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Snake Bounty Law Unpopular With the Girls

If there's one law that the gals who work in Sheriffs' offices would like to kill, it's the law putting a bounty on rattlesnakes.

Passed by the 1959 legislature, the law says the county commissioners of each county can decide whether or not they want to pay a bounty of \$2.50 for each rattlesnake killed.

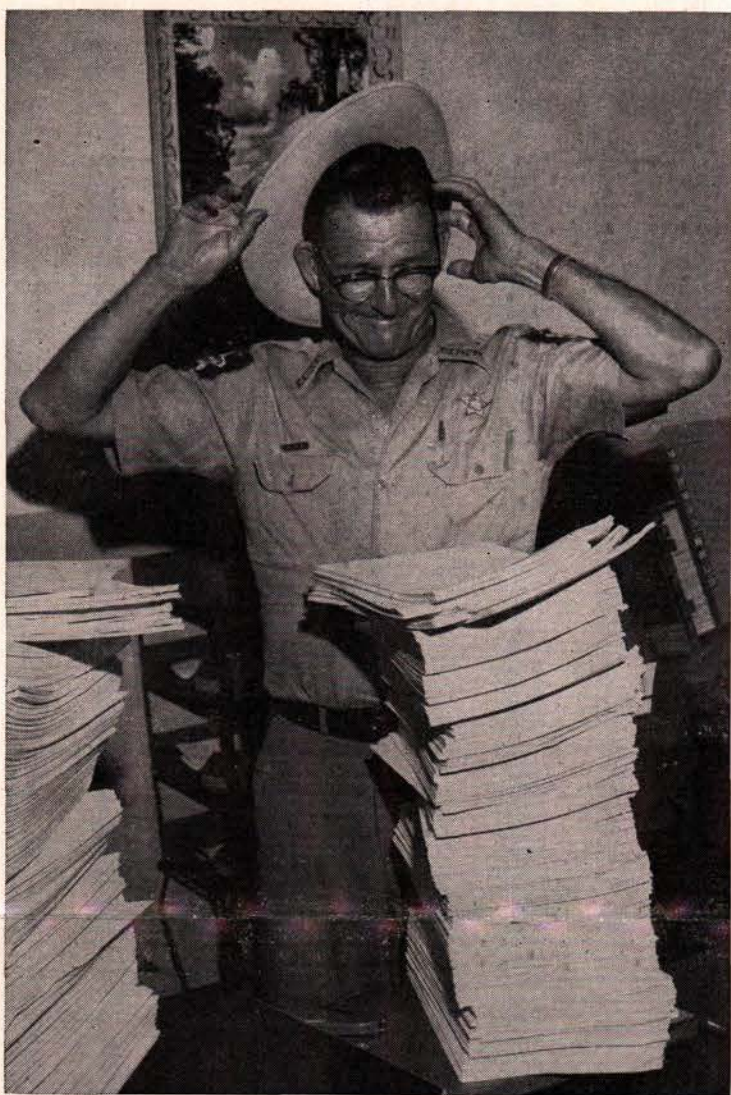
Some counties have voted to pay the bounty, others haven't.

In the counties where the bounty is being paid, the Sheriff or one of his deputies must identify each snake as a rattler and bury it to prevent possible collection of a second bounty.

So the female office staffers never know when some fellow is going to walk in, lay a big snake on the desk and say "I want my \$2.50."

"It gives me the shivers when they bring those snakes into the office even though they are dead," said Mrs. Blanche Collins, Sheriff Ed Yarborough's secretary.

"The dead ones are bad enough," commented a secretary in another Sheriff's office, "but the other day a man brought in three live ones in a sack!"



TALLAHASSEE—PAPER WORK—One important phase of the Sheriff's job that receives little public attention is the tremendous amount of "paper work" he and his deputies do in processing and serving a wide variety of legal papers. For example, when condemnation proceedings were started on W. Tennessee St. here recently, Deputies George Keel and Abbie Bakes (pictured above) were suddenly confronted with a small mountain of papers to be served on 100 property owners. With Mrs. Bakes handling the necessary book work and Keel doing the leg work, they completed the job in 1 1/2 days — another unsung mission accomplished. (Tallahassee Democrat Photos.)

City, County Officers Held "Forgotten Men" In Safety Programs

OCALA—Monroe County Sheriff John Spottswood described Sheriff's Deputies and municipal policemen as "the forgotten men" in highway safety work.

Addressing a meeting of the Florida Citizens Advisory Committee on Highway Safety, at Silver Springs, August 7, he cited statistics to show that "while the role of the local law enforcement officer is, percentage-wise, the greatest factor in highway safety, it has likewise been the least publicized, the least promoted, the least recognized and the least understood by most organizations and groups involved in this highway safety field."

Spottswood, who is chairman of the board of directors of the Florida Sheriffs Association and a past president of the Association, urged the committee in the future to "think in terms of having a starting point for our safety program and let's start it at the local and county level."

A portion of the text of his speech follows:

"Without meaning in any way to criticize this committee's work in the past, I would be less than honest if I did not point out that the needs and problems of traffic safety at the local level have been overlooked by this Committee in its past deliberation."

Have Been Overlooked

"I have heard many municipal policemen and deputy sheriffs refer to themselves as 'the forgotten men' in highway safety work. They have been particularly overlooked in the various legislative programs seeking to improve conditions in this field, which have been advanced by so many safety committees and organizations from time to time."

"No one disputes that the State Highway Patrol has done a magnificent job of patrolling the highways of Florida. I have often said, not only as a citizen and taxpayer, but also as a sheriff and as a past president of the Florida Sheriffs Association, that our Florida Highway Patrol is the best in the nation, a fact of which I am deeply proud."

Kirkman Praised

"Colonel Kirkman deserves the appreciation of every law enforcement officer in Florida — and all the people of Florida, for that matter — for his untiring efforts in the field of traffic safety. I am sure that if it were not for Colonel Kirkman, Florida would not be as advanced as it is in this field."

"But it may surprise many of you here today to learn that the Highway Patrol possesses only a minor portion of the patrol cars and men daily policing the streets and highways of Florida."

"All in all, the Highway Patrol has but 400 men and 400 automobiles patrolling the highways of Florida, plus 28 additional patrolmen and cars on the Sunshine Parkway Turnpike. (While the recent Legislature authorized an increase

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Just Borrowed

APALACHICOLA — From Sheriff Herbert O. Marshall comes this report on a thief with a delayed action conscience:

On October 14, 1957, someone stole a shotgun from Steve Roux, a teacher at Chapman High School.

Later Roux left Apalachicola and went to Panama City to work as a Parole Supervisor.

In June, 1959, he returned here to resume teaching and on July 7 his gun was put back in his car — the place it had been stolen from almost two years earlier.

Genung Forms Mobile Posse

CLEARWATER — A mobile uniformed posse has been organized here to help Sheriff Don Genung in emergencies and in any situation where extra manpower is needed.

Members of the new volunteer outfit will wear uniforms, star badges and guns; but they will wear them only when ordered into action by the Sheriff and while under supervision of a deputy.

Each man will pay for his own uniform and gun. An advisory board composed of Genung, Chief Deputy Bill Roberts, Pinellas County Civil Defense Director Roland Johnson and Jim Marcum, also a civil defense official, will direct the activities of the group.

The posse was organized with an initial roster of 30 men and will eventually be expanded to a full strength of 50. Members will be trained by deputy sheriffs.

Their equipment, supplied by the Civil Defense organization, includes a jeep, boat and emergency truck carrying ropes, grappling hooks, tools, resuscitator and portable lights.

Shelby Was Ready

PENSACOLA — Sheriff Emmett Shelby was "ready for any emergency" during the Fourth of July holiday.

On duty for emergency calls were his patrol plane, boat rescue squadron, skin divers' unit and county road patrol.

Approval of 10 More Boys Will Bring Ranch Enrollment to 21

TALLAHASSEE — Ten more boys were approved for admission to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch when the admissions board met here August 4.

They are from Suwannee, Broward, Seminole, Leon, Volusia, Columbia and Alachua Counties.

When these boys are admitted they will bring the total enrollment to 21.

Ranch Manager Vincent Jones said other boys are being considered for admission but the board was unable to take final action on them because their applications were incomplete.

Each boy must have the approval of the Sheriff of the county in which he resides, and must meet certain mental and physical requirements.

Two residence buildings, each with a capacity of 20 boys, have been built at the Ranch.

