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Sheriff McGehee Recovering from Heart Attack

OCALA — Marion County Sheriff F. L. McGehee, who suffered a heart attack October 6, was making an excellent recovery when this issue of the STAR went to press.

Contacted at his home, he said he was feeling fine and expected to return to work about Nov. 16. He said he was allowed to take mild exercise.

Sheriff McGehee was admitted to Monroe Memorial Hospital here about 2 a.m., October 6. Some hours later his physician, Dr. H. L. Harrell, reported he had suffered a mild coronary thrombosis and described his condition as "serious but not critical."

He responded to treatment rapidly and was discharged from the hospital on October 17.

Chief Criminal Deputy George Smith and Chief Civil Deputy Doug Willis were in charge of the sheriff's department during the sheriff's absence.

Cards Curbing Bogus Checks

GAINESVILLE — Alachua County Sheriff Joe Crevasse is using printed identification cards to catch and discourage worthless check passers.

He said the cards distributed by his office will especially help to protect local merchants, service station operators and other businessmen who deal with transients.

The cards require the person seeking to cash a check to list his name, address, occupation, place of employment, make of auto, license number and driver's permit number. He must also place his right thumb print on the card.

It will be up to the check casher to decide whether or not to have the card filled out.

Sheriff Crevasse said the card system will be a strong deterrent to worthless check passers.

Dade Diagnosis

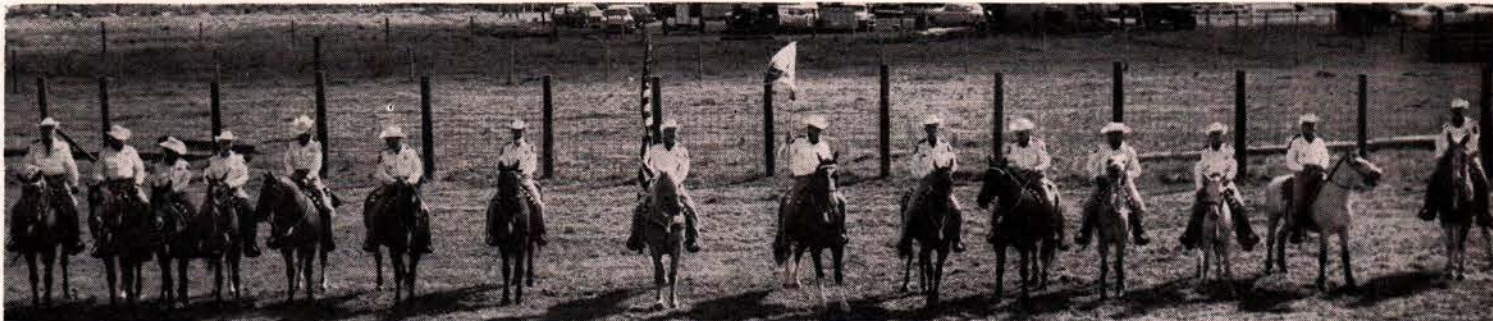
An editorial in the October issue of THE SHERIFF'S STAR asked the question: "Is Democracy Dead in Dade?"

This question was prompted by the fact that the people of Dade County had lost the right to elect their sheriff when they changed over to a new, experimental type of local government.

On November 3 they had an opportunity to regain their voting rights by approving a charter amendment, but they rejected it by a vote of 52,880 to 41,765.

This gave us the answer to our question:

It indicated that Democracy is not dead in Dade—there are 41,765 people, plus thousands more who failed to vote, who still believe in government by the people—but it is certainly ailing in a way that should cause concern to citizens all over Florida.



FORT MYERS—SHERIFF'S POSSE—Pictured here during a practice drill is a portion of the 37-man mounted posse organized by Lee County Sheriff Flanders G. (Snag) Thompson. Although a new organization, the posse has already appeared in a number of parades, including the Sugarland Exposition, in Clewiston; a Boys Ranch Parade, in Venice; the Arcadia Rodeo Parade; and the Labor Day Parade, in Immokalee. The posse is available for search and rescue missions; and it also has as one of its primary aims the encouragement of horseback riding as wholesome recreation for young people. Members have been holding periodic competitive horse shows for children and have started the organization of a junior posse.



BARTOW—COUNTING THE LOOT—Sheriff Hagan Parrish (third from left) assists with the counting of some \$5,800 in stolen cash and checks recovered after the solving of a grocery store holdup case. Also pictured (from left) are Deputy Sheriff Chism Buchanan, R. D. Crooms, the grocer who was robbed; Deputy Al Young, K. C. Myers, Bartow police chief; and Doyle Kight, Bartow police captain. Sheriff Parrish and Chief Myers commended Capt. Kight and Deputy Sheriff Ed Williams for their "determination and perseverance" in an investigation which led to the arrest of two suspects and recovery of the money stolen from Crooms.

Six More Sheriffs Convert to Widely-Praised Budget System

Six sheriffs who were formerly operating under the antiquated fee system of financing their departments changed over to the widely-praised budget-salary system in October, by virtue of a law passed by the 1959 legislature.

They are L. C. Rankin, Liberty County; W. R. Taff, Wakulla County; S. H. Moore, Madison County; Hugh Lewis, Suwannee County; Ralph Witt, Columbia County; and B. R. Quinn, Citrus County.

This leaves only Jefferson, Franklin, Sumter, Hamilton, Gadsden and Lafayette Counties still under the fee system.

The budget-salary system was established by a law passed in 1957 under the sponsorship of the Florida Sheriffs Association. However, 12 counties were exempted and remained under the fee system.

The 1959 legislature amended the 1957 law to bring all counties under the budget-salary system, but six counties were restored to the fee system by local bills.

Under the fee system the sheriff charges fees for various duties such as making ar-

rests, feeding prisoners, approving bonds, etc. He operates his department and pays his own compensation from the fees collected.

This type of financing creates a "profit motive" in law enforcement and encourages sheriffs to make as many arrests as possible rather than to enforce the law as effectively as possible.

It is possible for a fee system sheriff to show a profitable operation by concentrating on traffic cases and minor infractions, while neglecting more serious crimes such as murder and robbery which consume a lot of time and effort but produce few, if any, fees.

Under the budget-salary system the sheriff operates his office under a businesslike annual budget and receives a salary instead of compensation from fees.

This enables the public to see clearly where the money is going and to get a realistic picture of the cost of law enforcement. It also requires the sheriff to operate effectively and efficiently in all phases of law enforcement.

"Forgotten Men" Of Highway Safety Get Recognition

Monroe County Sheriff John Spottswood started something when he described deputy sheriffs and municipal police officers as the "forgotten men" of highway safety work in an address before the Florida Citizens Advisory Committee on Highway Safety, August 7.

The Advisory Committee responded by appointing a new sub-committee on municipal and county law enforcement; and by featuring, at its October 30 meeting, a speech by Hillsborough County Sheriff Ed Blackburn Jr. which was a sequel to Spottswood's remarks. (See stories below.)

Proposals Made By County-City Sub-Committee

JACKSONVILLE—A number of progressive proposals for legislative action were presented by a sub-committee on municipal and county law enforcement when the Florida Citizens Advisory Committee on Highway Safety met here October 30.

Florida Sheriffs Association Attorney John A. Madigan Jr., of Tallahassee, vice chairman, presided at the sub-committee meeting in the absence of Sheriff John Spottswood, chairman.

He outlined the subcommittee's proposals as follows:

1. Adoption by state law of a uniform system of traffic signals and markings to be used by all cities and counties.
 2. Adoption of the "no-fix" uniform traffic ticket system recommended by the American Bar Association.
 3. Abolition of the fee system of law enforcement at the city, county and state levels.
 4. Transfer to sheriffs the control of county highway patrols now operating under direction of boards of county commissioners.
 5. Impose on juvenile traffic law offenders the same penalties as are given to adults.
 6. Adoption of a state law prohibiting the overloading of school buses.
- The subcommittee also asked the full committee to consider

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Blackburn Calls For Cooperation At All Levels

JACKSONVILLE — Hillsborough County Sheriff Ed Blackburn Jr. told the Florida Citizens Advisory Committee on Highway Safety that it will take "a solid wall" of cooperative effort "to hold the line against the increasing slaughter which is taking place on our streets and highways."

