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BOYS RANCH HAS
"SEALS APPEAL"

(SEE PAGE 2)

Sheriff Rates High With Local Folks

We could write editorials praising Sheriffs, but we prefer to let others write them because the local newspapers are more likely to reflect community feeling.

The following editorial from the September 11 edition of the Lake Wales News is a good example - - and we certainly couldn't say it any better.

He's a quiet unassuming man. If you met him on the street you would probably pass him without a glance. In a social gathering you would never see him enthralled an audience with sophisticated conversation. And, yet, once you did meet him you would leave with the feeling that here is a man whose friendship would be worthwhile.

We refer to Sheriff Monroe Brannen, sheriff of Polk County, and in our opinion the best sheriff this county has had in the past four decades.

We wanted to write this now, before election time rolls around and the air is full of campaign talk, because we feel, regardless of whether he seeks office again, Sheriff Brannen deserves the praise of all his fellow citizens.

In a day of rising crime and declining punishment, Sheriff Brannen is doing a top notch job on everything from the pettiest crimes to those involving capital punishment. No one can solve them all but we'll bet his average is among the best. Probably one of the big secrets of his success is the very capable staff of deputies with whom he has surrounded himself. Lt. Earl Branch of Lake Wales is a good example of the hardworking, skillful, and dedicated staff that Brannen has developed.



SHERIFF MONROE BRANNEN

As one of the county's older residents we can recall seeing two former sheriffs indicted by grand juries within a few years of one another. The scandals which surrounded those administrations, and some others which never drew indictments, has disappeared completely during Brannen's administration and the department today is without even a hint of corruption.

We would just like to say we appreciate such a well run department and we believe most of the other residents of this county also do. And, if the sheriff chooses to seek office again in the future as we hope he does, he'll certainly have our support.

Keep up the good work, Sheriff!

Backing Voiced for Chemical Mace

MIAMI — Dr. William B. Deichman, Professor of Pharmacology at the University of Miami, agreed with an article in the August issue of THE SHERIFF'S STAR which defended

"Chemical Mace" as an effective law enforcement weapon.

The article, reprinted from the Tallahassee Democrat, said "there is no proof yet that the commercial disabling spray is dangerous."

Dr. Deichman, who co-authored with Dr. Horace W. Gerarde a book entitled "Toxicology of Drugs and Chemicals," said in a letter to the Editor of the Star: "My chapter on Chemical Mace completely backs up the statements made in The Sheriff's Star."

MORE "PUNCH" FOR PINCHING "PUSHERS"

TAMPA — Three more members of Sheriff Malcolm Beard's staff have graduated from the Federal Narcotics and Drug Abuse School, making a total of five deputies with these prestigious credentials.

The five graduates are Robert Moore, Robert Hudson, Carl Childs, Phil Byman and Theo Gibson.

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RACE RAISED FUNDS FOR BOYS RANCH

Winner Richard Watt, of Jacksonville, poses with Cheryl Johnson, "Miss Dune Buggy", at the end of the rain-soaked Yee Haw 100 which raised \$250 for the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. The race was sponsored by the Eastern Dune Buggy Association, Jim Spell, President. (Photo by Jim Spell, Orlando)

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Autos Are Cheap In Escambia County

PENSACOLA — Sheriff William E. Davis of Escambia County is apparently almost as good a car salesman as he is a sheriff.

He had 70 abandoned vehicles on hand which had been picked up along streets and highways. An auction disposed of all but 34 of them and these were offered at 50 cents each.

"We had over 600 people come out to see them," he said. "They swamped us. One even wanted to buy a deputy's car - - but we didn't sell all of the ones that were for sale. I guess we'll have to try again."

Of course there was a hitch in the 50-cent price tag. The purchaser had to pay the bill for the car being towed from wherever it was abandoned to the Sheriff's Department (\$10 to \$15). And, he also had to haul away the old car after buying it.



FBI ACADEMY DIPLOMA AWARDED TO CAPT. AL BRADY

WASHINGTON, D. C. — It was an important moment in the law enforcement career of Capt. John A. (Al) Brady, Polk County Sheriff's Department, Bartow, Florida, when he was graduated from the FBI National Academy on November 5. He is shown (right) receiving his diploma from the Honorable Richard G. Kleindienst, Deputy Attorney General, U. S. Department of Justice, while FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover looks on.

Youth Camp Gets "A Helping Hand"

FERNANDINA BEACH — Local citizens, agencies and organizations — including the Nassau County Sheriff's Department — are giving a helping hand to Fort Clinch Youth Services Camp, a "halfway house" created to rehabilitate young lawbreakers.

Recently some local contractors got together and started an educational building at the site. They are using

funds, materials and labor donated by local citizens.

Deputy Sheriff Jim Thomas represents the Sheriff's Department on a camp board of directors made up of local men who meet monthly to discuss plans and projects. He is Sheriff H. S. McKendree's youth aid officer.

Nolan Gill, of Fernandina Beach, expressed his interest in the camp by

giving the boys a four-months-old buck deer. He found it abandoned along the highway when it was a few days old, and raised it with the help of a baby bottle.

Nassau County Judge Gene Weatherford, who also serves as Juvenile Court Judge, donated a beach seine to the boys at the camp to assist them in their fishing.

The camp is located at Fort Clinch State Park with only a few sand dunes separating it from the Atlantic Ocean. The south jetty rocks, famous as one of the best fishing spots available in this area, are only about a half-mile from the camp.

Boys assigned to the camp divide their time between working in the state park and going to classes designed to meet their varied academic needs.

