient religious custom that dates back beyond the time of Christ was responsible for a donation of \$840 to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

The custom is tithing — the giving of one-tenth of one's income to the church and charitable endeavors.

The generous gift came from Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Schwartz, of San Juan, Puerto Rico, who practice tithing.

They read about the Boys Ranch in the Suwannee Democrat, a weekly newspaper published here, and, after making inquiries through relatives living here, decided to give their yearly tithe to this project.

The contribution was forwarded to C. Osmond Palmer, Mrs. Schwartz's brother, and E. S. Palmer, her father, both of Live Oak, and they presented it to Sheriff Hugh Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. Schwartz formerly visited here but for the past two years they have been living in Puerto Rico where he is serving in the U. S. Navy Air Force.

The Ranch, located 11 miles north of here, is being developed as a permanent home for needy and neglected boys.

In Memoriam

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

- Mr. and Mrs. Harry McCreary, Tarpon Springs; in memory of Mr. Charles P. Ward.
- Lake County Sheriff's Department, Tavares; in memory of Mr. T. G. Futch.
- Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Browne, St. Petersburg; in memory of Mr. Walter Isham.
- Mr. and Mrs. Brown Crowder, Leesburg; in memory of Mr. L. W. Hanson.
- Mr. and Mrs. Brown Crowder, Leesburg; in memory of Mr. Jake Channel.
- Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Engelken, Palatka; in memory of Mr. J. C. Calhoun.

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



CLEARWATER — PINELLAS TOTAL GROWS — Sheriff Don Genung (right) accepts check from Leonard Woodruff and John A. Leverock representing the proceeds from a fish fry at Leverock's Oyster Bar that produced over \$600 for the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.



BARTOW — LOOT RECOVERED — Deputy Sheriffs inventory loot recovered in two theft cases successfully solved by the Polk County Sheriff's Department. In the top photo Sgt. Ernie Thrower checks guns, knives and other valuable equipment stolen by a foursome which included three juveniles. In the bottom photo Thrower and Lt. Hal Higginbotham check merchandise stolen from a plumbing supply firm and found in the possession of a former employee.



TAVARES — THANKS TO THE ELKS — Lake County Sheriff Willis McCall (right), who is president of the State Elks Association, presents Boys Ranch Founders Club certificates to (left to right) Edward W. MacKay, Exalted Ruler of the Leesburg Elks Lodge; Arthur L. Hampy, Exalted Ruler of the Eustis Elks Lodge; and G. M. Nagel, Exalted Ruler of the Clermont-Groveland Elks Lodge. All three lodges gave substantial donations to the Ranch.

No Response

DELAND — The following letter to Santa Claus from a prisoner in the Volusia County Jail was intercepted by Jailer Garland DeLoach: "As I have been a very good boy for the last seven days, not causing my jailer any trouble; and as there is a chimney opening near my cell, would you please bring me for Christmas a package of blue diamond hacksaw blades? Also a can of machine oil to minimize the noise they might make."

Coordinator Wanted for Police School

TAMPA — Applications are being accepted for the position of coordinator of the new Hillsborough County Police Academy at a salary of \$5,550 a year for the first year, plus \$240 a year car allowance and all gas and oil used on official business.

Applicants must have at least 10 years of law enforcement experience, and must be graduates of the National Police Academy, Northwestern University or some other recognized law enforcement school. It will be the responsibility of the coordinator to organize and supervise the academy.

Applications are to be sent to D. G. Ervin, Director of Adult and Vocational Adult Education, Hillsborough County Court House, Tampa, Florida.

Ervin is the secretary of the Police Academy Advisory Committee; and Hillsborough County Sheriff Ed Blackburn Jr. is the chairman. The Tampa, Plant City and Temple Terrace Police Departments are represented on the committee, as well as the Hillsborough County constables.

Sheriff Blackburn, who originated the Academy project, said it will provide both recruit and in-service training for all police agencies in the county.

He said makeshift facilities will be used in the beginning but long-range plans call for a pistol range, classrooms and other features of a modern law enforcement training center. He said the instructors will be specialists in their various fields and will have high qualifications.

He also praised local law enforcement and school officials for the cooperation they have given to the Academy project.

England Sets First Schools In '59 Series

AVON PARK — Two schools in the 1959 series covering Sheriff's office procedures were announced this month by W. R. England, special consultant for the Florida Sheriffs Association and former Assistant State Auditor.

The first school was scheduled for January 7 and 8, at Arcadia; and the second session was set for January 21 and 22, at Ocala.

Sessions will begin at 9:30 a.m. on each date.

England said schools for other sections of the state will be announced later.

Police School

NAPLES — Collier County Sheriff E. A. Doug Hendry and Naples Chief of Police Ben Caruthers jointly sponsored a police school for local law enforcement officers. Among those attending were members of the sheriff's department, police department, and wildlife officers of the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission.



GREEN COVE SPRINGS — SHERIFF HELPS HOSPITAL — Sheriff John P. Hall (left) presents a contribution of \$1,200 to the new Clay County Hospital to be used in furnishing one white and one colored room. J. Hoyle Brown, President of the Clay County Hospital Authority, is shown accepting the check at hospital dedication ceremonies; while Clay County Rep. S. D. (Sam) Saunders, master of ceremonies, applauds in the background. (Photo courtesy Clay County Chamber of Commerce)



LIVE OAK — FOUNDERS THANKED — Suwannee County Sheriff Hugh Lewis (left) presents Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Founders Club certificates to Clarence Ratliff (center) and Seward Fleet, Live Oak businessmen who have made substantial contributions to the Ranch.

"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

058-313 — EXPERT WITNESSES BEFORE GRAND JURY AND STATE ATTORNEYS; COMPENSATION, ETC. — Expert witnesses, subpoenaed by the state to testify before grand juries and state attorneys concerning criminal law violations and other matters, may not be paid witness fees in excess of the witness fees allowed by general statutes.

