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**MIAMI—ANOTHER KELLY FIRST**—Dade County Sheriff Thomas J. Kelly, a leader in modern law enforcement techniques, recently scored another "first" when he added a helicopter to his equipment. Pictured here with one of the Sheriff's water patrol boats, the "chopper" was acquired through civil defense channels and is very useful in search and rescue work. Other routine missions include aerial photography, traffic control, traffic survey, fire observation, and emergency enforcement flights.

## It's One Win And One to Go For Spottswood

**KEY WEST** — Who is John Spottswood and what does he want?

This is a question voters will be asking between now and the second Democratic Primary Election, May 24, and the answer has a vital bearing on Florida's future.

John Spottswood is a young, energetic public official and businessman from Key West. He has just completed a successful campaign for reelection as Sheriff of Monroe County, and now, with a stamina that would amaze the toughest campaigner, he is running a state-wide campaign for election as Florida's Democratic National Committeeman.

He says he wants to give the Democratic Party in Florida the type of vigorous leadership it needs and deserves.

Here is the way he explains it:

"All of us are aware that Florida is the 'rising star' of the southland. Our natural endowments plus our tremendous population growth have increased Florida's stature greatly among the nation's fifty states.

"The current census will give us a stronger voice in the federal government and in the Democratic Party. Therefore, to take full advantage of our enhanced status we must have capable, resourceful party leadership.

"It is up to the voters to determine whether I have the ability to fill this role and I humbly submit my qualifications for their consideration."

What are these qualifications?

John Spottswood has served as Chairman of the Democratic Campaign Committee for Florida; State Democratic Committeeman for Monroe County; Secretary of the State Democratic Committee for the

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**KEY WEST—OFF THE PRESS**—Monroe County Sheriff John Spottswood and his wife Mary get a preview of the 1960 edition of **THE FLORIDA SHERIFF**, yearbook of the Florida Sheriffs Association, which is now off the press. Sheriff Spottswood is chairman of the yearbook publication committee, and designed the full-color cover featuring the official Sheriffs Association flag. (Photo by Don Pinder)

## 1960 Yearbook of Association Widely Praised for Usefulness

The 1960 edition of **THE FLORIDA SHERIFF**, yearbook of the Florida Sheriffs Association which is just off the press, is being widely acclaimed for its usefulness as a source of valuable information on Florida government and law enforcement.

The cover is a full-color reproduction of the official Florida Sheriffs Association flag with green bars and a gold star insignia on a field of white.

A large portion of the 100-page book is devoted to a detailed directory of state and county officials and statistical information about Florida's 67 counties.

A report on the first year of successful operation at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch

covers eight pages and includes many pictures of activities at the Ranch.

The Florida Sheriffs Bureau, a state agency whose creation by the 1955 legislature was sponsored by the Florida Sheriffs Association, is given extensive coverage in a detailed account of the Bonifay Murder Case.

This case was investigated and solved through the cooperation of some 21 law enforcement departments. It clearly illustrates the role of the Sheriffs Bureau as an agency created to assist and coordinate law enforcement efforts.

The committee responsible for publication of the book in-

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## Luncheon to Honor New Governor-Elect At June Conference

**FT. LAUDERDALE**—A luncheon honoring Florida's new Governor-elect will be one of the highlights of the 47th Annual Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association, June 29, 30 and July 1.

The conference will be held here at the Galt Ocean Mile Hotel with Broward County Sheriff J. A. (Quill) Lloyd as the official host.

Sheriff Lloyd said the program will also include a reception honoring W. Randolph Hodges, President-Designate of

the Florida Senate; and William V. Chappell Jr., Speaker-Designate of the Florida House of Representatives.

A gala banquet followed by entertainment and dancing will celebrate the third anniversary of the founding of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, a home for needy and worthy boys the Sheriffs Association is operating on the Suwannee River, near Live Oak.

Lee County Sheriff Flanders Thompson, of Ft. Myers, President of the Sheriffs Association, will rap the gavel for the opening session of the conference, and will preside both at this session and a later executive session.

On the technical side, the Sheriffs are planning to discuss a number of vital law enforcement problems in the fields of jail security, civil defense and scientific crime detection.

On the business agenda one of the top items is selection of sites for the Association's two 1961 conferences.

"We are doing everything possible to make this an outstanding conference," said Sheriff Lloyd, "and I am looking forward to the pleasure of welcoming my fellow-sheriffs and their guests to Fort Lauderdale and Broward County."

## Nat'l. Sheriffs To Hear Genung At Convention

**CLEARWATER**—The National Sheriffs Association has invited Sheriff Don Genung to attend its annual convention in Colorado Springs, in June, to tell the nation's sheriffs about his Junior Deputy Sheriff Program.

Designed to teach good citizenship and respect for the law, the Junior Deputy program is carried on by the sheriff's department as an extra-curricular activity in Pinellas County Schools.

It has been widely publicized and is featured in the latest issue of "The National Sheriff," magazine published by the National Sheriffs Association.

The Clearwater Sun, daily newspaper, endorsed the program as "the smartest juvenile delinquency prevention program in the history of Pinellas County."

The St. Petersburg Independent, another daily, said "if the new program can accomplish even a small part of the objectives, it will be about the best thing to hit the county in many a day."

## Service Poor But Customer's Happy

**FT. LAUDERDALE** — Poor service apparently saved George Brown from being convicted of possessing lottery tickets.

Deputy Sheriffs John Hovey and Elsie Crum testified Brown was standing at a table waving his money and shouting for service when they raided a pool hall.

Brown later told a jury he had been trying to buy numbers in a bolita game, but because he had been unsuccessful, he was acquitted. Four others were found guilty of possessing bolita tickets.

## High Arrest Rate Praised

**BARTOW** — Sheriff Hagan Parrish said State Beverage Director Jack Peeples lauded his department "for its high rate of arrests in cases involving vice and beverage law violations."

"We will continue to enforce the beverage law until complete results have been accomplished," Sheriff Parrish said. "Our deputies and the state beverage department are working hand in hand to stamp out all violations in Polk County."

The sheriff's comments were published following a conference with Peeples.

## Shooting Accuracy Saves Deputy's Life

**BRADENTON** — The quick thinking and shooting skill of Manatee County Deputy Sheriff Robert Collier saved his life.

Chasing a holdup man, Collier rounded the corner of a building and a bullet whined past his face. Quickly he dropped to his knees and pumped four bullets into the robber, killing him.



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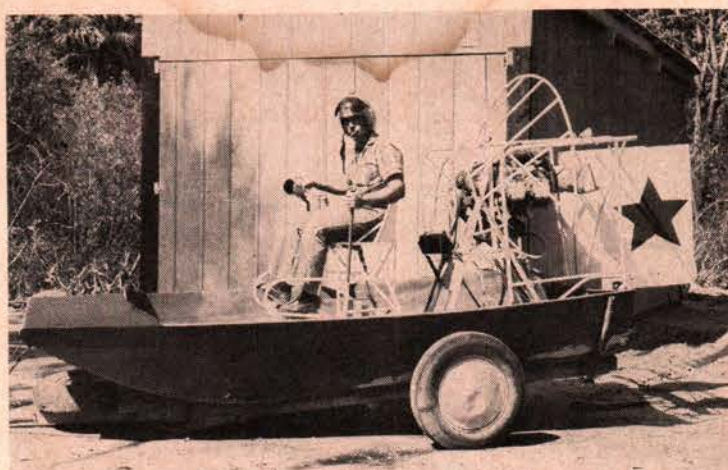
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**COCOA—RESCUE BOAT**—Sheriff J. W. Dunn's Rescue Squad recently acquired this air boat and proved its effectiveness by rescuing a family stranded on an island in the Indian River. Dick Granger, lieutenant in charge of the rescue squad, is shown at the controls. (Photo courtesy of Cocoa Tribune)

## "The Lawyer's Corner"

Edited by JOHN A. MADIGAN, JR.  
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A digest of recent Attorney  
General's opinions of interest  
to Law Enforcement officers.

**060-57 — FINES; FORFEITURES; REMITTANCE UPON RETURN OF DEFENDANT BY BONDSMAN**—Section 903.29, Florida Statutes, requiring the remission of forfeiture to the bail bondsman or a surety company who apprehends the defendant within a period of 30 days from the date of "such judgment" refers to the judgment of the trial court under the provisions of Section 903.29, Florida Statutes, declaring the undertaking forfeited.