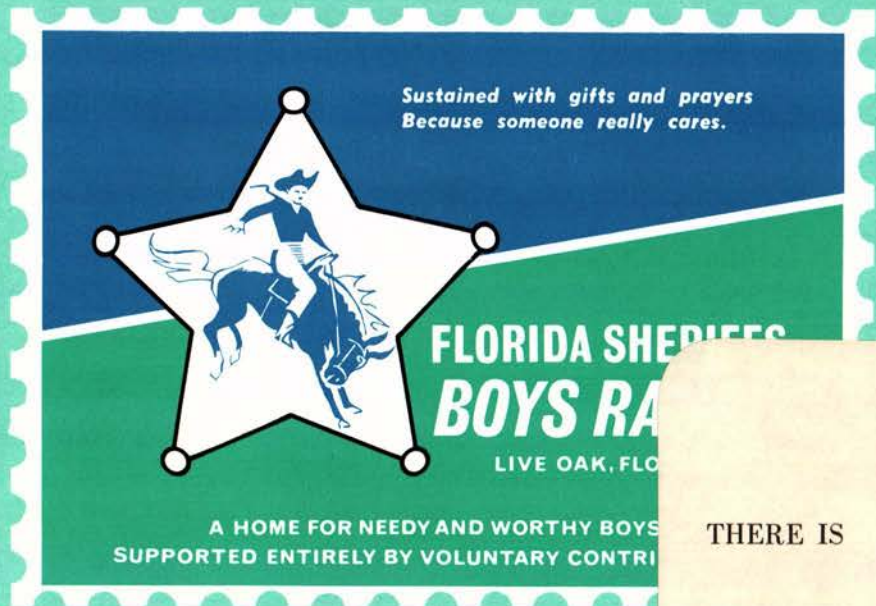
Operated by the Florida Division of Youth Services, the Fort Clinch Camp is the state's second "halfway house" for juvenile delinquents.

The first one, known as Walter Scott Criswell House, is located in Tallahassee. It was founded as a joint venture of the Florida Sheriffs Association and the Division of Youth Services; and the first boys were admitted in February, 1968.

An orphaned fawn gets a bottle of milk and plenty of attention from boys at the Fort Clinch Youth Services Camp.



COVER STORY



Boys Ranch Has Year 'round "Seals

Christmas comes but once
a year,
And when it comes it
brings good cheer.

So goes a vaguely familiar rhyme.

But it doesn't seem to apply exactly to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

Christmas does indeed bring good cheer, but when you live at the Boys Ranch, and you see generous gifts coming in day after day — from horses to building materials, from cash to stocks and bonds — you get the feeling its Christmas every day of the year.

We had this in mind when we designed the 1969 Boys Ranch Christmas Seals reproduced on the cover and on this page (more than twice actual size).

We call them Christmas Seals, because it has been customary to send seals with a Christmas message of appreciation to all of our Boys Ranch supporters.

But this year the seals do not have a Christmas theme. Instead they are suitable for use at any time of the year and we hope our supporters will continue to use them on packages and letters long after the Christmas holidays are over.

This will give us some free, but very valuable, publicity which will help to keep the Ranch going and growing.

And, although the seals are designed for "everyday use", we did not depart from our long-standing custom of sending a Christmas greeting and an expression of gratitude to our many friends and supporters.



STAFF WAS READY TO F

Poised, well drilled, experienced — that staff of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. . . dressed up as cheerleaders. Opposing them were Ranchers in dirty sneakers, ragged pants and holey T-shirts. No contest — true enough — the Ranchers won 41-21. It was the annual staff versus Ranchers basketball game and marked the first time the new Carleton and Suzanna Tweed Gymnasium had been used. Needless to say, this intense rivalry will be resumed many times in the future. Better luck next year staff.

THERE IS

an enduring way

to preserve the

memory of deceased

relatives and friends.

See Florida Sheriffs

Boys Ranch

Memorial Fund envelopes

elsewhere in

this issue.



SHERIFF BENT AWARDS BUILDER CERTIFICATES

PUNTA GORDA — Two local residents receive Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Builder Certificates and personal thanks from Charlotte County Sheriff J. P. Bent for their generous support of the Ranch. They are W. F. Rigell (top) and Jack Lotz of WCCF Radio.

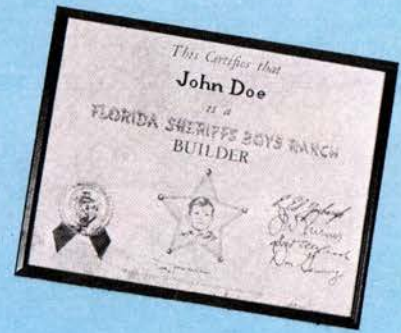


CHARITY VOLUNTEERS OPENED THEIR HEARTS

PENSACOLA — This picture was taken when Pensacola Charity Volunteers, represented by Mrs. Harriet Mackenzie, presented a \$200 contribution to Escambia County Sheriff Bill Davis for the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. The Charity Volunteers raise funds by re-selling merchandise in a thrift center. Their motto is: "Wonderful things happen when you open your heart."

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Boys Ranch Builders



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.

Mrs. Irene S. Christen, Indialantic.
Mr. Marvin Bailey, Pompano Beach.
Mr. Michael Arango, Ft. Lauderdale.
Charlotte Harbor Community League, Inc.
Mr. B. C. Watts, Crystal River.
Mr. H. J. Biesterfeldt, Holder.
Mr. Seymour Sillman, Miami.
Mr. Andrew Kakoyannis, Miami.
Pensacola Charity Volunteers, Inc.
Mr. James A. Fyffe, Tampa.
Mrs. Betty Jo Hance, Tampa.
Spade Engineering Co., Ruskin.
Mr. Raymond J. Pierce, Seffner.
Mr. Alfred Chabot, Vero Beach.
WWSD Radio, Monticello.
Mr. Karl Turschwell, Ft. Myers.
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Miss Deborah Sykes, Palm Bay.
Mr. B. W. Arnold, Dunedin.
Mr. Suren Arutonoff, Indian Rocks Beach.
Mr. Andrew C. Olsen, Largo.
Mrs. Frances A. Houghton, St. Petersburg.
Dr. and Mrs. William R. Tench, Clearwater.
Mr. Robert Barr, Clearwater.
Mr. Peter Callas, Clearwater.
Mr. James W. Early, St. Petersburg.
Ms. Mary E. Church, St. Petersburg.
Publix Super Markets, Inc., Lakeland.
Dr. Robert J. John, Winter Haven.
West Augustine Civic Club, St. Augustine.
Mr. John R. Errett, Ft. Pierce.
City Fire Department of Sarasota.
Mrs. Lovina D. Anderson, Englewood.
Mr. Harry Barbee, Osprey.
Mr. John G. Cravlee, Deland.
Daytona Fire Equipment, Daytona Beach.
Mr. Fortunato Porotto, Daytona Beach.
Mr. and Mrs. John L. Bogle, Austin, Texas.
Mr. H. Pearson Beebe, Jacksonville.

