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JUNIOR DEPUTIES GAIN TWO

CLEARWATER — Pinellas County Sheriff Don Genung was delighted with these captivating visitors at his Clearwater office recently and promptly swore in Robin Smith, of Ft. Lauderdale (left), and Sharon Kesge, of Palmetto, as Deputies in his nationally known Pinellas County Junior Deputy Sheriff Program.



POLK COUNTY SHERIFF DEDICATES NEW PISTOL RANGE

BARTOW—Polk County Sheriff Monroe Brannen (left) inspects one of the silhouette targets at the new Sheriff's Department pistol range which he dedicated in memory of Leon A. Benard, a former Polk County Deputy Sheriff who was killed in the line of duty in 1963. With the Sheriff are Deputy George McClelland (center) and Capt. John Gunter. The range, which is located on land leased from International Minerals and Chemical Corp., will enable Sheriff Brannen to accelerate his firearms training program.



DANCE PROCEEDS GO TO RANCH

DELAND — Mr. A. E. Mansour (left), of the DeLand Moose Lodge #1126, presents Volusia County Sheriff Rodney Thursby with a check in the amount of \$181 for the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. The DeLand Moose Lodge raised the money through a benefit Dinner and Dance.



THE HIGH SHERIFF

BRONSON—Pat Hartley and Fred Roberts have more in common than meets the eye. The 6-foot, 4-inch Hartley is Sheriff of Levy County; the 4-foot 6-inch Roberts is desk sergeant for the Yazoo City, Miss., Police Department. They are also first cousins and met for the first time recently when a mutual relative told of the relationship and arranged a meeting in Bronson. The similarity ends here; Sheriff Hartley is married and the father of seven; Roberts is a bachelor and has appeared on a nationally televised show as the "smallest police officer in the world." (Tampa Tribune Photo by Claire Slean.)



LIFETIME PLAQUE FOR MANATEE COUNTY MOUNTED POSSE

BRADENTON—Sheriff Richard Weitzenfeld (center) presents a Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Builder's Club lifetime membership plaque to the Manatee County Sheriff's Mounted Possee represented by Former Posse Captains Kenneth Watts (left) and Pearl C. Balsinger. The plaque was an expression of appreciation for funds the posse raised for the Boys Ranch. (Bradenton Herald photo by Les Hudson.)

To Bertha With Love

**SEE PHOTO OF MRS. BERTHA
CATTS ON OUTSIDE BACK COVER**

TALLAHASSEE — In these days when bureaucracy is a nasty word and "bureaucrat" is something you would hesitate to call your worst enemy, it's hard to conceive of anyone loving a government bureau.

But Bertha Catts loved the Florida Sheriffs Bureau and this was the thing that gave meaning and purpose and (a word we seldom hear) nobility to her life.

To Bertha, who passed away on July 21 after a lingering illness, the Sheriffs Bureau was not just a faceless, depersonalized government agency. It was people.

She loved the individuals who worked for the Bureau. She was involved in their lives, shared their joys and sorrows, and without actually intending to, became the Bureau's unofficial "housemother," matriarch and mother confessor.

This produced in her a fierce loyalty, a firm dedication to duty and a capacity for work that the Bureau will be hard pressed to ever replace.

Bertha became one of the first employees of the Bureau after the Florida Legislature created it in 1955. Subsequent events have added to the irony of the fact that she was only "borrowed" from the Florida Hotel and Restaurant Commission in the beginning.

The Legislature that created the Bureau failed to provide funds to operate it; so it limped along for two years with borrowed employees, equipment and office space.

Bertha once told friends that working for the Bureau was suggested to her at a dinner party by Attorney General Richard Ervin. He knew that she had retired from Western Union after 37 years of wide-ranging telegraphic experience, but he had no way of knowing what impact his chance remark would have on the Bureau's future.

The Bureau needed someone to operate its teletype machines, but it acquired much more than a mere key puncher.

Bertha was "all business." Anyone who ever called her on the telephone

discovered this. Her telephone conversations were terse and to the point.

So were the crime bulletins she published and the teletype messages she sent out as head of the Bureau's Communications and Publications Unit.

It was once estimated that one year's crop of teletype messages clattering through the machines in her office would stretch for at least 10 miles. Add to this the telephone messages she handled; the crime bulletins she published (an average of around 100 per year containing over 2,000 items and pictures about wanted persons, stolen property, etc.); or the paperwork that was required in keeping track of the criminals who had been caught and those that were still "on the loose," and you have some concept of her job.

These were only her basic duties, however, and she became involved in other chores such as interviewing job applicants; lecturing at the Florida Law Enforcement Academy and helping with arrangements for the Bureau's annual Christmas Party.

She edited the "Wanted Persons" pages of THE SHERIFFS STAR; and she faithfully attended conventions of the Florida Sheriffs Association where she frequently heard herself introduced (more in seriousness than in jest) as "the lady who runs the Sheriffs Bureau."

She had a memory that would put a computer to shame and the mailman many times brought her letters of appreciation from law enforcement officers for her assistance in nabbing wanted criminals. It was often a case of receiving a message that a certain criminal was "wanted" in X county and remembering that he had been arrested in Y county and was currently in custody in Z county.

