



NEW PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF

WEST PALM BEACH — William Heidtman was appointed Sheriff of Palm Beach County by Governor Claude R. Kirk, Jr., August 1, 1967, to serve the unexpired term of Sheriff Martin Kellenberger, who stepped down due to poor health. At the time of his appointment Sheriff Heidtman was in the insurance business. His prior business and professional experience includes Real Estate and IBM sales. He entered military service in 1940 as a private in the Army and terminated in 1946 as a Major, AGD. He is now a Lt. Col. Honorary Retired. Military honors he received include Dec. 7, 1941, medal with Star and Southwest Pacific with four battle stars. He is a member of the Episcopal church. He was born May 27, 1916, in Lansing, Michigan. His wife's name is Eleanor and they have one child. Sheriff Heidtman was educated in the public schools of Endicott, New York. Further education includes 3 years of IBM school; Adj. Gen. OCS, and military intelligence school.



DEPUTY GODWIN RECEIVES REWARD

TAVARES — Lake County Deputy Sheriff C. F. Godwin (center) accepts a \$200 reward from Florida Citrus Mutual for the arrest and conviction of citrus thieves in four separate cases. The check was presented by F. Leslie Bessenger (left), chief of Florida Citrus Mutual's Fruit Protection Division, while Lake County Sheriff Willis McCall stood by to offer congratulations to Deputy Godwin.

3 Sheriffs Named to Standards Council

TALLAHASSEE — Three Sheriffs were appointed by Governor Claude Kirk to Florida's new Police Standards Council which will set minimum standards for police officers and minimum standards for training police officers.

They are Orange County Sheriff Dave Starr, Orlando; Brevard County Sheriff Leigh Wilson, Titusville; and Alachua County Sheriff Joe Crevasse, Gainesville.

Established by a 1967 law which the Florida Sheriffs Association actively sponsored along with other law enforcement organizations, the Police Standards Council has eight other members who are: Attorney General Earl Faircloth, Chairman; Col. H. N. Kirkman, Director of the Florida Highway Patrol; State School Superintendent Floyd Christian; D. K. Brown, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI's North Florida District; Police Chiefs K. C. Alvarez of Ocala, Willis Booth of Clearwater and A. O. Folsom, Jr., of Daytona Beach; Lt. Jim Reese of the Miami Police Department; and Inspector Joe Macy of the West Palm Beach Police Department.

Jack Ledden, veteran newspaperman

who has been serving as coordinator of Gov. Claude Kirk's "War on Crime" was named by the Council to the full-time \$15,000 a year job of executive director.

The law that established the Council also set up the following qualifications for newly-hired police officers:

1. At least 21 years of age.
2. Citizen of the United States.
3. High School graduate or its "equivalent."
4. Must not have been convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor involving "moral turpitude."
5. Must not have been released or discharged from the U. S. Armed Forces under any other than honorable conditions.
6. Must have fingerprints on file.
7. Must have a good moral character as determined by investigation.

The law does not apply to elected officers or to police officers who were employed prior to the effective date of the law.

The law was approved by the Governor on June 21, 1967.

HORSE FROLIC RAISES \$2,180 FOR RANCH



GREEN COVE SPRINGS

— The Third Annual Clay Mavericks Horse Frolic was one of this year's most successful fund raising events for the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. After it was over Mavericks President Doug Gilmore presented \$2,180 to Clay County Sheriff Jennings Murree for the Ranch — about double the amount raised last year. Credit for much of the success of the event belongs to the Clay County Sheriff's Mounted Patrol (see photo of D. S. Jackson, one of the Patrol members). This is a volunteer mounted group which assists Sheriff Murree's regular deputies in traffic control, searches, drownings and special events. Patrol members directed traffic, assisted with parking and otherwise helped to maintain order during the horse show. They are interested in the Boys Ranch and have shown a willingness to do everything possible to help it along. (Photo courtesy Florida Horse Journal.)

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Every boy's dream — to be a real fireman — came true for youngsters at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch on October 1, 1967, when a \$35,000 fire station and auto repair shop was dedicated as part of a 10th Anniversary Celebration. The new building was financed with contributions from the Florida State Firemen's Association. The boys at the Ranch have had their own fire department for several years, but no place to house the equipment.

