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### Timeless Magic

TAVARES — The timeless magic of the Christmas Spirit is such that it penetrates to the most remote and inaccessible places—even to the grim, cold interior of the Lake County Jail.

Our cover picture shows prisoners at work under the supervision of Sheriff Willis McCall repairing used toys for distribution to needy youngsters.

They have been hard at work for the past three months and when Christmas eve rolls around they expect to have enough bicycles, tricycles, doll carriages and such to gladden the hearts of some 200 boys and girls.

Sheriff McCall started the "Toys for Tots" project five years ago and it has grown steadily. Prisoners are enthusiastic about it and seem to get as much happiness out of refurbishing toys as the youngsters do out of receiving them.

The used and shopworn toys are donated by individuals and merchants. (In the picture on this page the sheriff's grandchildren are shown contributing their favorite playthings.)

After the toys have been reconditioned they are turned over to churches and other organizations for distribution.

And the prisoners—they go back to their dull routine and start counting the days until it will be time to put the toy repair shop back in operation again.

(Photos by Deputy Sheriff Bill Hamner, Lake Co. Sheriff's Dept.)



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## Sheriffs to Hold State-Wide Meeting in Tampa, January 23-25

TAMPA—The Annual Mid-Winter Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association will be held at the Tampa Terrace Hotel here January 23, 24 and 25, 1963, with Hillsborough County Sheriff Ed Blackburn Jr. as the official host.

In business sessions the sheriffs will put the finishing touches on a number of proposed laws the Association will sponsor during the 1963 session of the legislature.

There will also be technical sessions to bring Sheriffs up-to-date on the latest developments in modern crime fighting techniques; and arrangements are being

made for addresses by prominent persons in the fields of government and law enforcement.

Orange County Sheriff Dave Starr will preside at the conference as the last official act of his term as president of the Association. An election will be held to name a new president and to fill the positions of treasurer and secretary. All positions on the 12-man board of directors will also be up for election.

Sheriff Blackburn said one of the highlights of the three-day program will be a tour of the world famous Busch Gardens, followed by a reception and buffet dinner honoring State Senator

Wilson Carraway, president of the Florida Senate and State Rep. Mallory Horne, speaker of the House of Representatives. This event is scheduled for Wednesday, January 23.

The opening session is scheduled for 10:30 A.M., January 23; followed by a general business session at 2 P.M.

One general business session, two technical sessions, a luncheon and a banquet are on the program for Thursday, January 24.

The conference will close with a breakfast meeting on Friday, January 25.

## Bureau Now Has Identi-Kit

TALLAHASSEE — Director Don McLeod announced that the Florida Sheriffs Bureau now has Identi-Kit equipment and can receive coded messages regarding physical features of crime suspects.

The Identi-Kit consists of over 500 pieces of transparent plastic called "foils" and each foil has inscribed on it an item of facial appearance such as hairline, hair style, eyes, eyebrows, noses, chins, age lines, mustaches, glasses, hats, etc.

These foils can be put together to "build a face" resembling a crime suspect, using descriptions given by witnesses. Each foil has a code number and when the face of a wanted criminal is pieced together, the code numbers can be flashed to the Bureau, Sheriffs Departments and other agencies that have Identi-Kits so they can immediately duplicate the facial sketch.

## Soft Sell

SARASOTA — Highway Safety is a serious subject, but Sheriff Ross E. Boyer feeds it to youngsters with laughter as a chaser.

At a recent meeting of the Sheriff's Safety Club, in Venice, Emmett Kelly, world famous circus clown, delighted youngsters with his "Weary Willie" routine between safety lectures.

Kelly, who can demand a three-figure price for an appearance, put on his performance free of charge just because he likes youngsters and believes in the importance of highway safety.

Apparently the clown had just as much fun as the youngsters, Sheriff Boyer said.



WEST PALM BEACH—BOYS RANCH BUILDERS—Sheriff Martin Kellenberger (second from left) presented Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Builder certificates to five Palm Beach County citizens to show his appreciation for generous donations they made to the Ranch. They are (from left) J. A. (Jack) Frost, Stan Parnell, Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Pope and Hays Garbarino. (Photo courtesy Palm Beach Times.)

## Fish Rustlers

FT. LAUDERDALE — Sheriff's Departments in Broward, Dade and Palm Beach Counties are cooperating with the State Board of Conservation in cracking down on crawfish thieves who have been raiding fishermen's traps along the "gold coast." Several arrests were reported.

## A Real Pal

ENGLEWOOD — Youngsters at the recreation center here consider Sarasota County Sheriff Ross E. Boyer "a real pal."

The kids ran into a crisis when their "juke box" broke down. Sheriff Boyer heard about it and came to the rescue with a good rebuilt box provided by the Fred House Music Company.

## Razor's to Blame

FORT WALTON BEACH — Sheriff Ray Wilson told the Junior Chamber of Commerce that many of today's juvenile delinquency problems can be traced to the invention of the safety razor—because it did away with razor straps.

His point was that youngsters need old fashioned discipline as well as love and understanding to keep them from getting into trouble.

He also said they should be encouraged to "keep busy and to occupy their minds with constructive things."

"In their idle minds with too much time on their hands is where the problem begins," he said. "Proud as we may be of our modern conveniences, they have brought on the problem of juvenile delinquency by eliminating chores that once kept children busy."





MILTON—NO ROOM FOR FURNITURE—Here's what Sheriff Wade Cobb, deputy sheriffs and State Beverage Department agents found in the living room when they raided a Santa Rosa County residence: a 300-gallon capacity solid copper moonshine still and 118½ gallons of moonshine. They also confiscated 16 barrels of fermented mash.



## Right Decision

LARGO — "To run or not to run?"—that was the question facing Road Camp Prisoner Cortez Barnes after guards inadvertently left him stranded along the roadside.

The guards had hurriedly loaded the other members of the convict work crew into a truck and drove off to escape an approaching storm, not realizing they had left Barnes behind.

Due to be released in 90 days, Barnes had a tough decision to make. If he ran and was caught he would have to serve additional time. On the other hand, just plodding along in his prison garb he might draw a load of buckshot from some trigger-happy citizen.

Deciding against flight, the young prisoner shouldered his shovel and set out in the rain on a five-mile hike back to captivity.

He was well soaked by the time a deputy sheriff came along and gave him a lift, but there was a happy ending. He was given time off his remaining sentence for good behavior under stress.

## Snag Snags A Voter

FT. MYERS — Sheriff Flanders (Snag) Thompson was approached by a stranger who was looking for the voter registration office.