Presumably because of her phenomenal memory she was years ago handed the job of introducing everyone at the annual Bureau Christmas party.

After that, as the Bureau grew and the crowd of employees and guests soared to around 200, Bertha's introductions became a highlight of the annual parties.

"She'll never make it this year," old timers would say. "She can't possibly remember the names of everyone here." But, she always did and no one was more surprised than the new employees who had only been around for a few weeks and thought no one knew they existed.

All this Bertha did for the same reason that she regularly sent money to a foreign missionary; participated in the activities of her church and civic organizations; or helped her neighbors.

She did it for love.

And this article, Bertha, is dedicated to you, with love.

Born in the foothills of the North Georgia mountains August 24, 1898, Mrs. Bertha Catts was graduated from Ball Ground (Ga.) High School in 1917 and went to work as a Western Union trainee for \$30 a month. "Since I paid \$5 a week board and had to buy my lunch, I subsisted entirely on bananas which were three dozen for a dime. I completed the course in six weeks and it was not because I was smart but simply because I was so sick of bananas I could not bear to look at one," she once told friends. During 37 years with Western Union she covered the nation from Key West to California. Highlights of her career, as she recalled them, included being the first woman telegrapher to work at the Kentucky Derby . . . working for a gambling syndicate based in Akron, Ohio . . . covering national political conventions . . . and working at World Championship prize fights and major league baseball games. She was married to the late Edward D. Catts, son of Gov. and Mrs. Sidney J. Catts, July 1, 1950. He preceded her in death in November, 1966. She retired from Western Union in 1954 and went to work for the Florida Sheriffs Bureau in 1955.



CONTRIBUTION FOR BOYS RANCH

CLEARWATER — Pinellas County Sheriff Don Genung (right) accepts a generous donation of \$146 for the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch from the Anona Civic Association, represented by Norman B. Eshleman, Secretary. This represented the balance in the treasury when the Association was disbanded.

For Emergencies

LABELLE — In western Hendry County where there is no ambulance service available Sheriff Earl Dyess is operating a new station wagon equipped for rescue and emergency duty. It was purchased by the Hendry County Hospital Authority and turned over to the Sheriff.

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Alachua Sheriff & Educators Use Federal Grant To Develop Prisoner Rehabilitation Program

GAINESVILLE—Aided by a \$90,000 federal grant, The Alachua County Sheriff's Department and the University of Florida College of Education will team up in an experimental program aimed at rehabilitating county jail prisoners.

The federal funds will be released under the Law Enforcement Assistance Act of 1965 and the program will be titled "Alachua County Inmate and Community Service Project."

Deputy Sheriff Ed MacClellan, developer and co-author of the program, will direct the two-year experiment for Sheriff Joe Crevasse. It will offer a new approach to the crime problem by coordinating local community services to fit the needs of the individual jail inmate. It will also serve as a teaching experiment for the University of Florida College of Education.

Sheriff Joe Crevasse pointed out that the structure of the county jail system in Alachua County and the proximity of the University of Florida and Santa Fe Junior College offer unique opportunities for inmate services.

"At the present time," he said, "there is a high rate of recidivism (repeaters) at the jail due to a lack of rehabilitation programs and a lack of follow-up for released inmates."

He went on to explain that the adults and juveniles held in the county jail are generally local residents who return to the community upon release.

"This set of circumstances," he said, "provides an ideal opportunity for the initiation of rehabilitation services with the inmate during incarceration; for the extension of out-reach services to the family; and for continued follow-up services after release to enhance the individual's adjustment to the community."

Sheriff Crevasse listed the following proposed services under the project:

1. Counseling and guidance by professional workers academically prepared in counseling.
2. Basic educational instruction including remedial reading and the development of communication skills and arithmetic skills.
3. Initial vocational and technical training for subsequent occupational placement.
4. Work and study release program.
5. Recreational activities, including an active physical program, arts and crafts to facilitate more adequate ad-



Alachua County Deputy Ed MacClellan (R) and Dr. Wayne Antenen, Professor of Education at the University of Florida, go over last minute details of the INMATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT, sponsored by Sheriff Joe Crevasse to serve the needs of prisoners and their families.

justment to incarceration.

6. Community extension services to inmate families.

7. After-release follow-up services in the community.

8. Sponsorship of preventative youth programs within the community.

9. In-service education for departmental personnel in human development and personality dynamics.

Lot of Cavities

BRONSON — J. B. Mixson, a prisoner at the Levy County Jail with the special privileges of a trusty, must have had a lot of cavities.

He got permission to go to the dentist on November 4, 1965, and didn't come back for 19 months.

Finally he called from Tampa wanting to give himself up, and Levy County Sheriff Pat Hartley asked the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office to pick him up and hold him.

Posse Reactivated

ARCADIA — Sheriff Frank Cline has reactivated the DeSoto County Sheriff's Mounted Posse and Larry Lawrence is the newly-elected president.

4,200 Students

TITUSVILLE — Sheriff Leigh Wilson's Marine Division presented boating safety courses to 4,200 students at 26 Brevard County elementary schools.

