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Experience and Cool Head Save Sheriff's Life

BLOUNTSTOWN — Years of training in law enforcement and a cool head saved the life of Calhoun County Sheriff W. C. Reeder on March 7 when a teen-age prisoner threatened to shoot him.

The Sheriff had picked up the 16-year-old white youth for questioning about theft of an outboard motor and was taking him to the county jail in his car when the youth pulled a sawed-off, single-shot 22 calibre rifle from his boot and pointed it at the Sheriff's head. The stock had been removed from the rifle and the barrel was about two inches long.

"Stop or I'll shoot," the boy said.

But Sheriff Reeder, instead of slowing the car, started talking calmly to the boy and the boy lowered the gun so that it was pointing at his ribs.

Noting that the road was clear, the Sheriff suddenly jammed the brakes on with his left foot and at the same time grabbed the gun.

The gun went off, grazing the Sheriff's hand and wounding the boy in the left leg above the knee.

From that point on the Sheriff had no more trouble with his prisoner and placed him in jail after having his leg wound treated.

Sheriff Reeder said the minor wound in his hand was the first gun wound he had received in 14 years of law enforcement, and he hoped it would be the last.

It is very likely that a less experienced officer would have been killed or seriously wounded.

Three Named Life Members Of Association

Three persons have been voted Lifetime Honorary Memberships in the Florida Sheriffs Association as an expression of gratitude for support they have given to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

They are: Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Schwartz, former residents of Suwannee County, Florida, who are now stationed outside the U. S. on Navy duty; and Weir P. Williams, of Ft. Lauderdale.

The Schwartzes practice tithing (the custom of giving one-tenth of their income to the church and charity) and have donated a total of \$1,160 to the Ranch.

Williams, who maintains a residence in Ft. Lauderdale and operates a ranch in Polk County, gave \$2000 to the Boys Ranch as the initial contribution to finance a \$40,000 cottage as a memorial to Buster Condon, a close friend who died in an airplane crash in the Everglades.

Lifetime memberships in the Boys Ranch Founders Club were voted for Television Station WSUN, St. Petersburg; and Leonard Woodruff, St. Petersburg, for outstanding support given to the Ranch.



CLEARWATER—GENUNG'S FROGMEN—Three of Sheriff Don Genung's uniformed deputies receive instruction in skin diving from Owen O'Rourke (kneeling, second from left). They are (from left) Robert Falk, Carl McMullen and Roger Havens. Sheriff Genung said he plans to equip the deputies for underwater search and rescue work. (Clearwater Sun Photo)

Sheriff Spottswood Candidate For National Committeeman

John M. Spottswood, of Key West, Sheriff of Monroe County, is a candidate for Democratic National Committeeman.

Spottswood, who has been sheriff of Monroe County since 1952, is State Chairman of the Democratic Campaign Committee and has been active in various segments of the party in Florida for many years.

In addition to being chairman of the state campaign committee, he also is State Democratic Committeeman for Monroe County and Secretary of the State Democratic Committee for the Fourth Congressional District. He also served in an official capacity at the last three Democratic National Conventions.

The sheriff is not the only member of his family who is providing leadership for the Democratic Party in Florida. His wife, Mary, is State Committeewoman for Monroe County and vice chairman of the State Democratic Committee for the Fourth Congressional District.

Sheriff Spottswood said his background as a leader in the Democratic Party qualifies him for the national post.

"Florida has enjoyed a tremendous growth in the last decade," Spottswood said. "Population figures show that Florida has jumped from 20th to 10th place in the nation. That means Florida will gain additional representation in the

Escapes Took Bloodhound Along

CLEARWATER — Two escaped prison camp convicts took precautions to make sure they weren't recaptured—they took the camp's bloodhound with them!

Despite this precaution, however, escapees Elmer Duke and Daniel McKenzie were spotted by alert Sheriff's Deputy Don Anderson, as they were making a call in a telephone booth, and they were promptly returned to the camp.

House of Representatives, thereby giving Florida a larger voting delegation in the selection of the party's candidate for president.

"The growth of Florida also means our state has grown in (Continued on Page 8)



SHERIFF SPOTTSWOOD

Mrs. Spottswood and Sheriff Genung On Delegate Slate

Mrs. Mary Spottswood, of Key West, wife of Monroe County Sheriff John M. Spottswood, and Pinellas County Sheriff Don Genung, of Clearwater, are on the slate of Democratic National Convention delegates favoring U. S. Senator George Smathers as Florida's "Favorite Son" candidate for President.

Mrs. Spottswood will appear on the primary election ballot as a delegate-at-large and Sheriff Genung as a delegate from the First District.

Already active in party affairs, Mrs. Spottswood is State Committeewoman for Monroe County and vice chairman of the State Democratic Committee for the Fourth Congressional District.

Her husband, Sheriff Spottswood, is a candidate for Democratic National Committeeman.

Sheriffs Potent Anti-Crime Force Survey Shows

Sheriffs and their deputies constitute Florida's largest and most potent coordinated crime-fighting force.

Although already recognized, this fact was strongly emphasized recently when a Florida Sheriffs Association survey showed that the state's 67 sheriffs employ a total of 1,280 deputies and operate 815 modern patrol cars.

This small army of deputies does not include those whose duties are secretarial or clerical; those in larger counties who serve as court bailiffs, jailers and guards; or the hundreds of volunteers who are members of mounted posses, rescue squads, and other auxiliary units trained to assist sheriffs in emergencies.

The only other law enforcement force of any size that operates on a state-wide coordinated basis is the Florida Highway Patrol, a traffic law enforcement agency with 400 men and 400 cars in the field.

Municipal police officers, totaling about 4,000 men and 2,000 cars, constitute a potent crime-fighting force, but, due to the nature and limitations of their work, they do not have the close state-wide coordination that exists between sheriffs' departments.

From the above figures it is readily apparent that Florida's Sheriffs and their deputies are the "first line of defense" against crime.

This title has been earned, not only because the Sheriffs and their men constitute a large force in numbers, but also because their effectiveness has been steadily increasing in step with the demands of modern law enforcement.

Great strides have been taken in welding the sheriffs and their staffs into a coordinated state-wide striking force.

A state-wide teletype and radio network keeps the Sheriffs in close touch with each other, and also with other law enforcement agencies both inside and outside the state.

The Florida Sheriffs Association has done much to encourage cooperative action among sheriffs through conferences, schools and publications.

It has also been responsible for valuable legislation designed to increase the effectiveness of sheriffs' departments and knit them into closer working units.

In 1955 the Association sponsored a bill creating the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, a state agency whose primary function is to cooperate with and assist sheriffs and other local law enforcement officers.

The Bureau accomplishes this by operating a modern crime laboratory, maintaining extensive criminal identification files,

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Survey Data

Here is a summary of the recent Florida Sheriffs Association survey on deputies and automobiles covering all sheriffs' departments in the state:

Uniformed Deputies	840
Plain Clothes Deputies	440
Total Deputies	1280
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Marked cars	374
Unmarked cars	441
Total cars	815
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Cars Assigned to Traffic Duty	350
Cars Equipped with Radio	752

Alachua Records Well Kept Says Audit Report

TALLAHASSEE — The accounts and records of Alachua County Sheriff Joe M. Crevasse Jr., have been well and properly kept, according to a recent State Auditing Department report.

The report covered the period from April 1, 1958 to September 30, 1959.

It stated that the Sheriff's budgets were properly prepared and adhered to and his financial operations under the budget were well managed.

All collections of record were accounted for and records and operating procedures were generally adequate and efficient, the report added.

Fine and cost bonds were diligently collected by the Sheriff, the report said.

It also pointed out that, although not required by law, bids were secured for most major purchases as a matter of public interest.

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CLEARWATER—NERVE CENTER—Sheriff Don Genung (left) proudly points out to a group of his radio operators the key features of a 9,000 radio console which is part of his new communications headquarters, located at the Clearwater-St. Petersburg International Airport. This is the nerve center of a system which connects the sheriff's department with 16 Pinellas County police departments; seven other sheriff's departments in the area; a state-wide Civil Defense radio network; and a state-wide teletype network. The operators are (from left) Kenneth Hale (seated), Stanley Hawkins, Ernie Hutcheson, Claude O. Oller and Rufus B. Shirley. (Photo courtesy St. Petersburg Independent)

Hendry Given Jaycee Award

NAPLES—The Naples Junior Chamber of Commerce last month presented its first "Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer Award" to Collier County Sheriff E. A. Doug Hendry.