Addressing a committee meeting on October 30, Blackburn said it will take "law enforcement men on all levels, city, county and state, working together in a mutual effort with but one goal—highway safety—if we are to make real headway in this fight."

"I am glad that the local law enforcement officer has been made a part of this effort," he added, "for in many respects he is the key to improved highway safety."

A portion of the text of his speech follows:

"Speaking for the local law enforcement officers of Florida—for the Sheriffs and their deputies and for the municipal police—I can tell you in all sincerity that we are glad and proud to be a part of this team."

"Sheriff Spottswood hit a responsive chord in the hearts of all local law enforcement officers all over Florida when he called the sheriffs deputies and municipal policemen 'the forgotten men' in highway safety work. For although the record shows that the deputies and the policemen actually play a major role in the fight

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ST. CLOUD—TESTIMONIAL—Deputy Sheriff Claude Tindall (second from left) admires an engraved plaque which city officials, the Chamber of Commerce and the St. Cloud News, local newspaper, presented to him as a testimonial to his splendid record while serving under Sheriff Robert Buckels. The presentation was made before Tindall left Osceola County to return to Ft. Lauderdale where he formerly was employed as a deputy under Sheriff Amos Hall. Shown with him are (from left) St. Cloud News Editor Bob Slough, Chamber of Commerce Manager Gordon Dawson and Mayor Belden Warner. (Photo courtesy St. Cloud News).



TALLAHASSEE—JUNIOR DEPUTY OUTING—This picture was taken at a picnic which Sheriff W. P. (Bill) Joyce held recently for his Junior Deputy Sheriff League. At right is Deputy Sheriff W. W. Slappey, who is the director of the league; and at the extreme left is Deputy Sheriff Joe Cook, his assistant. (Photo by Seven Hills Studio).

Junior Deputy Finds Lost Tot

CALLAHAN—While the Callahan Division of Sheriff H. J. Youngblood's Junior Deputy Sheriff League was holding a meeting on October 28, a report was received that a child had become lost in that vicinity.

Immediately, Deputy Sheriff Emory Walker, leader of the league, requested his young "deputies" to assist in the search.

After a short time Junior Deputy Ralph Hicks Jr., of Callahan, found three-year-old Rita Bedford, also of Callahan, in a vacant house located in a new housing development.

Little Rita had wandered into the building and managed to lock herself in a closet. Junior Deputy Hicks heard a noise inside the house, which he knew to be vacant, and investigated.

This Man Is Proud To Be One of Us

WEST PALM BEACH—Hal Fulenwider Jr., an Honorary Member of the Florida Sheriffs Association, had this to say recently about the Association and its Boys Ranch project:

"Every Floridian should be extremely proud of the Florida Sheriffs Association for its work, and devotion to the boys of our state.

"Most of us just talk about the need for something to be done to help these boys, but the Sheriffs are not just talking, they are actually working and doing something constructive for them. It is a deep source of pride to have the privilege of being a member of the Sheriffs Association."

Your chances of getting there in one piece decrease for every mile per hour that your speedometer increases. Slow down, buddy, and LIVE!



MACCLENNY—BEULAH'S OFFSPRING—Sheriff Ed Yarborough poses with two bloodhound pups he purchased recently to help with law enforcement work in Baker County. He said they were purchased from the Callahan State Road Prison Camp and their mother is Beulah, one of Florida's most famous tracking dogs. He plans to train the pups himself and hopes to have them ready for use by the end of the year. That's Lucy on the left and Georgia Boy on the right. (Florida Times-Union Photo).



CLEARWATER—WATER POSSE—Pictured here with their boats are five members of Sheriff Don Genung's Pinellas County Water Posse.

Genung Forms Water Posse

CLEARWATER—Sheriff Don Genung announced the formation of a "water posse" composed of volunteer boatmen.

Members of the posse will furnish their own boats and equipment, and will be ready when called upon to aid the sheriff in water rescue and water safety activities.

"The unit will be held down to a small group until we get

well organized and everything worked out," Genung said. "So far we have lined up six boat owners who are enthusiastic over the program, but almost everything else is still in the planning stage."

The sheriff said it is probable that the posse will maintain regular patrols to supervise water safety in various areas.

Sam Joyce Has New Radio Net

VERO BEACH—Sheriff Sam Joyce went on the air recently with a brand new dual-frequency radio system.

Valued at \$3,700, the new system will put the Sheriff in radio contact with other Florida cities and will give him a range of some 40 or 50 miles in contacting his patrol cars.

He will no longer be on the same frequency with the Vero Beach Police Department, but the two departments will keep in touch with each other by monitoring calls.

In testing his new equipment, Joyce had no trouble in contacting cities such as Kissimmee, Orlando, Okeechobee, Deland and West Palm Beach.

Joyce said his department is the first in the state to install the new narrow band equipment "which will be required for all stations by August, 1960, according to a new Federal Communications Commission ruling."

Another Swindle

FT. LAUDERDALE—Two men posing as policemen told a retired businessman he was a "strong" suspect in a morals case and collected a \$5,000 "cash bond" from him. Police investigation tagged the incident as just one more in an endless variety of swindle cases.

"The Lawyer's Corner"

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

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

059-194 — FORGERY, EACH UTTERANCE AND OFFENSE—A defendant who is convicted on twelve different charges of forging the name of the same person to twelve checks at twelve different times and places may be given the maximum sentence in each case.

059-195 — RESTAURANTS, RIGHT OF OWNER TO REFUSE SERVICE—A restaurant owner may lawfully refuse to serve any guest when he determines that it would be injurious to the reputation, dignity, or standing of his restaurant to entertain that guest, and that the guest would be guilty of a misdemeanor under §509.141(3) Florida Statutes (1957) if he refuses to depart upon the request of the owner. Further, that a law enforcement officer may forcibly eject such person under these circumstances.

059-197 — LOTTERY LAWS, NEWSPAPER FOOTBALL CONTESTS—A football contest contemplated by a newspaper wherein the contestants would be rewarded for selecting the greatest number of winning teams in advance of the games would constitute a violation of the lottery laws.

059-199 — JUVENILE COURTS, DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE SHERIFF—Prior to taking a juvenile into custody, the sheriff should make such investigation as to satisfy himself that he should take the child into custody and to enable him to make a written report to the Juvenile Court. Further, that a Juvenile Judge does not have authority to order a sheriff to cancel, rescind, or revoke all commissions as deputy sheriff issued to any and all counselors or assistant counselors of the Juvenile Court and that the appointing of such counselors as deputy sheriffs lies solely within the discretion of the sheriff.

059-213 — APPEARANCE BONDS, RELEASE OF SURETY—A judgment of conviction entered on or after October 1, 1959, releases the surety from his obligation on an appearance bond unless otherwise provided by the court; but that a mistrial does not release the surety from his obligation under the bond.

059-215 — MOTOR VEHICLES, VIOLATIONS, POINT SYSTEM—It is the duty of that department to apply the new point system regardless of the effective date of the act, except where the licensee has already drawn suspension under the earlier act for such violations.

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.

COUNTY TRAFFIC OFFICERS; RELEASE OF VIOLATORS—Chap. 59-97 (H. B. 131) authorizes sheriffs and deputy sheriffs to release persons arrested for traffic violations on recognizance or upon cash bonds or other security conditioned for the appearance of such persons before the proper court to answer the charge for which he was arrested. Provides a penalty for failure to appear or respond to written summons. Effective July 1, 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.

St. Pete Paper Raising Funds For Boys Ranch

ST. PETERSBURG — The Evening Independent, daily newspaper, is raising funds for the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch through a unique subscription campaign.

Sanctioned by Sheriff Don Genung, who is treasurer of the Boys Ranch Trustees, the campaign works like this:

The Evening Independent is distributing to every home in Pinellas County a special edition in which the entire front page is devoted to pictures and information about the Boys Ranch.