The first one, which is a memorial to the late Pinellas County Sheriff Sid Saunders, will soon be filled to capacity.

The second building is presently being used as a dining hall and for storage purposes. Jones said as soon as other storage space can be provided, the second building will be converted for residence use.

Star Captures Leon Escapee

CLEARWATER — Chalk up another capture for THE SHERIFF'S STAR.

In May the Star's "Wanted" page carried a picture of Johnny Lee Parramore, colored male, 25, who had escaped from a Leon County Road Camp work crew on April 14.

Vernon T. Griffith, Pinellas County jailer, saw the picture and recognized Parramore when he was arrested here by Deputy Sheriff Robert Falk on a breaking and entering charge.

Leon County Sheriff W. P. (Bill) Joyce was notified and made arrangements to take Parramore back to Tallahassee as soon as disposition of the Pinellas County case is completed.

Church Men's Club Thanks Association

ST. PETERSBURG BEACH — The Men's Club of St. John's Church here passed a resolution thanking the Florida Sheriffs Association and its attorney, John A. Madigan Jr., of Tallahassee, for their efforts on behalf of legislation aimed at banning obscene literature during the 1959 session of the State Legislature.

"We are hopeful," said Madigan, "that the bill, as passed, will do much to curb this evil."

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Bureau's on the Job

Larceny by Penmanship Just Ain't What it Used to be

(The work of the Florida Sheriffs Bureau in tracking down worthless check writers is covered in the following article by Norman LaCoe, Associated Press Writer.)

There was the blonde. She was young and pretty. She looked innocent. In West Palm Beach, she asked a supermarket, would they cash a check, please? In Tallahassee, she asked a drug store.

And there was a New Yorker: Charming he was. Florists in Miami, Tallahassee and other cities were sorry to hear of the death in his family. Of course, they'd wire the flowers. Certainly, they'd accept his check.

And the oilman: He came to Levy County, and went into business. He said he'd hire 40 people. On credit, he rented a motel for 90 days, to put his men in. He cashed checks to pay for everything. He cashed checks for spending money.

TRAVELED A LOT

And the housewife: She traveled a lot. She visited supermarkets in half the counties in Florida. All she shopped in obliged her by cashing her checks.

These are four of hundreds of cases from the files of the Florida Sheriff's Bureau documentary section. They are—or were—bad check artists. They were captured, or traced, or identified through this office.

It is here that bogus checks—like the blonde's, the housewife's, the New Yorker's or the oilman's—are sent by sheriffs offices and police departments. The first job is to identify, if possible, the author. Forty per cent of the time, the bureau does it. Often, the artist already is in jail somewhere—and the new check is one more charge against him.

11 MONTHS OF WORK

After 11 months of working with bad checks, Don McLeod, who heads the sheriff's bureau, said that more is known now about the work of professional check artists in Florida than has ever been known before.

There are, roughly estimated, 1,000 check passers in Florida today. Presumably, all are at work.

The best of them, the elite, are making around \$10,000 a year. These are very few. The remainder pick up anywhere from a few hundred to a few thousand a year, and usually are caught.

MAKES OWN CHECKS

Most wanted of the active passers is a pro who owns his own printing press and check paper, his own check writer, and typewriter. Printing checks on the Kimberly-Clark, Pillsbury or Polaroid companies, making them out to Miller, Mills or Kirkland, he has picked up an estimated \$10,000 in the

past 12 months, McLeod estimates.

But he's nervous. In Miami last month, a bartender who didn't cash one of the phoney checks fast enough turned around to find his customer gone—too nervous to take a chance on questions.

Another of the elite is a dark-haired young girl. In two outright forgeries, she cleared more than \$10,000.

VICTIMS CHOSEN

Who are the victims of the bad check artists? The New Yorker usually hit flower shops. The housewife liked supermarkets. The blonde wasn't particular. The oilman saturated a county area.

Actually, McLeod says, supermarkets are stuck with 30 per cent of all bad checks written in Florida. Department stores take 21 per cent, and taverns and gas stations each have to absorb 13 per cent. The rest is divided up among other businesses and individuals.

More checks are written in amounts around \$50 to \$60 than any other categories, McLeod said.

QUICKLY CAUGHT

Most professionals are rather quickly caught. They get careless. Or they have a record. They're picked up for speeding and find themselves held for the check charges.

"We get them, McLeod said, "sooner or later, we get them." Like the blonde: She and her boy friends partied all over the eastern U. S. now they're in jail in Minnesota, and the party's over.

Or the New Yorker: He's in jail in Tallahassee, and Miami wants him next. This time, his grief is real.

Or the oilman: He left Raiford State prison, after a term for forgery, and he had his fling in Levy County. Now? Back in Raiford state prison, for forgery.

And the housewife: It was easy, she said. Nobody ever asked her for identification, she said, and she wrote checks for more than two years. That was what she told police, just before they led her away to begin more than nine years in prison sentences.

W. R. Davis Dies; Ex-Jackson Deputy

MARIANNA—Walter Robinson Davis Sr., 75, retired peace officer who formerly served as a deputy sheriff in the Jackson County Sheriff's Department, died here on July 15.

Pall bearers at his funeral rites were Sheriff Roy Robertson; Deputy Sheriffs Paul Thompson, Pebble Stone and Joe Sims; Slim Roberts, Doc Grant, Harry Simmons and U. S. Deputy Marshal Adam Lewis.



OCALA—GIFT FOR JUNIOR DEPUTIES—Sheriff F. L. McGehee (fourth from left) expresses his appreciation for a movie projector presented to his Junior Deputy Sheriff's League by the Ocala Rotary Club. Rotarians in the picture are (from left) C. C. Leiby, president; G. G. Mervin; N. R. Barnett, chairman, Boys Week Committee; Dr. R. C. Mann and W. C. Gray, Jr.

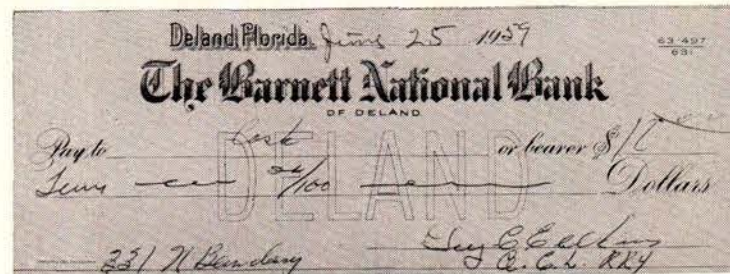


WEST HOLLYWOOD—RANCH FOUNDER—Broward County Sheriff J. A. "Quill" Lloyd (left) presents a Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Founders Club certificate to the Optimist Club of West Hollywood as a token of appreciation for the club's large donation to the Ranch. Mike Padula, outgoing president, is shown accepting the certificate for the club.

BAD CHECK ARTIST'S GALLERY

Compiled by The Florida Sheriffs Bureau

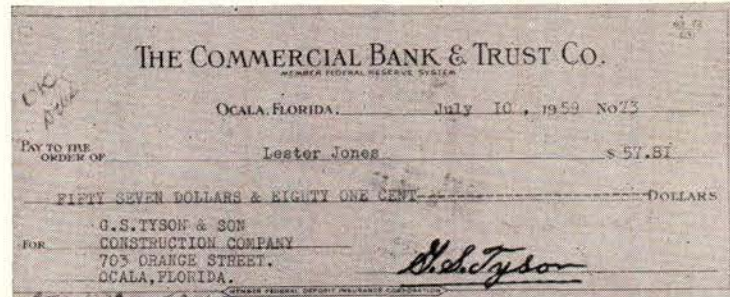
Don McLeod — Director



GUY C. ELKINS

White male, date and place of birth 5-5-24, Osceola, Fla., 5 feet, 7 inches tall, weighs 160 pounds, brown hair, brown eyes, ruddy complexion. War-

rants issued, charge Worthless Checks. If apprehended notify Constable Slaughter, DeLand, Florida; Sheriff Starr, Orlando, Fla.; or The Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



UNKNOWN SUBJECT
Using name LESTER JONES, wanted for passing Worthless Checks. If apprehended notify

Sheriff Edwards, Quincy, Florida, or The Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



PHILLIP H. DAVIS
No description. Three warrants issued, charge Worthless Checks. If apprehended notify Sheriff

Boyer, Sarasota, Fla., or The Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.

