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SMILE— You're on Video Tape

TALLAHASSEE—The Florida Sheriffs Bureau has earmarked \$1,350 in its new budget for a video tape recorder that promises to become one of the most potent weapons in the crime war arsenal.

This portable unit includes a television camera, a recorder that captures pictures and sound on video tape, and a television monitor that shows the action while it is happening, or during unlimited playbacks.

Sheriffs Bureau Director Ed Yarbrough said the equipment will have many uses in crime investigations and in training police officers.

He pointed out that confessions of crime suspects recorded on video tape will have much more validity than the present written ones, or those recorded on ordinary tape recorders.

The video tape when played back will show what the suspect's condition was when he was questioned, how he was questioned and what his reaction was when questioned.

The recorder can also be used for surveillance, to film crime scenes and to film lectures and demonstrations for use in training sessions.

Yarbrough explained that lecturers from distant sections of the state who now travel to Tallahassee periodically without pay to give the same lecture over and over at Florida Law Enforcement Academy would be able to put the lecture on video tape the first time around and avoid the necessity of returning for future classes.

Furthermore, he added, the tape can be spliced and edited from time to time to keep lecture material abreast of current developments.



Recording a confession on video tape would provide undeniable proof that crime suspect was not threatened, mistreated or offered bribes.

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Academy Begins Fourth Year

TALLAHASSEE — Four schools covering Death Investigations and Sex Crimes, Police Administration, General Training and Vice Investigations marked the beginning of 1967 sessions at Florida Law Enforcement Academy. The graduates are pictured on this page. They totaled 87 from all sections of the state. There were 36 city police officers, 37 deputy sheriffs, four enforcement officers from state agencies and ten officers from other agencies. The first classes were held at the Academy in February, 1964, and it is now in its fourth year of operation as Florida's only state-wide training facility for all levels of law enforcement.



Death Investigations and Sex Crimes



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In Memoriam

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

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Mrs. C. H. Maston, Sebring; and Mrs. Raymond Neel, Sebring; in memory of Mrs. Jane Smith.

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RECOGNITION FOR A JOB WELL DONE

ST. PETERSBURG — Pinellas County Sheriff Don Genung (left) and Harry Weaver, Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Administrator (right), present Mrs. Joseph J. Mate (left) and Mrs. Shirley Maduro with Florida Sheriffs Association Lifetime Honorary Membership Plaques. The ladies were honored for the fine job they did as co-chairmen of a project to give boys at the Ranch a "Christmas in November" which was sponsored by the Women's Chamber of Commerce of the Greater Gulf Beaches.

More Generous Donors Enrolled as "Builders"

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

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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.

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Florida Sheriffs
Boys Ranch
P. O. Box 520
Live Oak, Florida

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Address _____

18 Appointed to The Boys Ranch Board of Trustees

ORLANDO—The Board of Directors of the Florida Sheriffs Association at a meeting here on January 23, appointed seven Sheriffs and 11 non-sheriffs to the Board of Trustees of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

The seven Sheriffs are Malcolm Beard, Hillsborough County, Tampa; Monroe Brannen, Polk County, Bartow; Don Genung, Pinellas County, Clearwater; Doug Hendry, Collier County, Naples; Martin Kellenberger, Palm Beach County, West Palm Beach; Duke McCallister, Suwannee County, Live Oak; and Dave Starr, Orange County, Orlando.

The non-sheriffs are: A. D. Davis, of Jacksonville, supermarket chain executive; Mrs. Frances Diaz, of Tampa, one of two women members on the Board of Trustees; Eddie Graham, of Tampa, wrestler and wrestling promoter; John P. Hall, of Green Cove Springs, former Clay County Sheriff; Dr. Ed Haskell, of Tallahassee, physician; Dr. J. W. Hayes, Jacksonville pediatrician who serves as medical director for the Boys Ranch; J. L. McMullen, Live Oak businessman who is also the Boys Ranch treasurer; J. Scott Moore, of Lake Worth; James H. Swick, of Alachua, meatpacking executive; James W. Turner, of Chiefland, former Levy County Sheriff; and State Treasurer Broward Williams, of Tallahassee.

Eddie Graham and State Treasurer Broward Williams are new members of the Board of Trustees. The others were reappointed to the board.

In Memoriam

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Dr. and Mrs. Fred T. Fields, Sebring; Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Gearing, Sebring; and Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Bryant, Sebring; in memory of Mrs. Mary Ruth Stephenson.

