TO BUCKLE OR

NOT TO BUCKLE?

SEE ANSWER ON PAGE 6.

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MISSING PERSONS

EVELYN SMITH, born 5-23-44, 5'2", 117 lbs., dark brown hair, green eyes. Missing since July '67. Worked as waitress at Morrison Cafeterias and other restaurants.

MARY LOUISE KING, born 3-9-52, France: 5'4", 134 pounds blond hair, blue eyes, pierced ears, from Colorado Springs, Colorado. Last seen at Deerwood, Minn., 12-15-67. Stated she was going to Florida. Made telephone call in Feb., 1968, asking for money to be sent to Anthony Selepe, c/o Western Union, Waycross, Georgia.

Anyone knowing whereabouts of either missing person, please notify Florida Bureau of Law Enforcement, Tallahassee, Florida.

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Sheriff Wilson Plays Key Role in Launching Florida's First Certified Recruit Course

TITUSVILLE — Brevard County Sheriff Leigh S. Wilson played a key role in helping to establish the state's first 200-hour training course certified by the Florida Police Standards Council.

Sheriff Wilson, Police Standards Council Executive Director Jack Ledden, Brevard Junior College officials, local police chiefs, the FBI and the State Department of Education were all involved in planning the course which is now being offered at Brevard Junior College.

But, according to Director Ledden, Sheriff Wilson was the "big brother" who "broke the log jam" when a manpower problem threatened to prevent police departments within the county from releasing men for training.

The Sheriff's answer was to offer to assign a deputy sheriff as a temporary substitute for any policeman on leave for recruit training.

As a result, 22 men signed up for the first five-week class which opened on March 4.

Sheriff Wilson is a member of the Florida Police Standards Council and participated in setting up the curriculum for the 200-hr. recruit training course.

Police Standards Council Executive Director Ledden said although the Brevard Junior College course was the first approved by the Council for recruit training, others are now in operation. In addition, 14 Junior Colleges are offering seminar type in-service training programs.

Ledden explained that the 200-hour course approved by the Council has a different curriculum than the 200-hour vocailional course the State Department of Education has been offering in cooperation with police agencies for many years, but the curriculum will be the same by June.

He added that hours logged in the State Department of Education course will be accepted toward the 200-hour total which newly-hired law enforcement officers are going to be required to have under Florida's new minimum standards law.

Carson and Beard Co-Chairmen of Legislative Panel

STARKE — Bradford County Sheriff P. D. Reddish, President of the Florida Sheriffs Association, announced the appointment of a legislative committee which will soon begin drafting proposed bills for the 1969 session of the Florida Legislature.

He said Hillsborough County Sheriff Malcolm Beard, Tampa; and Duval County Sheriff Dale Carson, Jacksonville, will serve as co-chairmen.

Other committee members are: Broward County Sheriff Allen Michell, Ft. Lauderdale; Bay Sheriff M. J. Daffin, Panama City; Hernando Sheriff Sim Lowman, Brooksville; Manatee Sheriff Richard Weitenfeld, Bradenton; Volusia Sheriff Rodney Thursby, Deland; and Sarasota Sheriff Ross E. Boyer of Sarasota.

Ex officio members — President Reddish; Leon County Sheriff W. P. Joyce, Tallahassee, Chairman of the Sheriffs Association's Board of Directors; Pinellas Sheriff Don Genung, of Clearwater, Vice President; Alachua Sheriff Joe Crevasse, Jr., Gainesville, Secretary-Treasurer; Sheriffs Association Attorney John A. Madigan, Jr., Tallahassee; and Sheriffs Association Field Secretary Carl Stauffer, Tallahassee.

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THAT SEEMS LIKE A LONG TIME AGO

You couldn't blame U. S. Marine Lance Cpl. Wally Edwards for getting a little nostalgic about the livestock when he returned to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch for a visit after a tour of duty in Viet Nam. He's telling his wife Joyce about the ribbon winning steers he used to raise at the Boys Ranch.

