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### The Story Behind the Cover

### Meaningful Moment at the Boys Ranch

This month's cover picture was taken by Leon County Deputy Sheriff Ralph Johnson during ceremonies dedicating a new \$90,000 cafetorium at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, on Sunday, September 27.

It shows James Swick Jr., surrounded by other members of the Swick family, as he cut the ribbon to formally open the handsome new building dedicated in memory of his parents, the late Jim and Rena Swick, owners of Copeland Sausage Co., who lost their lives in Jacksonville's Hotel Roosevelt fire.

For the Swicks, and for many friends in the audience of some 2,000 people, this was a meaningful moment.

It was also a significant occasion for the Sheriffs of Florida. First, because it marked completion of the largest single construction project ever undertaken at the Boys Ranch; and, second, because it meant that 20 more needy and worthy boys on the ever-growing waiting list can be admitted to the Ranch.

Opening the cafetorium will allow the former temporary dining hall to be converted into a residence cottage for 20 boys and a married couple employed as "cottage parents." This will bring the total enrollment to a new high of 80 boys.

*More pictures of the cafetorium dedication will be printed in our November issue.*

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## She's Amazed

Marian R. Finucan, when she was a newcomer to the staff of Bradford County Sheriff P. D. Reddish, Starke, Fla., was so amazed at what the public expects AND GETS in the way of service from the Sheriff's Office, that she sat down (after office hours, of course) and composed the poem printed below.

Undoubtedly sheriffs and deputies throughout the state will share her sentiments.

### IT'S ALWAYS 10-6\* AT THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE

(\*Radio signal for "busy")

The day is not measured  
From dawn to dark.  
It starts at midnight  
And goes 'round the clock!

If a neighbor's dog barks  
Or howls in the night,  
Or the party next door  
Turns into a fight  
They call the Sheriff!

If the fence breaks down  
And the cattle roam,  
Or a Peeping Tom  
Prowls around their home,  
They call the Sheriff!

If a husband is cross  
Or a wife is a nag,  
If children are truants  
It's in the bag,  
They call the Sheriff!

If a bill is paid  
With a worthless check,  
Not a soul will worry  
What the Heck  
They call the Sheriff!

To apprehend criminals  
Or other law breakers,  
From moonshine stills  
To Indian fakirs,  
They call the Sheriff!

To deliver messages  
To escort or parade,  
To settle disputes,  
They all have it made,  
They call the Sheriff!

No job is too big  
And none too small,  
The Sheriff's Office,  
Gets them all!

**AND WE WOULDN'T HAVE IT  
ANY OTHER WAY!**

#### ARRANGER

ORLANDO—As an expression of appreciation, the Florida Sheriffs Association voted a Lifetime Honorary Membership for Orlando Attorney Charles J. Collins Jr., (right) after he arranged a \$4,000 bequest to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch from the estate of the late Angelyn H. Serrill. He is shown receiving his membership plaque from Orange County Sheriff Dave Starr.



## Where is Your Teen-Ager Tonight?

ORLANDO—Orange County Sheriff Dave Starr was so impressed by a column on Teen-agers written by William Conomos in the Orlando Evening Star, he suggested the following reprint of excerpts:

"Most teen-agers are good," said Conomos, "some are not, many — the majority, probably are just a little bad. Or, at least what we adults call 'bad.' Maybe bad is not the word. In most cases when teen-agers get into trouble, they have been led there by either a youthful appetite for adventure or by the action of the crowd or by a combination of both."

Classifying 'a little mischief' as "a perfectly natural tendency for youth," the columnist opined this shouldn't mean that when a youth is caught he should go unpunished just because he is young.

He theorized this is the reason why some youngsters in Orlando are going beyond the point of innocent fun or juvenile mischief. Similar indulgence in obscene vulgarities by an adult result in a severe prison sentence or confinement to a psychiatric hospital, he said.

Disrespect for authority is the most frightening development among teen-agers, according to Conomos.

"They engage in gang war with automobiles and alcohol as stimulants and they laugh at the law when they are caught," he wrote in his "Good Evening" column.

"Those in authority have only themselves to blame," he declared, pointing out that the kids have been coddled and pampered by adults building youth centers, football grandstands and swimming pools for them and giving them boats, automobiles and the latest fads.

A major factor encouraging young people to be bolder in their mischief is the light punishment they receive when

they get caught in serious trouble, the columnist said.

"They beat the rap and they become heroes for it to the rest of their crowd.

"They even have laws designed to prevent names of juvenile offenders from being published.

"We are all to blame for this arrogance among the teen-agers — parents, law enforcement officers and the courts."

Indications that we are beginning to realize our mistakes are a promising sign, he said, pointing out that the courts are taking a stronger approach with young offenders and parents are showing alarm.

He closed his column with this thought-provoking question: "Parents, do you know where your teen-ager will be tonight?"

## Built-in Gallows

BARTOW—The now virtually vacant old Polk County Jail was a handsome new structure back in 1914 and served as a model for many other jails built in neighboring counties. One of the unique features was a built-in gallows.

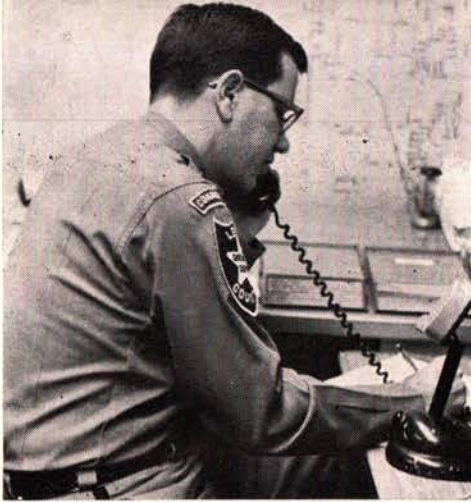
Only a few cells now are occupied in the portion of the building connecting to the new jail in the Hall of Justice.

Clyde Olive who served as a deputy sheriff under his Uncle, Sheriff John Logan, recalls participating in a hanging, with his uncle, at the gallows in the old structure. Early 20th century Florida sheriffs were responsible for carrying out capital punishment sentences when the jail was built.

He remembers only one major jail-break, when 14 men dug a tunnel under the floor and gate. Concrete floors were poured after that incident, he said.



