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## Solved Crimes Increase 100 %

TAMPA—Hillsborough County Sheriff Ed Blackburn's Department reported a 100 per cent increase in the number of crimes solved during a 10-month period of 1959 as compared to the same period the previous year.

From January through October, the Office cleared an average of 41.2 per cent of all felony cases handled, as compared to 29.6 per cent the year earlier and the national average of 30 per cent.

A total of 1015 cases were investigated as compared to 803 the previous year.

Chief Criminal Deputy Sheriff Archie Adair attributed the increase in cases handled to the rise in the county's population.

## Posse Rescues 2 Young Boys

JACKSONVILLE — Duval County Sheriff Dale Carson's Mounted Posse looks good in parades — but the horsemen perform an important practical job, too. Two young brothers, ages 11 and 14, lost in the woods near here for several hours, will attest to that fact.

Wayne and Tommy Driggers had been hunting in the woods near Marietta when they realized they were lost. Wandering to a small clearing, they sat down to wait until morning. Neither was dressed for the cold, wearing only dungarees and shirts.

A 12-man mounted posse, headed by County Patrolman Elmer Rudd, started the search. Armed with searchlights and walkie-talkies, the posse combed the swampy area for almost six hours. The posse located the boys, cold and shivering, at about 3 in the morning, and returned them to their mother, Mrs. Paul Driggers, of Jacksonville.

## Sheriff & Son Save Boy's Life

CRAWFORDVILLE — Fast action by Wakulla County Sheriff Bill Taft and his 19-year-old son was credited with saving the life of a 10-year-old boy who was trapped in a cave-in.

Sheriff Taft and his son, Rhett, were inspecting a house under construction when the cave-in occurred nearby, burying 10-year-old Donnie Thomson, who had been playing with a companion in a dug-out in the dirt. They reached the scene within minutes after the cave-in, and found the youngster buried under some four feet of dirt.

Sheriff Taft directed rescue operations and son Rhett administered artificial respiration mouth-to-mouth until the boy resumed breathing.



ARCADIA—BOOSTERS BOOST RANCH—The Band Booster's Club, sponsors of the DeSoto County High School "Marching Generals" recently contributed \$25 to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch as a tribute to the interest Sheriff Lloyd Holton has taken in the band. He is shown receiving the donation from Miss Beverly Tussing, Drum Major. Sheriff Holton regularly provides a patrol car escort for the band's out-of-town trips. He also presented a Confederate flag to the band to match the members' Confederate uniforms. (Ebersole Publishing Co. Photo).

## Sheriff Who Never Made Enemy Killed in Christmas Eve Crash

MILTON—"As far as I know he never had an enemy of his own making."

This, from the lips of a friend, was one of the final tributes paid to Santa Rosa County Sheriff Bart D. Broxson after he was killed in a Christmas Eve highway accident, in the line of duty.

The 58-year-old Sheriff, who was also a minister in the Assembly of God Church, had answered a call south of here and was heading toward Milton on State Road 87 when an approaching car traveling at a high rate of speed came around a curve and collided with his car.

He was killed almost instantly and Deputy Sheriff Hubert H. Lowry, 46, who was a passenger, was seriously injured. Latest reports indicated Lowry, the father of 15 children, was recovering satisfactorily. Sheriff Broxson was survived by 11 children and 24 grandchildren.

Lonnie Roy Anderson, 22, of Milton, driver of the other car, was seriously injured and was reported still in the hospital at this writing.

Florida Highway Patrol Trooper Al Green, who investigated the accident, said evidence indicated Anderson's car was traveling near 80 miles per hour, skidded 67 feet before impact and 160 feet more after striking the Sheriff's car. He

### New Sheriffs

TALLAHASSEE — Two new Sheriffs were appointed during the last week of December by Gov. LeRoy Collins.

The Rev. John R. Broxson, 28-year-old Assembly of God minister, was named to succeed his father, the late Santa Rosa County Sheriff Bart D. Broxson, after the latter was killed in a Christmas Eve highway accident.

Herman E. Turner, 57, semi-retired cattleman and member of the Florida Development Commission, was appointed Manatee County Sheriff after veteran Sheriff Roy Baden was removed from office by the Governor for alleged neglect of duty.

Both appointments will run until the early part of January, 1961.

## Future Governor's Luncheon Part of Conference Agenda

PENSACOLA—A "Future Governor's Luncheon" at which announced and potential candidates will be distinguished guests will be one of the highlights of the annual Mid-Winter Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association.

The Conference will be held in the San Carlos Hotel, January 27, 28 and 29; and the "Future Governor's Luncheon" is slated for the final day.

Escambia County Sheriff Emmett Shelby, the conference host, said all major aspirants have been invited to attend not only the special luncheon but also all other conference events.

Other highlights include a luncheon address by U. S. Rep. Robert L. F. Sikes, of Crestview; election of Association officers; reports on the Florida Sheriffs Bureau and the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch; a mounted posse drill; Sheriffs Bureau Crime Conference; and a banquet.

The complete program follows:

## PROGRAM

All Events Are Scheduled On Central Standard Time

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27

- 1:00 P.M. — Registration, hotel lobby  
Fee for Sheriffs .....\$10.00  
Fee for invited guests ..... 10.00  
No registration fee for wives of Sheriffs and wives of invited guests.
- 2:00 P.M. — Board of Directors Meeting
- 3:00 P.M. — Mounted Posse Drill  
At Sherwood Stables, on North Palafox Highway, opposite Florida National Bank.

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 28

- 9:00 A.M. — Registration, hotel lobby.
- 10:00 A.M. — Conference opens, Sheriff Ross E. Boyer presiding.  
Invocation by The Rev. Dolphus Price, Pastor of Brent Baptist Church.  
Addresses of Welcome by:  
Sheriff Emmett Shelby, Conference Host  
The Hon. Roy Philpot, Mayor of Pensacola  
The Hon. Vince Caro, Chairman of the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners  
Response by Sheriff Ross E. Boyer, President, Florida Sheriffs Association  
Recognition of Honored Guests by Sheriff Emmett Shelby  
Report on the Florida Sheriffs Bureau by the Hon. Don McLeod, Director  
Report on the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch by Sheriff Ed Blackburn, Jr., Executive Director
- 11:30 A.M. — Opening session adjourns.
- 12:30 P.M. — Luncheon for Sheriffs and Guests  
San Carlos Hotel Dining Room, Mezzanine Floor.  
Address by The Hon. Robert L. F. Sikes, U. S. Representative from Florida's Third Congressional District.
- 2:30 P.M. — Executive session (Sheriffs only) — Election of Officers for 1960
- 5:00 P.M. — Executive session adjourns.
- 6:00 P.M. — Hospitality Hour for Sheriffs and Guests  
Mezzanine Floor, San Carlos Hotel  
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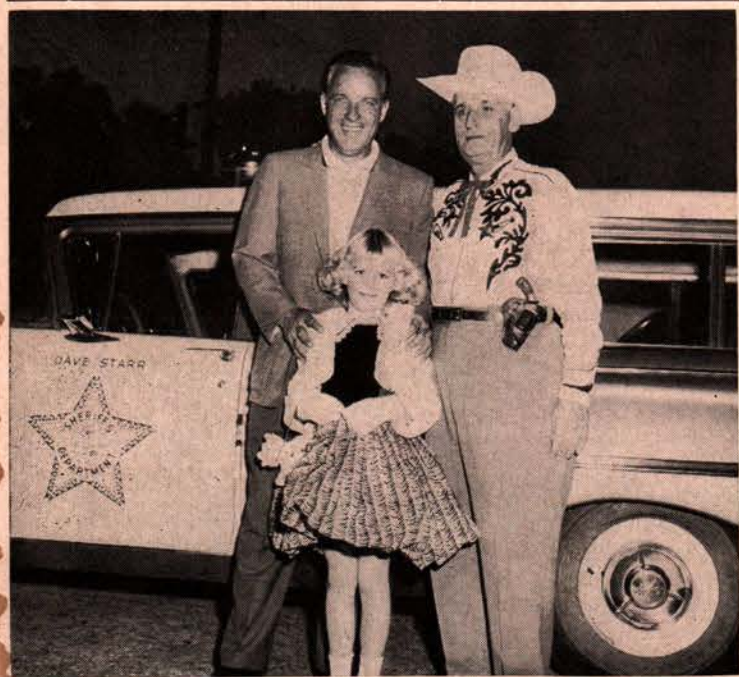
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**ORLANDO—SHERIFF LEADS PARADE**—Sheriff Dave Starr led the annual Orlando Christmas Parade in one of his patrol cars, and Miss Debra Barnett, 7, who was selected as "Queen" of the parade in a radio contest, rode with him. Pictured with them above is famous bandleader Bob Crosby, who was this year's "parade marshal".