Following distribution of this paper, salesmen will canvass door-to-door selling subscriptions to the Evening Independent. A portion of each subscription thus sold will be donated to the Ranch.

The St. Petersburg Times, another daily, also gave valuable publicity to the Ranch recently by devoting four pages of its Sunday magazine to the Ranch.

Sheriff Genung was so enthused by both write-ups that he sent copies to all Florida Sheriffs with the hope that they will be able to encourage similar promotions in their counties.

BR Boys Attend Football Game

TALLAHASSEE — Twenty boys from the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch attended the Florida State University-Richmond University football game here October 24 as guests of FSU.

Nick Gavalas, Tallahassee merchant who has taken an active interest in the Ranch, invited the boys to attend the game, and Eddie Cubbon, manager of the FSU athletic ticket office, made the necessary arrangements to admit the boys to the stadium.

Accompanied by Ranch Manager Vincent Jones and Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Beach, staff parents, the boys watched a parade of some 40 high school bands and were served a picnic dinner provided by Leon County Sheriff W. P. (Bill) Joyce prior to watching FSU wallopp the Richmond team.

Hagan Parrish Palsy Prexy

LAKELAND — Polk County Sheriff Hagan Parrish was recently elected president of the Polk County Chapter of United Cerebral Palsy.

Others elected at the same time were: Ben Hill Griffin Jr., of Frostproof, first vice president; Roy P. Gladney, of Mulberry, second vice president; J. Hardin Peterson Jr., of Lakeland, secretary; and Carl G. Tripp, of Lakeland, treasurer.

At the chapter's annual meeting it was announced that the UCP center here had given 6,998 treatments in physical therapy, and 365 treatments in speech therapy since it was established in 1955. It is treating 56 cerebral palsy victims on a year-round basis.



JUNIOR DEPUTIES VISIT RANCH—This group of Junior Deputy Sheriffs recently visited the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, near Live Oak, under the auspices of Dixie County Sheriff Al Parker. Organized by Sheriff Parker, the league is open to boys between the ages of 12 and 18. Its primary purpose is to teach youngsters respect for law enforcement and the principles of good citizenship.



FT. LAUDERDALE—RANCH GIFTS—Deputy Sheriff Otto Hettesheimer, who has long been a loyal and active supporter of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, assists with the loading of two refrigerators, a water cooler and a home laundry unit donated to the Ranch through Sheriff J. A. (Quill) Lloyd. Walter Malin, of Ft. Lauderdale, donated the refrigerators; Mr. Lobianco, from Crystal Springs Water Co., Inc., Ft. Lauderdale, donated the water cooler; and Samuel Pinchuck, of Deerfield Beach, donated the laundry unit. Refinishing of all appliances was done by J&H Paint & Body Shop and Ray's Paint & Body Shop, both in Pompano Beach. Local transportation of the equipment was provided by George Galloway, of Pompano Beach.



SARASOTA—FUNDS FOR RANCH—A fish fry held by Sheriff Ross Boyer's deputies raised \$582 for the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. The top photo shows part of the crowd of some 600 persons who attended the benefit event. In the bottom photo Sheriff Boyer (right) is shown receiving the fish fry proceeds from his deputies.

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:

Sears, Roebuck and Company, Coral Gables.
Tropicana Products, Inc., Bradenton.
Pasco Packing Company, Dade City.
John W. Crawford, Oneco.
O. L. Peacock, Ft. Pierce.
W. W. Carlton, Ft. Pierce.
Mrs. Sid Carlton, Ft. Pierce.
Elmer Teague, Ft. Pierce.
M. H. Scott, Ft. Pierce.
L. R. Becker, Ft. Pierce.
Mel Shannon and Associates, St. Petersburg.
Mrs. R. S. Wagner, Clearwater.
Clearwater Lodge No. 1030, Moose Club.
C. A. Lynch, St. Petersburg.
Dr. J. W. Beaudette, Ruskin.
Henry W. Schmid, Jr., Punta Gorda.
Mrs. J. A. Boyd, Dunedin.

The Fraternal Order of Police Associates, Broward County Lodge No. 21, Ft. Lauderdale.
Jay E. Latimer, Jr., St. Petersburg.
Deputies of the Sarasota County Sheriffs Department, Sarasota.
Orange City Lions Club.
Kissimmee Elks Lodge No. 1873.
Bob Edgington, Clearwater.
Ted Palmer, St. Petersburg.
B. P. Pellenz, Indian Rocks Beach.
Mrs. Edw. Boore, St. Petersburg.
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W. A. Brown, St. Petersburg.
Phillip W. Kinsman, St. Petersburg.
Mrs. Phillip W. Kinsman, St. Petersburg.
St. Petersburg Exchange Club, St. Petersburg.
Mrs. W. N. Chittenden, Largo.
Rowland H. Pollitt, St. Petersburg.
Sharlo Manor Motel, Clearwater.

In Memoriam

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

Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Myers, Tallahassee; in memory of Donald Firta, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Firta, Tallahassee.
Mrs. R. B. Norton, Clearwater; in memory of Mr. R. B. Norton, her husband.

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.

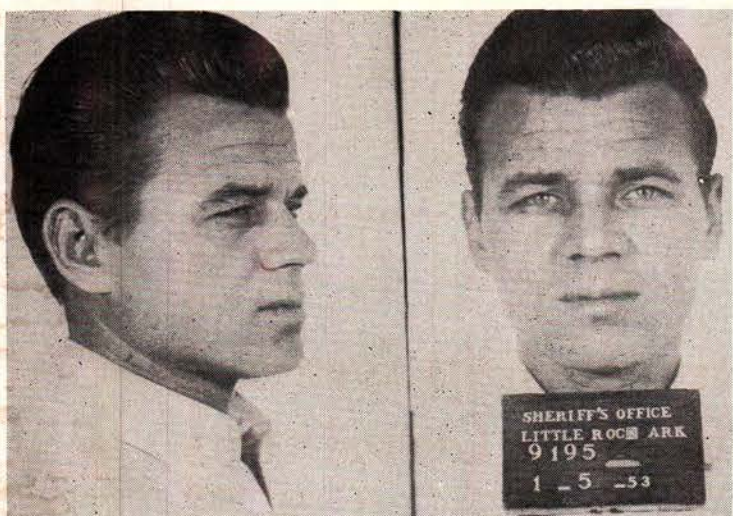
They should be accompanied by:

- (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.

BAD CHECK ARTIST'S GALLERY

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



WALTER LEE BOYANTON

White male, age 35-40, 5 feet, 10 inches tall, weighs 140 pounds, brown wavy hair, brown eyes, very dark complexion, Gypsy type; right arm completely covered with scars. Driving dark green 1954 Oldsmobile, 4-door, paint and body very rough, 1959 Fla. Lic. 18-1278. Subject operates un-

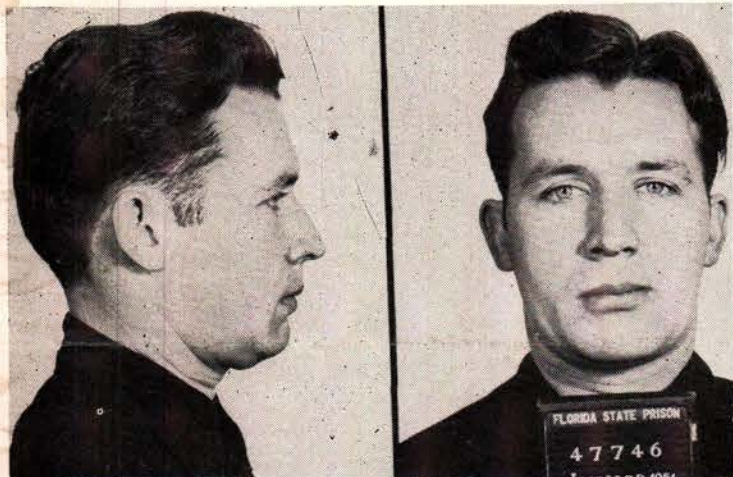
der name of BOYANTON CAR SCREENS and WEST COAST SCREEN COMPANY. Accompanied by his wife, Jean, and 7 children, possibly another white male. Felony warrants issued, charge Worthless Checks. If apprehended notify either Police Dept., or Sheriff Thompson Fort Myers, Fla., or The Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Fla.