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Mrs. Glen C. Whitlatch, Sarasota; in memory of Mr. Homer W. Whitman.

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Dr. and Mrs. Fred T. Fields, Sebring; in memory of Mrs. Kate Young.

Col. E. M. Burnett, Fort Myers Beach; in memory of Mr. Richard Hart and Mr. Garrett H. Reasoner.

Sheriff and Mrs. Broward Coker, Sebring; in memory of Mr. Robert (Bob) Strole; Mr. Edward E. Rappe; Mrs. Owen Mercer; Mr. Cecil Myers; Mrs. Sophie Lookhoff; Mr. Thomas Logan, Sr.; Mrs. Curtis Ezelle; Mr. E. D. Catts; and Mrs. Madge Cheshire.



Sheriff Brannen (left) and Herbert H. Brown, Sr., of Lakeland.



Mrs. A. F. Pickard, of Lakeland



Norman W. Holtz, of Auburndale.



John Mansley, Manager of Holiday Mobile Home Trailer Park.



H. B. "Pete" Snively, of Winter Haven.



Lake Alfred Fire Department represented by (from left) R. E. "Bob" Ott, Chief Mack Chesser, J. C. Cox, III, and Hulon Howard.

Ranch Builders

BARTOW — These pictures show Sheriff Monroe Brannen expressing his appreciation to Polk County residents who have made contributions valued at \$100 or more to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. Each individual or organization (see identification under pictures) received a Boys Ranch Builder Certificate.

Senator Urges Sheriffs To Take the Initiative In War Against Crime

ORLANDO — State Senator John Spottswood, of Key West, urged Sheriffs to "take the initiative" in the war against crime when he presented the keynote address at the Annual Mid-Winter Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association here January 23.

Sen. Spottswood, a former sheriff, a past president of the Sheriffs Association and holder of every honor it is possible for the Florida Sheriffs Association to bestow, recalled that the Sheriffs of Florida "have weathered the storm of many a crisis."

"When I was elected Sheriff in 1952," he said "dark clouds were forming and the sheriffs and local law enforcement were being threatened that they were going to be abolished — powers and responsibilities were going to be diluted—and the prospect of a state police force was looming strong on the horizon. We had a call to arms—we closed ranks—we weathered the storm—we raised our standards—we abolished the fee system—we made the headlines—we created the sheriff's bureau—we adopted a standard badge—uniform markings on cars—and I could

go on down with a long list of accomplishments—we brought the Sheriffs Association to the forefront and made it possible for it to have been recognized for a number of years now as a strong, potent organization.

"However, I point out to you that just like nations, organizations must also beware of the temptation to relax — to let down their guard — and to assume the feeling that they have arrived. The pages of history are full of stories of the fall of great nations—great men— and great organizations and I am sure that an examination will indicate at once that complacency, inattention, and a false sense of security were the main causes for their fall.

EXISTENCE IN JEOPARDY

"If I do not accomplish anything else here today, it is my sincere hope that I can kindle, rejuvenate, and jolt and give you an electric shock when I say to you that the Sheriff's position—the sheriff's authority—the sheriff's responsibilities—the title of sheriff—are not secure—their very existence is in jeopardy. Be it intentional—or unintentional—wittingly—or unwittingly.

"There are those who are proposing that our new constitution not even mention the word sheriff. The new proposed constitution eliminates the sheriff as a constitutional officer. Let me warn you, this is one of the first steps in the demise of a sheriff from the great State of Florida.

"Our new Governor has declared war on crime. The people of Florida are demanding and they want a renewed and stepped up war on crime—and, in that endeavor, the Governor is 100% right—even though there may be a great divergence of opinion as to the methods and routes he proposes.

TAKE THE INITIATIVE

"You must not take the defensive in this war on crime—nothing could be more catastrophic to your cause—you must take the offensive. You must close ranks—enlist the best brains in your organization and the best brains and talent and counsel available to you. The Governor is the Chief Executive of the State and as such, is the Chief Law Enforcement Officer of the State.

... And They Did

ORLANDO—Culminating many months of study and discussion, Florida's Sheriffs took steps during their Annual Mid-Winter Conference here January 22-25 which will help them to take the initiative in the war against crime.

