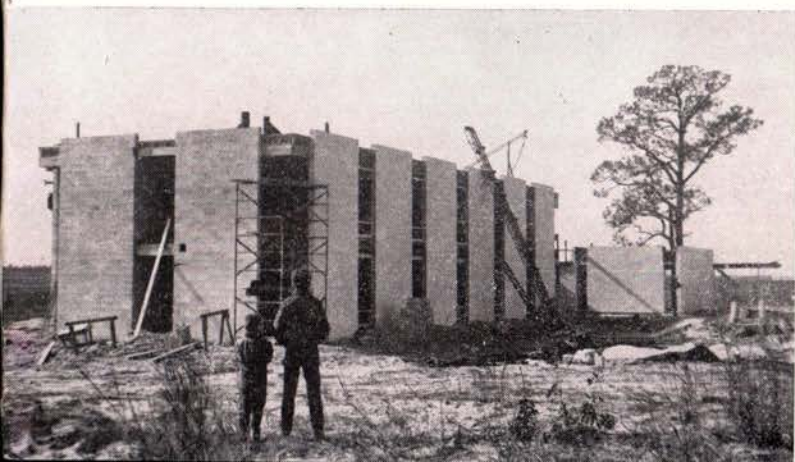


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### The Story Behind the Cover

## Academy Nearing Completion

TALLAHASSEE—Workmen are putting the finishing touches on the building that will house the Florida Law Enforcement Academy — Florida's first state-wide anti-crime campus.

Built by the Florida Sheriffs Association as a memorial to law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty, the facilities will include a dormitory, office space, classroom, dining room and recreation room.

They will be located on a ten-acre site at the new Tallahassee Municipal Airport and will be built and equipped at a cost of around \$100,000.

The academy will be operated on year-'round basis and will offer courses ranging from basic subjects up to advanced training tailored for specialists and lawmen in top command positions. (For more details, see article on next page.)

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# Academy Offers Training That's Tops in Quantity and Quality

TALLAHASSEE — Officers enrolled at the Florida Law Enforcement Academy, which opens here February 9, will get their money's worth — and then some.

Although they will be paying only about \$15-a-day tuition (which will include room and meals), they will receive training that will be exceptionally high in both quantity and quality.

A "no fooling around" schedule of daytime classes and night assignments will keep them busy from dawn to "lights out"; and the top quality instructors will be recognized experts in their fields.

Some 30 instructors, representing almost 400 years of combined practical experience in law enforcement, have been signed up for the first two-week session of In-Service Training, beginning February 9.

They have been drawn from the FBI, the Florida Highway Patrol, Florida's courts, Florida Sheriffs Bureau, State Beverage Department, Police Departments, Sheriffs' Departments, The National Auto Theft Bureau, The National Board of Fire Underwriters, State Bureau of Narcotics, U. S. Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization, The Internal Revenue Service (Intelligence Division), The State Attorney General's Office, the legal profession and the medical profession.

It is doubtful that an array of law enforcement "know how" of this caliber has ever been offered in Florida before — and this is only one course out of 20 which are now on the Academy curriculum.

The Academy is a brainchild of the Florida Sheriffs Association and was created in 1963 as Florida's first statewide training school for city, county, state and federal officers at all levels — from rookie to top command.

The buildings which will house the Academy are being constructed by the Sheriffs Association. They will be known as the Florida Sheriffs Memorial Training Center, and will be dedicated to all law enforcement officers who have sacrificed their lives in the line of duty.

The school will be operated by the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, a state agency created by the 1955 Legislature at the request of the Sheriffs Association to provide technical assistance to enforcement agencies throughout the state.

Only duly constituted law enforcement officers employed on a full-time basis by a city, county, state or federal

law enforcement agency are eligible to attend the Academy. They must also be residents of Florida.

Application blanks and full details can be obtained by writing to Florida Law Enforcement Academy, P. O. Box 1489, Tallahassee. Applications will be processed in the order in which they are received.

## Only 20 Minutes

FORT PIERCE — It took only 20 (count'em) minutes for Sheriff Roy C. Baker's Department to track down and recover a stolen pickup truck.

All deputies and other authorities were notified immediately and the vehicle, which belonged to Carl Howard, a garage employee, was recovered in record time. Deputy Sheriff Ray Heisley picked up Sam Little who was held on an auto theft charge.



DADE CITY—KILLED IN PLANE CRASH—Billy Smith, Pasco County's Chief Deputy Sheriff, was killed on December 16 when his private airplane crashed near Immokalee. He was born in Alamo, Ga., March 9, 1928, and moved to Plant City, Fla., with his parents when he was six years old. He moved to Pasco County in 1957 and worked on the Zephyrhills Police force for a year before joining the Pasco County Sheriff's Department. He became the Chief Deputy under Sheriff Leslie Bessenger in 1961, and continued to serve in that capacity when Sheriff Basil Gaines succeeded Bessenger in October, 1963.



