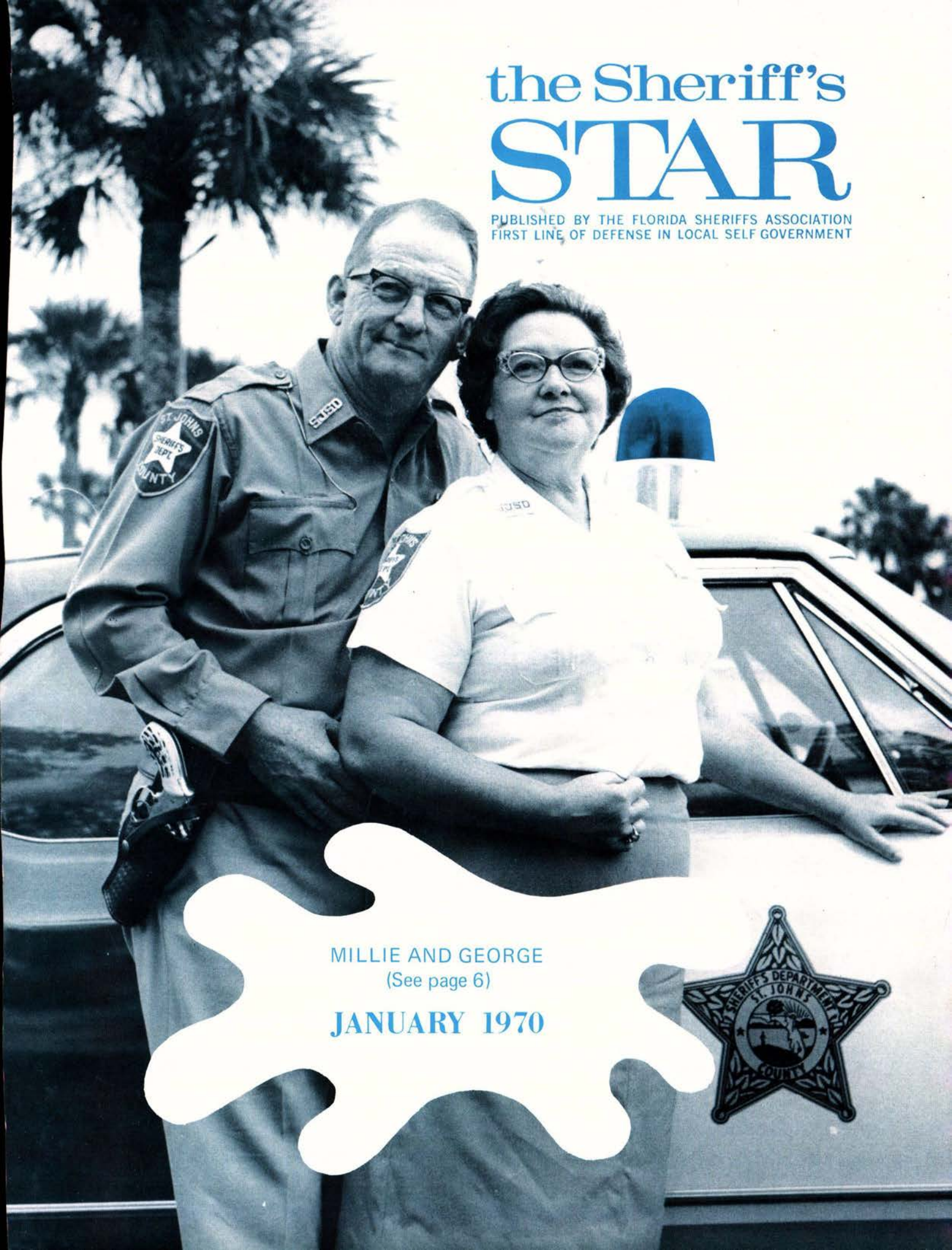


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\$6,000 Minimum Pay for Police Would Cost State \$12,000,000

A statewide law enforcement salary survey discloses it will take approximately \$12 million dollars to fund the subsidy program contained in pre-filed bill No. 24 in the State Senate, according to Florida Police Standards Council Executive Director Jack Ledden.

Many interesting statistics were produced by the survey which was 100 per cent in returns. A total of 410 law enforcement agencies were included and of this group 50 were found to be part-time, not salaried, federal or private agencies. Thus 360 agencies were found to meet qualifications for participating in the salary subsidy. This breaks down into 67 Sheriffs Departments and 293 Municipal Departments.

Manpower involved is 6,591 municipal officers and 3,466 county officers. Statewide total is 10,057 men. Full time municipal personnel are paid \$50,175,000 and county personnel draws \$26,407,200 under existing rates. This produces a statewide payroll of \$76,582,200 annually.

There are 31 county departments with a force level of 10 or less personnel. There are 183 municipal departments with a force level of less than 10 persons. Of this total 48 are one-man departments.

It was generally noted smaller counties and cities pay the lowest salaries. Of the 183 municipal departments with 10 or less personnel 433 of 737 persons are paid less than

\$6,000, the proposed minimum salary in Senate Bill No. 24. Of 31 county departments with 10 or less personnel 71 of 184 persons are paid less than \$6,000 annually.

Under the plan of state and local participation in the minimum salary foundation the state must contribute \$11,993,775 while the counties and cities will provide \$211,025 to guarantee a \$6,000 basic salary for all law enforcement officers. In addition of officers now making more than \$6,000

will receive a 15 per cent increase from the foundation.

Every police agency in the state is backing the bill which is designed to attract more career personnel to all departments. It faces the routine of legislative committees during the 1970 regular session. Sponsor of the bill in the Senate is President John E. Mathews, Jr., of Jacksonville. In the House a similar bill is sponsored by Representative Joseph Chapman of Panama City.

Blackburn Bill Solves Dollar Dilemma

Where's the money coming from to fund Florida's proposed minimum foundation program for local law enforcement officers?

State Rep. Ed Blackburn, Jr., of Tampa, has provided an answer by filing a bill which would require the state to appropriate each year as a subsidy for local law enforcement an amount equal to \$2 per person for all residents of Florida.

This formula, applied to Florida's present estimated population of 6,160,000, would produce \$12,320,000 — or slightly more than the amount needed (according to the Police Stan-

dards Council survey referred to elsewhere on this page).

The funds thus appropriated would be distributed to each county on a \$2 per person basis. Incorporated municipalities with a population of over 500, and with one or more full time law enforcement officers, would receive their per capita share within each county.

Each Sheriff would receive an amount equal to \$2 per person for each person living outside the municipalities that qualify for subsidies.

Rep. Blackburn said his bill stipulates that the subsidies must be used as supplemental funds for law enforcement purposes, and shall not effect or tend to decrease any other compensation ordinarily budgeted or appropriated for law enforcement officers' salaries, or law enforcement purposes.

Subsidies must first be used, he explained, to establish a \$6,000 minimum annual salary for qualified law enforcement officers.

He pointed out that the present state constitution places severe millage (taxing) limitations on counties and municipalities which could seriously handicap law enforcement unless provision is made for financial assistance from the state.

The minimum foundation program itself is provided for in Senate Bill No. 24, filed by Senate President John E. Mathews, Jr., and House Bill No. 3103, filed by Rep. Joseph F. Chapman, III, of Panama City. These bills have the expressed purpose of using state funds to upgrade local law enforcement; and to establish a minimum annual salary of \$6,000 for all county and municipal law enforcement officers.

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DUNE BUGGY RACERS GIVE TO BOYS RANCH

ORLANDO — Orange County Sheriff Dave Starr accepts a \$250 check for the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch from James W. Spell, president of the Eastern Dune Buggy Association, of Orlando. The association staged the Yee Haw 100 race to raise the money. Sheriff Starr also received several copies of "Dune Buggy News."

The Outlook's Bleak for Cattle Rustlers in 1970

TALLAHASSEE — It isn't likely to be a "happy new year" for Florida's cattle rustlers, according to Broward Coker, chief livestock investigator for the Florida Department of Agriculture.

