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Sheriffs Give Scholarship to Arcadia Youth

MARIANNA — The fourth student at The Florida School For Boys at Marianna to receive a college scholarship from The Florida Sheriffs Association enrolled as a freshman at Chipola Junior College on June 11.

He is 17-year-old Charles Simmons of Arcadia. According to Superintendent Arthur G. Dozier, Simmons has done all but one semester of his high school work at the boys' school. He earned the opportunity to try for a High School Equivalency diploma through his progress in the school's individual assignment method of instruction and successfully passed the test leading to the diploma. He also passed the Chipola entrance examinations with good marks.

One of the outstanding students at the school in attitude and behavior as well as scholarship, Simmons recently attained the rank of "Ace" in the FSB rating system. This rank is the aim of all boys on the campus, but few reach it. To become an "Ace," a boy must progress successively through the ranks of "Rookie," "Explorer," "Pioneer," and "Pilot."

Eye on Scholarship

Simmons has had his eye on the Sheriffs' scholarship for more than six months. Instructor John Meyer recruited him as one of the first boys to enter a program of special tutoring for promising students. Meyer said the boy proved his genuine interest and ability by studying two hours extra every night after he had completed his regular classroom and vocational work.

As he studies at Chipola this summer, Meyer will continue to supervise his activities and offer guidance and counseling.

This program of preparation and continued guidance, Superintendent (Continued on Page 8)

Genung Given Service Award

CLEARWATER — A "Service to Mankind" award was presented to Sheriff Don Genung last month by the Sertoma Club of Clearwater.

The award was given in recognition of the Sheriff's activities in promoting the Florida Sheriff's Boys Ranch, and his efforts on behalf of needy boys.

During Genung's tenure as Sheriff, Pinellas County has led the state in contributions to the Boys Ranch, a home for needy and neglected boys the Florida Sheriffs Association is building on the Suwannee River, near Live Oak.

He has also taken an active part in planning and developing the Ranch and is currently serving as secretary of the Ranch Board of Trustees.

In his strong support of the Ranch, Genung is carrying on the work of his former boss and predecessor, the late Sheriff Sid Saunders, who was one of the original founders of the project and served as President of the Sheriffs Association.



Mrs. Wilbur S. Dezell and Sheriff Otho Edwards check over some of the items included in Mrs. Dezell's gift of furniture building materials valued at \$10,000 to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. (Staff photo)

Generous Quincy Widow's Gift To Boys Ranch Worth \$10,000

QUINCY — A generous widow with a soft place in her heart for needy and neglected boys has given the largest gift ever received by the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

Sheriff Otho Edwards announced that Mrs. Wilbur S. Dezell, widow of a prominent Gadsden County furniture manufacturer, donated furniture building materials valued at over \$10,000 in memory of her late husband.

He said the gift constituted the entire operating inventory of the Quincy Industries Furniture Factory.

Manual Arts Center

In Tampa, word of the large gift touched off a drive by Sheriff Ed Blackburn Jr., and the Hillsborough County Sheriffs Department to raise \$10,000 to build a manual arts center at the Ranch.

Sheriff Blackburn, who enthusiastically expressed the appreciation of the Ranch Trustees and the Sheriffs Association.

Officers Harvest Marijuana Crop

MELBOURNE — Sheriff's Deputies, narcotics agents and police officers harvested a crop of 10 marijuana plants at a fishing camp on the beach near here and nipped in the bud a potential narcotics supply source.

A 50-year old man accused of growing the plants was held on charges of sale and possession of marijuana. Officers said marijuana seeds were found at the suspect's home, in his clothing and in his automobile.

tion for Mrs. Dezell's generosity, said the training center will utilize the furniture building materials to teach young ranchers woodworking skills.

He added that furniture produced at the Ranch will be used by the boys themselves and will also probably be sold for the benefit of the Ranch.

The training center fund drive was kicked off with initial gifts totaling \$2,200, including rewards received by Hillsborough County Deputy Sheriffs and compensation paid to them for assistance rendered in the filming of a television series based upon the Florida Sheriffs Bureau.

At this writing, almost half of the necessary funds had been raised.



MANUAL TRAINING CENTER—This is an architect's sketch of the proposed \$10,000 Hillsborough County Manual Training Center which will be built at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch with funds raised by the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department.

Legislative Program Highly Successful

TALLAHASSEE—A legislative program designed to promote better law enforcement and defend the principles of local self-government was successfully carried out by the Florida Sheriffs Association during the session of the Florida Legislature which ended June 5.

A number of progressive bills were passed with Association backing—foremost among them being a bill which strengthened the constitutionality of the widely-praised Sheriffs budget law and reduced the number of Sheriffs still under the antiquated fee system from 12 to six.

Actually the Association-sponsored bill removed all counties from the fee system, but Jefferson, Franklin, Sumter, Hamilton, Gadsden and Lafayette were restored to their original status by local bills.

Budget System Spreads

Brought under the budget system were Liberty, Wakulla, Madison, Suwannee, Columbia and Citrus Counties.

Hillsborough, Pinellas, Duval, Volusia and Escambia were previously under budget systems established by special acts, but they were also brought under the general budget law.

The legislative program was handled by the Association's Legislative Committee under the chairmanship of Monroe County Sheriff John M. Spottswood.

Other members of the committee are: Sheriffs John P. Hall, Ed Yarborough, Emmett Shelby, Ed Blackburn Jr., E. Odell Carlton, Broward Coker, W. P. Joyce, Rodney Thursby, Hagan Parrish, Leslie Bessenger and George Watts; Don McLeod, Director of the Florida Sheriffs Bureau; and John A. Madigan Jr., Association Attorney.

Box Score of Bills

Other Association-sponsored bills that were successfully passed and have now become law will:

1. Require monthly reports to law enforcement officers regarding purchases or sales by pawn brokers.

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Speedy Sheriff

BUNNELL — When the subject of alert law enforcement comes up in Flagler County someone invariably brings up the speedy arrest of two robbers by Sheriff Homer Brooks.

The gunmen held up a clerk at a hotel on the beach near here, took \$6.23 from the cash drawer and fled.

Within 15 minutes after the stick up was reported to Sheriff Brooks he had halted their car and placed them under arrest; and within 30 minutes after the crime the culprits were in jail.

Union Sheriff Likes to Help Folks Have Fun

LAKE BUTLER — Law enforcement is Union County Sheriff John Whitehead's business—and helping to provide wholesome recreation for people of all ages is an important sideline.

The young civic-minded sheriff has been one of the leaders in developing Lake Butler's Lakeside Park, a recreational facility that has attracted wide attention.

Originally the park consisted of two picnic shelters, a lake and some attractive scenery.

In 1957 Sheriff Whitehead, Joe Shaw, George Fortner, Wilson Rivers and Dick Warren spearheaded the building of a 705-foot pier at the park.

Since then a concession building, a bath house, a tennis court and playground equipment have been added.

Recently the Sheriff and Shaw completed a roller skating rink adjacent to the park. It is built on land provided rent-free for five years by the Lion's Club and it may return some profit to the builders; but the Sheriff said his prime interest is in providing wholesome recreation for the people of Lake Butler and surrounding area.

Other facilities planned by the 40-member Lake Butler Pier Club, of which the Sheriff is a vice president, include a shuffleboard court and a bowling alley.

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Sheriff Didn't Lose Any Sleep Over This One

TALLAHASSEE — Sheriff W. P. Joyce reported that an armed robbery within a stone's throw of his office was solved in a matter of hours on June 2.

Just 40 minutes after a stick-up was reported at the Tallahassee Finance Co. office, Joyce and his men had a 24-year-old paroled murderer in custody as a suspect.

From there on it was just a matter of intelligent, painstaking investigative work.

