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Sheriff-Sponsored Bills Sailing Successfully Through Legislature

TALLAHASSEE—Bills sponsored by the Florida Sheriffs Association were sailing along successfully as the 1961 session of the Florida Legislature moved down the home stretch.

Sheriff John Spottswood, chairman of the Association's Legislative Committee, announced that seven bills were on the governor's desk awaiting his signature; while four

had passed the House and were awaiting Senate action.

Only one minor sheriff-sponsored bill had been killed at this writing. It would have made the Sheriff the local civil

defense director unless some other person had been specifically appointed by the civil defense council.

The bills ready to be signed into law by the governor would:

(1) Make all forgeries a felony and thus restore the law to pre-1959 status.

(2) Permit the Sheriff to be custodian of the property in his department.

(3) Remove juvenile traffic law violators from the secrecy provisions of the juvenile law.

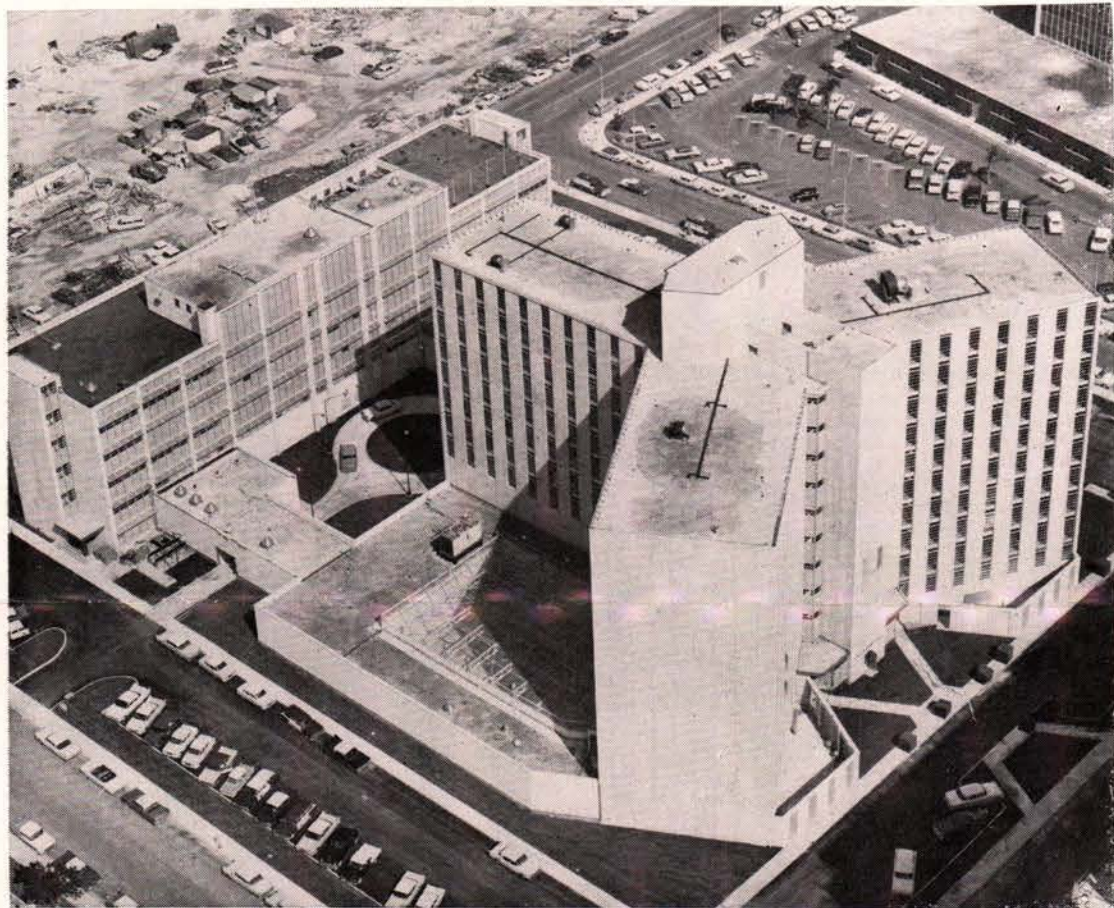
(4) Transfer from the Sheriff to the County Commissioners the authority to grant fireworks permits.

(5) Provide that prisoners could not be sentenced to the county jail for more than two years after January 1, 1963.

(6) Make it unlawful to deface any church, syna-

gogue or other building used by a civic or charitable organization, or to injure the contents and furnishings thereof.

(7) 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.



MIAMI—NEW JAIL AND SHERIFF'S HEADQUARTERS—Unequalled anywhere in Florida and perhaps in the South are these new facilities occupied recently by the Dade County Department of Public Safety headed by Sheriff Thomas J. Kelly. The three-winged building at the right is the Dade County Jail with a capacity of 1200 prisoners; and the Public Safety building at the left consolidates the entire police and fire system for Dade County's Metropolitan Government. The Crime Lab and Communications Center in the Public Safety Building rank among the best in the nation in equipment and personnel. James V. Bennett, director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons, declared that "This is one of the finest facilities in the nation and the people received plenty for their money." The 10-story jail and adjoining office building cost almost \$6,000,000 to build.

"Our Boy" Pat Good Speaker



MARIANNA — Pat Currey, who is attending Chipola Junior College under a Florida Sheriffs Association Scholarship, reached the finals in the State Junior College Speaking Contest, at West Palm Beach, and placed fourth.

Competing in a field of 75 students representing ten junior colleges, Pat represented his school as extemporaneous speaker and spoke on: "The Cuban Crisis;" "Medical Aid for the Aged under Social Security;" and "Why Man in Space?" He was selected from the student body by Chipola instructors. Four other students represented the Chipola debating team.

Thus far Pat has had only one course in public speaking. He has made good grades consistently and has participated in many extra-curricular activities, including Circle K and student government.

He plans to be a lawyer.

Deputy's Reward Given to Ranch

DELAND — When Volusia County Deputy Sheriff Sherman L. Walker received a \$50 reward from Florida Citrus Mutual for his part in the solving of a fruit theft case, he endorsed the check and donated it to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

The Sheriff's Star congratulates Deputy Walker for receiving the reward and thanks him for his kind generosity toward the Boys Ranch.

MYSTERY

How do you explain this? The Florida Sheriffs Bureau has scored its greatest success by providing highly trained specialists to render technical assistance in solving major crimes such as the Chillingworth Case and the Bonifay axe murders.

Yet when a legislative Appropriations Sub-committee wielded the axe on the Bureau Budget it chopped off \$150,000 earmarked to expand this very type of assistance.

Palm Beach County and the State of Florida were willing to ante up almost this much for rewards in the Chillingworth Case, but the sub-committee did not see the need for an appropriation which might have enabled the Bureau to solve many crimes of equal importance.

Sheriff Shot By Prisoner

DADE CITY—Sheriff Leslie Bessenger and Deputy Sheriff Richard Johnston were reportedly recovering satisfactorily from pistol wounds they received when a prisoner attempted to escape from the Pasco County Jail after being arrested on a statutory rape charge.

One of the bullets smashed the bone just below Sheriff Bessenger's right knee. Another struck Johnston in the chest and lodged in his liver.

The shooting occurred about 11 a.m., when Chief Deputy Leland Thompson took the prisoner, James Byrd, 29, to the second floor after booking him on the rape charge.

Thompson said Byrd whipped a small automatic pistol out of his pocket and demanded to be let out of the jail. Thompson refused and Byrd started firing.

Sheriff Bessenger was standing nearby and jumped Byrd as he started pulling the trigger. He and Johnston were shot before Byrd was disarmed. They were taken to Tampa General Hospital.



TALLAHASSEE—LEGISLATIVE HUDDLE—Four members of the House of Representatives who introduced various bills sponsored by the Florida Sheriffs Association go over the Association's 1961 legislative program with Sheriff James W. Turner (standing, left), Association President; and John A. Madigan Jr. (seated left), Association Attorney. The Legislators are (standing, from left) Jerry Thomas, Palm Beach County; Don Fuqua, Calhoun County; (seated, from left) John J. Crews, Baker County; and George L. Hollahan Jr., Dade County.