Coker, veteran lawman who formerly served with distinction as Sheriff of Highlands County, was referring to amendments which will put more "teeth" in the marks and brands law.

These amendments became effective January 1, 1970. They provide for mandatory registration of marks and brands used by livestock owners, and they will make identification easier on a state-wide basis through elimination of duplications.

Coker's boss, Commissioner of Agriculture Doyle Conner, said this will be an important factor in reducing the losses sustained by Florida's farmers and ranchers through cattle rustling. These losses have been reported to be between \$3 million and \$4 million dollars annually, he added.

Under the new amendments, law enforcement officers stopping drivers transporting livestock or livestock carcasses, can require them to show evidence of ownership or authority of possession. If there is insufficient evidence, the cargo can be impounded until ownership is established.

The new amendments also require all livestock hide dealers to keep records of hides received; and require each transporter of livestock to obtain a permit from the Department of Agriculture, renewable annually.

Both Coker and Commissioner Conner expressed confidence that marks and brands amendments, plus amendments which tightened Florida's trespass laws, will help to drastically cut cattle thefts.

But Coker quickly added that full cooperation from owners, law enforcement officers and average citizens will be necessary if cattle rustling is to be stamped out.

SHERIFF OFFERS REWARD

MACCLENNEY — Baker County Sheriff Paul Thrift has offered to personally pay a reward of \$200 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of anyone charged with larceny of cattle in his county.

Coker is working toward closer cooperation through his contacts with The Florida Department of Law Enforcement, The Florida Sheriffs Association, municipal police, The State Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, and other agencies.

Employees of the Division of

Forestry within the Department of Agriculture (formerly the Florida Forest Service) are also playing an important role. They have been alerted to be on the lookout for cattle rustlers while scanning Florida's fields and forests from fire control towers and aircraft.



Sheriff Ross Boyer (right) accepts Citizen of the Year cup and citation from Legionnaire Grand Chief William Grosskopf (left) and Post 30 Commander G. M. Nelson. (Sarasota Herald-Tribune photo)

Sheriff Boyer Named "Citizen of the Year"

SARASOTA — The citation reads, "In recognition of Distinguished Public Service to our Community of Sarasota, this citation as Sarasota's Citizen of the Year is awarded to Sheriff Ross E. Boyer by Sarasota Bay Post 30, American Legion."

In tapping the Sarasota County Sheriff for this honor the Legion singled out a few of his many outstanding contributions.

"He organized the first Sheriff's Auxiliary in the state in 1955, to assist the uniform patrol at night and subject to call in any emergency."

Also noted was his contribution in establishing the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch and his work on behalf of the Sarasota County Boys Club of America Council.

"His complete cooperation with the courts and the police department

has contributed greatly to good law enforcement and to the maintenance of internal peace within Sarasota County."

Sheriff Boyer is presently serving as President of the National Sheriffs' Association; the third Florida Sheriff to hold that post.

In making the award, Legion Commander G. M. Nelson said the Sheriff's contributions have made Sarasota "a safer place in which to live."

Besides the accomplishments noted in the citation, Nelson pointed out Sheriff Boyer backed the creation of a Junior Deputy League for young people, an all-Negro riot control unit, and the Florida Sheriffs Bureau — forerunner of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

Sheriff Boyer, a Democrat, was first elected Sheriff in 1952 and is presently serving his fifth term.

**"GOT TO UNDERSTAND
THE LAD —
HE'S NOT EAGER TO BE BAD"**

The following poem was sent to THE SHERIFF'S STAR by O. J. Keller, Jr., Director of the Division of Youth Services. He said he received it from Joe Giunta, Illinois Juvenile Officer, and thought we might want to use it.

JUST A BOY

Got to understand the lad —
He's not eager to be bad;
If the right he always knew,
He would be as old as you.
Were he now exceeding wise,
He'd be just about your size;
When he does things
that annoy,
Don't forget — He's just a boy.

Being just a boy he'll do
Much you will not want him to;
He'll be careless of his ways;
Have his disobedient days.
Willful, wild and headstrong,
too,
He'll need guidance kind
and true;
Things of value he'll destroy,
But reflect — He's just a boy.

Could he know and understand
He would need no guiding
hand;
But he's young and hasn't
learned
How life's corners must be
turned
Doesn't know from day to day
There is more to life than play,
More to face than selfish joy,
Don't forget — He's just a boy.

Just a boy who needs a friend,
Patient, kindly to the end;
Needs a friend who will show
Him the things he wants
to know.
Take him with you when you
walk,
Listen when he wants to talk.
His companionship enjoy,
Don't forget — He's just a boy



GADSDEN AUXILIARY RATES HIGH WITH SHERIFF

QUINCY — Sheriff Robert Martin of Gadsden County thinks the Sheriff's Auxiliary in his county deserves special credit — and no wonder. They raised all the money for their uniforms and equipment; they have donated many hours of their time in aiding the Sheriff's Department and in this picture they are presenting Sheriff Martin with a check for \$100 to go to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. "I believe they should be recognized for their efforts and concern for our county and in making this donation to a very good cause," the Sheriff said.



**160 POUNDS OF TURKEY
FOR THANKSGIVING**

TAMPA — Thanksgiving was "turkey day" at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch thanks to Fred Schillers, (right) owner of Schillers Delicatessen, who donated eight 20-pound butterball turkeys. Accepting the turkeys for the Ranch was Hillsborough County Sheriff Malcolm Beard.



"FOR UNSELFISH AND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE"

Mrs. Laura Cannon (left) and Mrs. Hazel Long, key staff members at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, received plaques praising their "unselfish and distinguished service" when they retired to home and family life in November, 1969. For nearly eight years they were members of the Ranch staff and played important roles in its development. At retirement, Mrs. Cannon held the position of Administrative Secretary; and Mrs. Long was Chief Bookkeeper.

Boys Ranch Builders

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

Mr. H. L. Johnson, Panama City.
Mr. George Nash, Port Charlotte.
Mr. and Mrs. Creedy C. Sheppard, Port Charlotte.
American Legion Post No. 110, Port Charlotte.
Dick DeVoe Buick and Cadillac, Naples.
First National Bank of Lake City.
Mr. John A. Chappell, Jr., Jacksonville.
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Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Mann, Jacksonville.
Mr. F. Leon Joyner, Jacksonville.
Mr. and Mrs. Russell Abstein, Jacksonville.
Mr. James G. Black, Jasper.
Mr. Hugh Brownell, Wauchula.
Mrs. Marie Swed, Tampa.
Mrs. Gladys C. Green, Tampa.
University Community Civic Assoc., Lutz.
Delta Airlines, Employees Fair Share, Tampa.
Mrs. Mary T. Kindig, Tampa.
Mr. Jim Quinn, Tampa.
Mrs. Gordon J. Ivey, Lehigh Acres.
Mr. Andrew P. Redella, Cape Coral.
Mr. Ernest B. Kinzie, Ft. Myers.



LIFETIME PLAQUE PRESENTED TO HELP SAY "THANKS"

WEST PALM BEACH — Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth B. Cable have been loyal supporters of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch since 1964 and their generosity was recognized recently when Palm Beach County Sheriff William R. Heidtman (left) presented a Florida Sheriff Association Lifetime Membership Plaque to Mr. Cable in the Sheriff's Office.

