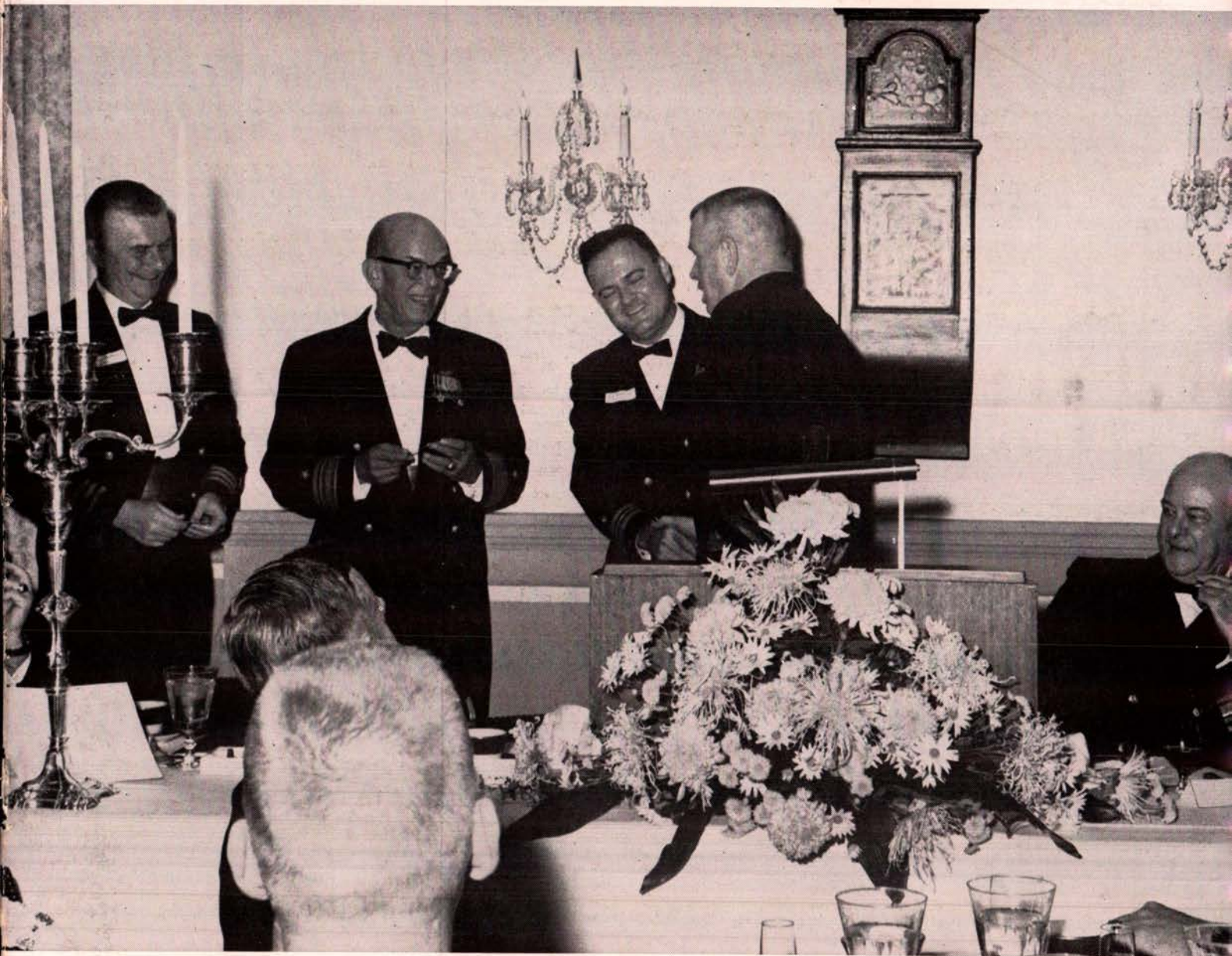


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*Badges for the Admirals — See Cover Story inside*

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### WHO OUTRANKS WHOM?

ATLANTA, Ga.—It's unlikely that any other sheriff can match Sheriff E. Odell Carlton's claim that he has honest-to-gosh admirals and other assorted U.S. Navy brass among his deputies.

On our cover this month, Sheriff Carlton, who hails from Hardee County (Wauchula), Fla., and is a Captain in the U.S. Navy Reserve, is shown (standing at right) presenting Honorary Deputy badges and commissions to (from left) Commander E. L. McIntosh, Jr., USNR District Intelligence Officer, Sixth Naval District; Rear Admiral Kenmore M. McManes, USN (Ret.), Washington, D. C., former commandant of the Sixth Naval District; and Lt. Commander R. A. Fleming, Jr., USNR, Reserve Intelligence Program Officer, Sixth Naval District.

Pictured seated on the sheriff's left is Rear Admiral Stephen E. Jones, USNR, Erie, Pa., who was formerly Assistant Director of Naval Intelligence, in Washington, D. C.

The presentation took place in Atlanta, Ga., during a meeting of the Reserve Intelligence Officers of the Sixth Naval District.

Sheriff Carlton respectfully reminded the Admirals that when they come to Hardee County they will be under his command.

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## One-Two Punch

TAMPA — Unlike lightning, Sheriff Ed Blackburn's vice squad is likely to hit the same place twice—even in the same day.

Not knowing this was costly for Tommy A. Marchese, operator of a sundry store.

The first time Vice Squad Head Ellis Clifton and Deputy Sheriff Charles Witt visited Marchese's store, the proprietor stuffed a piece of paper in his mouth and tried to swallow it.

There was no arrest due to lack of evidence but the officers decided to surprise Marchese by making a second visit to his store a few hours later.

This time they caught Marchese on the telephone holding a handful of pieces of paper. He was arrested and charged with possession of lottery tickets and conducting a lottery.

## Helpful Deputy

BRADENTON—A wandering youth was reunited with his sister here because Deputy Sheriff Jim Wright took the time and trouble to help him.

The young man had a severe speech impediment and was also unable to read or write, but lengthy attempts at questioning by Wright revealed that he was looking for his sister.

By gestures Wright obtained a description of the sister, then an almost door-to-door search finally enabled him to locate her.

## His Money's Worth

PUNTA GORDA — They say that "every man is entitled to his day in court" under our system of government.

According to news reports, Robert Jones really had his when he was tried on charges of public profanity, drunkenness and resisting arrest in three separate jury trials—all in one day.

Things got pretty confusing between trials when incoming and outgoing jurors got in each other's way and a couple of jurors served during both the first and third trials.

Jones got his money's worth in court time but was found guilty and fined on all charges.



TAVARES — BETTER TITLE — Dogcatchers have never liked to be called dogcatchers, and you can't blame them. They perform an important and useful service but they have also been the butt of tired political jokes such as: "He couldn't even be elected dogcatcher." Here in Lake County officials have done something about the situation. They have given O. T. "Popeye" Jenkins the appropriate title of "Rabies Control Officer" and provided him with a radio-equipped truck which enables him to give more efficient service and answer emergency calls faster.

## CALLING ALL SHERIFFS

Just a reminder that the Annual Mid-Winter Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association will be held at the Tampa Terrace Hotel, Tampa, January 23, 24 and 25.

Items of business on the agenda include election of Association officers and directors for 1963; approval of bills the Association will sponsor during the 1963 session of the Florida Legislature; and discussion of plans for a state-wide training academy.

A reception and buffet dinner honoring Florida Senate President Wilson Carraway and House of Representatives Speaker Mallory Horne and their wives will be held on Wednesday evening, January 23.

Technical sessions will cover the uses of photography in law enforcement; and various aspects of the federal Fugitive Felon Act.

Invited guests include Gov. Farris Bryant, cabinet members and other high state officials.

## It's About Time

TAMPA—"I'll get out of bolita for sure this time," Henry Genco was quoted as saying after he was charged with his third lottery violation in less than four months.

