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Sheriffs Make History With Shovel

# Construction Work Starts at Boys Ranch

LIVE OAK — A group of Sheriffs, armed with a long-handled shovel, made law enforcement history on the banks of the famous Suwannee River August 1 when they broke ground for the first building at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

The ceremony was brief and simple, but its significance was unmistakable.

Not only did it mark the beginning of construction at the Boys Ranch, but it also revealed the time-honored office of Sheriff in a new light.

Up to this point the Sheriff had been "the man who puts people in jail."

But, with the turning of a few spadefuls of dirt in the hot sun, he suddenly became "the man who also helps to keep people out of jail."

That's what the Ranch—the dream of Sheriffs for many years—is designed to do: keep needy and neglected youngsters out of jail. It will provide a proper home for boys who, because they "never had a decent break in life," are in danger of drifting into delinquency.

That's why the Ranch has been widely hailed as a bold, unique venture—the first child care institution of its kind created and developed by law enforcement officers.

That is also why the ground-breaking at the Ranch site, 11 miles north of here, will be long remembered.

J. L. McMullen, a Boys Ranch trustee who stole time away from his Live Oak food processing business to chair-man the ground-breaking program, set the keynote for the occasion when he called it "a red-letter day for a dedicated group of county officials."

The Rev. Marvin Parks, pastor of Live Oak, First Methodist Church, described the Ranch in the invocation as an effort "be-

yond the call of duty to make a better world."

Then a squad of Cub Scouts raised the American flag on a new pole erected by the Live Oaks Elks Lodge, while Aubrey Fowler, of Live Oak, led the assembled group of Sheriffs and interested citizens in the singing of the National Anthem.

Taylor County Sheriff Maurice Linton, serving as master of ceremonies, introduced Monroe County Sheriff John Spottswood, chairman of the Ranch Trustees, who delivered a brief

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LIVE OAK—SHERIFF WIELDS SHOVEL—Monroe County Sheriff John Spottswood, chairman of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Trustees, breaks ground for the first building at the Ranch. Checking his form as a shoveler is Pasco County Sheriff Leslie Bessenger, president of the Florida Sheriffs Association. (Photo by Glenn Stubbs)

## Farm-Bred Vocational Ag. Teacher To Manage Ranch

LIVE OAK — Vincent M. Jones, 32, one of Florida's outstanding young men in the field of vocational agriculture, has been appointed resident manager of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

Farm-bred from a long line of farmer ancestors, he resign-

ed from his position as Vocational Agriculture instructor at Suwannee High School here to become the first full-time paid staff member of the Ranch.

Hillsborough County Sheriff Ed Blackburn Jr., one of the creators of the Ranch as a home for needy and neglected

boys, will continue as the non-paid Executive Director, and Jones will manage the Ranch under his supervision.

Blackburn said Jones' duties will include supervising construction of the first buildings at the Ranch, which is now under way; developing a scientific farming program on the 722-acre site; and planning a detailed child care and vocational program which will go into effect when the first boys are admitted.

H. E. Wood, State Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture, told the Sheriffs Association: "You couldn't have made a better choice. Vincent Jones is one of the outstanding young men in Florida in the field of Vocational agriculture, and he has produced one of the best Future Farmers of America chapters in the nation."

A native of Trenton, where he attended High School and played basketball and football, Jones comes from Florida pioneer stock. The Boys Ranch, on the Suwannee River, is within a few miles of the site where his great-grandfather originally homesteaded.

He holds a Master of Science Degree in Agricultural Education from the University of Florida and has taught Vocational Agriculture for almost eight years.

His FFA Chapter at Suwannee High School, Live Oak, has three times received a gold emblem, highest national award, for the excellence of its total

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## Three Held for Murder

### Ray Wilson Ends 18-Year Search For Men Who Killed His Father

CRESTVIEW—One night in his life Sheriff Ray Wilson will never forget—the night of March 15, 1940.

A boy of 12 then, he was asleep in his bedroom when a shotgun blast tore through the glass pane in the front door of his home.

Jarred awake, he rushed into the living room and found his father dead on the floor.

The newscast his father had been listening to was still coming out of the nearby radio.

The killer had fled into the night.

Folks said Lester Wilson was the victim of a vicious political assassination.

He had been police chief of Crestview and he was planning to run for Okaloosa County Sheriff.

Friends described him as a man without fear or bad habits. Obviously he would have made a strong candidate. Obviously someone wanted to get rid of him so he couldn't run for Sheriff.

Who was it? Yes who?—For years investigators attempted to find out, but they failed to produce sufficient evidence to bring the killer and his henchmen to justice.

Eventually law enforcement officers added Lester Wilson's murder to the list of unsolved Florida crimes.

But Ray Wilson refused to abandon the quest. Patiently over the years he assembled bits of evidence, picked up clues the investigators had abandoned.

Serving in Korea with the 7th Infantry Division, operating a Dry Cleaning establishment in Crestview he never for-



SHERIFF RAY WILSON Kept His Vow

got his vow to track down his father's assassin.

On July 3, 1956, he got an important break when he was appointed Sheriff to fill the unexpired term of the late Sheriff H. Isle Enzor.

Now he was able to ask questions which wouldn't have been answered if he had been a plain citizen.

Quietly he began a more intensive investigation. As the months passed he utilized lie detector tests and other modern crime detection methods.

Finally the evidence was presented to a grand jury and indictments were handed down on July 11 charging three Crestview men with the murder of Lester Wilson.

To jail went Jesse Cayson, a restaurant owner; Doyle Cayson, a produce vendor; and W. D. Brown, air base employee.

And Ray Wilson's 18-year search was ended.



VINCENT M. JONES Ranch Manager

## Rich Oilman Was a Phony

DAYTONA BEACH — The "rich oilman from Oklahoma" who was contacting agencies about "buying" a \$250,000 motel turned out to be a smooth-talking confidence man fresh out of an Orlando jail.

Volusia County Deputy Sheriff Jack Lynady, who followed him for three days, said he worked like this:

He claimed he was ready to make a \$100,000 down payment on motel property as soon as a sale of oil leases in Oklahoma was completed. Then, when the victim was ready to bite, he was usually asked for a sizable

"loan" until the money came in from the "leases."

If the confidence man was successful, that was the last the victim ever saw of him or the "loan."

But this particular confidence man never got to the "loan" stage of his operations. "I couldn't tail him forever, so I picked him up," Deputy Lynady reported.

His hunch was right. The "oilman" had just completed a 120-day jail term in Orlando for trickery, fraud and failure to register as a convicted felon.



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## At Ground Breaking

# Ranch Called Bold, Unique Venture In Sheriff Spottswood's Speech

Here is the text of a dedication address delivered by Monroe County Sheriff John Spottswood, chairman of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Trustees, at ground-breaking ceremonies for the first Boys Ranch building, on August 1.

We are gathered here today to dedicate to posterity a bold and unique humanitarian venture to be known as the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch and to break ground this afternoon for construction of the first of many buildings which will soon provide a permanent home for worthy and needy boys in this great state of Florida.

This Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch is the result of many months and years of effort and thousands upon thousands of dollars of contributions dedicated to, and expended in this endeavor by the 67 sheriffs of Florida, the citizens of Live Oak and Suwannee County, and the many other friends, citizens and organizations from the various counties and cities throughout the length and breadth of this state who have contributed so generously to this cause.

I wish I could here and now pay individual tribute to those persons who have given so much to bring this grand idea to an actual reality—but to single out one or even a dozen would be to overlook literally hundreds of others, some known to all of us, but many simply anonymous helpers who have contributed so magnificently to this endeavor.

But I would be remiss in my duty if I did not specifically and clearly acknowledge and pay tribute to the wholehearted, enthusiastic and unparalleled cooperation of the individual and collective citizenry of Live Oak and Suwannee County.