STANFORD B. McKay

Alias STANLEY McKay, white male, age 25, 6 feet, 1 inch tall, weighs 168 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes. FBI

#16374C. Warrant issued, charge Forgery, will extradite. If apprehended notify Sheriff Lloyd, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., or The Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



ROBERT MANZ DORSEY

White male, age 42, looks younger, 5 feet, 10 inches tall, weighs 140 pounds, black wavy hair, blue eyes. Believed to have left Palm Beach for

Miami on 8-31-59. Warrants issued, charge Forgery. If apprehended notify Police Dept., Palm Beach, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Fla.



VENTON SMITH

Also known as VENTON FARRELL SMITH, white male, age 46, 5 feet, 8 1/4 inches tall, dark brown hair, brown eyes, weighs 171 pounds, FBI #636875, for-

mer State Prison #7913. Warrants issued, 5 counts Worthless Checks. If apprehended notify Constable Haas, Daytona Beach, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



WILLIAM R. HALL

White male, age 40, 6 feet tall, weighs 185 pounds, brown hair, brown eyes, dresses neatly. Subject formerly employed as salesman for Real Silk Hosiery Indianapolis, Ind., but recently discharged. Warrants issued, charge Worthless Checks. If apprehended notify Police Dept., Lakeland, Fla., or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Fla.



MERCURIO TOMARO IACOBUCCI

Also has used name Jacobucci, white male, age 43, 5 feet, 5 1/4 inches tall, weighs 177 pounds. Has served time in SP Raiford

as #56113. If apprehended notify Check Detail Police Department, Miami, Fla., who holds three warrants for Worthless Checks, or notify Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



ROLAND STRICKLAND

White male, approximate age 30, 5 feet, 9 inches tall, weighs 160 pounds, dark curly hair, dark complexion. FBI #993-254A. Former native of Crawfordville, Wakulla County. He

has been identified as person who passed one of the checks stolen from the L. C. Tucker & Sons of Tallahassee. If apprehended notify Sheriff Miller, Defuniak Springs, Fla., or The Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Fla.

Boyer Named Coordinator

SARASOTA—Sheriff Ross E. Boyer was recently appointed the Emergency Coordinating Authority for Sarasota County.

The appointment was made when city, county and communications officials met to map out a program for disaster warnings and evacuation.

Need for such a program was pointed up recently when a hurricane scare revealed a lack of coordinated effort on the part of various agencies.

It will be Boyer's job to coordinate disaster work. He will have an advisory council to assist him in deciding when and where to evacuate county residents.

Raid Closes Voodoo Shop

WEST PALM BEACH—"That old black magic" didn't prevent Sheriff John Kirk's men from arresting two Negroes who were allegedly operating a "voodoo racket."

Confiscated during the arrest were small bottles of colored fluids, dried roots and "mojo" powders which were for use in bringing good luck, removing a jinx or mixing love potions.

A sale sheet found among the supplies urged prospective customers to consult "Devine Emanuel, Philosopher, Spiritual and Business Guide."

It stated that "Everyone who comes will be lucky, happy and successful! Devine Emanuel holds the key to your success, power and happiness. The great questions of life are quickly solved; failure turned to success; sorrow to joy; separated are brought together; foes are made friends."

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Signal 14

(Information)

... to all stations



DON McLEOD
Director

Five successful law enforcement conferences on investigative techniques were presented by the Sheriffs Bureau in cooperation with Florida sheriffs during the month of October. Two sessions were held at Tampa in cooperation with Sheriff Ed Blackburn. Other sessions were held at Clearwater in cooperation with Sheriff Don Genung, at Fort Meyers in cooperation with Sheriff Flanders Thompson, and at Palatka with Sheriff Walt Pellicer as host.

A total of 141 officers representing 14 police agencies attended these sessions. Also, during October, the Sheriffs Bureau held fraudulent check conferences in Washington and Pinellas Counties at the request of Sheriff George Watts and Sheriff Genung. 111 merchants representing 78 business firms showed great interest in the problem of worthless checks at the two conferences.

The Sheriffs Bureau has now presented a total of 17 law enforcement conferences with 38 of Florida's 67 sheriffs participating. 441 law enforcement officers, representing 103 Florida agencies have participated in these conferences.

Since the fall of 1958, seven fraudulent check conferences have been presented by the Sheriffs Bureau in cooperation with various county sheriffs.

these sessions have been attended by a total of 675 business people representing 412 firms. Interest in the problem of worthless checks is high and officials of the Sheriffs Bureau and sheriffs are hopeful that as more merchants become aware of precautions they can take in cashing checks, the number of bad checks passed in the state will decrease.

While on the subject of worthless checks, it is interesting to note that bad check cases received by the Bureau's Document Examination Section during October hit a total of 97 cases. This more than doubles September cases when 40 were received. A total of 146 checks having a value of \$10,039.88 were sent in with the October cases.

During October the Document Examination Section was able to identify 30.1 per cent of the bad checks submitted. 12 checks were identified to authors having a fingerprint record, and 32 checks were identical to material on file in the Bureau's Fraudulent Check File.

Since the Bureau's Document Examination Section was founded in September of 1958, a total of 2,191 worthless checks have been submitted for examination, that's quite a substantial number involving a good deal of money.

Club to Finance Jr. Deputy Unit

JACKSONVILLE—The Duval County Junior Deputy Sheriff Program sponsored by Sheriff Dale Carson received a valuable assist when the Ribault Lions Club offered to finance a junior deputy unit at Ribault Junior - Senior High School.

Sheriff Carson said this was the first club to give financial sponsorship to a J. D. unit.

He said there are about 200 youngsters in the program throughout the county, and about 38 will be added at Ribault.

There is one other school unit at Terry Parker High School, he added, but it has no financial sponsor.

Boyer Sponsors FBI Seminar

SARASOTA—The problems and techniques of directing a law enforcement agency were effectively covered in a three-day seminar which was held here last month by the FBI under the sponsorship of Sheriff Ross E. Boyer.

It was attended by sheriffs, police chiefs and top police officials from this area.

Don McLeod, Director of the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, participated in the seminar and described it as "highly successful." Sheriffs participating in addition to Boyer included Odell Carlton, from Hardee County; and Hagan Parrish, from Polk County.

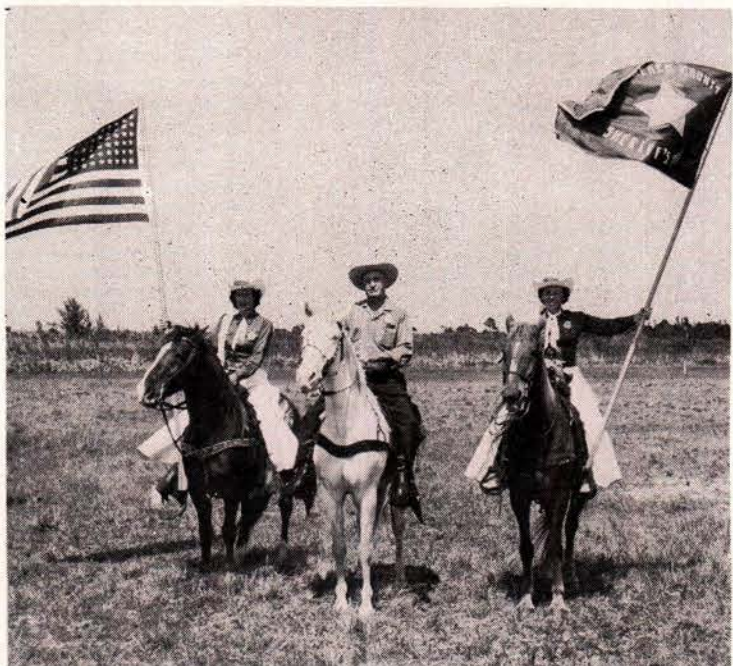
Instructors were Special Agent Lee O. Teague, who is in charge of all FBI offices in south Florida; Special Agent Delaney DuPuy and Allan Gillies, all from Miami.