The arrest came after Deputy Sheriff Ellis Clifton, Ed Bond and David Mount raided a dwelling equipped with steel doors.

They confiscated a wash tub containing partly burned paper, three telephones, and a paper sack containing pads of paper.

## Lotta Bull

FT. LAUDERDALE — Broward County Sheriff Allen B. Michell was looking for a couple of "bull shooters" who gunned down a \$2,500 bull at the R Bar Ranch. One of the ranch hand's saw three teen-agers in the pasture with rifles just before the dead animal was found.

## "Red Flash" Works

TALLAHASSEE—The "Red Flash" system Sheriff W. P. (Bill) Joyce helped to organize here to trap bad check artists is working effectively.

Its latest victim is a woman who has been charged with forgery. Her description was telephoned to merchants through the "Red Flash" system and she was quickly placed under arrest by Deputies I. G. Love and E. P. Chaires.



PERRY—STAFF PICTURE—Shown in this recent picture of Taylor County Sheriff Maurice Linton and his deputies are (from left) Branson Fisher, C. J. Wright, J. M. Grant, Mrs. Letha Belle Scott, Sheriff Linton, Miss Pat Snyder, Grady Murphy (chief deputy), Stanley Linton (the sheriff's son) and Charles Wilson.

# "They Tug at Your Heart Strings"

## Those Juveniles

(Florida's Sheriffs spend much time and effort trying to keep wayward youngsters out of jail. Due to the secrecy surrounding juvenile cases, this work goes on quietly behind the scenes. It has its heart warming as well as its heart breaking experiences, as shown in the following article by Fred Burrall which appeared in the November 7 issue of the Fort Lauderdale News.)

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FORT LAUDERDALE—Two years ago, 15-year-old Sandra was known as a "loose" girl. "She was quite a little tramp," said Miss Helen Pancoast, head of the Broward County Sheriff's Department juvenile division.

After a run-in with the law, Sandra and Miss Pancoast became acquainted.

"We had quite a few talks," Miss Pancoast said, "and she finally became convinced we were trying to help her."

"When she realized someone really cared she was very cooperative."

After two years of hard work, Sandra now has a god job as secretary with a downtown business. She often stops in to see Miss Pancoast "just for social chats" now.

Sandra is an example of one of many potential delinquents the juvenile division tries to straighten out.

"That's what we are here for," Miss Pancoast said.

### RATHER HELP THEM

"We would much rather help these kids than throw them in jail. If they would only realize that, we might be able to cut down on some of the juvenile crime in Broward County."

Last month in the county, Miss Pancoast dealt with 186 children 16 years of age and under.

Less than half of them had to be turned over to juvenile court.

"We only had to warn and release 54 of them," Miss Pancoast said, "But 89 were referred to the authorities, and 38 were cleared by other means, like run-aways who returned voluntarily. Five cases are pending."

The crimes that go through the juvenile division offices range from rape to vandalism, and many of the stories tug at the strings of your heart.

Take the case of 16-year-old Maxine. She came from a broken home and her

mother was unable to handle her. As a result, the girl started running with an older crowd and got into trouble.

### She Became Furious

She wanted to go out on Halloween but the mother told her it was too late.

The girl became furious and started tearing up the house. Her distraught mother brought her to the sheriff's office and Miss Pancoast suggested a night in Junior Haven to cool the girl off.

"Unfortunately authorities at Junior Haven didn't feel the girl was their problem," Miss Pancoast said. "And two days later she was picked up for shoplifting." Now the girl has a police record.

"Perhaps that night in Junior Haven would have cured her."

The case Miss Pancoast likes to talk most about is that of a boy who is now in the army.

"He was a little 'hellion'," she said, "his mother was a widow, and with two other children she just couldn't handle the job of being both mother and father to the boy."

### He Raised Cain

"He raised all sorts of cain and finally wound up in Junior Haven for 60

days for truancy and breaking and entering.

"When he got out he went in the Army. Fortunately he was a bright boy and realized he had been wrong."

A couple of weeks ago, Miss Pancoast received a letter from him.

"Thanks for the help," he wrote, "I realize now what a fool I was, and that 60 days really woke me up. I could have gone bad real easy."

"I was thrilled to get that letter," Miss Pancoast said. "That is really what we try to do—straighten them out before they ruin themselves."

Sometimes the job is next to impossible, as is the case with 16-year-old Tony who was just sent to the Okeechobee Boys School for nine months.

The last time he was at the sheriff's department for questioning, he wrote on the wall "Tony was here."

### If They'd Trust Us

"There's not much we can do with that kind," Miss Pancoast said, "They're hardened before they get to us."

"But many of the other children we can help if they'll trust us. There's good in all children, and with their aid we can bring it out."

"When a child realizes we're not a bunch of ogres and is truthful with us, we can often get to the bottom of his troubles and help him solve them."



Why Johnny won't behave—that is the problem facing Miss Helen Pancoast (center) head of the Broward County Sheriff's Department juvenile division; Viola Tull, her secretary; and Bob Cray, deputy sheriff assigned to the juvenile division. (Broward County Sheriff's Department photo by Tom Slater.)

## "Honest Jim"

**BRADENTON**—It is a tribute to the honesty of Deputy Sheriff Jim Wright that he used as much persistence in tracking down the owner of two \$100 bills that were found in the back seat of his patrol car as he would have used in ferreting out a criminal.

The money was found after an intoxicated man had been transported to the sheriff's office then released without being charged. There was no record of his name and no one called to claim the money.

Wright could have pocketed the money, but instead he started out in search of the owner. And, it wasn't easy. All he knew was that the man was a commercial fisherman and he had no address for him.

After numerous inquiries, the Deputy located the fisherman at Sarasota and returned his money to him. The man was jubilant and said he had not had the slightest idea what happened to his money.

He had even accused his wife of going through his pockets.

## Award Given Each Month

**TAMPA** — Each month Sheriff Ed Blackburn Jr. honors one of his men as "Deputy of the Month."

The recipient of the award is selected by a board of Sheriff's Department officials. He receives a certificate and a bonus of three extra days off.

The first "Deputy of the Month" under the new program was James R. Miller who was cited for outstanding performance in solving two burglary cases.

In one case he successfully broke down the alibi of a youthful suspect and in another he nabbed a burglar near the scene of the crime.

## Accounts O.K.

**LAKE CITY**—After auditing the accounts and records of Columbia County Sheriff Ralph Witt, for the period from June 1, 1960, to April 30, 1962, State Auditor Bryan Willis made the following comments:

Cash resources were adequate to cover all liabilities of record. All collections of record were accounted for by remittances or by cash on hand. Financial operations were well managed. Budgets were well prepared and were followed.

## BEST BOSS

**BUSHNELL** — Sheriff M. H. (Popie) Bowman may be a "holy terror" to criminals who make the mistake of wandering into Sumter County, but he's a "nice guy" around the office. That's why the Lake-Sumter Legal Secretaries Association named him "Boss of the Year" for 1962-63 and presented the certificate which he is pictured holding. (Photo courtesy Sumter County Times.)



## Books Balance

**JACKSONVILLE** — The following favorable comments were made by State Auditor Bryan Willis after the accounts and records of Duval County Sheriff Dale Carson were audited for the period from October 1, 1959, to November 30, 1961:

"All collections of record were accounted for. Fines, costs and estreated cash bonds were promptly remitted. Resources were adequate to cover liabilities of record. Accurate reports of budgets and expenditures were filed each year. Unexpended balances of budget advances were properly refunded to the county. Records were generally well kept."



**STUART**—**LIFETIME MEMBER**—A lifetime membership in the Florida Sheriffs Association was presented to Mrs. G. E. McCarty, of Hobe Sound, to express appreciation for the fully equipped photographic darkroom she donated to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. Martin County Deputy Sheriff James Holt is shown making the presentation.

(Photo by Ed Gluckler.)