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MISSING PERSONS
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ARLENE E. KELLEY

White female, age 17, 5 feet, 7 inches tall, weights 108 pounds, slim build, reddish brown hair, grey eyes, good teeth. Missing from her home in Hollywood, Fla., since April 11, 1961. At that time was wearing a red plaid skirt, white blouse with letter "K" over pocket, and a white leather jacket. She had with her a two piece green wool suit. Anyone knowing subject's whereabouts notify Sheriff Michell, Fort Lauderdale, Florida or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Fla.



URSULA SANDRA VALENTINE

White female, age 24, 5 feet, 2 inches tall, weighs 118 pounds, blond hair, blue eyes. On March 7, 1961 Mrs. Valentine left her home in St. Petersburg, Fla. enroute to a local bathing beach. Since the above date she has not been seen nor attempted any contact with her husband or 7 year old son. She has a prominent 14 inch scar on outside left thigh. At time of her disappearance she was wearing a brown blouse, brown shorts, black sandals with gold straps. Underneath these clothes she was wearing a blue bathing suit. Any one knowing subject's whereabouts notify Police Dept., St. Petersburg, Florida or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



EDWARD STYBR

White male, age 63, 5 feet, 9 inches tall, weighs 175 pounds, grey hair, brown eyes, wears glasses. Subject left home April 4, 1961 stating would be back in an hour and half but has not returned. His car was found abandoned approximately one mile north of Lake Worth Casino. The car was locked, and no note or any indication of subject's whereabouts found. When last seen was wearing light grey slacks, sport shirt, black perforated shoes. If located notify Police Dept., Lake Worth, Florida or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.

Jury Praises Jail Operation, Investigations

DADE CITY — The Pasco County Grand Jury praised the investigative work of Sheriff Leslie Bessenger and his operation of the county jail.

The Jury reported prisoners were "orderly and humanely cared for and our Sheriff and his staff appear to be operating said facilities in an efficient manner and have kept abreast of the times as well as the type and construction (of the jail) ... will permit."

The panel also went on record as being "immensely impressed with the investigative work as it has been handled by Sheriff Bessenger and his deputies, particularly in connection with the case wherein we have returned a true bill."

Hillsborough County officers were praised for the fine co-operation they displayed in collaborating with local officers in investigations.

Terry's Making Fruit Stealing Risky Business

(The following article was written by Kurt Voss and is reprinted from the March 20, 1961, issue of the Orlando Evening Star.)

ORLANDO—Orange pickers who ply their trade in the dark of night with unmarked trucks and muffled equipment have been finding their shady activities getting more risky by the day—or night. And, for the most part, one man is to thank for their inconvenience.

Dep. Jim Terry, a hard working member of Sheriff Dave Starr's staff, has been made unofficial agent in charge of tracing these orange pickin', citrus stealin' moonlight requisitioners and making sure that they get put behind bars for well-earned rests.

The 6 ft 3 deputy would present a fearsome enough sight to law breakers if he confronted them in the dark groves, especially when it becomes evident that his well filled out frame is obviously muscular and well-trained. But worse than that, from the thief's standpoint, is the fact that Terry knows the workings of the fruit stealer and has the tenacity of a bulldog in tracing clues.

"We're getting a larger number of arrests for fruit thefts this year than ever before," he told this writer recently, "and not because there are more of them. We've been nabbing a great number of them, as we became more and more used to the ways they do business."

Dep. Terry has personally worked on about 90 pct. of the fruit theft cases brought to the attention of the sheriff's office in the past two years, and has taken many of them through to successful conclusions — meaning, convictions.

For instance, about a year ago, he was called out to a grove near Sand Lake to investigate the theft of some oranges. In his investigation, he found that the thieves' truck had hit a tree, knocking a rear view mirror off the vehicle. Terry picked it up, and made a mental note of the fact that it had been painted black over green.

Over two months later, he was cruising through the Orlando vicinity, when he saw a comparably painted pickup truck parked under a tree. Terry stopped, looked and found that the truck was the one he was seeking, even to having the mounting bracket for the mirror still on its side.

The deputy checked, found that the truck had been loaned to a pair of the owner's friends, traced them down, and arrested them. They are now held under bond, waiting trial in county court.

Dep. Terry was asked to go to a conference at Florida Citrus Mutual headquarters in Lakeland recently, as a representative of the Orange County sheriff's office, to recommend changes in state laws which the growers' organization could suggest.

Famous Writer is A Deputy Sheriff

FT. PIERCE — Famous writer Jim Bishop became an honorary deputy sheriff while covering the sensational trial of former Municipal Judge Joe Peel, who was convicted of masterminding the murder of Circuit Judge C. E. Chillingworth.

Circuit Judge D. C. Smith swore him in and St. Lucie County Sheriff J. R. Norvell presented him with a small badge.



ORLANDO — AWARD FOR STARR — The Orlando Junior Chamber of Commerce presented its annual "Good Government Award" to Orange County Sheriff Dave Starr (second from left). Other award winners pictured are (from left): Joel Wells Jr., DSA winner; Marie Williams, Outstanding Teacher; and Bill Judge, Outstanding Farmer. (Orlando-Sentinel photo by Bob Stewart.)



ST. AUGUSTINE — SHERIFF'S BOOTH — One of the popular attractions at the recent Annual Home Show was this booth sponsored by Sheriff L. O. Davis. It featured pictures of law enforcement activities and the Florida Sheriff's Boys Ranch, plus a display of the Sheriff's modern equipment. Pictured with Sheriff Davis (center) are (from left) Wayne King, member of the School Boy Patrol sponsored by the Sheriff; Deputy Sheriff Willis Capo; Deputy Sheriff Jackie Hugas; and School Boy Patrol Member Fred DuPont. (Photo by Rupert L. Chastain.)



BOYS RANCH VISITORS — The Alabama Sheriffs pictured above visited the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch in March to get pointers for development of the Boys Ranch which the Alabama Sheriffs Assn. is planning to build near Selma, Ala. The group includes, from left, Morgan County Sheriff Knox McRae, Marengo County Sheriff T. Wilmer Shields, Dallas County Sheriff James G. Clark (chairman of the Ranch building committee), Sheriff T. Wilmer Shields, Elmore County Sheriff Lester L. Holley (Association president) and Baldwin County Sheriff Taylor Wilkins. Mrs. Louise B. Todd, Executive Secretary, not shown in the picture, also accompanied the delegation.



ST. PETERSBURG — BENEFIT RACE — Sheriff Don Genung, three of his Junior Deputy Sheriffs and Sharon Shaw, Miss Micro Midget of 1961, look over two of the cars entered in a Micro Midget race which was held here in April for the benefit of Genung's Junior Deputy Sheriff League. (St. Petersburg Times photo by George Trabant.)

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.



FORT PIERCE—NEW RANCHER—Michael (call me "Mike") Senn, first St. Lucie County boy enrolled at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, receives some fatherly advice from his sponsor, St. Lucie County Sheriff J. R. Norvell. (Photo courtesy Palm Beach Post Times.)

Ranch Enrollment Will Increase With Completion of Dining Hall

Enrollment at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch will increase to 40 boys following completion of a new dining hall which is now under construction.

Due to be finished some time in June, the new building will house a kitchen, dining room and two apartments for Ranch staff members.

It is designated for easy conversion to a residence building when enrollment at the Ranch justifies construction of a large combination cafeteria and auditorium.

At the present time a section of one of the residence cottages is being used as a temporary dining hall. When the new dining hall building is completed, this space will be converted into living quarters for eight boys and the enrollment will be increased from 32 to 40.

Additional office space was recently constructed in the administration building and Wendell Lewis, son of Suwannee County Sheriff Hugh Lewis, was recently hired as business manager to occupy these facilities.

Well qualified in business administration, Lewis will live at the Ranch and handle the business affairs. His wife is also employed as a secretary at the Ranch.

The Hillsborough County Manual Arts Building has been renovated to include a well-equipped photography darkroom; a laundry; clothing storage room; and barber shop.