Joyce said the stick-up occurred shortly after Noon and before Midnight the suspect had admitted the crime, the hold-up gun had been recovered, and the \$550 stolen from the finance company office had been recovered.

Joyce said the holdup man, a trusted employee of a local drug store, made a bank deposit for his employer, as was his custom, and staged the robbery during his lunch hour.

When he was picked up later he denied any knowledge of the robbery, but his alibi was broken down with the assistance of a "lie detector" machine and the stolen money was found hidden in a television set at his home.

Joyce said the 24-year-old accused robber was sentenced to 20 years at the age of 14 for murder and had later been paroled. He added that the young man had been employed by a local drug store for about four years and his conduct had been such that his employer had trusted him to make bank deposits.

Ben Grigsby Attorney Now

FT LAUDERDALE — Ben W. Grigsby, Chief Criminal Investigator for the Broward County Sheriff's Department since September, 1956, was admitted to the Florida Bar in State Supreme Court ceremonies, in Tallahassee, May 25.

He said he had no plans to leave his position in the Sheriff's Department. "This was just something I had to do and I wanted to get it over with," he added.

Grigsby received his LLB Degree from the University of Oklahoma in 1950, and was with the Federal Bureau of Investigation from 1951 to 1956.

Attorneys said that it was quite an accomplishment for him to pass the Florida Bar exams after having been out of school almost nine years.

He was admitted to the Bar in Oklahoma, his native state, in 1950, but has never practiced law.

Prison Farm Saves Taxpayer's Money

DELAND — A six-acre truck garden at the prison farm three miles west of here is supplying most of the fresh vegetables for the Volusia County prison system.

Planted twice a year under the supervision of County Warden Cecil Hardy and R. W. Evans, assistant overseer at the county prison farm, the garden will result in considerable savings in tax money which would otherwise be spent for food.

Sheriff Rodney Thursby has ordered surplus vegetables gathered regularly and delivered to the county jail where arrangements have been made for canning them.

Hogs are also being raised at the prison farm for butchering in the fall.



MRS. BERTHA CATTS EDITS CRIME BULLETIN

Don't Be Fooled—This Gal Has Inside Dope on Crime

By TONY SMILGIN

Seeing her walk down a Tallahassee street, you might take her for a grandmother out for a stroll. You'd never suspect that this graying, quick-spoken lady probably knows as much as anyone about criminal activity in the state of Florida.

But such is the case with Mrs. Bertha Catts, head of the Publications and Communications Section at the Florida Sheriffs Bureau.

Since May of 1956 when she joined the Sheriffs Bureau, Bertha has been the moving force behind the Sheriffs Crime Bulletin, a very effective publication containing information concerning crime and criminals which is issued to all Florida Law enforcement agencies and other law officers throughout the Southeast.

Had Ringside Seat

After 37 years continuous service with Western Union as a monitor, press operator, teacher and supervisor in scores of cities from New York to San Francisco and Detroit to Miami you'd think this enthusiastic woman would be content to settle down to quiet retirement.

And especially since this Western Union experience included being present as wire operator at such major sporting events as world heavyweight championship boxing matches, major league baseball games, and being one of the first women to sit in the press box at Churchill Downs Race Track, in Louisville, Ky.

Rather than settle down to her favorite hobbies of gardening, reading and cooking after this eventful life, Mrs. Catts has headed full steam into another major career.

"I just wish I was 40 years younger. This is the most fascinating work I have ever done, and I don't believe I shall ever tire of it," says this 60-year-old woman from behind her desk at the new Sheriffs Bureau offices in the Carlton Building, Tallahassee.

An Exacting Job

Preparing the Sheriffs Crime Bulletin for publication is an exacting job. The Bulletin is the first medium of exchange in the State of Florida for information concerning wanted and missing persons, known criminals, crimes, stolen property and related matters.

Requests for inserting material in the Sheriffs Crime Bulletin come from all sections of the state as well as from many agencies in the Southeast and other parts of the country. And these requests pour in by letter, phone and wire.

Mrs. Catts has the job of correlating submitted informa-

tion and seeing that it is properly and authentically reproduced in the Sheriffs Crime Bulletin.

Quick Results

Proof that the job is being done more than adequately, is contained in comments made by law enforcement officers in letters sent to Don McLeod, Sheriffs Bureau director.

One such letter states, "Please cancel pickup on — through Sheriffs Chime Bulletin No. 87, subject has been identified."

Another letter says, "Please cancel wanted notice — Thanks to sheriffs Crime Bulletin this man has been arrested in Martin County. He has been wanted over a year."

Quick results as a result of an item in the Crime Bulletin prompted this letter, "As a result of a notice which appeared in Sheriffs Crime Bulletin No. 221, subject — was located and a confession was obtained from him. The quick results obtained in this instance are a remarkable endorsement of the basic purpose of the Sheriffs Crime Bulletin and the Florida Sheriffs Bureau."

Items in the Bulletin do not always refer to criminals. Items concerning missing persons sometimes result in happy endings for anxious parents, as did one item which brought this response, "Please cancel the Missing Person alarm for —"

As a result of your wholehearted cooperation, this boy has been located and returned to his parents in New York."

Handles Teletype Too

In addition to her work in seeing that the Sheriffs Crime Bulletin is published, Mrs. Catts also has the responsibility for handling the Bureau's teletype and TWX communications. To put it mildly, this makes for a very busy day.

Despite this busy work schedule, Mrs. Catts manages to engage in her favorite hobbies and to serve as secretary of the Order of the Eastern Star, and secretary of a Sunday School class in Tallahassee's First Baptist Church. She also finds time to be an active member of the Tallahassee Business and Professional Women's Club.

Quite a busy schedule for a woman who also manages to maintain a fine home and keep her husband, Edward D. Catts, veteran employee with the State Hotel and Restaurant Commission, happy.

"Mrs. Catts is really a valued employee of the Sheriffs Bureau," states Director McLeod, and that statement echoes the sentiments of all who have come in contact with this competent woman.



MOVIE MISSION—These pictures show Pinellas County Sheriff Don Genung enroute from St. Petersburg to Live Oak to film a television feature about the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch for Station WSUN-TV, St. Petersburg. In the top picture, just before take-off, he is shown with Dayton Saltzman (left), TV Director; and Pilot Buck Cunningham (right). In the bottom picture he is shaking hands with Columbia County Deputy Sheriff Thomas (temporarily bearded for the Lake City Centennial celebration) who took the trio from the Lake City airport to Live Oak.



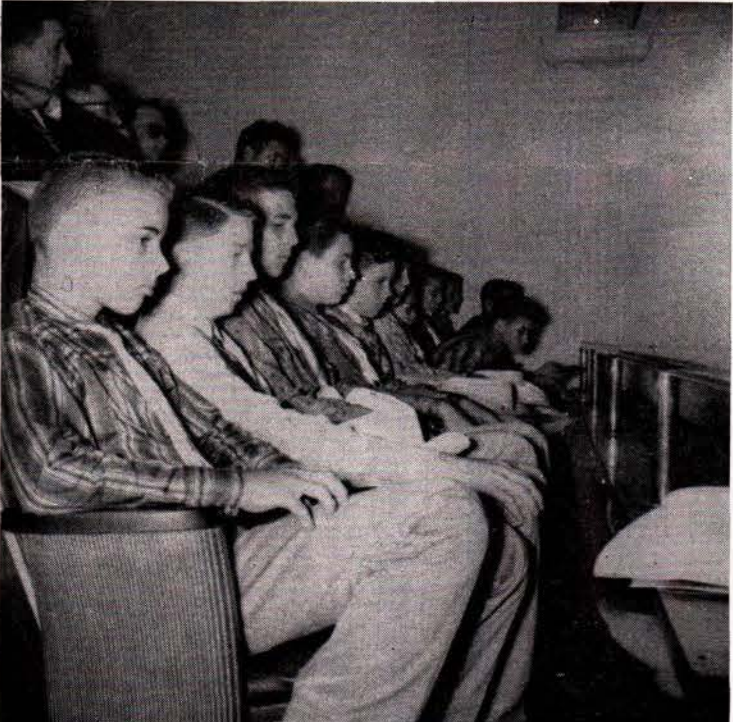
LARGO—BURRO FOR THE BOYS—Sheriff Don Genung (center) gets acquainted with a three-year-old saddle-trained burro donated to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch by Robert Stillmach, owner and manager of the "Little Buckaroo Day Nursery", in Largo. With Sheriff Genung are Lester McMullen (left), a member of the Sheriff's Mounted Posse; and Carl McMullen, deputy sheriff.