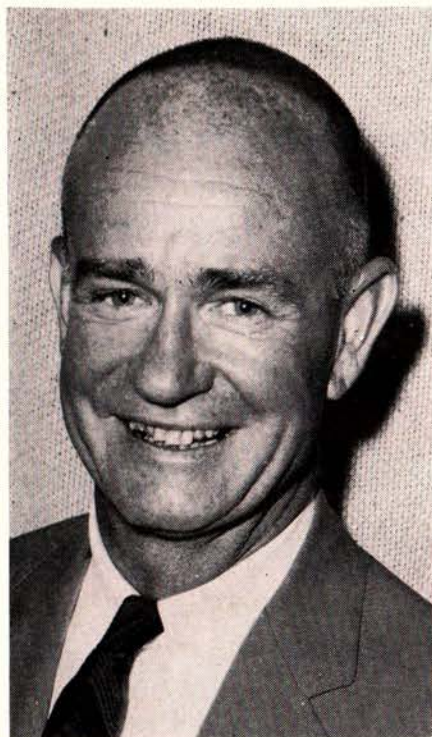
In business sessions they voted unanimously to:

- (1) Ask the 1967 Legislature to give the Governor authority to send the Florida Sheriffs Bureau into any county in the state to investigate crime, thus amending the present law which allows the Bureau to go into a county only at the request of the local sheriff.
- (2) Support the proposed 1967-69 budget of the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, a large portion of which is earmarked for a computer-teletype system to streamline the Bureau's function as a state-wide clearing house for crime information.
- (3) Support the interim legislative committee's bill on minimum standards for law enforcement officers (after discussing it with State Rep. Murray Dubbin, of Miami, Chairman of the interim committee).
- (4) Put forth strong efforts to maintain the sheriff's status as a constitutional officer under any revision of the state constitution.
- (5) And support a Florida Medical Association proposal to seek enactment of adequate medical examiner laws.

I urge you to quickly again take the initiative and do not let others take it away from you. If the Governor proposes methods that you feel are not in the best interests of the people and to the profession of law enforcement—you should go to him with alternatives—and use your best efforts to influence others to do likewise.

"The Sheriff's Bureau was created as an assistance agency to the Sheriff and it was clearly spelled out that the Bureau could perform no investigative service in any county unless such service was requested by the respective Sheriffs. I think that this was a good idea then and I think it is a good idea now—but there are many sincere, honest people who are very much concerned and would like to see others, besides the local Sheriff, to be able to utilize the investigative services of the Bureau—some pretty good arguments can be put up that the Governor also should

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Senator Spottswood

Happy about wiping out a major safe burglary operation, Sheriff Bryant Thurman (right) and Chief Deputy Leonard Finch check over burglary tools confiscated in the course of the investigation.

Thurman and Deputies on Crime-Busting Spree

By MIKE DARLEY

CHIPLEY—Washington County Sheriff Bryant Thurman and his crime-busting deputies during a four-day period wiped out a major safe burglary operation, broke up a gang of hog rustlers and destroyed a moonshine still. Eight persons were arrested in the crime roundup.

Thurman and Chief Deputy Leonard Finch started their extravaganza of crime-busting with the arrest of two Negro teenage bandits that cleared up a score of safe burglaries and breakings and enterings in three counties.

Then six hog rustlers were arrested two days later.

The hard-working lawmen on the following night destroyed a moonshine still located within the city limits of Vernon. It was the second still found within the city limits in the past six months.

Thurman has waged a relentless war on moonshiners since taking over as sheriff two years ago.

The sheriff's department scored its greatest victory with the arrest of the young safecrackers, who were keeping lawmen up nights in several counties.

The teenagers, both of whom have made three trips each to the Florida School for Boys at Marianna, have admitted to a score of safecrackings and burglaries, according to Thurman.

The young burglars really found Santa Claus just before Christmas. They made their biggest haul on Dec. 16, cracking three safes in two cities and making off with between \$2,500 and \$3,000.



Victimized were Massey-Ferguson Tractor Co. and the Inman-Johnson Ford Motor Co., both of Quincy, and the Heath Motor Co. at Marianna.

Register's Meat Co. at Cottondale also was hit in December.

The pair moved their operations home to Chipley on Jan. 1 and opened the New Year with a bang.

Carswell's Hardware lost between \$400 and \$500 when the store's safe was ripped open that night and three nights later the safe at the Washington County Tractor Co. was taken for about the same amount.

The night riders during the two-week period prior to their arrest also broke into five other Chipley business establishments.

Sheriff Thurman says he has reason to believe the youths also committed burglaries in Bay and Walton counties, as well as in at least two South Alabama cities. "We had a right interesting four days," he commented.