The Jaycees praised the Sheriff for modernizing his records and accounting systems; for putting his department under the budget system of financing; for operating economically and returning excess budget funds to the county each year; for organizing a capable, well-trained staff; and for his work with youngsters.

It was pointed out that Sheriff Hendry's staff includes one graduate of the FBI Academy; two graduates of Miami Police Academy; one graduate of the Army CBI School; 10 graduates of Fingerprint Classification School; three graduates of the Drunkometer School; two graduates of the Institute of Applied Science; three graduates of the Florida Police Academy; one graduate of the Florida Highway Patrol Traffic School and many other shorter courses.

The Sheriff's work with young people includes active support of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch; organization of a Junior Deputy Sheriff's League with a membership of about 100; and supervising the School Safety Patrol composed of some 125 boys and girls.

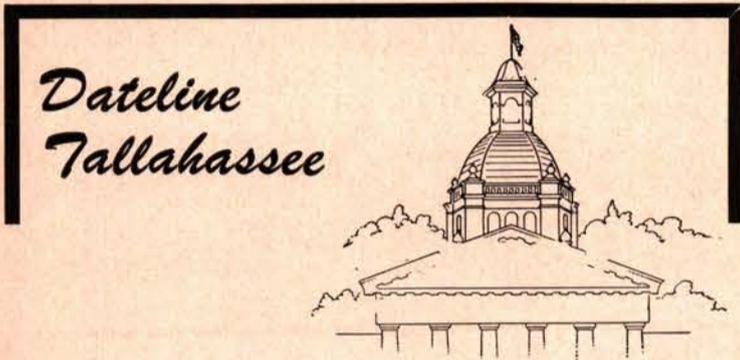
Carson & Johnston Get VFW Awards

JACKSONVILLE — Duval County Sheriff Dale Carson and one of his top aides, Duval County Road Patrol Chief W. F. Johnston, were selected to receive citations for outstanding service from the Florida Department of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The awards were scheduled to be presented at a sixth district quarterly meeting of the VFW here.



ZEPHYRHILLS—RANCH FOUNDER—Sheriff Leslie Bessenger presents a Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Founders Club certificate to Mrs. James Vaughn as an expression of gratitude for the German-made metal engraving tools valued at \$500 she donated to the Ranch. The tools belonged to her former husband, the late Joseph Gossner, who brought them here from his native Germany.



(This is the first of a series of articles designed to acquaint the public with the duties and functions of various state offices and agencies.)

By The Hon. Richard Ervin
Attorney General of the State of Florida

"Attorney general, duties, etc.—The Attorney General shall be the legal advisor of the Governor, and of each of the officers of the Executive Department, and shall perform such other legal duties as may be prescribed by law. He shall be Reporter for the Supreme Court." Article IV, Section 22, Constitution of Florida.



ATTORNEY GENERAL RICHARD ERVIN

It is in the above succinct language that the constitutional basis for the office of Attorney General of Florida is to be found. Lest, by its reading, anyone should be deceived into believing the office to be a "soft touch," I hasten to add that the legal duties prescribed by law touch upon almost every conceivable aspect of this state's government.

Since the office pre-dates the American Revolution, going back into the early days of the common law of England, and since Florida is a common law state, the Attorney General is possessed of the duties of this office as it existed at common law, except where modified by the Constitution or statutes. Accordingly, the Attorney General, representing the State, appears in all civil cases in the trial and appellate courts of this State (and also in the Federal Courts) where the State is a party, or has an interest, or where public rights are concerned. He also represents the State in all criminal matters before the appellate courts of this State. He is duty-bound to prosecute all actions necessary to protect state property and revenues. Included among his other common law duties are the prevention of public nuisances, enforcement of trusts and the vacating of corporation charters for violation of the charter or of the law.

By statute, the Florida Legislature has given the Attorney General some 72 separate and distinct powers and duties. One of the best known of these duties is the rendering of opinions on every conceivable type of legal problem to approximately 125 different public officials, state agencies, boards and commissions. Opinions are given, as well, to the officials of counties and municipalities.

Through the issuance of legal opinions requested by sher-

iffs and other law enforcement officers a close relationship has developed between the Attorney General's office and law enforcement officers generally.

Although many of our newer Florida citizens are not aware of it, the man elected Attorney General every four years is required under law to perform many duties outside of that office. As a member of the State Cabinet, he serves on 24 state boards, including the Budget Commission, Board of Pardon, Board of Commissioners of State Institutions, Board of Trustees of the Teachers Retirement System, and the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

The multi-faceted aspects of the job of Attorney General has created the need for an office organization to provide legal services without undue delay, and this need has been met through the creation of office divisions, each staffed by assistant attorneys general who are specialists in their chosen area.

All preliminary research, drafting of legal instruments, memoranda and opinions is done by these lawyers, with all final decisions made by the Attorney General. As one of our past Presidents of the United States was fond of saying: "The (passing of the) buck stops here."

The Attorney General, because of the magnitude of his job, utilizes some 30 assistants. This State's growth is evident when we consider that as recently as 1912 there was no appropriation made by the Florida Legislature for salaries for assistant attorneys general, and

all of the State's legal business was performed by the Attorney General alone.

The largest division in the Attorney General's office is known as the General Office. It handles the bulk of the opinions written by this office and all of the civil litigation in which the State is a party, or is concerned. In the past two years alone, such suits have totaled well over 575.

Most of the Criminal Appeals Division work is accomplished in Tallahassee, but the growth of the state (with a proportionate rise in crime) and the establishment of the District Courts of Appeal have necessitated the establishment of branch offices in Lakeland and Miami.

The Criminal Appeals Division represents the State in all criminal cases heard in the three District Courts of Appeal, the Supreme Court of Florida, and in the Federal Courts when the occasion arises. The division is also concerned with habeas corpus matters in these courts and in the circuit courts of this State. In all extradition matters, the division counsels the Governor concerning questions of law. It also processes letters from State prisoners dealing with every conceivable matter.

In 1943 the Legislature added the Statutory Revision Department to the Attorney General's office and provided for reference and bill drafting departments.

The Statutory Revision Department conducts a continuous study of the Florida statutes aimed at the elimination of duplications, reduction of bulk, removal of conflicting

laws, correction of mistakes in language, grammar and punctuation, the elimination of all repealed laws, and the addition of new laws.

About 85% of the bills introduced during the 1959 session of the Legislature were prepared by the bill drafting section of the department. Included were some 2,300 bills and 300 amendments prepared for every member of the Legislature, and for 60 governmental agencies.

One of the least known duties of the Attorney General is the preparation of legislative recommendations for submission to the Governor and to the Legislature. Prior to each session of the Legislature the Attorney General confers with the circuit judges and the prosecuting attorneys of the State, and prepares both his own and their recommendations for submission.

The full realization by the Legislature in 1949 as to the growth of organized crime in the State led to the creation of the Enforcement Division of the Attorney General's office. An indication of the tremendous sums of money made by organized crime that year was seen when it was revealed that a bookmaker paid \$40,000 to a Miami Beach hotel for the rental of a cabana in which to conduct his bookmaking concession.

As a result of the anti-bookmaking law enacted in 1949, which made it unlawful for any public utility to furnish wire service, telephone, telegraph, radio, television or any other form of communications which was to be used or intend-

ed to be used for gambling purposes, the Legislature struck at the jugular vein of organized crime.

Diligent enforcement of this and allied laws by the Enforcement Division, in cooperation with sheriffs and other officers, has dealt a death blow to organized "bookie" operations in Florida. Such operations as continue, do so on a sneak basis. Depriving the gamblers of their communications life line has, in great part, effectively deprived them of their illicit source of income. With the emasculation of organized bookmaking in Florida, the State's share from legal race track betting has increased over three million dollars a year.

The Enforcement Division, by its continuing cooperation with other law enforcement agencies, has also played a key part in the virtual eradication of big-time organized lottery operations in Florida.

The suppression of organized crime and protection of the citizens of this State from corruptive elements has been and continues to be one of the primary aims of the Attorney General.

Under the powers vested in the office, there exists a broad area of discretion exercised by the Attorney General. Through an intelligent, judicious use of the authority of the office, the Attorney General of this State is able to play a vital part in maintaining, under our constitutional form of government, the historic powers of the state directed toward the preservation of a Federal system with strong state and local governments.