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.



TALLAHASSEE — JUST ONE OF THE BOYS — Gov. LeRoy Collins is pictured here with some of the boys from the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch who visited his office while on a tour of the capitol. He swapped places temporarily with Buddy McHenry by allowing the young rancher to sit in his chair while he tried on a Boys Ranch headpiece. The Governor has been a loyal supporter of the Boys Ranch project, and is a member of the Boys Ranch Founders Club. (Staff photo)



TALLAHASSEE — RANCHERS AT THE RINGSIDE — Young ranchers from the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch watch the Florida Senate from ringside seats in the gallery while touring the capitol. (staff photo)



TALLAHASSEE — RANCHERS ON TOUR — Young ranchers from the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch are pictured here while on a tour of the Capitol. Shown with them are (second row, left to right) C. D. Beach, staff parent; Vincent Jones, Ranch Manager; Sheriff W. P. Joyce, of Tallahassee; and Sheriff Ed Blackburn Jr., of Tampa. (Associated Press Photo)

Boys from Ten Counties at BR

LIVE OAK — The enrollment at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch at the end of May totaled 11 boys from 10 counties. There are two young ranchers from Polk County. The other counties represented are: Lake, Broward, Hillsborough, Washington, Suwannee, Volusia, Dade, Brevard and Pinellas. Further applicants are being screened and efforts are being made to have every county in the State represented at the Ranch as soon as funds and facilities permit. Facilities are now available for 40 boys, and the eventual capacity of the Ranch has been set at 400 boys.

Boys Ranch 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 or more:

American Legion, Sarasota.
H. C. Block, Sarasota.
Charles H. Johnson, Sarasota.
John B. Filiberto, Live Oak.
Frank L. Futch, Live Oak.
Clyde Thomas, Sr., Live Oak.
L. D. Skinner, Center Hill.
L. D. Wells, Center Hill.
A. W. Massey, Dead City.
DeLand Civitan Club.
Thomas R. Melvin, Grolier Society, Daytona Beach.
Dr. I. I. Weintraub, Gainesville.
Jennie Bell Eichelberger, Eustis.
Joseph Eichelberger, Eustis, Kiwanis Club of Lake City.
Kenneth C. Culloden, Naples.
Wallace Sargis, Ft. Lauderdale.
Dr. Richard M. Kafka, Plant City.
David P. Scobie, Sarasota.
Sheriff Ross Boyer, Sarasota.
C. W. Brooks, Clermont.
John H. Stoffels, Orlando.
Epsilon Sigma Chapter of Kappa Sigma Fraternity, Florida State University, Tallahassee.

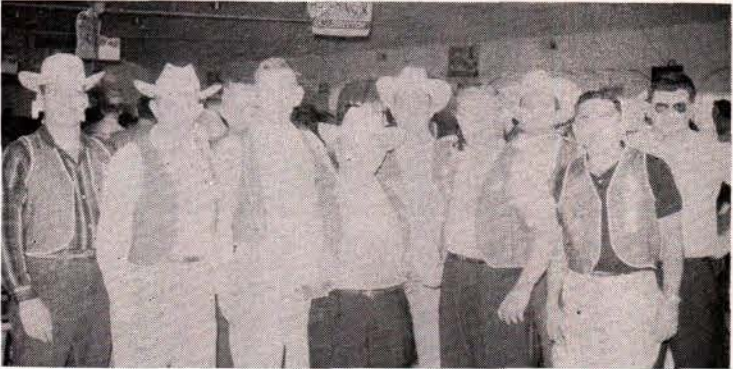
Clearwater Kennel Club
L. R. Huffstetler, Eustis.
Joseph Schlesinger, Jensen Beach.
George W. Harmony, Jr., Clearwater.
Reese E. Carter, Lynn Haven.
Wright H. Welles, Arcadia.
Fred P. Shawn, St. Petersburg Beach.
J. Dayton Saltzman, St. Petersburg.
Frank Moglia, St. Petersburg.
L. E. Cunningham, Largo.
Holiday Isles Lodge No. 1912, Inc., B. P. O. E. Elks, Maderia Beach.
John H. Grieshop, Lutz.
Rotary Club of Leesburg.
Robert Meister, St. Petersburg.
Mrs. Lillian K. Stellmach, Largo.
Charles Presnell, Tampa.
Sheriff Roy F. Baden, Bradenton.
Clearwater Rotary Club.
Harry Zahrl, Fort Pierce.

Statisticians tell us youngsters will be hitting the highways behind the wheel at the rate of 11,000 per day by 1970. Can you think of a better reason for starting to learn the art of dodging today?

Checking yourself for safe motoring? Ease up on that accelerator a little.



MIAMI — MORE HELP FOR THE RANCH — Sheriff Thomas J. Kelly smiles happily after receiving a donation of \$100 for the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch from the Dade County Sheriff's Employees Association Auxiliary. Later he matched it with a personal donation of \$100. (Photo by Ron Wahl)



ST. PETERSBURG — RANCH BOOSTERS — Dressed in western garb, these members of the Live Oak Junior Chamber of Commerce whooped it up for the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch at the State Jaycee Convention here last month.

Live Oak Clubs Promote Boys Ranch at State Conventions

The Live Oak Lions Club and the Junior Chamber of Commerce did some effective drum beating for the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch at their respective state conventions last month. At the Lions Convention, in Jacksonville, the Live Oak delegation was instrumental in getting a resolution passed which recommended that local clubs adopt and support fund raising activities to build a \$40,000 Boys Ranch residence cottage dedicated to the Lions of Florida. This action followed talks by Sheriff Ed Blackburn, Jr., of Tampa, executive director of the Ranch; and Sheriff Don Genung, of Clearwater, secretary of the Ranch trustees. The Live Oak High School Band and ponies from the Boys Ranch were also entered in the convention parade. At the Jaycees Convention, in St. Petersburg, the Live Oak delegation wore western style hats, green vests and star

badges to publicize the Ranch. Delegates also passed out literature on the Ranch. J. L. McMullen, Live Oak businessman currently serving as treasurer of the Ranch Trustees; Sheriff Blackburn and Sheriff Genung attended the Jaycees' meeting. McMullen is a past state president of the Jaycees, and formerly served as a national director of that organization.

Nice Guy

TAVARES — Lake County Deputy Sheriff Bill Brooks could have used that \$100 he received from Florida Citrus Mutual as his share of a reward for catching some fruit thieves. Instead he gave it to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch and has been made a member of the Boys Ranch Founders Club.

In Memoriam

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

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Shaver and Mrs. Ethel B. Chapman, all of St. Petersburg, in memory of The Hon. Roy Booth, former Pinellas County Sheriff.
Earl M. Fain of Leesburg, in memory of J. D. Manly.
Students from the Ninth Grade Homeroom No. 30, South Side Junior High School, St. Petersburg, in memory of the late Pinellas County Sheriff Sid M. Saunders.
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 DEDUCTIBLE FOR INCOME TAX PURPOSES.