**060-58 — CRIMINAL LAW AND PROCEDURE; PRELIMINARY HEARING BEFORE COMMITTING MAGISTRATE; PRESENCE OF DEFENDANT; WAIVER**—It is within the discretion of the committing magistrate to conduct a preliminary hearing in the defendant's absence, upon the basis of a voluntary waiver by the defendant of his right to be present, under Chapter 902, Florida Statutes; further, that the safer course for the committing magistrate to follow when the defendant is charged with a felony and waives his right to be present at the preliminary hearing thereon is to either require the defendant to come forward and orally or in writing waive his right to be present, or to have a written request to this effect presented to the committing magistrate by defendant's attorney.

### SUMMARY OF LAWS Passed in 1959 Session of Legislature

**Chap 59-144 (H.B. 337)**—Provides that communications given in confidence to a minister of religion shall be prohibited from being given in evidence in any litigation in courts of this state. Effective May 26, 1959.

**Chap. 59-147**—Amends Section 856.04 relating to desertion of wife or child, to increase the penalty to 2 years at hard labor or \$2,000 or both. Effective May 26, 1959.

## FBI Academy 25 Years Old

**WASHINGTON, D. C.**—The FBI National Academy, which numbers many Florida Sheriffs and deputies among its graduates, is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year.

It was founded here July 29, 1935, to share the FBI's know-how with local officers desiring a post-graduate course in the science of law enforcement.

Since that time the academy has had 3,819 graduates. Of those still active in the profession, about 28 per cent have become department heads.

### Choice Selections

Future prospects (two are planned this year) will be selected in the manner Mr. Meyer describes as the "Kentucky windage method," pointing out that "Kentucky riflemen were accurate marksmen." He says: "An exceptional boy stands out above the rest. We want the one who stands out."

Mr. Dozier praises the association: "Sheriffs are showing friendship to boys in trouble and offering inspiration to other boys."

He continues, "They are helping these boys get back in step with society even though, clearly marked for better things, they stepped off on the wrong foot."



**SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**—Charles Simmons (left) and Patraic Currey, both attending Chipola Junior College under Florida Sheriffs Association scholarships, go over their class schedules with Dr. Kenneth G. Skaggs, president of the junior college.

## Sheriff's Scholarships Praised By Christian Science Monitor

**BOSTON** — The Christian Science Monitor, a highly respected newspaper with worldwide circulation, recently praised the Florida Sheriffs Association Scholarship Program as a means of rehabilitating former juvenile delinquents.

In an article written by Frank J. Murray Jr., of South Walpole, Mass., the newspaper pointed out that prior to September, 1957, when the Sheriffs Association started giving college scholarships to honor students from the Florida School for Boys, delinquency was somewhat like Mark Twain's description of the weather: "Everyone talked about it but no one did anything about it."

"That changed," the article continued, "when the Florida Sheriffs Association decided it had a responsibility to the community above and beyond the arrest of budding young troublemakers."

The article explained that five all-expense scholarships have been awarded since September, 1957, with the most recent going to Charles Simmons and Patraic Currey to attend Chipola Junior College, in Marianna.

The scholarships are financed by the dues paid by the Association's Honorary Members.

Here is what the article had to say about Simmons and Currey:

### Special Tutoring

Young Simmons, only 16 when he started college in June, 1959, is from Arcadia, Fla. He completed all of his high school—college preparatory work (except the first semester of high school) at the Marianna institution's academic school. During his two years at FSB he was aided by instructor John Meyer in special tutoring classes two hours each night. Coincidentally, as young Simmons entered Chipola College, Mr. Meyer was upgraded to principal at FSB's academic school.

On Jan. 29 of this year 17-year-old Patraic Currey of Cocoa Beach, Fla., became the youngest student at Chipola when he received the fifth Sheriffs Association scholarship. In the 6½ months he spent at FSB before entering Chipola, young Currey earned almost every honor offered at the institution. Choir boy, amateur actor, cottage supervisor, local winner of the American Legion Academic Excellence Award, and, finally, honor student, the busy youth spent what spare time he could find studying college textbooks. In this short, jam-packed 6½-month period he finished 11th and 12th grades.

### Two Share Apartment

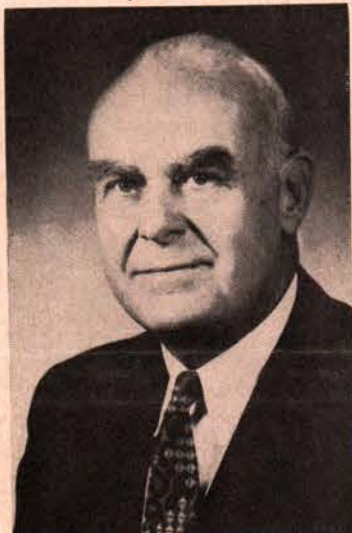
Both youths now share an apartment in downtown Marianna. Rent and other living expenses are included in the scholarships in addition to necessities, and \$3.50 a week is given to each boy for spending money. Young Simmons also holds a part-time job.

Marianna, in Florida's Jackson County, adopted the typical small town show-me attitude toward the youths. They have been shown. These two boys—intelligent and hard working—have been accepted without reservation by townspeople. They date local girls and attend local churches.

The boys' funds are supervised by Arthur G. Dozier, superintendent of FSB. The most recent check, for \$1,394, was sent to Mr. Dozier by Carl Stauffer, executive secretary of the association, on Jan. 20 as the result of a budget submitted by Mr. Dozier's office based upon recommendations supplied by Mr. Meyer. The latter's weekly visits to Pat Currey and Charlie Simmons at their apartment are semi-official. As wards of the state they must have some supervision, but Mr. Meyer's interest goes beyond his duties, and he is a combination big brother-Dutch uncle.

## DATELINE

# Tallahassee



J. EDWIN LARSON

(This is one of a series of articles designed to acquaint the public with the duties and functions of various state offices and agencies.)

By The Honorable  
J. EDWIN LARSON  
Treasurer of  
The State of Florida

The first responsibility of the State Treasurer is the safekeeping of the public's money. This is an obligation demanding integrity, good judgment and experience for the money flows into the Treasury nowadays at the rate of a billion dollars a year.

Not only is this money protected against loss but, to the extent the State's daily cash demands allow, many of these dollars are put to work. Of today's cash resources, some \$60,000,000 is invested in 90-day time accounts earning 2½ per cent, the maximum permitted by Federal Reserve regulations.

Sound fiscal management also goes into the investment of money belonging to the various State trust accounts. The State Treasurer presently safeguards more than \$215,000,000 in bonds held for these accounts. And the Treasurer is responsible for some \$424,000,000 entrusted to the State as security for the protection of Florida insurance policyholders, for State funds in banks, and for similar collateral requirements.

The safekeeping of the public's money is the basic responsibility of the State Treasurer. But, as a member of the Cabinet, he also serves on 21 of the boards through which Florida's government is administered, and helps to build Florida in many ways.

Among those boards, is the Board of Education, which has the responsibility for developing the public school program from the kindergarten through the university graduate school.

Some of the other cabinet boards of which I am a member are The Board of Administration, The Board of Commissioners of State Institutions, Board of Finance, State Budget Commission, Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, Trustees of the Teachers' Retirement Fund, Executive Board of the Department of Public Safety, Railroad Assessment Board, Securities Commission and State Purchasing Commission.

Personally, I have always felt that the best government is that which is closest to the

people. For that reason, I have established 16 branch offices so that people who have business with the State Treasurer can do so easily and conveniently. These field offices, for example, handled life, accident and health, and fire and casualty claims that resulted last year in payments of almost a half million dollars to Florida policyholders. These people could enlist the help of their State Treasurer without going far from home.

The State Treasurer is also the State Fire Marshal and the State Insurance Commissioner.

As State Fire Marshal it is my duty to administer the state laws applying to liquefied petroleum gas, arson investigation and fire prevention.

As State Insurance Commissioner I administer the state laws regulating insurance companies, agents, solicitors and adjusters. I also approve rates on certain types of insurance such as fire and casualty.