058-315 — WITNESS FEES; JUVENILE COURT; SECTION 39.19, FLORIDA STATUTES — In the absence of statute, an expert witness stands the same as any other witness and may be compelled to testify without being paid for his testimony as for a professional opinion, although his knowledge of the facts may have been acquired through scientific study and professional practice; and that unless there is a Florida Statute providing for additional compensation to an expert witness appearing before a juvenile court, such witness may be paid only the usual compensation.

058-318 — BULL FIGHTS; CHAPTER 548, FLORIDA STATUTES — Exhibition between a man and a bull without the use of swords or any other dangerous or lethal weapons is violative of the provisions of Chapter 548, Florida Statutes.

059-4 — COUNTY AUTHORITY TO FURNISH CONSTABLE EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES, ETC. — CHAPTER 145, F. S. AND SECTIONS 30.23, 37.20, 37.15 and 321.05, FLORIDA STATUTES — Boards of County Commissioners are not authorized by law to furnish constables with equipment, supplies, or other items that would be used in the performance of their official duties; that such items should be purchased and maintained by the constable from the gross fees of his office.

Collier's First Sheriff Dies

NAPLES — Collier County's first sheriff, Captain W. R. Maynard, died Nov. 24, 1958, at a Brooksville hospital. He was 79.

Captain Maynard, a World War I flyer, became sheriff of Collier County in 1923, when the county was created from Lee County, and served until 1928, when he was succeeded by the late Lewis J. Thorp.

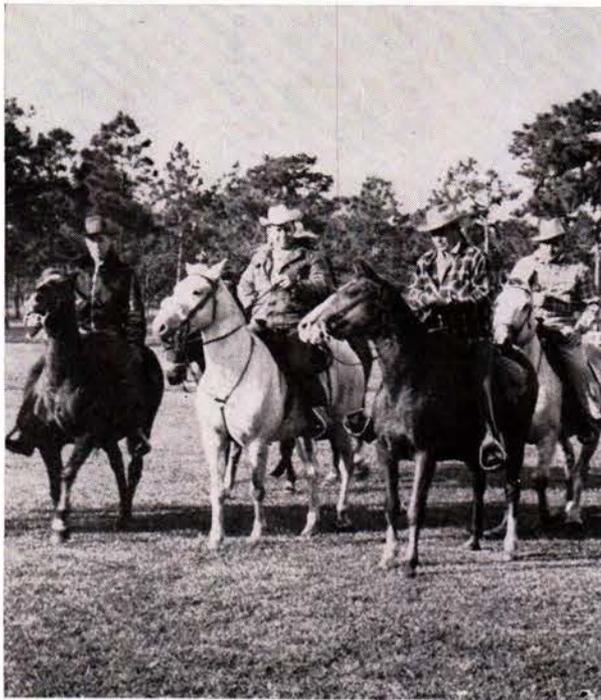
Sheriff Maynard was one of the pioneer settlers of the area. Employed by the late Barron Collier, developer of the county, he took aerial photographs of the wild interior of the county and made a topographical survey of the county area.

Sheriff Hendry Careful With Taxpayers' Cash

NAPLES — Sheriff E. A. Doug Hendry was praised by Collier County Commissioners for sound and economical financial practices in connection with the budget of his office.

In his annual report, Sheriff Hendry reported a savings of \$21,900 in the amount budgeted for his office for supplies; and that the \$14,800 contingency fund budgeted for him was still intact and unused.

Sheriff Hendry returned to the county a total of \$36,706 in unused budgeted funds.



CLEARWATER — Pictured above, from start to finish, is a practice manhunt staged by Sheriff Don Genung to give his mounted posse a realistic workout.

With the cooperation of Warden W. D. Pittman, two trustees from the State Prison Camp near here were sent out into a wooded area in the role of "escapees."

After they had been gone about a half hour, blood-

hounds were put on their trail and the posse members took off in pursuit.

The pictures (from left to right) show: a bloodhound getting the scent of one of the "escapees" by sniffing his cap; the posse members hitting the trail with Posse President Wilbur Allen and Sheriff Genung in charge; and finally the simulated capture of one of the "escapees."

Science Aids Sheriff in Murder Case

APALACHICOLA — A combination of modern science and failure to change a flat tire, led to the arrest of an ex-convict for the murder of Joe Williams, a local fisherman.

The victim had been attacked while walking on a bridge and beaten with a tire wrench. His body was found later, floating in the bay.

The dead man's companions were immediately contacted, but the prime suspect denied everything. He denied driving his car the night of the murder and denied having crossed the bridge. His car had a flat tire earlier in the evening, he said, and he had gone home to bed.

But Franklin County Sheriff Herbert Marshall made an early morning investigation of the bridge and spotted what looked like blood stains and a few pieces of rubber.

He drove slowly across the bridge, picking up small strips of rubber along the way. Pieces of rubber from a tire?

The small rubber strips and the blood samples were rushed to the FBI laboratory in Washington. The report came back: it was human blood and the rubber came from an automobile tire.

But the suspect still denied everything. Then another facet of modern scientific crime detection was brought into play — the Florida Sheriffs Bureau lie detector. The suspect "failed" the test. But he still held out.

Then, the next morning, the sheriff roused him from his bed at dawn for another trip to Tallahassee and another test. This time the ex-convict knew his time had run out. He signed a written confession. Science and the relentless law enforcement work of the sheriff had won again.

Law Enforcement Is In His Blood

CHIPLEY — Law enforcement work comes natural to Washington County Sheriff George Watts. It's in his blood.

Both his grandfather and his great uncle served as pioneer Washington County sheriffs.

A veteran lawman, Sheriff Watts was one of the charter members of the Florida Highway Patrol and served as a deputy sheriff in Leon and Washington Counties prior to being elected Sheriff in 1952. He is a member of the administrative board of the Florida Sheriffs Bureau.

Traffic Crash Losses Would Build a City

TALLAHASSEE — There was enough money wasted on Florida highways by economic loss through traffic accidents, death and injuries in the first 11 months of 1958 to finance construction of a small city.