DEPUTY SELECTED OFFICER OF THE MONTH

PENSACOLA - Escambia County Sheriff Bill Davis (left) examines evidence from an armed robbery solved by Investigator Don F. Powell, who was selected "Officer of the Month" by the Pensacola Chamber of Commerce in February. His driving initiative in the armed robbery investigation was one of the deciding factors in his selection from among candidates representing city, county, and state law enforcement agencies.
Blue Monday
5 Days A Week

Any mother knows what a job it is to keep a growing boy looking reasonably neat and clean. Multiply this by 100 boys, then throw in the usual quota of towels and bed sheets, and you’ll understand why the Florida Sheriff’s Boys Ranch laundry operates at top capacity five days a week. Tons of dirty clothes go through the heavy duty commercial laundry equipment every week, and after the ironing’s done, there are holes to be mended, missing buttons to be replaced. Helping to raise 100 boys is no picnic, according to Clara Jones, chief laundress and longtime Ranch employee. (See photo below.)
Special Recognition For Hillsborough County Donors

TAMPA — Sheriff Malcolm Beard expressed his appreciation and extended special recognition to Hillsborough County individuals and organizations who have made large contributions to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch by presenting Boys Ranch "Builder Certificates" to them. Pictured above are (left to right) H. F. Sweat; Jim Quinn (CPA); George Motley (Streitman Biscuit Co.); E. C. Dunn, Jr.; C. E. Hardie (Plant City Steel Co.); Sheriff Beard; Frank N. Houlihan, Jr.; Fred W. Forkel; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Yontz; A. L. Rankin, (Lykes Bros. Insurance Agency) and Guy G. Gardner (Royal American Shows). Receiving a certificate from the Sheriff in the small picture is W. D. Wells, Vice President of Exchange National Bank. In addition to the certificates, Sheriff Beard presented a "Builders Club" Lifetime Membership Plaque to Mr. Hardie for Plant City Steel Co.

STOLEN PROPERTY

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF THE STOLEN JEWELRY TAKEN IN A BREAKING AND ENTERING THAT OCCURRED AT MERRITT ISLAND, FLORIDA, BETWEEN APRIL 1, AND APRIL 10, 1968.

NO. 1 Woman's bracelet, yellow gold, 1/2" wide, hinged with safety chain, bracelet has engraving on outside; value $35.00.

NO. 2 Platinum woman's ring with single 3.49 carat diamond in Tiffany setting and three 20-point diamonds on both sides of the large stone, size 6 - 6-1/2; value $3,500.00.

NO. 3 Woman's ring, yellow gold with a 1 carat ruby in a Tiffany setting; size 6 - 6-1/2; value $200.00.

NO. 4 Woman's dinner ring, yellow gold with a 1.09 carat diamond and six 10-15 point rubies offset on one side, size 6 - 6-1/2; value $750.

NO. 5 Man's Hamilton presentation pocket watch, 14K gold filled, yellow gold, thin open face, No. 917 Morris No. 85551; watch No. X192096, numerals unknown, inscription watch, "Presented to J. H. Fulcher in Appreciation, Haller Testing Laboratories, 1954."
Boys Ranch Round-Up

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

PLEDGE KEPT; BARN'S PAID FOR

GAINESVILLE — In 1964, when the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch was badly in need of a cattle barn, two Gainesville organizations came to the rescue. The Gainesville Roping Club and the Alachua County Junior Deputy Sheriff League sponsored by Sheriff Joe Crevasse, Jr., told Ranch officials: "Go ahead and build the barn and we will try to pay for it with proceeds from our annual Quarter Horse Show." "It's a deal," Ranch officials replied, and the barn (see photo above) was built at a cost of around $10,000. Each year since then the Quarter Horse Show has produced a large contribution for the Ranch and the final payment of $2,500 was made recently. The lower photo shows Sheriff Crevasse (right) accepting the check from Gainesville Roping Club President Roy Perkins.

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

Mrs. J. E. Tempel, St. Petersburg; and Mrs. Theron R. Palmer, Clearwater; in memory of Mrs. Muriel P. Alvord.

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Mrs. Alvah H. Mackall, Clearwater; Mr. and Mrs. A. Shetney, Mountain Home, Arkansas; Miss Viola Knospe, Mountain Home, Arkansas; and Mr. and Mrs. H. Sallman, Chicago, Illinois; in memory of Mr. Herbert W. Hague.

Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Wallace, Dunedin; Mr. and Mrs. Roland A. Shenefield, Clearwater; and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis M. Guelich, Clearwater; and Mr. and Mrs. J. Arnold Lindsey, Clearwater; in memory of Mr. Harry E. Ingram.

