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Youth Bureau New Approach In Crime War

NAPLES—Sheriff E. A. Doug Hendry's recently established youth bureau represents a new approach to the problem of crime prevention.

Deputy Sheriff John Rogers, who is in charge of the Bureau, explained it this way:

"Preventing juveniles from running afoul of the law is our main objective. If we can indoctrinate youth with knowledge of laws and a belief that they are designed to help rather than harass or restrict, we are carrying out further objectives of the bureau.

"Finally, when these young people begin to feel law enforcement officers are friends and not threats or enemies, our efforts will lead to more success!"

Rogers plans to re-activate Sheriff Hendry's Junior Deputy Sheriff League, an organization that teaches youngsters good citizenship and respect for law enforcement.

His duties also include investigating juvenile crimes and working with parents and teachers to work out problems involving young people.



FORT MYERS—SAFETY POSTER CONTEST—While viewing the results of a serious traffic accident, Lee County Sheriff Flanders G. Thompson (left) and Sam W. Johnston Jr., Chairman of the Accident Prevention Committee of the Florida Association of Insurance Agents, discuss a "Highway Safety Poster Contest" which the F.A.I.A. will sponsor for high school and junior high students. Sheriff Thompson, together with Dade County Sheriff Thomas J. Kelly and Monroe County Sheriff John Spottswood will judge the contest entries at the F.A.I.A. Convention which will be held in Miami Beach, June 29, 30 and July 1, at the Fountainbleu Hotel. First prize for high school students will be a \$100 U. S. Savings Bond, and second prize will be a \$50 bond in the statewide contest. Junior High students will receive identical prizes. The president of F.A.I.A. is Lamar V. Hutchinson, of Orlando; and the Executive Secretary is Tom C. Johnson, of Tampa.

Sheriff Bessenger Maintains High Score in Solving Killings

DADE CITY — Plagued with a series of murder cases, Sheriff Leslie Bessenger has maintained a high score in solving them.

The latest case involved the stabbing death of a Zephyrhills housewife, Mrs. Ruth Bobb Bolt, which occurred Feb. 8.

After an intensive investigation, Sheriff Bessenger announced on Feb. 14 that Terry Graddy, a 21-year-old Negro grove worker, had been arrested and charged with the murder.

Mrs. Bolt was found lying in the driveway of her home by a passing motorist and investigation revealed that she had been stabbed in the chest and back 31 times.

Graddy was arrested Feb. 9, the day after the crime was discovered, and charged with the theft of an auto believed to have been involved in the case. Sheriff Bessenger said the car was stolen and parked in an orange grove near the scene of the stabbing.

A bloodhound following a trail from the slaying scene led investigators to the abandoned car, and fingerprints found on the car matched Graddy's, the Sheriff said.

Also found along the trail were a purse believed to have been stolen from the woman and a penknife believed to have been the murder weapon.

Robbery was termed the motive for the crime after investigators found coins scattered on the floor of the garage at the Bolt home and in the driveway near where Mrs. Bolt's body was found.

Salesman Now

MILTON — Former Santa Rosa County Sheriff John R. Broxson, whose term expired Jan. 3, 1961, is working as a real estate salesman here, according to the Milton Press Gazette.



VALUABLE CLUE—Sheriff Leslie Bessenger points to spot where investigators found stolen purse which provided a valuable clue in solving the knife slaying of a Zephyrhills housewife.

Crackdown Begun By Doug Willis

OCALA—Several arrests and a stern warning marked the beginning of a bolita and moonshine crackdown by Sheriff Doug Willis.

"Marion County has been known as one of the cleanest counties in the state," he said, "and I intend to return it to that reputation. We will not tolerate any illegal activity."

Sheriffs to Sponsor Progressive Line-up Of Legislative Bills

The Florida Sheriffs Association will sponsor in the 1961 session of the Florida Legislature a number of progressive bills designed to promote better law enforcement and aid Sheriffs in their fight against crime.

Among them will be proposed laws to crack down on check forgers, hoodlums who deface churches and persons who use obscene and indecent language on the telephone.

Also included will be bills to do away with county road patrols operated by county commissioners and to halt the improper use of flashing red lights and sirens on motor vehicles.

Here is a summary of the Association-backed bills as approved by the Legislative Committee under the chairmanship of Monroe County Sheriff John Spottswood:

1. A bill to revise Section 831.01 and 831.02, Florida Statutes, relating to the crime of forgery, so as to eliminate change made in 1959 which had the effect of reducing forgery to a mere misdemeanor if the amount involved was less than \$100.

2. A bill to authorize the various sheriffs' offices throughout the State to obtain liability insurance to cover possible damages arising from false arrest, false imprisonment, and false or improper service of process.

3. A bill authorizing and requiring a copy of each motor vehicle registration to be supplied the sheriff's office in each county.

4. A bill establishing a special retirement study committee to study and make recommendations on State and County retirement laws, particularly including provisions for law enforcement officers.

5. A bill amending the law relating to tangible personal property owned by the counties, so as to authorize the sheriff to be custodian of property of his office.

6. A bill repealing Chapter 146, Florida Statutes, which is an archaic and little used law authorizing Boards of County Commissioners to establish their own road patrols, independent of other law enforcement functions in the county.

7. A bill to make it unlawful and provide a penalty for the anonymous use of obscene and indecent language on a telephone.

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Crevasse Raps Obscene Books

GAINESVILLE — "Public opinion is perhaps the greatest weapon toward combating lurid and obscene literature," Sheriff Joe M. Crevasse Jr. told the Gainesville Pilot Club.

He said churches and civic organizations could do much by publicly condemning the distribution of such materials.

"Women's clubs throughout the state have openly presented a resolution condemning this material. Its influence is definitely causing some of the problems we have with our youngsters today," he continued.

Comparing the obscene literature problem to the narcotics habit in its effect on morals, he disclosed that he had received many reports that six and eight-year-old youngsters were able to purchase this kind of material on newsstands.

"Our courts and legislators are interested," he said, "and when enough people oppose it, it is hoped that this type of literature will be entirely removed from the open display which some unscrupulous vendors allow."

Southenders Like Anderson's Move

DEFUNIAK SPRINGS—The South Walton Civic Association commended Sheriff Howard Anderson for naming a deputy sheriff to cover the south section of the county.

The Association said it hoped this would help to bring about a better understanding between all sections of the county. The new post was assigned to Deputy Sheriff Walker Caswell, of Freeport.

Letter to Gov. Bryant Praises Holton's Work in Larceny Case

ARCADIA—Terminal Transport Co., in a letter to Gov. Farris Bryant, praised DeSoto County Sheriff Lloyd Holton for his handling of a payroll padding case in which one of the firm's former employees was charged with grand larceny.

Here is the text of the letter:

Dear Governor Bryant:

We wish to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation for the invaluable assistance of Sheriff Lloyd Holton of DeSoto County, Florida, in an investigation he made on some fidelity losses that we experienced at our former Arcadia, Florida, terminal.

He made a complete and thorough investigation, using all of the facilities at his command which led to the admission of guilt and apprehension of the people involved. His pursuit in rapidly handling this to conclusion, we feel, is highly commendable.

He and his staff worked from early in the morning until late at night, and we feel that your office as well as the Florida Sheriffs Association should be advised of the efforts that Sheriff Holton made. We sincerely appreciate his indulgence, un-

tiring efforts and his complete cooperation for an admirable job well done.

Very truly yours,
TERMINAL TRANSPORT CO., INC.
M. E. Alexander
Executive Vice-President

Former Sumter Sheriff Dies

WILDWOOD — William T. Coleman, 64, former Sheriff of Sumter County, died Feb. 5, in a Leesburg hospital following a long illness.

He was elected sheriff in 1928 and served through 1945. He was an honorary lifetime member of the Florida Sheriffs Association and also served the Association as president and secretary.

He was a member of the State Hotel Commission at one time and was also connected with the state prison system.

His father, A. T. Coleman, was Sheriff of Sumter County for 20 years, from 1905 through 1925, making a total of 36 years that father and son held the office.

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MISSING PERSONS

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JOHN M. BECKMANN

White male, age 62, 6 feet, 1 inch tall, weighs 215 pounds, grey hair and eyes, ruddy complexion; 1½ inch transverse scar on lower back. Missing since January 6, 1961. He left his home on that date at the usual time enroute to his office as a Police Commissioner, Police Department, County of Nassau, New York. When last seen he was wearing grey suit, white shirt, dark grey overcoat. The overcoat and suit jacket initialed "JMB." Wore low black shoes, size 10, make "Bass", grey hat size 7½ initialed "JMB", Ruby ring on little finger, man's Longine wrist watch, yellow gold, case #373-058. His police-assigned automobile was found abandoned Meadowbrook Causeway, near Jones Beach, New York. Please check amnesia victims and unidentified bodies. If located notify Chief of Detectives, Police Headquarters, Mineola, New York, or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



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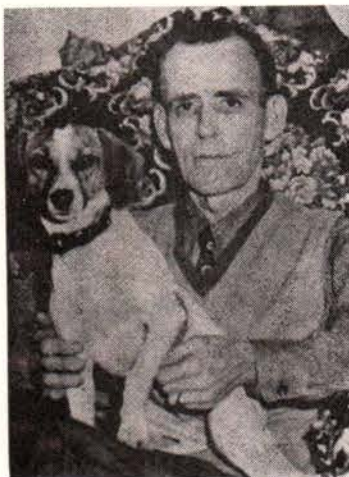
Nee Violet TURLISH, white female, age 29, 5 feet, 3 inches tall, weighs 118 pounds, blond hair, green eyes. Has worked as a Cosmetician, and as a baby sitter. Missing from her home in New Jersey since November 18, 1960. At that time was driving 1955 Buick Super Tudor Hard Top, white, blue, white, Ser. #3028843, 1960 N. J. License BMJ 583. If located notify Sheriff McCall, Tavares, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.