"Are you a Democrat or a Republican?", the Sheriff inquired.

Laughingly the stranger explained that he never revealed his politics or his religion.

"Well," said the Sheriff, "if you're a Republican I'd want you to register anyway—but if you're a Democrat, for God's sake go down to the last office on the right and get registered."

Later the man was identified as Republican, but he commented: "I'd vote for Snag any day."



TALLAHASSEE—SHINE SEIZED—Leon County Deputy Sheriff I. G. Love (left) and Florida Highway Patrol Trooper James Gillis confiscated 30 gallons of moonshine found in the trunk of an old model car and arrested the driver. (Leon County Sheriff's Department photo.)

## Suwannee Posse

LIVE OAK — A mounted posse togged out in western style uniforms has been organized here under the sponsorship of Suwannee County Sheriff Hugh Lewis.

Headed by Capt. Bob Holmes, the 32-man group will participate in parades and other public functions. It will also be trained to assist Sheriff Lewis in emergencies.



POMPAÑO BEACH—LOYAL SUPPORTERS—Each year the Pompano Beach Firemen's Benevolent Association makes a generous donation to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. Members are shown here presenting their 1962 check representing proceeds from the Firemen's Annual Dance to Broward County Sheriff Allen B. Michell (fourth from right) and Deputy Sheriff Otto Hettseheimer (extreme left). (Broward County Sheriff's Department photo by Tom Slater.)

## Just Like TV

TALLAHASSEE — How's this for fast work?

The Leon County Sheriff's Department caught a 34-year-old bandit just 20 minutes after he robbed the Lewis State Bank, Florida's oldest bank.

John Thomas Strawder held up the bank with a toy pistol and fled with \$8,000 in cash.

Fenton Langston, a bank employee, chased the bandit, but lost sight of him. Then Deputy Sheriff Jack Dawkins picked Langston up and they cruised around in a patrol car until they spotted Strawder about five blocks from the bank getting a soft drink from a vending machine.

Strawder gave up without a fight and the stolen money was recovered.

## Bad Check Forum

BROOKSVILLE — A forum on worthless checks and shoplifting was sponsored here by Hernando County Sheriff Sim L. Lowman in cooperation with the chamber of commerce.

He also moderated a panel discussion in which Florida Sheriffs Bureau Special Agent Berwyn Williams participated.

"Shoplifting and worthless checks have shown a distressing increase in recent months, and are causing businessmen to lose large sums of money," Sheriff Lowman said.

"Obviously, something must be done to stem the tide of these costly violations."

## Freedom Brief

FERNANDINA BEACH—Kenneth Wayne Hunsaker had only two brief hours of freedom after he escaped from a prison camp work gang near Callahan. He was captured by Sheriff H. J. Youngblood and Special Deputy Wilson Sikes assisted by bloodhounds.



PENSACOLA — Sherlock Holmes, fictional forerunner of today's generation of infallible television sleuths, solved crimes with his trusty magnifying glass.

That's all he had to carry around with him, but what would old Sherlock do in 1963 using modern methods of crime detection?

He would need photographic equipment, a kit for lifting latent fingerprints, laboratory equipment for making fast on-the-scene identification of blood stains and other types of evidence, a polygraph (lie detector) machine and other scientific aids which are now commonplace in the arsenal of law enforcement.

Even with the help of Dr. Watson, the old boy would be so loaded down with gadgets he would be completely immobilized—in fact he would look just plain silly.

### Speed Imperative

Sheriffs face the same problem. They are well equipped with modern crime-fighting weapons but there are many times when the effectiveness of these weapons depends upon getting them to the right place at the right time.

Speed is imperative, in situations such as these and much time can be wasted toting evidence and suspects from the scene of a crime to the lab at the sheriff's headquarters. Oftentimes too, the evidence is such that it cannot be moved.

Sheriffs in many parts of the state, including Escambia County Sheriff William E. Davis, have solved the problem by outfitting "mobile crime labs" that speedily transport scientific equipment to the scene of a crime or emergency.

### Very Economical

In a case where every minute counts, the lab can be taken to the evidence, instead of taking the evidence to the lab.

Bill Davis' "lab on wheels" is a compact panel truck equipped with siren, flashing red light and short-wave radio. It is actually a very economical piece of equipment, but in the relatively short time it has been in service it has already paid for itself many times over.

When a stolen outboard motor was recovered, officers were stumped temporarily because the serial number had been filed off. Then the mobile lab arrived on the scene, chemicals were applied to the serial plate and the numbers became legible. Armed with this evidence investigators quickly solved the case.

### Burglaries Solved

A series of burglaries by juveniles was giving the sheriff sleepless nights until the mobile lab assisted in solving

# Have Mobile Lab ---Will Travel



Escambia County Sheriff William E. Davis with his new mobile lab. Two homicide squad group leaders, Investigator Odis E. Davis and Sgt. Floyd Rose, are in charge of operating it.

the case. Invisible powder which glows under ultra-violet light and does not wash off was dusted around a coin box the young thugs were expected to pilfer. Sure enough they did and all the investigators had to do was make a quiet visit to a nearby school and make an inspection of youngsters' hands under ultra-violet light until suspects were found and confessed the thefts.

In addition to being a scientific crime

fighting weapon, Davis' Mobile Unit can be used in many types of emergencies. It carries various types of rescue devices and riot control weapons. It also has a loud speaker for crowd control or for issuing instructions to officers deployed at the scene of an emergency.

Davis, like other sheriffs around the state, has found a mobile lab can be very useful.

No doubt, old Sherlock would agree.

## No Tears For Old Straight Razor

WAUCHULA — Sheriff E. Odell Carlton is not shedding any tears over the passing of the old fashioned straight razor.

Like other veteran sheriffs, he recalls the era when practically every "dirt road sport" would strop his straight razor for a morning shave and then slip it into his hip pocket as a weapon.

Come Saturday afternoon, the sport would get his paycheck and adjourn to a bar. As the smoke got thicker and the

music louder, a brawl was bound to develop and out would come the razors.

Then it was the job of the law to pick up the slashed battlers, get their wounds patched and throw them in jail.

The advent of the safety razor has slowly changed this Saturday night orgy of blood letting; and fist fights are in many cases replacing the weekly cuttings.

For lawmen this means just as many "fight calls" as ever—but they're not quite so messy.



# Boys Ranch Round-Up

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



TAVARES—JUST ONE OF THE BOYS—Lake County Sheriff Willis McCall went swimming with youngsters from the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch who were his guests for a five-day outing. The boys stayed at the Sheriff's hunting camp in the Ocala National Forest. They went on hikes, fished and rode horses. (Orlando Sentinel photo by Tom Burchnell.)