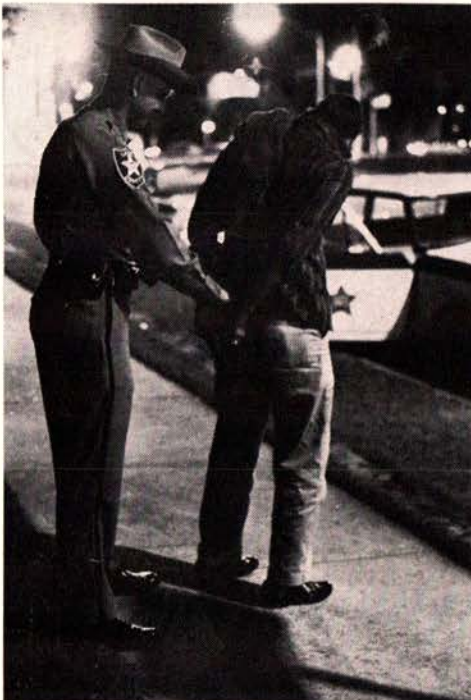
# ... and That's Where the



(1) "A drunk man on your lawn? we'll take care of him right away sir," Dispatcher Bob Fraser tells caller.



(2) In his patrol car Deputy Sheriff John Kirk Jr. receives a message: "Signal-two (drunk pedestrian) on College Avenue at Gadsden."



(3) Handcuffs . . . just in case. You never know when an innocent looking drunk will turn out to be a dangerous fugitive.



(4) Prisoner booked at the county jail and personal property put away for safe-keeping.



(5) Deputy questions his man and fills out arrest report.

It's not difficult to understand the high cost of law enforcement once you realize everything that's involved in each arrest—no matter how simple the case.

These pictures, posed by the staff of Leon County Sheriff Bill Joyce, show what happens when a "signal 2" (drunk pedestrian) is arrested.

This arrest, if it had been a real one, would have cost the taxpayers of Leon County more than \$50, according to the most conservative estimate—and remember this is the simplest possible arrest.

If this had been a serious crime such as armed robbery, rape or murder it could have involved hundreds of man hours and thousands of dollars.

Consider that there are over 90,000 serious crimes reported in Florida each year; and over 500,000 of the less serious variety like the one illustrated here.

Next time you get to wondering why law enforcement costs so much—let your computer chew on these figures.

Tallahassee  
Democrat  
Photos  
by  
David L.  
Woodward



# Money Goes

## Sheriff Thompson's Civil Rights Pamphlet Draws Editorial Praise

FORT MYERS—Lee County Sheriff Flanders Thompson's circular printed for distribution at civil rights demonstrations, drew favorable editorial comment from the Fort Myers News-Press.

In an editorial entitled, "Upholding the Hand of the Law," the newspaper singled out one of ten duties of law enforcement men for particular emphasis.

"It must be clearly understood that the law enforcement officers will not allow themselves to be placed in the false position of 'aggressors.' The law enforcement officers are aware of, and trained to assume, their full responsibilities; they expect others to remember and recognize they also have responsibilities."

"'Aggression' is a charge that law enforcement officers are confronted with increasingly in these times, at all levels," the News-Press asserted, "and it is a dangerous trend for our form of government, which is built upon law and upon respect for duly constituted authority. The pattern of criticism and denunciation of law enforcement officers doing their duty is so consistent that it appears at times to be part of an organized campaign."

Law enforcement agencies at the community level are the first line of defense against crime and civil disorder, the article pointed out, and so they are the first to be hit by the attacks of the critics.

Loyal citizens have a vital stake in upholding the hand of the law and bolstering public confidence in it, the article warned.

Other duties of lawmen set forth in the folders are:

"The law enforcement officers are the representatives of the government — a government of laws, not men.

"The law enforcement officers have a sworn duty to enforce the laws—impartially, objectively and equally. This they have done and this they will continue to do; for without law and order there can be no peace, no freedom, no rights for anyone.

"The law enforcement officers are aware of the significance of the surge for equal rights. They recognize and respect the right of the people to express their views on matters of public concern.

"The law enforcement officers will protect the rights of all to peacefully assemble and petition. They will brook no interference with these rights by anyone. Their impartial role is clear and set by law.

"The law enforcement officers will

also protect the rights of the people to pursue their lives and lawful occupations free from illegal interference.

"The law enforcement officers will take appropriate action under law when the rights of anyone are obstructed.

"It must be clearly understood that sit-downs or other acts which prohibit the safe and peaceful movements of persons and vehicles in the public streets, and prevent access to buildings, are a violation of law and those who use these unlawful means are subject to arrest.

"It must be clearly understood that law enforcement officers not only have the duty but the obligation to meet illegal action with legal action to the degree necessary to restore and maintain law and order.

"The law enforcement officers will preserve the public peace by every legal means. They expect public cooperation, compliance and understanding."

## Most Essential

MELBOURNE — Photography is "most essential" in law enforcement, Brevard County Sheriff Leigh S. Wilson told the Brevard Association of Professional Photographers.

Speaking at a meeting of the group, the sheriff illustrated the value of photography in solving crimes by citing a recent case. Pictures taken of footprints at the scene of a recent burglary enabled investigators to learn where the shoes came from and helped to solve the crime, he said.

Since the practice was instituted of taking 8mm. color and sound movies of persons charged with driving while intoxicated, the department has not lost a case," he continued.

The sheriff said his department presently is transferring all "mug shots" and identifications to IBM equipment to speed identification of suspects.

"We lean on photography very heavily, he commented. "We can't operate efficiently without it."

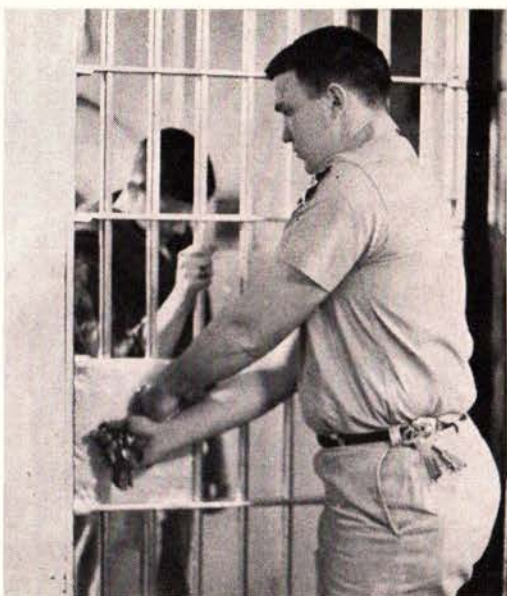
## Ducknapper Nabbed

ARCADIA — A man accused of stealing ducks from Lake Katherine was trailed all the way to Glades County by DeSota County Sheriff Lloyd Holton and Deputy David Keene.

They placed the ducknapper under arrest and recovered the stolen ducks.



(8) . . . and finally he has his day in court, before County Judge James C. Gwynn. Others are (from left) Deputy Dozier Allen, Sheriff Bill Joyce and Court Clerk W. P. Still.



(7) Prisoner goes behind bars to sober up.



