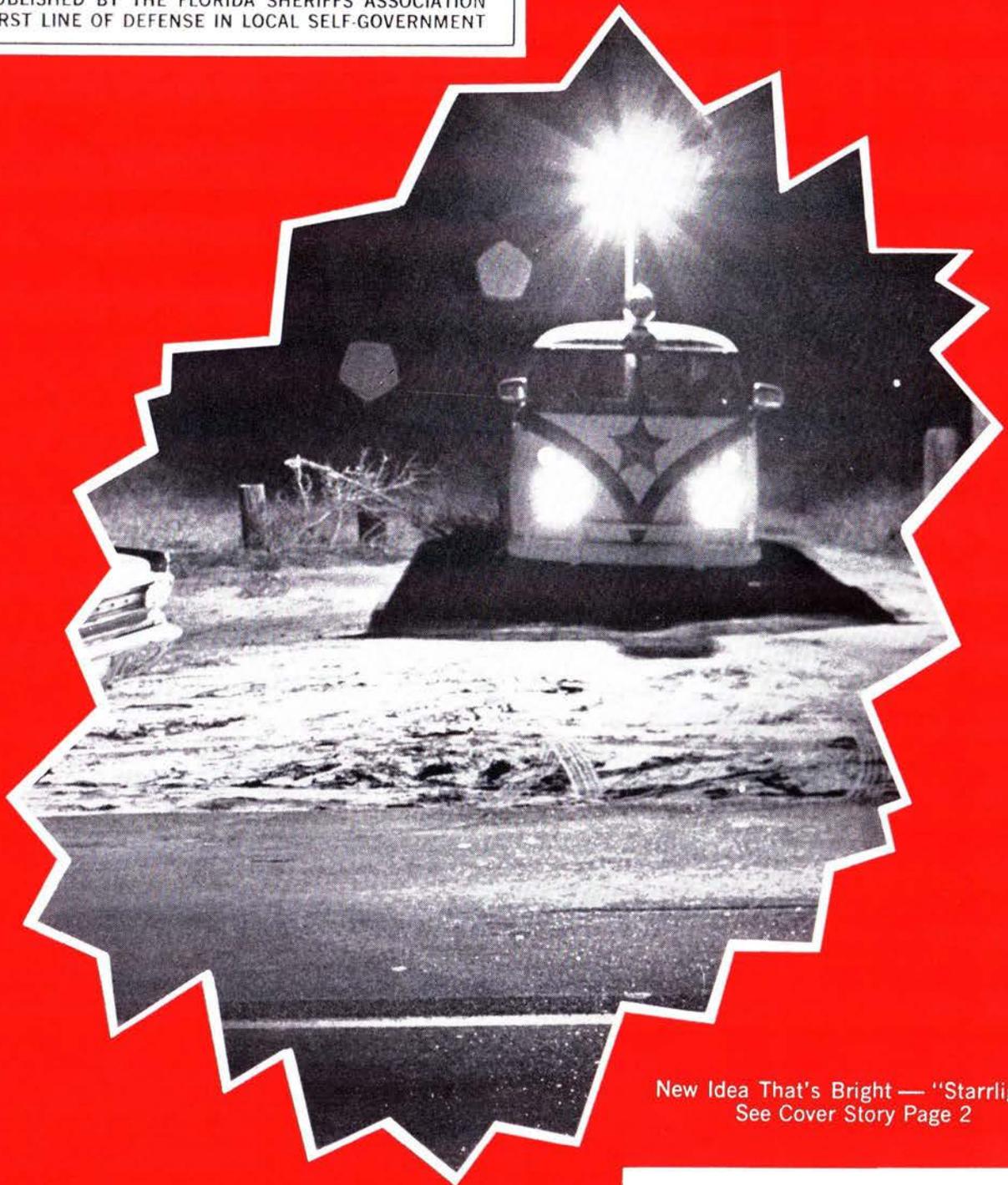


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Tinker Morris, first Sarasota rider, gets the "mail pouch" from Chief Deputy Sheriff Jack Royal as the courthouse-to-courthouse relay race gets under way. Sgt. Mike Prieto, of the Manatee County Sheriff's Department, checks his watch and Sarasota Deputy Gerry Crady gives the rider a last minute pep talk.

Possemen Revive Pony Express

SARASOTA—It was just like the old Pony Express when members of the Sarasota County and Manatee County mounted posses galloped along a 17-mile route relaying mail pouches from courthouse to courthouse.

Sheriff Ken Gross' possemen started at the Manatee County Courthouse and headed south toward the Sarasota County Courthouse.

Simultaneously, Sheriff Ross Boyer's riders started north toward the Manatee County Courthouse.

Each rider "carried the mail" a mile and the Sarasota posse covered the distance in the shortest time to win a trophy.

The trophy must be won three times for permanent possession, and, since the race is going to be an annual affair,

Manatee will have another shot at it next year.

By previous agreement the losing posse had to make a donation of \$50 to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch and the winner had to kick in \$25.

Except for the city streets near the starting point, the relay race was run along dirt roads. It attracted spectators all along the way and possemen took advantage of this opportunity to sell tickets to the barbecue dinner which followed the race.

The barbecue proved just as successful as the race and possemen had to keep their cooks going after dark to serve the more than 1,000 persons who showed up.

Some of the proceeds will go toward development of the Sarasota posse's 15-acre tract of land.

GREETERS

FT. MYERS — State Treasurer Broward Williams (center) was welcomed by Lee County Sheriff Flanders Thompson (right) and James B. Roberts, vice president of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association, Ft. Myers, when he came here for a reception in his honor.



Joyce and Crevasse Are At It Again

TALLAHASSEE — Leon County Sheriff Bill Joyce and Alachua County Sheriff Joe Crevasse, Jr., are at it again — needling each other about the Florida-Florida State University football game.

In 1964 the FSU Seminoles won and Joyce rubbed salt in Crevasse's wounds by sending his wife a pair of shoes and a purse made of surplus "gator skins."

In 1965 it was Crevasse's turn to crow and he explained by letter that he was happy for an opportunity to reciprocate.

"However, Bill," he wrote, "I am somewhat ashamed to send you merchandise made from Seminole skins. Naturally, such merchandise looks good at the time of purchase, but my experience is that it does not hold up like that made from tough and durable alligator skins.

"Therefore, with no apologies, I am sending a beautiful pair of alligator shoes to your wife and an alligator belt to you. If you are still despondent over the outcome of the game, please return the belt."

Joyce not only accepted the gifts, but also told Crevasse he would appreciate a "war bonnet" of "Crowe" feathers since he was currently studying the history of the "Crowe" tribe.