Never in my experience, even in my own glorious Monroe County, have I ever witnessed a more universal, spontaneous and unselfish community support of such a project. From the day our first inspection team looked at this county as a potential site for the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, we knew that we, as well as the boys who one day will live and grow up here, had found a true, heartfelt welcome and a home forevermore.

This site which we dedicate today as a home for neglected and underprivileged youngsters from all over the State is destined to become a home for the homeless, where the unwanted boy is wanted, where the needy child is needed, and where the friendless will find a friend.

Here with God's blessing and the continued help of the people of this community and state, will come the unloved youngsters,

who at worst, face a life of crime, and at best a future of futility. Here we hope to provide those unfortunate, unloved, unwanted and underprivileged boys with a haven and a home and to give those children an opportunity in a new environment of love, care and affection, to cast off the dismal darkness of the past and present, and to provide for them a future of promise, hope and ambition.

Here on the banks of the historic Suwannee River, we are breaking ground today, not only for the construction of physical buildings, but breaking ground also in the spiritual and moral sense of the word, by initiating a new era of awakened responsibility for the welfare and happiness of our children who must otherwise face lives of despair, poverty and hopelessness.

In no sense will the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch be a detention home or reform school for juvenile delinquents. Rather, it is intended to supply simply the long-felt need for worthy and underprivileged boys, who are homeless, friendless, and neglected, and who need simply guidance, a sense of belonging, and a home of their own to help them avoid the pitfalls of delinquency.

As law enforcement officers, we sheriffs of Florida are particularly proud of this endeavor. This ranch, while similar in purpose to others throughout the nation, such as the famous Father Flanagan's Boys Town, in Nebraska—is unique in that it represents the first and only such project initiated and sponsored by law enforcement officials.

Through our efforts here, we hope that the youth of our State, Nation, and the World will learn that the sheriff is not only a law enforcement officer, but is simultaneously the friend of the child and the protector of the health, welfare and happiness of his community, dedicated to a life of public service in the interest of all mankind.

We are grateful to Almighty God for the privilege of being able to render this service to humanity. We are grateful to the thousands of citizens throughout the State, who through their well wishes and contributions, have made it possible for us to begin this endeavor.

We are grateful to a nation and a philosophy of life which makes it possible for us to provide such a home.

We are grateful to the boys who will one day populate this ranch and prove by their successes in life the worthwhileness of our accomplishments.

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WEST PALM BEACH—NEW COUNTY JAIL POPULATION CHART GIVES LOCATION OF EVERY PRISONER AT A GLANCE—Shown giving it official approval is Palm Beach County Sheriff John Kirk (right). With him is the originator of the idea, Deputy Sheriff Thomas C. Reese. Each prisoner is represented by a tag which hangs in a space signifying his cell block. The color of the tag shows whether he is a city, county or federal prisoner. (Photo courtesy Palm Beach Post)



ORLANDO—ORANGE COUNTY MEN RECEIVE BOYS RANCH FOUNDERS CLUB CERTIFICATES—Sheriff Dave Starr (right) is shown making the presentation to Walton McJordan, manager of the Orlando Sears Roebuck & Co. store (left); and R. E. "Pappy" Carrigan, of Carrigan Investment Co., who is also a newly-appointed member of the Boys Ranch Trustees. Persons or organizations who donate \$100 or more to the Ranch are eligible for Founders Club membership.



TALLAHASSEE—Front view of new yellow and black headquarters building recently occupied by Florida Highway Patrol. (Photo by Red Kerce)

# Highway Patrol Growth Reflected In New \$500,000 GHQ Building

TALLAHASSEE—Growth of the Florida Highway Patrol from less than a dozen men to over 400 uniformed troopers in some 20 years is reflected in the new \$500,000 Department of Public Safety headquarters building occupied here recently.

The four-story structure, located in a scenic area outside the capital city, was named in honor of Col. H. N. Kirkman, Director of Public Safety and Commander of the Highway Patrol.

Visitors to an open-house July 8 found it to be a modern, well-equipped plant symbolic of the strides Florida has taken in traffic safety and traffic law enforcement. Its black and yellow decor matches the colors of the FHP patrol cars.

Nerve center of the modernistic, air-conditioned GHQ is the message switching center where over a quarter of a million messages flow each year to and from Highway Patrol of-

fices, Sheriffs' offices and other law enforcement agencies.

It also includes a large supply section containing uniforms and other clothing for troopers, driver's license examiners, radio operators and secretaries.

On the second floor, the driver's license division keeps tab on over 4,000,000 permits of past and present motor vehicle operators.

The third floor includes a battery of electronic equipment that digests and tabulates traffic information; the record section with its facilities for photostating and microfilming; the training and communications division; and the public information offices. The top floor is devoted primarily to administrative offices, including those of Col. Kirkman; Lt. Col. Reid Clifton, Deputy Director; Major Wallace Smith, Executive Officer; and Major H. Lee Simmons, inspector in charge of patrol field operations.

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dedication address.

"This site," said Spottswood, "is destined to become a home for the homeless, where the unwanted boy is wanted, where the needy child is needed and where the friendless will find a friend."

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Hillsborough County Sheriff Ed. Blackburn, Jr., who has traveled thousands of miles, made hundreds of speeches and raised large sums of money in his role as non-paid Executive Director of the Ranch, was given the honor of turning the first spadeful of earth.

He announced that in cornerstone rites planned for later this year the first building will be dedicated to the memory of the late Pinellas County Sheriff Sid Saunders, former president of the Florida Sheriffs Association.

Sheriff Saunders' widow and his successor, Sheriff Don Gernung, both of whom have carried on his keen interest in the Ranch project, were present in the audience.

While television and news cameramen captured the scene on film, members of the Ranch Board of Trustees and officers of the Florida Sheriffs Association, followed Blackburn in breaking ground.

These included Sheriff Spottswood; Suwannee County Sheriff Hugh Lewis; Florida Sheriffs Bureau Director Don McLeod; Sheriff Linton; Hardee County Sheriff E. Odell Carlton; J. L. McMullen; W. F. Edwards of Dade City, and Duval County Juvenile Court Judge Marion W. Gooding, newly-appointed trustees; and Pasco County Sheriff Leslie Bessenger, president of the Florida Sheriffs Association.

It was announced during the ground-breaking that the first building at the Ranch will be a residence for 20 boys, with an estimated cost of \$47,000.

It was also pointed out that Gov. LeRoy Collins has proclaimed August "Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Month" to kick-off a campaign to raise funds for completion of a \$250,000 building program.

The ground-breaking ceremonies were concluded with the singing of Florida's State Song, "Swanee River"; and the serving of a barbecue arranged by John H. Roland, Duke McCallister, State Sen. Horry Hair Jr., and Thomas Musgrove, all of Live Oak.

# Ag. Teacher To Manage Boys Ranch

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program. Only one other chapter in the state can top this record.

Boys from his chapter have won Star Farmer and other state-wide honors; and he himself holds the Honorary State Farmer Degree, highest award conferred by the state PFA Association. He is immediate past president of the Florida Vocational Agricultural Teachers Association.

He is married to the former Grace Cannon, a native of Chiefland. They have two sons: Cecil Vincent, 5; and David Allan, 10 months.

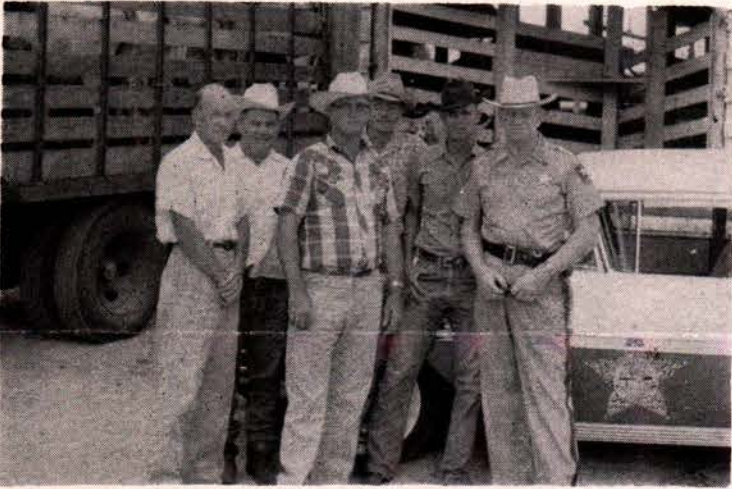


# Boys Ranch Round-Up

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.