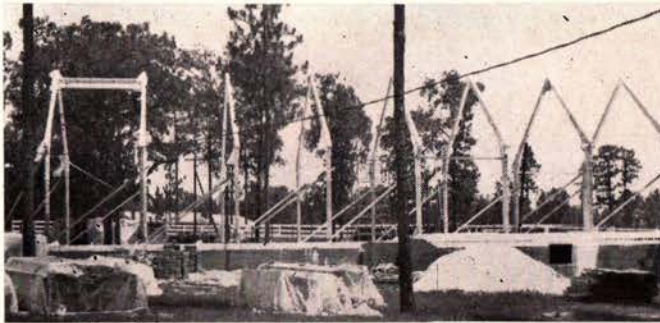
(6) Fingerprints next, handled by Jailer Jack Revell. All 10 plus palms.



# 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.



## Skeleton to Steeple

First came the skeleton of laminated wooden beams, then the walls and roof. Next will come a towering steeple which will make the new All-Faiths Chapel a significant landmark on the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch skyline. The rear of the \$50,000 building, with wings on both sides, will house a memorial library.



### GENEROUS DONORS

WAUCHULA—Hardee County Sheriff E. Odell Carlton (left) presents a Lifetime Honorary Membership in the Boys Ranch Builders Club to the Wauchula Elks Club, represented by Bedford Prescott (upper photo), outgoing Exalted Ruler.

This was a token of appreciation for the Club's donation of more than \$1,000 to the Ranch. The lower photo shows Dick Eaton, of Eaton's Department Store, receiving a Boys Ranch Builder Certificate for his gift of shoes to the youngsters at the Ranch.



## Fingerprints Did it

BARTOW—Fingerprints and a deputy's recollection of a similar case about ten years ago, led to the arrest of a man on furlough from Chattahoochee state mental hospital.

Polk County Sheriff Monroe Brannen said the man has a record of three cases of rape or attempted rape, three of auto larceny and currently is under a 15-year sentence.

An Eloise woman reported a man approached her while she was washing her car, forced her into his car, slashed her on the arm with a knife and then drove off in her automobile.

A check of fingerprints on the man's car revealed the car was stolen. While a check of fingerprint files was under way, Deputy Willard Tomlinson recalled a similar incident in Eloise. The fingerprints of the man involved in both cases were identical. The man was arrested in Eloise.

## Clues Pay Off

TAVARES — Lake County Deputy Willard Barnes of Sheriff Willis V. McCall's staff provided the key clues leading to the arrest of two 18 year olds and recovery of a number of items they allegedly stole from a barn in Marion County, near the Lake County line.

While checking the burglarized barn, Barnes spotted a car bearing a Marion County tag and gave the tag number and description of its two occupants to the Marion County Sheriff's office.

Marion County Deputy T. Bigelow followed the leads and arrested the two youths who led deputies to spots where they had stashed stolen items including a portable gas operated electric generator, two electric chain saws, an electric saber saw, and approximately 45 feet of heavy duty electric extension cord.



**SAD TUNE**—The bloodhound's expression indicates Dr. John Green was playing a sad song on his banjo when he led a group singing session at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. Dr. Green, who is an Associate Professor in the Division of Social Welfare and Director of Marriage Counseling at Florida State University, visited the Ranch with some of his students and entertained the youngsters after dinner. (Boys Ranch photo by Harry K. Weaver.)

## A Room Full of Memories — Mostly Sad

JACKSONVILLE — If they could only talk, the varied items in the sheriff's property room at the Duval County courthouse could tell stories of tragedy, pathos and humor.

William F. Howard, who has been in charge of Sheriff Dale Carson's property room since 1958, catalogues the items that range from Russian swords to ancient slot machines, from realistic looking toy pistols to a drawer full of the real thing, from ice picks to Molotov cocktails.

Occasionally, even the proverbial kitchen sink finds its way to the floor-to-ceiling-stacked shelves of the room.

"Plenty are stolen from new houses going up," said Howard.

One gun rack contains more than 50 rifles. Some are stolen and are tagged "can be returned." Others figured in crimes and must be kept until the case is disposed of.

The tangled remains of a child's pedal car remind Howard of the tragedy that occurred when a little boy and his sister were run over by a garbage truck. The boy was killed.

Currently, more than 30 stolen bicycles are in the property room. If persons reporting them stolen could supply the serial number, they'd be easy to trace, says Howard. The department keeps the bikes for two months. If the owners are not located by the end of that time, the Sheriff donates them to charitable institutions.

Tombstones comprise a weighty problem for Howard. One of a former captain in the German navy was easy to trace to Arlington Memorial Park where he was buried in 1961.

On the lighter side are dozens of "home for sale" signs placed with care-free abandon at the residences of persons who have no intention of selling their houses. Youthful pranksters account for these mis-markers.

Howard points to an icepick that was used for stabbing, a Molotov cocktail for revenge.

The 30x30 property room is a room full of memories.



**GENEROUS BEQUEST**  
CLEARWATER — Pinellas County Sheriff Don Genung accepts in behalf of Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch a check for \$13,588.35, from Mrs. Marie W. Bauer, executrix of the estate of her brother-in-law, Lawrence P. Bauer. A former Clearwater resident, Bauer willed identical amounts to the Ranch and to Father Flanagan's Boys Town. Holding a plaque, the Florida Sheriffs' Association Meritorious Service Award, is Edwin Bauer, Mrs. Bauer's husband and a brother of Lawrence. (Clearwater Sun Photo)



# Get Ready, Get Set...

... Before you

## Go

*out to round up  
a crowd of  
civil rights  
demonstrators.  
This is the Advice  
of Duval County  
Sheriff Dale  
Carson.*



Sheriff Carson

JACKSONVILLE — You think you've got problems?

Then you ought to read Duval County Sheriff Dale Carson's article on "Emergency Mass Detention" in the July-August, 1964, issue of "Police", a national magazine published by Charles C. Thomas.

Although the purpose of the article is simply to give other officers some guidelines to follow in taking care of large groups of prisoners during civil rights demonstrations—it also gives the reader some inkling of the tremendous problems a sheriff or police chief inherits when he becomes the guardian of a motley group of demonstrators.

The Jacksonville Sheriff has been "through the mill" and he knows what the problems are.

His primary theme is: Don't wait until it hits you boys. "Make detailed plans in advance and then execute them as efficiently as possible."

You've got to plan how you're going to make a mass arrest; where you're going to keep the prisoners after you arrest them; how you're going to transport them from the scene of the arrest to the place of detention; and how you're going to take care of them properly while they are under detention.

When you arrest them, says Sheriff Carson, "A plan should be developed for the removal of the demonstrators as quickly, efficiently and with as little manhandling as possible.

