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COVER STORY

It's harder to catch a moonshiner than it used to be.

One reason is that many of them are using mobile stills which they move from place to place to keep one jump ahead of the law.

However, the law still catches up with them and that's how we happened to get this month's cover picture from Sheriff Doug Willis. It shows a mobile still confiscated in Marion County.

The 500-gallon oil-fired still used a truck radiator for a condenser and was equipped with a pump to circulate cooling water.

Sheriff Willis said the still cooker had metal wheels because the heating unit under the cooker would have scorched rubber tires.

Two disappointed men were arrested in connection with the raid. The rig was new and only two batches of moonshine had been run off before the law moved in.



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Prisoners Broke Old Barriers



While Florida's Sheriffs Wildly Applauded

SILVER SPRINGS — It was the slickest prison break in Florida's history.

Some 50 inmates were involved and they made their break without violence or bloodshed. They used no files or hacksaws and yet they broke down barriers of bitterness and hate that have existed between lawmen and law-breakers since the Garden of Eden.

Where were Florida's sheriffs while all this was going on?

Forty-six of them, plus enough assorted enforcement troops to make a small army, just sat there — applauding wildly, whistling and yelling for "more".



Talent that was "worth a million" from
Avon Park Correctional Institution



"... They could sing like angels."

You might say that the Sheriffs were conspirators in the big break, because they had invited H. G. Cochran, director of the Division of Corrections, to bring the 50 prisoners to the 49th Annual Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association, at Silver Springs, to entertain a banquet audience of over 200 enforcement officers, public officials and guests.

Sang Like Angels

Cochran, who was master of ceremonies, stepped to the microphone and said: "Ladies and gentlemen, it takes guts—plain old fashioned G-U-T-S to come out here and face the men responsible for your incarceration and I hope you appreciate the strain these people are under."

Then he introduced a choir of girls and women from the Florida Correctional Institution at Lowell. Society had branded these choristers "bad girls" but in a few minutes it was obvious they could sing like angels.

Loud, enthusiastic applause greeted the end of the first number, and it got louder and wilder as the program continued. If the girls were under any strain, they soon got over it and pleased smiles broke across their faces.

Appreciative Listeners

In a short time the large banquet room held no enemies, no hates, no prejudices — only talented singers and appreciative listeners.

Behind these "shock troops" Cochran brought on dancers, a comedy skit poking fun at "the sheruff" and a pantomimist.

Next the spotlight shifted to a group of some 25 men from Avon Park Correctional Institution. They presented instrumental numbers that ranged from "barrelhouse" jazz to country music to smooth dance music.

A personable baritone with the assured mannerisms of a "pro" drew waves of applause. There were also a Negro quartet and a talented Negro pianist named "Shortie" whose infectious broad smile and raucous chuckles brought responsive laughter from the audience.

Encores Demanded

Because of the long program, Cochran was reluctant to permit encores,

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What Happened At Silver Springs?



Attorney General Richard Ervin speaks and Marion County Sheriff Doug Willis, conference host, listens during a luncheon meeting.



Orange County Sheriff Dave Starr (second from left), Association President, poses with (from left) State Senator B. C. Pearce, of Palatka; State Senator Verle Pope, of St. Augustine; and State Representative Ralph Turlington, of Gainesville, members of a panel that discussed retirement provisions for sheriffs and their deputies.

"Great Progress Has Been Made In Law Enforcement," Attorney General Ervin Tells Sheriffs

SILVER SPRINGS — Florida's Sheriffs gathered here from all over the state June 13, 14 and 15 to discuss mutual problems, hear progress reports on various state-wide projects, make plans for better law enforcement, get the latest data on modern crime-fighting techniques and receive praise for their many accomplishments.

The occasion was the 49th Annual Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association.

Midway in the three-day meeting Attorney General Richard W. Ervin dropped in to give the Sheriffs a generous slap on the back for vast improvements in law enforcement.

Addressing a luncheon meeting, the state's top lawman harked back to the days a decade or more ago when the lawless thrived on the bitter jealousies between state and local law enforcement units.

GENERAL UPGRADING

These conditions yielded to a more mature and reasonable attitude, he said, then young men joined the sheriffs' ranks with older sheriffs who had "unquestioned good reputations" and the result was a general upgrading of law enforcement.

Ervin told the sheriffs the most outstanding step taken by them was "your laying aside your long-standing opposition to a state established and supported agency designed to coordinate state-wide investigation and suppression of crime."

MONUMENTAL STEP

This, he added, resulted in creation of the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, "the monumental step by which law enforcement in Florida came of age."

Further praise for the Bureau was voiced by Washington County Sheriff

George Watts, senior member of the Bureau's administrative board.

Declaring that the Bureau has reached "maturity", he said it would not be an overstatement to say that it has already molded a united front against crime "far exceeding the most optimistic dreams of those of us privileged to be in on its creation."

FREEDOMS MEDALS

Further laurels came to the Sheriffs in the form of a medal from the Freedoms Foundation, at Valley Forge, honoring them for establishing the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

Judge W. Marion Hendry, Hillsboro County Justice of the Peace, who presented the medal to Baker County Sheriff Ed Yarbrough, Chairman of the Ranch Trustees, described the Ranch as an outstanding manifestation of the finest traditions of the American way of life.

He also presented a Freedoms Foundation Medal to John E. Futch, Ocala youth, honoring him for a patriotic address entitled "My Future as an American Citizen."

Judge Hendry was a member of the distinguished jury that selected this year's medal winners from thousands of entries.



Washington County Sheriff George Watts makes a progress report on the Florida Sheriffs Bureau. He is the senior member of the Bureau's administrative board.

GOOD JOB RUPERT

All Conference photographs were taken by St. John's County Deputy Sheriff Rupert Chastain, whose services were made available through the courtesy of Sheriff L. O. Davis, Jr.