Mrs. Marion Runkle, Chattanooga; and Freeman and Elizabeth Chason, Chattanooga; in memory of Mr. E. J. Langley, Sr.; Mr. and Mrs. William H. Kelley, Chattanooga; Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Burns, Quincy; in memory of Mr. Gordon MacDougal.

Mr. Harold C. Noggle, New Port Richey; and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Christie, Au Gres, Michigan, and their Friends and Neighbors; in memory of Mrs. H. C. Noggle.

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Koch, Ft. Madison, Iowa; and Mrs. J. H. Wagner, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; in memory of Mr. Herbert R. Peach.

Mrs. Eleanor Ackermann, Stuart; in memory of Mr. Frank Ackermann.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Blocker, Ocala; Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Blocker, Ocala; and Mrs. J. Edgar Blocker, Ocala; in memory of Mrs. Jack Camp, Sr.

Miss Barbara Brent, Charlottesville, Virginia; in memory of Col. George W. Brent.

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Sheriff and Mrs. P. A. Edmonson, Bunnell; in memory of Mr. "Buck" McCreary.

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Mrs. Alex Eisemann, Tampa; in memory of Mr. Alex Eisemann.

Ernest and Daryl Everett, Merritt Island; in memory of Mr. R. H. Eisch.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Graves, Bartow; in memory of Dr. E. E. Sawyer.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hawkins, Jacksonville; in memory of Mr. Leroy E. Miller, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Kelley, Chattanooga; in memory of Mrs. Mabel J. Young.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernhardt E. Loesser, Clearwater Beach; in memory of Mr. Charles Syracuse.

Sheriff Willis V. McCall, Tavares; in memory of Mr. C. Rogers Wells.

Hon. Virgil O. Mayo and Family, Blountstown; in memory of Mr. Floyd Parrish.

Mrs. Marjorie R. Means, Dunedin; in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Peter A. Venne.

Circle Two, First Presbyterian Church, Starke; in memory of Mr. Glen William Whitehead.

Mr. R. W. Oxford, St. Petersburg; in memory of Mrs. Anna Tierney.

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Mrs. Bernadine Rosenberg and Daputus, Dayton Branch of the Volusia County Sheriffs Office; in memory of Mrs. Jean L. Schwartz.

Col. and Mrs. John A. Russell, Clearwater; in memory of Mrs. Charles Swetnam and Mr. George A. Grille.

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Mr. and Mrs. David Swindell, Tallahassee; in memory of Mrs. William F. Gavin.

Mrs. Henrietta Sage Thompson, Crystal Beach; in memory of Mr. Paul W. Sage.

Sheriff Rodney B. Thursby and Sheriffs Department, Holly Hill Law Center Branch Office, Holly Hills; in memory of Mr. Albert H. Lasher.

Mrs. Glen C. Whittatch, Sarasota; in memory of Mr. Charles Demsey.

Mrs. Grover C. Wilkins, St. Petersburg; in memory of Mr. Grover C. Wilkins.

Mr. J. Beatty Williams, Jacksonville; in memory of Mr. Carey Jessup.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Dawson, Treasure Island; in memory of Mr. Herbert Hague and Mr. Brad Pityo.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rice, Jensen Beach; in memory of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Rice and Herman Rice.

The Memorial Fund will perpetuate the memory of deceased relatives and friends. It provided the financing for a Boys Ranch Chapel; and it will be used in the future for similar projects of enduring significance.

Please use the form below when mailing contributions to this fund.

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MAY, 1968
To Buckle or Not to Buckle

Go ahead and debate it, if you must. But meanwhile, keep your seat belt fastened at all times and at all speeds. Otherwise, you could lose your life - - - and the debate!

SEAT BELTS Could SAVE 14,000 LIVES Yearly

Here is how the deaths were classified:
* 48 per cent of the 177 killed died of injuries inflicted after they were thrown out of cars.
* 18 per cent were killed by doors collapsing inward on them.
* 16 per cent were killed by contact with steering assemblies.
* 13 per cent died from impact with instrument panels.
* Other agents of death in diminishing order of frequency were rear doors or panels, roofs, roof supports, backs of front seats and windshields.

Dr. Huelke believed that only 37 percent of the victims were in crashes so severe that lap belts with double shoulder belts could not have saved them because of collapse of the occupant compartment.

