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Thugs Beware!

Report Shows Sheriffs Bureau Is Growing Up

WEST PALM BEACH — Here's a bit of bad news for Florida's criminals:

The Florida Sheriffs Bureau—a youngster among state agencies—is fast growing up and will soon be prepared to wage a mansized fight against all types of crime.

It was created by the 1955 legislature to cooperate with and assist local law enforcement agencies in their never-ending battle with law breakers.

In a report to the 45th Annual Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association here June 26, Bureau Director Don McLeod said it is "now well on the road toward fulfilling the purposes for which it was created."

McLeod disclosed that Florida's first modern crime laboratory for state-wide use is being developed within the Bureau. He said approximately \$28,000 worth of equipment is on order, and a search is being made for the best qualified personnel.

This laboratory will bring the facilities of modern crime detection closer to "the scene of the crime" in Florida and render a much-needed service to law enforcement agencies all over the state.

McLeod said the steadily-expanding Bureau staff will

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Bureau Makes Headlines in Axe Slaying

TALLAHASSEE — The Florida Sheriffs Bureau made headlines around the state for its "painstaking scientific investigative work" in helping to solve the bloody axe slaying of a Bonifay farmer and his two-year-old daughter.

An Associated Press dispatch said two Bureau agents were dispatched to the scene within a few hours after the crime was discovered and were at the scene almost constantly for several days "taking pictures, dusting for fingerprints, sawing out portions of the floor and walls, gathering soil samples and carrying out armloads of household materials for laboratory examination."

The AP said the agents, while coordinating the investigative activities of other officers in the case, turned up the name of Frank Peterson, 27-year-old ex-convict, as a suspect; and turned over to Holmes County Sheriff Cletus Andrews the scientific evidence they had uncovered.

Peterson was arrested on a farm near Springville, N. Y., June 22, and charged with the double murder.

Full details of how Peterson was linked with the murder are not expected to come out until he goes to trial.



FT. LAUDERDALE—Broward County Sheriff J. A. (Quill) Lloyd checks over his new crime laboratory. In top photo he (right) discusses photo equipment with (from left) Thomas D. Nunn, Lab Supervisor; Thomas Slater, assistant; and Ben W. Grigsby, criminal investigator. In the bottom photo he watches Nunn checking murder case evidence for blood stains.

Sheriff Lloyd Develops Modern Crime Laboratory in County Jail

By A. T. PATRUS

FT. LAUDERDALE—Broward County Sheriff J. A. Lloyd has turned the old county jail kitchen into a modern crime and photo laboratory.

Sheriff Lloyd said costs of the conversion and added new equipment were about \$2,500. It will come back in savings of time and money spent to send men and evidence to the Miami laboratories for tests, he said.

"Also we can offer neighboring police the same type of laboratory service as was available in Miami," said Lloyd.

Thomas D. Nunn, supervisor of the new facility, was former identification officer with the Hollywood police.

Nunn designed the laboratory layout, which includes an examination room lined with counters and tables, a darkroom and a records office.

"Use of the laboratory will make certain the identification of all types of physical evidence from bullets and fibers to hairs, tool marks and paint," said Nunn.

Deputy Sheriffs Thomas Slater and John Gary are the fingerprints and records men working with Nunn.

Available photographic equipment will allow the taking and processing of movie and still pictures, in black and white and color. Hidden lapel size cameras; 8 by 10 press-type cameras and 16 mm movie cameras will be used.

Ben W. Grigsby, chief criminal investigator, said that infra-red ray photography can also be handled and that test pictures are being made of persons entering suspect places after dark.

A gun box is to be added this

summer for the test firing of guns possessed by suspects in shooting cases. Two lie detectors are available with Deputy Sheriff Al Loader trained to handle either the B & W or the Polygraph.

The thickness and nature of tiny particles can be seen through a close examination of evidence in the stereomicroscope.

Nunn said that a comparison microscope is on order so that bullets taken from a body can be compared with test slugs fired from a suspect's gun.

J. D.'s Organized

JACKSONVILLE — A Duval county chapter of the Junior Deputy Sheriffs League has been formed here. The League is sponsored nationally by the National Sheriffs Association and has a total membership of 750,000 teen agers. The local chapter is sponsored by Sheriff Dale Carson.

In Memoriam

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

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Spence, of DeFuniak Springs; in memory of W. D. (Cooter) Douglass of Crestview.

Lake County Sheriff's Department in memory of Mr. Tony C. Poulos, of Eustis.

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's survivor to whom notification of the gift is to be sent.

Ground Breaking Set For August 1st At Boys Ranch

LIVE OAK—Ground will be broken for the first building at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch near here August 1, at 5 p. m.

At the same time the Florida Sheriffs Association will launch a state-wide "Build the Ranch" campaign to raise funds for completion of a \$250,000 building program.

To focus public attention on the campaign kick-off, Gov. LeRoy Collins proclaimed August as "Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Month" and urged all citizens to support the Sheriffs in their efforts to help needy and neglected boys.

He said the Ranch, located on the historic Suwannee River, will help to build a better future for Florida by providing a proper home for boys who might otherwise drift into delinquency.

Ground-breaking ceremonies will be open to the public and will be conducted by the Ranch Board of Trustees which includes nine Sheriffs and 10 outstanding citizens.

Monroe County Sheriff John Spottswood, chairman of the Trustees, said work will start immediately afterward on the first residence building—a ranch-style home designed by Gainesville Architect Myrl Hanes to house 20 boys. At cornerstone laying ceremonies this fall it will be dedicated to the memory of the late Pinellas County Sheriff Sid Saunders.

Spottswood said a second residence building and other facilities will be started as soon as sufficient funds are raised in the "Build the Ranch" campaign. It is hoped, he added, that the first boys will be admitted this fall.

Contributions of money can be sent to: Boys Ranch, Box 344, Tallahassee. They are income tax-deductible.

Spottswood said anyone desiring to donate construction materials can do so by contacting his local sheriff. Each sheriff has a copy of the building specifications.

The 722-acre Ranch site, located 11 miles north of here, was acquired last fall, and the first crops were planted in the spring. Roads have been built and paved by the Suwannee County Commission and a wooded area on the river front has been cleared as a building site.

Donated cattle, ponies and horses are grazing on the Ranch.

Orlando, Naples Selected As Meeting Sites

Orlando and Naples have been selected as the Florida Sheriffs Association's 1959 conference sites.

The Mid-Winter Conference will be held in January, in Orlando, with Sheriff Dave Starr as host.

The 46th Annual Conference will be held in June in Naples, with Sheriff E. A. (Doug) Hendry as host.

Exact dates of both conferences will be announced later.

Sheriffs Vote Scholarship Plan Extension

The Florida Sheriffs Association will continue for another year its program of awarding scholarships to outstanding students released from the Florida School for Boys at Marianna to take specialized training in colleges and vocational schools.

The program was inaugurated a year ago on a trial basis, and the Association's board of directors, at a meeting last month, decided to extend it for another year.

It will be supported by the dues of the Sheriffs Association's Honorary Members.

A report on the first year of operation—in which three scholarships were awarded—indicated that the program will be effective in rehabilitating delinquent boys.

Additional scholarships will be awarded for the coming school term and Arthur Doizer, superintendent of the Marianna School, has been asked to recommend candidates for them.