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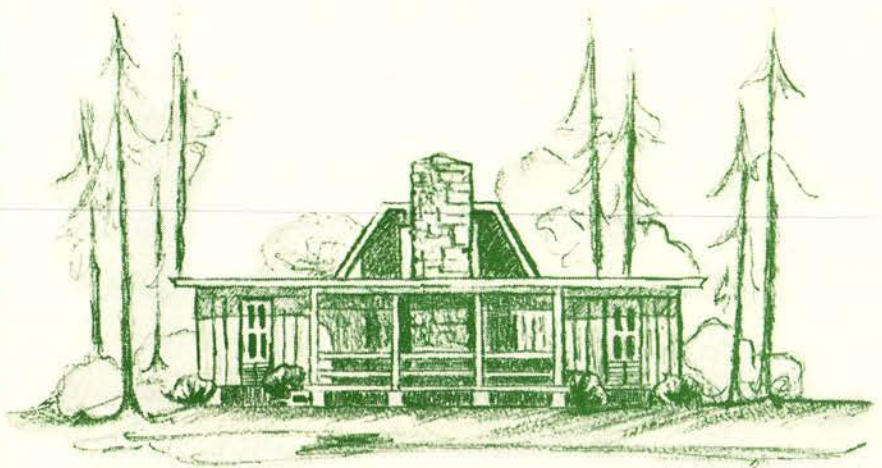
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Aerial cover photo of Boys Ranch chapel and the Fire Station photo above were taken by Dan Stainer, Tallahassee Democrat photographer, who is a long time supporter of the Boys Ranch and a member of the Boys Ranch Builders' Club.



Plans are being completed for a \$15,000 "Guest House" to be used by Boys Ranch visitors—particularly by former Ranchers who return with their wives and children. Doctors and dentists contributing their services to the Ranch will also be able to stay overnight.

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Boys Ranch Celebrates



10th Anniversary With **FAITH** in the **FUTURE**

There's a fine line between having faith and being foolhardy.

And, on October 2, 1957, when Florida's Sheriffs voted to establish a Boys Ranch with only \$5,000 in cash and some nebulous dreams, there was considerable doubt about which side of the line they were on.

Now, ten years later, with an enrollment of 100 boys and facilities valued at over \$1,000,000, the answer is clear.

They may have been foolhardy, or at least impulsive, in the beginning, but it was faith that pulled them through the long haul and brought the Ranch to its present pinnacle of success.

—Faith in the thousands of generous people who have supported the Ranch.

—Faith that divine guidance would sustain them over the rough spots (and there have been more of these than we care to remember).

—Faith in the staff members whose dedicated service has meant the difference between success and failure.

Yes, the answer is clear now.

The Boys Ranch could have been "The Sheriffs'

Folly," but instead it has become "An Adventure in Faith."

This adventure reached an important milestone on October 1, 1967, when the Boys Ranch celebrated its 10th Anniversary and dedicated a new \$35,000 fire station financed by the Florida State Firemen's Association.

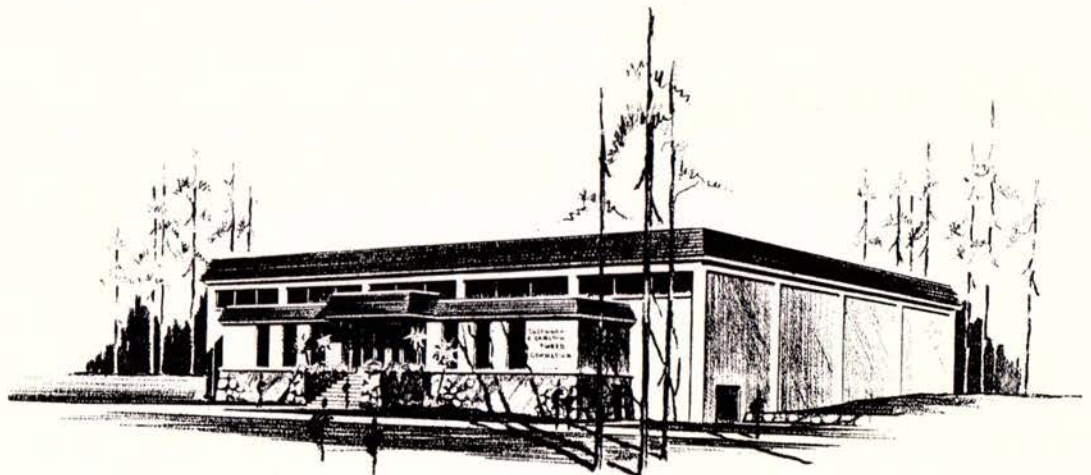
But, it was only a milestone and the adventure will continue through the years ahead.

The drawing board is full. In various stages of completion are plans for a Medical and Dental Clinic at an estimated cost of \$50,000; a guest house for former Ranchers who return for visits with their wives and children, \$15,000; a more functional canteen, \$35,000; a gymnasium, \$175,000; a sewer and drainage system plus street improvements, \$118,000; additional staff houses, \$50,000; an administration building \$100,000; and additional residence cottages, \$180,000.

The enrollment will increase and the operating budget will grow from its present level of almost \$300,000 per year to around \$500,000.

The future offers many challenges. There's much to be done, and — with faith — it will be done.

Future projects at the Boys Ranch include this \$175,000 gymnasium which is now in the planning stage. This facility which is expected to cost around \$175,000 will enable the Ranch to expand and improve its athletic program. The boys do not have any indoor sports facilities at the present time.