Association is Facing Crisis, Senator Warns

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be able to send the Bureau into counties with or without the Sheriff's knowledge—likewise, some pretty good arguments can be made that the Attorney General should be able to send the Bureau into counties with or without the Sheriff's knowledge.

CAN NOT STAND STILL

"I am not necessarily agreeing with these arguments—but what I am saying is that this Association is facing this crisis. You can not stand still—whether we like it or not, we must be prepared for a change. The question is:—What Change? and—How Much Change? A

decade ago, we had a real tight knit organization—Yes, we felt differently individually on many issues—we fought—but—we stayed with it and we kept at it until we resolved our problems—and, whether you like it or not (and I feel I can say this to you because I am one of you) I detect complacency among you—I frankly do not think the cohesiveness that was displayed a decade ago has been displayed recently—

"I am here today to sound the bugle—throw down the gauntlet—ring the bell—fire the first shot—put you in high gear—get you to take your coats off and roll your sleeves up and get around the conference table and put in

all the hours and days required—unselfishly—to come up with the answers to reformulate—lay the plans—perfect the tactics

(1) To insure your preservation as a Constitutional Officer in the Constitution of Florida.

(2) To make what changes, if any, are necessary in the final analysis in the authority to utilize the Sheriff's Bureau—and

(3) To take the initiative in the war on crime.

"You can do it and you can best do it—I have faith in you! My summation can be summed up in just two words: 'CLOSE RANKS.'"

Speaker Predicts Legislature Will Give 100 Per Cent Cooperation to Sheriffs in Their Anti-Crime Efforts



SPEAKER
TURLINGTON

ORLANDO — Ralph Turlington, Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, predicted that Florida's Sheriffs will receive "100 per cent cooperation" from the 1967 Legislature in their efforts to "give Florida an anti-crime program . . . that will help to lead our state to a more peaceful situation and give the people the law enforcement they deserve."

Addressing a large audience of Sheriffs and guests at the Annual Mid-Winter Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association, Speaker Turlington declared however that the fight on crime must be carried out with public funds

and not with private funds.

He voiced strong opposition to Gov. Claude Kirk's plan to finance with private contributions a war on crime directed by George Wackenhut, head of one of the nation's largest private investigation and security firms.

Then he added he felt "when this matter is reconsidered we can get together and agree on . . ." a policy of using public funds instead of private funds.

"I say this in a spirit of cooperation," he continued, "with the hope of moving forward together for a better and stronger law enforcement program in our state."

Turning to the subject of constitutional revision, he said, "I believe we have made a very excellent beginning."

"I can assure you that the members of the Legislature are not unmindful of their responsibilities, and that they will conduct hearings on vital constitutional revisions."

"I think it is also to be recognized that times have changed and that we do need some greater flexibility in the organization of both our state and local government."

"I do not believe the Legislature will pass anything changing in any wise the local frame of government without a vote of the people in the county concerned. This is opinion on my part, but if I am reading the Legislature correctly, I feel they have the same opinion."

"Everyone will have an opportunity to have his say before both a Senate and a House committee, and

we will not be pressured by undue haste into turning out a product in which we do not feel confidence and assurance, but will present to the public the best plan we can."

Declaring that our government is a very vital and guiding force in our lives, the Speaker expressed the opinion that "state government should be a more vital force than it has been in the past."

"I think we are going to see, notwithstanding encroachment in many respects, an upsurge in state government in Florida and throughout the country," he said, "and a great deal of this will be because legislators are representatives of the people."

"This is what the Constitution charges the Legislature to do, and when you see the large power which resides in the Legislature, exclusively with the Legislature, you realize the Constitution can't mean anything else. But legislators in past years have been extremely passive. I think you are going to see future legislators working extremely diligently, not to have big government, but to carry out government effectively, efficiently and fairly."

A recognized authority on retirement legislation, Speaker Turlington disclosed that the Legislature is "now about to embark upon a very serious study to see about bringing into the public retirement system municipal employees as well as state and county employees."

He also explained that "we have reopened the question of what we should be doing about law enforcement personnel under the state and county systems, and I do not believe this will have any adverse effect upon the high hazard program we have" for law enforcement.

"You may be sure," he added, "we will not be doing anything to undercut an excellent program, but will be trying merely to strengthen the program."

In closing, he invited Florida's Sheriffs to cooperate "in helping our state to move forward and have the most effective and efficient government we possibly can."