Still Found Under House

TAMPA — Sheriff's Deputies and State Beverage Department Agents encountered a new wrinkle when they found a moonshine still buried under a house a little more than a mile from downtown Tampa.

Officers said the 50-gallon plant was capable of turning out \$1,200 worth of moonshine every five days. The floor above the cooker was charred from fire used in heating the still and the officers said they were at a loss to explain how the moonshiners kept from burning the house down.

Occupants of the house, Simon Hilliard Sr., 45, and two teen-age sons, were arrested and charged with beverage law violations.



ALEXANDER VIVIAN POLSON

White male, age 67, 5 feet 6 inches tall, weighs 125 pounds, brown-greying hair, blue eyes; has injured big toe on each foot—toss nails off. Wears dark rimmed glasses, gold watch on right wrist. Born Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. Retired Electrical Engineer. Has arteriosclerosis. Has previously lived in Jupiter, Fla. Missing from Seabeck, Washington since July 7, 1960. \$100.00 reward to person whose information leads to locating subject. If located notify Sheriff, Port Orchard, Washington, or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.

Bradford Posse Names Officers

STARKE — The Bradford County Sheriffs Mounted Posse re-elected the following officers at a meeting last month:

Dolph Reddish, son of Sheriff Pete Reddish, captain; Arthur Adkins, first lieutenant; Robert Green, second lieutenant; Tommy Hamilton and Fred McDavid, sergeants; Mike Gilhooly, secretary; Bill Soto, treasurer; and V. R. Smith, chaplain.



MIAMI—STRONG SPEECH, STRONG COFFEE—After delivering a stern speech about "Communism on our Doorstep," Dade County Sheriff Thomas J. Kelly accepts a cup of coffee from Mrs. Peter Venskus, president of the Sheriff's Employees Auxiliary. The occasion was a meeting to collect articles for Cuban Relief. Mrs. Kelly was the hostess.



TALLAHASSEE — HEN HOUSE HAVEN — Enforcement officers had something to crow about when they looked into the henhouse pictured above and found 26 gallons of moonshine — and no chickens. The raiding officers were (from left) Deputy Sheriff Jack Dawkins, Federal Agent Don Perry, Deputy Sheriff I. G. Love and State Beverage Department Agent Buford Teston.

Prisoners Fed For 40c a Day By Galloway

TAVARES—Cost of law enforcement has gone up a bit since 1888, according to recently uncovered reports kept by Lake County's first elected sheriff, J. P. Galloway.

Sheriff Willis McCall, the county's present chief law enforcement officer, said the records were found in a court house storeroom and he plans to turn them over to the Lake County Historical Society.

They contain the names of prisoners and the cost of arrest, confinement and feeding. They show that Galloway received 40 cents a day for feeding prisoners, 50 cents for an arrest and 50 cents for jailing a prisoner.

Today the cost of feeding prisoners is over \$1 a day and the cost of arrest and confinement has been estimated at over \$10. Business apparently wasn't very brisk in Galloway's day. His records show that most of the time there was only one prisoner in the jail and the maximum was 12.

Currently Sheriff McCall is host to an average of 86 prisoners a day.



UNIDENTIFIED MURDER VICTIM

On February 5, 1961, a white female, 5 feet, 5 inches tall, weighing 130 pounds, medium brown hair worn shoulder length, hazel eyes, was found murdered by shotgun blasts in the Cape Haze area, Charlotte County. She has a Caesarian sector scar on the abdomen, short, chubby hands with fingernails broken to the quick. She is unidentified as no purse or other personal effects could be found. Any person recognizing this subject please contact Sheriff Parnell, Punta Gorda, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.

Yes, feller, you're getting old when you begin to realize that the way you feel when you wake up won't wear off during the day.

"The Lawyer's Corner"

Edited by JOHN A. MADIGAN, JR.
Attorney for the Florida
Sheriffs Association

A digest of recent Attorney
General's opinions of interest
to Law Enforcement officers.

COURTS; PROPER IDENTIFICATION OF JUVENILES IN POLICE FILES—The City Police Department is not authorized to retain in its files the full names of juveniles involved in accidents and criminal cases, since Section 39.03(6), Florida Statutes, provides for identification of juveniles by initial and court case number only.

060-188—JUVENILE COURT COUNSELORS; FILING OF PETITION UNDER SECTION 39.04, FLORIDA STATUTES—Upon receipt of reliable information, an investigation may be conducted by either the counselor or assistant counselor of the Juvenile Court without having to first file a petition himself or get someone else to file it, under Section 39.04, Florida Statutes. Further, after such an investigation has been made, the counselor or assistant counselor shall file the petition, provided that such investigation discloses reasonable grounds for belief that such child is either dependent or delinquent.

060-191—GAME LAW VIOLATIONS; FORFEITURE OF WEAPONS AND ARMS UNDER SECTIONS 790.07 AND 790.08, FLORIDA STATUTES—When a gun is found upon a person arrested for a hunting law offense which involves the use or attempted use of such gun, the provisions of Section 790.08, Florida Statutes, require the forfeiture of such gun upon the conviction of the person arrested for such offense.

060-192—"SCHLITZ FLORIDA \$500,000 FISHING CONTEST"; LOTTERIES—The "Schlitz Florida \$500,000 Fishing Contest" may or may not constitute a lottery under the laws of Florida: If the company, after obtaining a release agreeing to the use of the name, picture, etc. of the winning contestant, makes a good-faith use of the names and pictures of such winning contestants in the company's advertising campaign, then the contest would not constitute a lottery; however, should such use not be made, the award given to winning contestants would be by chance, and the contest would constitute a lottery.

060-198—MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS; FELONS; VIOLATION OF SECTION 790.23, FLORIDA STATUTES—It is a violation of Section 790.23, Florida Statutes, for a municipal police officer to own or have a pistol in his care, custody, possession, or control when he was convicted of a felony in 1927 and has never had his civil rights restored, if, and only if, (1) his conviction was in a Florida court, or (2) the offense for which he was convicted was punishable with death, regardless of whether he was convicted under the laws of Florida or under the laws of another state of the United States.

060-206—POWERS OF ARREST; COUNSELORS AND ASSISTANT COUNSELORS; BASIS FOR—A juvenile court counselor or assistant counselor, who has been appointed a deputy sheriff, pursuant to Subsection 4 of Section 39.17, Florida Statutes, is limited by the provisions of Section 901.15, Florida Statutes, when making arrests without warrant and that signed statements by juveniles and court room testimony of minors do not justify arrests by him without warrant.

Boys Ranch Round-Up

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

Founders Club Roster Grows

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.

Obrig Laboratories, Inc., Sarasota
 Mrs. Charles Thomas, West Hollywood
 Miss Katherine Colbert, St. Petersburg
 Miss Ruth A. Colbert, St. Petersburg
 Richard R. Sibson, Miami Sportsman's Club, Jacksonville
 Orlando Wholesale Beer Industry, Orlando
 W. T. Clute, Daytona Beach
 Fulton S. Kelly, St. Petersburg
 Dade County Motorcycle Dealers Association, Miami
 Orange City Lions Club, Orange City
 Bradenton Trailer Park Family Hour, Bradenton
 Crenshaw - McMichael Seed Company, Tampa
 Ross F. Welhof & Associates, St. Petersburg
 Knight's Trailer Service, St. Petersburg
 M. Bruce Campbell, St. Petersburg Beach
 Mrs. Nell Harrison, Clearwater
 Richard Dilley, St. Petersburg
 Senior Women's Club of Kenneth, St. Petersburg
 Edith Wilson, Clearwater
 John Wilson, Clearwater
 Clifton Stephens, Clearwater
 Paul Trent, Clearwater
 Delight Trent, Clearwater
 Jean Stephens, Clearwater
 Earl Gebhardt, Clearwater
 Susie Gebhardt, Clearwater
 Dr. Edgar E. Hitchcock, Orlando
 Mrs. Marie Lubinski, Riviera Beach
 Carol Mander, Largo
 Clarence Mander, Largo
 Mr. and Mrs. John Pennington, Live Oak
 Bill Roberts, Clearwater
 Madelyn Roberts, Clearwater
 Evelyn Rockhold, Clearwater
 Dr. L. E. Rockhold, Clearwater
 A. L. Mechling, Fort Myers Beach
 Norval M. Marr, M.D., St. Petersburg
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 H. R. Williams, Inc., Daytona Beach
 The Allstate Foundation, St. Petersburg
 Washington Manufacturing Company, Nashville, Tenn.
 J. S. Blain, Miami
 Self Service Shoe Store, Tampa
 Mrs. Betty Mueller, Madeira Beach
 The Sheriffs Department, Clearwater
 William Hall, St. Petersburg
 Col. Harry E. Storms, St. Petersburg
 Walter L. Jacques, Sr., Pinellas Park
 Mrs. Walter L. Jacques, Sr., Pinellas Park
 The Sheriffs Department, Dade City
 Hagan Parrish, Bartow
 Celia Howell, Dunedin
 Douglas Kearney, Largo
 Ethel G. Uterhardt, Zephyrhills
 Ross P. Barranco, St. Petersburg
 Chief Deputy J. H. Greer, Fort Myers
 Gerald E. Harris, St. Petersburg
 Edward W. Powell, Clearwater