When notified of the extension of the scholarship program, Dozier said: "I appreciate this action on the part of the Sheriffs more than I can tell you."

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DADE CITY—Here is a recent photograph of the Pasco County Sheriff's Department: (standing, left to right) Marco Stanley, day jailer; Miss Marie Douglas, secretary; Sheriff Leslie Bessenger; Mrs. Doris Cook, secretary; Deputy Sheriff Basil Gaines; (kneeling) Deputies Roy Wells, Leland Thompson and Ronald Lange.



SARASOTA—Sarasota County Sheriff Ross E. Boyer (left) was one of three men who received awards from the Sarasota Junior Chamber of Commerce for civic leadership. The awards were presented by Neil Ulrey (right), Jaycees president. The other award winners in the picture are (from left) Mayor Frank Hoerstering and County Commissioner Gustin M. Nelson. (Photo courtesy Sarasota Herald-Tribune)

Don Genung Talks About Goals

LARGO—A three-point law enforcement program for Pinellas County was outlined for Largo Rotary Club members by Sheriff Don Genung.

He told Rotarians the 46 members of his department are striving to achieve three goals:

1. To establish and maintain one of the best law enforcement agencies in the state;

2. To fight constantly against organized crime; and

3. To fight the increase of crime and juvenile delinquency.

The Sheriff told about the organization of a vice squad; the program for keeping deputies well-trained and abreast of modern crime detection methods; the 35-man mounted posse, composed of businessmen who own their own horses, trailers and saddles and who serve on a voluntary basis to assist in locating lost children and escaped prisoners; and the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch

program.

Some of the department's modern law enforcement equipment was exhibited to the Rotarians by Deputies Bill Roberts and J. F. Peacock.

Deputies Taking Diving Training

ORLANDO — "Frogmen" of the underwater rescue and recovery squad are a brand new addition to the Orange County Sheriff's Department.

Six deputies are being trained in the use of skin-diving equipment, Sheriff Dave Starr reported, to help in rescue missions and in the recovery of stolen property. The skin diving training is being given under the tutelage of Deputy Rodney Young and with the cooperation of the Orlando Otters, local skin diving association.

Prisoners' Chests Being Checked in Duval Jail

JACKSONVILLE — Florida's public health program took a long step forward when the chest x-ray unit at Duval County's new jail was put into operation for the first time last month.

The new unit is designed to x-ray the chests of persons booked at the county jail. These are frequently the kind of persons public health officials have felt for some time are the ones who constitute the reservoir of tuberculosis in the state.

The x-ray unit, which cost some \$11,000, will be operated by personnel of the Identification Unit of the Sheriff's Department, and will take pictures of an estimated thirty to forty persons a day. Technicians from the State Board of Health will instruct the sheriff's men in proper procedures.

Dr. Thomas E. Morgan, Duval County Health Director, stated: "We have been very fortunate in receiving the cooperation of Sheriff Dale Carson and the members of his department in making it possible for us to operate this unit. It has been shown in other locations throughout the country that the routine x-ray examinations of arrested persons enables us to reach a segment of the population which carries a high incidence of tuberculosis and cannot be reached by ordinary voluntary procedures. We expect that we will find around four percent of these people to be infected, a rate much higher than the average



JACKSONVILLE—Sheriff Dale Carson (center) discusses operation of the new Duval County Jail X-ray unit with Duval County Health Director Thomas E. Morgan (left) and Dr. C. M. Sharp, Director of the Bureau of Preventable Diseases, State Board of Health. (Photo courtesy Florida State Board of Health)

for the population as a whole.

Sheriff Carson said, "We are very happy to cooperate with this program. We have the facilities for taking the pictures, and with the help of the State Board of Health and the County Health Department we will be able to have the films interpreted and be able to deal properly with the problem of tuberculosis among prisoners. We will therefore be doing a needed service for the prisoner himself, and by isolating him, for our own personnel, the other prisoners and the community." Carson indicated

that the x-raying of jailers and other employees of his own and other county departments would be included in the program.

Dr. Morgan stated that this was the first county jail x-ray installation in the state, but that he understood Dade County was planning a similar set-up. He said the jail program would help considerably in the announced plans of state public health officials to try to reach the known reservoir of tuberculosis cases among the anti-social and non-cooperative elements in the state.

Deputies Patrol Work Appreciated

By SCOTTY CAMPBELL

FORT PIERCE — Sometimes it is quite obvious that the work of peace officers goes unappreciated, and then again it would appear their efforts are thoroughly recognized, says Sheriff's Deputy Andrew Jorgensen.

Andy, who has the task of patrolling some 50 homes in St. Lucie County while residents are on vacations, recently received a valuable ornamental plant from one resident returning from a trip.

Another person whose home was patrolled presented the department with two cartons of cigarettes to be distributed among deputies.

Officers of the St. Lucie Sheriff's staff contend that patrolling of unoccupied homes greatly helps in keeping down the number of burglaries.

They advised citizens leaving on vacation to cancel newspaper, milk, and other regular deliveries upon departure. They also suggested that home owners notify the sheriff's office both upon departing and returning.



WASHINGTON, D. C.—Chief Deputy Sheriff Ernest P. Murphy, from the Osceola County Sheriff's Department, Kissimmee, Fla., develops a latent fingerprint impression while attending the 61st Session of the FBI National Academy. He was graduated June 5 after successfully completing 12 weeks of intensive training in all phases of law enforcement. Also included in the graduating class were Bay County Deputy Sheriff Gerald H. Bass, Panama City; and Officer Samuel B. Caruthers, from the Naples Police Department.



SHALIMAR—Okaloosa County Sheriff Ray Wilson (rear seat, left) takes a trial spin in the 26-foot speedboat presented to the sheriff's department for patrol and rescue work by Shalimar Mayor Clifford Meigs (rear seat, right). Pictured in the front seat are (from left) Frank Gorton, Deputy Sheriff Ralph Hendrix and Deputy Sheriff Reuben Hendrix.

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.

Woman Wills \$10,000 to Boys Ranch

WEST PALM BEACH—Sheriff John Kirk announced a Palm Beach County woman who asked to remain anonymous has bequeathed \$10,000 to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

This brings to \$90,000 the total of money and property willed to the Ranch, according to Leon County Sheriff W. P. Joyce, endowment chairman.

Joyce said a newly-created endowment fund designed for the acceptance of bequests, trusts and other contributions of this type, will provide long range financing.

He said further details can be obtained by writing to Boys Ranch Endowment Fund, Box 344, Tallahassee.

The Ranch is being built by the Florida Sheriffs Association as a permanent home for needy and neglected boys.

Good Deal

BARTOW—On the theory that reducing teen-age crime will reduce the need for jury duty, A. B. Campbell, of Bartow, made a good investment.

When he was paid \$5.10 for jury duty, he turned the money over to Sheriff Hagan Parrish as a contribution to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch—a project designed to fight delinquency by providing a home for needy and neglected boys.

Sheriff Parrish called his action "a very notable gesture."

Magazine Plugs House Built To Aid Ranch

Florida Builder magazine, widely circulated publication of the construction trade, featured this month an editorial and an article with pictures about the efforts of two young St. Petersburg builders to raise funds for the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

The magazine tells how Malcolm Dunnan and John W. O'Brien have pledged to the Boys Ranch the profits from a house built with donated labor, materials and equipment. Details will be found in an article elsewhere on this page.