**FLORIDA SHERIFFS BOYS RANCH—ASSISTANCE ATO**—Some 80 members of Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity, at the University of Florida, donated a day's work to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch on December 5. Here they are pictured during a lunch break arranged by Ranch officials. ATO was the first fraternity to send a work crew to the Ranch in 1958. Later several other fraternities, from the University of Florida and Florida State University, followed their lead.

## Warning System Organized by Hagan Parrish

**LAKELAND**—Sheriff Hagan Parrish announced the organization of a "Red Flash System" among merchants here to curtail shoplifters and writers of worthless checks.

It is designed to warn merchants quickly when criminals of this type are operating here. It will help to protect the merchants from losses and it will enable the Sheriff to nab the culprits speedily.

Here's how it works:

When a merchant receives a bad check or an item is shoplifted from his store, he immediately calls Sheriff Parrish and gives him a complete and accurate description of the suspect.

The Sheriff then calls certain key merchants, giving them the information. Each of these merchants calls two other merchants, and the chain of telephone calls continues in this manner until every merchant in the city is alerted.

Sheriff Parrish said within 30 minutes all of the participating merchants can be notified.

The same system has been used successfully by a number of Florida Sheriffs. One of the pioneers in the use of it was Leon County Sheriff W. P. (Bill) Joyce, of Tallahassee.

## Sewing Helps to Rehabilitate Dade Prisoners

**MIAMI**—Six months ago Sheriff Thomas J. Kelly initiated a voluntary sewing program for the women inmates of the Dade County Jail.

Generous garment manufacturers donated remnants of material and sewing machines were installed. By the time the holidays arrived, 250 garments made by the inmates voluntarily were delivered by deputies of the Public Safety Department to the needy families of both men and women inmates of the County Jail along with baskets of food and stuffed toys.

The Auxiliary of the Dade County Sheriffs Association helped in the program of sewing clothes and accessories including a variation ranging from dresses, shirts and baby clothes to underwear and bedroom slippers.

Chiefs of Security favored this fine rehabilitation program and are planning to continue it throughout the coming year. Many released prisoners have been able to secure employment due to an adequate wardrobe and matrons have reported that a complete change in the personalities of their charges has resulted since this activity began.

## Singletary VP of Juvenile Council

**SANFORD**—Chief Deputy Sheriff James J. Singletary has been named vice-president of the newly-formed Seminole County Juvenile Council, organized by local civic leaders interested in youth problems.

The Council is designed to promote a better understanding of the problems of needy youth, including the encouragement of the correction, training, education and placement of needy juveniles within the limits of the county; and to assist financially and otherwise the correction and rehabilitation of juveniles where no other means of assistance is available.



**ALBERT B. GROUND**

## Florida Gained when A.B. Ground Spurned the Old Rocking Chair

By TONY SMILGIN

At an age when most people spend the rest of their days rocking on the front porch or fishing, Albert B. Ground has renewed an old career with the enthusiasm of a college freshman.

In 1956, this affable, energetic gentleman of 61 years retired from a supervisory position with the FBI's Identification Division in Washington after 31 years service. Two years later he accepted the challenge of setting up an identification section within the Florida Sheriffs Bureau when FSB Director Don McLeod offered him the position.

### Experience Paid Off

It wasn't long after Ground's arrival that his experience in the field of criminal identification paid off for the Tallahassee-based state law enforcement agency.

During the summer of 1958, the small northwest Florida town of Bonifay was shocked by a brutal rape and slaying. Extensive investigation by Holmes County Sheriff Cletus Andrews in cooperation with state, county and local officers led to developing a recently released prisoner as the prime suspect in the case. A footprint in blood, found on the wood floor at the crime scene by an FSB agent, was one of the major clues in the case.

### Murderer Pays

The developed suspect was traced to New York state, his fingerprints were taken and sent to the FSB Identification Section for comparison with the crime scene print. Ground's positive identification of the footprint led to the suspect's eventual confession, conviction and electrocution.

Providing vital assistance of this sort in major criminal cases is nothing unusual for the FSB "Ident" chief. During his service with the FBI, he qualified as an expert witness in 37 states and the District of Columbia, providing important testimony in countless cases.

### Innocents Freed

One of his more famed identifications came a few years after he began work with the FBI. In this instance, the only physical evidence in a 1928 Lamar, Colorado bank holdup—which resulted in the robbery of \$219,000 in cash and bonds and the killing of four people—was a single, partial fingerprint found on a car.

The print was submitted to the FBI, but since it would have been virtually impossible to search the partial print through the FBI's then two million fingerprint files, Director John Edgar Hoover instructed his fingerprint experts to memorize the print on

the chance they might someday come across it.

Over a year after the crime, while four men were awaiting trial in the case, Ground was making routine verifications of already identified fingerprint cards. There was something about one of the cards which caused him to check it with the open case file of latent prints. He checked this card several times, finally on the seventh try he recalled the card bore a print identical to the latent from the Lamar robbery case. His positive identification resulted in freeing the four innocent men and caused the true perpetrators of the crime to be brought to justice.

### Enthusiasm Never Dims

Assistance in the solving of criminal cases through the identification of fingerprints, foot prints and palm prints has become almost routine to Ground. But his enthusiasm for the work never dims.

And this enthusiasm seems to be contagious, judging by the attitude of the employees in his section. Aided by a young and eager staff, Ground has made rapid strides in giving Florida a top-notch identification section. Non-existent just a short time ago, the FSB Identification Section today is a smooth-functioning unit which has over 130,000 fingerprint cards on file. It processes over 4,000 fingerprint cards monthly, and provides valuable assistance to law enforcement agencies in identifying latent prints submitted in criminal cases.

### Still A Busy Man

Running the section is a full time job, but by following a schedule that might prove exhausting to a younger man, Ground also manages to find time for lectures on fingerprint techniques and to serve as Vice President for Florida of the International Association for Identification as well as National Booster Chairman of the Military Order of Cootie, the honorary degree of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He loves his work, but he also manages to enjoy gardening and Gulf Coast fishing, his favorite hobbies. Ground's work is paramount in his life, but his philosophy, to parrot a popular commercial, is to live and enjoy life, every golden minute of it. Sitting and rocking is for the older folks, says this master craftsman of identification work.

### Son for Dunns

**TITUSVILLE**—A son was born to Sheriff and Mrs. J. W. Dunn at Wuesthoff Memorial Hospital, December 30—their first child in some 17 years of married life. He was named James Whitaker and weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces.



# 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.

## Boys Won't Soon Forget First Christmas Celebration at Ranch

Christmas was a gala occasion at the Florida Sheriff's Boys Ranch—as the pictures on this page will testify.

A Christmas Dinner was held on December 17 and a Christmas Party on December 18, so the 20 boys living at the Ranch could spend the holiday season with friends and relatives.

They scattered all over the map on December 19, with Sheriffs providing transportation, and returned to the Ranch on January 2.

Ranch officials and the boys themselves were overwhelmed by the gifts and expressions of Christmas cheer that poured in from many sections of the state and from points outside Florida. Cash gifts to the ranch totaled over \$2,000.

Each boy received a large stack of gifts, topped by a new felt western-style hat, and \$25 in cash. They were required to put a large portion of their cash gifts into a savings account.

When they left the Ranch at the beginning of their vacation each boy had brand new clothes to wear. Some of the boys had no luggage, but the Live Oak Rotary Club and other interested citizens quickly raised a luggage fund and provided new suitcases.

Working night and day, Ranch Manager Vincent Jones and his wife, and Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Beach, staff parents, did everything possible to give the boys a real old fashioned Christmas they would never forget.

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The Santa Claus, substantially built so it can be used year after year, was created by Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Jones, of Live Oak. It represented some 230-man-hours of work and the materials in it cost over \$200.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones were special guests at the Christmas Dinner and explained the construction of the Santa Claus to the boys.



**FAMILY PORTRAIT**—Taken during the first annual Christmas celebration, this picture shows how much the Ranch "family" has grown since the Ranch opened in February, 1959. Ranch Manager Vincent Jones and his wife are pictured at right, and Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Beach, staff parents, are at left. One lad was missing due to illness. (Photo by Robert Sangster).

