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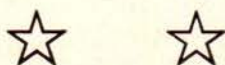
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COVER STORY

One day, about a year ago, a school bus stopped on the highway and two little girls got off.

A truck and several cars stopped behind the bus, and the girls started to cross the highway. Just then a car approached at a high rate of speed and started to pass the bus.

At this instant, Steve Brannin, of Pinellas Park, one of Sheriff Don Genung's Junior Deputies, grabbed the two girls and pulled them out of the path of the speeding car.

Steve was in charge of protecting students getting on and off buses at Pinellas County's Cross Bayou Elementary School, and he had done his duty well.

The happy climax to Steve's heroic deed occurred May 11, 1962, when he received a lifesaving medal from President Kennedy in Washington, D.C.

Our cover picture shows the President presenting a gold AAA Safety Patrol medal and a gold plated Junior Deputy Sheriff badge to the 14-year-old youth. Among those witnessing the event were (from left) his mother, Mrs. Clydia Pentecost; U.S. Senator George Smathers (D., Fla.) and Pinellas County Sheriff Don Genung.



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Milestone In Monroe

Voters Approve Legislative Acts Sponsored by Sheriff Spottswood to Create Civil Service System and Qualifications for Deputies

KEY WEST—Voters on May 8 approved two special legislative acts fostered by Sheriff John M. Spottswood to improve the quality and efficiency of law enforcement in Monroe County.

One of the trailblazing acts provides a limited civil service for deputy sheriffs and employees of the Sheriff's Department.

The other prescribes minimum qualifications for deputy sheriffs and other employees of the Sheriff's Department.

The two acts were passed by the 1961 Legislature at Sheriff Spottswood's request but they had to have approval of the Monroe County voters to become law.

Commenting on the civil service act, Sheriff Spottswood said: "I have been trying to assemble for the people of Monroe County a trained, efficient office and for me to retain this type of personnel it is necessary that we afford them some protection."

He pointed out that the act will also help to prevent loss of valuable trained personnel and the drastic employee turnover that usually results when a new sheriff is elected or appointed.

A civil service board will be appointed to adopt and amend rules and regulations; to hear appeals and complaints; to test job applicants and to formulate performance and service ratings.

The act provides that any deputy sheriff or employee may be removed by the Sheriff with or without cause or opportunity for a hearing upon being given at least 90 days notice of such removal in writing.

"While this does not afford deputy sheriffs and other employees of the Sheriff the same protection as other civil service systems," said Sheriff Spottswood, "it certainly affords them considerably more protection than they now have."

The act setting standards for deputies establishes the following qualifications:

(a) An applicant shall not be more than 35 years of age.

(b) He must be a graduate of a fully accredited high school or have the equivalent of a high school diploma issued by the Florida State Department of Education.

(c) He must submit a written application, pass a written examination and pass an oral interview prescribed by the Sheriff.

(d) He must be physically capable of performing all the functions and duties of a deputy sheriff and must pass a medical examination.

(e) He must be fingerprinted.

(f) He must not have a criminal record.

This act will assure the people of Monroe County, Spottswood explained, that the Sheriff cannot be forced under political pressure or otherwise to employ political hacks and unqualified personnel.



DELAND — Recently, for the third consecutive year, Stetson University students made a generous donation through their Green Feather Fund to the Scholarship Fund which will finance college educations for boys at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. Darla Frye, Stetson Junior from Orlando, is pictured presenting this year's check in the amount of \$362 to Volusia County Sheriff Rodney Thursby while Charles Rikard, a junior from Winter Park, looks on. (DeLand Sun News Photo by Bishop.)



SANFORD — Briefly on May 15 Seminole County Sheriff Luther Hobby turned over his duties to Robert Williams, high school youth who was elected Sheriff by his fellow students on Youth Government Day. The teenager is shown here receiving a badge from Sheriff Hobby.

Genung Named to "Hall of Fame"

CLEARWATER — The National Police Officers Association recently named Pinellas County Sheriff Don Genung to its "National Hall of Fame" for distinguished service in organizing a widely-praised Junior Deputy Sheriff program.

Genung, who is one of two living officers selected from the entire nation for the Hall of Fame this year, went to Chicago on May 12 to attend an awards banquet. He received a citation, a medal and an engraved .38 caliber revolver.

"I feel very humble receiving this award," Genung said. "Actually I am receiving it for the members of my department and the citizens of Pinellas County whose efforts have made this outstanding delinquency program possible."

Genung's Junior Deputy program encompasses 3,500 grade school youngsters in 32 schools. It teaches youngsters respect for law and order and has been credited with bringing about a reduction in the youth crime rate.

Officials throughout the nation, and as far away as Hawaii, have studied the program with the intention of copying it in their own areas.

Family Affair

BRADENTON — Crime is sometimes a family affair. So it was when Manatee County Sheriff Ken Gross arrested a man and wife on charges of burglarizing two homes.



TAMPA — SECURITY IN SKIRTS — Sheriff Ed Blackburn Jr. is pictured above with his snappily uniformed school crossing guards. During the 1961-62 school term they have done an excellent job of protecting Hillsborough County's school children.

Rewards Posted for Woodsburning

Malicious burning of another's property is a felony. Under Florida's forest fire laws, malicious burning of woods property is no exception.

Deliberate incendiarism is still a serious factor in the destructive forest fires which annually burn more than a million of Florida's 20 million acres of woods and forest.

Rewards for "information leading to arrest and conviction" have been an important factor in reducing malicious woods burning. Several sources are provided for the paying of these rewards.

The Florida Board of Forestry is authorized to pay rewards of up to \$250 to any individual who gives information that results in the arrest and conviction of a person who intentionally or maliciously sets a forest fire. Rewards are not paid, however, in the case of careless woods burning violations.

Moreover, the Florida Bankers Association, to assist in curtailing incendiary woods fires, has maintained a fund for offering cash rewards. Ten awards of \$100 each may be paid during any one calendar year. Payment of this reward must be recommended by a local law enforcement officer to the Chief Investigator of the Florida Forest Service in Tallahassee. Cases must be certified by the Chairman of the Forestry Committee of the Florida Bankers Association.

A third reward source, the Florida Forest Arson Fund, is provided by a group representing landowners and the forest industry. This fund is administered by a committee composed of a



NAPLES — MESS OF MASH—Sheriff E. A. Doug Hendry (left) and State Beverage Department Agent S. A. Mills examine a large vat of fermented mash during a raid which uncovered a 500-gallon-per-week capacity moonshine still concealed in a private residence. Six men were held for questioning after the raid. (Photo courtesy Collier County News.)

representative of the forest industry, the Chairman of the Forestry Committee of the Florida Bankers Association, and the State Forester.

No individual reward paid from this fund may exceed \$1,000. To receive this reward, the citizen or peace officer must be recommended by a local law enforcement officer or investigator of the Florida Forest Service to the Chief Investigator in Tallahassee.

Know and obey the signs of life. These are the ones along the highways that tell you what to do for safety sake.