Among Those on the Rostrum Were . . .



Sheriff Flanders Thompson, Lee County, gives his views while Burl Mawhinney, administrative assistant to State Comptroller Ray E. Green, awaits his turn.



Sheriff Rodney Thursby
Volusia County



John A. Madigan Jr.
Attorney for the
Sheriffs Association



Rep. Wm. V. Chappell
Speaker of Florida
House of
Representatives



B. E. Brice, of Bronson, a member of the Boys Ranch Board of Trustees, is shown here with his wife after receiving a lifetime membership in the Sheriffs Association for outstanding support given to the Ranch.

TECHNICAL SIDE

On the technical side the Sheriffs witnessed demonstrations of miniature radio equipment for use in crime investigations and electronic "scrambling" devices to prevent monitoring of confidential short-wave radio messages.

They also discussed possible expansion of a state-wide teletype communications network that links 18 sheriffs' departments; and they heard a talk by Charles Collar, investigator for the U. S. Civil Aeronautics Board, on "Aircraft Crash Investigation Procedures."

TELETYPE COMMITTEE

Orange County Sheriff Dave Starr, president of the Sheriffs Association, appointed the following committee to study the teletype network matter further:

Lake County Sheriff Willis V. McCall, chairman; Washington County Sheriff George Watts; Duval County Sheriff Dale Carson; Lee County

Sheriff Flanders Thompson; Glades County Sheriff Roy Lundy; Okeechobee County Sheriff Jack McPherson; Hillsborough County Sheriff Ed Blackburn, Jr.; Broward County Sheriff Allen B. Michell, and Palm Beach County Sheriff C. E. (Red) Taylor.

RETIREMENT PANEL

"Retirement Provisions for Sheriffs and Their Deputies" were thoroughly hashed over in a panel discussion featuring Alachua County Representative Ralph Turlington, chairman of the Legislative Council committee on state and county officers' retirement; State Sen. Verle Pope, of St. Augustine, a member of the committee; and State Sen. B. C. Pearce, of Palatka, an authority on retirement legislation.

Sheriffs Association Attorney John A. Madigan, Jr., of Tallahassee, was the moderator of the panel. Other members were Volusia County Sheriff Rodney Thursby, Hillsborough County Sheriff Ed Blackburn, Jr., Lee County Sheriff Flanders Thompson, and Burl Mawhinney, administrative assistant to State Comptroller Ray E. Green.

VITAL MATTER

The panel discussion brought out that a good retirement program is an important factor in helping sheriffs to obtain qualified and capable personnel.

It was also pointed out that a retirement program for law enforcement officers must take into consideration such special factors as the hazards of the job, long working hours, physical wear and tear and the shortness of a lawman's active career.

The enforcement officer's best years were described as 25 to 45, giving him a much shorter time than other officials in which to build up retirement benefits.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Following the panel discussion, Sheriff Starr appointed a committee to develop the Association's legislative program for 1963, with Levy County Sheriff James W. Turner as chairman.

Other members of the committee are Monroe County Sheriff John M. Spottswood, vice chairman; Lee County



Hillsborough County Justice of the Peace W. Marion Hendry (right) presents Freedoms Foundation Medals to the Sheriffs Association and an Ocala youth for upholding the best traditions of the American way of life. The medal was given to the Association for creating the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch and Baker County Sheriff Ed Yarbrough, chairman of the Ranch trustees, is shown accepting it. The youth, John E. Futch, received a medal for his patriotic address: "My Future as an American Citizen". Each medal winner also received a cash award of \$100.

More About the Conference at Silver Springs

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Sheriff Flanders Thompson; Duval County Sheriff Dale Carlson; Clay County Sheriff John P. Hall; Baker County Sheriff Ed Yarbrough; Hillsborough County Sheriff Ed Blackburn, Jr.; Hardee County Sheriff E. Odell Carlton; Highlands County Sheriff

Broward Coker; Leon Sheriff W. P. "Bill" Joyce; Volusia Sheriff Rodney Thursby.

Pasco Sheriff Leslie Bessenger; Washington Sheriff George Watts, Jr.; Pinellas Sheriff Don Genung; Alachua Sheriff Joe M. Crevasse, Jr.; Union Sheriff John Whitehead; Florida

Sheriffs Bureau Director Don McLeod; Sarasota Sheriff Ross E. Boyer; Hernando Sheriff Sim Lowman; Putnam Sheriff Walt Pellicer; Polk Sheriff Monroe Brannen; Collier Sheriff E. A. Doug Hendry; St. Lucie Sheriff J. R. Norvell and Palm Beach County Sheriff C. E. Taylor.



The speakers' table line-up at the luncheon meeting included (from left) Association President Dave Starr and his wife; Secretary of State Tom Adams and his wife; and Clay County Sheriff John P. Hall, treasurer of the Sheriffs Association.



It was time out for a little horseplay when St. Johns' County Sheriff L. O. Davis Jr. received a bantam rooster as a token of his interest in gamecock fighting. The presentation was made by (from left) Sheriffs George Watts, Dave Starr, Otho Edwards and James W. Turner; while Mrs. Davis watched the proceedings.



Mr. and Mrs. Joe Diaz, of Tampa, received lifetime memberships in the Sheriffs Association for the generous support they have given to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. Membership plaques were presented to them by Hillsborough County Sheriff Ed Blackburn Jr. (left, rear) with assistance from Levy County Sheriff James W. Turner (right, rear).

CONVENTION SITES

Selection of sites for the Association's two 1963 conferences was one of the items of business on the agenda. Tampa was chosen for the Mid-Winter Conference, in January; and Clearwater was chosen for the 50th Annual Conference, in mid-summer.

Social highlights included a fish fry sponsored by Marion County Sheriff Doug Willis, the conference host, and the Ocala Police Department; and a buffet dinner followed by entertainment.