Scholastic grades of the boys have shown marked improvement due to a tutoring program recently instituted by Administrator Kelly.

These Items Are Needed At Boys Ranch

- Administrator Tom Kelly announced that the following items are needed at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch:
- TOOLS**
- Rakes, shovels, hoes, post-hole diggers, four-inch paint brushes, water hoses.
- BUILDING MATERIALS**
- Cement, Lumber (any kind or size), fence wire, staples, nails.
- CLOTHING**
- Shirts (size 8), shoes (sizes 2 through 7), work clothes (ages 10 through 16) cowboy boots, towels, wash cloths.

Boys Ranch 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.

Mrs. Alfred Yea, Clearwater
Barney Dillard, Jr., Eustis
A. J. Henry, Tallahassee
Fort Lauderdale Lodge No. 1517, Ft. Lauderdale
Dade City Optimist Club, Dade City
St. Petersburg High-12 Club, St. Petersburg
Exchange Club Shoe Fund Dance, Indian Rocks
High Twelve Club of High Point, Largo
Wm. A. Schmitt, Largo
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William H. Kuhn, Clearwater
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Carl Evers, Clearwater
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Art Backing Company, Little Falls, N. Y.
Robert Vollman, Pompano Beach
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Ryder Truck Lines, Inc., Fort Lauderdale
O. L. Peacock, Ft. Pierce
W. W. Carlton, Ft. Pierce
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Dade County Motorcycle Dealers Association, Pompano Beach
J. R. Anderson, Jacksonville
Bedrich Rotstein, Jacksonville
Dr. Roy Brown, Bradenton Beach
Mrs. Charles Kitzberger, Bradenton Beach
Daytona Beach Lions Club
C. G. Wilhoit, Vero Beach
Everett Terhune, Clearwater
Ru-So Largo High Twelve, Largo
Mrs. Charles L. Madsen, Clearwater
Mrs. Merrill G. Hastings, Clearwater
Robert A. Love, Winter Park
Thomas F. O'Byrne, Daytona Beach
Russell C. Stahlman, Naples
William King, Stuart
Gilbert L. Macpherson, Largo
Citizens of Largo, Largo
Samuel D. Sweat, Tampa
Florida Athletic and Health Club, Tampa
Transport Workers Union—Local 525, Merritt Island
Elfrida Staehr, St. Petersburg
Broward County Sheriff's Department Sick Fund, Ft. Lauderdale
W. J. Massicot, Jr., Williston
Sun City Barracks No., 361 Veterans WWI, St. Petersburg
W. Harvey Hornig, St. Petersburg
Sheriff Martin M. Kellenberger, West Palm Beach
Sheriff E. W. Pellicer, Patatka
Miami Showmen's Association, Miami
The M. Flossie Hill Company, Ft. Myers

Deputies Arrest Much-Wanted Man

TALLAHASSEE—Leon County Deputy Sheriffs Jack Dawkins and Pete Tola found they had a much wanted man on their hands when they arrested Richard Harris, 29, a fugitive from Alabama.

Investigation revealed that in addition to an Alabama charge of fraud, Harris was wanted by the Federal Government on 18 counts of interstate transportation of a stolen motor vehicle contained in an indictment returned by a Federal Grand Jury in Wichita, Kansas.



NEWCOMER — Jerry Stacy, from Daytona Beach, got the usual warm welcome when he recently enrolled at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. He is shown here holding a cake presented to him by his houseparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Collins.

In Memoriam

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

Mrs. Elizabeth P. Harper and William P. Harper, St. Petersburg, in memory of Charles H. Harper.
Chapter AV-PEO Sisterhood, Clearwater; Lewis W. Rowe, Clearwater; George Williams Lamb, Clearwater; Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Archer, Ozone; Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Stewart, Clearwater; Mr. and Mrs. L. E. VanDruff, Belleair; Mr. and Mrs. Leroy E. Work, Clearwater; Harry G. Henshaw, Clearwater; Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Koch & Family, Clearwater; Hillcrest Neighbors Inc., Clearwater; Mr. and Mrs. George H. Mulligan, Dunedin; and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Krentzman, Clearwater; in memory of Dr. Galen A. Fox.

Mrs. Harry A. Kingsland, St. Petersburg; in memory of Harry C. Kingsland.

Mrs. E. E. Kvitrud, Vero Beach; in memory of Edward E. Kvitrud.

Mrs. Henrietta S. Thomason, Crystal Beach; in memory of Paul W. Sage.

Mrs. A. D. Jordan, Bradenton; in memory of A. D. Jordan.

Mrs. A. T. Trimble, St. Petersburg; in memory of A. T. Trimble.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Henry, Tallahassee; in memory of Fred Pierson Jr., D. M. Lewis Jr. and Jack C. Scarborough. (Editor's Note—These donations were made prior to Mrs. Henry's death on April 1, 1961, but due to a clerical error were not printed here until this month. Consequently donations by other persons in memory of Mrs. Henry appeared in the April issue ahead of the above listing, even though they were received after the donations made by Mr. and Mrs. Henry. We regret this error and extend to the persons involved our sincere apologies.)

Mrs. W. A. Chenoweth, Birmingham, Ala.; in memory of W. A. Chenoweth.

Mr. & Mrs. Harold Parsons, Winter Haven; in memory of Sherman Herath.

Mr. & Mrs. E. Stan Salzer, St. Petersburg; in memory of Jamie Leigh.

Hilltop Drive-In, Dade City; in memory of Brice P. Herrin.

Mrs. Virginia L. Annis, Misha-

waka, Indiana; in memory of Charles Lawton.

Mrs. Alfred Yea, Clearwater; in memory of Alfred Yea.

Barney Dillard, Jr., Eustis; in memory of Charles A. Dillard.

Mrs. John Martin, Hollywood; in memory of John Martin.

Mrs. L. A. Robbins, Boynton Beach; and Nathan S. Sharp, Delray Beach; in memory of Ralph T. Ryan.

L. Chauncey Brown, St. Petersburg; Mr. and Mrs. Carl A. Feick, St. Petersburg; Mrs. John J. Radley, Greenwich, Conn.; Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Weissenborn, St. Petersburg; Lt. and Mrs. A. E. Pellerin III, St. Petersburg; Dr. and Mrs. Paul White, St. Petersburg; Mrs. Frederick W. Nichol, New York, in memory of Lewis M. Herzog, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen C. Whitlatch, Sarasota, in memory of Sumner H. Britton.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Valee, East Hartford, Conn.; in memory of Lt. Cdr. Ernest H. Dohne.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Ervin, Shaker Heights, Ohio; in memory of Mrs. Emily J. Ogden.

Mr. Norman J. Albright, Chicago, Ill.; in memory of John Taylor.

Hon. J. Edwin Larson, George F. Sampson, Lucille B. Stello, Louise Galt and A. J. Henry, all of Tallahassee, in memory of Mrs. Joe (Mrs. A. J.) Henry.

J. L., Kitty and Jill McMullen, of Live Oak; Louie and Clara Wadsworth, Live Oak; in memory of Mrs. T. E. Howell.

J. L., Kitty and Jill McMullen, Live Oak; Louie and Clara Wadsworth, Live Oak; in memory of Mrs. John Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Odom Jr., Live Oak, in memory of Mrs. W. E. Hall.

Mr. John M. Hollister, Schenectady, N.Y.; in memory of The Rev. Joseph F. Cobb.

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.

Please use the form below when mailing contributions to this fund.

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 _____

Shooting of Trooper Triggers Big Manhunt and Capture of 2 Gunmen

By Herbie L. Wiles
News Director
Radio Station WDSP

DEFUNIAK SPRINGS—The combined efforts of law enforcement officers of the States of Alabama and Florida, 6 Florida counties, the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, the Florida Beverage Department and the FBI resulted in the capture of two brothers following the shooting of Florida Highway Patrol Trooper Bill McDaniel last month.

As Walton County Sheriff Howard "Andy" Anderson said: "It was the greatest show of cooperation and help that I have ever seen. I shall always be grateful for the splendid job."

