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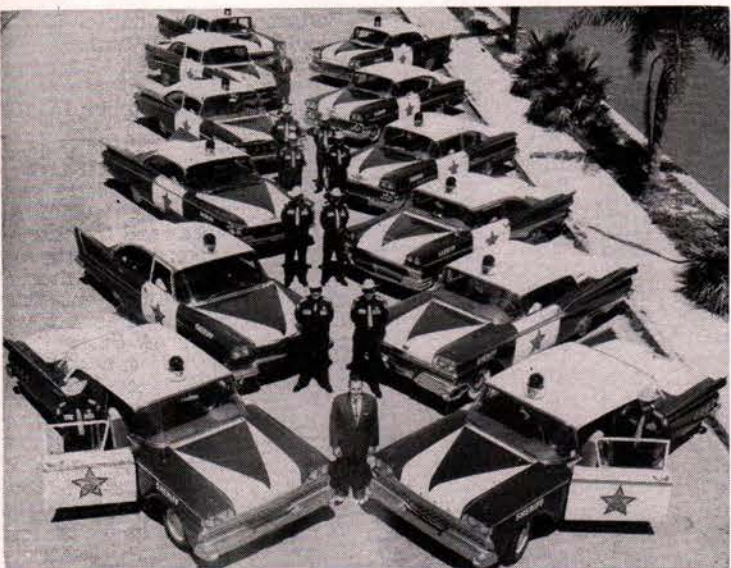
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## "May God Forbid" Says Tom Beasley Re: State Police

NAPLES—"Your recent awakening has possibly prevented the Legislature of Florida from creating a state police. May God forbid such an occurrence in this state."

Thus did Rep. Thomas D. Beasley, Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, sum up remarks praising Florida's Sheriffs when he addressed a luncheon meeting here June 26, during the 46th Annual Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association.

The full text of this portion of his speech follows:

"The Sheriff's Departments throughout Florida have done and are doing a fine job, enforcing our laws and tracking down crime. Too often the 'man behind the badge' gets the blame but is ignored when praise is passed around.

"But as a legislator I want to tell you, NO law is of any value unless it is enforced. No matter how well-planned, how well-worded, how well-acclaimed a law may be, it is worthless without proper enforcement.

"We Legislators only enact the laws as equitably as we can. Whether they are equitable in practice depends largely upon the impartiality and fairness of enforcement. In this, as in so many other areas, you gentlemen deserve much praise.



**LIVE OAK—BAD ACTOR**—Things are getting pretty wild and wooly when the Sheriff has to organize a posse to track down a bear within the city limits. But, that's what happened to Sheriff Hugh Lewis, pictured above with the trophy. The urbanized bruin was first sighted by George B. Dees. Dogs treed it and E. E. Bias shot it.

### Sites Chosen

Ft. Lauderdale and Pensacola have been selected as the sites of the Florida Sheriffs Association's two 1960 conferences.

The Mid-Winter Conference, in January, will be held in Pensacola; and the 47th Annual Conference, in June, will be held in Ft. Lauderdale.

Selection of conference sites was made during the 46th Annual Conference of the Association, in Naples, June 26.

## Sen. Carlton Lauds Sheriffs for Aiding State's "Moral Climate"

NAPLES — State Senator Doyle E. Carlton Jr., of Wauchula, praised Florida's Sheriffs for their efforts in maintaining "the moral climate" of the state.

"There is nothing so vital to the economy of Florida," he added in an address before a luncheon meeting, June 25, at the 46th Annual Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association.

Carlton, who is considered a strong potential candidate for Governor, urged the Sheriffs to "stand on a high level of morality and challenge other persons in public service to stand on this same high plane."

He went on to congratulate the Sheriffs for establishing the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, a home for needy and neglected boys, on the Suwannee River, near Live Oak.

"This," he said, "is one of your finest efforts and it has made a deep and lasting impression on the people of Florida."

### Removes Stigma

"Some people think of law officers as a group of sadists who are only interested in putting people in jail. One of the finest efforts to remove any stigma of this kind is your sponsorship of the Ranch."

Twelve boys who are currently living at the Ranch were in the audience.

Long a friend of the Florida Sheriffs Association and a supporter of its efforts to foster better law enforcement, Carlton was introduced by his cousin, Sheriff E. Odell Carlton, of Wauchula.

Sheriff Carlton pointed out that the Senator had been nominated by capitol newsmen as one of four candidates for the ST. PETERSBURG TIMES, "Most Valuable Senator" award this year; and that he was just barely nosed out by Senator Tom Adams, of Orange Park, for the 1959 "Most Valuable Legislator" award presented by Allen Morris, capitol columnist.

In 1953 he was selected as

the "Outstanding First-Termer in the Florida Senate"; and in 1955 he was named one of Florida's five outstanding young men by the Junior Chamber of Commerce. His father is former Governor Doyle E. Carlton.

### Sheriff Norvell's Polygraph Pays

FT. PIERCE — Sheriff J. R. Norvell is sure his new polygraph (lie detector) apparatus is going to pay off.

In the first two weeks he had the \$1,100 machine it helped him to solve three cases, including a rash of burglaries between St. Lucie and Indrio.

The polygraph is operated by Deputy Sheriff Martin McMullan who spent six weeks in Chicago, at the Keeler Polygraph Institute, taking a course of instruction.

### Uneasy About Future

"Comparatively recently, I grew somewhat uneasy about your future. You well remember that there was a time when you were disorganized; when the people of Florida were beginning to wonder how much longer there would be a need for the sheriffs in the various counties. You were almost without leadership.

"The Florida Highway Patrol had been born, and was a (Continued on Page 2)



**MARIANNA — SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED** — Arthur G. Dozier (left), superintendent of the Florida School for Boys, thanks Jackson County Sheriff Roy Robertson for the Florida Sheriffs Association Scholarship awarded to Charles Simmons (third from left) who successfully completed a college preparatory course at the boys' school. At the extreme right is John B. Meyer, Boys School Staff member who originated the college "prep" course.

## Carson Host to Wedding Party In County Jail

JACKSONVILLE — It isn't often that a Sheriff plays host to a wedding party in the county jail.

But that's what happened to Sheriff Dale Carson when a convicted burglar awaiting sentence was married to an attractive 28-year-old brunette in the Duval County Jail.

The Sheriff not only permitted the wedding to be held in the jail but also provided a wedding cake.

Twenty-four hours later the groom, Burton Murray Gladstone, was sentenced to 20 years in prison — and the bride declared she was willing to wait that long for a honeymoon.

## Senate Memorial Praises Shelby

A memorial (resolution) passed by the Florida Senate during the recent session of the Legislature praised Escambia County Sheriff Emmett E. Shelby for his "outstanding handling of the Escambia County Jail."

Introduced by Sen. Philip D. Beall of Pensacola, the memorial commended the Sheriff for humane treatment of prisoners and for operating a clean, efficient jail.

## Deputy Assists Abandoned Boy With Bad Heart

PUNTA GORDA—Five-year-old Billy Davis probably owes his life to the kindness of Charlotte County Chief Deputy Sheriff W. H. Keeler.

According to newspaper accounts, Keeler found the boy in an unattended home, near death due to a serious heart condition.

He was given immediate care and arrangements were made for him to receive a much needed operation at the Cardiac Hospital in Miami.

The father was said to have been on a fishing trip as a commercial fisherman and the mother was held in jail on charges of drunkenness and desertion.

There were four other children at the Davis home and when Keeler discovered that they had been without water service due to a delinquent bill he guaranteed payment to get the water turned on again.



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## Old Timer Finds Big Change in Florida Sheriffs Association

(The transition the Florida Sheriffs Association has been undergoing in recent years was the subject of a recent "Cracker Politics" column written by Allen Morris, veteran capitol newsman. It is reprinted below:

By ALLEN MORRIS

"Judas priest!" exclaimed Chick Merritt. "What's happened to the sheriffs? Why, they're bringing their wives and going to classes!"

