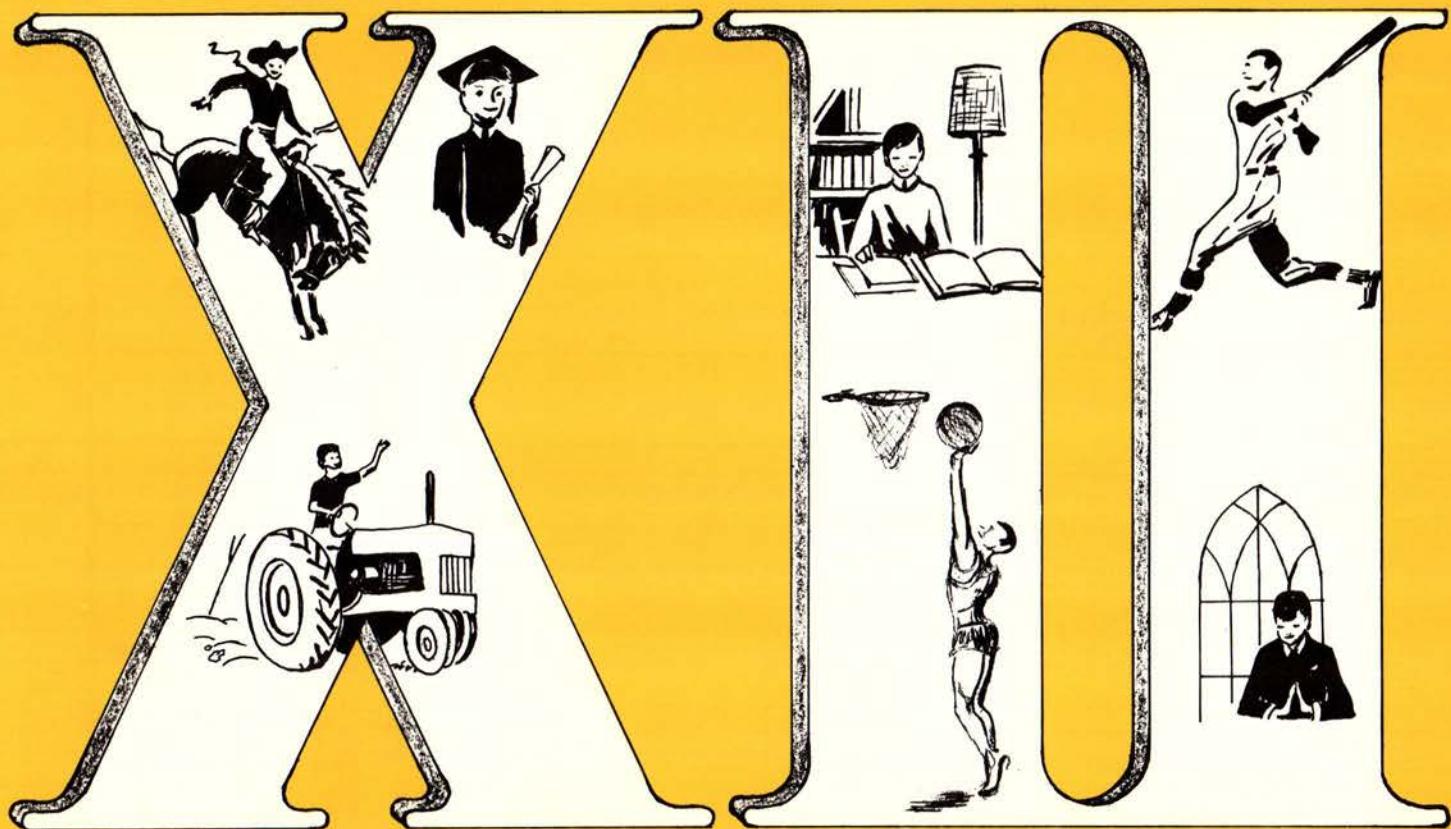


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12th Birthday on October 12**

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PATRIOTIC PATCH FOR MANATEE DEPUTIES

BRADENTON — Manatee County Sheriff Richard Weitzenfeld admires the new shoulder patch replica of the Stars and Stripes worn by Deputy Norman Tolar. The patch is now standard equipment for Manatee deputies and is meant to signify patriotism of the department in maintaining safety and security of all citizens. (Bradenton Herald photo by Messick)

Genung Named To Standards Council

TALLAHASSEE — Gov. Claude Kirk named Pinellas County Sheriff Don Genung to the Florida Police Standards Council.

President of the Florida Sheriffs Association, Genung succeeds Sheriff Leigh Wilson of Brevard County on the Council which is charged with improving and regulating police training in the state.

Upon accepting the appointment Sheriff Genung said he welcomed the chance to serve on the Council because it will give him an opportunity to project Pinellas County ideas on law enforcement throughout the state.

The President of the State Police Chiefs Association, Chief D. P. Caldwell, of Pensacola, is also a member of the Council.

Other members of the Council are Attorney General Earl Fairecloth; Commissioner of Education Floyd Christian; FBI Agent in Charge of Training Robert Gebhardt, Jacksonville; Police Chief Kenneth Alvarez, of Ocala; Police Chief Francis Scott, of Sarasota, Major Charles Otero, Tampa; Lt. James Reese, Miami Police Dept.; Sheriff Joe Crevasse, Alachua County; and Sheriff Dale Carson, Duval County.

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REAL SWITCH

QUINCY — While many of Florida's sheriffs were doing their best to persuade county commissioners to grant their budget requests, the Gadsden County Commissioners were asking Sheriff Robert Martin to increase his budget by \$18,000.

The commissioners felt the Sheriff needed two additional deputies and convinced him to amend his budget.

Drug Lab Enlarged For Tampa Area

TAMPA — An advance on federal aid amounting to \$80,000 has been allocated to hire two additional chemists, a technician and purchase equipment for the state laboratory here which processes drugs and narcotics for area law enforcement agencies.

Prior to the development, the huge backlog of drugs to be analyzed by the one available chemist threatened to halt prosecution of all drug cases in several counties served by the Tampa lab.

Urgent pleas by Sheriff Malcolm Beard and County Solicitor E. J. Salcines, of Hillsborough County; Sheriff Don Genung and State Attorney James Russell of Pinellas County, along with other area law enforcement officers, were made to The Florida Law Enforcement Planning Council to provide the money on an emergency basis.