"The Lawyer's Corner"

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

059-138—TRADING STAMP COMPANIES—Coupons issued to retail customers in return for prompt payment and redeemable by the retailer in cash, merchandise or services, are not within the provisions of Chapter 59-311, Laws of Florida, 1959, regulating the distribution, issuance and redemption of trading stamps, but such a scheme may constitute a violation of the lottery laws if the element of chance is present.

059-146—CASH BAIL BONDS ESTREATURE—The Judge of the Criminal Court of Record could discharge the forfeiture of a cash bond only if the breach thereof is satisfactorily explained within ten days after the bond was forfeited.

059-147—HOLDING TWO OFFICES—An attorney may hold the office of Assistant State Attorney and also be employed by the Board of County Commissioners as County Prosecutor under §125.03 and 125.04, without violating the provisions of Florida Constitution, Article III, §7 and Article XVI, §15.

A synopsis of laws of interest to law enforcement officers and the general public which were passed during the 1959 session of the Florida Legislature.

REGULATION OF TRAFFIC ON HIGHWAYS—Chap. 59-27 (S. B. 77) Adds §317.231 to Chapter 317, Florida Statutes, prescribing standards governing the use of electronics, electric or mechanical speed measuring devices, by providing for warning signs and providing for admissibility of such evidence in courts. Effective July 1, 1959.

CRIMES; BOMBING—Chap. 59-29 (H. B. 434) makes the throwing, placing, discharging or attempting to discharge of any bomb, dynamite or other deadly explosive with intent to do bodily harm or to do damage to property of another person a felony; making it a felony to threaten or make false reports of bombing and provides penalties therefor. Effective May 7, 1959.

PAWNBROKERS; MONTHLY REPORTS TO SHERIFFS—Chap. 59-34 (H. B. 265) Requires monthly reports by pawnbrokers of all items bought or sold or pawned to sheriff of the county in which business is located. Effective May 11, 1959.

GUNSHOT WOUNDS; REPORTS BY DOCTORS AND OTHERS—Chap. 59-35 (H. B. 185) Requires immediate report to the sheriff by doctors, nurses, hospitals and employees thereof of treatment or request for treatment of any gunshot wound or wound of violence and providing penalty for violation. Effective July 1, 1959.

DRIVERS' LICENSES; PENALTY FOR DRIVING WHILE LICENSE REVOKED, ETC.—Chap. 59-3 (H. B. 148) Amends §322.34 relating to driving while license is suspended or revoked, by changing penalty as follows:

First offense: mandatory jail sentence 10-30 days and in addition, in the discretion of the judge, a fine not to exceed \$500.

Second or subsequent offenses mandatory jail sentence 30 days to 12 months and in addition, in discretion of judge, fine not to exceed \$1000. Effective August 4, 1959.

Boys Ranch Round-Up

News about the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, a home for needy and neglected boys the Florida Sheriffs Association is building on the Suwannee River, near Live Oak.

Boys Ranch Scenes



Final preparations are made for watermelon cutting. In background is refrigerated truck provided by Suwannee Packing Co. to keep melons cold. They were grown at the Ranch.



Rancher Buddy McHenry enjoys a visit to "the old corral" where the Boys Ranch ponies and horses are kept.



Bedspreads, sheets, pillow cases and towels were donated to the ranch by McAlpin Community 4-H Club. Shown here with one of the bedspreads are (from left) Cookie Haas (club president), Renda Prevatte and Susan Haas.



The camera caught Curtis Montgomery, Boys Rancher from West Hollywood, as he prepared to present the morning devotional.

Summertime Santa Wanted

Anyone want to play Santa Claus in August?

The following items are urgently needed at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, according to Ranch Manager Vincent Jones:

An electric water cooler, 5 to 10-gallon capacity.

A deep freezer, 18 to 24-cubic foot capacity, chest type or upright.

A commercial size washer and dryer.

Jones said increasing enrollment at the Ranch will overtax the present equipment, including the family size washing machines.

He said meats and other frozen foods are being stored in Live Oak, 11 miles from the Ranch, at the present time.

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:

J. W. Stickney, Jr., Tallahassee.

Stanley F. Jablenski, Jacksonville.

Otto Hettesheimer, Pompano Beach.

James E. Tillman, Tallahassee.

Rotary Club of Tampa, Tampa.

Lakeland Rotary Club, Lakeland.

Immokalee Chamber of Commerce, Immokalee.

Theo Rosengarten, St. Petersburg.

Mrs. Gladys D. Keplinger, Tavares.

H. E. Bray, Palatka.

W. J. Janes, Copeland.

John Bromfield, Hollywood, California.

Formacraft, Inc., Ft. Lauderdale.

J. E. Bayreuther, Fort Lauderdale.

S. C. Mickler, Tampa.

Immokalee Volunteer Fire Department, Immokalee.

McAlpin Community 4-H Club, McAlpin.

The Tribune Company, Tampa.

R. S. Caudle, Groveland.

Clearwater Association of Firefighters, Clearwater.

BPOE, Inc., "Club Account," St. Petersburg.

Doctor's Motel, St. Petersburg.

Dave Freund, St. Petersburg.

Henry J. Hayn, St. Petersburg.

Wolfie's Restaurant, St. Petersburg.

W. C. Summers, Panama City.

Kiwanis Club of West Hollywood, West Hollywood.

Winn - Dixie Stores, Inc., Jacksonville.

Lt. Robert P. Jones, Lakeland.

Ranchland, Ft. Pierce.

Sims Saddle Company, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Mrs. Jewel Thorne Welch, Clearwater.

George A. Conrad, Pinellas Park.

Dr. Edgar E. Hitchcock, Orlando.

Joseph A. Varon, Hollywood.

Anna Maria Island Lions Club, Bradenton Beach.

Howard C. Huettner, Clearwater.

Edward E. Clayton, Tallahassee.

Mrs. Edward E. Clayton, Tallahassee.

J. F. Robinson, Jr., Tampa.

Mrs. Dora Durant, Tampa.

Tampa Ministers Association, Tampa.



FLORIDA SHERIFFS BOYS RANCH—Here's evidence that the crops are doing well at the Ranch this year. Ranch Manager Vincent Jones (left) and Ranch Treasurer J. L. McMullen are shown inspecting some corn "as high as an elephant's eye." (Photo courtesy E. Reinhold Rogers, Jr., Clearwater Sun.)

Ranch Shows Valuation Gain

LIVE OAK—Figures released by J. L. McMullen, Treasurer, indicates that the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch is a good investment.

He said the value of the land, buildings and water systems at the Ranch have made a net gain of \$72,652.38 over the original cost and donated value.

This figure was arrived at by taking total expenditures for properties, which amounted to

\$136,840.12; adding \$10,167.50, the value placed on donated land and building materials; and subtracting these two items from \$219,660.00, which is the property appraisal made by a local three-man committee as of June 30.

The appraisal does not include any chattels or personal property, which are valued at thousands of dollars.

Ranch Receives Gift of Tools

CLEARWATER—Sheriff Don Genung announced that Mrs. R. S. Wagner, Clearwater widow, has donated woodworking equipment valued at \$2,000 to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

He said the equipment, which was given in memory of her

late husband, includes power saws, sanders, drill presses, lathes, teakwood and mahogany.

This gift ties in with plans formulated by Genung's neighbor, Sheriff Ed Blackburn, Jr., of Tampa, for a manual training center at the Ranch.

In Memoriam

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

Jamie Jackson, Lakeland; George Phelps, Haines City; Roy R. Peters, Lakeland; Bob Hay, Lakeland; and Howard Wilson, Lakeland; in memory of Zary W. Dennard, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Zary Dennard, Sr., Lakeland.

Mrs. A. W. Sadler, Dade City, in memory of her late husband, Albert W. Sadler.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McMullen, Live Oak, in memory of Sid Allen, Sr., husband of Mrs. Sid Allen, Sr., Route 3, Live Oak.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McMullen, Live Oak, in memory of Melvin Wright, husband of Mrs. Melvin Wright, 218 Mussey Ave., Live Oak.

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.

Duval Patrol Rates High in Public Esteem

JACKSONVILLE—Public esteem for Sheriff Dale Carson's Duval County Patrol was reflected in the fact that over 100 men applied for 27 openings.

There was one vacancy in the ranks and the 1959 legislature authorized Sheriff Carson to hire 26 additional men, effective October 1, to bolster his 100-man staff.

Applicants must be over five feet, 10 and one-half inches tall, and weigh a well distributed 165 pounds. They must have a high school education and be able to pass rigid physical and mental tests.