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.

Ranch Boys to Celebrate Christmas in November

Remember how it was when you were a child? It seemed that Christmas would never come.

Youngsters at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch have that problem too, but some wonderful Pinellas County people are going to ease the strain this year—just as they have in years past—by holding a “Christmas in November” celebration for a bus load of Ranchers on November 17, 18 and 19.

The boys’ big weekend will be sponsored by the Sunshine State Women’s Chamber of Commerce; but Sheriff Don Genung, many individuals, organizations and business firms will get “into the act” to make it a gala occasion.

On November 17 when the boys roll in by bus, they will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Talbot at the Gulf Lane Motel, 18400 Gulf Boulevard, Indian Rocks Beach.

Sandwiches, ice cream and soft drinks will be waiting for them to revive their energy and get them ready for the big weekend.

On November 18 Mr. and Mrs. Niels Kjildgaard will serve the boys breakfast at Old Denmark, 14603 Gulf Blvd., Madeira Beach.

At 10 a.m., Commander A. J. Feher, of Bayboro Harbor Naval Reserve Training Center, will take the boys on a fishing trip with lunch provided on board by the Sheraton Inn, St. Petersburg.

The boys will return to the Gulf Lane on Saturday afternoon for a cook-out, after which Christmas gifts will be

distributed around a Christmas tree in the lobby of the motel.

On Sunday, November 19, the boys will be guests for breakfast at the Happy Dolphin; and box lunches for the return trip to the Ranch by bus will be provided by Mr. Sloane, of Wolfies, and Mr. Hellier, of Guys Restaurant.

Meanwhile, back at the Ranch, the boys who were unable to make the trip will not be neglected or forgotten. They will have a traditional Christmas dinner with turkey and “all the trimmin’s” from the “surplus” of the donated food pledged by generous Pinellas County people.



ALL ABOARD FOR CHRISTMAS IN NOVEMBER

This scene, photographed by Dan Stainer as the Boys Ranch bus was leaving on its regular Saturday trip to Live Oak, will be duplicated November 17 when Ranchers depart on an exciting weekend trip to Pinellas County.

Builders’ Club Certificates For Major Donors

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. & Mrs. John O. Davies, Sr., Pompano Beach.
Mr. Robert A. Uihlein, Jr., Milwaukee, Wis.
Dr. H. E. Hasseltine, Bristol, Vt.

Mr. Homer L. Gossopf, Jr., F.P.O., New York.
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Southeastern Supply Co., Mr. Robert M. Frost, Decatur, Ga.
Mr. B. H. Oehlert, Jr., Atlanta, Ga.
Mrs. K. C. Towe, Greenwich, Conn.
Col. Preston B. Hardy, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
Mr. Spessard Boatright, Live Oak, Fla.

Attended Workshop

Six couples who work as houseparents at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch attended the annual Houseparents Workshop at Stetson University, in DeLand.

Over 40 child care organizations were represented. Boys Ranch Administrator Harry Weaver is president of the sponsoring organization: Florida Group Child Care Association.

In Memoriam

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

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver E. Sundquist, Ormond Beach; Mrs. Charles F. Zeman, Ormond Beach; Service Group of the Peninsula Women's Club, Daytona Beach; Mrs. H. E. Drummond, Orange City; Mrs. Paul Heinicke, Daytona Beach; Mrs. Zoe Woods, Daytona Beach; Mr. Vearl S. McAdam, Daytona Beach; Mrs. May L. Harwood, Daytona Beach; and Mr. and Mrs. Martin Redmond, Ormond Beach; in memory of Mr. Fred Bergh.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Joiner, Winter Garden; The Charles McMillan Family, Winter Garden; The Malcolm McMillan Family, Winter Garden; Mr. Neil McMillan, Winter Garden; Dr. John B. Burrett, Birmingham, Alabama; Mr. H. A. Ficquette, Winter Garden; Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Wilson, Winter Garden; Melbourne Beach Volunteer Fire Dept., Melbourne Beach; Mr. and Mrs. Adger Smith, Eau Gallie; Adger Smith (In Trust for Ballard Children), Eau Gallie; Mr. Charles R. Franklin, Melbourne; Mrs. Laverne E. Williams, Melbourne Beach; Mrs. Walter L. Murphy, Melbourne Beach; Mr. and Mrs. Carl T. Lavoncher, Eau Gallie; and Mr. Harold L. Lowe, Melbourne Beach; in memory of Deputy Sheriff Sidney Ballard.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Harbeson, DeFuniak Springs; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hildreth, Panama City; Mr. and Mrs. Wallace H. Laird, Sr., Panama City; in memory of Alfred Scott Harbeson.

Mrs. W. O. Johnson, Tallahassee; and Mr. Roger C. Davis, Chipley; in memory of Mr. W. O. Johnson.