FORT MYERS — A CORDIAL WELCOME — Lee County Sheriff Flanders G. Thompson (left) welcomes Florida Secretary of State Tom Adams to the Young Democrats luncheon at which the Secretary was the principal speaker.

## Audits Favorable

The accounts and records of the following sheriffs were audited by State Auditor Ernest Ellison who commented as follows:

MANATEE COUNTY SHERIFF J. KENNETH GROSS — Collections of record were properly accounted for. Budgets were properly prepared and followed. Records were well kept.

GADSDEN COUNTY SHERIFF OTHO W. EDWARDS — All collections of record were accounted for. Annual reports were properly filed. Records were generally well kept.

BROWARD COUNTY SHERIFF ALLEN B. MICHELL — The budget was generally well prepared and followed. Resources were adequate to cover liabilities of Record. Expenses reported appeared necessary for the operation of the office.

## Sharp Memory

ORLANDO—The sharp memory of Orange County Sheriff Dave Starr brought the seldom used "habitual offender law" to bear against a man and netted him a sentence of five years in the state penitentiary.

Testifying in criminal court, the sheriff recalled investigating a murder charge against Otis Sills in 1931. On the strength of Starr's recollection, Judge Warren H. Edwards ruled the Orlando Negro to be an habitual offender. His record showed felonious assault convictions dating to 1931.





**SANFORD — BOYS RANCH GIFTS** — T. J. Jarrell, (extreme right) athletic director of Sanford Naval Air Station, turns over to Volusia County Deputy Sheriff Bill Carlisle (left) and Rexford Hayes, Daytona Beach builder, athletic equipment donated by Special Services NAS Sanford, to Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. The gear includes three boats, basketballs, softballs, and footballs. (Official U. S. Navy photograph.)



**BARTOW—FOR SERVICES RENDERED** — Donald McLean (extreme right) president of the Polk County Cattlemen's Association, presents a check for \$500 — a reward for apprehending cattle thieves — to Rudolph Dunn, Wildlife Officer, while Sheriff Monroe Brannen (extreme left) and Arthur L. Higbie, Cattlemen's Association executive vice president look on. (Photo courtesy of Polk County Sheriff's Office.)

**JAMBOREE JACKPOT**  
**SARASOTA** — Looking over \$205 worth of gifts for the Sarasota County juvenile facility are (from left) Sheriff Ross E. Boyer, posse leader Deputy Tinker Morris and Waldron L. Moore, co-superintendent of the facility. Purchased with proceeds from the Sheriff's Posse Jamboree, the gifts include a vacuum cleaner, coffee urn, steam iron, kitchen clock, electric grill, toaster, floor buffer, food converter and deep fat fryer. (Photo by Sarasota Herald-Tribune.)



## Get Involved

**FORT LAUDERDALE** — Echoing the sentiments of FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, Broward County Sheriff Allen B. Michell declared that "getting involved" in criminal investigations and prosecutions when the opportunity presents itself is every citizen's duty.

Reluctance to do this, he said, is one of the greatest drawbacks to successful crime prevention.

"Too many people hesitate to report petty crimes because of fear of being tagged an 'old fuddy duddy', and more yet refuse to give their names when they report a crime to us," the Sheriff said.

In the opinion of enforcement officers, a person who sees a crime but refuses to notify the proper authorities is actually aiding the criminal element.

## Pinellas Milestone

**CLEARWATER** — Pinellas County Sheriff's Department employees are now officially under civil service.

"This is something we've worked hard for since 1958, Sheriff Don Genung said, when the transition became effective Oct. 4. "It will encourage professionalism in our department and enable us to attract higher educated men into our office and to bring up our salaries, especially those now below average, in the future."

## Sheriff Guilty

**CRESTVIEW** — Okaloosa County Sheriff Ray Wilson admits he robbed a train; but it was all for the benefit of the Community Chest, according to a newspaper account.

Through the cooperation of Elgin Air Force Base officials, the Sheriff's Posse staged the hold-up in broad daylight. Trainmen were 'in' on the robbery and permitted the 'outlaws' to relieve the passengers of their money.

## Expensive Taste

**DELAND** — Sheriff Rodney Thursby's deputies apprehended a man with a taste for money. He had a \$500 bill hidden in his month.

The man who savored the flavor of dough was jailed along with two companions and charged with armed robbery of a Daytona Beach visitor.

## Fingerprint School

**DEFUNIAK SPRINGS** — Sheriff Howard "Andy" Anderson extended an invitation to law enforcement officials in adjoining counties to participate in a police training school for basic fingerprinting arranged by FBI Special Agent D. K. Brown of Jacksonville.





ST. PETERSBURG—HONORARY DEPUTY—Mrs. Dorothy Clore, business manager and secretary to the director of the Southern Police Institute, Louisville, Ky., received an honorary deputy's badge from Pinellas County Sheriff Don Genung (right, foreground) when she made a brief stop here. Other members of the welcoming committee shown in the background are Pinellas County Deputy Sheriff Gerry Coleman (left) and St. Petersburg Police Chief Harold Smith.