Court Requested to Split Rewards

TALLAHASSEE — The State of Florida in a complaint for interpleader filed April 23 asked Leon County Circuit Court to determine how the \$100,000 state reward money for solving the Chillingworth Murder Case should be split.

If the court agrees to do this, it will relieve the State, Governor Farris Bryant, Comptroller Ray Green and Treasurer Ed Larson of the responsibility.

The State would pay the \$100,000 into the court registry and let the persons who have laid claims to the reward fight it out among themselves.

Nine reward claimants were named as defendants in the court action. They are James Yenzer, undercover agent; P. O. Wilber, West Palm Beach bail bondsman; Donald Miles of Orlando, former partner of Joseph Peel, the man convicted of masterminding the murder; William Chester, Palm Beach attorney; Edna Trepp, West Palm Beach secretary and her husband, Joseph Trepp; William Neely, West Palm Beach fisherman; Ewart Brown and Ellen Linnea Jensen.

Peel, a former West Palm Beach City Judge, was given a life sentence for master-minding the killing of Circuit Judge C. E. Chillingworth and his wife, Marjorie.



TAMPA — FOR LIFE — Sheriff Ed Blackburn Jr. (left) presents a plaque to Deputy Sheriff Lowell Steve identifying him as a Lifetime Honorary Member of the Florida Sheriffs Association. This was the Association's way of saying thanks for a donation of \$1,000 which Deputy Steve gave to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch after he received the money as a reward for solving a number of citrus thefts. Sheriff Blackburn said the Deputy was credited with arresting 33 persons for stealing fruit and allied crimes in 1961.

Killer Storm Was Nightmare for Sheriff

MILTON — "I hope I never witness another thing like that in my whole life," said Sheriff Wade Cobb as he pointed out scenes of destruction left in the wake of a killer tornado that roared through a six-block area here on March 31.

Although he is a veteran lawman hardened by many scenes of violence, tragedy and death, Sheriff Cobb still remembers with a shudder the nightmare of wrecked buildings and horribly mangled bodies left in the wake of the storm.

Sixteen persons were killed, 78 were seriously hurt and scores nursed minor injuries or required treatment for shock. One victim died later to bring the death toll to 17.

"Four men were working on that building and they were all killed," the Sheriff pointed out as he drove through the storm area. "One man's body was found three-quarters of a mile away in a swamp," he added.

There were some 80 houses destroyed or damaged. One of them belonged to the sheriff's nephew. It was a new house and the nephew and his wife and son were all inside when the storm thundered in. The wife escaped possible death when a sturdy chest of drawers saved her from being hit by a falling timber.

The storm played many freakish tricks. Pieces of debris were found some 30 miles away from Milton and

a garbage can was carried 14 miles through the air. The storm pounced on one house and moved it off the foundation blocks but failed to touch another house just a few feet away.

The first indication of the storm came to Sheriff Cobb when he received a message that three people were stranded in a swamp and their house had been blown away.

As soon as he rescued the people and discovered what had happened he called out all available deputies and the members of his posse.

While rescue work was underway, he quickly sealed off the area from auto traffic to keep out looters and sightseers; then he called the Governor's office and asked for assistance from the National Guard.

Guardsmen were on the scene promptly and help came from many other sources. Sheriff Bill Davis and Sheriff Ray Wilson, who live in neighboring counties, sent men and materials to the scene. Offers of assistance came from many other sheriffs.

The Pensacola Police Department, Escambia County Search and Rescue Unit, U. S. Navy personnel from nearby Whiting Field, the Red Cross, the Florida Highway Patrol and other groups also rendered valuable assistance.

Heavy rains and a cold front added to the discomfort of rescue workers, but they grimly stuck to their task. In three days Sheriff Cobb got approximately three hours' sleep. When he finally did hit the hay for a decent snooze it was with the knowledge that everything possible had been done for the storm victims.

Suspicion Pays Off

WAUCHULA — It pays to be suspicious Storekeeper Atlie Crews discovered.

When a woman carrying a small child cashed a check in his store, he asked one of his clerks to trail her, then he rushed down to the bank to see if the check was any good.

It wasn't, so he notified the Hardee County Sheriff's Department and the woman was arrested at the bus station. Her husband was arrested later in Arcadia.

Investigation indicated the couple had flooded this area with worthless checks cashed by merchants less suspicious and alert than Crews.



BRADENTON — LIFE SAVER — The Bradenton Junior Chamber of Commerce recently presented to Sheriff Ken Gross a \$300 resuscitator which can be used to revive victims of drownings, heart attacks, asphyxiation and other emergencies. The sheriff is shown here (left) demonstrating the equipment of Deputy Sheriff Bill Evers. (Photo courtesy The Bradenton Herald.)

We Have An Admirer

OCALA — The Ocala Star-Banner, daily newspaper, printed an editorial on April 29 praising the annual year-book edition of the Sheriff's Star which was published in March.

"It is one of the finest publications," said the editorial, "and contains more information packed in its 80 pages of pictures and text about our leading law enforcement agency, and state and county government, than has been made available by any other medium."

"The publication is filled with so much information pertaining to public affairs in Florida that it would be invaluable if filed away by public officials for reference purposes. The Florida Sheriffs Association and the editorial staff of the Sheriff's Star are to be highly commended . . ."

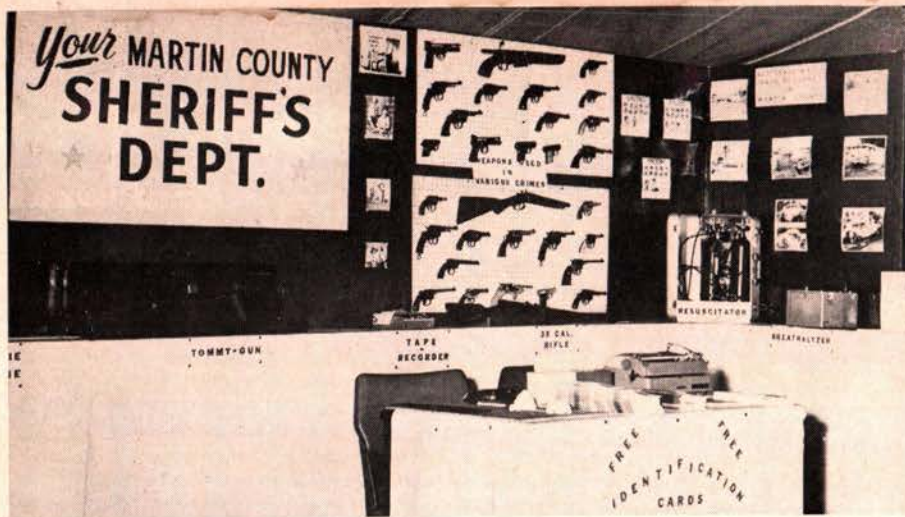
Routine But Rough

ORLANDO — Deputy Sheriff Norman Rush went to the home of an Orlando woman to serve a warrant on an indecent language charge. The woman's boyfriend pulled a gun and he had to disarm and handcuff him. Then he searched the house, found the woman hiding in a closet and took the pair to jail.