Winfield Scott Merritt, traveling representative of the beer industry in this state, has been present at gatherings of the Florida Sheriff's Association for many years.

So his "what's happening to the sheriffs?" at the recent Naples summer conference puts into a capsule the transition which the association has been undergoing for some half-dozen years.

Those who should know say the nature of the sheriffs' semi-annual meetings has been evolving from a stag frolic into an educational short-course with fun simply as an incident. Half of the sheriffs at Naples brought their wives.

It may be odd that an organization should grow up as the average age of its members goes down, but that seems the case with the sheriffs.

They have embraced a philanthropy, the Boys' Ranch near Live Oak, financed by the net proceeds from honorary memberships, as is also a new venture, college and trade school scholarships for faculty-selected youngsters from the State School for Boys at Marianna.

### New Approach

Neither the infamous "compliments of a friend" nor any other advertising appear nowadays in the association's long-established yearbook or its relatively new monthly Sheriffs' Star.

The association's approach to legislation is noticeably different, too.

The sheriffs did not reopen a hospitality hotelroom for legislators during the recent session. And there was no effort to wine and dine all the lawmakers.

The position on the State Sheriffs' Bureau, a crime-fighting agency which can ignore county boundaries, largely has been turned around.

Many sheriffs came here during the '59 session in vigorous support of the Bureau when legislators began squeezing the appropriation for the agency lawmen once fought as a potential meddler.

What has caused this evolution? There are many surmises, and perhaps all are part of the big picture.

Some feel it was brought about by the toppling of the

handful of sheriffs who dominated its affairs for many years. Others say this simply was an effect, and that the cause was a change in public awareness. They argue the motor vehicle played an important part in public knowledgeability of the quality of their law enforcement.

### Stereotype Broken

The stereotype of the belly-bulging lawman is no longer true. A gathering of sheriffs resembles a convention, say, of bank directors, insurance brokers, cattlemen or television station owners, as indeed some of Florida's sheriffs are.

Many of those who were law enforcers before they became sheriffs were troopers of the Highway Patrol and as such they learned their trade in a good professional school.

Political Tallahassee knows the sheriffs largely through a few men, among them Sheriff Ed Blackburn Jr., of Tampa, "Mr. Boys Ranch"; Sheriffs George W. Watts, Jr., of Chipley and John M. Spottswood of Key West, key members of the board of the Sheriffs' Bureau; former Sheriff Don McLeod of Ocala, now the bureau's director; Leon county's own Sheriff Bill Joyce, and two men who never have worn the sheriffs' star—the association's general counsel, John A. Madigan, Jr., and its field secretary, Carl Stauffer.

Madigan, the legislative spokesman, is a big man physically (6 feet, 220 pounds) and possesses the look of a frontier lawman as he broadshoulders his way through a jammed Capitol corridor. He's 40, was captain of a Navy corvette during World War II, and is an alumnus of both the University of Florida and the University of Miami (with a law degree from George Washington University). He's a partner in former Governor Caldwell's law firm. And he's the husband of the gifted newswoman Meg Madigan. (They met first in Washington, where she was working early in the war for the OSS before being sent into its foreign service), Jack and Mary Lou Madigan comprise a formidable team for competitors in their respective fields.

Carl Stauffer is a former Tallahassee Democrat reporter. As field secretary, he manages the association's headquarters here, runs the honorary membership fund-raising campaign, and puts together the yearbook and monthly.

Times change, but Florida sheriffs are changing with time. And that includes "bringing their wives and going to classes."

Breaking a traffic law now and then is like going crazy in installments.

## Beasley—"May God Forbid"

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smooth, orderly and efficient working organization. They were equipped with communication facilities. You were not. It appeared to many that you were becoming unnecessary in a highly organized and fast-moving era.

"Don't misinterpret what I am saying. The patrol is a fine organization, doing a wonderful job for the people of Florida on the highways of the state.

"The time was when there was little or no cooperation between the sheriffs and the highway patrol. It now appears that in most every section of the state the two organizations are working together for better, more efficient law enforcement.

I was a co-introducer of the bill in the 1939 session of the Legislature which created the highway patrol and I repeat that they have done and are doing a fine job on the highways.

### May God Forbid

"You now have modern communication facilities. There's cooperation with other law enforcement officers. You can now early arrive in force at the scene of a crime or accident. You can now give the people the kind of service you desire to give them and the kind they deserve from you. And you are doing a fine and credible job. You are no longer disorganized. Your association is being efficiently run.

"Through the Florida Sheriffs' Bureau, you have made great strides in efficiently tracking down criminals and bringing them to justice. You have again taken your rightful place as the chief executive officer of your respective counties. As elective officers by the people of your counties you are an important part of our democratic system of government.

"Your recent awakening has possibly prevented the Legislature of Florida from creating a state police. May God forbid such an occurrence in this state.

### Tremendous Job

"You are doing a tremendous

job in criminal investigation work through the Florida Sheriff's bureau. You are also doing a job for boys at the Boy's Ranch, in Suwannee County, which will melt the eyes of the toughest soul to tears if he could but know about it.

## Sheriff Kelly's Rescue Squad Really Ready

MIAMI—To say that Sheriff Thomas J. Kelly's new Rescue Squad is ready for any emergency is hardly an exaggeration.

Drownings and other underwater work are the squad's specialty. Each unit is equipped with diving equipment and every member of the squad can use it.

The three half-ton trucks in operation at this writing carry two types of oxygen revival equipment, plus enough first-aid supplies to set up an emergency operating room if needed.

Deputy Sheriff Earl Mixon, senior member of the six-man squad, recently returned from a two-week advanced life saving course at Brevard, S.C., and is qualified to teach the other members of the squad the skills he learned.

The men are also skilled at handling electrical emergencies and know enough about block-and-tackle work to extricate a victim from any conceivable entrapment.

Bolstering the full-time members of the squad is a group of volunteers who lend their time and special equipment such as air boats, cranes and power machinery when needed.

Each rescue unit is equipped with a portable power plant and radio communications equipment.

A safety check today may save YOUR life tomorrow.

## "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

059-118—SHERIFFS' BUDGET LAW — Those Sheriffs placed under the Sheriffs' Budget Law by Chapter 59-216 should submit their 1959-1960 budgets to their Board of County Commissioners for approval prior to October 1, 1959.

059-128 — LOTTERIES, ADVERTISING, SOLICITING ENFORCEMENTS—A lottery contains three elements: (1) a prize, (2) an award by chance, and (3) a consideration. Any advertising scheme whereby product endorsements are sought from consumers which contains each of these three elements would constitute a lottery as prohibited by law.

059-130—JUVENILE COURT, DELINQUENT CHILDREN, JURISDICTION — As Juvenile Courts have exclusive original jurisdiction over delinquent children, no other court can acquire jurisdiction to try a sixteen year old person on a criminal charge until the jurisdiction of the juvenile court has attached and it has waived jurisdiction and transferred the case pursuant to Section 39.02 (6) Florida Statutes (1957). Further that if an information has been filed in the Circuit Court against a juvenile who was erroneously presumed to be an adult, the circuit court may transfer the case to the juvenile court, pursuant to Section 39.02 (3) Florida Statutes (1957).

They say whiskey and driving won't mix, but you certainly can't say there isn't a whale of a lot of folks who still try it.

In traffic, keep your guard up and your temper down.



ST. AUGUSTINE—"PASSLE" OF BOYS—This group picture of some 135 Junior Deputy Sheriffs from Marion County taken while they were touring historic St. Augustine recently gives some idea of the big job Sheriff F. L. McGehee has tackled in sponsoring a Junior Deputy program. Trips to historic places are only part of a varied program designed to develop good citizens.