In addition to demanding strict documentary proof and carefully screening the facts on which auto insurance rates are lawfully based, I initiated the organization of the Florida Citizens Advisory Committee on Highway Safety, which is doing excellent work to help prevent accidents. With greater public support, I am confident the committee can reduce the accident toll and thus make eventual lower insurance rates feasible.

Incidentally, the direct relationship between loss experience and premium rates is plainly shown by the way that charges for fire insurance coverage have been going down all over Florida.



# Boys Ranch Round-Up

News about the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, a home for needy and neglected boys the Florida Sheriffs Association is operating on the Suwannee River, near Live Oak.

## FSU Students Work at Ranch

Ninety-three fraternity members from Florida State University donated a day's work to the Florida Sheriff's Boys Ranch on April 9.

Ranch Manager Vincent Jones placed a value of \$558 on the labor, which consisted of land clearing.

Two fraternities, Alpha Tau Omega and Kappa Sigma, made work donations of over \$200, and are therefore entitled to certificates identifying them as members of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Founders Club.

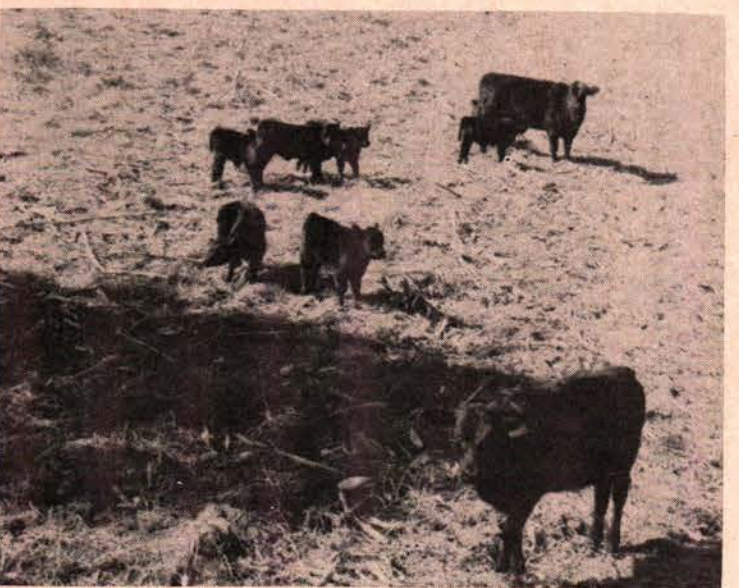
Other fraternities represented in the project are Pi Kappa Phi, Delta Chi and Sigma Chi.

Boyd Elam, president of Kappa Sigma and vice president of the Inter-Fraternity Council, was in charge of the project.

He said the Inter-Fraternity Council is interested in making the work day at the Ranch a yearly project in which all of the fraternities at Florida State could participate.



DADE CITY—LIFETIME MEMBER—Sheriff Leslie Bessenger (left) presents a plaque to Pasco Packing Co. designating the large citrus processing firm as a lifetime member of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Founders Club. W. F. Edwards, Executive Vice President of Pasco Packing Co., is shown accepting the plaque which expresses the appreciation of the Florida Sheriffs Association for gifts to the Ranch totalling over \$1000. Edwards is a member of the Boys Ranch board of trustees and has taken an active interest in its development. (Sheriff's Department Photo)



GROWING HERD—Pictured above is the breeding stock and some of the new calves in the Boys Ranch purebred Angus herd. (Photo by Cody Publications, Kissimmee)

## Subscription Drive Nets \$250 for Ranch

POMPANO BEACH—Broward County Sheriff J. A. (Quill) Lloyd announced that the POMPANO BEACH SENTINEL (formerly the POMPANO BEACH SUN) raised \$250 for the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch through a subscription campaign.

The campaign was handled by Milne Circulation Sales, of Royal Oak, Mich. The Ranch received 25 cents from each subscription sold.

Some one said the car of today is four times as exciting as the benzine chariot grandpaw drove. That it is, buddy! And it's forty times more deadly.



Shown scattering pine straw on the driveway at the Ranch Manager's residence are (from left) Denny Beagling, Charles Gehres and Donald Lee.

## "Millionaire's Weekend" Thrills Youngsters from Sheriffs Ranch

ST. PETERSBURG — The boys from the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch enjoyed a "Millionaire's Weekend" here April 22, 23 and 24 as guests of Pinellas County Sheriff Don Genung.

They were completely outfitted with new clothes, took a cruise on an expensive yacht and stayed at a plush motel.

The "Cork and Fork Club" of Pinellas Park, consisting of 20 businessmen, outfitted each boy with two suits of underwear, three pairs of socks, shoes, dress pants, shirt and zipper jacket. The clothes were purchased at Webb's City, famous oversize drug store.

During their visit they received \$1,000 from Mr. Gust Blair, 200 Mirror Lake Drive, St. Petersburg, toward the Ranch athletic program.

This donation, plus a previous anonymous Pinellas County gift of \$5,000, has been earmarked for a swimming pool.

The boys stayed at Doctor's Motel, as guests of Henry Hayn, and enjoyed several dips in the motel pool.

They were guests of Wolfie's Restaurant, Nine Restaurant, Luigi's Italian Restaurant and

Driftwood Cafeteria for meals. Boys Rancher Andy Harrell, who celebrated his birthday during the weekend, received a birthday present from Mr. and Mrs. Phil Kinsman, owners of Belmark's Restaurant, and a gift from the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department.

The boys went for a cruise in the Gulf of Mexico on a yacht owned by Charles Lenz.

On Sunday, half of them attended The Church of Christ, 1315 Ninth Ave., North; and half attended Fifth Avenue Baptist Church.



GIFT SHRUBBERY—Boys Ranchers unload shrubbery donated by Mrs. Fred Mahan, of Monticello, for landscaping the lawn at the second residence cottage.



BUDDY'S BIRTHDAY — Boys Rancher Buddy McHenry, from Miami, holds some of the presents he received on his 17th birthday. Each boy's birthday calls for a special celebration at the Ranch.

## Georgia Sheriffs To Break Ground For Boys Ranch

The Georgia Sheriffs Association will break ground on May 18 for the first dormitory at the Georgia Sheriffs Boys Ranch, located five miles east of Hahira, Ga.

Planned along lines similar to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, the Georgia institution will provide a good home for needy and worthy boys.

The first dormitory, with 6,540 square feet of floor space, will house 20 boys and a couple employed as staff parents. It will include a kitchen, dining hall and recreation lounge.

Lowndes County Sheriff J. L. Futch, president of the Association, is also chairman of the building committee. He and Tift County Sheriff Tom Greer will appoint other sheriffs as members of the committee.

## Jaycees' Show Benefits Ranch

LIVE OAK—The Live Oak Junior Chamber of Commerce held a minstrel and vaudeville show here March 24 and 25 for the benefit of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch and the Jaycees Nursing Scholarship Fund.

The Jaycees donated \$100 of the proceeds to the Ranch and were awarded a membership in the Boys Ranch Founders Club.

The balance went into the scholarship fund, which is currently paying the training expenses of three girls.

## Pinellas Deputies To Get Training

CLEARWATER — Pinellas County Sheriff Don Genung said his full force of deputies will be given 40 hours of instruction in witness interrogation and case preparation, starting May 16.

The course is part of an in-service training program organized by Sheriff Genung to cover a wide variety of vital enforcement subjects.

## FOUNDERS CLUB

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

Sheriff Sim L. Lowman, Brooksville

Wilson & Toomer Fertilizer Company, Jacksonville

Mrs. Mary Grass, Brooksville

L. A. Ribitzke, St. Petersburg

Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, Florida State University, Tallahassee

Kappa Sigma Fraternity, Florida State University, Tallahassee

Flamingo Tile Corporation, Lake Wales

Dr. Thomas S. Edwards, Jacksonville

Live Oak Junior Chamber of Commerce, Live Oak

Lake City Rotary Club, Lake City

Mrs. Russell Hudnall, St. Cloud

Thomas J. Brackett, Sarasota

Ralph W. Shriner, Tampa





FT. LAUDERDALE—MOONSHINE DUMPED—Broward County Sheriff J. A. (Quill) Lloyd (left) and his Chief Criminal Investigator, Jack H. Harris, supervise the dumping of 125 gallons of moonshine confiscated in a recent raid.

## It's One Win And One to Go For Spottswood

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Fourth Congressional District; and as an active participant in three Democratic National Conventions.