Mrs. B. F. McGraw, Ocala; and Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Palmer, Jr., Ocala; in memory of Mr. W. C. Parmeter.

Dr. and Mrs. Edward G. Haskell, Jr., Tallahassee; and Mr. and Mrs. John A. Madigan, Jr., Tallahassee; in memory of Mr. Walter Rountree.

Mr. and Mrs. Carol Gann, Middleburg; and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gann; in memory of Airman James Mikel Runnels.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Madigan, Jr., Tallahassee; and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Green, Tallahassee; in memory of Mrs. Wayne (Tommie) Stultz.

Ms. Ellen M. Gilleland, Jacksonville; and Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Miller, Jacksonville; in memory of Mr. J. Frank Ulrich.

Mr. and Mrs. Turner Hiers, Havana; Mrs. Thelma Parker, Havana; and Mr. and Mrs. Elwyn Childs, Pelham, Georgia; in memory of Dr. Sterling Wilhoit.

Dr. and Mrs. E. G. Haskell, Jr., Tallahassee; in memory of Mrs. Bessie Yancy, Mr. Hodson Drew, Mr. J. V. Chapman, and Mr. Patrick Deeb.

Mr. Broward Williams, Tallahassee; in memory of Mr. S. B. Walker and Mrs. Jimmie B. Winchester.

Sheriff Willis V. McCall, Tavares; in memory of Mr. Chester B. Treadway, Mrs. Florence W. Cross, and Mr. W. M. Monn.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hooks, Leesburg; in memory of Mr. C. H. Stoer, and Mrs. E. B. Peter.

Sheriff Rodney Thursby, DeLand; in memory of Mr. H. O. (Red) Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Walt England, Brooksville; in memory of Mrs. Kate Arther.

Mr. William J. Bradley, Tampa; in memory of Mr. William L. Baisden.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. L. Timmons, Quincy; in memory of Mr. Charles Bowman.

Mrs. Elsie Grigsby, Kissimmee; in memory of Sheriff Robert M. Buckles.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Johnson, Seneca, Ill.; in memory of Mrs. Lilly E. Bryan.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Ratcliffe, Lake Park; in memory of Mr. Herbert H. Bartell.

Mr. and Mrs. Roderick K. Shaw, Jr., Tampa; and Mrs. Kathleen Wilkinson and children, Reedi & Roderick, Tampa; in memory of Mr. and Mrs. T. Ed Bryan.

Mr. Don McLeod, Tallahassee; in memory of Mrs. Bertha Catts.

Mr. and Mrs. K. E. Hope, Port Richey; in memory of Mr. Arthur Colgan.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Turner, New York, N. Y.; in memory of Mr. Edwin E. Dryer.

Mr. Warren Lehman, Sealy Mountain, N. C.; in memory of Mrs. C. K. Eason.

National Association of Retired Civil Employees—Brevard Chapter No. 609, Melbourne Beach; in memory of Mr. Wetherill J. Edwards.

Mrs. Marguerite B. Parkes, Daytona Beach; in memory of Mr. Barrett Emerson.

Mr. E. H. Garrett, Indian Lake Estates; in memory of Mrs. Dovie N. Garrett.

Miss Marion M. Kilburn, Sarasota; in memory of Mr. Kenneth A. Henke.

Bakers & Allied Executives Club, Jacksonville; in memory of Mr. R. Jackson, Jr.

Mrs. M'lisce Price, Dade City; in memory of Mr. Frederick S. Johnston.

Mr. William J. Braley, Tampa; in memory of Mrs. Argie Kyle.

POSSE PROCEEDS GO TO RANCH

FORT MYERS — Lee County Sheriff Flanders "Snag" Thompson (center) receives a check for \$500 for the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch from Dick Biehl (right), president of the Lee County Sheriff's Posse. Looking on is Buz Armstrong (left), past president of the Posse. The money is from the proceeds of the Annual Lee County Sheriff's Posse Rodeo.



BOYS RANCH JAM SESSION



The joint was really jumpin' when Tallahassee Democrat photographer Dan Stainer took this picture of a rock 'n'roll combo during a Saturday afternoon practice session at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. The boys are (from left) Danny Allen, Norman Kahl, Bill Clark and Jimmy Hodges. Norman and Jimmy live at the Ranch and the other two boys are from Live Oak. Music of all kinds is an important part of life at the Ranch. A number of the boys are learning to play musical instruments and some of them are in the Suwannee High School Band, at Live Oak. A Boys Ranch Chorus performs at special events and its accompanist, Jerry Stacy, has composed a religious anthem.

Wadsworth Publications, Inc., Live Oak; in memory of Mr. Thomas A. Leonard.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar G. Bachman, St. Petersburg; in memory of Mr. Fred McGinnis.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Carpenter, Ocala; in memory of Dr. W. J. McGovern.