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WIRE THEFTS STILL A PROBLEM

BARTOW—Thefts of copper wire from utility lines is still a major crime problem in Florida, as attested by this large coil of stolen wire recovered in the Fort Meade area. Shown checking the wire are Deputy Sheriff Al Brady (left) and Capt. John Gunter of the Polk County Sheriff's Department.

\$100 Reward

PANAMA CITY — Lt. Bobby Lewis, of the Bay County Sheriff's Department, received a \$100 reward for his part in tracking down an arsonist.

Rancher Wounded In Viet Nam

Rancher Mike Edwards was wounded in Viet Nam while serving with the U.S. Marines and was transferred to the U.S. Naval Hospital at Charleston, S.C., last month.

He was wounded in both legs and was scheduled to undergo surgery, reportedly for skin grafts, on July 20.

Boys Ranch officials who contacted him after he arrived at Charleston said he was in good spirits and expected to be walking on crutches in a few days. They were told there was a possibility Mike would be transferred to a military hospital in Florida following surgery.

Mike's brother, Wally, one of the first boys enrolled at the Boys Ranch, is also serving in Viet Nam with the U.S. Marines.

Sharp Decrease

ARCADIA — DeSoto County Sheriff Frank E. Cline announced that the cost of feeding prisoners in the DeSoto County Jail has been reduced drastically under his tenure as Sheriff—from \$1.36 per day per prisoner to 66 cents.

He said there has been no reduction in quantity or quality of food.



FLORIDA'S OUTSTANDING LAWMAN

CLEARWATER — Pinellas County Sheriff Don Genung was selected by the Veterans of Foreign Wars to receive its annual award as "The Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer in Florida." Runner-up in the state-wide selection was Robert J. Cotron, Police Chief of Eau Gallie, Florida.



Larry Tomlinson

White male, 5-feet 11-inches tall, weighs 135 pounds. Brown hair, blue eyes, age 14. Last seen at Greyhound Bus Station in Valdosta, Georgia. Subject missing since 5-10-67. If located notify Sheriff Posey, Cordele, Georgia; or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



Cindy Kimball

White female, 15 years old, 5 feet 2 inches tall, weighs 110 pounds. Light brown hair, brown eyes. Subject last seen wearing a dark coat with fur collar. Subject has a slight droop in the left eye, also has a slight limp. Subject missing since 3-14-67, believed to be in company of a LARRY WHEATON. Both subjects are believed to be in the Jacksonville, Fla. area. If located notify the Sheriff's Office, Canandaigua, N. Y. or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Fla.



Melva Jean Barnhill

White female, 13 years old, 5 feet 2 inches tall, weighs 110 pounds. Brown hair, stocky build. Missing since 6-10-67. If located notify Sheriff Cobb, Milton, Fla. or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Fla.



Clarence Howard Gaskins

White male, date of birth, 4-24-21. 5 feet, 8 inches tall, weighs 210 pounds, brown eyes, grey hair, last seen on May 12, 1967 wearing brown suit, white shirt, black shoes, dark clip on tie and no hat. Subject possibly enroute to Ft. Myers, Fla. Subject has a mental problem and needs treatment, is not dangerous to anyone except himself. If subject is located do not apprehend, notify authority listed below. Subject left letter threatening to commit suicide if bothered. If located notify Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Fla.

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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.



BOYS RANCH HAS BUMPER CROP OF NINTH GRADERS

This picture of Ranchers who will enter the ninth grade in September points up one of the future financial problems of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch: how to provide college and vocational school educations for the large group of young men who will be graduating from high school in the next few years. We have already sent many boys to college and vocational schools, but the number will continue to increase at an accelerating pace as our Ranch "family" grows up. Many generous contributors have given large donations earmarked for educational purposes, but these funds are only taking care of current needs. Ranchers attend the public schools in nearby Live Oak until they graduate from high school.

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 to the Ranch valued at \$100 or more.

Mr. Ricardo Diz, Jacksonville.
Mr. Jack N. Doudna, Jacksonville.
Mrs. Edgar E. Fulton, Jacksonville.
Mrs. Delma S. Oliver, Jacksonville.
Mr. and Mrs. John C. Lynd, Jacksonville.
Mr. William F. Howard, Jacksonville.
Mr. L. Edward Miller, Jr., Jacksonville.
Mr. Stanley W. Murphy, Jacksonville.
Mr. Louis A. Rice, Jacksonville
Duval County School Boy Patrol Mothers' Association, Jacksonville.
Ms. Rita C. Hartnett, Tampa.
Mrs. Erma C. Borntraeger, Tampa.
Mrs. W. L. Cobb, Palm Harbor.
Mrs. Pauline Waugh, Madeira Beach.
Mrs. Leona M. Towey, St. Petersburg.
Miss C. V. Moch, Tierra Verde.
Mrs. Gordon F. Palm, Lakeland.
Mr. Arthur W. Harris, Lakeland.

