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OCALA — A REAL GASSER — Tears streaming down their faces, Marion County Junior Deputy Sheriffs get a taste of the stuff that makes strong men weep. This demonstration of tear gas staged by Sheriff F. L. McGehee was part of a program featuring law enforcement techniques and equipment attended by approximately 250 Junior Deputies. The outing was climaxed with a chicken pilau dinner.

Sheriffs Back Progressive Batch of Bills

TALLAHASSEE—A number of progressive bills designed to promote better law enforcement and aid Sheriffs in their fight against crime are being sponsored in the current session of the state legislature by the Florida Sheriffs Association.

The Association-backed bills would:

BUDGET SYSTEM

1. Extend the budget-salary law to more counties and thus further curtail the fee system. (Twelve counties were excluded from the budget-salary law when it was passed in 1957 and they are still under the fee system.)

REPORTS ON WOUNDS

2. Require all doctors, nurses, hospitals or employees thereof treating persons suffering from gunshot wounds or other

wounds indicating violence to report the same immediately to the Sheriff's office.

FALSE REPORTS

3. Prohibit the giving of false reports or information concerning crimes. (This bill would correct a serious deficiency in the laws of Florida which presently do not provide any penalty for anyone who gives false information concerning a crime, or who deliberately gives false information to a law enforcement officer.)

PAWN BROKER REPORTS

4. Require monthly reports to law enforcement officers regarding purchases or sales by pawn brokers. (This would facilitate recovery of stolen property.)

BOMBING BILL

5. Strengthen the laws con-

cerning bombs and bombing, making it a felony not only to discharge or threaten to discharge such explosives, but also to make false reports or perpetrate a hoax concerning a bomb.

TRAFFIC BONDS

6. Authorize Sheriffs and Deputy Sheriffs to release persons arrested for traffic violations on recognizance or under bond pending arraignment in court.

REGISTRATION DATA

7. Require that a copy of each motor vehicle registration be supplied to the Sheriff of the county in which the vehicle is registered.

JURY DATA

8. Require jury lists to include the addresses of all jurors.

Further Curtailment Of Fee System Aim Of Sheriffs Assn.

TALLAHASSEE—Further curtailment of the archaic fee system of operating Sheriffs' Departments is one of the primary aims of the Florida Sheriffs Association in the current session of the state legislature.

A law placing Sheriffs under a budget-salary system of operation was passed in 1957, but 12 counties were excluded from it and are still operating under the fee system with its inherent evils.

The Sheriffs Association is currently sponsoring a bill to extend the budget-salary system to more counties.

Under this system each Sheriff prepares an annual budget which enables him to operate his department in an efficient and businesslike manner; and which gives the public at all times a fair and realistic picture of the financial side of law enforcement.

FEE SYSTEM EVILS

Under the fee system the Sheriff "lives from hand to mouth" on the fees collected for arrests, feeding prisoners and other duties. Thus the income of the Sheriff's Department is based primarily upon the number of arrests he makes. This injects a "profit motive" into law enforcement and leads to "speed traps" and other evils.

The emphasis is on making as many arrests as possible and a Sheriff is sometimes forced to concentrate on maintaining a high volume of arrests for minor violations in order to get the funds needed to pay his expenses.

Investigations of murders, robberies, gambling and other felonies suffer consequently because they require long, tiresome hours and often produce little or no revenue from fees.

FALSE ASSUMPTION

Although Sheriffs state-wide have heartily approved the budget system, some officials continue to uphold the fee system on the erroneous grounds that it enables a law enforcement officer to "earn his keep."

This is based upon the false assumption that lawbreakers through fines, bond forfeitures and fees will pay the cost of law enforcement—and it won't cost the taxpayers a cent.

However, the Sheriff bills the county for most of his fees—such as \$7.50 for each arrest and \$1.25 a day for feeding each prisoner—and the county pays the bills regardless of whether the income received from lawbreakers is sufficient to cover them.

When a Sheriff is on the fee system the county also pays for a multitude of things that don't show up in his costs. These things include such items as equipment for the jail, identification materials, telephone bills, telegraph bills and office furniture.

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Bombing Bill Well Sired

TALLAHASSEE — A Sheriffs Association-sponsored bill to make hate bombing a felony went into the legislative hopper with an unusually high number of co-introducers.

Recorded as House Bill 434, it was introduced by Reps. Doyle E. Conner of Bradford County and George L. Hollahan Jr., of Dade County, along with some 70 co-introducers.

It sailed through the House by a vote of 89-0.

A companion bill (SB223) was fathered in the Senate by Sen. Fred O. Dickinson Jr., of West Palm Beach.

The bill not only makes it a felony to discharge or threaten to discharge a bomb, but also to make false reports or perpetrate a hoax concerning a bomb.

It makes bombing a capital offense only if someone is killed by a bomb.

Commissioners Accept Change In Budget Law

TALLAHASSEE — Proposed changes in the appeal procedure of the widely-praised Sheriffs' budget law will make the law acceptable to the State Association of County Commissioners, according to John A. Madigan Jr., attorney for the Florida Sheriffs Association.

Madigan said the changes are contained in a Sheriffs Association-sponsored legislative bill which has been approved by the Commissioners Association.

Some county commissioners have objected to the present law because it does not permit them to reduce a Sheriff's budget, and because it requires them to appeal the budget to a state board if they find it unacceptable.

Under the proposed changes the commissioners would have authority to reduce a Sheriff's budget, and the Sheriff would be required to accept or appeal their action within 10 days.

Professional Ranch Consultants Named

A Professional Consulting Staff has been created by the trustees of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch to assist in the planning and development of the Ranch program.

The first three men appointed to this non-paid volunteer unit were Dr. Stephen C. Wright, of Miami, child psychiatrist; David Rothenberg, M.S., of Miami Beach, consulting psychologist; and Dr. A. C. Wilhelm Jr., of Ft. Lauderdale, president of the Florida State Board of Optometry.

Sheriff Ed. Blackburn Jr., of Tampa, chairman of the trustees, said these professional men and others who will be added to the consulting staff from time to time "will play a vital role in the Ranch project."

"We need and will appreciate all the help we can get from persons with a professional background for we recognize that the field of child care is very broad and complicated," he added.

"As Sheriffs and interested citizens, the trustees have a sincere desire to help the needy and neglected youth of our great state. But, at the same time they are aware that they will have to look to others who have special skills and 'know how' to assist them in this great humanitarian venture.



DR. WRIGHT

"We are sincerely grateful to the three men who have already volunteered their services and we look forward to working with them."

Dr. Stephen C. Wright

Dr. Wright, a native of Tacoma, Washington, received a B.S. Degree from Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, Va., in 1943; and his M.D. Degree from Temple University, Philadelphia, in 1947. He also attended the University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Medicine and received a

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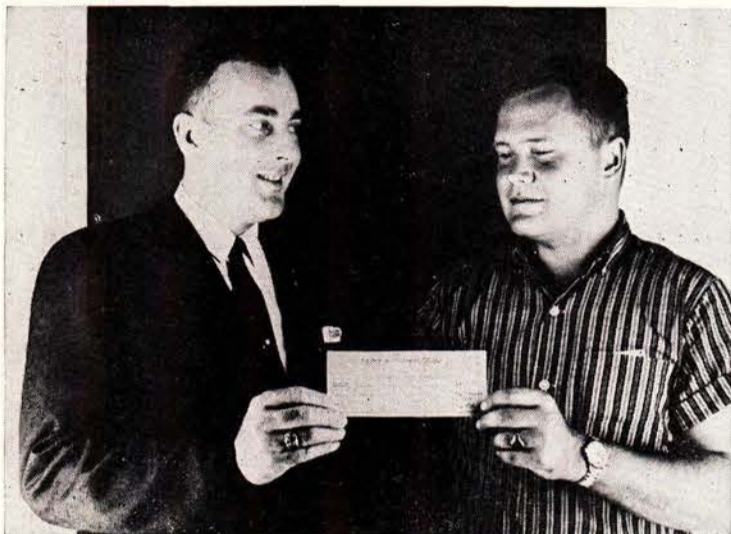
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CLEARWATER — THEY DID IT AGAIN — Last year the Clearwater Block Busters raised \$200 for the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch through a benefit auto show. This year they held a repeat performance and raised \$250 which Vice President Hugh Coachman (right) is shown presenting to Pinellas County Sheriff Don Genung.