Using jail "trusties" to remove demonstrators from the place of arrest—as has been done in some areas—appears to be very effective, according to Carson.

"Not only does it get the job done," but it also reduces the likelihood of giving the press the photographs they seem to want (for instance photographs of uniformed officers dragging a demonstrator along the street). If the 'trusties' were wearing white coveralls, or other neat and distinctive clothing, this would also be an advantage."

Arrangements should be made in advance to use city buses to transport the prisoners, Carson advised. The buses should be given an escort to the destination and at least one officer should ride with each vehicle for security reasons.

Also make arrangements in advance for suitable detention facilities which can hold 500 to 2,500 people.

"Many areas have temporary housing facilities available at fair grounds, 4-H areas or camp areas," Carson said. Stadium dressing rooms, convention halls, unused sections of public buildings and vacant schools may be available, he added.

The location of the building is of considerable importance, and the farther away it is from the center of town the less trouble you will have from outside interference.

The building must be safe and sanitary. An area should be set aside for first aid; and an ambulance or some suitable type of emergency transportation should be at the facility at all times.

Arrangements should also be made to segregate the men, women and juveniles.

Carson reminds enforcement officers they will also have to do some advance planning to provide tables, chairs, beds, mattresses, blankets, cups, trays, spoons, soap, towels, toilet paper, cleansing and disinfecting materials and other necessary items.

"The facility should be staffed with experienced jail personnel. This is of extreme importance," Carson emphasized.

"These will not be the usual type prisoners," he said, "and their reaction to confinement may be different from that of the normal prisoner."

"The handling of unusual prisoners under difficult circumstances will tax the capabilities of even the most experienced officer. The experience of prison routine will help the jailer. The jailer's knowledge of the day-to-day jail routine will help the new prisoners adjust to their present situation."

Arrangements should be made to fingerprint all adult inmates. "It will be interesting to know the history of the demonstrators and the possibility of picking up a fugitive or two should not be missed," Carson said.

"Photographing may be considered but it may be too expensive on so large a scale," he added.

What about feeding arrangements?

They're very important, Carson said, because "food is a very important agent in determining the morale of the prisoners."

"Some of the inmates may require special diets which will add to the feeding problems," he added.

It was also his advice that all adult prisoners should be interviewed, if time permits.

"This," he said, "will give us a true picture of the people with whom we are dealing. A short list of questions should be prepared and the interrogation should be done by the detective division."

Finally, the Sheriff had this slightly comforting comment for his readers: "Advance planning will help eliminate some of the problems. . ."



## It's Not Safe to Pick up "Thumbers"

NAPLES—Collier County News presented some startling facts to back up its editorial warning: Don't Pick Up Hitchhikers.

Cautioning persons planning auto vacation trips, the News recounted the New Jersey state troopers' check of turnpike hitchhikers which revealed that 162 were runaways; 98 were servicemen absent without leave; seven were inmates fleeing mental institutions, and five were escaped convicts. The fingerprints of 500 others were on criminal records.

The editorial observed that many middle-aged businessmen of today hitchhiked thousands of miles when they were young and thus feel guilty about ignoring 'thumb-travelers.'

There has been a great change, however, in the hitchhiking fraternity in recent years, the article pointed out.

"For instance," it continued "out of 100 hitchhikers passing through a small Arizona town, police discovered that 84 had criminal records and 12 others were either juvenile runaways or AWOL servicemen. Only four of the 100 did not have police records."

Another hazard faced by motorists who pick up 'thumbers' is liability in event of accidents. In 20 states and the District of Columbia, the law provides that the owner of the automobile is liable to his "guest" in case of injury through ordinary negligence.

### False Report

CRESTVIEW—An Okaloosa County man reported that his son's service station had been broken into and \$900 stolen; but he later admitted to Sheriff Ray Wilson that the report was false and was placed under arrest.

The moral: Don't try to hoax the Sheriff. There's a law against it.



FORT PIERCE—CRIME SCHOOL—The technique of preserving footprints in plaster of Paris molds was demonstrated to this group attending an Indian River and Martin County law enforcement officers' school sponsored by St. Lucie County Sheriff J. R. Norvell's office, in cooperation with the FBI. Instructor for the class was (extreme right) FBI special agent Maurice Miller. Others in the picture are (from left) St. Lucie County Deputies Jack Jones, Ben Millard, Paul Cavaness, Lt. Wallace Higgs and Indian River County Deputy William MacBlain.

## Praised For Riot That Didn't Happen

WEST PALM BEACH—Palm Beach County Sheriff Martin Kellenberger's handling of "the race riot that didn't happen" in Palm Beach County merited mention in the nationally syndicated column of Drew Pearson.

Substituting for Pearson, Jack Anderson wrote: "Overlooked in the fury over Negro rights was the race riot that didn't happen in Palm Beach County, Fla. Hotheads from both races began to gather in Pahokee in the heart of Florida's sugar cane country for what threatened to be a serious bloodbath.

"Men with rifles, pistols, dynamite, machete knives, ice picks, razors, chains, and baseball bats headed for Pahokee for a racial showdown. But Palm Beach County's Republican sher-

iff, Martin Kellenberger, got there ahead of them."

Anderson told how Kellenberger set up roadblocks on all roads leading into town and instructed deputies to be courteous as they stopped and searched gathering agitators. They confiscated an arsenal of 'wicked weapons,' he wrote.

"At the same time, Kellenberger got together with both white and black leaders. He formed a bi-racial committee, which set out to settle racial problems and cool tempers."

As a result, Anderson wrote, the race riot never took place.

"Harmony was quickly restored. Florida's Governor Farris Bryant wrote a private letter congratulating him for his fast, fair handling of the crisis. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People sent the sheriff a similar letter."

### For Safety's Sake

TITUSVILLE—Youngsters between the ages of 11 and 18 are joining Sheriff Leigh S. Wilson's Junior Rifle Club. Both boys and girls are eligible.

The club began operating in July and will have a limited membership of forty. Lieut. James H. Garvin, sheriff's deputy, club leader, said the organization is designed to teach firearms safety as its primary objective and marksmanship as a secondary purpose.

Applications must be signed by parents and submitted to one of the club officers or to Lieutenant Garvin.



CLEARWATER — RECEIVES APPOINTMENT — Pinellas County Sheriff Don Genung (left) congratulates Sgt. Thomas J. Golder on his appointment to attend the 74th session of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy at Washington, D. C. A member of the sheriff's department, Golder was accepted for 12 weeks of training in a specialized police administration course.



## Sheriff Was Once A Steamboat Pilot

KISSIMMEE—"Steamboat's a'com-ing!"

That Mississippi chant of yesteryear evokes pleasant memories for Kissimmee residents, for the sternwheelers belong to Kissimmee's past, too.