Estate of W. C. Zipprer, c/o Mr. H. K. Zipprer, Lake Wales.
Mr. Walstein Findlay, Palm Beach.
Mrs. Lillian J. Edmonds, West Palm Beach.
Mr. Jack Tatum, Belle Glade.
Lake Worth Firemen, Lake Worth.
Mr. Edward Nubar, Winter Park.
Mr. Duane B. Smith, Winter Park.
Mr. L. L. Howard, Pensacola.
School Safety Patrol Florida Educational Tour, Pensacola.
Mr. Laurance H. Cooper, Ft. Lauderdale.
Mr. Donald Zimmer, Ft. Lauderdale.
Leon County Sheriff's Mounted Posse, Tallahassee.
Mr. William James Roberts, Ocala.
Mr. Carl G. Lueders, Sarasota.
Mr. and Mrs. Loyd B. Davis, New Smyrna Beach.
Mr. Wayne Cushing, Orlando.
Mr. James H. Sanders, Fort Myers.
Mrs. Herman Queen, St. Augustine.
Mr. Henry Weinberg, Jr., Quincy.
Mr. and Mrs. Franklin R. Schmidt, Lake Placid.
Roger's Market, Wauchula.
Mr. Alfred P. Grace, Sr., Islamorada.
Mr. Manuel Elizondo, La Belle.
Mr. R. E. Hamrick, Okeechobee.



NEW LIFE MEMBER

JACKSONVILLE—Dr. Albert H. Wilkinson, Jr., (right) receives a plaque from Duval County Sheriff Dale Carson designating him as a lifetime member in the Florida Sheriffs Association. The honor was bestowed on Dr. Wilkinson for his service to the boys at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, near Live Oak.

In Memoriam

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

Mrs. E. J. Melton, Thomasville, Georgia; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bowman, Delray Beach; and Willard and Harriet Shaffert, Miami; in memory of Deputy Sheriff Paul G. Anderson, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Stauffer, Tallahassee; and Mr. and Mrs. John A. Madigan, Jr., Tallahassee; in memory of Pat Brahancy.

Mr. George N. Crist, Sebring; Malcolm and Patty Smith, Wauchula; and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Stauffer, Tallahassee; in memory of Mrs. Mattie Skipper Carlton.

Mr. O. D. Roberts, Tallahassee; Capital City First National Bank, Tallahassee; Mr. and Mrs. Christie Hall, Tallahassee; Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Shelley, Jr., Tallahassee; Mrs. Lucille B. Stello, Tallahassee; Hon. C. A. McNulty, Melbourne; Statutory Revision Department, Attorney General's Office, Tallahassee; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Stauffer, Tallahassee; Miss Margaret DuBose, Tallahassee; Mrs. Ray E. Green, Sr., Tallahassee; Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Edenfield, Tallahassee; and Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Henry, Jr., Tallahassee; in memory of Joseph Patrick Deeb.

Mrs. L. O. Goas, Vero Beach; Mrs. Thomas J. Milne, Vero Beach; and the Grouse Family, Vero Beach; in memory of Mr. Victor Fandrich.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dudzik, Chicago, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Blonski, Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. Alma Zwickelmaier, Farmingdale, Long Island, N.Y.; Mr. and Mrs. William Zwickelmaier, Farmingdale, Long Island, N.Y.; Misses Mary and Lily Liska, Sparta, Wisconsin; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jude, Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. Mabel Holst, Chicago, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Damert, Chicago, Ill.; and Mrs. Dorothy Landers, Niles, Ill.; in memory of Mrs. Anna Wear.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hubbard, Orange City; in memory of Mr. Stanley M. Wick and Mr. Harold M. Freund.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Blackburn, Jr., Tampa; in memory of Mr. Donald C. Williams and Mrs. Adella Rhudy.

Glades Electric Cooperative, Inc., Moore Haven; and Mr. and Mrs. Franklin R. Schmidt, Lake Placid; in memory of Mrs. H. T. Price.

Mrs. M. E. Price, Dade City; in memory of Mrs. William Alexander.

Mrs. G. B. Dana, Fort Lauderdale; in memory of Mr. T. G. Adams.

Mrs. Ethel Clark, New Smyrna Beach; in memory of Mr. Archie R. Benson.

Mrs. Bernard Bauer, Jacksonville; in memory of Mr. Bernard Bauer.

Directors of Texas Women's University, Denton, Texas; in memory of Mr. D. B. Clark.

Mrs. Glen C. Whitlatch, Sarasota; in memory of Mr. Russell A. Currin, Sr.

Sheriff & Mrs. P. A. Edmonson, Bunnell; in memory of Mr. Charles Clegg.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Knotts, Ocala; in memory of Arthur Lee Cant.

Ms. Rita C. Harnett, Tampa; in memory of Mr. Doyle Campbell.

Mrs. Charles W. Stockley, Townsend, Delaware; in memory of Mr. Roland I. Dunn.

Mrs. Mildred Pitts, DeLand; in memory of Mr. Charles S. Dean.

Major and Mrs. Hal T. Morrison, Largo; in memory of Mrs. Louise Evans.

Mrs. Lillian J. Edmonds, West Palm Beach; in memory of Capt. Harold W. Edmonds, USAF.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl L. Hahn, Highlands, North Carolina; in memory of Mr. Ralph W. Frye.

Mrs. Ida Auderegg, Miami; in memory of Mr. Fred L. Jordan.