Mrs. Frank E. Benton, Jacksonville; in memory of Mrs. C. B. Odum.

Mr. Willie T. Reynolds, Jacksonville; in memory of Mr. Willie Edward Reynolds.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Carroll, Kissimmee; in memory of Mrs. Mary S. Rogers.

Mrs. Jessie M. McClellan & Friends, Clearwater; in memory of Mr. Charles Roper.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Odom, Jr., Starke; in memory of Mrs. Sapp.

Mrs. M. E. Sigmund, Clearwater; in memory of Mr. Mason E. Sigmund.

Mr. Ross S. Anderson, Riverside, Conn.; in memory of Mr. William White Stockbridge.

Capt. and Mrs. Robert M. Brown, St. Augustine; in memory of Mrs. Catherine Usina.

Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Potter, Sarasota; in memory of Mr. David P. Wernet.

Allstate Insurance Co. Agents, Lakeland; in memory of Mr. Sherman B. Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Yates, Englewood; in memory of Mr. Clarke Wilmot.

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 520
Live Oak, Florida

Enclosed find contribution of \$_____

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Sheriff's Eyes and Ears Getting Sharper

Ocala—Criminals move faster and are harder to catch these days.

Marion County Sheriff Doug Willis knows this and that's why he is doing everything possible to sharpen the "eyes and ears" of his department.

One important move he has made is to help forge closer communications links between his department, the Ocala Police Department and the Florida Highway Patrol. Direct telephone lines supplementing short wave radio, will enable these agencies to keep in close contact with each other; and to work as a single unit when emergencies arise.

In cooperation with Ocala Police Chief K. C. Alvarez and the Ocala-Marion County Chamber of Commerce he has also assisted in setting up a "radio watch" to extend the "eyes and ears" of law enforcement.

Initially, 22 business firms and agencies with a total of 183 vehicles equipped with two-way radios signed up to participate.

The program is part of a nation-wide effort sparked by Motorola Electronics and Communications. Its aim is to enlist drivers as observers of "the unusual"—ranging from a fleeing bank robber to a faulty traffic light, a fire or a suspicious hitch hiker.

The drivers simply report what they observe to their own dispatchers, who in turn flash the information to the Sheriff's Department or the Police Department.

Similar plans are operating in over 300 cities in 44 states and they involve some 200,000 radio-equipped vehicles.



VITAL LINKS

Here are vital links in the Marion County law enforcement communications chain. The photos (top to bottom) show Bill Downs at the Ocala Police Department dispatcher's desk; Phillip MacClellan at the Sheriff's Department; and Joe Bowen at the Florida Highway Patrol radio console. (Orlando Sentinel photos by Art Allen.)



Alert Jailer

DELAND — Volusia County's often condemned jail was the scene of another attempted escape, but an alert jailer, Deputy A. W. Darenze, foiled the attempt.

Darenze, hearing strange sounds, rushed to the second floor where he found a prisoner trying to wedge himself through a hole in the outside wall of the old building.

Sheriff Rodney Thursby said the prisoner had sawed through an iron bar with an old hacksaw blade, squeezed out of his cell, removed bricks from around a window and used a sashweight to knock out the window frame.

(P.S. Plans are being prepared for a new jail.)

GROOMING KITS FOR JAIL INMATES

GAINESVILLE — Girl Scouts Lucille Cox (right) and Nancy Beal show Sheriff Joe Cravasse grooming kits they made for juveniles and women confined in the Alachua County Jail. Lucille, Nancy and other members of Girl Scout Troop 411, Gainesville, sewed small kits and collected items to go in them. Juveniles received soap, combs and toothbrushes in their kits. Women inmates received the same items plus sewing kits with needle, thread and buttons. Scout Leader Judy Ruth said many of the girls will receive Community Service merit badges as a result of this project.



Sheriffs Bureau Replaced by Bigger, Stronger Crime Fighting Agency

It was "taps" for the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Florida's first state-wide crime fighting agency, on October 1, 1967.

A 1967 law which became effective on that date changed the name of the bureau; gave it new leadership; and beefed up its finances, its manpower and its authority.

The new name is Florida Bureau of Law Enforcement.

The new leadership is a seven-man board composed of the Governor, Attorney General, State Treasurer, State Comptroller, two Sheriffs and one police chief.

The two Sheriffs appointed to the board by Governor Claude Kirk are Don Genung, of Pinellas County; and Malcolm Beard, of Hillsborough County. The Police Chief named by the Governor is William Barnes, West Palm Beach.

The old Sheriffs Bureau board was composed of the Governor, Attorney General and five Sheriffs. This board delegated authority to a full-time salaried director who was in charge of day-to-day operations. Former Marion County Sheriff Don McLeod became the first Director when the Bureau was created by a 1955 law; and former Baker County Sheriff Ed Yarbrough succeeded him when he retired June 1, 1966. Yarbrough ran the Sheriffs Bureau until the new law abolished it.

