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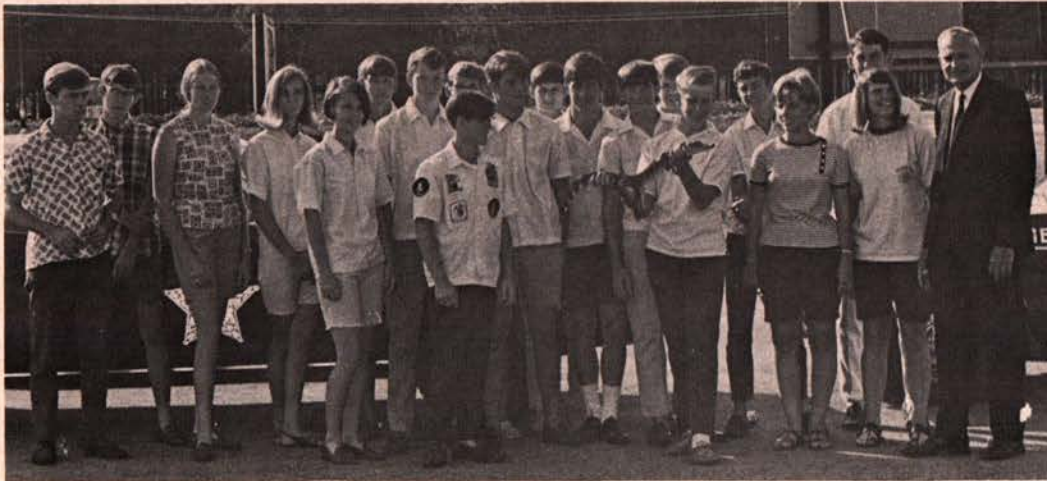
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SHERIFF**

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## BOWLING LEAGUE JUST ONE OF SHERIFF'S YOUTH PROJECTS

GAINESVILLE — Sheriff Joe Cravasse's interest in youth has many facets - - including sponsoring a bowling league for young people of senior high school age. This picture was taken when the top bowlers of the league were departing for Fort Walton Beach to participate in a tournament; and the Sheriff is pictured at the extreme right wishing them good luck. This year 32 boys and girls participated in the Sheriff's league.

## ADMIRATION OF SAFETY WORK LEADS TO GIFT FOR BOYS RANCH

FORT MYERS — To show his admiration for the bicycle safety activities of Deputy Sheriff Jerry Warriner (left), L. J. Bullock (right), of W. M. Plastering Co., Cape Coral, Florida, gave a substantial contribution to Sheriff Flanders Thompson's favorite charity, The Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. This picture shows Mr. Bullock presenting his contribution to Deputy Warriner for the Boys Ranch. (Photo by B. B. Duffey, Fort Myers.)



## "DOIN'S" EDITED BY DAN

Dan Hetland is the new editor of "RANCH DOIN'S" the small newspaper published by youngsters living at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. He succeeds Albert Williams who was graduated from the Ranch in June.

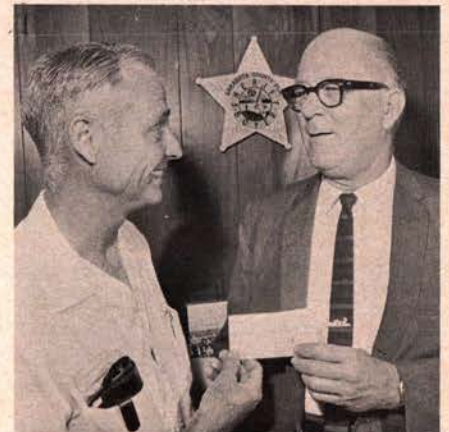
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## CHECK FOR BOYS RANCH

SARASOTA — Sarasota County Sheriff Ross E. Boyer (right) accepts a contribution of \$100 for the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch from the Sara-Mana Model-A Restorers Club. The contribution was presented by Hank Gay. (Sarasota HERALD-TRIBUNE photo.)

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# Awards Presented Suwannee County Jr. Deputy Sheriffs

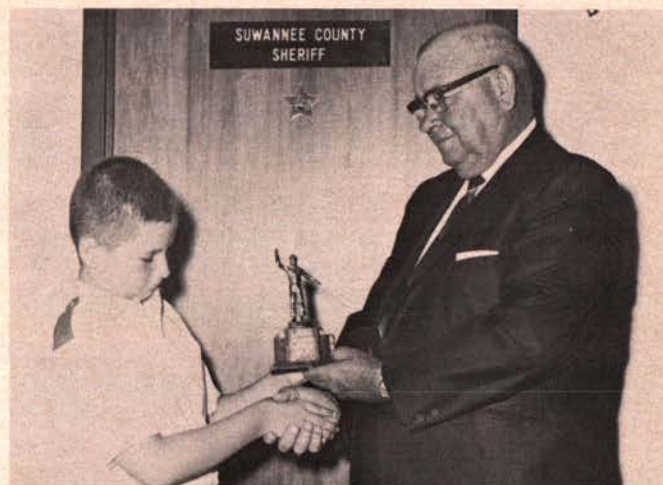
LIVE OAK — Presentation of awards for outstanding patrol work and scholastic excellence was one of the highlights of the program when Sheriff Duke McCallister's Junior Deputy Sheriffs held their annual banquet. The Junior Deputies perform school safety patrol duties and are taught good citizenship.



Award winners pictured here with Jim Shields, Adult Advisor for the Junior Deputies, are (left to right standing) Mike Nobles and Cecil Newsome; (seated) Chris Dunn and Walter Poston.



ABOVE — A plaque awarded to Sheriff Duke McCallister for his many years of devotion to the Junior Deputy League was presented by Cecil Newsome.