The Family of Mr. John M. Knight, Vero Beach; in memory of Mr. John M. Knight.

Mr. Arthur Kirsch, Ormond Beach; in memory of Mr. Charles Kirsch.

Mrs. Helyn G. Lloyd, Winter Park; in memory of Mr. George W. Lloyd.

Alachua County Juvenile Court Staff, Gainesville; in memory of Judge H. H. McDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Roberts, Quincy; in memory of Mrs. Blanch Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin R. Schmidt, Lake Placid; in memory of Mr. Emerson Moore.

Mrs. Beatrice W. Noble, Gaithersburg, Maryland; in memory of Mr. C. V. Noble.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman F. Ozard, Gulfport; in memory of Mrs. Pamela Ozard.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Carroll, Kissimmee; in memory of Mrs. Margaret Quirk.

Mr. E. H. Quoos, Orlando; in memory of Mr. Edmund G. Quoos.

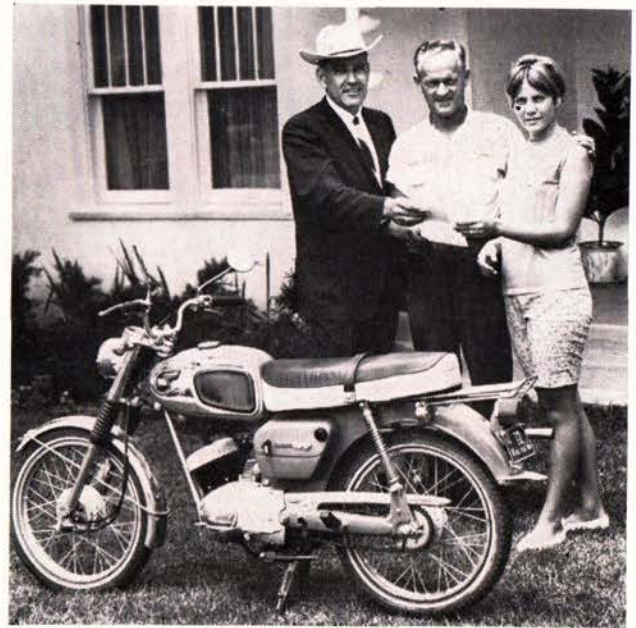
Mr. A. G. Stefurak, Rockledge; in memory of Mr. Frederic A. Ritter.

The Robert H. Talley Family, Prairie Village, Kansas; in memory of Mr. William N. Ryerson.

Mrs. and Mrs. William G. Baer, Melbourne Beach; in memory of Mr. Robert Strom.

BOYS RANCH GETS JANE'S KAWOSKI

CRESTVIEW—Miss Jane Wheeler, shown with her father, businessman Joe Wheeler, presents Okaloosa County Sheriff Ray Wilson (left) with her 1966 Kawoski to be sent to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch at Live Oak. Sheriff Wilson commended Jane highly for giving up her motorcycle for the benefit of the boys at the Ranch.



RANCH BENEFACTOR HONORED

ST. AUGUSTINE — St. Johns County Sheriff L. O. Davis (left) presents Mr. L. C. Ringhaver with an honorary lifetime membership in the Florida Sheriffs Association in recognition of his interest in the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, and his generous support. Mr. Ringhaver is a well-known St. Augustine industrialist.

Mr. John H. Graham, Sebring; in memory of Mr. Grover Stewart.

Hon. Broward Williams, Tallahassee; in memory of Mr. Roy Shapiro.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hill, Pensacola; in memory of Mr. O. A. Strange.

Mrs. Glen C. Whitlatch, Sarasota; in memory of Mr. William W. Stockbridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth M. West, Inverness; in memory of Mr. S. J. Taylor.

Mrs. J. D. Tittle, Jacksonville; in memory of Mr. John David Tittle.

American Association of University Women, Florida State University, School of Business, Tallahassee; in memory of Col. John J. Turner.

CDR. and Mrs. K. M. West, Inverness; in memory of Mr. Walter H. Van Ness.

Mrs. Pauline Waugh, Madeira Beach; in memory of Mr. Thomas L. Waugh.

Sheriff Monroe Brannen, Bartow; in memory of Sgt. Don Williams.

Mrs. Leon M. Wright, Enterprise; in memory of Mr. Leon M. Wright.

Mrs. Ray E. Green, Sr., Tallahassee; and Mr. and Mrs. John A. Madigan, Jr., Tallahassee; in memory of Mr. Carey Watson.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Rice, Sebring; in memory of Mr. Charles H. Hannum.

Mrs. Grace C. Hall, Hendersonville, N.C.; in memory of Mr. John C. Hall.

Mr. Ivan E. Yeftich, Leesburg; in memory of Ms. Emma Young Yeftich.

Sheriff Willis V. McCall, Tavares; in memory of Mr. Levi Yates.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Harris, Daytona Beach; in memory of Ms. Eva Harris.

Mrs. Marie Himwich, Largo; in memory of Mr. Murray Himwich.

Mr. and Mrs. James Thomas Karzes, Sudbury, Mass.; in memory of Mr. Chester Clay Holloway, Sr.