James F. MaGurne, Clearwater
 Richard A. Parker, St. Petersburg
 R. Jay Kraeer, Pompano Beach
 Sarasota Lanes, Inc., Sarasota
 Mrs. J. J. Williams, Jr., Sarasota
 C. V. Griffin, Sr., Howey-In-The-Hills
 Clifton J. Finch, Port Salerno
 James W. Wallace, Live Oak
 Sheriff J. L. Hobby, Sanford
 Pasco County Sheriffs Department, Dade City
 Fort Pierce Shrine Club, Fort Pierce
 Samuel J. Goldfarb Foundations, Inc., Miami Beach
 Mrs. Viola Nice, Pass-A-Grille
 Veterans of Foreign Wars, Land O Lakes
 Mrs. Ina B. Clarke, Naples
 Chester Walker, Immokalee
 Immokalee Ranch, Immokalee
 Clyde Bishop, Immokalee
 Burdine Ranch, Immokalee
 Johnny Jump, Immokalee
 Bobby Roberts, Immokalee
 Miles Scofield, Immokalee
 Immokalee Chamber of Commerce, Immokalee
 Immokalee Volunteer Fire Department, Immokalee
 R. Roberts, Immokalee
 Edward W. Beattie, Jr., Sarasota
 Shaler H. Vaughan, Ocala
 Anthony J. Riese, Lutz
 Lewis Van Wezel, Sarasota



MIAMI BEACH—CASH IN HAND—Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Administrator Tom Kelly (left) smiles happily as he receives from Pinellas County Sheriff Don Genung, Ranch Trustees chairman; and J. L. McMullen (right), Ranch treasurer, a check for \$20,000 to be used to start construction of a dining hall at the Ranch. Issuance of the check from Ranch funds was authorized at a meeting of the Ranch Trustees here, at the DiLido Hotel, February 3.

Construction of New Dining Hall Will Increase Ranch Enrollment

Construction of a \$35,000 dining hall is now under way as the next step in expansion of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

The ranch-style brick building will provide a dining room for 120 boys, a modern kitchen, storage facilities for foodstuffs, and two apartments for staff members.

It is designed so that it can be converted into a residence building when growth of the Ranch justifies construction of a proposed cafetorium which will be used as a dining hall and auditorium.

At the present time a portion of one of the residence build-

ings at the Ranch is being used as a dining hall. When the new dining hall is completed, this area will be converted into living quarters and the capacity of the Ranch will be increased from 31 to 40 boys.

In addition to the dining hall project, other current improvements include a photographic darkroom, a barber shop, a bicycle repair shop, a woodworking shop and a paved play area.

A new, improved 80-acre pasture is now in use and will allow enlargement of the Ranch herd of beef cattle.

White painted board fences down both sides of the entrance road have added greatly to the scenic beauty of the Ranch.

Rancher Wins Two Ribbons

MADISON—Wally Edwards, one of the boys enrolled at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, captured two ribbons when he entered his Black Angus steer in the Madison County Livestock Show.

He placed second in showmanship and his animal placed second in the lightweight class.

The steer was sold for 45 cents a pound to the Commercial Bank of Live Oak.

Outstanding in Future Farmers of America activities, Wally was a delegate to the National FFA Convention, in Kansas City, last year.

Serves 'em Right . . .

CLEARWATER—Cattle rustlers who killed a sick cow and stole the hind quarters will find that crime doesn't pay if they try to eat any of the meat. Prior to the theft a veterinarian injected the cow with Ergonol, a powerful drug which could cause violent illness to anyone consuming the meat.

Reverse Tip

ST. PETERSBURG — A bellhop reversed the usual procedure by giving a \$100 tip to the boys from the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. Bruce "Soupy" Campbell, bell captain at the Desert Ranch Motel, met the boys when they spent the night there and he was apparently well impressed.

After they left he started saving his tips and when they reached \$100 he sent the money to the Boys Ranch.

In Memoriam

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

Mrs. Marie L. Tippins, Tarpon Springs; in memory of Judge J. S. Register.
 Mrs. Grace M. Millet, St. Petersburg; in memory of Harry A. Millet.
 Sheriff and Mrs. Leslie Bessenger, Dade City; in memory of Mrs. Leeuwenburg of Wilmington, N. C.
 Mrs. J. P. MacVaugh, St. Petersburg; in memory of J. P. MacVaugh.
 Mrs. Elizabeth P. Harper, St. Petersburg; in memory of Charles H. Harper.
 Mrs. J. M. Morrow, Auburndale; in memory of Dr. Tom Cook, Jr.
 Mrs. Edith F. Conn, Tampa; in memory of Leon Long.
 Mrs. Leland King, St. Petersburg; in memory of Harry A. Kingsland.
 Mrs. Hilda Mack, St. Petersburg; in memory of Harry A. Kingsland.
 Mrs. Robert Davis, Ajo, Arizona; in memory of Robert Edgington.
 Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Lawson, Clearwater; in memory of Irving T. Cost, Clifton Springs, New York.
 Mrs. Margaret Tarapani, Tarpon Springs; in memory of Judge Josh Register.
 Mr. Norman J. Allbright, Chicago; in memory of Robert O. Law.
 Mr. Docie Bass, Ft. Walton Beach; in memory of Luther Clary.

Eugene M. Johns, Ocala; in memory of Sheriff F. L. McGehee.

Mr. Robert W. Underwood, Arcadia; in memory of James L. Ford.

Mrs. Elizabeth P. Harper and William P. Harper, St. Petersburg; in memory of Charles P. Harper.

Dolomite Products, Inc., Ocala; in memory of W. M. McCutcheon.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Coppel, St. Petersburg; in memory of Mary D. Coppel.

The Memorial Fund will perpetuate the memory of deceased relatives and friends by providing the financing for a facility of permanent significance such as a Ranch chapel.

Send contributions to Memorial Fund, Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, P. O. Box 649, Live Oak, Florida.

Boys Ranch Program Lauded in Letter to Governor Bryant

The following letter addressed to Governor Farris Bryant was written by Randolph E. Wise, Commissioner of the City of Philadelphia Department of Public Welfare, after he had viewed a sound and color movie describing the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, a home for needy and worthy boys established by the Florida Sheriffs Association. The movie was presented in Philadelphia by Sheriff Don Genung while he was attending the 18th Regional Forum of the National Jail Association.

Dear Governor Bryant:
 The 18th Regional Forum of

the National Jail Association is convened in Philadelphia this week. While in attendance, I had the opportunity to witness "A Hand-Up," a movie which describes the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch presented by the Florida Sheriffs Association. I was extremely impressed with this documentary and of the progressive step taken by the Sheriffs Association of Florida to prevent and to control the spread of delinquency.

You can appreciate that by virtue of my position, I have more than a casual interest in this problem, and therefore, what I observed in "A Hand-Up" assures that the Florida approach is a sound one.

From both the picture and my conversation with Mr. Don Genung, Sheriff, Pinellas County, I learned much about this particular program.

I wish to convey to you my heartfelt congratulations for this forward and humane step which the State of Florida is taking to provide disadvantaged youth another opportunity.

I am sure this dramatic picture will inspire other communities throughout the country to move along similar programs.

To you, to the Sheriffs Association and to the good people of Florida who are supporting this organization, I offer sincere congratulations.

Sincerely yours,
 RANDOLPH E. WISE
 COMMISSIONER

Memorial Fund
 Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch
 P. O. Box 649
 Live Oak, Florida

Enclosed find contribution of \$ _____

In memory of _____

Send acknowledgment to:

Name _____

Address _____

From (Donor's Name) _____

Address _____

Don Genung Increases Manpower Without Expense to Taxpayers

(The following article was written by Lee Fennell and is reprinted from the Nov. 25, 1960, issue of the Clearwater Sun.)

CLEARWATER — On land, sea or air, the criminal hasn't got a chance in Pinellas County. For the arm of the law here stretches long and reaches easily into any element necessary — whether to capture an escaped murderer or to find a lost child.

The man who has developed this extreme versatility of law enforcement, this network to cover the county like the sun, is Pinellas Sheriff Don Genung.

And he has done it without expense to the taxpayer.

Since assuming office two years ago, Genung has organized successive volunteer groups with vehicles, horses and boats, and is now setting up one with airplanes.

All unpaid volunteers who furnish their own mode of transportation as well as their own uniforms, the sheriff's mobile posse, mounted posse, water posse and the now-forming air posse are on call at all times in case of emergency or disaster.

With these combined auxiliary units and several hundred volunteer "special deputies" who are now organized into groups, Genung can muster a force of more than 500 men within a few hours to augment his regular force.

First of the volunteer units formed by Genung was the mobile posse, now consisting of 38 specially trained men ready to aid the sheriff in any emergency. Authorized as deputy sheriffs, members' equipment includes a jeep, emergency truck with a pneumatic, grappling hooks, climbing rigs, stretchers and various types of lights used in rescue operations.