"By the way, Joe," Joyce added, "the delivery of your letter was a little slow and it was also delivered to the County Judge's office, which is not too accurate.

"So, if I may suggest, when you send the gifts, just wrap them in a package the shape of a football, address to W. P. (Casey) Joyce, hand same to Spurrier and tell him I will be on the corner of Park Avenue and Monroe Street amid 20 Tallahasseeans. Advise him to toss it and I feel sure the delivery will be much faster than the mails and no one in the crowd will touch it except 'Casey' Joyce.

Another Switcher

FT. LAUDERDALE — Another Sheriff has switched. Broward County Sheriff Allen B. Michell announced his intention to change from red to blue flashing emergency lights on his patrol vehicles.

First Negro Deputy

MONTICELLO—Sheriff J. B. Thomas has hired Garrett Proctor as Jefferson County's first Negro deputy sheriff.

Sheriff Dave Starr (left) and Circuit Court Clerk D. S. Banner study close similarity between bogus Orange County warrant (top) and the real thing. (Orlando Sentinel photo by Frank Russell.)

\$140,000 Forgery Plot Smashed

ORLANDO—Sheriff Dave Starr's Department, in close cooperation with County Attorney James Robinson, Circuit Court Clerk Arthur Newell and the FBI, smashed a plot to flood Orange County with around \$140,000 in forged county warrants.

The warrants serve the same function as checks and are used by Orange County for payrolls and other expenditures.

A tip to Newell alerted the Sheriff and other officials that some forged warrants were coming by air to Orlando, and they were immediately placed under surveillance after they arrived at McCoy jetport.

They were transferred unclaimed to the air freight office and a six-day stakeout finally paid off when a man identified as Ralph Sydnor Wright, 37, of Orlando, called for them.

Deputies James Sadlier and Paul Rathy, who had shared the long hours of surveillance with Deputies Jack Bachman, Robert Tanner and Robert Woods, then moved in for the arrest.

"Would you care to open the package?" Wright was asked.



"We both know what's in it," he reportedly replied, and was placed under arrest. Later Wright was arraigned and bound over to federal court charged with receiving over 200 forged warrants.

An estimated 20-21 checks totaling possibly as high as \$2,400 were passed prior to Wright's arrest. "The tragedy of this is that none of the firms cashing the checks requested identification from the passers," Sheriff Starr said.

He explained that the additional checks that arrived by air were to have been filled out and cashed in local stores by a "shrewd" team of a man and woman whose identities were not immediately disclosed.



DELAND — BOGUS BILLS — Volusia County Deputy Sheriffs H. S. McBride (left) and Eugene Petrone display some of the \$10 and \$20 bills they confiscated after arresting Gerald D. Russell, 33, who gave his address as Oak Hill. Russell was nabbed by McBride and Tom Smith, manager of the Publix Market here, after he passed a phony \$20 bill. Counterfeit bills totaling almost \$33,000 and printing paraphernalia were found in the trunk of his car.

Raid Nets \$750,000 In Bogus Money

LAKELAND—One of the biggest counterfeit money cases in Florida's history came to a climax here when Sheriff Monroe Brannen's department, U.S. Treasury and FBI agents and the Lakeland Police Department raided a residence and confiscated around \$750,000 in bogus \$20 bills.

Arrested in the raid were Willie R. Plaster, 43, operator of a "correspondence school" and his part-time secretary, Dorothy B. Bryant, 26, a former waitress.

Later the FBI arrested Dr. Donald Bryant, Lakeland physician, after a federal grand jury indictment involved him in the case.

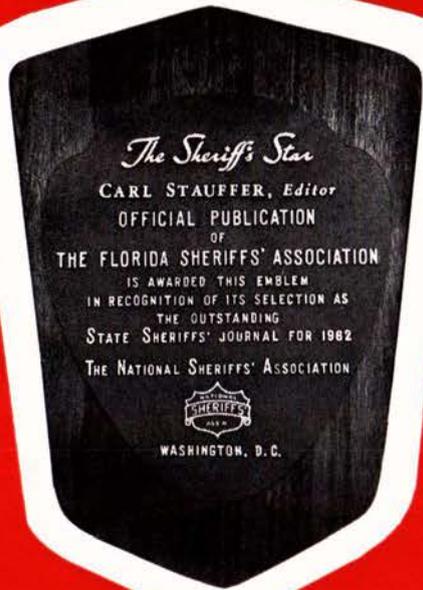
Sheriff Brannen said one of his men, Sgt. Frank Mock, started investigating the case about two months prior to the raid and was the main investigator. The raid and arrests, however, were a combined city, county and federal operation.

In addition to two large boxes of counterfeit bills, the raiders confiscated a large offset press, cameras, plates, inks, dyes and paper.

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Sheriff Starr (left) checks installation of "Starrlight" equipment on his Mobile Crime Unit.



Developer John Lovett (left) and Sheriff Starr putting ideas on paper for new light.

ORLANDO—One of the bright new ideas in law enforcement is the Starrlight—named for Orange County Sheriff Dave Starr, the "midwife" who assisted at its birth.

Starrlight is a powerful floodlight built into the standard blue emergency flasher used on Sheriff's patrol cars and other emergency vehicles.

When intense night lighting is needed, it can be raised on a four-foot telescopic pole so that three 400-watt iodine quartz flood lights illuminate an area of approximately 200 feet.

The idea was born about a year ago when Sheriff's Deputy Walt Johnson, driver of Sheriff Starr's mobile crime unit, and former Deputy Bob Brown, who took the pictures printed on the cover and these pages, discussed with Sheriff Starr the need for more light at crime scenes and accidents.

The Sheriff agreed with them and passed the problem along to John Lovett, President of Orlando Industrial Developers, Inc.

"I told Lovett I'd like to see something that could light up the

New Idea That's Bright . . .

Starrlight



Deputy Sheriff Walt Johnson tests the Starrlight controls for Sheriff Starr and Lovett.

scene for photographers, also something that could be used in search, homicide and auto accident cases, etc. It's essential to have good pictures for court use," the Sheriff said.

Lovett developed the light during the past year and his plant superintendent Robert Jameson designed the lift action of the aluminum pole, which involves special devices to implement the telescoping.

Lovett suggested the light would benefit all emergency, utility and service vehicles.

Deputies feel the light may save lives by helping locate the injured for immediate medical attention.

Ex-Deputy Brown says that "It gives instant, mobile light at night—brighter than a gas generator and more dependable."

Installation of the pilot model of the Starrlight includes other OID products—the Electra-Pak gen-

erator, voltage regulator and their accessories.