The Florida Highway Patrol said 983 persons died in traffic during that period of time, bringing to \$122 million dollars the total for the year.

Economic loss of \$125,000 per fatality is figured by lumping together a number of factors, the patrol said.

They include loss of earning power, increased insurance rates, payment of unemployment compensation, doctor and hospital bills. The fact that at least 300 accidents occur for every fatality, which means additional property and personal loss.

Commenting on the figure, Patrol Comdr. H. N. Kirkman said:

"If all the money from economic loss could be lumped together for this year alone, it would finance construction of 8,000 homes."

Witt & Co. Nip Burglary Wave

LAKE CITY — The arrest of four young men by Sheriff Ralph Witt's department halted a wave of burglaries that plagued this community for months. They had been operating as a gang to loot local businesses.

Sheriff Witt said conclusive evidence in the form of fingerprints at the scene of one of the robberies was one of the major factors in breaking the case. The arrests were made by Sheriff Witt and Deputies Rehburg and Rivers.

Yarborough M. C.

MACCLENNY — Sheriff Ed Yarborough served as master of ceremonies at an open house held by the newly-organized Teen Town. The Sheriff praised the club's progress and listed many benefits which the community will receive because of this wholesome youth activity.

Law Enforcement With a Big Heart

MILTON — Here's another example of Florida law-enforcement with a heart:

Santa Rosa County Sheriff Bart Broxson was on a routine patrol when he spotted the poorly-dressed man, his wife, and four children ages 8 years to 14 months, making their way wearily through the cold and rain on U. S. highway 90. Without funds, the family was hitchhiking from Tampa to their home in Texas.

Sheriff Broxson picked up the family and took them to the courthouse, where they were fed. The staff of the Sheriff's Department took up a collection and raised the \$40 needed for bus fare back to Texas.

Stripes Are Stylish, but...

PUNTA GORDA — A report from a motorist that five men wearing striped shirts and caps were parked in a car along side of the highway set off the manhunt.

An alert was sounded. Within 15 minutes, four sheriff's deputies and a Florida Highway Patrolman, armed with a Thompson submachine gun, riot guns and drawn pistols converged on the car. Roadblocks were set up in Arcadia and Fort Myers law enforcement officers were alerted from Venice to Naples.

The men in striped clothes offered no opposition and surrendered freely. But instead of being escaped prisoners, they turned out to be five youths on their way to a football game in Miami.

The striped shirts? Just the latest style — Ivy League!

Imagine That In Santa's Pack

VENICE — Sarasota County's Santa Claus brought more than presents.

Escorted by Sheriff Ross Boyer and Deputies Herbert Blackburn, Don Craft, and C. N. Stevens, Santa visited local elementary schools, distributing candy canes and discussing the importance of safety.



LIVE OAK — MEMBERS FOR LIFE — Plaques representing lifetime honorary memberships in the Florida Sheriffs Association were presented here last month to Mrs. Annie L. Frink and Thomas E. Musgrove in recognition of assistance rendered to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. In the picture above Musgrove (right) holds his plaque while Mrs. Musgrove accepts a plaque for Mrs. Frink from Sheriff Hugh Lewis. Mrs. Frink was unable to attend the Lions Club Christmas Party at which the presentation was made.



TAMPA — CHRISTMAS PRESENT — Sheriff Ed Blackburn, Jr. (left) accepts a \$100 contribution for the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch from Clarence F. Putnam, Tampa Manager of Alterman Transport Lines. The contribution was made on behalf of Alterman employees at the company's annual Christmas dinner.

How's This for Fast Results?

WEST PALM BEACH — When a local resident called the Sheriff's Office to report his wife and four children missing with the possibility that they might be in California, he had no idea they would be found in less than 15 minutes.

For some unexplained reason, the Sheriff's Office radio at the West Palm Beach station sometimes has trouble getting out-

lying areas of the county — but Los Angeles County, California, 3000 miles away, comes in loud and clear.

So when Deputy Sheriff Jack Jurney took the missing persons call he merely flicked a switch and talked to the authorities in California. In less than 15 minutes they radioed back and said the women and children had been found. Case closed.

Fraternity Members Donate Day's Work to Boys Ranch

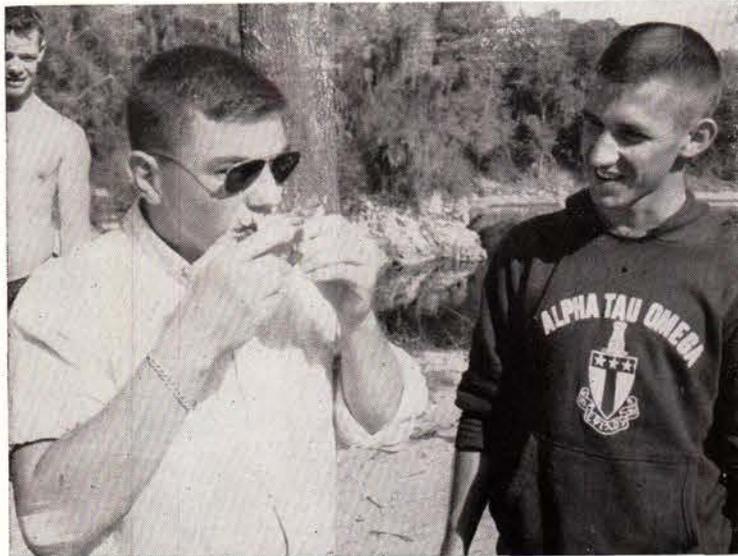
LIVE OAK — The pictures below show members of the University of Florida chapter of Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity during an old fashioned "log rolling" session in which they donated a day's work to the Florida Sheriff's Boys Ranch.

They traveled in a motorcade from Gainesville to the Ranch site, 11 miles north of here, on Dec. 6, and put in a full day cutting and piling timber to clear land for pasture.