Boys Ranch Round-Up

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

Boys Ranch Founders Club Roster Grows

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

- Suwannee River Riding Club, Branford
- Dr. James I. Szabo, Orlando
- Mrs. J. C. Carlton, Wauchula
- Dr. Fred A. Beale, Mt. Dora
- L. A. Peterson, Weirsdale
- Milton Campbell, Eustis
- Ralph G. Blodgett
- Philip H. Hardin, Laguna Beach
- Martin Johnson, Winter Haven
- Mrs. J. E. Brantly, Live Oak
- Vincent T. Hamlin, Sarasota
- Myron S. Greentree, Miami
- Otis W. Lipsey, Dade City
- William D. Lynch, Jr., Valley Station, Ky.
- Ronald T. Springer, Dunedin
- Winfred C. Decker, Sebring
- Carl T. Kendall, Pass-A-Grille Beach
- Larry Butler and His Satellites, Pensacola
- Ralph Connor, Treasure Island
- Palm Beach County Sheriff's Mounted Posse, West Palm Beach
- Retired Telephone Pioneers of Upper Pinellas County, Redington Beach
- Belk Lindsey Company of Dade City
- Herbert Wilson, Winter Haven
- Mrs. Dixie M. Hollins, St. Petersburg
- Nelson Weygant, St. Petersburg
- William B. Coleman, New Orleans, La.
- Bud Scott, St. Petersburg
- C. B. Rapp, St. Petersburg
- O. R. Zimmerman, Clearwater
- St. Vincent DePaul Society, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Pinellas Park
- Troop 37, Boy Scouts of America, Clearwater
- Mrs. John C. Rowlands, St. Petersburg
- Sarasota Bay Post 30, Sheriff's Auxiliary, Sarasota
- Palm Beach Kennel Club Corporation, West Palm Beach
- Robert Andrew Brown, Palm Beach
- Rotary Club of Gulf Beaches, Madeira Beach
- Mrs. W. S. Nichols, Lake City
- H. P. Bingham, Jr., Hobe Sound
- E. G. Green, Palm Beach
- C. E. Bradshaw, Orlando
- Mrs. Hans F. Heye, Clearwater
- Judge John Dickinson, St. Petersburg
- Credit Women's Club of St. Petersburg
- St. Petersburg Ladies of Elks, Inc., Madeira Beach
- O. J. Reussow, Largo
- The Van Dorn Iron Works Company, Jail and Prison Division, North Miami Beach.



WEST PALM BEACH—RANCH FOUNDER—Sheriff John F. Kirk (left) presents a Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Founders Club Certificate to Paul Sandiford Post No. 7672 Veterans of Foreign Wars as an expression of appreciation for support given to the Ranch. Shown accepting the certificate is Post Commander Leo V. Turner. (Photo by Sam R. Quincey)



CHIPLEY—FRONT VIEW—When the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch was launched back in 1957, Washington County Sheriff George Watts was selected to pose for the photograph above depicting a Sheriff leading a boy through the Ranch gateway. Later when this picture was adopted as the official symbol of the Ranch and became widely circulated, Sheriff Watts received a lot of ribbing about having the "most famous rear end in law enforcement." So, just to bring the record up to date, we present the recent picture below which shows the front side of the genial Sheriff with Andy Harrell, a Washington County boy now enrolled at the Ranch. Andy was wearing dark glasses at the time because of a recent eye operation which was arranged for him by Ranch officials. (Photo below courtesy Washington County News)



Mother Helps Ranch In Memory of Son

ST. PETERSBURG—Sheriff Don Genung reported that a St. Petersburg woman has pledged \$10 a month to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch in memory of her son, who was killed while in military service.

He said the generous mother gave \$60 to the Ranch just before Christmas and \$10 on January 31 as her first monthly contribution.

Legion Post Honors Genung

ST. PETERSBURG — To his many awards for outstanding service, Sheriff Don Genung recently added a citation from Long Key Post 305, American Legion.

The citation honored the Sheriff for his work on behalf of youth. This work includes his outstanding support of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, his efforts toward development of a juvenile detention home, and the organization of various youth groups, including a Junior Deputy Sheriffs League and a Junior Mounted Posse.

Genung is currently serving as chairman of the Boys Ranch trustees and formerly served as secretary. Through his efforts, Pinellas County is leading the state in donations to the Ranch.

Girl Musician Entertains Boys

Nettie Black, former Lake City girl and a graduate of Florida State University, recently entertained the boys at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch with a Sunday afternoon musical program.

She played a number of accordion selections and also led the boys in group singing while providing her own piano accompaniment.

She is employed as a Music Therapist at Sunland Training Center. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Black, of Lake City. Mr. Black is a former State Attorney.

Trustee Honored

DADE CITY—W. F. Edwards, Executive Vice-President of Pasco Packing Co., was recently elected president of the National Association of Frozen Food Packers. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

In Memoriam

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

- Fleet Reserve Association Branch 102, St. Petersburg; in memory of Everett W. Sheffield, USN, RET.
- H. Nelson Wallace, Dunedin; in memory of Mrs. Annabell Seekins, Lockport, N. Y.
- Mr. and Mrs. John R. Edison, Plant City; in memory of Raiford Brown, Plant City.
- Sheriff Willis V. McCall, Tavares; in memory of Sheriff Bart D. Broxson, Milton.
- Sheriff Willis V. McCall, Tavares; in memory of J. J. Queen, Leesburg.
- Miss Helen Fetter, Clearwater; in memory of Charles Chase, Dover-Foxcroft, Maine.
- Fleet Reserve Association, Sunshine Branch 102, St. Petersburg; in memory of John Law, CBT, USN, RET and Philip Wauschke, CCM, USN, RET.
- C. J. Ellis, Tampa; in memory of Thomas Reid Williams, St. Petersburg.
- James D. Blakely, Lake Park; in memory of S. J. Blakely.
- B. W. Helvenston, Jr., Live Oak; in memory of Gordon Damon, Austin, Texas.
- Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Spence, DeFuniak Springs; in memory of William Monroe Smith, Pensacola.
- C. J. Ellis, Tampa; in memory of J. H. Persons, Atlanta, Ga.
- Palm Beach County Sheriff's Mounted Posse, West Palm Beach; in memory of Bill Brown.
- Comdr. Wesley A. Sherberth, USN, RET, Kissimmee; in memory of Pierce Penberthy, Winter Park.
- Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Brown, Shamrock; in memory of Hugh Wilder.
- Guy B. Hill, Ocala; in memory of Deputy Sheriff Francis Glenn Smith.
- W. Conrad Dutton, Ocala; in memory of Glenn Smith.
- Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Spence, DeFuniak Springs; in memory of William Hugh Wallace, Nashville, Tennessee.
- Mrs. Celia E. Porter, St. Petersburg; in memory of Elmer G. Porter.
- Mrs. Helen C. Sheldon, Lake Alfred; in memory of Dr. Laura Heath Hills.
- C. J. Ellis, Tampa; in memory of Mr. W. L. Rand, Atlanta, Ga.
- Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Egan, St. Petersburg Beach; in memory of Sheriff Sid Saunders.
- Mrs. Alan Harper and William Harper, St. Petersburg; in memory of Charles H. Harper, Naval Air Cadet.
- Mrs. Elizabeth P. Harper and William Harper, St. Petersburg; in memory of Charles H. Harper.
- Mrs. John F. Cerny, Lake Worth; in memory of John P. Cerny.
- Mrs. Charles S. Tiemann, St. Petersburg; in memory of Charles S. Tiemann.
- Mrs. Evelyn S. Wacker, Laurel; in memory of Mrs. A. M. Bailey.
- Mrs. Charles Walker, Clearwater; in memory of Robert Kirkpatrick.
- Mrs. Bertha Reddy, Dunedin; in memory of Thomas Reddy.

The Memorial Fund will perpetuate the memory of deceased relatives and friends by providing the financing for a facility of permanent significance such as a Ranch chapel.

Send contributions to Memorial Fund, Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, P. O. Box 649, Live Oak, Florida.

They should be accompanied by:

- (1) The name and address of the contributor.
- (2) The full name of the person in whose memory the contribution is given.
- (3) The name and address of the deceased person's next of kin to whom notification of the gift is to be sent.

ALL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE BOYS RANCH ARE INCOME TAX-DEDUCTIBLE.

Hobby Likes Zone System

SANFORD—Seminole County Sheriff J. L. Hobby reports that a new zone system of law enforcement he recently installed is "very effective and is working to the advantage of the taxpayer because it is more economical."