Mrs. Lillian P. Fulton, St. Petersburg; in memory of W. M. Huston.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Sherwood, Sebring; Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Allen, Sebring; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jenneman, Sebring; Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Dackett, Sebring; Mrs. C. H. Maston, Sebring; Mrs. Robert Pelton, Sebring; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Britton, Sebring; and Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Beeler, Sebring; in memory of Mr. Fred L. Jordan.

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.

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

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"THE WAR ON CRIME" *starring* RONALD REAGAN

This is a Condensation of an Address Presented by California Governor Ronald Reagan at the Annual Convention of the National Sheriffs Association at Las Vegas, June 18, 1967.

LAS VEGAS, NEV.—It's a pleasure to be here today where the heat only comes from the sun.

Las Vegas is really a wonderful place. Where else outside of government do people throw money away? The big difference, of course, is that here you can do it yourself; in government we do it for you.

But it's nice to see all you sheriffs out there. I've been a sheriff myself—you can't make a living in Hollywood for more than 25 years, without being a sheriff and if the picture makes money, polish the star, you'll wear it often.

First time I ever played a sheriff, the director told me all I had to have was a hard head and a white hat. I think your job takes a little more than that. But I'm sure most of you agree that what is needed more than anything in our country today is people with a hard-headed approach to our problems and a vital interest in seeing them solved.

EVERYTHING BUT TIE YOUR HANDS

This is especially true in the field of law enforcement where the problems increase daily and where there are no easy solutions. I once played a sheriff who thought he could do the job without a gun. I was dead in 27 minutes of a 30-minute show. You may still have your guns, but there are those who've done everything but tie your hands and take your guns. It is time for society to give to those on the firing line the weapons needed in the fight against crime.

Traditionally in our country, the sheriff is the symbol of law enforcement. And in many places today he is assuming increased importance as new situations arise affecting the public safety that extend beyond the scope of individual police departments or that require the coordination of law enforcement services within the country.

The magnitude of the problems facing sheriffs and all law enforcement agencies is illustrated by statistics showing that crime is increasing rapidly throughout the nation.

VIOLENT CRIMES UP 20 PER CENT

Just last week the F.B.I. reported the largest increase in serious crime in the last nine years took place in the first three months of 1967. Crimes of violence, murder, rape, robbery, assaults, were up 20 percent.

Since 1960 crime has increased by 35 percent, even when you allow for the increasing population. In fact, crime is increasing four times as fast as our population.

In fact, it has reached epidemic proportions. Imagine newspaper headlines announcing the threat of a nationwide epidemic that would take nearly 10,000 lives, hospitalize another 200,000 and cause financial losses of more than a billion dollars.

The outcry would be tremendous.

Yet, that is a description of our annual crime losses and the outcry has hardly risen above a whisper except in isolated instances.

YOUNG MALES BIGGEST CRIME SOURCE

We know that our biggest source of crime is our young male population—those between 14 and 29. In California, this group commits 80 percent of all crimes.

And during the next 20 years this age group will increase twice as fast as the rest of our population. Needless to say, the effects could be devastating.

The threat to society by crime places a number of responsibilities on all of us at the state and local level who have a responsibility for the public safety.

First, we must focus public attention on this problem and enlist widespread public support in coping with it.

Second, we have a responsibility to make sure that the public receives the facts about the problem and about feasible solutions to it.

Third, we must make sure that we are making the best use of all available resources for preventing and controlling crimes.

Fourth, we must work to bring the best and the most modern scientific resources to bear on the crime problem.

BASIC TASKS AT LOCAL LEVEL

Let me elaborate: effective law enforcement is primarily a local responsibility. Other levels of government, both state and federal, can supply assistance, but we must never forget that the basic tasks of crime prevention and control belong at the local level. This places a great responsibility on cities and counties to provide adequate support for their law enforcement officers, and to provide the necessary facilities and equipment for keeping the peace.

This is an area for partnership between state and local government, with you having the primary role and the state providing those services which must be statewide to be effective.

It is important to recognize that unless both local and state law enforcement agencies meet their responsibilities, we may find them usurped by the federal government or ceded to it by default.

When this happens we will have, in effect, a national police force. And we will have taken steps to abolish crime only at the risk of our freedom.

The answer to growing demands placed on law enforcement is not federal or state domination, or the imposition of some regional super government. We can strengthen local governments so that they can cope with crime.

SHERIFFS MUST PROVIDE LEADERSHIP

This involves effective utilization of existing resources, including cooperation and coordination between local governments.

In many areas, the sheriffs as the chief county law enforcement officers must provide imaginative leadership. In California, many programs have already been developed along this line. Many city police departments have joined with the sheriffs' departments in the joint use of central services, such as identification, records, communications, laboratory, and jail facilities. In some counties, smaller cities have contracted with the sheriff's office for the provision of police services.



"With all our science and sophistication, our culture and our pride in intellectual accomplishment, the jungle still is waiting to take over. The man with the badge holds it back."