## Thanked by JFK

**WASHINGTON, D. C.** — At a ceremony in the White House rose garden, Monroe County Sheriff John M. Spottswood (Key West, Fla.) received the personal thanks of President John F. Kennedy for his services and those of his radio station, WKWF, during the Cuban Crisis.

Sheriff Spottswood's radio station, located at Key West, has broadcast the Voice of America in Spanish to Cuba every evening since the Cuban crisis began.

While in Washington, the Sheriff and nine other persons similarly honored visited the Voice of America Headquarters and met with Edward R. Murrow, Director of the U. S. Information Agency.

## Pistol Nimrod

**ORLANDO**—It isn't often that you hear about someone going deer hunting with a pistol.

Orange County Deputy Sheriff A. C. Hostutler did and brought down an 11-point buck with a .357 magnum. It dressed out at about 125 pounds.

Hostutler is an expert marksman and prefers to use a pistol for hunting. However, he also likes variety and on the same hunting trip bagged a gobbler turkey with a shotgun.

## Audit Report

**CLEARWATER**—A report by State Auditor Bryan Willis stated that Pinellas County Sheriff Don Genung's records were fairly well kept, expenditures were usually well supported, budgets were adhered to and criminal convictions were satisfied.

The report covered the period from April 1, 1959, to March 31, 1962.

# BOYS RANCH

# Round-Up

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



STUART — NEW RANCHER — When Richard (Ricky) Carney, 7, of Hobe Sound, left here to enroll at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, Sheriff Roy C. Baker was on hand to give him a friendly send-off. Ricky is the second boy from Martin County who has qualified to enter the Ranch. (Photo by Ed Gluckler.)

## Halloween Ball Raises \$1,068

FORT PIERCE — The Second Annual Halloween Ball at the Port St. Lucie Country Club with three sheriffs as its sponsors raised \$1,068 for the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

The sponsors were St. Lucie County Sheriff J. R. Norvell, Indian River County Sheriff Sam Joyce and Martin County Sheriff Roy Baker.

They worked closely with Len Hood, general manager of the country club; Bob Peters, manager; Dick Gruenwald, director of publicity; and Mrs. Eleanor Atkinson, social secretary.

One of the features of the evening was the judging of costumes by famous entertainer Frances Langford (Mrs. Ralph Evinrude).

The Evinrudes had as their guests movie and TV star Ginger Rogers and her husband, Movie Producer William Marshall.

## In Memoriam

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

Mrs. S. D. Gooch, Lake Wales; Carl A. Stayer, Tampa; Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Burke, Tampa; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Diaz, Tampa; Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Connor, Tampa; Mrs. Gaynell Anderson, Tampa; Mr. and Mrs. José Marinas, Tampa; Sheriff and Mrs. Broward Coker, Sebring; Mr. Carl Stauffer, Tallahassee; in memory of Mr. Ed Blackburn, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ammenheuser, Jr., Beaumont, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. C. L. McKaig, Sarasota; Maj. and Mrs. R. R. Paxton, Annandale, Virginia; Maj. and Mrs. Joseph Hayduk, Columbus, Ohio; Maj. and Mrs. Robert Hairston, III, Homestead; Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Penrose, Kansas City, Missouri; Mrs. Florian F. Mack, Sarasota; Mrs. Caroline S. Boylston, Sarasota; Dr. and Mrs. Richard E. Halton, Sarasota; Mrs. Bob Newhall, Sarasota; Mr. and Mrs. McKinlay Kantor, Sarasota; Bill and Vi Shepard, Sarasota; Dr. and Mrs. Robert E. Windom, Sarasota; Mr. and Mrs. Carl H. Dahlberg, Sarasota; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ingler, Jr., Sarasota; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ingler, Sr., Sarasota; Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. Vanouse, Sarasota; Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Scott, Sarasota; Mr. and Mrs. Loring Raoul, Sarasota; Mr. Leroy T. Fenne, Sarasota; Sheriff Ross E. Boyer, Sarasota; Mr. J. H. Westerfield, Sarasota; Capt. and Mrs. W. P. Bunn, Minot AFB, North Dakota; Mr. and Mrs. E. Y. Slaughter, Sarasota; Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Harmon, Sarasota; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Evans, Sr., Sarasota; Dr. and Mrs. S. D. Patton, Sarasota; Mrs. Dorothy Roth, Sarasota; Mrs. Mazie W. Luzier & Sons, Sarasota; Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Morrison, Sarasota; Mr. and Mrs. Glen C. Whitlatch, Sarasota; Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Williams, Sarasota; Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Haines, Sarasota; Mrs. Verna D. Hartkoff, Miami; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert J. Horn, Sarasota; Dorothy G. Boylston, Sarasota; in memory of Capt. Herbert W. Booth, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Graham, St. Petersburg; Mrs. Fred Bromwich, St. Petersburg; in memory of Wilfred Cleworth.

A. J. Henry, Tallahassee; in memory of Eleanor Bruns.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Bryan, Alachua; in memory of York L. Malphurs.

Mrs. Alfred Lindeburg, Bal Harbour; in memory of Mr. Alfred Lindeburg.

Sheriff Ed Blackburn, Jr., Tampa; in memory of Mrs. Gregory Rowlett.

Mrs. L. G. Bratton, St. Petersburg; in memory of Mr. Lester G. Bratton.

Mrs. E. L. Wirt, Babson Park; in memory of Erle L. Wirt, Sr.

Mrs. Eleanor Golding, Bellevue; in memory of Mrs. Sue Martin Perry.

Mrs. T. T. Daly, Jr., Melairie, Louisiana; in memory of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Davis and George.

Sheriff and Mrs. L. O. Davis, Jr., and Peggy, St. Augustine; in memory of Hubert Hieginbotham.

Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Bullens, Southern

Pines, N. C.; in memory of Barbara Clarke Covington.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Diaz, Tampa; in memory of Lonnie Eaton Brown.

Elizabeth P. Harper, William P. Harper, St. Petersburg; in memory of Charles H. Harper.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Reock, St. Petersburg; in memory of Jack Darrow.

Altrusa Club of St. Petersburg; in memory of Mr. A. T. Trimble.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Hampton, Washington, D. C.; in memory of Robert Charles Walker.

Norman J. Allbright, Chicago, Illinois; in memory of Ray E. Walters.

Sheriff and Mrs. Broward Coker, Sebring; in memory of Mrs. Bess B. Vandiver and Mrs. Jessie M. Lumpkin.

Mr. and Mrs. Louie C. Wadsworth, Live Oak; in memory of Mrs. Mary Schofield, and William J. Nipper.

Mr. Herbert B. Clibbon, Detroit, Michigan; in memory of Mrs. Kenton DeLong.

Sheriff and Mrs. Otho Edwards, Sr., Quincy; in memory of Mrs. D. M. Humphrey.

## Builders Club

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

AMR General Electric Employees Community Service Fund, Titusville.

Tampa Junior Chamber of Commerce, Tampa.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Federici, Naples. Northwest Florida Student Councils, Panama City.

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Robert H. Roof, Tavares. Mrs. S. D. Gooch, Lake Wales.

Arete Fraternal Society, Tampa. Mr. and Mrs. Peter M. Bloom, Ft. Lauderdale.

Thomas D. Nunn, West Palm Beach. Veterans of Foreign Wars, Tampa.

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Jack Key, Lakeland. Richard Russell Sibson, Miami.

Volusia Jai Alai, Inc., Daytona Beach. H. J. Bauman, Dunedin.

Irving H. Larkin, Clearwater.

# PUPPETRY

## ... A Boy's Daydreams With Strings Attached

"Give a boy two sticks and a piece of string and let his imagination run free."

Officials at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch have taken this old formula for raising boys and have given it a new twist that is providing endless hours of enjoyment and a valuable creative outlet.

Under the guidance of Mr. and Mrs. John Schmutz, Ranch staff members, the boys are learning the ancient and fascinating art of puppetry.