Dunnan and O'Brien have generously offered to make the complete plans for their project available to other builders and developers in Florida with the hope that their fund raising idea will be copied in other counties.

They pointed out also that the Boys Ranch "benefit house" has helped to improve traffic and sales in the Butterfly Lake, Shore Acres subdivision where it is located.

Receives Reward

STUART — Martin county Deputy Sheriff Joe Johnson received a \$500 reward from the Indian River Citrus League for his part in arrest and conviction in recent fruit thefts in the county. A grove manager, James Odom, received a \$100 reward from Citrus Mutual for assistance in the same cases.



ST. PETERSBURG—Pictured above at the building site are the originators of the novel idea of building a house to raise money for the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch: (from left) John O'Brien and Malcolm Dunnan, local builders, and Pinellas County Sheriff Don Genung. In the lower photo the trio is shown being interviewed before newspaper and television cameras by Jack Webb, news commentator.

Proceeds From New Home Will Be Donated to Sheriffs Boys Ranch

By ERIC ATKINS

ST. PETERSBURG—A program whereby builders can build homes and help in building Florida's youth at the same time, has been developed here.

Under the auspices of Pinellas County Sheriff Donald S. Genung, the Dunnan-O'Brien Construction Corporation is constructing an \$18,000 home on a half-acre corner lot in the Butterfly Lake subdivision.

The lot was donated by the developer, George R. Davis. The First Federal Savings and Loan Association agreed to finance the construction by donations to cover the mortgage, and sub-contractors, material suppliers and laborers are donating the rest.

The proceeds, when the home is sold at auction, will go to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, near Live Oak.

Voluntary contributions to the project came in such quantity that constant changes in the original plans were required. Insulation and folding doors have been added and several furniture manufacturers have offered suites or individual pieces.

The idea was first thought of by John W. O'Brien, a former Air Force flier who is now a partner in the Dunnan-O'Brien construction firm; and after telling Sheriff Genung about it, the news was announced and the project was started.

O'Brien said his Air Force training taught him the value of preventive maintenance and he feels that the Boy's Ranch is just that.

"Most charities are for the purpose of helping after a tragedy," O'Brien commented, "while Boys Ranch is designed to help in preventing tragedy."



New Founders Club Members

The following persons and organizations who contributed \$100 or more to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch were added to the rolls of the Boys Ranch Founders Club during June and will receive an appropriate founder's certificate:

American Fire and Casualty Company, Orlando
Bay Pines Precasting Co., Inc., St. Petersburg
J. E. Brantly, Live Oak
Gordon C. Brown, St. Petersburg
J. Graham Brown, Brown Wood Preserving Co., Live Oak
R. E. (Bob) Cannon, Live Oak
George Canova, Jacksonville
A. H. Carlton, Wauchula
Albert Carlton, Wauchula
Doyle E. Carlton, Jr., Wauchula
Maurice F. Carlton, Wauchula
John Castleberry, Live Oak
Dale & Radford Bldg. Supply Co., Live Oak
Davis Ranch, Wauchula
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John L. Early, Sarasota
Tom E. Gregory, Hialeah
Gulf Beach Lions Club, Madeira Beach
Gulf Machinery Company, Clearwater
Miss Sunda Hickman, St. Petersburg
W. B. Howland Grocery Co., Live Oak
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local

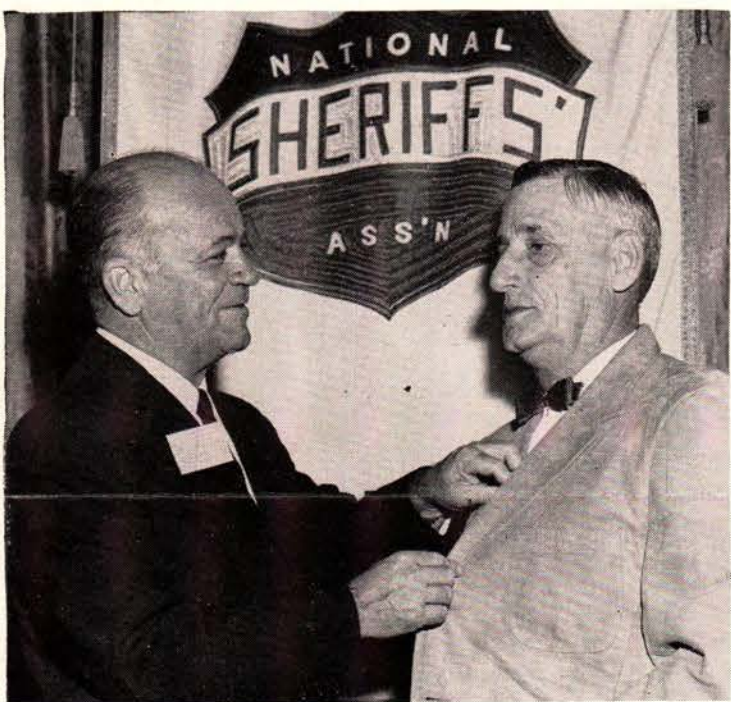
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William H. Johnston, Jacksonville
Clyde J. Keys, St. Petersburg
Kiwanis Club of Southwest Miami, Miami
J. H. Langston, Brown Wood Preserving Co., Live Oak
Live Oak Elks Club, Live Oak
Midyette-Moor Insurance Agency, Tallahassee
J. L. Montgomery, Clearwater
Nocatee Farms, Arcadia
Perdue Ranch, Wauchula
Pinellas Lumber Company, St. Petersburg
Clarence Ratliff, Live Oak
D. Ryals, Arcadia
Optimist Club of Northside St. Petersburg
John M. Steadham, Gainesville
Treasure Islettes, Treasure Island
Triangle Social Club, St. Petersburg
Charles S. Walker, Clearwater
Wells Fruit Company, Arcadia
Sheriff John Whitehead, Lake Butler
Mrs. Marie Pearce, West Palm Beach



TAMPA—Greater Tampa Restaurant Association presents \$3,500 truck to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. Leo Dalsheimer (left), president of the Restaurant Association, is shown making the presentation to Hillsborough County Sheriff Ed Blackburn, Jr., executive director of the Ranch. The truck was purchased with profits from a "Food-A-Rama" banquet which was held here by the Restaurant Association, June 23. (Photo by Robertson and Fresh)



PRESIDENT SPEAKS—Orange County (Fla.) Sheriff Dave Starr addresses the annual conference of the National Sheriffs Association, at the Warwick Hotel, Philadelphia, before bowing out as president.



PHILADELPHIA—During the National Sheriffs Association conference here June 18 the Florida Sheriffs Association presented a leather coat and a leather-bound album of conference pictures to Orange County Sheriff Dave Starr, the outgoing national president, in recognition of his distinguished service to his state and nation. Here Hillsborough County Sheriff Ed Blackburn Jr., is "checking the fit" after presenting the coat to Sheriff Starr. (Photo by Standard Photo Service Co., Philadelphia)

Sheriff Starr Shines

At Annual Conference of National Sheriffs Association
In Philadelphia, June 16, 17, 18.

Starr Ends Term as National Prexy With Warning

PHILADELPHIA — Constant improvement through education in the most modern scientific methods of law enforcement was urged by Orange County (Fla.) Sheriff Dave Starr here June 16 in an address winding up his tenure as president of the National Sher-

iffs Association.