The rapid and continuing rise in the use of drugs and narcotics was cited as causing the pile-up of cases to the point officers were having to wait 12 weeks to get written reports.

The additional personnel and equipment will be under the State Board of Health and may eventually come under the Florida Department of Law Enforcement if plans to set up area crime labs are carried out.



GOOD TRADE

ST. AUGUSTINE — It's exchanges like this one that have helped make the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch an outstanding success. Sheriff L. O. Davis (left) presents a Boys Ranch Builder Certificate to George H. Partin of Partin's Furniture Store in appreciation for a refrigerator freezer and a washer-dryer donated to the Ranch.

Dale Wimbrow Did It

"Author Unknown" was inscribed at the bottom of a poem entitled "The Man in the Glass" which we printed in the April, 1969, issue.

The poem - - - a variation of the old theme: "to thine own self be true" - - - came to us from Joe W. Odum, of Orange Lake, Florida, who received it from Alex Coulter, Bristol Metals, Inc., Bristol, Tennessee.

Later we received a letter from one of our readers pointing out that we had omitted the final stanza which goes like this:

You can fool the whole world down the
pathway of years
And get pats on the back as you pass,
But your final reward will be heartaches
and tears
If you've cheated the guy in the glass.

There were other comments too expressing interest in the poem, then finally a letter from Mrs. Dale Wimbrow, of Sebastian, Florida, informing us that her late husband, a well known radio artist and writer, also founder of the Indian River News (in Sebastian), was the author of the poem.

She told us that this widely used poem by Dale Wimbrow had been printed in the U. S. Congressional Record and many other publications.

The original title, she said, was "The Guy in the Glass." Many, many years ago, however, the religious retreat at Malvern, near Philadelphia, asked for and received permission to change the title to "The Man in the Glass" in order to use it with a sermon about "The Prodigal Son."

Ever since that time, according to Mrs. Wimbrow, each person who leaves the Retreat receives a copy of the poem.

She said when Joseph P. Klock, prominent Pennsylvania realtor, spoke to the Educational Caravan of the Florida Realtors Association, he used the poem as the theme of his speech and disclosed that he had received a copy at the Retreat 21 years earlier.



THE LATE DALE WIMBROW

In a letter to Mrs. Wimbrow he said: "Your husband's poem has probably inspired hundreds of thousands - - - perhaps millions - - - of people over the years. Most men when they die leave pitifully little behind. Your husband left a magnificent example of words to live by."

Richard G. Capen, Jr., Deputy Assistant Secretary in the U. S. Department of Defense, told Mrs. Wimbrow he has often incorporated the poem in his speeches.

Mrs. Wimbrow thanked the Editor of THE STAR for "disseminating the philosophy of the late Dale Wimbrow."

"SHOW BIZ" INTERLUDE

WINTER HAVEN — When television personality Mike Douglas filmed a show at Cypress Gardens, Polk County Sheriff Monroe Brannen was on hand (right) to make him a special deputy. Sheriff Brannen also greeted famous comedian Frank Fontaine (left), the popular "Crazy Guggenheim" from Jackie Gleason's show. In the background is the Sheriff's "mini-patrol car," used only in "petty crimes."





BOYS RANCH

Roundelops

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.

Public is Invited to Annual Celebration at Ranch



SENATOR
EDWARD
GURNEY

The Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch will celebrate its 12th birthday with the help of U. S. Senator Edward J. Gurney and the Ranch's many friends and supporters.

Highlight of the Oct. 12 festivities at the Ranch will be the dedication of the Suzanna and Carleton Tweed Gymnasium and the Fred Conn Residence Cottage.

The addition of the \$90,000 cottage will permit an increase in the Ranch population to about 120 boys. The cottage will contain some innovative features designed to improve the quality of care given our boys.

Costing some \$230,000, the gym will greatly add to the recreational opportunities at the Ranch.

Following the traditional 12:30 barbecue luncheon, Senator Gurney will address the group as the guest speaker.

Sharing the spotlight with the Senator will be the donors of the new facilities as well as many Sheriffs and members of the Boys Ranch Board of Trustees. Many former Ranchers are also expected to attend.

As always, the public is invited. Visitors will be able to inspect not only the new buildings but also the many other structures which have been built over the years and now make the Ranch a small community in its own right.

Last year's dedication ceremonies saw the opening of facilities costing \$250,000 and Governor Claude Kirk was the featured speaker.

Located 11 miles north of Live Oak, the Ranch is supported entirely by voluntary contributions and is

"home" to over 100 needy and worthy boys.

The Sheriffs of Florida are proud not only of the buildings which stand alongside the beautiful Suwannee River but also of what the Ranch has done and is doing for boys who deserve a better break in life.



NO JUNIOR... THAT'S NOT HAIR SPRAY

It might look that way - - - but we don't actually give our cows beauty treatments at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. The boys in these pictures are "doctoring" a calf suffering from "pink eye" and spraying other cows to protect them from "horn flies." Raising prize-winning beef cattle is a popular and educational activity at the Boys Ranch; but the Ranchers learn that it involves a lot more than just riding the range and taking pot-shots at rustlers the way the TV cowboys do.



Love Those Echoes!

TAMPA — Being so close to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, we sometimes wonder if others have gotten the message we are trying to get across.

That is why it is reassuring to find someone else echoing what we have said all along. The following was in an editorial in the August 2 edition of the TAMPA TIMES:

"Boys Ranch, supported entirely by private contributions, is without question one of the finest operations in behalf of young people in the whole country. Boys from broken homes or orphaned by catastrophe get a new chance in life and all of them who have been there have seized the opportunity.

"If you are searching for a merited program for a gift, or a bequest from your estate, Boys Ranch fits your specifications."

Summer's Gone Memories Linger

Boys from the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch were on the move during the summer; camping, traveling and playing softball.

Around the end of June, Ranch recreation director Bill Green, ten boys and staff member Paul Jones set out for eight days of camping, hiking and sightseeing in the mountains.

They made stops at Smokemont Campground, north of Cherokee, North Carolina, and Vogel State Park near Blairsville, Georgia.

From Smokemont there were trips to Clingman's Dome, Alum Cave Bluffs, and Ghost Town via chair lift.