ABOVE RIGHT — Kiah Shields accepts a trophy from Sheriff McCallister for outstanding patrol work and scholarship.

RIGHT — John Adicks accepts an award from Deputy Sheriff DeWitt Staats for scholastic achievement.



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the SUWANNEE DEMOCRAT.



Sheriff Dale Carson, chief law enforcement officer in a new consolidated government that will make Jacksonville, Florida, the world's largest city in land area.



# Here's How the Future Looks To Florida's First "City Sheriff"

The bold new city of Jacksonville is taking a bold new approach to the perplexing problems of urban area living. A brand new experiment in local government will get under way there on October 1, 1968, when the current city and county governments are abolished and a new county-wide municipal type government comes into being.

The effect this will have on local law enforcement may well set the pattern for other cities in our nation. The 500-man city police department and the 300 deputy sheriffs in the Duval County Sheriff's Department will be combined into one law enforcement organization. The Sheriff will remain the chief law enforcement officer serving all of the citizens of our new city, which will have the largest land area of any city in the world.

Over 500,000 residents will be served by our new government; and we feel they will be served more efficiently and effectively with lower millage rates than could have been possible under the two outmoded forms of government they have discarded.

This is not the first consolidation effort in the United States (or Florida), and it will not be the last. However, the unusual feature in the law enforcement phase of it is that the Sheriff, not the Chief of Police, will have the entire police responsibility.

Our new charter defines the duties of the Sheriff in these words: "The Sheriff shall be responsible for the performance of duties imposed upon the Sheriff of Duval County by the Constitution, or by the general or special laws of Florida, and shall be responsible for the management, operation and control of law enforcement and traffic safety in the consolidated government. He shall administer the prison farms and jails, and shall be responsible for service of civil process."

We will have no city police department in Jacksonville after October 1. Instead we will have a Sheriff's Office for both the county and city; and the transition has already begun.

Newly-elected officials of the consolidated government were sworn in on March 1, 1968, and one of the first tasks they tackled was the preparation of a budget for the first year.

Many problems have been encountered, including the problem of equalizing law enforcement salaries so that officers riding together and enforcing laws together will be on

the same pay scale.

The present base salary for patrolmen in the Duval County Road Patrol is \$7,416 per year. The base pay of a city patrolman is \$6,096. It will cost approximately \$500,000 to equalize these pay scales, but it must be done and we have given it top priority.

There are other important matters we must deal with. We will be handling a thousand prisoners a day and facilities will have to be arranged for housing them. New ordinances will have to be written. Our communications facilities will have to be improved.

We discover new problems every day, but all of the leaders are enthusiastic and sincerely believe that we can form a local governmental unit here in Jacksonville that will serve as a model for the other 228 urban areas of our nation.

Jacksonville, the "Bold New City" of the south, is located on the St. John's River in the northeastern corner of Florida. It is the county seat of Duval County. Like so many other cities in our nation it was a city in decline.

What had happened to Jacksonville was not unique. Cities throughout our nation are facing similar problems. New and spectacular growth had brought us new and spectacular problems. The 1940 census listed the county-wide population as just over 210,000 with all but 37,000 living inside the city limits. The city limits contained only 31 square miles while the county had 844 square miles of territory. Growth was a major underlying factor which brought us to a consolidated form of government. In the twenty-five years from 1940 to 1965, Duval County population swelled enormously from 210,143 to 525,000 --- an increase of 150 per cent!

During this dramatic shift of population balance, few accompanying changes in governmental structure occurred. We grew and grew and grew. But economic, educational and governmental structure could not keep pace with the growth.

A statistical picture within the City of Jacksonville, compared with the rest of the nation, gives a graphic example of a city in trouble.

From 1950 to 1960 the white population inside the city limits declined 10.4 per cent while the non-white population increased 14.1 per cent. In cities of over 100,000 population, Jacksonville ranked third in the nation in percentage of total non-white population. Washington had 58.4 per cent,

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Richmond 42 per cent and Jacksonville 41.2 per cent. The non-white population outside the city limits in Duval County was only 9.2 per cent of the total.

A family income under \$3000.00 annually is considered under the poverty line. Jacksonville had 31 per cent of its families earning less than this. This compares to just over 15 per cent for the unincorporated population of the county.

Over 30 per cent of all housing units inside the city limits were in a "deteriorating" or "dilapidated" condition, as measured by the 1960 Federal census. This compares with under 13 per cent in the same condition outside the city limits.

This combination of population and economic pressures along with governmental neglect began to take its toll. Vitality did not keep pace with growth. Intertwining governmental and social problems multiplied; rising taxes, water and air pollution, discredited schools, high crime rates, public corruption, racial unrest, property deterioration and a host of other problems were rapidly choking out both our stability and our future.

Ideally a city's boundaries should grow with its surrounding growth. Jacksonville had attempted to do this but had been unable to annex any territory since 1937 and the last annexation of any consequence was five years before that. In the history of Jacksonville, annexation proposals had been put on the ballot seven times and only one had received any favorable vote (South Jacksonville in 1931.) The most recent attempts in 1963 and 1964 were passed by the voters inside the city but handily defeated by those living outside the city.

Jacksonville City governmental structure was unique. We had an elected City Commission, the Mayor serving as Police and Fire Commissioner, and an elected City Council. The City Treasurer, Municipal Judge, City Recorder and Tax Assessor were also elected. The City Commission was the basic administrative body. The Council was the legislative policy-making body. However, there were no clearly delineated lines of authority. The independent elected officials and appointed boards all encroached to some degree on the policy-making authority of the Council. This type of government proved to be complex and cumbersome. The last change in the City Charter was in 1917.