"Judgement" Goes for Boys Ranch

FT. MYERS — Two companies involved in a small claims court case settled their differences in a unique way which benefited the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

R. G. Simpson, Jr., of Construc-

tion Sales and Rental Equipment, Ft. Myers, filed a \$495 claim against Prestressed Concrete, Inc. of Lakeland, asking payment for rental of scaffolding used on a construction job at Cape Coral.

A representative of Prestressed declared in court the bill should be paid by the general contractor on the job, but his company was willing to pay the bill if Simpson would give the money to charity.

Simpson agreed and Judge Joseph C. Adderly was asked to suggest a charity. The judge suggested the Boys Ranch.

Adderly said it was one of the most unique ways he had ever heard of to settle a court suit.

When he presented the check to Sheriff Flanders Thompson, the Sheriff said he hoped others might decide to do the same thing.



Lee County Sheriff Flanders Thompson (left) gratefully accepts a check for the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch from Judge Joseph C. Adderly as "settlement" of a civil suit.

The first Pacesetter bumper emblem is put in place by Sheriff Davis (left) and safe driver Neil Thorsen.

Sheriff's Program Is "Setting the Pace"

PENSACOLA — Safe driving habits are being rewarded and encouraged in Escambia County through the "Pacesetter" program, established by Sheriff Bill Davis.

To become a Pacesetter, Davis said, applicants have to possess a valid driver's license and their driving record must be free of any moving, hazardous violations. They're ineligible if they have been involved in any chargeable accident in the past year.

A person wishing to join the program contacts the Sheriff's Department to sign up and the Traffic-Safety Division runs a check on his record.

If he qualifies, a certificate of recognition is signed by Sheriff Davis and the Pacesetter receives a bumper sticker.



The Pacesetter must obey all traffic laws, and he must also be courteous. He encourages safe driving and establishes a smooth flow of traffic by 'setting the pace'.

Sheriff Davis said the program has been well received by the public and he is optimistic it will help to decrease the death and accident rate on the County's roads and highways.

Fingerprint Law Gets Fast Results

JACKSONVILLE — There was some hot debate in the 1969 Legislature over a law to permit the fingerprinting of juveniles charged with felonies.

The law, which provided a youth's fingerprint file must be destroyed when he reaches 21, is now in effect and "startling results" have already been reported.

The Florida Times-Union said in Duval County, "The results of the

fingerprinting led — either directly or indirectly — to the clearing of 40 crimes which were traced to three of seven youths arrested in August. These included 29 auto thefts and 11 instances of breaking and entering.

"One youth was implicated in 12 auto thefts and nine cases of breaking and entering and another was involved in 16 auto thefts and one case of breaking and entering.

"State Sen. Robert Shevin, author

of the fingerprint law, said that in Miami (Dade County) during the first month of the law's implementation, there were 17 arrests of juveniles which resulted in fingerprinting and police were able to clear 32 crimes previously unsolved.

"The results so far achieved should go a long way toward mitigating the criticism which the measure received when it was being considered," the Times-Union concluded.



HIS GENEROSITY MEASURED BY THE GALLONS

LIVE OAK — The Florida Sheriffs Association Lifetime Honorary Membership plaque presented to C. O. Palmer (left) by Suwannee County Sheriff J. M. (Buddy) Phillips, Jr., is an expression of appreciation for valuable services rendered to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. Mr. Palmer, who is a painting contractor, has on a number of occasions contributed men and materials for painting jobs at the Ranch. He is also a member of the Suwannee County Commissioners.

CIVIL SERVICE SOUGHT FOR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

SANFORD — Sheriff John E. Polk will ask the legislative delegation to introduce a bill in the next session of the Legislature establishing civil service for deputy sheriffs and other employees of the Seminole County Sheriff's Department.

"This will take politics out of the Sheriff's office and safeguard the employment of law enforcement officers, who are fearful of their jobs every time an election changes the Sheriff," Polk said.

Polk indicated only the offices of Sheriff, chief deputy and personal secretary would be outside civil service.



WATERY GRAVE FOR DANGEROUS FIREARMS

JACKSONVILLE — When confiscated firearms began taking up too much room at the Duval County Sheriff's Office, Sheriff Dale Carson ordered them disposed of. Above, Sheriff Carson (center) was aboard the Coast Guard Cutter Point Roberts, of Mayport, and inspected the weapons with Patrolmen John Strickland (left) and D. C. Boatwright. Most of the guns were cheap, foreign handguns, but there were also shotguns and rifles. All 666 were confiscated from people arrested on criminal charges by Jacksonville police officers during the past three years. Left, 40 miles out to sea, its over the side with them because they were not considered safe to fire. (Photo by Frank Smith, Jacksonville Times-Union)



Efforts to Bust Burglary Ring Praised

CLEARWATER — Featured in the November issue of True Detective magazine is the story of how the Pinellas Sheriff's Department broke a burglary ring which stole some \$100,000 in cash and merchandise.

"It didn't matter whether the pickings were lean or fat; no home or business was safe from this wide-ranging gang of thieves," according to the author, S. T. Peters.

Sheriff Don Genung was praised for providing his men with the train-

ing and scientific equipment needed to combat the gang while Detective Captain Carl McMullen and his men were recognized for their tireless efforts and dedication.