JANUARY 1970



GOOD APPETITES HELP BOYS RANCH

INVERNESS — The annual Citrus County Canoe Race attracts contestants and spectators from near and far. It also makes for big appetites which can usually be satisfied with some tasty barbecue served up by Citrus County Sheriff B. R. Quinn and his deputies. The Sheriff's feed has become a tradition in the five years the race has been held. While the Sheriff's men (above) served up almost 1,000 plates of barbecue beef and pork, beans, cole slaw and bread, Sheriff Quinn was kept busy slicing the meat. All proceeds from the sale of tickets go to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch and from this barbecue there was \$861. (Photos by Jim Twitty, Tampa Tribune)



Leon County Juvenile Court, Tallahassee.
Mrs. C. S. White, Tallahassee.
Mrs. C. A. Schaldenbrand, Holmes Beach.
Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Bartlett, Holmes Beach.
Key Royale Homeowners Assoc., Holmes Beach.
Dr. J. C. Wickham, Bradenton.
Mr. Joseph F. Sisk, Bradenton Beach.
Mr. John L. McQuigg, Stuart.
Eastern Dune Buggy Assoc., Orlando.
Mr. and Mrs. Nelson A. Arend, Winter Park.
Mr. and Mrs. John D. Oberst, Orlando.
Dr. Eugene J. Nicorski, Orlando.
Mr. and Mrs. Basil A. Payne, Boynton Beach.
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American Assoc. of Retired Persons, New Port Richey.
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Phase One of Sheriff's Manual Nearing Completion

Phase One of the new, revised Sheriff's Manual is now nearing completion and is expected to be in the hands of Florida's Sheriffs before May 1, 1970.

This phase deals with "Courts and Judicial Process," and will include in its table of contents a comprehensive section on "civil process," one of the most complex subjects in the field of law enforcement.

Iven Lamb, Jr., editor of the urgently needed manual, said Phase One will receive a final review January 25, in St. Augustine, during a "Civil Process Seminar" which is scheduled as part of the Florida Sheriffs Association's Annual Mid-Winter Conference.

Necessary corrections and additions will then be made; and copies will be printed in loose-leaf manual form for distribution to Sheriffs, government officials, attorneys and educators.

Meanwhile, other portions of the manual will be prepared, reviewed and printed until the new revised edition is complete. After that the manual will be kept up to date with periodic revisions which can be added to the loose-leaf binders.

A similar manual was published by the State Institute of Government in cooperation with the Sheriffs Association and the State Auditing Department in 1947, but it is now out of print and out of date.

Early in 1969 the Florida Sheriffs Association voted to undertake the manual revision as another important step down the road to better law enforcement. Lamb, a Jacksonville attorney who is the Director of the Depart-

ment of Police Science and Administration at Florida Junior College, was employed to compile and edit the manual.

In preparation of Phase One he has been assisted by a committee composed of Florida Sheriffs Association Attorney John A. Madigan, Jr., of Tallahassee; Sheriffs Association Executive Director Carl Stauffer, of Tallahassee; Mrs. Curtiss D. Johnson, Chief Civil Deputy, Marion County Sheriff's Office, Ocala; Capt. John Coogan, Su-

pervisor, Civil Process Bureau, Dade County Sheriff's Office, Miami; Chief Deputy Don Butler, Orange County Sheriff's Office, Orlando; Lt. M. T. Penton, Escambia County Sheriff's Office, Pensacola; Escambia County Sheriff Bill Davis, Pensacola; Chief Deputy Lu Hindery, Alachua County Sheriff's Office, Gainesville; and Bill Whitehead, Duval County Sheriff's Office, Jacksonville.

Many other state and county officials have also been helpful.



SHERIFF PROMOTES NATIONAL UNITY

PANAMA CITY — When Bay County Sheriff M. J. (Doc) Daffin "prescribed" National Unity Week stickers for the cars in his county, members of the Bay County Junior Deputies were quick to start "treatment." Reports were to the effect they put them on every car not moving too fast. (Photo by Tom Needham, Panama City News-Herald)

Favorable Audit Report is Filed

TALLAHASSEE — A favorable report was filed by Florida Auditor General Ernest Ellison, C.P.A., after inspecting the accounts and records of Sheriff Bryant Thurman of Washington County.

"Resources were adequate to cover all liabilities of record at April 30, 1969," the report said. "Collections of record were accounted for by

remittances or by cash on hand. Management of finances was generally good. Budgets were properly prepared. Expenditures were held within the resources available, and were generally supported by itemized invoices. Records in general were well kept. Internal control appeared adequate."

The report covered the fiscal years 1966-67, 1967-68 and 1968-69 to April 30.



TABLES TURNED BY SHERIFF

NAPLES — It was supposed to be a joke on the Sheriff — Sheriff Doug Hendry of Collier County — but as the Sheriff's smile indicates, the tables were turned. Some of the Sheriff's "pals" were going to see to it he didn't get through the 21st running of the famous Swamp Buggy Races without getting wet. Before they could throw him in, he fooled them by jumping in on his own. (photo by John L. Norman)

SHERIFF "CATCHES" ITCH

BONIFAY — Officers of the Holmes County Sheriff's Department located and destroyed three moonshine whisky stills in one week which were producing about 1,500 gallons of shine a week.

Sheriff Harvie Belser and his deputies did not catch the bootleggers but the Sheriff did "catch" something else while searching for the stills in the swamps at night.

He called it "thundering oak itch," and offered the opinion it is a shade worse than poison ivy or the common poison oak.

Will Sheriff Davis Hold Out For a Better Offer?

Some Sheriffs are upset about Legislative bills that propose to consolidate Florida's counties and reduce the number of Sheriffs. But Putnam County Sheriff Walt Pellicer and St. Johns' County Sheriff L. O. Davis have not "lost their cool." Instead they have started a humorous exchange of letters which we are going to share with our readers. Pellicer fired the first volley, which is printed below. Davis has promised us a reply for our next issue.

Dear Sheriff Davis:

It is with great concern that I write this letter to you. I have in hand a copy of the Crider Bill which relates to consolidation of the small counties in Florida. I call your attention to Section 5 which refers to the consolidation of County "H," which includes Putnam, St. Johns, Clay and Flagler Counties, and which states that the county seat will be in the present county seat that has the largest population at the time the 1970 census is taken. It is the opinion of several of my close political friends that when the census is taken in 1970, Putnam County will probably edge out St. Johns County in population, and naturally I will be elected Sheriff.

Let me assure you that due to your long tenure in office, during which you have served the people so ably and well, and because of the esteem and affection in which I have held you during the past years, when the new law goes into effect I will not discard you like an old shoe that is worn out, but will keep you on as Chief Jailor for the said county yet to be named. It is my opinion that it will be necessary to maintain all the present jails now operating under our present county set-up. It has been brought to my attention that you served the people of St. Augustine, the oldest city in the United States, for many years as a motorcycle patrolman, and some of your best friends go even further and recommend you as a trick and fancy rider. Because you are so well qualified to ride, and as an economical measure, I think that it will be beneficial that you in your new capacity as Chief Jailor be a Circuit Riding Chief Jailor, making your rounds daily and reporting back to me as your Executive Officer. Also because of your long time motorcycle riding experience, I feel it only appropriate that you be named head of transportation involving the transportation of prisoners.

Of course this is a sudden jolt to you, but I wanted you to know that since I have been a friend of yours for a long time and probably distantly related through our Minorcan ancestry, I feel it only proper that I look after my elders, realizing that the present Sheriffs of Clay and Flagler Counties are young and not of too long service to the people of their respective counties and the State of Florida. In consideration of these reasons I am offering you this position as Chief Jailor and Transportation Officer at this time.

Trusting you will accept this in the spirit of grateful cooperation, I remain

Yours sincerely,

E. W. Pellicer

E. W. Pellicer

P. S. On the other hand if the shoe is on the other foot and the Ancient City of St. Augustine happens to be the county seat of the future county "H" I would expect the same consideration of you, and since I do not have the experience or reputation that you have as an expert patrolman, I would expect you to train me personally and furnish me with the 200 hours minimum standard training as required by Jack Ledden of the Police Standards Council of Florida.



12 Year Veteran Named Officer of the Year

FORT LAUDERDALE — "Sam George is literally a one-man police force," Sheriff Edward J. Stack says of the man selected as officer of the year in the Broward County Sheriff's Department.

Detective Lt. George was honored at a banquet and presented with the Coral Ridge Kiwanis Club trophy which is to be inscribed annually with the name of the year's top deputy.

Lt. George was nominated for the honor by his supervisor, Maj. Hardy P. Bryan, chief of detectives.

"Lt. George was very instrumental in clearing numerous cases for this department," Maj. Bryan said. His accomplishments include successful investigations of breaking and entering rings, rapes, narcotics, aggravated assaults, homicides and murder conspiracy.