FERNANDINA BEACH—ALL ABOARD—Sheriff H. J. Youngblood (right) is pictured here with a group of his Junior Deputy Sheriffs just before they boarded boats for a camping trip to the Crooked River State Park, near St. Mary's, Ga. In addition to enjoyable outings like this, the Junior Deputies receive valuable training in good citizenship.



# 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.

**LIVE OAK**—Support of the nearby Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch has been so enthusiastic here that Sheriff Hugh Lewis often works overtime handing out Boys Ranch Founders Club Certificates to donors of gifts valued at \$100 or more. The pictures below show him presenting certificates . . .



. . . to Mrs. Thomas Musgrove, who also was recently made a Lifetime Honorary Member of the Florida Sheriffs Association.



. . . to Otto Wettstein III, President, North Florida Telephone Co.



. . . to John W. Cooper



. . . to Clyde M. Thomas



**GREEN COVE SPRINGS**—LIFE MEMBER—Sheriff John P. Hall (left) presents plaque to William H. Johnston of Jacksonville, well known dog track owner, identifying him as a Lifetime Honorary Member of the Florida Sheriffs Association. He was voted a lifetime membership as a token of appreciation for cash donations totaling \$2,000 which he gave to the Ranch.

## Boys Ranch Bequests of \$125,000 Bring Grand Total of \$475,000

Two bequests to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch totaling \$125,000 were announced recently.

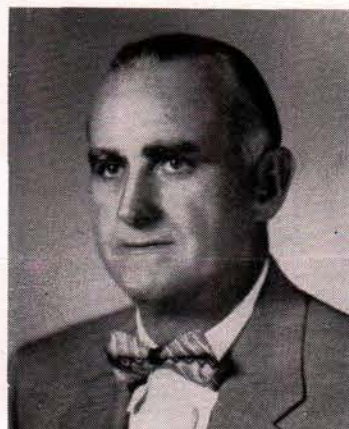
Col. Robert Pentland Jr., of Miami, a member of the Ranch board of trustees disclosed at the 46th Annual Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association, in Naples, on June 25, that he would leave \$50,000 to the Ranch. He also made a cash donation of \$1,000.

The following day Pinellas County Sheriff Don Genung, who is the treasurer of the Ranch trustees, announced that a St. Petersburg man whose identity was not disclosed has willed \$75,000 to the Ranch.

Hillsborough County Sheriff Ed Blackburn Jr., chairman of the trustees and executive director of the Ranch said this brings the total of bequests in the Ranch endowment fund to \$457,000.

Col. Pentland's bequest was announced by Monroe County Sheriff John Spottswood, who last year served as the first chairman of the Boys Ranch Trustees.

Spottswood pointed out that the distinguished Miamian has long been interested in the welfare of youth and a variety of charitable enterprises. He served as chairman of the Dade County March of Dimes; as president and a director of the



COL. ROBERT PENTLAND, JR.

Children's Variety Hospital; and as treasurer of the Cerebral Palsy Committee of Florida.

In 1953 he received the first "Good Samaritan Award" ever awarded a citizen of Dade County.

Born in Jacksonville August 12, 1899, he is a certified public accountant and a senior member of Pentland, Purvis, Keller & Co., a Miami accounting firm.

To the Ranch board of trustees he brings a broad background of community service and business experience.

## In Memoriam

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

Sheriff Willis V. McCall, Tavares, in memory of Allen Shriner.

Mr. and Mrs. Sydney O. Chase, Jr., Sanford, in memory of Billy Fleming.

Mrs. Margaret W. Pelot, Belleview, in memory of Marlowe Tillman.

The Memorial Fund will perpetuate the memory of deceased relatives and friends by providing the financing for a facility of permanent significance such as a Ranch chapel.

Send contributions to Memorial Fund, Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, P. O. Box 649, Live Oak Florida.

They should be accompanied by:

- (1) The name and address of the contributor.
- (2) The full name of the person in whose memory the contribution is given.
- (3) The name and address of the deceased person's next of kin to whom notification of the gift is to be sent.

ALL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE BOYS RANCH ARE INCOME TAX-DEDUCTIBLE.

## Ranch Assets Top \$250,000

**NAPLES**—Sheriff Ed Blackburn Jr., in a progress report, placed the net assets of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch at better than \$250,000.

Blackburn, who is executive director of the Ranch and chairman of the Ranch trustees, said Florida's Sheriffs and their friends can be proud of this accomplishment but it is only a modest beginning in the long-range master plans.

He said the Ranch will require additional capital outlay funds of over \$1,000,000 before it reaches its planned capacity of 400 boys.

Also on the financial side, Blackburn announced that bequests to the Ranch totaled \$332,000. Shortly after his report additional bequests totaling \$125,000 were disclosed (see story elsewhere in this issue).

The executive director traced the development of the ranch from a "budding idea" in June 1957; to the selection of a site near Live Oak the planning and building of the first facilities and the admission of the first boys on Feb. 26, 1959.

Then, commenting that "a picture is worth 10,000 words but I can show you something even more impressive" he dramatized the success of the ranch by introducing the 12 boys who are currently living there.

Also introduced with the boys were Ranch Manager Vincent Jones and "Staff Parent" Cletny Beach.

## 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:

Military Order of the Cooties, Pup Tent No. 12, Clearwater. Mrs. Marjorie Carmell, St. Petersburg.

Gas Institute of North Central Florida, Gainesville.

Mrs. Frank B. Hill, Tampa.

R. C. Higby, Tampa.

S. J. Mack, Tampa.

Frank J. Falsone, Tampa.

Jim Walter Corporation, Tampa.

T. E. Jefferson, Havana.

Sealtest Southern Dairies, Tampa.

Dade County Sheriff's Employees Association, Miami.

Sheriff Thomas J. Kelly, Miami.

Wayne Thomas, Jr., Plant City.

Joseph O. Macbeth, Sebring.

Vincent M. Jones, Live Oak.

James Hampton Alison, Brooksville.

Broward County Sheriff's Auxiliary, Ft. Lauderdale.

Hardee County Deputy Sheriffs Auxiliary, Wauchula.

Sid Allen, Sr., Live Oak.

Sid Allen, Jr., Live Oak.

J. L. McMullen, Live Oak.

Mrs. J. L. McMullen, Live Oak.

A. C. Yonally, Eustis.

Walt Swihart, Tampa.

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Victor Koepke, DeLand.

Sam F. Davis, Tampa.

Hi-Acres Fertilizer Co., Groveland.

Foremost Fertilizer Company, Leesburg.

Citrus Culture Corporation, Mount Dora.

W. E. Engle, Lakeland.





**BARTOW—END OF THE TRAIL**—Deputy Sheriffs and bloodhounds Sadie and Red take a well deserved rest after tracking down Milton Lee McLendon (extreme right), county jail prisoner, who escaped from a dentist's office by jumping from a second-story window with handcuffs on. Pictured (left to right) are: Deputy Buchanan, Jailer Swinson, Deputy Carlton, Chief Jailer S. M. (Buddy) Cottingham, Deputy J. A. Fenton, Vernon Medders, dog handler; Lt. Hal Higginbotham, Identification Officer Ralph Armstrong and George Delligora, trusty.

# Stay Out of Law Enforcement Voters Tell Commissioners

**BARTOW**—The question of whether or not the county commissioners should invade the field of law enforcement was decided forcefully by Polk County voters on June 30.

In a county-wide referendum to decide whether the Polk County Highway Patrol should remain under the control of the county commission, the voters shouted a resounding "NO" by a vote of 9,694 to 5,343.

They said, in effect, that the Sheriff is the chief law enforcement officer in the county and the county patrol should be under his control.

Bowing to the wishes of the voters, the county commissioners a few days after the election handed the rolling stock of the patrol over to Sheriff Hagan Parrish.

Thus did the people speak in Polk County.

## Press Speaks Out Too

The Press also spoke out against county commissioners in the law enforcement business, as the reprinted news stories, editorials and comment on this page reveal.