Alachua County Sheriff Joe M. Crevasse Jr. escorted them to the Ranch; and they worked under the supervision of Ranch Manager Vincent Jones, Ranch Trustee J. L. McMullen and Suwannee County Sheriff Hugh Lewis.

At noon the Ranch officials served a barbecued pork lunch.

The Fraternity will receive a certificate showing that it is a member of the Boys Ranch Founders Club.



Barbecue, Suwannee County Style, Made a Hit



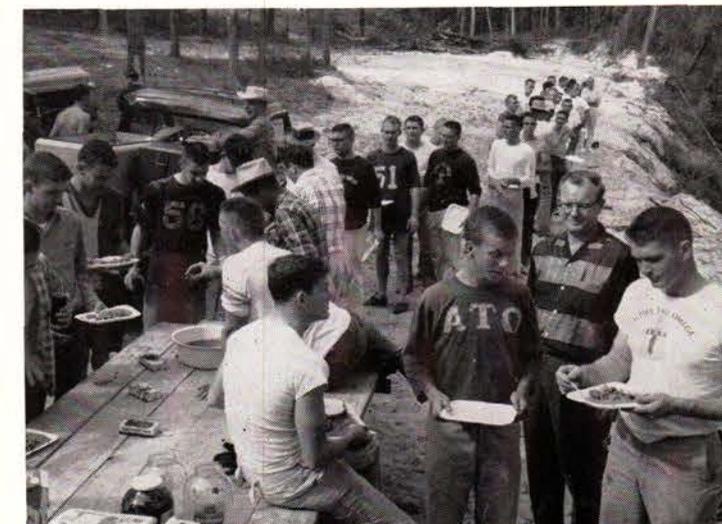
Youths Apply the Axe to Large Brush Pile



"Bucket Brigade" Technique Used in Piling Wood



Hard Working Lads Pause for Portrait



"Chow Line" Forms for Barbecued Pork Lunch

STUFF

By Stauffer

Why is it sooner or later most newspapermen develop a yen to blossom out as a columnist? Is it a desire to break through the anonymity of straight news reporting? Or is it the backlog of "stuff" that keeps piling up in the writer's mind—odds and ends of experiences, observations, philosophical garbage. I'm inclined to think that the accumulation of "stuff" is usually responsible. It doesn't qualify as news, and yet you can't bear to throw it away.

Like Old Girdle

It's something like that old guitar with one string or last year's girdle—you hate to have them cluttering up the house, but you never know when they might come in handy to amuse the kids or patch a leaky water pipe.

When the accumulation of "stuff" in your house reaches a certain point, you transfer it to the garage or the cellar.

When a newspaperman's brain becomes overloaded with "stuff" he dumps it in a column.

Could Be Worse

This is something of a burden on the reading public, but it could be worse. Not every newspaperman finds a column into which he can dump his mental flotsam—and them that don't usually end up trying to write a book.

A column then is something of a necessity — like cellars, attics and cluttered garages—and it saves book publishers untold hours of anguished torture. So here goes . . .

Where to begin? A bit of humor, a bit of law enforcement lore, a person, a place, an experience.

The Marion County Jail, let's start there for no particular reason except that Ocala is a town that evokes pleasant memories and Sheriff F. L. McGehee is a personable guy. He has a sense of humor too. In the jail lobby hangs a sign that says "Member—American Hotel Association."

The Coffee Bearer

Something else I always remember about McGehee's hostelry is the man who spends his days and nights brewing and serving coffee with an air of intense dedication.

You walk into the jail, you sit down, and first thing you know there is this coffee bearer (I wish I could remember his name — Jack, I believe) . . . there is Jack standing silently in front of you holding a tray loaded with cups of coffee and cream and sugar sidearms.

You take your coffee and Jack silently disappears. You empty your cup and suddenly, as though by some signal, Jack silently reappears with more coffee — and until you begin to feel coffee running out of your ears, and you wave him away, he'll keep coming back time after time.

Found—One Niche

You look at Jack and you wonder what his story is, but he moves around so quietly from room to room that you never quite manage to strike up a conversation. You assume he is a trusty, and you wonder what he's doing time for.

Was this quiet man with the unsmiling, unfathomable expression guilty of some crime of violence . . . or was he simply the victim of indiscretion piled on indiscretion? Is he well or poorly educated? Was he prosperous or impoverished? Where did he come from? How did he get here?

These things you may never know . . . but you go around carrying in the garret of your brain a fragmentary, almost discarded memory of "the quiet one."

Perhaps, you tell yourself, here is simply a man who has found his niche and is dedicated to it.

Memory Plus Crime Bulletin Nets Arrest

FT. PIERCE— Because Sheriff's Deputy Wallace Higgs has a good memory for faces, an escaped prisoner from the convict camp at Tampa is back in jail.

Deputy Higgs was trying to serve a warrant on a local resident for removing property under lien. The person wasn't home, reported his brother, who answered the door. Higgs said "thank you," and left.

A week later, Deputy Higgs was scanning the Florida Sheriff's Crime Bulletin when he spotted a picture of a man wanted by the Hillsborough County Sheriff as an escaped prisoner. It was the man who had answered the door. Higgs returned to the home and knocked on the door again. When the prisoner answered the knock, Deputy Higgs took him into custody.

His brother who was wanted on the lien charge? He was picked up in another county and was also placed in custody.

Importance of Fingerprinting Demonstrated

DELAND — The importance of furnishing fingerprints to the FBI and the Florida Sheriff's Bureau was cited by Sheriff Rodney Thursby after a man who burned to death was identified by fingerprints on file with the FBI in Washington.

There was no identification on the man's body and only his fingerprints made it possible to identify him and locate his relatives, Sheriff Thursby said. The man's fingerprints were on file with the FBI due to an arrest on an intoxication charge in Hollywood earlier in the year.

The sheriff offered to take anyone's fingerprints and send them to Washington without charge.

The prints do not go into criminal files, but are placed in special personal identification files, explained Identification Officer Walter Brearen.