## Boys Ranch Wins More Ribbons

LIVE OAK — Cattle show ribbons won at the Suwannee County Fair were added to the growing collection at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

The reserve grand champion steer was a Boys Ranch animal shown by Nolan Gandy; and Wally Edwards also took third place with his steer.

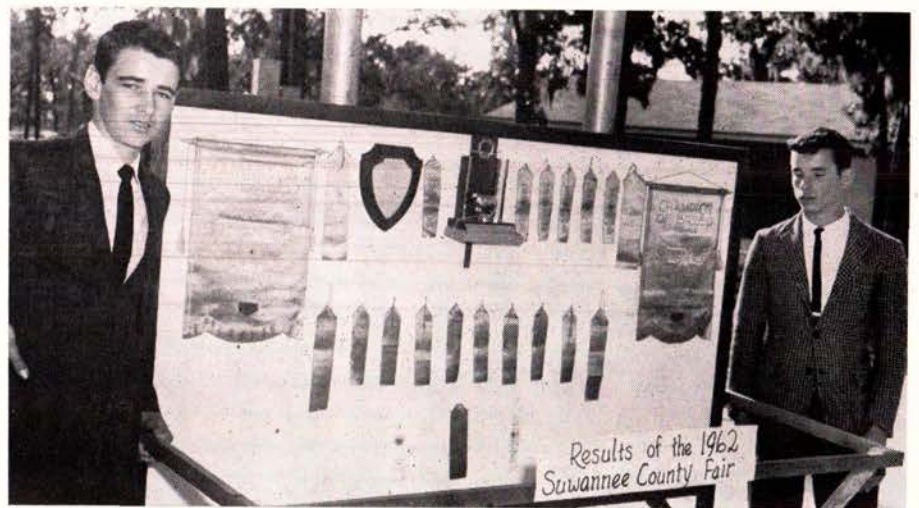
In the beef cattle show, the Ranch had the champion Hereford bull groomed and shown by Bill Cowin, and the champion cow handled by Wally Edwards.

The Ranch had the reserve champion bull in the Angus breed, groomed and shown by Robert Early.

Boys Rancher Bradford Hudson showed the reserve champion animal in Class 4 (yearling heifers) of the FFA dairy show; and Rancher Mike Edwards showed the runner-up in the same class. Both boys are members of the J. F. Williams Chapter of Future Farmers of America.

In the dairy calf scramble, Ranchers Charles Hudson, Timmy Fidler and Terry Willard each captured a calf.

Timmy Fidler and Bobby Ellison had blue ribbon winners in the 4-H dairy show.



Billy Joe Spears (left) and Mike Edwards with the ribbons, trophies and pennants won by the Boys Ranch in cattle shows at the 1962 Suwannee County Fair. (Photo by Rupert Chastain, St. Augustine.)

## Mighty Fine Man

LAKELAND—"We don't know Col. Robert Pentland Jr.," said the Lakeland Ledger in a recent editorial," but we know he is a mighty fine man.

"He has to be in order to do what he has done. He has given \$50,000 to make possible a residence cottage at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, near Live Oak, on the Suwannee River."

"It is noteworthy," the editorial continued," that the generous man who has given the cottage is a man who came up the hard way. He was only a small child when his father died. He had to go to work at the age of 10. With little formal schooling he was a certified public accountant at the age of 21.

"True, many Floridians have given as much as \$50,000 and considerably more to worthy causes, but we can't think of any cause worthier than this one to which the Miamian has seen fit to lend a helping hand.

## Real Loyalty

Mrs. Eleanor Goulden, of Eustis, wrote an article about her visit to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch and entered it in an American Legion contest.

When she won the first prize of \$5 she promptly sent the money to the boys at the Ranch.



Pictured at right is a portion of the crowd of over 5,000 persons who attended the Boys Ranch benefit fish fry in Pinellas County.

Citizens of Maderia Beach presented an ambulance to the Boys Ranch during the fish fry. Pinellas County Sheriff Don Genung is pictured below (fourth from left) accepting it from Thomas A. Waugh, Maderia Beach City Commissioner (on the Sheriff's right) and Robert J. Andrews, owner of Andrews Auto Service. Also in the picture are four boys from the Ranch.

The picture at the bottom of the page shows Mrs. Viola Nice, of Pass-A-Grille, presenting \$400 to Boys Ranch Administrator Harry Weaver for the purchase of a resuscitator for the Ranch.



## Fish Fry Hits New High

PINELLAS PARK — All previous records were broken when the fifth annual fish fry for the benefit of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch and the Pinellas Park Boys Club of America was held here October 30.

Sheriff Don Genung, who teamed up with restaurant owner Johnny Leverock in 1958 to kick-off the original fish fry, said approximately 5,500 people attended this year.

He said the Ranch and Boys Club will each receive about \$2,500, with the Ranch's portion earmarked to help finance an athletic field in memory of Bobby Walker, 17-year-old youth who was killed in an auto accident.

A real "Hollywood production," the annual fish fry featured continuous entertainment by 75 performers on two stages.

A committee of 156 people made the arrangements; American Legion Members helped with the five serving lines; Florida Power Co. erected poles and lights; and tons of food were prepared on 18 electric stoves and 11 gas stoves.

The crew of volunteer helpers included 32 deputy sheriffs. Boys Ranch Administrator Harry Weaver and four boys from the Ranch were among the special guests.





Hundreds of people from many sections of Florida attended the dedication and ate barbecue seated on the ground, picnic-style.



This is the front wing which constitutes less than half of the multi-winged Annie Barron Pentland Memorial Cottage.

## Scenes from Dedication of Memorial Cottage at Boys Ranch

The largest gift in the history of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, a \$50,000 residence cottage built by Col. Robert Pentland, Miami accountant, in memory of his mother, the late Annie Barron Pentland, was dedicated on November 4. These pictures taken by Rupert Chastain, of St. Augustine, record some of the highlights.



U. S. Senator Spessard Holland presented the dedication address. At extreme left of the picture is Hillsborough County Sheriff Ed. Blackburn Jr., who introduced the senator. At the senator's left are Lake County Sheriff Willis McCall, Ranch Trustee; and Orange County Sheriff Dave Starr, president of the Florida Sheriffs Association.



"Man, smell that good barbecue!" this youngster seems to be saying as he goes down the serving line.





## Water No Barrier to Willis McCall's Bloodhounds

**TAVARES**—Sheriff Willis V. McCall's bloodhounds are amphibious.

They have been trained to track fugitives on land and water, according to their handler, Deputy Sheriff Collis Godwin.