His wife, Mary, is State Committeewoman for Monroe County and vice chairman of the State Democratic Committee for the Fourth Congressional District.

Spottswood was born in Key West June 17, 1920. He is married and has three sons and a daughter. He was educated in the public schools of Monroe County and was graduated from Riverside Military Academy. He is a member of the Episcopal Church, Anchor Lodge 182, Masons, Scottish Rite, Mahi Shrine Temple, Royal Order of Jester, Grotto, Elks, Junior and Senior Chambers of Commerce and the American Legion.

He served as a paratrooper in World War II and rose from private to captain in two years. He was selected by the American Legion as Key West's outstanding citizen in 1952, and received the Junior Chamber of Commerce Good Government Award in 1957.

Sheriff Spottswood was elected Sheriff of Monroe County in 1952 by the largest vote ever accorded any candidate for any office in the history of Monroe County, and in 1956 was unopposed for reelection. He is a past president of the Florida Sheriffs Association, first chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, and is at present Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Florida Sheriffs Association.

He has been the owner and president of Radio Station WKWF at Key West, since 1945 and is constructing Monroe County's first television station.

## Cruise For Patrol Originated by Deputy Radcliff

FT. LAUDERDALE — Fun-packed hours abroad ship, sightseeing in Nassau, these are some of the thrills in store for nearly 600 Broward County School Safety Patrol members next month.

The three-day cruise to the Bahamas was originated last year by Deputy Sheriff Paul Radcliff, and is being conducted by him this year as an annual affair.

The trip is being sponsored by school teachers and parent-teacher organizations as a reward for the fine job done by the patrol members during the current school term.

## Heart Attack Fatal To Patrol Captain

FT. LAUDERDALE — Capt. Howard C. Spangler, head of Sheriff J. A. (Quill) Lloyd's road patrol, died March 22 following a heart attack.

He joined the sheriff's department in 1957 and was soon promoted to sergeant. In January of this year he was appointed acting captain of the patrol, and his promotion became permanent in February.

Sgt. John C. Berger, who has 24 years of enforcement experience, was appointed acting captain following Capt. Spangler's death.

## New Substation Opened by Dunn

TITUSVILLE—A fast-growing county with a long, narrow profile has given Brevard County Sheriff James W. Dunn more than his share of law enforcement headaches.

An important step was taken toward easing his problems recently when a new "branch" county court house was opened at Melbourne.

The \$90,000 building will provide facilities for a sheriff's department substation as well as a two-cell lockup for detention of prisoners. This will enable the Sheriff to give better service in the south end of the county.

The main headquarters of the sheriff's department is located in the new county jail, in Titusville, the county seat. Titusville is in the northern end of the county.

Branch offices of other county officials such as the tax assessor, tax collector, circuit clerk and county judge will also be located in the new Melbourne building.

## Safety Contest Held by Boyer

VENICE—"Look Alive, Stay Alive; Be Alert, Don't Get Hurt."

This was the safety slogan that won first prize for Michael Graff in Sheriff Ross Boyer's Safety Club Contest for elementary school children. More than 200 slogans were submitted.

Second prize went to Donna Lee Ross for the slogan: "Be Careful When You Ride and Play, Don't Take Your Own Life Away."

Patty Johnson won third prize with: "After the Accident, It's Too Late to Be Sorry."

Among the runner-up entries was: "Don't Get Kilt, It Worries Your Mommy."

The Sheriff's Safety Club was organized about six months ago by Deputy Sheriff C. N. (Cap) Stevens in an effort to teach children safety precautions, and now it has a membership of 500.

## Psychotic Child Hospital Urged

HOLLYWOOD — A plea for a state hospital program for psychotic children was voiced by Dr. Stephen C. Wright, of Miami, before an interim legislative committee at a meeting here recently.

The committee, with State Sen. J. Emory Cross as chairman, was told that an emergency need exists for such a program because "these children can maim and kill, can mutilate and destroy themselves and others."

Dr. Wright, who is the psychiatric consultant for the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, estimated that there are more than 200 critically ill psychotic children in Florida who receive no treatment or inadequate treatment.

"They don't stand a chance of getting well now," he said. "It's too bad they don't have instead cancer, epilepsy, tuberculosis, or cerebral palsy — then they could be hospitalized."

He warned that the non-delinquent psychotic child is not an offender. "He's sick and needs a hospital, not a retraining center's built-in psychiatric unit. There's enough stigma now to childhood mental treatment without adding the aroma of delinquency."

## Rewards Asked For Trio in Citrus Thefts

ST. PETERSBURG — Sheriff Don Genung asked Florida Citrus Mutual to present rewards to a deputy sheriff, a Florida Highway Patrol Trooper and a 12-year-old boy for solving citrus fruit thefts.

The Deputy is Lloyd Young, the trooper is C. N. White and the boy is Billy Allen, son of Highway Patrol Cpl. W. H. Allen.

Genung said he believes they are eligible for \$100 rewards.

Billy spotted two men picking fruit in a grove and they left hurriedly when he asked them if they were working for the grove owner. He reported the license number and a description of the car in which the men were riding to the Highway Patrol.

Trooper White stopped the car soon afterward and the driver was made to pay for the stolen fruit.

In another case Young arrested two men near a grove and found the trunk and the rear seat of their car loaded with stolen fruit.

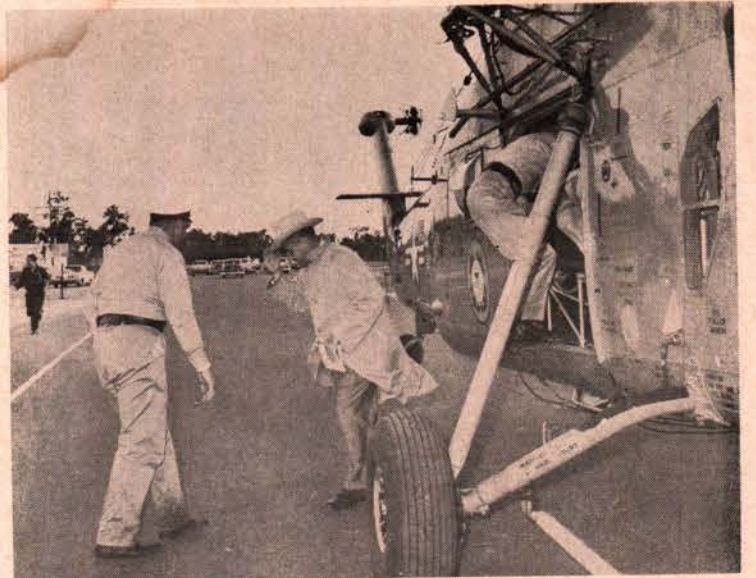
## Patience Pays Off In Shine Stakeout

NAPLES—Patience paid off for Sheriff E. A. Doug Hendry, his deputies and state beverage agents in a moonshine still stakeout.

The still, with a 200-gallon capacity, was found on Monday and the officers placed it under surveillance because the mash was fermenting and they figured the operators would attempt to run off a batch in a few days.

On Friday the officers surrounded the still and waited but no one showed up.

The next day the stakeout was set up again and finally two men drove into the area and fired up the still. When it was in operation the officers moved in. The moonshiners attempted to flee but ran into the arms of the law.



CLEARWATER—AIR SEARCH—Pinellas County Sheriff Don Genung (in raincoat) leaves U. S. Coast Guard helicopter after giving instructions to Deputy Sheriff Herman Vincent during air search for three escaped prisoners. The helicopter landed at the busy intersection of U. S. 19 and State Road 580. (Clearwater Sun Photo)



CLEARWATER—JUNIOR POSSE CEREMONY—Some 70 Pinellas County youngsters were sworn in by Circuit Judge John U. Bird as members of Sheriff Don Genung's Junior Mounted Posse, an organization designed to teach good citizenship and respect for the law. Sheriff Genung is shown watching Judge Bird administer the oath to six posse members. (Clearwater Sun Photo)



ST. PETERSBURG—DESK FOR THE RANCH—The Abbott Furniture Store, 6565 54th Ave. North, donated the desk pictured above to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. Shown with the gift are (from left) Leonard Woodruff, one of the outstanding supporters of the Boys Ranch in Pinellas County; Vernon M. Abbott, owner of the Abbott Store; Walter K. Jamison, manager of the store; and Ken Carpenter, who accepted the gift on behalf of Sheriff Don Genung.