His career with the Broward County Sheriff's Department began almost 12 years ago when George became a part-time uniform patrolman. At the time he was working as a barber.

Now that he has worked himself up to a lieutenant in the detective division, Lt. George says he prefers his present assignment in the robbery-homicide unit to all others.

"It's a real challenge and it's always educational," George said.

"Some people are likely to say Sam's being a Black man influenced his selection," said Sheriff Stack who made the trophy presentation. "But I want to make it clear that had nothing to do with it. Sam was selected on the basis of his record.

"Sam is receiving this award because he is the best deputy in the Sheriff's Department. He is literally a one-man police force," Stack said. "I am proud to have him as one of us."



MILLIE AND GEORGE

THEY BELIEVE IN TOGETHERNESS —
EVEN IN A PATROL CAR

ST. AUGUSTINE — You can learn a lot about a woman by looking at the contents of her handbag, but don't be fooled by the handcuffs and nasty looking pistol Millie Beikirch carries in hers.

She's a special deputy sheriff in St. Johns County. You'll frequently find her "where the action is" in law enforcement; and yet she is not a hard-as-nails "bully boy" in skirts.

On the contrary, Millie has a big soft spot in the heart that beats under her cold metal badge; and she takes a kindly interest in tough criminals as well as hard nosed deputy sheriffs. She's "Mother Machree" with a Sheriff's Department shoulder patch.

Furthermore, although women in uniform are commonplace in law enforcement, she's something unique among distaff deputies. She and George Beikirch appear to be the only husband and wife team patrolling the front lines in Florida's war on crime.

She works at night at the Ponte Vedra Club, north of here, but she spends as much time as possible riding with George in his patrol car — and not just to keep him from getting lonesome.

She's a cool hand in any emergency, handles a gun with casual familiarity, and knows the script amazingly well when it comes to acting the role of a law enforcement officer.

George will be the first to tell you he has the utmost confidence in her ability to back him up in a tough situation.

To make his point, he'll tell you about the time Millie assisted him in a daylight burglary case.

He and Millie were on patrol when they caught two men looting a residence. As George stopped the patrol car, one of the burglars started to run away and George ran after him, firing warning shots.

The other burglar went toward the "getaway car," which was parked in the driveway and blocked by the patrol car. If Millie had "lost her cool," he would probably have tried to ram the patrol car and make a getaway. Instead, as she picked up the radio hand mike and summoned help from the Sheriff's Office, he turned and ran. Later Millie was a key witness at his trial.

She was unarmed at the time of the burglary incident, but she put her trusty derringer to good use in another case involving a man and two teen-agers suspected of looting cars along the beach.

She covered the trio while George searched them, and also while they were being taken to the St. Johns County Jail in a patrol car.

She has participated in all-night "stakeouts"; she once disarmed a colored boy threatening another employee with a switch blade knife at the Ponte Vedra Club; and she's a "hawk" when it comes to finding loot abandoned by thieves along the highways and byways.

"When thieves steal pocketbooks from cars parked near the beach, they usually take the cash and throw away



the other contents, including credit cards," Millie explained.

"Sometimes," she said, "they come back later to recover the credit cards."

Millie often beats them to the punch by spotting wallets and handbags along the highway while on patrol.

Rewards totaling \$75 which she received for recovering stolen credit cards were sent to the Florida Sheriffs Association as donations to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. This caused the editor of the Sheriff's Star to wonder "what manner of woman is this?", and finally led to the writing of this article.

The writer met George first in the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office and learned that he had formerly been a supervisor in a General Motors plant in Rochester, N. Y. George met Millie at Jacksonville Beach on New Year's Eve, in 1955; married her in 1956 and went to work in Jacksonville.

In 1961 he got his first introduction to law enforcement when he was put in charge of maintenance and security at the Ponte Vedra Club, located between St. Augustine and Jacksonville.

He later became a special deputy, and received valuable training under Deputy Sheriff Roy Landrum, who is a law enforcement legend in this area.

Deputy Sheriffs in skirts are commonplace. You'll find them in sheriffs' offices all over the state working as radio dispatchers, laboratory technicians, secretaries, clerks, jail matrons and supervisors. But, Millie Beikirch is unique. She's the only distaff deputy we know who rides "shotgun" with her husband when he is on patrol.



She's "Mother Machree" with a Sheriff's Department shoulder patch — handy with a gun, and a cool hand in any emergency. He thinks she's the greatest as a "patrol buddy." Together they comprise what is believed to be the only husband and wife team on the "front lines" in Florida's war on crime.

In 1968 George took the first 200-hour basic law enforcement course offered in St. Johns County, was graduated as the "valedictorian" of the class, and became a full-time deputy sheriff.

Millie (whose real name is Mildred) became interested in George's new career, and, although her night work kept her from attending classes with him at the 200-hour basic law enforcement course, she read his textbooks and gleaned much of the classroom information from him.

Experiences prior to coming to Florida also prepared her for the rigors of law enforcement. "I hunted, fished and trapped all my life, and my first husband and I operated a hunting camp in Michigan," she explained.

Her first husband was killed in action while serving with the U. S. Army in the Pacific Theatre during World War II. Shortly afterward she went through one of many experiences that "toughened" her for whatever the future had to offer.

She was pregnant and living alone in the Michigan hunting camp when she fell down the basement steps, suffered a miscarriage, and remained helpless on the basement floor for five days before help arrived.

Another more recent harrowing experience explained the cane she was using during her interview at the St. Johns County Jail.

She had been walking alone on the beach when a large wooden piling tossed by a wave knocked her down, broke her leg in three places, and pinned her to the sand so that she was unable to escape the rising tide.

She would have drowned in a short time if an AWOL sailor had not come along and released her. He helped her to the nearby seawall, then went on his way, but she still holds a warm spot in her heart for him.

In fact, Millie holds a warm spot in her heart for many people . . . including the county jail prisoner with whom she held a conversation through the bars while her interviewer watched. The prisoner's wife had been having some problems and Millie had been helping her.

She also has a warm, motherly attitude toward juvenile lawbreakers. "Parents are the biggest problem," she said. "They need to be better friends with their children, and they need to give them better supervision. Sometimes they make a mistake by refusing to suspect their children of any wrongdoing."

Her ability to look at people on both sides of the law as human beings with problems has helped her many times. It has on several occasions enabled her to get information from prisoners that other officers could not pry loose.

In one instance a crime victim told her some horrible, but important, details about a crime. "I couldn't bear to tell that to anyone else, even my doctor or my husband," the victim said.

"She could charm the gold out of your teeth," George commented when Millie was out of earshot. "She has tenacity too. She has taught me not to pass up anything. She's sincere, intelligent and observant."

Millie is just as sold on George and she doesn't worry about the danger inherent in his job. "It's a good way to go if you have to — helping and protecting others," she said.

Accompanying George on patrols has helped her to understand his job, but she doesn't think husband and wife patrol teams would be a good thing generally for law enforcement.

Not many wives have the experience and background to make them cool in emergencies, she said, and they might actually put their husbands in jeopardy instead of helping them.

The writer agrees with you, Millie. Will you please return his gold fillings?

Boys Ranch Memorial Fund

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

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Treadwell, Jr., Mrs. C. P. Rogers, all of Arcadia, in memory of Mr. Henry Pavey Avant.

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Mrs. Claude A. Burnell, St. Petersburg; in memory of Mr. Claude A. Burnell.



"FAIR SHARE" FOR RANCH

CLEARWATER — Delta Airlines employees in the Tampa Bay area saw to it the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch received their "Fair Share" in the amount of \$100. Presenting the check to Pinellas County Sheriff Don Genung (left) is Delta's Fair Share Chairman, Robert Flynn.