One of those arrested, Allen Clayton West, was identified by robbery victims and convicted of armed robbery and burglary.

He was sentenced to life imprisonment and reportedly admitted to 95 burglaries in Pinellas, Pasco, Hernando and Hillsborough counties.

Sheriff's Budget Underspent by 89¢

FT. LAUDERDALE — Broward County Sheriff Edward J. Stack broke a campaign promise — but not by much.

After he sent his year-end report to the state auditor, the Sheriff had a check made out to the County Commission for \$.89.

When he ran for office he said he did not intend to return any unspent funds at the end of the year.

He spent \$2,563,699.11 out of his budget of \$2,563,700.

For a while it appeared the Sheriff might have overspent his budget by \$600, the amount of the Sheriff's raise as passed by the 1969 Florida Legislature. That was quickly cleared up when finance officer Gene Gurley explained the raise came out of another account.

When the raise was approved, Sheriff Stack wanted to refuse it but decided to accept it and now draws two checks.

The one in the amount of the raise he endorses and turns over to the House of Hope, a half-way house run by the Broward County Commission on Alcoholism.

OFF WITH A BANG!

TALLAHASSEE — A newly formed inter-agency intelligence network in the Florida Panhandle made its presence felt in a big way when its first large-scale raid resulted in 20 arrests for drug law violations.

Sheriff's officers from Escambia, Santa Rosa, Bay, Okaloosa and Walton Counties worked with agents of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and police officers from Pensacola and Ft. Walton Beach to make the cases and synchronize the arrests on Saturday, Sept. 13.

SHERIFF GETS NEW JAIL

MONTICELLO — The County Commissioners of Jefferson County have approved plans to build a new \$125,000 jail and Sheriff Don Watson is enthusiastic.

He said it will be built to specifications approved by the Florida Corrections Division architects and "will be one of the finest in the state."

It will have a capacity of 20 prisoners.

Sheriff's Fee for Whipping Prisoner

INSTALLMENT NUMBER ONE

Pillory, branding iron, the post for nailing ears, and whip were instruments of justice as Florida became a state 100 years ago.

Nothing so illustrates the change in regard for human life and feelings during a century than the laws which sheriffs enforced as the territory progressed into statehood.

A gambler or vagrant might, for example, be punished:

"... by a fine not exceeding \$500, and imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months, or by being sold for 12 months to the highest bidder, or by whipping not exceeding 89 stripes..."

Inspection of the Acts of 1846 would show these fees for sheriffs:

"Whipping a person under sentence of the Court, two dollars.

"Confining person in pillory, under sentence of Court, three dollars.

"Branding prisoner, five dollars.

"Nailing ears of prisoners to posts, under sentence of Court, three dollars.

"Hanging a prisoner under judgment and sentence of Court, ten dollars."

In addition, a sheriff might be allowed up to \$10 for erecting a gallows and up to \$3 for placing the stocks to embrace a person sentenced to stand in pillory — target for the town's gibes and occasional rotten eggs.

In "The Branded Hand," an account of his imprisonment at Pensacola in 1844 for enticing four slaves to attempt escape to the Bahamas, an abolitionist named Jonathan Walker described the punishment of pillory and branding.

He was sentenced to stand in pillory for one hour (during which one of the slave owners pelted him with rotten eggs), branded in the right hand with the letters "SS" (for "slave stealer") and jailed for 15 days and to remain until a fine of \$150 and costs were paid.

"When about to be branded, I was placed in the prisoner's box," related Walker. "The marshal, Ebenezer Dorr, formerly of Maine, proceeded to tie my hand to a part of the railing in front. I remarked that there was no need of tying it, for I would hold still.

"He observed that it was best to make sure, and tied it firmly to the point, in fair view; he then took from the fire the branding iron, of a slight red heat, and applied it to the ball of my hand, and pressed it on firmly, for 15 or 20 seconds.

"It made a spattering noise, like a handful of salt on the fire, as the skin seared and gave way to the hot iron. The pain was severe while the iron was on, and for sometime afterwards."

Walker told of observing owners bring slaves to the prison for flogging by the warden at a charge of 75 cents each.

"The paddles which I have seen are about 20 inches in length, made of pitch-pine board, from an inch to an inch and a quarter thick, and seven or eight inches of one end is three and a half or four inches wide, having from 10 to 15 holes through it the size of a large nail gimblet, and the other part is made round for the handle.

"The unfortunate subjects who are to feel the effect of this inhuman drubbing are first tied, his or her wrists together, then made to sit down on the ground, and put the knees through between the arms, then a stick or broom handle is inserted through the angle of the legs, directly under the knees and over the arms, which confines them in a doubled and helpless condition.

"Previous to this arrangement, the victims are made naked from the waist down . . . Not only men but women are subject to this mode of punishment . . . After a requisite number of blows with the paddle are given, which is generally 10 to 50, as the master or mistress may dictate, the raw hide switch is next applied to the

There was profit in punishment 125 years ago when Florida became a state, according to an article Sarasota County Sheriff Ross Boyer found in a 1945 copy of a magazine entitled "Florida State Police and Public Safety Reporter." The article, "A Century of Law Enforcement," was written by Allen Morris, former newspaperman and political columnist who is currently the Clerk of the Florida House of Representatives and editor of the widely used "Florida Handbook." Because of its historical interest, we are reprinting the article in two installments.

bruised and blistered parts, with as many or more blows laid on."

Like the division of government into counties, the position of sheriff came indirectly to Florida from England, with Major General Andrew Jackson introducing the office when he took over the territory from Spain.

An ordinance proclaimed at Pensacola on July 21, 1821, ordained that "there shall also be a sheriff appointed to each court, to execute the process thereof, whose services shall be compensated by the court to which he is appointed in like manner as is provided for the clerk."

A subsequent order promulgated by General Jackson, as first military governor, provided fees for Florida sheriffs among which were these:

For serving citation, \$1.50; for serving witness subpoena, 50 cents; for keeping prisoner, each day, 25 cents; for whipping any person, \$1, and for executing any person, \$10.