At Vogel the boys enjoyed swimming and miniature golf and attended the Friday and Saturday night dances.

The Fourth of July weekend meant the annual fund raising trip to Ocoee where 25 boys rode in a parade, attended a fishing contest, beat the Ocoee baseball team 10-0 and then went to a dance sponsored by the Ocoee Jaycees.

On Saturday the Ranchers dropped two tilts to a ball team at Union Park and in the afternoon traveled to the beach area north of Daytona Beach and camped out overnight. Some of the boys almost had the surf literally roaring in their ears when they put their bed rolls too close to the water.

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.

Mr. Donald T. MacClellan, Gainesville.
Dr. and Mrs. William J. Dahlenburg, Cocoa Beach.
McDonald's Hamburgers, Mr. Tom Lea, Titusville.
Mr. Norton Kurlan, Cocoa Beach.
Mr. Fred Tiballi, Ft. Lauderdale.
Mrs. Bernice Beebee, Deerfield Beach.
Mr. Francis Dears, Ft. Lauderdale.
Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Davis, Lecanto.
Builder's Mart, Inc., Naples.
Mr. Russell J. Shafer, Naples.
Coco Plum Woman's Club, Miami.
Mrs. Margaret M. Fraser, Miami.
Mr. Peter P. Pinto, Coral Gables.
Mr. William Bourne, Miami.
Mr. W. E. Dunwody, Jr., Miami.
Charles R. Lee & Associates, Inc., Miami.
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DeSoto County Sheriff's Posse, Arcadia.
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Mr. and Mrs. Charles Donahue, Flagler Beach.
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Corry, Quincy.
Mr. Larry Die Polder, Brooksville.
Dr. Glen Gallien, Tampa.
Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Cook, Mt. Dora.
Mr. James H. Wilburn, Ft. Myers.
Mrs. Thomas W. Lux, Tallahassee.
Mrs. Emily C. Steele, Madison.

Mr. W. C. Taylor, Plantation.
Mr. G. F. Turner, Palmetto.
Mr. Michael P. Koontz, Ocala.
Mrs. Katherine W. Taylor, Ocala.
Mr. Claude Lowe, Sr., Tavernier.
Tahitian Gardens Bingo Club, Holiday.
Mr. Floyd Groo, Orlando.
Mr. Jack Landau, West Palm Beach.
Mr. Frank D. Pillatt, Palm Beach.
Mrs. William Simmons, Palm Beach.
Mr. and Mrs. John Baxter, St. Petersburg.
Mr. August Mueller, St. Petersburg.
Mrs. Norman Ozard, Gulfport.
Mrs. Betty L. Thomas, Pinellas Park.
Mrs. Leila E. Reid, St. Petersburg.
Dr. and Mrs. E. G. Claxton, St. Petersburg.
Mrs. Norman Dash, St. Petersburg.
Mrs. Fannie Kennedy, Clearwater.
Mr. Al Lambert, St. Petersburg.
Murphy's Men's and Boys' Wear, St. Petersburg.
Mr. and Mrs. D. Pimentel, St. Petersburg.
Mrs. Evelyn A. Nienhardt, St. Petersburg.
Mr. Hugh K. Rapp, St. Petersburg.
Mr. R. C. Greenwald, Winter Haven.
Mr. Donald Miles, Orlando.
Mr. Wilson T. Day, Christmas.
Mrs. Malcolm Carr, Orlando.
Mr. and Mrs. Carver Kuck, Sarasota.
Mr. Charles W. Lonsdale, Sarasota.
Mrs. Franklin E. Rhine, Sarasota.
Mrs. Burnell, Sarasota.
Mr. Francis D. Audette, Forest City.
Mrs. George J. Adams, Daytona Beach.
Mr. Jim Kennedy, Allendale.
Mr. Thurston W. Shook, Columbus, Ohio.
Mr. R. R. Carryl, Murphy, North Carolina.



RANCHERS GET RIDE WITH "CAPTAIN" DAVE STARR

OCOEE — Orange County Sheriff Dave Starr donned his yachting cap to take a group of Ranchers for a cruise aboard the Miss Ouachita, built by Newy Ireland of Ocoee. "Captain" Starr is in the stern, wearing white shirt and tie. The Ocoee trip was one of the highlights of the summer for Boys Ranch youngsters.



LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS HONORED BY REALTORS

ORLANDO — A Law Enforcement Day breakfast was sponsored by the Orlando-Winter Park Board of Realtors with its President G. F. "Fritz" Gale (left) honoring (left to right) Orange County Sheriff Dave Starr, Sarasota County Sheriff Ross E. Boyer (who is also President of the National Sheriffs' Association), and Lt. W. W. Graham, U.S. Naval Training Center security officer. Sheriff Boyer was the guest speaker for the occasion.

The War Goes On

Estimates that 50 per cent of all teenagers have at least experimented with drugs have apparently shocked adults, and prodded them into action.

In any event, public support is building up steadily for law enforcement officers' efforts to combat drug abuse.

The Brandon Sertoma Club took out a two-page newspaper ad answering the question, "How Can You Help Prevent Narcotics Addiction?" The club also presented Hillsborough County Sheriff Malcolm Beard with a film, "Pit of Despair," for use in educational efforts.

The Volusia County Commission assured a group of citizens it is solidly behind a Narcotics Task Force which aims at cracking down on drug law violations.

After the citizens group presented petitions supporting the work of the Task Force, Sheriff Ed Duff said of their work, "This is the greatest thing done to aid law enforcement in my 22 years here."

And drug awareness programs which started in several larger counties, have now spread quickly to other parts of the state so high school and junior high students can be warned of the dangers of drug abuse.



SOMETHING FOR THE BIRDS:
PROTECTION BY THE SHERIFF

BRADENTON — This sign means what it says, according to Manatee County Sheriff Richard W. Weitzenthal who helped Mrs. C. B. Stewart display the new wildlife sanctuary signs installed around Trailer Estates. Mrs. Stewart is incoming president of the Manatee River Garden Club and state national areas chairman. Besides wild parakeets around the trailer park, there is an eagle's nest in a tall pine tree. (St. Petersburg Times photo.)

COMPUTERS ON MAFIA TRAIL

WASHINGTON — Many United States taxpayers have found it doesn't pay to try to outwit the computers of the Internal Revenue Service and it now appears members of the Mafia will have the same problems with the Justice Department.