They are off to a running start because Mr. and Mrs. Schmutz have been putting on puppet shows for years and when they came to the Ranch in 1962 as "cottage parents" they brought their stage, puppets and other professional caliber equipment with them.

A number of boys at the Ranch have already learned to manipulate the puppets and they presented their first stage production for an audience of Ranchers and guests at the annual Christmas Party, December 15. It amused and delighted old and young alike.

From this starting point the boys will be encouraged to follow their creative whims into the intricacies of actually making their own puppets and substituting their own voices for the recorded voices that were used in the initial show.

Puppetry will provide endless hours of creative entertainment and it promises to be a popular hobby at the Ranch. However, it will also give staff members valuable insight into the problems, moods and behavior of the boys.

John Schmutz explained it this way: "A boy's moods are reflected in the way his puppet performs. If one of the boys is worried or depressed, I can detect it by watching his puppet. Likewise, if he is happy, the puppet tells me."

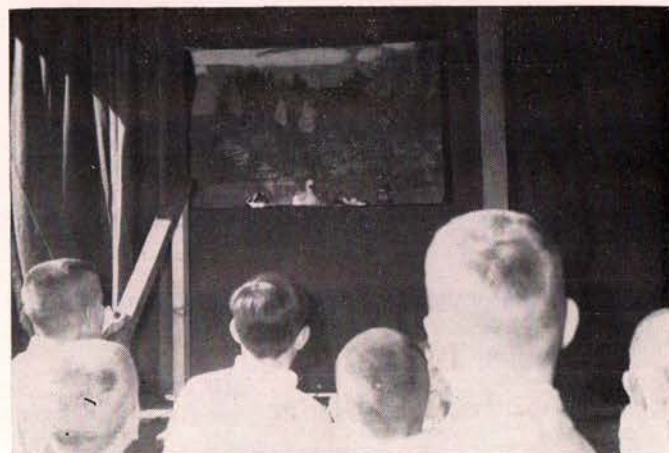
*Photos by Bob Bobroff  
Kissimmee, Florida*



John Schmutz gives boys final instructions before the curtain goes up.



Backstage all is concentration.



The audience was amused and fascinated.

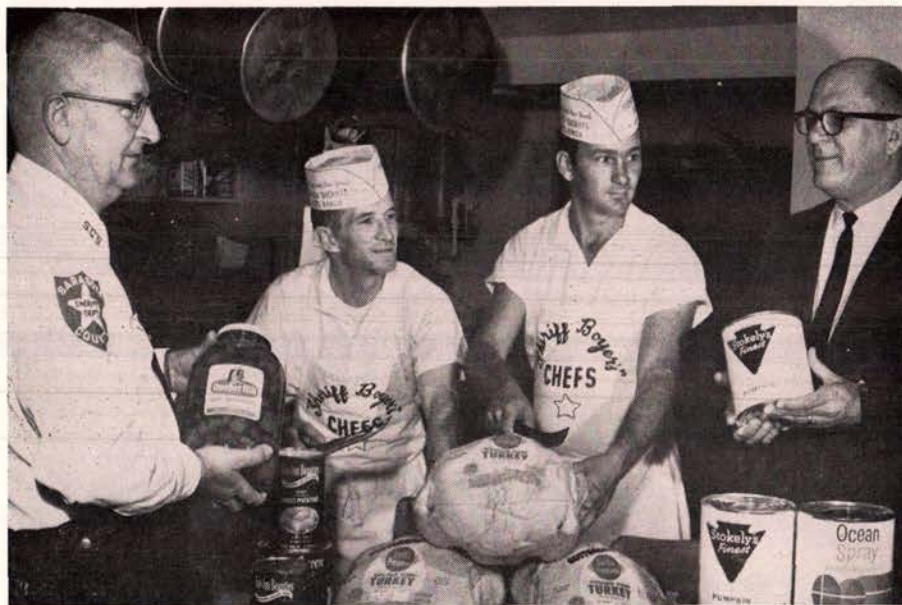


**SARASOTA—SPECIAL DELIVERY**—When Sarasota County Sheriff Ross E. Boyer's mounted posse held a benefit rodeo and raised \$300 for a proposed juvenile detention home, the money was delivered by Posse Captain Tinker Morris on horseback. He is shown presenting it to Judge John Graham while Sheriff Boyer looks on.

### Good Enforcement

**CLEARWATER**—The official board of Skycrest Methodist Church passed a resolution praising Sheriff Don Genung for his efforts in policing and demanding conformity to existing laws governing sale of liquor in Pinellas County.

The board extended to Sheriff Genung its "gratitude, support and encouragement in continuing his efforts to identify with our community a high Christian, moral and social order of living."



**SARASOTA—HOLIDAY MENU**—Sheriff Ross E. Boyer (right) and Chief Deputy Jack A. Royal discuss the holiday menu with the "chefs" at the Sarasota Jail. On Thanksgiving and Christmas the prisoners were served turkey, giblet gravy, dressing, candied yams, beans, celery, olives, pumpkin pie and coffee.

## Mirror Shows Who's to Blame

(The following editorial on the causes of juvenile delinquency was written by Cal Farley, founder of a Boys Ranch located at Amarillo, Texas.)

According to Mary Conway Kohler, former judge of the San Francisco Juvenile Court, there are 5,500 kids in our nation charged with some form of delinquency every 24 hours. What's causing it? There are many suggestions such as poor parents, TV shows, kids having too much time on their hands, no work for them, or schools not strict enough.

All of these and many others have contributed to this topsy-turvy society these youngsters are trying to get a foothold in. But I believe the real cause can be found by standing in front of a full-length mirror and saying to ourselves . . . it's US. And if it's us, where do we go from here?

I think we all agree that the kids would be better off working at home but if they weren't taught to mow the lawn or rake the leaves when they were small, how can we expect them, when they become 14 or 15 years old, to suddenly decide to go home and mow the lawn.

It's been our experience at Boys Ranch that 98 per cent of the boys who have lived with us are "A Spitting Image" of their parents. I recall an 11-year-old youngster from Arkansas whose father was on his second hitch in the pen for borrowing the neighbors'

cars and he admitted to his son that he had stolen 37 cars.

Was it any wonder this youngster swiped one of ours the second night at the Ranch and made the brag to our staff when they found him that by the time he was 21 years old, he would steal more cars than his old man did. What can this boy go home to?

If children were taught to mind, there would be a lot more happy and contented kids. It's always been amazing to me how children respond to affectionate discipline and positive decisions. If boys were taught to mind, there would be no reason to have a Boys Ranch.

Naturally, we are only asked to take youngsters who have slipped their halters off and are running loose. The longer they graze on the neighbors' pastures, the more difficult our job of convincing them that there is a boundary line that cannot be crossed without a penalty to the trespasser.

A father and mother can cruelly handicap their child for life by not teaching him or her to mind. A child that has never received a positive answer is constantly trying for something it knows it shouldn't have . . . it knows no boundary.

During the Christmas rush in one of the super markets, Mrs. Farley and I watched a little 2-year-old girl as she and her mother passed from one counter to another. At least half of the time the little girl would ask her mother for something she saw. Each time, instead of saying NO or YES, the mother tried to explain WHY she couldn't have it.

Finally they arrived in front of the cookie case where the little girl, when refused a certain cookie by the mother, lay down on the floor, kicked up her heels and started screaming. The embarrassed mother tried to cool Eloise down by explaining WHY instead of some very positive action in the form of a few well-aimed love pats in the right place.

This would have saved Mamma embarrassment and some future husband a lot of headaches, to say nothing of a life of unhappiness by 'Eloise' trying to scream her way with everyone with whom she comes in contact.

**Don't blame the kids . . . blame US.**

Money won't buy happiness but it certainly makes misery a better travel partner on this road of grief and sorrow.