Until statehood came, the county

sheriffs shared authority for law enforcement with marshals of the federal courts of the territory, but in 1845 the first Florida legislature enacted this law:

"A sheriff shall be selected on the first Monday of October next, in each and every county of this state, by the qualified electors of such county; said sheriff to hold his office for the term of two years, from the day he is elected and until his successor is qualified.

"And said sheriff shall within 30 days after his election, and before he enters on the duties of his office, give bond payable to the State of Florida, with two or more good sureties, to be approved by a Judge of one of the Circuit courts or the Solicitor of the Circuit in which said county is, and which bond shall be conditioned for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office, and shall not be for less than two thousand, nor more than twenty thousand dollars, at the discretion of the Judge or Solicitor who approves the same.

"Said sheriffs, when qualified, shall be the executive officers of said Circuit courts in their respective counties, and shall perform and fulfill all duties and have like powers as the Marshal of the Judicial districts of the Territory and sheriffs of the counties, and shall be subject to the like penalties, and have and receive like fees as are allowed by law to said Marshals and sheriffs, and each sheriff shall in person, or by his Deputy, execute all process in his county."

The new state adopted the common law of England for the definition of crime, except insofar as related to the modes and degree of punishment. The doctrine of "benefit of clergy" — allowing the churchmen trial before ecclesiastical courts for temporal crimes — was outlawed. A 2-year statute of limitations was decreed for all crimes not punishable by death.

Thompson's Digest of 1847, an official codification of laws then in force, classified crimes under these headings:

Offenses against the government of the state, against the lives and persons of individuals, against private property, against public justice, against the public peace, against religion, chastity, morality and decency, against the public health, against the public policy, against trade, public highways and navigation, of malicious and fraudulent mischief, relative to slaves and other persons of color, of public defaulters and against the public revenue, and against the navigation of certain rivers.

Because slaves were property, the law recognized the fact that execution or imprisonment of these might punish the master also by depriving him either of a valuable chattel or its services. For this reason, painful but not damaging punishments had to be devised for slaves.

One law held, for example, that a Negro convicted of robbery or burglary "shall suffer death, or have his or her ears nailed to posts, and stand there one hour, and receive 39 lashes on his or her bare back, at the discretion of the court."

An alternative to the death penalty for a slave convicted of maiming a white person or committing a capital offense was to "have his or her hand burnt with a heated iron in open court."

An 1832 law carried over into statehood detailed the method of inflicting punishment.

"The punishment of death shall be inflicted by hanging by the neck, in some public place, until the culprit is dead; and the punishment of whipping shall be inflicted on the bare back of the culprit, with a cowskin, or other instrument of the like flexibility; and when the punishment of exposure on the pillory shall be inflicted, the pillory shall be placed in a square, street, road, or other public exposed place."

Sheriffs Were Here Before Statehood

Ordinance No. 4, Sec. I, issued by Major-General Andrew Jackson as Governor of the Province of the Floridas, provided that the territory of Florida be divided into two counties: Escambia and St. Johns. Section II of the same Ordinance established a County Court for each county, and Section IV provided that a Sheriff be appointed to each Court.

On July 19, 1821 Henry D. Peire was commissioned Alguazil Mayor (i.e. Sheriff) of Escambia County. On July 26, 1821 from Pensacola, Jackson wrote the Secretary of East Florida "I have given the appointment of Sheriff for the County of St. Johns to Capt. Hannum, late of the Army, by whom

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Serving Papers Poses Problems

The work of deputy sheriffs who serve civil papers is often overlooked, but were they suddenly not there, they would be greatly missed. The following article, by Frank Parisi, is reprinted from the August 31 edition of the Lakeland Ledger, to give some idea of the civil deputy's work and the problems they face.



BARTOW — It is difficult to estimate how many people are affected by the numerically small but legally powerful civil division of the Polk County Sheriff's department.

The division, as its name implies, is responsible for serving most civil papers, writs and subpoenas in the county. In addition, the men serve criminal witness subpoenas, handle entertainment licensing and the sale of all confiscated property.

The word "division" belies the size of the civil department. The department has only a total of eight people. There are four deputies who serve the papers and four in office personnel, including Earl W. Sinclair, Chief Civil Deputy.

The four deputies are responsible for serving the entire county. If that sounds like a tough job, consider this: about a year ago there were only three deputies to do the job.

The deputies handle more than 700 civil papers a month. They, like their criminal division counterparts, work long hours for low wages. They have the law enforcement powers that every other deputy has.

The county is divided into four segments. One deputy assigned to each.

The work can be pretty hazardous on occasion. For instance, recently a deputy was called to repossess some property in Bartow. The lady of the household he visited didn't care for the idea, so she barred the door. After calling for assistance, he and his fellow deputies had to break down the front door and fight their way past the woman. The civil deputy sustained a number of cuts and bruises — but he got the property he was supposed to. (The woman was arrested and taken to the county jail.)

If a man has a nine to five job, it usually isn't too difficult to find him. However, if a man is unemployed or works a swing-shift he is a little more difficult for deputies to find.

Whenever possible, the deputies prefer to contact a man away from his job. However, often it is necessary to get the person there or not be able to get him for days.

Civil deputies are also responsible for making sure businesses and entertainment attractions are licensed. They also check to make sure businesses "Going Out of Business" are duly licensed.

It is not unusual to see a civil division deputy "backup" a uniformed deputy at night. Often, circumstances require the civil deputy to work at night and he is able to assist

any deputy who needs him.

"Sometimes it is hard to convince the people we serve they shouldn't try to explain their position to us," said one deputy.

"After all," he added, "those things are settled in court."

Most of us wouldn't know a Writ of Replevin from a restraining order. The civil deputies, however, must be familiar with the types of papers, their proper service and their personal responsibilities in representing Sheriff Monroe Brannen. In addition, they must be familiar with recent court decisions and opinions from the attorney general.