Editorial writers not only lashed out at the Polk County Commission but also pointed their barbs at Pinellas County where a similar situation exists.

Details of the controversy boiling around the Pinellas County Patrol are contained in

the Clearwater Sun editorial on this page. In essence it boils down to the same basic issue:

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DO NOT HAVE ANY BUSINESS MEDDLING IN LAW ENFORCEMENT.**

Sheriff Parrish said when he first went into office he was asked to deputize a county patrolman whose primary duties would be guarding county equipment.

## How it Grew

He did this and later commissioned two more patrolmen as deputies.

As the patrol continued to grow from this beginning, Parrish questioned the wisdom of setting it up as an agency which appeared to be duplicating or appropriating the normal duties of his office.

He said he was told by commissioners: "We will build it (the patrol) up to what you need and let you take it over."

But, the patrol continued to grow and to make arrests and it was not turned over to Parrish.

In August, 1958, he informed the commissioners that he would not continue to deputize the county patrolmen, but, according to Parrish, the patrolmen continued to make arrests after their commissions expired.

## Why Not Two Sheriffs Too?

(The following editorial pointing out the ridiculousness of a county highway patrol operated by the county commission in competition with the Sheriff is reprinted from the TAMPA TRIBUNE.)

One can imagine the outraged protests that would arise if a major Florida city proposed the establishment of two separate police departments—one controlled by the mayor or city manager and the other by the city council.

Yet this doubleheaded phenomenon still persists in a few county governments.

There was a time when the sheriff was the undisputed head law enforcement officer of the county, with his deputies charged with the responsibility of enforcing traffic as well as criminal laws.

The development of county highway patrols, however, afforded county commissioners an opportunity to gain a little additional patronage. In some instances, county patrol units were set up under direct control of the commissioners. And while the patrolmen were deputized by the sheriff to make arrests for other than traffic violations, he had no control over them. In most instances a separate "chief" headed the patrol.

The voters of Polk County this week turned down a local law which would have authorized their county commission to continue to operate a county patrol.

Another Hillsborough neighbor, however, is continuing its doubleheaded system. Earlier this month the Pinellas County Commission fired its patrol chief, Ed Silk, charging he had assigned a patrolman to spy on other county officials. Sheriff Don Genung promptly revoked the deputy sheriff cards held by all county patrolmen. But a move to name Genung head of the patrol without extra salary has been deadlocked.

## Chamber Vote Backs Parrish

**LAKE WALES**—Members of the Lake Wales Chamber of Commerce voted almost 4-1 in favor of Sheriff Hagan Parrish taking over full control of the Polk County Highway Patrol.

In a straw vote on the question: "Do you favor continuance of the county patrol under the county commissioners as provided by Chapter 59-801 of the laws of Florida?" the chamber members voted 194 against and 51 in favor.

The straw vote was taken prior to the official county-wide referendum on the patrol question June 30.

Undoubtedly Genung's standing as a Democrat, while the commission is composed entirely of Republicans, has been a factor in Pinellas' failure to consolidate its law enforcement activities.

But this is a sacrifice of both money and efficiency which even Pinellas Republicanism can hardly afford.

Actually there is no more reason why a county should have two police departments working at cross purposes than it should have two sheriffs competing with each other. If Pinellas doesn't follow Polk's example it can only be because politics are valued more than efficient law enforcement across Tampa Bay.

## Citizen Views Patrol Hassle

(Reprinted here is a portion of a letter to the editor from C. R. Thomas which appeared in the Lakeland Ledger during the Polk County Patrol controversy.)

Editor of The LEDGER:

Being a natural born Florida Cracker of some 43 years, free of political aspirations or obligations, I would like to add a little food for thought in the boiling pot of the County Patrol controversy.

Taking a casual survey of the situation, it appears that it is a struggle for police power between the Sheriff and the County Commissioners, which is probably the whole truth.

First, let's bring this question before us and try with an open mind, free of prejudice or bias, to arrive at our own separate conclusions.

Why do the County Commissioners want a police force of their own?

I believe that we elected the five County Commissioners primarily to take care of our own thousands of miles of our very large County road system and I believe we elected them because we thought that they would do us a good job in this capacity. Having traveled over many miles of our county road system, it looks to me like the County Commissioners have all the worry they can handle to make these roads safe for any kind of travel in our fast-growing County. The observation isn't pure conjecture either, for I come from a road construction family, and can operate most any type of road machinery myself.

Someone may someday find a logical excuse for speeding. So far, the effort's been fruitless!

## County Patrol is Palace Guard and Errand Boy

The Pinellas County Highway Patrol, which is controlled by the Pinellas County Commission, was recently accused of "cloak and dagger law enforcement" after Patrol Chief Edward P. Silk allegedly took a patrolman out of uniform and ordered him to shadow elected public officials.

When these accusations came to light, Sheriff Don Genung revoked the deputy sheriff commissions held by the patrol officers, apparently leaving them without clear-cut authority to make arrests. About a week later the county commission fired Chief Silk.

These developments prompted the following editorial by Reinhold Rogers Jr., in the Clearwater Sun of June 14, 1959:

### THE EDITORIAL

Is the Pinellas County Patrol necessary?

In all the arguments and controversies and charges and talks which have made the Patrol the cynosure of all eyes in recent weeks, that basic question has been overlooked.

Yet the answer you'll get from a large variety of sources will be an emphatic "No!"

It seems to this observer, and to many others, that instead of stressing the need for the Patrol to be placed under the supervision of the sheriff, or the opposite view of maintaining it as a separate body of traffic control under the Commission, that the decision which should be made is whether or not to abolish the group, period.

Let's examine the situation.

When the patrolmen carried the authority of the sheriff through their deputy sheriff warrants they possessed wide powers outside their own original limited authority in traffic cases. But they were outside the control of the sheriff, which inevitably made them a rival organization.

That was bad because there is no room for rivalry in law enforcement. Only through complete and coordinated cooperation can law enforcement be successful.

### Warrants Withdrawn

The sheriff has now withdrawn his warrants, limiting the patrolmen to their traffic

duties.

When the Patrol was formed some years ago it met a real need in traffic control. There was only one State Highway Patrol officer in the entire county. Now there are 11, and more are expected in the next few months as the expansion program approved by the Legislature is put into operation.

These men are in no sense "rivals" of the county patrolmen, yet cold statistics on the number of arrests, the number of miles covered and other pertinent facts prove conclusively that the state troopers are handling the bulk of traffic cases in this county.

So the county patrolmen are not actually needed for traffic any longer.

You can get that opinion from many officials who are in a position to know. The members of the County Commission who still defend the County Patrol, who refuse to consider placing the organization under the sheriff, should back their personal opinions by asking about the need for the Patrol. Ask the heads of the Florida Highway Patrol, for instance; they have no ax to grind.

Well, if the County Patrol is not needed for traffic, what is it needed for?

### 'Palace Guard'

First, it seems to be needed as a "Palace Guard" for the county commissioners. They are the only boss the patrolmen have.

Also, it is obviously needed as a special courier group for the commissioners, so that patrolmen may be handy for any errands; emergency, special or routine.

An example of this usage occurred a few weeks ago. Commissioners had scheduled a meeting in St. Petersburg with officials of the St. Petersburg Chamber of Commerce, but after the session began it was discovered that some papers necessary to the discussion had been left in the Commission Building here in Clearwater.

By telephone it was requested that a county patrolman go to the Commission offices, get the papers, and deliver them to the St. Petersburg meeting. A patrolman did.

He left his cruiser parked in

front of the Commission Building on narrow Haven Street, partially blocking traffic. The cruiser door was open on the driver's side, which was next to the curb; the big red flashing light on top of the car was rotating as if at an accident scene.