The generator is mounted under the vehicle's hood and is driven by the engine fan belt. Weighing 35 pounds, it is capable of producing 115 volts of alternating current, 27 amperes and 3,000 watts. It powers the extension, retraction and lights, but operates independently of the vehicle's electrical system.

The voltage regulator installed behind the front seat is powered by transistors. It maintains the voltage at a desired level, regardless of increase in engine speed.

Panel boxes with voltage indicators and two power outlets are located under the dashboard at the driver's left and next to the voltage regulator. The outlets provide access to auxiliary power for a wide assortment of electric tools and equipment.

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.

Sheriff Quinn Will Do It Again

INVERNESS—Sheriff B. R. Quinn's first fund raising event for the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch was so successful he is planning to do it again.

He sponsored a barbecue during the annual Citrus County Canoe Race and raised well over \$1,500 which is believed to be a record for small counties.

Sheriff Quinn said the amount is unusually high because so much of the food was donated and dozens of people volunteered to assist in putting on the big feed.

Hospitalized by a heart attack, Sheriff Quinn was not able to attend the barbecue, but his staff and the non-paid volunteers carried on ably in his absence.

Deputy Sheriff Lloyd Shelton was credited by Sheriff Quinn with selling the most tickets; and Deputy Herb Williams was a close second. Over 1,500 tickets were sold.

X-cuse the X-rox

TALLAHASSEE—When friends received Jack Madigan's 1965 Christmas Card the first impression was that hard times had hit him.

The Tallahassee lawyer-banker, who is the Florida Sheriffs Association's attorney, printed his typewritten greeting on Xerox paper with a Xerox copying machine and the only decoration on the drab missive was a star emblem with a boy's face in the center.

"X-cuse, please, this X-rox style of X-mas greeting," the message said, "but in lieu of fancy Christmas cards this year we've sent an equivalent contribution to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, near Live Oak, Florida, where almost one hundred needy and worthy boys now live and make their homes."

"This Christmas idea is not copyrighted," the greeting added, "so you're welcome to use it too—and if you do, you will not only brighten up the boys' Christmas—but also ours—and yours as well."



TAMPA — NEW RANCHERS — Hillsborough County Sheriff Malcolm Beard gives a friendly send-off to James Norman, 13, (left) and John O'Neal, 12, two Hillsborough County youngsters accepted for enrollment at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

Shoes for Christmas

FT. LAUDERDALE — Again this year (1965) each youngster at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch (we have 100 of them now) received a new pair of shoes for Christmas from the Thom McAn Shoe Store in the City of Plantation.

Arranged by A. L. Todhunter, district manager, and Thomas G. Fendley, manager of the local store, this generous custom was started several years ago; and each year as the Ranch continues to grow the shipment of shoes gets larger.

\$3,421 GIFT

When State Tractor and Equipment Co., Inc., with offices in Orlando, Jacksonville and Ocala, won a rugged International Scout as a sales contest prize, officials decided to donate it to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. In this picture President Morris McClelland (second from left) is shown turning the keys over to Ranch officials. They are (from left) Suwannee County Sheriff Duke McCallister, trustee; Harry Weaver, Ranch Administrator; Sheriff Rodney Thursby, chairman of the executive committee of the Ranch trustees; and Mrs. Frances Diaz, first woman member of the Board of Trustees. (Photo by Dan Stainer, Live Oak.)

Ranch Builder's Club Roster Growing

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.

Mr. John W. O'Connor, St. Petersburg.

Winter Haven Fire Department, Winter Haven.

B. & H. Electric Service, Inc., Haines City.

Hobby Study Club, Riviera Beach. Oakland Park Fire Department, Oakland Park.

Frederic A. Williamson, Sarasota.

Mary G. Munroe, Quincy.

Mr. Lloyd Reeves, Georgetown.

Mrs. Lillian S. Palmer, Sebring.

Mr. Roger Fumanti, Wauchula.

Mr. Elvin H. Killheffer, Jensen Beach.

Tale Twisters Saddle Club, Stuart.

Mr. George F. Clegg, Bunnell.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Franklin, Brewton, Alabama.

In Memoriam

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

- Major and Mrs. Hal T. Morrison, Largo; and Mr. and Mrs. Webb Hopkins, Clearwater; in memory of Mr. Lucius Ruder.
- Sheriff and Mrs. Broward Coker, Sebring; in memory of Mrs. Emma B. Tripp, Mrs. Jerusha Clements, Mr. Walter H. Rebman, Mrs. Shirley D. Saunders, Mrs. H. O. Murphy.
- Sheriff and Mrs. W. P. Joyce, Tallahassee; Mr. and Mrs. James L. Long, Live Oak; Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Staff, Live Oak; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Stauffer, Tallahassee; Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Bowen, Jr., Chipley; Sheriff and Mrs. Willis McCall, Tavares; Sheriff and Mrs. Broward Coker, Sebring; in memory of Mrs. Sallie Weaver.
- Colonel E. M. Burnett, Ft. Myers Beach; in memory of Mr. G. A. Smith and Mrs. Loraine Harcum.
- Sheriff and Mrs. W. P. Joyce, Tallahassee; in memory of Gary Rayborn.
- Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Williams, Jr. Sebring; in memory of Mrs. Emma Tripp.
- Mrs. Celina A. Ackerman, Zephyrhills; in memory of Mr. Jacob G. Ackerman.
- Mrs. Grace B. Anderson, Deerfield Beach; in memory of Mr. Edward J. Anderson.
- Bigby Electric Co., Tampa; in memory of Mr. Harold Wolf.
- Mrs. W. W. Bryan, Alachua; in memory of Mr. Robert H. Hitchcock.
- Miss Irene Chappelka, Mr. and Mrs. Lamont Fisher, Dr. and Mrs. Roger Chappelka, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Roger Chappelka, Stuart; in memory of Mrs. Arthur H. Chappelka.
- Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Dean, Zephyrhills; in memory of Mr. W. T. Henry.
- Mr. J. E. Estenson, Jacksonville; in memory of Mrs. Clara F. Estenson.
- Mr. and Mrs. Peter J. Fitzgerald, Ormond Beach; in memory of Mrs. Elizabeth B. Quinn, Mr. James Garrity and Mr. Joseph W. Flavin.
- Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lynd, Jacksonville; in memory of Mr. John L. Bussey.
- Mr. and Mrs. Howard M. Goodspeed, Dundin; in memory of Mr. Herbert Craig.
- Mrs. Harry Grant, Panama City; in memory of Mr. Harry Grant.
- Mr. D. O. Fugate, Boca Grande; in memory of Mrs. Rose Futch.
- Mrs. T. D. Leslie, Honolulu, Hawaii; in memory of Mr. C. B. Harrison and Mr. J. O. Burch, Sr.
- Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Loomis, Fruitland Park; in memory of Mr. F. L. McGehee.
- Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, Tampa; in memory of Mr. Robert Gordon Edenfield.
- Mr. Frank C. Lemke, St. Petersburg; in memory of Mrs. Dorothy Lemke.
- Mr. and Mrs. C. Dean Lewis, Live Oak; in memory of Mr. R. P. Byrd.
- Mr. Godfrey W. Marquart, Madeira Beach; in memory of Mrs. Godfrey W. Marquart.
- Mrs. Lillian S. Palmer, Sebring; in memory of Mr. D. V. Palmer.
- Mrs. Corinne B. Riedeman, Davenport; in memory of Mr. Edwin O. Riedeman.
- Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Simpson, Ocala; in memory of Mrs. W. B. Pasteur.
- Mr. Ed Stiteler, Jr., Lakeland; in memory of Mrs. Edna A. Johnson.
- Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Wallace, Dunedin; in memory of Bonney G. Janney.
- Lt. Russell A. Warner, Ret., Sarasota; in memory of Mrs. Russell A. Warner.
- Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Weeks, Tampa; in memory of Mrs. Mamie Hunter Kinser.
- Mrs. James W. Wood, Hobe Sound; in memory of Joe Wood and Sara F. Gullette.
- Mr. Homer Yabrove, Saginaw, Michigan; in memory of Mr. Morris Yabrove.