There are more than 45 legal forms they must be familiar with.

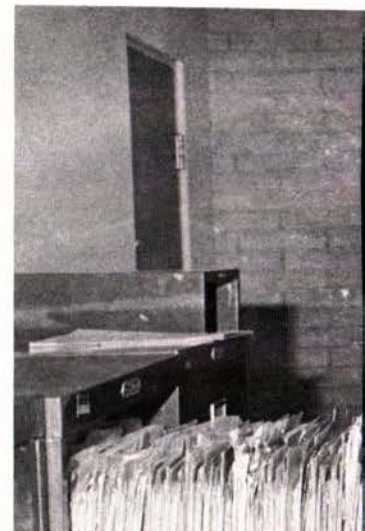
Although the civil division has different responsibilities than other sections of the department, it suffers from the same malady affecting the entire operation . . . lack of money.

Just like the uniform, investigation and identification and jail sections, the men feel they are understaffed and underpaid.

"Like the rest of the men in my department, I'd like to be able to pay the civil deputies a better salary and get them more help," said Sheriff Brannen.

The sheriff earlier had said he would like to be able to raise each deputy's salary \$100 a month across the board.

Polk County deputies Earl Sinclair (right) and Jim Marsh check an old civil case file. With more than 8,400 papers to serve a year, an orderly filing system is a must. (Ledger staff photo by Eric McFail)



THE SHERIFF'S STAR



"No wheels --- what do I do now Sheriff?" This was the problem faced by a Polk County Deputy Sheriff sent out to repossess a mobile home. It took a whole day and much head scratching to solve the problem; and the Sheriff's fee for the entire procedure was \$5.

Sheriff Brannen himself is no stranger to civil proceedings. He served as Fifth District Constable from 1952 - 1960.

"The civil deputy's job is just as important as that of the criminal deputy's and our men work hard at doing their job well," he added.

The Civil Division is financed in a different manner than other departments. The sheriff is paid a nominal fee for serving civil papers by the party initiating the paper.

At the end of each month an accounting is made for all civil papers served and the fees are turned over to the County Commission. One month's fees amounted to just over \$3,000, which is a great deal less than the cost of running the division. The difference is paid out of the sheriff's budget.

Although the civil deputies serve an amazing number of papers each month, occasionally a man will be tied up for a whole day on one case.

For example, several weeks ago a deputy was to repossess a mobile home. When he arrived he ran into two problems. First of all, the man who was in default had rented the trailer to another man. The man who was renting assumed the place was his as long as he paid the rent. What the third party didn't know was his landlord was defaulting in payment for the trailer. In a case such as this, the com-

plaining party is still entitled to regain possession of his property.

The second problem was that the wheels on the trailer had been removed. By the time the situation was all cleared up and the trailer removed, the entire day had passed. The sheriff was paid \$5 for execution of that paper.

Through the civil division, the sheriff acts as the "middleman" between the two (or more) opposing parties. Acting on orders of the courts, the civil division will confiscate property and, depending on the legal action taken, will either return it to its rightful owner, store it pending further directions from court, or sell it.

The department has had a varied collection of property over the years. From small items to warehouses full of glass products and tires.

Every paper handled is done so without regard to value involved or department issuing. Papers are served in rotation, according to when they are received by the department. A paper for payment of a \$12 fee will be handled before one involving \$1,000,000 if the \$12 judgement arrives first.

Sometimes this works to the detriment of a plaintiff if there are a number of papers against the same party. The first paper to arrive will be the first satisfied. The second paper will be the second handled, and so on. So, if a party has half a dozen judgements against him, it is possible the last plaintiff won't get the entire value of his judgement because there may not be anything left.

When Chief Civil Deputy Earl Sinclair joined the department eight years ago, he found the previous department had little or no filing system at all.

Since then he has set up a complete orderly filing system that is cross-matched. When Brannen took over as sheriff, the "files" contained 24 fully satisfied executions. There are now nearly 3,000.

Last year alone, the criminal division handled more than 8,400 papers.

"We've seen an increase in volume of over 400 per cent," Sinclair said.

"Part of this increase is because the limits of Small Claims Court have been increased from \$100 to \$500," he added.

All records are retained. At anytime Sinclair can look back and find the complete report on any one civil service since he started.



Boys Ranch Memorial Fund

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

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Mr. and Mrs. Clinton R. Tobey, St. Petersburg; in memory of Mr. Charles Hilbert.

Mr. and Mrs. Dexter McCaskill, Marianna; in memory of Mr. Ben H. Hopkins, Jr.



RECOGNITION CAME WITH RETIREMENT

CLEARWATER — When R. B. Shirley retired from his position as Chief Radio Operator in the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department he received special recognition for the "sideline" to which he faithfully devoted countless hours over a 12-year span — namely raising funds for the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. The photo shows him receiving a Florida Sheriffs Association Lifetime Honorary Membership plaque from Sheriff Don Genung (left).

Dr. and Mrs. Lester Sielski, Miss Priscilla Graham, all of Tallahassee; in memory of Mr. Olin J. Hagins.

Lt. Col. and Mrs. Charles L. Lane, Sarasota; in memory of Charles and Sophia Horstkotte.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. McKaig, Sarasota; in memory of Mr. John Justice.

Sylvan Abbey Methodist Church, Mrs. Jane Eberhardt, Mrs. Minnie Von Frisch and Ms. Edith S. Narum, all of Clearwater; Ms. Frances James, Dunedin; in memory of Mr. Wilmer H. James.

Mrs. W. J. Jonas, Sr., East Palatka; in memory of Mr. William J. Jonas, Sr.

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Mrs. LeRoy H. Stucky, Clearwater; in memory of Mr. W. H. Lester, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. David Swindell and Mr. Gerald Smith, all of Tallahassee; in memory of Mrs. Jemima Blanche Letchworth.

Ms. Lillian Harding, Sarasota; in memory of Mr. J. Lattner.