Fully Trained

Organized two years ago, the mobile posse is trained in civil defense, first aid, traffic control and the handling of mob violence.

Formed with an initial roster of 20 men, the posse will eventually be expanded to a full strength of 50.

The mounted posse, formed eight months after the mobile unit, now has 53 members with their own horses, equipment and uniforms.

The unsalaried group is used primarily to hunt escaped prisoners and to search for lost children or elderly people who have wandered off into some of the county's heavy undergrowth. The unit has answered about 125 calls since it was organized a year and a half ago.

In addition to aiding the sheriff's department, the mounted posse took on a project designed to help youngsters build respect for law enforcement — and formed the junior mounted posse.

Organized eight months ago, the junior group became very popular with Pinellas youngsters and there were soon too many for one unit. The junior mounted posse then split into three units — St. Petersburg, Dunedin and Largo — and now has a total of 73 boys and girls between 7 and 17.

Get Instruction

As well as acquainting Pinellas County youth with the activities of law enforcement, the junior posse gives members an opportunity to enjoy the fellowship of other young horse fanciers, to participate in drills, parades and other public activities, and an opportunity to receive instruction in horsemanship that they may not be able to receive otherwise.

Also formed eight months ago, the sheriff's water posse now has 15 boat owners ready to assist in any disaster or emergency. Trained in water safety and rescue, members of this group patrol the waters of Pinellas County at regular in-

tervals to assist the sheriff in enforcement of boating laws.

Each member of the water posse is trained in the use of grappling hooks, artificial respiration and methods of basic law enforcement.

Genung said that the water posse has been an immense help in a public education program

on the new state boat registration law and the motor boat and water safety law.

The water and mobile posses worked together to publish a pamphlet on motor boat laws and water safety hints which was distributed to the public.

Buy Emergency Vehicle

In addition to paying for the

pamphlet, money raised by the two groups through selling advertising space was used to purchase and equip an emergency vehicle which was donated to the sheriff's department.

The mobile and water posses also plan to put on classes for Explorer Scouts, teaching water and boat safety, law enforcement techniques, and other related subjects.

Though still in the organizing stages, the air posse will consist of persons with private planes who are interested in aiding law enforcement in the county. In the past, Genung has called on the Coast Guard and the Civil Air Patrol when he needed air search or assistance.

The sheriff commended both groups highly and said their assistance would have cost the taxpayers several hundred thousand dollars if the county had to pay for the services.

While all of the volunteer units have already proven invaluable during their brief lifespan, Genung sees their greatest benefit in the event of natural or man-made major disaster.

And whether it be a devastating hurricane or a sneak nuclear attack, Genung will have hundreds of trained, equipped men ready to move in to give emergency aid and maintain law and order.

Starr Praised For Teamwork In Crime Cases

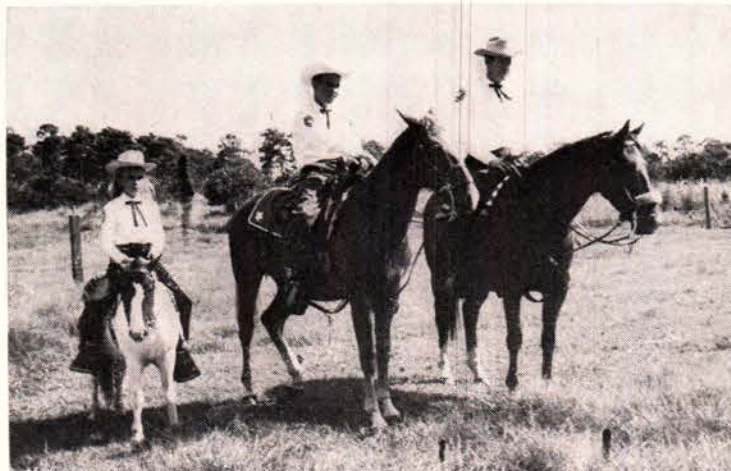
ORLANDO — The Orlando Star, daily newspaper, praised the cooperative efforts of Sheriff Dave Starr and Orlando Police Chief Carlisle Johnstone in solving a series of burglaries.

"It is to the credit of Sheriff Starr and Police Chief Johnstone and their deputies and detectives that this spirit of cordial cooperation exists, by contrast with the conflict of interest and authority elsewhere," the Star stated.

"An outstanding recent example of the value of such cooperative effort was the unified efforts of all the sheriffs in the state, through the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, in the five-year hunt for the slayers of Judge Chillingworth and his wife, of West Palm Beach."

"Sheriff Starr and Police Chief Johnstone have shown an encouraging readiness to work with each other on crime problems of the respective jurisdictions and the public as a whole will benefit."

The way to safe driving is down any highway. The driver is what counts.



CLEARWATER—PINELLAS POSSES—These pictures illustrate the wide range of assistance Pinellas County Sheriff Don Genung receives from his various posses, which are citizen groups serving without pay. Shown in the pictures are members of his mobile posse, water posse and mounted posse. (Photos courtesy the Clearwater Sun.)

Trip to Bank Trips Burglars

MADISON — A minor crime wave involving two 16-year-old boys came to an end when the boys went to a bank to exchange \$30 in stolen coins for currency.

A teller at the bank gave a description of the boys and Sheriff S. H. Moore picked them up and charged them with breaking and entering six Madison establishments.

The Sheriff said they stole cash, cigarettes, candy, clothing and other items, but their biggest job, a haul of \$85 from a coin machine, led to their downfall when they attempted to convert the change into currency.

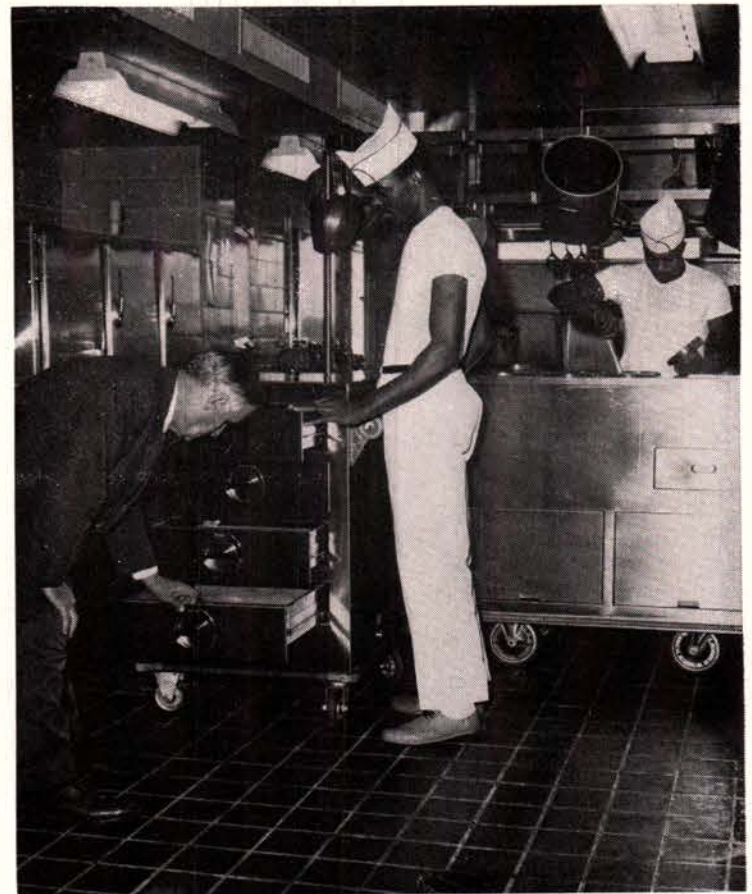
Bonds Sold for Hardee Jail Job

WAUCHULA — Bonds to finance construction of an addition to the Hardee County jail were sold by the County Commission at an interest rate of 3.3 per cent on Feb. 6.

The bonds totaled \$170,000. Construction of the jail additions is expected to start in April or May.

Jail Rated High

JACKSONVILLE — The overall operation of the Duval County Jail was rated as "excellent" following an inspection by R. P. McLendon, State Prison Inspector. The jail is operated by Sheriff Dale Carson.



ORLANDO—CLEAN KITCHEN—Sheriff Dave Starr inspects the spick-and-span new kitchen at the Orange County Jail with a feeding capacity of 600. "If you can find a cockroach," he commented, "I'll eat it." (Photo courtesy THE CORNER CUPBOARD.)

Lawmen Are Boys' Friends

MARIANNA — Students at the Florida School for Boys receive frequent reminders that law enforcement officers are their friends even after they have run afoul of the law.

For example, Sheriff and Police departments in two counties sent cash gifts to students from their counties last Christmas. The gifts amounted to \$83 from Escambia County and \$99 from Polk County.

Many juvenile courts throughout the state also sent gifts and money.

Another reminder of friendship the boys have is the Florida Sheriffs Association Scholarship Program which finances college education for honor students.

Tindall's Chief Deputy in Polk

BARTOW — Claude A. Tindall, who was the Democratic candidate for Sheriff in Broward County in 1960, is now employed as chief criminal deputy under Polk County Sheriff Monroe Gannan.

Tindall is the son of Young Tindall, former Sheriff of Osceola County, and he began his own law enforcement career as a deputy sheriff in Charlotte County in 1936. Since then he has also served as a deputy in Osceola and Broward Counties.