## Founders Club Roster Grows

The following persons, organizations and business firms have been added to the roster of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Founders Club in recognition of donations to the Ranch valued at \$100.00 or more:

Sunshine Aroma No. 44, Deodorized Order of the Skunk, St. Petersburg  
Connie Boswell  
Knight's Trailer Service, St. Petersburg.

Mrs. Edith E. Wright, Sarasota

Thomas E. Sace, Jr., Foundation, New Canaan, Conn.  
William J. Etzel, Zephyrhills  
Mary G. Munroe, Quincy  
S. Rogers Hare, St. Petersburg

Harry Dennison, Clearwater  
Edwin J. Till, St. Petersburg  
Optimist Club of the Holiday Isles, St. Petersburg Beach  
Col. Clyde L. Eastman, St. Petersburg

Thomas J. Morgan, Produce  
Dickson-Jenkins Mfg. Co., Ft. Worth, Texas

Paul Encina, Tampa  
County Sales, Inc., Largo  
Mrs. Gladys Mae Hudnall, St. Cloud

American Legion Post No. 299, Moore Haven  
Pasco County Retail Beverage Dealers Association

Mrs. Edith E. Wright, Sarasota

The Bay Petroleum Corp., Houston, Texas

Oneco Rotary Club  
Mill Supplies, Inc., Orlando  
C. R. Richardson, Sarasota  
Ernest E. Schlenninger, Sarasota

Umatilla Lions Club  
Ormond Beach Lions Club  
Henry Morrill, Brandon  
C. P. "Cowboy" Luttrall, Tampa

Mrs. Anna H. Breymann, St. Petersburg

Moore Farms, Clewiston  
Frank K. Crumb, Lakeland  
Highlands County Cattlemen's Association

Blackfoot Tribe, Tampa  
Bob Johnson, Tampa

Ed Graham, Tampa  
Don Curtis, Tampa

Harry Smith, Tampa  
Herbert Freeman, Tampa

Gordon Solie, Tampa  
Dory Funk, Umbarger, Texas

Bob Kappel, Tampa  
Ray Villmer, Tampa

Marie Lubinski, New York, N. Y.

Paul "Speedy" Segars, St. Petersburg

Jim Martin, Tampa

## 17 Appointed to Trustee Board

**TALLAHASSEE**—The Board of Directors of the Florida Sheriffs Association, at a meeting here December 29, appointed eight sheriffs and nine non-sheriffs to the Board of Trustees of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

These men, together with five sheriffs and five non-sheriffs whose terms do not expire until September 30, 1960, make a total of 27 members on the board.

The men appointed on Dec. 29 will serve until September 30, 1961. They are Lake County Sheriff Willis McCall, Broward County Sheriff J. A. (Quill) Lloyd, Duval County Sheriff Dale Carson, Sarasota County Sheriff Ross E. Boyer, Escambia County Sheriff Emmett Shelby, Indian River County Sheriff Sam Joyce, Leon County Sheriff W. P. (Bill) Joyce, Florida Sheriffs Bureau Director Don McLeod, Thomas Musgrove, of Live Oak; Juvenile Court Judge Marion W. Gooding, of Jacksonville;

sonville; U. S. Senator George Smathers, of Miami; Former State Senator Merrill P. Barber, of Vero Beach; L. P. Gibson, of Perry; Col. Robert Pentland Jr., of Miami; Col. Mitchell Wolfson, of Miami; Walter Sherman, of Panama City; and R. E. Carrigan, of Orlando.

Those whose terms expire September 30, 1960, are Hillsborough County Sheriff Ed Blackburn Jr. (Chairman of the trustees and executive director of the Ranch), Pinellas County Sheriff Don Genung (secretary of the trustees), Bay County Sheriff M. J. (Doc) Daffin, Pasco County Sheriff Leslie Bessenger, Suwannee County Sheriff Hugh Lewis; J. L. McMullen, of Live Oak (Ranch treasurer); State Senator Fred O. Dickinson, of West Palm Beach; Arthur Dozier, Director of State Child Training Schools, Marianna; John A. Snively, Jr., of Winter Haven; and W. F. Edwards, of Dade City.



**LIFELIKE SANTA**—Young Ranchers admire the life-size Santa Claus figure created for the Boys Ranch by Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Jones, of Live Oak. (Photo by Robert Sangster).

## In Memoriam

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

Mrs. Eugene Hogle, St. Augustine; in memory of her husband Eugene Hogle.

Marie Lubinski, New York, N. Y.; in memory of Bill Brown.

Mrs. Daly, Metairie, La.; in memory of George F. Davis.

Guy and Louise Race, Quincy, Fla.; in memory of Mrs. W. B. Johnson, Mother of Mrs. Otho W. Edwards, Sr., Quincy, Fla.

Dr. E. A. Heibner and family, St. Petersburg; in memory of L. P. Hardee.

Mildred S. Weldon, Live Oak; in memory of Archie Buie, Sr., Father of Archie Buie, Jr., Lake City, Fla.

Mrs. Inez Holland, Auburndale, Fla.; in memory of her husband, Hoyt Holland.

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 649, Live Oak, 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.



**PARTY PREPARATIONS**—Mrs. Vincent Jones (left) and Mrs. C. D. Beach put the finishing touches on preparations for the Ranch Christmas Party. (Photo by Robert Sangster).



## Genung's JD's Draw Praise

CLEARWATER — Formation of a Junior Deputy League in Pinellas County has been commended editorially by the Clearwater Sun.

The Junior Deputy League, under the leadership of Sheriff Don Genung, has been endorsed by County School Supt. Floyd Christian, the county school board, and local school principals.

Commenting on the program, the Clearwater daily newspaper said: "This is a wonderful program. We cannot commend it too highly as a wholesome, common sense plan to curb delinquency by instilling in boys' minds a respect for law and enforcement officers."

"Sheriff Genung has here an idea whose popularity should spread like wildfire among the boys it is aimed to reach. It is a bold, new concept in crime prevention."

"The thought behind it, the detail to which it has been worked out, its program and its purpose speak well for the man we elected our sheriff."

This is the second such youth program organized by Sheriff Genung. Earlier, he organized a Junior Mounted Posse, with branches in Largo, St. Petersburg and Palm Harbor.

## Deputy Completes Narcotics Course

PENSACOLA — James D. Williams Jr., identification superintendent in the office of Escambia County Sheriff Emmett Shelby, has successfully completed the Federal Bureau of Narcotics Training School in Washington, D. C. The two-week school consisted of advanced training in the investigation and enforcement of narcotics laws.

Williams was the first graduate of the school in this area. He is also the lie detector officer for the sheriff's office and has frequently been called upon to assist law enforcement officers in adjoining counties.

## Dade Sheriff's Marine Patrol Gets Results

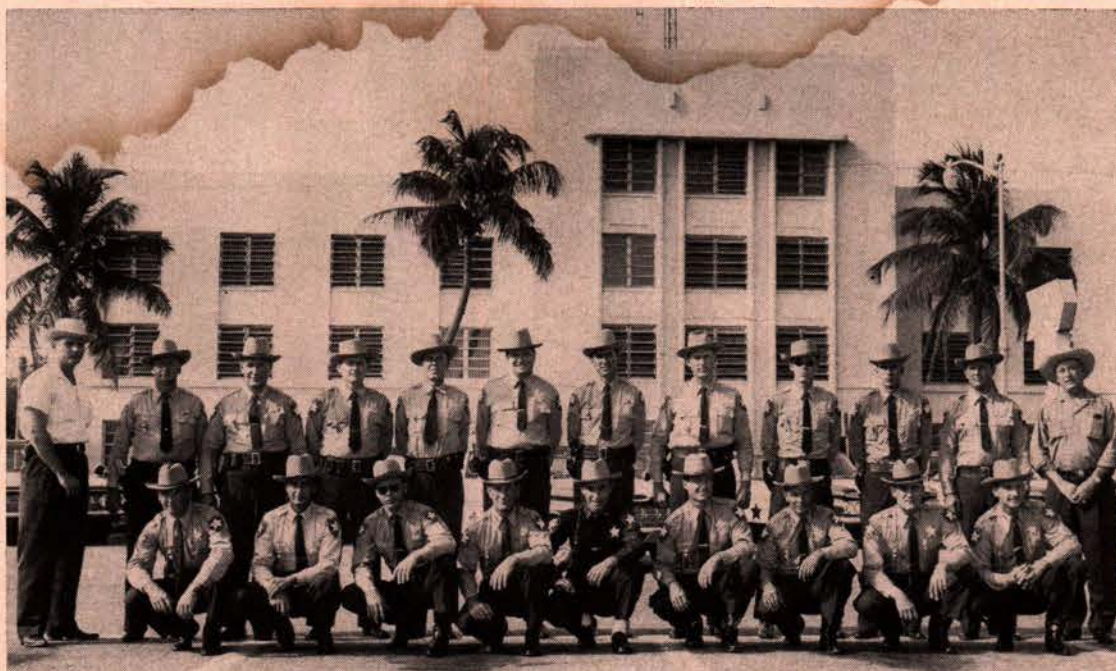
MIAMI — There's less speeding and reckless driving on the waterways of Dade County — thanks to Dade County Sheriff Tom Kelly's five-man Marine Patrol.