FIRE ENGINE IS BOYS RANCH BOUND

FT. LAUDERDALE — Old No. 1 served the Hallandale Volunteer Fire Department for 22 years and it will continue its record of service but at a different location. The city donated the fire truck to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch and on hand to accept the key was Broward County Sheriff Edward J. Stack (center). Also on hand for the presentation were (left to right) Hallandale Fire Chief Francis Bisson; City Commissioner, Jim O'Leary; Sheriff Stack; Fireman, Bill Connors, (seated); John Schmutz, Boys Ranch staff member and Robert Knight, Rancher. (Photo by Detective L. F. Thomas, Broward County Sheriff's Department)

Mrs. Susan Burdett, Jacksonville; in memory of Mr. Gideon T. Burdett, Jr.

Mrs. Bernice Boardman, Avon Park; in memory of Mr. Charles Boardman.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hickman, St. Petersburg; in memory of Mrs. Annie Baker.

Mrs. Amy Bellemann, New Port Richey; in memory of Mr. Albert Bellemann.

Mrs. Annette D. Gilbert, Sarasota; in memory of Mrs. Goldie Carroll Bear.

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Mr. and Mrs. Riley Ramsey, Robert, and Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. Ward Atkins, all of Marlette, Michigan; Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Atkins, Lexington, Kentucky; Mr. and Mrs. John Atkins, Bradenton; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Durfey, Kokomo, Indiana; and Mr. and Mrs. William Burke, Rochester, Michigan; in memory of Mr. L. K. Billings.

Mr. C. Lloyd Hanshaw, Miss Pearl Hanshaw, Mr. and Mrs. John Duff, Harvie E. Heitman Properties, all of Ft. Myers; Dr. Reuben R. Roach, St. Petersburg; Mr. and Mrs. Neal R. Roach, New Market, Tennessee; Mr. and Mrs. Felix Povia, St. Augustine; in memory of Mr. Jack D. Blalock.

Mrs. Helen M. Craggs, Ocala; in memory of Ms. Lois Watt and Mrs. Nancy Manley Duane.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Purcell, Largo; Mrs. Randall Rosenberry, Ms. Mable L. Buley, Mr. John M. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Iler, all of St. Petersburg; in memory of Mr. H. Frank Campbell.

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Mrs. Ethel Cagnon, Holiday; in memory of Mr. Eugene Cagnon.

Mrs. O. T. Snow, Tallahassee; in memory of Mr. Jack Croy.

Mrs. M. B. Chittick, Winter Park; in memory of Col. Martin B. Chittick.

Miss Cornelia M. Craven, Vero Beach; in memory of Loved Ones.

Ms. Josephine R. Estes, Elfers; Mr. and Mrs. John Budd, New Port Richey; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Iler, St. Petersburg; in memory of Mr. Charles F. Deuel.

I. B. E. W. Local Union No. 308, St. Petersburg; in memory of Mr. W. T. Dempsey.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stephens, Tarpon Springs; in memory of Mr. Doniau R. Denio.

Mrs. Azel P. Barney, Clearwater; in memory of Mrs. Lucille Dugan and Mrs. Helen Dayton.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Duke, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Gudal, Jr., all of Jacksonville; Mr. Tine W. Davis, Montgomery, Alabama; Mr. George R. Vail, Rye, N. Y.; in memory of Mrs. A. D. Davis.

In Memoriam

(Continued)

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Zalewski, Cape Coral; in memory of Mrs. Margaret Dickerson.

Mr. R. M. Backstrom, Ruth, David and Pauline, Dunedin; in memory of Ceil Defiel.

Dr. Holmes B. Springs, Myrtle Beach, S. C.; Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Stephens, Quincy; Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Rollins, Toledo, Ohio; in memory of Mr. John M. Dorsey.

Mr. and Mrs. Joel B. McLean, Dunedin; in memory of Mr. Curtis Dollins.

Mrs. Claire Dowd, New Port Richey; in memory of Mr. Benjamin Dowd.

Mrs. Mary H. Driver, Port Richey; in memory of Mr. Teddy Driver.

Mrs. H. V. Harding, Sarasota; in memory of Mr. Jack Dickson.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Echols, Canal Point; in memory of Cynthia Renee Echols and Mr. Grady T. Echols.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Gill, Sarasota; in memory of Mr. Arthur B. Edwards.

Mr. Jim Quinn, Tampa; in memory of Mr. Robert G. Edenfield.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Ellis, Pensacola; in memory of Mrs. Helen Ellis.

Col. John L. DeWitt, Jr., Sarasota; in memory of General G. H. Estes.

Mrs. Mabel M. Franklin, Ft. Myers; in memory of Mr. J. T. Franklin.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Floyd, Jacksonville; in memory of Lt. M. C. Floyd, Jr.

Mr. Bill Grey, New Port Richey; in memory of Mr. Hubert G. Baillie and Mr. Lanny Langford.

Mr. Albert S. Levings, Lakeland; in memory of Mr. Leo J. Gelberg.

Mr. W. Richard Every, Daytona Beach; in memory of Mr. Gaylord Graves.

Mrs. Hugh Lewis, Live Oak; in memory of Mr. Randell C. Gray.

Mrs. Walter S. Hoyt, Bradenton; in memory of Mr. Walter S. Hoyt.

Mrs. J. R. Gunn, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Carroll, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Bullock, Mrs. Robert M. Buckels, Mr. Lothar H. Goold, Mr. and Mrs. Haley Duke, all of Kissimmee; in memory of Mr. Enoch Herzberg.

Mrs. Barnes Hale, East Hampton, N. Y.; in memory of Mr. Otto G. Hupfel.

Mr. Benjamin C. Hall and Mrs. Lucy C. Johnson, Alexandria, Virginia; in memory of Mr. Jerre Edgar Hysong.

Mrs. Frances Herrera, Holiday; in memory of Mr. Bernard Herrera.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Healy, Holiday;



LEE COUNTY GETS ANOTHER ONE

FT. MYERS — Lee County Sheriff Flanders Thompson (left) knows where to send the \$1,000 check from Don May, Chief of Lee County Special Deputies, and Deputy James Crump, Coordinator of the Special Deputy Force. The money was raised by the special deputies for the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch and their generous contribution will be recognized with a Boys Ranch Builders Club plaque. In the past, the Lee County Sheriff's Department, the Lee County Sheriff's Mounted Posse and the Lee County Sheriff's Junior Posse have all contributed and have received Builders Club plaques.

in memory of Loved Ones.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl A. Lerner, Clearwater; in memory of Mrs. William Hazer.

Mr. and Mrs. William F. Hill, Pensacola; in memory of Sgt. Kenneth Hatch.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvah H. Mackall, Clearwater; in memory of Mr. William Heffron.

Mr. F. H. Lamson-Scribner, N. Fort Myers; in memory of Mrs. Marquiritte Hutchison.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Niddrie, West Palm Beach; in memory of Mr. Leonard Holliger.

Mr. Harvey Mitchell, Islamorada; in memory of Mr. Richard Hilt.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Webber, Tampa; in memory of Dr. Ned Leroy Haven.

Ms. Inez G. Bryant, Fort Myers; in memory of Mrs. Nellie Hutchins.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Devore, Fort Myers; in memory of Mr. Harlee James Horn.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Haisley, Edgewater; in memory of Mr. Gerald (Jerry) Huston.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bailey, Jr., Gainesville; in memory of Billy C. Hager.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Horne, Pensacola; in memory of Mr. Max Horne.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ingler, Sr., Sarasota; in memory of Mrs. G. A. (Bess) Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wear, Jr., Ms. Violette Gilfillan, Lake Wales; in memory of Mr. John W. Jamison and Mrs. S. M. Wilson.

Mrs. T. D. Leslie, Jasper; in memory of Mr. Bryce Jackson and Mr. Joe Johnson.

Col. and Mrs. John A. Russell, Clearwater; in memory of Mrs. William E. Jacques.

Mr. and Mrs. William C. Wick and Family, Clearwater; Mr. Robert C. McMullen, Largo; in memory of Mr. John L. Kersey.

Mr. and Mrs. John Brauch, Freeport, N. Y.; in memory of Mrs. Albert Kish.

Mrs. James E. Knight, Sr., Jacksonville; in memory of Mr. William J. "Skip" Knight.