"The old idea that a criminal can escape a bloodhound by going into water is not true," Godwin said.

"It is possible for him to leave a scent on floating objects and a bloodhound can pick it up while swimming."

A nose that operates on both land and water is an important piece of equipment for bloodhounds in this area because of the many lakes and swamps.

And, Sheriff McCall's trackers apparently haven't had much difficulty covering the wet terrain. They caught eight out of 10 fugitives they trailed in one seven-month period.

"Big Red," "Fannie" and "Buck" are the star performers in the tracking squad at the present time, and Deputy Godwin is training young replacements such as "Hobo," "Sadie," "Bugle Ann" and "Blondie" to take over when the "old timers" retire.



**TAVARES**—Deputy Sheriff Collis Godwin with "Big Red" and "Fannie".



Col. Robert Pentland Jr., Miami accountant, sportsman and philanthropist, who donated the cottage in memory of his mother.

## National Magazine Features Sheriff John Hall

**GREEN COVE SPRINGS** — Clay County Sheriff John P. Hall "dean" of Florida's Sheriffs, received nation-wide publicity recently for his record-setting 33 years in office.

His picture appeared in the September-October issue of *THE NATIONAL SHERIFF*, official magazine of the National Sheriffs Association, in connection with an article showing that a large percentage of the nation's sheriffs are career men in law enforcement — not political opportunists who use the office as a stepping stone.

Although Sheriff Hall has been in office longer than any sheriff in Florida's history, the article revealed that he will have to keep going quite a few years to become the "national champ."

Sheriff Roy Brown, of Elbert County, Colorado, seems to be the leading contender at the present time with 44 years.

The magazine article said nearly 30 per cent of the 2,231 sheriffs who enjoy unlimited tenure of office (there are 37 states where tenure is unlimited) have been in office 10 years or more.

Fifteen per cent have served more than 15 years and six per cent have topped the 20-year mark.

### Almost Got Away

**FORT WALTON BEACH** — A potato almost saved two men from arrest on charges of possession of moonshine.

Deputy Sheriffs Driscoll Oglesby and Doug Archer weren't sure that a jug found in the possession of the two men contained moonshine, but State Beverage Agent Jerry Alford pulled the potato stopper out of the jug, poured some of the contents into an open container and Oglesby quickly commented that "It was some of the strongest moonshine I ever smelled."

Apparently the juice from the potato stopper disguised the moonshine odor as long as it was in the jug.

### Mason Heads Posse

**MARIANNA**—Ed Mason is the new president of the mounted posse sponsored by Jackson County Sheriff Barkley Gause and he has announced plans to organize a junior division for riders 21 and under.

Other officers elected were Raymond Bruner, vice president; Robert Standland, sergeant; Chuck Gross, lieutenant; James Cook, secretary; and Henry Carr, treasurer.

The board of directors includes J. P. Standland, Bill Lowery, Carr, Earl Phelps and Sheriff Gause.



Baker County Sheriff Ed Yarbrough served as master of ceremonies. He is chairman of the Boys Ranch Board of Trustees.





Deputy Sheriff Clint Boatwright discusses Pneolator with Ken Holloway (center) and Bill Smith, president of the Salt Springs-Lake Kerr Civic Club. (Photo courtesy the Ocala Star-Banner.)

## Pneolator Proves to Be Valuable Life Saver

OCALA—The Oxygen-giving Pneolator purchased by the Salt Springs-Lake Kerr Civic Club proved its value quickly.

In just two months it was credited with saving the lives of three persons—one of them a man struck by lightning; one a stroke victim and one a drowning victim.

Deputy Sheriff Clint Boatwright is a member of the civic club and one of the Pneolator's most enthusiastic boosters.

The equipment was in service less than two weeks when Deputy Boatwright got an opportunity to use it on an out-of-town man who was struck behind the ear by a bolt of lightning.

"I wouldn't have given you ten cents for his life," Boatwright said. "He was already turning blue."

But the Pneolator restored the man's breathing and he lived.

A short time later a Salt Springs man suffered a stroke and Boatwright was not available so Ken Holloway, another club member, rushed to the victim's house. He used the equipment for nearly 40 minutes until the man was revived.

The third beneficiary was a woman who was found floating face down in Lake Kerr. Deputy Boatwright was on hand and began resuscitation with the Pneolator. Then he placed the woman in the back seat of his car, showed the

woman's husband how to operate the apparatus and drove them at high speed to Munroe Memorial Hospital.

The woman survived.



JACKSONVILLE—CARSON HONORED—Moose Lodges in Duval County announced they will name a large class of new members in honor of Sheriff Dale Carson to show their appreciation for his performance of duty and his personal interest in Moose activities. He is shown here (right) receiving a letter of appreciation from Don Hunnicutt (left), ritual chairman; and A. R. Frush, secretary of Lodge 455. (Florida Times-Union photo by Frank Smith.)

## Another Victim

WAUCHULA — During a lull in his work Radio Dispatcher Kenneth Nicholson was looking at the "Wanted Persons" page in the October issue of THE SHERIFF'S STAR.

"Hey," he exclaimed to all and sundry in the Hardee County Sheriff's Department, "I saw this guy in here last Saturday."

Nicholson was pointing to a picture of Ernest McNeal, colored male, who was wanted in Pasco County on charges of breaking and entering and bond jumping.

Sheriff's Department files showed that McNeal had been arrested on a charge of public drunkenness on October 26, and had bonded out.

Deputies quickly located him in the Colored Quarters and turned him over to Pasco County.

Thus another victim was added to the long line of "wanted" persons "fingered" by THE SHERIFF'S STAR.

Of course, we only printed his picture, and much of the credit belongs to Radio Dispatcher Nicholson for his alertness; and to the Florida Sheriffs Bureau for compiling our monthly roster of "Wanted Persons."

## New Wrinkle

CLEARWATER—Old timers in the Bolita (lottery) business have a new wrinkle.

According to Sheriff Don Genung they're hiring peddlers who are pregnant, have one arm missing, or are lame, blind or otherwise handicapped.

They hope this will get them sympathetic treatment from the judge.

They are also hiring people who have no criminal records. If these rookies get caught, they are likely to get probation as first offenders.

Lawmen have been urging stiff prison sentences for convicted Bolita operators, and a general crack-down.

The current play for sympathy is the gamblers' response.

## Identi-Kit Scores

TAMPA — The Identi-Kit, a crime detection device described in the September issue of THE SHERIFFS STAR, was credited with assisting the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department in the arrest of man suspected of raping a 13-year-old girl.