**TAVARES—LAKE COUNTY MEN DONATE CATTLE TO BOYS RANCH**—Lake County Sheriff Willis McCall (right) is shown expressing his appreciation to (from left): D. B. Sewell, Umatilla; N. E. Griffin, Jr., and N. E. Griffin, Sr., both of Eustis; and A. O. Roberts of Howey. Cattle were also donated by Sheriff McCall and his son, Deputy Sheriff Malcolm McCall; and by Alford W. Smith of Leesburg, who was not present when the picture was taken. Elmer D. Sperry of Tavares, furnished the truck in which the cattle were taken to the Ranch.



**WAUCHULA—HARDEE COUNTY CATTLE DONATED TO BOYS RANCH**—Shown here with Hardee Sheriff E. Odell Carlton (extreme right) are the members of the Hardee County Cattlemen's Association who handled the drive to secure cattle for the Ranch. They are, from left: George Marrs, "Red" Roberts, Russell Farmer; Maurice Carlton, chairman, and Robert Ray Smith. One of the cows was donated by C. J. Carlton, who is the Sheriff's father and a member of the Boys Ranch Founder's Club.

## Gave \$100 or More

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

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 July and will receive an appropriate founder's certificate:

Arvida Groves Co., Ft. Pierce	Belleair Estates, Clearwater
J. Dan Baell, Ft. Myers	J. E. Churchwell, Panama City
Robert S. Baynard, St. Petersburg	Clearwater Elks Lodge
Beer Industry of Florida, Daytona Beach	Clearwater Police Department
L. C. Blair, Cocoa Beach	Sarasota Exchange Club, Sarasota
Sheriff Robert Buckels, Kissimmee	Russell Farmer, Wauchula
Clearwater Association of Insurance Agents Inc.	John Gill, Fort Green
Clearwater Lions Club	Edna Gill, Fort Green
W. B. Copeland, Jacksonville	Maccleenny Lions Club
Sheriff L. O. Davis, St. Augustine	H. D. Perry, Hollywood
Dixieland Lions Club, Lakeland	Mrs. Martha Phelps, Clearwater
L. H. Kincaid, Ft. Pierce	Plumbers Local No. 111, St. Petersburg
Hunter Automatic Music & Cigarette Service, West Palm Beach	Floyd Price, St. Petersburg
Wilbur C. King, Zolfo Springs	St. Petersburg Kiwanis Club
Plant City Lions Club	St. Petersburg Lodge No. 4
Neil Miller, Miami	Fraternal Order of Police Associates, Inc.
Northwood Lions Club, West Palm Beach	St. Petersburg Moose Lodge
Sheriff George Watts, Chipley	St. Petersburg Shrine Club
Mrs. L. M. Porter, Chipley	St. Petersburg Woman's Democratic Club
H. M. Ashley, St. Petersburg	W. R. "Bill" Shriner, Tavares
	Volunteer Fire Co., District of Lealman, St. Petersburg

## 4 Leading Citizens Put on Ranch Board

The board of directors of The Florida Sheriffs Association announced the appointment of four more leading citizens to the Board of Trustees of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

They are: Duval County Juvenile Court Judge Marion W. Gooding, of Jacksonville; W. F. Edwards, of Dade City; Walter Sherman, of Panama City; and R. E. Carrigan, of Orlando.

These appointments bring the trustee roster to nine Sheriffs and 14 non-sheriffs.

**WALTER C. SHERMAN**, 78, is recognized as one of West Florida's outstanding citizens. Semi-retired at the present time, he has banking and shipyard interests in Panama City; and he can look back upon an outstanding career in the timber business.

"I cut over a million acres of Florida timber before I got out of it," he proudly explains.

He was president of the State Chamber of Commerce for four years and State Director of the OPA during World War II. He built the Dixie-Sherman Hotel in Panama City, and is credited with bringing the International Paper Co. plant to his home town in 1929.

He is a native of Stewart County, Ga., and was educated in the Stewart County schools.

**W. F. EDWARDS**, 41, is executive vice president of Pasco Packing Co., Dade City, the world's largest citrus processing plant. He went to work for Pasco in 1937 in the Fruit Purchasing Department; served one year as sales manager; returned from World War II military service to become head of Production, Sales and Warehousing; was elected vice president and general manager Oct. 15, 1951; and moved up to his present position one year later. He is vice president and a major stockholder in Triple E Development Co., which maintains citrus growing, ranching and farming operations in Florida, Mississippi and Louisiana; and he is Second Vice President of the National Association of Frozen Food Packers.

A native of Tampa, he attended Plant High School, in Tampa; Virginia Military Institute and the University of Tampa.

**R. E. CARRIGAN**, 65, is well known in Central Florida as a financier and rancher. He owns and operates a cattle ranch, citrus groves and apartment houses.

He is president of Carrigan & Boland, Inc., and Carrigan Inc.; past vice-president of the Orlando Chamber of Commerce; past chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Advertising Committee; and past chairman of the United Appeal for the City of Orlando.

He is a native of Washington, D. C.

**DUVAL COUNTY JUVENILE COURT JUDGE MARION W. GOODING**, 46, has a long record of assisting youngsters in trouble.

A father of six children, he began his official career in Juvenile work in 1937 when he was named attorney and probation officer of the Duval Juvenile Court.

Judge Gooding served in this capacity until 1941 when he entered the active military service as a 1st Lieu-

tenant in the Field Artillery. Following service in the Army in Europe during World War II, he was discharged from the military service with the rank of Lt. Colonel in 1945.

He then returned to his native Jacksonville and resumed the practice of law, which began there in 1934 following his graduation from the University of Florida.

On Sept. 15, 1954, he was appointed Duval Juvenile Judge to replace Judge W. S. Criswell who had resigned. Judge Gooding was then elected to his first four-year term on the Juvenile Court Bench and will return for another four-year term in January, having gained the Democratic Party nomination for a new term without opposition in July.

Judge Gooding is on the advisory board of the Boys Home Assn. and is a director of the Boys Service Council. He is also a trustee of the Baptist Home for Children, immediate past president and now a trustee of the board of directors of the Baptist Hospital Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, a trustee of the Baptist Memorial Hospital of Jacksonville, and a member of the advisory committee of the Camp Fire Girls of Duval County.

A vice president of the Florida Council of Juvenile Court Judges, Judge Gooding holds several citations for work with children. They include the DeMolay Legion of Honor, the Award of Merit of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Humanitarian Award of the Dale Carnegie Club International.

Photo of Judge Gooding not available for this issue



**WALTER C. SHERMAN**  
Ranch Trustee



**W. F. EDWARDS**  
Ranch Trustee



**R. E. CARRIGAN**  
Ranch Trustee

## In Memoriam

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

**Mrs. Loetitia T. Wagner**, of Treasure Island, in memory of her husband, George J. Wagner.

**Mrs. H. F. Gosnell**, of St. Petersburg, in memory of her husband, H. F. Gosnell.

**Mrs. Charles H. Reese**, of St. Petersburg, in memory of Pinellas County Sheriff Sid Saunders.

**Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hickman**, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Mason Jr. and Mrs. Will M. Mason, all of Leesburg, in memory of T. P. Weaver Sr.

**Mrs. Margaret M. Douglas**, of Dunedin, in memory of R. R. Orcutt.

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.