Trooper McDaniel, in a rou-

tine car check, stopped a 1961 two-tone Dodge car with Mississippi plates on Tuesday, April 11th, 1961 some 6 miles West of De Funiak Springs, on Highway 90. The two men gave Trooper McDaniel some trouble and as he was attempting to handcuff them, one pulled out a pistol.

McDaniel pushed the partly cuffed man into the other man, and jumped for the ditch, but not in time to miss a bullet that struck him in the shoulder, giving him a flesh wound. The two Brothers, then shot out the radio in the patrol car, and headed east on Highway 90 toward De Funiak Springs.

Realizing they were approaching a town, the pair turned north on a dirt road, but it was the wrong dirt road. It ended at a "dead end" about

one mile north of highway #90.

Mrs. Betty Miller was doing her washing at the time, she noticed the car, but thought nothing of it until she heard reports of the shooting on her radio. She notified the sheriff's office.

Walton County Deputy Sheriffs Joel Alford and Fred Respress were first at the scene of the abandoned car. This was at 2:25, and that moment started one of the largest and most widespread man hunts in Walton County history.

Highway Patrol Troopers already out in large numbers looking for the car, were at the scene within minutes after Radio Dispatcher of the Walton County Sheriff's office Don Seymour notified the Highway Patrol Radio in Chestview, 30 miles west of De Funiak Springs.

The search included ground and air units. The local CAP unit as well as private citizen Tex Newton flew in the search attempt. A Florida Forest Service plane joined in the search as did Helicopters from Eglin Air Force Base.

On the ground were the hounds, set loose on the trail of the two brothers, who could live in the woods for a week without food or water according to a report received from the FBI to Sheriff Anderson. The two brothers were then identified as Adrill C. Strickland, age 32 and his brother Quitman Strickland age 29. One had a 30-30 rifle, the other a German make pistol, and ammunition.

There was no doubt that the Stricklands knew the woods. They knew how to avoid the hounds too. All that afternoon, the Brothers, back-tracked, ran

in circles, ran in water; while the hounds chased, and circled. At almost dusk, the helicopter spotted two men, and the dogs were put in the area; but at dark, the brothers had circled into an area known as Buffalo Lake, some 5 miles north of De Funiak Springs.

Chief Joe Smiley of the Alabama Highway Patrol put into operation some 25 road blocks in Alabama and along the state line to keep the Strickland Brothers in the Florida Area. As dark came, Sheriff Anderson with the help of the State Beverage Men and the Highway Patrol set up 11 road blocks in the area around Buffalo Lake. Private citizens continually kept the main highways full of traffic. Late Tuesday night, some 14 FBI agents from Jacksonville and the northwest Florida Area joined the hunt under the able leadership of D. K. Brown.

During the early morning hours Brown, George Sparks, of the Federal ATT office in Pensacola, and Sheriff Anderson set up a house-to-house search to see if the two brothers could be smoked out.

The local Radio Stations cooperated in the movement, and began the day's broadcasting with the information supplied by the Sheriff's office. However in this intensive search, nothing turned up, and at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning, the manhunt was at a dead end.

Then at just a few minutes after 9, a report came that some citizen had spotted two men armed with a rifle in the Pine Grove Community, some 2 miles east of the site. Apparently the brothers had gotten thru the net and road blocks, but they did not get far enough away. Within 8 minutes from the report of the two men, officers had circled the area. Hounds were put on the trail, and a Florida Forest Service Plane, piloted by Dee Paffos, spotted the Strickland brothers at almost the same time the hounds got hot on their trail.

Pilot Paffos dove his plane at the spot where the brothers were located. One of the brothers raised his rifle but did not shoot at the plane.

At the same time, the hounds, hot on the trail, were closing in on the brothers from the south.

From the north, a team made up of Florida Highway Troopers, the Alabama Highway Patrol, Sheriff's Deputies and the FBI were also closing in. To the east and west of the brothers were roads. At last, after some 18 hours, they were trapped.

The Brothers found a large pine tree in a small swamp, and there they made their stand. Some 18 rounds were fired, before one of the brothers, Adrill, was hit in the hip. Then both men gave up.

Adrill was rushed to a De Funiak Springs Hospital for treatment and was later moved to a Pensacola Hospital for surgery. Quitman was rushed to the Walton County Jail. The hunt, involving some 150 law enforcement officers, was over and the officers were exhausted.

Within a few minutes after the capture, the Deputies from Washington, Holmes, Bay, Okaloosa and Santa Rosa Counties started the trip back into their own respective counties after a job well done.

Trooper Bill McDaniel himself assisted in the search, determined to place the two men behind bars, a mission that was highly successful due to the greatest show of cooperation that has ever been seen in Walton County.

Real Sherlock

PANAMA CITY — Bay County Sheriff M. J. (Doc) Daffin's bloodhound "Dr. Watson Twiggs" (a real Sherlock Holmes) was credited with being the first dog to locate the fugitive Strickland Brothers in a manhunt near DeFuniak Springs.

The Jackson County Floridian said the fugitives directed rifle fire within four inches of the dog and would have killed him if his handler Deputy Sheriff W. A. Stewart Jr., had not returned their fire.

Stewart emptied his pistol at the men and reloaded while other officers kept up a barrage of covering fire.



END OF MANHUNT — Adrill Strickland, wounded fugitive, is carried to a waiting ambulance by Sheriff's Deputies and other officers following a big manhunt triggered by the shooting of a Florida Highway Patrol Trooper. (Photo by Earl Bowen, DeFuniak Springs.)



SEBRING—GREETING GOVERNOR—Sheriff Broward Coker (left) greets Gov. Farris Bryant and party upon arrival here for the annual Grand Prix sports car races. Pictured are (from left) Wendell Jarrard, chairman of the Florida Development Commission; Gov. Bryant, Mrs. Bryant and Scott Linder, of Lakeland, member of the Development Commission.



FORT LAUDERDALE — DONATION FROM ELKS CLUB — Sheriff Allen B. Michell (right) accepts a donation of \$200 for the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch from the Fort Lauderdale Elks Club. Shown presenting the donation are George Nichols (left) and Eddie Donohue.

Little Girl's Life Saved by Deputy Ferrell

ORLANDO — The following letter praising Deputy Sheriff E. Randy Ferrell for saving a little girl's life was received by Sheriff Dave Starr from Beacon Ambulance Service:

"This afternoon at 4:15 P.M. we received a call for an ambulance from your radio room to go to 216 Merrymount St. as there was an emergency there. When our ambulance arrived at the scene we found one of your cars had already arrived and Deputy Randy Ferrell was giving mouth-to-mouth resuscitation to Susan Bowman, age 2.

"Young Susan had stopped breathing altogether and had it not been for the fine training . . . and split-second thinking of Deputy Ferrell this young child's life would have been another life claimed by the Grim Reaper.

"We here at Beacon want to take this time to let you as Sheriff and all the people of this fine County know that once again the high calibre of men in the Orange County Sheriff's Office has been in evidence in the saving of a young child's life.

"Complete disregard for personal safety so that others may live seems to be the standard of your office.

"Thank God for you, Sheriff Starr, Deputy Ferrell and all the fine men in your office."

Sincerely,
William H. Woodell
Secretary-Treasurer

The feller who is only a part time good driver may become a full time corpse.

Climbs Pole to Catch Gamblers

PORT ST. JOE — Smart police work enabled Wayne White, Sheriff Byrd Parker's chief investigator, to crack a bolita (lottery) case and arrest three persons on gambling charges.

White said he posed as a line repairman for Gulf Power Co. and climbed a utility pole in the Negro section of town to observe an alleged bolita payoff after the winning number "fell."

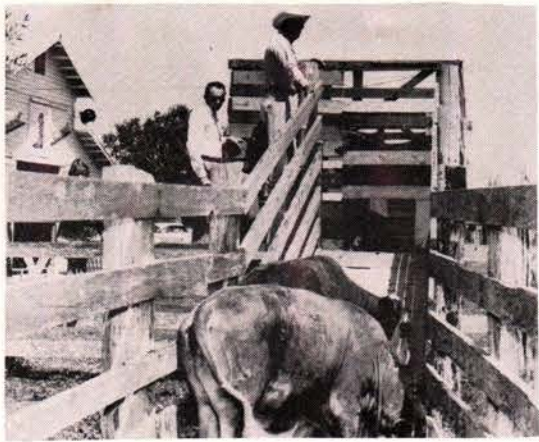
After watching the operations from his vantage point on the pole, he pretended to be checking the house meter where the alleged payoff was going on. He said he stood right beside one of the bolita operators when a lottery sale was made in the doorway of the house.