County government had remained virtually what it was in 1887. In Duval County there were seventy-four elected officials plus the fifteen-member legislative delegation. Since the responsibilities of many of these officials overlapped there were sometimes jurisdictional disputes between officials. Further, this vast array of officials was bewildering to average citizens. They found it virtually impossible to fix responsibility. But, despite this mass of elected officials, county government was still without the necessary governmental powers to meet the needs of an urban population.

Local government needs flexibility, and this is more the nature of city government than county government. County government must rely almost solely on ad valorem property tax; while municipalities have license taxing powers, the right to tax utilities and set service fees. Our new Jacksonville, as an example, will receive an additional ten million dollars from the cigarette tax alone, which had previously gone to the state.

County government was designed for a rural population. With the advent of new technology and rapid population growth, pressures have arisen which have out-dated the 19th century design of the sheriff's office. In urban areas, inflexible annexation laws and the arrival of the automobile have transformed the traditional role of the sheriff into the counterpart of a big city police chief. Our problem results from the fact that although the sheriff often finds himself faced with many of the same problems and responsibilities as a city police chief, he lacks three important tools with which to do the job.

First, the county government has no ordinance-making power. County government is an adjunct of state government. All county governmental powers emanate from the state. County governmental powers must either be written into the constitution or be based on a state law passed by the legislature. The legislatures, however, are not normally concerned with the day-to-day problems of law enforcement in urban areas - - the theory being that such areas are incorporated and pass such law enforcement ordinances that suit their needs. Thus, the sheriff often finds himself faced daily with questions of enforcement covered by no specific law.

Secondly, the sheriff's enforcement tools are cumbersome. Incorporated cities have municipal courts which often meet daily and dispense justice in rather short order. In our city, a defendant is tried the following day in municipal court. If he does demand a delay, the court may grant it but never for more than five days, and then he is tried. This quick turn-over calls for only overnight holding of most prisoners.

The justice of the peace courts in some states perform a somewhat similar function but they never take the rapid pace that municipal courts do. The sheriff must enforce state laws which are handled through the state courts. These courts' operational procedures are both slow and costly. State courts were never designed to handle a large volume of misdemeanor type cases.

The third, and perhaps the most serious shortcoming facing the sheriff is that his office has no base of financial support. The old "fee" system is fast disappearing due to the fact that it has proven to be insufficient to finance the complex modern day enforcement agencies. Most of our sheriff's departments are supported from countywide ad valorem property taxes and what fines we can collect. The increased

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"I believe we can stem the tide that has been slowly washing sheriffs from the scene of modern law enforcement," Sheriff Dale Carson told the Annual Convention of the National Sheriffs Association, in Louisville, Ky., earlier this year. Reprinted on these pages is the full text of his address describing a bold new type of government that will consolidate Duval County and the City of Jacksonville, but retain an elected sheriff as the chief law enforcement officer.



# 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.

## Recognition Long Overdue For Girls from Boys Ranch

Boys have been getting all the publicity at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, and it's high time to give the girls a break.

Yes, we have girls living at the Ranch ranging in age from babes in arms to college students. They are the daughters of staff members, and, although they are not officially involved in the Ranch program, they help us in many ways to create a homelike atmosphere that approximates normal family life.

The Ranch would not be the same without them, and, to give them special recognition that is long overdue, we are offering congratulations to two of them, Jeanne Schmutz and Vicki Brettingen, who were recently graduated from Suwannee High School, in Live Oak.

Jeanne is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Schmutz; and Vicki is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brettingen.



VICKI



JEANNE

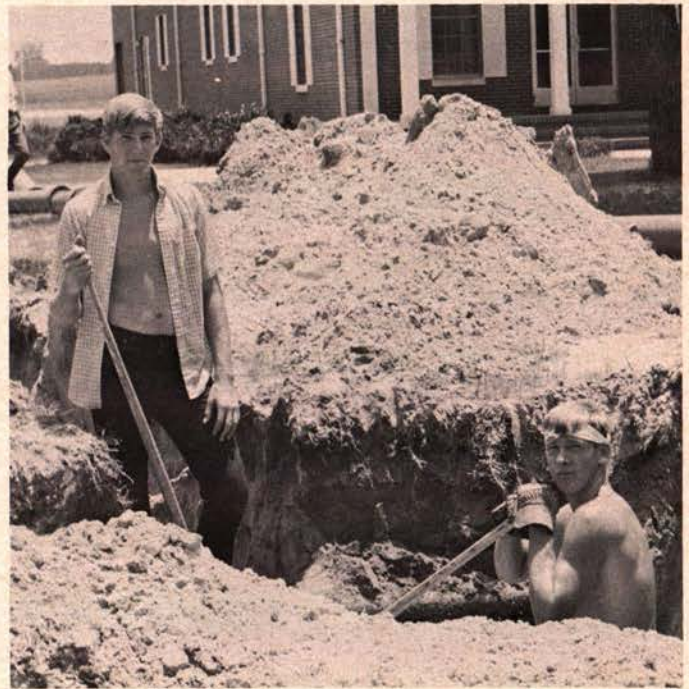
The Schmutzes and Brettingens are long time members of the Ranch staff.

Both girls plan to attend North Florida Junior College, in Madison, this fall.



### A SEWER IS SOMETHING SPECIAL — — — WHEN YOU NEED IT!

To work up enthusiasm for anything as mundane as a new sewer system is difficult, but officials at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch have managed to do it — — — mainly because the need is so great. These pictures, taken when construction work was in full swing, show two



Boys Ranch Trustees, Marion County Sheriff Doug Willis (left) and Suwannee County Sheriff Duke McCallister, checking the progress of the project; while two Ranchers, Bobby Fisher and Mike Hampton, learn the fine points of ditch digging.



# Boys Ranch Memorial Fund Contributions

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

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Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Turner, Tampa; in memory of Mr. Gordon W. Reap.