FT. LAUDERDALE—DOING ITS SHARE—The Oakland Park Fire Department is doing its share in a state-wide drive to finance a fire station at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. Chief Ed Bailey is shown presenting a generous Boys Ranch donation to Deputy Sheriff Otto Hettesheimer. (Photo by Tom Slater, Broward County Sheriff's Department.)

Tech School Site Near Boys Ranch

Good news for the Sheriffs Boys Ranch came out of Tallahassee on November 16 when the State Board of Education picked Live Oak as the site of one of 12 proposed new vocational-technical schools.

Live Oak is only 11 miles away from the Ranch and the proposed school will provide valuable vocational training for our boys as well as for others in Suwannee County and adjoining Hamilton County.

Harry Weaver, Administrator of the Ranch, said establishing a vocational center here will climax 2½ years of effort by Suwannee County citizens and Sheriffs throughout the state. He is chairman of an advisory committee appointed by the Suwannee County School Board to push the project.

The 1965 Legislature appropriated \$8,000,000 for new technical schools and set a limit of \$500,000 to be appropriated to each school.

Two other sites within commuting distance of the Boys Ranch were approved by the Board of Education. One is at North Florida Junior College, in Madison; and the other is at Lake City Junior College, Lake City.

Benefit Dance

TAMPA—A benefit dance held here by the West Coast Square and Round Dancers Association raised some \$500 for the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

Hillsborough County Sheriff Malcolm Beard and the City Recreation Department were co-sponsors.



TAVARES—REWARD DONATED — When Chief Jailer LeRoy Campbell (right) received a \$25 reward from Florida Citrus Mutual for helping to solve a citrus grove theft case he donated it to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch; and he is shown here presenting it to his boss, Sheriff Willis V. McCall.

Generous Civitans

TALLAHASSEE — The Tallahassee Civitan Club gave part of the proceeds of its annual fruit cake sale to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. It has been supporting the Ranch for many years.

The Memorial Fund will perpetuate the memory of deceased relatives and friends. It provided the financing for a Boys Ranch Chapel; and it will be used in the future for similar projects of enduring significance.

Please use the form below when mailing contributions to this fund.

Mail To: Memorial Fund Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch P. O. Box 649 Live Oak, Florida	Enclosed find contribution of \$ _____
	In memory of _____
	Send acknowledgment to:
	Name _____
	Address _____
	From (Donor's Name) _____
Address _____	



BARTOW — JOB WELL DONE — Polk County Sheriff Monroe Brannen has a new achievement award he presents to members of his staff who put forth extra effort in civic endeavors. Among the first recipients were Deputy Sheriff Cairl Goodson (top photo) and Deputy Sheriff George Morris. Their civic work included raising funds for the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

“Tag ’em” He Says

FT LAUDERDALE—Bicycle stealing is big business in Broward County and Sheriff Allen B. Michell believes license tags would help him to throw it into a slump.

He placed an estimated value of \$50,000 on the bicycles stolen here in one year.

This figure could be cut considerably, he feels, if bicycle owners were required to register their bikes and purchase license tags.

Stolen bicycles would be easier to identify and those that were recovered could be easily channeled back to their original owners, he explained.

At the present time about 50 per cent of the bicycles recovered by the Sheriff's Office are unclaimed because the owners are unknown.

Reappointed

PALATKA — Putnam County Sheriff E. Walt Pellicer has been reappointed as state director of the National Sheriff's Association for the coming year.

First Budget Year

MONTICELLO — Jefferson County Sheriff J. B. Thomas ended his first year under the budget-salary system with a surplus.

He was formerly under the fee system, but switched to the more modern and businesslike budget salary system last year and ended the year with \$5,515 left in his budget which he turned back to the County Commissioners.

Collections — primarily fines and estreated bonds — totaled \$40,450 compared to total budget expenditures of \$44,036. Thus the actual cost to the county for operating the sheriff's department was a little over \$3,500.

The Florida Sheriffs Association signed the death warrant for the antiquated fee system of 'operating sheriffs' departments by sponsoring a legislative act to create the budget-salary system. Now only five small counties are still under the fee system.

Skating Party

CLEWISTON—All law enforcement agencies in Hendry County got together for a skating party here October 18 to celebrate the first anniversary of 'round-the-clock service at the Sheriff's sub station.

The Sheriff's headquarters is at the county seat, in LaBelle; and the sub-station here with its 24-hours-a-day radio communications schedule has greatly improved the law enforcement services rendered to the people of this area.

Sheriff Earl S. Dyess cut a decorated cake during the anniversary celebration and also amazed everyone with his skating ability.

Attending were local police, Florida Highway Patrol troopers and deputy sheriffs.

She Wasn't Fooled

CROSS CITY — Sheriff Al Parker's bloodhound "Sally" wasn't fooled when the fugitive she was tracking tried to make like a mole.

The fugitive, accused of stealing a truck in Live Oak and assaulting a Cross City merchant, had dug a "fox hole" and covered himself with dirt with only his head sticking out.

"Sally" found him nevertheless and started licking his face.