In the arrests that followed White confiscated bolita tickets and paraphernalia.

School for Lawmen Held in Brevard

COCOA — Brevard County Sheriff James W. Dunn joined with the Rockledge Police Department in sponsoring a week-long school for 103 law enforcement officers.

The school was conducted by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It covered subjects such as search and seizure, preservation of evidence, police courtesy, police public relations and courtroom procedures.



CLEARWATER — GIFTS FOR THE RANCH — Recent gifts to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch included the fine red stallion pictured above, donated by Miss Betsy Kent, of Clearwater; and the two Brador heifers which are shown being loaded for shipment. Shown holding the stallion is Sgt. Carl McMullen of the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department. Shown loading the heifers are Deputy Sheriff Ken Carpenter (left) and Boys Ranch Farm Manager Clenny Beach.



PANAMA CITY — RANCH DONATION — Philanthropist Ellis Mize, of Panama City (left), presents to Bay County Sheriff M. J. (Doc) Daffin a donation of \$1,000 to help provide college educations for boys enrolled at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. Earlier he gave \$500 as the first donation to a Boys Ranch Scholarship Fund and the current donation will go into this same fund.



MARIANNA — OFF THE MARKET — Sheriff Barkley Gause and his Deputies took 60 gallons of moonshine off the market when they seized this car. Shown checking the cargo are (from left) Sheriff Gause, Chief Deputy Robert Applewhite and Deputy Brooks Gainer. (Photo courtesy Jackson County Floridan.)

Motor Scooter Posse Proposed

OCALA — The Ocala Junior Chamber of Commerce has proposed a new type of "Sheriff's Posse" mounted on motor scooters rather than horses.

Sheriff Doug Willis is co-operating with the Jaycees and plans to use posse members in various types of emergencies if the proposal materializes.

The posse members, dressed in western attire, would take part in parades for the purpose of advertising Ocala and Marion County throughout the state. In many ways they would function as a low-horsepower version of the Miami Police Department and Duval County Patrol motorcycle drill teams.

Jaycees said one of the important functions the posse could perform is to set up an educational course for all teenagers in traffic safety and proper use of motor scooters.

Plans also include a teenage rodeo for motor scooters.

Rules of conduct have been established for the 18 members of the posse and only the highest type of personal conduct will be permitted.

Coker Reappointed By Legion Head

SEABRING — W. R. Burke, national commander of the American Legion, notified Sheriff Broward Coker of his reappointment as a general member of the Legion's Law and Order Committee for the 10th consecutive year.

Burke said the appointment was in recognition of Sheriff Coker's service to the veterans' organization.

Jail Break Was Poor Gamble For 3 Prisoners

LIVE OAK — Let this be a lesson to any prisoners plotting to break out of the Suwannee County Jail.

When three men overpowered Deputy Sheriff Calvin McCorvy on April 17, and fled out of the jail, McCorvy quickly captured two of them and the third one was tracked down and captured by a sheriff's posse within less than 12 hours.

Although the escapees administered a severe beating to McCorvy and took his pistol, he grabbed a shotgun as soon as they left and started out in pursuit.

McCorvy spotted one of the men, fired at him and wounded him in the arm. The wounded man gave himself up meekly and McCorvy found another escapee hiding in shrubbery nearby.

When notified of the escape, Sheriff Hugh Lewis organized a posse of some 40 or 50 men and 35 autos and the hunt for the third man began. Bloodhounds were also used and within a few hours the fugitive was found in a tobacco barn west of Live Oak.

For their brief freedom the three men paid heavily. Alex Connell, 27, received a 10-year sentence for his part in the escape; Paul Foster, 24, was given one year and Harry Walker, 25, was given five years. Foster also faces a charge of assault with intent to murder Deputy Sheriff McCorvy.

Boys Impress Pinellas Host

CLEARWATER BEACH — So well impressed was W. D. Buckley by the behavior of the boys from the Boys Ranch who spent a weekend at "The Reef," his motel and restaurant, that he donated the amount of their lodging bill (\$198.36) to the Ranch.

He also gave the boys three free meals.

"It was indeed a pleasure to have the fine, well mannered boys from the Sheriff's Boys Ranch stay with us over this past weekend," he told Sheriff Don Genung.

"This is a tremendous work you are all doing (at the Ranch) and you have my whole-hearted support. I wish you continued success."

Charter Member

PANAMA CITY — When the Panama City Kiwanis Club celebrated its 35th Anniversary in April, Bay County Sheriff M. J. (Doc) Daffin was given special recognition as the only charter member still active in the club.



MACCLENNY — ABOUT THAT BEARD — Sheriff Ed Yarbrough received much deserved praise for the arrest of Ex-Convict Al House (center) and Elbert Daniel Koelman (right) on charges of burglarizing the Baker County Court House, but the above picture which appeared in a daily newspaper led to comment that the Sheriff looked more like a desperado than his prisoners. What the newspaper failed to explain was that the Sheriff's beard and mustache were only temporary and that he had grown them to help celebrate the Baker County centennial. Therefore, we would like to reassure folks who live outside Baker County that the Sheriff is quite a good looking chap, and not at all sinister, without his beard. We also would like to congratulate him for putting Al House back behind bars. House is widely known as the "jailhouse lawyer" and has spent more than half of his 65 years in prison.



JACKSONVILLE — SPEED CHECKED BY RADAR — Sheriff Dale Carson (left) and his Road Patrol Chief, W. F. Johnston, test the operation of a new radar device which will be used to clock speeders. Initial tests indicated the device could accurately record the speed of trucks and buses as far away as 1,600 feet, and automobiles at 600 or more feet. It can be used on a moving patrol car or at stationary locations. (Photo courtesy Florida Times-Union.)



ST. PETERSBURG — STATE-WIDE DRIVE OPENS — Sun City Barracks, Veterans of World War I, has launched a state-wide campaign to encourage Florida's 83 Barracks to support the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. Chief Deputy Sheriff Bill Roberts (third from left) is shown accepting a donation of \$100 from Sun City Barracks to start the campaign. Shown presenting the donation are (from left) Walter Hoover, Department Quartermaster Adjutant; Dr. A. Royal Forsythe, Barracks Commander; James McCabe, Department Commander; and George Chase, National Deputy Chief of Staff.



PALATKA—OVER \$1,000 RAISED—Pictured above is a small part of the crowd of over 1,200 persons who attended a fish fry sponsored by Sheriff E. W. (Walt) Pellicer for the benefit of The Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch and Rodeheaver Boys Ranch. The benefit affair netted over \$1,000. Boys from both Ranches were present to help serve the food and clear tables. (Photo courtesy Palatka Daily News.)

Dangers of Kite Flying Cited by Sheriff Wilson

CRESTVIEW — Sheriff Ray Wilson warned youngsters that kite flying can be dangerous — even fatal — if improper equipment is used.

He referred to a series of recent tragedies in other parts of the country in which kite flyers had been killed when the cords drifted into high voltage lines.

Sheriff Wilson said many types of cord and twine on the market today are made with a thin metal thread for strength. The wire center increases the danger when flying kites, he added.

The Sheriff urged merchants and parents both to take extra precautions to make certain that twine purchased for kite flying be free of any trace of metal wires or threads.

Sheriff Wilson said, "I hope we can keep the county out of the statistics columns and feel that by carefully checking the type of kite cord used, we can prevent such a tragedy in Okaloosa County."

Inspector Praises Volusia Sheriff

DELAND — Prison Inspector R. P. McLendon said Sheriff Rodney Thursby is "doing the best possible job" with the present obsolete and inadequate Volusia County Jail.