As soon as the papers were received, the patrolman started up in a slam-bang fashion, headed east on Court Street with siren wailing and red light flashing. Weaving in and out of traffic at a fast clip as if rushing to a dire emergency, the cruiser scared people the entire length of Gulf-to-Bay as far as U. S. Highway 19, where the eager beaver patrolman turned south and continued in the same fashion toward St. Petersburg. Presumably he operated his cruiser in the same manner right up to the place of the meeting.

### Errand Boy

He did a good job as an errand boy for the commissioners, and it is hoped that one of them patted him on the head for his diligence—but that wild drive could have caused any number of fatal accidents if other motorists had become demoralized by his tactics.

We do not blame the patrolmen themselves. Many of them are our friends; they are trying to do a job under adverse circumstances. If the Patrol were abolished those members qualified could no doubt secure immediate jobs as deputies in the sheriff's department. Sheriff Don Genung has already said he needs to expand his force.

But the county commissioners who continue to argue that the Patrol is necessary should ask themselves some questions: do they want a private police force, a group of errand boys? Do they want an organization to which faithful party workers can be appointed as a reward? Do they want a group ready-made for handing out patronage in return for party loyalty?

Or do they want efficient law enforcement in Pinellas County at a great savings in taxpayers' money?

According to figures given out at the Courthouse, the present 1958-59 budget for the County Patrol totals \$146,935.



# Newsman Pulls No Punches on Patrol Issue

(Loyal Frisbie did not pull any punches when he opposed county commission control of the Polk County Highway Patrol in his regular column: "Off My Chest," in the POLK COUNTY DEMOCRAT, Bartow newspaper. Excerpts from his column are reprinted below.)

There is just one simple issue at stake in Polk County's special election, to be held June 30. No matter what sort of camouflage has been or will be injected into the campaign, the question to be answered is this:

Should the county commission be in the law enforcement business?

To my mind, the answer is equally simple:

No. County commissioners are elected by the people to handle the county's financial affairs, to levy taxes, to build and maintain roads where they will do the most people the most good, and to formulate policies that will provide for efficient, economical management of county government.

Law enforcement does not come under any of those headings.

The people elect a sheriff to take care of that portion of their business.

It would be absurd to suggest that the county commission should take over the duties of judges, court clerks, assessors, collectors, registration supervisors or school officials.

It is equally absurd that county commission should take over any part of the duties of a sheriff.

Recent action by Sheriff Parrish in refusing to renew the deputies' commissions of county patrol members has deprived the patrolmen of arrest powers, except in traffic cases.

Until that time, they had equal authority with duly appointed, full time sheriff's deputies—but with no responsibility for accounting for their time and actions to the man elected by the people to handle the duties of law enforcement.

A fundamental principle of government is at stake.

The very functions which the patrol now is handling are among those which Sheriff Parrish announced he would include in the duties of his staff, when he presented his budget requests to the commission. He was not given the money to carry out those intentions.

The funds, and the duties, were assigned by the commission to its patrolmen.

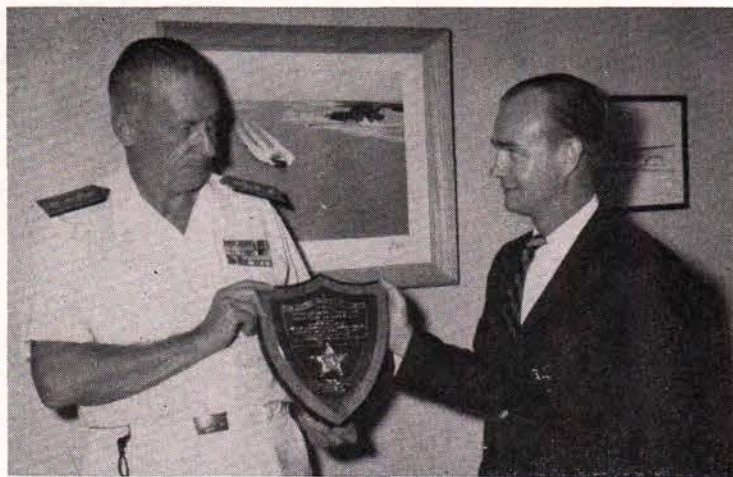
## Union Opposes Patrol Status

The Polk County Central Labor Union passed a resolution strongly opposing the operation of the Polk County Highway Patrol by the county commissioners.

It stated that invasion of the field of law enforcement by the county commission "would be the same thing as if the Sheriff should invade the field of administration."

"It is logical to assume," the resolution continued, "that all services of law enforcement, traffic control and public safety should be under the direction of the office charged with that constitutional responsibility (the Sheriff)."

It further pointed out that with the Sheriff's Office and the County Patrol operating as separate units, "duplications result in the communications systems, personnel, administrative expenses and equipment."



KEY WEST—PLAQUE FOR ADMIRAL—Sheriff John Spottswood on June 10 presented a gold plaque to Rear Admiral Francis D. McCorkle, U. S. Navy, recognizing his "genuine understanding and unselfish efforts above and beyond the call of duty in making Monroe County a better place in which to live," during the time he served as commanding officer at the Key West Navy Base. After the presentation, Admiral McCorkle inspected the offices and facilities of the Monroe County Sheriff's Department.



KEY WEST—NEW SUB-STATION—More effective law enforcement will result from this Monroe County Sheriff's Department Sub-Station which was recently completed on Plantation Key. It is the first of two proposed sub-stations.

## Ledger Urges "No" Vote

(The Lakeland Ledger, Polk County daily newspaper, was solidly opposed to county commission control of the Polk County Highway Patrol, as shown by the following excerpts from a Ledger Editorial.)

The LEDGER urges Polk Countians to vote against the County Patrol when they go to the polls next Tuesday.

We urge this because we feel that the County Commission is not the proper governmental unit to operate the patrol.

The County Patrol functions basically in the realm of law enforcement, or should. Serving such a purpose, it should logically be under the direct supervision and authority of the sheriff—if, indeed, there must be a County Patrol. For the sheriff is the county's chief law enforcement officer.

It is as illogical for the County Commission to operate the patrol as it would be for the sheriff to be in charge of repair and construction of roads and bridges.

It cannot be fairly denied that the County Patrol renders a variety of useful services, among them the patrol of rural school areas.

But this service and the other services do not justify in logic the operation of the patrol by the County Commission.

During recent days, the patrol issue has erupted into a general war of personalities. As a result the issue has become a somewhat emotional matter for some citizens. There is some possibility, therefore, that the essence of the issue has been so badly obscured that the voting next Tuesday will not be as objective as it should be.

The election should not be regarded as a popularity contest between the members of the County Commission on the

one hand and Sheriff Hagan Parrish on the other.

The issue, stripped of the personalities, is an impersonal one.

Inasmuch as the County Commission is not an agency set up to operate in the field of law enforcement, it cannot do so with the efficiency the public has a right to expect.

It follows that, operating on a basis of inefficiency, the County Patrol cannot be giving the taxpayers their money's worth.

And, finally, there should be no such division of countywide law enforcement as operation of the patrol under the County Commission brings about. The greater the degree of unity in the law enforcement department, the better the law enforcement.

By voting to discontinue operation of the patrol under the County Commission, Polk Countians will vote to eliminate a situation that is inefficient, divisive, troublesome and political.

## Sheriff Suggests "Thumbs Down" for Unsafe Drivers

OCALA — "Thumbs down means don't clown."

That's the slogan suggested by Sheriff F. L. McGehee to cut down accidents on the highways and waterways; and he urged the public to put it into effect by using the familiar "thumbs down" gesture to discourage goofy and dangerous antics.