## Gas and Alcohol Just Don't Mix

TAMPA—Seven Hillsborough County deputy sheriffs chased John Quincy Toler 75 miles across three counties in the early morning hours before they were able to arrest him on charges of reckless driving, driving while intoxicated and driving without a license.

The chase barreled along at a constant 85 to 90 miles per hour under foggy conditions with Toler driving without lights and weaving from side to side. Several times patrol cars were forced off the highway.

This classic example of mixing alcohol and gasoline came to a climax when Judge W. Marion Hendry handed Toler sentences that will keep him in jail at least six months, and possibly a year.

## Inseparable Pair

DELAND — There's a story behind "Big Red" the hound dog that snoozes under Deputy Sheriff Walter Braren's desk in the Volusia County Sheriff's Department.

"Big Red" was just a puppy when his owners were sent to jail for 90 days on charges of petty larceny, and he was given a temporary home in the "back yard" at the jail.

But the mutt was lonely and kept wandering off—apparently in search of his owners. He didn't find them, but he did find a friend—Deputy Braren—and it was love at first sight.

Braren took him home for safe keeping, but "Big Red" became so attached to his new friend that he practically refused to be parted from him. Braren, who has always had a soft spot in his heart for dogs, finally gave in and now "Big Red" sleeps by his bed at night, and under his desk in the daytime.

It also appears that "Big Red" has found a permanent home. His original owners want Braren to keep him.

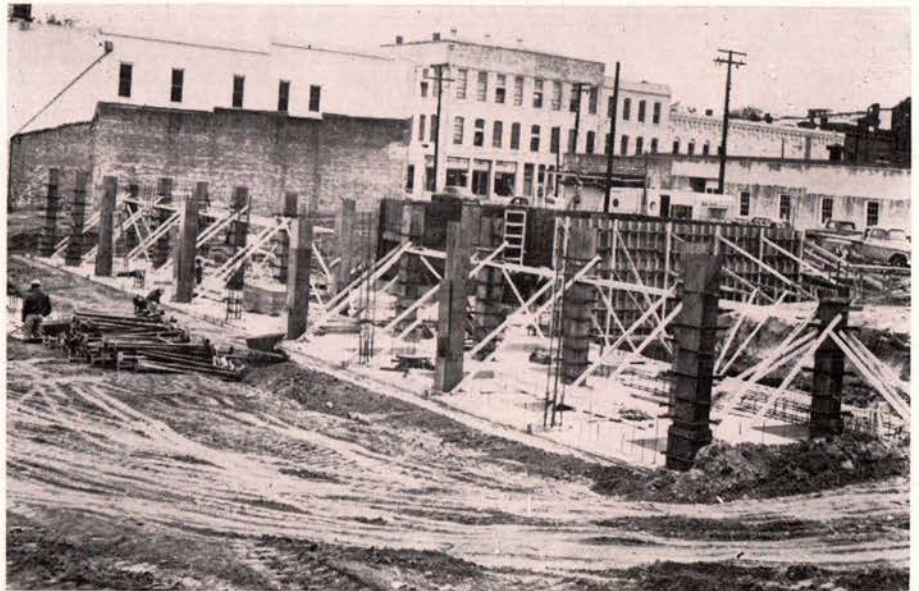
### Well Trained

PALATKA — Constant training to provide better law enforcement for the people of Putnam County is stressed by Sheriff E. W. (Walt) Pellicer.

All of his deputies have attended Peace Officers Training sessions offered by the Putnam County Vocational Institute.

Criminal Investigator Allen Patten recently ran his score up to 500 hours of formal training in criminal work; while Deputies Floyd Johnson and Jay Lawrence completed 200 hours.

Their training covered a period of from three to five years.



PALATKA—NEW JAIL—Shown under construction here is the new Putnam County Jail; located on a site overlooking the St. John's River. It will give Sheriff Walt Pellicer a modern structure to replace the crowded and outmoded old jail.

### Not Fooling

TALLAHASSEE—When Sheriff W. P. (Bill) Joyce says that he intends to deal harshly with persons who make false reports of crimes to his office, he means it.

Recently John L. Feitchmayer told the Sheriff's Department that someone had broken into his car and had stolen a bank deposit bag containing around \$600 plus two wrist watches.

An investigation which included a lie detector examination by the Florida Sheriffs Bureau indicated that the report was a hoax and Sheriff Joyce arrested Feitchmayer on a charge of making a false report of a crime.

Joyce pointed out that false reports rob his department of valuable man-hours, waste taxpayers' money and sometimes embarrass innocent people.

### Boyer Gang Buster

SARASOTA—A gang of teen-age boys that stole "for the heck of it" and swapped their loot was just beginning to branch out into other areas when Sheriff Ross Boyer stepped in and smashed their operations.

Eight boys, 16 and 17, were arrested and none of them was the underprivileged type usually associated with youth crimes. Deputy Sheriff C.N. Stevens said they were all from well-to-do families.

They had been on a stealing spree for six to eight months, taking mostly fishing equipment, guns, liquor and knives.

The gang recently recruited a member from Lake Wales and was apparently planning to open up a new "territory".

### 29 Volunteers

BRADENTON — When Manatee County Sheriff Ken Gross announced he was planning to organize a mounted posse, 29 volunteers turned up at the first meeting.

He said the posse will be available to assist regular deputies in emergencies such as search and rescue assignments. It will also appear in parades and other public functions.

Members will provide their own horses and equipment and will serve without pay.

### Gourmet's Friend

KEY WEST—Gourmets who delight in Loggerhead Turtle steaks owe a debt of gratitude to Monroe County Sheriff John M. Spottswood.

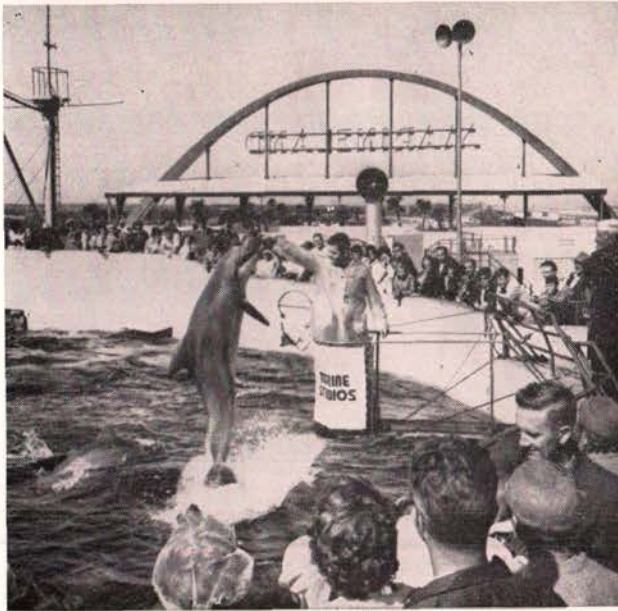
It seems that Loggerheads are not as plentiful as they once were in this area and the Sheriff is backing a project to re-populate the keys with them.

Incubators which protect the tender young turtles from dive-bombing sea birds and marine enemies until they are large enough to survive have been installed on the Sheriff's property on Ramrod Key.

Edison "Blackie" Cruz, something of a turtle expert, is supervising the project and Sheriff Spottswood is underwriting it.

### Misinformed

DUNELLON—Two girls, 12 and 14, admitted to sheriff's deputies that they had ransacked a private residence and Zion Baptist Church. In the church restroom they scrawled: "God belongs to hell."



### On Tour

ST. AUGUSTINE — These pictures show Alachua County Junior Deputy Sheriffs during a visit to Marineland, famous tourist attraction south of here. The boys were accompanied by Deputy Sheriff Allan Land, Jailer Tiny Scales and Deputy Bill Whitney, Junior Deputy Director (shown left to right in the group picture). James Ward is the lad feeding the porpoise. (Photos by Deputy Sheriff Guy Rexroad, St. John's County.)

## Sheriffs Sending Two Young Men to College

Two young men are currently attending college under all-expense scholarships provided by the Florida Sheriffs Association.