Negro Deputy

PALATKA — Vernon Tillman, a native of Palatka and a former instructor at Central Academy Elementary School, has been hired by Sheriff E. W. Pellicer as Putnam County's first full-time, uniformed Negro deputy sheriff.

Alert Deputy On Vacation Nabs Thieves

TITUSVILLE—Law enforcement officers seldom get away from their work. It seems to follow them wherever they go.

Take the case of Ralph Clark, Chief Criminal Investigator for Brevard County Sheriff James W. Dunn. Clark was heading south on a pleasure trip with his wife and small daughter when the short-wave radio in his car gave a description of a stolen car driven by two armed white men.

Shortly afterward he passed a car fitting the description, and he pulled off the road to allow the car to pass so he could check the license number. The number checked with that given in the radio alert.

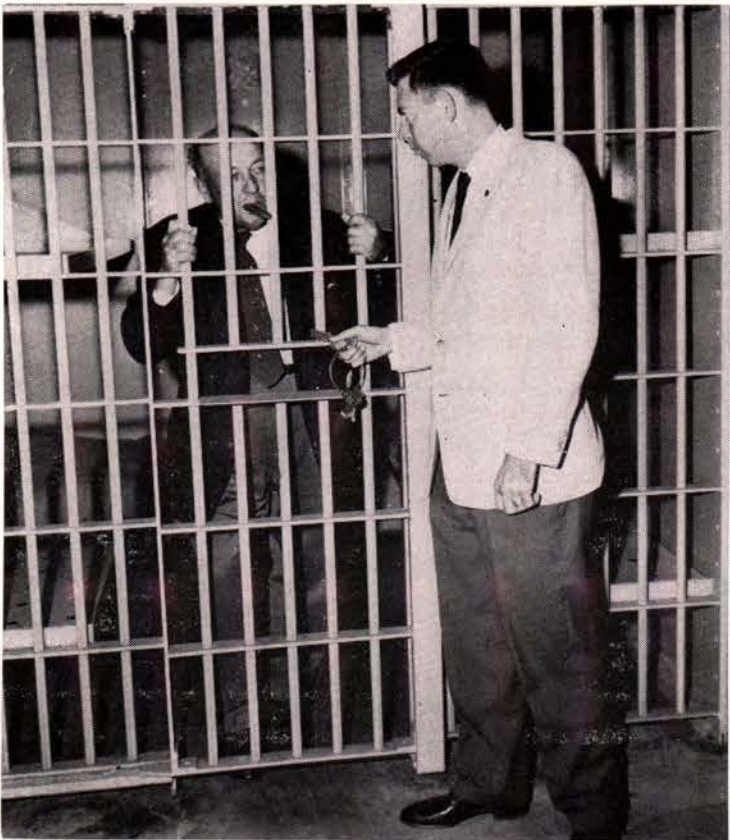
Clark followed the stolen car and when it pulled into a motel driveway, he pulled in behind it. He jumped from his car with drawn gun and ordered the men to come out of the car.

After searching them he radioed a report that the stolen car had been located. Then he held the two men at gunpoint until Okeechobee County Sheriff Jack McPherson arrived to take them into custody.

The rest of the trip to West Palm Beach was uneventful for the Deputy and his family.



MACCLENNY — CONFISCATED MULE—Sheriff Ed Yarbrough inspects mule and cart he confiscated during a raid on a moonshine still. He at first decided to keep the mule until March and dispose of it during a county auction, but the ornery critter made a hog of himself and got into the Sheriff's calf feed, so an earlier sale was arranged. The mule and cart had been used to haul supplies to the still and tote moonshine away, due to the fact that the still site was inaccessible to cars and trucks. (Photo courtesy Florida Times-Union.)



ST. AUGUSTINE—JAILED FOR A GOOD CAUSE—Sheriff L. O. Davis Jr., agreed to go to jail to help the annual Heart Fund Campaign, and he is shown here being locked up by Tony Cataleta, Heart Fund Chairman. Contributors were urged to give generously so they could "bail the Sheriff out." (Photo by Rupert Chastain.)

Linton's Audit Report Good

PERRY — A State Auditing Department report covering the period from October 1, 1959, to July 31, 1960, stated that the records of Taylor County Sheriff Maurice Linton were well kept on forms prescribed for the uniform system of accounts.

The acquisition and disposition of property was properly reported to the Board of County Commissioners during the audit period and the internal control over cash collections was described as adequate.

Budget expenditures were held within budget appropriations and were properly supported by invoices. Bids were procured on major equipment purchases.

Sheriff Halts Gypsy Thefts

LIVE OAK—Gypsies who conned residents of this area out of sums of money ranging from 50 cents to \$75 were put out of business by the sheriff's department.

Sheriff Hugh Lewis said the Gypsies would call at a rural home, seeking elderly residents on the pretense of bringing them good luck and fortune, and would steal money from them by pickpocketing and sleight-of-hand.

The four con artists were arrested by Deputy Sheriff Curtis Harrell and were found guilty by County Judge Reece Brown. They paid fines and also made restitution to their victims.

Sheriff Lewis warned the public to be on the lookout for thieves of this type. He said that last year one person lost \$600 under similar circumstances.

Fashion Note

BRADENTON—Sheriff Ken Gross has joined the ranks of Sheriffs who have put their women staff members into uniform. Clerks, secretaries and women deputies are all sporting the "well tailored look," and each wears a little green string tie to add a feminine touch.

Serving Civil Papers Thankless Job with Frequent Heartaches

(The following article written by Duke Newcombe is reprinted from the Jan. 6, 1961, issue of the Panama City Herald.)

PANAMA CITY — Evicting families from their homes, padlocking doors of business that have suffered misfortune and replenishing everything from cats to children often causes heartache for those involved.

Nevertheless, it's all in a day's work for Civil Deputy Jack Gilbert of the Bay County Sheriff's Department.

In his somewhat meticulous position, Gilbert, whose primary job is to serve all civil documents issued by the local courts, said he has repossessed almost everything imaginable in the past two years, including a cat and a bird dog.

Gilbert has spent five of his nine years in law enforcement with the Bay County Sheriff's Department. He has held the thankless position of civil deputy for two of the five years.

Often serving over 1,000 civil papers per month, the deputy said he encounters almost all types of situations in a day's work.

"Divorce papers offer some of my worst headaches," Gilbert explained. "When I serve them on the husband, I have to listen to all the wife's faults. When the woman is the recipient, I learn how sorry the husband is."

"One thing I've learned in the business is to always contact the one being served when the other isn't around," Gilbert mused. "This way I can listen to the stories without refereeing a fight."

Although the duties offer some lighter moments, many of the services performed for the courts bring grief to families and have a way of affecting the man assigned to carry out the court's orders.

The hardest assignment the officer said he ever had was taking two small children from their father after their custody had been won by the mother in a divorce court.

"A small girl holding her doll and the tiny boy with his cap pistol strapped to his side, holding onto numerous other toys, sobbing and pleading to remain with their father, is a picture I shall long remember," Gilbert, the father of three, said softly.

"It wasn't easy," the deputy remarked. "I had to turn away to keep them from knowing what it was like for me."

Another duty Gilbert finds hard to perform is evicting families from their homes when, for various reasons, they are ordered to leave whether or not they have another place to go.

Gilbert said he is grateful to Sheriff M. J. Daffin who, in hardship cases such as this, allows him to permit the family to remain in the home long enough to make arrangements for shelter. "It's hard to move a family and their furnishings out into the street, knowing they have nowhere to go," Gilbert said.

Insanity cases also are handled by the 32-year-old deputy. His job, considered one of the most difficult in the handling of mental patients, consists of going into the home and taking the individual from the family.

"It sometimes seems cruel to have to confine persons in this state of mind in a jail, but is considered necessary for their safety and that of others," Gilbert said. He and Sheriff Daffin both expressed hope that arrangements will be made in the new hospital expansion for temporary detention of these persons.

On one such call to a home, the deputy said he took a man into custody for safekeeping and learned the family was completely without food. Gilbert said he informed the sher-

iff of the situation, and Daffin gave money from his pocket to buy groceries for the family.

"These are only a few of the many similar cases I encounter from day to day," Gilbert said. "The job isn't always an easy one but it must be done."

In the course of his duties, Gilbert serves papers received from all over the United States and has served documents from Finland, Hungary and Canada. They consist mostly of property settlements or wills, he explained.

Describing the reaction of most persons when handed a summons for jury duty, he said, "Women are always happy and greet me at the door with a smile. As for men, I'm usually lucky if I can catch them by the time they reach the back door."

"Generally speaking, I find people most cooperative in my work," Gilbert said. "Even considering the bad points, I enjoy it."

Buckels Given Auditor's OK

KISSIMMEE—Osceola County Sheriff Bob Buckels' records were well kept, according to a State Auditing Department report covering the period from April 1, 1958 to April 30, 1960.

The report said all prescribed forms were in use and monthly trial balances were taken to verify the accuracy of the accounts.

Expenses of the Sheriff's office appeared reasonable and were properly supported by vouchers and canceled checks.

Budgets were properly made and filed as prescribed by law and the Sheriff's annual reports were promptly filed.