Angus Breeder

DADE CITY — Pasco County Sheriff Leland E. Thompson has been elected to membership in the American Angus Association at St. Joseph, Mo.



It was half-time during the exciting Florida State University-Houston football game when Dan Stainer, Live Oak photographer, took this picture of Sheriff Duke McCallister's Junior Deputies in Doak Campbell Stadium, Tallahassee.



Advice: "Be There"

TITUSVILLE — Sheriff Leigh Wilson gave this word of advice to mothers when he addressed a meeting of the newest Federated Woman's Club in Brevard County:

"Be there, when your children come home from school. Too many mothers leave only a note for Johnny to come home to, telling him to be a good boy. A note cannot MAKE Johnny be a good boy, it takes a mother to SEE that he is."

"Two words summarize the problem of juvenile delinquency today," he said, "Inadequate supervision." And, he added, "a well placed piece of hickory, on the proper place of the anatomy, still carries a lot of authority."

Football Party Was a Winner

TALLAHASSEE—The game was a 16-16 dead-lock but the trip was a “winner” all the way.

That’s how youngsters from the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch and Sheriff Duke McCallister’s Junior Deputy Sheriff League reacted to their annual “football party” as guests of the Seminole Boosters and the Florida State University Athletic Department.

Some 60 boys made the trip from Live Oak by bus, on November 20, and were met at the Tallahassee city limits by an escort provided by Sheriff Bill Joyce.

They went first to the home of Dr. E. G. Haskell, president of the Seminole Boosters, where they were served refreshments and a delicious buffet dinner.

Then they went to the Florida State University-Houston football game, and had hamburgers and milk shakes after the game before starting the long trip home.

It was a tired, sleepy crew that finally piled into bed at the Ranch that night; but a happy one with many pleasant memories.

Hungry boys and delicious food — a winning combination every time. This picture was taken by Leon County Deputy Sheriff Ralph Johnson at a buffet dinner served to Boys Ranchers and Junior Deputies at the home of Dr. E. G. Haskell, Tallahassee.



On hand to greet the boys when they arrived in Tallahassee were (left to right) Dr. E. G. Haskell, president of the Seminole Boosters; Pat Hogan, representing Florida State University; Theo Proctor, Jr., and Bill DuBey, directors of the Seminole Boosters; Sheriffs Duke McCallister and Bill Joyce; and Syde Deeb, a Boys Ranch trustee and a director of the Seminole Boosters.

Sheriff's Usually Mum about War Exploits

Tampa Tribune Reporter Ash Wing wrote this article after breaking through the reluctance Sheriff Broward Coker usually displays when asked to talk about his World War II exploits.

SEBRING — If Highlands County Sheriff Broward Coker had a choice of titles, the very last one he would claim would be that of a war hero.

Yet, he's got the Bronze Star, Belgium Croix De Guerre, four campaign medals and a Victory Medal.

Mrs. Coker wondered who the medals belonged to when she happened across them long after they were married. The sheriff admitted then they were his.

War records show the soft-spoken sheriff had more than his share of World War II. His overseas exploits took him from the beachhead at Nor-

mandy to the Baltic Sea. He was under fire, records show, for five days and nights. He and his outfit led Gen. George Patton and his Seventh Army 716 miles in 21 days through enemy territory in what history calls the greatest military advance of modern times.

The Bronze Star came in the Battle of the Bulge. First Sergeant Coker and 14 of his buddies were cut off and surrounded by Germans.

Sgt. Coker led the group out through enemy lines and enemy fire. This was in December, 1944, when Northern Europe suffered the most severe winter in a century.

The sheriff doesn't mention close calls, except one, which he calls humorous. He was on leave to Paris and brought back French picture postcards to show his buddies at the front.

But, Hitler's troops had other plans.

As soon as the sergeant returned to the front, he was back in action. He had the postcards in one shirt pocket and a package of cigarettes in the other shirt pocket.

Five days later, when fire had subsided, he remembered his cigarettes and discovered the top of the package was missing. Then, for the first time, he looked at his uniform.

It was in shreds. In the cigarette package was a piece of shrapnel. The shrapnel had hit his clothing broadside, torn through the postcards and ended up in the pack of cigarettes. The sergeant didn't get a scratch.

Today, Sheriff Coker hasn't much to say about his exploits, but give him a chance, and he'll tell anyone in a few thousand words what the Seventh Army did, and what his little platoon from the 814th Tank Destroyer Battalion did.

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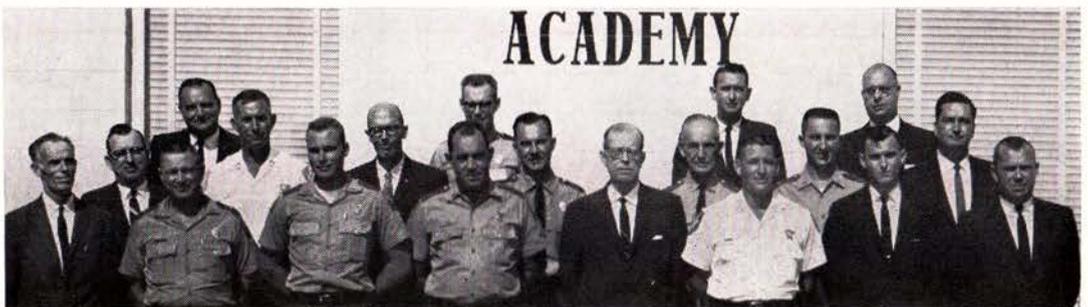
TALLAHASSEE — Florida Law Enforcement Academy enrolled a record 335 city, county and state law enforcement officers during 1965 — its second year of operation as Florida's only in-service training school for all levels of law enforcement. In the year just ended there were 15 schools, including the three most recent ones pictured here, and they covered 17 weeks of intense instruction on a variety of technical subjects. In 1964 the enrollment totaled 286 for 13 schools covering 16 weeks. The Academy, which opened in 1964, is housed in facilities provided by the Florida Sheriffs Association and staffed by the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, a state agency created by the legislature in 1955 at the request of the Sheriffs Association.



Supervisory Training School



Fingerprint Identification School



Photography School

Sgt. Louis Diecidue models mask used to terrorize victims. In front of him is robbers' loot and a paratrooper's carbine confiscated in the wind up of the case. (Miami Herald photo.)

Torture—Rob Gangs Smashed

MIAMI—Sheriff T. A. Buchanan's Special Enforcement Squad smashed Dade County's masked and torture robbery ring.

The announcement came after bone-tired detectives returned from a roundup of suspects in the series of brutal armed robberies.