Speaking at the opening session of the Association's annual conference, in the Warwick Hotel, Starr warned:

"Personnel in our profession are prone to forget that they must constantly acquire new skills and techniques to properly

enforce the law and perform their daily tasks.

"Crime pays if society and its law enforcement officers encourage it. The greatest encouragement is failure to provide competent personnel and laboratory facilities for investigating crime. No department should operate without having men specialized in their fields, whether it be homicide, breaking and entering, safe jobs or traffic. The more you learn, the better you serve and the more you earn.

"Many colleges are today offering courses in the law enforcement field where only a few short years ago a university course in law enforcement was never heard of. There will be no breakdown of authority now delegated to the office of Sheriff if we keep ourselves abreast of the times by educating ourselves and our force in the scientific methods of modern law enforcement."

Starr also called for a sound program to acquaint the public with the sheriff's duties and responsibilities.

"Never before in my career in law enforcement work," he said, "has there been a greater need than now for the youth of our nation to be taught to respect our laws and law enforcement officials. We must be certain that the youngsters we encounter in our daily work look upon us as friends and protectors rather than a bitter enemy whose sole mission is to create trouble for them."

He went on to declare that today's sheriff "must be mentally alert, physically fit, intelligent and, above all, honest to the point of perfection."

He said no sheriff "should ever feel that he is superior to the community he serves because he is cloaked with authority displayed by a gun and badge . . . Nothing is so evil as a dishonest law enforcement officer."

Touching briefly on the subject of press relations, he urged his fellow-sheriffs to be prepared to give reporters information quickly, accurately and unsavoured with opinion.

America's Sheriffs Challenged to Copy Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch

PHILADELPHIA — Sheriffs from all over the nation attending the Annual Conference of the National Sheriffs Association here June 16, 17 and 18 were challenged to make a concerted attack upon the rising teen-age crime rate.

Hillsborough County (Fla.) Sheriff Ed Blackburn Jr., in a speech describing the development of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, said this "bold, unique venture presents a challenge in crime prevention."

He urged the nation's sheriffs to accept the challenge by developing similar projects aimed at the roots of juvenile delinquency.

"This historic city," he said, "is the cradle of our liberty and independence. Let us also make it the cradle of the challenge to help our youth."

Blackburn told how the Sheriffs of Florida for many years had wanted to establish a home for needy and neglected boys to keep them from drifting into delinquency, but were unable to realize their dream until a new Honorary Membership Program created in 1957 provided the initial financing.

He explained that dues paid by Honorary Members of the Florida Sheriffs Association are used to support the project.

Although the Ranch project was officially adopted less than a year ago, he added, a 722-acre site has already been acquired on the Suwannee River, 11 miles north of Live Oak,



SHERIFF BLACKBURN

and preparations are being made to erect the first buildings.

Leon County Sheriff W. P. Joyce, a director of the Florida Sheriffs Association and endowment chairman for the Ranch, also attended the conference and discussed the project with Sheriffs from many states.

He said he found many other state associations of Sheriffs interested in following Florida's example.

The Boys Ranch is recognized as the only project of its kind in the United States sponsored by law enforcement officers; and it has been highly praised as a means of establishing friendly relations between young boys and law enforcement officers.

"Grand Old Man" from Los Angeles County Is Living Proof Sheriffs Not Obsolete

PHILADELPHIA—The myth that Sheriffs are obsolete was successfully blasted here during the Annual Conference of the National Sheriffs Association, June 16, 17 and 18.

"Exhibit A" for the attackers of this fantasy was kindly, prepossessing Eugene Biscailuz, Sheriff of Los Angeles County, California, and boss of one of the nation's largest law enforcement agencies.

Quietly dignified at 74—and to all appearances an alert, 64—this "Grand Old Man of Law Enforcement" gave living proof that the historic office of Sheriff is the bulwark of progressive law enforcement and local self government.

He entered law enforcement in 1907 as a deputy sheriff in Los Angeles County when the sheriff's staff numbered 27 deputies. Today the sheriff's department numbers 3,100 full-time employees, with an organized reserve force of 3,500.

Sheriff Biscailuz said it is only outranked in size by the police departments of New York, Chicago and Los Angeles; and it is the largest sheriff's department in the world.

He administers a county jail with a daily population of over 3,000 and, in addition, is also responsible for two large re-

habilitative detention centers and six road camps.

In 1933 Sheriff Biscailuz formed the first Sheriff's Aero Squadron in the nation composed of 50 deputized reserve officers who flew their privately-owned aircraft on patrol, search and rescue missions. Since then the squadron has grown to 100 members.

The badge-wearing old timer has been quick to utilize the latest developments in crime detection and communications; but at the same time he has had sufficient wisdom to retain some of the old traditional features of law enforcement such as the mounted posse.

Presently he has 14 auxiliary sheriff's posses with a roster of some 600 persons for rescue and search missions in the mountainous areas of his county.

The elite of these units is his "Silver Mounted Posse" whose expensive silver-mounted saddles and smart attire have won nation-wide acclaim in parades.

Obviously Eugene Biscailuz—in his 51 years as "protector of the peace"—has kept pace with the fast-moving developments in the field of law enforcement.

He has pioneered in many

fields since he became Sheriff in 1932, and prior to that, in 1929, he rendered an important service to his state by organizing the California Highway Patrol at the request of Gov. C. C. Young.

As Superintendent of the Highway Patrol for two years he developed a system of traffic policing that still exists today.

He has been elected Sheriff



SHERIFF BISCAILUZ

seven times, each time by a larger vote, and faces retirement now only because of a law requiring county officials over 70 to step down.

Looking over the field of law enforcement from his unique perspective, he finds that one of the greatest threats to the office of Sheriff comes from laws in some states which do not permit the Sheriff to succeed himself.

He said such laws destroy all of the Sheriff's initiative and prevent him from developing a progressive department.

Although he did not say so, his own achievements provide the best possible proof of the importance of continuity in office.

Another threat to the Sheriff's traditional high calling, according to Sheriff Donald P. Tulloch, of Barnstable, Mass., comes from the current trend toward appointing, rather than electing public officials.

This removes them from the control of the people and is the most effective means of destroying local self-government.

Sheriff Tulloch, in a conference address, said Sheriffs have been "the number one target of deliberate propaganda to discredit elected offi-

als."

He said Sheriffs have been attacked as "an outmoded vestige of county government" by "fuzzy-headed intellectuals, uninformed writers and disgruntled legislators."

Their criticisms are taken out of the past and no longer exist he said, describing the entire campaign of attack as "hogwash."

He said the critics harp upon the theme that there should be no politics in law enforcement; but they fail to realize that our various constitutions provide for a Sheriff so each county will have a law enforcement officer "directly responsible to the people."

Most Wrecks Occur On Straightaways

TALLAHASSEE—Where do folks go to have an accident?

Why on straight roads of course. Maybe they didn't actually go there for that purpose, but that is the location where the most wrecks happened in 1957.

The Florida Highway Patrol says there were 29,275 highway mishaps on straight and level roads last year. In 498 of those wrecks, people died.