Other studies have established the capacity of seat belts to prevent or limit injuries. In one of these the San Diego Police Department covered a period in which 282 motorists were injured. Results indicated seat belts would have prevented half of the injuries and reduced the effects of an additional 20 per cent of them.

A DOCTOR MAKES HIS POINT

Dr. Richard M. Fry, of Gainesville, feels police officers should refrain from telling traffic accident victims, "You would have been killed if you had been wearing your seat belt."

In a letter to Dr. George McCoy, Director of Accident Prevention for the State Board of Health, he said this happened to one of his patients recently; and "in working in the Emergency Room with fractures, I receive many, many more patients who report a similar story of being told by the police they may have been more seriously injured or killed if they had been wearing their seat belts."

"On several cases," he added, "I have noticed these patients, with great pride, telling their relatives the same story."

"In individual cases," Dr. Fry continued, "I feel this may possibly be true, but my brief reading in the field certainly does not confirm this opinion. Several years ago a study of accidents revealed only one patient (a patient in England who was strangled by a shoulder harness) where death was directly due to the wearing of a seat belt.

"My point is that when victims of accidents are told this by an official agency, I am much afraid that the publicity given the fact that they were not wearing seat belts is far out of proportion with the true situation.

"I write you at this time wondering if anything official can be done to ask our . . police to please not tell patients who are involved in accidents this statement.

"I feel that from the general overall pattern of trying to reduce accidents, such statements are not in the benefit of the general public."

THE SHERIFF'S STAR
Cocoa — Spectacular highway accidents are routine for Brevard County Deputy Sheriffs, but the one they investigated here on March 3, in the dawn’s early light, had them shaking their heads in dismay.

A small foreign car (a convertible) had collided with a moving freight train and the wreckage had been scattered along the track like something that had gone through a meat grinder.

But the driver, Marine Cpl. Robert C. Johnson, IV, walked away from the scene with only minor head lacerations.

Cpl. Johnson, a Viet Nam veteran who had seen war wipe out five of his buddies, had apparently been catapulted out of the driver’s seat when his car hit the train and he landed on a flatbed railroad car.

Five and a half miles down the track the freight train halted when the flatbed was finally derailed by part of the car’s wreckage.

Cpl. Johnson bounced off the flatbed and walked up to the train engine to tell the engineer what had happened.

After the accident investigation was completed someone pointed out that Cpl. Johnson survived because his seat belt was not fastened.

Someone else said this was only one of those rare cases, as compared to thousands of people whose lives have been saved by seat belts.

... And so the argument went.

To buckle or not to buckle (your seat belt), that was the question.

Sgt. Tom Rudge, Brevard County Sheriff’s Accident Prevention Unit, inspects part of the wreckage.
Cut Out the Coddling!

An Address presented by Hillsborough County Sheriff Malcolm Beard at Florida A & M University, Tallahassee, during a spring seminar on “The Problems of the Inner City”. It was a tragic and unfortunate coincidence that the speech was scheduled for April 5, the morning after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King triggered a riot on the campus of the Negro Institution, but Sheriff Beard presented his remarks as originally written, and was treated with courtesy and respect by his audience.

There is no freedom apart from Restrictions...Discipline...Responsibility.

Only the disciplined man has any right to claim freedom!
Only the responsible man can be trusted with real freedom!

We have said, as a nation, that it was unconstitutional to pray in our schools; we have discarded Christian morality as old-fashioned and out-moded; we have raised an undisciplined and irreverent generation of children who do not hesitate to defy anybody or any law, because we did not have the courage or concern to teach them reverence and discipline.

Norman Vincent Peale, in his criticism of Dr. Spock, stated that he was “out in the mobs, leading the permissive babies, raised on his undisciplined teaching”.

A democracy guarantees rights but it also demands that the individual assume responsibilities. Citizens in a democracy are obligated to RESPECT THE LAW.

RIGHTS A MAJOR OBJECTIVE

The traditional mission of the police is to protect the life and property of the citizenry while preserving the peace of the community. In a democracy another major objective must be added- --THE POLICE MUST INSURE THE BASIC RIGHTS OF THE INDIVIDUAL.

Societies and governments exist for the purpose of promoting law and order. There can be no orderly dealings or commerce between men without law and order. The law is made by and for the people and to the police falls the task of enforcing the law of the people.