Osceola County Sheriff Bob Buckels did more than ride on steamboats as a lad; he piloted two during the mid-twenties.

The Robert E. Lee's sister ship, the Bertha Lee plied Lake Tohopekaliga and points south.

"Every once in a while we'd run a short excursion trip and we'd rope off an area and have dancing aboard," Buckels said.

The sheriff has stood behind the wheels of the Osceola and the Roseada. The Roseada was perhaps the biggest moneymaker in its day. It was built in Kissimmee in 1900. The last ship was built here in 1916. The best known of all Kissimmee-built boats, perhaps, was the Lillie, a cabin boat which sailed the 36-hour trip from here to Fort Myers with excursion parties.

## Losses Halved

LAKELAND — Former Sheriff F. Leslie Bessenger, now director of the Fruit Protection Division of Florida Citrus Mutual, commended sheriffs in the citrus producing counties and the officers they assigned to Citrus Mutual's central intelligence bureau for the outstanding job they have done this season.

Through their efforts losses of more than 13,000 growers from thieves have been cut in half, Bessenger said.

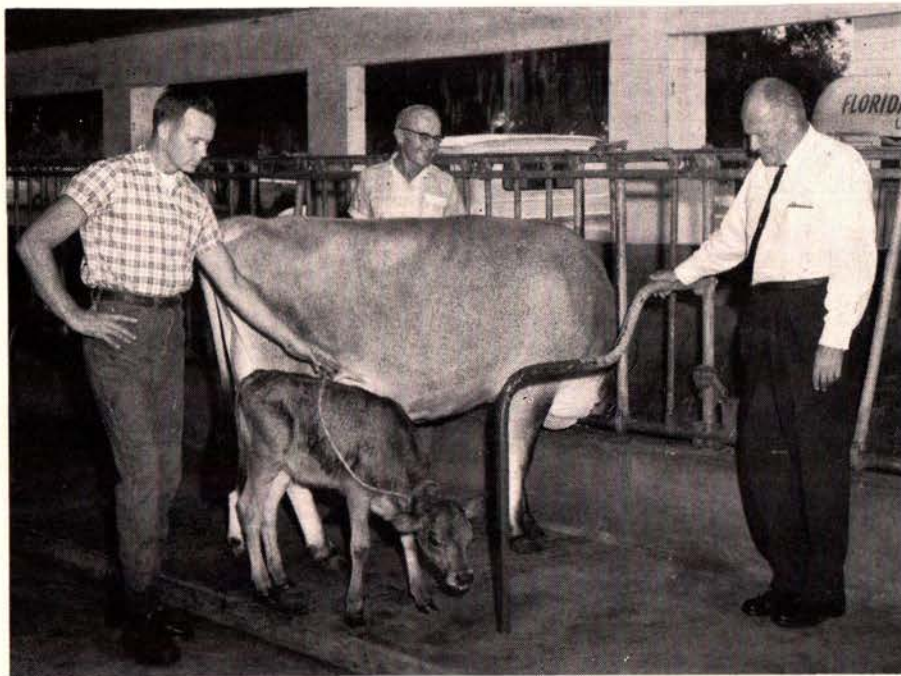
The director reported a total of 249 arrests and estimated the total amount lost from thefts, vandalism and fraud to be \$385,254.

## Speedy Arrest

LAKE BUTLER—Charges of armed robbery of a local service station operator were placed on a Kansas City, Mo. man only a few minutes after Union County Sheriff John Whitehead's office was alerted.

The sheriff said the man admitted taking about \$54 from the station operator whom he had asked to accompany him to the city dump to start his stalled car.

The .22 rifle the man used was identified as one stolen from a Starke used car lot. The man was believed to be an escapee from a federal prison in Indiana.



LAKE HELEN—FOR THE BOYS RANCH — Volusia County Sheriff Rodney Thursby (right) accepted a registered Jersey cow and calf from Dairyman George Sixma and his son, John, as a donation for the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. The boys at the Ranch operate their own dairy and they were very pleased to receive these additions to their herd.

## 23 Graduate

FORT PIERCE—Seven Indian River County and 16 St. Lucie County law enforcement officers received certificates on completion of a special course in law enforcement conducted here by Sheriff J. R. Norvell's Department, in cooperation with the FBI.

Resident FBI Special Agent Christopher W. Nelson and Deputy Sheriff Lanie Norvell awarded certificates to:

Lieuts. Al Test and Wallace Higgs; Deputies Ben Millard, J. A. Jones, Paul Cavaness, Wayne Scrambler, Andrew Jorgensen and Del Parker; Dispatcher John A. Sample; Constable James A. Powell; Special Deputies Art Russakis, James L. King, Harvey Ellis, Dale Smith and Otto Schreckengost Jr., and Police Dispatcher James Cairns, all of Fort Pierce;

Policemen Marion Hargett, Neil George Bevis, Roland S. Wood, Harold K. Bostick and Sterling Cooper; Deputy Sheriff William MacBlaine and Roger Brumley, all of Vero Beach.

## Bowl Beneficiary

ORLANDO—The Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch will be one of the worthy charities receiving proceeds from the 11th Annual Kumquat Bowl football game which will be held here November 14.

The Bowl game is sponsored by the North Orlando Kiwanis Club.

## Solved in 24 Hours

FORT WALTON BEACH — A sporting goods store at Valparaiso was robbed and three Eglin Air Force Base airmen were charged with the offense less than 24 hours later, Okaloosa County Sheriff Ray Wilson reported.

Seven radios and a stereo set, total value \$307, were reported taken from the store. The men were to be charged also with breaking and entering the Niceville Church of Christ and taking the altar bible, a 20-inch fan and a public address system.

## Favorable Audit

NAPLES—State Auditor Ernest Ellison made the following comments after auditing the accounts and records of Collier County Sheriff E. A. (Doug) Hendry:

"All collections of record were accounted for by remittances or by cash on hand. Sentences of the court were properly executed. Budget accounts were properly handled."

## Strange Pastime

PERRY — A 15-year-old boy described as "the gold fish arsonist" was told to see a psychiatrist by County Judge Byron Butler.

Apprehended by Sheriff Maurice Linton's department, the boy was suspected of setting fire to women's clothing and frying some gold fish in Perry residences he broke into.



## Sheriff Outshot

MIAMI—How sweet it was . . . for Television comedian Jackie Gleason when he outshot Dade County Sheriff T. A. Buchanan in the Fraternal Order of Police annual golf tournament.

"If I beat this guy do I get arrested?" asked Gleason as he watched the sheriff tee off at Miami Lakes Country Club Development.