Size Of Bad Checks Rises With Mercury

TALLAHASSEE — Warm weather usually brings a decrease in the amount of worthless checks being written, and such seems to be the case in the state of Florida.

But while the number of bad check cases is on the decrease, the dollar value of these checks is on the increase.

According to Florida Sheriffs Bureau Director Don McLeod, in February the dollar value of the 134 submitted cases ran to \$21,013.70, while March's figure was \$20,280.84 for only 93 cases.

As worthless checks passed by unknown individuals are received in the Bureau's Document Examination Section, comparisons are made with checks already on hand in the Fraudulent Check File. This comparison work by Bureau technicians has resulted in the identification of over 25 per cent of the unknown checks submitted.

"As our Fraudulent Check File grows, so will the percentage of identification of unknown checks," states Bureau Director McLeod.

Garden Yields Illegal Crop

DAYTONA BEACH—There's no place like home if your hobby is growing marijuana.

That's what Volusia County Sheriff Rodney Thursby discovered in his drive against the local "reefer" traffic.

Searching for a source of supply, officers visited the home of a Lakeland man arrested here on charges of trafficking in narcotics and found 34 marijuana plants growing in an innocent looking "garden."

Robbers Caught In 15 Minutes

DADE CITY—Sheriff Leslie Bessenger reported that four men who held up a liquor store here at gunpoint and fled with \$400 from the cash register were quickly captured.

"In fifteen minutes," he said, "we had the men, the gun and the money."

Road blocks were set up in all directions when the robbery was reported and the holdup men were trapped by the Zephyrhills police.

Gives Air Time

KEY WEST—Sheriff John Spottswood, owner of Radio Station WKWF, contributed free air time for a five-hour radiothon to raise funds for the annual Easter Seal campaign.

Arrest Closes Vandals' Diary

MELBOURNE—The diary of five teen-age vandals, as reported by Sheriff Jimmy Dunn, went like this:

SATURDAY—Cut through the top of a Buick convertible, took it for a wild ride and abandoned it.

SUNDAY—Broke into a school building, smashed windows and other property, stole \$45.

MONDAY—Broke into the same school again and then went to another school, broke into a coin machine and stole \$5, stole food from the deep freeze and left several turkeys lying on the floor to spoil.

TUESDAY—Broke into a laundry, stole some clothes and about \$10. Broke into a store and stole more clothing, plus \$161. Stole an auto, drove it around and then demolished it.

WEDNESDAY—Stole another car and then abandoned it after rolling it over into a canal.

FRIDAY—Stole another car.

SATURDAY—Arrested in Valdosta, Ga. End of diary.



Scarce Commodity

MARIANNA — Coordinated efforts of the Sheriff's Department and state and federal agencies are making moonshine a scarce commodity in Jackson County. In the photo above, officers prepare to destroy a 100-barrel still, believed to be the largest ever raided in this county. In the other photo Sheriff Roy Roberson (kneeling, right) assists with the dumping of 400 gallons of moonshine seized from "shine runners" in a period of one week. Four cars were also confiscated and four persons were arrested.



FT. LAUDERDALE—RANCH FOUNDER—Sheriff J. A. (Quill) Lloyd presents Boys Ranch Founders Club certificate to the Beach Kiwanis Club in recognition of a substantial donation to the Ranch. Shown accepting the certificate is Club President Robert Hodges.



LIVE OAK — LARGE GIFT — Sheriff Leslie Bessenger (left) presents to Boys Ranch Treasurer J. L. McMullen a \$500 check donated to the Ranch by Pasco Packing Co., of Dade City. In addition to this the Dade City firm gave equipment valued at over \$500 to the Ranch and qualified as a lifetime member of the Ranch Founders Club.

McCall Selected To Install Son

EUSTIS—Lake County Sheriff Willis McCall can remember with pride many memorable occasions in his career as one of Florida's outstanding Elks.

But it is unlikely that any of them gave him more satisfaction than being selected for the honor of installing his son,

Malcolm V. McCall, as the new Exalted Ruler of the Eustis Elks Lodge.

The Sheriff is a past exalted ruler of the Eustis Lodge and is currently serving as President of the State Elks Association.

Sheriff Lauds Help Received After Tornado

DADE CITY—"It was wonderful."

This was Sheriff Leslie Bessenger's description of the cooperation he received from public and private agencies after a tornado struck here April 2.

The storm struck without warning about 6 a.m., destroying a number of homes and damaging others. Fortunately no one was killed. Sheriff Bessenger estimated damage at \$1,000,000 or more.

Within a matter of minutes Sheriff Bessenger was on the scene and personally directed the disaster operations with the assistance of mobile short-wave radio equipment.

Food, shelter and medical aid were soon provided through the cooperation of the Sheriff's Department, Civil Defense, the Pasco County Commissioners and police departments.

Sheriff M. H. (Popie) Bowman of neighboring Sumter County moved into the devastated area with his entire department. Officers of assistance came from Sheriff's Departments in other surrounding counties, but were not needed.

The Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, Florida Highway Patrol, Red Cross, Salvation Army and other agencies also rendered valuable assistance.

At Sheriff Bessenger's request, a National Guard unit was placed on duty to guard against pilfering and property loss.

"I just can't say enough about the importance of the coordinated efforts of all of these agencies," Sheriff Bessenger commented. "It certainly made me proud to live in a country where officials and private citizens respond the way they do to human need."

Wilson Treasurer

CRESTVIEW—The Okaloosa County Chapter of the Red Cross recently elected Okaloosa County Sheriff Ray Wilson as its treasurer.

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.

More Added to Boys Ranch Founders Club

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

Suncoast Cat Club, St. Petersburg
 William D. Stark, Jr., Jacksonville
 Edward F. Brantley, St. Petersburg
 B. Brack Cantrell, Ft. Lauderdale
 Alfred F. Foster, Hollywood
 D. Charles C. Tindall, Kissimmee
 Karl A. Stein, Sarasota
 Senator George Smathers, Washington, D. C.
 L. L. McMasters, St. Petersburg
 Lew L. McMasters, St. Petersburg
 Miss Gretchen Dilocker, St. Petersburg
 The First National Bank, St. Petersburg
 Lewis Cohen, Lake Worth
 Smith Hereford Ranch, Cocoa
 Frederick Stockhausen, DeLand
 St. Joe Paper Company, Tallahassee
 R. C. Brent, Tallahassee
 Ed Ball, Jacksonville
 James William Diamond, Hobe Sound
 C. C. Moore, Panama City
 O. E. Hobbs, Panama City
 C. M. Segrest, Slocom, Ala.
 L. H. Stucky, Clearwater
 T. W. Smith, Panama City
 Lions Club, Titusville
 Charles E. Cook, Titusville
 Joe Knight, Indian Rocks Beach
 Rosalind Knight, Indian Rocks Beach
 William O. Perrot, Tampa
 Joseph V. Schlichter, Venice
 Mr. Nelson Mills, Largo
 Jacksonville Retail Liquor Association
 Searcy J. Koen, Sarasota
 Maynard A. Duryea, St. Petersburg
 Stewart M. McMaster, Dunedin
 Charles B. Croy, Dade City
 David J. Crane, Sarasota
 Finley B. Duncan, Valparaiso
 Willard E. Roe, Winter Haven
 Winter Lodge #1672, BPOE, Winter Haven
 Blue Grass Shows, Inc., Tampa
 Alexander Mitchell, Jacksonville
 Mr. and Mrs. Fred R. Tuerk, Vero Beach
 Sherburne Prescott, Hobe Sound
 William J. Matheson, Stuart
 Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Mundy, Venice

Lad Gets Sample Of Sheriff's Job

SARASOTA—Elected "Sheriff" during a student government program, young Jimmy Dewberry got a realistic taste of law enforcement work.

He was riding in a patrol car with Deputy Sheriff Wade Coker when a radio call came in reporting a suicide. Coker was the only Deputy available at the time so he had to investigate the suicide and Jimmy tagged along.