Some of the present patrolmen are college graduates and others are taking special night school courses. "We want educated men," said Patrol Chief William F. Johnston, "but what is more important, we want intelligent men."

Sheriff Carson said that personality and temperament are also vital qualifications. He said an officer must be "pleasant but firm. He must realize that his primary duty is to help people, not just throw them in jail."

After a man is appointed to the Patrol, he must pass a six-week training course. Following this he will be assigned to regular duty with an experienced patrolman for the 4½ months of his probationary period.

If he measures up at the end of this period, he becomes a permanent member of the Patrol—but he can't relax even then. Daily efficiency reports are made on all patrolmen, recruits and regulars; and a tabulation of these reports is made every six months.

Patrol members take periodic refresher courses in police work, law, first aid and modern enforcement methods.

Recruits start at a weekly salary of \$80.45 and receive a weekly increase of \$5 for each six months of service for the first 18 months.

Check Squad Gets Results

CLEARWATER—Business is bad for worthless check writers since Sheriff Don Genung put his "Check Squad" in operation.

This plain clothes unit, manned by two deputies with patrol cars plainly marked "Fraudulent Check Squad," maintains a constant vigil at various shopping centers.

Just the presence of the patrol cars is a deterrent to "check artists," but the squad has also marked up an imposing record of arrests.

The squad went into operation in March, 1958, and from that time until January 1, 1959, the two deputies investigated 771 check cases and made 409 arrests.

"This," said Sheriff Genung, "makes us aware that specializing is important."

\$100 Presented To Junior Posse

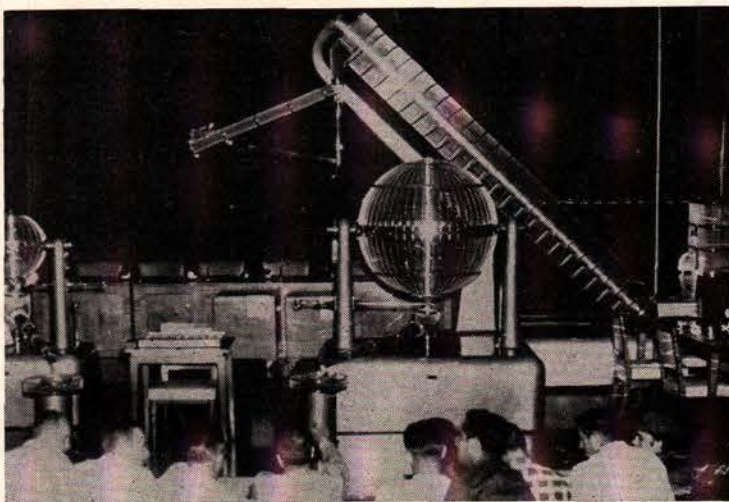
CRESTVIEW—Sheriff Ray Wilson's Junior Posse received a pleasant surprise at its first organizational meeting here.

In walked Frank Bass, Fort Walton Beach businessman, and handed a \$100 bill to the acting president, Miss Brooke Broderick, to help get the organization started on a firm financial basis.

Open to youngsters under 21, the posse encourages good citizenship and respect for law and order.



LAKELAND—30 CASES SOLVED—Deputy Sheriff Al Brady (left) and Lakeland Police Dept. Lt. J. J. Davis (right) are shown here questioning Lloyd Franklin Dyer, whose arrest solved 30 theft cases in Polk, Glades and Hillsborough Counties. Stolen loot valued at \$10,000 was recovered. Part of it is shown in this picture taken in Dyer's garage.



HAVANA, CUBA—RACKET ROOTS—Pinellas County law enforcement officers are shown here studying the operation of the Cuban National Lottery which, while legal in Cuba, provides the winning numbers for Florida's illegal bolita racket. The officers, including two deputy sheriffs and men from the St. Petersburg and Clearwater Police Departments, were sent to Cuba to study the lottery set-up so they would be better qualified as expert witnesses in bolita trials.



TALLAHASSEE—CRIMINOLOGY SESSION—A discussion of criminology conducted by FBI Agent Jim Hafley (left) and Florida Sheriffs Bureau Agent Jim Hendrick (second from left) was included on the program of the annual American Legion-sponsored Boys State here. The boys are (from left): Russell Curry of Key West, Don Coonley of DeLand, Stanley Heath of Immokalee and Wane Lee of Key West.



FT. LAUDERDALE — FOR THE BOYS — \$100 raised by the Broward County Sheriff's Auxiliary for the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch is presented to Sheriff J. A. Lloyd (right) by Deputy Sheriff William H. Doherty, head of the auxiliary unit.



BIRTHDAY PRESENT—Miss Sonja Collins receives a deputy sheriff's badge on her 21st birthday.

State's Youngest Deputy Sheriff Could Also Be the Prettiest

By ERIC ATKINS

Miss Sonja Collins, a secretary in Pinellas Sheriff Don Genung's Clearwater office, finally got her wish and became Florida's youngest deputy.

Since all deputies must be 21 years or over, Sonja had to wait for that big day, June 13, before she could receive her badge. In a birthday celebration in the Sheriff's office, Chief Deputy Bill Roberts, acting for Sheriff Genung, pinned the badge on her dress and presented Sonja with her deputy's card.

"It's just what I wanted for my birthday," Sonja told well-wishers, "more than anything else."

Court Rulings Will Help in Gaming Cases

TALLAHASSEE—Three recent decisions of appellate courts have given Florida law enforcement officers important legal weapons in their war against gamblers and racketeers, according to Assistant Attorney General George Owens.

These decisions held that: (1) A law enforcement officer does not have to divulge the identity of his confidential informer.

(2) An officer can listen in on a party line and testify in court about what he heard without violating the constitutional rights of the accused.

(3) An officer who is an expert on lottery operations can testify that certain paraphernalia could have been used in lottery operations.

The last-mentioned ruling upheld the use of a blackboard with numbers on it as evidence in the conviction of a Tampa man, Angelo Cali, on lottery charges.

The appeal court opinion stated:

"It is generally known that in the past from time to time they (lottery operators) have varied the method of their operation although it remains basically the same.

"It matters not whether the record of a sale is made on small tickets, in pads, paper in whatever form, a slate, shingle, plank, brick or blackboard."

Sonja, although a native of Florida, graduated from high school in Columbus, Ohio in 1955. She returned to her home in High Springs, and attended the Howell Business School. After graduating in December 1956, she was ready to leave for a position with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, in Washington, D. C., when the late Pinellas Sheriff Sid Saunders offered her a secretarial position in his Clearwater office.

She accepted and has been working there since January, 1957.

Her contact with the FBI was renewed last year when she took a three-month comprehensive course in law enforcement. The classes were held in St. Petersburg using FBI instructors and Sonja was granted a certificate for her studies.

To further qualify herself as a responsible citizen, Sonja promptly registered to vote.

Apparently These Boys Hated School

KEY WEST—School is out but the painful memories still linger on in the minds of some youngsters.

Perhaps that is why three boys 13 and 14 set off homemade bombs in a school building here causing damage estimated at \$150.

The Sheriff's Department said the bombs were made from bottles loaded with a mixture of nitrate, sulphur and charcoal which the boys claimed came from home chemistry sets.

Since the bombs were of the smoke variety, rather than high explosives, damage was primarily from blackened walls and no fire resulted.

The boys were turned over to juvenile authorities.

Bond Mighty Heavy When Paid in Cash

GAINESVILLE—Experience as bank tellers would have helped Deputy Sheriff Gene Farnell and Jailer Win Phillips when a Negro couple posted cash appearance bonds in a moonshine case.

Included in the cash were 877 pieces of silver totaling \$300; and Farnell and Phillips had quite a chore in counting it. The change weighed 16 pounds.



WAUCHULA—READY FOR RESCUE—Sheriff E. Odell Carlton (kneeling) checks diving equipment which will be used by his Deputies and Auxiliary Deputies in water rescue and salvage missions. Albert Carlton is wearing the equipment with Bobby Ratliff (far right) as instructor. Members of the Sheriff's Auxiliary looking on are (from left) Finis Davis, H. P. Burnett and Civil Defense Director Walter Garrett. (Photo Courtesy Wauchula Herald-Advocate.)



ORLANDO — RESCUE UNIT — The 14-foot fiber-glass boat pictured above plus six deputy sheriffs trained as skin divers give Sheriff Dave Starr an effective rescue unit for use on Orange County's approximately 900 lakes. The "underwater deputies" shown here during a practice rescue session are Rodney W. Young (in boat), E. Randy Ferrell and W. K. Claytor (with mask on forehead). Sheriff Starr said the well-equipped skin divers are a big improvement over the old grappling hook and dragging methods of searching for drowning victims and submerged valuables.