Civil disobedience is yet another matter and one that admits to no easy solution. Protests that peacefully disrupt the life and normal activities of a community are often motivated by legitimate grievances but must still be met with positive action if carried beyond a reasonable point. Since their objective is to call attention to grievances, these movements are designed to gain publicity, and hopefully, some form of redress from some segment of the community. A good and constant liaison between the police and protest elements should be maintained so that both sides recognize each other’s problems and interests. If this kind of relationship exists, the powers of reason have a better chance of reducing tensions and resolving conflicts.

Since last summer a task force of editors, writers and reporters has been visiting the so-called experts and asking the question - “What to do” - and they have found that nobody knows. Not the planners, not the educators, not the politicians nor the clergy, nor the press and not indeed the responsible negroes nor the responsible white leaders themselves. No American city should feel secure or immune from an outbreak or disorder as it seems to be the “in” thing to do by certain elements of our society.

Rumors are that we will have another hot summer in America. My city of Tampa is supposed to be 12th on the list for possible trouble. No police department is capable of putting down a total all-out riot by itself and this includes New York City, where there are 27,000 police officers.

UNREALISTIC INDIVIDUALS

There are those unrealistic individuals who will put their heads in the sand and say, “Let’s not talk about it - maybe it will go away”. I tell you we have the problem, it’s real—it’s growing -- we can’t sugar coat it or simply blot it out by ignoring it. Positive and determined action must be taken - I repeat “Positive Action”.

First, we must do everything that is humanly possible to eradicate the causes that create unrest and civil disorders.

Second, is to prepare to put it down as rapidly as possible, and use whatever force is necessary to do just that. Any preventive work must be done now.

Any city that goes through a civil disorder problem gets hurt - - - no matter what the outcome may be. Wounds are left, some of which are slow to heal. Speeches and strong words will not solve the problem in this area of cause or concern, but it is necessary that a strong policy statement be made and backed by those who are responsible for providing leadership. The police officer on the street needs to know what the policy is, and know that he will be backed by his superiors, as well as the majority of the respectable citizens of the community.

SHERIFF BEARD
Total effort should be made by all agencies involved in the law enforcement profession - - from the courts to the man on the beat.

For decades our system of criminal justice has been neglected. Local law enforcement is undermanned, and, in most instances, underpaid. Very little has been done to rehabilitate criminals and they are turned loose on society without proper supervision. Our courts are clogged with over-crowded dockets. The right to a speedy trial is the only constitutional right that the criminal is not demanding and therefore, is not getting. It’s time that the decent citizens of our community demand that the criminal be given a fair but speedy trial.

The Juvenile courts are under-staffed to deal with the increasing delinquency problems, and they are largely ineffective, mainly due to the fact that the parents are not being made to be responsible for their off-spring.

BATTLE IS BEING LOST

We are losing the battle against crime on the streets, so, obviously what we are presently doing is not working and there must be a change in the attitude of our people regarding respect for law, the courts, and the prosecutors. The law enforcement agencies themselves must cut out the coddling and let it be known, by their actions, that their particular agencies are tough on lawbreakers, and let them also know that those who violate our criminal laws will most certainly be punished with vigor, and as quickly as is humanly possible. It isn’t always the amount of punishment or the kind of punishment, it is the certainty that “There will be punishment”, which makes punishment the deterrent to criminal and riotous actions.

Civil disorder is a social problem that must be shared by the entire community - - public officials, business men, churches, schools and the press.

Of the multitude of problems that face law enforcement, the age-old dilemma of obtaining and retaining competent employees and the intricate problems of race tension and race conflict are perhaps foremost. While there is little or no direct connection between the two major problems, there is a definite correlation. It is axiomatic that without solving the first, the chance of solving the second is almost nil.

For years, we as law enforcement officers had tended to think of race relations as a community problem, not a police problem. We had concentrated our thinking and our efforts towards insuring fair and impartial enforcement of the law as our only contribution to the solution to the problem. History has shown, however, when problems arise in a community that other established agencies (schools, churches, welfare, government, etc.) cannot cope with, the public always turns to the police for a solution, or, at least, control.

I would be less than honest if I told you that there has not been a double standard of justice and prejudice existing for many, many years. The common good of our communities demands that the law must be enforced, regardless of personal opinion.