The Law Enforcement Assistance Administration is now making plans to computerize the activities of known underworld figures. Some 450 criminal figures are already on tape.

The Florida Bureau of Law Enforcement and state law enforcement agencies in New York, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Illinois and California have been invited to join a computer network which would collect and supply information on the activities of known hoodlums.

Besides providing simple background and activity reports on Mafia members, the system could be programmed to pinpoint high-level meetings or even an overall plan of operation of the Mafia.

The LEAA was placed under the Justice Department by the 1968 Omnibus Crime bill and is authorized to research the entire field of criminal justice.

One of the LEAA's main tasks is to find ways for better cooperation between federal and local law enforcement agencies; and to supervise massive federal appropriations to upgrade local law enforcement.

PRAISE FOR SHERIFF

STUART — The Board of County Commissioners of Martin County issued a special resolution praising Sheriff Roy C. Baker for performing "his duties in a manner calling for public approval."

The commendation also urged "the continuation of Sheriff Baker as a worthy officer and one who sets an example to others."

PINT-SIZE PUSHER

MIAMI — A 12-year-old boy was turned over to juvenile authorities after he made the mistake of selling marijuana cigarettes to an undercover deputy sheriff investigating drug traffic cases.

Also arrested were two youths, 17 and 20, who were using the youngster to peddle their wares.

Law Enforcement Picture Looking Brighter By "Degrees"

The picture has brightened considerably in Florida for the law enforcement officer seeking a career in his chosen field.

At a meeting in Orlando, representatives of 19 junior colleges and 13 law enforcement agencies reached agreement on two junior college programs leading to associate of arts (AA) degrees either in a terminal program or one which could be extended to a four-year degree.

The Florida Board of Regents has also approved two four-year, full degree programs in Police Science for Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton.

Some 64 credit hours must be completed for the associate degree and 27 of these hours must be related to police science.

The associate degree programs are now being offered in 21 junior colleges around the state.

The junior college program was put together through the cooperation of the Police Standards Council (PSC), the junior colleges and various law enforcement agencies.

In the 22 months since its beginning, the PSC has seen the creation of an educational package which required seven years of planning and conferences to complete in California, according to Jack Ledden, PSC Executive Director.

"Use of junior colleges gives geographical expansion to the plan and makes available, within a reasonable distance, law enforcement education for anyone nursing such ambitions," Ledden said.

The junior college program also provides on a local basis, "a platform for elevating the prestige of police officers and upgrading the profession of law enforcement," according to Ledden. "Many veteran police officers can now concentrate their efforts in a direction which will produce a diploma."

James Stinchcomb, specialist with the National Association of Junior Colleges, said the associate degree program is "a milestone in relating police training to education."

Three credit hours will be awarded for successful completion of each of these nine subject areas: introduction to law enforcement, criminal investigation, criminal law, police administration and organization, introduction to criminalistics, criminal evidence and

procedure, traffic administration, deviate behavior and police operations.

To be qualified for admission to Florida Atlantic University and the final two years' work, a student must have maintained a C average in his junior college courses.

A little over two-thirds of a student's credit hours in the last two years will be devoted to specialized police science courses, and the rest elective.

According to Dean John M. DeGrove, College of Arts and Science,



JUNIOR DEPUTY CLASSROOM

OCALA — Marion County Junior Deputies don't learn respect for law enforcement just in a classroom from a well rehearsed speech - - - they learn it by observing law enforcement officers at work. In this picture Deputy Wayne McAteer, dispatcher, takes a call and prepares to relay the message over the Sheriff's radio while junior deputies Dennis Strow (left) and Chip Haywood look on. (Tampa Tribune photo by Al Lee)

It's Not Automatic At All

The July issue of the Sheriff's Star said a bill passed by the 1969 Florida Legislature (Chapter 69-29) makes restoration of civil rights automatic for a person convicted of a felony when the felon has (1) received a full pardon; (2) served the maximum sentence imposed; or (3) has been granted a final release by the Probation and Parole Commission.

This is incorrect.

The new law states that convicted felons "may be entitled" to restoration of civil rights, provided they have complied with one of the three criteria stated above.

Then it goes on to state that:

BRADY TO FBI ACADEMY

BARTOW — Polk County Chief Deputy Sheriff John Alton Brady, Sr. was selected to attend the 84th session of the FBI National Academy in Washington, D. C.

Florida Atlantic University, financial aid is available in the form of grants-in-aid and payment-by-service loans.

Eligibility for such assistance depends on (1) financial need (2) current employment in law enforcement or related occupation or (3) plans to enter law enforcement upon graduation.

Those interested in the associate degree should contact the dean of education at the nearest junior college.

For more information on the bachelors degree program, contact Dean DeGrove, College of Social Science, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton.

"The Probation and Parole Commission shall submit to the governor and cabinet the names of persons who qualify for the restoration of civil rights."

Following the submission of names, the governor may, with the approval of three members of the cabinet, restore civil rights.

FIVE DRUG DEATHS

FT. LAUDERDALE — Five persons died from overdoses of drugs in Broward County in the first half of 1969 while only one person died from an overdose in all of 1968, according to Sheriff Ed Stack.

Two deaths were attributed to synthetic narcotics and two to dangerous non-narcotic drugs such as barbiturates and benzedrine while one was caused by "hard narcotics" such as opium or cocaine.

There were 138 non-fatal overdoses treated in the first half of 1969.

"My Night In Jail"

CLEARWATER — It could have been just another Friday night spent watching the TV movie, but instead, by choice, I spent it in the Pinellas County Jail --- behind the booking desk.

With the permission of Sheriff Don Genung, a random Friday night was chosen so I could see the routine operation of a place few people want to visit.

I went "on duty" at 9:30 p.m. with the night shift, and, according to the men going off duty it had been a normal day.

From 9:30 till about 11:30 things were pretty quiet as Sgt. Frank O'Neil and his three deputies made their rounds, collected the mail, censored it, and got it ready to go out.

11:30 p.m. The radio came alive. Deputies were bringing in a Negro man and his wife.

From the officers' report it looked like just another marital squabble. Willie was calm enough but Jean argued with officers and claimed there was really no need to use "mace" on her.