James Clyde Kish, 21, was arrested after being pointed out by an informant according to Captain Roy Longbottom, head of the Special Enforcement Squad.

As a result of this arrest, six other members of the ring were picked up. Captain Longbottom said these men were responsible for stealing more than \$500,000 worth of jewels, cash and merchandize in the past 12 months.

A list of suspects all arrested by Dade's crack police squad included Leevy (Fat Dog) Meers, 24; Anthony S. Simon, 25; Dominic Bretts, 31; Donald J. Hennessy, 21; Anthony (Big Tony) Esperti, 35; and Thomas E. Duckett, 35. Kish and Meers were later convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment.

Dade actually had three armed burglary and robbery rings within the county. They were known as the Kish Gang, the Italians, and the Teenagers.

Captain Longbottom said members of each ring mingled freely and sometimes combined talents in robberies. Often girls would be used as decoys. While the bandits remained in a parked car, the female decoy would knock on the door to gain entrance on the pretext of wanting to use the phone. At this point, the bandits would rush into the house.



These gangs specialized in torturing many of their victims to learn where jewels were kept.

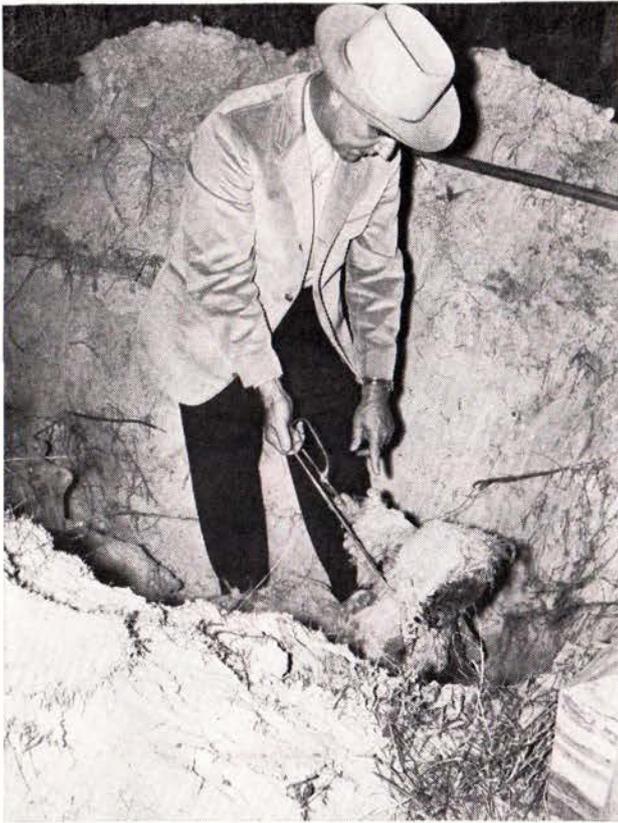
Sheriff T. A. Buchanan said frequently they would twist the noses of their victims with pliers. Other sadistic forms of inducement included the use of scalding water, pistol whipping and the use of heat on bare feet. One woman was disrobed and forced to submit to indignities while her husband was held at gun point.

Sheriff Buchanan praised highly the excellent police work done in bringing about the arrest of these sadistic criminals.



Job Well Done

Dade County Sheriff T. A. Buchanan presents a plaque to his Special Enforcement Squad to show his appreciation for its outstanding police work in solving a series of torture-robbery cases. Pictured are (from left) Lt. J. Kogan, Sgt. C. T. Clark, Sgt. R. Ward, Sgt. J. Duckworth, Sheriff Buchanan, Capt. Roy Longbottom, Sgt. A. Leonard, Sgt. L. Diecidue, Sgt. R. Windsor, Officers C. Camacho, G. Minium and V. Capace; and Sgt. Minium and Lt. C. Black.



Sheriff Monroe Brannen examines the remains of a murdered woman found in a shallow grave in an abandoned cemetery. The victim was reported missing some 11 months prior to the solving of the murder case. (Polk County Sheriff's Department photo by John A. Brady.)

The Job Nobody Knows

BARTOW—"Who would want it?"

That's the reaction most people express when they discover what a sheriff's job actually involves.

There's the gruesome side as illustrated by the picture of Polk County Sheriff Monroe Brannen investigating a murder case; and there's the tragic side that would strike sadness into the coldest heart.

But there are other sides to the job that help to compensate for all the distasteful duties. A Sheriff, more than any other public official, is constantly faced with opportunities to help people in trouble or to protect innocent people from harm.

A few examples from the monthly report of Sheriff Brannen illustrate these aspects too:

... There was, for instance, the all-night search for two teen-age boys lost on a camping trip in Marion Creek swamp, and the happy reunion when they were returned safe and sound to their parents.

... There was the swift solving of a kidnaping case with the 15-year-old victim unharmed.

... There were continuing efforts, with various degrees of success, to find some 30 persons reported missing.

... There were 32 theft cases and 13 burglary cases solved, and much stolen property returned to the rightful owners.

... And there were many acts of kindness, many family squabbles settled, and many errands of mercy that will never appear on the official record.

Put all of this together, the good and the bad, and you have the day-to-day around-the-clock job of the Sheriff—Florida's first line of defense in local self-government.



LARCENY LARCENY EVERYWHERE

BARTOW — There's no limit to what a thief will steal — or where. Therefore, Polk County Sheriff Monroe Brannen and his men spend much of their time recovering a wide variety of stolen items, and investigating thefts on land and water. One picture here shows Deputy Sheriff Wayne Wyant, Winter Haven Police Officer Maines Waters and

Deputy Sheriff Jim Blake (from left to right) inspecting some of the boats that were stolen and wrecked by juveniles in the Winter Haven area. The other picture shows Deputy Sheriff Charles Duncan, Sheriff Brannen and Sgt. Buddy Crews checking recovered stolen items. (Sheriff's Department photos by Wayne Wyant and John A. Brady.)



In his publicity campaign for the Boys Ranch Paul didn't overlook his own family. In this picture he's asking his mother if he can put a Boys Ranch bumper strip on the family car. That's his sister looking on.

You're Never too Young

TAMPA—If you're walking down a nice residential street in Tampa and you see a large number of Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch bumper strips on the parked automobiles, it's a safe bet you're in Paul Stephenson's neighborhood.