Safe Boating Week Observed

Cooperating with the Florida Boating Council, Sheriffs throughout the state marked Safe Boating Week, July 1-7, by urging pleasure boaters to observe the "rules of the road" and keep boating a safe family sport.

State Conservation Director Randolph Hodges, who is chairman of the Boating Council; and Levy County Sheriff James W. Turner, vice chairman; also issued a joint statement emphasizing the importance of boating safety.

They said Coast Guard figures show Florida is fifth in the nation in boating fatalities and first in property damage.

This situation can be improved, they said, if all boaters will continue to practice safety the year 'round and observe Florida's boating laws.

The Boating Council, with safety teams operating state-wide, is promoting water safety through the combined efforts of the State Board of Conservation, The Florida Sheriffs Association, the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission and the U.S. Coast Guard.



Starr Reelected

ORLANDO — Orange County Sheriff Dave Starr was recently reelected president of the Forrest Park School for retarded children. He has been an active supporter of the school for 15 years and a member of the board of directors for about five years.



H. G. Cochran, director of the Division of Corrections, was master of ceremonies for entertainment presented by prison inmates at the 49th Annual Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association.

Prisoners Broke Barriers

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but at the end of almost two hours the audience was still yelling for "more" so he called the performers back for another round.

"We will certainly understand if some of you have to leave," he said, but no one left.

Orange County Sheriff Dave Starr, president of the Sheriffs Association, announced that the organization would donate \$50 to the welfare fund at each prison as a token of appreciation.

"I hope Mr. Cochran will let you come back soon on your own," he said. "God bless you every one."

Boost, Don't Kick Them

"All these people need is a little bit of help," Cochran commented. "When they come home, give them a boost, not a kick, and they will be all right."

As the evening came to an end, the audience rose to its feet for prolonged applause.

"I don't know why taxes have to support the prison system," one man was heard to comment. "You could take that bunch on the road and make a million dollars."

Slowly the audience filtered out of the banquet room, many of them stopping to talk to the performers and congratulate them.

In a little while the inmates boarded buses and cars and started the long, lonely ride back to prison.

Resolution Praises a "Dedicated Man"

SILVER SPRINGS — "He is the most dedicated man I have ever met."

This was the comment of Levy County Sheriff James W. Turner when Florida's Sheriffs passed a resolution praising Florida Sheriffs Bureau Director Don McLeod for devoted services rendered to the Florida Sheriffs Association, the Florida Sheriffs Bureau and the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

In addition to his full-time duties as director of the Bureau, McLeod has been secretary of the Association and the Boys Ranch board of trustees for many years.

The resolution was introduced by Baker County Sheriff Ed Yarbrough and passed by unanimous vote during the 49th Annual Conference of the Sheriffs Association. It was worded as follows:

WHEREAS, the Honorable Don McLeod has ably served as Sheriff of Marion County, and

WHEREAS, he resigned said position to become Director of the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, a newly created Bureau established by the Legislature of 1955, and

WHEREAS, Don McLeod as Sheriff of Marion County and Director of the Florida Sheriffs Bureau has served for more than a decade as Secretary of the Florida Sheriffs Association, and as Secretary of the Trustees of the Boys Ranch since its inception, and

WHEREAS, there is no man in the history of the Association who has contributed so greatly and so fully of his time, efforts and energy to the Florida Sheriffs Association, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Sheriffs Association recognizes this outstanding contribution, not only to the Association, but to the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, and to the individual Sheriffs of Florida,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED at this convention assembled in Don McLeod's home county of Marion this 15th day of June, 1962, that the Florida Sheriffs Association go on record as recognizing the contribution of Don McLeod to the Florida Sheriffs Association, the Florida Sheriffs Bureau and to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, and to good law enforcement in general.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Don McLeod be awarded a Lifetime Membership in the Florida Sheriffs Association.



DON McLEOD receives from Association President Dave Starr (right) a copy of a Sheriffs Association resolution praising him for his dedicated service to the Association, the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch and the Florida Sheriffs Bureau.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a standing ovation of gratitude and respect be extended to Don McLeod for his service as Director of the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Secretary of the Florida Sheriffs Association, and Secretary of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Trustees by the entire organization of the Florida Sheriffs Association assembled here in Silver Springs this 15th day of June, A. D. 1962.



Road Rangers

CRYSTAL RIVER — Citrus County Sheriff B. R. Quinn is sponsoring a new type of youth organization known as the "Road Rangers".

It is definitely not a "hot rod club", President Billy Crosby explained.

"Instead, it was formed to promote safety on the highways and its motto is 'Safety First—Courtesy Always'."

Youths at least 17 years of age, male or female, are eligible for membership. It is their duty to assist anyone in trouble on the highways and to assist law enforcement officers when needed.

When help is rendered to a motorist he receives a courtesy card which contains the club creed.

The club has participated in motorcades and cook-outs and has operated on donated finances.

One of the first projects was completion of a clubhouse where periodic meetings will be held.

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.



Funds for Chapel

Copies of the handbills were enclosed in the Pompano Beach Town News and other newspapers. Laundries, dry cleaners, supermarkets and other businesses also assisted by distributing copies to their customers.



Good Showing Made by Boys Ranch Nine

Co-Chairmen of the benefit game were Ed Pickerill of the Orlando Jaycees, and Deputy Sheriff Ronald A.



Sheriff Starr's Junior Deputy Sheriff League assisted with the project by selling tickets.



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You Never Know What the Hettesheimers Will Come up With Next

FT. LAUDERDALE—Working long hours without pay in their spare time to promote and raise money for the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, Broward County Deputy Sheriff Otto Hettesheimer and his wife Bertha are con-

tinually coming up with new and effective ideas.