Mrs. T. D. Leslie, Jasper; in memory of Mrs. Annie Langford.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Hamrick, Tallahassee; in memory of Mrs. Rosemary G. McCartney and Mr. John R. Chase.

In Memoriam

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Mrs. Libby Korinek, Atlantic Bond and Mortgage Co., The Financial Group, all of Ft. Lauderdale; Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Whitcomb, Jr., Coral Springs; Ms. Katherine Rosse, Margate; in memory of Mayor Lewie Mullins.

Mrs. C. S. Mills, Bradenton; in memory of Mr. Cecil S. Mills.

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Florence and Irwin A. Hagy, Largo; in memory of Mr. George Mc. R. Miller.



AIR TIME DONATED

WAUCHULA — Hardee County Sheriff N. H. Murdock presents Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Builder Certificates to Miles P. Sauls (top) and Royce Plummer of radio station WAUC for valuable publicity given to the Boys Ranch.

FOR HOSPITALITY

ORLANDO — Ed Pickerill, Trustee of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, presents Builder Certificates to Capt. Enders P. Huey, Commander of the Naval Training Center, and Lt. Richard A. Deviny (right) to thank them for their hospitality. Each year when the Boys Ranch baseball team makes its annual trip to the Orlando area, the boys are housed and fed at the Navy base. Pickerill, a long time Boys Ranch supporter, also plays an important role behind-the-scenes to make the Orlando trip a success.



Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mize, West Palm Beach; in memory of Mrs. W. J. Mize.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Yon, Mrs. Glenn Terrell, all of Tallahassee; in memory of Mr. Malcolm N. Yancey.



As compiled by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement

**This Woman
Is Wanted
By the FBI**



ARRINGTON, Marie Dean — Aliases DEAN, Marie Louise, ARRINGTON, Louise Dean, SWILLEY, Marie. Colored female. Date and place of birth 8-16-33, Leesburg, Florida. Height — 5 feet, 2 inches; WEIGHT — 119-126 pounds. Black hair, brown eyes, dark complexion, scars on chest, arms and chin. Occupations: cook, domestic maid, laborer, restaurant and migratory worker. SS No. 261-50-2098. FBI No. 219 380 C. Federal warrant issued, charged with unlawful interstate flight to avoid confinement after conviction for murder in the first degree and manslaughter.

Marie Dean Arrington has been convicted of murder in the first degree, manslaughter, assault and battery, robbery, grand larceny, issuing worthless checks and escape.

On March 1, 1969 Mrs. Arrington escaped from the Woman's Correctional Institute at Lowell, near Ocala, while facing the death penalty for the brutal murder of Mrs. Vivian June Ritter, secretary to Lake County Public Defender Robert Pierce.

On April 7, 1969 Mrs. Arrington was placed among the FBI's ten most wanted persons and became only the second woman to make this list. (The other was Ruth Eisenmann-Shire, convicted of the \$500,000 kidnapping of heiress Barbara Jane Mackle in December 1968.)



An FBI circular describes Mrs. Arrington as a "cold-blooded killer" who should be considered "extremely dangerous."

Mrs. Arrington abducted Mrs. Ritter from a downtown Leesburg office and had allegedly planned to use her to obtain the release of a son and daughter presently serving time in state prisons.

Mrs. Ritter's bullet-riddled body was found in a citrus grove near Clermont and had been run over several times by a car.

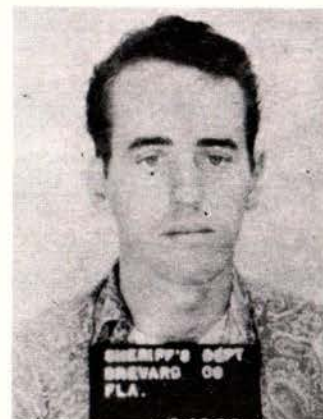
Mrs. Arrington was free on appeal bond when she was arrested for Mrs. Ritter's murder. She was appealing a 20-year sentence she received for the murder of her husband in 1964.

Three of Mrs. Arrington's children live with relatives in Leesburg.

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DOUGLAS MAC CHADWICK

CHADWICK, Douglas Mac — Aliases CHADWICK, Douglas McArther. White male. Date and place of birth 4-5-43, Lyons, New York. Height — 5 feet, 8 inches; Weight — 155 pounds. Brown hair, hazel eyes. Subject's right ring finger is amputated at first joint. Tattoos: heart & cross on left forearm, flowers & "Kay" on upper left arm. FBI No. 825 961 D; SS No. 097 34-3130. Last known address: Coquina Avenue, Titusville, Florida. Capias issued, charge no drivers license and assault and battery. If apprehended notify Sheriff Leigh Wilson, Titusville, Florida; or the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Tallahassee, Florida.



JAMES PENDER, JR.

PENDER, James, Jr. — Aliases PENCLES, James, PENDES, James. Colored male. Date and place of birth 12-4-40, Green Cove Springs, Florida. Height — 6 feet, 1 inch; Weight — 165 pounds. Black hair, brown eyes, scar on left forearm and middle finger. FBI No. 503 768 D. Occupation: laborer, truck driver. Last known address: 840 Poinsett Drive, Apt. 46, Cocoa, Florida. Capias issued, charge worthless checks (2 counts). If apprehended notify Sheriff Leigh Wilson, Titusville, Florida; or the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Tallahassee, Florida.



BOBBY GENE WHISENANT

WHISENANT, Bobby Gene — White male. Date and place of birth 10-14-38, Morganton, North Carolina. Height — 5 feet, 11 inches; Weight — 195 pounds. Brown hair, blue eyes, two inch scar on bridge of nose, tattoo of a cross on left forearm. FBI No. 78 991 E, SS No. 237-56-5530. Subject holds Florida Drivers License No. D-909390. Occupation: painter. Last known address: 906 B Street, Cocoa Beach, Florida. Capias issued, charge assault and battery. If apprehended notify Sheriff Leigh Wilson, Titusville, Florida; or the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Tallahassee, Florida.