All of the state inspection reports for the past year have been critical of the inadequate condition of the jail.

Funds are on hand and plans approved for construction of a new jail but a movement to shift the county seat from Deland to Daytona Beach has held up the project.

Rats Scarce in Escambia Jail

PENSACOLA — A cat called "Grandma"—and old enough to be one—is credited with making the Escambia County Jail the most rat-free jail in this area.

It has been estimated that the old gal has disposed of some 7,000 rodents during her eight years as a member of the jail staff.

This score and her ripe old age have gained "Grandma" considerable affection and respect. She also enjoys many privileges such as roaming all over the jail in complete disregard of security regulations.

Manatee County Sheriff's Dept. Hums with Efficiency Says News

BRADENTON — The Sarasota News, published in a neighboring city, devoted a full page on April 9 to Manatee County Sheriff Ken Gross and his outstanding department.

The newspaper said that the Manatee County Sheriff's Office "hums with efficiency" and attributed this to the fact that it is staffed with experienced personnel.

News Staff Writer Bob Bender pointed out that Sheriff Gross has a big job keeping the peace in an area of 800 square miles with a full time staff of only 27 persons including a uniformed patrol force of nine.

The county is becoming more and more urban in nature and Sheriff Gross figures he needs at least 12 additional uniformed men to give the people the kind of police protection to which they are entitled.

Meanwhile the staff shortage is being overcome as well as possible by working overtime and by utilizing the services of 12 school crossing guards and 22 members of the sheriff's posse who work without pay.

Sheriff Gross reported that the regular staff served 8,512 hours of overtime without pay, and posse members contributed 3,246 hours without pay, to save the taxpayers approximately \$18,600.

In one month, four patrol cars covered 45,734 miles, or

slightly better than 11,000 miles per car. This is further evidence that the department is operating at top efficiency.

In addition to the land patrol, the Sheriff also maintains a water safety patrol with a powerful 19-foot motorboat.

Another indication of the Sheriff's effective approach to law enforcement is the fact that the price of moonshine has reportedly increased in Manatee County from between \$6 and \$8 a gallon to between \$14 and \$16 a gallon.

High prices like this normally result when strict enforcement reduces the available supply of moonshine.

Patience Pays In Shine Raid

OKEECHOBEE — Patience paid off for Sheriff J. C. McPherson and State Beverage Department agents.

They patiently watched a moonshine still for two weeks until the operators showed up, then they moved in and arrested three men and one woman.

One of the men gave the raiders a run for their money but was captured after a sprint of about a half mile over the boondocks.

The flat "groundhog" type still had a "shotgun condenser" with straight copper tubes rather than coils. This was described as a comparatively new development in the moonshine business.

Sheriff McPherson said the still was capable of producing over 90 gallons a week with a retail value of \$1,800.

Ranch Receives Shares of Stock

STARKE — R. L. Batten, retired farmer, donated 20 shares of stock in the Farmers Produce Market of Gainesville to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

The stock, which has a face value of \$500, was accepted for the Ranch trustees by Deputy Sheriff Dolph Reddish, son of Sheriff P. D. Reddish.



BRONSON — TREAT FOR FFA BOYS — Levy County Sheriff J. W. Turner (left) purchased a choice steer at the Suwannee River Cattle Show, in Fannin Springs, and served it to some 200 members of the Future Farmers of America in the form of barbecued beef. Some of the boys are pictured here loading up their plates in the serving line. (Photo courtesy Florida Times-Union.)



BRADENTON — BALL PLAYERS RESCUED — Sheriff Ken Gross' water safety patrol boat assisted in rescuing three Milwaukee Braves baseball players who became marooned during a fishing trip. Chief Deputy Sheriff Clyde Gill (right) and Investigator Jack Key (center) are shown bringing Chuck Hickman ashore. The other players were identified as Bob Botz and Mike Krismich.



POMPANO BEACH — FIREMEN SUPPORT RANCH — The Pompano Beach Fire Department Benevolent Association continues its loyal support of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch by presenting a check in the amount of \$260 to Broward County Sheriff Allen B. Michell (right) and Deputy Sheriff Otto Hettessheimer.



POMPANO BEACH — RANCH FOUNDER — Sheriff Allen B. Michell (right) and Deputy Sheriff Otto Hettessheimer present a Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Founders Club Certificate to the Exchange Club of Pompano Beach as a token of appreciation for the club's generous support of the ranch. Shown accepting the certificate is William Nederlanden, president of the club.

Sheriff Thwarts Jail Break Plan

BARTOW — A planned mass jail break was nipped in the bud by Sheriff Monroe Brannen before the inmates were even aware that their plans had "leaked" to officials.

Sheriff Brannen learned that a turnkey had been offered \$100 to smuggle a gun into the jail. Acting swiftly, he immediately transferred five ringleaders to maximum security facilities elsewhere.

"Someone could have been killed," said Brannen, "if they had obtained a gun."

The prisoners had planned to stage a fight and grab the jailor when he came to break it up. All of the ringleaders had records of escapes and escape attempts.

WANTED PERSONS

As Compiled by the
Florida Sheriffs Bureau
Don McLeod, Director



WILLIAM T. NICHOLS
White male, date and place of birth 9-26-30, Marshall County, Ala., 5 feet, 8 inches tall, weighs 150 pounds, black hair, brown eyes; scar on left eyebrow, upper lip, right hand; tattoo of sword and 503rd Airborne Infantry insignia on upper left arm; womans head with sailor on upper right arm. Nichols has been convicted of armed robbery, burglary, grand lar-

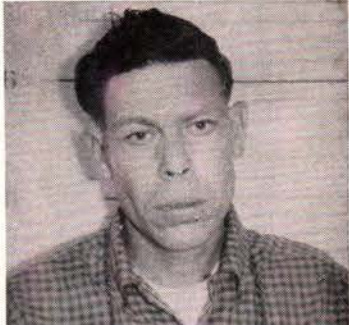
ceny, transporting illegal whiskey. FPC: 19, M/L, 9/2, U/U, 000/00I, 13. Nichols reportedly would not hesitate to kill. Considered extremely dangerous. Wanted by FBI, Interstate Flight—Robbery. Possibly going under name LUTHER M. SMITH Jr. If apprehended notify nearest FBI office or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



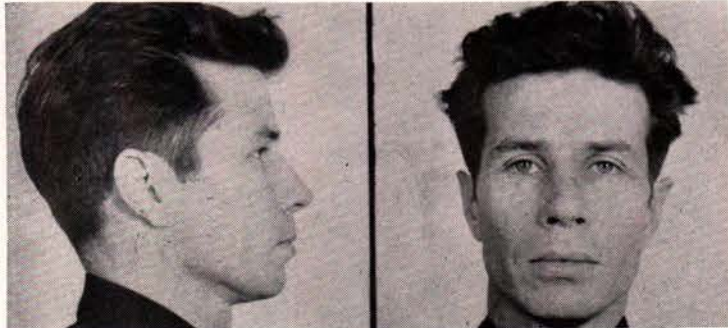
PAUL SMYERS
White male, age 21, 5 feet, 11 inches tall, weighs 178 pounds, medium stout build, reddish hair, blue eyes. Tattoo of name "TIM" inside left forearm, tattoo of large eagle upper left forearm, cross and scroll outer right forearm, initials "P.T.S." upper right arm. FPC: M/I,



32/32, W/W, MMM/OII, 21. Wanted for escape from SRDP #4756 Loxahatchee, where he was serving 7 year sentence from Broward County on charge B&E and Escape. \$25 reward. If apprehended notify SP Raiford or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.