It all started on Labor Day weekend when Sheriff Kelly spent a few "restful" hours on the waters of Dade County — or at least he intended them to be restful. As it developed, he was amazed with the recklessness of some motorboat drivers and was almost run over a couple of times.

The Marine Patrol is the result. Manned by non-paid volunteers, all prominent businessmen in the community, a five-man patrol has been assembled. The men have been deputized and trained in arrest procedures and law enforcement techniques.

The men are paying all their own expenses, including uniforms, badges and bonding fees. The boats were donated, one of them built especially for the Patrol by John Scott, who heads the Patrol. He was formerly owner of International Shipbuilding Corporation and builder of Scotty Craft boats.

If the Patrol proves its effectiveness, Patrol leader Scott envisions the formation of a paid marine law enforcement group to enforce safety on the waterways.



WEST PALM BEACH—UNIFORMED SECTION—The high caliber of Sheriff John Kirk's department is reflected in the trimly uniformed deputies pictured above. Sheriff Kirk is standing at the extreme right; and his son, Chief Deputy Sheriff John F. Kirk, Jr., is at the extreme left. (Photo by Sam R. Quincey).

## Deputies Help Fair Damsels In Distress

By HELEN COBLE

Chivalry is not dead. Not as long as there are deputy sheriffs to come to the rescue of damsels in distress.

If you don't believe it ask DeVeda Brokenshire, Orange City, and Marilyn Strawn, Deland.

These Florida students with two others were enroute back to Florida Southern College, at Lakeland, when Marilyn's car broke down.

A Lake County deputy pulled up and asked if he could help. He volunteered to take them to a garage at Groveland, the nearest one.

The girls had to be back at school and a three or four-hour delay would spell T-R-O-U-B-L-E, they explained to the sympathetic and still unidentified deputy.

He sent out an SOS by radio and another car came up and took the girls to the border of Polk County. There they were met by a Polk County deputy, who tipped his hat and took over the responsibility of seeing they got back to school on time.

The girls were flabbergasted at such unexpected service from deputy sheriffs. When they got over their surprise, they were thrilled to be riding in official cars and be brought to the doorstep of their dormitories.

Confidentially, we think the deputies liked playing the role of gallant knights as much as the girls appreciated their ride in a 1959 "charger."

## Don'ts of Driving Demonstrated to Broward Students

HOLLYWOOD — The work of Broward County Sheriff J. A. (Quill) Lloyd's deputies in assisting in a driver instruction course for students at McArthur High School, was commended by the Hollywood Sun-Tattler.

The deputies have been demonstrating the "don'ts" of driving to the high school students. Loading a car with students, the deputies deliberately break the traffic laws to portray the dangers of reckless driving.

The Sun-Tattler said: "If South Broward students can be made to stop, look and listen before violating the basic fundamentals of good driving, the sheriff's department will have done a valuable service not only for the teen-agers themselves but for their families and the motoring public as a whole."



ORANGE CITY—BOYS RANCH FOUNDERS—Volusia County Sheriff Rodney B. Thursby (right) presents a Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Founders Club Certificate to the Orange City Lions Club as a token of appreciation for a large donation given to the Ranch by the Club. Leroy Miller, president (left); and Thomas Cryer, secretary-treasure of the club, are shown accepting the certificate. Following the presentation on Dec. 2, the Lions took up a \$75 collection and sent it to the Ranch as a Christmas gift. (Photo by Heley).



ST. PETERSBURG—THE BOYS GOT TO CONNEE—Effervescent Popular Singer Connee Boswell was under contract restrictions that ordinarily would have prevented her from singing when she made a guest appearance at a fish fry held at Johnny Leverock's Oyster Bar for the benefit of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. But, the story of the Boys Ranch got to her and she sang anyhow — much to the delight of Hillsborough County Sheriff Ed Blackburn, Jr. (left) and Pinellas County Sheriff Don Genung who are pictured here with her. Shown in the background is her husband, Harry Ledy. After the show, Connee was made a member of the Boys Ranch Founders Club.



WINTER HAVEN—BOOTS FOR THE BOYS—Philip Berkovitz (second from left), Bartow and Winter Haven merchant, presents 20 pairs of cowboy boots to Polk County Sheriff Hagan Parrish for the boys at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. Looking on are Bill Anderson (left) of Winter Haven; and Leon Ellwanger, of Davenport; two Polk County youths now living at the Ranch.

## "The Lawyer's Corner"

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

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

059-236—FINES AND FORFEITURES; MONEY CONFISCATED IN GAMBLING VIOLATIONS — Money seized in connection with the operation of any gambling game is not automatically forfeited to the state, but that such forfeiture must take place under court order.

059-265—JUVENILE JUDGES; REFERRAL OF CASES TO SPECIAL MASTER—It is incumbent upon the Juvenile Court Judge to hear cases coming before the Court, and that such causes could not properly be referred to a court appointed master for his action and recommendations.

059-266 — COUNTIES; LIABILITY FOR COSTS IN INCOMPETENCY PROCEEDINGS—Costs arising out of incompetency proceedings under Section 394.22, Florida Statutes, wherein an alleged indigent incompetent is involved, should be paid by the county wherein such proceedings are actually held, regardless of the residency of said indigent incompetent.

059-268—SHERIFFS; CASH APPEARANCE BONDS; DISPOSITION — A county sheriff accepting a cash appearance bond for appearance in a Justice of the Peace Court should retain such bond money for disposition in accordance with court order.

059-269—FIREARMS; PERMIT TO CARRY IN COUNTIES — A license to carry certain firearms issued by one county does not entitle the licensee to carry such firearms in any other county in this state without securing a license in each county in which he desires to carry such firearms.

059-271—JUSTICES OF THE PEACE; FEES WHERE APPEARANCE BOND IS ESTREATED—Under the provisions of Section 30.23, Florida Statutes, a Justice of the Peace is not entitled to a fee for ordering the estreatment of an appearance bond.

## Women Visit Duval Jail

JACKSONVILLE — Duval County Sheriff Dale Carson took 50 prominent Duval County women behind bars at the county jail here recently. But this was no mass arrest—the women were members of the Duval County Democratic Women's Club and they were spending their monthly meeting learning about local law enforcement.

The visiting women lunched on prison fare (spaghetti and meat sauce, peas, carrots, bread pudding and iced tea), inspected medical and dental facilities, visited the laundry, line-up room, fingerprinting department and solitary confinement quarters, and heard a discussion of the rehabilitation program for women by Mrs. Cecil Dutton, a matron at the jail.

The women were so pleased with their visit that they presented Sheriff Carson with an honorary membership in their organization. And the sheriff reciprocated by naming each woman present as an honorary warden of the jail.

The tour is one of several conducted each month by Sheriff Carson for local civic groups.





W. T. ROBERTS

## Don Genung Names Roberts Chief Deputy

Pinellas County Sheriff Don Genung announced the appointment of W. T. ROBERTS to the newly-created position of CHIEF DEPUTY. He will be in command of the entire Sheriff's Department under the supervision of the Sheriff.

Chief Deputy Roberts was born December 1, 1924 in Angola, New York. In 1937 his family moved to Jacksonville, Florida, where he attended the Kirby Smith Jr. High School. The following year his family settled in Largo, where he completed his education at the Largo High School.

In January, 1950, he accepted an appointment as patrolman with the Largo Police Department. He continued in this capacity until appointed a Deputy Sheriff by Sheriff Sid M. Saunders in 1953. In 1956 Sheriff Saunders promoted him to the position of Deputy-in-charge of the Clearwater Office. Upon Sheriff Saunders' death, Sheriff Genung promoted Roberts to the post of Chief Deputy in charge of the Upper Pinellas area.

During his years of law enforcement, he has attended many training schools in relation to law enforcement. Included in these are four F.B.I.-Sponsored Training Schools and special courses. He attended and completed a course on Homicide Investigation at the University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma.