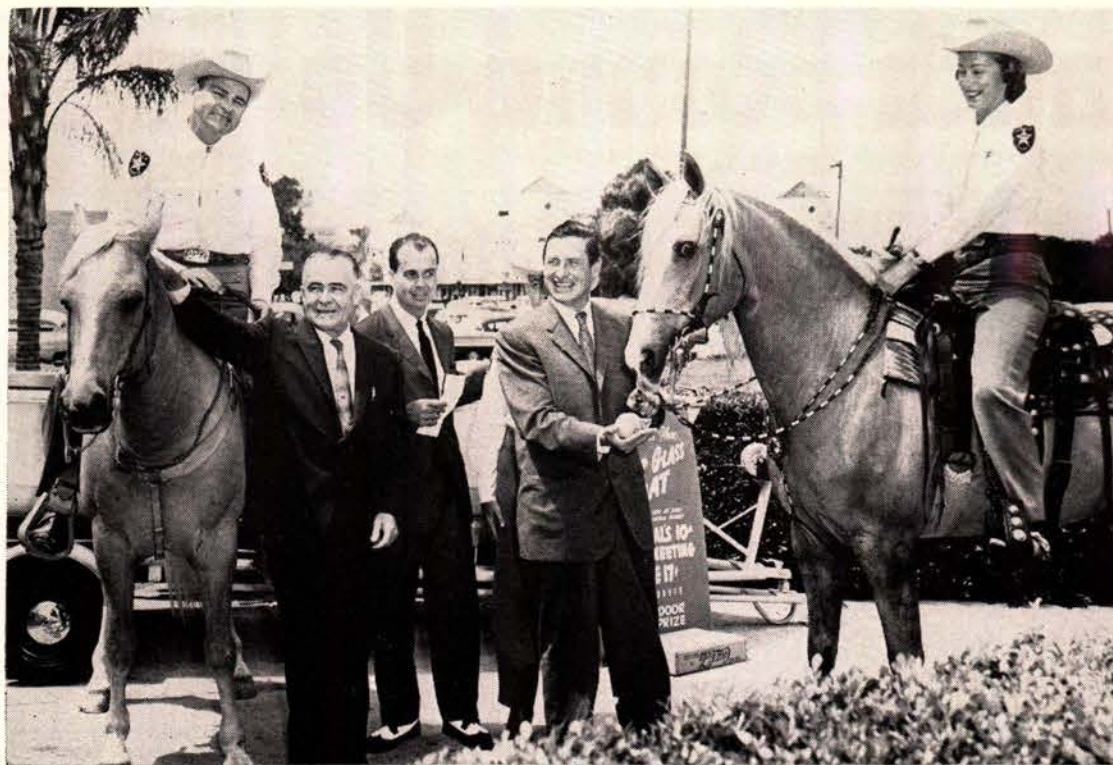
## Rescue Trucks Presented to Sheriff Kelly

By DOROTHY MOLDENHAUER

MIAMI—Sheriff Thomas J. Kelly, Safety Director in charge of Civil Defense in Dade County, was presented with the keys to three specially equipped standardized Civil Defense trucks to add to the growing fleet of vehicles to be used in time of disaster.

The 4,800 lb. trucks are to be used for rescue work in time of emergency and are designed for rugged and impassable roads. Each truck contains a portable generator, collapsible ladders, and the necessary tools and disaster equipment. There are items for the injured such as drinking water containers, inhalators, stretchers and blankets as well as work clothes for the emergency workers.

Sheriff Kelly has organized a Civil Defense Police Unit whose members qualify after attending courses at the Police Academy in Miami. These men and women are trained in all phases of police work, communications and red cross first aid.



WINTER HAVEN—SHERIFF HAGAN PARRISH AND POSSE WELCOME WILL ROGERS JR. TO 10TH ANNUAL BOARD MEETING OF FLORIDA CITRUS MUTUAL MEMBERS—Pictured from left are: Sheriff Parrish; Vernon Connor, president, Florida Citrus Mutual; R. W. Rutledge, manager, Florida Citrus Mutual; Donnie McLean, junior posse member; Rogers and Lucy Chambliss, women's national pistol expert. (Photo by Perkins Bros. Photographers)

## Bolita Like a Rattlesnake Says Hagan Parrish, Long-Time Foe

Here, is a condensation of an article which appeared in Loyal Frisbie's "Off My Chest" column in the Polk County Democrat, at Bartow, discussing Florida's bolita racket and the fight Polk County Sheriff Hagan Parrish has waged against Bolita racketeers.

Some time ago, Sheriff Hagan Parrish was quoted as saying that Florida's illegal bolita racket is one of the state's major "industries."

Parrish's battles against the racketeers probably have been the longest-lasting and most vigorous of any of Florida's present lawmen.

As a deputy under Sheriff De Witt Sinclair during the '40's Parrish gave the bolita peddlers in his territory no rest.

During the two-plus years he served as sheriff by gubernatorial appointment, Parrish broke up the Caraker and Blackburn operations.

In his current term, the Polk sheriff has continued his war with the syndicates, ably abetted by Hillsborough Sheriff Ed Blackburn—no relation to Bolitaman Harlan Blackburn—and other law enforcement agencies.

From personal experience, Parrish probably is the best qualified man in Florida to comment on the present condition of the various bolita kingdoms.

At this writer's invitation Parrish made these comments today:

"In order to take the profits out of the racket, you have to hit the top echelons of the organizations. You can't stop with picking up the ticket writers, or the minor 'executives.'

"If every law enforcement officer—sheriffs, deputies, constables, police—would learn how to tackle the problem, it would be shown that this racket leads into every branch of vice in the state.

"I've been trying to awaken the people to the seriousness of this problem, to show how the head men have worked themselves into key positions in various communities by fleecing the working man of his livelihood, while adding the tax-paying chance that the rest of us are supporting."

What about the governor's remarks that bolita is on a "sneak" basis?

"That's right," Parrish agreed, "but too many people misinterpret the term. 'Sneak' doesn't mean 'small.' A 'sneak' operation is one that is not operating with the protection and connivance of a public official.

"Bolita is being operated on a large scale, even though it isn't running openly. It takes time to get next to the underlings, and trace the operation up the ladder."

(For the benefit of the uninformed, bolita—otherwise known as Cuba or numbers—has a well-defined hierarchy. The writers turn their money over to pick-up men, who deal with check-up men, who pass the take along to the bankers, who deal with the head man.

(Every hand through which the ticket buyer's money passes takes out a percentage—and there's still enough profit in the deal to make wealthy men out of the big shots. After all, with 100-to-1 odds and a 70-to-1 payoff, or less, there's bound to be plenty left over.)

Can the racket ever be wiped out?

"Well, with the action demanded by the governor, the cooperation of the sheriffs bureau and all lawmen working together, it can be held to a minimum," Parrish commented. "But wipe it out? Well, anytime anyone sees a rattlesnake, the snake is killed. Just because we don't see rattlesnakes crawling in the streets doesn't mean there aren't any around.

"And bolita is just as treacherous as a rattlesnake. As long as it is condoned, there is always the danger that some weak-minded public official will succumb to the rosy pictures painted for him as to what life can be like if he'll play along."

You might read those last two paragraphs again. They put the finger squarely on otherwise law-abiding members of society who keep the racket alive by buying the tickets which the peddlers offer. You aren't one of the buyers, are you?