LIVE OAK—RANCH FOUNDERS—Sheriff Hugh Lewis presents Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Founders Club certificates to Mrs. Dorothy Cooper and Frank Futch in recognition of large gifts to the Ranch.



ORLANDO—The above group of law enforcement officers from Brevard, Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole and Sumter Counties attended a two-day training conference on "Criminal Investigations" here. It was sponsored by Sheriff Dave Starr in cooperation with the Florida Sheriffs Bureau.

Here's What to Do When Robber Holds You Up

CLEARWATER — Dead robbery victims don't make good witnesses. Therefore, the next time you are looking down the barrel of a robber's gun, do exactly what he asks you to do.

That's the advice of Bill Roberts, Chief Criminal Deputy in Sheriff Don Genung's Clearwater office.

You should also attempt to observe anything unusual or distinctive about your assailant, Roberts added—such as physical defects; color of eyes; mispronunciation of words; rings or other jewelry; whether the bandit is right or left handed; type and color of clothing; height, weight, complexion and age.

When the bandit leaves, don't dash to the phone to call the Sheriff. First determine how the bandit makes his getaway, which way he went, his license number and a description of the car in which he is riding. Then dash for the phone.

Roberts said heroics are out of place at the point of a gun held by a desperate man. "You have to go on the assumption that a man who'll point a deadly weapon at you is capable of using it," he added.

Soldier-Sheriff's Grave Stone Found In Putnam County

FLORAHOME—State Beverage Department agents looking for moonshine stills found instead the long-forgotten grave of a Confederate soldier who once served as Sheriff of Putnam County.

The inscription on the grave stone read as follows: L. G. Sibley, Company B., Second Florida Cavalry, C.S.A." No dates appeared on the marker. Residents of this area recalled that Sibley, in addition to being a soldier and Sheriff, had also served as a community doctor and was noted for his accommodating nature. His term as Sheriff ran from 1877 to 1881.

According to a descendant, Sibley was born in New York State, came by boat to St. Augustine at the age of 15 and later acquired land in Putnam County.

Practice highway safety and lessen the chance of someone having to preach your funeral. Don't mind being nosy about traffic safety—it's everybody's business, including your's.

The feller who loses his temper in traffic is about to lose his head in the crash.



MIAMI—JUST ROLL IT ON—Sheriff Thomas J. Kelly demonstrates fingerprinting techniques to Mrs. Lawrence Calloway (left) and Mrs. Russell T. Sims as they prepare to handle the fingerprinting of school children.

Fingerprinting School Children Started by Sheriff Tom Kelly

MIAMI—With the approval of Sheriff Thomas J. Kelly, the fingerprinting of school children was initiated here during the school term just ended.

Sheriff Kelly said the fingerprints would be valuable for identification purposes in the event of accidents and disasters but it was his fervent hope that they would never have to be used.

A pilot program was successfully carried out at Sunset Elementary School with the approval of the board of education and 99 per cent of the parents.

The actual printing was done by 20 mothers of students in cooperation with the Parent-Teachers Association and Mrs.

Russell Sims, Chairman of the school's Civil Defense program.

They were trained in fingerprinting at the Dade County Court House, under the guidance of Richard Brinker, supervisor of Sheriff Kelly's Records and Identification Department.

Sheriff Kelly pointed out to the civic-minded mothers that fingerprinting is centuries old. He said it was used by the early Chinese who registered their prints by pressing their fingers in soft clay, and that it has become an exact and infallible science.

Fingerprints were taken of all fingers and thumbs. One copy was sent to a permanent file in Washington, D.C., and another copy was filed in the Sheriff's office for identification purposes only.

Sheriff Kelly urged all schools to follow the fine example set by Sunshine Elementary, and added that his department will train parents to handle the fingerprinting procedure in any school in Dade County.

Burglary Team Liked Jewelry

TAMPA—Arrest of a husband-wife burglary team here produced loot which included "enough costume jewelry to take care of the Ziegfeld chorus line," according to Sheriff Ed Blackburn, Jr.

The couple, Mr. and Mrs. Norman D. Perkins, were held in connection with burglaries in four counties over a period of 18 months.

Blackburn said they sold their loot to neighbors, strangers and pawn shops.

The first problem was to recover the loot which filled up the Sheriff's polygraph (lie detector) room.

The next problem was to find where the stuff had been stolen.

Officers ventured that the value of the allegedly stolen items would amount to "thousands of dollars." The couple was questioned about thefts in Citrus, Pasco, Hernando and Hillsborough Counties.

Motor Club Opens Tallahassee Office

The Peninsula Motor Club of Tampa, in expanding service facilities for its rapidly growing membership, announced the opening of a new branch office in Tallahassee.

Marvin L. Holloway, president of the Motor Club, said the new office will be located in the Pepper Building, 216 S. Duval St.

The Club now covers 46 of the 67 Florida counties. The Tallahassee office brings the total to eight branch offices serving more than 50,000 members.

Driving on the wrong side of the road is a short cut to the hospital.



FT. LAUDERDALE—LIFETIME MEMBER—Sheriff J. A. "Quill" Lloyd (left) presents a plaque to A. F. Foster, of Hollywood, identifying him as a lifetime honorary member of the Florida Sheriffs Association. Foster was voted this honor as a token of appreciation for his gift of \$1,000 to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.



ORLANDO—GIFT FOR JUNIOR DEPUTIES—L. M. Roland (left) and Col. Robert Rich (right), real estate developers, present a check to Sheriff Dave Starr's Junior Deputy Sheriffs for the work they did in directing traffic at a subdivision auction sale. Bill Foster, captain of the Junior Deputies, is shown accepting the check while Sheriff Starr looks on approvingly. (Orlando Star photo)

Career of Chico Like Chapter From Teen-Age Crime Novel

TITUSVILLE—His alias was "Chico" and he was the leader of an experienced gang of criminals credited with a long string of burglaries in this area.

He had the swagger of a young Capone, and an I.Q. that was said to be near the genius level.

Sitting in his jail cell here he wrote a letter to one of his gangster pals in which he said: "Play it cool man and take the Fifth Amendment—and find out who talked."

Chico was 13 years old and his story—reminiscent of a lurid novel about teen-age crime—was unfolded here by Sheriff

Jimmy Dunn and his men after five long months of careful investigation.

Chico's gang had victimized a number of Brevard County business houses, stealing cash, guns and jewelry which were allegedly disposed of through a Patrick Air Force Base Airman acting as a "fence."

One youth was a shoplifting specialist and his gang nickname was "Fingers."

Another nicknamed "Canadian" fled to Canada with the apprehension of Chico.

Loot recovered by the Sheriff's Department included a dozen transistor radios which were apparently stolen to satisfy the whims of one gang member's teenage girl friend.

This girl demanded a gift-a-week from the young thug and he had to steal a number of radios in order to get a color that suited her. She is also said to have refused to accept a diamond ring he stole from a jewelry store because it was "not a big enough rock."

Chico's gang stole a variety of loot valued at more than \$1,000 but it was the theft of an automobile that apparently led to his downfall.

In the best gangland tradition, Chico always wiped away all fingerprints on a stolen car, but invariably he left the driver's seat shoved forward as far as it would go.

This gave investigators an important clue. They knew they were looking for a mighty small car thief.

After many days of ringing doorbells, tracing clues and asking questions, the law finally caught up with the pint-sized criminal and halted his crime career.

Unwilling to idle away his time in jail, Chico immediately began a new career as a novelist—writing a book entitled "Hoodville, U.S.A."

Wedding Creates Change of Pace

The Sheriff's Star prints some pretty grim stuff—being in the law enforcement business.