When the State American Legion Convention was held in Miami recently the Hettesheimers turned up for the big parade with not one—but two—

attractive floats representing the Ranch.

The one on the left was sponsored by Aloe Creme Laboratories, of Ft. Lauderdale, owned by Rodney M. Stockton; and the one on the right was sponsored by Broward County Sheriff Allen B. Michell and his department.

Deputy Hettesheimer, wearing his deputy's uniform and a Legionnaire's cap, is shown in both pictures.

If you read the Sheriff's Star in June you saw a picture of another Boys Ranch float which the Hettesheimers entered in a Broward County parade. It won a blue ribbon.



SEBRING — Highlands County Sheriff Broward Coker (left) expresses his appreciation for a generous donation Russell A. Van Ness made to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. He is pictured presenting a Boys Ranch Builder Certificate to Mr. Van Ness. (Photo by G. N. Crist, Highlands County Sheriff's Office.)



CLEARWATER — Earlier this year the Altrusa Club donated its entire library to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. In this picture Mrs. Grace C. Lockett (left), corresponding secretary of the club, and Mrs. Florence M. Gray, publicity chairman, are shown presenting to Sheriff Don Genung a plaque which is to be placed on display in the Ranch library.

Scouts Visit Ranch

Jacksonville Boy Scouts and Explorer Scouts who made a six-day cruise down the Suwannee River visited the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch as one of the points of interest along the way.

They spent two nights camping on the Ranch property, played with the boys at the Ranch and did their daily good turn by helping with a clean-up operation on the riverfront.



There is a good excuse for all traffic laws. But there is no excuse for the driver who breaks them.



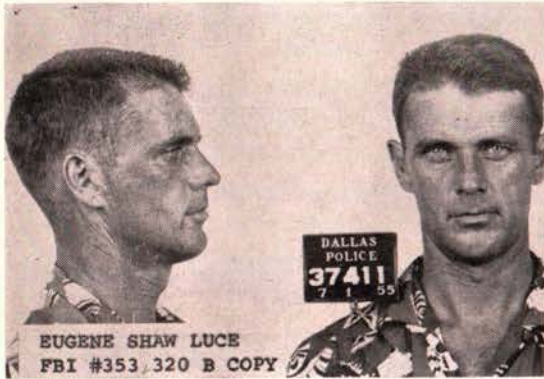
SEBRING — Highlands County Sheriff Broward Coker (right) accepts with gratitude a generous donation of \$50 for the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch from the Highway Patrol Auxiliary represented by Roy Nelson, Commander of Leslie Collier Post, American Legion. (Photo by G. N. Crist, Highlands County Sheriff's Office.)



DELAND — Velda Cooperative Dairies recently gave this fine Ayrshire cow to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch and the gift produced a "dividend" in the form of a valuable calf after arriving at the Ranch. Hubert Jacobs (left) a member of the Cooperative is shown here presenting the cow to Volusia County Sheriff Rodney Thursby. (DeLand Sun News Photo by Bishop.)

WANTED PERSONS

As compiled by the
Florida Sheriffs Bureau
Don McLeod, Director



Eugene Shaw Luce
White male, date of birth 3-4-22, 6 feet tall, weighs 180 pounds, black hair, blue eyes. FBI #353-320B. SS #485-05-2184. Believed to have worked in Co-coa Beach, Fla. recent-

ly. Warrant charge Breach of Trust in Kershaw County, S. C. If located contact South Carolina Law Enforcement Division, Columbia, S. C. or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



**Michael Francis
McInerney**

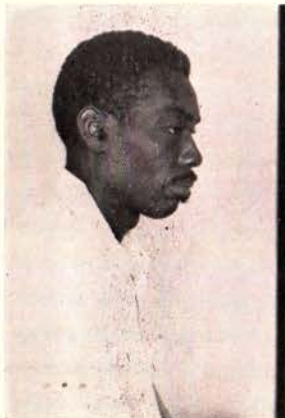
White, male, date of birth 12-2-33, 5 feet, 10 inches tall, weighs 160 pounds, dark brown hair, brown eyes. Possesses California Driver's License #J915494. Salesman, specializes in food-freezer industry.

Believed to be in Florida, possibly in Tampa area. Wanted on charge Conspiracy and Grand Theft, Bench Warrant #12414, bail \$5,000. If apprehended notify District Attorney Orange County, Santa Ana, California or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



**John Davis (Jack)
Trevathan**

White male, date and place of birth, 9-6-29, Akron, Ohio, 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighs 158 pounds, brown hair, hazel eyes. FPC:11, S/S, 9R/100, OOM/IOI, 10. His parents live in Cleveland, Ohio and a brother in Akron, Ohio. Last known to be driving unknown car with tag 79-895, State unknown. Was using Texaco Credit Card #11-897-2464-2, issued to Mr. and Mrs. John Trevathan. Believed to be in Mexico. Warrants issued, charge Buying, Receiving and Concealing Stolen Property and B and E. Will extradite. If apprehended notify Sheriff Davis, Pensacola, Florida or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



Walter Albert Jones

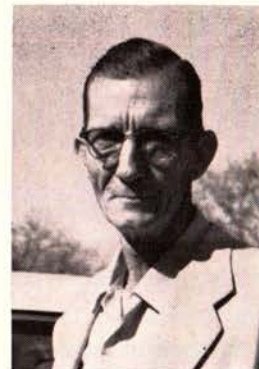
Colored male, date of birth 6-27-14, 6 feet tall, weighs 165 pounds, black hair, brown eyes. FBI #5 043 837. Wanted on charge of Escape St.