Witnesses described the suspect and Deputies built a sketch of his face using transparent pictures of human features from the Identi-Kit. This sketch aided in identification of the suspect.



## Obscenity Hit

GAINESVILLE — Sheriff Joe Crevasse asked Alachua County residents to help his department maintain a check on obscene literature sold on newsstands.

"Most of the newsstand operators cooperate in keeping trashy material off the stands, and we check on them as often as we can," Crevasse said. "But these things flood in every week."

Deputies don't have time to screen all the books and magazines and might miss some objectionable publications that a private citizen would notice, the Sheriff explained.

He said the state attorney and the county solicitor have pledged full cooperation in prosecuting violators.

## Bow Riding Rare

DELAND—It's rare to see passengers riding on the bow or foredock of a motor boat in the waters around Volusia County.

That's because Sheriff Rodney Thursby's water safety patrol boats have been waging a campaign to warn boaters about this serious infraction of boating safety rules.

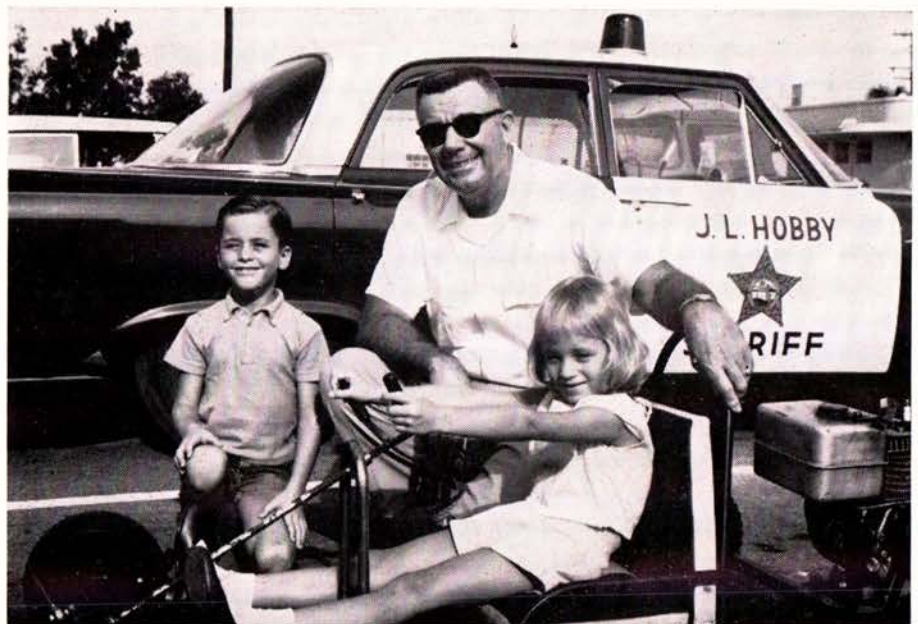
Sheriff Thursby said injuries have resulted from bow-riding when boats hit rough water or another boat's wake; and one boating accident death was attributed to this type of situation.

## Praised By Jury

BARTOW — A Polk County grand jury praised Sheriff Monroe Brannen for the excellent manner in which he carried out its earlier recommendations regarding operation of the county jail.

The 18 members of the jury toured the county jail and Hall of Justice and reported they "found the facilities properly maintained and everything in order."

**DRIVE KICK-OFF**  
CLEARWATER—Sheriff Don Genung (standing, left) was campaign chairman of the 1962 Muscular Dystrophy Drive in Pinellas County. Pictured with him at the state-wide kick-off are (from left) Joseph A. Williams, president of the Pinellas County Muscular Dystrophy chapter; Michael Greg Fritz, Florida's MD poster boy; U. S. Senator George A. Smathers, state chairman of the drive; and Mrs. Bonnie H. Seitz, secretary of the Pinellas County MD chapter. (Fulmer Photo, Clearwater.)



SANFORD—GIVE GO-KART TO RANCH—Seminole County Sheriff J. L. Hobby is shown here with Gary and Lisa Kaye Moran, Sanford youngsters who donated their gasoline powered "go-kart" to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

## Boss-of-the-Year

BUSHNELL—The Legal Secretaries Association for Lake and Sumter Counties named Sumter County Sheriff M. H. (Popie) Bowman "Boss-of-the-Year."

Presentation of a certificate of appreciation to the Sheriff was a highlight of the association's annual bosses' night banquet, in Leesburg.

## Fast Work

ST. AUGUSTINE — The St. John's County Sheriff's Department here received a message from neighboring Duval County that a couple riding in a red Buick was wanted for shooting at a Jacksonville bartender. Five minutes later Deputy Sheriffs Ellis Moody and Howard Johnson apprehended the man and woman and held them for Duval County deputies.

## \$800 Raised

SARASOTA—Sheriff Ross E. Boyer's annual fish fry for the benefit of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch and the proposed Sarasota County Juvenile Facility was a financial success.

The Sheriff and his hard working deputies fed over 1,200 persons and netted \$400 for each of the two charities.

Prior to this year all of the proceeds of the annual fish fry went to the Boys Ranch but the Sheriff and his men made the \$60,000 Juvenile Facility a joint beneficiary this year because they felt it was a worthy project.

## Borrowed For Keeps

INVERNESS — A man dashes up to your house, asks to borrow your shotgun because he has a big rattlesnake cornered up the road a piece, then the stranger and the shotgun disappear, never to be seen again.

This, according to Citrus County Deputy Sheriff Ron McCarthy, is just one of many tricks thieves are using to steal shotguns in this area.

## A Good Cause

MIAMI—When wives of Dade County Deputy Sheriffs served as models at a recent fashion show it was for a good cause.

Proceeds will be used during the Christmas season to help needy families of prisoners held in the county jail.