Better Service Brings Praise

HOLLYWOOD—The Hollywood Sun-Tattler praised Sheriff Allen B. Michell for improving the service rendered by his department to the people of Broward County.

In an editorial the Sun-Tattler said Sheriff Michell has "moved steadily toward substantial improvement of the department's activities."

Cited as one example was the Sheriff's new patrol system which makes it possible for prowl cars to answer calls more quickly. This system divides the county into seven zones with patrol cars assigned to each zone.

The zones have been set up to give faster and more concentrated coverage in all areas.

Black Flags Denote Fatal Accidents In Brevard County

TITUSVILLE—When you see law enforcement patrol cars flying black flags in Brevard County you know that death has been prowling the highways.

Police, the Sheriff's Department and the Highway Patrol recently began displaying the somber pennants to denote that a fatal traffic accident had occurred somewhere in the county. The flags will fly for 24 hours after each fatal accident.

The program is sponsored jointly by Radio Station WEZY, Cocoa, and Nationwide Insurance, as a grim reminder of the results of careless driving.



CLEWISTON—ESCORTED BY SHERIFF—Palm Beach County Sheriff Martin Kellenberger (left) had the honor of escorting Former President Hoover during dedication rites for the Herbert Hoover Dike, located on the shores of Lake Okeechobee. (Photo courtesy Clewiston News.)

Civil Service Proposed by Sheriff Genung

CLEARWATER—Sheriff Don Genung proposed creation of a Pinellas County Civil Service Board under which his department would operate.

The proposal, in the form of a legislative bill, would create a five-man board appointed by the Governor. Charter members of the board would be appointed for a term ending Jan. 1, 1965; and succeeding members would serve four-year terms.

All Sheriff's Department employees with the exception of Genung, a chief deputy and the sheriff's secretary would be eligible for civil service.

The bill provides that all employees with six months or more service with the department would be retained in their jobs without taking performance tests. All others would have to take the tests and their status would be probationary.

Genung said civil service will:

- (1) Offer employees an opportunity to get into law enforcement on a professional, career basis.
- (2) Provide a better salary scale.
- (3) Protect them from the pressures of political patronage.
- (4) Generally provide them with better job security.

Optimist Clubs Honor Genung

ST. PETERSBURG—Pinellas County's seven Optimist Clubs presented a plaque to Sheriff Don Genung at a combined dinner meeting February 2.

The plaque cited him for his "devoted and unselfish service to the welfare of the community, state and nation . . . and for the support and cooperation so generously given to the cause of Optimism . . . Friend of the Boy."

Successful Rodeo Brings Praise to Sheriff & Posse

FORT MYERS — Sheriff Flanders Thompson and his Sheriff's Posse received a pat on the back in the Fort Myers News-Press for the successful rodeo held here recently.

The praise was contained in a letter to the editor which cited the fact that the posse, through the rodeo and other activities, has stirred up interest among young people "in the wholesome activities of horsemanship and all the sportsman-like behavior that goes with it."

The writer said the Sheriff and his posse members are "really doing a fine job," and commented that the rodeo was "wonderful."

Stolen Automobiles Recovered Quickly

KEY WEST—A radio alarm flashed from here to Marathon enabled Sheriff John Spottswood to nab a suspected car thief just 30 minutes after the car was reported stolen.

The car had been given to a prospective customer by a used car dealer to "drive around the block" for a trial spin, and the customer instead headed for parts unknown.

After the suspect was apprehended, Sheriff Spottswood learned that he was also wanted in North Carolina on charges of passing worthless checks and other violations.

"A bee, when loaded with his honey, slows down from his normal speed of 35 to 10 miles per hour," says an expert on bees. Some boys we know don't!



TALLAHASSEE—POSSE ON PARADE—The Bradford County Sheriff's Posse, sponsored by Sheriff Pete Reddish, passes the reviewing stand during the parade held in connection with the inauguration of Gov. Farris Bryant. The Escambia County Sheriff's Posse also appeared in the parade. (Photo courtesy Bradford County Telegraph.)



ST. PETERSBURG—FIRST SPONSOR—A. Oliver McEachern (right), president of Security Federal Savings and Loan Association, is shown presenting his firm's check for \$300 to Sheriff Don Genung (center) and Gene Shipman to sponsor activities of the Junior Deputy Sheriff's League in one of the Pinellas County Schools. Shipman is a director of the corporation formed to operate the League and Sheriff Genung is the League founder. Genung said with the aid of other sponsors he hopes to extend the Junior Deputy program of good citizenship and respect for law enforcement into 31 schools and make it available to 2,400 youngsters.



DAYTONA BEACH—DIRECT LINE—Sheriff Rodney Thursby (left) and Volusia County Civil Defense Director Fred DeMotte check direct telephone connections between Civil Defense Headquarters here and the Air Defense Command, at Colorado Springs, Colo. This direct line, said to be one of nine in Florida, would flash immediate word of an enemy air or missile attack. (Photo courtesy Daytona Beach News-Journal.)



STUART — YOUNGEST DEPUTY — Mrs. Joann Thompson celebrated her 21st birthday by becoming Martin County's youngest deputy sheriff. She is shown here receiving her badge from Sheriff Roy Baker while another deputy, Mrs. Joann Bowie looks on.

Sewing Room Morale Builder In Dade Jail

By Dorothy Moldenhauer

MIAMI—Two years ago Sheriff Tom Kelly initiated a voluntary rehabilitation sewing program for women inmates in the Dade County Jail. Starting with donated remnants and one electric sewing machine, the sewing room has grown to three machines and a considerable step-up in activity.

Chiefs of Security, Matrons, as well as the Sheriff's office report higher morale among inmates since this project was started. Letters have been received from former inmates stating that they have been able to obtain employment due to an adequate wardrobe or their acquired knowledge of sewing.

Wives of Sheriff's Deputies serve as instructors. In December, in addition to helping the prisoners prepare their sewing articles for Christmas, the Deputies' wives, in lieu of exchanging personal gifts among themselves, donated toys to be distributed to the families of needy women inmates. Food baskets, clothes and other necessities for both men and women prisoners were also supplied by members of the Sheriff's Department.

Thompson Forms Auxiliary Unit

FT. MYERS—A recently organized auxiliary unit of 24 men will give Lee County Sheriff Flanders G. Thompson a strong right arm for emergencies as well as routine law enforcement duties.

The auxiliaries, who work without pay, will ride with regular deputies on night patrols and will be available when manpower is needed for parades, football games and other events creating heavy traffic.

The men will wear uniforms and they will be trained in law enforcement techniques.

Chief Deputy Howard Greer is the coordinator and organizer of the unit. Harold Vesper is chief of the Auxiliary and Gene Sullivan is secretary.

Tireless Work Brings Arrest

PUNTA GORDA—A tireless, intensive investigation by Sheriff Travis Parnell and his men resulted in the arrest of John Leckey, former supermarket manager, charged with the gun slaying of Walter V. McCoy, El Jobean storekeeper.

The murder occurred December 30, 1960, and Sheriff Parnell announced Leckey's arrest on Jan. 24.

Worthless checks Leckey had allegedly given to McCoy put the Sheriff on his trail and he was arrested in Lake Wales on warrants charging him with passing worthless checks.

The murder charge came later after Leckey had been given polygraph (lie detector) tests by the Florida Sheriffs Bureau.

Sheriff Parnell said Leckey told him he went to McCoy's store on the night of the murder to ask McCoy to hold some bad checks for a while and he (Leckey) would make them good.

Witt's Audit Report Good

LAKE CITY—A report by State Auditor Bryan Willis showed that Columbia County Sheriff Ralph Witt is doing a good job in keeping his records and accounts.

The report said Sheriff Witt's budget operations appeared to have been well managed and that his records and operating procedures were generally adequate and efficient.

Under financial operations, the report stated that expenditures, with minor exceptions, were properly supported and purchasing procedures appeared to be adequate.

The reports of income and expenses were filed as required by law; and internal control of cash was adequate.

The audit report covered the period from June 1, 1956, to May 31, 1960.

Two Plus Two Solves Theft

CHIPLEY—Putting two and two together, one of the basic rules of good police work, enabled Sheriff George Watts to solve a burglary case here.

He found two pairs of barefoot prints around a grocery store that had been looted, and he remembered that two boys had escaped from the Florida School for Boys, in Marianna, barefooted and in their pajamas.

He also concluded that the boys must have stolen a car in Marianna to get to Chipley so quickly, and Jackson County Sheriff Barkley Gause confirmed this.

An alarm was sent out over the Sheriff's radio network and the boys were quickly apprehended in Dothan, Ala.

Bessenger Praised For Swift Solving Of Burglary Cases

DADE CITY—Sheriff Leslie Bessenger and his men were complimented by the owners of a local feed store for the "speed and efficiency" with which they solved a series of burglary cases.

S. O. and Harlan K. Miller, the feedmen, thanked the Sheriff and added "We hope the publicity given your success will convince a few others that they should not try the same thing in this vicinity and on our premises especially."

Three men were apprehended in neighboring Hernando County and charged with the thefts.