Rush had some skinned knuckles to remind him that in law enforcement, even the routine arrest can be rough.



STUART — Charles A. (Bill) Porter (right), of Porter Lumber Co., who gave a large quantity of paint to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch receives a Boys Ranch Builder certificate from Sheriff Roy Baker as an expression of appreciation.



STUART—Sheriff Roy Baker sponsored this attractive and interesting display at the Martin County Fair. Almost 2,000 visitors received identification cards and information about Sheriff Baker's modern department. (Photo by Ed. Gluckler.)

5,676 Cases Out of 7,043 Solved

BARTOW — Sheriff Monroe Brannen reported his department handled 7,043 cases between Jan 3 and Dec. 31, 1961, and solved 5,676 of them.

Larceny led the list of complaints with 820 being reported and 264 being solved. Auto thefts totaled 125, with 87 solved.

A high batting average was maintained on sex offenses, with 139 reported and only one unsolved.

Likewise for murders, with 14 reported and 13 solved. Suicides, manslaughter and deaths from other causes totaled 107 and all were solved.

Robberies accounted for 44 cases and 37 were solved. There was 759 burglary cases, and 264 of these were cleaned up.

Forgery and counterfeiting cases numbered 65, and 58 were solved.

Other offenses were reported as follows: Aggravated assault, 162 cases with only 10 remaining unsolved; Narcotics violations, six reported and five solved; liquor law violations, 356 reported, all solved; rape cases, 29, all solved.

Deputies destroyed 22 moonshine stills, 11,306 gallons of fermented mash, 3,480 gallons of moonshine, and 118 gallons of home brew. They also confiscated seven cars for hauling contraband, and seized 486 fifths of whiskey, 1,499 half-pints and 1,043 cans of beer.



Just wait until someone comes up with the idea of selling horsepower based on the buyer's brainpower, then watch car sales slump.



LAKE WALES—Sheriff Monroe Brannen (left) presents a plaque to J. T. Crawford, of Lake Wales, identifying him as a lifetime honorary member of the Florida Sheriffs Association. The lifetime membership was awarded to Mr. Crawford as an expression of appreciation for a large donation he made to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.



GREEN COVE SPRINGS — Louis Gilbreath, Ocala, President of the Florida Cattlemen's Association, presents rewards to Clay County Deputy Sheriff Paul Boyd (left) and State Wildlife Officer Bill DesRoachers for the arrest of two men caught in the act of "cattle rustling". Each officer received \$250 from the Cattlemen's Association.

Variety Abounds in Lehigh Acres

FT. MYERS—Variety is the spice of life for three deputy sheriffs who patrol nearby Lehigh Acres, according to an article by Helen Kavanaugh which appeared in the November-December issue of the Florida Police Journal.

The deputies are Fred Liedtke, a 27-year man with the U. S. Navy who retired as a Lt. Commander; Bill Bard, a Navy and Marine veteran with a varied background of police work; and Joseph E. Veverka, an old-timer who served 30 years with the Cleveland, Ohio, police department.

They all came here to retire, but the lure of police work caught up with them and they are back in uniform again under the supervision of Lee County Sheriff Flanders Thompson.

There is never a dull moment in this growing community, and the three deputies play many roles such as big brother, delivery agent, mechanic, doctor, cattle chaser, fireman, friend in need and enforcement officer.

They keep an air conditioned ambulance parked next to their headquarters and it is often used for emergencies. In one week they made ambulance runs with four maternity cases, a heart attack patient, a girl with a badly cut leg, a boy with multiple leg fractures, several automobile accident cases, and stroke cases.

Not everyone in Lehigh Acres has a telephone and the deputies are frequently called upon to deliver emergency messages.

When a housewife loses a house key, one of the deputies is called upon to squeeze in through a window to let her in. They have to be capable, versatile and dependable to perform their varied assignments.



Top Rating

TITUSVILLE — Sheriff James W. Dunn deserves commendation for the fact that the Brevard County Jail is the first in the state to receive two jail inspection certificates.

According to the Titusville Star-Advocate, the State Division of Corrections has started issuing certificates to jails that received an overall rating of "excellent" following state inspection.

The Brevard Jail operated by Sheriff Dunn was one of the first four to receive a certificate, and was the first in the state to receive a second certificate, the newspaper said.

Delinquency Not Serious

SARASOTA — Juvenile delinquency does not appear to be a serious problem here.

Deputy Sheriff Tony Montagnesi said the first 11 months of 1961 produced 413 Sheriff's Department cases involving juveniles and only around five per cent of these were referred to the courts.

"This is a negligible percentage," he said, explaining that national figures show that there is always a hard core of three per cent of the population that will get into trouble regardless of the population and general conditions.

He went on to explain the work Sheriff Ross Boyer's department is doing to keep juvenile delinquency down. "The youngsters we talk to are mostly first offenders," he said. "If we can make them see what they've done, recognize the problem, they don't ever become problems to themselves or society."

Sheriff Boyer sponsors a Junior Deputy Sheriff League to teach youngsters respect for law enforcement; and safety clubs to encourage traffic safety among the county's youth.

He was one of the founders of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, a nationally famous crime prevention project, and has promoted extensive financial support for it in Sarasota County.



No Bogus Bucks

MIAMI — A counterfeit ring that printed practically everything but money—and netted its operators up to \$2,500 a week apiece—was smashed here by Sheriff Tom Kelley's men and the FBI.

The ring printed bad checks and a mass of fake credentials to assist in cashing them. It also produced thousands of dollars worth of counterfeit stocks, some bearing the names of well known, legitimate companies.



No Profit

INDIANTOWN — There was no profit in the moonshine still two men set up near here. They were just getting ready to run the first batch when Sheriff Roy C. Baker, and Deputy Sheriffs James Holt and Frank Prevatt moved in and arrested them. The officers seized 1,015 pounds of sugar and destroyed the still equipment.



FT. MYERS — SOMETHING NEW — This mobile, radio-controlled school safety patrol at Edgewood School is believed to be the first of its kind in the United States. Under the supervision of Raymond Sanders, a sixth-grade teacher, it covers a large area and Sanders keeps in touch with the two captains by two-way radio. In addition to guarding school crossings the patrol members do precision and formation bicycle riding. (Photo courtesy Fort Myers News Press.)



TAMPA — Sheriff Ed Blackburn, Jr., (right) presents a plaque to H. Lane Coachman, Tampa attorney, identifying him as a lifetime honorary member of the Florida Sheriffs Association. Mr. Coachman was voted this honor as an expression of appreciation for the generous donations he has made to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.



CLEARWATER — RETIRING — Sheriff Don Genung (left) and Pinellas County Jail Superintendent Roscoe Braselton (right) present a rod and reel to Capt. Glenn M. Gammage upon his retirement from the jail staff. The rod and reel were a present from the Sheriff's Department staff. (Photo by Clearwater Sun.)

Youth Confesses

KISSIMMEE — A 15-year-old boy has made a signed statement that he and his brother beat a 76-year-old St. Cloud widow to death in 1958 and then set her house afire in an effort to destroy the evidence.