He Knows

A convict with convictions about the need for crime prevention recently mailed a contribution of \$5 to the Florida Sheriff's Boys Ranch.

Writing from the State Prison Camp at Callahan, he said he hoped to be able to give more next year. Then he added: "You are doing a great thing by establishing a place for worthy and needy boys."

Badge & Bible Used by Starr In Daily Work

ORLANDO — A magazine article pictures Sheriff Dave Starr as a dedicated public servant "at work daily, making his community a better place in which to live, protecting his corner of America with his badge and his Bible."

Published in the current issue of "The Lamplighter," a periodical distributed by Tupperware Home Parties Inc., of Orlando, the article opens with the following incident:

"The house was surrounded with policemen and highway patrolmen. Some were ready to destroy the man within, but others urged them to wait and let the Sheriff have a try at a peaceable surrender.

"The Sheriff's car screeched up to the scene. Carrying a tear-gas gun, he approached the house.

"The Sheriff called the man's name. 'This is Sheriff Dave Starr,' he said calmly, 'now come on out of there so that we won't have to throw in this tear gas.'

" 'Dave Starr!' came the reply, 'why didn't you say so before?' The fugitive threw his gun out the door and came out."

With this incident the article shows that Sheriff Starr is respected by his fellow officers and it goes on to describe him as "one of the firmest voices of honesty, courtesy, loyalty and sobriety" in the central Florida area.

Starr's outstanding accomplishments as president of the National Sheriff's Association in 1958, his extensive civic work and his work with youth are all covered in the article.

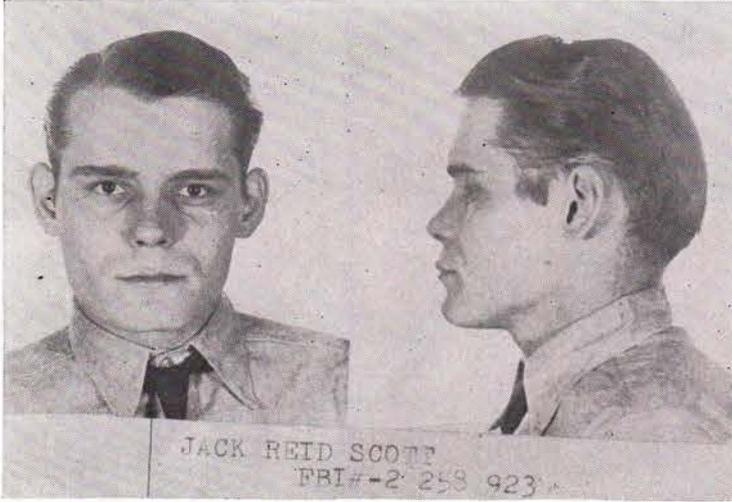
WANTED PERSONS

**As Compiled by the
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FRANCIS WILLIAM SHISSLER

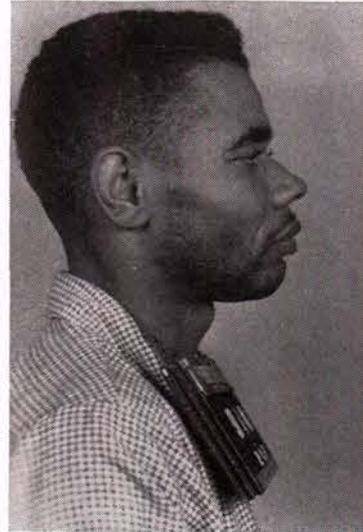
Alias WILILE SHISSLER, white male, age 28, 5 feet, 10 1/2 inches tall, weighs 155 pounds, brown hair, thin and partly bald in front, brown eyes, slender build. Half inch scar across bridge of nose, cut scar just above left elbow. Tattoo of name "Willie" on left upper arm. May seek employment as airplane mechanic, or a sheet metal worker. He deserted from AF Base Orlando, April 3, 1958. His AF Serial No. 13262141. Federal warrant issued, charge Flight to Avoid Prosecution for Murder. If apprehended notify Homicide Division, Police Dept., Miami, Fla., or The Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



JACK REID SCOTT

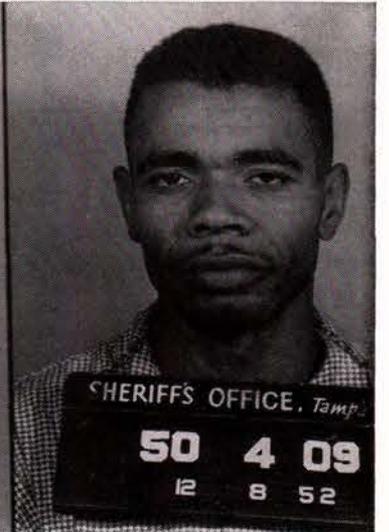
White male, age 34 to 36, 5 feet, 11 inches to 6 feet tall, weighs 165 pounds, medium build, brown hair and eyes. Half inch scar center of forehead, scar on lip. Blue tattoos on left arm identified as words "KATE," "VIRGINIA," "JACK," a blue

heart and word "MOTHER." Previous occupation truck driver and packing house employee. Warrant issued, charge Violation of Federal Conditional Release. If apprehended notify FBI Miami, or The Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



DOUGAN WILLIAMS

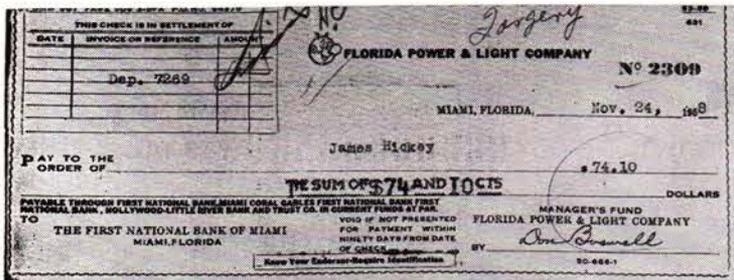
Also known as "DOCK WILLIAMS," colored male, age 34, 5 feet 7 inches tall, weighs 125 pounds, black hair, brown eyes, brown complexion. Arrested 12-8-52, charge B and E and Grand Larceny. Sent to State



Hospital, Chattahoochee, where he escaped 12-6-57. He is to be considered a suspect in a murder case. Hillsborough County. If apprehended notify Sheriff Blackburn or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.