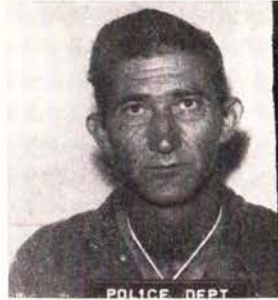


# WANTED PERSONS

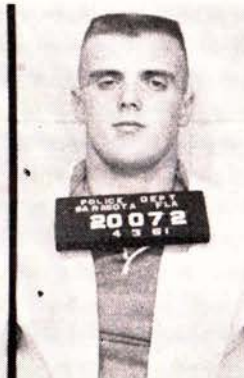
As compiled by the  
Florida Sheriffs Bureau  
Don McLeod, Director

## Alfred William Cusson

With aliases, Allen WIL-  
LIAMS, Alfred La-  
FRANCE, white male,  
date of birth 6-7-20, 5  
feet, 4½ inches tall,  
weighs 150 pounds,  
brown hair, hazel eyes,  
tanned complexion, 5  
inch scar on left shoulder.  
Occupation: Plumber's  
helper and roofer. Origin-  
ally from Springfield,  
Mass. Drinks Millers  
High Life beer, frequents  
beer taverns. Usually  
stays in cheap hotels.  
Often uses expressions  
'Oh boy' and 'Son-of-a-  
gun.' Warrant issued,  
charge First Degree Mur-



der. If apprehended noti-  
fy Police Dept., Gulfport,  
Fla., Sheriff Genung,  
Clearwater, Fla., or the  
Florida Sheriffs Bureau,  
Tallahassee, Florida.



## Robert Grady Jenkins

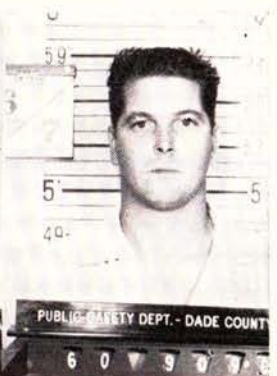
White male, date and  
place of birth 8-1-40,  
Washington, D. C., 5  
feet, 10½ inches tall,  
weighs 175 pounds, light  
brown hair; scar just  
above right knee, scar  
back of right hand, small  
scars each side of fore-  
head. FPC:22, M/L, 1/1,  
R/R, 000/000, 23. Last  
known to be driving Ply-

mouth car with Mary-  
land License. Escaped  
from Sarasota City Jail  
4-5-61. Subject same  
name wanted by Metro  
Miami on charge False  
Pretense. Warrant issued.  
If apprehended notify  
Police Dept., Sarasota,  
Fla., Sheriff Kelly, Metro  
Miami, Fla., or the Flor-  
ida Sheriffs Bureau, Tal-  
lahassee, Florida.



## Walter Gentry Lineberger

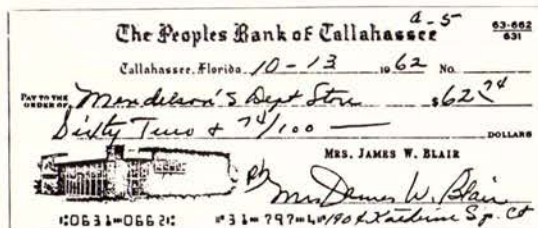
Alias Frank SHADDOX,  
white male, date and  
place of birth 10-3-20,  
Charlotte, N. C., 5 feet,  
9 inches tall, weighs 160  
pounds, brown hair and  
eyes, FBI #1913226,  
FPC: 16, M/M, 1/1,  
U/UT, 13. Warrants is-  
sued, charge Worthless  
Checks. If apprehended  
notify Sheriff Baker, Stu-  
art, Fla., Sheriff Norvell,  
Fort Pierce, Fla., or the  
Florida Sheriffs Bureau,  
Tallahassee, Florida. Also  
reportedly wanted in Gas-  
tonia, N. C. on Worth-  
less Check and Forgery  
charges.



## Edward S. (Steve) Aldridge

White male, date of birth  
1-15-35, no other de-  
scription. Warrants is-  
sued, charge Worthless

Checks and Motel Skip.  
If apprehended notify  
Sheriff Spottswood, Key  
West, Fla., or the Flori-  
da Sheriffs Bureau, Tal-  
lahassee, Florida.



## Check Believed Passed By Mrs. Blair

## Mrs. James W. Blair

White female, approxi-  
mately 30 years old, 5  
feet, 5 inches tall, weighs  
140 pounds has course  
reddish hair. Passing  
checks drawn on the  
Peoples Bank, Tallahas-  
see, Fla., Several war-  
rants on file charging

Worthless Checks. Will  
extradite. Reportedly  
wanted in Grady County,  
Georgia on Worthless  
Check charge. If appre-  
hended notify Sheriff  
Joyce, Tallahassee, Fla.,  
or the Florida Sheriffs  
Bureau, Tallahassee, Fla.



## Charles F. McGinty

White male, date and  
place of birth, 12-2-32,  
Greenbriar, Ark., 5 feet,  
10 inches tall, brown  
hair and eyes, FBI #40-  
3032B, Believed to be in  
Florida, possibly in Tam-  
pa area. Warrant issued,  
charge Parole Violation.  
If apprehended notify  
California Adult Author-  
ity, Sacramento, Calif.,  
or the Florida Sheriffs  
Bureau, Tallahassee, Fla.



## "Crusoe" Evicted

FT. LAUDERDALE—Deputy Sheriffs get the darndest assignments—like evicting a latter-day "Robinson Crusoe" from an island out in the Atlantic Ocean.

The island was created by the federal government during dredging operations, and public officials were eying it as valuable development property.

But Robert Mulkey, Hallandale plasterer, moved in ahead of them. He landed on the island, pitched a tent, posted a "not welcome" sign, filed a claim and called the heap of rubble his own.

Under orders from the Governor, Deputy Sheriffs John Hovey and J. J. Ryan went to the island in a Coast Guard boat and invited Mulkey to evacuate. When he declined they had to go ashore and persuade him.

Then the State of Florida called the five-acre island "unauthorized" and ordered it removed by the U.S. Corps of Army Engineers. Cost of removal was reported as close to \$200,000.

End of case; end of "Spoil Island."

## Dollar Stretcher

FT. LAUDERDALE — Broward County Sheriff Allen B. Michell knows how to stretch a dollar.

In fact he has become so expert at it that he was able to refund to the county \$82,231 in unspent funds from his 1961-62 budget.

Tight-fisted spending — including competitive bids on practically everything from auto tires to electronic gear — accounted for a large portion of the savings.

The sheriff admitted there was also an element of good luck such as the fact that county jail prisoners were healthier and there were fewer fugitives to bring back from other states.

The previous year one prisoner alone ran up hospital bills totaling \$3,000, the Sheriff said.

## He's the Chief

FT. LAUDERDALE—County Commissioners approved the appointment of Broward County Sheriff Allen B. Michell as Chief of Emergency under a comprehensive civil defense plan recommended by Oliver Lovendahl, county director of Civil Defense.

## Growing Fast

SARASOTA—Sheriff Ross E. Boyer was reminiscing about the way things were when he took office in 1953.

"We had three men in the office to take care of everything, criminal work, civil work, courts, jail . . .," he said.

"Now we have a staff of 46 employees."