Both were booked for disorderly conduct.

11:45 p.m. A local police department made its first call of the night. Things were beginning to pick up.

Sgt. O'Neil recognized Earl, the newest arrival. Earl was released earlier in the afternoon and there he was, back already, on a public drunkenness charge. Asked if he had a few beers, Earl answered thickly, "not enough."

The matron arrived to take the Negro woman to her cell block. As the prisoner removed her wedding ring, for safe keeping at the booking desk, she said, "This is the first time I've had this off --- maybe I ought to never put it back on."

Again a lull, and there was a chance to talk to deputies Danny Bower and Fred Ferguson.

While Bower was explaining he

had learned not to get chummy with the prisoners (to avoid involvement), and to be on the lookout for careless mistakes; the radio crackled information on a Tampa motorcycle gang of 65 to 70 bikes enroute to Pinellas County.

1:18 a.m. A sheriff's car brought in a familiar face from high school days --- one that had changed little from the time we tried to resolve a small personality conflict with fistcuffs.

Gary was booked on a charge of public drunkenness, and if he recognized his old adversary on the other side of the booking desk, he never let on.

Besides the deputies working with prisoners, Deputy Paul Pierce, of the records and identification division, was on hand photographing and fingerprinting the new arrivals.

A radio request from a deputy on the road for information on someone he had stopped, sent Pierce and me off to the basement to check the I.D. files.

Threading through the jail's maze of locked doors, checking the records, and relaying the information to the waiting deputy required only a few minutes. (It turned out the suspect had an extensive record.)

Pierce was enthusiastic about the new link-up of the county computer with the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) at FBI headquarters in Washington, D.C.

The line to Washington had been operational several months. Due next was conversion of local files to magnetic tape. After that, an inquiry was expected to bring a reply from local and national computers in as little as 90 seconds.

1:40 a.m. Jean's family arrived to post her \$25 bond. With time to calm down, she was more composed and O'Neil joked with her. The Sergeant works on the theory that as long as he can, he will be just as nice

to prisoners, as he is to anyone else, but he lets it be known from the start there will be no foolishness.

1:55 a.m. Ferguson came down from one of his floors chuckling over a poem by one of the prisoners:

"Of all the crimes,
My wicked past bestrewing,
The ones I regret the most,
Are the ones I got caught doing."

2:09 a.m. A local policeman arrived with another drunk. Arnold was a pitiful sight because it was obvious he was a partial cripple. It was hard to say where his handicap left off and the alcohol took over.

The officer said Arnold was driving when he tried to stop him and a chase ended with Arnold driving across the yard of a Clearwater fire station.

2:20 a.m. O'Neil checked the up-to-the-minute jail census. After starting out with 222, there were 226 and Jean had bonded out.

According to O'Neil, I had picked a slow Friday night. A normal increase would have been running around 16 or 18 by this time.

2:38 a.m. Two deputies arrived with another lodger for the night. Herb was a heavy-set fellow, and for him going to jail was a painless procedure --- he was out cold.

One of the deputies was soaking wet after falling in a puddle while chasing some juveniles, then wrestling Herb into the car, out of the car, then into the booking desk.

2:50 a.m. As one car left another came in; this time with a young man charged with reckless driving.

Mic was defiant, and gave smart answers to the deputies' questions. Friends of his were waiting and they leaned on the bell button outside the jail to get the attention of the deputies.

Mic's young, but tough looking,

By Al Hammock
Administrative Assistant

Before joining the Florida Sheriffs Association in May, Al Hammock covered the police "beat" in Pinellas County for the Tampa Tribune. On one occasion, with Sheriff Don Genung's permission, he spent a night in the County Jail gathering material for a Tribune story, and has revised it for the Star.

wife let the deputies inside the jail know in no uncertain terms what she thought of them. The deputies paid little attention till she and Mic's friends started sitting on the deputies' cars. The youths quickly moved when a deputy went outside.

Bond was set at \$150 and a bondsman was supposed to be on his way to the jail.

3:30 a.m. Once again a local policeman pulled in, this time with two lodgers. One was involved in a chase and accident. The second, Larry, was charged with disorderly conduct.

I watched as the policeman routinely frisked Larry. He checked the prisoner's shoes, froze for a moment, then raised up slowly to plunk down a knife on the booking desk. He turned several shades of red and green obviously thinking about the heavy wire mesh divider between the front and back seats of his patrol car --- knowing it would never have stopped a knife blade.

Larry soon had an additional charge of carrying a concealed weapon tacked on.

The officer got a ribbing from O'Neil and the deputies but it was kidding with a purpose. The officer had frisked his prisoner before putting him in the car, but did not check his shoes --- something he also forgot in a drill at the Pinellas Police Academy.

3:40 a.m. Deputies brought in two more, both handcuffed. Dick was charged with reckless driving and fleeing an officer, with his bond set at \$650.

Roy, another frequent visitor, was booked in on a public drunkenness charge.

3:50 a.m. The jail cook arrived to begin putting together breakfast. I accompanied him and five trusties to the basement and the kitchen.

In the staff kitchen I found orange juice, milk, bean soup, pizza, luncheon meats, coffee and homemade bread. After a long night, a sandwich

and milk tasted pretty good.

4:00 a.m. Deputy Bower offered a tour of part of the jail, and with things quiet at the desk for the moment, it seemed a good idea.

On the third floor we encountered three of the latest arrivals being shown to their cells.

4:10 a.m. On the fifth floor, medical ward, Deputy Bower made his usual round activating the time locks.

He pointed out one prisoner he had been unable to avoid taking a personal interest in, because of the way the man mentally punished himself for his crime.

I quickly remembered his name as being involved in one of the more sensational Pinellas murder cases.

He was charged and convicted of murdering his wife and her boyfriend with one shot from a rifle when he caught them together in a car.

(In court a few days later to be sentenced, it was brought out the man had been wounded in Korea, and since had always blamed himself for the loss of several of his men. Another jailer testified at the proceedings on the man's behalf, agreeing with Deputy Bower, as prisoners went, he was different and apart. Despite the jailers' pleas, the judge handed down a prison sentence instead of the probation the public defender had asked for.)

4:30 a.m. A local police officer came in with another drunk, who turned out to be the last one of the day. Joe had no shirt. He made 12 for the night.