BAD CHECK ARTIST'S GALLERY

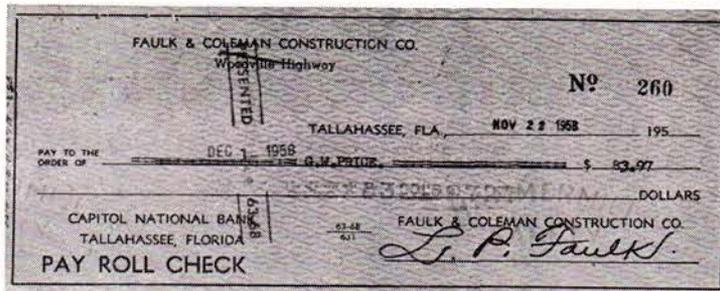
AS COMPILED BY THE FLORIDA SHERIFFS BUREAU—DON McLEOD, DIRECTOR



WHITE MALES

Four white males using names, JAMES HICKEY, CARL MANSON, JOHN SELESKY and JOSEPH D' FALCO, may be traveling together or may have separated. No physical description known as they have traded ID cards various times. All subjects are neat and well dressed. Their ID may show they are employed with stock brokerage firms, or New York Stock Exchange. These men

have passed 130 checks in Dade County on the account of Florida Power and Light Company, the total in excess of \$6,000.00 The payer signature "DON BOSWELL" on the face of the checks was produced by a printing process. They are forgeries in their entirety. If apprehended notify Sheriff Kelly, Miami, Florida, or The Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



G. W. PRICE

White male, age 40 to 50, 6 feet 1 inch tall, weighs 210 to 215, Dark hair. Has been passing checks drawn on Capitol National Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. Checks signed FAULK AND COLEMAN CONSTRUCTION CO., Tallahassee. There is no such bank in Tallahassee, and the above company now out of business. However, a large quantity of printed checks

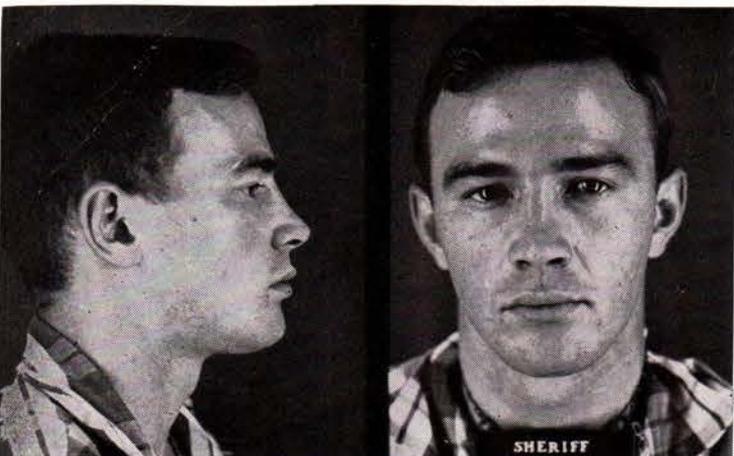
were left in the office. The subject also used a check protector and a rubber stamp on face of the check. Blank checks, rubber stamp and pad of Faulk & Coleman Co., found later on school grounds, Ormond Beach, Fla. Warrant will be issued, charge Forgery. If suspect apprehended notify Sheriff Crevasse, Gainesville, Fla., or The Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.

MISSING



MRS. RUBY SELLARS

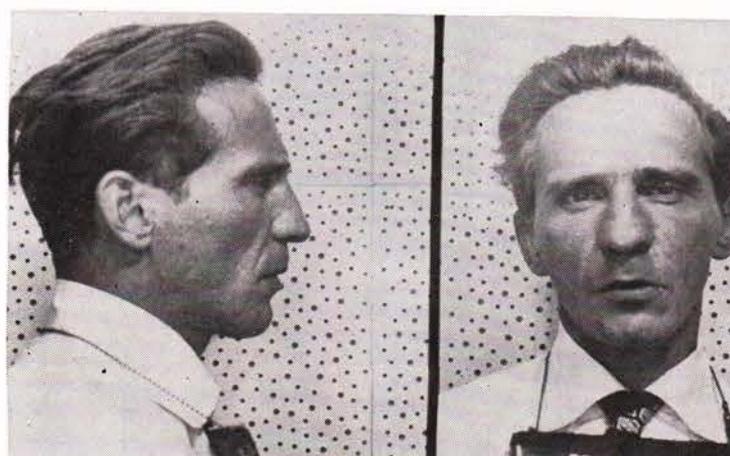
White female, age 32, 5 feet, 3 inches tall, weighs 165 pounds, brown hair. Has worked at waitress, managed do-nut shops, worked in bakeries. Missing from her home since July 10, 1958. Last known to be working in do-nut shop in Bainbridge, Ga. May presently be in Jacksonville, Fla. Any one knowing subjects whereabouts please contact Sheriff Joyce, Tallahassee, Fla., or The Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



RALPH C. WILLIAMS

White male, age 21, 5 feet 9 1/2 inches tall, weighs 165 pounds. Occupation: Lather, FBI No. 677645C. Driving 1951 Studebaker 4 door Sedan, 1958 Florida License 13-4658. Subject accompanied by wife and infant

child. Warrant issued, charge passing Worthless Bank Checks. If apprehended notify Sheriff Joyce, Tallahassee, or The Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



HAROLD A. NOLAN

White male, age 32, 5 feet, 8 inches tall, weighs 154 pounds, medium build. Two inch scar in chin, burn scar on right upper arm. Subject passed several checks ranging from \$41.83 to \$50.00, drawn on Palmer First

National Bank, and Trust Co., Sarasota, payable to Harold A. Nolan signed ROY B. GRAVES, local Contractor. If apprehended notify Police Department, Sarasota, Fla., or The Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee,



MICHAEL RAMEY

White male, age 14, 6 feet, weighs 175 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes, fair complexion, has broken right front tooth. Appears older than actual age. Last seen in Manchester, Tenn., believed enroute to Georgia or Florida. May seek work as a caddy or seasonal farm work. May use assumed name. Any one knowing subjects whereabouts contact parents, collect, Beechmont 1-8362 Cincinnati, Ohio. \$100.00 reward offered. The Sheriff's office or Police Dept., Cincinnati, Ohio can also be contacted, or the Florida Sheriff's Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.