STARKE—SIX-WEEKS-OLD BLOODHOUND PUPPIES ARE LATEST RECRUITS OF BRADFORD COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT—They were presented to Sheriff P. D. (Pete) Reddish by R. G. Sullivan, road captain of the Doctor's Inlet Prison Camp, in appreciation for assistance the Sheriff gave in capture of two escaped convicts. Shown holding them on the hood of patrol car is Deputy Sheriff Russell Redding. (Photo by Sam McGaney)



FORT PIERCE—AXES AND BULLETS DESTROY 50-GALLON MOONSHINE CACHE FOUND UNDER HOUSE—Members of the "demolition crew" are, from left, Deputy Sheriff Warren Alford; State Beverage Department Agents Link Silsby and William Steinman; Deputies Richard Waugh and Pat Duval. (Photo by St. Lucie County Sheriff's Department)

## "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

058-173 — CANCELLATION OF BOND WHEN DEFENDANT COMMITS SUICIDE—Where a convicted defendant posts a 90-day bond under Section 921.15, F. S., and subsequently commits suicide, the criminal action abates upon the death of the defendant and the surety is relieved of his liability and the bond may be cancelled.

058-177 — CHATTEL MORTGAGOR'S INTEREST IN PROPERTY SUBJECT TO EXECUTION.—The sheriff should determine prior to making levy under Section 30.30, F. S., on motor vehicles registered under laws of Florida, the nature of the interest of the debtor in such vehicle as only the "equity of redemption" of the mortgagor is subject to the levy and sale and conditional sales vendee does not possess such title as to make his interest in property subject to levy. Recourse to equity should be had to reach such interest. Protection for chattel mortgages is afforded by provisions of Sections 55.21 and 55.22, Florida Statutes.

058-188 — POLICEMEN'S RETIREMENT FUND—While amended Section 195.20, Florida Statutes, does require continuous service in one municipality in computing the "period" of service for retirement, it does not destroy the right of a policeman who has been continuously employed in one municipality for ten years or more, upon leaving the service prior to retirement age, to receive retirement compensation when he reaches age 60.

058-196 — WAIVER OF PRELIMINARY HEARING.—The right to a preliminary examination to the extent that it is for the benefit of the accused is a personal privilege which he may waive unless prohibited by law. He may manifest a waiver either expressly or by implication.

058-204 — JURISDICTION OF COUNTY JUDGE—A county judge has no jurisdiction to enter an order restoring a mentally incompetent person to mental competency unless the original order adjudging mental incompetency was entered by a county judge of the State of Florida.

## New Jr. Deputy Unit Organized

PANAMA CITY—Plans are underway for organizing the fourth Junior Deputy Sheriffs League in Bay County. Sheriff M. J. "Doc" Daffin said the new group would be located in the beach area. At present, some 225 boys are members of the three Junior Deputy Sheriff Leagues in the county.

Ralph Coleman, Bay County Deputy Sheriff, is director of the program.

Plans are also underway for outfitting the boys in full dress uniforms similar to the official uniform worn by the Department's real deputies; and for a trip to South Florida law enforcement offices.

The three groups now in operation are Leagues at Panama City and Lynn Haven, for white junior deputies, and a countywide League for Negro junior deputies.



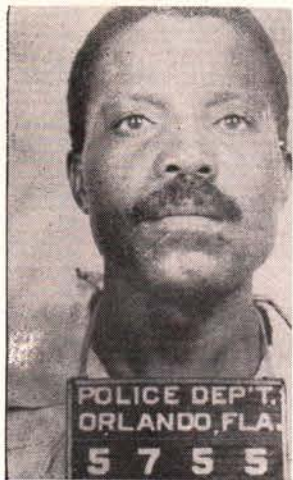
# WANTED PERSONS

**As Compiled by the  
Florida Sheriffs Bureau  
Don McLeod, Director**



**ELLIX McCOY**

With aliases, ALEX McCOY, MACK McCOY, "BUDDY," "PREACHER," "ELDER," etc., negro male, about 61, 5 feet, 9 inches, weighs 150-160 pounds, black hair, brown eyes. Cut scar left corner lower lip, large cut scar right side of neck, fingers on left hand bent, probably wearing a mustache. Has been in wood and junk yard business practically all his life, and is reportedly still engaged in this line of work somewhere in Florida. On January 2, 1955, he viciously murdered one Belle Brown, in Fort Myers, Fla., and has been indicted for murder in Lee County. He has previously served time in Georgia and Florida. All agencies are asked to be on alert for subject in those jurisdictions requiring licenses for wood and junk yards, to check subject's name and aliases against licenses issued. Subject may be armed and should be considered dangerous. Photograph shown was made in 1937 or 1938. If apprehended notify FBI or Sheriff Thompson, Fort Myers, Fla., or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



**EARL JOHNSON**

White male, age 17, 5 feet, 5 inches tall, weighs 115 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes, light complexion. Warrant issued, charge Violation of Probation. Notify Sheriff Blackburn, Tampa, Florida, or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



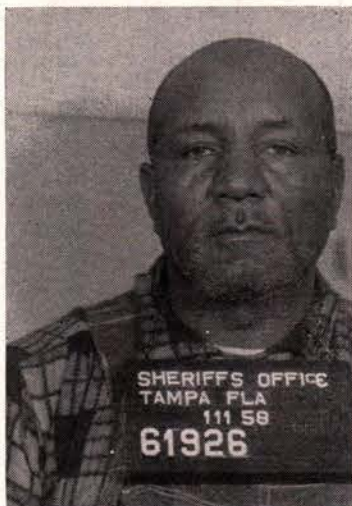
**ALBERT FRANCIS FRAZIER**

White male, age 18, 5 feet, 7 1/2 inches tall, weighs 150 pounds, brown hair, grey-green eyes, ruddy complexion. Warrant issued, charge Violation of Probation, original charge Forgery and Uttering. Notify Sheriff Blackburn, Tampa, Florida or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



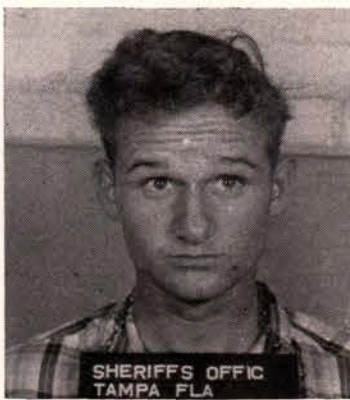
**JOSEPH LEVY**

Numerous aliases on request. White male, Jewish, age 61, 5 feet, 8 inches tall, weighs approximately 165 pounds, medium to heavy build, brown hair which is beginning to grey, bald spot on top of head, blue-grey eyes, (appears pop-eyed), sometimes wears heavy shell rimmed glasses. Upper two center front teeth protrude. Chain smoker, prefers Dutch Masters. Wears diamond Shriner's pin in lapel. Poses as business man, stock broker, cattle buyer, doctor. Known as first class confidence man, accomplished check forger, and inveterate prison inmate. Has been actively engaged in deceit and fraud past half century, and has been identified by widows and well-to-do women as subject who victimized them with bad checks and swindled them out of valuable jewelry. Said to be ardent horse and dog racing enthusiast. Good appearance, suave, well dressed. Claims to be close friend of Governors and Senators. He is wanted by FBI for Conditional Release Violation and Interstate Transportation of Stolen Property. If apprehended notify nearest FBI office or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



**JOHN ALLEN**

With alias "BRANDNEW," colored male, age 58, 5 feet, 9 inches, weighs 220 pounds, black hair, brown eyes, dark complexion. Capias issued, charge Gambling Law Violations. Notify Sheriff Blackburn, Tampa, Florida, or The Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



**HOYT F. HOWERTON**

White male, age 19, 5 feet, 9 1/2 inches tall, weighs 150 pounds, brown hair and eyes, ruddy complexion. Warrant issued, charge Violation of Probation. Original charge Contributing to Delinquency of Minor. Notify Sheriff Blackburn, Tampa, Fla., or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.