ST. PETERSBURG — CLOSE HARMONY — Singer Pat Boone (second from left) joins with three Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch officials in a rendition of "Way Down upon the Suwannee River" in honor of the Ranch. The officials are (from left): J. L. McMullen, treasurer; Sheriff Don Genung, secretary; and Sheriff Ed Blackburn Jr., executive director. The picture was taken at a Junior Chamber of Commerce Convention, at the Colonial Inn. Boone expressed a keen interest in the Ranch project. (Photo by Peppy's Photo Service, St. Petersburg Beach.)



DADE CITY — RANCH FOUNDERS — Sheriff Leslie Bessenger (second from left) presents a Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Founders Club certificate to the Pasco County Retail Beverage Association in recognition of assistance rendered to the Ranch. Shown accepting the certificate are the following Beverage Association officers; (left to right) Dick Olsen, Homer Daniels, Tommy Abraham and E. T. (Buck) Ferrell.



VALUABLE DOG STOLEN — This chocolate colored Weimaraner, valued at \$500 was stolen at Mulberry, Florida, May 21, 1959, according to Lt. Hal Higginbotham of the Polk County Sheriff's Department. Description is as follows: white chest, white patch under throat, right front leg white several inches up, four years old, 75 pounds, right corner of mouth torn, long scar under stomach running parallel with body, scar at root of tail, answers to the name of "Jack." Lt. Higginbotham said there are believed to be only three such dogs in Florida.



BARTOW—SHERIFF FOR A DAY —Ronnie Sills, senior at Bartow Senior High School, was chosen Sheriff on County Youth Day. He is shown here at Sheriff Hagan Parrish's desk.

G-E Moves Office

TALLAHASSEE — The growth in the use of two-way radio equipment by Florida businesses, government agencies and industries has prompted General Electric Company to move its five-state southeastern regional communications sales office to this city from Atlanta.

Collier Sheriff Forms JD Unit

NAPLES — Sheriff E. A. (Doug) Hendry is organizing a Junior Deputy Sheriff's League for boys 8 to 17 years of age in Collier County.

He said the purpose of the League is to promote better relationships between youths and law enforcement officers. It will also help boys to become good, law-abiding citizens, he added.

Regular meetings will be held in Naples, Everglades and Immokalee under the direction of Deputy Sheriffs.

Activities will include instruction in traffic safety and law enforcement techniques, visits to law enforcement agencies, water safety classes, a rifle team, sports events, picnics and other types of recreation.

In addition to the Junior Deputy League, Sheriff Hendry sponsors the Collier County School Safety Patrol and is an active supporter of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

While he was a member of the Naples Police Department he organized a youth group similar to the Junior Deputy League. It had about 60 active members.

Former Suwannee Sheriff Dies

Colon B. Barnes, 62, former Suwannee County Sheriff, died May 29 at his home in Clearwater. Funeral services and burial were held in Live Oak, June 1.

A native of Suwannee County, Mr. Barnes was engaged in the timber business in Suwannee County before moving to Clearwater where he was a paving contractor.

He served one term as a Suwannee County Commissioner and was appointed by Governor Millard Caldwell to complete the unexpired term of Sheriff W. A. Hunter, who died in office.

Mr. Barnes served as Sheriff from May 3, 1948 to January 4, 1959.



MIAMI — OFF TO THE RANCH — Sheriff Thomas J. Kelly bids goodbye and good luck to Elmer Royal (Buddy) McHenry, 15, of Miami, as the Dade County youngster departs for the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. Abandoned by his parents as a baby and reared by two elderly ladies who are ill and unable to care for him further, Buddy was sponsored by the Big Brothers Association and was recommended for admission to the Ranch by Sheriff Kelly. (Photo by Ron Wahl)



BARTOW — OUTSTANDING RECORD — Deputy Sheriff Ed Langford is pictured above with a truck load of stolen citrus fruit — one of many recovered by Sheriff Hagan Parrish and his department in a successful drive against citrus theft gangs. During the 1958-59 fruit season Parrish and his men made 39 fruit theft arrests. They were also highly praised by the Citrus Industry for their role in the cracking of a \$250,000 theft ring. Sheriff Parrish said the successful wind-up of this case was due to long hours and hard work by the men of his department as well as Sheriffs E. Odell Carlton, Leslie Bessenger, Willis McCall and Ed Blackburn Jr., and their departments. "We worked together as a team around the clock," he said, "and broke the largest citrus theft ring in Florida."



FT. LAUDERDALE — BOYS RANCH GIFT — Sheriff J. A. (Quill) Lloyd (second from left) and Deputy Sheriff Otto Hetteshimer, accept with gratitude a television set donated to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch by a group of Broward County businessmen. Shown making the presentation are: (left to right) H. Schomber, of Sunhaven Realty; Julia Marie Rankin, representing Juley's Beauty Parlor; Tex Hulsner, representing Tex TV and Radio Service; and Joe Ripka, operator of a Texaco Gas Station. Other donors not present when the picture was taken are: Suds Goss, Dog and Suds; Tony Yancy, Tony's Barber Shop; and Ida Nicholson, Palm Diner.

Air Search Nets Cattle Rustlers

COLLIER — An air search by Collier County Sheriff E. A. (Doug) Hendry resulted in the arrest of five men on cattle rustling charges.

The Sheriff, after receiving a report the men were butchering two yearling cows out in the Everglades, went aloft in

a plane piloted by Clifford Anderson, Naples realtor.

They eventually spotted the five men with the butchered cows loaded on a swamp buggy and deputies on the ground arrested the alleged rustlers a short time later.

"The Lawyer's Corner"

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

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059-78 — SHERIFF'S COMPENSATION, INCOMPLETE EXECUTION SALE — A sheriff is entitled to certain compensation under the provisions of Section 30.23, Florida Statutes 1957, for the conduct of an execution sale even though the sale is not completed.

059-95 — SPECIAL DEPUTY SHERIFFS, WITNESS FEES AND MILEAGE FOR COURT APPEARANCES — A special deputy sheriff who receives no compensation from any public fund is entitled to witness fees and mileage, when he appears as a witness in a criminal trial.

Hunch Pays off For Bill Joyce

TALLAHASSEE — Sheriff W. P. Joyce followed a hunch that led him on a cross-country trail and solved an attempted robbery.

The case went into Joyce's files on Feb. 4 after a masked gunman walked into the home of Clyde Atkinson, Tallahassee attorney, demanded \$25,000, then fled after Atkinson and his wife convinced him that they had no such sum in the house.

Immediate efforts to trail the gunman were fruitless, but Joyce had a hunch that Winston Reynolds, Bolita lottery kingpin once defended by Atkinson, might somehow figure in the case.

He contacted the warden at the federal prison in Leavenworth, Kansas, where Reynolds was a prisoner, and learned that Bank Robber Edward Garrett Hoskins had formerly been a cellmate of Reynolds.

Checking with Reynolds at Leavenworth, Joyce became convinced that the Bolita man had no direct connection with the robbery case, but he found that Hoskins had learned a great deal about the Atkinson family from talking with Reynolds and reading newspaper clippings about the Reynolds trial.

From Leavenworth, Hoskins' trail led Joyce through several states to a motel in Thomasville, Ga., where he stayed the night of the Atkinson holdup.

Here the trail grew cold, but pickup-notices sent out to law enforcement agencies over a wide area bore fruit recently when Hoskins was located in an Atlanta, Ga. jail.

He was being held there for an alleged armed robbery and on charges of attempted murder for trying to wreck some police patrol cars that chased him.

In Tallahassee a grand jury indicted him on a charge of attempted robbery.

Bill Names Road For Ex-Sheriff

TALLAHASSEE — The Legislature passed a bill dedicating State Road 275, in Calhoun County, to the memory of former Calhoun County Sheriff C. D. Clark, who was assassinated in 1930.