Subjects covered by the seminar included procedures relating to personnel handling, recruitment, discipline, control, suggested records, responsibility for carrying out assignments, and methods of follow-up on assignments.

Sheriff Boyer said he was very pleased with the results of the seminar.



WEST PALM BEACH—KIRK'S POSSE—Pictured above is part of Sheriff John Kirk's 24-member mounted posse—a colorful addition to parades, county fairs and other public events in the "Gold Coast" area. The photo at left shows Sheriff Kirk with the posse color guard. (Photos by Sam. R. Quincey.)



Identi-Kit Helps Eyewitnesses To Describe Criminal's Face

(EDITOR'S NOTE—Eyewitnesses to crimes often have a graphic picture in mind of what the criminal looks like but their problem is how to transmit it to law enforcement officers. A sheriff's department official has come up with a device that may do the trick. Here is an Associated Press story by Dial Torgeson which explains how it works:)

LOS ANGELES—"Remember that burglar you were looking for? Well, there's a man at the door who looks just like him. You'd better come and get him."

Get him the police did. He's in jail today—and all because of that picture of him.

Actually, it wasn't a picture at all. It was a composite of features, assembled from slides in a device developed to help make quick identification pictures of suspects wanted for crimes.

The device is called the Identi-Kit. It was developed by H. C. McDonald, a division chief for the Los Angeles County sheriff's department.

Los Angeles Sheriff Pete Pitchess—who has shown the kit to Scotland Yard and officers of the French Surete—calls it "the greatest discovery for

law enforcement since fingerprinting."

It works like those children's games—the ones where different eyes, noses and mouths fit together to make different faces. But in the kit there are 500 slides, from which 62 billion faces can be created. It takes 5 or 10 minutes to make one likeness.

After a burglary in a Los Angeles suburb, a deputy with the kit interviewed an eyewitness who had seen the man. His likeness was put together, photographed, and copies shown around the neighborhood to see if anyone else had seen the suspect.

No one else had. But when the man rang a doorbell on a pretext, while casing his next job, the intended victim was a housewife who had seen the composite picture. She recognized him and called police.

"Sometimes the likeness is almost identical," says Chief McDonald. "But that isn't what we're trying to achieve. The main thing is to make a likeness close enough so that we can eliminate people who obviously couldn't be suspects in the crime."

The available slides make it easier to duplicate some people's faces than others. As a newsman described the features of Clark Gable, identikit expert C. E. McElroy assembled the slides to make his likeness. It didn't look like Gable.

He tried the same thing with Richard M. Nixon—and got a likeness which could be immediately identified as the Vice President.

"There will be more slides produced as time goes on," explains Chief McDonald. "The manufacturer will lease the machines to law enforcement agencies. The agencies will get the new slides as they become available."

Right now only men's features are available. Later women and children's features may be added. The kits will be leased for about \$300 a year.

"At that price, any law enforcement agency can afford one," says Chief McDonald.



SARASOTA—MOBILITY'S THE THING—This recent picture illustrates the fast-striking mobility of the Sarasota County Sheriff's Department. It shows Sheriff Ross E. Boyer's well-trained deputies, backed up by modern patrol cars and the Sheriff's patrol boat.

Teen-Age Crime, Frightening Monster, Says FBI Director

WASHINGTON—FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover termed the problem of youthful crime, as evidenced by teen-age violence in New York and other cities, "a monster of frightening proportions."

In an editorial in a recent issue of the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin, Hoover called for an "all-out campaign against these flagrant young criminals." He said the names of those who commit serious crimes should be published, noting that the news media of the nation can be a valuable ally in the fight against crime.

Hoover also said the young lawbreakers should be fingerprinted for further identification. He noted that "any escape from justice through weak court systems, public indifference, softheaded sentimentality, senseless preference to the rights of the criminal instead of his victim—can only give encouragement to young thugs."

The FBI director said that the public, long indifferent to the problem of juvenile crime, now "stands appalled at the spectacle of rampaging teenagers." He added that tragic public apathy is now at a crisis that calls for a counter-attack.

"Blazing headlines of torture, sadism, murder and gang warfare tell the depredations of teen-age menaces," Hoover said. "The black figures of crime statistics present an even more doleful account."

"In 1958, arrests of juveniles under the age of 18 increased 8 per cent, while arrests of adults rose 1.8 per cent. Alarmingly not only the frequency of youth crimes but the savagery of these offenses is mounting day by day, year by year."

Hoover said the nation's press can render a service by putting the spotlight of public opinion on those members of the judiciary who persist in endangering the public by "unleashing young terrorists."

"Parents, who through bad example, indifference or lust for worldly gain, inflict on their fellow men the scourge of vicious offspring deserve to feel the sting of public indignation and to face legal and financial responsibility for the criminal acts of their children," he wrote.

"At this time, when the increase of youthful crimes constitutes the bulk of the shameful rise in our national crime, serious consideration should be given to lowering the age distinction between a juvenile and an adult violator. We are dealing with vicious young criminals, and they should be treated as such."

"The prevention of juvenile destruction lies in the establishment of juvenile discipline."

The auto is the No. 1 killer. Falls come in as No. 2. Man ain't got a chance, whether he's driving or stumbling during an effort to dodge.



CLEARWATER—FASHION NOTE—This gives you an idea of what the well dressed sheriff's department staff is wearing these days. Pictured with Sheriff Don Genung (center) are jailer Vernon T. Griffith and Jail Matron, Mrs. Elizabeth H. Adams (left side); Deputy Sheriff C. T. Johnson and Mrs. Sallie Cole, registered nurse at the jail (right side). The picture was taken recently when Sheriff Genung appeared before the Gulf Beach Lions Club, at Sunset Beach, to discuss the various duties of his uniformed division. (Photo by John H. McGonigal.)

Long Walk For Honesty's Sake

ORLANDO—Deputy Sheriff Randy Ferrell's faith in human nature has undoubtedly been strengthened. Here's how: Pearlle Gould, 75-year-old Orlando man, found Ferrell's wallet, containing \$70 in cash and identification cards.

He started out to walk to Ferrell's house, nine miles away, but got lost and was unable to reach Ferrell by phone. He had to pay for transportation back home.

The next night he started out again for Ferrell's house. Darkness came and rain fell.

About 7 p.m., Ferrell's door

bell rang and he found Gould standing there, soaking wet. Gould asked Ferrell if he had lost anything recently. Ferrell mentioned the wallet. Gould gave the wallet to Ferrell and received a reward.

The deputy said he plans to remember Gould on Christmas, Thanksgiving and several other times during the year. Gould lives alone and has no living relatives.

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

FBI GRAD

WASHINGTON — J. P. Hall Jr., Chief Deputy Sheriff of Clay County (Florida) was graduated from the Federal Bureau of Investigation Academy here Wednesday, November 4.

Hall was accepted by the Academy last summer and he enrolled in August for the three-month course.

Hall is the son of Clay County Sheriff John P. Hall and 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.



VENICE—SAFETY CLUB—Sheriff Ross E. Boyer (right) presents Sheriff's Safety Club membership cards to youngsters who attended a club meeting at the Venice theater. Shown looking on at left is Deputy Sheriff "Cap" Stevens. A large crowd of youngsters saw a free movie and listened to a safety talk by Sheriff Boyer.

Sewing Program at Jail Breaks Monotony for Women Prisoners

JACKSONVILLE — Sheriff Dale Carson has approved a program of sewing, weaving and needlework to break the "jailhouse monotony" for women held in the Duval County Jail.

Entirely voluntary, the program will give women prisoners an opportunity to make clothes and various handicraft articles.

In addition to overcoming the ill effects of complete idleness, the program will have its practical side. Many women are brought to the jail with only the clothes on their backs, and these are often torn and

dirty. The sewing sessions will enable these women to make clean, presentable clothes for appearances in court and for their return to life outside the jail.