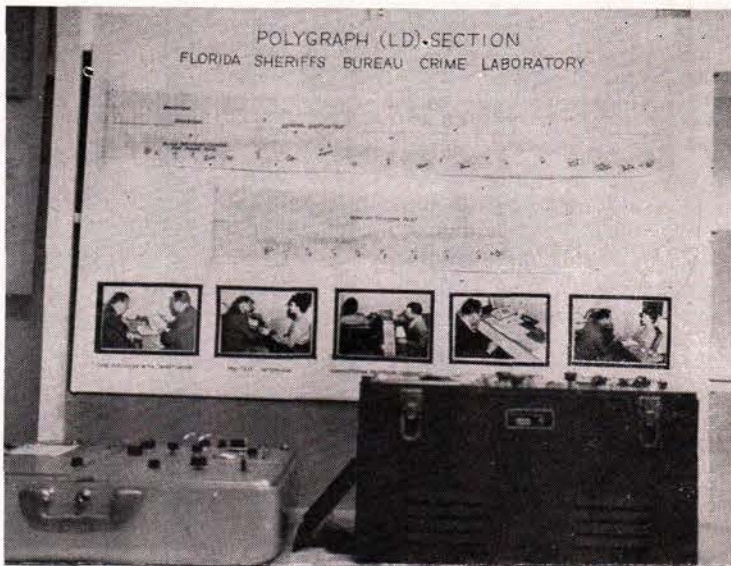
The Sheriff said the big majority of drivers are sensible and law abiding, but there is a small minority of irresponsible "hot rod jockeys" and "show offs" who imperil the safety of themselves and others.

## Sheriffs Bureau Display

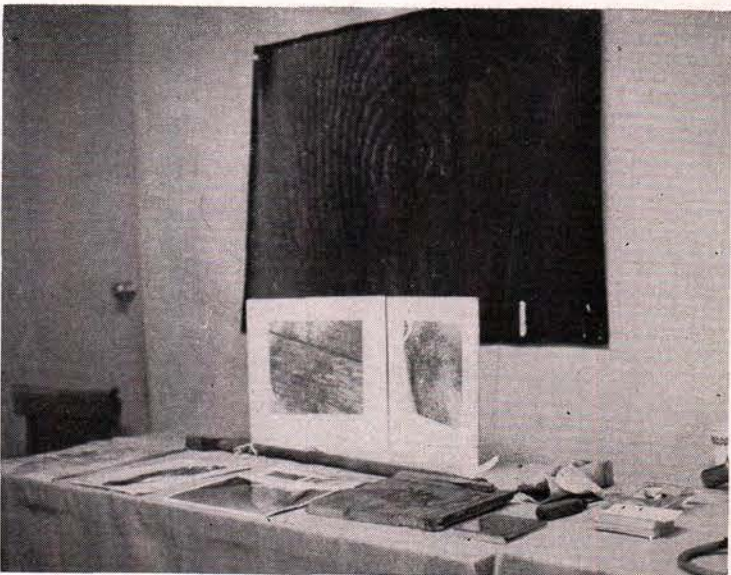
NAPLES—One of the highlights of the 46th Annual Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association which was held here June 24, 25 and 26, was a Florida Sheriffs Bureau display of scientific crime detection equipment and techniques. The pictures below show portions of the display.



Bloody footprint which was the key piece of evidence in a Bonifay, Florida, double axe killing and sent a murderer to the electric chair.



The Bureau's polygraph (lie detector) equipment shown here has been highly effective both in solving crimes and clearing innocent suspects.



Photographic blow-ups of fingerprints illustrate the highly specialized work of the Bureau's Identification Section.

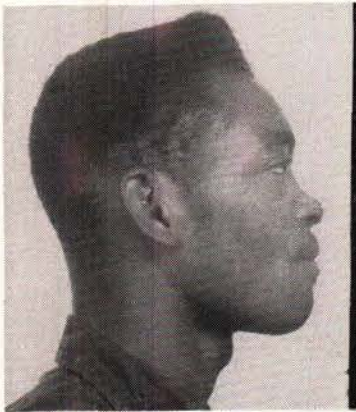


Equipment used by the Florida Sheriffs Bureau crime laboratory in analyzing evidence.



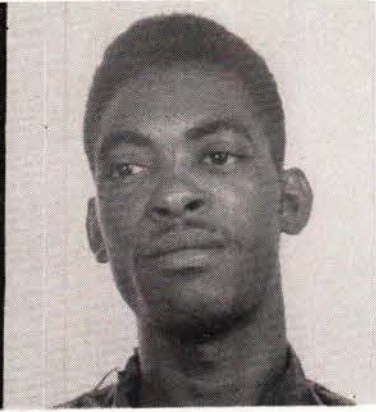
# BAD CHECK ARTIST'S GALLERY

AS COMPILED BY THE FLORIDA SHERIFFS BUREAU—DON McLEOD, DIRECTOR



**WALTER JOE LOUIS DANNER**

Colored male, age 23, 6 feet, 3 inches tall, weighs 178 pounds, slender build, large nose, medium flaring ears, straight shoulders. On May 12, 1949, forty one company checks, printed on yellow paper, #778-795 and #862-888 were stolen from HERNDON G. HARRI-



SON REAL ESTATE firm in Orlando, Fla. Since that time 16 of these checks have turned up as forgeries. All checks made payable to WALTER DANNER, in the amount of \$65.00 "for labor." Warrants have been issued, charge Forgery. If apprehended notify Police Dept., Orlando, Fla., or The Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



**ROY ELTON HANNA**

Alias DAVID PATRICK O'FALLON, alias CHESTER T. LUCAS, white male, date of birth 6-2-23, 5 feet, 9 inches tall, weighs 185 pounds, dark blond hair, close cropped, blue-grey eyes, medium stocky build. Warrant will be issued, charge



Forgery and Violation of Probation for FBI. He is also wanted by Kansas Bureau of Investigation, Topeka, Kansas, who furnished subject's FBI #314-2318, and photograph. If apprehended notify Police Dept., Fort Myers or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



**CHARLES D. BECKER**

White male, date of birth 4-13-22, 5 feet 1 to 4 inches tall, weighs 180-190 pounds, sandy hair. FBI #232 396 C. Subject believed to be driving a 1951 or 1952 Dodge, either gray or black and yellow, with air horns on

**CHARLES RASHALL**

Alias FRED CHARLES, CLARENCE RASHALL, white male, Jewish descent, approximately in middle 50's, 5' 7" tall, weighs 194 pounds, brown hair, balding, blue eyes. Occupation: Salesman, radio announcer. Subject has a stolen credit card from the Diamond Surplus of Algona, Iowa, #5177819645. He has used this credit card during April and May in various Florida cities. He is believed to be driving brown/white 1958 Chevrolet BelAir, possibly bearing Missouri License K64-887. He also has in his possession Georgia plates 1-41258 and Pennsylvania plates 51207. Said to have a wife somewhere in Florida. Felony warrants issued, charge False Checks. Will extradite. If apprehended notify



both front fenders. License plate believed to be 1959 Missouri License Mu-1 rest unknown. Wanted on charge Forgery. If apprehended notify Sheriff Hendry, Everglades, Fla., or The Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



Sheriff Lindhorst, Altona, Iowa, or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.

## Paper Backs Budget Hike

ORLANDO — When Sheriff Dave Starr asked for a budget increase, the Orlando Sentinel daily newspaper, backed him up with some revealing statistics.

The Sentinel pointed out that in 1950, when Orange County had a population of 114,000 the Sheriff's Department had 19 employees.

Today, with a population of 250,000, the department has only 34 deputies — 31 of whom handle criminal cases.

The average jail population was 48 in 1950, and today it is 152.

Civil papers served by the Sheriff's staff averaged 852 a month in 1950, compared with 1,632 in 1958.

So — that's where the money goes.

## These Thieves Weren't Fussy

PUNTA GORDA — When thieves looted a 40-foot fishing boat near here they apparently decided to take whatever they could lay their hands on.

Missing items included two sets of false teeth, eyeglasses, two 50-gallon drums of gasoline, fresh fish, the ship's bell, a man's suit, two snapper reels, the propeller, the propeller shaft, all of the engine except the block, wallets, personal papers and a small amount of money.