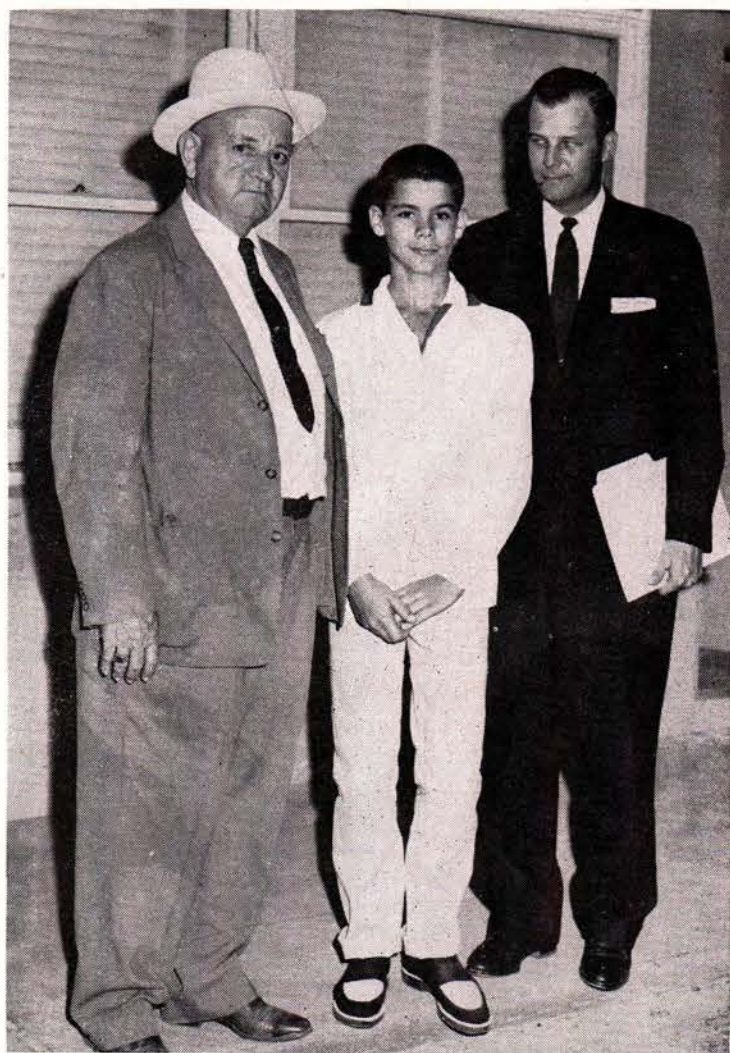
Later, when Jimmy's pals asked him what it was like being "Sheriff for a day," he had some gory details to relate.



LIVE OAK — FERTILIZER FOR BOYS RANCH — Sheriff Hugh Lewis (left) supervises unloading of 25-ton load of fertilizer donated to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch by manufacturers.



LIVE OAK — ANOTHER MILESTONE — Ground was broken at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, March 11, for the Ranch Manager's residence, fourth building in the current \$250,000 construction program. Ranch Trustee J. L. McMullen, of Live Oak, is shown wielding the shovel under the supervision of Suwannee County Sheriff Hugh Lewis (left) and Thomas Musgrove, a Suwannee County citizen who was one of the original founders of the Ranch.



NEW RANCHER—Sheriff J. A. Lloyd (left) gives a fatherly send-off to a Broward County boy selected for admission to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, where he is now under the care of Ranch Manager Vincent Jones (right).

Fertilizer Manufacturers Give Large Donation to Boys Ranch

Fertilizer manufacturers in Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco and Pinellas Counties donated a 25-ton truckload of fertilizer to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch for use in the extensive farming program which is being developed on the 722-acre Ranch site.

Charles Mendez, of Redwing Carriers Inc., Tampa, furnished free transportation to the Ranch. He is a member of the Boys Ranch Founders Club and a Lifetime Honorary Member of the Florida Sheriffs Association. Last year he donated \$1,000 to the Ranch.

The firms that contributed fertilizer are: Superior Fertilizer & Chemical Co., Gulf Fertilizer Co., Lyons Fertilizer Co.,

West Coast Fertilizer Co., and Wilson & Toomer Fertilizer Co., all of Tampa; Producers Supply Inc., Palmetto; Pasco Packing Co., Fertilizer Division, Dade City; Pinellas Growers Association Fertilizer Works, Clearwater; and Hinson Fertilizer Co., Plant City.

The trustees of the Boys Ranch expressed their sincere appreciation for this generous donation and for the support which the fertilizer industry in general has extended toward the Boys Ranch.

"It is this kind of support," said Sheriff Ed Blackburn Jr., chairman of the trustees, "that will insure the success of the Ranch."

In Memoriam

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

Mr. and Mrs. Merle R. Brown, Winter Haven; in memory of Charles M. Hunt, Sr.

Mrs. Marie P. Doty, Clearwater; in memory of Charles E. Doty.

Mrs. Celia E. Porter, St. Petersburg; in memory of Elmer G. Porter

W. A. England, Brooksville; in memory of Ronald Oberman, age 13.

Mrs. Trig Thordarson and Julie Thordarson, St. Augustine; in memory of Marshall Wolfe.

Mr. Nelson Mills, Largo; in memory of Mrs. Nelson Mills.

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.



LIVE OAK—HERE IT IS J. L.—If Boys Ranch Trustee J. L. McMullen has been wondering why his yard looks so bare, this picture will put his mind at ease. It shows his wife, Kitty, assisting with the planting of a truck load of shrubbery taken from the McMullen yard and donated to the Boys Ranch. In the background are Ranch Manager Vincent Jones and one of the young ranchers.

Deputy's Courtesy Benefits Ranch

WEST PALM BEACH — The courtesy of Deputy Sheriff Fred Marx paid off for the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

The following letter written by Mrs. Erma Clark, of Stuart, to Sheriff John Kirk explains why:

"Dear Sir:

"Last Thursday, March 12,

my son and I were on Military Trail, several miles from a garage, when we had a flat tire. One of your deputies, Fred Marx, stopped and changed our tire. He would not accept pay. We certainly appreciate his kindness very much. Enclosed you will find a small donation to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, in appreciation."



DADE CITY — SCHOOL SESSION — Law enforcement officers representing nine agencies are shown above during one of the sessions of the Florida Sheriffs Bureau Training School which Sheriff Leslie Bessenger hosted here last month.

Bureau School Attended By 26

DADE CITY—The latest developments in scientific crime detection techniques applicable to the officer in the field were discussed at a two-day training session conducted by the Florida Sheriffs Bureau at City Hall here on March 24 and 25.

Pasco County Sheriff Leslie Bessenger was host at the sessions attended by 26 officers representing nine law enforcement agencies.

Emphasis at the school was not only on techniques which can be used in the field, Sheriff Bessenger stated, but also included a thorough explanation as to how local officers can make use of the technical equipment, services and personnel of the Sheriffs Bureau. Bessenger is a member of the Sheriffs Bureau administrative board.

Topics discussed during the two-day meetings included Crime Scene Searches, Development of Scientific Crime Detection, Firearms Identification, Tool Mark Identification, History of Latent Fingerprints and Their Uses, Fraudulent Check Investigations, and Document

Examinations and Techniques.

Sheriffs Bureau staff members who lectured and presented practical demonstrations included E. Berwin Williams, James E. Halligan Jr., Leslie Smith, Albert B. Ground, John Fay, and Ron Dick.

Those present at the sessions included Sheriff Bessenger, O. E. Hall, S. P. Hines, Ronald Lange, Basil Gaines, and Thomas E. Wyatt, Pasco County Sheriff's Office; Chief Leon Hudson, C. E. Sidaway, H. O. Hutchinson, A. Nathe and R. E. Stanly, Dade City Police Department; Grant Vought, Louis B. Pielow and H. D. Williams, Citrus County Sheriff's Office; Chief C. N. Chamberlain, G. H. Lindsay, Billy Smith, E. J. Barrett, Zephyrhills Police Department; M. D. Stephens, Florida Highway Patrol, Dade City; Chief G. E. Nix, E. H. Barney, Lloyd Eickelberger, Wildwood Police Department; Chief V. C. Barga, R. C. Walrath, New Port Richey Police Department; Chief E. W. Speller, Port Richey Police Department; Chief G. W. Cobb, Brooksville Police Department.



FT. LAUDERDALE—FOR SAFETY'S SAKE—Over 1,500 youngsters had their bicycles checked on this portable safety tester sponsored by Broward County Sheriff J. A. (Quill) Lloyd and the West Hollywood Optimist Club. (Ft. Lauderdale News Photo by Seb Farina)



LIVE OAK—RANCH FOUNDERS—Sheriff Hugh Lewis presents Boys Ranch Founders Club certificates to donors who gave substantial contributions to the Ranch. In the top photo the certificate recipients are: (from left) Oswald Palmer (who accepted on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Schwartz, of San Juan, Puerto Rico), Tom Radford and Bob Engstrom. Bottom photo: Merl Jernigan (center) and Ed Kent (right).