He was the father of Charlie Clark, of Tallahassee, who served four terms as representative from Calhoun County.

The bill was introduced by Calhoun County Rep. Don Fuqua.



BARTOW — TRAINEES HONORED — Sheriff Hagan Parrish proudly studies top awards presented to two of the four trainees who have been working in his department under the Diversified Cooperative Training Program. Diane Cope was the Outstanding Award winner and Frankie Sumner was one of three Merit Award winners for superior performance.



ST. PETERSBURG — BOYS RANCH GIFT — Sheriff Don Genung (left) expresses his appreciation for 12 tee-shirts and 12 swim trunks presented to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch by Dave Freund, manager of Wolfie's Restaurant, St. Petersburg.

Have You Ever Wondered Why Sheriff Needs a Big Budget?

FT. LAUDERDALE—Taxpayers examining Sheriffs' budgets often wonder where the money goes, simply because they do not realize the full scope of the Sheriff's duties and responsibilities.

Every once in a while, however, some eye-opening incident occurs such as the one that inspired the following letter printed in the Ft. Lauderdale Daily News:

Recently articles in newspapers assailed the expenditures of Sheriff Lloyd and his department. We, the residents of NW 25th Terrace, like many others, wondered why it was so great—until we were terrorized by a series of burglaries, committed while we slept.

We appealed to Sheriff Lloyd for protection. He said, though his department was understaffed and working on an inadequate budget, he would arrange for protection immediately.

Because our homes are surrounded by acreage, overgrown with heavy brush, which the robber used for cover and because the robberies had been executed repeatedly with such cunning and stealth, we needed a lawman with superb abilities and experience.

Sheriff Lloyd and Chief Criminal Investigator Ben Grigsby selected Deputy Ron Albaugh, who had all the needed qualifications.

All the residents, who previously had only a nodding acquaintance, now united and cooperated wholeheartedly with Deputy Albaugh, following his instructions "to the letter."

We were amazed to learn how many man-hours of deputies, specialists, auxiliaries and

Others were needed. Specialist Deputy Tom Slater was most thorough in covering criminal identification.

Endless days and nights of untiring vigilance by Deputy Albaugh and Deputy Bryan, who voluntarily assisted on his own time, finally climaxed April 21, when the culprit was apprehended as he attempted the break-in of the apartment of a lone, ill, elderly widow.

We can never say "thank you" enough to Deputy Albaugh, whose sincere dedication to law enforcement protected our lives and property. The culprit disobeyed an order to "halt" and ran instead, forcing Albaugh to fire and wound him as he raced past the bedroom window of another apartment (which was robbed of \$116 and a watch the previous week). He was just a step away from escape.

We give our everlasting gratitude to everyone whose combined efforts restored peace and security to our homes. We all understand NOW why the Sheriff's Department in Broward County is costly. We'll never complain again.

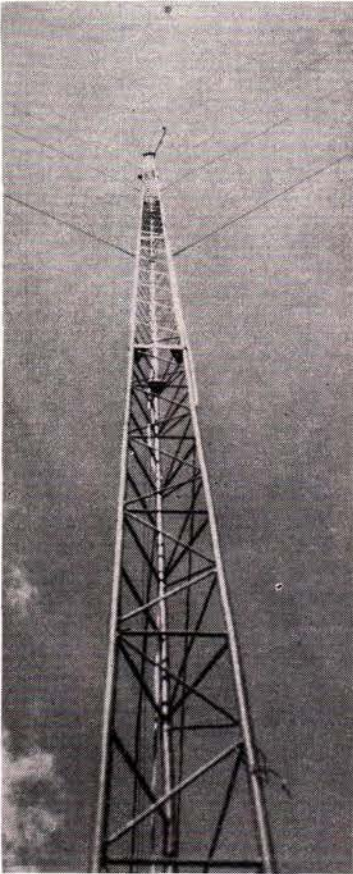
GRATEFUL RESIDENTS

Guest Missing; Money Gone, Too

OKAHUMPKA—A man posing as a watermelon buyer was a guest at the home of watermelon grower Lamar Gentry.

One day last month he said he was going out to get a sandwich, and he failed to return.

Also missing: \$17,750 in cash which Gentry had hidden in a shoe in a clothes closet.



DE LAND — NEW HOOKUP — The transmitters and antenna mast pictured above are part of a new radio system which gives Sheriff Rodney Thursby improved county-wide communications. The system was designed and installed by Civil Defense Director Fred W. DeMotte, who is also communications officer for the Sheriff's Department. He is pictured above (between the two transmitters) explaining the system to Sheriff Thursby (left) and County Commissioner Ed Stone, who served as Sheriff for 19 years prior to becoming a County Commissioner.



Grateful Man Gives Self up

ST. PETERSBURG—A man who had been running away from the law for eight years turned himself in to Deputy Sheriff Ed Elliot here recently as an expression of gratitude.

The fugitive, John Roger McKenna, 27, was quoted as saying he wanted Elliot to get credit for the arrest because he felt that the Deputy had saved his wife's life. Elliot had answered an emergency call to McKenna's home in March when Mrs. McKenna was in premature labor.

Her child was born dead, but Elliot was credited with saving her life.

Elliot did not arrest McKenna immediately, pending verification that McKenna was wanted in Nassau County, N. Y., on theft charges.



Here's Candidate For Year's Most Foolhardy Robber

CEDAR KEY—Huey Cannon, 24-year-old stick-up artist, didn't have a chance.

Completely foolhardy, he held up a drug store in this coastal community which is connected to the mainland by only one getaway road.

With Cedar Key's one-man police force, Sam Perryman, and Levy County Sheriff James Turner in hot pursuit, Cannon was killed when his car went out of control and plunged into a lagoon.

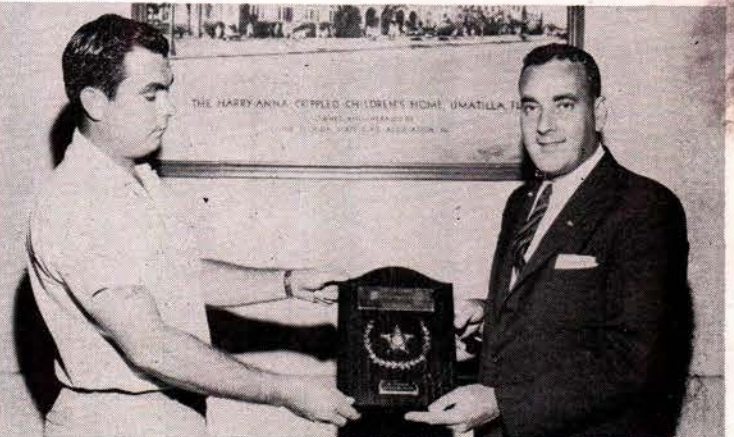
Even if his car hadn't wrecked, it is very likely that he would have been overtaken by his pursuers or trapped at a road block.



Sheriff Maddox Won't Campaign

LABELLE — The Henry County News quoted Sheriff W. B. (Bill) Maddox as announcing that he will not campaign for reelection in 1960.

A native of Wauchula, Sheriff Maddox was first elected in 1940 and is now serving his fifth term. He said he decided not to run because he feels he has held the office long enough and wants to devote more time to his own enterprises.



ST. PETERSBURG — ELKS HELP BOYS RANCH — In the top photo above, Pinellas County Sheriff Don Genung (right) is shown accepting a donation of \$1,000 from the St. Petersburg Elks Lodge No. 1224, with B. M. Latham, Lodge Secretary, making the presentation. In the center photo he is accepting a television set presented to the Ranch on behalf of the Lodge by Latham and Director Mark Moore. In the bottom picture Genung is presenting to James W. Clark, chairman of the Lodge's youth committee, a plaque designating the Lodge as a lifetime member of the Boys Ranch Founders Club. (Photos by St. Petersburg Times.)