Outside, Mic's friends were still buzzing --- thinking the bell button had to be pushed to talk through the intercom. They were just a nuisance and the deputies preferred to leave them for the next shift to deal with.

5:00 a.m. The radio was quiet and, as the night shift got ready for breakfast, I walked out of the jail --- a free man still, and glad to be one.



"YOUR HONOR" HONORED

DeFUNIAK SPRINGS — Walton County Judge Joe Dan Trotman receives a Florida Sheriffs Association Lifetime Honorary Membership plaque and a handshake of thanks from Walton County Sheriff Howard "Andy" Anderson (left). Judge Trotman gave the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch two champion ponies. One, "Magic Oracle," was a 1965 National Champion; was a Reserve Champion at the Shetland Pony Congress and was named All-American Pony. He also won 11 straight championships. (DeFuniak Springs Herald photo.)



GENEROUS DONOR

WAUCHULA — It doesn't take a heart specialist to know Dr. Alfred S. Massam has his heart in the right place. Hardee County Sheriff Newton H. Murdock (left) presents a Florida Sheriffs Association Lifetime Honorary Membership plaque to Dr. Massam in appreciation for his generous contributions to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.



GOOD PUBLICITY

BLOUNTSTOWN — For airing public announcements about the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, Robert L. Maupin, (right) receives a Boys Ranch Builder Certificate from Calhoun County Sheriff W. C. Reeder. Maupin received the award for WKMK radio.

Boys Ranch Memorial Fund

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

Mr. and Mrs. Roy J. Dondero, St. Petersburg; in memory of Mr. Monroe J. Adkins.

Mrs. C. W. Yancey, Norfolk, Virginia; and Mrs. Hal L. Lynch, Jacksonville; in memory of Mr. Robert H. Agnew.

Mrs. Martin Mayo, Chattahoochee; in memory of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Alday.

Lake Wales Garden Club, Azalea Circle No. 2, Lake Wales; Mrs. C. F. Burch, Falls Church, Virginia; in memory of Mr. L. R. Monroe Biglow.

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BRADENTON — This handsome Florida Sheriffs Association Lifetime Honorary Membership plaque was presented to Mr. and Mrs. James L. Trevillion in recognition of their generous support of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch near Live Oak. Making the presentation was Manatee County Sheriff Richard Weitzfeld (right). (Photo by the Bradenton Herald)

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**CLAY MAVERICKS
DID IT AGAIN**

DOCTORS INLET — The Clay County Mavericks "rounded-up" \$4,150 during a three-day horse show and Bobby Freeman, (right) president of the Mavericks, presented the check to Sheriff Jennings Murrhee as a donation to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. (Florida Times - Union photo)



Patrolman Fred Myers, his wife Clara and daughter Michelle, arrive in Florida after jet ride from Chicago.

A Brave Guy With a Gun Has His "Day in the Sun"

Article and photos by Gulf American News Bureau, Cape Coral, Florida

Because they don't rank in the upper echelon of the nation's higher paid workers, many policemen spend rather commonplace, uneventful vacations each year and certainly seldom at some glorious waterfront resort soaking up the sun.

The typical stay-at-home annual vacation was what Gary, Ind., patrolman, Fred Myers was having before it was dramatically interrupted during a routine grocery-shopping expedition with his wife, Clara.

The market was crowded that day when the off-duty officer heard an armed man snarl to a cashier, "I want all the money in that drawer!" There were four companions with the stick-up artist.

Because of Gary's abnormally high crime rate, the policeman was carrying a .38 caliber snubnose revolver, though he was not on duty at the time.

Myers identified himself as a police officer and ordered the five gunmen to surrender their weapons. They were now fully out in the open and menacing a horde of shoppers and store employees.

One of the robbers fired a shot that struck Myers in the chest. The officer blazed back with his .38 and pumped three slugs into his assailant. Then, as Myers bent over to snatch the wounded gunman's weapon, another of the robbers ripped off two bullets that smacked into the policeman's back.

With three bullets lodged in his chest, Myers chased the second lead-slinger out a side door and exchanged shots until his snubnose was empty.

The officer re-entered the store to summon an ambulance and was confronted by a third robber, waving a sawed-off shotgun who held Myers at bay while the two remaining bandits helped their wounded companion to a waiting car and the gang made a successful getaway.

Ironically, the robber felled by Myers' swift shots sought medical attention in the same hospital where Myers was being treated — a disastrous mistake.

Gary policemen were notified by hospital authorities and the wounded man was arrested. After questioning the subject, police rounded up the remaining four suspects before

nightfall the same day. One of them was reported to have been involved in killing three persons. All five suspects had previous criminal records and all were free on bond at the time of the attempted supermarket holdup.

Each of the three bullets that had been fired into Myers' chest had been deflected by a rib; and, miraculously, none struck a vital organ, although one slug lodged in the fatty portion of his right lung.

More often than not, heroes in the ranks of the nation's law enforcement contingents enjoy brief flurries of basking in the spotlight and recognition of their gallant deeds is all too fleeting. Fortunately for Patrolman Fred Myers, this was not the case.



Fred Myers was still carrying three bullets in his chest and a visible wound (his left side) when this picture of him and Michelle was taken at River Ranch Acres.

While local civic organizations were bestowing plaudits on the Gary policeman, officials of Gulf American Corporation, large Miami-based land development firm, invited Myers, his wife and 2-year-old daughter, Michelle, to resume and extend their vacation at two of Gulf American's luxury Florida resort complexes.

The Myerse accepted the bid with alacrity, and, less than a month after his close brush with death, the policeman flew to Florida with his family.

After more words of glowing praise from Judge Kaplan and to the accompaniment of the applause of assembled newsmen, the Myers family boarded a jet plane for Florida and landed in that sunny state 1,200 miles away two hours later.

They were met by a Gulf American representative and driven to River Ranch Acres, the company's 58,500-acre development on the picturesque Kissimmee River.

For four days the Indiana family was involved in the delights of bass fishing, swimming, hunting, abundant gourmet food and a variety of other leisure activities.

Then they moved to another Gulf American facility, the sun-kissed, pre-planned community of Cape Coral, near Fort Myers, for more resort style "high-living."