Lucie County where he was serving time for Forgery. He was a trusty and walked off. If apprehended notify Sheriff Norvell, Fort Pierce, Florida or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



Sylvester Martin

Alias ROBERT LEE BROWN, colored male, date of birth 6-19-38, 5 feet, 10½ inches tall, weighs 192 pounds, heavy build, dark brown complexion, black hair—worn in pompadour style, brown eyes. FBI #554 107C. Wanted in Decatur, Mitchell and Dougherty Counties in Georgia for B&E-Safe Jobs. Escaped from custody in Tallahassee, Fla., on June 9, 1962. May be armed with 25 Automatic Beretta, considered dangerous. If apprehended notify GBI Albany, Ga., Sheriff Joyce, Tallahassee, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



Virgil Morris

White male, age 53, 6 feet, 4 inches tall, weighs 135 pounds, reddish brown hair, blue eyes. Has heart condition—takes Carbrital. SS No. 529-56-5560. Has worked in Borger, Texas. May be in Beaumont or New-castle, Texas. Has sister in Montgomery, Ala. Driving 1956 Pontiac, either blue and white or grey and white, Florida License 47W-1565. Warrant issued, charge Grand Larceny. Will extradite. If apprehended notify Sheriff Quinn, Inverness, Fla., or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



Robert Carroll Coney

Colored male, age 32, 5 feet, 7 inches tall, weighs 145 pounds. FBI #4 718 722. Works alone, cashes company checks at supermarkets at closing time. Wanted on charges of Armed Robbery, Auto Theft and Forgery. If apprehended notify Police Dept., Natchez, Miss, or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



STEWART

John William Stewart

White male, age 28, 5 feet 9 inches tall, weighs 150 pounds, brown hair, brown eyes. Subject's wife lives at Mayo, Fla. His step-father is a cook at Fort Bragg, N. C. Warrant issued, charge Violation of Probation. If apprehended notify Sheriff Rankin, Bristol, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.

Wanted on Worthless Check Charges



Jack B. Lewis

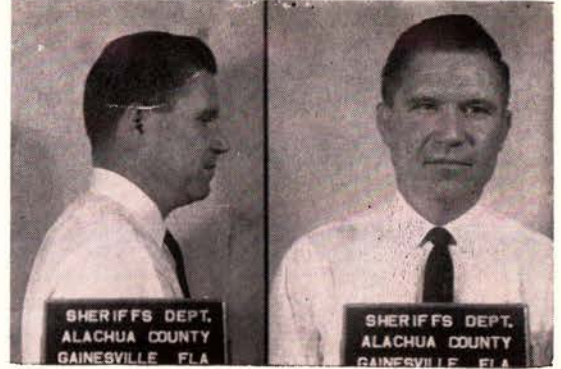
White male, 5 feet, 8½ inches tall, weighs 153 pounds, brown hair, hazel eyes. Truck driver. Has worked in Sanford, Fla. May be working in North Florida or South Georgia. Warrants issued, charge Worthless Checks. If apprehended notify Constable Carroll, Sanford, Florida or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



George Jackson Ohlman

Also known as George J. OLAN, white male, age 40 to 45, 6 feet tall, weighs 200 pounds, sandy hair. Neat dresser. Loud talker. Poses as manager of local exterminating company. Last known to be driving 1961 Valiant, color white, Tennessee

License 46-4592. Home Newport, Tenn. His FBI #226-859B. Possibly accompanied by his wife and four children. Warrants will be issued charge Grand Larceny and Worthless Checks. If apprehended notify Sheriff Joyce, Tallahassee, Florida or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



Carl Mason

Also known as Carl MEEKS, white male, date and place of birth 10-17-26, St. Petersburg, Fla., 5 feet, 10 inches tall, weighs 160 pounds, black hair, brown eyes. FBI #937 768C. Occupation:

Dance Instructor. Special attention Miami and Ocala areas. Wanted on five counts of Worthless Checks. If apprehended notify Sheriff Crevasse, Gainesville, Florida or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.

Kind of Service Money Can't Buy

ORLANDO — When Orange County Sheriff Dave Starr opened his mail on June 22, he was pleased to find the following letter:

Sheriff Dave Starr,
Orlando, Florida

Dear Dave,

Recently I had occasion to call your office to ask if they could help me in locating some relatives enroute to Michigan. All I could tell them was the license number of the car and that I thought they were somewhere in North or South Carolina or Virginia. I didn't even know the route they were taking.

Sgt. Douglas put the message out, I believe, and we waited. We had about given up hope when, two days later, I had a long distance call from them. Sheriff's officers in Terra Alta, W. Va. located them.

This is a kind of service you can't buy. We here are all most grateful to you, your office staff and the sheriffs' network, which seems to be nationwide. Its efficiency is amazing, and yet I imagine you do this daily, or several times a day, as a routine service to the people.

Please convey my thanks to your staff as well as yourself.

Sincerely,
ORMOND POWERS
Editor, Editorial Page

Dognaper Caught

BRADENTON — A 14-year-old boy learned if you "poach" a "pooch" you'd better not play with it in public.

The youngster stole a black Cocker Spaniel, a 22 calibre rifle, an electric clock and two flashlights from a local home. Later Deputy Sheriff Tom Ashley saw him playing in the street with the dog, picked him up for questioning and solved the case.

Underground Still

VERO BEACH — The law won another game of hide-and-go-seek with moonshiners here when the Indian River County Sheriffs Department and State Beverage Department Agents found a 30-gallon still hidden underground. It was located in a cellar-like room with concrete block walls. The entrance was barely three feet above the ground.



ST. AUGUSTINE — This happy crowd of 150 school safety patrol youngsters toured historic points of interest in Florida as guests of Escambia County Sheriff William E. (Bill) Davis. They are pictured in front of the "Old Jail" at St. Augustine. Other cities visited under the supervision of Safety Education Officer Lewis Morgan were Ocala, Tallahassee, Marianna and Live Oak. (Photo by Hanson's Studio, St. Augustine.)