Mrs. Helen P. Tweedale, St. Petersburg; in memory of Mr. George Paul.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth M. West, Inverness; in memory of Mr. Robert R. Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Louie Wadsworth, Live Oak; in memory of Mr. Paul D. Langford.

Mrs. William Waker and Family, Berkeley, Michigan; in memory of the Father of Eleanor Pfluke.

Mrs. Connie Hannum Wettstein, Live Oak; in memory of Mrs. Evelyn McGuirk.

"The Girls" at Williams, Parker, Dietz and Getzen, Sarasota; in memory of Mr. T. J. Getzen.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth H. Wood, Sarasota; in memory of Ms. June Wood Beers.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Ludden, Sarasota; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Dick, Venice; Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Meadows, Venice; Mr. and Mrs. William H. Hutson, Sarasota; Mr. and Mrs. J. P. McCall, Sarasota; and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Jordan Stokes, Sarasota; in memory of Mr. S. Davis Boylston.

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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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If you want to know how good those new safety razor blades really are. . .

# Don't Ask Your

Safety razor blades are getting better and better . . . but don't expect Sheriffs to be enthusiastic.

It's not that they object to more shaves per blade. It's just that the new stainless steel blades are so tough they offer county jail prisoners a handy escape tool.

During the night of June 7, 1965, seven prisoners escaped from the Marion County Jail, in Ocala, by using razor blades to cut an escape hatch in the metal ceiling.

Although they scattered to many points of the compass, including California and Michigan, they were all rounded up and put back behind bars.

Marion County Sheriff Doug Willis said the prisoners worked for about two months on the job of cutting the escape hatch, using razor blades smuggled

to them by a transient prisoner and cutting the hole in an area over the top bunk of a cell where the scratches on the metal were not easily detected.

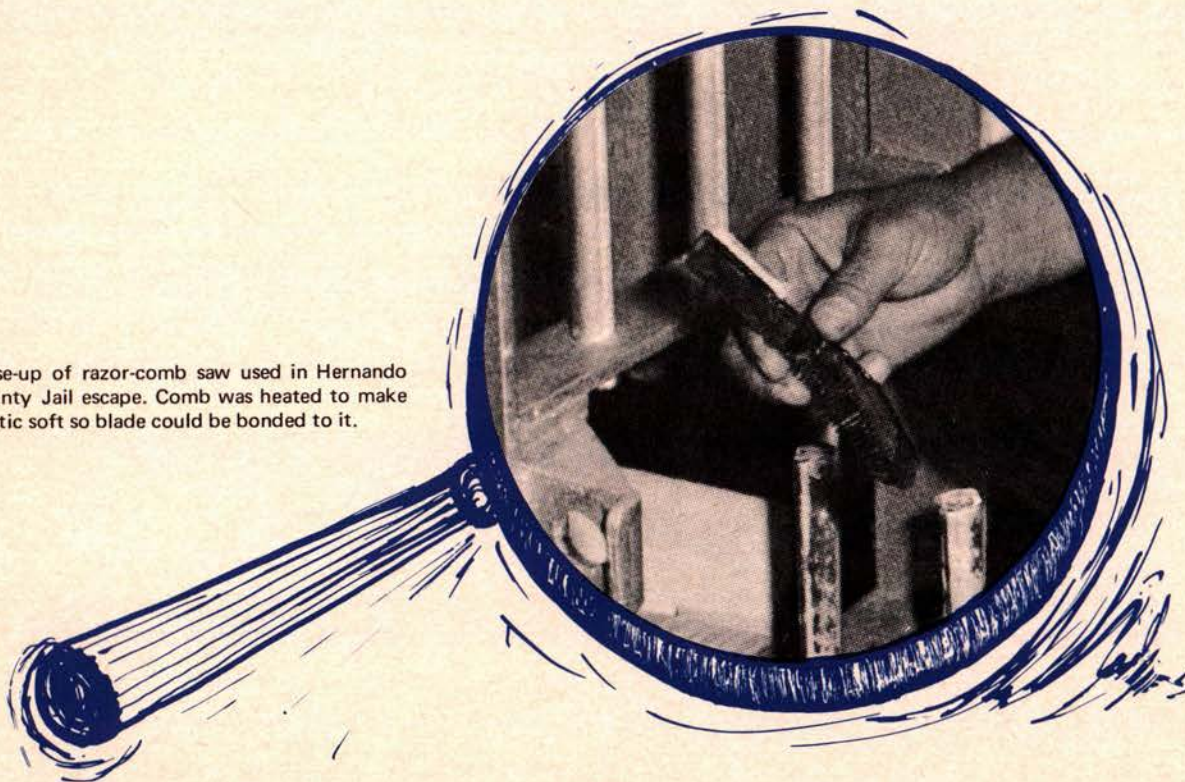
They also made marks on the paint in other areas of the ceiling to avoid arousing suspicion.

Recently, in the Hernando County Jail, an escape artist fashioned a "saw" from a razor blade and a plastic comb, then sawed off two cell bars and headed for the wide open spaces.

However, this character, Robert David Roy, 27, was a real "pro" with at least six prison escapes to his credit; and the run-of-the-mill county jail prisoner isn't likely to duplicate his exploits.

When Roy was captured two days after his escapade with a razor blade, officers found in his pocket two handcuff keys fashioned from ball point pens.

Close-up of razor-comb saw used in Hernando County Jail escape. Comb was heated to make plastic soft so blade could be bonded to it.





# Sheriff!

Roy was transferred to the State Prison for safe keeping, but was brought back to the Hernando County Jail in leg irons later for a hearing.

Next morning he handed a jailer the leg irons. Investigation disclosed that another prisoner had tossed a piece of coat hanger wire through Roy's cell bars and Roy had quickly fashioned a key to remove the leg irons during the night.