Although Paul is only 5½ years old he recently became an enthusiastic Boys Ranch booster, and here's how it happened:

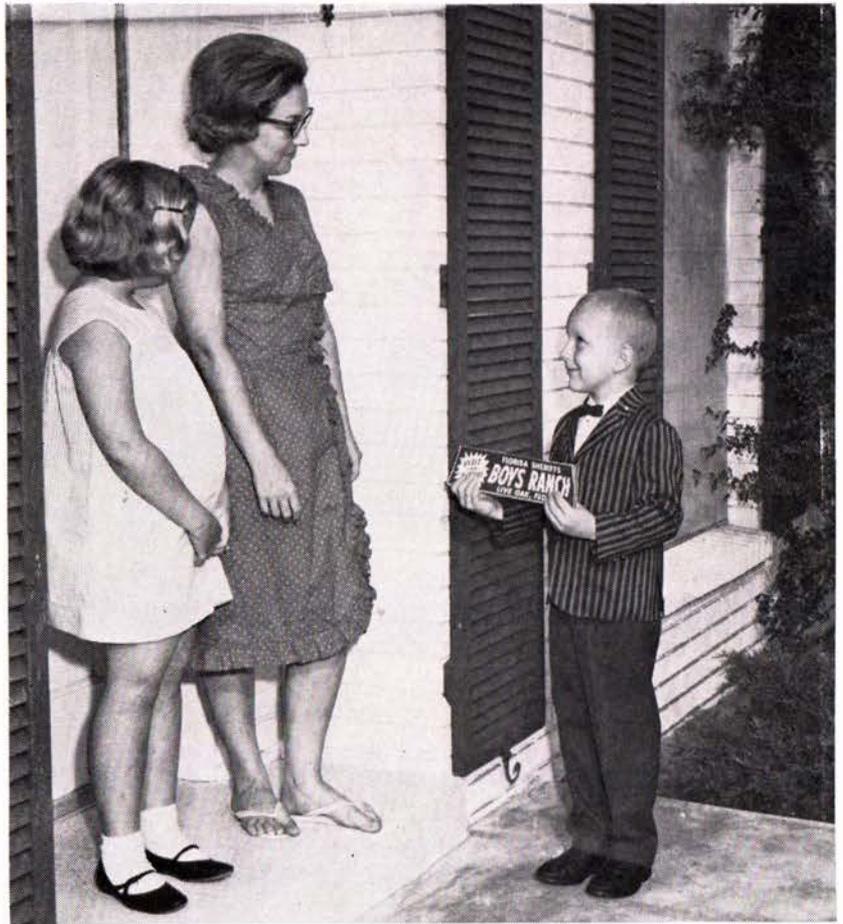
One day he walked up to his next door neighbor, Hillsborough County Deputy Sheriff Cosmo Re, who lives at 4519 Watrous Ave., and asked for a Boys Ranch bumper strip to put on his bicycle.

When this request was granted, Paul also volunteered to distribute bumper strips around his neighborhood, so Deputy Re gave him a handful and sent him on his way.

About one hour later Paul returned with \$3.15 in small change.

"Where in the world did you get this money?" asked Deputy Re.

"Well," said Paul, "I would ring the doorbell and



when someone answered, I would ask them would they put one of the stickers on their car. Each one took the sticker and gave me a nickel or a dime."

Deputy Re explained that the stickers were free and not for sale, but Paul couldn't remember how much each neighbor gave him so the money was turned over to Paul's father, Mr. H. C. Stephenson, Jr., of 4509 Watrous Ave., and he came up with a solution. He said he would write a check for the amount of the change and send it to the Boys Ranch to help the youngsters there have a Merry Christmas.

P.S. They really did!

The Sheriff's Strong Right Arm

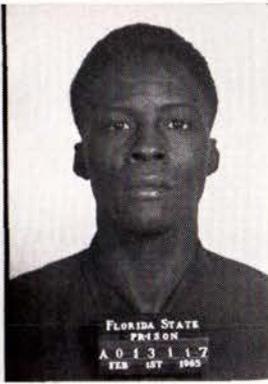


BRONSON—Levy County Sheriff Pat Hartley (left) has a small department but a "strong right arm" he can call on in times of emergency — his Auxiliary Patrol of non-paid volunteers. This picture shows the 18 Auxiliarymen being sworn in by the Sheriff after they were organized early in 1965. Since then they have been trained and prepared for a variety of assignments such as recue work, tracking fugitives, finding lost persons, controlling crowds and directing traffic. (Photo by Roy Moree, Williston.)

WANTED PERSONS



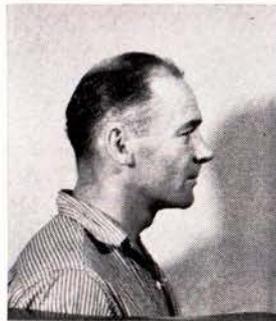
David Charles Allen, Jr.
White male, date and place of birth 3-3-32, Lakeland, Fla., 6 feet tall, weighs 155 pounds, medium build, blond hair, dyed reddish dark brown. Mental patient, considered dangerous. His M.O. is to steal cars from used car lots on pretext of trying them out, fails return. Later abandons car and steals another. Wanted by FBI, Dyer act, and by S.O. Leon on Grand Larceny charge. If apprehended, notify nearest FBI agent, Sheriff Joyce, Tallahassee, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



Samuel Decree

Colored male, date and place of birth 1-22-33, Marianna, Fla., 5 feet 4 3/4 inches tall, weighs 135 pounds, black hair, dark brown eyes, narrow face; cut scar on forehead, cut scar upper left back. FBI #518 231A. FPC: 19 M/L 27/12 W/W 100/OMI 15. Wanted on charge Escape

from Apalachee Corr. Inst. Chattahoochee, Fla., where he was serving 3-year term from Jackson County on charge Entering w/o Breaking. \$25.00 reward. If apprehended notify Division of Corrections, Tallahassee, Florida or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



Earl C. Hunter

Also known as *Earl STRAND*, white male, date and place of birth 2-12-27, Blount County, Alabama, 5 feet, 7 inches tall, weighs 165 pounds, grey hair, blue eyes. FBI #182 349C. Social Secur-

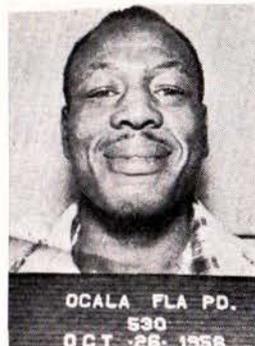
ity # 417 307 735. Last known to be in the Lakeland area. Warrant issued, charge Larceny of truck. If apprehended notify Sheriff Crevasse, Gainesville, Florida or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Fla.