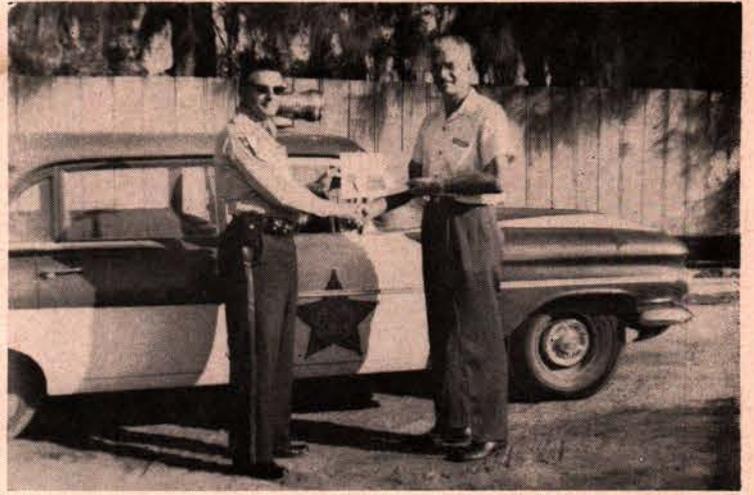
The system divides the county into zones and assigns deputies to patrol these zones exclusively.

"Having deputies assigned to permanent districts puts them in a position to answer calls immediately and to check stores and business places at regular intervals," Sheriff Hobby explained.

He said the new system, in addition to giving the people better law enforcement, has already produced savings in funds spent for gasoline, tires and patrol car repairs.



FT. MYERS—TOP RIDERS—Sheriff Flanders Thompson (left) presents trophies to teen-agers who won a series of riding contests sponsored by his mounted posse. Pictured with him (from left) are Grant Murphy, overall winner; John M. (Bill) Longnecker, posse chairman; Miss Bertha (Bert) Lauth, age 17-19 winner; Miss Jenny Hessler, top girl rider; and Ray Beckler, fair chairman and posse parade director. The riding contests for juniors, called Gymkhanas, were held over a period of several months with the finals featured on the program of the South-west Florida Fair, February 6.



DADE CITY—MORE RANCH SUPPORT—Pasco County Sheriff Leslie Bessenger has done an outstanding job in getting support for the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. Evidence of this is contained in the above pictures showing Deputy Sheriff Ronald F. Northrup presenting Boys Ranch Founders Club certificates to major contributors. The recipients are (top photo) William J. Lecates, manager of the Florida Athletic and Health Club, Lake Como; and (bottom) Mr. and Mrs. John H. Grieshop, Land O' Lakes.

Posse Formed In Manatee

BRADENTON — Manatee County Sheriff Herman Turner announced the organization of a 15-man mounted posse.

He said the major duty of the posse members will be to augment the regular sheriff's department force in times of emergency or disaster.

The posse will elect its own chief deputy, assistant chief deputy, treasurer and secretary. Deputy Dudley D. Goulden, formerly state major-at-large with the Florida Highway Patrol Auxiliary, will serve as liaison officer between the sheriff's department and the posse.

"The formation of this posse is one of the most important forward steps the sheriff's department has made. The public service provided by these volunteers will be of inestimable value to law enforcement in general and Manatee County in particular," Sheriff Turner said.



Genung Backs Detention Home

CLEARWATER—Sheriff Don Genung has strongly endorsed a plan to build a juvenile detention home in Pinellas County and is a member of a committee formed to study the problem of proper facilities.

He disclosed in a report that almost 900 juveniles, ranging in age from 13 to 16 years, were held in the St. Petersburg and Pinellas County jails during 1959 while awaiting Juvenile Court action.

Offenses on which they were held ranged from vandalism to rape, burglary, assault, robbery, illegal possession of alcoholic beverages, drunkenness and running away.

Each spent between 2 and 14 days behind bars awaiting investigation of crimes and appearance in court.

Genung said youngsters who are put behind bars often emerge embittered and hardened by the experience.

He said the county needs a detention home where rehabilitation of wayward children can begin immediately, free from the atmosphere of a jail and its criminal stigma.

Sheriff Promoted

WAUCHULA—Hardee County Sheriff E. Odell Carlton was recently promoted to the rank of captain in the U. S. Naval Reserve. He served with Naval Intelligence during World War II and prior to his promotion held the rank of commander in the Reserve.



WEST PALM BEACH—OUTSTANDING DISPLAY—Thousands of persons visited a law enforcement display presented by Sheriff John Kirk at the recent Palm Beach County Fair. In the top picture the Sheriff (right) and his son, Chief Deputy Sheriff John F. Kirk Jr., admire a special award ribbon awarded to the display. The middle picture shows Deputy Sheriff Charles Root explaining fingerprinting techniques to a visitor; and the bottom photo shows a portion of the display. (Photos by Sam Quincey)

florida sheriffs bureau

Signal 14

(Information)

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DON MCLEOD Director

Plans for the Florida Sheriffs Bureau Check Seminar to be held at Tallahassee on March 9 and 10 have been completed, and according to the Bureau as of March 5, over 60 law enforcement officers throughout the state planned on attending the two-day affair.

The seminar, which will have been completed when this issue of The Star is published, is designed to get all Florida law enforcement officers together for a pooling of ideas which may help solve the serious problem of worthless checks in the state. Estimates show that 35 to 40 million dollars worth of bad checks are passed in the state annually, according to FSB Director Don McLeod. The enormity of this figure seems reason enough for having state law enforcement officers get together for a thorough airing of the problem.

Among the speakers scheduled to speak at the seminar are Harry M. Ashton, St. Petersburg, examiner of questioned documents; State Senator Wilson Carraway, president of Tallahassee Bank and Trust Company; William D. Hopkins, State Attorney of the Second Judicial District; and Assistant Attorney General Reeves Bowen.

The seminar is the first step in a coordinated state-wide effort to curtail the activity of worthless check passers.

Employees of the FSB Identification Section continue to have good success in latent fingerprint cases submitted by

sheriffs and police departments from throughout the state. During the month of February, the section received 13 cases and came up with nine identifications after making some 4,280 latent fingerprint comparisons. Ident received 4,924 fingerprint cards from law enforcement agencies in the state, and this figure continues to climb monthly.

Albert B. Ground, head of the FSB Identification Section, has been under the weather for some time, and presently is at Mt. Alto Hospital in Washington, D. C. All Bureau employees are hoping Al makes a speedy recovery and will be happy to see him return to his desk at Ident. With Al temporarily out of circulation, Charles Gilbert is filling in for him.

James Halligan of the FSB Crime Laboratory reports that work in that vital Bureau section continues a steady increase. During the past month, the Lab received 30 new cases involving burglaries, homicides, attempted rapes and a variety of other criminal cases.

Halligan, Ron Dick of the Document Examination Section, and Bureau Ballistician Leslie Smith, were in Chicago recently for the annual meeting of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences. According to these laboratory employees, many new ideas which should prove mighty helpful in the FSB Laboratory were exchanged at the sessions.



PENSACOLA—SECRET WEAPONS—This picture taken at the recent Mid-Winter Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association explains the success of five sheriffs who are now holding key positions in the Association. They are (from left): Mrs. Flanders Thompson, Ft. Myers, wife of the president; Mrs. Emmett Shelby, Pensacola, wife of the first vice-president; Mrs. Ross Boyer, Sarasota, wife of the immediate past president; Mrs. Dave Starr, Orlando, wife of the second vice president; and Mrs. John Spottwood, Key West, wife of the chairman of the board of directors. (Photo courtesy Pensacola Journal)



MARIANNA—SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT—Sheriff Roy Roberson congratulates Patricia Currey, an outstanding student at the Florida School for Boys, Marianna, who was awarded a full-expense Florida Sheriffs Association scholarship to attend Chipola Junior College here. Also in the picture are (from left): Florida School for Boys Principal John Meyer, who developed a special tutoring program for scholarship candidates; Arthur Dozier, who is superintendent of the School for Boys and also Director of State Child Training Schools; and Charles Simmons, another Sheriffs Association scholarship recipient, who has already successfully completed a summer session and one semester at Chipola.