And allow me to point this out, the law enforcement officer is a human being too, he is the product of the environment of his community, and as a citizen he has the right to his prejudices, his likes and dislikes. His private view may be of such a nature to challenge his capacity for fairness and impartiality, so he has to distinguish between his rights as a private citizen and the role of a law officer. The common good of our communities demands that the law must be enforced, regardless of personal opinion. There is no place in the law enforcement profession for men with uncontrolled prejudices.

Every civil disorder or riot is brought about by previously existing factors. The build-up may or may not be apparent and may or may not have had a legitimate beginning. Whatever the background, it should be apparent that the atmosphere which contributes to a riotous situation develops over a period of time, and many factors are often involved.

In the final analysis - the most effective method in preventing riot and mob situations is to eliminate conditions which could lead to friction and misunderstanding and ultimately to violence and lawlessness.

WE ARE THE “WHIPPING BOYS”

The spark that usually sets off a race riot is the charge of “police brutality”.

Most negroes look upon the police officer as the brutal enforcement officer, of the white man’s law. The policeman deeply resents the unjust charge of police brutality. It seems that all the grievances against lack of recreational facilities, job opportunities, slum conditions, - - as always - - suddenly switch from the “slum lord” to the police. We are the “whipping boys”, because in their minds we are looked upon as the protector of unjust orders. You know, the police belong to a minority group, too. In my department we have one patrol deputy for every 12,000 persons.

About nine months have passed since our civil disobedience in Tampa, last June, and as in other cities, the blame has been variably assessed. The second-guessers, and the Monday-

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“Let every man remember that to violate the law is to trample on the blood of his father and to tear the character of his own and his children’s liberty. Let reverence for the laws be breathed by every American mother, to the lisping babe that prattles in her lap - let it be taught in schools, in seminaries, and in colleges; let it be written in primers, spelling books and in Almanacs; let it be preached from the pulpit, proclaimed in the legislative halls, and enforced in the courts of justice. And, in short let it become the political religion of the nation, and let the old and young, rich and poor, the grave and gay, of all sizes, tongues and colors and conditions, sacrifice unceasingly upon its altars...”

—ABRAHAM LINCOLN—
More Boys Ranch Donors Named to Builders Club

The following persons, organizations and business firms have been added to the roster of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Builders Club in recognition of donations valued at $100 or more.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Walker, Stuart.

Mrs. William C. Vohden, Port Salerno.
Mr. L. M. Callin, Starke.
Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Blackwell, Hernando.
Mr. Louis Wolfson, II, Miami.
Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lutgen, Pewaukee, Wisconsin.
Dressel's Dairy and Mr. R. C. Dressel, Avon Park.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Darius Davis, Jacksonville.
Mr. Raymond E. Carlson, Clearwater.
Mr. E. Merwin Bishop, Babson Park.
Mr. H. F. Mason, Lakeland.
Mr. G. Albert West, Lake Park.
Mr. William R. Barnwell, Ormond Beach.
Mr. Edwin H. Crawford, Bradenton.
Mr. Joseph Benussi, Sarasota.
Mr. Harry Bunch, Sarasota.
Sarasota Extension Homemakers Club, Sarasota.
Mr. Robert F. Peet, Ft. Myers.
Melbourne Beach Homemakers Club, Melbourne Beach.
Mr. Buck Westberry, Lake City.

Cut Out the Coddling!

morning-quarterbacks have had their say.

Some things in the field of prevention have been accomplished since last summer, but generally the conditions are about the same—about normal.

So the present, out there, is without dignity—and the immediate future is uncertain—and so long as the conditions remain normal, violence and threats of violence will be accepted as part of the normal scene. These conditions can not be solved by the police, as we are limited to what we can do through police and community relations programs. So—we hope for the best—but must prepare for the worst.

George Washington, in his first annual address to both houses of Congress, said, “To be prepared for war is one of the most perfect means of preserving peace”, and before Washington, and before Christ, Aristotle said, “Poverty is the parent of revolution and crime”.

The song “America, The Beautiful”, which most of us sing proudly, contains these words “Confirm my soul in self-control, or (discipline) — thy liberty-in-law.”

We, in law enforcement, are doing our best to be fair and impartial so as not to lend any credit or create any excuse for civil disorder. — Now if there are those who are set, and have premeditated designs to riot, loot and steal this summer, then we, who are charged with law enforcement, must be prepared and determined to keep order, will have to use whatever force is necessary for that purpose.