OCALA — JUNIOR DEPUTY BOOSTER —Candler C. Reese, owner of the Brahma Restaurant, is an enthusiastic supporter of the Junior Deputy Sheriff Program which Sheriff F. L. McGehee sponsors as a means of helping youngsters to develop into good citizens. Here he is shown presenting a donation of \$100 to a group of Junior Deputies and their leader, Deputy Sheriff Bill Wood.

Pull Over When You Hear Siren

ORLANDO—Motorists who don't pull over to the side when they hear a siren and see a flashing red light are in for trouble.

Sheriff Dave Starr warned that the careless or inattentive drivers who fail to get out of the way "had better wake up

or they're going to get arrested."

He said one of his deputies on an emergency mission was injured when a motorist failed to get out of the way.

Emergency vehicles such as patrol cars and ambulances are often delayed by inattentive motorists, he added.

"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

059-52—SHERIFFS TRANSPORTING PRIVATE FUNDS—A sheriff or his deputy may not transport private funds from a bank to a depository some thirty miles from the bank's location, however, this is not intended to cover an isolated instance where for valid reasons and in the public interest it is necessary to furnish protection.

059-58 — DRIVING WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR OR NARCOTICS —Section 317.20, Florida Statutes, making it unlawful to drive under the influence of intoxicating liquor or narcotic drugs, is not limited to distilled liquors but includes venous or fermented beverages such as wine and beer.

059-59 — DRIVING WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS —It is necessary for a police officer to have a warrant to arrest a person under charge of driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquors when said violation did not occur in the presence of the officer.

059-62—CLERK'S FEE IN CONNECTION WITH COMMITMENT PAPERS —The Clerk's fee for issuing the commitment papers which accompany a prisoner to the reception and classification center of the Department of Corrections is included in the Clerk's flat filing fee in connection with criminal proceedings; and where the Clerk does furnish copies of the commitment papers to the Parole Commission the Clerk would not be entitled to a fee under Section 28.24, Florida Statutes.

Deputy Cast In TV Show

NAPLES—Joe Hunter, Monroe County Deputy Sheriff was cast as a prisoner for the filming in the Everglades of one of the 30-minute shows in the "Stakeout" television series based upon the files and techniques of the Florida Sheriffs Bureau.

The script called for Hunter to get whipped in a fight with the star of the series, Walter Matthau, who co-starred with Andy Griffith in the movie, "Onionhead."

Collier County deputies were also given small parts in the film.

"Stakeout" is planned by Screen Gems, the producing firm, as a series of 38 programs which will be sold to individual stations nation-wide, rather than being carried as a network show.

Tampan Wants Pix Of Barker Killing

Anyone have any photographs of Kate "Ma" Barker and her youngest son Fred taken at the time they were killed at Oklawaha in 1934?

Andy Wade, who collects pictures of notorious criminals, is looking for some and would also like to have some pictures of the house in which they were killed. He can be contacted at 6409 Bayshore Blvd., Tampa, Florida.

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Signal 14

(Information)

... to all stations



DON McLEOD
Director

The Administrative, Records and Communications, Investigative, and Modus Operandi Sections of the Sheriffs Bureau are settled in Room 135 of the Carlton Building's new wing on Gadsden Street... the Identification Section is now located in Room 231 of the same wing... the Bureau's Crime Laboratory remains at the old Gaines Street location...

Recent schools have been held by the Bureau's Training Section in Pasco, Suwannee and Sarasota Counties... these training sessions are aimed not only at filling in officers regarding the latest investigative techniques, but also at familiarizing them with services offered by the various Bureau sections...

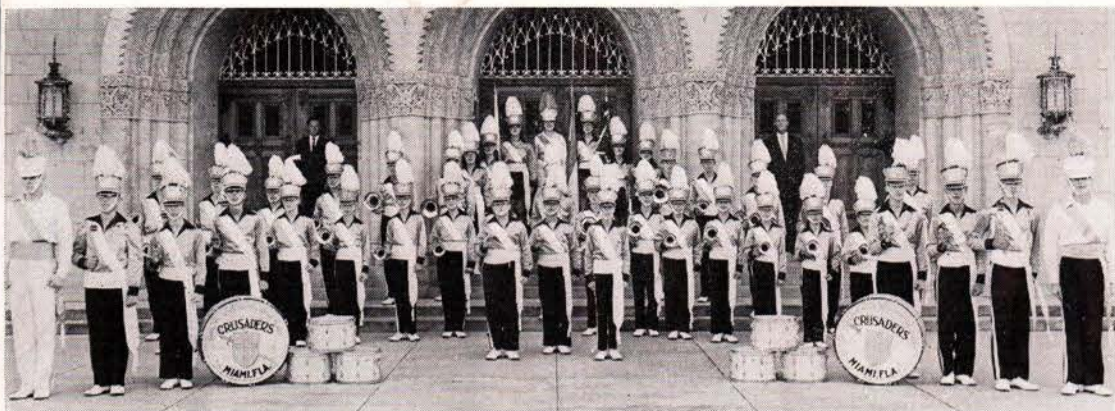
More and more Florida law enforcement agencies are utilizing the Bureau's TWX teletype system to send messages to police departments all over the country... if your department has not made use of this latest Bureau facility, try it the next time you are in a hurry to contact a distant police agency on an official matter... the Bureau is able to contact police departments all over the country through this communications network...

The flow of crime reports into the Bureau's

Modus Operandi Section continues to increase... at present 15 sheriffs' offices and 25 police departments in the state are contributing on a regular basis... as more law enforcement agencies contribute their crime reports regularly, the effectiveness of this section will increase greatly...

During February, 20 suspects were furnished various Florida police agencies in 70 cases submitted to MO... Florida sheriff's offices and police departments were recently requested to submit fingerprint cards to the Bureau's Identification Section, and now an average of over 200 fingerprint cards are arriving at Ident daily... the growth of this section's fingerprint files should benefit all Florida law enforcement...

Latest figures from the Bureau's Document Examination Section shows that 45 sheriff's offices in the state and 23 police departments are submitting worthless check cases to the Bureau on a regular basis... this section's Fraudulent Check File is rapidly expanding, and as a result, the percentage of unknown checks identified is increasing...



KELLY'S OWN—The Crusaders, widely-praised boys' drum and bugle corps, are sponsored by Sheriff Tom Kelly.

Crime Careers Begin at Home

NEW YORK—Parents lead their children into juvenile delinquency by over-emphasizing material standards instead of spiritual values, a U. S. Senate subcommittee investigating youngsters in crime was told.

Judge John Warren Hill, who presides in New York's domestic relations court, said a return to normalcy would be the best preventive of juvenile crime.

"We are over-emphasizing material things, such as money and credit, and losing sight of spiritual values," he said. "Homes of this kind produce selfishness and self-centeredness. Often they become broken homes."

Such "disturbed and unsettled conditions" lead to juvenile delinquency," he testified.

7 Children Killed By Loaded Guns Kept in Bedrooms

HOLLYWOOD—Parents who keep loaded guns around the house are inviting the slaughter of their children, Deputy Sheriff Al Topel warned.

His comments were prompted by the fatal shooting of seven children in Broward County during a period of six months. In all cases the children were killed by guns kept in bedrooms. One of the victims was a 13-year-old girl who pulled a loaded shotgun from under a bed where she was sweeping.

The deaths were officially listed as accidental, but Topel labeled them "wanton slaughter of children."

"It is not an accident if inquisitive little fingers pick up a loaded rifle," he said. "It is to be expected and death is to be expected too."

Call for Help Was Ignored

OCALA — Usually, when a law enforcement officer sends out a call for help, his fellow-officers rush to the rescue. But not in the case of Florida Highway Patrol Sgt. T. H. Aaron.

Sgt. Aaron called in vain. The sheriff's office, Ocala police, and even the juvenile officers turned him down.

The reason? A skunk had taken up residence in the FHP garage and was beginning to smell things up. Aaron finally removed the "menace" all by himself.