—GOVERNOR RONALD REAGAN

Another step in the war against crime must be the mobilization of public support. One of our aims has been to involve the citizen and the independent sector in government. There are many things government cannot do alone, and there are many things the independent sector can do better than government. You know, they may not believe it in Washington, but when given a chance, the average American wants to contribute to solving the problems which face us—including the crime problem.

HOODS HIP TO SCIENTIFIC ADVANCES

A surprising fact is that part of the increase in crime stems from the very progress we are making which benefits and enriches our civilization. The same scientific and technological advances that benefit all our citizens are being utilized and adapted for use by the criminal element.

Modern methods of transportation and communications, and modern tools and weapons are used daily by those who prey on society.

It is essential that society also use to the fullest our scientific and technological advances in the prevention, detection and control of crime. And in the correction and rehabilitation of criminals.

HELICOPTER PATROL CO-OP VENTURE

One of the imaginative developments in progressive law enforcement techniques has been the experimental helicopter patrol of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

The original helicopter patrol project was a cooperative venture of the federal government, a private aircraft firm and local law enforcement. This type of project can be a model for the future where in different levels of government and the private sector cooperate for progress.

Just as important as the mechanical steps we are taking is a need to redirect the thinking of some of those engaged in the war on crime.

I do not hold with the theory that says society is to blame when a man commits a robbery or a murder and therefore we must be understanding and as sympathetic for the criminal as we are for the victim.

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JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF

MONTICELLO — Don R. Watson, a 24-year-old "home town product" with a degree in criminology, is the newly-appointed Sheriff of Jefferson County. He was appointed by Gov. Claude Kirk to succeed Sheriff Lavelle Pitts who served temporarily following the Governor's suspension of Sheriff J. B. Thomas. A native of Winston-Salem, N. C., Sheriff Watson moved to Jefferson County at an early age, attended public schools there and married a local girl, the former Rebecca Hicks. They have one son, two years old. Sheriff Watson received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminology and Corrections from Florida State University in 1964 and is enrolled in correspondence courses from the Institute of Applied Science. After graduating from FSU he was employed as a supervisor for the State Parole Commission in Hendry and Glades Counties for 1½ years; then he accepted a position as Classification Officer with the State Division of Corrections. He was stationed in Lake City in this capacity at the time of his appointment as Sheriff.

Motherhood—How Sweet

FORT PIERCE — A 48-year-old mother and her 18 and 21-year-old sons have not-so-tender memories of a shared experience.

Mrs. Lorene Hutchins, Danny Hutchins and Ronald Hutchins, all of Mulberry, were arrested and charged with stealing eight typewriters and an air conditioner from Dan McCarty High School, in Fort Pierce.

The stolen items were recovered in Bartow by the Polk County Sheriff's Department and it was reported that the trio would face charges of burglarizing a school there before coming to trial in Fort Pierce.

Compliment from "The Other Side"

OCALA — The Marion County Sheriff's department received an unexpected pat on the back for its thorough investigation of the Bragg murder case.

Tampa Attorney Francisco Rodriguez, who defended Willie and Fulton Wilson, the men accused of fatally beating the murder victim, said this was "the tightest circumstantial case I've ever faced."

Sheriff Doug Willis used 15 of his deputies in the investigation of the case and all of them were called as witnesses at the trial, leaving only three deputies to handle other matters.

"We did our homework on this one," said Investigator Martin Stephens.

Orlando Sentinel Reporter Paul Ferguson said it was obvious from the start of the investigation that the case would be difficult to solve, and the investigative team left no stones unturned."

He Deserves it

FERNANDINA BEACH — Sheriff H. J. Youngblood's popularity with Nassau County youngsters is no accident. He does a lot to deserve it.

For one thing the Sheriff sponsors a Junior Deputy Sheriff League which gives boys and girls important insights into law enforcement and an opportunity to take recreational and educational trips.

During the current year the Junior Deputies under the direction of Deputy Sheriff Ben Sessions took trips to Atlanta, Ga., and Silver Springs.

The Sheriff is also interested in the School Boy Patrol that guards school crossings.

At the end of the school term he held a banquet at the Marina Restaurant honoring the Emma Love Hardee School patrol boys for their outstanding performance.

5,300 Hours Logged

FT. LAUDERDALE — When the Kiekhaefer Corporation learned that Sheriff Allen Michell was planning to replace a MercCruiser motor in his water safety patrol boat the firm sent him a new motor free of charge in exchange for the old one.

It wasn't generosity entirely. Experts at the factory wanted to check over the old motor because of its outstanding service — 5,300 hours of running time in fresh and salt water within three and a half years.