Roberts lives with his wife and two daughters at 1655 Belcher Road, Clearwater.

## 8 Hits Scored in 9 Bolita Raids

JACKSONVILLE—A score of 8 hits out of 9 times at bat is a good record in anybody's ball game.

That's the record racked up by Duval County Sheriff Dale Carson in a mid-December raid on nine suspected bolita establishments.

In a combined county, city, state operation, law enforcement officers swooped down on 9 suspected bolita centers. The raids netted 13 persons arrested on charges of possessing lottery tickets and confiscation of 24 lottery books.

The lottery books were found in such assorted hiding places as under a sewing machine and in a refrigerator.

## Dunn on Air with Dual Frequency

TITUSVILLE — Installation of new radio equipment assures improved communications between Brevard County Sheriff Jimmy Dunn's office and surrounding sheriff's departments.

The new equipment provides two frequencies, one for use between radio cars in the county and one for use to contact sheriff's departments in Orlando, DeLand, Sanford, and other nearby localities.

## Thefts Solved By Hugh Lewis

LIVE OAK — Suwannee County is an unhealthy place for burglars and safe crackers:

With only two slim leads—an ice cream stick and a suspicious-looking car — Sheriff Hugh Lewis broke up a teenage crime duo responsible for 10 break-ins and a husband-and-wife team responsible for a \$600 safe robbery.

The ice cream stick was found at the rear of a building which had been entered and fingerprints were found on the window sill. The ice cream was the same brand served at the local high school and a quick check showed the high school had been entered by breaking a window pane.

Inquiries led to two juveniles, one of whom had a scratched arm which could have been made by breaking the school window. Under questioning, the two youths confessed all, including a series of 9 other break-ins in the county.

The suspicious car had been reported to Sheriff Lewis, complete with license number, the same evening that the safe at a local oil plant was cracked for some \$600. Playing a hunch, the car was traced to Gainesville, where records showed it had been sold to a local man. Working late into the night, Sheriff Lewis checked employment records and found that the man had quit his job and moved to Starke.

The car was located in Starke at 3 a.m. parked in front of a rooming house. Burglar tools were found in the trunk and the owner and his wife arrested and returned to Live Oak.

## News Column Covers Dunn

ORLANDO — "A man who makes a tough job look easy" is the way Brevard County Sheriff James W. (Jimmy) Dunn has been described by Orlando Sentinel State Editor Chuck Hostetler.

Writing in his daily "On The Road" column in the Sentinel, Editor Hostetler outlined the progress of the Brevard County Sheriff's Office in meeting the growing needs of Florida's most rapidly-growing county.

Then he wrote about Sheriff Dunn, the man: "That Jimmy is a career lawman is evident on first meeting. He speaks interestingly on such subjects as law enforcement, crime detection and highway safety."

"His ruggedly handsome physique — he packs 212 pounds on a five-ten frame—gives the impression he'd be at home in the prize ring. He was, in fact, a pretty fair boxer back in his collegiate days at Georgia Teachers College in Statesboro."

"A yen for boxing has carried over to the present. Beside his desk, ready for mailing to the Florida Sheriff's Boys Ranch at Live Oak, was a set of gloves. Unpacked, we'll wager, because a certain former boxer had been trying them on," Hostetler concluded.

## Youth Missing

SARASOTA — Ronald (Pistol) Sales, 18; height 5 ft., 4 inches; weight, 120 pounds; brown hair and blue eyes, has been reported missing. Normally wears cowboy outfit, levis, etc. Might secure work around a carnival or ranch. Anyone knowing his whereabouts please contact Arthur M. Chester, Licensed Investigator, 2642 Jamaica St., Sarasota; telephone no. Wabash 7-6036.



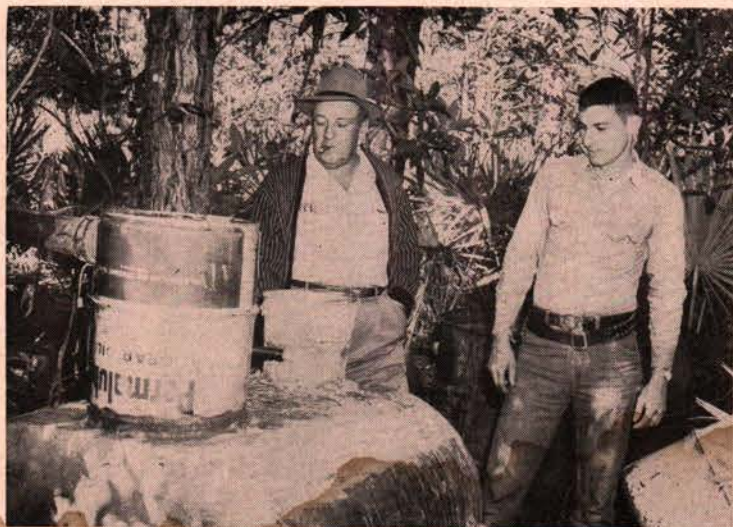
BOYS RANCH BUILDING—This picture was taken last month at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch as the new Hillsborough County Vocational Arts Center neared completion. Constructed with funds donated by citizens of Hillsborough County to Sheriff Ed Blackburn, Jr., the building will provide facilities for a variety of vocational arts courses and also much-needed storage space.



ST. PETERSBURG—CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR THE RANCH—Members of the Fraternal Order of Police sort Christmas gifts they collected for the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. They are (from left) Nelson Weygant (chairman of the drive); Glenn Gilton, Ray LeProil, John R. Conger, Bob Ravsch and Tom Wayble. (St. Petersburg Independent photo by Steve Liddick).



ORLANDO—IDENT ASSN. OFFICERS—Albert B. Ground, supervisor of the Florida Sheriffs Bureau Identification Section (center), congratulates John W. Tyler, security supervisor of the Miami School Board, upon his election to the post of president of the Florida Association for Identification. Other officers shown above are, left to right, Joe D. Lee, Orlando Police Department, sergeant-at-arms; Lt. Victor Collins, Orange County Sheriffs Office, vice president; and Charles Gilbert, Florida Sheriffs Bureau, secretary-treasurer. The election was held at a meeting here December 5, 1959. Robert Vollmer, Miami Police Department, was named chairman of the board of directors. Serving on the board are James D. Williams, Jr., Escambia County Sheriffs Office, District I; Cecil Wild, St. Augustine Police Department, District II; John Timmes, Orlando Police Department, District III; and Eugene Ellis, Palm Beach Sheriffs Office, District IV. Ground, vice president for Florida of the International Association for Identification, presided at the session, and installed the new officers. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the new identification group is scheduled for May, 1960.



ST. AUGUSTINE—ANOTHER HIT—Sheriff L. O. Davis, Jr., continues to give moonshiners a fit in St. John's County. He and Deputy Sheriff Willis Jo Capo (right), are shown here with a 100-gallon moonshine still they raided and destroyed recently. Deputy Sheriff Rupert Chastain assisted in the raid and snapped this photo.

## 14 Lifetime Memberships Given Okay

Nine individuals were voted lifetime honorary memberships in the Florida Sheriffs Association and five business firms and organizations were voted lifetime memberships in the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Founders Club.

This action was taken Dec. 29 as an expression of gratitude for support given to the Ranch project.

The individuals are C. P. (Cowboy) Luttrall, Tampa; Mr. and Mrs. John H. Eden Jr., Inverness; Theo Rosengarten, St. Petersburg; Mrs. R. S. Wagner, Clearwater; Dr. I. Irving Weintraub, Gainesville; Carl J. Sedlmayer, Sr., Tampa; S. H. Arnolt, Warsaw, Indiana; and J. T. Budd, Jr., Quincy.

The firms and organizations are Mill Supplies Inc., Orlando; Optimist Club of the Holiday Isles, St. Petersburg; Highlands County Sheriff's Rescue Unit, Sebring; Pilot Club of Bradenton; and St. Petersburg Saints Baseball Club.

Each lifetime member will receive a large engraved plaque with a Sheriff's badge mounted on it.

## Courtesy Wins Strong Friends

ORLANDO — Orange County Sheriff Dave Starr and Deputy L. G. Hardee made a strong friend for their county and Florida by courteous treatment of a visitor in trouble.

The visitor, L. T. Johnson, from Green, South Carolina, was in Orlando on a matter of personal urgency. He went to Sheriff Starr's office for assistance and the sheriff assigned Deputy Hardee to help him.