Mr. Howard J. Falcon, Jr., Palm Beach; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Andrade, Rochester, N. H.; in memory of Mr. Kenneth W. Knott.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. McKay, Lakeland; in memory of Mr. Ward E. Kuentzel.

Mrs. Margaret Krause, Clearwater; in memory of Mr. Richard Krause.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur R. Young, Madeira Beach; in memory of Mr. Theophil Lupfer.

Mr. J. R. Wathen, Carrabelle; in memory of Mr. Frank Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Steel, Mrs. W. G. Reardon, Gulfport; in memory of Mr. Morris A. MacDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Pyle, Dr. Anne Newsome, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sherwood, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer W. Sherwood, Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Gearing, Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Bryant, all of Sebring; Mr. and Mrs. Broward Coker, Tallahassee; in memory of Mr. Larry Macbeth.

Mrs. Louise L. McCord, Largo; in memory of Mr. Charles D. McCord.

Mrs. W. M. McCrory, Orange Park; in memory of Mr. John McTammany.

Mrs. Mabel S. Jensen, Sarasota; in memory of Mrs. Pearl Muenow.

The Florida Chapter of Illinois Training School of Nurses, Mrs. George E. Mosher, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Weber, Mrs. Clara W. Stevens, Ms. Alice Smith, Ms. Beth Matthews, Dr. and Mrs. Frank Holecsek, all of St. Petersburg; Ms. Lillian Boyson, Tampa; Mr. R. K. Matthews and Family, Oxnard, Calif.; Col. and Mrs. Robert A. Lewis, Silver Spring, Maryland; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Pinson, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Ms. May Methner, West Allis, Wisconsin;

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 this form when mailing contributions to this fund.

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INSTALLMENT NUMBER TWO

Henry Benjamin Whipple, afterwards Episcopal bishop of Minnesota, noted in his journal of Florida travels in 1843 the advance of law and order with the expanding frontier.

"November 18th, 1843 - The inhabitants of Florida are rapidly improving in character from the continual influx of settlers from other states and that coarse backwoods crackerism is giving place to refinement and civilization. But a few years since and Florida was common ground for southern blacklegs and desperadoes, but they are fast disappearing . . .

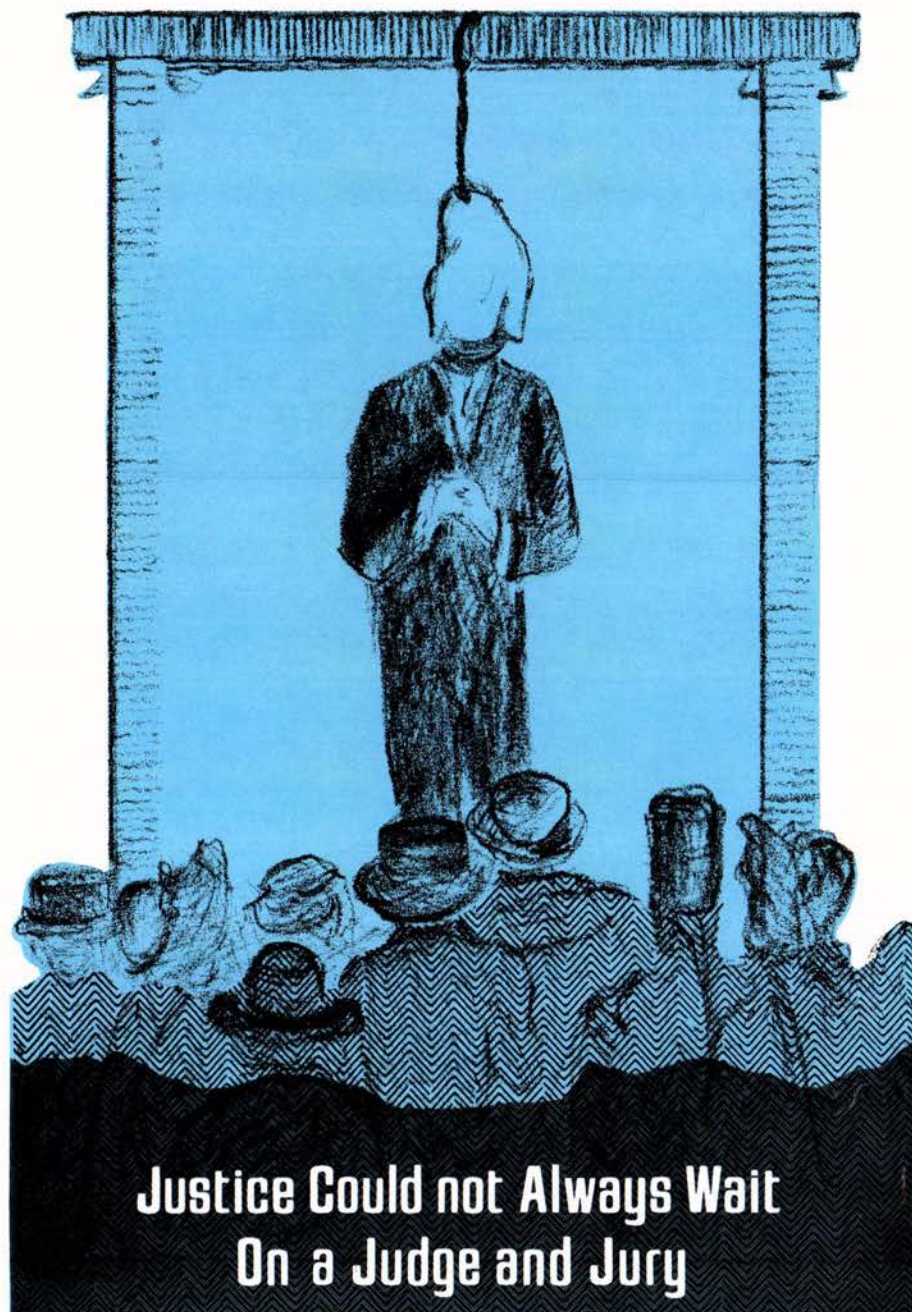
"Jails and state's prisons are novelties here. There is a comical jail in the Alachua district made of hewn logs with an opening at the top into which they drop the prisoner and thus render his escape impossible from his wolf trap. And it is said that formerly the judge in this new county was compelled to fasten culprits in rail fences for contempt of court as there was no other means of punishment."

Even in 1842 mothers were ready to come to the rescue of erring sons, for the legislative journal records the escape of an accused slayer from the Tallahassee jail through his having changed clothing with his mother while she was a visitor in his cell.

Like so many wanted men of the era, this prisoner "went to Texas." Those three words appear again and again in accounts of those who brushed with the law here.

Without today's photographs and fingerprints, justice in Florida a century ago had to rely upon proclamations of reward for the apprehension of criminals. One such was this:

"Whereas, it has been made known to me that William H. Watson



Justice Could not Always Wait On a Judge and Jury

and James Avant, late of the county of Jackson, stand charged with the murder of Lewis Williams, late of the county aforesaid, and that they, the said Watson and Avant, are fugitives from justice:

"Now, therefore, be it known, that in pursuance of law, I do hereby offer a reward of \$200 for the apprehension and delivery of each of the said offenders, to the Marshal of the Apalachicola district of Florida, or to the sheriff of Jackson County.

"The said William H. Watson is about 25 years of age, has grey eyes and dark hair, is about five feet eight inches high, weighs about 135 or 140 pounds and is wounded in the left shoulder. The said James Avant is about 27 or 30 years of age, has blue

eyes and dark hair, is about six feet two inches high and weighs about 135 pounds.

"In testimony whereof I have hereinto set my hand and affixed the seal of said territory, at the capitol in the city of Tallahassee, the 19th day of September A.D. 1844, and of the Independence of the United States the 69th.

"Tho. H. Duval, Secretary and Acting Governor of Florida."