The most innocent object - - a plastic toothbrush, a ball point pen, a bobby pin - - can be turned into an escape tool. Therefore, stainless steel razor blades don't actually pose any earth shaking problem for Sheriffs. They are just one of the many items that have to be kept away from prisoners.

The usual jail routine is to issue safety razors to prisoners for a short time each day, then collect the razors and make certain all blades are accounted for.

As an extra precaution some jails issue "lock type" safety razors that have to be unlocked with a key to remove the blade.

But, nothing's foolproof and at least one prisoner has already figured out how to unlock a razor with a ball point pen.

So it goes - - the age-old contest between the vigilance of the jailer and the ingenuity of the prisoner.

TOP PHOTO — Sheriff Doug Willis shows Jeffery Stauffer, a visitor, the large piece of 1/4-inch steel prisoners cut out of a jail cell ceiling with razor blades to escape from the Marion County Jail. He said he keeps the piece of steel in his office because many people are reluctant to believe the escape story without proof.

BOTTOM PHOTO — Hernando County Sheriff Sim Lowman holds "saw" fashioned from razor blade and plastic comb which was used to cut two cell bars (lower left corner of photo) in jail escape. (Brooksville Sun-Journal photo by Bob Griffith.)







## HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY CROSSING GUARDS COMMENDED BY SHERIFF

TAMPA — Hillsborough County Sheriff Malcolm Beard (right) commended his neatly uniformed school crossing guards for the outstanding job they have done in the past and urged them to continue their good

work during the new school term. At the extreme left of the picture are the crossing guard supervisors: Deputy Sheriff Rick Froio and Sgt. Percy King.

## HERE'S HOW THE FUTURE LOOKS TO FLORIDA'S FIRST "CITY SHERIFF"

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pressure on county expenditures, especially for education, has made it very difficult for the sheriff's departments to receive an adequate appropriation. When the sheriff goes beyond his process-serving-court-work-jail operations he is in effect providing "municipal" type police protection. To do this properly his office must have a broader tax-based support.

What is the modern day sheriff to do? He is caught in the bind between more calls for service and a decreasing income with which to operate. Too often, I am afraid, the sheriff has thrown up his hands and turned over his responsibility and authority to some other agency; city or state. Gordon E. Misner, in a recent article in *Police Science*, gives an answer which we as sheriff's are not going to like. He was writing about the lack of an overall metropolitan law enforcement agency and why we had not been able to meet the challenge of the urban areas; I quote the following passage from this article. "Is not the sheriff actually the villain in the history of metropolitan law enforcement? The potentialities of his office gave him power to act; his office and position gave him innumerable opportunities to act. Invariably, however, the sheriff has failed to act, thereby creating a power vacuum . . . Traditionally, however, the sheriff has confined his activities to the unincorporated areas of the county, despite the fact that he was elected by the county-wide vote. He has normally refrained from 'interfering' with municipal police problems. New incorporations have come about because residents have been dissatisfied with the county level of service. Deficiencies in county police service has been a prime moving force for incorporations in many areas."

I do not agree with him any more than you do, but you and I both know that he is right in far too many instances. We, of all law enforcement agencies, are in a position to give complete law enforcement service for the metropolitan areas of our nation. Over 100 of the 228 metropolitan areas in our country are within the confines of one single county. We're in a natural position to take over this responsibility. The office of Sheriff has a long tradition in this country and we will be

doing a disservice to our oaths of office if we fail to meet this responsibility.

We need to take a long hard look at our departments; ask ourselves how we stack up against our municipal police departments. We may not like the comparison, if we're honest with ourselves; but if we are to fulfill our role in modern society we must take this look.

In the city of Jacksonville, I am the elected city sheriff. I have been the county sheriff for over ten years and I can tell you I know your problems. Now I will still be enforcing state laws but also municipal codes and ordinances for the entire county area. The citizens won't have to swear out a warrant each time we make an arrest. Our prisoners won't stay in jail six months awaiting trial. Our agency will be serving all of our citizens and we will be working from a municipal tax base which will allow us to expand and grow with the community we serve.

Our new consolidated government is streamlined and simple and we hope responsive to the people. We have an elected mayor, a nineteen-man council (14 from districts; five-at-large,) Civil Service Board, Supervisor of Elections, Tax Collector, Tax Assessor and an elected Sheriff. Most of the urban problems are man-made. We expect to face these problems with a new man-made government. Our charter creates a single, unified and county-wide government. With the feeling that only a single government can plan, maintain and build effectively toward the future, for all of our people.

The people of the new Jacksonville have given an elective sheriff an opportunity to prove himself. He has the authority and the tools necessary to do the job. The nation is watching Jacksonville's new government and law enforcement officials are wondering if the office of Sheriff can meet the demands of urban law enforcement.

Personally, I am confident we can do the job. Even our critics admit we have the potential. And in providing municipal type enforcement I believe we can stem the tide that has been slowly washing sheriffs from the scene of modern law enforcement.



## Boyer is One Step From Presidency Of National Sheriffs Association

LOUISVILLE, KY. — The National Sheriffs Association at its Annual Convention here, June 16-19, elevated Sheriff Ross E. Boyer, of Sarasota County, Fla., from Second Vice President to First Vice President.

This puts him in line for the Presidency of the NSA in 1969, the year that the NSA is scheduled to hold its Annual Convention at the Carillon Hotel, in Miami Beach.

Putnam County Sheriff Walt Pellicer, of Palatka, Fla., is a member of the NSA Board of Directors. Hillsborough County Sheriff Malcolm Beard, of Tampa, is a State Director representing Florida in the NSA.