They are Patraic Currey, who is a senior at Florida State University and plans to enter law school; and William

J. Lyon, who is a freshman at Chipola Junior College, Marianna.

Seven youths, all of them outstanding students at the Florida School for Boys, Marianna, have attended college under the Association's scholarship program which has been in operation since 1957.

A Florida Governor once called it: "one of the finest programs for young people who have gotten into difficulty with the law that I have ever heard of."

When the current scholarships were granted, Arthur G. Dozier, director of State Child Training Schools, expressed his personal thanks and appreciation by letter "for the extreme consideration extended by the Sheriffs Association to help us help boys showing proper potentials to develop their potential to the fullest.

"It is my opinion," he added, "that this is a very wonderful thing for the Association to undertake and I hope you will . . . advise the members of the deep appreciation of all of us who have a responsibility in training these youngsters."

### No Dull Routine

DADE CITY—There's more to the sheriff's job than just making arrests. Look at some of the items on Sheriff Leslie Bessenger's monthly activity report:

Escorts provided for funerals and other purposes, 61; legal papers served, 2,169; roadside assistance rendered to 325 motorists; assisted Florida Highway Patrol in 194 accident investigations; delivered 181 emergency messages; delivered blood in four emergency cases; handled five drowning cases; gave first aid to 6 persons; responded to 84 fire calls; responded to 7 boating emergency calls; used bloodhounds in 18 tracking assignments.

No wonder the sheriff and his men average over 12 hours per day on the job.

## Jail Rates High

Ocala—A recent routine state inspection rated the Marion County Jail as "excellent" and praised Sheriff Doug Willis and his staff for maintaining top standards of operation.

The high rating was also something of a bonus to the people of Marion County for the \$600,000 they spent to build a new jail. It was wouldn't have been possible in the obsolete 50-year-old hoosegow that the new jail replaced.

Prison Inspector L. O. Batchelor noted particularly the library that Sheriff Willis has established for prisoners; the church services that are held regularly in the jail; and the fact that a modern intercom system wired to the cell blocks insures security and control.

### It Takes Persistence

FT. PIERCE—When a suspected car thief was told he was under arrest he took to his heels. Deputy Sheriff Billy Weeks fired a shot over his head and the man dropped to the ground.

Deputy Weeks helped the man to his feet and he promised to "go peacefully."

However, he started to run again and Weeks dropped him with a flying tackle. They wrestled for a while with the suspect trying to get possession of Week's pistol, but the husky deputy finally subdued his opponent and handcuffed him.

### Paper Piracy

CLEARWATER — Two men were held on charges of attempting to burglarize the Federal Aviation Agency office at the St. Petersburg-Clearwater airport. They allegedly intended to steal questions and answers for examinations given to flight engineers which could then be sold to flight engineer applicants for around \$1,500.

### When Lovers Part

TAMPA — Lovers in a parked car "were so enraptured with the ecstasy of a midsummer night" that they failed to notice the arrival of deputy sheriffs.

When they did, love flew out the door, with the boy going one way and the girl the other, in the nude—according to the sheriff's department files.

### No Cavities

TAMPA—Arthur R. Pritchard, 1206 E. Hamilton St., Tampa, gave Sheriff Ed Blackburn Jr. two cases of toothpaste as a donation to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

# Teen-Age Thugs

MONTICELLO — The Sheriff's Star is late in reporting the good job of police work that was done in Jefferson County when Highway Patrol Trooper W. S. Peacock and Deputy Sheriff David Hurst nabbed three teen-age burglars and a car loaded with stolen loot.

We knew about the case shortly after it happened, but tried unsuccessfully to obtain a copy of a picture of Sheriff J. B. Thomas with the recovered stolen property and that delayed publication.

Anyhow, Hurst and Peacock deserve a lot of credit for halting the budding crime career of two 17-year-old boys and a 15-year-old girl riding in a stolen car.

In their possession were fourteen pistols, four rifles, a shotgun, eight watches, six diamond rings, twelve boxes of shells, new shirts, trousers, shoes and many other items believed stolen from Bessemer, Ala.

The trio was held here temporarily and turned over to officers from Jefferson County, Ala.

Quite a coincidence — crimes committed in Jefferson County, Ala., were solved in Jefferson County, Fla.

## Hit-Run Skipper

OCALA — The driver of a 100-horsepower motorboat who failed to stop after colliding with a 14-foot plywood boat on the Ocklawaha River was arrested by the Marion County Sheriff's Department.

The impact knocked the driver of the 14-foot boat unconscious and dumped three passengers into the water. One of the passengers suffered a badly cut leg.

## Didn't Believe Him

TAMPA — Deputy Sheriff Ed Short summed up a shooting investigation by writing on his report: "she did and he did."

According to the report a man told his wife he would shoot her if she came into his bedroom. She didn't believe him and went in. A short time later she was admitted to a hospital for treatment of a gunshot wound in her hand.

## More Gray Hairs

WINTER HAVEN — Mama really flipped when nine-year-old Keith Romigh came home carrying a rusty hand grenade he had found while playing.

Deputy Sheriff Everett Guthrie, who was called to the Romigh home, said the explosive charge had been removed from the old grenade but the detonating charge was still active.



JACKSONVILLE—CYCLE SQUAD HONORED—Sheriff Dale Carson's Duval County Patrol motorcycle squad received an award from the National Safety Council for placing third in the council's national safety contest. The Sheriff (left) is shown accepting the award from Kirby McDonald, director of the Jacksonville-Duval County Safety Council; while County Patrol Chief W. F. Johnston (left) and Lt. George S. Taylor, head of the motorcycle squad, look on.

(Florida Times-Union photo by Foster Marshall.)

## Nixon Guest Of Spottswoods

KEY WEST — While in Key West November 29 and 30, Former Vice-President Richard M. Nixon visited with Sheriff and Mrs. John M. Spottswood at their home, 531 Caroline St., and was their dinner guest.

Mr. Nixon was very much impressed with the Florida Keys and the weather he was treated to. He expressed a desire to return and accept Sheriff Spottswood's invitation to relax and enjoy the fishing on secluded Munson Island.

Munson Island is privately owned by Spottswood and many famous people have enjoyed the seclusion, the relaxation, the fishing, and all that is wonderful about the Florida Keys, as guests of Sheriff and Mrs. Spottswood at the Island. Some of these include President Harry S. Truman, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, the late Fleet Admiral William F. Halsey, Mayor Robert F. Wagner of New York, United States Senators, Congressmen, Members of Cabinet, State Officials and other prominent people.

Munson Island was just recently used for a period of five months by Warner Bros. to film most of the motion picture, "PT-109" which depicted the wartime exploits of President John F. Kennedy.

## Dogs for Sale

BUNNELL — Police Chief W. E. Hunter has five bloodhounds for sale. One is a female, black and tan, two years old; one is a male, red, 17 months old; and three are female puppies, black and tan, seven weeks old.

If interested, contact the city clerk's office, telephone ID 7-3276 during office hours; or call the Chief of Police after hours, telephone number ID 7-3121.

## Some Nerve!

MACCLENLY — Baker County Sheriff Ed Yarbrough was mighty proud of his brood sow and was looking forward to the time when she would present him with a litter of piglets.

When someone stole her, he was really sore and he went around for six weeks picking up clues here and there.

Finally he closed in on two suspected pignappers and arrived just as they were loading his sow and her newborn litter of six on a truck.

## Jail Bids Due

TAMPA — Bids on the new \$2,000,000 Hillsborough County Jail were scheduled to be opened Jan. 15.

Plans were checked by Florida Sheriff's Bureau Director Don McLeod and Assistant Director Ross Anderson before they went to the bidders.