Here's How "Moonshine Express" Was "Derailed"

BUNNELL — Souped up cars loaded with moonshine used to barrel down U.S. Route 1 through this East Coast town night after night maintaining a steady flow of white lightning between producers in areas north of here and guzzlers in South Florida.

But now the steady flow has dropped to a trickle and moon-

sine runners are hard pressed to find new routes for their southbound "express."

It has been reported here that moonshine retailers in South Florida are moaning about a shortage of moonshine and the guzzlers are crying in their home brew about the high prices the shortage has brought on.

All this has come about as the result of a vigorous campaign waged by Sheriff Homer Brooks and his deputies. Back in 1957 they cracked down on the moonshine runners with sudden and spectacular forcefulness.

In six months they piled up scores of arrests, seized 681 gallons of moonshine and confiscated so many cars that the county jail yard began to look like a used car lot.

After that the moonshiners realized the Sheriff meant business, and they also realized that they would have to by-pass Flagler County if they were going to stay in business.

So, by-pass it they did and the Sheriff's moonshine arrests began to drop off.

Now they are currently well below the pace set by the 1957 crack down, but he still knocks off "Shine toters" with enough regularity to let them know he hasn't relaxed his vigilance.

In fact, it is said that Bunnell is no longer listed as a "station" on the "moonshine express" timetable.



The garage at the county jail was converted into a moonshine storage warehouse.



Here is part of Sheriff Brooks' collection of "moonshine cars."



In this picture more confiscated moonshine is being stored in the garage.



Arrested moonshiner and companion pose with their illegal cargo.

All They Did Was Figure The Angle

MIAMI—Criminal investigators have to "figure all the angles."

That's how Sheriff's Deputies and investigators from the State Attorney General's office crippled an illegal racing information wire service here recently.

Although state law prohibits release of race results until 30 minutes after a race is run, investigators found that information was being flashed from Gulfstream Park to bookies across the nation a few minutes after each race.

Learning that this information covered only the first and second horse in each race, they deduced that someone was watching the tote board at the track with a telescope from such an angle that only the numbers of the first and second horses were visible.

After that all they had to do was "figure the angle," locate the apartment from which the tote board could be seen and arrest the man with the telescope.

Deputy Terry Made a Hit

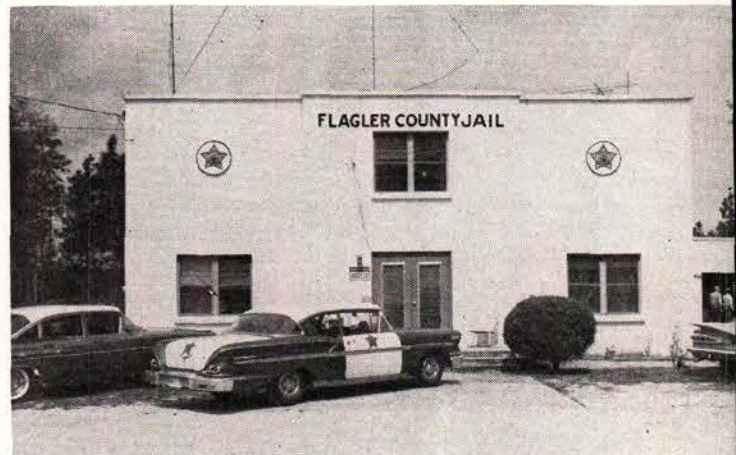
WINTER GARDEN—Deputy Sheriff James Ray Terry, 26, has apparently made a good impression on the people of this area.

Frank Roper, of Ropers Growers Cooperative, commended Terry for the outstanding work he has done here and congratulated Sheriff Dave Starr for hiring a "fine type, high calibre, efficient and sincere deputy" such as Terry.

In addition to his duties as a Deputy Sheriff, he is chief training officer for Junior Deputy Sheriffs in this area.

According to the Winter Garden Times he typifies the "rugged spirit of 'Gunsmoke,'" and has been affectionately dubbed by many admirers as "Mr. Lone Ranger."

Pity the poor fellow who tries to drown his troubles by having a barrel of fun in the wrong places.



BUNNELL—DISTINCTIVE JAIL—See those Sheriff's Star insignias on the Flagler County Jail? Sheriff Homer Brooks says he doubts that any other jail in Florida has fancy trimmings of this type. They were painted in exact detail by a draftsman who was serving time in the jail—and to cap his good deeds the same prisoner painted the name of the Baptist Church on the church building in old English lettering.



ST. AUGUSTINE—ANOTHER BIG ONE—This 1,000-gallon capacity moonshine still was raided by the St. John's County Sheriff's Department and Constable Noah Carter. Shown preparing to destroy it are Constable Carter (left) and Deputy Sheriff Kenny Masters. (Photo by Rupert Chastain)

Sheriff Kirk Has Kept Pace With Fast-Growing County

WEST PALM BEACH—Since John F. Kirk became Sheriff of Palm Beach County in 1945 the county's population has increased from 79,989 to over 220,000 and the progress of the Sheriff's Department has kept pace with this tremendous growth.

Today Palm Beach County has a modern, efficient, smoothly-operated sheriff's department

staffed by a well-trained force of 76 persons.

The department is broken down into three divisions: civil, criminal and road patrol.

The criminal division is under the direction of a chief investigator who is a graduate of the FBI National Police Academy. Four of the investigators are qualified fingerprint experts, three are photographers and one is a trained accident investigator. A crime lab is being developed for various types of scientific tests.

The road patrol went into operation this year on Feb. 17, with 20 uniformed men making county-wide patrols around the clock.

"With these cars on the prowl," said Sheriff Kirk, "we can already see a decided drop in breaking and entering cases and thefts." He said the patrol also enables him to handle all types of emergencies more swiftly, and does valuable traffic control work.

County-wide radio coverage through a new system installed by the Sheriff's Department this year enables Sheriff Kirk to give more efficient service and a higher degree of security to the public.

Here's Advice on Abandoned Autos

CLEARWATER — Here's some advice to the public about abandoned automobiles from the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department.

When you find an abandoned automobile, report it to the Sheriff immediately.

Don't touch it, either inside or outside. If you do, you might destroy fingerprints or other pertinent evidence that can be obtained by trained investigators.

Signs of violence such as recent damage, bloodstains or bullet holes might provide the key to a serious crime.

Genung Forms Central Crime Records Unit

CLEARWATER — Creation of a Central Records Bureau by Sheriff Don Genung is one more step toward more efficient operation of the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department.

Genung said the new Department unit will contain approximately 13,000 fingerprint records, each with a separate file of detailed information about the person fingerprinted.

It will also maintain detailed files on stolen property and lost and found items.

The records keeping system will be coordinated with similar files maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Florida Sheriffs Bureau.

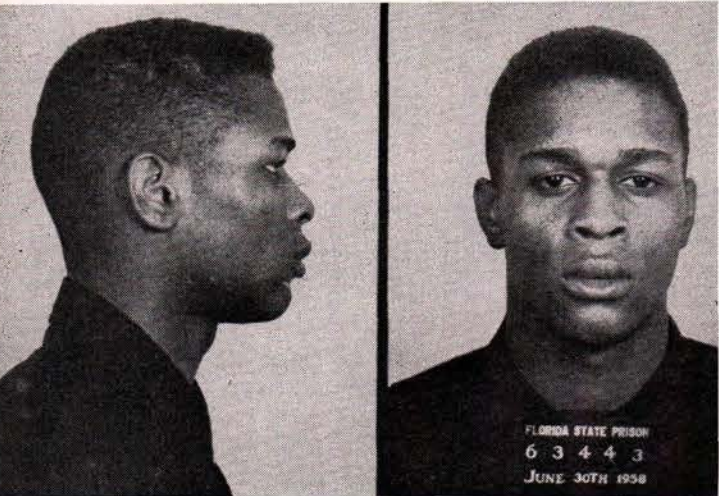
Genung said until recently it was possible for information on a prisoner to be filed in three different locations and therefore information was not readily available.