The comptroller's report for December 27, 1845, shows the payment of \$200 to William Blount "for apprehending James Avant," and this account from the Pensacola Gazette of June 28, 1845, appears to tell the remainder of this story:

"In our last paper we spoke of

"Justice," as we use it today, would be a little too sophisticated a word to use in describing how the laws of frontier Florida were enforced or the criminals dealt with. A revealing look at law enforcement in Florida in the 1800's is found in an article Sarasota County Sheriff Ross Boyer located in a 1945 copy of a magazine entitled "Florida State Police and Public Safety Reporter." The article, "A Century of Law Enforcement," was written by Allen Morris, former newspaperman and political columnist who is currently the Clerk of the Florida House of Representatives and editor of the widely used "Florida Handbook." Because of its historical interest, we have reprinted the article in two installments. This is the second part; the first appearing in the December, 1969 issue of THE SHERIFF'S STAR.

the apprehension of a man by the name of Avant and one of his confederates, near Apalachicola. They have since been taken to Marianna, in Jackson county, where they were hanged on Friday, the 20th inst. without the form of trial; and notice was, at the same time, given to four gentlemen of the blackleg order, that if they were found in the place after the lapse of 10 hours, they should share the same fate.

"To some this conduct will doubtless seem criminal in the last degree; and we, ourselves, think that generally the summary mode of retributing offenses, should be condemned and severely punished. But, in this case the circumstances are such, in our mind, as to justify the citizens of Marianna.

"Avant was a monster in human form, and his life for a series of years has been marked by crimes of the deepest dye. He came to our city some years ago, a fugitive from justice of the state of Alabama, where he had murdered a sheriff. He had not been here long before he attempted the assassination of one of our citizens, and being obliged to fly from here, he went to Marianna, where he was concerned in the murder of another officer.

"He then fled to the swamps contiguous to that town, where he has since, up to the time of his apprehension, and at the head of a band of outlaws, perpetrated robbery and murder upon all who fell in his way. To such a length had his audacity been carried, it was considered dangerous to travel through that part of the state.

"The peace and well-being of the community demanded that such a villain should meet with retribution for his outrages — and owing to the insufficiency of our territorial government no jails have been provided for the security of criminals; he and his accomplices, therefore, in order to insure them punishment, were brought to speedy execution.

"Those concerned were actuated by another motive — there still are remaining a number of men of the same desperate character in the swamps about the county, and an example, which the process of law could not afford, was necessary to strike them with terror."

The story from the crumbling files in the State Library reflects the hardships under which justice moved in those days — for this criminal escaped punishment, once for murder of a sheriff, only by going a hundred miles or so.

One of the most remarkable proceedings ever witnessed in a court of justice occurred 20 years later, when James Magbee became a judge at Key West in 1865. The late Judge Jefferson B. Browne told the story in his "Key West, the Old and the New."

"The judge," said Browne, "was incarcerated in the city prison at Tampa for being drunk, and while there issued a writ of habeas corpus, commanding the mayor, J. E. Lipscomb, to bring the body of James Magbee before his honor, James Magbee, to show by what authority he was depriving him of his liberty, and caused it to be served on the mayor, who treated it with merited contempt.

"When the judge was released, he issued a rule for the mayor to show cause why he should not be punished for contempt of court in refusing to obey the writ, and made public his intention to send the mayor to jail.

"People from all parts of the county came to town to protect the mayor from the threatened outrage, and the courthouse was filled with armed and determined men.

"At the hearing the judge overruled the defendant's plea and sentenced him to jail. In an instant, Mr. Lipscomb snatched a double barreled shotgun from one of the bystanders and leveled it at the judge, but before he could shoot, he was surround-

ed by his friends and escorted out of court in defiance of the judge and the mob of Negroes assembled for his support.

"No attempt was made afterwards to enforce the order. Judge Magbee was a reconstruction judge, and this incident one of the minor outrages of that era."

Law and order tangled, too, when James J. Corbett of California battled Charles Mitchell of England at Jacksonville for the championship of the world.

The managers of this affair, says Rerick's "Memoirs of Florida," found Florida had been without occasion to enact a law preventing such bouts.

"The combat was duly and briefly waged January 25, 1894, to the entire discomfiture of the Englishman, in the presence of a large representation of the sporting 'chivalry' of America," reports Rerick.

"Governor Mitchell made an effort to prevent the affair, ordering the sheriff to interfere, but that officer was enjoined by the courts from obeying the governor's instructions, and the militia ordered out were not called into action.

"After the fight, Corbett was arrested, tried and acquitted, and his antagonist dismissed."

Florida sheriffs have been constitutional officers since 1865. The term of office of the sheriff was two years until 1868, and subsequently has been four years.

Until 1868 the sheriff was subject to removal by impeachment. From 1868 to 1887 he could be removed by the governor with the consent of the senate, and since 1887 to suspension by the governor and removal by the senate.

Vacancies in the office of sheriff were filled until 1868 by a special election called by the judge of probate. Since that year vacancies have been filled by appointment by the governor.



As compiled by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement



STEVEN BRINKOETTER

BRINKOETTER, Steven — White male. Date and place of birth 3-20-52, Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. Height — 6 feet; Weight — 135 pounds. Blond hair, blue eyes. Warrant issued, charge breaking and entering with intent to commit a misdemeanor and petty larceny (felony). If apprehended notify Sheriff Leigh Wilson, Titusville, Florida; or Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Tallahassee, Florida.



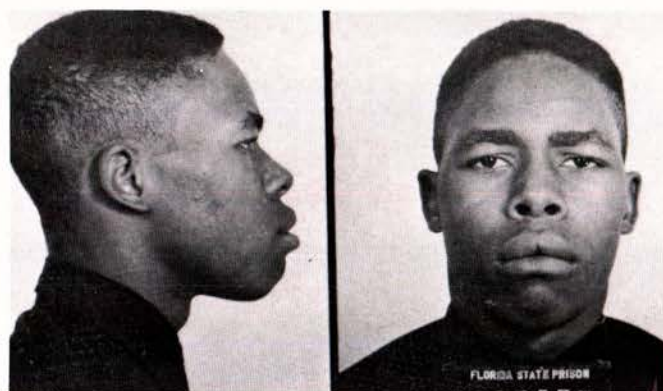
DAVID LEE DESTIN

DESTIN, David Lee — White male. Date of birth 7-28-40. Height — 6 feet, 2 inches; Weight — 165 pounds. Brown hair. FBI No. 825 691 E. Warrant issued, charge violation of probation. If apprehended notify Sheriff Leigh Wilson, Titusville, Florida; or Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Tallahassee, Florida.



GEORGE ALLEN JOHNSON

JOHNSON, George Allen — Aliases ST. CYR, George Allen; DETZEL, Jimmy. White male. Date and place of birth 1-29-43, Miami, Florida. Height — 5 ft. 10 inches; Weight — 155 pounds. Red hair, hazel eyes, ruddy and freckled complexion, defective teeth. Has scar on right arm and large operation scar on outside of left forearm. Occupation: carpenter and laborer. FBI No. 582 313 D. Last known address: 1024 N. W. 30th Place, Miami, Florida. Subject is an escaped prisoner. CAUTION: ARMED AND DANGEROUS. Warrants issued, charge armed robbery. If apprehended notify Police Department, Miami, Florida; or Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Tallahassee, Florida.



LOUIS JAMES WILLIAMS

WILLIAMS, Louis James — Alias "DUMP." Colored male. Date and place of birth 1-6-41, Miami, Florida. Height — 6 feet 1 inch, Weight — 170 pounds. Black hair, maroon eyes. Vaccination scar on left forearm, two cut scars on right shoulder, one cut scar on left shoulder, left forehead and forearm, back of right calf, shin of right leg and center of back. FBI No. 214 767 D. Occupation: laborer. Warrant issued, charge robbery. If apprehended notify Police Department, Miami, Florida; or Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Tallahassee, Florida.

A Visitor Likes What She Sees At Boys Ranch

HOLLYWOOD — The November 10, 1969 edition of the Hollywood Sun-Tattler published a letter-to-the-editor which had some nice things to say about the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

It seems the writer visited the Ranch for the dedication celebration, October 12. She thought the new Carleton and Suzanna Tweed Gymnasium and the Fred and Edith Conn

Cottage were beautiful.