Committee Appointed to Select Boys for Admission to Ranch

LIVE OAK — A four-man committee is preparing to select the first boys for admission to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

Appointed by Sheriff John Spottswood, chairman of the Ranch trustees, the panel includes: Authur Dozier (chairman), Director of State Child Training Schools; J. L. McMullen of Live Oak, Ranch Trustee; Vincent Jones, Ranch Manager; and O. Marshall Dutton, State Welfare Department official.

Boys seeking admission to the Ranch will be referred to this committee by Sheriffs all over the State and no boy will be considered unless he had the approval of the Sheriff of the county in which he resides.

Selection of boys will be based upon the following admissions policies recently adopted by the Ranch Trustees.

ADMISSIONS POLICIES FLORIDA SHERIFFS BOYS RANCH

1. The decision as to whether or not to admit a boy to, or release him from the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch shall be made by the Admissions Committee, composed of from three to five persons, one of whom shall be the Ranch Manager.

2. A boy shall be considered for admission to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch only upon the approval of the Sheriff of the County in which the boy resides.

3. At the time of his admission to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, a boy must have reached his 8th birthday and must not have reached his 16th birthday. However, for the present

and until such time as facilities permit, only boys who have reached their 12th birthday and have not reached their 16th birthday will be admitted.

4. A boy must be physically and mentally able to participate in and benefit by the program of the Ranch.

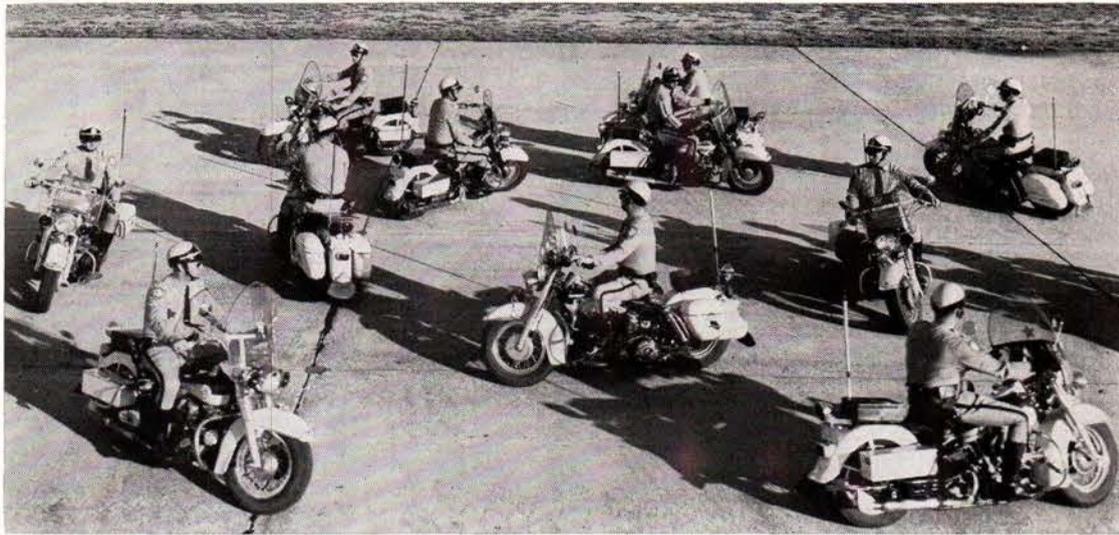
5. To be admitted to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, a boy must be within the normal range of intelligence.

6. The admission of a boy to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch shall be based on a properly executed application and a social study clearly indicating his need for group care and the following:

- Social History
- Physical Examination
- Intelligence Test
- School Report
- Agreement of Parents or Guardians when possible
- Juvenile Court Assignment

7. Upon the approval of an application for admission to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, the Juvenile Court of the County in which the boys resides will be petitioned to place him in the custody of the Ranch. It is recommended that this petition include the permission of the boy's parents or guardians for the Ranch to arrange for necessary medical and surgical treatment.

8. No boy shall be accepted at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch upon assignment of a Juvenile Court unless the Court agrees to his return in the event it is found that he cannot profit by the program at the Ranch. It is recommended that this agreement be included in the Court Order.



JACKSONVILLE — MOTORCYCLE DRILL TEAM — Members of Sheriff Dale Carson's Duval County Patrol have organized a precision drill team shown here practicing one of its maneuvers. Organized by Lt. George Taylor, the cyclists practice on their own time and will perform at public functions and parades. They will feature intricate maneuvers rather than trick riding. (Florida Times-Union photo)



FIRST RANCH PARENTS — Mr. and Mrs. L. G. "Bill" Holt, first "house parents" at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. (See story below)

Sarasota Couple Hired as First "House Parents" at Boys Ranch

LIVE OAK—Mr. and Mrs. L. G. "Bill" Holt, of Sarasota, have been employed as the first "house parents" at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

They will be in charge of The Sid M. Saunders Memorial Cottage, a residence building designed to house 20 boys, and are currently making preparations to receive the first boys.

Hillsborough County Sheriff Ed Blackburn, Jr., executive director of the Ranch, said the Holts are well qualified to "give our boys the loving care and firm discipline they so desperately need."