## Don't Use Officer To Frighten Kids Parents Advised

NAPLES — Parents who use police as "bogeymen" to frighten their children may contribute to juvenile delinquency Sheriff E. A. Doug Hendry told the Lake Park PTA.

"We don't want a boy to be against us because we're wear-

ing a badge and a gun," Sheriff Hendry said.

His comment was made during a discussion of his Junior Deputy Sheriff program which is designed to develop a friendly relationship between youngsters and law enforcement officers.

Times do change. Things we couldn't afford today, become a time payment burden tomorrow.



## BAD CHECK ARTIST'S GALLERY

Compiled by The Florida Sheriffs Bureau

Don McLeod — Director



**HANS C. LOOF**

White male, age 35, 6 feet tall, weighs 195-200 pounds, dark brown hair. Former SP #53-894. Occupation: Commercial diver (hard hat). Wanted for theft of company checks 475-500 inclusive, and subsequent

cashing of them, from Johnston Diving Co., on Florida National Bank of Arlington, Jacksonville, Florida. If apprehended notify Police Dept., Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Sheriff Clemmons, Baton Rouge, La., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



**AUGUST BAUMAN**

White male, age 65, 5 feet, 5 inches tall, small build, black hair, brown eyes, ruddy complexion. Occupation: Salesman—sells novelties such as shell

lamps, to souvenir shops. Driving 1954 DeSoto 1960 Florida License 11W-8029. Warrant issued, charge Worthless Checks. Notify Sheriff Rhoden, Jasper, Florida or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.

**HATTIE FEDONIA WILLIAMS**

Colored female, date and place of birth 3-8-39, Lake City, Fla., 5 feet, 2 inches tall, weighs 115 pounds, black hair, brown eyes. Occupation: Barmaid. It is believed subject has returned to Lake City. Warrants have been issued, charge Forgery. If apprehended notify Police Dept., Fort Lauderdale, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



**HATTIE FEDONIA WILLIAMS**



**WILLIS STOTTS**

White male, age 30 to 35, 5 feet, 9 inches tall, weighs 165 pounds, light brown hair, worn short; cut scar on bridge of nose toward right eye. Gave occupation as painter and stated last worked in Miami. Warrants have been issued, charge Worthless Checks. A photo of subject using this name has been furnished by Dubl-Chek Co., and believed to be identical with subject wanted. If apprehended notify Constable Haas, Daytona Beach, Fla., Police Dept., Lakeland, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Fla.



**BARBARA BOVA**

White female, date of birth 7-29-38, 5 feet, 8 inches tall, weighs 158 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes. Had in her possession Florida DL #2297024, using as identification. Driving black 1959 Thunderbird, Indiana License MP8721. Warrant will be issued, charge Worthless Checks. If apprehended notify Sheriff Lloyd, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



### Junior Deputies

**EVERGLADES** — Collier County Sheriff E. A. Doug Hendry is developing an active Junior Deputy Sheriff program. In the picture above he is shown with Deputy Sheriff Don Hudson directing the work of clearing a site for a Junior Deputy rifle range. In the picture at left the Sheriff (extreme right) assists in preparing breakfast for a group of Junior Deputies during an overnight camping trip in the Everglades. Also assisting with the expedition were Bob Rumsey (bending over the campfire), Pearl Riner, Dick Stanley and Deputy Sheriff Chuck Whidden.



### Sheriff Goes to Washington to Testify

**WASHINGTON, D. C.** — Hillsborough County Sheriff Ed Blackburn Jr., of Tampa, testified before a House subcommittee here recently on the need for a study of floods and river basin problems in Central and West Coast Florida.

In an appearance before the Public Works Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee he endorsed a move to appropriate \$100,000 for a U. S. Army Corps of Engineers study of flood control and water conservation needs in the area.

Sheriff Blackburn, who served as coordinator of disaster relief work during recent floods, told the subcommittee more than 2,000 persons were forced to flee from their homes in the vicinity of Tampa and damages were estimated at \$6,000,000.

"The severity of the flood was enhanced by the dynamic increase of our population in the past few years," he said, urging the committee to consider that the population will continue to expand at an increasing rate in the future.

He advocated that the study be performed at the federal level due to the fact that a large area of 12 counties is involved, and because the Corps of Engineers is familiar with flood control work.

While in Washington the Sheriff received assurances of support for the flood control and water conservation project from Senators George Smathers and Spessard Holland.

### Sheriff's Posse Wins Show Prize

**STUART**—Palm Beach County Sheriff John Kirk's Mounted Posse was the winner of a relay race in the Martin County Cancer Society "Horsecapades."

The posse also provided a colorful addition to the show which was described as one of the largest of its kind ever held here.



**JACKSONVILLE**—POSSE IN ACTION—Sheriff Dale Carson's mounted posse provides a colorful addition to parades but it also serves a useful purpose in search and rescue work. This picture was taken when members of the posse were searching wooded marshes near Trout River for a missing woman. Shown from left are George D. Schuman, V. L. Allison (with dog), Jimmy Lee, John D. Carter and Sheriff's Department Chief Criminal Investigator J. C. Patrick. (Jacksonville Journal photo)

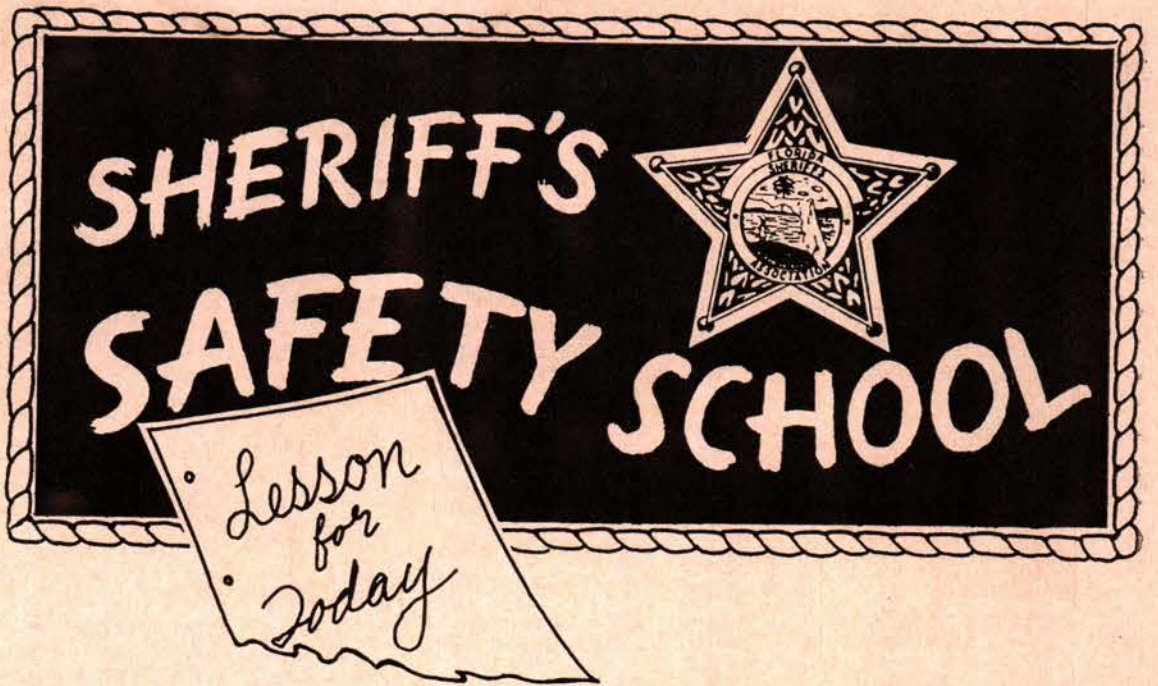


**MACCLENRY**—DISPLAY OF VIOLENCE—Baker County Sheriff Ed Yarbrough is shown here with his collection of weapons used in murder and assault cases. The "hack weight" used in forestry work, a heavy metal ball on a long wooden handle, was improvised as a murder weapon and crushed a man's skull. Other murder weapons are the pistol immediately above the hack weight and the hunting knife, top right. (Florida Times-Union photo)





**TAMPA—LIFETIME MEMBER**—Hillsborough County Sheriff Ed Blackburn Jr. (center) shows his appreciation for a truck donated to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch by presenting a lifetime membership in the Ranch Founders Club to the Tampa Restaurant Association. Shown receiving the membership plaque are Leo Dalsheimer (left), past president of the Tampa Restaurant Association; and Lamar Crevasse, president of the Tampa Restaurant Association.