PRAYER FOR VICTIMS

JACKSONVILLE—When Sheriff Dale Carson and the Jacksonville-Duval County Safety Council asked clergymen to help focus attention on "the shocking realities of needless highway slaughter," the Ministerial Alliance responded by recommending prayerful meditation in local churches in memory of traffic accident victims.

ANOTHER IMPROVEMENT

CRESTVIEW—New "hotlines" give residents in the south end of Okaloosa County direct telephone service to Sheriff Ray Wilson's headquarters in Crestview, in the north end of the county.

PENSACOLA—As Sheriffs, we are well aware that a high percentage of the individuals we arrest are intoxicated. The State of Florida Alcoholic Rehabilitation Program estimates that half of the arrests in the State involve subjects in some stage of drunkenness.

A great majority of the number of arrests for public intoxication are repeated offenses by the same individuals. Labeled by the state alcoholism program as "revolving door alcoholics," these people spend an average of 10 months each year in jail. Soon after they serve their sentence they are drunk again, re-arrested and jailed again.

ABOUT 1800 VIOLATIONS

Escambia County alone has about 1800 individuals who account for intoxication violations on the books each year. These people fall well within the general definition of alcoholism—excessive and uncontrolled drinking that interferes with any vital phase of life.

We cannot, and should not, avoid involvement in the public health problem of alcoholism. Here in Escambia County we have a meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous each Wednesday evening at the County Jail. Our department also works closely with the Northwest Regional Clinic of the state alcoholism program and its regional field representative.

THEY ARE SICK PEOPLE

Alcoholics are sick people and, as law officers, we are often in a good position to help. We have many contacts with chronic alcoholics and we can help to guide them toward appropriate help with friendly, tactful, yet firmly authoritative persuasion. We can't push too much, though, because in the final analysis, the alcoholic has to make up his own mind to do something about his problem. This accounts for the typical alcoholic's reputation for lack of cooperation. He requires a different kind of approach, one that calls for a great deal of patience and fortitude on our part.

Basically, there are three things we can do to help the alcoholic:

1. LEARN MORE ABOUT ALCOHOL AND ALCOHOLISM: There are many informative pamphlets available from the State of Florida Alcoholic Rehabilitation Program, P. O. Box 1147, Avon Park. The state program also recommends, "Alcohol and Alcoholism, A Police Handbook," published by the Correctional Association of New York and International Association of Chiefs of Police, 135 East 15th Street, New York, N. Y.

2. KNOW WHERE TO SEND THE ALCOHOLIC FOR HELP: Become acquainted with local treatment resources listed in your telephone book and establish contacts with Alcoholics Anonymous groups in your area.

3. BE UNDERSTANDING: Talk about alcoholism generally . . . do not emphasize the stigma and shame erroneously attached to the illness. If you can include a suspected alcoholic in such conversations

HOW TO HELP ALCOHOLICS

By Sheriff William E. Davis



Sheriff Davis (left) at the booking desk in the Escambia County Jail where almost 2,000 individuals arrested for intoxication are processed annually. Those who are alcoholics find help and understanding.

you can do a lot of good . . . provided you are genuinely sympathetic and don't seem to be hinting that he is one.

Too often the alcoholic has been shamed because he cannot control his drinking. The goal now is to make him ashamed only if he fails to seek help for his illness. If you can help him realize he has a disease, the chances are better that he will seek treatment for it. Thousands of cases have proved this.

Florida Sheriffs and their staffs are in an excellent position to help the alcoholic by showing interest in his health problem and a desire to help rehabilitate him from "revolving door drunk" to respected citizen.

Florida Sheriff's Junior Deputy Program Recommended To Ronald Reagan, California's New Governor

CLEARWATER — Pinellas County Sheriff Don Genung has received praise for his Junior Deputy Sheriff Program from many sources nation-wide—from the White House, court circles, newspapers and magazines—but none of the bouquets have pleased him more than a letter from a Californian informing him that his program had been recommended to Gov. Ronald Reagan as a state-wide approach to the crime problem.

Here is the letter:
Sheriff Don Genung
Pinellas County Sheriff's Dept.
Clearwater, Florida
Dear Sir:

I want to congratulate you on your wonderful program for fighting crime and bringing a better understanding of law to young people. I read of your program last year in the February 21, 1965, Parade magazine. From the details given in this article I can only say it seems to me your idea should be put into use all over this country.