Marijuana Is the Big Problem in Broward

FT. LAUDERDALE — Arrests in Broward County, for sale and possession of marijuana, are double those involving all other narcotics and drugs.

During the first six months of 1969, the law enforcement agencies of the county reported 405 arrests were made. Of these, 204 involved marijuana.

The figures were compiled by the Broward County Narcotics Council which is trying to determine the extent of the narcotics problem so priorities for construction of clinics and estab-

lishment of educational programs can be set.

In this six month period, 46 arrests were made involving dangerous but non-narcotic drugs (barbiturates and benzedrine).

There were 35 arrests concerned with what are commonly known as

the "hard narcotics" (opium or cocaine).

Broward County Sheriff Edward J. Stack, president of the narcotics council, said the statistics bear out his earlier statements that heroin is not a major problem in Broward County, but he said it should not be ignored.

ANOTHER POSSE

PORT CHARLOTTE — A Sheriff's Posse of non-paid volunteers has been organized in Charlotte County at the request of Sheriff Jack Bent.

When people are lost, or when pursuit of a criminal covers rough terrain, the posse will be called in to assist the Sheriff and his deputies.

VILLA MEMORIAL

In addition to the regular donations received for the Boys Ranch Fund, we have received two generous contributions for the Florida Sheriffs Girls Villa.

They are from the Belleair Beach Garden Club, Largo, in memory of Mrs. Mae D. Raymond; and from Mr. and Mrs. J. P. McCall, Sarasota, in memory of Mrs. Gail Welsh Davenport.

ESCAPEE SOUGHT BY FBI

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"Arrington usually carries a gun in her handbag, has cleverly concealed escape implements and weapons on her person and has made violent efforts to escape," the FBI said.

"Arrington has been described by associates as a smooth-talking confidence woman who is cool, cunning and deceptive," the FBI said. "She is considered an expert forger and is known to always work with an accomplice. She reportedly dresses neatly, usually wearing a wig. She is said to frequent nightclubs, drink alcoholic beverages heavily and be a chain smoker of cigarettes. Arrington enjoys fishing."

The 1969 session of the Florida Legislature passed a bill providing for a reward of \$5,000 to be paid for information leading to the arrest and return to legal custody, dead or alive, of Mrs. Arrington.

A special meeting of law enforcement officials concerned with recapturing Mrs. Arrington, was held in Leesburg on August 27 in an effort to pool all the available information which could bring about her apprehension.

The conference agreed that anyone having information about Mrs. Arrington's whereabouts could contact law enforcement officers through a member of the press, and still collect the reward while remaining anonymous.

Anyone having information concerning Mrs. Arrington should contact the FBI, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement or local law enforcement officers.



**GRISSOM FAMILY HONORED
FOR LOYAL SUPPORT**

KISSIMMEE — The Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Builder Certificate above was made out to The Grissom Family and receiving it from Osceola County Sheriff Ernest P. Murphy (left) were Mrs. E. C. Grissom, Sr. and E. C. Grissom, Jr.

Sheriffs Were Here

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this will be delivered." The appointment was to James R. Hanham [not Hannum as misspelled by Jackson] and was in all probability made on the 19th, simultaneously with that of Peire. Peire undoubtedly entered upon his duties first, however, since Capt. Hanham had to travel from Pensacola to St. Augustine.

The Spanish system provided for municipal sheriffs, but the office was vacant in both Pensacola and St. Augustine when Florida became a United States territory.

An Act of Congress, approved January 21, 1829 and effective December 1, 1829, provided for the election of county officers in the Territory. The first election of county officers, including sheriffs, was held on February 1, 1830. Fifteen counties existed at that time.



DUVAL SHERIFF "LOOKING UP"

JACKSONVILLE — The use of helicopters is being studied closely by more and more law enforcement agencies and Sheriff Dale Carson would like to see Jacksonville, (Duval County) among the leaders in developing this new but expensive law enforcement tool. The Sheriff worked with the Downtown Development Council of the Jacksonville Area Chamber of Commerce to have a demonstration of the specially designed helicopter. Fred Jamieson of Washington, D. C. and Ron Molloy of Atlanta, Ga., represented the Hughes Tool Co., which manufactures the helicopter pictured. (Photo by Frank Smith, Jacksonville Times-Union)

PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S SCHOOL SAFETY COLORING BOOK



SHERIFF WILLIAM R. HEIDTMAN
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WEST PALM BEACH — Safety is being taught in the first and second grades of Palm Beach County with the aid of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's School Safety Coloring Book. Sheriff William R. Heidtman said the schools are setting aside two hours a week for six weeks and during this time the books will be used to instruct the children in safety. Lessons teach children how to cross the street safely, how to report accidents and emergencies, what to do when lost and to never talk to or accept anything from strangers. The cost of printing the 20-page booklet was underwritten by the Rotary Club of West Palm Beach South. In the photograph, Sheriff Heidtman (center) is giving a coloring book to Mercedes Riviera; Jan Bloser of the Rotary Club (left) is passing a book to Angela Davis while Sgt. R. DeFazio, who is in charge of the Sheriff's safety education program and school patrol, gives a book to Irene Aherns. The children attend the Hagan Elementary School for migrant children.



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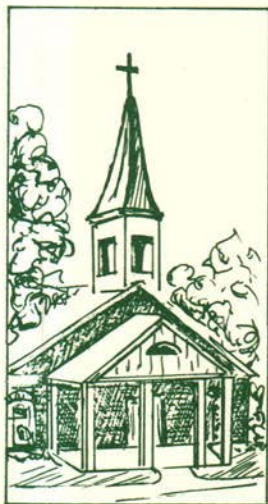
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We call it our "Memorial Fund."

When you make a donation to this fund, the name of the person whose memory you are honoring will be inscribed on our permanent memorial record and the next of kin will be notified. The money you contribute will be used for some project of enduring significance. For example our all-faiths chapel was financed with Memorial Fund donations. The form on the envelope flap can be used when making contributions to this interest-bearing fund.

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