The full-time salaried head of the new Bureau, with the title of Commissioner, is William L. Reed, former Director of the Law Center Division of the University of Miami School of Law, and former Director of the University of Missouri (Kansas City) Law Center.

Commissioner Reed, who is 32, holds

a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Kansas and a law degree from the University of Kansas City. His law enforcement background includes four years with the Kansas City (Mo.) Police Department. He was appointed by the seven-man board to head the new bureau and began his new duties on October 1.

The new Bureau, in addition to absorbing the Sheriffs Bureau, was also given the authority formerly vested in the Narcotics Bureau of the State Board of Health; plus the Attorney General's authority with respect to investigation of violations of criminal law.

The Attorney General was formerly involved in investigation of off-track betting violations and employed investigators who were unofficially referred to as his "bookie squad."

The law that established the new Bureau makes it mandatory that all state, county and city law enforcement agencies must submit "uniform crime reports" which the Bureau will correlate into semi-annual reports on the crime situation in Florida.

The Sheriffs Bureau was a clearing house for crime information, but it had no authority to require law enforcement agencies to submit crime reports.

\$1.22 Per Hour

ARCADIA — Would you risk your life for \$1.22 an hour?

Sheriff Frank Cline said his deputies do. They averaged 340.3 duty hours in one month. That total divided into a deputy's monthly pay check produces a figure of \$1.22 per hour.

SHERIFF KNOWS WHAT'S COOKIN'

BRADENTON — A new closed circuit television system keeps Manatee County Sheriff Richard W. Weitzenfeld posted on what's going on. This photo shows the Sheriff checking four monitor screens in his office. They are connected to television cameras placed in strategic positions throughout his headquarters and the Manatee County Jail. (St. Petersburg Times Photo by Robert Bowden.)





Mrs. Williford on duty at the Duval County Jail.
(Florida Times-Union photo by Frank Smith.)



Duval County Sheriff Dale Carson (left) was a proud onlooker when Mrs. Williford (second from left) was designated the Jail Matron of the Year at the annual convention of the National Jail Association in Miami Beach. The presentation was made by Mrs. Bess Clayton. Also looking on is Duval County Jail Warden Tom Heaney (right) who was named "Jailer of the Year" five years ago. He was elected president of the National Jail Association at the Miami Beach meeting.

"By Helping Others

Duval County Jail Matron Has Followed This Motto to Highest Award in Her Profession

Mrs. Carolyn Williford has a kindly face, smiling eyes and a maternal way about her that makes her seem a likely choice for housemother in a sorority dorm — until you spot the "deputy sheriff" badge and ring of jangling keys.

Mrs. Williford is a jailer and a good one, in the judgment of local jail officials, many former prisoners, and the National Jail Association that has proclaimed her Jail Matron of the Year for 1967.

In the sense that she combines strict discipline with individual understanding care of her women inmates at the Duval County Jail, she is also like a housemother.

More than 25 of her 67 years have been devoted to coping with the often severe problems of the women behind bars in the county prison for offenses that range from drinking to murder.

Can Be Involved

Mrs. Williford has been more to the inmates than just an overseer responsible for order in the clean, cream-and-apple-green women's jail. Her involvement is often very personal.

"To be truthful, I've made some real good friends," she said. "I often keep in touch with them after they leave, and some write just like I was their mother," including one woman who has kept up a 20-year correspondence.

"A lot of times the inmates are good people who just made mistakes, and you never can tell when it could happen to you," she observed.

"They come in here feeling like the whole world's against them, but we're here to help them."

Calls Families

Her concern for prisoners doesn't stop at the end of an eight-hour day. "There's never been a day we don't do something outside for one of our girls," she said. "Like calling their families for them or checking on their children."

BLUE RIBBON STAFF

Sheriff Dale Carson obviously has a "blue ribbon" staff at the Duval County Jail. Five years ago Warden Tom Heaney was named "Jailer of the Year" and this year Mrs. Williford was named "Jail Matron of the Year." Sheriff Carson said this may be the first time any jail staff has received both awards.

You Help Yourself"

Feels Responsibility

Mrs. Williford, whose husband Franklin is a retired City Water Department worker, feels her job must be taken seriously because "the problems of every girl here are our responsibility."

But she has also had her own problems to face. Mrs. Williford fought and won a battle with cancer a few years ago but a heart condition still renders her health delicate. "I figured the Lord saved me for something, and this must be it," she said of her sometimes hectic duties.

Mrs. Williford had never been inside a jail before she applied to former sheriff Rex Sweat for the matron's vacation relief job on advice of a friend.

Finds Job Fascinating

"I thought I wasn't cut out for that kind of thing, but I applied anyway," she explained. "I found it fascinating and it became a part of my life."