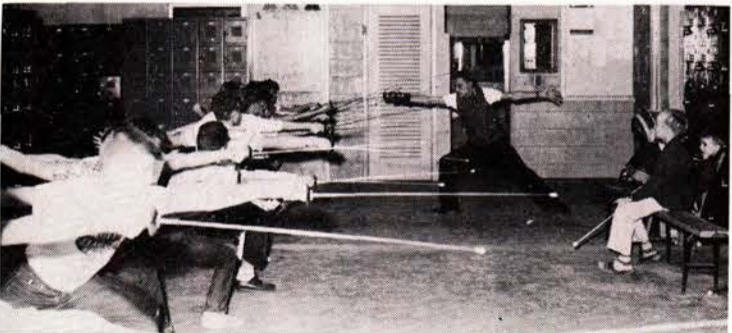
This is Unhealthy Place for Crooks

PALATKA — The Palatka Daily News tossed this bouquet at the Putnam County Sheriff:

"Sheriff Walt Pellicer and his corps of capable deputies keep the situation so well in hand that would-be law violators realize this is not an inviting field in which to operate; hence they travel . . . (to places) where, seemingly, the prospects are more encouraging."

Junior Deputy Activities

The pictures below show some of the widely varied activities of Sheriff Tom Kelly's famous Junior Deputy Sheriff League.



Kelly's Still at Bat For Neglected Kids

MIAMI—Tenacity is a trait of the Irish.

That explains Sheriff Thomas J. Kelly and his relentless efforts to obtain recreational facilities for the thousands of youngsters who live in unincorporated areas of Dade County.

But How About This

But, how do you explain the fact that Dade County officials have failed to do anything about the situation?

How do you explain it in view of the following facts:

1. A 1954 survey showed that three of the five Dade County areas having the highest rate of delinquency lie wholly within the unincorporated sections of the county and a major portion of one of the remaining areas is in unincorporated territory.

2. Dade County municipalities budgeted over \$1,000,000 for recreation programs in the 1956-57 fiscal year and the County Commissioners did not budget one cent for recreation programs in the unincorporated areas.

3. Population of unincorporated areas is increasing more than twice as fast as incorporated areas.

4. Population of unincorporated areas totaled 237,000 in 1957, compared to 566,000 in incorporated areas.

Doesn't Make Sense

"It just doesn't make sense," a visitor told Kelly recently.

Nor did it make sense when the visitor learned that the Dade County Budget Commission has repeatedly rejected requests from the Dade County Commission and Kelly for adequate personnel to handle the county's juvenile problems.

As far back as 1953 Kelly requested a Juvenile Aid Staff at a cost of \$21,000 a year but this and subsequent annual requests were turned down.

A 1955 grand jury declared that if the Sheriff's requests had been granted, even in part, "today's delinquencies outside the municipalities might not be so complicated."

Prayer Unanswered

The jury went on to prayerfully express the hope that "the souls and lives of Dade County children will carry more weight than . . . dollars." The prayer has gone unanswered.

Recreation is not Kelly's business—but combatting juvenile delinquency is.

Therefore, in the face of official apathy, he has attempted in many ways to fill the existing recreational vacuum.

His Junior Deputy Program, in which teen-age boys and girls are taught good citizenship and respect for the law, is one of the outstanding projects of its kind in the nation.

With a roster at times total-

Sheriff's On Color Film

FT. LAUDERDALE—Broward County Sheriff J. A. Lloyd now has his Sheriff's Department on film.

The Sheriff's Department has prepared an entertaining and informative 30-minute color film depicting the law enforcement activities and problems of the Department. The film is being shown to civic clubs and schools.

Sheriff's Deputy Al Topel, a former reporter on the Ft. Lauderdale News, wrote the script and produced and directed the picture at a cost of less than \$100. Narration is by Joe Templeton of WTVJ and photography is by Deputy Sheriff Thomas Nunn.



SHERIFF KELLY

ing over 2,000 the Junior Deputies participate in a wide range of activities, including courses in law enforcement subjects, drills, picnics and guided tours.

Camp Kelly's Dream

The Boys Drum and Bugle Corps organized and sponsored by Kelly has won wide attention and has made many public appearances in parades and other functions.

Close to the heart of the Sheriff is his dream of a Youth Camp in Dade County. He envisions it as a haven for underprivileged youngsters which would include recreation facilities, a lake, assembly hall, medical clinic, living quarters, a mess hall, a rifle and pistol range and a Chapel.

Through the years he has raised funds for the Youth Camp but they are not yet sufficient to make it a reality.

He recently indicated he has not given up his dream and that he will continue to promote the camp project as God gives him the strength to do so.

Tom Kelly, you see, is an Irishman.

Wrap Yourself In Safety Expert Advises

NEW YORK—Failure to use safety belts caused nearly 1,000 persons to lose their lives in automobile accidents last year.

As Dr. John Moore, head of Cornell University's crash injury program, sees it, it's just a matter of wrapping yourself in safety.

Or, put it another way: almost any American is more careful in packing a piece of china in a box than in placing his child in an automobile.

"If people would begin to package themselves as they do the Christmas gifts they ship," Dr. Moore said, "there could be a 60 per cent reduction in injuries and deaths."

"With proper packaging, it is entirely possible to have an accident without injury. Accidents in themselves do not cause injury. The injury comes when you hit the inside of the package."

Dr. Moore is heading a nationwide campaign to win the American public over to the wisdom of the safety belt. He believes every car should have a safety belt for every passenger.

Dr. Moore practices what he preaches. He never drives around the block without first strapping himself in and there are enough safety belts in his family car for his wife and eight children.

People too busy to practice safety are hurrying to the hospital.

STUFF

By Stauffer

"JAYBIRD" SAULEY wasn't one for frills and fancy phrases. I doubt that he ever heard of a thing called "press relations." But he had an effective—and almost foolproof—system for getting along with the press.

"Jaybird" was the Sheriff of Jefferson County, Indiana—just a "good old country boy" who never owned a college degree or, so far as I know, a necktie.

HE WAS THE LAW in the lovely Ohio River town of Madison and surrounding tobacco belt farmlands.

I was "The Press"—or more specifically the Madison Courier's lone reporter—with the impressive title of City Editor and a "portfolio" that entitled me to cover everything from tobacco auctions to basketball tournaments.

JAYBIRD'S SYSTEM was simply this: He kept all of his records locked in an old wooden desk that looked like it came out of Ben Franklin's office. If he trusted a reporter, he gave him a key to this desk. If he didn't—no key.

He never got involved in long discussions of what was news and what wasn't, or what the public was entitled to know and what it wasn't.

He simply turned over THE KEY and he assumed that the reporter would use good sense and fairness. The reporter who didn't not only lost the privileges of THE KEY but also encountered rough going in trying to pry information from Jaybird's tightly buttoned lips.

I ONLY KNOW OF ONE TIME that Jaybird's system of "press relations" was completely demoralized. That was when he uncovered a "Poison for Profit" murder case in which a middle-aged housekeeper was accused of hastening the death of some of her elderly employers so she could collect on their life insurance.

Tabloids in Chicago and metropolitan dailies in Cincinnati, Louisville, Indianapolis and elsewhere sniffed a sensational story. Hard-bitten, worldly-wise police reporters suddenly descended on "Jaybird" in droves.

The "Old Country Boy" was really in a sweat. He didn't have enough keys to go around and besides he soon discovered that these "jokers" weren't really interested in the facts. What they wanted was a good juicy story, and fiction was not too high a price to pay.

IN DESPERATION, Jaybird resorted to the old "Cat and Mouse" game. He became secretive and evasive about his investigation. Carefully he laid plans to exhume some of the bodies of the murder victims to test them for the presence of arsenic.

Late one night he and other officers sneaked out to the graveyard and started digging. Presumably the reporters were back in town playing poker or closing up the bars, but about the time the shovels hit the top of the first coffin, flashbulbs started popping.

After that, Jaybird was adrift without a system. Reporters were in his hair constantly, like children climbing over a big, friendly sheep dog.

Then one day the story petered out, the reporters left town and I went back to covering basketball tournaments and tobacco auctions.

Through it all, Jaybird—God bless him—never took away my key.



JACKSONVILLE—LIFETIME MEMBER—Jack C. Corbett, shown here (right) presenting a Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch donation of \$1,000 to Sheriff Dale Carson, has been voted a lifetime membership in the Florida Sheriffs Association. A native of Jacksonville, he founded the firm of Jacksonville Frosted Foods some ten years ago and is now one of the leading frozen food distributors in this area with gross sales of some \$2,000,000 annually. He is currently president of the Southern Frozen Food Distributors Association, a veteran of World War II, a member of Duval Lodge No. 159, F&AM Morocco Temple Shriners and an active stockholder in the Jacksonville Baseball Club.