Later, the visitor, upon his return to South Carolina, related his experiences to his lawyer and his lawyer wrote to Orlando Sentinel columnist Henry Balch, singing the praises of the two officers:

"Deputy Hardee went far beyond duty and extended every courtesy and consideration . . . The aid and help extended . . . at a time of great personal grief, was especially and most sincerely appreciated. A deacon in the local Baptist church, Mr. Johnson has taken every opportunity to relate to the people the hospitality shown him by your community."

To which columnist Balch added: "Congratulations Sheriff Starr and Deputy Hardee. This sort of public relations is invaluable."

## Officers Send Funds To Reform Schools

BARTOW — Polk County youngsters confined in state industrial schools were remembered this Christmas by Polk County law enforcement officers.

The Polk County Peace Officers Juvenile Aid Group set a goal of a \$3 contribution for each of the nearly 60 Polk County boys and girls attending the industrial schools, with the funds raised solely from local law enforcement officers.

Chief Criminal Deputy Sheriff Hamp Rogers is chairman of the Juvenile Aid Group.

## Honor Candidate

CLEARWATER—Pinellas County Sheriff Don Genung was the honor candidate in a class of 25 members enrolled in the Clearwater Lodge No. 1030, Loyal Order of Moose.



## BAD CHECK ARTIST'S GALLERY

Compiled by The Florida Sheriffs Bureau  
Don McLeod — Director



### RALPH LIEDTKE

White male born 10-27-19 in Waukesha, Wis., 5 feet, 8 inches tall, weighs 150 pounds, medium build, dark brown hair, brown eyes. FBI #2281-70B. FPC: O/I, 32/32, W/W, IMM/OOM, 16. During month of November, 1959, subject used a stolen charge-a-plate fraudulently obtaining over \$1,100.00 worth of miscellaneous merchandise from Maas Bros., Store, in Tampa. The

name on the plate was I. R. ATKINSON, of 107 Chestnut St., Oldsmar, Fla. Liedtke has an arrest record for worthless checks, several outstanding in Tampa, and it is believed that Clearwater also has some bad checks for subject. Warrant issued, charge Worthless Checks and Grand Larceny. If apprehended notify Police Dept., Tampa, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



### JAMES FLOYD VINSON

White male, age 32, 5 feet 11 inches tall, weighs 155 pounds, brown hair, hazel eyes. Has passed checks under aliases of BLAIN BARNES, WILLARD A. ROBERTS, ELLIOTT B. MARTIN, DEAN GROSS, KENNETH REID, and others.

Subject obtains a driver's license with fictitious address and uses as means of identification. If apprehended notify Sheriff Genung, St. Petersburg, Sheriff Thompson, Fort Myers, and Sheriff Crevasse, Gainesville, or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



### WILLIE ED ROSS

Colored male, 5 feet 7 inches tall, weighs 149 pounds, black hair, brown eyes. FBI #343-162. Has used names T. C. STINES, JERRY HILLS, CARLTON JONES, CLIFORT JONES, and possibly others. Wanted on charges of Worth-

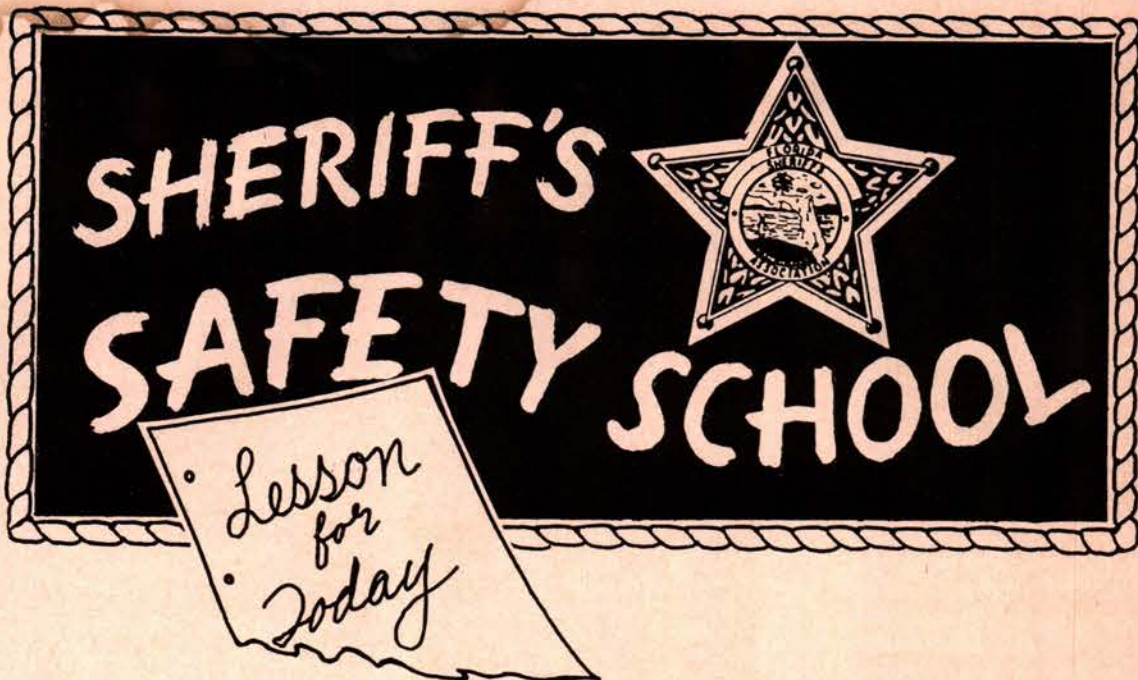
less Checks. Warrants issued. If apprehended notify any of following: Sheriff Edwards, Quincy, Sheriff Roberson, Marianna, Sheriff Hobby, Sanford, Sheriff Andrews, Bonifay, Sheriff Hendry, Everglades, or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Fla.



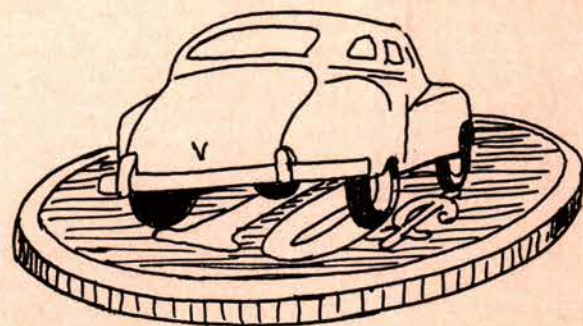
### IDELL MARIE BARBER

Also uses name IDELL MARIE PEACOCK, MRS. JAMES KELLY, white female, age 35-40, approx. 5 feet 6 or 7 inches tall, slender build, dyed red hair, offset right eye. Formerly worked as a bartender in Gainesville, Fla., and has

served sentence for bootlegging. Using identification that was stolen in Chattanooga, Tenn. Wanted on charge Forgery and Theft. Warrants issued. If apprehended notify Sheriff, Baton Rouge, La., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Fla.



## It Can't Be Done



Everyone knows you can't stop a car on a dime.

But do you realize just exactly how far your car does travel before it can be stopped?

"It's a lot further than you may think," the National Safety Council says.

Tests show it takes the average driver, under most conditions, about three-fourths of a second to react to an emergency and hit his brakes.

### Five Six-Footers at 15 M.P.H.

At 15 m.p.h., in the time it takes to react, you've already traveled at least 17 feet—theoretically, over three six-foot-tall men. It takes another 14 feet—about two more six-footers—to bring your car to a halt. That's a total of five six-footers you've run over—and at only 15 m.p.h.!

Most motorists, though, don't drive quite that slow. Let's assume you usually whiz along at, say, 60 m.p.h. A pretty reasonable speed, you'd say.

### One Flick and You've Gone 176 Feet

Keep your eyes on the road and reach for a cigarette lighter. Put the cigarette in your mouth, glance down and flick the lighter. That flick and initial puff on the cigarette took about two seconds. During that time, you traveled at least 176 feet—more than half the distance of a football field.

If you saw an accident situation ahead after looking up and hit the brakes immediately, before you could stop your car would have traveled 366 feet further—equal to another football field, and then some.

### Best Protection—Be Alert

Your trouble may not be lighting cigarettes. But everyone's distracted some time or other by something in the car. Best protection is to be alert, and to hold down your speed so if you do face a situation, you'll have time to stop safely.

If you do find yourself facing an emergency, you'll be better able to stop in time if your tires and brakes are in good condition. An emergency is no time for added problems.

If, despite all your precautions, you find yourself in an emergency, remember this tip: Better that you head for the ditch than ram an oncoming car.

"Stay alert—stay alive," the Council says. "Think ahead."