Osceola County Sheriff Bob Buckels verified that the juvenile signed a statement that he was involved in the death of Mrs. Lura E. Thompson, 1001 Indiana Ave., St. Cloud, on the night of Dec. 8, 1958.

The youth, who is serving time in a state juvenile correction institution, reportedly stated he and his brother went into the home of Mrs. Thompson to steal money and she caught them in the act.



Ex-Sheriff Dies

ALACHUA — Former Alachua County Sheriff R. J. "Bob" Wells, 71, died at his home here March 31. A resident of Alachua County for more than 50 years, his law enforcement career included service as police chief here and as a deputy sheriff. He served as sheriff during the years 1929-33, and was a city commissioner here just before his death.



Posse Useful

CRESTVIEW — The usefulness of Sheriff Ray Wilson's mounted posse has been evidenced many times. The most recent example of this was the service rendered by posse members when they went to neighboring Milton to help Santa Rosa County Sheriff Wade Cobb curb looting following a disastrous tornado.

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.



TALLAHASSEE TRIP

Sunday May 13 was a big day for the boys from the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. They went to Tallahassee and attended services at Lakeview Baptist Church with Leon County Sheriff W. P. (Bill) Joyce, then enjoyed a water ski show and weiner roast at Lake Bradford as guests of the Tallahassee Ski Club. They also toured the Tallahassee Junior Museum with Sheriff Joyce. The picture above shows the boys on the porch of the pioneer home at the museum. Those at left show the boys at the weiner roast and Sheriff Joyce with three Ranchers from Leon County. The three boys are (from left) Wally Edwards, Mike Edwards and Jimmy Hodges.



Rodeo for Ranch

OCALA—A Rodeo held here on April 29 raised over \$400 for the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, according to Sheriff Doug Willis.

The benefit show was sponsored by Sheriff Willis' mounted posse and a local riding club.

Nassau County Sheriff H. J. Youngblood's mounted posse took top honors in the posse division of the events.

BUILDERS CLUB

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

Mr. & Mrs. James Cobb, Lutz, Florida
Ulmer, Murchison, Kent, Ashby & Ball, & Associates, Jacksonville, Fla.
Galen E. Wilson, New Port Richey, Florida
Ruby S. Gates, Tallahassee, Florida
Mrs. C. M. Palmore, Lakeland, Florida
Washington Senators, Pompano Beach, Florida
Hans C. Castle, Ormond Beach, Florida
Pompano Paint Company, Pompano Beach, Florida
Bryant E. Pearce, Quitman, Georgia
Mrs. Esther M. Pope, Winter Haven, Florida
George Fehring, Boca Raton, Florida
Soren Pedersen Leth, Jacksonville, Florida
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Howard K. Crandall, Clearwater, Florida
Mr. & Mrs. Curtis J. Hughes, Ellenton, Florida
Claude and Kathryn Colton, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

Ranch "Adopted" by Legal Secretaries

Members of the Florida Association of Legal Secretaries have very good reasons for supporting the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

Betty Cass, of Bradenton, State Project Chairman, put it this way:

"A legal secretary often comes in close contact with children who bear the brunt of broken homes, unwholesome surroundings and other bad circumstances.

"We realize that these conditions can result in a basically good child and a potential outstanding citizen becoming a delinquent through no fault of his own. Such children who actually do not have a true "home" and many who do not have any home at all are given the proper supervision, care and love at the Boys Ranch. We know that this is possible through the efforts of the Florida Sheriffs Association.

"We, as legal secretaries, are also in constant contact with the various sheriffs of our state and fully realize the tremendous job they do. Their efforts in organizing and maintaining the Boys Ranch were far beyond their call of duty.

"For these reasons we adopted the Boys Ranch as a state project."

Each chapter of the Association "adopted" an assigned number of boys and sent Christmas gifts to them. Several chapters have also sent birthday cards and Easter gifts to the boys.

"Our hearts were filled with compassion when thank you notes were received from the boys," said the Project Chairman.



George K. Symons, Jr., Redington Beach, Florida
Lake Placid Clearing & Construction, Lake Placid, Florida
Arthur Cotterill, Tampa, Florida
Don Holcomb, Tampa, Florida
Robert R. Harris, Tampa, Florida
Dick Makinson, Kissimmee, Florida
C. R. Presnell, Jr., Tampa, Florida
Hardee Roping Club, Wauchula, Florida
Sam Perlin, Hollywood, Florida
George Polera, Hallandale, Florida



TOP HUNTERS — Larry Stacey (left) and Bradford Hudson won the top prizes in the annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Boys Ranch.

Starting Ranch Christmas Fund

ST. PETERSBURG — The following letter from Harris Insurance Agency, Inc., describes a unique Christmas Fund plan which will help to provide a happy holiday for boys at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch: Sheriff Don Genung
Pinellas County
Florida
Dear Sir:

Once a year a group of spirited citizens raises funds through the medium of a fish fry for the benefit of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

There is less opposition to this fund raising campaign than any one we know of for who could deny the satisfaction derived from aiding our less fortunate youths.

The employees of Harris Insurance Agency unanimously feel that this is a more than "once a year" need. As a consequence we have this day opened a Christmas Club account in the St. Petersburg Bank & Trust Company in the name of Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. Upon completion of the weekly payments a check in the amount of \$100 will be mailed to you by the bank.

It would be wonderful if other firms and individuals considered this means to perpetuate the good work of Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

Sincerely,
William A. Harris,
President.



It's astonishing how many people point their car toward the graveyard when they start out to drive each day.

Sheriff Thursby's "Pipe Dream" Pays Off

This is the story of Volusia County Sheriff Rodney Thursby's "pipe dream" and how it paid off for the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

When Sheriff Thursby learned that The Van Dorn Iron Works Co., of Cleveland, Ohio, manufactured plastic pipe he did a little speculating about getting some much needed pipe donated to the Ranch.



PHYSICAL CHECK-UP — Every effort is made to keep the boys at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch in top physical condition. Dr. J. W. Hayes, Jacksonville pediatrician (pictured above), gives the boys periodic physical check-ups and consults with the Ranch staff on medical problems. He was recently appointed as the Ranch's Chief Medical Officer and serves without pay.

He knew that the Van Dorn Company had already made cash contributions to the Boys Ranch; and he was also aware that Paul Perry, the company's Florida representative, had taken an active interest in the project.

"What are the possibilities of getting some plastic pipe donated to the Boys Ranch?" Thursby asked Perry, and Perry immediately offered to feel out top management on the proposition.

Meanwhile, Pinellas County Sheriff Don Genung had laid some valuable ground work by showing a color movie of the Boys Ranch at a jail conference in Philadelphia. By coincidence, top officials of the Van Dorn Company saw the movie and were impressed.

In a short time Perry came back to Thursby with a report that his company was interested in donating some pipe, and Harry Weaver, the Boys Ranch Administrator, was asked to give Van Dorn a list of current needs.