Gleason led the foursome—including Lt. Frank Clifton and Floyd Luckey—with a one-over-par 14. He quit after three holes, but not before the Sheriff obtained his autograph on a cigarette pack—"for my baby."

Before the match, Buchanan made the comedian an honorary deputy sheriff and presented him with a gold money clip with badge attached.

### She Reads the Star

FORT MYERS—Mrs. W. R. England, widow of the late W. R. England who for many years was the Florida Sheriffs Association's special consultant on sheriffs' office procedures, is currently living here and she keeps in touch with the activities of the Sheriffs Association through this magazine.

Friends can mail cards or letters to her at Beacon Manor Rest Home, Fort Myers.

### IN RECOGNITION

LIVE OAK — Suwannee County Sheriff Duke McCallister (right) presents a Builder's Certificate and a Florida Sheriffs Association Lifetime Honorary Membership Plaque to James Wallace, Route 4, in appreciation for his generous gifts to the Boys Ranch. (Photo courtesy The Suwannee Democrat.)



### Switcheroo

FORT LAUDERDALE—Handcuffs are usually found on criminals.

But stickup men pulled a "switcheroo" here when they used them to manacle the operators of a liquor store they robbed.

A locksmith had to be called to free Merle J. Smith and his wife, Billie.

### Enters Nursing Home

BUNNELL — Ernest W. Johnston, first sheriff of Flagler County, has entered Clyatt Memorial Center, a Daytona Beach nursing home, after being confined to his home the past several months.

## Records Section Now Automated

TITUSVILLE—Here's bad news for lawbreakers:

Brevard County Sheriff Leigh S. Wilson is now using IBM equipment which streamlines his record keeping system and enables him to "put the finger on" crime suspects with lightning speed.

In a matter of minutes the new equipment will give him all available information about any criminal "celebrity" in his files.

Under the old system of record keeping this could have required hours, even days of checking the files by hand.

Automation also answers other vital questions for the Sheriff. It tells him where the greatest traffic hazards exist in his county because all traffic accidents are now recorded on IBM cards; and it can tell him his "batting average" by quickly revealing how many arrests result in convictions.

A trial run to test the equipment's ability with statistics showed that only five per cent of the 3,065 cases the Sheriff took to Brevard County Court of Record in the first six months of this year produced "not guilty" verdicts—a good score in any league.

Sheriff Wilson is one of the first Sheriffs in the state to use automation and he predicts that it will become one of the most vital functions in his department.

### Regular Churchgoer

FORT WALTON BEACH—A 16-year-old boy went to church for the wrong reason—to steal not to kneel.

According to reports from Okaloosa County Sheriff Ray Wilson he entered five different churches and stole various items.

Chief Investigator Driscoll Oglesby brought the boy back from Columbus, Ga., where his sins and the long arm of the law finally caught up with him.

## WANTED PERSONS



### Walter M. Bowles

White male, date of birth 6-20-23, 5 feet, 11 inches tall, weighs 195 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes. Cashes checks lower class bars. Warrants issued, charge Worthless Checks. If apprehended notify Police Dept., Ocala, Florida, or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



### Charles Irwin Potts

Colored male, date of birth 4-23-42, 5 feet 9½ inches tall, weighs 160 pounds, slim build, blk. hair, brown eyes. Has been indicted for Murder, First Degree, Robbery and Grand Larceny. Believed to be in Florida. Warrants issued. If apprehended notify Police Dept., Hauppauge, N. Y. or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Fla.



## "Move — or Else"

INVERNESS—Citrus County's first sheriff, J. C. Priest, was a man who knew how to give orders; and when he said "move—or else I'll move you," he meant it.

The Suncoast Sentinel, published in Crystal River, verified this when it printed an account of events surrounding the transplanting of the county seat from the now obliterated town of Mannfield to Inverness.

According to this account, W. C. Zimmerman, Clerk of the Circuit Court, refused to move his person or his records when "moving day" rolled around on May 4, 1891.

So the Sheriff, acting on the advice of an attorney, ordered the clerk picked up bodily, along with his desk, office chair and records.

Two men hoisted the clerk—still sitting in his office chair—into a wagon, along with his desk and minute book.

Then Zimmerman was held in the chair by the two men and transported to Inverness, where the same two men unloaded him.

Today the town site of Mannfield is only a memory, but the Citrus County Historical Society wants to establish a park there to keep the memory alive.

## Helpful Bystander

NAPLES — The Saga magazine article, "Boondock Sheriff," an account of Collier County Sheriff Doug Hendry's career, recalled an amusing (in retrospect) incident from his early years in law enforcement.

The sheriff was endeavoring to arrest a drunk when he was jumped by four of the man's friends and he heard these comments from the sidelines as he was being battered about the street:

"Somebody ought to call the police."

Came the quick reply, "You d---d fool. You don't have to do that. That's who's fighting."

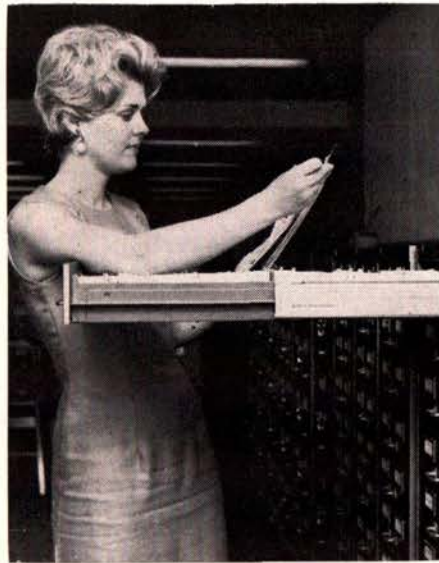
## More Grits, Dear?

GAINESVILLE — Leave it to a woman to think of using hot grits as a weapon.

It happened this way, according to Alachua County Sheriff Joe Crevasse Jr.'s office:

A Gainesville man nicked his wife on the hand with a knife because she provoked him. That afternoon she went shopping, returned, and cooked a big pot of hot grits which she poured on his neck, shoulders and arms.

You might say her method of serving grits sent him — to Alachua General Hospital, that is.