Kiwanis Founder

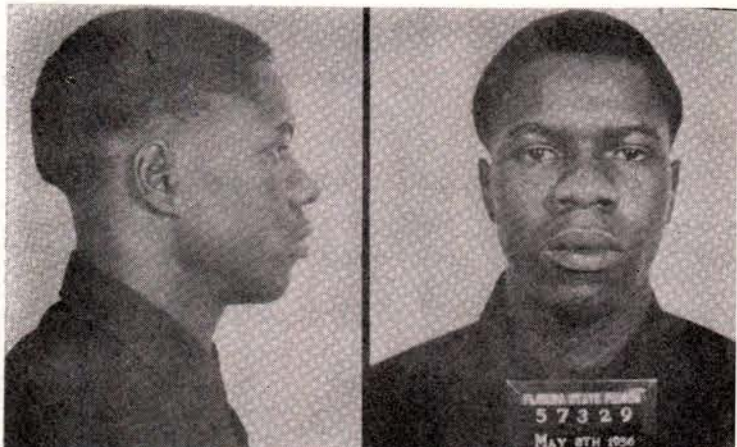
FERNANDINA BEACH — Nassau County Sheriff H. J. Youngblood was one of seven charter members of the Fernandina Beach Kiwanis Club honored during a recent founder's night program.

Aids Telethon

ORLANDO — Sheriff Dave Starr took an active part in the recent Cerebral Palsy telethon, a marathon television show that raised \$72,000 in pledges and actual donations.

WANTED PERSONS

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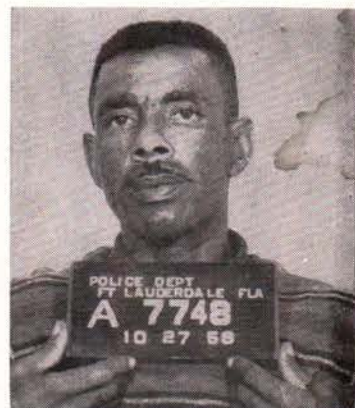


CHARLES MURPHY
Colored male, date of birth 9-10-36, 5 feet, 10½ inches tall, weighs 170 pounds, black hair, brown eyes; scars on both arms, long cut scar right index finger. FPC: 12, M/S, 1/1, A/A, at/2a, 5. Wanted for Escape from Santa Rosa County jail on 1-30-61 where he was serving life term for 2nd degree murder in Osceola County. \$25 reward. If apprehended notify SP Raiford, or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.

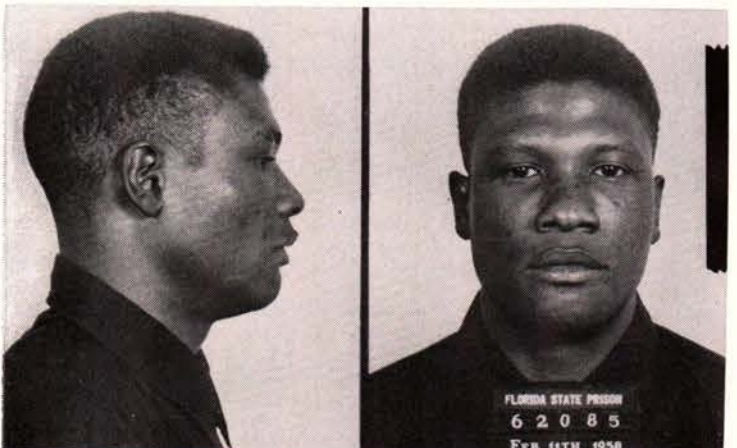


CHARLES JOSEPH ROUTHIER
White, male, date of birth 6-8-15, 6 feet tall, weighs 155 pounds, slim build, brown hair, blue eyes, fair complexion. Mechanic by trade. FBI #980

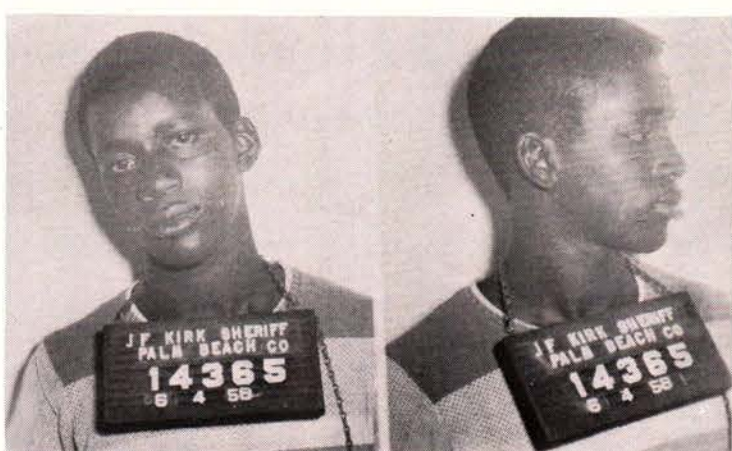
638B. Warrant issued, charge Escape from Orange County Prison Farm. If apprehended notify Sheriff Starr, Orlando, Florida, or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



GEORGE EDWARD HUFF
With aliases, Raymond HUFF, Josh HUFF, James Henry BAKER, James THOMAS, Thomas GREEN, colored male, date of birth 12-18-18, in Thomson, Ga. FBI #1-421-177, FSP #54308. Warrant on file charging Armed Robbery. If apprehended notify Police Dept., Fort Lauderdale, Florida or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



FREDDIE SIMS
Colored male, date of birth, 1-6-30, in Pensacola, Fla., 5 feet, 9½ inches tall, weighs 169 pounds, black hair, dark brown eyes; cut scar in right eyebrow, cut scar high left cheek, large cut scar left shoulder. FPC:18, L/M, 1/1, III/OII, 11. Wanted on charge Escape from ACI 1-23-61, where he was serving 6mo-20 years for Manslaughter, From Escambia County. \$25 reward. If apprehended notify SP Raiford, or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.

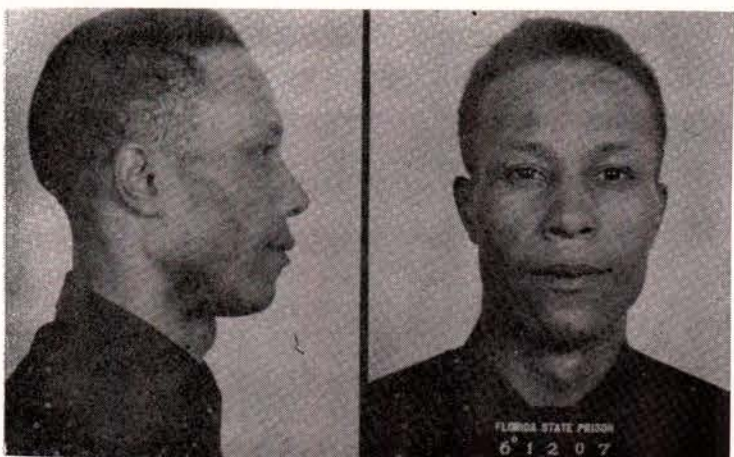


JOHNNY BROWN
Colored male, age 20, 6 feet tall, weighs 160 pounds, dark complexion; one inch scar below left eye. FPC: 18, L/M, 25/2, W/U, 101/001, 15. War-

rant issued, charge B and E to Commit Grand Larceny. If apprehended notify Sheriff Kellenberger, West Palm Beach, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



BERNARD E. BOYER
White male, 38-40, 5 feet, 9 inches tall, weighs 145-155 pounds, sandy hair, cut close, tattoo name "Frankie" upper right arm. Driving 1955 Buick, light green bottom, white top, 1960 Tenn. License 2Z-7901 or 16-9571. Subject was in state of Tennessee during early part of January 1961, and in West Florida during January 1961, where he was displaying business cards reading "Frank C. Boyer, with Internal Revenue Service, Jackson, Tenn." He is accompanied by his wife and three children. Wanted on numerous charges such as Violation of Conditional Release, Impersonation, Conspiracy, Auto Theft, Worthless Checks, etc. If apprehended notify nearest FBI or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



PETER JAMES WATKINS
Colored male, date of birth 7-3-23, 5 feet, 11 inches tall, black hair, brown eyes, medium dark brown complexion; long cut scar top left wrist, cut scar upper left forearm, cut scar left center forehead. FPC: 11, M/M, 16/28, U/W, OOO/III, 15. Wanted for Escape from SRD #3759 on 1-29-61, where he was serving 15 year sentence for Breaking and Entering from Dade County. \$25 reward. If apprehended notify SP Raiford, or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.

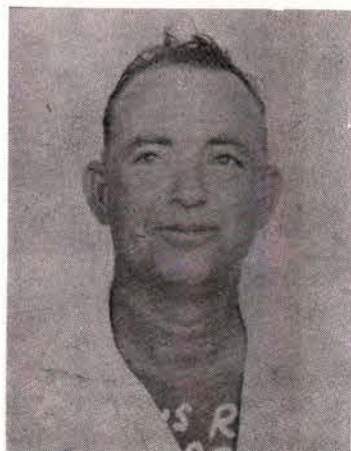
BAD CHECK ARTIST'S GALLERY

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LILLIAN KEITH
White female, no other description. Last known to have lived in St. Petersburg, Fla. Wanted on charges of Worthless Checks. If apprehended notify Sheriff Hendry, Everglades, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.