Sheriff Boyer headed a Florida delegation which included his wife; Duval County Sheriff Dale Carson, of Jacksonville; Orange County Sheriff Dave Starr and Mrs. Starr, of Orlando (Sheriff Starr is a Past President of the NSA); Indian River Sheriff Sam Joyce and Mrs. Joyce, of Vero Beach; St. John's Sheriff L. O. Davis, of St. Augustine; Sheriff Pellicer; Marion County Sheriff Doug Willis, Mrs. Willis and daughter, Louise, of Ocala; Sheriff Malcolm Beard, Mrs. Beard and Hillsborough Deputy Sheriff John Sala, of Tampa; and Palm Beach Sheriff William Heidtman and Mrs. Heidtman, of West Palm Beach.

Sheriff Heidtman was honored as the NSA "Sheriff of the Year" for 1968 in recognition of the work he did in breaking up a motorcycle gang. (See July issue of THE STAR for details.)

Sheriffs from all sections of the nation expressed in-



Lt. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, Director of U. S. Selective Service, was one of the speakers at the National Sheriffs Association Conference. He is shown being escorted to the rostrum by Sheriff Ross E. Boyer, of Sarasota, Fla., (left), First Vice President of the National Sheriffs Association; and Sheriff Bill Spurrier, of Marengo, Iowa (right), newly-elected president of the NSA. (Photo courtesy of National Sheriffs Association.)

terest in the new Duval County consolidation plan described by Sheriff Carson in a speech which was featured during one of the business sessions. This plan, which is going into effect this year, consolidated Duval County and the City of Jacksonville into one governmental unit with Sheriff Carson as the head of the consolidated police force.

Sheriff William Spurrier, of Marengo, Iowa, was elected president of the NSA.

## Boys Ranch Memorial Fund Contributions

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Mrs. L. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. A. Tatu, Mr. and Mrs. B. Lambert, Mr. and Mrs. B. Jaworski, Mr. and Mrs. P. Winchell, Mr. and Mrs. G. Covington, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ippen, Mr. and Mrs. M. Hanna, Mr. and Mrs. A. Curry, Mr. and Mrs. R. Larson, Mr. and Mrs. O. Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. H. Gaston, Mr. and Mrs. L. Hanson, Mr. and Mrs. H. Drobeck, Mr. and Mrs. R. Jurek, Mr. and Mrs. C. Cupps, Mr. and Mrs. H. Feldman, Mr. and Mrs. W. Nichols, Mr. and Mrs. J. Brotheridge, Mr. and Mrs. C. Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. S. Novak, Mr. and Mrs. E. Bohannon, Mr. and Mrs. F. Leach, Mr. B. Spargur, Mr. and Mrs. J. Covington, Mr. and Mrs. R. Innis, Mr. and Mrs. R. McClenahan, Mr. and Mrs. O. Caldwell, Mr. and Mrs. H. Stevens, and Mr. and Mrs. L. Loach, all from Naples; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Eggleston, Naples; Mr. Donald S. Elferdink, Naples; Mr. and Mrs. Rudolf H. Schmidt, Naples; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Dearth, Naples; Bank of Naples; Lynne D. Hixon, Naples; Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. De Turk, Naples; in memory of Danny Dearth.

Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Gearing, Sebring; in memory of Mr. James P. Drane, Sr. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert B. Clibbon, Detroit, Michigan; in memory of Mr. Frank Dunford.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell J. Drobnyk, Short Hills, New Jersey; Mr. and Mrs. Hayward R. Alker, Stuart; Mrs. Millicent Van

Wart, New York, New York; Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Goddard, Albertson, Long Island, New York; Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Schmucker, Pompano Beach; and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Neeley, Oak Ridge, Tennessee; in memory of Mrs. Elsa Engelmann.

Dr. William B. Hubbard Family, Flint Michigan; Mrs. William B. Hubbard, Flint, Michigan; and Mrs. William McKee Germain, Lantana; in memory of Dr. William B. Hubbard.

Mrs. Barbara Larson, St. Petersburg; and Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Rennie, Lake Wales; in memory of Mr. Martin Johnson.

Mrs. Frank Benton, Jacksonville; and Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Hancock, Jr., Jacksonville; in memory of Mr. C. T. Maddox.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark M. Ghiselin, Dade City; and Sunny South Groves, Inc. Leesburg; in memory of Mr. Herbert Massey, Sr.

Mr. George A. Miller, Bradenton; and Mrs. Ruby Robie Lewis, Bradenton; in memory of Mr. Olive H. Miller.

Dunedin Extension Homemakers, Dunedin; and Mrs. Mildred D. O'Leary, Worcester, Massachusetts; in memory of Mr. Sixten Orn.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Pearce, Jr., Okeechobee; and Mr. and Mrs. F. A. McKenzie, Lakeland; in memory of Mr. Charles Owens.

Mr. Andrew Brekke, Lehigh Acres; and Civitan Club of Lehigh Acres; in memory of Mr. Chauncey R. Porter.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Gill, Sarasota; Mr. and Mrs. Forrest R. Freeman, Sarasota; Ms. Estelle Joyce Bennett, Sarasota; Mr. and Mrs. A. Lee Rankin, Tampa; Home Builders Supply, Inc., Employees, Sarasota; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sweet, Lakeland; Mrs. Don B. Newburn, Sarasota; Mrs. G. C. Rankin, Tampa; Adams and Houser Hardware and Supply Co., Sarasota; Mr. and Mrs. John L. McGruder, Bethesda, Maryland; Sarasota Federal Savings and Loan Association; Kirk, Pinkerton, Sparrow, McClelland and Savary, Sarasota; Mr. and Mrs. Richard B. Gray, Sarasota; Mr. Emmet Addy, Sarasota; Dart, Bell and Dickinson, Sarasota; and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. Booth, Sarasota; in memory of Mr. J. J. Williams, Jr.