## Lickin' Good

WEST PALM BEACH — Over 300 persons attended a barbecue for all employees of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Department and their families. The hosts were George Matthews and Leo Bustanni.

## Director McLeod Praises F S B Personnel in Progress Report at Conference

NAPLES — A progress report on the Florida Sheriffs Bureau presented by Bureau Director Don McLeod at the 46th Annual Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association here June 25 paid high tribute to Bureau personnel.

McLeod said the Bureau staffers are hard working—often over-worked—competent people "who have only one purpose in their working lives—giving you Sheriffs and the other law enforcement officers of Florida the best possible service."

Here is a portion of the text of his report:

### New Service

Since the last conference our crime lab has employed one new man whose services already have been used by many of you. He is Leslie Smith, firearms expert and ballisticsian. Mr. Smith was formerly a lieutenant on the New York City Police Department. He has had 23 years experience in forensic ballistics and has testified as an expert witness in over 1,000 criminal cases.

The creation of a firearms identification and ballistics unit within the lab, completed the establishment of the technical services which will be available for you through the forthcoming biennium.

### Criminalistics Unit

In the criminalistics unit, James Halligan, Special Agent in Charge of the Laboratory, and his assistant, Joe Koles, have had to cope with a steadily mounting number of requests for lab examinations.

These examinations have been so varied in nature that they already have required the use of every major piece of the lab's scientific equipment—and, on occasion, it has been neces-

sary that special equipment be constructed in the lab or borrowed from elsewhere.

We are most pleased with this usage of lab facilities. We feel it reflects credit on Florida officers in attempting to use every scientific aid in solving crimes; it reflects credit on Mr. Halligan and Mr. Koles; and it reflects credit on the judgment of the members of the board of the Florida Sheriffs Bureau in insisting that the lab be created despite what have been, at times, almost insurmountable obstacles.

### Fraudulent Check Files

The statewide fraudulent check files, another unit of the laboratory and under the direction of Special Agent Ron Dick, have continued to render great services to agencies in Florida which are attempting to combat our ever-growing check problem.

Since our last conference, almost 30 per cent of the fraudulent checks submitted by local law enforcement agencies and searched through these files, have been identified to previously submitted material, or to known check passers.

This represents a pleasing increase from our original statistics of approximately 12 per cent identifications. However, it is still short of the percentage of identification that will be possible as these files are filled with more and more contributions from local agencies. We anticipate that 75 to 80 per cent identifications will be made in the future.

### Polygraph Unit

The Special Agent, Lester Thompson, who runs our polygraph—or lie detector—tests throughout the state, has become a homeless gypsy. His

services are now so much in demand that he almost "meets himself coming back" from calls around the state.

The value of this service to law enforcement is known personally to almost every sheriff here and hardly needs comment.

However, buried in the mass of statistics turned in by Agent Thompson every month, is a remarkable figure that should provide conclusive proof to the sometimes skeptical public, that law enforcement officers are interested only in the truth and are as eager to clear the innocent as they are to implicate the guilty. *Sixty-one per cent of the persons tested since the last Sheriff's conference, have been cleared of any complicity in the crimes under investigation.*

### Identification Section

At this time nearly 5,000 fingerprint cards are being received, classified and filed each month in our Identification Section. This is an increase from approximately 3,000 per month at the time of our last conference.

Budgetary limitations have kept this section continuously understaffed. The fact that it has been able to carry on is a real tribute to Albert B. Ground, Special Agent in Charge, and his willing workers.

In addition to directing the complex operation of this very essential section, Mr. Ground, one of the world's foremost latent fingerprint experts, has personally made an average of almost 3,000 latent fingerprint comparisons each month since he addressed you at the last conference.

### Records Section

By now, I think most every one is familiar with the operation of our Modus Operandi—or Method of Operation—unit in the Records Section operated by Special Agent in Charge Jim Hendrick.

Through the use of IBM punched cards we can code information concerning both known criminals and crimes in certain categories. With an electronic sorting machine it is possible to sort through these cards at the rate of 450 a minute when information is needed to develop possible suspects.

I think you might be interested to know—and I am speaking of sometime several years away—that it now appears possible to eventually install electronic machinery which will do away with all mechanical sorting. All information on the punched cards would be stored in an "electronic memory" from which answers to questions concerning the many millions of stored tid-bits of knowledge would be printed out immediately by the machine.

### Training Section

Since he appeared before the last conference to tell you of our new training program, Special Agent in Charge of the Training Section Berwin Williams has been as busy as a bee.

He has, with the aid of some of you sheriffs and staff members of the bureau, completed ten law enforcement conferences around the state on investigative techniques.

These conferences have been attended by 228 law enforcement officers from 33 different Florida counties and representing 71 law enforcement agencies.

No other activity of the bureau has met with any more enthusiastic reception.

In addition to these conferences for active officers, Mr. Williams—again with your help and the help of our staff—conducted four bad check conferences for both merchants and officers.

I think it is interesting to note that 92 per cent of the merchants who attended these conferences requested that they be repeated periodically.

### Field Services Section

As you sheriffs know, our budget has prevented our having more than two full time agents in the field for investigative assistance for over a year now.

These two agents, Richard Marsh and Henry Lovern, operating under the direction of Assistant Director Ross Anderson, have about run themselves ragged in the past few months. Frankly, I don't know how they keep up the pace—while still managing to keep up the excellent quality of their work.

These two men have been almost exclusively engaged in work on two big murder cases for almost a year now. It seems as though they will never run out all the leads.

But, somehow, they manage to squeeze in an occasional outside case or two, once in awhile.

Most recently, Agent Lovern was responsible for the fine job of rounding up one of the East Coast's biggest hoodlums as he attempted to steal a stash of already illegal arms that were to be smuggled to Nicaragua.

(Incidentally, we don't always kill two birds with one stone like that with our assistance.)



WANTED PERSONS

As Compiled by the  
Florida Sheriffs Bureau  
Don McLeod, Director



**JOHN EDWARD JACKSON**  
Colored male, age 42, 5 feet, 8 3/4 inches tall, weighs 168 pounds, medium build, black hair, dark brown eyes, medium light complexion. Teeth: Bad, many missing. Occupation: Nurseryman. Two vaccination scars upper left arm; long cut scar inside right wrist base; dim cut



**BENNIE MAE GHOLSON**  
Colored female, date and place of birth, 10-22-25, Inverness, Miss., 5 feet, 4 inches tall, weighs 146 pounds, black hair, medium dark complexion; burn scar on right side of face. FBI #2-256-309. Known "pigeon

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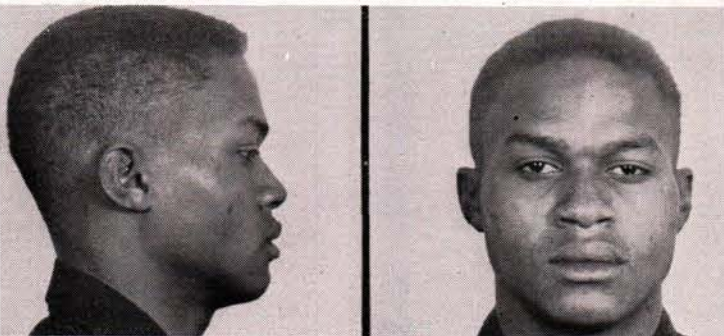
Since October, 1958, a total of 228 officers, representing 71 Florida law enforcement agencies, have attended Florida Sheriffs Bureau conferences on investigative techniques . . . these officers represented 33 Florida counties . . . in addition to conferences for law enforcement officers, in the past year the FSB conducted four Fraudulent Check Conferences in cooperation with sheriffs . . . these worthless check conferences were presented in cooperation with the sheriffs of Bay, Sarasota, Leon and Franklin Counties . . .