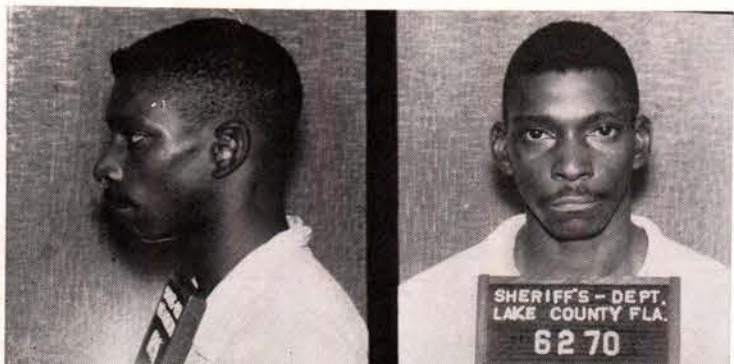
CURTIS LESTER REVELS
White male, 5 feet 10½ inches tall, weighs 190 to 195 pounds, short crew cut hair. Occupation: Fisherman. Last known to be driving a tan 1954 Ford, 1960 Florida License 24-3773. He is believed to be fishing in area of Pine Island in Lee County. Wanted on Worthless Check Charges. His mother lives in Lee County. If apprehended notify Sheriff Hobby, Sanford, Judge Ashley, Fern Park, Sheriff Spottswood, Key West, Sheriff Carlton, Wauchula, Sheriff



Norvell, Fort Pierce, or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Fla.



FRED ELTON SPEICHER
White male, date of birth 12-23-31, 5 feet, 10 inches tall, weighs 155 pounds, slender build, blond hair, blue eyes; numerous tattoos on both arms. Truck driver by trade. Last known address in Lakeland, Fla. Warrants issued, charge B and E. Bond set at \$3,500.00. If apprehended notify Police Dept., Tampa, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



JAMES BROWN
Also known as Joseph THOMAS, John WESLEY, colored male, date of birth 7-3-35 at Durham, N. C., 5 feet 6 inches tall, weighs 148 pounds, black

hair, brown eyes. Wanted for escape from Lake County jail 2-18-61. If apprehended notify Sheriff McCall, Tavares, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



PLAY AREA—This new paved concrete play area at the Boys Ranch provides two basketball courts, volley ball courts and facilities for shuffleboard and box hockey. It can also be used for dancing and roller skating.



NEW FENCE—A new white painted board fence down both sides of the entrance road greatly enhances the appearance of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. On left is new 80-acre improved pasture.



BARTON MILLWOOD, CROSSING GUARD

Fate Changes Ending of Story About Beloved Crossing Guard

FORT MYERS — This was originally intended as a story with a happy ending.

It was to have been a story about Barton W. Millwood, an old-time policeman, who guarded the lives and safety of school children at the Weaver's Corner crossing, in North Fort Myers.

Now there are thousands of crossing guards all over Florida, and we ordinarily don't print stories about them, but there was something special about the way Barton Millwood went about his duties.

For one thing the children loved him. Hundreds of them called him "Pop." They told him their secrets, asked his advice, gave him presents—like for instance live frogs from little boys and candy from little girls.

Parents were also fond of him. Mothers said he carefully kept promises to look after youngsters who were prone to be careless in crossing the street.

Even impatient motorists responded with good humor when he accompanied his raised arm warning with a friendly smile.

Barton Millwood loved the youngsters too. "They're the greatest bunch of kids in all the county," he said, and he worried about their safety. He fretted about the lack of a traffic

light at the corner he guarded, and if he had had his way he would have re-engineered the Tamiami Trail at this point to slow down traffic.

Barton Millwood was a policeman in Atlanta and Detroit for 25 years before he became a deputy sheriff under Sheriff Flanders Thompson here in 1954. Two years ago a heart attack retired him to the duties of crossing guard.

But he brought to this job the wisdom and dedication acquired in 30 years of police work. To hundreds of children he became a daily reminder that the man in uniform—whether he be policeman, deputy sheriff or highway patrolman—was their friend and the guardian of their safety and security.

This was to have been our story—the faithful crossing guard who loved and was loved by children.

But fate gave it an unexpected ending.

Just before we went to press a message arrived from Sheriff Flanders Thompson informing us that Barton Millwood had died of a heart attack on March 3.

Yes, Barton Millwood died as he was putting on his uniform to go on duty at the school crossing.

Legislative Program

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8. A bill amending the audit law so as to permit State and County officials to submit as a part of their audit reports a statement of explanation concerning any matter covered in the audit.

9. A bill authorizing the sheriff to provide municipal law enforcement at the request of a municipality, upon payment by the municipality of the costs involved.

10. A bill to make it unlawful to deface any church, synagogue and other building belonging to a civic or charitable organization, or to injure the contents and furnishings thereof.

11. A bill providing and requiring that fireworks permits be obtained from the Board of County Commissioners.

12. A bill to provide for the imprisonment in the county jail, after January 1, 1963, of prisoners sentenced to prison for not more than one year.

13. A bill relative to civil defense providing that unless and until the County Civil Defense Council officially appoints a director, the sheriff of each county shall serve in such capacity, so as to eliminate the existence of any vacancy.

14. A bill authorizing the sheriff's department, the chiefs of police, and the Highway Patrol to designate emergency vehicles and to limit the use of red lights and sirens to just such authorized vehicles.

15. A bill revising the bail bond law so as to authorize the setting aside of a judgment of forfeiture only within thirty days thereafter.

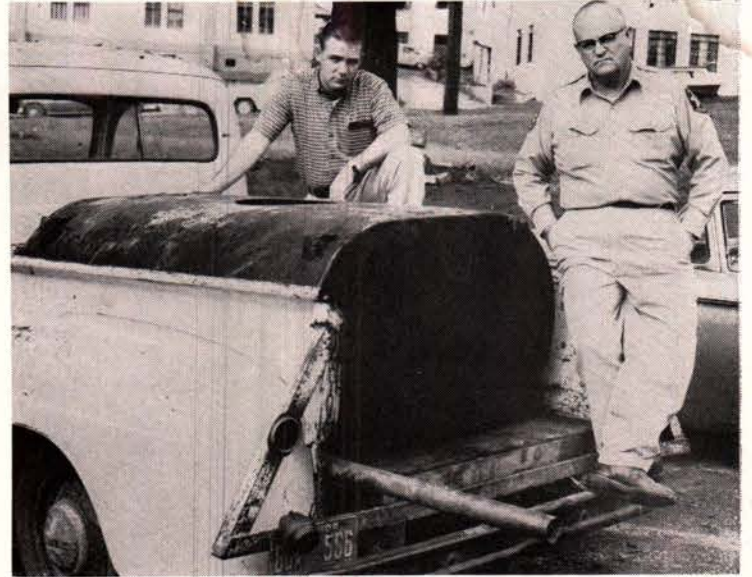
In addition to the foregoing, the Association will work with the House and Senate Sub-Committees in connection with the Committee bills covering salaries of county officers and the Committee bill relative to revision of the water safety law.

Sheriff & Deputies Cavort for Charity

BRADENTON—Anything for charity.

That was the attitude of Sheriff Ken Gross and his deputies when they joined with the Palmetto police to play a charity basketball game against the Bradenton Police.

Proceeds were scheduled to go to Manatee County's 1961 March of Dimes Campaign.



TALLAHASSEE—TWO STILL IN ONE DAY—Pictured above is some of the equipment confiscated when the Leon County Sheriff's Department, state and federal agents knocked off two stills in one day. State Beverage Agent Buford Teston (left) and Deputy Sheriff I. G. Love are shown with a truck and a 350-gallon moonshine still "cooker" seized in an early morning raid which resulted in the arrest of Francis David Rowan, Vernander Harvey and Charles Burke. Later in the day Sheriff Bill Joyce, Love and state and federal agents searched Rowan's residence armed with a search warrant and found the five-gallon family size "do-it-yourself" moonshine still shown in the bottom picture. Additional charges were then filed against Rowan.



TALLAHASSEE—MYSTERIOUS CARGO—Sheriff Bill Joyce and two deputies found 42 cases of whiskey in this car driven by Ellis Boyd Brogdon, of Wewahatchka, and held him for investigation. However, he refused to answer questions and was released when no violation of the law was found. His destination and what he intended to do with the \$2,000 worth of whiskey remained a mystery.

Gun Laxity Claims Another Victim

CHIPLEY—He didn't know it was loaded.

That's how a nine-year-old boy happened to shoot and kill his four-year-old brother while playing with a shot gun.

It was an old story to Sheriff George Watts, and the moral was equally time-worn: "Keep firearms under lock and key so your children can't play with them."

Sales to Minors Warning Issued

BRADENTON—Sheriff Ken Gross recently made a tour of Manatee County's bars and liquor stores.

His visits were "strictly business" and he warned all owners and operators against selling liquor to minors.

"There will be no excuse in the future," he said, "and any violators will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law."

"They will lose their liquor licenses," he added.

Safety's Aim Of Sheriff's Rifle Range

LIVE OAK—Sheriff Hugh Lewis is planning a rifle range where Suwannee County youngsters can be taught marksmanship and firearms safety.

He said youngsters would have to have their parents' consent to use the range and would not be allowed to bring any ammunition with them.

The Sheriff will provide ammunition at the range to keep the youngsters from shooting their guns while going to and from the range.

Racks will be provided and youngsters will be required to keep their guns on the racks except when they are actually on the firing line or receiving instruction.

Sheriff Lewis said he felt the range would make youngsters aware of the dangers of playing with firearms and would help to prevent serious accidents.