Mrs. Grace T. Bailey, Winter Park; Mrs. Donis G. Fudge, Winter Park; Mrs. Esther Lehmann, Winter Park; Miss Louise Dean, Winter Park; and Miss Marion Comstock, Winter Park; in memory of Mr. Harry Rapp.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Eide, Lake Placid; Mr. and Mrs. James Creel, Lake Placid; and Mrs. Eleanor Eide, Lake Placid; in memory of Miss Lois Sylvia Rucker.

Mrs. George Gregory, Quincy; Miss Anna M. Tracy, Tallahassee; Mr. and Mrs. Ray E. Green, Sr., Tallahassee; and Mr. and Mrs. Jack D. Vrieze, Quincy; in memory of Mr. Roderick K. Shaw.





Clerk of Circuit Court Harold Mullendore and Sheriff Don Genung exhibit a data cell, part of a computer memory unit which will store hundreds of thousands of records for Pinellas County law enforcement officers. Ten of these wedge-shaped cells, in which data is stored on plastic strips resembling magnetic tape, are arranged cylindrically in the IBM 2321 data cell drive at left. The 2321 is linked to the county's IBM System/360 Model 30, which can retrieve a record from storage in less than one second.

In addition, the central computer, an IBM System/360 model 30, will be lined to a statewide communications network operated by the Florida Department of Public Safety in Tallahassee and to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Crime information center (NCIC) in Washington, D. C.

A patrolling law enforcement officer will be able to check license numbers and identifications of persons quickly by radioing numbers and names to his local headquarters, where another officer will relay the data to the computer by a remote terminal.

The computer will route the message to the data cell drive, whose cylindrical storage unit can record up to 400 million characters of information on 2,000 strips resembling magnetic tape.

A record stored in one of the 10 data cells in the memory unit can be located, read and sent back on its way to the remote terminal at a police station in less than one second.

Queries involving data not listed on the Pinellas County system may be relayed by computer to the Florida Highway Patrol's information network, known as the Florida Law Enforcement Communication System, or to the FBI's computer, which stores national information on crime, wanted persons and stolen property.

All data to be recorded in computer storage already exists in police files throughout the county. In electronic storage, the data will be available on a county-wide basis to authorized persons. Safeguards, such as identifying codes, will prevent anyone other than an official source from inquiring into the storage unit.

**CLEARWATER** — A computer memory unit called a data cell soon will be supplying Pinellas County Law enforcement officers with instant information to fight crime.

The newly installed storage device, an IBM 2321 data cell drive, will contain hundreds of thousands of records of license tags, drivers, missing and wanted persons and stolen property --- all in a magnetic-strip file about the size of a three-gallon picnic jug.

Linked to the County's central computer, the electronic file will provide an on-line information inquiry system for the sheriffs department and 21 municipal police agencies.

Records can be retrieved from the storage unit in a matter of seconds by law enforcement officers using remote, typewriter-like terminals connected to the computer by telephone lines.

Clerk of Circuit Court Harold Mullendore said records supplied by Sheriff Genung will be the first to undergo computerized storage, with full-service inquiry possible by September. Police records from St. Petersburg and Clearwater will be added to the electronic file next, with smaller municipalities to follow.

## Computer is Don Genung's Newest Anti-Crime Weapon



## A Fine Investment

SARASOTA — The following Sarasota Journal editorial entitled "A Fine Investment" reflects the outstanding support the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch has always received from Sarasota County due to the promotional efforts of Sheriff Ross E. Boyer:

While many Sarasota families are wondering about a good summer camp for the youngsters, there are a number of other youngsters from this area who are benefitting from what amounts to a year-around camp. It's The Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch and if you have some loose money you want to put to a very good purpose, the Boys Ranch is one of the best long-term investments you can make.

Relatively new, the Ranch has been in existence long enough to prove that this long-term phase is a fact. "Graduates" of the Ranch have already entered "civilian" life and vindicated the theories and hopes of the Sheriff's Departments backing the Ranch.

Sheriff Ross Boyer is one of the founding directors and continues to spur the growth and direction of the facility.

It's true that you can't buy a man's soul, but you can put your money into the kind of work that will give a youngster's soul the opportunity to find its own straight course.

### GOOD RECORD KEEPER

GREEN COVE SPRINGS — Clay County Sheriff Jennings Murree received a favorable report after his accounts and records were audited by the State Legislative Auditor for the period from May 1, 1966, to November 1, 1967.

The report said budgets were properly prepared and expenditures were held within the total appropriations.

Cash collected was properly accounted for; and financial records were described as "generally well kept on the prescribed forms."

### 7 YEARS --- 42 BIKES

VERO BEACH — Each year Sheriff Sam Joyce presents six bicycles to the outstanding school safety patrol youngsters in Indian River County, plus cash prizes of \$5 each to runners-up.

He has been following this custom for seven years.

AUGUST 1968



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. and Mrs. Jesse O. Bell, Jacksonville.  
Al-Da-Ky Community Fund, St. Petersburg.  
Clearview Home Demonstration Club, St. Petersburg.  
Mr. Bill Jackson, St. Petersburg.  
Mr. Ken Waterford, St. Petersburg.  
Tupperware, Orlando.  
Mr. Dick Hellier, Madeira Beach.  
Economy T. V. Center, St. Petersburg.  
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Munger, Lake Wales.  
Mr. Wilbur J. Upson, Daytona Beach.  
Mr. and Mrs. Paul S. Neeld, Leesburg.

## New Ranch Road Assured at Last

For over 10 years the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch has been trying to get a new road to replace the winding, narrow one that leads from the Ranch to Live Oak, 11 miles away.

Over the years county and state officials were contacted. The efforts even reached as far as the governor's office.

A governor said the new road would be one of the primary objectives of his administration.