A total of 440 merchants, representing 147 business firms, attended these meetings . . . these sessions were designed to alert merchants to precautions they and their employees could take to curtail the activity of fraudulent check passers . . . the check conference program offered merchants the opportunity of learning problems associated with the apprehension of bad check passers, gave the merchants an idea of what law enforcement officers are doing to check this costly problem, and also offered the merchants ideas as to how they might assist in reducing the frequency of check violations . . .

The bad check conference program was well accepted by merchants as illustrated by the fact that 94 per cent of those attending the meetings felt that the conferences were very

beneficial, and 92 per cent indicated that they wished to have programs of this type presented at regular intervals . . . just how serious the worthless check problem is in the state is best shown by statistics from the FSB Document Examination Section for the period January 1, 1959 to May 31, 1959 . . . during this five-month period, the section received 556 fraudulent check cases from law enforcement agencies throughout the state . . . and in these cases, a total of 868 worthless checks, having a total dollar value of \$79,333, were submitted for examination . . . and this figure of \$79,333 is by no means the total figure for the state, inasmuch as all worthless checks passed in the state are not submitted to the FSB Document Examination Section . . .

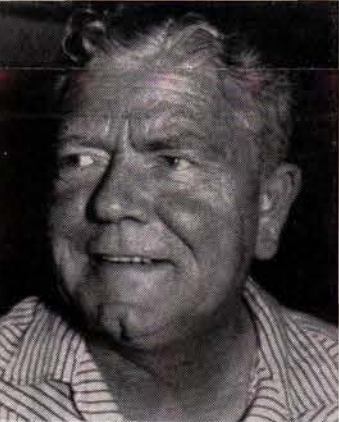
Daily, however, more and more agencies are submitting their worthless check cases to the FSB for examination and for inclusion of the bad checks in the FSB Fraudulent Check File . . . Is your department taking advantage of this FSB service? . . . Fingerprint cards continue to pour into the Bureau's Identification Section . . . since the FSB Identification Section requested local departments to submit fingerprint cards on a regular basis, a total of 12,606 fingerprint cards have been received at Tallahassee in a 3-month period . . .



**EUGENE BICKERS**  
Colored male, age 23, 5 feet, 5 1/4 inches tall, weighs 135 pounds, short small build, black hair, dark brown eyes, medium dark complexion. Teeth good, one upper front missing. Occupation: Mechanics Helper. Large cut scar upper left arm at elbow joint; cut scar left cheek. Escaped 6-8-59 from outside squad SP Raiford, where was serving term for B&E from Dade County. \$25.00 reward. If apprehended notify SP Raiford, or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



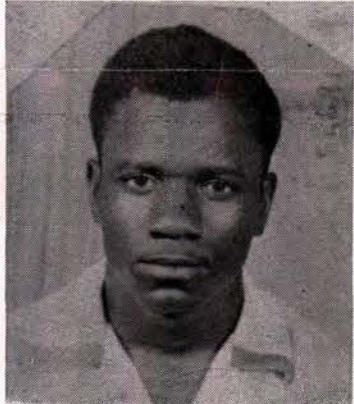
**BUSTER ANDERSON**  
Alias BUD ANDERSON, white male, date and place of birth, 1-22-37 Elkhorn City, Ky., 6 feet, 1 inch tall, weighs 175 pounds, black hair, parts on left side, blue eyes. Has tattoo of naked woman on right forearm. FBI #180 643 D. Works as a painter. Capias issued, charge B and E, Petty Larceny. Other charges pending. If apprehended notify Sheriff Kirk, West Palm Beach, Florida, or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



**CLEON HOWARD SECORD**  
White male, no other description. He is believed to be somewhere in Florida, possibly running a music school as he is reportedly able to play any wind instrument well. Formerly ran an accordion school in Ottawa, Kansas. Warrant issued, charge Grand Larceny. Will extradite. If apprehended notify Sheriff Gilmore, Franklin County, Kansas, or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Fla.



**GORMAN EUGENE SAILOR**  
White male, age 38, 5 feet, 8 inches tall, weighs 135 pounds, black hair, dark complexion. Warrant issued, charge Larceny. If apprehended notify Sheriff Genung, St. Petersburg, Fla., or The Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



**EDWARD HARCOURT SAUNDERS**  
Colored male, date and place of birth 12-3-36, Harbour Island, Bahamas, 5 feet, 9 inches tall, black hair and eyes. Occupation: Mason. Warrant has been issued, two counts B and E. If apprehended notify Sheriff Norvell, Fort Pierce, Florida or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



**KENNETH EDWARD NATION**  
White male, age 37, 5 feet, 7 inches tall, weighs 145 pounds, slim build, dark wavy hair, fair complexion. Birthplace Texas. He is believed to be driving a white over reddish brown 1957 Plymouth 2-door, 1959 Florida License 14—rest unknown. Left Floral City March 12, 1959 and may be in Texas, Oklahoma or Florida. Warrant issued, charge Bigamy. Will extradite. If apprehended notify Sheriff Quinn, Inverness, Florida or The Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.

MISSING



**SYLVIA ADRIN WOODS**  
White female, age 38, 5 feet, 3 inches tall, weighs 130 pounds, short brown hair, grey eyes. Left her home in July, 1958. Last seen in company of George Morrison, Jr., at Sylvester, Ga. Subject was driving a 1950 Dodge Coronet when she left. Subjects bought a car in Albany, Ga., a 1955 Chrysler, giving a Worthless Check in the amount of \$875.00. Any one having knowledge of subjects' whereabouts contact Sheriff Parrish, Bartow, or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



**JAMES C. JACOBS**  
White male, age 34, 6 feet, 3 inches tall, weighs 240 pounds, black hair, hazel eyes. At time of subject's disappearance his hair was worn in crew cut. Known to frequent bars and gambling establishments. Missing from his home in Tampa since April 10, 1959. Anyone knowing subject's whereabouts contact Police Dept., Tampa, Florida, or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



**JOHN HAROLD DEES**  
White male, age 24, 6 feet 2 1/2 inches tall, weighs 160 pounds, black eyes, dark brown hair. Missing from his home since May 8, 1959. May be amnesia victim. Believed to be driving a tutone grey 1959 Chevrolet 4-door, bearing 1959 Texas License AB 59-88. Subject was in U. S. Army 1952-57, carries discharge card RA 53 194 205. In addition to being listed as a missing person warrant has been issued for him on charge unauthorized use of the above described vehicle. If subject's whereabouts known notify Sheriff Thursby, DeLand, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.





Distinguished guests included State Comptroller Ray Green (left) and Bradford County Rep. Doyle E. Connor, former Speaker of the House of Representatives.

# Photo Report on the 46th Annual Conference OF THE FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION

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State Senator Doyle E. Carlton, Jr., of Wauchula, addresses a luncheon meeting flanked by his wife on his right and Collier County Sheriff E. A. (Doug) Hendry and Mrs. Hendry on his left.



Lake County Sheriff Willis McCall (right) one of Florida's "flying Sheriffs" and a past-president of the Sheriffs Association, arrives by plane.



Naples Mayor W. Roy Smith, official conference greeter; Lee County Sheriff Flanders Thompson, Sheriffs Association First Vice President; and Collier County Sheriff E. A. (Doug) Hendry, conference host (left to right).



Walton County Rep. Thomas D. Beasley, Speaker of the House of Representatives, addresses a luncheon meeting. Also visible at the speaker's table (from left to right): Pasco County Sheriff Leslie Bessenger; Escambia County Sheriff Emmett Shelby; Mrs. Beasley; Sarasota County Sheriff Ross E. Boyer, Sheriffs Association President; and State Sen. Travis A. Gresham, Jr., of Fort Myers.



Florida's Attorney General, Richard Ervin, was one of the distinguished guests. Here he is shown addressing the opening session of the conference.



The Beach Club Hotel, conference headquarters, served a steak fry on the beachfront which was one of the highlights of the program. This is a picture of the serving line.