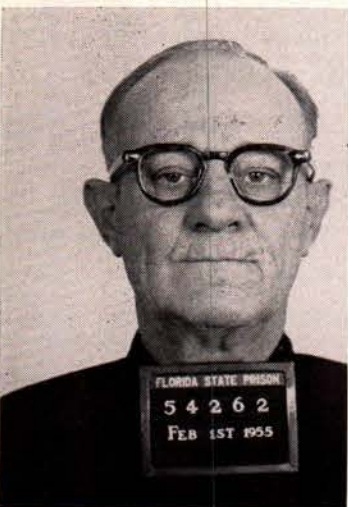


**ROBERT LEE WASHINGTON**

Negro male, age 29, 5 feet 10 1/2 inches tall, weighs 170 pounds. Left eye missing. Reported to have left Tallahassee on or about 3-26-58. Mother resides 1335 Fargo St., St. Petersburg. Warrant issued, charge Parole Violator. Notify Sheriff Joyce, Tallahassee, Florida or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Fla.

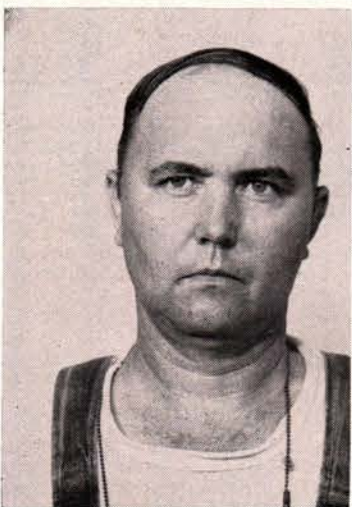
## BAD CHECK ARTIST'S GALLERY

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



**LEMUELLE OSCAR CLARK**

Numerous aliases, white male, age 66, 5 feet 8 1/2 inches tall, weighs 175 pounds, medium build, light brown hair, greying, thin on top of head, high forehead, medium complexion. Wears glasses most of time. Teeth bad, mostly missing. Tattoo of fern leaf upper left forearm, a girl, American flag, eagle and shield on inside left forearm. Has forged a number of checks against Atlantic Coastline Railroad since 1951. Types checks payable to alias he is using, typing "Atlantic Coast Line Railroad" above check heading, usually adds information about overtime, extra mileage approved by Gen-



**AARON EDWARDS**

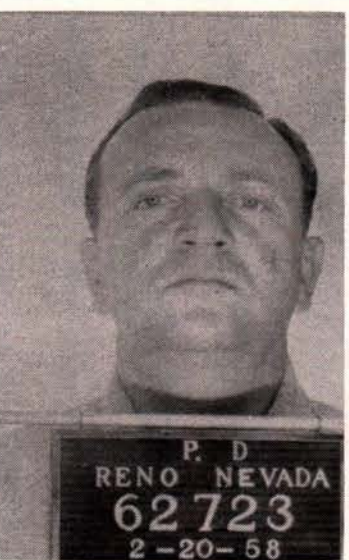
White male, born 5-20-15 in Greenwood, S. C., brown hair, blue eyes, ruddy complexion. Address, General Delivery, Eaton Park, Fla. Wanted on Worthless Check charge. Notify Sheriff Parrish, Bartow, Florida, or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.

eral Paymaster, etc., posing as employee of the railroad. Any information concerning subject's location notify Captain Rowan, ACL RR Police Dept., Jacksonville, Fla., or Florida Sheriffs Bureau.



**CARL MORRIS**

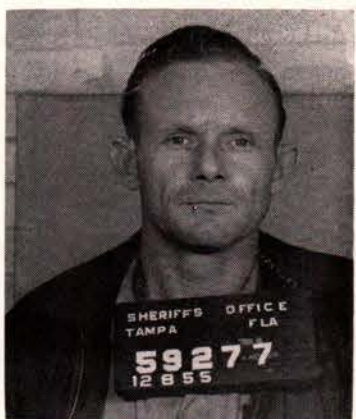
White male, age 29, 5 feet 9 1/2 inches tall, weighs 198 pounds, brown hair, hazel eyes, ruddy complexion. He was driving a 1950 Ford Station Wagon, handpainted green or silver body, with brown woodwork on sides, or a 1950 handpainted pink Henry J. License number unknown. He was accompanied by a white male, name unknown, described as being 5 feet, 10 inches tall, weighing 180 pounds, light red hair. Both subjects work as boat repair men. Warrant issued for Morris on charge of Worthless Checks and his companion is wanted



**NORVELL LEON HOWELL**

White male, age 39, 5 feet 6 1/2 inches tall, weighs 165 pounds, stocky build, brown-grey hair, blue eyes. Scar inner right elbow. Occupation: Salesman. This subject has passed worthless checks in Orange County totaling over \$4000.00. Warrant issued. If apprehended notify Sheriff Starr, Orlando, or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee.

for investigation on same charge. Notify Sheriff Genung, Clearwater, Florida, or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



**IVEY H. STANLEY, JR.**

White male, age 21, 6 feet tall, weighs 168 pounds, blond hair, blue eyes, light complexion. Has a past record in Florida, Georgia, Alabama and Indiana on Worthless Check charges. Subject purchased an automobile, giving check for full amount, \$962.00. Check returned marked "No Account." Car described as 1955 Chevrolet 4-door, light grey over dull blue, doors on right side lighter than rest of car. At time of purchase car had Florida License 28-7871. Warrant issued, will extradite. If apprehended notify Police Department, Tampa, Florida, or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



## Case of the "Nude Rapist"

## Artist's Sketch Helps Sheriff in Apprehension of Attack Suspect

By ERIC ATKINS

CLEARWATER—A Dunedin artist's sketch and the tireless efforts of the Largo police and the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department resulted in the apprehension of a man believed to be the rapist who has been plaguing the Largo area for the past two years.

The accused man, Willie George City, 21, of Baskin's Crossing, who reportedly has a wife and two children in Las Vegas, Nev., signed a nine-page confession at 2:30 a.m. June

19, Sheriff Don Genung reported. The man admitted five rapes, one attempted rape, five housebreaks and one attempted housebreak since August 23, 1956, the sheriff said.

Chief Deputy Bill Roberts said that all breaks and attacks, except one, were made in the southwest section of Largo.

The typewritten confession was accompanied by a three-page handwritten one executed by City himself, to show that the admission was not obtained

under duress, Genung explained.

"I'm Sorry"

"I pray to God my son don't grow up and do these crazy things," City wrote at the end of the confession. "I'm sorry."

The sheriff, who appeared fresh despite an all-night and early morning questioning of the suspect, told reporters that a water-color sketch made by Dunedin artist Alida Conover was instrumental in the man's capture.

Miss Conover, at the request of the sheriff last Oct. 17, did an "artist's conception" of the suspect from a description given her by one of the victims.

The latter, a 55-year-old Largo resident, was able to give a good description, Genung said, because of a radio pilot light that was on in her bedroom at the time of the attack.

Sheriff Genung remarked that the water-color sketch was so similar, that even the color of City's skin matched the drawing.

The actual run-down of City came the night of June 18 after a series of housebreaks that had been occurring in Largo since June 12. The man sought had been gaining access to homes in the area by removing the glass jalousies from doors and breaking the inner screen.

Two actual breaks and one attempt were reported on June 12, and then another on June 14.

## Fingerprints Found

A Largo police officer and Deputy Armand A. Tetrault investigated, saw the possibilities of fingerprints and called Forrest Peacock, identification

officer for the sheriff's department.

Two more breaks were reported June 18 in which \$90 was stolen from one house and a watch from another. By this time, Peacock had checked his files, identified the man through the fingerprints found, and Willie George City was arrested at 7 p.m. that evening while at work in the linen room of a hotel.

Chief deputy Roberts and chief investigator L. M. Kersey made the arrest and said they found \$63 and a watch, which fit the description of the one stolen, on the defendant.

After questioning, City, at 10:30 p.m., confessed to the two house breaks committed the previous evening, deputies said. At 2:30 a.m., a full confession admitting all the rape cases and breaks was obtained, Genung stated.