FIELD STAFF — (From left) Front Row—Robert H. Barringer (chief deputy), Deputies Don McIntyre and E. Manley Walker and Sheriff Coker; Back row—Deputies Harold Hopson, J. C. Murdock, James Bozeman and Charles Rucker.



OFFICE STAFF — (From left) Vickie H. Crist, matron and teletype operator; Peggie Ortt, civil deputy; Anne Williams, criminal deputy; and Jack Hancock, office deputy.



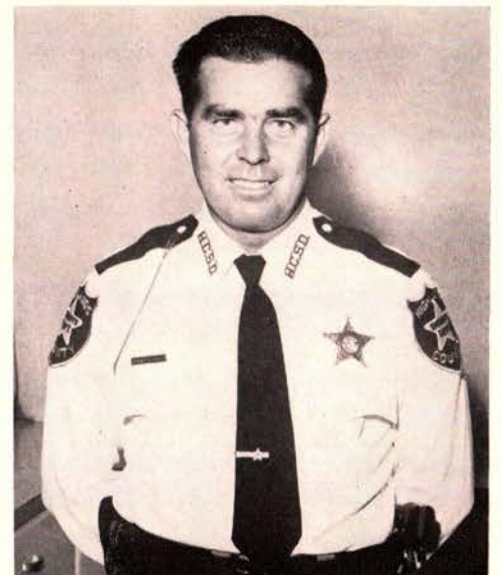
JAIL STAFF — (From left) George N. Crist, jailer and identification officer; Vickie H. Crist, matron; Colen Harnage, night guard and radio operator; and Wayne Harris, night jailer.

WHO'S WHO

in the
**HIGHLANDS
COUNTY
SHERIFF'S
DEPARTMENT**



SHERIFF BROWARD COKER



**ROBERT H. BARRINGER
CHIEF DEPUTY SHERIFF**

Work Furlough Won't Work Sheriffs Contend

JACKSONVILLE — It won't work.

This was the reaction of Florida's Sheriffs to a proposed work furlough bill which would permit county jail prisoners to work during the day and spend nights and weekends in jail.

The proposed legislative bill came up for discussion at a convention of the Florida Parole and Probation Association here June 22.

Broward County Court of Record Judge Louis Weissing presented the provisions of the bill; and Florida Sheriffs Association Attorney John A. Madigan Jr., Clay County Sheriff John P. Hall and Duval County Sheriff Dale Carson voiced strong opposition, joined by Circuit Judge Troy Hall of Tavares.

Circuit Court Judge Roger Waybright, of Jacksonville, moderated the discussion.

Judge Weissing said the work furlough system would:

(1) Permit prisoners to continue to support their families as well as pay room and board at the jail.

(2) Enable prisoners to hold down their regular jobs while serving sentences and thus avoid being unemployed upon release from jail.

(3) Force fathers to support their children in non-support cases.

The opponents made the following points against the bill:

(1) The work furlough is a parole operation, and would require Sheriffs to do something they are not supposed to do, and are not qualified or trained to do.

(2) It would create untold administrative problems such as setting up a separate eating schedule for furloughed prisoners; searching for prisoners who failed to return to the jail on schedule; handling prisoners who got drunk while on furlough; arranging to transport prisoners to and from work; etc.

(3) It would create many security risks because furloughed prisoners might attempt to smuggle knives, guns, dope, whiskey and other contraband into the jail.

(4) It would create a morale problem among the prisoners who were not given work furlough privileges.

(5) A complicated and time-consuming accounting system would have to be maintained by the sheriff to administer the prisoner's earnings, paying his board and personal expenses, and expenses of the prisoner's dependents.

In addition to these points, Sheriff Carson commented that to function at

all the plan would require separate minimum security facilities for housing furloughed prisoners.

Sheriff John Hall, commented that if a prisoner was eligible for the furlough plan he would also be eligible for probation, therefore why put him on furlough?

The furlough plan would create headaches for judges too, Attorney Madigan said. He pointed out that relatives and friends would put pressure on judges to furlough all prisoners.

Judge Weissing said he was quite impressed with the points brought out against the proposed bill and added they had brought to his attention many problems he had not anticipated.

Sheriffs Association spokesmen said the furlough plan was not practical at the present time, but it might provide the germ of an idea that could be used in rehabilitation of prisoners if and when the necessary facilities and funds are available.



Balls a'plenty

BRADENTON — Sheriff Ken Gross is looking for a golfer with an over-supply of balls—the culprit who stole 1,200 balls valued at \$425 from a local driving range.



ST. AUGUSTINE—This fine action picture of efforts to revive a young Gainesville woman who was painfully injured when a sports car overturned on the beach here was taken by St. John's County Deputy Sheriff Rupert Chastain. The Deputy Sheriff in the picture is Terry Ulrich. The others are (from left) Ken Forrester, life guard; Alton P. Willis, Jr., driver of the car; and Wayne Reyes Sealy, life guard. The young woman was identified as Jacqueline Elixson.



DAYTONA BEACH — Sheriff Rodney Thursby (right) presents a Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Builder Certificate to Francis D. Littlefield, general manager of the Daytona Beach Kennel Club. This was the sheriff's way of saying thanks for a generous cash donation which the Kennel Club made to the Ranch. (Photo by Horace Heley, DeLand, Fla.)



Wild and Wooly

WINTER HAVEN — There's still cattle rustling in these here parts, pardner.

A bull and five heifers were stolen from Polk County Commissioner J. B. Thornhill, Jr. They were recovered at West Palm Beach and the Polk County Sheriff's Department arrested an Eagle Lake man and charged him with the theft.



CLEARWATER — The legendary feud between Robin Hood and the Sheriff was revived here when Sheriff Don Genung's pistol team "shot it out" with members of the Keystone Archery Club. The sharpshooting contest was a close one and the Sheriff's men had to do some serious squinting down the sights to come out with a 129-point lead. High scorer for the pistol team was Capt. Earl Newberry with 288; while Wayne Harrell led the archers with 262. (Photo courtesy the Tampa Tribune.)