**MYSTERY GIRL** — Anyone having information which will definitely establish the identity of this young girl or assist in locating her family is requested to get in touch with the Duval County Juvenile Court, Jacksonville, Fla.; or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Fla. She is believed to be Sharon Kathy Dudley, born July 25, 1949, but her name and birth date are uncertain at the present time. She is five feet tall, weighs approximately 100 pounds and has brown hair and eyes. She came to the attention of the Duval County Juvenile Court March 25, 1962, when she was picked up at a bus station by the Jacksonville police.

## Rock Repeats

LAKE BUTLER—Rock did it again.

Union County Sheriff John Whitehead's prize bloodhound added two more victims to his list of captives when he helped Bradford County Deputy Sheriffs track down two men charged with transporting moonshine.

The "Shine Runners" wrecked their car and broke five out of six jugs of moonshine when they were being chased by Deputy Sheriff Willard Williams. Then they took to the woods and Sheriff Whitehead and Rock were summoned to the scene.

Trailing the men through 25 miles of woodland and swamps, Rock stayed close on their heels and within a short time they were under arrest.

"We sure have a bunch of sore feet around here now," said Deputy Williams.

## Cycle Cowboy

FORT PIERCE — Deputy Sheriff Lewis Durham is a handy man with a motorcycle.

Riding his trusty cycle, he rounded up a horse and colt that had been disturbing local residents; then herded them to the home of Sheriff J. R. Norvell pending identification of the owner.

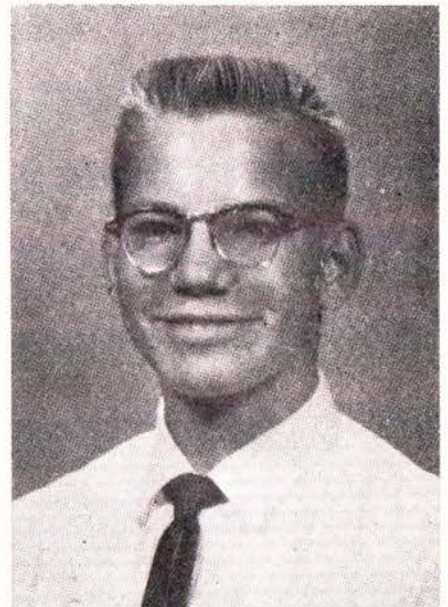
## MISSING PERSONS

(as Compiled by the Florida Sheriffs Bureau)



### MILDRED LUCILLE PARRISH

White female, age 31, 5 feet, 6 inches tall, weighs 130 pounds, brown hair and eyes, freckles, excellent teeth, walks slightly "pigeon toed." Previously employed as waitress. Missing from her home since March 1962. Any station having information reference subject notify Police Dept., Fort Myers, Fla., Sheriff Genung, Clearwater, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



### JOHN DAVID ROBERTS

White male, age 15, 5 feet, 9 inches tall, weighs 170 pounds, blonde hair, blue eyes. Missing from his home since October 28, 1962. Anyone knowing subject's whereabouts notify Sheriff Quinn, Inverness, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.





### DIDN'T STOP

PLANT CITY — There's a safety lesson in this picture of Hillsborough County Deputy Sheriff Jim Lamm checking the damage on a motor bike that collided with an auto at an intersection. The driver of the bike failed to see the approaching car and pulled out in front of it. He paid for his error with two broken wrists. (Plant City Courier photo by Bill Friend.)

### Ex-Sheriff Dies

CRESTVIEW — James Alta McArthur, 55, former Okaloosa County Sheriff, died at his home here October 27. In addition to serving as sheriff, he was the State Road Department maintenance engineer for Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa and Walton Counties for more than 30 years.

### Favorable Audit

TAMPA—Sheriff Ed Blackburn Jr.'s accounts and records were well kept during the period from April 1, 1960 to April 30, 1962, according to a report by State Auditor Bryan Willis.

The State Auditor said all collections of record were accounted for; expenses were generally well substantiated; insurance coverage appeared to be adequate; and surplus funds were placed on time deposit.

### Boyer on the Ball

SARASOTA — State Auditor Bryan Willis checked the records and accounts of Sarasota County Sheriff Ross E. Boyer for the period from May 1, 1960, to January 31, 1962, and found them to be in good shape.

He said: "All collections of record were accounted for. Budgets were properly prepared and followed. Annual reports were promptly filed. Expenditures were properly supported. Records were well kept."

### Sheriff Thrifty

KISSIMMEE—Osceola County Sheriff Bob Buckles spent \$7,841.83 less than his budget during the fiscal year ending September 30, 1962. His budget was \$95,018.12 and actual expenditures were \$87,176.29

### Unseen Audience

BARTOW—The Polk County Sheriff's Department was on the ball when an escaped prisoner telephoned from a Tampa bar and asked to speak to another prisoner in the stockade.

A deputy sheriff monitored the call from James Lackey, found out where he was and notified the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department.

Lackey was arrested while still talking to his prison pal in Bartow.

### Wins Footrace

FT. LAUDERDALE — Broward County Sheriff Allen B. Michell is in pretty good shape for a man whose heavy responsibilities keep him tied to his desk most of the time.

He recently caught an escaped Indiana convict after winning a footrace with him through a residential area. The fugitive was 24 and the sheriff 59.

## Many Worries

PENSACOLA—Parents who get gray hairs worrying about whether little Johnny will get to school safely can sympathize with Deputy Sheriff Pete Morgan—he has thousands of youngsters to worry about.

He is in charge of the school safety patrol program at 40 schools outside the city limits of Pensacola and supervises some 800 white-belted young safety patrolmen.

For Pete the opening of school meant distributing belts, badges, helmets and flags to his "troops." There was also the chore of allocating school zone traffic signs.

"We want most of all to get kids to and from school safely," Morgan said, adding that the program also affords training in leadership and responsibility.

The fact that there has been only one accident in a school zone here in 11 years indicates that the program is very effective.

## Average Sheriff

TALLAHASSEE—Figures recently compiled by Florida Sheriffs Bureau Director Don McLeod provide a portrait of "The Average Florida Sheriff".

McLeod said "This mythical gentleman is 49.8 years old, married and has 2.4 dependents. His salary is \$9,242 per year. He has had 15.5 years of law enforcement experience.

"He has 33 deputies. Those in the office work an average of 43.5 hours per week, while field men put in 72.9 hours."

(Editor's Note—Since Sheriffs are the last of the rugged individualists, we contend that there is no such thing as an average sheriff, or a typical sheriff.)