WANTED PERSONS

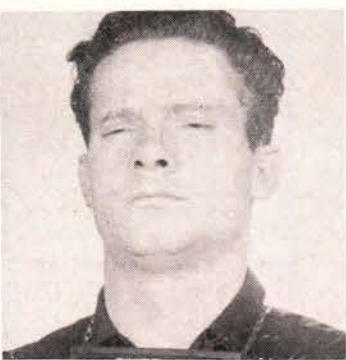
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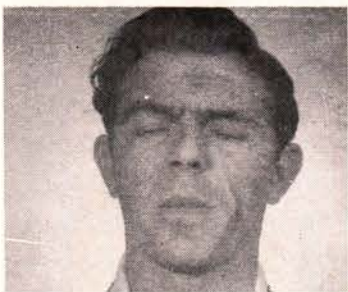
White male, age 26, 5 feet 3 inches, weighs 147 pounds, reddish blonde curly hair, blue eyes, ruddy complexion. Wanted as Parole Violator. If apprehended

notify Sheriff Norvell, Fort Pierce, Fla., or The Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



FRANK JUNIOR CARMICHAEL

White male, age 25, 5 feet 10 1/2 inches tall, weighs 160 pounds, medium build. Brown hair and eyes. Tattoo of Virgin Mary on stomach. Occupation: Sheet Metal Worker. Capias issued, charge failing to appear in Criminal Court to answer charges of Breaking and entering and Grand Larceny. Also warrant issued charge Breaking and Entering and Petit Larceny. Carmichael and Billy Gene Wilson were apprehended inside a bowling alley and jumped bonds of \$3000 each. A large number of burglary tools found in their possession. Any information contact Sheriff Starr, Orlando, Florida, or The Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



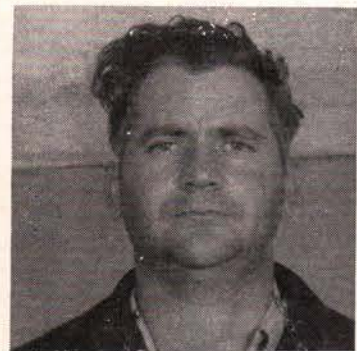
BILLY GENE WILSON

White male, age 25, 5 feet, 9 inches tall, weighs 155 pounds, medium build, brown hair, blue eyes. Tattoo of double red heart and words "BILL and MARY" on left forearm and woman's head on upper left forearm. Occupation: Truck driver, roofer. Wanted on two charges, one for failing to appear in Criminal Court to answer charges of Breaking and Entering and Grand Larceny. Capias issued. Other charge Breaking and Entering and Petit Larceny. Warrant issued. Notify Sheriff Starr, Orlando, Florida or The Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



MRS. BETTY FRANCIS WILSON

White female, age 29, 5 feet, 1 inch, weighs 115 pounds, brunette hair, hazel eyes. Has distinct mole on right cheek. Missing from her home in Jacksonville since April 1, 1958. Anyone having knowledge of her whereabouts contact Sheriff Carson, Jacksonville, Florida or The Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



JACK N. STRICKLAND

White male, age 37, 5 feet, 7 inches, weighs 155 pounds. Brown hair, blue eyes, ruddy complexion. Escaped from County, Hospital, Tampa, Florida, June 1, 1958, while receiving treatment there. Subject was serving one year for Larceny of Automobile. On June 5, 1958, a nurse at the hospital received a telephone call from Strickland, wherein he stated he was sorry for any trouble he had caused, but he was tired of being confined. The call came from Fort Lauderdale. If apprehended notify Sheriff Blackburn, Tampa, Florida or The Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



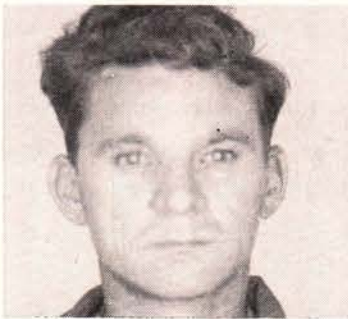
ERNEST H. PHILLIPS

White male, age 37, 5 feet, 11 inches tall, weighs 175 pounds, blond hair, sun burned. Carnival worker, awning maker. Special attention to Carnivals as Phillips has ridden motorcycles in tanks at these shows. May be accompanied by his wife, CAROLYN FISHER PHILLIPS, white female, age 37, 5 feet, weighs 110 pounds. Occupation waitress. Felony warrant has been issued for Phillips, and if necessary he will be extradited. If apprehended notify police department, Boca Raton, Florida, or The Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



ALTON O. PHILLIPS

Alias "Red", white male, 5 feet, 7 inches, weighs 135 pounds, reddish blonde hair, blue eyes, fair complexion. Wanted for Violation of Probation. Notify Sheriff Miller, DeFuniak Springs, Fla., or The Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



ARTHUR ASBURY WEST

White male, age 36, 5 feet, 7 inches tall, weighs 155 pounds, medium build, brown hair, grey eyes, ruddy complexion. Has one inch scar on right side of forehead in hair line. Formerly employee Ringling Brothers Circus. Warrant has been issued, charge Unarmed Robbery. If apprehended notify Police Dept., Sarasota, Florida or The Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



MARGIE LUCKEY

White female, age 18, 5 feet, 5 inches, weighs 110 pounds, brown wavy hair, bluish green eyes, fair complexion, freckled. Small U shaped scar on forehead. Anyone knowing subject's whereabouts contact Sheriff Thompson, Fort Myers, Florida or The Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.

BAD CHECK ARTIST'S GALLERY

FROM THE FILES OF THE FLORIDA SHERIFFS BUREAU—Don McLeod, Director



ERWIN H. BETHKE and
JANICE JUNE BETHKE

Male is described as white, in late 30's, over 6 feet tall, weighs approximately 160 pounds, dark hair and eyes. No scars or tattoos. Accompanied by white female, reportedly his wife, who uses name June Bethke, alias Margaret C. Waite. She is described as white female, age 28 to 30, 5 feet 7 inches, brown hair. They have 3 small children and were traveling in a dull green Packard, Model unknown, bearing 1957 New York License 3G5239. Bethke got a job in Florida long enough to receive a pay check then forged approximately 20 other checks, using the valid one as a pattern.



This was during the latter part of 1958. During March 1958 they were reported to be in Missouri driving same car, and in May believed to be driving a 1954 Chevrolet Coach, Washington License AMC790, in South Dakota. Latest information received that they were in Marshalltown, Iowa, driving a 1956 tutone blue Plymouth Illinois License 1784-769. This car reported stolen. Warrants have been issued for these subjects in the above named places. Any information concerning subjects notify Sheriff Parrish, Bartow, Florida, or The Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



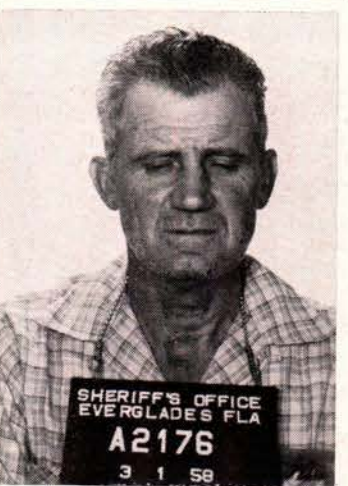
VERNON JAMES JOHNSON

White male, age 45, 5 feet, 8 inches, slim build. Reportedly wears bus or truck drivers clothes, with wallet secured to belt by chain. May wear glasses at times. Presently driving a black 1951 Cadillac four door Fleetwood, 1958 Florida License 3W-43175. This car was purchased in Tampa May 25, 1958 by Johnson, at which time he traded in a 1947 Cadillac Florida License 4W-14087. Warrants have been issued, charge Worthless Checks. If apprehended notify either of the following: Police Department, Lakeland, Florida; Police Department, Dade City, Florida; Police Department, Tampa, Fla.; Sheriff Blackburn, Tampa, Florida or The Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