Police officers remained with City until 4:30 a.m., re-tracing the routes allegedly taken by City in gaining entrance to the Largo homes. All but two of the females, whom City is accused of attacking, lived alone.

## Tells About Victims

Genung said that City told them about the homes and what certain of the rape victims said to him that corresponded to what the women told police.

The dates of the attacks are: August 23, 1956—a 72-year-old woman in her home at 2 a.m.

June 18, 1957—a 57-year-old woman in her home a half a mile from the first one.

Sept. 24, 1957—a 55-year-old woman.

Oct. 1, 1957—an attempted rape of a 16-year-old girl who was living with her grandmother.

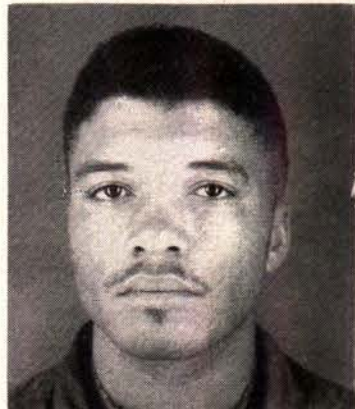
Oct. 17, 1957—a 61-year-old woman.

March 31, 1957—a 68-year-old woman.

Genung said that City was referred to as the "nude rapist" in that before each attack the accused man would remove his clothes, place them on the doorstep outside, and prowl the house naked looking for his victim. This procedure was also followed during the housebreak incidents, Genung said.



ARTIST'S SKETCH OF "NUDE RAPIST"

WILLIE GEORGE CITY  
Rape Suspect

CLEARWATER—OFFICERS COMPLETE TWO-YEAR SEARCH FOR "NUDE RAPIST"—Shown checking evidence are (from left) Sheriff's Department Chief Criminal Investigator L. M. Kersey; Largo Police Chief Charles Wetmore; Sheriff's Department Identification Officer Forest Peacock; Pinellas County Sheriff Don Genung; Deputy Sheriff Armand Tetrault and Chief Deputy Sheriff Bill Roberts. (Photo courtesy Clearwater Sun.)

## Kelly's JD's Give Adults Safety Lesson

By DOROTHY MOLDENHAUER

MIAMI—Each year Sheriff Thomas J. Kelly designates a special day during the summer months known as "Lock-Your-Car-Day."

This year three prizes were offered to 60 youngsters belonging to the Junior Deputies who met on the Court House steps and set out to discover which of them could find the most parked cars with keys dangling from the ignition panel; windows open; doors ajar, and valuables left invitingly on the seats.

Two hours later the group of perspiring and excited boys reported finding 86 cars with keys left in the ignition, 1,291 cars left with windows open, 143 cars standing with doors open, and 66 cars with valuables lying inside.

These cars, under the supervision of Junior Deputy directors, were duly tagged by the boys with a friendly precaution describing the individual negligence of the car owner.

Sheriff Kelly explained to the boys the importance of establishing good habits which will lead to good citizenship. He pointed out that open cars invite theft which in turn leads to our high insurance rates and the necessity of extra police activity in regaining stolen vehicles.

There is a yearly loss of 180 million dollars in car thefts, according to J. Edgar Hoover.

Pleased with the results of this year's two-hour drive, Sheriff Kelly decided to hold a similar drive at a later date in the near future in order to arouse further public awareness in car carelessness.



CLEARWATER—17-FOOT FLAG WILL FLY ON FLAGPOLE AT FLORIDA SHERIFFS BOYS RANCH—It is shown here being presented by Mrs. Mattie Saunders (right), widow of the late Sheriff Sid Saunders, to Sheriff Don Genung (second from right) and Leonard Woodruff of St. Petersburg, Honorary Member of the Florida Sheriffs Association (third from right). Also in the picture are Sallie Saunders, 11, (left) and Patricia Saunders, 14, daughters of the late Sheriff.



ST. AUGUSTINE—LARGE MOONSHINE STILL RAIDED AND TWO MEN ARRESTED IN ST. JOHNS COUNTY—Raiding party included (from left) Deputy Sheriff John R. Cassidy; State Beverage Department Agent Floyd Bennett; and Federal Agent C. J. Powell. (Photo by Rupert Chastain)

## Times-Union Says

## Sheriffs Show Awareness of Duty And "Deep Sense of Kindliness"

JACKSONVILLE—The Florida Times-Union said in an editorial that Florida's Sheriffs, in their Boys Ranch project, have shown "a consciousness that their duty extends" beyond mere law enforcement.

The newspaper also said that the Ranch is evidence of "an enlightened sense of responsibility and a deep sense of kindness on the part of those who have brought it into being."

Here is the editorial in full: "First Anniversary of the Boys Ranch will be observed by the Florida Sheriffs Assn. at their 45th annual conference now under way in West Palm Beach.

"The home for needy and worthy boys is being built by the Sheriffs Assn. on the Suwannee River near Live Oak.

"Primary duty of the sheriffs is law enforcement. But in their Boys Ranch project they have shown a consciousness that their duty extends into a wider area. They have frequent opportunities in their work to observe youngsters in need, and they are refusing to let themselves become callous and hardened to it. Instead they are doing something about it.

"Too many people who deal

regularly with human hardship do become indifferent to it; they tend to accept it as inevitable. But when one is considering the causes of crimes, as sheriffs must, it is apparent that in very many cases there is a duty of prevention as well as detection; in very many cases lack of guidance and sheer misery of childhood deprivations nurture the seeds of later delinquency and crime.

"A helping hand—a strong hand—can provide both guidance and relief of misery. Youngsters who need a home can be given one; youngsters who need a more wholesome environment can be given one. The Boys Ranch is not a reform school for delinquents but a haven for children. Nonetheless its role in preventing delinquency should not be overlooked.

"It is an endeavor that shows an enlightened sense of responsibility and a deep sense of kindness on the part of those who have brought it into being.

"It can make a tremendous difference to needy boys to know that somebody cares, and will help them in a practical way. It can make a considerable difference to the future of the state if this kind of care is extended to as many boys as possible."



## Have Still---Will Travel

Here's something new in moonshine stills — a portable outfit confiscated by the Hardee County Sheriff's Department and State Beverage Agents.

Hardee Sheriff E. Odell Carlton said it looked like an innocent water tank on wheels, but closer inspection revealed it wasn't so innocent.

The supply of fermenting mash — raw material for the still — was buried underground in a 500-gallon tank and the lid was covered with trash.

The condenser and other equipment were found in a building nearby.

"I've been in law enforcement 25 years," said Sheriff Carlton, "and I've never seen anything like this before."



**READY TO OPERATE**—After confiscating the portable still, officers assembled it near the Hardee County Jail to demonstrate how it looked in operation. (Sheriff's Department Photo)

## Boys Wait for Missing "Teddy"

DELAND—Two young boys are keeping a vigil here for their "lost" Collie dog, "Teddy."

Volusia County Sheriff Rodney B. Thursby has circulated information far and wide concerning the lost pet, but to date no word has been forthcoming, and the two boys, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Luttrell, of DeLand, are finding the days longer and longer as they yearn for their missing pal.

Both parents of Jimmy, 10, and Randy, 8, feel certain that the pet was "dognapped" but told Sheriff Thursby they are sure the dog will come home if he is not tied or closed in.

Other Sheriff's offices are asked to assist in locating the missing pet, described by Sheriff Thursby as follows: Weight about 80 pounds, large bone structure, coloring red to dark red, four years old, has a little bump on the side of his nose and a very small group of white hairs on hip, white front feet with bushy tail; general appearance, "about the same as Lassie only larger."

Any information concerning the Collie can be sent to the Volusia County Sheriff's office, Deland.

## Voice Was Familiar But Range Wasn't

CRESTVIEW — Okaloosa County Deputy Ralph Hendrix reported via his car radio that the weather was fine and the radio operator at the sheriff's headquarters reported that the weather was fine.