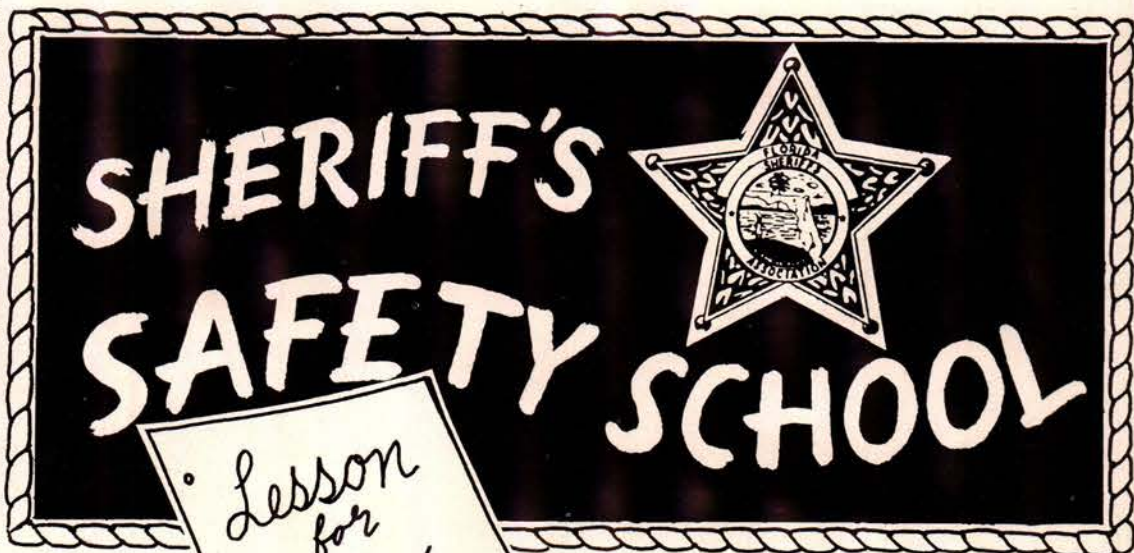
Therefore, it is a welcome change of pace to announce a pleasant event such as the wedding of Miss Carolyn Louise Ann Parrish, daughter of Polk County Sheriff and Mrs. Hagan Parrish to Joseph Albin Meisch, Jr., of Tampa, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Albin Meisch, Sr. of Daytona Beach.

The marriage rites were held in the First Baptist Church, Winter Haven, on June 13.

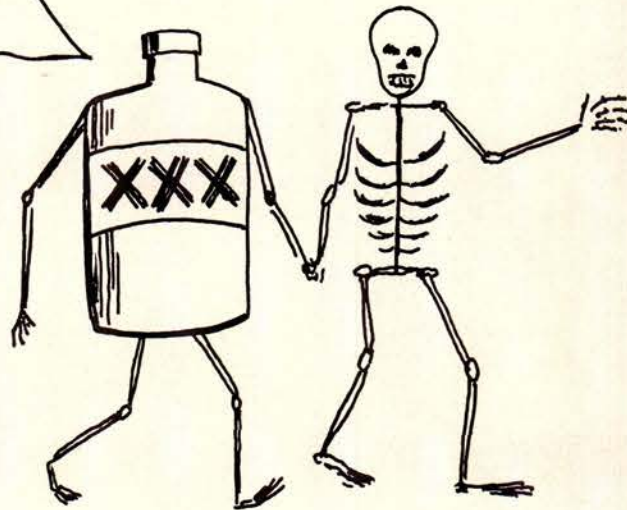
Mr. Meisch is employed by the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department.

Early Start

GREEN COVE SPRINGS — Two Clay County youths, Bobby Manning, 18, and Charles E. Carter, 19, pleaded guilty to charges of operating a moonshine still. Sentencing was deferred pending completion of a pre-sentence investigation.



**ALCOHOL
AND
ACCIDENTS
GO
HAND-IN-HAND**



Alcohol and accidents go hand-in-hand, according to the National Safety Council.

More than a fourth of the drivers or adult pedestrians killed in traffic had been drinking, a study by the Council revealed.

Further, six of every 100 motorists involved in fatal accidents were "under the influence of alcohol," the most serious violation included in the general category "had been drinking."

Drink was a major factor in adult pedestrian deaths, too. Twenty-five of every 100 pedestrians killed had been drinking, according to reports from 20 states.

THE DELAWARE STORY

Delaware, which has given special attention to the problem of the drinking driver, whenever possible took blood tests of persons injured in traffic mishaps.

Intoximeter tests were given, if permission was obtained. If injuries were too severe to permit tests or if drivers refused to take them, police recorded their opinion of the motorist's condition.

Results were that 40.6 per cent of all drivers involved in traffic fatalities had been drinking.

"But a few drinks never hurt anybody—nor his driving," some will say. Tests indicate that isn't so.

Fifty men and women were tested before drinking. Then they downed an ounce of whiskey for every 30 pounds of body weight. That means a 150-pound man consumed five drinks, taking from 15-30 minutes.

RESULTS OF TESTS

After a 45-minute wait, the 35 men and 15 women were retested, with these results:

1. Nearly all suffered a loss of visual sharpness.
2. Thirty per cent showed a significant drop in depth perception.
3. More than half were unable to judge distances well.
4. More than half were affected adversely by glare.

Drinking impairs judgment and reaction time, the tests showed. When quick thinking is vital to survival, the drinking driver is handicapped.

SAFETY QUIZ

Are you one of those guys who says, "A couple of drinks don't bother my driving a bit"? Well, let's see just exactly how much you actually do know about drinking and driving.

1. Strong black coffee will offset most of the effects of alcohol. True or false?
2. Just two drinks may reduce your visual "sharpness" greatly. True or false?
3. People who take two or three

drinks (social drinkers) and then drive a car are a bigger problem than out-and-out drunk drivers. True or false?

4. During the Christmas holidays, about one out of four drivers involved in a fatal accident has had something to drink. True or false?

5. About one out of five adult pedestrians killed has been drinking. True or false?

(Answers on Page 8)

WANTED PERSONS

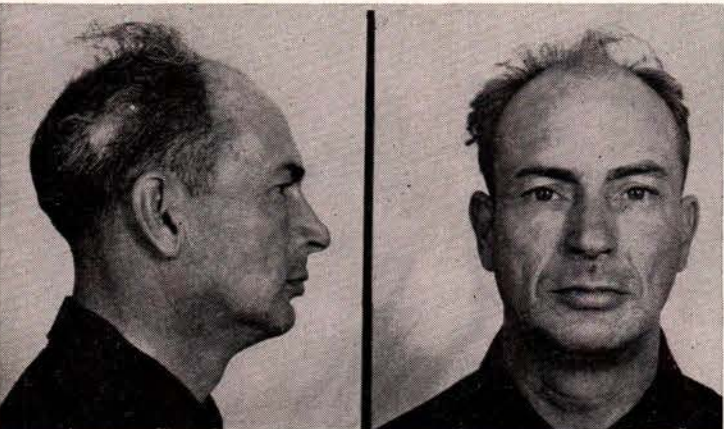
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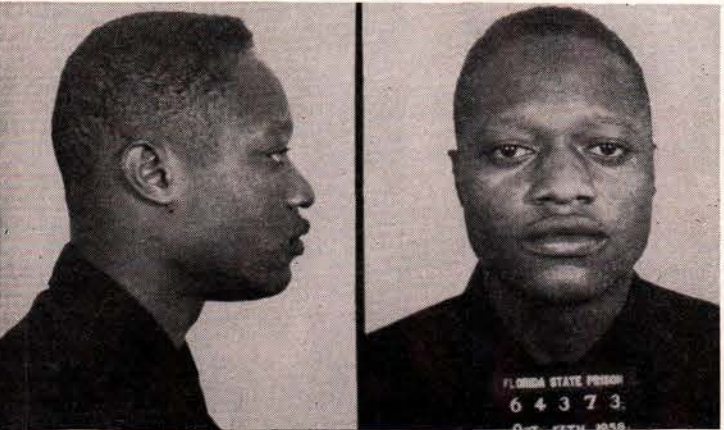
CECIL CARL OWENS
White male, age 33, 6 feet, 2 inches tall, brown hair and eyes. Wanted for Escape from the Lake County jail 6-26-59 where he was serving time for Drunkenness. If apprehended notify Sheriff McCall, Tavares, Fla., or The Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