He pointed out that Holt, a salesman and commercial photographer, has been interested in youth activities for many years; and has devoted a great deal of time to the Boy Scout Program as assistant scoutmaster, neighborhood commissioner and Cub Pack Committeeman.

He said Holt will teach photography in the vocational program at the Ranch.

The Holts have four children of their own ranging in age from 7 to 15 who will live at the Ranch with them.

A native of Houston, Texas, Holt is 41 years old and has been a resident of Florida for the past 30 years. He was graduated from Plant High School, Tampa, and attended Georgia Tech University. He served in the Signal Corps and Air Corps during World War II and is a member of the Episcopal Church.

Residence buildings at the Ranch are designed so that "house parents" can live with the boys who are under their

care and develop an authentic family relationship.

McMullen Is "Man of Year" In Suwannee

LIVE OAK — J. L. McMullen, treasurer of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch trustees was selected as Suwannee County's "Man of the Year" for 1958.

A food processor, McMullen was one of the men who spearheaded establishment of the Boys Ranch on a 762-acre site 11 miles north of here, and he has since been active in development of the project.

He was formerly state president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and helped to develop that organization's good government award program.

He also served as president of the Suwannee County Chamber of Commerce, assisted in organizing the Florida Folk Festival in 1953; and helped reorganize the Young Democrat Clubs of Florida.

He served as state president of the last-mentioned group and is currently the president of the Folk Festival.

He was formerly clerk of circuit court in Suwannee County.

Watch the feller who says he can stop on a dime. He'll turn out to be a two-bit driver.

Hardee Fish Fry Success

WAUCHULA — The Hardee County Sheriff's Auxiliary has done an outstanding job in raising funds for the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

Although Hardee is a small county, the Auxiliary staged a benefit fish fry that raised over \$600 for the Ranch. This is one of the largest donations of its kind reported from a county of this size.

Sheriff E. Odell Carlton said he is proud of the efforts his auxiliary deputies and regular deputies expended to make the fish fry a success. He said they not only worked hard selling tickets for the affair but also produced a meal that was thoroughly enjoyed by the hundreds of people who attended.

Legislative Program

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concerning the commission of any crime or who deliberately gives false information to a law enforcement officer.

4. A bill to require monthly reports to law enforcement officers of purchases or sales by pawn brokers. Such a monthly report requirement would clearly facilitate the recovery of stolen property.

5. A bill to strengthen the laws concerning bombs and bombing, making it a felony not only to discharge or threaten to discharge such explosives, but also to make false reports or perpetrate a hoax concerning a bomb.

In addition, the sheriffs also discussed several procedural changes in the laws, concerning such matters as copies of motor vehicle registration certificates, the taking of cash bonds or recognizance in traffic cases, and the preparation of jury lists so as to provide up-to-date names and addresses.

In regard to the bomb bill, the Committee was instructed to work with former Speaker of the House Doyle Conner, who was present at the Conference and indicated his vital interest in such legislation.

The committee was further authorized to study the retirement laws with a view toward improving the provisions affecting law enforcement officers.

Jaycees' Dragnet Catches Sheriff

VERA BEACH — Vero Beach Jaycees gave Sheriff Sam Joyce a taste of his own medicine.

Celebrating Waldo Sexton Day, the Jaycees "arrested" and "fined" members who failed to grow beards in honor of the celebration, and the sheriff was their prize "prisoner."

Just Hard Work

No Sir Sonny, It Ain't Sex or Slugging That Solves Crimes

CLEARWATER — The story book and TV detective may solve his crimes by kissing sexy women, slugging it out in the alley with the culprits, or outwitting the fugitive with fast gun play. But the real-life law enforcement officer gets his man by plain hard work and the use of modern science.

Pinellas County Sheriff Don Genung, speaking at the Lions Club meeting here, outlined the step-by-step procedure used recently in breaking a local safe theft case.

The citrus plant near Seminole had been robbed and the 300 pound safe taken. There were no witnesses and the burglar apparently made a clean get-a-way.

But, by means of scientific aids and a study of the surrounding ground where the safe had been dragged through an orange grove and then loaded on a vehicle, sheriff's officers were able to make some sound deductions.

For instance, by use of plaster of paris casts, they learned a certain kind of tire was on a certain wheel, and that the man dragging the safe wore a heavy-soled, tennis type of shoe. By measuring tire tracks, they deduced the vehicle could not have been a pickup truck, yet the tracks were too long between front and back wheels to allow for a passenger car.

"What other kind of vehicle could it have been?" Sheriff Genung asked his attentive audience. "There was only one other kind — a station wagon with a tail gate that allowed the safe to be pulled up."

Next came a tour of the area where people were questioned. This uncovered a young lad who was hunting rabbits, saw the robber moving about among the trees but thought nothing of it, believing he "was just stealing

oranges." But here a description of the station wagon was given.

This led to the location of the house where the robber lived. The rest came out quite easy.

"We staked out the house and waited for the man to come out. He did, about 6:30 that night. We followed him to a grocery store and when he went in it gave us a chance to check the tires. The right rear was identical to the cast. By convincing the man we knew he had committed the crime, we succeeded in getting a confession, thereby saving the taxpayers cost of a trial," said Genung.

The crime had been committed at 4 p. m. The arrest was made at 9:30 p.m. the same day. Total time: 5½ hours.

Sheriff Receives Thank You Note From Prisoners

ORLANDO — Inmates of the Orange County jail are apparently a contented group, judging by a letter they wrote to Sheriff Dave Starr.

"We know a letter of this nature is unusual," the prisoners wrote, "but kindness of this sort should not go unnoticed. It is the certain key to rehabilitation. It has definitely given us a different outlook on life."

The letter, dated Thanksgiving Day, signed by six prisoners, thanked Sheriff Starr for the Thanksgiving Dinner and added thanks to the deputy sheriffs and jailers for their treatment of prisoners, the chef for "preparing meals of good quality," and the doctors and nurses who attend the prisoners.