There are usually 35-45 women in the jail now, but in wartime in the old jail, Mrs. Williford and other matrons were sometimes responsible for 100 inmates for 12 hours a day.

She remembers only one incident of violence in 25 years of jail work, and that was the attempted break of 1944, when men prisoners held her hostage for five hours during a shootout on the women's floor.

6 Here Are Matrons

The senior matron on a six-woman staff, Mrs. Williford said she is happy and honored about the award but owes a lot to the help of others, especially, Warden Tom Heaney, proclaimed the nation's best jailer five years ago and his wife.

Cooperative efforts between the matron and Mrs. Heaney have produced many things the women inmates might not otherwise have — a sewing room where donated clothing is kept in repair, a handicraft room, and two makeshift beauty salons where courtbound prisoners can have their hair done.

"The arresting officer is done with prisoners in 30 minutes, but we look after them 24 hours a day, seven days a week until they're released," commented Chief Heaney.

No Money for Clothes

"There is no money in the budget to buy them clothes or anything but food and medicine," he added. "The matrons and guards beg and borrow the rest on their own time."

"If we don't do something for them here, they have nothing in the world but \$5 in their pockets when they leave," he said. "And that's a real lost feeling."

That feeling, in or out of jail, is what Mrs. Williford fights. And "by helping others, you help yourself," is her motto.

—Reprinted from The Florida Times-Union

Sheriff Davis Gets Results As Booster for Boys Ranch

ST. AUGUSTINE — St. John's County Sheriff L. O. Davis is an enthusiastic supporter of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch and he encourages others to follow his example. These pictures show him enjoying the results of his efforts as he presents Boys Ranch Builder Certificates to donors who have made donations to the Ranch valued at \$100 or more.

(Photos by Howard Hanson, St. Augustine.)



Sheriff Davis presents Builder's Certificate to Mr. and Mrs. George S. Mears, with Mrs. C. P. Bugg and children looking on.



Builder Certificates were also presented by Sheriff Davis to Mrs. Herman Queen . . .



. . . Charles Robert Usina . . .



. . . Lewis S. Saylor . . .



. . . and L. K. Rusaw, representing St. Augustine Lodge #1017, Loyal Order of Moose.

Boys Ranch Has Go-Go Administrator



Harry Weaver, head man at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, doesn't travel as far or as fast as Governor Claude Kirk, but youngsters at the Ranch have given him a title to match the "Go-Go" chief executive by calling him the "Go-Go Administrator." These pictures show Harry taking off from the Ranch runway and sitting at the controls of the four-passenger airplane he personally owns. After Harry acquired his pilot's license he found that he could pack many more miles, speaking engagements and business appointments into each day. Unfortunately, however, he apparently hasn't found any way to reduce his 12 and 14-hour working days.



It's Not Always Bad News When Brannen Drops In

BARTOW — When Polk County Sheriff Monroe Brannen comes to your door with a paper in his hand it isn't always bad news. Instead of a warrant or a summons, the paper could be a Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Builder Certificate like the ones he is presenting to Boys Ranch contributors in the pictures below. He presents these certificates to show his appreciation for donations totaling \$100 or more.



Sheriff Brannen presents Builder Certificate to Emery L. Sorensen, Lakeland . . .



. . . and Earl A. Stoup, Indian Lake Estates.



. . . E. H. Garrett, Indian Lake Estates . . .



. . . Gordon F. Palm, Lakeland . . .



. . . S. A. "Tony" Moore, Lakeland . . .



. . . Mrs. W. C. Zipprer for the estate of W. C. Zipprer (with Deputy Sheriff Earl Branch looking on) . . .



. . . James R. Scott, Lake Wales (with Deputy Branch also in the picture) . . .



. . . and to Arthur W. Harris, Lakeland . . .

Leon County Sheriff's Security & Rescue Unit

*Condensed from an article written by
Hallie Boyles for the Tallahassee
Democrat.*

TALLAHASSEE—While some people sleep safely, others patrol the highways, and check the security of business places, and of homes whose occupants are away.

All these keepers of the peace are not paid public servants.

Some are volunteers—bankers, service station attendants, merchants, salesmen.

They are members of the Leon County Sheriff's Security and Rescue Unit, and they serve out of civic pride. They want to contribute something to their community by helping maintain peace and tranquility.

The hours that these volunteers serve mount up to many working days and represent considerable savings to taxpayers.

This contribution amounted to 2,512 hours, or 314 working days, in 1966; and 1,238 hours, or 155 working days, for the first five months of this year. Based on average deputy sheriff pay this represents approximately \$7,500.

Started in 1963 with a dozen U. S. Marine Reservists, the Security and Rescue Unit now includes 25 men, most of them with military service and some still in Reserve units. At least six months military service now is being required for new members.