Parties Raided

Indian River County Sheriff Sam Joyce, St. Lucie County Sheriff J. R. Norvell and State Beverage Department agents have been cracking down on teen-age beer parties and on adults who have been providing the beer.

Nine juveniles, six teen-agers and two adults were arrested by Sheriff Joyce's deputies and B-men when a beer party was broken up near Vero Beach.

The adults were charged with contributing to the delinquency of minors; and the teen-agers were charged with illegal possession of intoxicants.

A similar party at Fort Pierce was broken up by Sheriff Norvell's department and Beverage Department agents.

After the arrival of the lawmen, two 15-year-olds appeared on the scene and, unaware of the Sheriff's patrol cars parked nearby, yelled: "Here we are with more beer."

Witt Honored

LAKE CITY — A testimonial by the Lake City Moose Lodge honored Columbia County Sheriff Ralph Witt and Lake City Mayor J. R. Tison.

They were described as "two public servants . . . well known for their active interest in the welfare of orphaned children and the dependent and aged problem, each of which are the high principles on which the Moose fraternity was founded and has operated for 75 years."



ST. AUGUSTINE — Sheriff L. O. Davis questions Ollie Chandler, 18-year-old negro, charged with the shotgun slaying of Hugh V. Lane, Jr., Clyattville, Ga. farmer. Robbery was said to be the murder motive. ~~Emmett Packer and Everett Hauer arrested (Chandler) after receiving a message from the Lowndes County (Ga.) Sheriff's Department that he was believed to be in the vicinity of Hastings. (Photo by Rupert Chastain.)~~

Bolita Ring Hit

DADE CITY — A crackdown by Sheriff Leslie Bessenger, the State Beverage Department and Assistant State Attorney Dennis Quilligan resulted in the arrest of 10 persons on bolita (lottery) charges.

The bolita ring was said to have produced about \$1,000 a week.

Evidence collected included hundreds of dollars worth of bolita tickets.

Why Not Fingerprint City-County Workers?

SILVER SPRINGS — A resolution passed during the 49th Annual Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association commended the state cabinet for ordering the fingerprinting of all state employees.

And, in the same resolution the sheriffs recommended that all county and municipal employees and elected officials should be fingerprinted too.

This would be a big job, but the Sheriffs felt it would be worth the effort because it would help to keep criminals and undesirables out of public office.

They said they would make the facilities of their departments and the facilities of the Florida Sheriffs Bureau available to carry out the task of taking and processing fingerprints.

Mystery Solved

IMMOKALEE — A fragment of skin was the key to the identity of a skeleton found near here.

The tiny piece of skin was found on the right thumb of the skeleton after it had been taken to a Miami hospital for thorough examination.

A thumb print was developed and checked through Collier County Sheriff E. A. Doug Hendry's fingerprint files. This indicated the remains were those of Miller Mischal, 64, but the skin fragment and fingerprint record were sent to the Florida Sheriffs Bureau for confirmation of the identification.

Kirk on the Ball

TALLAHASSEE — When Jailer John Kirk, Jr. placed Jerry H. Packer in a cell at the Leon County Jail on a charge of driving without a license, he felt there was something familiar about the name.

He went back to his desk, picked up the Sheriffs Crime Bulletin published by the Florida Sheriffs Bureau which he had been reading, and confirmed that Parker was wanted in Polk County on worthless check charges.

This is only one of many instances in which an alert enforcement officer aided by information from the bulletin has apprehended a wanted person.

Modern traffic will sooner or later make all monkeys behind the wheel climb a tree.



Life-Saving Methods Taught With Life-Size Doll

ORLANDO — The life-size doll Sheriff Dave Starr recently purchased for his department is not a plaything.

Her name is Rususci-Anne and she is being used by the Sheriff and his deputies to teach Orange County citi-

zens how to revive drowning victims and unconscious persons.

The pictures above show Deputy Judson Wood, the Sheriff's water safety specialist, demonstrating mouth-to-mouth resuscitation; and closed chest heart massage.

Anne (see full-length picture) has a realistic hair-do, movable head, chin and shoulders, and weighs the same as a human her size. Her "lung capacity" and resistance to forced breathing are approximately the same as an unconscious person's.

Mentally Ill Teen-Ager Spent 5 Months in Jail

TITUSVILLE — A teen-age girl awaiting availability of a bed in a state training center for mentally retarded youngsters was confined in the Brevard County Jail for five months because there was no other place to put her.

This and other deplorable cases were described by Sheriff James W. Dunn in his continuing campaign to stop confinement of mental patients in the jail.

He pointed out that mental patients, who are not criminals but simply sick people, are committed to the jail at a time when psychiatric care is essential; but he has neither the facilities nor the staff to give them treatment; and all he can do is confine them and keep them segregated from other jail inmates.

Patients just get worse while they are confined in jail, he said.

"State facilities say they are filled up and can't take them, but we can't tell our people we can't take them. We just have to do the best we can.