**ST. AUGUSTINE—SHERIFF'S DISPLAY**—St. John's County Sheriff L. O. Davis is pictured above (left) with the display of law enforcement pictures and equipment he presented at the recent Parade of Progress Home Show sponsored by the St. Augustine Elks Club. Pictured with him are Deputy Sheriff Kenneth Masters, chief jailor; and Mrs. Masters, jail matron. (Photo by Rupert Chastain)

## Swivel System Helps Divers In Search Work

ORLANDO — Orange County Deputy Sheriff Rodney Young devised a simple mechanical gadget for underwater searches which will speed up and increase the chances of finding submerged valuables and possibly save a life.

Deputy Young, Sheriff Dave Starr's underwater ace, became tired of wild, often fruitless, searches on lake bottoms, especially in the cold winter water. So he devised his own method.

An underwater aluminum swivel is driven into the lake bottom with a rope extended to a post on shore. Then another line, attached to the top of the swivel, extends to Young. He then starts near the swivel to make a search in a circle from the marker rope (attached at shore) around back to that point. If he hasn't found the item yet, he lets out more rope, and makes another circular trip across the lake bottom. The procedure continues until Young has covered an area spanning some 300 feet in diameter.

Principal advantage to the swivel system is that the searcher doesn't cover the same area twice and knows at all times where he is and where he has been. With a reasonably close starting point to the missing person or object, the search should prove successful in a short time.

In drownings in a clear water lake, for instance, a 10-foot sweep is possible with the swivel system improving the chances of saving a life.

Sheriff Starr said that Young and complete underwater equipment are always ready to go and on constant alert.

## Test Frees Man From DWI Charge

TITUSVILLE — A Massachusetts man narrowly escaped a charge of driving while intoxicated when he submitted to a test on Sheriff James W. Dunn's Breathalyzer equipment.

The apparatus registered an alcoholic content of 1.4 in the man's breath and 1.5 is the recommended minimum for a charge of DWI.

## McCall Makes Safety Appeal

TAVARES — Lake County Sheriff Willis McCall, whose county contains some 1,400 lakes, recently made an appeal to boaters to observe safety rules.

He pointed out that 15 persons lost their lives in boating mishaps in Lake County in 1959 and there were two drownings in lakes here this year between January 1 and March 1.

He urged boaters to carefully follow the following safety precautions:

1. Never overload your boat with either occupants or equipment.
2. Never over-power your boat with too large an outboard motor.
3. Never mix alcohol and gasoline.
4. Never go boating without life preservers for each occupant of the boat.
5. Have necessary tools and spare parts for minor repairs.
6. Have some signal device — flares, whistles, etc. — for emergencies.
7. Have respect for bad weather, especially in small craft.
8. Larger and more powerful craft should always show courtesy for smaller craft in passing.



# WALK SAFELY LIVE LONGER

## 239 PEDESTRIANS KILLED IN 1959

DEATH WALKS WITH YOU WHEN YOU CROSS THE STREET.

Here are some figures to prove it:

There were 239 pedestrians killed in traffic accidents in Florida last year, according to figures compiled by the Department of Public Safety.

This was over 21 per cent of the state's total of 1,113 persons slaughtered on the highways in all types of accidents.

Injured pedestrians climbed to 3,204 out of a total of 40,645 persons hurt on the highways.

Safety experts and government officials are gravely concerned about these alarming figures and are seeking ways and means to reduce them.

Last year the state legislature passed laws requiring pedestrians to:

1. Walk on sidewalks where they are provided in rural areas.
2. Walk on the left side of the highway (on the shoulder) facing oncoming traffic where there are no sidewalks.
3. Stay off the paved portion of a highway when thumbing a ride or when soliciting employment or business.

YOU CAN DO YOUR PART BY BEING CAREFUL.



## SAFE WALKING TIPS



### SET A GOOD EXAMPLE

Children are notorious copy cats, particularly of their parents. It is their way of learning how to live in the world. This is particularly true of the way they handle themselves as pedestrians.

If father jaywalks, junior sees little reason to cross the street only at the intersection. His father did it, and that is good enough for him.

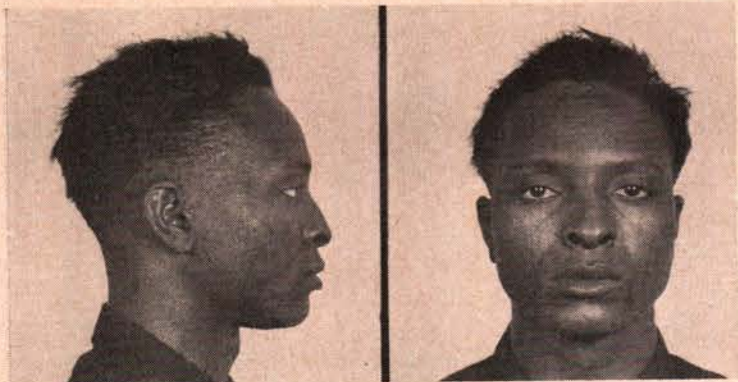
For that reason, the wise parent will try to set a good example in his walking habits. He will abide by pedestrian laws and ordinances, and not just when junior is with him. Children are not easily deceived in such matters, says the American Automobile Association. If you want your youngster to be a good pedestrian, be one yourself.

From PLANNED PEDESTRIAN PROGRAM, published by The AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety



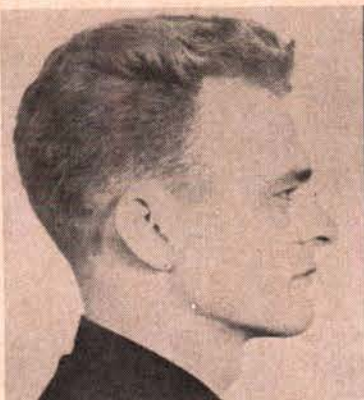
# WANTED PERSONS

**As Compiled by the  
Florida Sheriffs Bureau  
Don McLeod, Director**



**ULYSSES FULLER**  
Alias James Williams, alias Frank M. Cook, colored male, date and place of birth, 12-5-22, Atlanta, Ga., 5 feet, 9 inches tall, weighs 151 pounds, black hair, brown eyes, medium dark complexion. Vaccination scar upper left arm, dim scar near

outside corner right eye, cut scar front of left leg. Wanted on charge of escape from Glades Prison Farm, on March 28, 1960. If apprehended notify SP Raiford, Sheriff Kirk West Palm Beach or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



**GERALD REX SANFORD**  
White male, date of birth 5-6-35, 6 feet, 2 inches tall, weighs 170 pounds, tall slender build, dirty blond hair, blue eyes, medium complexion, teeth-fair. Tattoo word "BAKER" on left forearm, tattoo of heart and initials "P. T." outside left forearm just above wrist. Oc-



cupation: Rancher. FBI #231 605 B. FPC: 24, L L, 1/1, R/R, IOO/IOO, 17. Wanted for escape from State Road camp, Largo, Fla., where he was serving term for Grand Larceny. If apprehended notify Sp Raiford, Sheriff Genung Clearwater or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Fla.