# WANTED PERSONS

As compiled by the  
Florida Sheriffs Bureau  
Don McLeod, Director



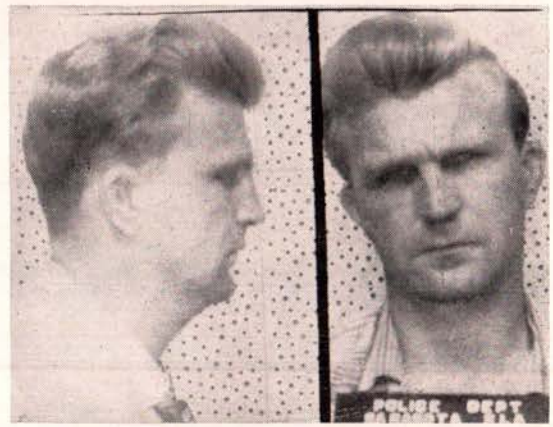
**Thomas Edward Barton**  
Also known as Don STONE, Kenneth Andrew BARTON, white male, date of birth 8-25-28, 6 feet tall, weighs 175 pounds, red hair, grey eyes, FBI #450 4424. FPC: 1, 1/I, R/U, III/IOI, 23. Subject believed to be

in Florida. Wanted on charges Abortion, Conspiracy to Commit Abortion and other charges. If apprehended notify District Attorney, San Jose, Calif., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



**James Joseph McBride**

White male, date of birth 7-25-11, 6 feet 1½ inches tall, weighs 218 pounds, brown hair, hazel eyes, false teeth; bullet scar left hand. Occupation: Petroleum Engineer. FPC: 20, O/I, 16/30, U/U, OOI/OIO. Wanted on charge Felony Theft (Worthless Checks), will extradite. Was in Orlando, Fla., 12-12-62. If apprehended notify Sheriff, Shreveport, La., or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



**Dale Edward Penrod**

White male, date of birth 6-7-32, 5 feet, 10½ inches tall, weighs 180 pounds, blond hair, blue eyes. Subject in company of white male and white female using many aliases, Tampa, St. Petersburg and Sarasota area. Subject rented 1962 Chevrolet tudor, light tan, 1962 tag SP856 in Washington, D. C., failed return, warrant outstanding Washington, D. C.

Larceny after Trust. In St. Petersburg, Fla., rented 1962 Chevrolet Impala 4-door, white over blue, 1962 Florida 4E-1412. This vehicle now reported stolen to PD St. Petersburg Dept. Warrant issued Sarasota, charge B and E. If subject apprehended notify Police Dept., Sarasota, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



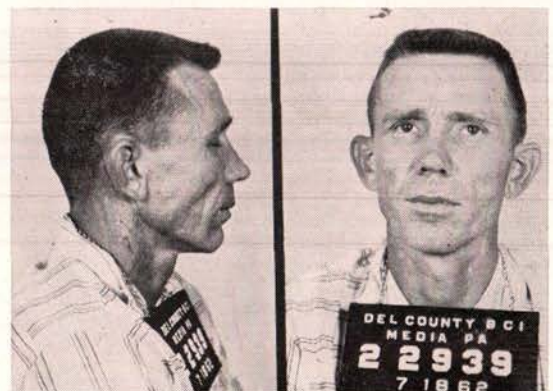
**Kenneth M. Slotnick**

White male, date of birth 4-29-36, 5 feet, 11 inches tall, weighs 200, brown hair and eyes; small vertical scar lower corner right eye. FPC: 13, S/L, 1/5, 1/5, A2a/Rt, 16. Very athletic and physically strong, exceptional rope climber. Given to wearing sports clothing.

Subject his displayed a quick violent temper and should be considered dangerous. Warrant issued, charge Probation Violation, bail \$5,000.00. Will extradite. If subject apprehended notify Sheriff, Santa Ana, Calif., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.

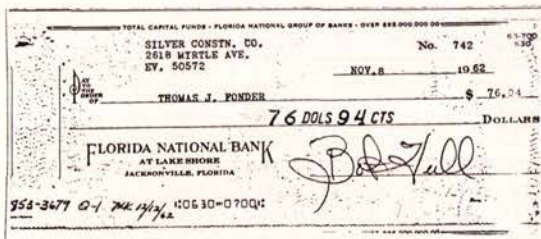
**William B. Murray**

White male, about 40 years old, 5 feet, 10 inches tall, weighs 150 pounds, slender build, dark brown-greying hair, ruddy complexion, brown eyes, large protruding ears. May be driving 1961 Pontiac, 4 door Sedan, maroon body with white top, 1962 Georgia License 106—rest unknown. Murray and an accomplice (in custody) burglarized W. M. Crawford Company, (Contractor), stole approximately 40 payroll checks, forged Crawford's name and cashed most of them in Columbus, Ga., area. Wanted for Bur-



glary and numerous counts of Forgery, by authorities Columbus, Ga. Also wanted on charge Escape in Media, Penn.

If apprehended notify Police Dept., Columbus, Ga., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



Check passed by man using name Thomas J. Fonder

### Unknown Subjects

Two white males, with aliases **Thomas J. FONDER**, **Bob HULL**, **Sam SILVER**, **Russell L. FLYNN**, **Alvin W. JONES**, **David C. PEPPER**, **John H. PETERSON**, **Donald V. CARDWELL**, **James S. THOMAS**, and **John C. MILES**, no description, have passed several Worthless Checks in the Jacksonville, Fla., area. Checks were drawn on true name banks in Jacksonville along with correct name and addresses of local business firms. Checks are in amount of \$50.00 to \$90.00. A typewriter and check protector used in their preparation. Letters and numerals are all in red print. A DuL-Chek photo of one subject and sample check shown. If any information concerning this comes to your attention notify the Document Unit of Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



Photo of man using name Thomas J. Fonder.



### Lillian May Moore

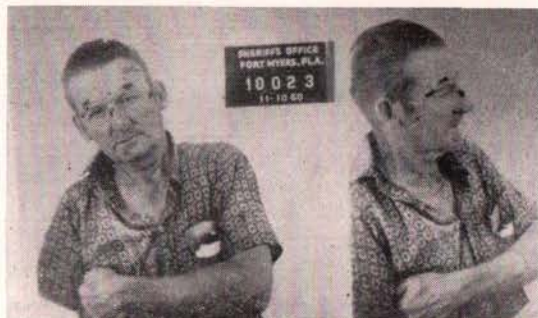
White female, date of birth 6-20-18, 5 feet, 6 inches tall, blond hair, grey eyes. Warrant on file charge Grand Larceny

and Breaking and Entering. If apprehended notify Police Dept., Palm Beach, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



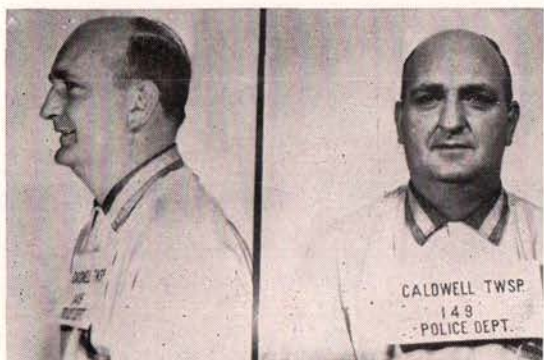
### Joyce Elizabeth O'Conner

Alias **Joyce E. WOLFE**, white female, age 35 to 40, 5 feet, 4 inches tall, weighs 125 pounds, medium build, short blond hair. FPC: 21, L/M, 19/1, W/U, OOO/OIO, 19. Warrant issued, charge Worthless Checks. If subject apprehended notify Sheriff Genung, Clearwater, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