OCALA — NEW UNIFORMS — Sheriff F. L. McGehee recently purchased new uniforms for the women deputies pictured above (from left): Curtis Johnson, civil division; Betty Costin, criminal division; Nita Smith, sheriff's secretary; and Barbara Gailliard, civil division. The uniforms consist of gray skirt, white blouse and green tie for summer wear; plus a matching gray coat and white gloves for winter wear.



WEST PALM BEACH — SHERIFF "SPRUNG — Sheriff John F. Kirk allowed himself to be locked up in the mobile cell pictured above to help the West Palm Beach Junior Chamber of Commerce raise funds in its "Fight Cancer Drive." Here he is shown being released after pretty fund raisers like the one at left collected his "bond" of \$2,000 in about two hours. (Photo by Sam R. Quincey)



PANAMA CITY — NEWEST SLEUTH — Sheriff M. J. (Doc) Daffin is proud of his newest "investigator," the bloodhound "Twigs" shown here with his handler, Deputy Sheriff Lavelle Pitts. Although only seven months old, Twigs is already well trained. He participated in his first actual manhunt on March 21, and aided in tracking down two escapees from the State Prison Camp, near Lynn Haven.

Sheriff Boyer Finds Television is County Jail Morale Builder

SARASOTA — Experimenting with television in the Sarasota County Jail, Sheriff Ross E. Boyer has found that it is an excellent morale builder.

Recently Boyer installed two sets in the section of the jail occupied by working prisoners—one for whites and one for Negroes.

"It is amazing how content

the prisoners have been since the experiment was started," he said. "Gripes and bickering have almost disappeared."

Since the prisoners work in the daytime, they only have an opportunity for viewing at night.

They determine what programs to watch and what time the set is turned off. If there have been any arguments about this, the Sheriff hasn't heard about them. The prisoners understand that watching television is a privilege earned through good behavior.

The fact that the men are tired from physical labor and have to get up early in the morning apparently keeps them from watching the "late-late shows."

Boyer anticipates some criticism from the public, but he feels the benefits in morale and rehabilitation will outweigh it.

A television dealer who served time in jail on a contempt charge and got a taste of "bas-tille boredom" donated and installed the television sets in the jail after he was released.

"Stinko" Driver Not Considered Serious Menace

EVANSTON, ILL. — The total drunk is not much of a traffic safety problem, according to Theodore J. Loveless, a spokesman for the Traffic Institute of Northwestern University.

The guy who is completely soused, says Loveless, "usually knows he can't drive or is quickly identified by police."

"A greater hazard than the 'completely drunk' driver is the operator who is under the influence of alcohol to the extent that he has a false sense of confidence in his driving ability."

"Studies made in some states indicate that drivers who fall into this category are involved in about 50 per cent of the fatal accidents."

Bicycle Safety Checks Praised

SANFORD — Sheriff Luther Hobby's program of periodic safety checks to determine whether youngsters' bicycles are mechanically safe drew the following comment from newsman Ormund Powers in the Orlando Sentinel:

"I think this is a good program for all counties to follow. Kids let their bikes deteriorate to the point where they actually are unsafe, and 'pop' these days is often too busy to check them himself."

Broward Deputy Completes Course At Northwestern

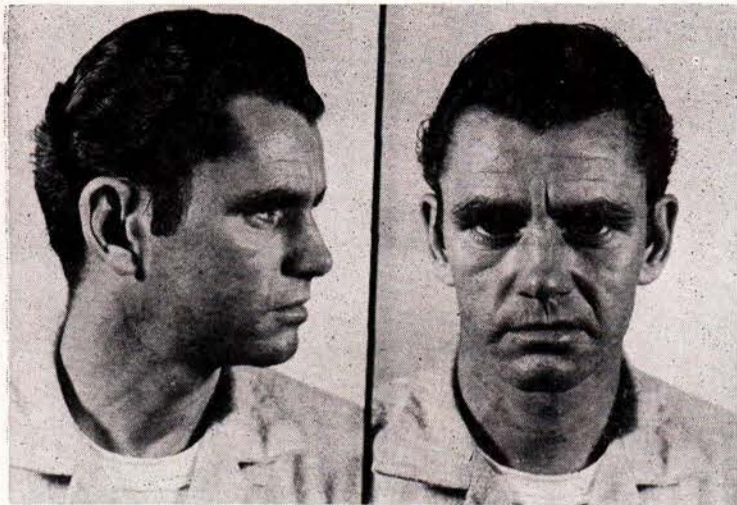
FT. LAUDERDALE — Broward County Deputy Sheriff William L. Spittler, of Ft. Lauderdale, was one of 26 men who completed a five-day course in chemical tests for intoxication at the Traffic Institute of Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., last month.

Police and safety agencies in nine states, Indonesia, Korea, Libya and Tunisia were represented in the training program. Laboratory instruction in the analysis of breath, blood and urine to determine degree of alcoholic impairment supplemented classroom instruction and discussions.

Theodore J. Loveless, director of the course, said chemical tests "while not a panacea, are a very important tool for the furtherance of traffic safety."

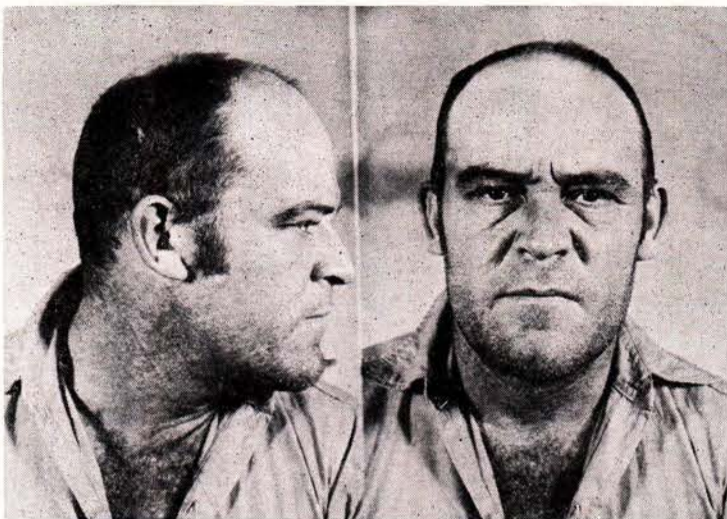
WANTED PERSONS

As Compiled by the
Florida Sheriffs Bureau
Don McLeod, Director



CLIFFORD C. HELTON

White male, age 31, 5 feet, 6 inches tall, weighs 140 pounds, medium small build, dark brown hair, blue eyes, medium complexion. Three-inch tattoo on each arm. He was being held in jail awaiting trial on charge of Escape from State Prison Camp. If apprehended notify Sheriff Daffin, Panama City, Fla., or The Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



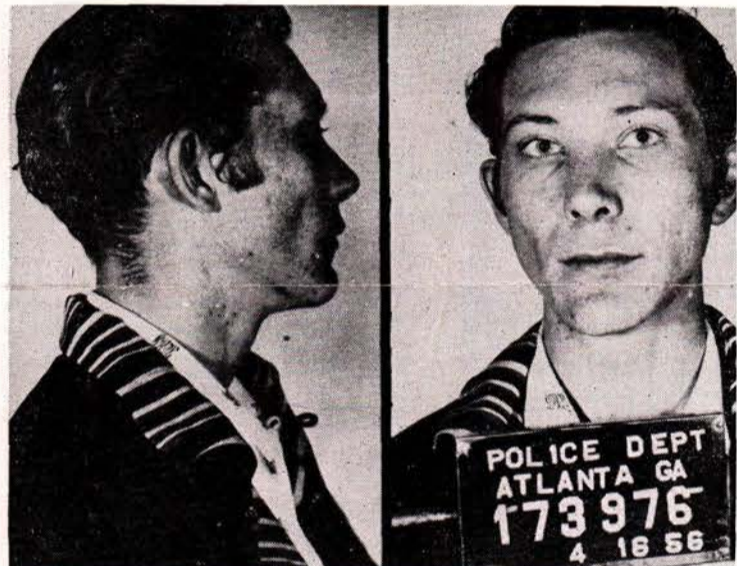
HENRY A. JONES

White male, age 38, 5 feet, 10 inches tall, weighs 175 pounds, medium heavy build, brown hair and eyes, ruddy complexion; numerous tattoos on arms and hands. Sawed out of Bay County jail 2-27-59, where he was being held on a presentence investigation on a charge of B and E and Uttering Forged Instrument. Detainers filed from Muscogee County, Ga., on charge Burglary and from Escambia County on charge Uttering Forged Instrument. If apprehended notify Sheriff Daffin, Panama City, Fla., or The Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



JOYCE DARLENE NICHOLS

White female, age 19, 5 feet 3 1/2 inches tall, weighs 90 pounds, dark brown hair, may be wearing in a bun or pony tail, hazel eyes; small white cyst on left eyelid. Front teeth slightly crooked, lips very full. Has with her a baby daughter, 8 months old. She is believed to be traveling in a tan 1938 Buick Sedan, 1958 Florida License 4Q-422. Missing since February 3, 1959, when she was last seen at train platform in St. Petersburg. If located please have her contact her mother or grandmother. Notify Sheriff Genung, St. Petersburg, Fla., or The Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



DORSEY EDWARD PITTS

White male, date of birth 4-6-33, 6 feet tall, weighs 165 pounds. Wanted for jail break from Clay County jail March 17, 1959. He is also wanted for Worthless Checks in two or three other Counties. If apprehended notify Sheriff Hall, Green Cove Springs, Fla., or The Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Fla.