In conclusion, allow me to quote:

“Let every man remember that to violate the law is to trample on the blood of his father and to tear the character of his own and his children’s liberty. Let reverence for the laws be breathed by every American mother, to the lisping babe in her lap—let it be taught in schools, in seminaries, and in colleges; let it be written in primers, spelling books and in Almanacs; let it be preached from the pulpit, proclaimed in the legislative halls, and enforced in the courts of justice. And, in short, let it become the political religion of the nation, and let the old and young, rich and poor, the grave and gay, of all sizes, tongues and colors and conditions, sacrifice unceasingly upon its altars.”

from a speech delivered before the Young Men’s Lyceum of Springfield, Illinois, January 27, 1838, by — ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

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STILL PITCHING

FORT MYERS — Lee County Sheriff Flanders G. (Snag) Thompson has been “in there pitching” for the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch ever since it was founded in 1957 and he’s still at it. The top picture shows him accepting a Boys Ranch donation of $200 from the Connie Mack Tent, Circus Saints and Sinners, representing the proceeds from a charter night dinner. The check was presented by Alois Schmidt, Tent President, Circus Saints and Sinners, who lives in Cape Coral. The lower photo shows the Sheriff presenting a Boys Ranch Builder Certificate to Guy M. Strayhorn, in grateful recognition of a large contribution to the Boys Ranch.

BENTLEY PROMOTED

VERO BEACH — Indian River County Sheriff Sam T. Joyce announced the promotion of Deputy Sheriff Curtis D. Bentley to the position of Chief Investigator and the rank of Lieutenant.

An employee of the Sheriff’s Department for four and a half years, Lt. Bentley is a graduate of Florida Law Enforcement Academy. He has also logged 220 hours of class work at Indian River Junior College.

MAY, 1968

HIALEAH RANKS HIGH AMONG BOYS RANCH SUPPORTERS

HIALEAH — State Treasurer Broward Williams (second from left), a trustee of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, extends grateful recognition to the City of Hialeah and the Hialeah Fire Department for a fire truck donated to the Ranch. The city, represented by Mayor Henry Milander (left), and the fire department, represented by Assistant Fire Chief L. R. Cantrell, (third from left), each received a Boys Ranch Builders Club Lifetime Membership Plaque. Also present at the ceremony was Bal Harbour Fire Chief Richard Creelman (right).

DISABLED VETERANS CONTRIBUTE TO BOYS RANCH

ST. PETERSBURG — Pinellas County Sheriff Don Genung (second from right), accepts a $100 check donated to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch by Disabled American Veterans Chapter 9, St. Petersburg. The donation was presented by (left to right) A. D’Amico, Senior Vice-Commander; William E. Stribling, Jr.; L. M. Williams, Officer of the Day; and George Turberville, member.
WANTED PERSONS

BURRUS, John Ernest: Alias "BIG RED". White Male. Date of birth 3-27-45. Height — 6 feet; weighs 180 pounds. Red hair (may be dyed black), green eyes, ruddy complexion, heavily freckled, tattoos: "Love Me or Leave Me" right forearm, "I Love Linda", "Mom & Dad" upper left arm, "U.S.M.C. & John B. & Linda B." upper right arm. Subject is armed; believed enroute to Lakeland, Florida. Warrant issued, charge breaking and entering and petty larceny. If apprehended notify the Police Department, Tampa, Fla.; or the Florida Bureau of Law Enforcement, Tallahassee.

HENDERSON, Luther Dalton: White Male. Date and Place of birth 5-12-42, Marion, North Carolina. Height — 5 feet, 7 inches; weighs 150 pounds. Brown hair and eyes, medium complexion. Last address known: Box 899, Starke, Florida. Warrant issued, charge issuing worthless check. If apprehended notify Sheriff Crevasse, Gainesville, Florida; or the Florida Bureau of Law Enforcement, Tallahassee, Florida.

SCHUETTE, Betty J.: Aliases are SECORD, Betty; WILLIAMS, Betty; CATHEY, Betty. White Female. Date of birth 4-12-34. Height — 5 feet, 6 inches; weighs 135 pounds. Auburn hair green eyes. Subject is presently believed to be in the Tampa, Florida, area in the company of William R. Cathey. If apprehended notify the Police Department of Lake Worth, Florida; or the Florida Bureau of Law Enforcement, Tallahassee, Florida.