There were other promises too, but year after year the Ranch staff members and boys continued to travel the dangerous ribbon of pot-holed asphalt on various missions, such as attending school and church, going to the movies or making shopping trips.

It has been a long wait, but finally, word has been received that a contract has been let to White Construction Co. to build the new road at a cost of \$568,079.

Work is also progressing on a new section of Interstate 10 which will pass near the Ranch and provide easy access to all sections of Florida.

# Boys Ranch Builders

Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Hershey, Leesburg.  
National Shirt Shop, Tallahassee.  
Bradenton Beach Volunteer Fire Dept., Inc., Bradenton Beach.  
Mr. Gary Ross, Fort Myers.  
Mrs. Doris E. Weichler, Cape Coral.  
Mrs. Elsie M. Dea, Ft. Myers.  
Deputy Wesley F. Pratt, St. Cloud.  
Mr. Chester G. Moore, Marathon.  
Martha White, Inc., Nashville, Tennessee.  
Mr. Ted Fyffe, Tampa.  
St. Petersburg Florist Club, St. Petersburg.  
Mr. Neil Currie, Jr., Winter Park.  
Mr. George A. Miller, Bradenton.  
Mrs. Ann M. Newburn, Sarasota.  
Sarasota Federal Savings & Loan Association, Sarasota.  
Mrs. Thelma Kengel, Naples.  
Mrs. William B. Hubbard, Flint, Michigan.  
Dr. and Mrs. William C. Hubbard, Flint, Michigan.  
Mr. William W. Hubbard, Flint, Michigan.



### DAVIS PREFERS THE STRENUOUS WAY

PENSACOLA — When it comes to fund raising, Escambia County Sheriff Bill Davis (right) prefers to do it the strenuous way. Early this year he entered the boxing ring in a benefit bout for the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. A few months later, when this picture was taken, he was involved in a benefit softball game between his Sheriff's Department team and the "Outlaws" from WEAR-TV to raise funds for Pensacola's new Mental Health Center. At left is Jack Kenney, Manager of the Outlaws; and center is County Judge William Rowley who "presided" over the game and fined players for errors and strike-outs. Now we are waiting for the Sheriff to tell us whether or not he will field a football team in the fall for more benefit games.



# WANTED PERSONS

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**DAY**

DAY, Robert Louis - White male. Date of birth 12-31-29. Height - 5 feet, 11 inches, stocky build. Reddish-brown hair, 'hook' nose, large, irregular teeth, well-dressed. Occupation: White collar position, usually car or insurance salesman. Last known employment: Used Car Co. in St. Petersburg, Fla. FBI No. 53 116 C. Warrant issued, charge non-support. If apprehended notify Sheriff Dave Starr, Orlando, Florida; or the Florida Bureau of Law Enforcement, Tallahassee, Florida.



**WOOD**

WOOD, Linda Jane - White female. Date and place of birth, 9-18-40, Youngstown, Ohio. Height - 5 feet 10 inches; Weighs 145 pounds. Brown hair, blue eyes. Subject was sentenced in Ft. Lauderdale Court of Record to two years state prison, appealed, posted supersedeas bond and failed to appear when sentence was affirmed. Capias issued, charge narcotics violation, will extradite. If apprehended notify Sheriff Michell, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; or the Florida Bureau of Law Enforcement, Tallahassee, Florida.



**RICKETT**

RICKETT, James Daniel - Aliases DAVIS, Dan; COOEY, James; CAUEY, James; White male. Date and place of birth, 7-9-22, Cedar Bluff, Alabama. Height - 5 feet, 9 inches; Weighs 148 pounds. Greying brown hair, blue eyes, ruddy complexion, slender build. Occupation: painter. Warrant issued, charge murder. If apprehended notify Sheriff Joe Crevasse, Gainesville, Florida; or the Florida Bureau of Law Enforcement, Tallahassee, Florida.



**WASHINGTON**

WASHINGTON, Melvin, Jr. - Colored male. Date and place of birth, 6-30-45, Miami, Florida. Height - 5 feet, 10 inches; Weighs 132 pounds. Black hair, brown eyes, cut scar top of left arm at bend of elbow, cut scar inside right wrist, cut scar inside right knee. Slight protruding lips. Warrant issued, charge robbery. If apprehended notify Sheriff Michell, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida; or the Florida Bureau of Law Enforcement, Tallahassee, Florida.



**GREEN**

GREEN, Willie Frank - Colored male, Date and place of birth, 1-31-44, La Grange, Georgia. Height - 5 feet, 6 inches; Weighs 130 pounds. Black hair, brown eyes. FBI No. 100 918 E. Capias issued, charge four counts narcotics violation. If apprehended notify Sheriff Michell, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida; or the Florida Bureau of Law Enforcement, Tallahassee, Florida.



**TRUTTLING**

TRUTTLING, Walter Lee - Colored male. Date and place of birth, 4-14-45, Pitchview, Alabama. Height - 6 feet, 2 inches; weighs 185 pounds. Black hair, brown eyes. FBI No. 848 214 F. Holds Fla. Driver's Lic. F 153 921. Bench warrant issued, charge larceny of auto and misuse of auto. If apprehended notify Sheriff Leigh Wilson, Titusville, Fla.; or the Florida Bureau of Law Enforcement, Tallahassee, Florida.



**BARROW**

BARROW, Sammy - Colored male. Date and place of birth 11-1-32, Lafayette, Alabama. Height - 5 feet, 2 inches; Weighs 145 pounds. Black hair, brown eyes, dark complexion. FBI No. 991 083 B. Warrants issued, charge robbery and grand larceny. If apprehended notify Sheriff Joe Crevasse, Gainesville, Florida; or the Florida Bureau of Law Enforcement, Tallahassee, Florida.