While at Cape Coral, Myers was invited to the National Police Hall of Fame at Venice, Florida, 30 miles to the north. There Frank J. Schira, executive director of the National Police Officers Association, met Myers at the association's museum and presented the Gary policeman

with a Certificate of Bravery which put him in contention for the coveted annual Valor Award given by the organization. This highest of tributes is given each year to the living police officer who best represents each law enforcement agent who has given his life "to the protection of the public safety" during that year.

When Myers and his family returned to Gary, he underwent two operations for the removal of the bullets in his chest.

And then, on July 13, Patrolman Myers returned to Florida to receive the National Police Officer's Association Valor Award.

More benefits were to follow, including a \$500 check from the Reader's Digest Foundation and an engraved Magnum revolver from the National Rifle Association.

The \$500 check was added to some \$600 raised by fellow Gary officers from a benefit dance, and all this money was earmarked for medical treatment — not for Myers, but for his little daughter, Michelle, who suffers from leukemia.

As Myers prepared to leave Florida for the second time, he commented: "I am still alive and I am living in a changing time when the public is awakening to stand behind their law enforcers

as the last line of defense against anarchy."

"I did what many hundreds of other policemen have done throughout the years — upholding my sworn duty as a police officer. Many have died trying to uphold that oath . . . I was lucky."



A tired and shy Michelle and her daddy met Polk County Sheriff Monroe Brannen, who, by coincidence, had something in common with the heroic policeman. Sheriff Brannen was the victim of a shotgun blast in the early days of his law enforcement career.



ABOVE — Myers received the Valor Award at a special banquet in Sarasota while Charlotte County Sheriff Jack Bent (left) and Sheriff Ross E. Boyer of Sarasota County also received special recognition. U.S. Representative Mario Biaggi, N.Y., (holding magazine) was the guest speaker. Biaggi is a former New York City police lieutenant.

RIGHT — It was a different kind of patrol for Myers in this air-boat re-enactment of a search for game law violators given by Wildlife Officer Lew Carpenter of the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission.

WANTED PERSONS

As compiled by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement



TIMOTHY JAY BROWN

BROWN, Timothy Jay — White Male. Date and place of birth 2-26-50, Portsmouth, Ohio. Height — 6 feet; Weight — 140 pounds. Brown hair, blue eyes, slim build, wears mustache. May be driving '63 Chevrolet. FBI No. 689 030 G. Capias issued, charge delivering or causing to be delivered a hallucinogenic drug. If apprehended notify Sheriff Leigh Wilson, Titusville, Florida; or the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Tallahassee, Florida.



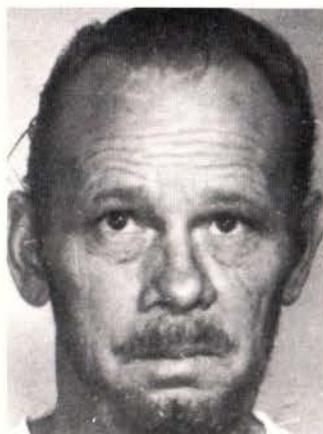
WILLIE BILL PRIMUS

PRIMUS, Willie Bill — Colored Male. Date and place of birth 9-15-32 or 9-15-35, Reidville, South Carolina. Height — 5 feet, 7 inches; Weight — 150 pounds. Black hair, brown eyes. "Willie L. Mary" tattoo on upper left arm. Occupation: truck driver and heavy equipment operator. FBI No. 586 351 F. Warrants issued, charge selling lottery ticket (2 counts). If apprehended notify Sheriff Wilson, Titusville, Florida; or the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Tallahassee, Florida.



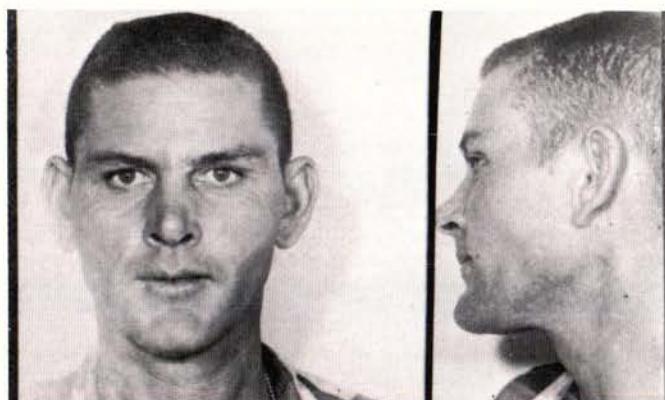
ROBERT PERRY CREEL

CREEL, Robert Perry — White Male. Date and place of birth 2-24-26, Dennison, Texas. Height — 6 feet, 2 inches; Weight — 200 pounds. Gray hair, hazel eyes, "U. S. N." anchor tattoo on left forearm. FBI No. 4 845 021. Believed to be accompanied by Ruth Kent, white female; may register as convicted felon. Warrant issued, charge worthless checks (4 misdemeanors and 1 felony). If apprehended notify Sheriff Duff, DeLand, Florida; or the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Tallahassee, Florida.



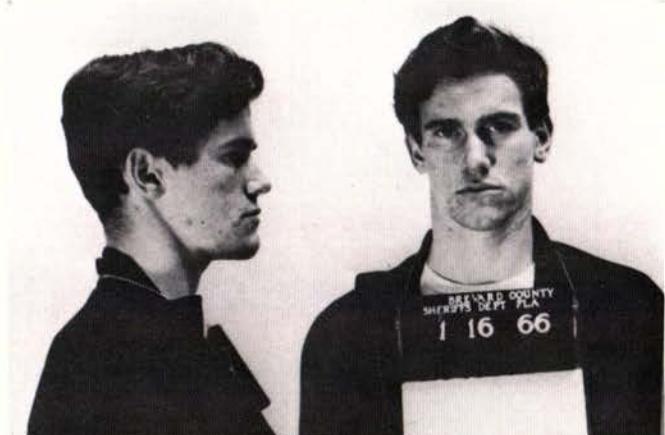
HOMER CLAYTON MEEKS

MEEKS, Homer Clayton — Alias REXALL, Homer Clayton. White Male. Date and place of birth 1-24-23, Ft. Pierce, Florida. Height — 5 feet, 11 inches; Weight — 170 pounds. Brown hair, hazel eyes. Tattoos: a heart with "Mother" on left arm and "girl" on the right arm. Occupation: commercial fisherman. FBI No. 4 545 731. Has had numerous heart attacks. Last known address: 141 N. W. 9th Street, Belle Glade, Florida. Warrants issued, charge escape (original charge of driving while intoxicated in Martin County). If apprehended notify Sheriff Baker, Stuart, Florida; or the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Tallahassee, Florida.