KILGORE, Clifford Desmond: White Male. Date of birth 7-7-11. Height — 6 feet; weighs 170 pounds. Brown hair, hazel eyes. Subject was employed by service station in Vero Beach, Florida. Last seen when he closed the station 2-13-68. Cash and articles amounting to over $100 missing from station. Warrant issued, charge grand larceny. Believed to be in Miami, Florida, area. If apprehended notify the Police Department, Vero Beach; or the Florida Bureau of Law Enforcement, Tallahassee, Florida.

VEREEN, Paris, Jr.: Colored Male. Date and place of birth, 10-23-40, Ocala, Florida. Height — 5 feet, 9 inches; weighs 150 pounds. Black hair, brown eyes, face & neck severely scarred. Subject is believed to be armed. Occupation: fruit picker. Five warrants issued, charge grand larceny. If apprehended notify the Police Department, Ocala, Florida; or the Florida Bureau of Law Enforcement, Tallahassee, Florida.

DEHART, Wilbert Jack: White Male. Date and place of birth 12-25-21, Oneonta, Alabama. Height — 6 feet; weighs 170 pounds. Brown hair and eyes, scar on chin. FBI No. 1 252-311. Two warrants issued, charge six counts uttering and forgery and petty larceny. If apprehended notify Sheriff Thompson, Key West, Florida; or the Florida Bureau of Law Enforcement, Tallahassee, Florida.
Children's dresses produced by women prisoners are examined by (from left) Mrs. Dorothy Brown, of the "Headstart Program"; Jail Chaplain James A. Riddle; William S. Fillmore, of "Headstart" and Sheriff Don Genung.

Time's Not A'Wastin’ For Women Prisoners

CLEARWATER — Time passes slowly for women prisoners in the Pinellas County Jail, but it isn’t wasted. A rehabilitation program inaugurated by Sheriff Don Genung gives them an opportunity to learn sewing skills, help underprivileged youngsters and earn a little spending money.

Remnants are donated by fabric shops in Clearwater and the women inmates use sewing machines available at the jail to make clothes for underprivileged children involved in the federal government’s "Headstart Program".

Dresses for little girls were the first items turned out by the prisoners and they were paid 20 cents for each one.

Next on the production schedule is boxer-type shorts for boys.

After that the women will be taught how to make quilts from the scraps of left-over material.

“We believe this is an exceptionally fine program,” Sheriff Genung said. “It enables women inmates to earn money they can take with them when they are released.

In Lieu of Flowers

Congratulatory messages received by Editor Carl Stauffer after the 1968 yearbook edition of THE SHERIFF’S STAR came off the press included this letter from B. C. Druliner, publisher of the St. Cloud News.

Dear Mr. Stauffer:

Just finished reading your edition Volume 12, No. 1 of THE SHERIFF’S STAR and herewith extend hearty congratulations.

Being in the newspaper business, I always follow the growth and progress of publications such as yours and it has been a genuine pleasure to watch the character and quality of your magazine grow to the point where it is a real credit to yourself and Florida law enforcement.

Again my congratulations on an excellent yearbook edition and accept my wishes for many more years of the same.

Kindest regards,

B. C. Druliner
A number of recent court findings in auto injury cases have been based on the question of whether or not the injured person used a seat belt to avoid or minimize the foreseeable risk of an accident.

Your chance of survival is five times greater if you stay inside the car. Thousands of deaths and serious injuries are caused by being thrown from the car... being dragged or run over by another vehicle... or being run over by your own vehicle.

As a financial inducement, some insurance companies offer a 50 to 100 per cent increase in the limit of medical expenses if a guest passenger has his seat belt fastened at the time of injury in an accident.

A seat belt can help keep you from being knocked unconscious. Your chance of escaping if the car catches on fire or goes into water is multiplied hundreds of times.

Over half of all passenger car occupants are now provided with seat belts... BUT they are using these belts only about half of the time. Even this limited use saved 2,000 lives in one year, according to the National Safety Council.

Only 20 per cent of all serious accidents in a convertible involve a rollover. In the other 80 per cent, belts would prevent ejection.

Three-fourths of all traffic accidents occur within 25 miles of home.

Half of all injury-producing accidents occur at impact speeds of 40 m. p. h.