High Percentage Of Crimes Solved

ORLANDO—A recent report shows that Sheriff Dave Starr is doing an outstanding job as the chief law enforcement officer in Orange County. The report by Lt. Victor E. Collins, head of Sheriff Starr's identification department, revealed that Orange County is solving approximately 80 per cent of its crimes. Collins said most counties average approximately 20 per cent.

Reader Expresses Thanks for Help Received on Trip

Dear Editor: I wish to extend my sincere thanks and praise to all of the members of the Sheriffs' Departments of Martin, Palm Beach and Broward Counties. The great assistance given to me at a time when I was so dejected and sad was greatly appreciated and will always be remembered. As the story unfolds, I was driving to Hollywood from Eau Gallie on February 14, to try and see my dying Father. At Stuart my car broke down leaving me stranded for "time." My Mother appealed to the Broward County Sheriff's Department, who in turn relayed a call to the Martin County offices. I was picked up and speedily taken from county to county to reach my Father's home.

If possible I wish to express my thanks to all those who helped me at my time of need. I was hoping you could put in some lines of appreciation that they all could read in "THE SHERIFFS STAR."

My sincere thanks,
Charles H. Stoope
1042 Sun Circle
Eau Gallie, Florida



OCALA—POURING SESSIONS—Sheriff F. L. McGehee is shown above (third from right in top photo and extreme left bottom photo) supervising the dumping of 260 gallons of moonshine seized from confiscated automobiles by Deputy Sheriff Boatwright (top photo, fourth from left). State Beverage Department Agents assisting in the dumping operations are A. B. Auvil, S. A. Mills (left, top photo) and Tommy Dean (second from right, top photo.)



MOORE HAVEN—BOYS RANCH BARBECUE—Sheriff Roy D. Lundy (left) accepts with thanks a check for \$240 representing the proceeds from a barbecue held by the Moore Haven American Legion Post for the benefit of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. Farris H. Davis, commander of the Legion Post, is shown presenting the check. (photo by Vince Tata)

Stolen Suitcase Recovered Quickly In Hamilton Co.

JASPER—A hitch-hiker who stole a suitcase and some cash from a Jacksonville resident was quickly apprehended by Hamilton County Sheriff Charlie Rhoden, White Springs Police Chief Fryer and "Po-Boy," ace bloodhound of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department.

The robbery occurred south of Jasper, as the Jacksonville resident was returning from North Carolina. A phone call to Chief Fryer, who in turn called Sheriff Rhoden, closed the case in a matter of only a few hours with the arrest of the hitch-hiker.

Aster Taylor, the owner of the suitcase, praised the officers for their good work and expressed his sincere gratitude.

In a letter to the editor of the Jasper News, he said: "The people of Hamilton County should support these fine people and White Springs has a Police Chief they should be proud of."



DADE CITY—STILL OF THE MONTH—Sheriff Leslie Bessenger has been knocking off moonshine stills at the rate of at least one a month. Here he is pictured (left) during a recent raid on a 60-gallon layout in the Westley Chapel area. Shown assisting him are State Beverage Department Agents W. A. Woodruff (center) and W. V. Whaley Jr.

Sheriffs Assn. Congratulated On Selection of President

FT. MYERS—The Ft. Myers News Press, a daily newspaper, recently printed an editorial congratulating the Florida Sheriffs Association for selecting highly qualified Lee County Sheriff Flanders Thompson as its current president.

Here is a portion of the text of the editorial: "The elevation of Snag Thompson to the presidency of the Florida Sheriffs Assn. is an honor not only for the sheriff but for Lee County. It constitutes recognition of the modern and efficient law enforcement department he has built up and administered in the three terms he has served so far.

"When Thompson first took office in 1949 the sheriff's force here consisted of a handful of deputies working out of the old

jail in the rear of the courthouse with little of the modern equipment that is often taken for granted today. During his tenure the new county jail was built. Modern two-way radio communication was installed between the headquarters and the patrolling deputies—a communication facility that has performed many services outside the normal scope of law enforcement, such as in time of storm or other emergency. An up to date identification bureau has been established, headed by an expert of such widely recognized ability that his services are called upon at times by other counties, some of them larger than Lee. The staff of deputies has been expanded to provide protection for all the far-flung communities of the county, some of them in areas not even settled when Thompson was first elected. And through it all the office has been marked by clean and efficient administration.

"The phenomenal growth of Lee County, of course, has demanded the expanded and modernized law enforcement department which the sheriff heads. But to him must go the credit for keeping abreast of the demands and fulfilling the needs. That this has been achieved in Lee County is recognized by the other sheriffs throughout the state."

Boatmen Organize To Assist Sheriff

SARASOTA — Boatmen on Casey Key have organized a "water posse" to assist Sheriff Ross Boyer in rescue and water safety activities.

Eric Erickson is acting commander of the new unit and Jerry Stephenson is secretary. Sheriff Boyer appointed Deputy Sheriff C. N. (Cap) Stevens as liaison officer between the sheriff's department and the new organization.



PENSACOLA—NICE WORK—Hardee County Deputy Sheriff John Douthit discovered that the ordinarily grim business of law enforcement has its lighter and more enjoyable moments when he attended the Mid-Winter Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association here last month. A newspaper photographer asked him to pose with these two pretty girls, Delores Baggett and Jan Anderson, both of Pensacola, who assisted with the conference registration duties.

TOP CITIZEN

ARCADIA — DeSoto County Sheriff Lloyd Holton has been named Citizen of the Year by District 10 Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Sheriff Holton was presented a citizenship trophy by Peace River Post Commander Horace Hill.

Helps Dimes Drive

PUNTA GORDA — Charlotte County Sheriff Travis Parnell took an active part in the county's March of Dimes drive held during January by delivering coin canisters to places of business. Mrs. Helen Wotitzky, county campaign director, credits the sheriff's assistance with giving the drive a tremendous boost.



DeLAND—MOONSHINE SUGAR GETS IN JAM—Volusia County Jail Matron Lillie Baxter inventories jams and preserved fruits in which she used sugar confiscated from moonshiners. (Photo by Ailmore)

Jail Matron's Success Formula: Give 'em Kindness and Good Food

by Helen Coble

DELAND — You just can't keep Mrs. Lillie Baxter out of the Volusia County jail.

For three years she's been matron of the jail, and despite the problems in caring for her "guests" she says she loves her work more each day.

Sheriff Rodney B. Thursby is the first to admit how important it is to any sheriff to have an efficient and kind matron. An inefficient matron can bring public censure on a sheriff. A good one not only brings public praise but also saves the sheriff operating costs in running a jail.

Lillie Baxter was 50 years old before she found a job she loved—that was when she took over as jail matron.

Few Complaints

"I haven't any choice in my guests. I can't turn them down like a hotel can," she explains. "But I can do my best to see that the jail is kept as clean as possible and that every inmate receives good food and proper medical care."

Since she has taken over the responsibility of the purchasing, supervising the cooking and handling the women prisoners, there have been few complaints.

Three meals a day including meat at each one are dished out. She insists the jail be kept as clean as possible.

Her biggest problem is keeping the old building free of vermin. New prisoners (men as well as women) must shower and put on clean clothes. If they have none of their own, she lends them garments given by various organizations until their personal clothing is laundered.

"Guests" Include Murderers

Her "guests" have ranged from murderers to thieves, from juveniles to mental incompetents. Sometimes prisoners go on a rampage but their rebellion doesn't last long.

She doesn't believe in any bread and water treatment for discipline. She says the soli-

tary cells are sufficient punishment.

"Kindness reaches anyone's heart quicker than meanness," she says and her actions prove it.

"I can get as hard as nails if I have to, but I find most every prisoner responds to being treated fairly."

She is a staunch believer in keeping her word to prisoners so they will know they can trust her. One young man, before being sent to another institution, entrusted her with his personal keepsakes including his grandmother's Bible to keep "till I come back and claim it."

Honor Code

Mrs. Baxter leaves her purse on the desk in the anteroom. Trustees and new prisoners file back and forth constantly. Yet she has never missed one thing. In fact, an honor code has developed at the jail even among transients that nothing on her desk is to be touched. When prisoners want to keep cigarettes or something special, they place them on her desk knowing that no one will touch them.