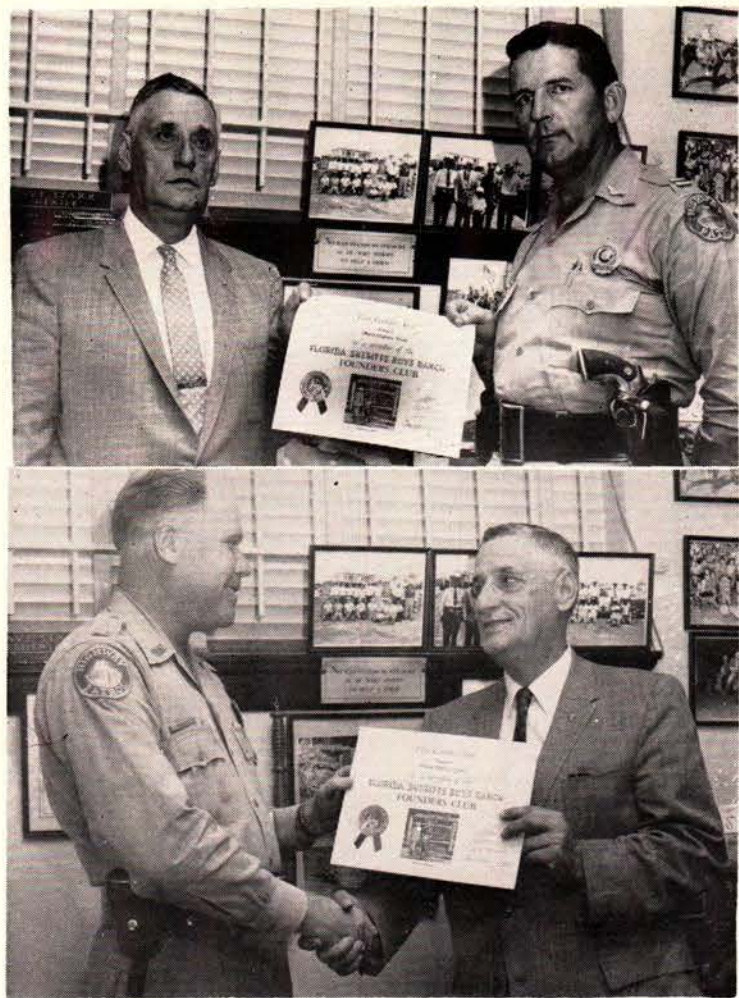
J. M. STORIE

also known as JACK M. STORIE, white male, age 29, 6 feet 1 inch, weighs 160 to 170 pounds, slender build, sandy hair, hazel eyes with bluish cast. Large hands, with noticeably odd fingernails, which follow contours of fingers over the ends. He is suffering from a malady medically termed Polycythemia Vera, which is an excessive amount of blood in body, requiring periodic bleeding. Has contacts in Covington, Ky., and known to have been in Cincinnati, Ohio and Newport, Ky., on May 16, 1958. Warrant has been issued, charge Worthless Checks. Warrant will be issued for Grand Larceny. If apprehended notify Sheriff Joyce, Tallahassee or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



THOMAS CLAYTON HADDEN

White male, age 49, 5 feet 11 inches, weighs 190 pounds, grey hair, blue eyes, ruddy complexion. Left thumb and left ring finger amputated. Born in Avera, Ga., and is a sawmill operator from that town. When in Immokalee, Fla., he was traveling in an old blue Police Paddy wagon. Warrants issued, charge passing three Worthless Checks for over \$1000 on bank in Gibson, Ga. If apprehended notify Sheriff Hendry, Everglades, Fla., or The Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



ORLANDO—Orange County Sheriff Dave Starr presents Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Founders Club certificates to Florida Highway Patrol Capt. L. W. Brazell (top photo) and FHP Capt. H. A. Weaver in appreciation for contributions made to the Boys Ranch by Highway Patrol Troops I and D respectively.



LEESBURG—Lake County Sheriff Willis McCall (left) presents Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Founders Club certificate to G. G. Ware, chairman of the board of directors, First National Bank, Leesburg.



ST. AUGUSTINE—St. Johns County Sheriff L. O. Davis Jr., (left) expresses his appreciation to George Witmor, owner of George's Marine Shop, for a movie projector and screen Witmore donated to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. (photo by Rupert Chastain)

Sheriffs Say "Thanks"

Pictures on this page show sheriffs expressing appreciation for contributions to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

Deputy Jolts Shine Market

By SCOTTY CAMPBELL

FORT PIERCE — While Deputy Sheriff Pat Duval neither buys, sells or drinks the stuff himself, he has a direct bearing on the price of moonshine in St. Lucie County.

Pat is regarded as one of the top-flight apprehenders of moonshiners and has made some of the biggest hauls — gallon-wise — ever recorded in the county.

And it is these "hauls" that keep the price of shine running up and down.

When the deputy snags a 'shiner with, say, 150 gallons or so, he has knocked off the current supply of several retailers. Thus, due to the old law of supply and demand, the cost goes upward.

If, however, Pat is having a little difficulty and retailers are able to get a good supply, down goes the price.

A five-gallon tin of the juice might go as high as \$55 following a big raid by law officers. Then, again, it will go down to \$30 or so per tin if a large delivery has made successful entry into the area.

One of Pat's largest hauls, made recently, netted about 160 gallons of untaxed liquor. It was described by fellow officers as probably the second largest haul ever made here.

Sheriff Hobby Forms Posse

SANFORD — A voluntary group of Seminole County citizens will serve as a mounted "sheriffs posse" to assist in local law enforcement work.

The group was formed by Sheriff J. L. Hobby and consists of the 20 members of the Dusty Boots Riding Club. Deputy James Singletary gave the oath to the posse members.

Sheriff Hobby said that the posse will be valuable in searches for lost children, for reaching inaccessible places on horseback, for handling crowds, and similar types of duty.

School "Arsenal" Will Be Used in Christmas Stockings

TAMPA — When school was out, a Tampa high school principal turned over to Hillsborough County Sheriff Ed Blackburn an arsenal of weapons which had been confiscated from students during the school year.

Ray guns, Lugers, snub-nosed revolvers, double-barrel pistols—150 pistols in all—were included.

But they were harmless. The weapons were water guns.

Sheriff Blackburn said the water guns would be used in the Department's Christmas project for needy children.



ST. AUGUSTINE—Sheriff L. O. Davis, Jr., presents Boys Ranch Founders Club certificates to organizations in appreciation for contributions made to the Boys Ranch project. The recipients are: (top photo) Gen. Robert Gentry White, president, on behalf of the St. Augustine Rotary Club; and St. Augustine Chief of Police Virgil Stuart, secretary, on behalf of the Florida Peace Officers Association. (Photos by Rupert Chastain)



DADE CITY—Sheriff Leslie Bessenger presents Boys Ranch Founders Club certificates to Pasco County men who made major contributions to the ranch project. In the top picture he is making the presentation to Clayton J. Logan (right), treasurer of Clay Hyder Trucking Lines, Dade City. In the other photo the recipient is Tom Ed Oakley, of Dade City.