Another 35 men have received required training and make up a reserve unit, subject to call.

A separate voluntary unit is the Sheriff's Mounted Posse of 15 to 20 men, also ready for action!

Thus, Sheriff W. P. (Bill) Joyce can call some 75 highly trained men for emergency duty, should the need arise.



The Volunteers Usually Travel In Pairs . . . Lt. Ted Womack checks door while Glen Womack shines light in window.



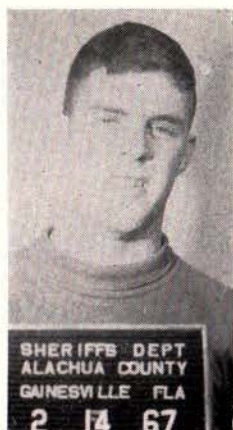
Leon County Deputy John Driggers Teaches A Class In Law Enforcement For Volunteers . . . all must attend these instruction sessions.

WANTED PERSONS

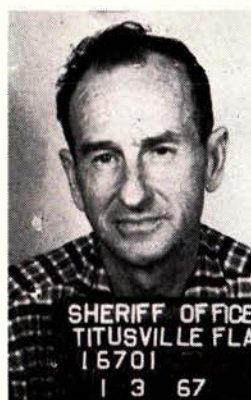
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Edward Nicholas Ortiz
Also known as EDWARD NICHOLAS ORTIS. White male, date of birth 6-20-26, 5 feet-9 inches tall, weighs 165 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes, 2 inch scar over left eye. Subject possibly accompanied by Donald Mudge, operator of Ivanhoe Restaurant, Edgewater. May be driving blue '59 Volkswagen, '67 Florida License #8D-4812. Warrant issued, charge worthless check, 2 counts. If apprehended notify Sheriff Leigh Wilson, Titusville; or the Florida Bureau of Law Enforcement, Tallahassee, Florida.



Joel L. Smith
Also known as JOEL LAYFAYETTE SMITH and JOSEPH RILEY, JR. White male, date of birth 7-22-42, 6 feet-4 inches tall, weighs 200 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes. Occupation: electrical repairman. 5 warrants issued, charge worthless checks. If apprehended notify Sheriff Joe Crevasse, Gainesville, Florida; or the Florida Bureau of Law Enforcement, Tallahassee, Fla.



John Wesley Jones
White male, date and place of birth, 1-18-18, Knoxville, Tenn. 5 feet-7 inches tall, weighs 130 pounds, brown hair, gray eyes, large nose. Subject may be driving white '59 Oldsmobile, 4-door, bearing '67 Florida License 19W-39702. Capias issued, charge larceny of auto; will extradite. If apprehended notify Sheriff Leigh Wilson, Titusville, Florida; or the Florida Bureau of Law Enforcement, Tallahassee, Florida.



Henry Clay White, Jr.
White male. Subject is allegedly passing checks in the Brevard area. May be driving an M.G. bearing a '67 Florida license tag #19D-4307. Subject has allegedly passed 50 checks in this area. If apprehended notify Sheriff Leigh Wilson, Titusville, Fla. or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Fla.

MISSING PERSONS



ROBERT ANDREW JACKSON

White male, age 24, weight 136, height 5 feet, 11 inches, brown eyes, brown hair. Subject last seen in Pensacola in 1965 after being discharged from Pope Air Force Base. Subject plays many musical instruments and is excellent auto mechanic. May be in areas where psychedelics congregate. If located, notify Sheriff William E. (Bill) Davis, Pensacola, Florida, or Florida Bureau of Law Enforcement, Tallahassee, Florida.



BERNARD LEE ALLEN

White male, date of birth, 5-25-48. Height —5 feet, 6 inches; weighs 125 pounds, brown hair. May be accompanied by CELIA ANN BRAY, white female, 15 years old, 5 feet, 5 inches tall, weighs 135 pounds, brown hair and eyes. Subject left home in Coleman, Sumter County, Florida, on 6-11-67. If located notify Sheriff M. H. Bowman, Bushnell, Florida, or the Florida Bureau of Law Enforcement, Tallahassee, Florida.

No Special Privileges

SEBRING—Equal treatment for all is Sheriff Broward Coker's code with regard to prisoners at the Highlands County Jail.

A friend of one of the prisoners discovered this when he asked the sheriff if he could put an electric fan in his buddy's cell.

"Yes," said the Sheriff, "if you bring 67 more so each prisoner can have one."

A day later another caller asked if he could send a steak dinner to one of the prisoners.

"Yes," said the Sheriff, "if you send along 67 more for the other prisoners."

Money Saver

OCALA—Sheriff Doug Willis estimated that his proposal to buy gasoline in bulk for his patrol cars will save the taxpayers of Marion County approximately \$560 per month.

He said his patrol cars average 56,000 miles per month and he can save about 10 cents a gallon through wholesale purchases.