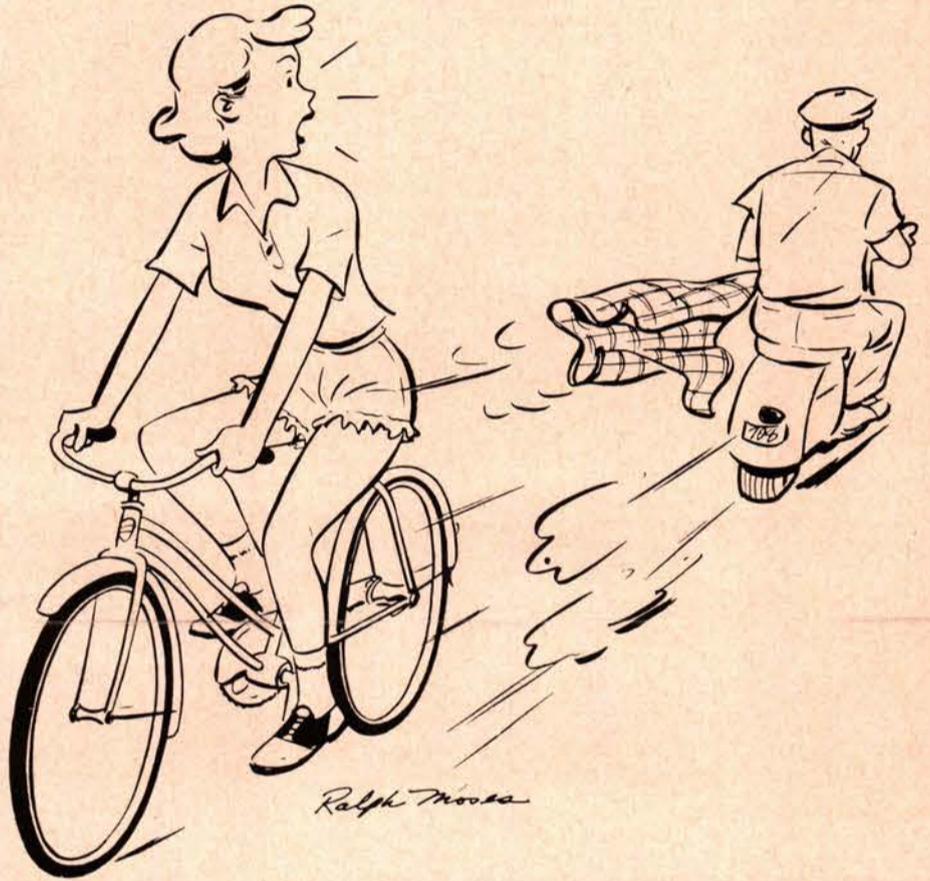
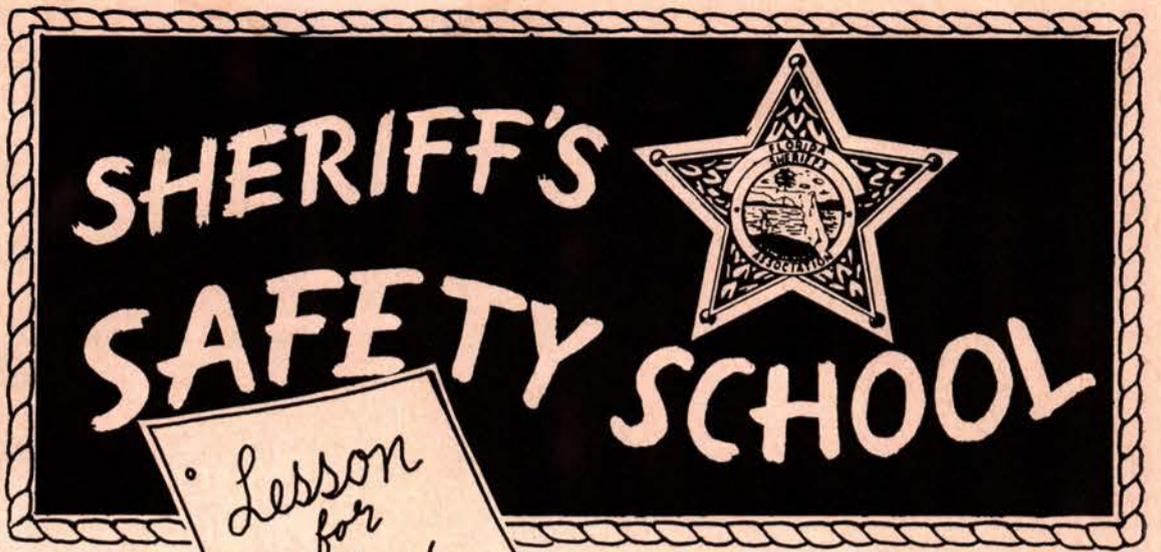
She has her problems. The men prisoners constantly tear up linens. The women prisoners wash and mend them. Juveniles and incompetents require special care.

She's proud of what she turns out from her kitchen. She thinks it is "terrible" to ruin good food with careless cooking. Venison and fish confiscated from illegal catches make special treats for the prisoners.

She cans excess vegetables raised at the county convict camp. Even the moonshine raids add to her larder. She takes the sugar and cans fruits for use in the jail.

The only thing that bothers her at times is that some vagrants arrive cold, dirty and hungry. After a few days in her hotel, some tell her they don't want to leave.

They never had it so good!



You Never Know...

It pays to be careful because you never know what's going to happen next—and it could happen to you.

Vivid proof of this well-worn axiom is contained in the National Safety Council's round-up of freak accidents for 1959. Here are a few of them:

Miss June Sandy, a highly proper young lady of 17, was riding her bike demurely down the crowded main street of highly proper Whitstable, England, on a busy Saturday afternoon when a passing motor scooter brushed against her. Whoosh! There went Miss Sandy's dress down the street on the scooter. Was she embarrassed!

Ted Goreau, of Hampton, S. C., was understandably skeptical when his wife explained away a dent in the fender of the family car by insisting that a house had run into it. She wasn't kidding. The car had been parked. The house was being moved down the street. These careless house drivers!

Air Force Warrant Officer Mort Schechter would have found it easy to believe Mrs. Goreau. Driving along in Anchorage, Alaska, during a severe windstorm, his car was struck by a 14-foot aluminum boat which had sailed nearly half a block in the gale before it crashed through Schechter's windshield.

Two cars collided in Petersburg, Va. "Names, please," said the traffic officer. "William Ashby, 35, Petersburg," replied driver of car No. 1. "William Ashby, 35, Petersburg," said driver of car No. 2. Their cars had collided, and each suffered a broken right arm. They were not related.

Baldasaro Palmentere, of Kansas City, Mo., literally found himself up a tree when his car blew a tire near Joplin, Mo., went off the road, overturned twice and tossed him 60 feet through the air and into the treetop. He was uninjured except for cuts and bruises, some of which he incurred climbing down.

Robert B. Richmond, of Winchester, Mass., and his 6-year-old son John changed seats—and cars—informally when their Model T touring car collided headon with a more modern convertible near Pembroke, Mass. The impact of the crash sent young John flying through the air into the lap of the driver of the other car, John Swan Jr. Pop Richmond soared gracefully from his seat into the rear seat of the other car. Neither father nor son was hurt severely, nor was Swan. But they all agreed there must be an easier way to change seats.

Maybe they're making these little cars too little. A raccoon knocked one off the road when they collided near Rhinelander, Wis., driver John Welch ruefully reported. And a jack-rabbit wrecked another little sportster in Alpine, Tex., to the dismay of owner Floyd Richmond. The latter contest may not have been quite fair, since it was a Texas jackrabbit.

WANTED PERSONS

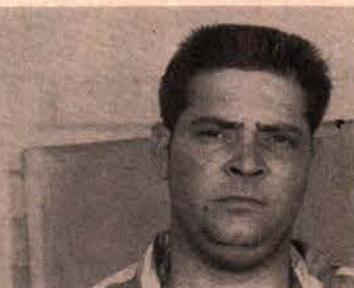
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JAN PERKINS
Colored male, age 31, 5 feet, 8 inches tall, weighs 140 pounds, black hair, brown eyes, light complexion. FPC: 25/2, W/U, MO/10, 11. Ref: 10/10. Has worked at landscaping for past 15 years and will no doubt seek work in this field. Felony warrant has been issued, charge of Aggravated Assault in which he attacked several white women with a butcher knife. He is considered armed and very dangerous. Possibly going insane. If apprehended notify Police Department, West Palm Beach, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



BEN L. ROBERTS
White male, age 26, 6 feet tall, weighs 190 pounds, brown hair and eyes, ruddy complexion. FPC: 22, 21/11, W/W, MO/MO, 8. Warrant issued,



charge Violation of Probation. FBI stop has been placed. If apprehended notify Sheriff Blackburn, Tampa, Florida or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.