He said the Records Bureau will bring together in one place all records pertaining to any prisoner or criminal.

Deputy Sheriff Forrest Peacock will be in charge of the new unit, as chief identification officer. He will be assisted by James Thompson, Nugent Walsh and Mrs. Janice Stewart.

WANTED PERSONS

As Compiled by the
Florida Sheriffs Bureau
Don McLeod, Director



ISIAH JOHNSON
Colored male, age 21, 5 feet, 10½ inches tall, weighs 141 pounds, medium build, black hair, dark brown eyes, extra dark complexion. Cut scar heel of left hand, cut scar upper right arm near shoulder. Sentenced 6-17-58 to 4 year term on charge Robbery, from Duval County. \$25 reward. Escaped 4-17-59. If apprehended notify State Road Prison Director or The Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



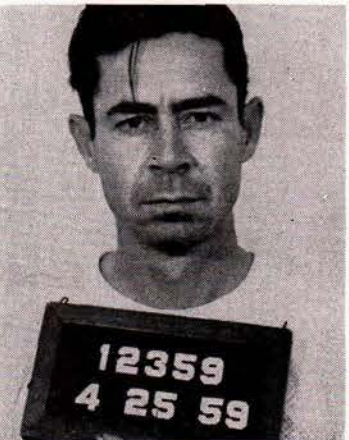
HERBERT EDWARD SCOTT
White male, age 54, 6 feet, 2 inches tall weighs 210 pounds. Subject was treasurer of a bowling league in Fort Lauderdale, and on May 8, 1959 left there with all the accumulated funds in the amount of \$2,-962.80. Investigation revealed that subject purchased a car May 8, 1959, described as a 1954 Buick 4-door Sedan, dark blue top over white body, 1959 Fla. License 10W-10470. Warrant issued, charge Grand Larceny. If subject apprehended notify Police Dept., Fort Lauderdale, Fla., or The Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



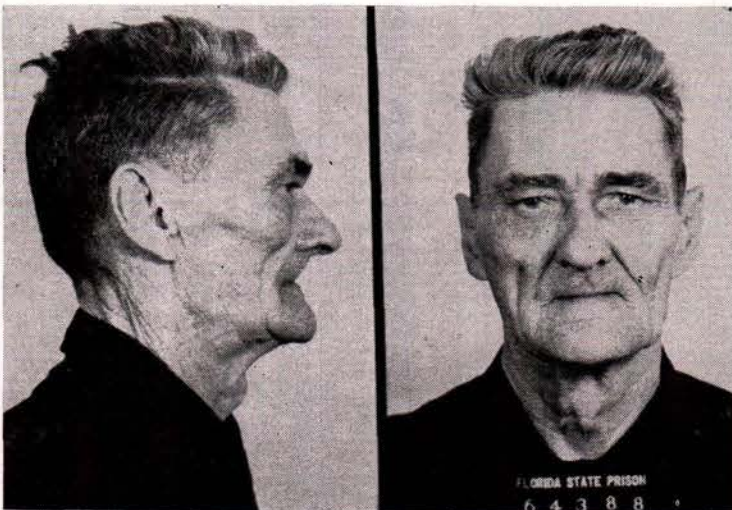
ANDREW CINSKI
White male, Lithuanian extraction, age 25, 5 feet 9 inches tall, weighs 145-150 pounds, dark brown hair, grey eyes; usually goes bareheaded. Front tooth missing. Warrant issued, charge Disposing of Property under Lien. If apprehended notify Sheriff Williams, Trenton, Fla., or The Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



BILLY DONALD EARL
With alias WALTER MOORE, white male, age 27 or 28, 6 feet tall, weighs 160-180 pounds, dark hair, blue eyes. Tattoo on right upper forearm; has attempted to remove tattoos from fingers of right hand. FBI No. 43 886 A. FPC: 14, M over M, 9 over 2, R over T, IIM over II, 8. Special attention Miami, as he is believed be in that area. Warrant will be issued on charge Grand Larceny. If apprehended notify Sheriff Hendry Everglades, Fla., or The Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



ELZIE MONTGOMERY EDWARDS
Alias ELZIE M. EDWARDS, F. E. WILSON, DAVID RILEY, G. W. STOOPS, G. L. MOORE, J. W. HEYWOOD or HEYWARD, "JOHNNY", white male, date of birth 10-17-32 in Louisville, Miss., 5 feet, 10 inches tall, weighs 145 pounds, black hair, brown eyes. Numerous tattoos both arms. Known to hang around bars in Lakeland, Winter Haven, Lake Wales and Tampa area. Warrant issued, charge Forgery. If apprehended notify Police Dept., Lakeland, Fla., or The Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Fla.



OLEN KELLY
White male, age 65, 5 feet, 9 inches tall, weighs 139 pounds, medium light build, grey-brown hair, brown eyes. No teeth. Small cut scar center of forehead, bullet wound scar inside left ankle, limps with left leg. Occupation: Gardener. Sentenced 10 year term Raiford 2-9-59 charge Manslaughter, from Pinellas County. Escaped 5-2-59. \$25 reward. If apprehended notify Road Prison Director or The Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



ROBERT EUGENE CURTIS
1 over 1, T over R, I over II, 15. Warrant issued, charge Violation of Probation. Original charge B&E and Grand Larceny. If apprehended notify Sheriff Blackburn, Tampa, Fla., or The Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



EDITH RUTH LAKINS
White female, date of birth 6-4-21 in Corbin, Ky., 5 feet, 5 inches tall, weighs 110 pounds. Right index finger amputated, third joint. All digits on right hand badly scarred by acid burns. Cut scar from elbow to index finger. Has used names of RUTH McKEON and JUNE GIBSON. Warrant has been issued, charge Worthless Checks. If apprehended notify Police Dept., Orlando, Fla., or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



S. L. ELLIS
White male, age 30-35, 5 feet, 10 inches tall, weighs 155-160 pounds. May be driving 1958 Buick with possible tag number being 3W-28740. Subject passed 4 or 5 checks in Lakeland around April 8, 1959. May have passed checks in St. Petersburg and Orlando area. Warrant will be issued, charge Worthless Checks. If apprehended notify Police Department, Lakeland or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



MRS. CAROL ANN HAINES
White female, age 18, 5 feet, 3 inches tall, weighs 125 pounds, blonde hair, hazel eyes. Has been missing from her home in Minneola, Fla., since April 13, 1959. She is believed to be in Jacksonville area. If subject's whereabouts known notify Sheriff McCall, Tavares, Fla., or The Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



DALLAS E. CARROLL, JR.
White male, age 16, 6 feet, 1 inch tall, weighs 156 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes. Last seen wearing long sleeve sport shirt and dungarees. Missing since May 18, 1959. Any one knowing subject's whereabouts notify his father Dallas E. Carroll, P. O. Box 113, Merritt Island, Fla., or Sheriff Dunn, Titusville, Fla., or The Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



JAMES LAMAR PARRISH
White male, age 16, 6 feet tall, weighs 165 pounds, brown hair, crew cut. Has birth mark about size of silver dollar just inside hair line on right side of head. Subject missing from his home in Auburndale, Fla., since January 29, 1959. He is believed to be in Alabama or Georgia and would probably be employed in a Service Station or doing farm work. His Social Security No. 261-62-3817. Any one knowing subject's whereabouts notify Sheriff Parrish, Bartow, Fla., or The Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.