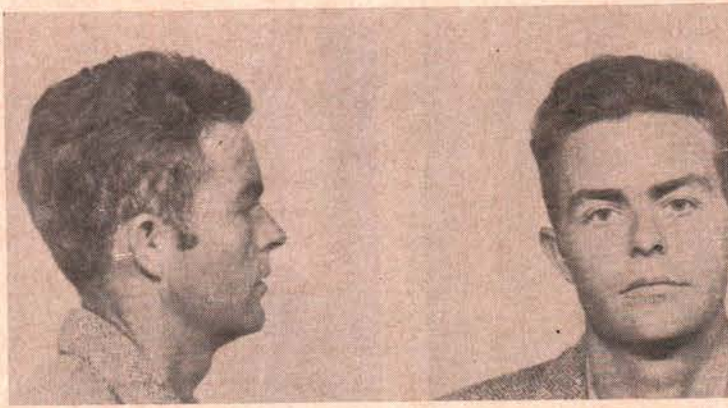


**MICHAEL SPINELLA**  
Alias MARTIN STEEL, JOHN ELWOOD, F. STAEGER, white male, age 66, 5 feet 7 1/2 inches tall, full head silver grey hair, right eye brown, left eye partly brown and partly hazel. Tattoo of letter "M" on bicep, tattoo of dagger piercing word "LOVE," and tattoo of American Shield with crossed hands. Wears 3 or 3 1/2 carat diamond ring on left little finger. Has expensive taste. Known to frequent best places. Subject is traveling with a German woman, last name Staeger, Stringer, Springer, or Kauzer, first name Anne, Amy or A. She is described as age 50, 5'4", 110, long reddish-blond hair. Spinella is wanted for Illegal Entry after Deportation. If apprehended notify U. S. Immigration Service, Miami, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



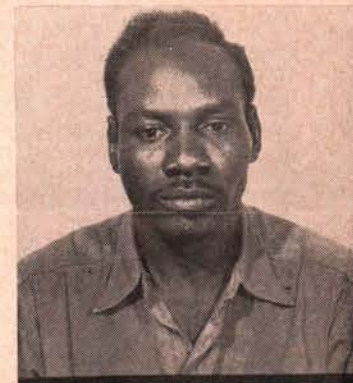
**ROGERS CLARENCE SHINE**  
Alias "SHINE," colored male, age 25, 5 feet, 9 inches tall, weighs 149 pounds, black hair, brown eyes, medium build, medium complexion. FPC: 14, M/I, 30W/20W, MOO/OOI. 17.

Ref: 20/20. Special attention Zellwood area. Warrant issued, charge Aggravated Assault. If apprehended notify Sheriff Kirk, Bell Glade Station, Palm Beach County, or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



**JACK JUNIOR BUCKLES**  
White male, date and place of birth 3-24-24, Carter County, Tenn., 5 feet, 9 inches tall, weighs 145 pounds, brown hair, grey eyes. Has 3 inch scar on forehead. FBI #603356B. FPC: 25, L/L, 9/1, Rr/R, 18. Last

known to be driving a grey 1950 Dodge 4-door Sedan 1960 Florida license, numerals unknown. Warrant issued, charge Grand Larceny. If apprehended notify Police Dept., Pompano Beach, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



**JERRY JOE HANDY**  
Alias "MONEY JOE," colored male, age 39, 5 feet, 6 1/4 inches tall, weighs 131 pounds, medium build, black hair, maroon eyes. FBI #4-666-405. FPC: 7, U/aUt, OII/I-I, 16 Citrus worker. This subject along with two other subjects were responsible for numerous B&E's in Orlando area. Two have been apprehended and have signed statements as to their part in crimes and have involved subject Handy. Warrant issued, charge B&E and Grand Larceny. If apprehended notify Police Dept., Orlando, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



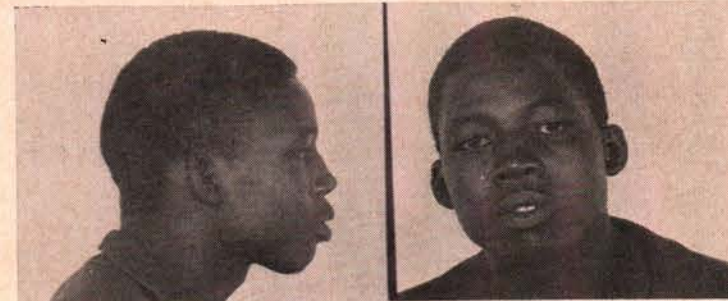
**EDWARD LOUIS BOERNGEN**  
White male, age 29, 5 feet, 9 inches tall, brown hair, blue eyes, fair complexion, medium build. FBI #396 268C. FPC:12, O/I, 31/17, W/R, OOO/IOO,

16. Ref: 15/17. Subject broke away in Court House where he was to be sentenced. If apprehended notify Sheriff Kirk, or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



**MAXIMO LEMUS**  
White male, age 37, 5 feet 6 inches tall, medium build, black hair. Believed to be in Key West. Warrant issued, charge

Aiding and Abetting a Lottery-Bolita. If apprehended notify Sheriff Genung, Clearwater, Florida or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



**CLARENCE FRIZON WILLIAMS**



**MORGAN S. JAMES**

Also known as TED JAMES, M. S. JAMES, white male, age 34, 5 feet, 7 inches tall, weighs 135 pounds, dark brown hair, medium complexion. Driving red 1954 Nash, Continental Kit, 1960 Florida license, numerals unknown. Subject has been selling insurance policies to elderly people in the central

and west central coast area of Florida. He is alleged to represent a legitimate firm in Orlando. His MO is to get the initial premium from the victim, then cashes check. Subject is wanted in Volusia, Orange and Lake Counties. If apprehended notify authorities in above Counties or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.

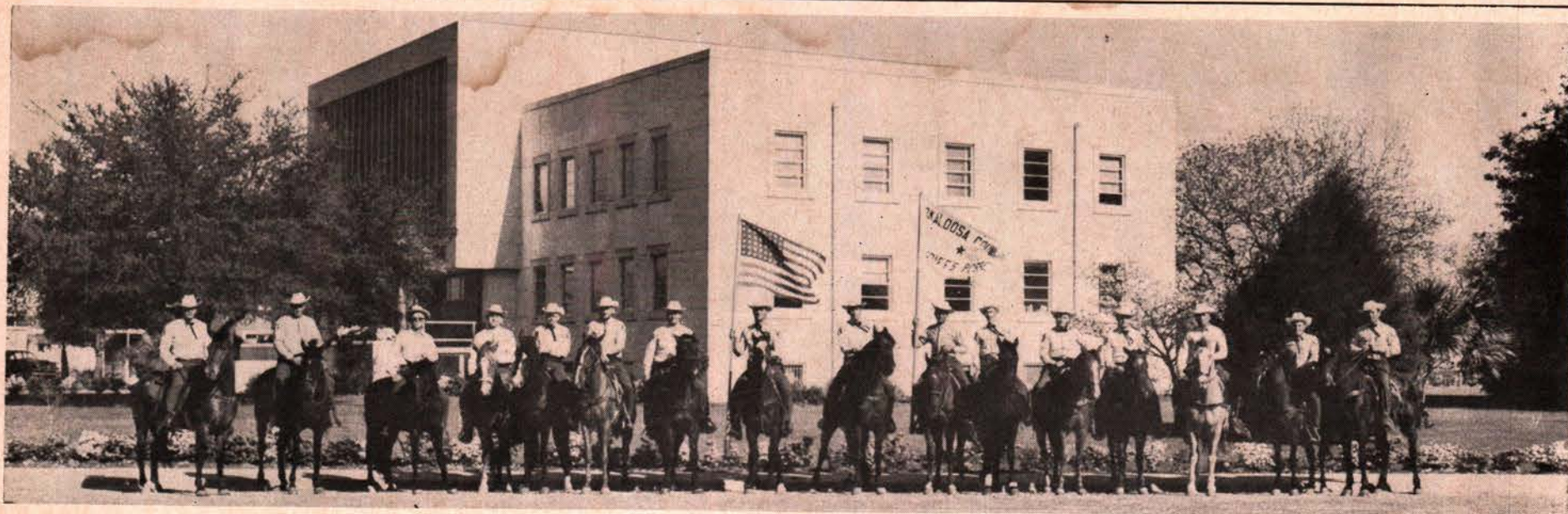


**ROBERT LEE GARRETT**

**CLARENCE FRIZON WILLIAMS and ROBERT LEE GARRETT**  
(Pictures at left)

Williams described as colored male, date of birth 9-27-38, 5 feet, 10 inches tall, weighs 160 pounds. Was in custody but broke arrest and has not been seen since. Garrett described as colored male, date of birth 2-6-40, 5 feet, 11 inches tall, weighs 150 pounds, slender build. Has alias "TAILPIPES." Capiases have been issued, charge Grand Larceny. FBI stops placed. If apprehended notify Police Department West Palm Beach or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.