Harry wrote to Van Dorn Vice President William J. Senger listing 800 feet of two-inch pipe and fittings to extend the Ranch water system to a new residence cottage and a new chapel; plus 3,000 feet of one-inch pipe to provide water for the growing herd of purebred cattle.

Back in a short time came a letter from Senger notifying Harry that Van Dorn would donate the entire 3,800 feet of pipe plus fittings.

For Harry this was generosity far beyond expectations.

For Sheriff Thursby it was a "pipe dream" come true.



WAUCHULA — A highly successful Junior Rodeo held by the Hardee County Sheriff's Auxiliary and the Hardee Roping Club raised \$1,405.70 for the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. Hardee County Sheriff E. Odell Carlton (right) is shown here gratefully accepting a check for this amount from (left to right) Maurice Carlton, captain of the Auxiliary; and T. Mabry Carlton, Robert Ray Smith and Van Adams, the finance committee of the Roping Club.

WANTED PERSONS

As compiled by the
Florida Sheriffs Bureau
Don McLeod, Director



John Henry Bell

White male, date of birth 8-29-40, 5 feet, 10 inches tall, weighs 155 pounds, dark brown hair, brown eyes; tattoo initial "T" left arm, "Johnny" left upper arm, cross and initials "J.H.B." on rt. upper arm. Occupation: Welder's helper. FBI #366 865C. FPC: 10,



S/S, 27/12, W/U, IMO/OII, 10. Wanted for Escape from D/C RP #5752 Deland, Fla., on 4-30-62, where he was serving 20 year term from Dade County, charge Grand Larceny, Armed Robbery. \$25 reward. If apprehended notify SP Raiford, or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



Verne Deane Landers

Also known as Alan Don JURIAN, Ross B. BRUNSON, Jr., John C. WALKER, FBI #1564914, white male, 5 feet, 11 inches tall, weighs 210 to 230 pounds, straight black hair, combed straight back, greying at temples, small mole on left cheek near nose, good talker, dresses well, wears diamond ring. May be driving white over blue 1956 Cadillac Coupe DeVille, Louisiana License 285942. May have identification

in any of above names, including Florida and Louisiana Drivers licenses. May be accompanied by attractive wife and four children. U. S. Marshal at New Orleans, La., holds warrant for Landers charging him with passing stolen U. S. Postal Money Orders. He was last seen in Orlando, Fla., 5-22-62, but travels extensively. If located notify your nearest Postal Inspector or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



Edward Charles Colligan

White male, age 35, 6 feet, 1 inch tall, weighs 185 pounds, dark hair, heavy drinker. Plays horses and dogs. Warrant issued, charge Grand Larceny. If apprehended notify Police Dept., Fort Lauderdale, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



Ronald James Burke

White male, date of birth 1-13-41, 5 feet, 7 inches tall, weighs 122 pounds, dark brown hair, brown eyes; tattoo of two hearts and banner name "LINDA" left upper forearm, tattoo name "DOT" left upper wrist, numerous other tattoos.



FBI #938 714C. FPC: 25, L/L, 17/1, W/U, MOO/OOO, 12. Wanted for Escape from Avon Park Corr. Inst. 3-13-62, where he was serving 6 mo-5 year term for B&E, Pinellas County. \$25 reward. If apprehended notify SP Raiford or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



Thomas Kersey Morrow

and
Harry Johnson Raker

Morrow described as white male, date and place of birth 4-8-21, Nicola, Mo., 5 feet, 7 inches tall, weighs 147 pounds, black hair — balding, sometimes wears toupee. Raker described as white male, date and place of birth 3-16-35, Wakulla County, Fla., 5 feet, 11 inches tall, weighs 225 pounds, brown hair, grey eyes. Cut scar right cheek, cut scar left side of chin. Subjects may be traveling in Raker's 1960 Olds, color red and white, 1962 Fla. Lic. 68W-1948. Wanted on

MORROW
charge, Larceny from a Home, felony, will extradite. Bond of \$10,000.00 set on each subject. If apprehended notify Sheriff Compton, Jefferson County, Georgia, or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



Rollie Osborne

Colored male, age 21, 6 feet, 1 inch tall, weighs 220 pounds. Believed armed with 22 rifle, and believed afoot. Warrant issued, charge Murder. If apprehended notify Sheriff Michell, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



Eulgoio Gutierrez

White male, date and place of birth 10-9-35, Tampa, Fla., 5 feet 8 inches tall, 143 pounds, slender built, dark brown hair, brown eyes. Occupation: Painter. No marks or scars. FBI #4, 152 198. FPC: 24.



O/I, 31/27, W/W, IIO/OIO, 22. Wanted on charge of Escape from RP #1752 Bartow, Fla., on 1-6-62. \$25 reward. If apprehended notify SP Raiford or The Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



RAKER



Ethan Allen Scott

White male, age 50 to 60, 5 feet, 10 inches tall, weighs 200 to 220 pounds, stocky build, grey hair. Has used aliases John COOPER, Ralph WATSON, John ROGERS, E. R.

SCOTT. Subject stole checks from Allied Printing Company, Jacksonville, Fla., subsequently forged and passed. Subject posed as a novelty advertising salesman, called on firms and if opportunity presented itself

WANTED ON CHECK CHARGES

would steal checks. Several of these have been passed in Atlanta, Ga. Charged with Forgery and Uttering. If apprehended notify Police Dept., Jacksonville, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



STANGA

George E. Stanga

White male, age 35-40, 6 feet tall, weighs 175 pounds, brown curly hair. Recently passed Worthless check in Pensacola in amount of \$345.00. Has been identified as parolee from Louisiana State Prison and is presently wanted by PD Monroe, La., on charge Fraud. If apprehended notify Sheriff Davis, Pensacola, Fla., PD Monroe, La., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.

Jaycees Commend John Spottswood

KEY WEST—By unanimous vote, the Key West Junior Chamber of Commerce commended Monroe County Sheriff John M. Spottswood and his deputies for the manner in which they enforced election laws during the recent May primaries.

The Jaycees were particularly concerned about possible violations of regulations prohibiting political workers from operating within 300 feet of the voting precincts.

"In our opinion," the Jaycees told the Sheriff, "this situation was corrected to a greater degree than in many past elections. This contributed a large part to the orderly voting which in turn contributed to the dignity of what certainly is a solemn performance of the public's duties as a citizen."



474 Cases Cleared

MIAMI — Dade County Sheriff Thomas J. Kelly said the arresting of 68 juveniles by his department cleared up 474 cases, including 134 burglaries, 83 vandalism complaints, 36 auto thefts, 98 larcenies from autos and 20 prowler complaints.

The arrests resulted from an investigation of unorganized juvenile crime in the Madison Junior High School area.



Not Expensive

WAUCHULA—The new Hardee County Jail looks expensive but it actually isn't.

Sheriff E. Odell Carlton explained that it cost only \$3,700 per prisoner, while the average cost is \$5,000 and some jails run as high as \$10,000.