Jack Pace

White male, date and place of birth 6-3-33, Hazard, Ky., 6 feet, 4 inches tall, weighs 195 pounds, large build, dark brown hair and eyes, ruddy complexion. FBI #224 866A. FPC: 1 1/1

aRr/R III/III 8 Ref: 1/3 T/R. May be in Athens, Ga. Warrant issued, charge Forgery. Bond \$2,000.00. If apprehended notify Sheriff Thompson, Key West, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



Willie James Thomas

Colored male, date and place of birth 6-15-26, Birmingham, Ala., 5 feet, 11 inches tall, weighs 165 pounds, black hair, brown eyes, dark complexion. Considered dangerous—approach with caution. Warrant issued, charge Breaking and Entering. If apprehended, notify Police Dept., Ocala, Florida, or Florida Sheriff's Bureau, Tallahassee, Fla.



Donnie Vernon Coleman

Also known as *Donnie V. SINCLAIR*, colored male, age 32, 5 feet, 1 inch tall, weighs 112 pounds, light complexion, processed hair. Has feminine mannerisms. Has nickname of "Pushbutton". Usually works as a cook's helper or dishwasher. Warrant issued, charge Uttering a Forgery. If apprehended notify Police Dept., West Palm Beach, Florida or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



James Marvin Lilly

Also known as James LILLIS, Marvin LILLY, Ulysses SANDERS, colored male, approx. 29, 5 feet, 9 inches tall, weighs 180 pounds, stocky build, black hair, brown eyes, dark complexion. Warrant issued, charge Armed Robbery. If apprehended notify Police Dept., Clearwater, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



Henry Lawrence Sutter

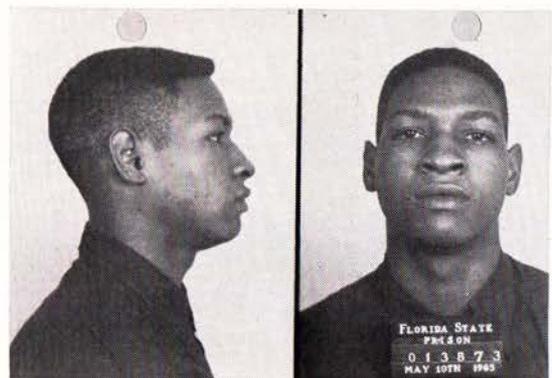
Also known as *SUITTER*, white male, age 36, 5 feet, 8 inches tall, weighs 150 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes, ruddy complexion, false teeth, mole on right side of nose.

FPC: 13 1/17 A/au a/t-t 7. Wanted on charge Escape from Orange County Prison Farm 11-22-65. If apprehended notify Sheriff Starr, Orlando, Florida or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



Calvin DeBose

Colored male, age unknown, 6 feet 1 to 2 inches tall, weighs 180-220 pounds, grey hair on sides, light mustache, usually wears a hat or cap. Smokes cigars. Armed with .32 or .38 caliber pistol. Considered dangerous. May be in the Ocala area. Warrant issued, charge First Degree Murder. If apprehended, notify Sheriff Wilson, Titusville, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



Alex Smith, Jr.

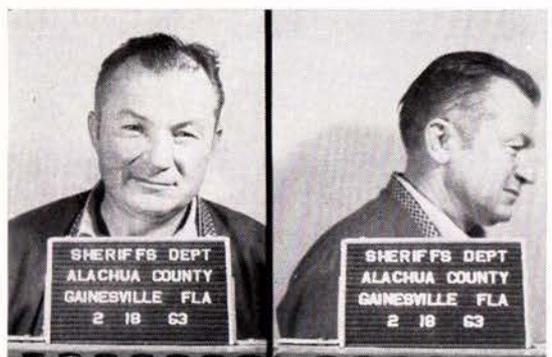
Colored male, date of birth 3-26-43, 5 feet, 7 inches tall, weighs 144 pounds, medium short build, black hair, dark brown eyes, dark brown complexion. Cut scar back of left hand, cut scar inside left wrist, and on upper right arm, gunshot wounds above left knee, cut scar above left eye. FPC: 18 L/M 10/5

U/U 000/001. Wanted for Escape from Glades Corr. Inst., on 10-18-65, where he was serving 10-year term from Pinellas County for Assault w/i Commit Manslaughter. \$25.00 reward. If apprehended, notify Division of Corrections, Tallahassee, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



Phyllis Reeves and Calvin M. Clemons

Also used name *Phyllis Gail LESLEY*, white female, date of birth 9-8-45, 5 feet, 4 1/2 inches tall, weighs 105 pounds, blond hair, blue eyes. Has Driver's License #189043D. In company of *Calvin M. CLEMONS*, white male. Both subjects wanted on charges Worthless Checks. Warrants issued. If apprehended notify Constable Fender, Daytona Beach, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



Robert Nay Alexander

White male, date of birth 5-22-20, 5 feet, 9 inches tall, weighs 180 pounds, brown hair and eyes, ruddy complexion. Heavy equipment opera-

tor. Wanted on two charges Worthless Checks. If apprehended notify Sheriff Williams, Trenton, Florida, or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.

Genung Establishes Jail Hospital Ward

CLEARWATER — "New progress for Pinellas County's governmental structure," the Clearwater Sun called it when Sheriff Don Genung completed plans for establishing a hospital ward in the county jail.

A trained nurse will be on duty during the day and other qualified personnel at night. Also, a physician from the county health department will visit the jail daily to see the patients.

"The Sheriff is to be commended for the continuing effort he is making to better the conditions of his special clientele and to operate a modern jail in an efficient, thoughtful manner," said the Sun.

"Pinellas County will gain as a result.

"Furthermore, the families of those unfortunates who must spend some time in the jail can certainly know that conditions are as good as possible under the naturally adverse situation."

No More Phone Calls

CRESTVIEW—It was another one of those cases where persistence paid off.

A young woman had been terrorized by a man who made threatening phone calls and vandalized her automobile.

It took months to track down the anonymous caller, but Sheriff Ray Wilson didn't let up and he finally put Special Investigator Driscoll Oglesby on the case almost exclusively for three weeks.

Working closely with Special Agents Jim Moore and Joe R. Townsend of the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Oglesby finally closed in on Kohnell Marcus Barnes, 35, of Crestview, who pleaded guilty to five charges of damaging private property and one charge of disorderly conduct.

Good Report

TALLAHASSEE—The State Auditing Department checked Sheriff Bill Joyce's accounts and records for the period from August 1, 1961 to February 28, 1965, and reported they were well kept.

State Auditor Ernest Ellison commented that all collections of record were accounted for by remittances or by cash on hand; remittances were prompt and accurate; expenditures were kept within budget appropriations; pre-numbered receipts were issued for collections of record; and expenses were supported by itemized bills and were paid by check.



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