OCALA—The Marion County Junior Deputy Sheriff League posed for this picture during a recent picnic outing. The league is sponsored by Marion County Sheriff F. L. McGehee (standing, left). Also pictured are: Deputy Sheriff Grady Grimes (kneeling, far left); Deputy Don Moreland (standing, far right); and Chuck Tuzeeo, Juvenile Officer (kneeling, far right).

Fish Fry And Horse Show Boost Ranch

A fish fry sponsored by Wakulla County Sheriff W. R. Taff and a horse show sponsored by Orange County Sheriff Dave Starr were among the benefit events staged last month to raise funds for the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

The fish fry was held at the Wakulla County Court House, in Crawfordville, and was attended by about 150 people. St. Joe Paper Co. prepared the food.

The benefit horse show was held at Ben White Race Track and was planned by Sheriff Starr's mounted posse. Mrs. Starr was chairman of the show committee.

Sheriff Starr said he plans to hold a similar show in October.

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soon also include a qualified document examiner who will provide the technical know-how for a state-wide fraudulent check file—which will "fill one of the widest gaps in law enforcement in Florida."

Operating out of new, larger quarters in Tallahassee, the Bureau recently put into operation its new identification section headed by Albert Ground—described by McLeod as "possibly the World's greatest authority on latent fingerprints."

McLeod said Ground assisted in setting up the world famous FBI fingerprint files and is now doing the same job for Florida.

A busy Lee County burglar recently had the honor of being the first criminal "caught" by the identification section.

McLeod said a new record and intelligence section will play an important role in the current war on Florida's bolita lottery kingpins.

Efforts are also being made, he said, to hire a qualified operator for polygraph (lie detector) equipment.

He reported excellent results in nabbing wanted criminals and recovering stolen goods through the Sheriffs Crime Bulletin, a Bureau publication which goes regularly to law enforcement agencies in southeastern states and other parts of the nation.

His report showed that the field section participated in 57 full-scale criminal investigations—many of them requiring weeks and months of concentrated effort.

These included a Manatee County murder mystery; the double slaying of an indicted Volusia County racketeer and his wife; and the break-up of a gang involved in 49 burglaries and safe jobs in 16 Florida counties.

There were 48 arrests in the 57 cases investigated, McLeod said.



SEBRING — VOLUSIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS INSPECT NEW HIGHLANDS COUNTY JAIL BEFORE TAKING ACTION ON REBUILDING 40-YEAR-OLD VOLUSIA JAIL — Top photo shows front view of new jail. Bottom photo shows Volusia Commissioners (front row, left to right) Harris Saxon (chairman), U. W. Cunningham and S. E. Stone; with James V. Doyle, deputy clerk of their board; and Sol McClelland, a member of the Highlands County Commission. Standing in the rear are Highlands County Sheriff Broward Coker (left) and Volusia Sheriff Rodney B. Thursby. (Photos by Highlands County Sheriff's Office)

Sheriff Shelby Sponsors Tour

PENSACOLA — Sheriff Emmett Shelby sponsored a six-day Florida tour for 95 Escambia County School Safety Patrol boys.

An annual custom, the tour included visits to the Florida Caverns and the Florida School for Boys at Marianna; the State Capitol at Tallahassee; Stephen Foster Memorial at White Springs; St. Augustine; Jacksonville Beach; Marine-

land; and Silver Springs.

Patrolmen R. C. Ward and Kilby Fillinjim, from the Sheriff's traffic safety division, were in charge of the tour. Three chaperones and a registered nurse also accompanied the boys.

Transportation was provided by school buses and the boys paid for their meals with funds raised through special projects at their schools.

Stick-up Man Caught Pronto

LIVE OAK—Quick cooperation on the part of Suwannee County Sheriff Hugh Lewis and the Florida Highway Patrol resulted in the apprehension of a suspected stick-up man less than a half hour after he held up a grocery store near here.

When Sheriff Lewis was notified of the robbery, he immediately notified the Highway Patrol and started out the

Branford Road to set up a road block.

FHP Safety Officer Vincent Smallwood spotted the getaway car a few minutes later at another road block. He stopped the suspect and held him until the Sheriff arrived.

A search of the car revealed a quantity of money and a pistol apparently used in the robbery.

Wanted: Construction Materials For First Boys Ranch Building

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 first residence building, which will be placed under construction in August:

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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 shingles.
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.

Friday the 13th Was Lucky Day

By SCOTTY CAMPBELL

FORT PIERCE — St. Lucie County Sheriff's Deputy Warren Alford will never be convinced that Friday the Thirteenth is an unlucky day. His wife presented him with a bouncing and beautiful, hale, hearty, healthy daughter early on the morning of Friday, June 13th.

Proud Poppa said he was "mighty lucky" since both the daughter and mother were doing fine. The Alford's have another daughter.

Advice Offered To Delinquents

By SCOTTY CAMPBELL

FORT PIERCE — Sheriff John R. Norvell gave some good fatherly advice to two teenage sisters who had been committed to the State School for Girls "as a last resort" by County Judge Flem C. Dame.

The senior law officer sat down with the two youngsters in the jail office and told them: "You're not going into a prison. You are going into an institution of learning, and you will have every chance to come out better citizens."

Sheriff Norvell, who does much work with youth groups, urged the two sisters to take full advantage of training facilities at the school and learn to get along with other people in a Christian manner.

The sisters have been in and out of trouble in the Fort Pierce area quite often recently.

Sheriff Norvell personally escorted the children to the school at Ocala, accompanied by his wife and Jail Matron Maysie Priest.

Shelby Lauds Budget System For Sheriffs

PENSACOLA — The recent change from the "fee system" to the county budget system has proved highly successful, Escambia county Sheriff Emmett Shelby reports.

Sheriff Shelby told a meeting of the Harborview League of Women Voters that, as a constable, he had worked under the old "fee system" and knows its evils. He said he never believed in the philosophy that the income of the law enforcement officer should depend on the number of arrests.

He listed many advantages of the budget system under which the sheriff's department now operates. First, the sheriff can now organize his office, because he knows the amount of money which will be available, and can operate on a business-like basis. The new system also eliminates unnecessary spending, as the sheriff must remain within his budget.

"Most important," Sheriff Shelby said, "the new system has re-established confidence in law enforcement. No longer are the officers accused of making arrests, especially in minor traffic cases, for the sole purpose of getting revenue for the office."

Civitan President

PENSACOLA — Curtis Hunt, an investigator for the Escambia county Sheriff's Department, was elected president of the Pensacola Civitan Club.

Highlights:

45TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION WEST PALM BEACH, JUNE 25, 26, 27



WEST PALM BEACH—Gov. LeRoy Collins discusses Sheriffs Association Conference program with Pasco County Sheriff Leslie Bessinger (right), Association president; and Palm Beach County Sheriff John Kirk, conference host. (Photo by Sam Quincy)

Asks For Bolita Drive

Governor Praises Sheriffs for Willingness to Work Together

WEST PALM BEACH—Gov. LeRoy Collins, in an address before the 45th annual Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association, declared that the Association has been "making substantial progress in law enforcement and can be justifiably proud of its record of accomplishments."

"You who make up this organization have demonstrated an ability and willingness to work together that has been unprecedented in Florida's history," he said.