LIVE OAK—Pictured here all dressed up in their new uniforms are members of the new Junior Deputy Sheriff League which Suwannee County Sheriff Hugh Lewis organized to teach youngsters respect for law and order and to establish a friendly relationship between law enforcement officers and the younger generation. In the top picture the Sheriff is shown swearing in some of the boys while Deputies Curtis Harrell and Cecil Bonds, and Live Oak Police Chief Permon Foy look on. The bottom picture shows another group of Junior Deputies at a meeting attended by Live Oak Mayor Marvin Phillips (right). The City of Live Oak is assisting the Sheriff with the Junior Deputy League and city officials are taking an active interest.

New Bureau

SARASOTA — Sarasota County Sheriff Ross E. Boyer has added an identification bureau to his department as the latest step in his blueprint of continued improvement and expansion.

It will be headed by William B. Hassett, former Lee County Deputy Sheriff. He started his career in identification work in 1942 and has worked on many important cases in this section of the state.

"As the county continues to grow," Sheriff Boyer said, "our office is forced to grow and expand. The establishment of an identification bureau is something we have had in mind for some time."



Fallout Course

BRADENTON — Manatee County deputy sheriffs, police and firemen took a course in radiological monitoring as part of the Civil Defense program here.

Holmes Posse Not Just Riding Club

BONIFAY—A sheriff's posse is more than a riding club, and the posse sponsored by Holmes County Sheriff Cletus Andrews is a good example.

It has been developed into a depend-



ORLANDO—Sheriff Dave Starr, state and federal agents joined forces to raid a large moonshine still capable of producing 600 gallons a week. In the top photo officers shown inspecting one of the large cooking vats are (from left) Sheriff Starr, State Beverage Department Agents Bill Whaley and E. C. Stanaland; and Federal Agent Bill Goodman (standing). The other photos show the officers examining 92 proof moonshine in plastic containers and ten-gallon cans.

able law enforcement auxiliary and emergency unit that frequently performs valuable services in this area.

When a tornado struck Crestview, the county seat of a neighboring county, early this year, the Holmes County Mounted Posse assisted in law enforcement and rescue operations.

More recently the unit was called upon to help find a lost and possibly deranged Negro in Washington County.

In other instances, posse members have taken over the routine duties of deputies, so the deputies could concentrate on some special case or emergency.

Headed by Sheriff Andrews, the 35-member group is approaching its second birthday. Members are smartly uniformed in green trousers, gray shirts and hats and black bow ties. They wear special badges and carry membership identification cards.

The Sheriff's wife takes an active interest in the posse and is currently serving as secretary. W. G. Rich is vice president and captain.

Each active member must own a horse and must meet other requirements prescribed by the ten-member board of directors.

Plans have been made to sponsor a Junior Sheriff's Posse with Mr. and Mrs. Ox Long in charge; and to present first aid and other related subjects in a series of courses for posse members.

Although primarily a service group, the posse also engages in trail rides, parades and other public functions. There are seven women members and meetings are held monthly.



Youths Impressed

SEBRING—A movie and talk about the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch presented to Methodist Youth Fellowship members from eight churches by Sheriff Broward Coker was described by the district president, Joy Martin, as "one of the best programs we have had in a long time."

"It is so easy for us to accept the protection of our homes, the concern of our church for us and the love of our families as natural as the air we breathe that we forget about those who have none of these things," Miss Martin said in a letter to the Sheriff.

She added: "We believe that your Association is doing a very wonderful and Christian thing in providing these things for some of the boys who have none."



TALLAHASSEE—Leon County Sheriff W. P. (Bill) Joyce (left) accepts a purebred Guernsey cow donated to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch by Velda Farms and the Florida Guernsey Cattle Club. Shown making the presentation are J. McK. Jeter (center) of Plant City, representing the Cattle Club; and Ralph Thomas, Livestock Superintendent for Velda Farms. A modern dairy was recently completed at the Ranch, and the boys are developing a top-notch dairy herd.

Very Impressed

Visitors to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch during April included Mr. and Mrs. W. B. (Dick) Makinson and daughter, of Kissimmee.

Later Mr. Makison told Ranch Administrator Harry Weaver in a letter: "My wife, young daughter and myself were very impressed with this outstanding project conducted by the Florida Sheriffs and sincerely wish them and your personnel every success in the future."



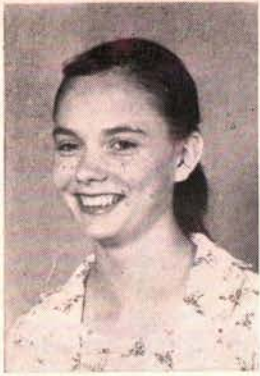
Killings Increase

WASHINGTON—FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said there was an appalling increase last year in the number of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

The total for 1961 was 71, compared to 48 in 1960. A breakdown of the 1961 figure shows that 37 officers were slain on the job by criminals and the others died in accidents while on duty.

Hoover said 47 persons were arrested for the 37 killings. Of those arrested, 15 were on parole or probation and two out of three had received some form of leniency prior to the slaying.

Twelve of the 47 killers were 21 or under.



Rozzi Steelman

White female, age 17, 5 feet, 5 inches tall, weighs 119 pounds, brown hair and eyes, fair complexion. Any one knowing subject's whereabouts notify Sheriff Brannen, Bartow, Florida or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.

Where Are They?



These persons have been reported missing by the Florida Sheriffs Bureau



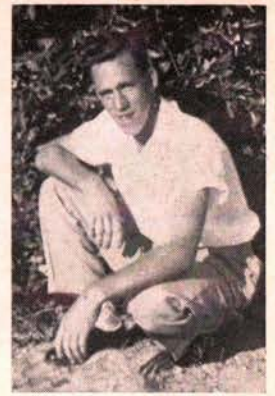
Bylle Gayle Doss

White female, date of birth 6-1-48, 5 feet, 11 inches tall, weighs 135 pounds, black hair, trace of grey, blue eyes, ruddy complexion. Subject could easily pass for woman of 20 to 25 years old. May be in Jacksonville or Miami area. Any one knowing subject's whereabouts notify Sheriff Pellicer, Palatka, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



Barbara Lois Howard and Bobby Dale Cottle

Barbara Lois HOWARD, white female, age 16, 5 feet, 6 inches tall, weighs 100 pounds, long brown hair, dark brown eyes. Possibly with Bobby Dale COTTLE, white male, age 27, 5 feet 7 inches



tall, weighs 150 pounds, brown hair and eyes; tattoos both arms, "girl in glass-name Evelyn," birds on chest. Both subjects missing since April 29, 1962. If subject's whereabouts known notify Sheriff McCall, Tavares, Florida, or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



TRACTOR DONATED — Farm Manager Bud Royal checks over a tractor recently donated to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch by Florida Ford Tractor Co., of Jacksonville, on behalf of the Ford Tractor dealers of Florida. This is the second tractor given to the Ranch by the Jacksonville firm.

Freedom Bid Brief

PALMDALE — Fast and effective work by deputy sheriffs, Highway Patrol troopers and bloodhounds quickly ended the freedom bid of John Henry Bell who escaped from a road gang in Volusia County.