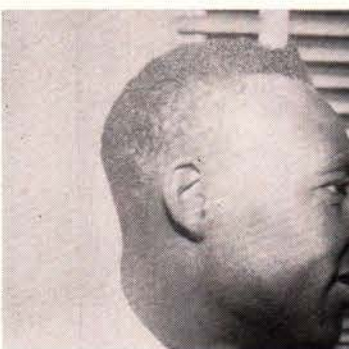


HOWARD CHARLES HAYES
White male, date and place of birth 10-28-27, Stutzbury, W. Va., 5 feet, 9 inches tall, weighs 150 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes. FBI #253766D. Wanted for Escape from a work crew in Dade City, Fla., on 4-6-61. If apprehended notify Police Department, Dade City, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



HAROLD LOWE
White male, age 32, 5 feet, 6 inches tall, weighs 128 pounds, light short build, dark brown hair, hazel eyes, ruddy complexion. Construction laborer. No marks or scars except freckles cover shoulders, chest and back. FBI #604 373A. FPC: 3,

la/lt, U/R, III/III, 11. Wanted for Escape from SRD #4756 Loxahatchee, where he was serving 6 months-18 months for Possession of Burglary Tools from Pinellas County. \$25.00 reward. If apprehended notify SP Raiford or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



JESSIE WHETSTONE
Alias ROBERT DAVIS, alias GUSSIE WHETSTONE, colored male, age 45, 5 feet, 9 inches tall, weighs 165 pounds. Has worked as a farm laborer. May be in Miami seeking work at a cafeteria. Has previously been



arrested in Panama City, Dothan, Ala., Mobile, Ala., Montgomery, Ala., and Birmingham, Ala. Warrant issued, charge Murder. If apprehended notify Sheriff Willis, Ocala, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



RAYMOND ALAN MENDEL
White male, date of birth 1-17-27, 5 feet, 9 inches tall, weighs 157 pounds, brown hair, hazel eyes, fair complexion. Warrant issued, charge Auto Theft and Grand Larceny. Car recovered. If apprehended notify Sheriff Baker, Stuart, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.

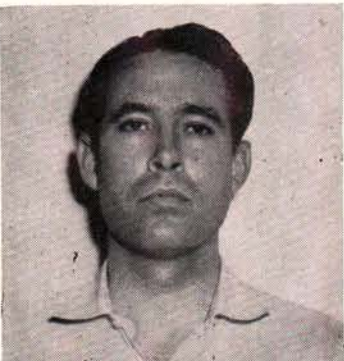
GALLERY OF WORTHLESS CHECK ARTISTS



STEVE HARRILL
Also known as HARRELL, colored male, date of birth 10-2-28, 6 feet tall, weighs 155-165 pounds, black hair, brown eyes, wears goatee and mustache. His FPC: 4 S 5 U 8 over I 1 U small T. Has arrest record in Dade and Collier Counties. His MO is to obtain work with a company, usually fish houses, steal company checks and forge them. If apprehended notify Sheriff Spottswood, Key West, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.

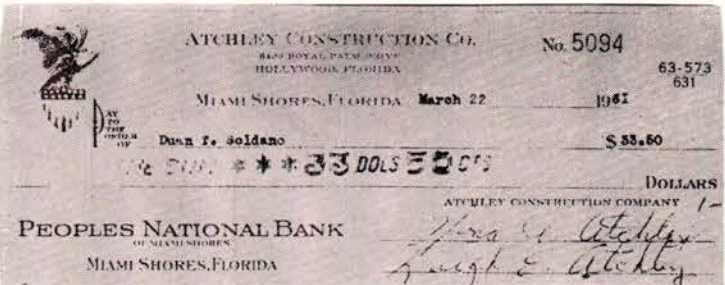
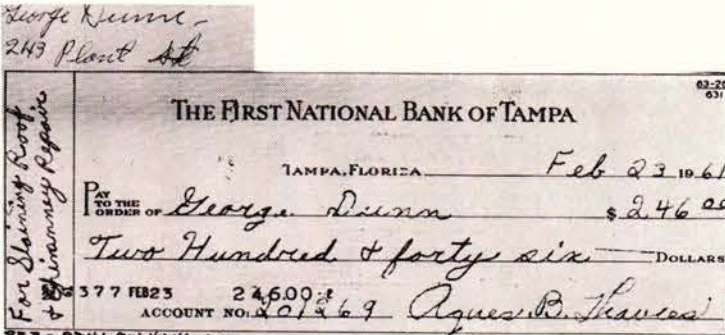


TILLMAN SANDERS
White male, age 34, 6 feet, 1 inch tall, weighs 230 pounds, black wavy hair, small eyes. His brother in Glen Arms, MD., and was there 3-26-61. His sister in Dayton, Ohio and was there for approx two hours on 3-30-61. Last seen driving tu-tone green 1956 Chevrolet Station Wagon 1961 Florida License 66-366, Ser. #A56A-069466. Wanted for Worthless Checks in amount of \$1300.00. If apprehended notify Sheriff Parker, Wewahitchka, Fla., or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



CLARENCE CALVIN PORTER

CLARENCE CALVIN PORTER
Alias RICHARD I. HOWLAND, C. C. PORTER, ERVINE LYNN, white male, age 30, 6 feet tall, slender build, light hair; dresses neatly and usually carries a brief case. FBI #308 640B. Subject appears at large Super-Markets presents checks in amount of \$7.50, obtains initials of manager, then places figure 9 in front of the \$7.50 check. Most of checks are typewritten. Known to have been in Orlando, Jacksonville, Pensacola and Fort Walton Beach. Believed to be driving late model Ford. Was released from FCI 1-8-61. If apprehended notify Sheriff Starr, Orlando, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



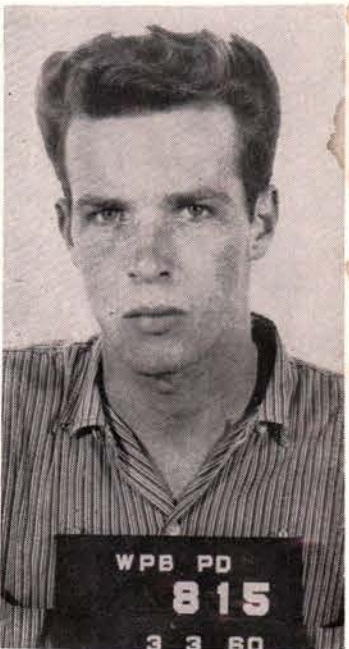
Specimens of Checks Written
By George Dunn and Duan Soldano

DUAN T. SOLDANO

White male, age 40, 5 feet, 9 inches tall, dark hair. Has Florida Driver's License #1177438. Driving white and blue Pontiac convertible bearing Ontario Canada license, numerals unknown. Warrant issued, charge Worthless Checks. If apprehended notify Sheriff Quinn, Inverness, Florida or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Fla.

GEORGE DUNN

White male, age 32, 5 feet, 8 inches tall, weight 165 pounds, sandy hair. Subject posed as home repairer, obtained check from elderly lady, apparently using this check as model, forged victim's name on another check. Warrant will be issued. May be wanted in Perry, Fla., and Atlanta, Ga. If apprehended notify Police Dept., Tampa, Florida or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



NORMAN PATRICK
McKERNAN

White male, date of birth 4-13-40, 6 feet tall, weighs 156 pounds, brown hair, hazel eyes. May have in his possession checks from the Hi-Glow Electronic Co., 8067 S. State Road, Goodrich, Mich., taken in B&E March 7, 1961. He is believed to be in Florida, possibly South Florida area. Warrant issued, charge, Uttering and Publishing Forged Instruments. If apprehended notify Police Dept., West Palm Beach, Florida or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.

Worthless Piece of Paper Leads To Solution of Shocking Murder

A worthless piece of paper, along with determined police work, led to the solution of the murder of an aged El Jobean merchant which shocked all of Charlotte County last December 30.

Nearly-blind Walter V. McCoy, 81, was well liked in the El Jobean area, along the north shore of Charlotte Harbor. McCoy operated a combination grocery, tavern and service station. He lived alone in an apartment over his business.

McCoy was kind to all who knew him. He went out of his

way to be of service, even to opening up after hours when someone needed gasoline or groceries. He even lent money.

Heard Gunshots

At 3 a. m. on the morning of December 30 neighbors heard what they believed to be gunshots coming from McCoy's store, and then they heard a car drive away. They investigated and found the usual padlock in place but, being suspicious, they telephoned for Sheriff Travis Parnell.

Chief Deputy Lonnie Byrd and Deputy W. M. Weeks re-

sponded and forced the padlock hasp. They found McCoy on the floor, behind his bar. Investigation revealed he had been shot once in the back of the head, near the right ear.