Chief Jail Warden Thomas J. Heaney, who, with the assistance of his wife, put the program into effect, said it "has gone over with a bang."

He enlisted the aid of Mrs. Nellie Mills, county home demonstration agent; members of the Cavalette Club; and individuals who were willing to contribute time, materials and funds.

Contributions at the beginning of the project included \$50 from the Cavalette Club and three sewing machines.

The average daily population of women in the jail is 30, and the average time of confinement is about 10 months, including time spent awaiting trial.

A new law that permits judges to sentence prisoners to as much as five years in the county jail is expected to increase the average sentence and create an even greater need for rehabilitative projects such as the sewing program.

While male prisoners can be sent to the county prison farm for work details, there are no accommodations at the farm for female prisoners. This is another reason the sewing program was instituted.

Postman Delivers Surprise Package

GREEN COVE SPRINGS—Sheriff John P. Hall is a little nervous about opening his mail these days.

No wonder! A package he received recently turned out to contain a rattlesnake which Billy Rose, of Keystone Heights, had mailed in to collect a bounty of \$2.50.

Fortunately for the Sheriff the snake was dead.

Unfortunately for Billy, it was a ground rattler and did not qualify for a bounty.

Sheriff Holds Two Elective Offices

LABELLE—Hendry County Sheriff Bill Maddox, one of the "old timers" among Florida's Sheriffs in point of service, also has the unique distinction of holding two elective offices at the same time.

He is currently serving as Mayor of Labelle while completing his fifth consecutive term as sheriff. Prior to being elected sheriff he served one term as county judge, 1937-41.

Phone Service Speeded up by Hagan Parrish

BARTOW — Sheriff Hagan Parrish recently improved his telephone facilities to provide faster and more efficient service throughout Polk County.

Residents of Lakeland and Winter Haven will especially benefit from the improvements since they can now dial the sheriff's office, in Bartow, direct without going through long distance.

Other callers will get a quicker response from the sheriff's staff due to the fact that the number of trunk lines to the sheriff's office have been increased from six to ten.

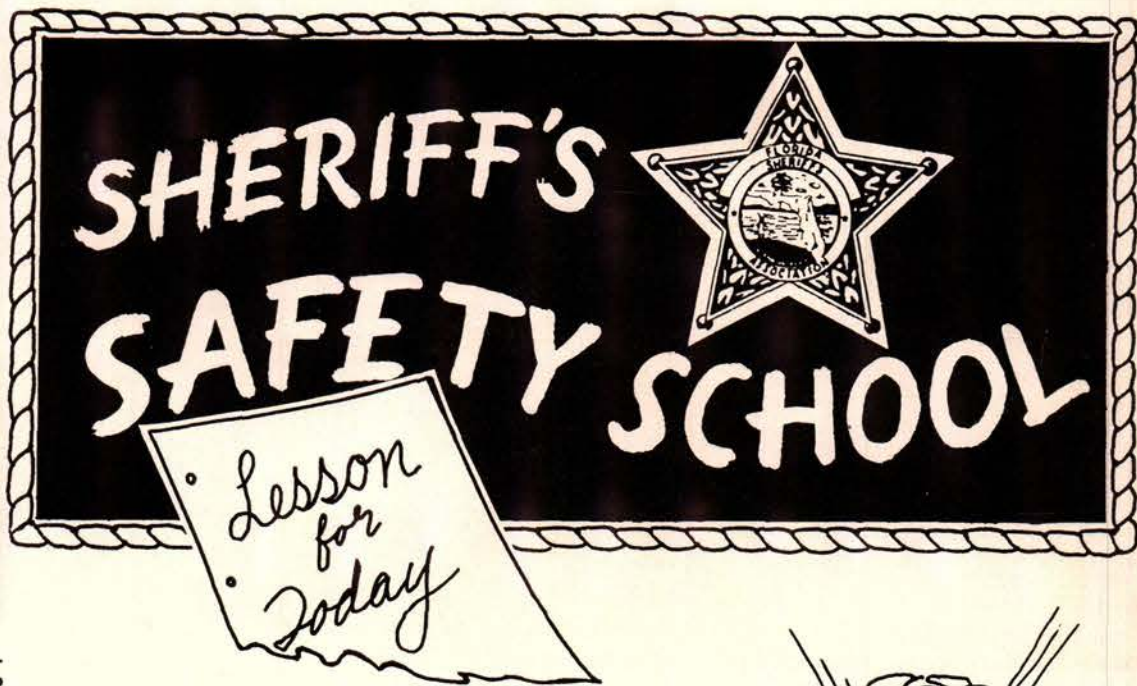
Although Polk is one of the state's largest counties, Sheriff Parrish is using his available men and equipment as efficiently as possible to give coverage to all areas.

Radio equipped patrol cars are stationed in strategic areas and can be quickly dispatched by radio when calls for assistance are received from any part of the county.

Sheriff Parrish said in view of the growing volume of activity in the Winter Haven and Lakeland areas, he plans to open sub-stations in those two cities during the latter part of 1960 or 1961.

75th Anniversary

The City of Lakeland and Florida Southern College will celebrate a combined 75th Anniversary, March 14 through 20, 1960. The program will include parades, coronations, dances, exhibits and sporting events.



Here's How To Be Safe And Save!



Pretty tough making ends meet these days, isn't it? And just about everybody's in the same boat.

A lot of folks, though, have learned how to stretch their dollars—and their years of living. The system involves the family auto.

"Take good care of your car and drive it safely. You'll save money," the National Safety Council says.

How? Well, money-savers have found that keeping their cars in good shape costs less in the end.

MINOR DEFECTS IMPORTANT

The most frequent problems on trips, for example, involves steering, wheel alignment, tires, lights and brakes. A minor defect on the road may cause a costly accident or become major under the stress and strain of turnpike driving.

The Council reports that at least 8 out of 100 cars in accidents are unsafe. Other sources say that 9 out of 10 cars on the road today are in need of repairs.

Okay, you say—so taking care of repairs when they're needed saves on major repair bills later. But how can safe driving mean money in my pocket?

MONEY IN YOUR POCKET

1. By avoiding sudden starts and stops and excessive braking, you save on gas and wear and tear on your brakes—and your nervous system.
2. If you exceed the speed limit you take a chance to being ticketed. And that's at least \$10 out of your pocket right there. Besides, you'll have fewer red lights to stop for—and fewer gas-draining starts to make—if you observe the limit.
3. Short cuts to avoid heavy traffic can cost more in the end in increased travel and more stops and starts. Shift traffic lanes because you have an itchy foot on the accelerator and there's more gas down the drain.

SAFETY QUIZ

1. Good drivers know they should brake (a) before entering a curve, (b) on the curve.
2. It's advisable to slow down below the posted speed limit when (a) other traffic is whizzing past you, (b) it's raining, (c) a police car is behind you.
3. If the wheels of your car go off the right side of the road and onto a soft shoulder, you should (a) jerk the wheel to the left before the tires have a

chance to sink down in the soft ground, (b) hit the brakes to stop the car quickly, (c) take your foot off the gas pedal and wait till your car slows down before returning to the highway.

4. On a steep hill, before your car gains too much momentum, it's wise to (a) use your brakes so the car won't pick up too much speed, (b) shift into a lower gear and use the motor for braking, (c) pull your parking brake on periodically.

(See Answers on Page 8)

WANTED PERSONS

As Compiled by the
Florida Sheriffs Bureau
Don McLeod, Director



BOBBY RAY CLENNY

White male, age 31, 6 feet 1/2 inch tall, weighs 184 pounds, dark brown hair, brown eyes. Occupation: Plasterer. Vaccination scar upper left arm. Sore scar back left hand, burn scar upper right forearm. FBI



#452765B. Escaped from SRP 4630, Perry, Fla., 9-24-59, where he was serving 10 year sentence for Breaking and Entering from Broward County. \$25 Reward. If apprehended notify SP Raiford Florida or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Fla.