CLEARWATER—SAFETY TEAM—Sheriff Don Genung (right) gives a friendly send-off to a "boarding team" that gave safety inspections to hundreds of Pinellas County boats as part of the statewide water safety program of the Florida Boating Council. The team consisted of (from left) State Board of Conservation Agent Al Dickerson, Deputy Sheriff Paul Rhodes and Conservation Agent A. Percy King.



# Not as Bad as War — But It's Still Hell

(When Dade County Sheriff Thomas J. Kelly recently marked his 10th anniversary in office, the following article by Stephen Trumbull appeared in the Miami Herald.)

MIAMI—"After two wars, I can't actually say this has been the roughest period of my life—

"But until another war comes along, this period will do."

The speaker was Sheriff Thomas J. Kelly. He was commenting on the anniversary of his 10th year as top law enforcement officer of this frequently bedeviled county.

It has been far from a tranquil decade in either the life of Tom Kelly or of Dade County.

With a good-natured grin on the Irish face that 61 years have treated kindly, he sits in his office and discusses the ups and downs of this hectic period in a life that never was exactly placid.

It is an amazing office. The walls are so densely hung with plaques, certificates, testimonials and citations that there is room for only four pictures. Those are of ex-Congressman Bill Lantaff and State Senator Cliff Herrell—Kelly's longtime political and close personal friends—and, quite incongruously, President John F. Kennedy and Richard Nixon.

There are tributes from the Red Cross, Civilian Defense, milk funds, flag funds, the National Sheriffs Association (he was once "Sheriff of the Year"), the American Legion (he headed the Harvey Seeds Post four times), the Elks (he is a past exalted ruler here), the blood bank, virtually all of the youth movements, the Polio Foundation and military promotion certificates.

"One of the reasons I can't move," he quipped, "is that there's no room at home to hang these things."

His office is in the new five-million-dollar Public Safety Building and attached ultra modern jail facetiously termed "The House That Tom Built."

It was his almost constant campaigning, aided by the Federal Bureau of Prisons, that finally persuaded county budget makers to abandon the old courthouse "skyscraper jail" where prisoners were sliding and riding to freedom with embarrassing regularity.

And the new administration building became a necessity as he persuaded the powers that the skyrocketing population of this county demanded the best in items like crime laboratories, communications systems and other tools of modern law enforcement.

His current and continuing campaign is one to bring all police and fire radio communications under this one Metro system.

"It doesn't matter whether a fellow named Kelly or someone else runs this show, but it's silly and wasteful to have five separate police and fire communications systems here," he said. "It's costing the taxpayers an added \$100,000 a year."

There is the feeling in some quarters that, if he lives long enough, Kelly will win this point, too—by the same hammering tactics that got these new buildings and a Public Safety Department that numbered 104 when he went into office in 1952 and which now numbers 1,100.

Outside the first 12 years of his life, spent in a Catholic orphanage in Buffalo, there have been few actually tranquil years in the Kelly life.

He picked up shrapnel in World War I at Ypres, and a dose of mustard gas on the Hindenburg front that still leaves a rasp in his voice. The throat ailment that followed led to his decision to come here after the war, in 1919.

He entered the insurance business and, as soon as he could afford it, jumped into all phases of public life, American Legion, National Guard (in which he soon became a captain), and so many other things there were few open evenings.

Actually, his combined terms as sheriff total 10 years and five months. This is because then-Gov. Fuller Warren appointed him to serve the five months in 1950 while ex-Sheriff Jimmy Sullivan was under indictment and until the Supreme Court threw out the indictment and made Sullivan's reinstatement necessary.

Obviously he liked this sheriff business, because he ran in 1952 and beat nine opponents handily. He polled the highest vote on the ticket here—national, state and county.

In 1956 his hat was back in the ring with wide business and civic backing, and it became the roughest and most vitriolic campaign this county ever has seen.

Again he led the county ticket at the polls beating two candidates in the first primary. One of these was ex-Sheriff Sullivan.

"They've said a lot of things about me," he philosophized, "but they can't say I haven't kept the show here honest. Maybe that's why my real friends have stuck by me."



TAVARES—FOR DISPLAY ONLY—Lake County Sheriff Willis V. McCall inspects a miniature moonshine still on display in the foyer of the new county jail. It isn't a working model but it will serve to show current generations how great grandpa used to produce his "rheumatism cure". (Photo by Teese, Florida Newsreel, Leesburg, Fla.)



ST. AUGUSTINE—SHE'S NOBODY'S MOTHER—Deputy Sheriff Guy Rexroad saw through the disguise of William Paylor and arrested him on a charge of impersonating a woman. Paylor said he did it "on an impulse," but the judge, with careful deliberation, sentenced him to pay a fine of \$250 or serve 60 days in jail. (Photo by Rupert Chastain, St. Augustine.)

## No Hard Feelings

TAMPA—Sheriff Ed Blackburn Jr. has evidence that courtesy pays, even under the unlikely circumstances.

"Two of the men in our Civil Department executed a levy on one of our citizens and took his car away from him," Blackburn reported. "The man said he had never been treated more courteously or thoughtfully than on this occasion, and as a token of his appreciation he sent me \$5.00 (by the deputies) as a contribution to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch."





Following too closely is the third greatest cause of accidents. If you get too close to the driver ahead and he stops suddenly, it is likely that your car and the car ahead will collide, and the cars following will become involved in a chain reaction of crashes. And too, the cars moving in the opposite direction may also become involved, resulting in a serious accident.



Always stay far enough behind the car in front of you so that you can stop in ample time and give necessary warning to following cars.

## DON'T FOLLOW TOO CLOSELY!



Research shows that you should keep at least one car-length between you and the vehicle ahead for every 10 miles per hour of speed. Double the distance if the road is wet. If highway and other conditions are favorable, and traffic is moving at 30 miles per hour, keep at least three car lengths behind the car in front of you. This rule is not infallible. You must use common sense. Adjust your driving to existing conditions.

### NO. 3 IN A SERIES OF SAFETY MESSAGES



Presented in the interest of Highway Safety by the Florida Sheriffs Association, in cooperation with J. Edwin Larson, chairman, Citizen's Advisory Committee on Highway Safety.



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Speed is number one in *fatal* accidents and number two in *all* accidents. And it doesn't always mean exceeding the stated limit. Nearly two-thirds of Florida's traffic accidents occur at speeds *under* 50 miles per hour and more than half the accidents occur at speeds of 30 miles per hour or less.

This safety message is being distributed to high school driver training students all over Florida through the cooperation of State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Thomas D. Bailey and Florida's investor-owned electric utility companies.