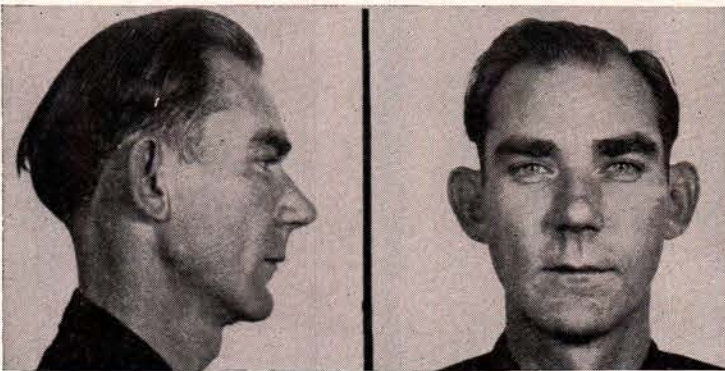
LORENZO D'AGOSTINO
Also known as LARRY, LAWRENCE, LORENZO, D'OGOSTINO, white male, date of birth 4-26-21, 5 feet, 9 inches tall, weighs 155 pounds, dark brown hair, balding in front, brown eyes, ruddy complexion. Scars on left forearm, left wrist. Nose slopes to the right. May wear toupee. Wanted by the FBI for Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution for Burglary. Bail of \$10,000 recommended. Use caution in apprehending. FBI reference 88-649. If apprehended notify nearest FBI or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



JOHN CHRISTOPHER
White male, age 48, 5 feet 7 3/4 inches tall, weighs 143 pounds, medium build, grey-brown hair brown eyes, medium dark complexion. False teeth. Occupation: Cowboy. Large vaccination scar upper left arm. High forehead, receding hair. Wanted for Escape from SP where he was serving 7 year sentence for Armed Robbery from Hillsborough County. \$25 reward. If apprehended notify S. R. P. #4820 Floral City, Fla., or The Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



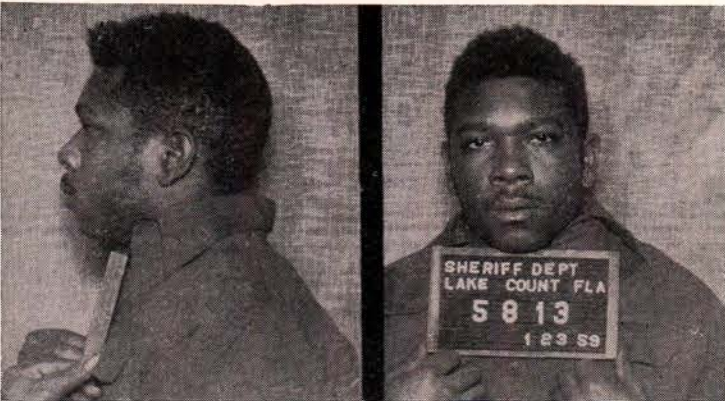
THOMAS LEWIS BREAMFIELD
Colored male, age 25, 5 feet, 10 inches tall, weighs 160 pounds, medium build, black hair, dark brown eyes, dark complexion. Occupation: Laborer. Burn scar upper right forearm, numerous small cut scars both hands. Wanted for Escape from SP where he was serving 20 year term for Robbery from Dade County. \$25 reward. If apprehended notify S.R.P. #4750 Homestead, Fla., or The Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



FRED EARL LOCKHART
White male, age 39, 6 feet 4 1/2 inches tall, weighs 167 pounds, extra tall slender build, dark brown hair, blue eyes. Occupation: Musician. Vaccination scar upper right arm, cut scar right cheek. SP #55900, FBI #830 836. Wanted for Escape from State Prison where was serving 15 year sentence for Breaking and Entering in Palm Beach County. \$25 reward. If apprehended notify SRP #866, Live Oak, Fla., or The Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Fla.



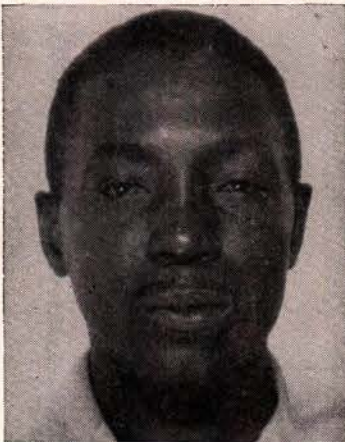
RICHARD JOSEPH NUNLEY
Also known as BRAD MORGAN, FBI I.O. #3282, white male, date and place of birth 6-12-32, Salt Lake City, Utah, 5 feet, 9 to 10 inches tall, weighs 150-160 pounds, slender build, blond hair, blue eyes. Scar under right eye, large burn scar lower left leg. Upper left front tooth missing. One leg reportedly shorter than other. Reportedly avid movie and soft ball fan. He was positively identified as individual who worked as a projectionist in a local theatre in Apalachicola, Fla., under name of Brad Morgan. Wanted on charge Murder. Should be considered dangerous. If apprehended notify nearest FBI or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



A. C. (CURTIS) LEE
Colored male, age 23, 5 feet, 8 inches tall, black hair, brown eyes, dark complexion. Talks with slight stutter. Wanted on charge of Escape. If apprehended notify Sheriff McCall, Tavares, Fla., or The Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Fla.



BILLY OWENS WILLIAMS
With aliases: WILLIE ANDERSON, BILL WILLIAMS, GENE WILLIAMS, OWENS WILLIAMS and others, date and place of birth 1-22-27, Tampa, Fla., 5 feet, 11 1/2 inches tall, weighs 164 to 175 pounds, black hair, brown eyes, dark brown complexion, negro male. Occupations: Laborer, stevedore, hotel bellboy, truck driver, baker, cook, kitchen helper. Small black moles on face, 4 inch scar inner side right front forearm, several small scars inner side both elbows. Has one gold upper right front tooth, occasionally wears a mustache. Williams reportedly emotionally unstable. He has been armed in the past and should be considered armed and dangerous. FBI #2,928,638. Fingerprint classification: 15, M over M, 5 over 21, U over U, OOI over OII, 11. Wanted for Interstate Flight - Kidnapping, Armed Robbery. If apprehended notify nearest FBI office or The Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



ISAAC RAYMOND SMITH
Colored male, about 35, 5 feet 5 1/2 inches tall, weighs 145 pounds. SS #107-24-6668. Subject was in Jacksonville early part of June. If apprehended call collect Investigator Jesse D. Edwards, Jr., Jacksonville, Fla., EL 4-7111, Ext. 496 or RA 4-0090, U. S. Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service, or The Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



WANDA F. POPWELL
White, female, age 20, 5 feet, 5 inches tall, weighs 110 pounds, dark brown hair, hazel eyes. Last seen in Daytona Beach, Fla., 6-27-59. Warrants issued, charge Contributing to Dependency of Minors. If apprehended notify Sheriff Thursby, Daytona Beach, Fla., or The Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.

MISSING



ROBERT KEITH KNIGHT
White male, age 16, 5 feet 7 inches tall, weighs 150 pounds, blond hair, brown eyes. When last seen was wearing blue trousers, red polo shirt. May be headed for Chicago, Ill. Missing from Daytona Beach since 7-16-59. Hold for juvenile authorities, notify Sheriff Thursby, Daytona Beach, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



BARBERS AND SHERIFFS CONFER—Officials of the Florida Barbers Association recently conferred with Sheriffs regarding plans to establish a barber shop at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. In the top photo Volusia County Sheriff Rodney Thursby (left) is shown with (from left) Blaine J. Fitzpatrick of Daytona Beach; George W. Ryals of Ocala, president of the Barbers Association; and William Green of Gainesville, secretary-treasurer. In the bottom photo, Marion County Sheriff F. L. McGehee is pictured with Ryals and Green.

Florida Barbers Plan to Build Shop at Sheriffs Boys Ranch

The State Barbers Assn., plans to build and equip a barber shop at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, it was announced early this month.

George W. Ryals of Ocala, president of the Association, said the building is expected to be completed and equipped in about two months.

The association tentatively plans to have barbers at Live Oak instruct boys at the ranch who are interested in becoming barbers, Ryals said. Arrangements will also be made with barber schools for apprenticeships for the boys.

While in Daytona Beach recently, Ryals presented Volusia County Sheriff Rodney Thursby with an honorary life membership in the Florida Barbers Assn. Such awards have been given to only two other persons since the association was founded nine years ago. The previous recipients were Marion County Sheriff F. L. McGehee and former barber Perry Como.

Answers To Safety Quiz

Here are the correct answers to the Safety Quiz which appears on page 6.

1. False. Coffee or other stimulants, the National Safety Council says, will not offset the effects of alcohol. "Only time," it says, "can eliminate alcohol from the blood stream."
2. True. According to the American Medical Assn., two cocktails may reduce your visual acuity as much as if you were wearing dark glasses at night. "Imagine," the Council says, "trying to drive at night wearing dark glasses."
3. True. "As a group, social drinkers can be a greater problem than obvious drunks," the Council says. Why? "There are more social drinkers and they are harder to detect. When a drunk gets behind the wheel of a car, he usually attracts attention because his actions are so pronounced others notice his impairment. The social drinker, however, usually is able to escape detection until an emergency gets him into trouble."
4. False. Not one out of four — closer to one out of two, according to the Council. This is almost twice as high as the annual average.
5. True. The exact percentage in recent years has been about 22. And during the Christmas, 1957, holiday period, a Council study shows, more pedestrians were killed in the first hour than in any other hour during the period.