LEO THOMPSON

White male, age 33, 5 feet, 11 inches tall, weighs 170-175 pounds, blond hair. Driving black/yellow 1953 Buick Sedan 1959 Fla., License 4W-2224. Accompanied by wife and two small children. Subject is armed and considered dangerous. Warrant issued, charge Armed Robbery. If apprehended notify Sheriff Blackburn, Tampa, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



Crime Climbs 9.3 Per Cent In the U.S.

WASHINGTON — Crime in the United States increased 9.3 per cent in 1958 over 1957.

The year's crime clock indicated: A murder every 64.2 minutes. A forcible rape every 36.1 minutes. A robbery every 7 minutes. A car stolen every 1.9 minutes. A burglary every 46.4 seconds.

Atty. Gen. William P. Rogers and FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover jointly reported there were an estimated 1,553,922 crimes classified as very serious offenses last year compared with 1,442,285 in 1957.

SAME INCREASES

There were increases in all of the individual classifications as follows: murder, 8,182 in 1958 and 8,027 in 1957, an increase of 1.9 per cent; forcible rape, 14,561 and 12,886, 3 per cent; robbery, 75,247 and 66,843, 12.7 per cent; aggravated assault, 113,530 and 110,672, 2.6 per cent; burglary, 679,787 and 603,707, 12.6 per cent; larceny over \$50, 391,550 and 354,972, 10.3 per cent; auto theft, 270,965 and 265,178, 2.2 per cent.

A crime covered in the index was committed every 20.3 seconds last year.

Youths under 18 represented only 12.1 per cent of all persons arrested. They accounted, however, for 64.1 per cent of all arrests for auto theft, 49.9 per cent of those for burglary, 48.5 per cent of those for larceny, 30.9 per cent of those for receiving or possessing stolen property and 22.8 per cent of those for robbery.

Crime increased more than five times as fast as the population.

There were 896.9 serious crimes committed for every 100,000 population, or one such crime for every 111 citizens.

For every 100 persons formally charged and held for prosecution, 67 were convicted.

While crimes of all types occurred throughout the year, the report said there were some rather definite seasonal patterns. Aggravated assaults, for example, occurred with greater frequency during the warmer months of the year. The same was true of forcible rapes. Negligent manslaughters, which are mostly traffic deaths, tended to rise during the last quarter of the year.

DID IT AGAIN

Yes, The SHERIFF'S STAR has scored again as a tracer of the wanted and missing. This time an article and a picture in the Star were responsible for locating a valuable Weimaraner dog that was missing in Polk County. Lt. Hal Higginbotham, of the Polk County Sheriff's Department, patted us on the head and said "thanks."

MISSING



MARY VIRGINIA POLLARD

White female, age 17, 5 feet, 5 inches tall, weighs 116 pounds, blond hair, usually worn in pony tail, greyish-blue eyes, slender build. Scar in right eyebrow. Subject uses name "GINNY." She left her home in St. Petersburg in August, 1959 to go to Miami, Fla. Has not been heard from since last week in August. If subject's whereabouts known to any station advise Sheriff Genung, St. Petersburg, Fla., or The Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Fla.



CATHERINE MARCHUCK

Alias CATHY GRAMMATICA, white female, age 15, 5 feet, 2 inches tall, weighs 116 pounds, medium build, dark blond hair, brown eyes. Occupation: Waitress. On August 16, 1959, subject left her home in Edison, N. J. accompanied by a 17 year old boy. They came to Panama City, and on September 5, 1959 subject left there reportedly in company of another man. She has not been seen since that date. Any one knowing subject's whereabouts advise Police Dept., Panama City, Florida or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



ENOCH CARSWELL CLEMONS

White male, age 28, 5 feet, 10 inches tall, weighs 170 pounds, dark brown hair, brown eyes. Thumb size birthmark behind right ear, edge of hairline. SS #384-34-9038. Subject missing from his home in St. Petersburg since July 7, 1959. Took nothing with him when he left. Any one knowing subject's whereabouts contact Sheriff Genung or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



JOEL BEATTY

White male, age 23, 5 feet 3 3/4 inches tall, weighs 112 pounds, short small build, black hair, brown eyes, dark complexion, teeth fair. Occupation: Engraver. Cut scar near outside left eye and cut scar back of right hand at base of index

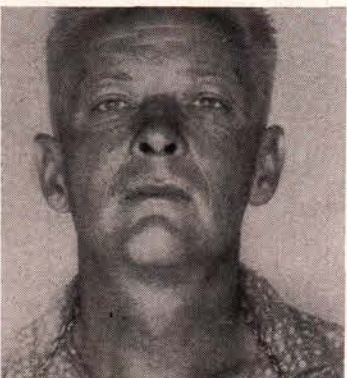


finger. Escaped from Road Camp #4630, Perry, Florida, on 9-24-59 where he was serving 10 year term on charge of Armed Robbery, Dade County. \$25 reward. If apprehended notify SP Raiford, Fla., or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Fla.



EDITH ROY

White female, age 26, 5 feet, 2 inches tall, weighs 125 pounds, red hair. Warrant issued for Unlawfully and Forcibly Confining and Imprisoning one Sharon Ann Miller and Michel Denise Miller, twin girls age 7, her daughters by previous marriage. One of the twins almost blind. Subject has sister in Dade County, Hialeah and is believed to be in that vicinity. If apprehended notify Sheriff Dunn, Titusville, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



ALBERT EARL JUDD

With alias, MICHAEL CAREY, white male, age 38, 5 feet, 10 inches tall, weighs 155 pounds, blond hair, crew cut, grey eyes, red face. FBI #306 755 C. Warrant issued, charge Grand Larceny of over \$400 from a local Service Station which had been entrusted to his care. If apprehended notify Police Department, Tampa, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.

Daring Thief

WEST PALM BEACH—Deputy Sheriff John McCants' patrol car was stolen from the alley behind the sheriff's office. It was equipped with two-way short-wave radio and there was \$100 in change in the glove compartment.



RAYMOND ALAN MENDEL

and

BILLIE LEE MENDEL

Male subject described as 32, 5 feet 9 inches tall, weighs 157 pounds, brown hair and eyes. Occupation: Cook. FBI #292-18-3137. His wife described as age 26, 5 feet, 2 inches tall,



weighs 109 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes. Occupation: Waitress. FBI #986 349C. Both subjects wanted for Failure to Comply with Court Order. If apprehended notify Sheriff Kirk, West Palm Beach, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



DURRELL WEEKS

White male, age 28, 5 feet 8 inches tall, weighs 140 pounds, medium short build, brown hair, blue eyes. FPC:7, 1/1, A/aA, 2a/2a, 5. Wanted as Pa-



role Violator. If apprehended notify Sheriff, Pascagoula, Miss., Sheriff Andrews, Bonifay, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.

Blackburn Calls For Cooperation

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for highway safety, their work often goes unsung and unnoticed, and, usually, unappreciated.

LOCAL OFFICERS BUSY

"After I read Sheriff Spottswood's speech, I obtained from the Department of Public Safety a copy of their 1958 Summary of Motor Vehicle Accidents to see just how great was the role of the local county and city law enforcement officer. Frankly, I was amazed. I knew we kept busy, but I didn't really realize how busy.

"Statewide, more than half of the accidents which took place in 1958 took place in urban areas, and, presumably, were investigated by urban law enforcement officials. And more than half of the rural accidents took place on county and local roads and, presumably, were investigated by county law enforcement officials. Only 21,940 of a total of 100,497 accidents took place on state highways. The local officer was a busy man, indeed.

AN AMAZING RECORD

"And in my own county of Hillsborough, over 10,111 accidents took place in what the Department of Public Safety classifies as urban areas. Only 1,270 accidents took place in rural areas and of these 1,270, fifty-seven per cent are listed as "reported by the Florida Highway Patrol." So the greater majority, the overwhelming majority of accidents, almost all but about 700, were handled by county and city law enforcement officials. That's an amazing record.