An alarm went out from the Highlands County Sheriff's Department after Bell allegedly robbed an Avon Park storekeeper and stole his car.

The car was spotted by Deputy Sheriff Charles Rucker and State Trooper H. A. Moore, and a 50-mile chase into Glades County ensued.

Bell abandoned the car at Palmdale and took off on foot but he was flushed from his hiding place shortly afterward with the aid of bloodhounds.

Young Riflemen True Marksmen

LIVE OAK—Several members of the Live Oak Junior Riflemen's Club sponsored by Suwannee County Sheriff Hugh Lewis have scored high enough to wear the badges of true marksmen.

Jerry Crews led the scoring with 103. The others are: Lowell Avery, score of 88; Keith Stapleton, 88; Gayle O'Hara, 84; Freddie Severance, 86; Johnnie Severance, 73; J. W. Stamper, 73; and Carlton DeLoach, 75.

Marksmen First Class awards went to Gayle O'Hara and Lowell Avery, for having a score of 30 or more on ten targets.

Marksmen awards were won by Carlton DeLoach, Freddie Severance and Johnnie Severance; and Pro-Marksmen awards were copped by J. W. Stamper, Jerry Crews and Keith Stapleton.

The Riflemen's Club, with a membership of 25, meets every Thursday afternoon. It is sponsored by Sheriff Lewis to teach boys marksmanship and firearms safety.

The Sheriff said Howard Smith was recently added to the staff of instructors.



Crevasse Relected

GAINESVILLE — Alachua County Sheriff Joe Crevasse was re-elected chairman of the Salvation Army Service Unit which assists the Salvation Army in distributing funds for welfare activities.

In Good Shape

TALLAHASSEE — State Auditor Bryan Willis commented favorably on the accounts and records of Leon County Sheriff W. P. (Bill) Joyce following completion of an audit covering the period from July 1, 1959, to July 31, 1961.

He said records were adequate and well kept on the prescribed forms.

Other comments:

All collections of record were accounted for; remittances to the county were accurately and promptly made; budgets were well prepared and expenditures were kept within budget appropriations; expenses of the office were paid by check and were supported by itemized invoices.



FINE BULL — Bryan E. Pearce, of Quitman, Ga. (right), donated a fine Charolais bull to the Boys Ranch through Lee County Sheriff Flankers Thompson. He is shown here turning over the registration papers to Ranch Administrator Harry Weaver.



Visitor Impressed

Elizabeth R. Ingram, of Darlington, S. C., recently sent a generous cash donation to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch and enclosed the following comments:

"I saw your Ranch while visiting in Live Oak this week and thought it looked so nice, clean and home-like. This is a wonderful project."

Hot Rod Gang

FT. LAUDERDALE — Sheriff Allen Michell reported 20 burglaries were solved and loot valued at \$10,000 was recovered when his department broke up a burglary ring of young "hot rodders".

BOYER RIDES AGAIN

SARASOTA — A record 112 youngsters vied for prizes and trophies in Sheriff Ross Boyer's Third Annual Bicycle Rodeo, an event designed to teach bicycle safety and create a friendly relationship between young people and the Sheriff's Department. In the picture above Sheriff Boyer is announcing the prize winners. At left he is shown trying to negotiate the obstacle course after being challenged by a local citizen. Game but a bit rusty, he lost out on points and won the speed race.

New Sheriff

WEST PALM BEACH — Peter A. E. Widener III resigned as Sheriff of Palm Beach County May 31 and Gov. Farris Bryant named Florida Highway Patrol Captain C. E. (Red) Taylor to succeed him.

Taylor, 44 and a native of DeLand, attended the University of Florida and Stetson University. He worked for the State Road Department before joining the Highway Patrol in 1940.

In 1942 he served with the Coast Guard on beach security patrol along the Southeast Florida coast. He was administrative assistant to Highway Patrol Director H. N. Kirkman and troop commander at Lake City, before being assigned to the State Turnpike Authority as operations director—the position he held at the time he was appointed sheriff.

Tipsy Skipper

ST. AUGUSTINE — The tipsy owner of a two-masted schooner was fined for "drunken driving" after he narrowly missed another yacht, nearly sideswiped several smaller boats, ran aground three times and struck a channel marker.

Putting him under arrest was no problem for Deputy Sheriff Jackie Hugas. The draw span at the "Bridge of Lions" was kept closed when the schooner approached and the skipper had no choice but to halt his wild ride.



DEERFIELD — This float representing the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch won a "blue ribbon" as the most beautiful entry in the "Cracker Day" parade here. It was sponsored by Broward County Sheriff Alan B. Michell (standing third from left at the side of the float); and arrangements to enter it in the parade were made by Deputy Sheriff and Mrs. Otto Hettesheimer who are pictured on either side of the Sheriff.

Blackburn and Thursby Lick Bus Financing Problem

The boys at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch were desperately in need of a bus.

The old one they had been using was worn out and unsafe.

Many trips and outings had been planned for the summer, but they

would have to be canceled unless a bus could be obtained.

Ranch Administrator Harry Weaver brought the matter up at a meeting of Ranch trustees.

"Sorry Harry, no money available at this time," was the answer.

A month later Harry brought the subject up again. This time the answer was the same, but Hillsborough County Sheriff Ed Blackburn, Jr., felt that something should be done immediately rather than wait until money was available in the treasury.

He pledged to raise half the cost of the bus in Hillsborough County.

Alter Volusia County Sheriff Rodney Thursby got home from the meeting he called Blackburn and said: "Tell you what, Ed., if you raise half of the money, I'll raise the other half."

Looking around for a means of raising money, Sheriff Thursby hit upon the idea of selling bumper strips advertising the Ranch. After a trial run in which the sheriff himself sold 18 strips in a matter of minutes, the campaign was launched county-wide.

Meanwhile, Blackburn was working on an entirely different fund raising project. With the help of "Cowboy" Luttrall, a Tampa wrestling promoter who had long been a friend and supporter of the ranch, he arranged a novelty softball game between local wrestlers and the West Coast Caterers.

Golden Gate Speedway Owner Frank Dery Jr., and Manager Gordon Solie offered to throw in a benefit jalopy race and it was agreed that both events would be held at the speedway on May 27.

Using the bus on a trial basis, but confident that Blackburn and Thursby would come through with the \$6,000 needed to buy it, Harry Weaver took the boys to Tampa on the day of the benefit.

They went to church with the Sheriff and his wife, had lunch at Las Novidades Restaurant and then went to the speedway for the two benefit events.

The day was climaxed by an announcement that Sheriffs Blackburn and Thursby had made their goal, and the boys rode back to the Ranch, proud owners of a new 66 passenger bus.



New Boys Ranch Bus

Tarpon Tourney

EVERGLADES — Paul E. Lees, president of the Everglades Chamber of Commerce, has invited all members of the Sheriffs Association to participate in the Everglades-True Temper Tarpon and Snook Tournament which is now under way and runs through July 2.