I have spent the last eight months on the Reagan for Governor Committee speaking as a representative for Mr. Reagan. One of my major speeches was regarding the shocking crime problem in California. While speaking in high schools and colleges I noticed a disturbing response by some when I would bring up certain points. One proposal by Ronald Reagan was to establish a state police academy to provide our law officials with the best possible training and techniques. He stated that in this program he would ask for the aid of J. Edgar Hoover. The mention of Mr. Hoover's name often brought snickers or unfavorable responses from the young people. Others would come to me after my talks and tell me the main problem was not crime, but police brutality. I am not saying this of the majority, but there were some that expressed a definite disrespect for law officials and law in general.

Governor Reagan is looking for a remedy to the crime problem in this state. I believe your program offers the best approach. We are in a battle for men's minds today, and you present to the student an educational approach that plants a proper outlook in his mind on this subject. I have submitted my proposal to the Governor's staff and have suggested the adoption of your plan, the Junior Deputies League, for the State of California.

I would appreciate your sending me any additional information. I am very interested to see if your program points out such dangers as the use of narcotics, for it seems to me you could do much good with this type of educational approach to the problems of the day. I feel that law and order are so important to the prosperity, liberty and strength of our nation today. If a chain is no stronger than its weakest link, a nation is no better than its moral fiber. I will be looking forward to your reply, since I will be meeting with the members of the Governor's staff in the near future. And I will be most happy to inform you on any positive steps taken by the Reagan Administration to implement your program.

Thank you, and keep up your good work.

Sincerely yours,
Jerry W. Kolda

A FEW SHORT STEPS

In a reply to Mr. Kolda's letter, Sheriff Genung declared that "the stairway from delinquency to crime is but a few short steps" and "the tide of juvenile crime will become overwhelming unless preventative action is taken in the one place where it will do the most good."

"We believe," he continued, "that our Pinellas County Sheriff's Junior Deputies League taught in the school system of Pinellas County is one of the most important facets in building respect for law enforcement and curbing youth crime and delinquency."

His letter continued as follows:

In order to best describe the aims and purposes of the Junior Deputies Leagues it is necessary to review some of the sheriffs' work with young people in the past quarter century.

ONE OF THE PIONEERS

The late Sheriff Walter P. O'Neil of Summitt County, Akron, Ohio, was probably one of the first pioneers of this program when he started his junior deputies in the rural school patrol during 1936. Sheriff O'Neil learned that eight out of thirty-two school buses had no school patrol details, and that existing patrols were without equipment, training and programs. This caused him to form his Junior Deputy School Patrol.

Sheriff Andrew Baird of Wayne County, Detroit, Michigan, was successful with his Junior Deputy Baird Plan. In this plan he asked his Minute Men, or Sheriff's Auxiliary Police, to assist him in sponsoring and teaching Junior Deputies the art of fishing, traffic safety, archery, and rifle shooting. This developed his Junior Deputies rifle team.

CITIZEN OF TOMORROW

Sheriff J. Edward Slavin of New Haven County, Connecticut, is the originator of "The First Offenders Movement." This Junior Deputies Program is on the premise that these kids are living in the greatest country in the world for opportunity, and never have to resort to crime in order to get along. Sheriff Slavin said, "Once you're arrested and enrolled in one of these institutions, you become a member of the greatest handicap organization on the face of the earth." Their emphasis is on "I am a citizen of tomorrow and I will not be a first offender."

In 1958, as Sheriff of Pinellas County, I became more than concerned with the rise in youth crimes and asked for a constant staff study until we had reached a conclusion as to what we could do to curb these crimes committed by kids under 17. As we were digesting the figures of our 1958 crime report, we found that while we had over 900 cases of serious vandalism, and over 800 cases of breaking and entering, we only had 2 cases of arson. The staff reviewed the figures for previous years and found the same comparison with cases committed involving fire and fire departments. During our research we found boys in protective custody saying, "The reason we didn't turn in a false alarm was because we do not want 'old Jim' to fall off the fire engine or get hurt." "The reason we didn't turn in a false alarm is, we don't want the firemen to hurt someone in an accident.", "Fire is a terrible thing.", or, "These guys are pretty nice fellows."

FIREMEN BUILT RESPECT

This painstaking survey had concluded: First, the firemen had started many years ago in the school system of Pinellas County teaching: the dangers of fire, fire drills, and fire safety. Secondly, these firemen had brought