BAD CHECK ARTISTS



TAMPA—RED CARPET TOUR—With Sheriff Ed Blackburn, Jr., and Sheriff Don Genung as their hosts, 11 young ranchers from the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch were given a "red carpet" tour of Tampa and Pinellas County last month. In the top photo they are shown receiving travel bags from Wayne Bevis, Tampa Manager of Eastern Airlines, after inspecting one of Eastern's big commercial airliners. In the bottom photo they are leaving the Sunshine Department Store where Lester Lieb, owner, presented each boy with a snappy "cowboy outfit." In Hillsborough County they were guests of Mike Vernon, manager of Rocky Point Beach Motel; Cesar Gonzmart, manager of the Rocky Point Beach Restaurant; and Leo Dalsheimer, owner of Leo's Steak House and president of the Tampa Restaurant Association. In Pinellas County they were guests of Adrian K. Boatner, Sharlo Manor Motel; Harvey P. Hale, Park Terrace Grill; The Hon. Alex D. Finch, Mayor of Clearwater; Edward Melnick and Capt. Jack Coleman, owners of the charter boats on which the boys took a fishing cruise.



TAMPA—RANCH GIFT—Deputy Sheriffs Jim Hutcheson, Roland Johnson and George Pinegar (left to right) helped to kick-off a campaign to raise \$10,000 for a manual training center at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch with a contribution of \$125. The campaign is sponsored by the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department.

Sheriffs Gives Scholarship

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intendent Dozier said, will open opportunities for still more boys to profit from the generosity of The Florida Sheriffs Association.

Notified by Roberson

Sheriff Roy Roberson of Jackson County represented the Sheriffs Association in notifying Simmons of the award. In addition to his interest as a sheriff, he has watched the success of boys leaving the school as a member of the Kiwanis Club, which sponsors "The Marianna Plan" for helping FSB students adjust to the community after they return home.

Since the Sheriffs undertook the scholarship project in 1957,

three other FSB students have received the award. One has just completed two years of college work and will be a junior at the University of Tampa this fall. Simmons is the first, however, to finish the college-preparatory program at FSB and will be the first to study at Chipola College.

Doug Hendry Forms Investigative Unit

EVERGLADES—Sheriff E. A. (Doug) Hendry has established a Criminal Bureau of Investigation within his department with Aubrey Rogers, former Chief Deputy Sheriff, in charge. He said Rogers will be responsible for criminal investigations, leaving other deputies free for other duties.

Rogers has been a member of the Collier County Sheriff's Department since January,

Deputies Study Cuban Lottery

CLEARWATER—From now on Sheriff's Deputies Willie Brass and Herman Vincent will qualify as expert witnesses in bolita lottery trials.

They went to Cuba recently with a group of law enforcement officers to watch the Cuban national lottery in operation—a lottery that is legal in Cuba but provides the winning numbers for illegal bolita lotteries in Florida.

Bolita in Spanish means little ball. In the Cuban lottery, 40,000 numbered balls are whirled around in a complicated device and an orphan boy selects the winning number by pulling a lever and allowing one ball to drop into a small container.

Radio broadcasts announcing the winning number are picked up in Florida and the same winning number is used in Florida's bolita racket pay-offs.

Legislative Program

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2. Strengthen the laws concerning bombs and bombing, making it a felony to discharge, threaten to discharge or perpetrate a hoax regarding a bomb.

3. Require all doctors, nurses, hospitals or employees to report the treating of persons suffering from gunshot wounds or other wounds of violence.

4. Authorize Sheriffs and Deputies to release traffic violators under bond or on recognizance, pending a court appearance.

5. Require lists of jurors to contain the address of each juror.

6. Prohibit the giving of false reports concerning crimes.

In addition to these, the Association successfully pushed to passage a bill which amends the law relating to sheriffs' fees by providing that no county shall be required to pay any other county for criminal fees.

A minor bill with Association backing to require that an extra copy of each automobile registration be furnished to the Sheriff bogged down in the Senate Appropriations Committee and died there with the end of the session.

Bureau Appropriation Up

The final Sheriffs Bureau appropriation was \$672,000, an increase of approximately \$138,000 over the last biennium. This 25 per cent increase was less than requested and hoped for but it represents a laudable success in an economy-minded session.

The Legislature also:

Passed a bill giving the Sheriff plenary authority to close public parks, beaches and recreational facilities when deemed necessary in his sole discretion.

Failed to take final action on the State Auditor's bill which would have placed all county officers on a uniform per diem, mileage and travel reimbursement system.

Killed a bill which would have extended the "hot pursuit" arrest authority of municipal officers unreasonably.

Passed several local bills setting flat fees for civil process.

Enacted a water safety and motor boat registration bill, placing safety enforcement in the hands of local officers, with registration to be handled by the Conservation Department, and water accident reports to be made to the local sheriff's office.

1957. Previously he was a member of the Fort Myers Police Department where he served as a lieutenant in charge of detectives.



DADE CITY — SEA GOING SHERIFF—This 35-foot search and rescue boat operated by the Pasco County Sheriff's Department makes Sheriff Leslie Bessenger a real sea going Sheriff. Very sea worthy, it has been in operation for about three months and has already answered a number of emergency calls in the Gulf of Mexico. It is equipped with diving tanks, oxygen, first aid equipment, lights for night duty and two-way radio communications with Pasco, Citrus and Hernando Counties. The crew includes Deputy Sheriff Basil Gaines, skipper; Special Deputy Sheriff Bob Samples, Fire Chief of New Port Richey; Joe Fradozio, Allen Madill and Robert Watson. (Photo by Angelo's Studio, New Port Richey.)



FT. PIERCE — FOUNDERS CLUB MEMBERS—Sheriff J. R. Norvell (right) presents Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Founders Club certificates to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lisk of Ft. Pierce, as a token of appreciation for their gift of two ranch type roping saddles valued at \$300 to the Boys Ranch. The words "Boys Ranch" are inscribed on each saddle.

Duval County Sex Offenders Targets of Sheriff's File

JACKSONVILLE—Sheriff Dale Carson is going to give sex offenders—and particularly child molesters—a rough time.

Under his supervision a "modus operandi" (method of operation) file has been set up covering an estimated 500 potential sex offenders in Duval County.

Aimed at protecting some 88,000 school children in the county, the carefully compiled file lists the various characteristics of known offenders—things like the time of day they are most likely to strike, the articles of clothing to which they are attracted, methods used to approach intended victims, and the type of conversation they use.

Deputy Sheriff Julius Gause, a skilled identification man responsible for getting up the special file, has already pinpointed the offender in an attempted rape of a 15-year-old girl, and has produced information leading to the apprehension of guilty parties in child molestation cases.

Offenders' methods vary, he explained, but schools are their favorite "hunting grounds."

"In some cases the offender will wait near a school after he has thrown lewd photos on the ground. When classes break up he observes which of the pupils show the most interest in the photos and they will be his 'targets,'" Gause said.

"Another method is watching the students who take shortcuts, but in each case the offender's actions are as individual as his fingerprints."

Gause said the leniency and lack of concern displayed toward this type of criminal is due primarily to "the ignorance of the general public in regard to the potential danger of the sex offender."

Vegetable Farming Jailer's Sideline

ST. AUGUSTINE—Although Kenny Masters has his hands full as the chief jailer at the St. John's County Jail, he has developed a valuable sideline as a farmer.

With the aid of some volunteer help and a county tractor rescued from the junk heap he has been raising vegetables on six acres of county-owned land north of the jail.

His crops will be used to feed county jail prisoners and residents of the county's Sunny-side Home for the aged. Needless to say, the taxpayers are grateful.

Former Sheriff To Teach School

DAYTONA BEACH—Former Volusia County Sheriff James H. Tucker has been hired as a 7th grade English teacher at the Volusia Avenue Elementary School here.

Tucker, 35, was elected Sheriff in 1952 while still a student at Stetson University Law School. He later returned to Stetson and obtained his law degree last year.