Tournament boundaries include all of Everglades National Park in Collier and Monroe Counties, the fabulous Ten Thousand Islands, Everglades City, Chokoloskee Island, Marco, Goodland, Caxambas, the lakes and rivers of the back country and part of the famous Tamiami Trail Canal.

Registration is free and prizes and plaques will be awarded to the winners.



Saves Boy's Life

IMMOKALEE — Collier County Deputy Sheriff Parker Johnson was credited with saving the life of a three-year-old boy whose breathing stopped during a sudden attack of illness.

Johnson helped to rush the youngster to Lee Memorial Hospital, in Fort Myers, and kept him alive with mouth-to-mouth artificial respiration until doctors were able to take over.



Many a man has looked like he had patience simply because he was too confused to go ahead with whatever he was supposed to be doing.

Good Deed

AVON PARK — Highlands County Sheriff Broward Coker assisted with ticket sales for a fish fry to raise money for Don Gorman, a 15-year-old youth who was injured in a swimming accident. He was paralyzed from the waist down when he dived into shallow water in Lake Verona.

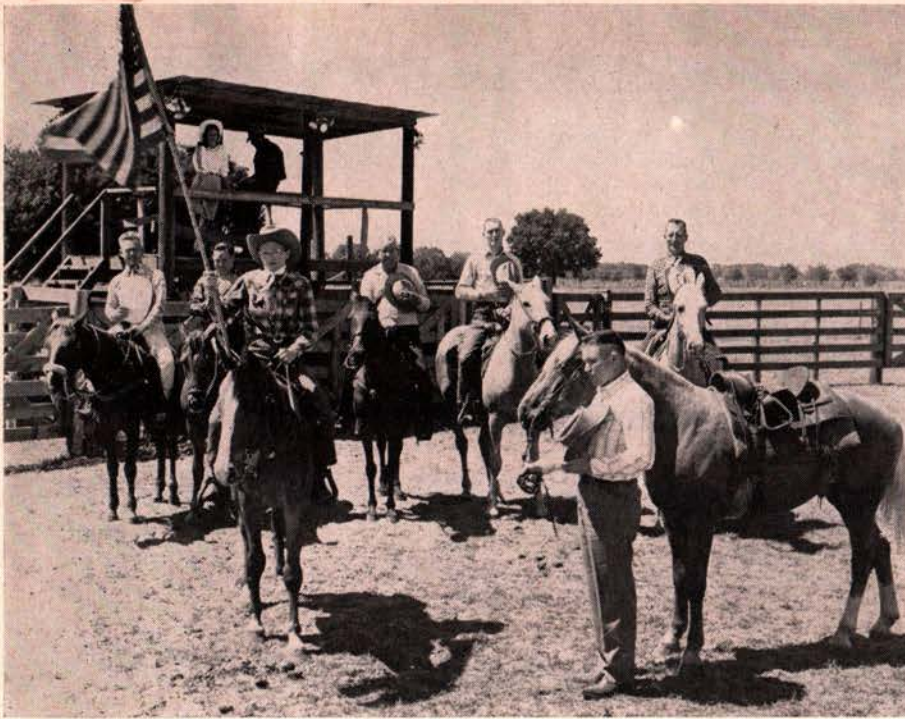


OCALA — Nassau County Sheriff H. J. Youngblood's mounted posse won top prize in a horse show which was held here for the benefit of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. In the picture above Sheriff Youngblood (on horseback) is shown receiving the best-all-around posse trophy from Marion County Sheriff Doug Willis. (Photo courtesy Ocala Star-Banner.)



A Real "Pro"

FT. LAUDERDALE — Broward County Sheriff Allen Michell said a 15-year-old boy apprehended by his department confessed 57 crimes ranging from petty larceny to auto theft. The boy admitted stealing three autos, looting 13 pay telephones, and committing various other acts of theft and vandalism.



BEVILLE'S CORNER—Vernon Berry leads a horse with empty saddle and crossed stirrups during a memorial service which was held during a rodeo here April 12 in memory of Stephen "Chipper" Voss, 14, outstanding Webster youth who was killed April 11. He had been active in church and school affairs and was a member of the "Ruff Riders," a club for young horsemen organized by Berry. The riders in the background are (from left) Burl Stokes, Red Wilmer, Sumter County Sheriff M. H. (Popie) Bowman, Gary Brown and John Evans. Mrs. John Evans is shown holding the flag. Pictured in the judges' stand are Nelda Berry and Odis Cowart.

Boy Plus Gun Dangerous Combo

If you give a boy a gun, teach him how to use it properly.

Florida's Sheriffs have been preaching this for years, and a number of them regularly hold special classes in firearms safety for teen-agers.

The importance of their efforts was underscored recently when a report showed that half of Florida's casualties from gun accidents during the year ending in February, 1962, involved youths under 18.

There were 60 casualties in the period and thirteen of the accidents were fatal, the report compiled by the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission said.

Shotguns accounted for 34 casualties, while rifle accidents totaled 22 and handguns only four. There were no air gun accidents reported.

Forty-one accidents occurred with the victim being less than ten yards from the gun.

Twenty-six people shot themselves in this period, all due to carelessness. The majority of these accidents resulted from riding in a vehicle with a

loaded gun or from stumbling and falling with a loaded gun.

Deer hunting accounted for only five accidents while small game hunters suffered 31 casualties.

Using a turkey call in thickly wooded areas is dangerous. At last four hunters were shot while engaged in this pastime.

He tried to go around a curve
Two wheels were off the ground.
They're picking up the others, but
Old Buck they haven't found!



STUART—Martin County Sheriff Roy C. Baker threw a barbecue for recent graduates of his Civil Defense Auxiliary Police School at Sandspit Park, Port Salerno. The sheriff is pictured seventh from left, and Deputy Sheriff Jack Curry, the chef for the affair, is shown second from left. (Photo by Ed Gluckler.)

Gadsden TV Theft Solved Speedily

QUINCY—A man checked into a motel here, stole a television set and drove off.

He pawned the set for \$30 and headed toward Chattahoochee.

He probably felt that he had made a "fast and easy buck," but he underestimated the speed and efficiency of Gadsden County Sheriff Otho Edwards' department.

When the theft report came in, a radio alert was flashed to neighboring counties and within ten minutes road blocks had been set up at Bristol, Chattahoochee, Bainbridge, Ga., and Tallahassee.

As the man entered Chattahoochee he was apprehended by the city police and turned over to the Sheriff's Department. Within four hours after the television set was stolen it was back in operation at the motor court and the thief was under arrest on charges of grand larceny, driving while intoxicated and driving without a license.

How's that for fast work?

Wrong Motel

SANFORD—Seminole County Sheriff Luther Hobby is proud of the new county jail, but its attractiveness and the fact that it is not far from the Mayfair Motel have presented a problem.

Recently the Sheriff received the following note from Night Jailer Pat Johnson:

"Dear Sheriff:

"We need a lighted sign out by the street, as I have had four people try to register for the Mayfair Motel. They insisted this was the Motel, but they nearly dropped over when they found out they were in the county jail."