ROBERT LEE BROWN

Colored male, age 20, 5 feet, 11 inches tall, weighs 187 pounds, black hair, dark brown eyes, good teeth, extra dark brown complexion. Wrist bone right hand extends outward. Dim cut scar right temple. State Prison #61311. Sentenced 3 year term for Larceny of Auto 10-11-57 from Gadsden County. \$25 reward. Escaped 3-23-59. If apprehended notify S. R. Prison 4660, Marianna, Fla., or The Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



ANNA KAREN McCAWLEY

White female, age 16, 5 feet, 6 inches tall, weighs 135 to 140 pounds, dark blond hair, blue-grey eyes, fair complexion. Missing from her home in Ocala since February 24, 1959. Last seen wearing red plaid skirt, black shirt, and carrying school books. Anyone knowing subject's whereabouts contact Sheriff McGehee, Ocala, Fla., or The Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Fla.



ROBERT CHRISTIE

White male, date of birth 10-14-23 in Port Huron, Mich., 5 feet, 9 inches tall, weighs 160 pounds, medium build, brown hair, green eyes, ruddy complexion. FBI #948 193 C. Warrant issued, charging Violation of Probation, original charge being Grand Larceny. If apprehended notify Sheriff Blackburn, Tampa, Fla., or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



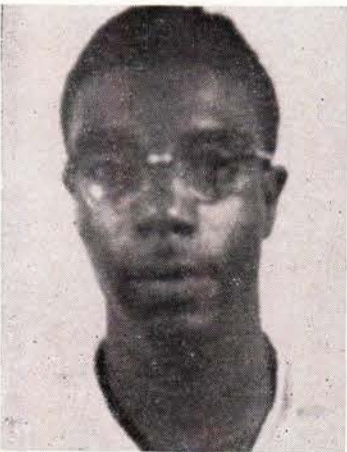
RICHARD L. HICKS

White male, date of birth 9-26-40, 5 feet, 5 inches tall, weighs 132 pounds, grey eyes, brown hair, slender build. Subject could be in the Clearwater area. Wanted for Attempted B and E, and Investigation of other B and E's. If apprehended notify Police Department, Fort Myers, Fla., or The Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



HARLON RAY CORLEY

White male, age 30, 5 feet, 11 inches tall, weighs 156 pounds. FBI #4-842-330. Escaped from Clay County jail March 17, 1959. Wanted in Clay County for Breaking and Entering, Forgery and jail break. He is also wanted in two adjoining counties for Breaking and Entering and Forgery. A reward of \$200.00 is offered for his apprehension. Notify Sheriff Hall, Green Cove Springs, Fla., or The Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Fla.



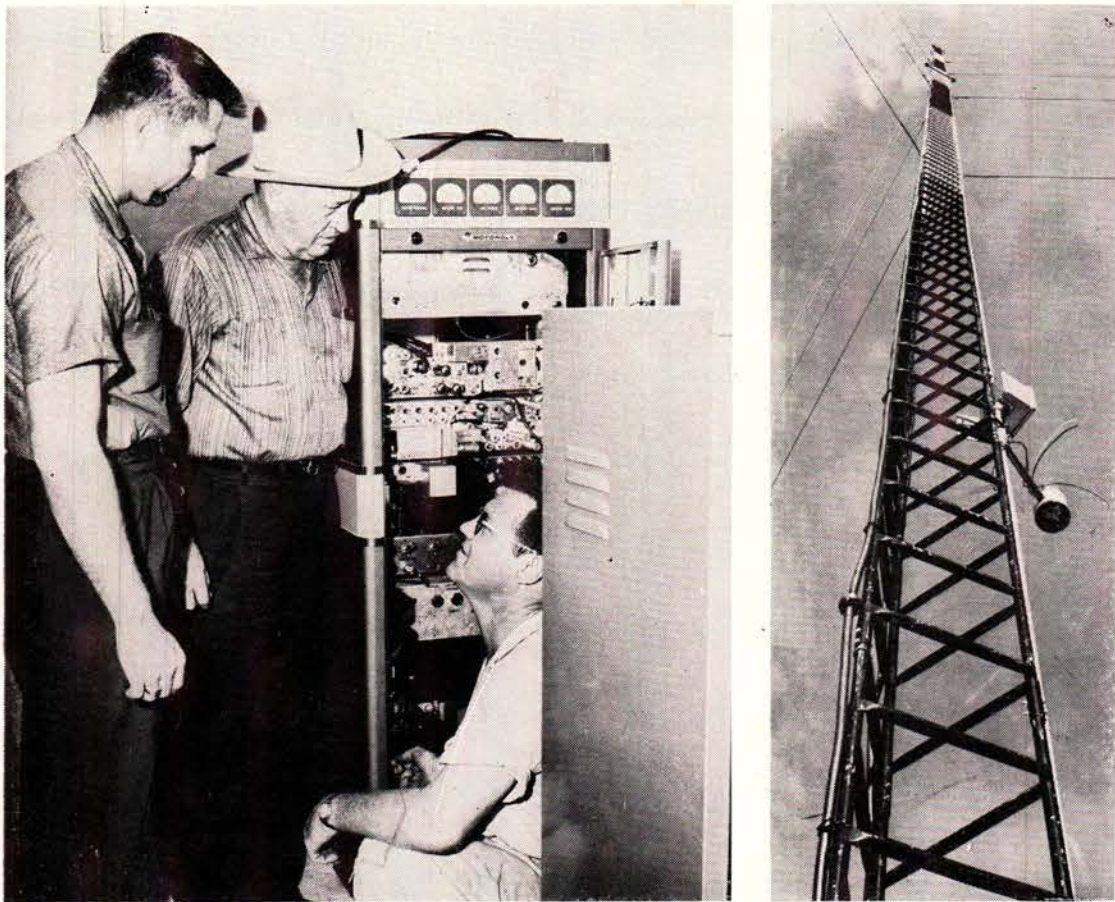
JAMES EDWARD WIMBUSH

Colored male, date of birth 9-2-26 in Blakely, Ga., 6 feet, 3 inches tall, weighs 175 pounds, black hair, brown eyes. FPC: 10, S over S, 1 over 2, U over U, 100 over 101, 12. Wanted on charge of murder. Warrant will be issued. Caution should be used in effecting arrest. If apprehended notify Police Dept., or Sheriff Bessenger, Dade City, Fla., or The Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



WAYNE A. KILBURN

White male, age 16, 5 feet, 8 inches tall, weighs 165 pounds, light brown hair, blue eyes, fair complexion. Gunshot scar on left elbow, also on both sides of body where bullet passed through; six inch surgical scar on right side of abdomen. Missing from Daytona Beach since 3-11-59. Wearing brown suede jacket, khaki pants. Subject may use last name of LANG. He is known to have been in Glencoe Springs, Fla., on March 11, 1959, and was believed headed for Tallahassee. Anyone knowing subject's whereabouts contact Sheriff Thursby, Daytona Beach, Fla., or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



WEST PALM BEACH — RANGE BOOSTER — A newly-installed \$30,000 radio system gives Sheriff John Kirk county-wide short-wave communications for the first time and is proving more valuable every day. The pictures above show the 249-foot tower and some of the equipment at the main transmitter station. Technician Howard Blair is pictured explaining the operation of the transmitter to Sheriff Kirk (center) and his son, Chief Deputy Sheriff John F. Kirk, Jr.