### Cecil Grady Hester

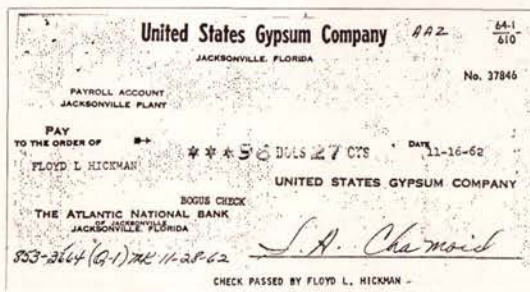
White male, date and place of birth 4-10-22, Rome, Ga., 5 feet, 9 inches tall, weighs 160 pounds, blond hair, blue eyes, right middle finger amputated. Several warrants on file charge Worthless Checks. The bruises shown in photograph were received in a fight before his arrest. Any one apprehending subject notify Sheriff Joyce, Tallahassee, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



### Frederick Van Pelt

White male, date and place of birth 5-17-18, Newark, N. J. 5 feet, 10 inches tall, weighs 185 pounds, brown hair, mostly bald, has been known to wear a toupee, crew cut, and also long hair. Frequents race tracks, bets on races. Last known to be driving burgundy or deep red 1962 Pontiac, New Jersey License GTE 577. His FPC: 22, 1/1, T/R, IO/OIO, 11. He is accompanied by Priscilla VAN DER VORT, white female, age 20, with 14

months old baby boy. Warrants issued for Van Pelt, many charges of False Pretense and Forgery. He was formerly Town Clerk of Caldwell Township, N. J. and uses this identification in passing checks in hotels and motels. Will extradite. Subject may be in Florida. If apprehended notify Document Unit, Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



Check passed by man using name Floyd L. Hickman

### Unknown Subject

Using name **FLOYD L. HICKMAN**, white male, no other description. Passing checks drawn on the account of the United States Gypsum Company, Jacksonville, Fla., a payroll account of the Jacksonville plant. The checks

in their entirety fictitious. All checks were payable to a **FLOYD L. HICKMAN** in the amount of \$96.27. Any station having information reference above contact Document Unit, Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.

### Whodunit

OCALA — The new Marion County Jail was designed by Architect Berry J. C. Walker; with Reynolds, Smith and Hills, of Jacksonville, as consulting engineers.

The building was built by Hunt Construction Co., of Orlando; and Southern Steel Co. fabricated the cell block installations.

## Hog Hunters

LIVE OAK — Three Lake City youths came over to this area on a hunting trip, shot one of Frank Collins' hogs and took it home with them.

But, they didn't get away with it.

Suwanee County Sheriff Hugh Lewis found a trail of blood that led to the spot where the young hunters had parked their car, and through various clues he traced them to Lake City.

There he found the butchered hog in a freezer in the home of one of the youths.

The young fellow who had done the shooting and butchering was arrested and released under \$500 bond. The other two remained in their parents' custody.

### Good Audit Report

WAUCHULA — The records and accounts of Hardee County Sheriff E. Odell Carlton were well kept during the period from May 1, 1960, to March 31, 1962, according to an audit report submitted by State Auditor Bryan Willis.

He said all collections of record were accounted for by remittances or by cash on hand; sentences of the court were executed; budgets were well prepared and records were generally good.

### Practice Run

OCALA — To prepare his mounted posse for the "real thing" Marion County Sheriff Doug Willis calls members out for practice manhunts in the boondocks.

Volunteer state prison convicts play the role of fugitives and bloodhounds are put on their trail to lead the chase.

### Ring Smashed

BARTOW — Sheriff Monroe Brannen's deputies and State Beverage Department agents smashed a bolita (lottery) ring that was reportedly netting \$7,000 a week in Polk County.

The raid resulted in the arrest of a 60-year-old negro and confiscation of \$11,424 in cash.

# THE NEW MARION COUNTY JAIL



Deputy Sheriff Francis Smith, jailor, checks cell block controls.

OCALA — A modern detention package with a \$600,000 price tag, it replaces an old, dilapidated hoosegow that dates back to 1911. It gives Sheriff Doug Willis a much improved base of operations and increases his prisoner capacity from 80 to 159.



Marion County Sheriff Doug Willis in "the inner sanctum."



Chief Deputy Sheriff H. A. Geiger (seated) holds conference in his new office with Deputy Sheriff W. G. Ergle.



Radio Dispatcher Lewis Grubbs.



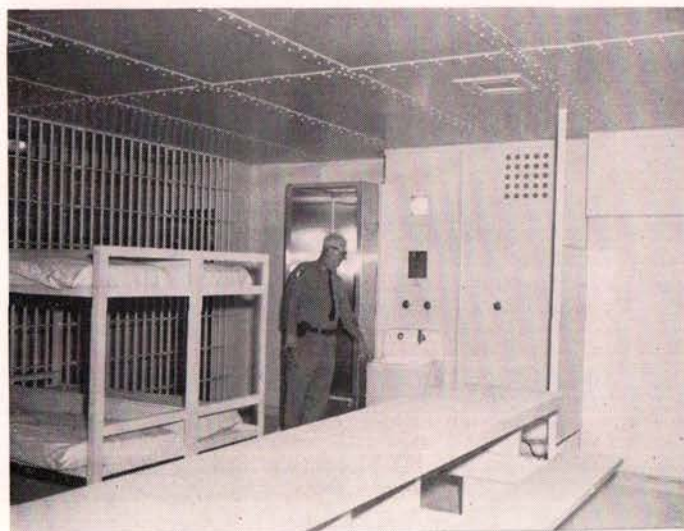
Front view of the new jail.



Pictured here in the records section are (from left) Deputy Sheriffs L. H. Williamson, Vernon Johnson and Dave Melton; and Receptionist Brenda Atkinson.



Deputy Sheriff Towles Bigelow on duty at the entrance to the cell block.



The interior of one of the cell units.



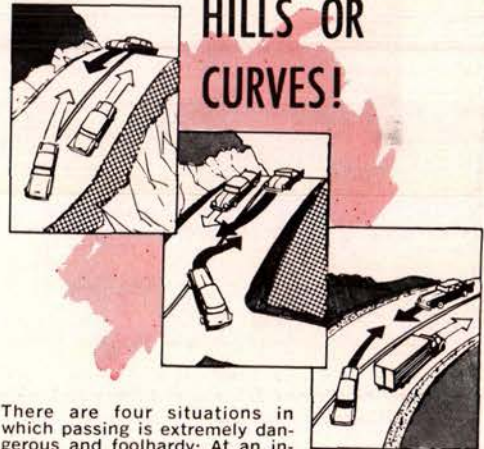
Deputy Sheriff W. G. Ergle, jailer and identification officer, in the "booking room" where prisoners are registered and admitted to the jail.



## HOW TO DRIVE TO STAY ALIVE

When you wish to pass a car in front of you, the most important factor to consider is that you have ample distance to complete the passing maneuver. Remember, you are usurping the lane used by oncoming cars and must vacate it as quickly as possible or else cause a serious wreck. If you are driving 50 miles per hour and are passing a car traveling 40 miles per hour, your car will travel 1,200 feet before you can complete the passing maneuver. And remember, it's much harder to judge distance at night when you can't see the approaching car but can only see its headlights. Always allow a margin for safety.

### DON'T PASS ON HILLS OR CURVES!



There are four situations in which passing is extremely dangerous and foolhardy: At an intersection, on an upgrade just below the crest of a hill, on a curve and at a railroad crossing. When you attempt to pass a car at any of these points, you are asking for disaster. Always obey the "No Passing" signs and the center lines on the highways when the yellow line is in your lane.

#### NO. 4 IN A SERIES OF SAFETY MESSAGES



Presented in the interest of Highway Safety by the Florida Sheriffs Association, in cooperation with J. Edwin Larson, chairman, Citizen's Advisory Committee on Highway Safety.



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Speed is number one in *fatal* accidents and number two in *all* accidents. And it doesn't always mean exceeding the stated limit. Nearly two-thirds of Florida's traffic accidents occur at speeds *under* 50 miles per hour and more than half the accidents occur at speeds of 30 miles per hour or less.

This safety message is being distributed to high school driver training students all over Florida through the cooperation of State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Thomas D. Bailey and Florida's investor-owned electric utility companies.