MISSING



SEPHANIE YAKES

White female, age 15, 5 feet 7 inches tall, weighs 130-135 pounds, light brown hair, blue eyes. Has been missing or a runaway from home since October 20, 1959, but not reported to authorities until January 1960. There is a possibility she is with a JOE MODZEL who is driving a 1951 Ford New York License CQ-2935. Any station knowing subject's whereabouts contact Sheriff Norvell, Fort Pierce, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



HARRY HUBERT WALKER
White male, age 45, 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighs 130-140 pounds, slender build, dark hair, fair complexion, penciled lined mustache. Bartender by trade, and will probably seek work in that field. Formerly bartender at Trailway Bar and Package Store, Orlando and on night of 2-11-60 closed bar and took off with the receipts which amounted to over \$2000, also took a .32 cal S&W short bar-

rel revolver. Suspect was driven to a motel in Cocoa, Fla., where he was met by a white female, named VIVIAN, described as 5 feet 5 inches tall, dark hair, dark complexion, long nose. Walker is known to be armed with a .45 caliber Army revolver and the S&W, is considered dangerous. Warrant issued. If apprehended notify Police Department, Orlando, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



ISAAC SMITH
Alias "BULLEY", colored male, date and place of birth 5-22-18, Savannah, Ga., 5 feet, 8 inches tall, weighs 190 pounds, medium build, dark complexion, wears mustache. Left arm partially disabled, cannot open last



3 fingers, left hand. FPC 9, O/M, 1/17, U/U, 111/111, 6. FBI #2111119. Capias issued, charge Assault to Kill. If apprehended notify Sheriff Kirk, West Palm Beach, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.

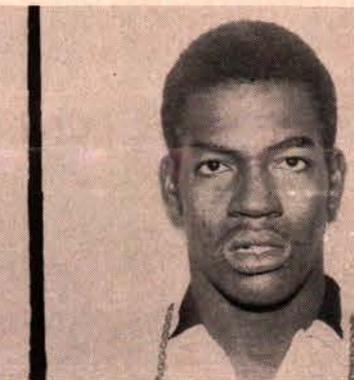


THOMAS DAVID ROUSE
White male, about 24, 5 feet, 11 inches tall, weighs 150-160 pounds, blond hair, crew cut, blue eyes. FBI #766067C. FPC: 1/25, R/R, 010/101, 21. Left Freeport, Fla., 2-20-60, desti-

nation unknown. Warrant issued, charge Breaking and Entering. If apprehended notify Sheriff Miller, DeFuniak Springs, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



JOHN LINGO, JR.
Alias **JOHN COLLINS, Jr.**, colored male, age 25, 5 feet, 10 inches tall, weighs 170 pounds, black hair, brown eyes, dark complexion. FPC: 18, M/L, 11/10, U/U, OMO/OMI, 17.



Ref. 11/12. Wanted for Breaking and Entering to Commit Grand Larceny. I apprehended notify Sheriff Kirk, Palm Beach County, Belle Glade Station, or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



NORMA GENE LEWIS

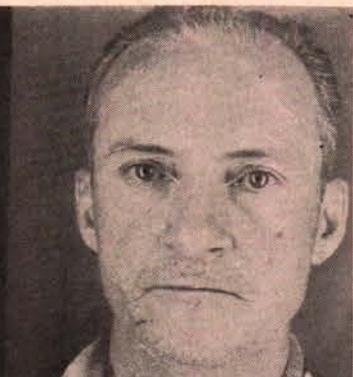
White female, age 21, 5 feet, 4 inches tall, weighs 105 pounds, dark auburn hair, brown eyes. May be using last name "GUINER". Subject left home alone, in November 1959, bought a bus ticket to Dothan, Alabama. Any station knowing of subject's whereabouts please notify Sheriff Andrews, Bonifay, Florida or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.

BAD CHECK ARTIST'S GALLERY

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

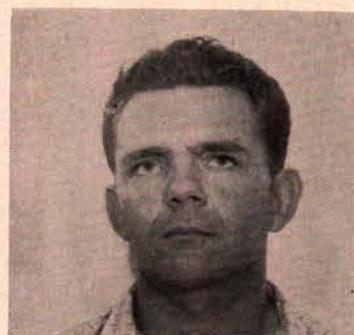


LAWRENCE MICHAEL GARVEY
Alias W. A. FROST, white male, age 46, 5 feet, 8 inches tall, weighs 145 pounds, brown hair, grey eyes, ruddy complexion, scar on right side of forehead. FBI #4239735. Has worked as a vending machine and TV repairman. Subject indicated he was going to the Miami area. Warrants outstanding for Auto Theft and Worthless Checks. If apprehended notify Police Department, Clearwater, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



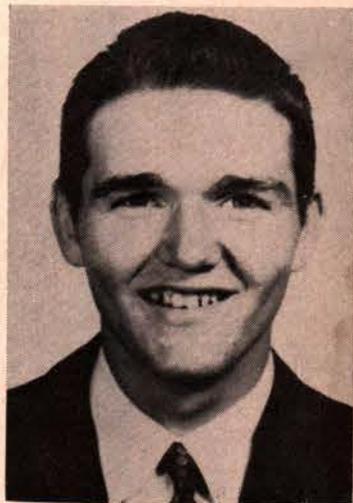
SHINNICK

RICHARD L. GOFF
White male, date and place of birth 8-6-30, South Bend, Indiana, 5 feet, 11 1/2 inches tall, weighs 170 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes. FBI #720-307A. Reportedly frequents auto auctions. Believed to be in the Tampa area. Warrants issued on charges Larceny, fugitive warrant, and Worthless Checks. If apprehended notify Sheriff Blackburn, Tampa, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



GOFF

RONALD SHINNICK
White male, age 21, 6 feet tall, brown hair and eyes, light complexion. Has wife, BEVERLY and 4 year old son RONALD. Shinnick was last known to be driving a brown colored 1954 Chrysler Windsor. Capias #56463 issued, charge Worthless Checks. If apprehended notify Sheriff Kirk, West Palm Beach, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



ERNEST W. HARPER, JR.

White male, age 16, 5 feet, 8 inches tall, weighs 155 pounds, dark hair, almost black, blue eyes; hole in front teeth. Has been missing since November 21, 1959. Any person knowing this subject's whereabouts please contact his mother, Mrs. Lelia Harper, 16 19th Avenue, Birmingham 15, Alabama, the Police Dept., Tallahassee, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.

Pasco Sheriff Forms Auxiliary For Rescue and Disaster Work

DADE CITY—Pasco County Sheriff Leslie Bessenger has organized a county-wide auxiliary to assist him and his deputies in the event of serious emergencies or disasters.

Launched with an initial staff of 41 men, the auxiliary is made up primarily of members of the National Guard and various fire departments.

The auxiliaries will provide the ground forces for a land - sea - and - air plan being developed by Sheriff Bessenger to cope with all types of situations. An air posse and a water rescue squad equipped to handle assignments in the Gulf of Mexico as well as inland waters were organized earlier.

The water rescue unit is headed by Deputy Sheriff Basil Gaines and its equipment includes a 34-foot radio-equipped boat based at New Port Richey.

The air posse is headed by Leonard Clark, of Dade City, and it is currently utilizing three private planes for search and rescue work.

Harvey Worthington, former chief of Dade City's fire department, is commander of the ground auxiliary; and George Tucker, Pasco County's Civil Defense Director, is assistant commander.