Cash was found on the body and behind the bar but a part-time employee reported \$80 in cash and a \$10 check was missing from a rear room cabinet.

First Lead Fizzles

The first lead came later in the morning when it was learned that only the day before McCoy had been paid \$19,000 for his property, as the result of a condemnation suit to provide more right-of-way for highway 771, leading from the north-south highway 41 west to El Jobean. But the money was found in McCoy's bank account and the lead proved futile.

Parnell and Byrd followed hundreds of leads in the next two weeks, especially when the autopsy report revealed McCoy had been shot twice, not once, with both bullets entering the same wound.

Then came another lead—the worthless piece of paper.

The bank at Punta Gorda informed Parnell that a check had been returned as worthless by the bank at Lake Wales. The check was made payable to Walter V. McCoy in the amount of \$25 and was signed by Jack Leckey.

Investigation proved that Leckey often visited at El Jobean and, in fact, had known McCoy for about 20 years.

Warrant Issued

Sheriff Parnell had a warrant issued for Leckey's arrest, charging the issuance of a worthless check. Word was sent to all sheriff's departments, and especially to the Lake Wales police, for Leckey was known to have resided there.

Meantime, Clifford Powell, special investigator for the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, had come to Punta Gorda and assisted Parnell and Byrd.

On January 18 the Lake Wales police telephoned that they had Leckey in custody. Parnell and Byrd went to Lake Wales, picked up Leckey and took him to Sebring, where Powell was working at the moment.

Powell put Leckey through a polygraph (lie detector) test but the first "go-around" merely put Leckey at ease. Shortly after the start of the second test, Powell popped the question and Leckey confessed to the murder.

Leckey, a 52-year-old, slight and mild ex-grocery manager, told that he had given four worthless checks, in a total amount of \$105. (The other three checks had been returned in the meantime.)

Visited McCoy

Married and the father of a daughter and twin sons, Leckey said he was in Tampa the night of December 29 when he decided to visit McCoy, tell him the checks were worthless and ask for time to repay.

He said he arrived at about 3 a. m. and awoke McCoy in his apartment. He related that he told McCoy his plight and that McCoy offered to lend him more money. They went to the bar.

McCoy poured him a glass of wine, Leckey related, and went to the rear room for money, returned and handed him \$50 and laid the other \$30 and the \$10 check on the bar. Leckey had a second glass of wine.

From this point, what happened in the actual killing is hazy. Leckey, in his original confession, stated the 81-year-old McCoy made improper advances and shoved him back against the cash register. The defendant said he then pulled the .25 caliber revolver from his pocket and shot McCoy once. He said he shot the second time after McCoy fell to the floor and was groaning.

Leckey later repudiated that part of his confession that the

aged McCoy had "propositioned" him.

Took Money and Fled

He said he then grabbed up the cash and check on the bar, started for the door, but remembered the wine bottle with his fingerprints on it, returned for the bottle, replaced the padlock on the door and drove away.

He added he stopped only a mile down the road, drank the balance of the wine, tore up the check and drove to Marco, south of Naples. He stayed there two weeks and went to St. Cloud, near Kissimmee, where he stayed another two weeks.

Leckey was arrested on the morning of his return to Lake Wales, when police saw him driving near city hall.

The day following his arrest and confession, Leckey was arraigned before County Judge John T. Rose Jr. and pleaded not guilty to a charge of first degree murder.

Leckey appeared March 27 before Circuit Judge Archie M. Odom, pleaded guilty to first degree murder, and was sentenced to prison "for the rest of your natural life."

Moonshine Still Cleverly Hidden

BRADENTON—The Manatee County Sheriff's Department, together with state and federal agents, destroyed one of the most cleverly camouflaged moonshine stills ever seen in this area.

Located about 250 yards off busy U.S. Highway 301, the still was set up in a dense thicket, covered with tarpaulins and moss and nestled beneath several tall oak trees.

Members of the raiding party waded through heavy palmetto growth and several strands of barbed wire fence to reach the site.



GERARD J. ENGERT

Fingerprint Man Hired by Bureau

TALLAHASSEE — Director Don McLeod announced that Gerard J. Engert, one of the nation's top fingerprint experts, has been appointed Supervisor of the Identification Section of the Florida Sheriffs Bureau.

He said that Engert, who retired from the Federal Bureau of Investigation in 1958 after 28½ years of service, will fill a vacancy created by the death of Albert B. Ground in 1960.

Prior to his retirement Engert was supervisor of the Fingerprint Section of the FBI's Identification Division in Washington, D. C. He learned fingerprint classification when he originally went to work for the FBI in 1930 and worked his way up to the top position in the Fingerprint Section during the next eight years. This section processes some 20,000 fingerprint cards a day.

In addition to playing a major role in many famous crime cases, he has also lectured widely in the U.S. and Canada on fingerprint work, and has qualified as a fingerprint expert in state and federal courts.

A native of New Orleans, Engert is 54 years old. He is married and has two daughters.



PUNTA GORDA—CASE CLOSED—Charlotte County Sheriff Travis Parnell (right) and Chief Deputy Sheriff Lonnie A. Byrd with John Leckey, who was sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of Walter V. McCoy. (See story above.)

McCall Receives Coronet Apology

The May, 1961, issue of Coronet Magazine carried the following correction and apology:

"The January 1961 edition of Coronet Magazine contained an article by Fred Warshofsky entitled 'The Shame of Illegal Detention.' This article mentioned the pistol-whipping of a prisoner held incommunicado for five days in Lake County, Florida, by Sheriff Willis McCall. This reference was incorrect; the prisoner was not illegally detained, he had access to counsel at all times and was not pistol-whipped. Coronet deeply regrets the error and apologizes to Sheriff McCall."

Florida Sheriffs Association Attorney John A. Madigan Jr., of Tallahassee, represented Sheriff McCall in demanding this retraction.

Tavern Operator Liked Handling Of Burglary Case

WEST PALM BEACH—O. L. Taylor, operator of Speed's Tavern, expressed his gratitude for the manner in which the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Department halted a burglary at his place of business and arrested the offenders.

He said promptness in answering the call "made a rapid and successful conclusion possible." He also praised "the courteous manner" in which Sheriff Martin Kellenberger's men conducted themselves through the investigation.

Deputies who worked the case included Investigator Ed Barnett; Patrolmen Gene Armstrong and Joe Lydon; and Photographer and Identification Technician Fred Tannehill.

Armed Robbery Slate's Clean

BARTOW—Lakeland Ledger Staff Writer Ed McNeely reported that Sheriff Monroe Brannen and his men were "batting a thousand" in solving armed robberies during the first three months of this year.

Every case reported during the first quarter of the year resulted in the arrest of the alleged gunmen, McNeely said, and the arrest of a Miami man for the \$80 robbery of a Fort Meade couple continued the "perfect score" into the month of April.

Sheriff Brannen's monthly average for all types of crime was 278 cases reported with 175 cleared by arrests. Petty burglaries and small thefts accounted for most of the unsolved cases.

3 Bops on Head Just Too Much!

POMPANO BEACH — After being hit over the head and robbed three times in two weeks, Monty Layton was seriously considering quitting his job as a service station attendant.

The Ft. Lauderdale Daily News quoted him as saying: "It's one thing when they hold you up late at night, but when they start pulling it on you in broad daylight then it's time to quit."

Losses in the three robberies were reported at \$835. After the third robbery Sheriff's Deputies picked up a suspect who was identified by Layton and charged with armed robbery.



MIAMI—Sheriff Thomas J. Kelly (left) presents an honorary deputy sheriff's badge to James C. Hathaway (right), Illustrious Potentate of Mahi Shrine. Mr. Hathaway is also an Honorary Member of the Florida Sheriffs Association. Pictured in the center is Noble Ambassador John Shaw.



VENICE — RODEO PRIZES — Sheriff Ross Boyer looks over prizes awarded in the Sheriff's Safety Club's second annual bicycle rodeo. Also shown admiring the prizes are Carol Forte, 6, and Michael Jones, 10.