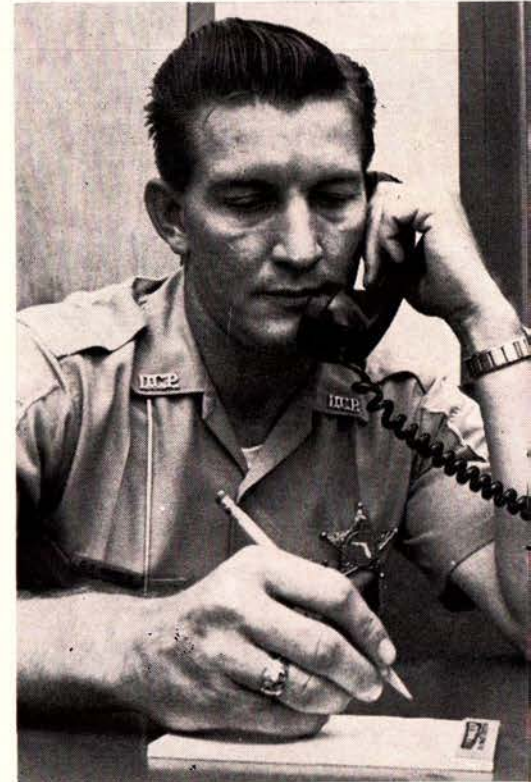
Card files, the vital "memory" of law enforcement.



Fingerprints, on paper, often put criminals on "the hot seat."



Photo darkroom couldn't operate without paper.



Name . . . address . . . the important details of a frantic call for help go down on paper.



Anatomy of a crime—detective writes a detailed report





# PAPER'S POTENT

A piece of paper doesn't look like a very potent weapon, but you can't fight crime without it.

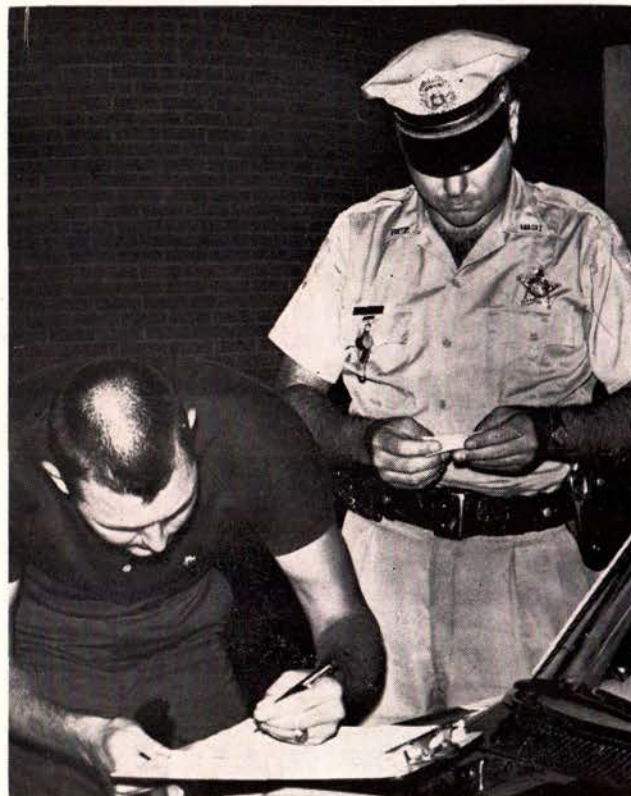
In fact, if you take the paperwork out of law enforcement the whole business of collaring criminals will fall apart.

The bullseye targets into which sheriffs and their deputies slam slug after slug in their efforts to become sharper sharpshooters are made of paper.

So's the report form an officer fills out when he investigates a crime . . . . the fingerprint identification card that hounds a lawbreaker to his dying day, no matter how much he tries to alter his appearance or how many times he changes his name . . . the photograph of a crime scene that sends a hoodlum to the state prison for life . . . the reams of typewritten information that give law enforcement its vital "memory" of past misdeeds . . . the financial records . . . the teletype messages . . . the chart on which a polygraph machine separates truth from fiction . . .

The list could go on for pages and pages but it would just belabor a point that seems pretty obvious: The safety and security of all of us hangs by a flimsy piece of paper—and that is how the tissue crumples.

These pictures were taken in the Duval County Sheriff's Department, Jacksonville, by Florida Times-Union photographer Lou Egner.



A complaint is signed and the machinery of law enforcement goes into action.



And finally, before the case is closed, a report is typed for future reference.

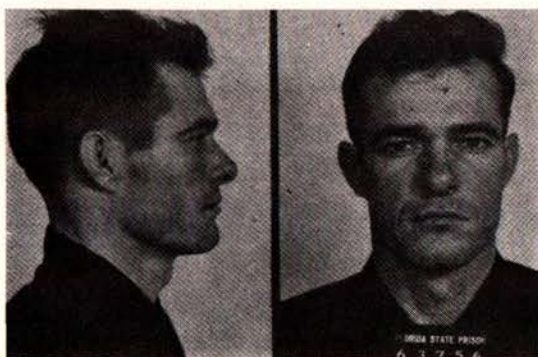


Slamming bullets into paper targets is important "paperwork" too.



# WANTED PERSONS

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**Bobby Ray Clenny**  
White male, date and place of birth 9-17-28, Colquitt, Ga., 6 feet, 1 inch tall, weighs 193 pounds, brown hair and eyes, ruddy complexion.

Capias issued, Failure to appear on B and E charge. If apprehended notify Sheriff Rhoden, Jasper, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



**Louis Moore**  
White male, date and place of birth 4-28-31, Winter Garden, Florida, 5 feet, 8 inches tall, weighs 165 pounds, black hair, hazel eyes, ruddy complexion. Capias is-

sued, Failure to appear on B and E charges. If apprehended notify Sheriff Rhoden, Jasper, Florida, or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



**Joseph W. Descaro**  
White male, age 36, Italian descent, place of birth Uniontown, Pa., 6 feet tall, weighs 170 pounds. May be using name *Joe MILLER*, as registered under that name at motel. Mode of transportation unknown. Warrants on file, charge Embezzlement, Grand Larceny, and Withholding Support. If apprehended notify Sheriff Linton, Perry, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



**Melvin Burnett**  
White male, date of birth 7-14-25, 6 feet, 4 inches tall, weighs 280 pounds, black hair, brown eyes. Truck Driver. Florida Chauffeur's License #D-127843, obtained from Georgia Lic. A2166943 on March 10, 1964. Recently worked for Cab

Company in Augusta, Ga., but reportedly back in Florida. Warrants issued, charge Worthless Checks, Desertion and Non-Support. If apprehended notify Sheriff Crevasse, Gainesville, Fla. or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Fla.



**Irving I. Sherman**  
White male, date and place of birth 1-4-26, Montreal, Canada, 5 feet, 5 to 7 inches tall, dirty blond wavy hair, numerous burn marks on face, one appears as a horse-shoe scar directly under mouth. Has Driver's License #D-82264. FBI #55253E. May seek work with hotels and motels. Known as real fast

talker, gives hard luck story to potential employers. On probation from Dade County as result of conviction two counts Grand Larceny. Warrants issued Indian River County, charge Embezzlement. If apprehended notify Sheriff Joyce, Vero Beach, Fla., or the Florida Sheriff's Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



**James Edward Evans**  
White male, date of birth 6-3-24, 5 feet, 11 inches tall, weighs 183 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes, scar under nose. Place of birth Dayton, Ohio. Occupation: Cook. FBI #890 723A. Warrant issued, charge Grand Larceny. Allow no bond. If apprehended notify Sheriff Buchanan, Miami, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



## Anti-Delinquency Training Program Started in Dade

MIAMI—Dade County Sheriff T. A. Buchanan's Department has taken a \$32,842 step in its long range program to nip juvenile delinquency in the bud.