VERAS GRIFFIN

GRIFFIN, Veras — White Male. Date and place of birth 12-29-32, Lumberton, North Carolina. Height — 5 feet, 9 inches; Weight — 184 pounds. Brown hair, blue eyes, tattoo of a cross and initials V.P.G. on right arm. Subject has always worn crew cuts and it is believed that he has no teeth. Occupation: laborer. Warrants issued, charge grand larceny, will extradite. If apprehended notify Sheriff Murdock, Wauchula, Florida; or the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Tallahassee, Florida.



RONALD LORAIN WOMACK, JR.

WOMACK, Ronald Loraine, Jr. — White Male. Date and place of birth 5-12-48, Jessup, Georgia. Height — 5 feet, 9 inches; 150 pounds. Brown hair and eyes, scars on left elbow and hand, 3 inch scar on back of neck. SS No. 263-84-06-75. Capias issued, charge contributing to dependency. If apprehended notify Sheriff Wilson, Titusville, Florida; or the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Tallahassee, Florida.

Boys Ranch Has Tripled In Size

After careful consideration, the trustees of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch recently purchased 1,800 acres of valuable land adjacent to the present 737-acre ranch site.

The land, which includes 937 acres planted in pine trees 8 to 12 years old, was purchased for \$500,000 from Thomas Musgrave, the Suwannee County farmer who gave the original 120 acres on which the Boys Ranch was started.

In the early days of the Boys Ranch project, additional land was purchased to bring the total spread to 737 acres, and the property has remained at this level while the enrollment grew from a handful of boys in 1959 to a current capacity of 120.

The Ranch enrollment will continue to grow and more "elbow room" will be needed, not only for normal

expansion of facilities, but also to keep the boys and the ranch animals "out of the neighbors' hair."

This was one of the primary reasons for the purchase. Another was the fact that the land is expected to practically pay for itself through grain bank and tobacco allotments, and through harvesting of pine trees.

The Boys Ranch Trustees paid \$100,000 down on the property, and will pay the remaining \$400,000 over a ten-year period at an interest rate of only four per cent.

Boys Ranch Administrator Harry Weaver said the land will have many possible uses, such as:

1. Giving boys vocational training in timber production and management.

2. Providing financial security, not only for the present Ranch, but also for similar institutions that might be developed in other parts of the state.

3. Providing additional hunting areas for the boys.

He pointed out there are two excellent residences on the property which will be used for staff housing.

"If, at a later date, it became necessary or feasible, the Ranch could sell off the outer perimeters of all the Ranch property with no sacrifice to the normal care and development of boys, and with no depreciation in purchase value," Weaver added.

Only a small portion of the original Boys Ranch property fronted on the scenic Suwannee River. The new addition will add approximately two miles of valuable riverfront.

Weaver said the Ranch this fall will plant all available acreage in pine trees to further enhance the property. He said conservative estimates indicate that 100 acres of 20-year-old pines will produce \$40,000 worth of timber.

DEPUTIES ELECT

FORT PIERCE — Deputy Sheriff Arnie Myers (center) of the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department was elected president of the Florida Association of Deputy Sheriffs at the group's 17th annual convention. Martin County Sheriff Roy C. Baker was on hand to congratulate Myers. At right is Martin County Deputy Henry Herbert, host for the convention. (Photo by Ed Gluckler)



Sheriffs Ponder Ranch for Girls

Florida's Sheriffs have girls on their minds.

They are thinking seriously about establishing a home for needy and worthy girls similar to the nationally-famous Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, and they expect to make a final decision before the end of January, 1970.

The executive committee of the Florida Sheriffs Association's Board of Directors took an important first step on August 13, in St. Augustine, when it voted to recommend the project.

This recommendation will be taken to the Board of Directors; and, if the Board votes favorably, the proposal will be presented to the full membership of the Sheriffs Association at its Mid-Winter Conference, in January 1970.

If the home for girls becomes a reality, it is likely to be called the Florida Sheriffs Girls Villa, and located in Pinellas County.

This is due to the fact the Sunshine State Women's Chamber of Commerce, headquartered in Madeira Beach, has offered to turn its "Girls Villa" project over to the Sheriffs Association and the ladies would like to see it

located in Pinellas County in accordance with their original plans.

The women's group has been raising funds for Girls Villa, and has a substantial amount of money ready to turn over to the Sheriffs Association if the proposal goes through.

Girls Villa, like the Boys Ranch, will be supported entirely by voluntary contributions.

AFTER 25 YEARS

QUINCY — When Sarasota County Sheriff Ross E. Boyer came here recently to address the Kiwanis Club at the invitation of Gadsden County Sheriff Robert Martin, he recalled he had been a deputy sheriff in Gadsden County some 25 years earlier.

The year was 1944, and Boyer, then wearing the uniform of the Florida Highway Patrol, was deputized by Gadsden County Sheriff Otho Edwards to assist in handling a tense situation with racial overtones.

Now he is the President of the National Sheriff's Association, and a past president of the Florida Sheriffs Association. He has served as Sheriff of Sarasota County since 1952.

"WAY OUT" BROWNIES

CLEARWATER — Brownies unlike any grandmother ever made were discovered during a raid by Pinellas County Sheriff's deputies.

The innocent looking brownies were found to contain marijuana.

A chemist at the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, in Tallahassee, said marijuana produces the same effect when eaten as when smoked, but is not very tasty. Hence the brownies.

What A Birthday Party!

GIFTS VALUED AT
\$320,000 TO BE
“UNWRAPPED” DURING
DEDICATION CEREMONIES

The Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch will celebrate its 12th birthday on Sunday, October 12, by dedicating the new Carleton and Suzanna Tweed Gymnasium, valued at \$220,000; and the new Conn residence cottage valued at \$100,000, a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Fred Conn, of Tampa. Mr. and Mrs. Tweed, the donors responsible for the gymnasium, are from Coral Gables. More dedication details will be found on page 2.



GYMNASIUM



RESIDENCE COTTAGE