## About That New Bike...

Here is a message from the Sheriffs of Florida to the thousands of boys and girls who received new bicycles for Christmas:

You're going to have loads of fun with that new bicycle IF YOU STAY ALIVE AND STAY OUT OF THE HOSPITAL.

So, we would like to pass along some important safety rules. Read them, heed them and have a happy new year:

1. Signal for turns and stops.

2. Obey all stop and go signals.
3. Yield the right-of-way to pedestrians.
4. Ride alone, only one on a bike.
5. Keep both hands on the handlebars, except when signaling, and then one hand.
6. Ride single file, close to the right side of the street.
7. Keep the bicycle in good condition with special emphasis on the brake, bell and lights.



# WANTED PERSONS

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



**LEGGET ROSCOE and  
LOLA ROSCOE**

Legget Roscoe described as white male, age 40, 6 feet tall, weighs 160 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes, slender build; small mole on left temple, cut scar left shoulder. Lola Roscoe described as white female, age 33, 5 feet, 5 inches tall, black hair, brown eyes, upper teeth missing. Subjects last known to be driving a light colored 1952-53 Cadillac, 1959 Georgia License 62-J-1104. Wanted by



**SAMUEL JOHNSON**

With aliases, JEROME DAVIS, WILLIE BLACK, "SHORTY," "PEEWEE," colored male, date and place of birth 2-25-18, Tyty, Ga., 5 feet 3 1/4 inches tall, weighs 113 pounds, short small build. Has two large sore scars upper left arm, cut scar



inside right bridge of nose, sore scars center of stomach at chest; stab cut scar lower right side of back. Receding hair line. FBI #1323123, SP #611-947. Good dresser. Tap dancer, champion checker player, wine drinker. FPC: 17, 26/16, W/W, I.M/I, O/I. Escaped from SRP 4830, Cocoa, Fla., 11-10-58. Warrant issued, charge Murder of Police Officer and shooting of another. Armed with .38 S&W blue pistol. Has plenty of ammo. Use caution in apprehending, armed and dangerous. If apprehended notify either PD or Sheriffs Office Palatka, Fla., or The Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



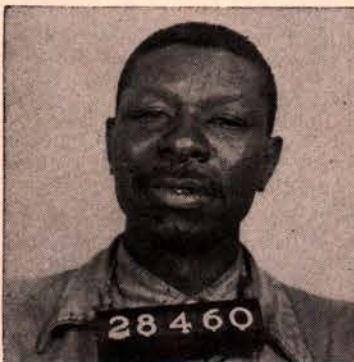
**ELLIS FOSTER**

Colored male, age 30, 6 feet tall, weighs 190 pounds, dark ginger cake complexion. Driving pale blue 1951 Ford 2-door, 1959 Florida License 3-33634. Subject charged with Assault with intent to Murder on a white man in Thomas County, Georgia. Warrant issued, will extradite. If apprehended notify Sheriff Law, Thomasville, Ga., or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



**KENNETH SOLO**

White male, date of birth 3-14-25, 5 feet, 6 inches tall, weighs 150 pounds, stocky build, black hair, brown eyes, may have small mustache. May wear horn-rimmed glasses. Has tattoo of skull and cross bones on right hand, tattoo of "USA" on left forearm, numerous other tattoos on various parts of body. FBI #4207981. May have been employed as an electronic engineer in the Tallahassee or Hollywood, Florida area within past three months. Subject should be considered armed and dangerous, as he has stated would never return to the penitentiary. Wanted by the FBI for Violation of Dyer Act. If apprehended notify nearest FBI office, or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



**WILLIE REECE PRICE**

With aliases, LORAL WIMBERLY, JOHN MAYHUGH, EDDIE MIGLEDGE, colored male, age 39, 5 feet 9 1/2 inches tall, weighs 164 pounds, medium build, black hair, brown eyes, dark brown complexion. Upper front teeth missing. Is considered a heavy drinker of shine. While in Baker County worked in pulpwood. Last seen in Jacksonville November 18,



1959 driving a 1957 tutone blue Chevrolet, Florida License 2-26677 or 2-26627. Subject has a record and has previously been in St. Augustine, Jacksonville, and Madison. Wanted on charge Murder committed in Macclenny 11-15-59. Warrant issued. If apprehended notify Sheriff Yarborough, Macclenny, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



**LEE WELLS**

White male, age 38 to 40, 5 feet, 5 to 7 inches tall, weighs 360 pounds. Wears glasses. Usually works in service stations. Driving blue 1953 Dodge Sedan 4-door, with 1959 Florida License 1-11262. Believed to have been in Jacksonville, Fla., recently and reportedly seen in Donalsonville, Ga. Wanted on charges of Grand Larceny and Embezzlement by Constable McCullough JP, Deland, Fla., and by Sheriff Kirk, West Palm Beach, Fla. Warrants issued. If apprehended notify either of above or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau.



**LEON M. GRIFFIS Jr.**

White male, age 27, 5 feet, 9 inches tall, weighs 165 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes, ruddy complexion. Last seen November 9, 1959 driving a light blue 1954 Ford Mainline, 1959 Florida License 2-3029. If located advise Sheriff Davis, St. Augustine, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



**MARY DAVIS**

Also known as MARY LEE DAVIS, colored female, age 30, 5 feet, 5 inches tall, weighs 140 pounds, medium build, black hair, brown eyes, brown



complexion. Warrant issued for this subject as suspect in robbery of jewelry store in Starke, Fla. If apprehended notify Sheriff Reddish, Starke, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



**JAMES THEODORE  
WILLIAMS**

White male, age 26, 6 feet, 2 inches tall, weighs 160 pounds, black hair, brown eyes, fair complexion, sharp nose. Last seen in Pensacola, Fla. Probable destination Kansas City, Mo., or Washington, D.C., to seek employment in Government Civil Service or Textile Industry. Any one knowing subject's whereabouts notify Sheriff Shelby, Pensacola, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.

## Recent Poll Shows Public Wants Stronger Firearms Regulations

Law enforcement officers have long contended Florida needs stricter laws regulating firearms, particularly those that could be considered concealed weapons.

Although efforts to pass such laws have been unsuccessful, a recent survey by the Gallup Poll indicates that the public also wants them and is strongly in favor of them.

An overwhelming majority (75 per cent) of the persons questioned said they felt that a police permit should be required before the purchase of

any kind of a gun—even a shotgun.

By a smaller majority (54 per cent) the persons questioned were in favor of a law requiring a police permit for the purchase of ammunition.

Eight states at the present place some restrictions on buying a pistol or revolver. Anyone, however, can buy a shotgun or rifle and any kind of ammunition throughout the United States without a license or permit.

Opposition to tightening of firearms laws has usually developed on the grounds that

this would be unfair to persons who participate in the sport of hunting or target shooting.

The Gallup survey shows, however, that even those persons who hunt or have guns in their homes would be willing, by a ratio of 2-to-1, to get a police permit before buying a gun.

Some 14,000 Americans are killed each year by guns and headlines about firearms tragedies are a daily occurrence, yet guns are offered for sale by mail in newspaper and magazine ads, with no apparent at-

tempt to determine the age or reliability of the buyer.

In Miami, State Attorney Richard Gerstein recently complained that "too many crimes of passion are aided by the fact that a murderer or gunman has no trouble in getting a revolver."

In Jacksonville County Solicitor Lacy Mahon, a former State Representative, came out strongly in favor of stronger firearms laws.

Obviously there is a need for such laws and a strong public demand for them.



## Sheriff Killed In Auto Crash

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added that Anderson's car was over the center stripe of the road.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, December 27, at 2 p.m. at the Assembly of God Church, Bagdad; and burial was at Gulf Breeze.

It was one of the largest funerals ever held in this area and hundreds stood outside the small country church listening to the services broadcast over a loud speaker.

Fourteen Sheriffs and a number of Ministers of the Gospel were honorary pallbearers. Florida Highway Patrol officers were active pallbearers.

One of the Sheriff's surviving sons, G. D. Broxson, is with the Highway Patrol. Another son, Donald, served as a deputy sheriff under his father.

The funeral procession from church to cemetery stretched for miles and was led by an escort of some 16 sheriffs' patrol cars, two motorcycle units from Escambia County Sheriff Emmett Shelby's Road Patrol; and Florida Highway Patrol cars.

The Rev. John Sandifor, Pastor of Milton's First Assembly of God Church, preached the funeral sermon.

"Politics is a game to some," he said, but to Sheriff Broxson it was a serious business. "He believed that good men ought to fill public offices. He was elected without money but with faith in God."