She told about the free barbecue on the basketball court and the dedication address by U. S. Senator Edward Gurney.

"The staff at the Ranch sure worked hard to get ready for all the visitors," she said.

She pointed out the Ranch was started in 1957 by the Florida Sheriffs Association.

"Next year" she said, "they hope to dedicate a water tower tank and new streets. The Ranch is run on donations. If more people knew about it, I'm sure they would have enough for their water tower tank and streets."

She concluded, "Please, let's remember what good is going on in our State of Florida."

It was signed: A MOTHER OF ONE OF THE BOYS.

In Memoriam

(Continued)

Mr. Lawrence Gaunt, Wabash, Indiana; Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Goranson, Houston, Texas; in memory of Dr. John B. Matthews.

Mr. Ben Hargreaves, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hull, Coral Manor Corp., Building Division, Mr. James S. Hunt, Mr. Herbert R. Benton, Coral Springs Gulf Service, all of Coral Springs; Bank of Commerce, Bank of Florida, Ft. Lauderdale; Mr. and Mrs. Peter A. Combes, Columbia, S. C.; in memory of Mr. Lewie M. Mullins.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Quinn, Tampa; in memory of Dr. Nathan L. Marcus.

Mrs. William P. Moseley, Fort Myers; in memory of Mr. William P. Moseley.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Miller, Sr., Miami; in memory of Mr. R. S. Miller.

Dr. and Mrs. John T. Stage, Jacksonville; in memory of Mrs. Sally Moseley.

Mr. Roy J. Peoples, Lake Placid; in memory of Mr. Jimmy Murdock.

Mrs. Emily C. Millican, Palatka; in memory of Mr. Fred T. Merrill.

Mr. Richard E. Snow, Tallahassee; in memory of Mr. Robert D. Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Neeld, Leesburg; in memory of Mr. Jason Smith, Mr. E. R. Cavaday and Mr. Dwight L. Todd.

Mr. and Mrs. Max C. Greigg, Clearwater; in memory of Mr. Carl New and Mrs. Emil O. Mandler.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald J. Crews, District Heights, Maryland; in memory of Ms. Isabelle D. North.

Mrs. Frank Bartow Nelson, Sr., Crestview; in memory of Mr. Frank B. Nelson, Sr.

Mr. Andrew C. Olsen, Largo; in memory of Mrs. Grace M. Olsen.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Weeks, Tampa; in memory of Mrs. Bessie C. O'Neal.

Kentucky Fried Chicken of Starke; in memory of Mr. J. D. Odom, Sr.

Mrs. Grace P. Hayman, Lecanto; in memory of Ms. Lucy E. Parker.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Rodger, Hialeah; in memory of Mrs. Adele Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Corbett, Mr.

SHERIFF JOE KEENE PRESENTS CERTIFICATE

SEBRING — Sheriff Joe D. Keene (left) of Highlands County presents Mr. and Mrs. Carey F. Carlton with a Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Builder Certificate as an expression of appreciation for their generous contributions to the Boys Ranch.



and Mrs. John H. Graham and Family, all of Sebring; in memory of Mr. Hobson Parnelle.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy L. Neighbors, St. Augustine; in memory of Mr. Darrell C. Poe.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Campbell, Hollywood; in memory of Mrs. Milton Phillips.

Mr. Larry J. Connor, Tampa; in memory of Mr. Eugene J. Petrone.

Mrs. Helen R. Roof, Tavares; in memory of Mrs. Mary Piper and Mrs. Imogene Igou.

Mrs. Emma H. Reilly, Nokomis; in memory of Mr. John R. Rightmire.

Tail of the Pup, Inc., Sarasota; in memory of Mr. Helmut Rutt.

Ms. Kathlyn P. McDonnell, Ft. Lauderdale; in memory of Mr. William Rosenfeldt.

Mr. Theodore W. Reed, Winter Park; in memory of Mr. K. U. Reed.

Mr. G. Edward Myers, Titusville; in memory of Mrs. Kay Rutt.

The Henry and Frank Potter Families, New Port Richey; in memory of Ollie R. Roddenberry.

Mrs. Bertha I. Robertson, Ocala; in memory of Mr. J. D. Robertson, Jr.

Mrs. Lucile Barksdale, Oakland; Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. Christenson and Family, Titusville; in memory of Mrs. Amos S. Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Carroll, Mrs. J. R. Gunn, all of Kissimmee; in memory of Dr. James C. Rinaman.

Mr. Thomas J. Luther, Bartow; in memory of Mr. Howard Strange.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Jordan, Holmes Beach; in memory of Mr. D. O. Smith.

Mrs. C. S. White, Tallahassee; in memory of Frank and Bill Simmons.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Stefurak, Rockledge; in memory of Mrs. John D. Shepard,

Mrs. Fred S. Munsell and Mr. John Earl Stephens.

Miss Marion Comstock, Winter Park; in memory of Mrs. Ethel Simpkins.

Mrs. Dorothy A. Simmons, Pompano Beach; in memory of Mr. John A. Simmons.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hughes, Sarasota; in memory of Mr. Neil Schaffner.

Mr. Philip L. Sheaff, Clearwater; in memory of Mrs. Evelyn Sheaff.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Roberts, Jr., St. Petersburg; in memory of Mr. W. R. Stambaugh.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Cash, Tallahassee; in memory of Mr. Edwin L. Strange.

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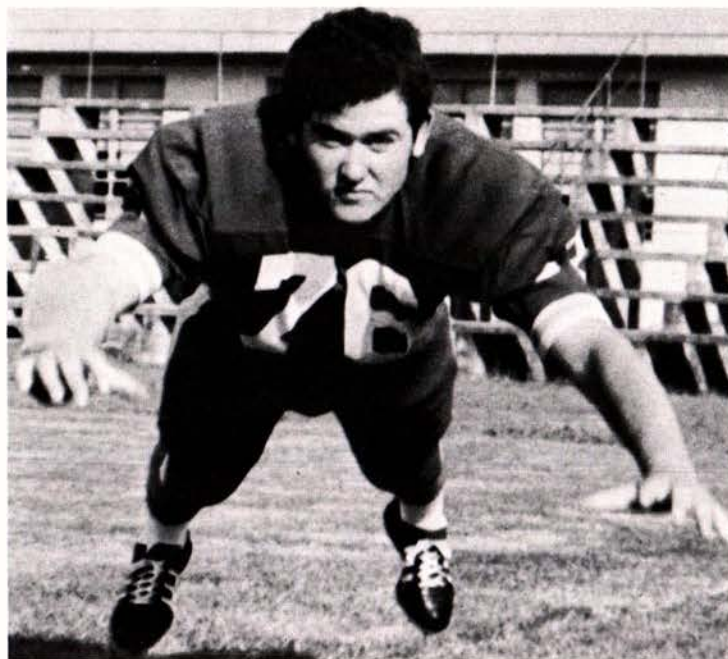


COMPANY RECOGNIZED

FT. MYERS — A Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Builders Club plaque was awarded to the M. Flossie Hill Company in recognition of a generous contribution to the Ranch. Accepting the award from Lee County Sheriff Flanders Thompson (right) was company president, J. Dan Beall.



Blair Slayton



Danny Linkroum



Timmy Fidler

Ranchers Were "Bulldogs" During Football Season

Story and photos by Ed Weigel, Colonial Photography, Live Oak.

As "hut 64, hut 3, hike!" echoed through the Suwannee High School football stadium this year, six Ranchers from the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch learned it takes hard work, long hours and great determination to be a "Bulldog."

With the exception of senior Blair Slayton, all the Ranchers will see action next season.

Another Rancher seen on the football field, but not in a uniform, was Scott Chinoweth who recorded Bulldog statistics for the newspapers in the area. He also had the honor (lower right photo) of escorting Princess Montez Wynn during homecoming festivities.

Ronnie Williams



David Shaw



David Thigpen

Scott Chinoweth and Princess Montez Wynn