The organizational plan of the auxiliary divides it into five companies. Members of the National Guard are designated as Company One; San Antonio Fire Department is Company Two; Zephyrhills Fire Department is Company Three; New Port Richey Fire Department is Company Four; and Dade City Fire Department is Company

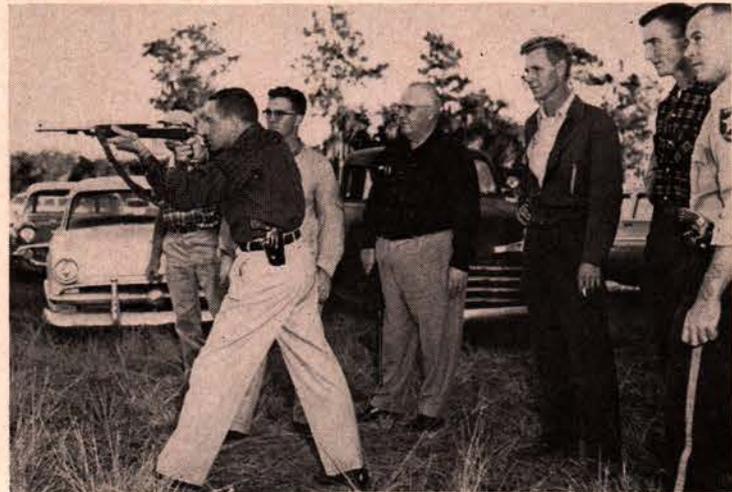
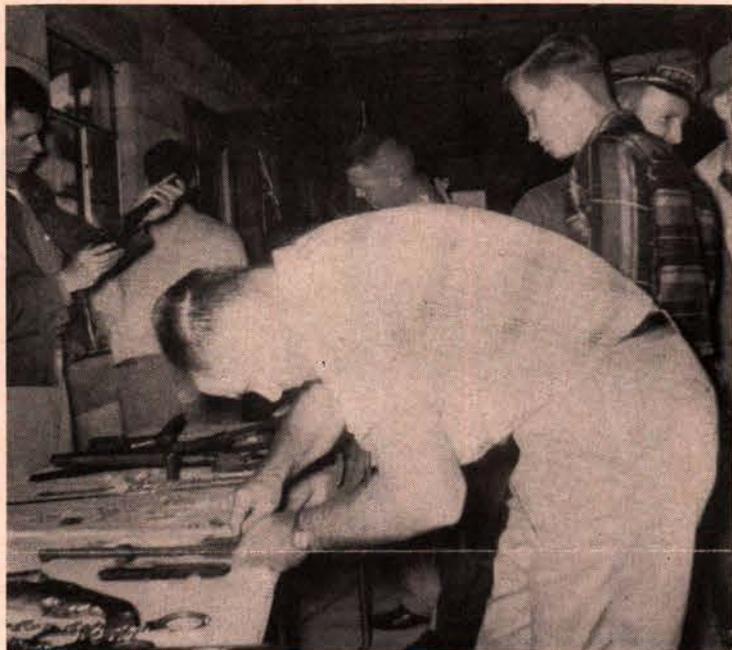
Five. The organizational meeting of the Auxiliary was held recently at King Lake Lodge with county commissioners, mayors and chiefs of police of various

communities in attendance. Sheriff Bessenger said the need for an Auxiliary unit was made apparent when a tornado struck Dade City last April. This is only one type of emer-

gency in which it will be useful, he said, and it will also provide a direct chain of command to coordinate rescue and disaster work throughout the county or in any given area.



PASCO AUXILIARY—Here is a group picture of the county-wide auxiliary organized by Pasco County Sheriff Leslie Bessenger.



FIRING RANGE ACTION—The pictures above show the Pasco County Sheriff's Auxiliary at the firing range during its first meeting. One picture shows the men cleaning guns and the other shows them on the firing line.



AUXILIARY LEADERS—Sheriff Leslie Bessenger (center) with Harvey Worthington (right), commander of the sheriff's auxiliary; and George Tucker, assistant commander.

Deputy Makes Lottery Haul

KEY WEST—A deputy sheriff described as having "a nose for crime" recently made one of the biggest hauls of lottery racket loot in the history of Monroe County.

Deputy David Day was on routine patrol in the Big Pine Key area when he became suspicious of a car driven by Rafael Madan Rivas, 39, of Miami.

He stopped Rivas and a search of the car revealed 800 Cuban lottery tickets, a .45 caliber automatic and ammunition.

Sheriff John Spottswood commended Deputy Day for his alertness.

Rivas was charged with possession of lottery tickets, possession of a pistol without a permit and driving on the wrong side of the road.

Sheriffs Potent

(Continued from Page 1) and in many other ways bringing scientific law enforcement to all sections of the state.

In 1957 the Association sponsored a law creating a budget-salary system of operating the sheriffs' departments. This system has practically abolished the antiquated fee system and has been widely praised and copied.

The Association has also worked diligently through the years to put "teeth" into weak criminal laws and plug loopholes that have allowed the guilty to go free.

In short, Florida's Sheriffs, working together as members of an Association, have been constantly striving to develop better law enforcement and foster crime prevention.

This is in keeping with tradition and the provisions of the Florida Constitution which make each Sheriff the chief law enforcement officer in each county.

Spottswood Candidate

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political potency in the Democratic Party. Therefore, I cannot put too great an emphasis on the need for good, aggressive Democratic National Committeemen.

"I will exercise all of my influence and prerogatives as a National Committeeman in behalf of Florida and its traditions.

"I will give my time and ability in aiding the Florida Congressional delegation in getting maximum appropriations and other considerations from the Federal Government for the benefit of our State, including funds for our Rivers and Harbors.

"One project badly needed is the completion of the Inland Coastal Waterways. We likewise must continue, of course, the building of dams and locks to maintain our lakes at proper level, and must pursue to the fullest extent a water conservation program.

"Florida's future role in the Democratic Party is unlimited and I solicit the support of the Democrats of Florida in naming me as their national committeeman to see that our state receives the recognition it so justly deserves."

Sheriff Spottswood was born in Key West, June 17, 1920. He is married and has three sons and a daughter. Sheriff Spottswood was educated in the public schools of Monroe County and was graduated from Riverside Military Academy. He is a member of the Episcopal Church, Anchor Lodge 182, Masons, Scottish Rite, Mahi Shrine Temple, Royal Order of Jester, Grotto, Elks, Junior and Senior Chambers of Commerce, and the American Legion.

He served as a paratrooper in World War II, and rose from the ranks of private to captain in two years. Sheriff Spottswood was selected by the American Legion as Key West's outstanding citizen in 1952, and received the Junior Chamber of Commerce Good Government Award in 1957.

Sheriff Spottswood was elected Sheriff of Monroe County in 1952 by the largest vote ever accorded any candidate for any office in the history of Monroe County, and in 1956 was unopposed for reelection. He is a past president of the Florida Sheriffs Association, first chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, and is at present Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Florida Sheriffs Association.

He has been the owner and president of Radio Station WKWF at Key West, since 1945 and is constructing Monroe County's first television station.

"The Lawyer's Corner"

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

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

060-24—CRIMINAL JURISDICTION OVER INDIANS; CRIMES INVOLVING INDIANS; CRIMES COMMITTED IN INDIAN COUNTRY.—Except as to murder, manslaughter, rape, incest, assault with intent to kill, assault with a dangerous weapon, arson, burglary, robbery and larceny, which by the federal statutes, are placed under the jurisdiction of the federal districts' courts, crimes and criminal acts committed by one Indian against another Indian, or by an Indian against a non-Indian or a non-Indian against an Indian tribe, are within the jurisdiction of the Indian tribal courts and not the state courts. Jurisdiction over crimes and criminal acts, committed on an Indian reservation or territory by a non-Indian against a non-Indian, are vested in the state courts; that Indians, though belonging to a tribe which maintains tribal relations, are amenable to the state courts for crimes and criminal offenses committed by them off the said reservation and within the state, and that where there are no Indian tribal courts, state courts may hear and determine crimes and criminal offenses not under the federal statute.

060-30 — COUNTY OFFICERS; QUALIFYING DATES —Candidates for county offices may start qualifying at noon of March 1, 1960, and may qualify up to and until noon on March 15, 1960.

060-31 — CRIMINAL LAW; ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT HAVING SAME FREQUENCY AS THAT USED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS—The prohibition against the installation of equipment using the assigned frequency of state or law enforcement officers, does not apply to a radio or television station licensed by the Federal Communications System.

060-32—SERVICE OF PROCESS—A warrant of a Justice of the Peace Court of one county may be sent to another county, whereby the sheriff of the second county may arrest the prisoner and hold him for return by the constable and a guard from the county from which the warrant was issued, and that the constable would be authorized mileage and fees for the pick-up and return of the prisoner.

Sheriff & Others Hire Accountant

PALATKA—Recognizing the complicated nature of county finances, due to population growth of Florida counties, complexities of the various laws pertaining to different county offices, and the increase in the need for modern accounting procedures, three county officials of Putnam County are pooling the services of an accounting consultant.

The accounting expert will work with the Sheriff's Office, the Tax Collector and the County Clerk, to help set up accounting procedures and book-keeping techniques.

The new accountant is William Hartley, a former assistant to the State Auditor.