Rev. Sandifor said people tried to bribe the Sheriff, but he couldn't be bribed. "He was a fighter for good clean government. He saw a potential for good in every man and woman, in every broken family, even in his enemies."

Sheriff Broxson was born in Holley (Santa Rosa County), Florida, on November 22, 1902, and attended public schools in Santa Rosa County.

He served in a civil service capacity with the U. S. Navy, at Pensacola, and served two terms on the Santa Rosa Board of County Commissioners, 1939 through 1942.

He was elected Sheriff in 1956, and was completing the third year of his first four-year term at the time of his death.

He was a minister in the Assembly of God Church prior to being elected Sheriff and he continued to preach whenever he was able to take time out from his duties as Sheriff.

## CD Plays Role In Bowl Parade

MIAMI—On New Year's Eve, during the million dollar Orange Bowl parade, the neatly attired Civil Defense patrolmen and women of Dade County escorted the glittering floats along the line of march.

They protected the giant floats against possible fire hazards, helped in keeping order, worked communications with the aid of walkie-talkies, and assisted in the handling of crowds and floats at the end of the long parade.

Sheriff Tom Kelly, accompanied by his little daughter Patty and Mrs. Kelly, was attired in his Brigadier General's uniform. He marshaled the parade. This has been his honor for the past 22 years.

Wm. Renegar, Police Coordinator of Civil Defense in Dade County, worked for weeks prior to the big event planning the line of march and the role of Civil Defense police in the Orange Bowl festival.

A visiting deputy sheriff from Hardee County aided the C.D. motorcycle squad in parade activities.



**WAUCHULA—LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP**—The Hardee County Deputy Sheriff's Auxiliary, under the leadership of Sheriff E. Odell Carlton, raised over \$1,000 for the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch and was awarded a lifetime membership in the Ranch Founders Club. In the top photo Hillsborough County Sheriff Ed Blackburn, Jr. (right), executive director of the Ranch, presents a lifetime membership plaque to (from left) C. W. Mills, Bobby Ratliff, Pat Sims and Maurice F. Carlton, all group captains. Guests at a supper held in connection with the presentation included 15 officers from the Tampa unit of the Naval Intelligence Reserve, in which Sheriff Carlton holds the rank of Commander. The bottom photo shows some of the officers (from left, facing camera): Lt. Jim Kennedy, Commander John F. Baxter and Capt. Hugh B. Richardson.



**SEBRING—BOYS RANCH BARBECUE**—These pictures were taken at a barbecue held by Highlands County Sheriff Broward Coker's Rescue Unit on Armistice Day for the benefit of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. The top picture shows part of the crowd of some 950 persons who attended the affair and enabled the Rescue Unit to raise \$1,200 for the Ranch. The "chow-line" pictures show (from left) Sheriff Coker; Henry Bailey, director of the Rescue Unit; Marvin Kahn, president of the Highlands County Cattlemen's Association; and George Cross, Highlands County rancher. The Cattlemen's Association contributed the beef for the barbecue. It was raised on the Cross ranch.

## Jail Inmates Thank Sheriff

**BARTOW**—Prisoners at the Polk County jail said their "thanks" in writing, this past Thanksgiving Day.

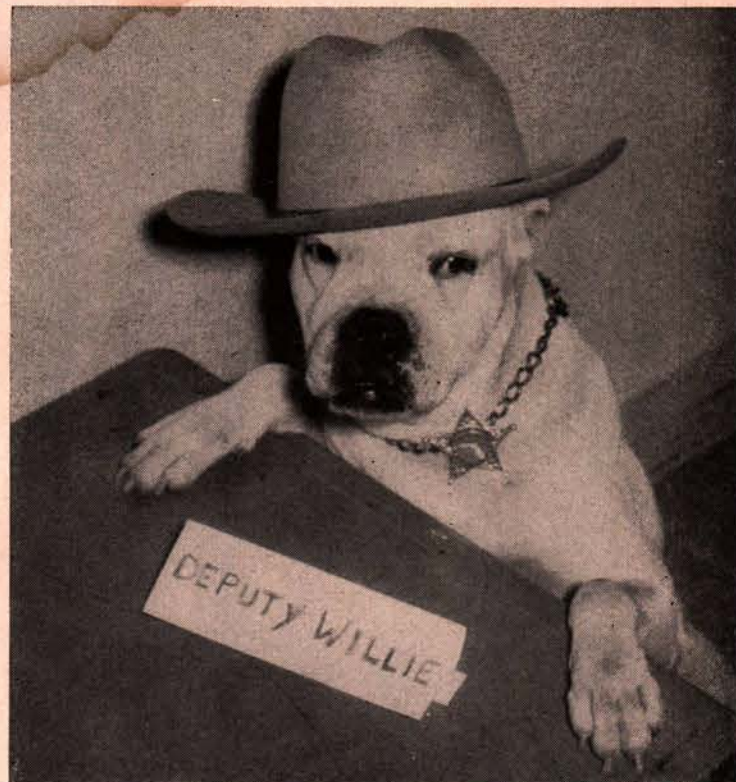
Sheriff Hagan Parrish and chief jailer "Buddy" Cottingham received letters of commendation and thanks from prisoners in the jail for the treatment they have been receiving.

"We are thankful for the wonderful Thanksgiving dinner served us last weekend and also for the church service held

here," one prisoner wrote. He also praised the sermon by Rev. Eugene Henry.

Another letter listed some of the privileges for which the convicts were thankful: use of the telephone, medical care, clean cell blocks, the trusty system, and "the Christian people who come to try and help us."

One letter, signed by 18 inmates, said "thank you on this fine Thanksgiving Day." It was signed "Yours in Christ."



## Willie's Quite a Dog

**CHIPLEY**—Meet Willie—a doggone good deputy sheriff.

Although he is only six years old and weighs 65 pounds, Willie is one of the most valuable deputies, pound-for-pound,

that Sheriff George Watts has ever had around the county jail.

The Sheriff acquired Willie as a pup and raised him at the jail. He wanted a dog to help him round up stray livestock, and the ¾ English Bull and ¼ Boxer filled the bill very well.

But, catching cows and horses got to be pretty tame stuff, and Willie kept his eyes and ears open for something more exciting—like catching a man.

One day, recently, his big chance came. The County Convict Camp Warden was taking a prisoner out of the jail to transfer him to the camp when he got loose and started to run.

Off like a drag racer, Willie ran after the escapee, caught him and held him until the warden arrived. That's when he got the deputy's badge and hat you see him wearing in the picture.

In addition to catching men and animals, Willie devotes quite a bit of time to being the Sheriff's public relations representative. He makes friends with everyone who comes to the jail and sometimes threatens to rival the Sheriff in popularity.

"Yes sir," says Sheriff Watts, with evident affection, "he's quite a dog."

## Boyer Bowls For Boys Ranch

**VENICE**—The Florida Sheriffs Association Boys Ranch and the Venice "Toyhouse" (the annual Venice Christmas party for area children), were each made \$50 richer, thanks in part to the good bowling of Sarasota County Sheriff Ross Boyer.

Sheriff Boyer, teamed with Bernie Lukoff, owner of a local bowling lane, played a "grudge" game with Venice Police Chief John C. Shockey, who was teamed with Murray McGrath, owner of a second bowling lane, with the proceeds going to the two charity organizations.

The Sarasota sheriff and his team-mate scored 1095 pins to their opponents' 973. The two winners got the satisfaction of winning. The two losers had to eat prison fare at the Sarasota County Jail, with Sheriff Boyer as the cook.

## CONFERENCE PROGRAM

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7:00 P.M. — Banquet for Sheriffs and Guests  
San Carlos Hotel Dining Room, Mezzanine Floor

Dress, informal

Installation of 1960 officers

Dancing and entertainment

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29

10:00 A.M. — Crime Conference (for law enforcement officers only)

A program explaining the work of the Florida Sheriffs Bureau and the many ways it can help law enforcement agencies.

12:00 Noon — Session adjourns

12:30 P.M. — Future Governor's Luncheon

San Carlos Hotel Dining Room

Announced and potential candidates will be special guests. Each will be introduced and given an opportunity to say a few words.

2:30 P.M. — Executive Session (Sheriffs only)

4:30 P.M. — Mid-Winter Conference adjourns.

FOR THE LADIES

No formal program has been arranged for women guests. However, they are invited to attend all of the scheduled events except the executive sessions on Thursday, January 28, and Friday, January 29; and the Crime Conference on Friday, January 29.