"For the past year or year and a half we have averaged one to two trips

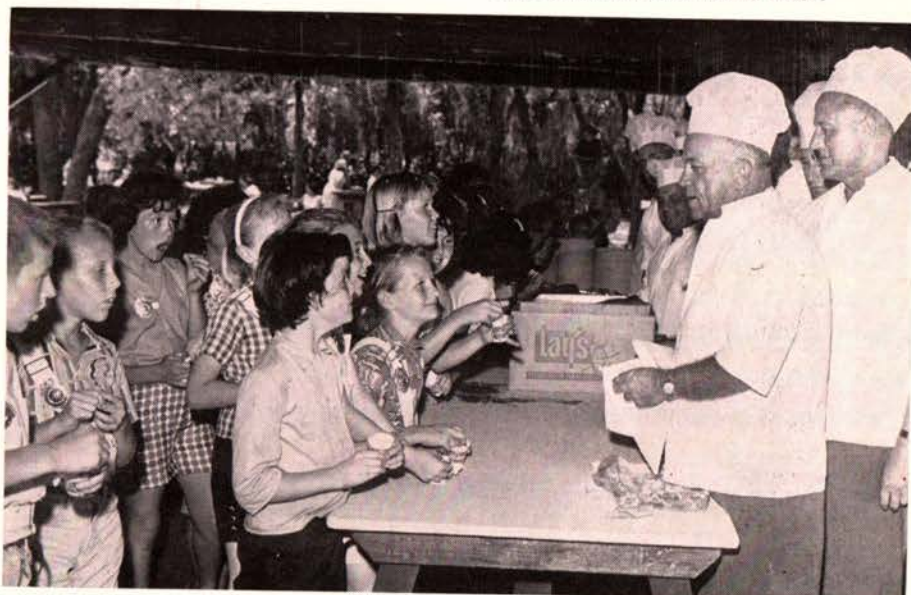
to the State Hospital at Chattahoochee each week to admit patients as space was made available," the Sheriff added.

He declared that Brevard County needs an arrangement like the one worked out by Sheriff Rodney Thursby in Volusia County. Mental patients there are confined in the security wing of a Daytona Beach hospital where they can be under the care of doctors and nurses.

No Score

FT. MYERS — Two players on the Pine Island Road Camp softball team pulled a "double steal" when they jumped off a truck that was returning them to the camp from a game.

They made an "error" however when they left a scent for DeSoto County Sheriff Lloyd Holton's bloodhounds to follow. They were tracked down by the hounds about four hours later.



TAMPA — Hillsborough County Sheriff Ed Blackburn, Jr., (second from right) doubled as "chef" and host when he held a picnic for nearly 1,000 school safety patrol youngsters at Lowry Park and Fairyland. (Tampa Tribune photo by Bissell H. McWilliams, Jr.)



ST. AUGUSTINE — An extensive investigation by the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, St. John's County Sheriff L. O. Davis, Jr. and the State Attorney's Office resulted in a grand jury indictment charging Mrs. Effie L. Norris, 66-year-old Orlando widow, with the arsenic poisoning death of Walter C. Merrill, 75, a retired Philadelphia ship builder. Mrs. Norris is pictured here with St. John's County Deputy Sheriff Jackie Hugas after she was arrested and brought here for confinement in the county jail. Following Merrill's death here on June 3, 1960, his body was shipped to Philadelphia and the attending physician listed the cause of death as heart disease. Later at the request of relatives the body was exhumed and a medical examiner who performed an autopsy reported finding traces of arsenic in the body. (Photo by Rupert Chastain.)

Crackers Caught

FT. LAUDERDALE — Sheriff Al-len B. Michell's persistence in trying to catch two suspected safe crackers raising havoc in Broward county paid off.

His deputies, along with the Pompano Beach Police Department, surprised the suspects as they left a house with loot taken from a U. S. Post Office safe which had been stolen only hours before from a postal sub-station in Pompano Beach.

Sheriff Michell said he believed the arrest of the two suspects will clear up many more crimes recently committed in this area.

Hazards Attacked

VERO BEACH — Sheriff Sam Joyce is chairman of a committee that is trying to do something about inadequate roads and traffic hazards in Indian River County.

One of the first objectives is elimination of narrow bridges on State Road 60 that have been described as serious safety hazards.

Minnie Smashes Mass Jailbreak Plot

FT. MYERS — A mass jailbreak plot was broken up here recently by Mrs. Minnie Thompson, wife of Lee County Sheriff Flanders Thompson.

Minnie, who is as attractive and vivacious as she is mentally alert, became suspicious when two teen-age girls brought a half-gallon carton of milk to the Lee County jail and asked that it be delivered to an 18-year-old youth who was the "boy friend" of one of them.

After the girls left, Minnie looked the milk carton over carefully. It had a "see you later, Honey" note attached to the top of it and underneath the note there was evidence that the carton had been opened.

Minnie took the carton to the jail kitchen and poured the milk into a pitcher, then she checked the inside and found four files taped to one side of the carton so they would not rattle.

She immediately radioed a description of the two teen-age girls to deputies in patrol cars and Deputy Sheriff Jimmy Hisler apprehended them soon afterward.

The girls, 15 and 17, were returned to the jail and charged with carrying concealed weapons and aiding an escape.

Further investigation revealed that ten prisoners awaiting transfer to the State Prison at Raiford had talked the 18-year-old youth into getting the girls to try to smuggle files into the jail. They planned to use the files in making a mass jailbreak, but Minnie messed up their plans.

Detective work is not one of Minnie's regular duties, but she has many others that are equally important to the general welfare of the Lee County Sheriff's Department.



FT. MYERS — Minnie the Matron discovered a jailbreak plot inside a milk carton.

For the past nine years she has served as radio dispatcher, jail matron, dietitian, quartermaster and jack-of-all-trades at the county jail. She has also managed to find time to help the Sheriff raise two fine sons.

High Average

BARTOW — Polk County Sheriff Monroe Brannen's report for May showed he is maintaining a high batting average in criminal investigations.

His department investigated 27 liquor violations, one murder, six rapes and 18 aggravated assaults and all of the cases were reported solved.



STUART — Martin County Sheriff Roy C. Baker (pictured at helm) recently added this 21-foot inboard-outboard boat to his water safety patrol fleet. Assigned to Deputy Sheriff Donovan Smith, it is capable of 40 miles per hour and can cruise at that speed for 18 hours without refueling. (Photo by Ed Gluckler.)