Nothing startling here, except that Deputy Hendrix was over a thousand miles away, on emergency leave visiting his sick mother in Toledo, Ohio.

Normal radio reception is 30 miles but because of freak atmospheric conditions, Hendrix and the Crestview office were able to communicate at almost regular intervals.

## Pasco Deputy Knows How to Dispense Florida Hospitality

DADE CITY—Two New York State couples won't soon forget the kindness and courtesy of Pasco County Deputy Sheriff Ronald P. Lange.

When they were involved in an accident in April he took them to a motel and helped them to arrange transportation so they could continue their vacation while their car was being repaired.

Recently he received this letter:

Dear Mr. Lange:

Several months have passed, but my wife as well as our friends have cherished memories of the gracious attention you gave to us when we had problems with our accident at Zephyrhills in April.

In our northern communities we expect rough treatment as well as lack of understanding in our custodians of the law and it was a privilege to receive the gracious attention you gave us.

Under normal circumstances, accidents are not enjoyable but the care you gave to our problems left a pleasant memory that we shall retain as the years move on.

My wife, as well as our close friends, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Snyder, of Rochester, New York, join in expressing our warm thanks for the assistance you extended to us. We enjoyed the gracious attention you gave to our problem.

Sincerely,

James E. Brucklacher  
President  
Cumberland County  
National Bank

## To Visit Jails

PALATKA — A three-man committee was named by the Putnam County Commission to look into the possibility of improving County jail facilities. The committee, which will visit jails in other counties, consists of Sheriff E. W. Pellicer and County Commissioners Dick Lilly and Louis Broer.



**BRADENTON—FOUNDERS CLUB CERTIFICATE PRESENTED IN APPRECIATION OF CONTRIBUTION TO FLORIDA SHERIFFS BOYS RANCH**—Manatee County Sheriff Roy F. Baden (left) makes the presentation, and Florida Highway Patrol Capt. F. M. Thomas accepts the certificate on behalf of Troop F.



**CLEARWATER—MORE RANCH FUNDS**—Not to be outdone by each other, two Clearwater organizations present \$100 checks to Pinellas County Sheriff Donald S. Genung as their donations to the Florida Sheriffs Boys' Ranch. In the top photo, C. Fred Taylor secretary of the Clearwater Lion's Club presents his; and below, Bob Kiester, treasurer of the Clearwater Association of Insurance Agents hands his over to the grateful sheriff.

## Bad Check Artist Quickly Checked

SANFORD—The alertness of local bank employees resulted in the quick capture of an out-of-state check artist "working" this area.

Bookkeepers at the Florida State Bank spotted the bad checks and reported them immediately to Luther Hobby. The sheriff started an investigation, at the same time alerting Sanford merchants, one of whom, a local druggist, spotted the check artist as he attempted to pass another piece of worthless paper.

The forger managed to get away in his car but he was soon found hiding at a local fish camp, and arrested.

## What Else?

The Florida Sheriffs Association decided to issue a special Honorary Membership Card, with the serial number 525, to Walter A. Melton, of Warrington.

What else could we do?

Honorary Member Melton lives at 525 South Second Street.

For the past seven years his auto license tag has been number 525.

His Elks membership card is number 525.

And his Florida Peace Officers Association emblem is number 525.

## Valuable Info Coming from Bolita Meets

TALLAHASSEE — Florida Sheriffs Bureau Director Don McLeod said area meetings of law enforcement officers arranged by the Bureau are producing valuable information which will be used in a state-wide war on bolita racketeers.

He said three such meetings were held in July in Tampa, Orlando and Gainesville; and about five more have been scheduled for other sections of the state. They are closed to the public and press because of their confidential nature.

Each meeting covers an area of eight to 12 counties and brings together sheriffs, police officers and other enforcement agents for a discussion of the widespread bolita racket.

McLeod said the meetings have developed a valuable exchange of information, with Bureau officials explaining the state-wide bolita situation to local officers, and the local officers in turn providing data about local conditions.

This information will be compiled, classified and evaluated by the Sheriffs Bureau, he explained, and then made available to every law enforcement agency in the state.

It will also provide the basis for a detailed plan of action to comply with Gov. LeRoy Collins' demands for a state-wide bolita crackdown.

McLeod said the bolita conferences are in line with the normal function of the Sheriffs Bureau as a state-wide crime fighting agency created to cooperate with other enforcement agencies and coordinate their efforts.

He said the conferences have been well attended. "The attitude of the attending officers has been very good," he added, "and they all seem to be enthused."

## Teen Club Planning Show to Aid Ranch

KEY WEST — Monroe County Sheriff John Spottswood announced the Teen-Age Club of Key West will hold a variety show for the benefit of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch some time during the month of August.

He heartily endorsed the project and said it was the youngsters' own idea. The teen-age group is sponsored by the Key West Elks Lodge.

## Traveling 'Shiners Get Rough Welcome

FORT MYERS — The largest still ever found in Lee County, capable of producing 300 to 400 gallons of moonshine a week, was discovered near the Caloosahatchee River and destroyed.

Sheriff Flanders Thompson said the operation was run by two young men, both of whom escaped when they apparently realized they had been spotted and that the still was under observation.

The sheriff said evidence indicated that the operators were from upstate Florida, probably the Jacksonville area, and had tried to move into this South Florida county after things got too hot for them in South Georgia and North Florida.

## "Put Me In Jail" Request Granted

HOLLYWOOD — "I'm afraid I'm going to do something to someone that I'll be sorry for. When I get half drunk, I get mad."

With this explanation, a 57-year-old man asked Deputy Sheriff Paul Keller to "put me in jail for a week so I can get off this bender."

The Deputy obliged.



# Sheriffs Dig-in for Attack on Delinquency



These pictures were taken August 1, during Ground-Breaking Ceremonies at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, a Home For Needy and Neglected Boys on the Suwannee River.



**FIRST FLAG RAISING**—Live Oak Cub Scouts raise the American Flag for the first time at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. Pole was provided by Live Oak Elks Lodge. (Photo by Glenn Stubbs)



**MOST HAPPY FELLAS**—Hillsborough County Sheriff Ed Blackburn, Jr., Executive Director of the Boys Ranch, happily tosses the first shovelful of dirt. Awaiting their turns with equal joviality are five Ranch Trustees (from left): Suwannee County Sheriff Hugh Lewis; W. F. Edwards, of Dade City; Pasco Sheriff Leslie Bessenger, president of the Florida Sheriffs Association; Monroe Sheriff John Spottswood, trustee chairman, and J. L. McMullen, of Live Oak. (Photo by Glenn Stubbs)



**NOW DIG**—Boys Ranch Trustee J. L. McMullen, of Live Oak (center), presents gold-painted shovel to Hillsborough County Sheriff Ed Blackburn, Jr., while Taylor County Sheriff Maurice Linton, the master of ceremonies, studies his notes. (Photo by Glenn Stubbs)



**CHOW LINE**—Nassau County Sheriff H. J. Youngblood (foreground) prepares to sample Suwannee County cooking as line forms for barbecue which concluded the ground-breaking program. Barbecue was arranged by John H. Roland, Duke McCallister, State Sen. Horry Hair, Jr., and Thomas Musgrove, all of Live Oak. (Photo by Glenn Stubbs)



**DEDICATION ADDRESS**—Monroe County Sheriff John Spottswood delivers the dedication address. He is chairman of the Boys Ranch Trustees and a past-president of the Florida Sheriffs Association. (Photo by Glenn Stubbs)



**'WAY DOWN UPON THE SUWANNEE RIVER**—A view of the crowd of Sheriffs and interested citizens who attended the ground-breaking. Picture also shows some of the scenic possibilities of the 722-acre Boys Ranch site on the banks of the Suwannee River. (Photo by Glenn Stubbs)