"And, as Florida continues to grow, cooperative effort more and more becomes an essential ingredient of any effective law enforcement program."

"What's more, in sponsoring the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch you have shown that you are sensitive to human wants and needs. This project has earned the admiration of people not only here in Florida, but over the nation as well."

Pointing out that the State's 67 Sheriffs and their deputies

constitute "our main defense against lawlessness," Gov. Collins called upon the Sheriffs to wipe out bolita in the state.

He said the bolita racket is probably "our state's most corruptive influence on public officials and so-called leading citizens. It makes of Sunday church-goers hypocritical, week-day disciples of the devil."

He added he wanted to make it perfectly clear that he did not go to the Conference to question the Sheriffs' desire to rid Florida of Bolita.

"Many of you have done very superior jobs in this field," he said, "and to each who has I extend warm commendation. But we still have bolita—entirely too much of it."

The Governor declared that "the bolita kings are our enemies in Florida. They should be forthwith told to close out, get out and stay out. They must know that wherever they hide, we will search them out and strike them down..."

Old Timer Sees Great Changes

WEST PALM BEACH—J. H. (Uncle Bud) Parker, 80, of Perry, one of the "old timers" in Florida law enforcement, came away from the 45th Annual Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association here last month with vivid impressions of the great forward strides today's Sheriffs are taking.

Retired now, "Uncle Bud" traces his law enforcement career back to the turn of the century. He was first elected Sheriff of Taylor County in 1904 and served until 1921.

Then he served a second hitch from 1941 to 1949, and put his badge away to go into the cattle business.

The Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, a home for needy and neglected boys; the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, a state-wide crime fighting agency; and the Sheriffs' budget-salary system which replaced the old fee system of operation, have all been developed since his retirement from office.

Modern techniques of crime detection and law enforcement have also made a tremendous change in the Sheriff's job in Florida.

Creating State Police Called Grave Mistake

WEST PALM BEACH — Creation of a State Police in Florida would be a grave mistake State Sen. Verle A. Pope, of St. Augustine, told Florida's Sheriffs at their annual conference here June 27.

He urged the Sheriffs to remain alert in their efforts to keep law enforcement in the hands of the counties "where it can be controlled by the people."

If there are one or two corrupt sheriffs, he said, we only have poor law enforcement in a few counties and the rest of the state has good law enforcement.

"But," he added, "when we place our confidence in a single unit of state-wide control, and it becomes corrupt, the result is bad law enforcement all over the state."

Creation of a State Police would also pose the possibility of a state-wide rackets machine, he said.

Declaring that it is always "a mistake to move to Tallahassee any problem that can be solved at the local level," Sen. Pope said the framers of our constitution had tremendous foresight when they set up the Sheriff as the chief law enforcement officer in each county.

"I hope the day will never come," he said, "when we will think we should set up a law enforcement body independent of the Sheriffs."

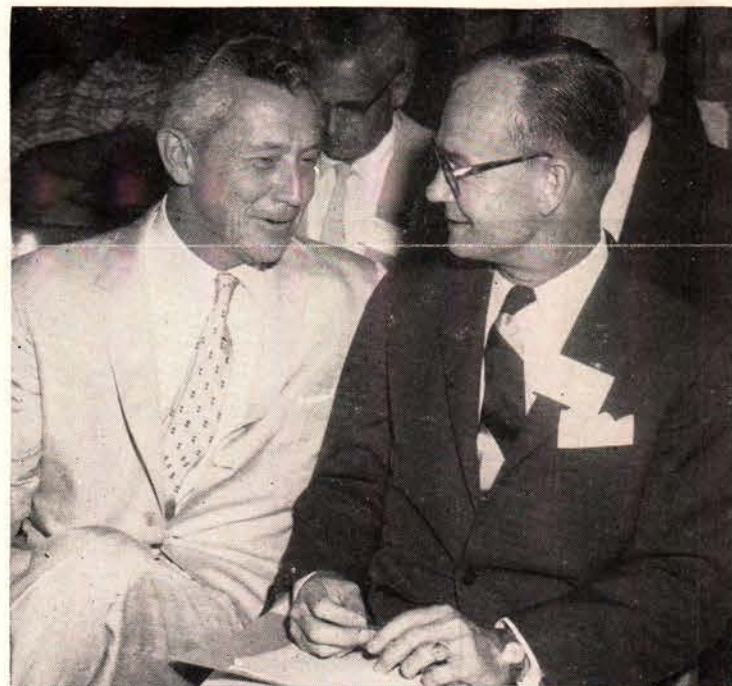
Rep. F. Charles Usina of St. Augustine, who was also a guest at the Sheriffs Conference, said he too was heartily in favor of "home rule" in law enforcement.

youth along the paths of decency, respect and morality."

He added that, "Parental neglect in America today is, in my opinion, far more serious than our inability to solve many of the major crimes of our day."



WEST PALM BEACH—Hillsborough County Sheriff Ed Blackburn, Jr. (left), executive director of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, presents Boys Ranch Founders Club certificates to Mrs. Marie Pearce, executive secretary to Sheriff John Kirk; and Florida Highway Patrol Capt. C. E. (Red) Taylor, representing FHP Troop K. Looking on is State Sen. Fred O. Dickinson Jr., of West Palm Beach, a Ranch trustee. Presentation was made during the annual Sheriffs Association conference. (Photo by Sam Quincy)



WEST PALM BEACH—Gov. LeRoy Collins (left) chats with Monroe County Sheriff John Spottwood while attending Sheriffs Association Conference. (Photo by Sam Quincy)

Senator Describes Boys Ranch as Greatest Anti-Delinquency Step

WEST PALM BEACH—State Sen. Fred O. Dickinson Jr. of West Palm Beach, said the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, created by the Florida Sheriffs Association, is the "greatest single step ever made by any group of public officials to combat juvenile delinquency in Florida."

Addressing a banquet celebrating the first anniversary of the Boys Ranch, at the 45th Annual Conference of the Sheriffs Association, he declared that the Ranch—a home for needy and neglected boys on the Suwannee River—is a project "that smacks of goodness from the very core and cannot help but progress with the blessings of the Almighty."

Sen. Dickinson, a trustee of the 722-acre ranch, said the Sheriffs should have the state-wide cooperation of newspapers, churches and civic clubs in rallying the support of Florida's four-million citizens behind the project.

He said it is a challenge to everyone in Florida to "see who can do the most to promote this project so worthy of the time and attention and money of all of us."

"I think," the Senator said, "we can look with a great deal of pride at the moral stability



SENATOR DICKINSON

of Florida today and thank God that juvenile delinquency is no worse than it is in this state."

He said, "nevertheless, this problem must be met fairly and honestly, acknowledging that it will be an ever increasing one as our population grows and rural areas make way for metropolitan life."

Turning to the causes of juvenile delinquency he said "the greatest single error of the human race has been the failure to properly direct its



WEST PALM BEACH—Santa Rosa County Sheriff Bart Broxson (right) registers for Sheriffs Association Conference. Waiting in line are (from left): Alachua County Deputy Sheriff Robert Jordan, St. Petersburg Newsmen Ed Hendley, Pinellas Deputy Sheriff Jack Montgomery and Pinellas Sheriff Don Genung. In charge of registration was Palm Beach Deputy Tom Creech (seated). (Photo by Sam Quincy)