The department set in motion a pilot educational and training program financed by the U. S. government and designed to benefit all enforcement departments in Greater Miami's 27 municipalities.

The money from the U. S. Dept. of Health Education and Welfare will be used to develop and test three training courses aimed at making police administrators, juvenile officers and general duty policemen more effective in combating juvenile delinquency.

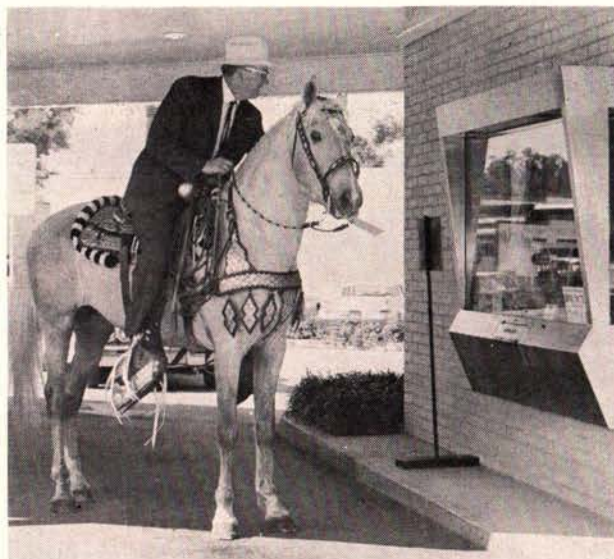
When the best course is determined, it will be offered on a continuing basis by the Division of Police Science and Criminology of Miami-Dade Junior College.

The University of Miami will cooperate with the sheriff's department in setting up the curricula. Both will be directed by a coordinator to be named from either the university or the college.

Dade County is the first police agency ever awarded a training program of this type in the United States.

### RIDE-UP WINDOW

EUSTIS—Ordinarily it isn't news when Sheriff Willis McCall makes a bank deposit, but this time he was on horseback and the Eustis Lake Region News printed a picture of him patronizing the "ride-up window" of the First State Bank and Trust Co. We're reprinting it to remind our readers that Sheriff McCall is an outstanding horseman and to prove that he knows a fine horse when he sees one.



### Mounted Lookout

CRESTVIEW—It was like a Western TV film when a lookout for a "shine" operation galloped off on his mount and warned others at the still who escaped as raiding officers moved in.

The northern part of Okaloosa County was the scene of the action. State Beverage Agent Jerry Alford got close enough to grab the horse's tail, but couldn't hold on. Officers destroyed a six-barrel moonshine still with a 100-gallon pot and confiscated nine gallons of new "shine."

### New Colors

BARTOW — Polk County Sheriff Monroe Brannen's deputies will usher in the Winter season in green and white uniforms. And they'll ride in green and white cars with blue lights.

The changeover from brown and white is in keeping with the Florida Sheriffs Association's program to standardize colors for all sheriffs departments in Florida.

Colors of present cars will not be changed, but all new ones will be green and white.

## MISSING PERSONS

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### Benjamin Walker

White male, age 15, 6 feet tall, weighs 150 pounds, dark brown hair, brown eyes. Missing from his home in Naples, Fla., since August 3, 1964. If in contact with subject notify Sheriff Hendry, Naples, Florida, or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



### Bobby Carl Clyatt

White male, age 22, 5 feet, 8 inches tall, weighs 140 pounds, blond hair, blue eyes, full dentures, has speech defect, slightly retarded. Last seen July 12, 1964, between Lake City and High Springs on U.S. 41. Clyatt was given a check on July 11, 1964, which has not been returned to the bank. Any one knowing subject's whereabouts notify Sheriff Whitehead, Lake Butler, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.

### Jerry Marks

White male, age 54, 5 feet, 11 inches tall, weighs 130-135 pounds, brown curly hair, wears thick lens, horn rimmed glasses. Driving new 1964 Chevy II Station Wagon, 1964 License 57-1139. Occupation: Painter. Missing since 8-20-64. Any station knowing subject's whereabouts advise Sheriff McPherson, Okeechobee, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



### Betty Lou Sapp

Also known as Steel, white female, age 32, 5 feet, 3 inches tall, weighs 118 pounds, light red hair (possibly dyed), blue eyes, fair complexion; cut scar on both wrists, scar on chin. Occupation: Waitress. Last known address Kesman Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa., on or about July 15, 1964. If in contact with subject notify Sheriff McCall, Tavares, Florida, or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.

### Mrs. Ada Kemp

White female, age 33, weighs 130 pounds, black hair, false teeth. May be working as a waitress. Believed to be driving a 1956 Ford with an Orange County, tag, numerals unknown. Missing since March 21, 1964. If subject located, notify Sheriff Willis, Ocala, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Fla.





## Everything Was "On the House"

The Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch baseball team will long remember its 1964 trip to Winter Garden to play the Jaycee Pony League All-Stars because the boys were treated royally both on and off the diamond.

They were overnight guests at the Cherry Plaza Hotel, one of Orlando's finest, compliments of Co-Owner Joel Moore; and they were fed by Mrs. Clara Johnson, of the College Park Restaurant; John Peck, of Peck's A&W Root Beer Drive-in; and "Kentucky Jim" Houck, operator of a Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant.

The baseball trip is an annual affair sponsored by the Orlando Jaycees and Sheriff Dave Starr, with Ed Pickerell, of Pickerell's Sports Shop spearheading arrangements.

The game was a benefit affair for the Jaycees Pony League (one-third) and the Boys Ranch (two-thirds). Sheriff Starr said his deputies sold \$1,100 worth of tickets in addition to those sold by the Jaycees.



### TOP TO BOTTOM

The Boys Ranch team with Sheriff Starr (right) and Coach Roy Sullivan (left).

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A root beer toast to the cute "car hops" at Peck's A&W Root Beer Drive-in.

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Sheriff Starr (left) expresses his thanks to "Kentucky Jim" Houck with a Boys Ranch Builder certificate.

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... and also to Mrs. Clara Johnson of the College Park Restaurant.

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Tired but happy after a big day, the boys check in at the Cherry Plaza Hotel, assisted by Sgt. Jud Wood of the Orange County Sheriff's Department.