Now, it may be, as Colonel Kirkman (Director of the Highway Patrol) stated in a letter to Sheriff Spottswood, that the average police officer is a poor public relations man. And it may be that there is a great deal of room for improvement in the calibre of the training which our local law enforcement officers receive before they put on their badge to patrol the highways and protect the peace. In fact, I am sure there is. I am a former Highway Patrolman, a great admirer of my former boss, Colonel Kirkman, and I can attest to the high standards of his officers in the Highway Patrol, and the rigid training which his men receive before they get the privilege of wearing the uniform. I believe Florida is very fortunate in having Colonel Kirkman at the head of our patrol and I agree with Sheriff Spottswood, who said that Florida has the best state patrol of any state in the nation.

"But I think that the comparisons of the type of training or the calibre of men or the rigid standards, or even a comparison of the thousands of statistics are not really germane to the problem before us.

"We sheriffs seek no credit. We want no medals. And public recognition and acclaim of our work, if it comes, will come, not necessarily from a public relations program, but from a growing public awareness of the volume we handle and the efficiency with which we meet our responsibilities.

THERE ARE GAPS

"I, for one, am willing to continue to be one of those "forgotten men," at least as far as the general public is concerned, if we are no longer "forgotten men" in the statewide drive to improve safety on our highways. For to be a "forgotten man" on the statewide level indicates that there are some wide gaps in our highway safety program. And we cannot afford any gaps at any level.

"I have no pat answers or quick-cures to bring to you

today. Neither do I have any well-designed plan or prepared programs. These, I think, will come as we work together seeking solutions to the problem and the most efficient ways of working together.

"However, there are certainly many areas which would benefit by further study by this group, areas which come much closer to home than the enforcement of speed regulations on the highways.

PEDESTRIAN ACCIDENTS

"Take pedestrian accidents, for instance. Last year, 1958, 3,054 pedestrians were injured—254 of them fatally—by what we would term pedestrian accidents. And almost half of these accidents, 1,402, occurred to children under 15 years of age. 1,146 persons were injured in accidents which occurred crossing in the middle of the street—more than half of these, 663, were children under 15 years of age. 267 pedestrians were injured—8 fatally—in accidents which occurred by stepping into the street from behind parked cars—almost all of these, 210, were children under 15 years of age.

"Certainly, speeding and driving while intoxicated are major highway safety problems, but the great number of pedestrian accidents, so many of them involving children, would seem to suggest that there is room for a new avenue of attack on the safety problem.

"In going over the Motor Vehicle Traffic Accident Survey for last year, I came across what I think is an interesting, and significant, statistic. Of the 100,497 accidents which occurred on our roads and highways last year, 44,539, accidents, almost half, took place between two vehicles at intersections. Many of these accidents were due to the twin demons of speed and alcohol, of course, but how many of them were due to unfamiliarity with local traffic signals and local traffic regulations? How many of them were due to the lack of uniformity in signals and regulations, not only between states or cities but within some cities themselves? We can only guess, of course, but every one of us knows, I am sure, from personal experience, the frustration and, if you please, near-accidents, caused, for instance, by finding the traffic light in a different position from city to city or from block to block, or from not finding the light at all. I think this would suggest a field which would merit our study. Perhaps some statewide standardization of signals would be appropriate.

OTHER FIELDS

There are other fields which I think merit exploration. Bicycle safety, motor scooter safety, the problem of teenage congregation of automobiles around drive-ins and local hang-outs, to mention just a few which occur to me off-hand.

"Clearly, the problems and areas of activity facing this committee are numerous and diverse. And, I think it is evident that many of them lie within the province of the local law enforcement officer.

"How best to attack these problems? As I said earlier, I come here with no pat answers. A central safety information and education agency, to cover all areas of safety activity on all levels of government might be an answer. Perhaps a new agency, voluntary, composed of a staff representing the various levels of state, county and city law enforcement might be the answer. That, I think, is for this committee to explore and develop."



CLEARWATER—VICE SQUAD BUSY—Top photo shows Sheriff Don Genung's vice squad inventorying 84 quarts of "home brew" and bottling equipment seized in a recent raid. The officers are Capt. W. O. Brass (left), Deputy Sheriff Herman Vincent and Deputy Sheriff H. C. Stevenson (kneeling). The bottom photo shows 196 gallons of confiscated moonshine going into the sewer.



MIAMI—MARINE PATROL—Dade County Sheriff Thomas J. Kelly commissions members of his Marine Patrol: (from left) John Scott, Julius J. Malvestuto, Frank A. Cardelli, John Scott, Jr., and Harry Devecks.

Answers To Safety Quiz

Here are the answers to the SAFETY QUIZ on page 6:

1. (a) Never brake on a curve, the National Safety Council says. It can cause a skid. Good drivers cut their speed enough before entering a curve so they can accelerate very slightly as they round the curve.
2. (b) It's always smart to slow down below the posted speed limit in bad weather. Speed limits are set for normal, good-weather conditions.
3. (c) Keep a firm grip on the steering wheel and your foot off the brake and accelerator until your car slows down. Then—not before—turn the wheel sharply toward the pavement.
4. (b) If you picked "a" you're a good bet to need some new brakes soon—maybe when you most need to stop your car! Riding the brakes—in other words, braking constantly—on a hill is a sure way to burn them out. And parking brakes, the Council says, are for one purpose—parking. Use motor compression for downhill braking.

Audit Report Praises Joyce

TALLAHASSEE—It is part of the auditor's job to criticize.

Therefore, Sheriff W. P. (Bill) Joyce can well be proud of a recent report from the state auditor which gave him a pat on the back.

The report said "all collections of record were accounted for; the unexpended county funds budgeted and received for operations were refunded; and records were well kept."

Auditor James B. Beauchamp noted that Sheriff Joyce's budgets were prepared according to law and were adhered to. He also said the Sheriff's "collections of record were accounted for" and that "fines, costs, forfeitures and fees for civil processes were regularly remitted to the county."

Clinic Covers Bad Checks, Shoplifting

LAKELAND—Merchants were enthusiastic about a clinic which the Lakeland Chamber of Commerce sponsored to discuss shoplifting and worthless check passing—two types of crimes that flourish during the Christmas season.

Speakers at the clinic included Polk County Sheriff Hagan Parrish; Florida Sheriffs Bureau Director Don McLeod; Juvenile Court Judge G. Bowdon Hunt; Constable Monroe Brannen; Police Chief Leo H. Brooker; James Mecouch, security officer of the Maas Brothers Store; and Police Detective Capt. Grant M. Harden.

Sheriff Parrish told how merchants can help law enforcement agencies in curtailing annual losses to shoplifters and bad check artists.

Director McLeod described the operation of the document section at the Sheriffs Bureau. He said the steadily growing files maintained there on worthless check writers has helped in the apprehension and conviction of many persons.

Mecouch estimated that \$6,000,000 worth of merchandise will be stolen by shoplifters this year in Florida.

Sub-Committee Proposals

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the feasibility of requiring both front and rear license plates on Florida cars; and of using a permanent license tag which the holder would transfer from car to car as he traded cars.

The full committee, during its deliberations, decided to try to obtain passage in 1961 of three proposed laws which were rejected by the 1959 legislature. They call for an expanded driver training program for high school students; birthday renewal of drivers licenses, and acceptance of drunkometer tests as evidence.

Members of the city-county sub-committee in addition to

Spottswood and Madigan are Police Chief James E. Boggs, vice chairman; Police Chief K. C. Alvarez, Jerry Bain, Sheriff Ross Boyer, A. J. Cobb, Robert J. Finley, C. A. Gertner, Judge Troy Hall, Fred Hartnett, C. E. Hooks, Jacob I. Jackson, Ridgely Jones, Sheriff W. P. Joyce, Sheriff Thomas J. Kelly, George Kunde, Alfred McKethan, Sheriffs Bureau Director Don McLeod, William C. O'Neal, Col. Sidney Palmer, Harry Pierce Sr., T. A. Stang, W. L. Steele, Walter I. Stevenson, Police Chief Virgil Stewart, Everett Sumner, Sheriff E. Ed Yarborough and Sheriff Hagan Parrish.