No Summer Lull For Jr. Deputies

By DOROTHY MOLDENHAUER

MIAMI—There has been continuous summer activity for the Junior Deputy Sheriff's League. On July 2, 3, and 4, Sheriff Thomas J. Kelly and the Metropolitan Employees of the Sheriff's Association sponsored a new kind of outdoor show at the famous Tropical Park Race Track. It was an old fashioned County Fair type of Circus, for the young and the young at heart, featuring events for the children such as balloon races, greased poles, greased pigs, running races, aerial and circus acts.

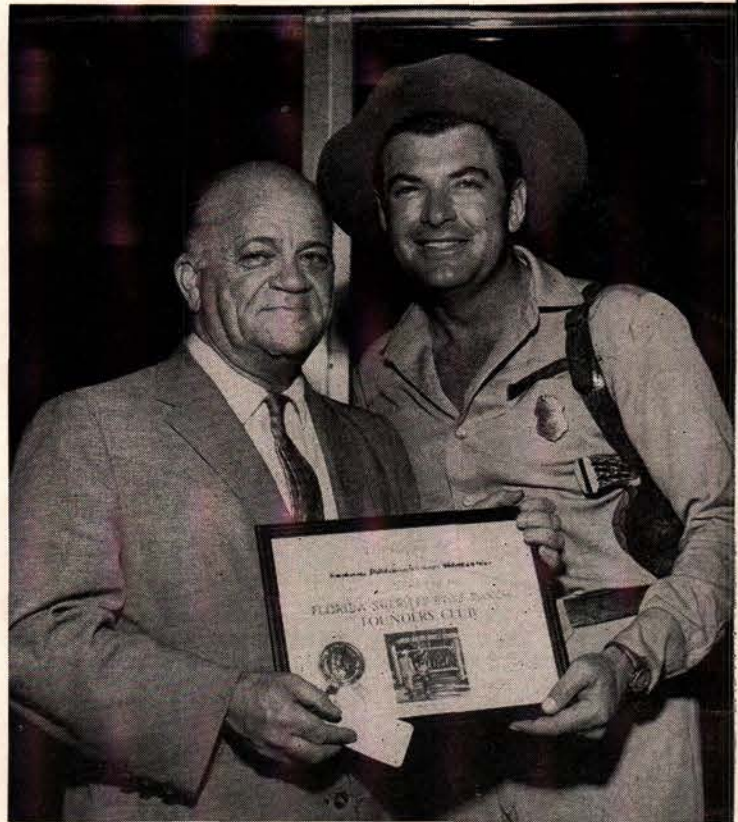
During the day there was a special daytime display of fireworks and the clear evenings were a perfect background for the "Whirl of Fire" a blazing spectacle presenting a host of new ideas using electrical control firing and original colors. Daily the park was crowded with happy youngsters enjoying the barbecues, hot dogs, buttered popcorn and Circus atmosphere.

A new Junior Deputy Sheriff's unit from the Homestead Air Base held its initial meeting during July. A busload of Miami youngsters met with the U. S. SAC "Teen-Town" at this joint meeting. Judo, fencing, and baton twirling groups entertained. Tech.-Sgt. Arthur Willis and Lt. David Stewart Wells of the SAC Base welcomed the Miami guests under the direction of Dave Narrow, director of the Junior Deputies.

Camping trips, dances, and visits to local points of interest are keeping the Junior Deputies busy during the summer months.

Men and women of the Dade County Civil Defense Police Auxiliary are co-operating in these youth activities, especially in the unincorporated areas where there are fewer organized recreational programs.

Hope for a permanent Youth Camp in Dade County is one of Sheriff's Kelly's dreams which he intends making a reality. The Independence Day celebration enriched the ever-growing fund for this Camp.



TAMPA—TV STAR AIDS RANCH—John Bromfield, familiar to the nation's television audience as "The Sheriff of Cochise" and currently "U. S. Marshal" recently donated \$100 to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. Here he is shown receiving a Boys Ranch Founders Club certificate from Sheriff Ed Blackburn, Jr., (left) of Tampa, Executive Director of the Ranch.



OKEECHOBEE—LIFETIME MEMBER—Brack Contrell, retired Okeechobee County rancher, is pictured above (left) receiving a plaque identifying him as a Lifetime Honorary Member of the Florida Sheriffs Association. The plaque was presented to Contrell by Sheriff J. C. McPherson as a token of appreciation for a donation of \$1,000 which the rancher made to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

Sheriff Spottswood's Speech

(Continued from Page 1)

to 500 men, I understand that it did not provide adequate finances to add these additional officers.)

"So, for the next two years at least, the strength of the Highway Patrol is pretty well fixed at 400 men and 400 cars. When this number is then spread around over an eight to nine-hour normal work day, less than 150 Highway Patrol cars are actually trying to cover the Thirteen Thousand Four-Hundred (13,400) miles of state roads in Florida at any one time, not to mention the additional thousands of miles of county roads and city streets.

Report on Survey

So, were it not for county and municipal patrols, the highway police force would be woefully inadequate. Fortunately, the counties and cities provide the needed supplements to more than quadruple the state force.

A recent survey completed in April of this year by the Florida Sheriffs Association revealed that the 67 sheriffs' offices have 803 cars on the highways, or more than twice as many cars on the open highways as the State Highway Patrol. When you add to this sheriffs' force the hundreds upon hundreds of patrol cars under city or municipal jurisdiction, you can see that the Highway Patrol probably constitutes less than 20 per cent of the mo-

torized police on the highways.

Manpower-wise, approximately the same ratio exists. The Patrol has 400 men to man its 400 cars. The sheriffs' force, exclusive of office deputies and clerical help, totals some 1,275 men, of which 825 are in uniform. I do not have current statistics on municipal police, but Miami and Jacksonville alone may well equal the total of the State and County figures.

While it is true that the municipal and county patrols generally are required to handle other types of law enforcement in addition to traffic, so that per man, the Highway Patrol officers probably investigate more accidents proportionately, statistics show that the greatest total number of accident investigations are handled by city and county officers, since the greatest number of accidents occur in the urban areas.

So, I want to tell you here today that the Sheriffs of Florida urgently want to be a part of your highway safety program, and I, as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Florida Sheriffs Association, offer you their continuous help in your program.

I think I can also speak with assurance in saying that the police and municipal officers of this State are likewise ready, willing and able to take their rightful place in your program if you will only ask them.

Forms Info. Mailed Out

TALLAHASSEE — Instructions for the use of new revised forms for the Florida Sheriffs Finance System were mailed out to all Sheriffs by the State Auditing Department on Aug. 10.

Copies of the instructions were also sent to Justices of the Peace and Constables so that they too will be familiar with the prescribed methods of handling cash bonds and similar matters.

Revision of the forms was necessitated by changes resulting from the 1959 Legislature.

Included in the instructions are details regarding the handling of "Going out of Business" permits. A law passed by the 1959 Legislature requires a merchant to get a permit from the Sheriff and pay a fee of \$25 to hold a "Going out of Business" sale.

W. R. England, former Assistant State Auditor who is now employed as a special consultant of the Florida Sheriffs Association, is planning to hold schools in various sections of the state to familiarize Sheriff's Department employees with the revised forms.

J. P. Hall Jr. to Attend FBI School

GREEN COVE SPRINGS — Chief Deputy Sheriff J. P. Hall Jr. has been accepted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation to attend the FBI Academy, in Washington, D. C.

He was scheduled to enroll on August 16 and the course will last for three months.

Hall is the son of Clay County Sheriff John P. Hall and he has been working as his father's "right hand man" for about three years — ever since he returned from overseas service with the U. S. Army.

Snake Aids Sheriff In Moonshine Raid

MACCLENNY — Sheriff Ed Yarbrough credited a big snake with helping to capture a Baker County man who fled during a moonshine still raid.

He said Allen Bennett started running, jumped into a small creek and was wading upstream when he saw a large water moccasin.

That stopped Bennett's flight and the Sheriff held him on a charge of operating a moonshine still.