Stills Scarce Search Shows

MACCLENNY—It's true what they say about the success of Sheriff Ed Yarborough's campaign against moonshine operations in Baker County.

The State Beverage Department, using an airplane, and the Sheriff's Department, using patrol cars, scoured the entire county recently and turned up only two stills—one of them abandoned and inoperative.

Both stills were destroyed and the Sheriff thereupon declared the county "clean as a hound's tooth" as far as illegal liquor operations were concerned.

He admitted it would be impossible to keep small isolated stills from popping up from time to time, and he added that he would continue to destroy them at every opportunity.

Baker County was reputed to be Florida's "Moonshine Capital" before Sheriff Yarborough took office and instituted a "get tough" policy against moonshiners.

We Have Another Overseas Outpost

The Florida Sheriffs Association has another overseas outpost.

This one is in Chaumont, France, and it is manned by 1st Lt. Russ Currin, a U. S. Air Force jet pilot who recently became an Honorary Member of the Association.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Currin Sr., of Sarasota, and he is married to the former Ann Boyer, of Sarasota, daughter of Sarasota County Sheriff and Mrs. Ross E. Boyer.

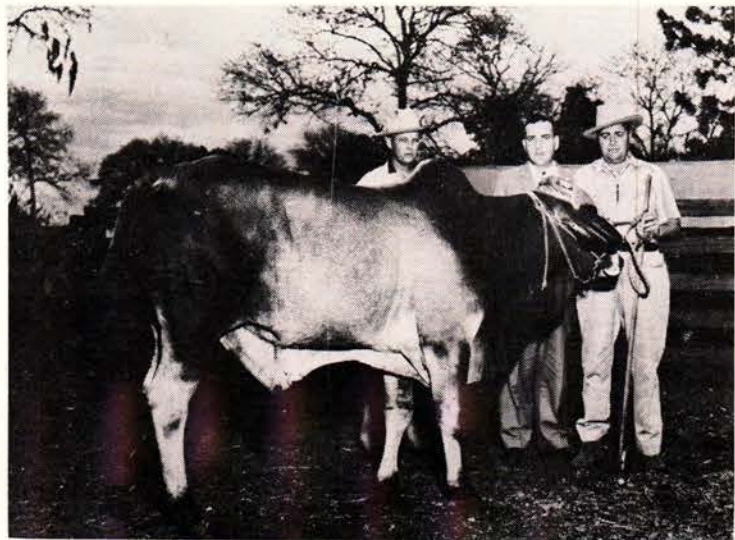
House Wreckers

ORANGE CITY — Volusia County Sheriff Rodney Thursby arrested four young boys, ages 10-12, for vandalism.

The boys did between \$1,000 and \$1,500 worth of damage to an old house, taking it nearly apart. They broke out every window, tore up every lock, ripped up screens and electric fixtures and knocked plaster off the walls.



TAMPA — SENATOR'S GIFT — U. S. Senator George A. Smathers, of Miami, a trustee of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch and long its loyal supporter, presents a personal contribution of \$500 to the Ranch. Accepting it is Sheriff Ed Blackburn Jr. (left), chairman of the Ranch trustees.



DUNELLON — BLUE BLOOD FOR BOYS RANCH—This registered Brahman bull, son of the famous Hadacol, The Emperor, was presented to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch by L. H. Stucky (right) at his ranch near here. The bull, which was named Hadacol, the Emperor, Boys Ranch I, was accepted by Ranch Manager Vincent Jones (left) and Sheriff Don Genung (center), secretary of the Ranch Trustees.

RACKETS AIRED BY McPHERSON

OKEECHOBEE—Sheriff J. C. McPherson was in charge of a discussion class held for Okeechobee merchants on techniques used by shoplifters. The

Sheriff said many new rackets are being employed to fleece small town merchants and businessmen should be informed about them.

Teamwork of Sheriffs Smashes \$250,000 Citrus Theft Ring

Coordinated efforts of Sheriffs and deputies in four counties resulted in the arrest of a gang of "fruit rustlers" credited with thefts of citrus fruit and fruit handling equipment valued at over \$250,000.

The big theft ring was smashed by Hardee County Sheriff E. Odell Carlton, Polk Sheriff Hagan Parrish, Hillsborough Sheriff Ed Blackburn Jr., and Pasco Sheriff Leslie Bessenger.

The method of operation usually involved the theft of citrus already picked and awaiting transfer to a packing house or canning plant. Much of it was sold to Pasco Packing Co., located in Dade City.

Thefts also involved trucks and trailers, some of which were returned to the point where they were stolen. Others were stripped and abandoned.

A deserted farm house, 14 miles west of Dade City, was

used as a transfer point for stolen fruit.

William Ronald Watson, 35, a bonded Tampa fruit dealer, was arrested and identified as the leader of the gang. Other members were also picked up.

The theft operation was described as the largest of its kind in the annals of Florida law enforcement.

The Sheriffs involved in cleaning it up were formally thanked by Florida Citrus Mutual at a conference in Lakeland.

They in turn urged the Florida Citrus Commission to tighten up its investigations of persons and firms applying for fruit dealer's licenses.

Sheriff Bessenger pointed out that Watson was known in Dade City as a bonded broker and therefore there was no reason to suspect that the fruit he sold to Pasco Packing Co. was stolen.

Ranch Consultants Named

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certificate in Neuro-Psychiatry in 1949.

He formerly served as head of the Department of Psychiatry at Randolph Air Force Base Hospital; as a fellow in child psychiatry in the Philadelphia Child Guidance Clinic; and as medical director of the Dade County (Fla.) Child Guidance Clinic.

At the present time he has a private practice in child psychiatry. He is chief of the department of neuro-psychiatry at Variety Children's Hospital, Miami; Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Miami Medical School; and a member of the Florida Children's Commission. He is married and has three sons.

David Rothenberg, M.S.

Mr. Rothenberg is a certified psychologist and has a private practice in clinical psychology. He is psychologist for the Greater Miami Hebrew Academy; a member of the Professional Advisory Boards of the Hope School for Retarded Children and the Retarded Children's Society; and he is president of the Miami Beach Optimist Club.

A native of Detroit, Mich., he is married and has four children. He holds Bachelor of Arts and Master of Science degrees in psychology from the University of Miami and has taken advanced graduate study in clinical psychology at Michigan State College.

Formerly he was an adult corrections worker in the State Prison of Southern Michigan; a consultant for the Michigan Department of Education; and a psychological consultant for the Crippled Children's Society and the City of Miami Beach.

Dr. A. C. Wilhelm Jr.

Dr. Wilhelm, a practicing optometrist, is a past president of the Florida Optometric Association and is currently serving his second term as president of the Florida State Board of Optometry. He is a member of the Ft. Lauderdale Kiwanis Club.

A native of Chicago, Ill., he was graduated in 1938 from the Northern Illinois College of Optometry. He served in the Army in China, Burma and India with the 172nd General Hospital attached Medical Corps.

He is married and has two children.

Curtailment of Fee System

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COUNTY PAYS BILLS

The fee system Sheriff merely requisitions these things and the county commissioners pay the bills. The budget system Sheriff must include these things in his budget and they become a part of the cost of law enforcement. This tends to give the erroneous impression that the budget system is more costly, when actually it is simply more accurate and realistic.

On paper a fee system Sheriff can show that he operated his department on less money than the fees he collected and therefore was able to turn back thousands of dollars in excess fees as a "gift" to the taxpayers.

But, since a major portion of the fees came from the county coffers in the first place, he is merely turning back money that originally belonged to the county.

Actually, it is possible for a Sheriff operating under the fee system to deplete the county treasury to the tune of thousands of dollars, and at the same time maintain the myth that he is operating his office at a profit.

NO DROP IN ARRESTS

There has been some criticism that because the budget system removed the "profit motive" from law enforcement it has resulted in a decline in the volume of arrests.

The Sheriffs Association has had no indication that such a decline exists.

Furthermore, if it did exist, it would not necessarily be significant because the quality of law enforcement can best be measured by the number of major crimes solved rather than the volume of arrests.

A Sheriff could show a high volume of arrests for traffic violations, public drunkenness and other minor infractions, and at the same time have a low "box score" in regard to solving of major crimes.

He could spend his time harassing minor violators, let the welfare and security of the public go to pot, and still look good in the eyes of anyone interested only in his arrest volume.

The budget system destroys the myths that have been built up around the old, outmoded fee system and gives the public a clear picture of what law enforcement is costing the taxpayer and what the taxpayer is getting for his money.