**CRESTVIEW**—Pictured above is one of the two drill team units in Okaloosa County Sheriff Ray Wilson's mounted posse. The 40-member posse, which is useful in search and rescue work and also performs in parades and other celebrations, will play a prominent role in the Third Annual Old Spanish Trail Festival and Rodeo which will

open here May 23. Sheriff Wilson is pictured between the two flags. Posse Captain Ed Broderick is to the right of the Posse Flag, and, Ed Rytman, drillmaster for this unit, is on the extreme left. The Okaloosa County Court House provides the background.

## 1960 Yearbook Of Association Widely Praised

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cludes Monroe County Sheriff John M. Spottswood, of Key West, chairman; Lee County Sheriff Flanders Thompson, of Ft. Myers, who is also President of the Sheriffs Association; Florida Sheriffs Bureau Director Don McLeod, of Tallahassee; Sarasota County Sheriff Ross Boyer, of Sarasota; and Clay County Sheriff John P. Hall, of Green Cove Springs.

In a President's Message, featured on page one, Sheriff Thompson makes an appeal for a "grass roots approach" to traffic safety "that recognizes the safety resources of our local law enforcement officers."

He points out that local enforcement officers, although they are the least publicized, least promoted and least understood by groups involved in traffic safety, constitute the greatest factor in the field of traffic safety when their manpower, duties and responsibilities are fully recognized.

"It is not my purpose to seek any glory or acclaim for local officers, although they certainly deserve it," he adds. "I am anxious, however, to see that local officers are given an opportunity to cooperate with and participate in all safety programs; and that their full potentialities are used for the security of our citizens and the general welfare of our great state."

Numerous letters and comments have been received praising the Association yearbook.

State Beverage Director L. Grant Peeples called it "the finest piece of editorial work of this type that I have seen in a long time."

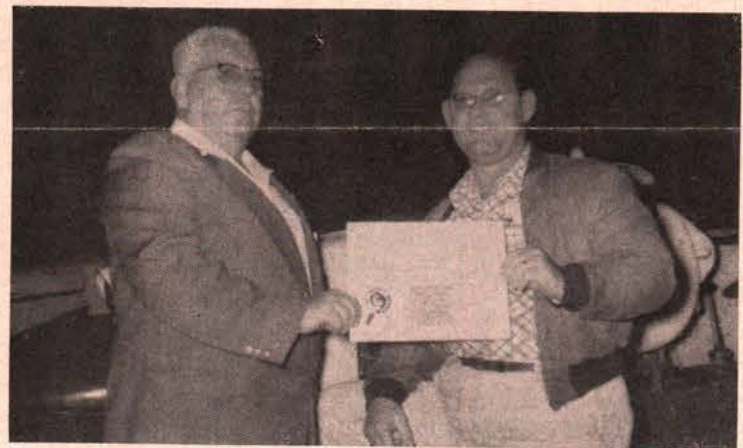
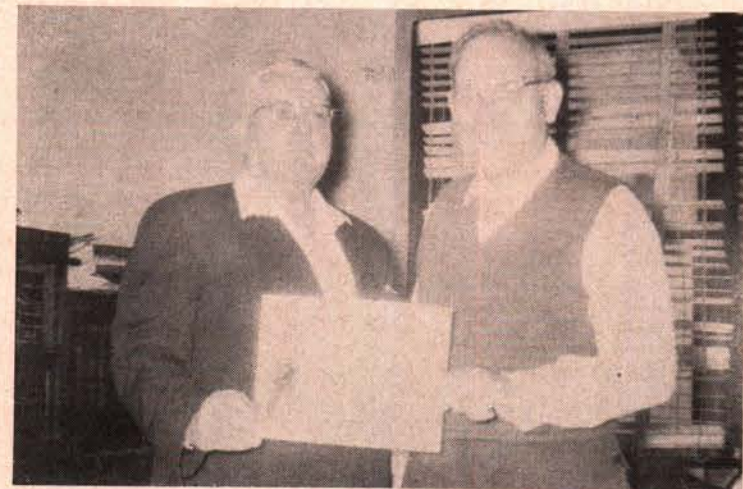
A number of Florida newspapers have published articles lauding the book and its contents.

T. I. McIntosh Jr., an official of the Motor Vehicle Department, commended the Sheriffs Association "for getting out such a nice and useful book." He said it keeps valuable information available at his fingertips.

Each Honorary Member of the Sheriffs Association will receive a copy of the yearbook. It is also available at all sheriff's offices throughout the state.

### Now Hear This

**FT. LAUDERDALE** — Sheriff's Deputies were listening intently for a clue that would lead them to the thief who stole a bass drum and two tom tom drums from E. A. Gullo, of 411 Arizona Ave.



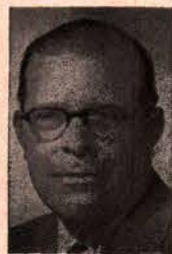
**DADE CITY—RANCH FOUNDERS**—Sheriff Leslie Bessenger presents Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Founders club certificates to persons and organizations who have made major contributions to the Ranch. Reading from top to bottom, the recipients are: Snyder Houston, treasurer of Pasco Packing Co.; Tom Moss, of Moss Tractor Co.; E. B. Larkin, attorney; and Charles Croy, of Croy's Jewelers. (Sheriff's Department photos)

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## Signal 14

(Information)

... to all stations



**DON McLEOD**  
Director

The number of sheriffs' offices and police departments in the state taking advantage of the services offered by the Florida Sheriffs Bureau Crime Laboratory continues to increase daily. According to figures from James E. Halligan, Crime Lab supervisor, this newest-functioning of the FSB units has handled a total of 224 laboratory cases as of April 12.

Florida sheriffs are the greatest contributors of laboratory cases, having sent in 181 since the opening of the Tallahassee laboratory. And leading the list of case contributors is the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office with 18 cases. Close behind is the Polk County Sheriff's Office with 13 cases, Collier County Sheriff's Office with 11 cases, and the Leon County Sheriff's Office with eight cases.

The Crime Lab has also handled 29 cases for Florida police departments and 14 cases for other agencies in the state.

According to Halligan, work in the Tallahassee facility is seldom boring. Laboratory technicians are called upon daily to make a variety of examinations on various types of evidence. These men work on firearms identifications and ballistics tests, toolmark comparisons, blood examinations, seminal stain identifications, hair and fiber comparisons, paint and safe insulation comparisons, plaster cast comparisons, flammable liquid isolation and identification, and a large number of other microscopic and chemical analyses.

No case received at the Crime Lab is routine, says Halligan. Each is handled as a major case. Whether evidence submitted is concerned in a major murder or minor breaking and entering, each receives the same thorough attention when it arrives at the FSB lab.

"A small amount of money stolen in a breaking and entering in one county is just as important to the investigating officers as a major murder in another county," says Halligan, "and each case is given all the attention and time necessary to properly complete any necessary laboratory examinations and analyses."

One of the most widely traveled among FSB employees these days is Lester W. Thompson, the FSB polygraph (lie detector) exam-

iner. During March, Thompson conducted 19 polygraph examinations, rendering his specialized type of assistance in Brevard, Putnam, Osceola, Lake, Citrus and Leon Counties.

During the month of April, Thompson has added many more miles to his travels around the state and seems well on his way toward establishing a new record for the number of polygraph examinations conducted.

According to Mrs. Bertha Catts, who spends many hours daily compiling information for the Sheriffs Crime Bulletin, the publication is now distributed to 680 subscribers in Florida, the Southeast and other parts of the country. One of the most popular services of the FSB, this publication seems to increase in value continually.

Latest reports indicate that Al Ground, head of the Bureau's identification section, is continuing his satisfactory recovery from a serious operation. He is out of the hospital at this writing but is scheduled to return for minor surgery. Friends can send cards and letters to Mr. Albert B. Ground, Mount Alto V. A. Hospital, Ward E2, Wisconsin Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C.

## Jail's No Place For Mental Case

**CLEARWATER**—Sheriff Don Genung and other officials urged the Pinellas County Commissioners to make arrangements for hospitalizing mental patients rather than holding them in the county jail.

Here, as elsewhere in Florida, mental patients are kept in jail awaiting admission to state mental hospitals.

Sheriff Genung said Ancolte Manor, located at Tarpon Springs, had agreed to house the mental patients for a 90-day trial period to determine costs.

He said that during the past six months the county jail had held 60 mental patients, and the average stay was 14 days.

It was estimated that the cost of placing mental patients in a hospital would amount to about \$47,000 a year.

The matter was referred to the budget committee of the county commission.