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FLORIDA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY

1967-68 Training Schedule

SEPTEMBER SCHOOLS

11-14; \$45.00

CIVIL SEMINAR I — A course designed for field officers as well as office personnel. Subjects include: Requirements for the Proper Serving of Civil Process; the Elements of the Legally Sufficient Return; Service of Forceable and Non-Enforceable Writs; and Office Procedure to include both Statutory and Auditing. (30 hours)

17-22; \$75.00

DEATH INVESTIGATION AND SEX CRIMES — A specialized course concerning crimes against persons. Subjects: Planning and Conducting Death Investigations; Interviews and Confessions; Rules of Evidence; **Establishing the Cause of Death**; Problems of the Medical Examiner; Obscene Literature; Sex Offenders; and Prosecutions. (50 hours)

24-29; \$75.00

BURGLARY-LARCENY-ROBBERY—A specialized course featuring Prevention Techniques; Investigative Procedure; Surveillances; Scientific Aids; Sources of Information; Intelligence Functions; Search and Seizure; Burglary Technique Demonstrations; Locks; and Informers. (50 hours)

OCTOBER SCHOOLS

1-14; \$150.00

FINGERPRINT CLASSIFICATION AND IDENTIFICATION — (limit of 12 persons) For experienced and inexperienced officers. Includes such subjects as Fingerprint Patterns; Classifying Procedure; Sequencing; Searching; and Establishing and Operating Fingerprint Filing Systems. (120 hours)

1-6; \$75.00

PHOTOGRAPHY I — (limit of 18 persons) A basic photography course including such subjects as the Mechanics and Techniques of Photography; Types and Uses of Photographic Equipment and Supplies; Film Development; Printing and Enlarging; and Actual Work Assignments. (50 hours)

8-11; \$45.00

PHOTOGRAPHY II — (limit of 18 persons) An advanced photography seminar including such topics as Photographic Techniques; Crime Scene and Surveillance Photography; Camera Handling and Night Work; Photographing Small Objects; Micro-Photography; and the Photographer on the Witness Stand. (30 hours)

22-28; \$75.00

GENERAL TRAINING—A basic course for recruits as well as those persons desiring in-service training. Dealing with Laws of Arrest; Arrest Procedure; Firearms; Accident Investigation; Search and Seizure; Report Writing; Investigative Skills; and Testifying in Court. (60 hours)

NOVEMBER SCHOOLS

Oct. 31-Nov. 3; \$45.00

JUVENILE SEMINAR — A seminar dealing with the concepts of the Dependent, Delinquent and Neglected Child; Laws Pertaining to the Apprehension, Detention and Disposal of Juvenile Cases; Community Resources for Children; the Physically and Emotionally Abused Child; Juvenile Cliques and Neighborhood Gangs; and Retarded Children. (30 hours)

12-17; \$75.00

CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION — A course involving the planning and coordination of Crime Scene Investigations. Subjects: Plaster-Casting; Notetaking; Sketching; Functions of a Crime Laboratory; Recognizing, Collecting and Preserving Evidence; Submitting Evidence to the Laboratory; Moot Court Trial; and Practical Work Assignments. (50 hours)

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JANUARY SCHOOLS

14-19; \$75.00

VICE INVESTIGATION — A specialized course dealing with the various aspects of vice operations. Subjects: Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs; Prostitution; Gambling; Sex Deviations; Search and Seizure; Current Vice Trends; Federal and State Vice Laws; and Supreme Court Decisions. (50 hours)

21-26; \$75.00

POLICE ADMINISTRATION I — A specialized course for potential and present supervisory personnel. Subjects: the Principles of Organization, Administration, and Management; Principles of Supervision; Discipline Methods; Human Relations; How to Supervise Effectively. (50 hours)

FEBRUARY SCHOOLS

4-10; \$75.00

GENERAL TRAINING—A repeat of the General Training course described under October 1967 Schools. (60 hours)

12-15; \$45.00

SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS—A specialized seminar dealing with the various aspects of **covert operations**. Subjects: Characteristics of Personnel; Area Considerations; Confidential Informers; Identification and Verification of Personnel; Use of Technical Equipment; and Legal Aspects. (30 hours)

19-22; \$45.00

CIVIL SEMINAR II—A seminar for civil process supervisors. Subjects will include: Recent Case Laws affecting Priorities and Liabilities; and Group Discussions concerning unusual Problems. (30 hours)

MARCH SCHOOLS

3-8; \$75.00

TRAFFIC ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION—A specialized course concerning traffic accident investigation. Subjects: Traffic Trends; Model Traffic Code; Florida Traffic Laws; Utilizing Skidmark Evidence; Investigating Traffic Accidents; Accident Reports; and Practical Work Assignments. (50 hours)

10-15; \$75.00

BURGLARY-LARCENY-ROBBERY — A repeat of the Burglary-Larceny-Robbery course described under September 1967 Schools. (50 hours)

APRIL SCHOOLS

March 31-April 5; \$75.00

POLICE ADMINISTRATION II—A specialized course for command personnel. Subjects: Organization, Administration, and Management; Planning; Manpower Distribution; Command Level Supervision; Development of Leadership Qualities; Budgets; and Utilizing Statistical Data. (50 hours)

7-12; \$75.00

CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION—A repeat of the Crime Scene Investigation course described under November 1967 Schools. (50 hours)

April 28-May 1; \$45.00

JAIL SEMINAR — A specialized course for jail administrators and jail personnel. Subjects: Jail Administration; Security Procedure; Riot and Disaster Planning; Purchasing; Meal Preparation; Legal Procedure; Bonds; and Juvenile Detention. (30 hours)

MAY SCHOOLS

12-18; \$75.00

GENERAL TRAINING—A repeat of the General Training course described under October 1967 schools. (60 hours)



MRS. BERTHA CATTS

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