## Writer Impressed

CLEARWATER — Pinellas County has a first-rate maximum security jail, according to staff writer Eric Atkins of the Clearwater Sun.

Following an inspection of the new facilities Atkins wrote in *The Sun*, "Sheriff Don Genung is to be commended for his insistence on the best. Before the new addition, the Pinellas County jail was probably the most vulnerable to spectacular escape in the entire country."

Reporting on the new equipment, Atkins said, "We haven't seen such modern remote control equipment since they stopped making those trip-to-the-moon moving pictures."

The new jail will be similar to a miniature penitentiary with recreation areas on the roof, hospital ward, and gates that lock up cars as well as prisoners.

Outlining security measures set up for frequent transfer of prisoners to court for hearings, Atkins said under the new system a prisoner will be taken from his cell and placed in a cruiser while still in the new jail courtyard. He will be checked out by a jailer and checked again before the control room button is pushed to raise the steel gate automatically.

The process will be used in reverse as new prisoners arrive. When a car with a prisoner arrives at the gate, a second gate behind the car will drop, thus sealing the prisoner in the jail area before the car door is opened.

# Sheriffs to Spotlight Their "Dean"; And Hear Candidates for Governor

JACKSONVILLE—A testimonial banquet honoring Clay County Sheriff John P. Hall, "Dean of Florida Sheriffs"; and a luncheon featuring a panel of short speeches by major candidates for governor will be highlights of the Florida Sheriffs Association's annual Mid-Winter Conference.

The Conference will be held at the George Washington Hotel, February 5, 6 and 7 with the testimonial banquet and the "Meet the Candidates" luncheon both scheduled for February 6.

## Brief Summary of Program Highlights

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

3:00 p.m. Registration opens

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

10:30 a.m. Meeting of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Board of Trustees

11:30 a.m. Meeting of the Board of Directors of The Florida Sheriffs Association

2:30 p.m. Opening Session featuring welcome addresses and introduction of distinguished guests.

4:30 p.m. Demonstration of procedures to be used in nuclear emergencies, presented by Florida Nuclear & Space

Commission at the Duval County Sheriff's Department Pistol Range.

6:30 p.m. Barbeque at pistol range.

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

10:00 a.m. Business Session

12:30 p.m. "Meet the Candidates"

Luncheon

2:30 p.m. Business Session

7:00 p.m. Testimonial Banquet Honoring Sheriff John P. Hall.

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

9:00 a.m. Breakfast meeting featuring installation of newly-elected officers of the Florida Sheriffs Association.

10:30 a.m. Conference adjourns.

## As Easy as 1-2-3

JACKSONVILLE — Leave it to a first-grader to simplify life's complications . . . or to complicate life's simplicities. Returning from school one day, Sheriff Dale Carson's nephew in West Virginia was asked by his mother what he had learned. "I know my ABCs all the way up to 100," he replied.

## Third Consecutive Year

LEESBURG—Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch was the recipient of a check for \$345, proceeds from a spaghetti supper sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fougereousse, owners of Anchor Inn on Highway 441. This marks the third consecutive year the Fougereousses have staged such an event to benefit the ranch.



WEST PALM BEACH — NEW MOBILE CRIME LAB — Equipped for on-the-spot analyses is Sheriff Martin Kellenberger's mobile crime laboratory under direction of Capt. Thomas Nunn, chief of the Bureau of Technical Services. The vehicle has a portable gasoline-operated generator, two stands with five 150-watt bulbs mounted on each, cameras, fingerprint equipment, rope to seal off a crime area, a two-man inflatable raft, magnet to search for weapons underwater, a ladder, megaphone, first aid kit, and other items to suit the scene of the crime. The equipment is used by detectives and two experts in Nunn's department, William H. (Pete) Ragsdale, a forensic chemist, and Ben Green, fingerprint identification officer. (Photo courtesy of West Palm Beach Post.)



# 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.

## Morale High

**LIVE OAK** — There's an upward swing in the morale of the boys at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, administrator Harry Weaver reported in a newsletter to sheriffs and trustees.

Weaver said the youngsters show a reluctance to leave the ranch and participate in off-ranch recreational and educational trips. "Do we have to go?" . . . or, "I'd rather stay here," is their usual response to such activities.

A recent visitor wrote the following appraisal to Weaver: "It was a pleasure to visit the ranch again and to see the large improvements both physical and in the attitudes of the boys toward the ranch. I particularly noted their reference to it as THEIR home not JUST a home. Your plans to have the boys at the ranch Christmas Day I think is the best yet. That day everyone should be 'at home'."

## Fund Tops \$500

The Hugh Lewis Scholarship Fund, established in August to provide college educations for youngsters enrolled at the Florida Sheriff's Boys Ranch, is steadily growing and already totals over \$500.

The fund is a memorial to the late Hugh Lewis, Sheriff of Suwannee County, who died suddenly August 5, 1963, following a heart attack. He was one of the original founders of the Boys Ranch in 1957 and served as a member of its board of trustees.

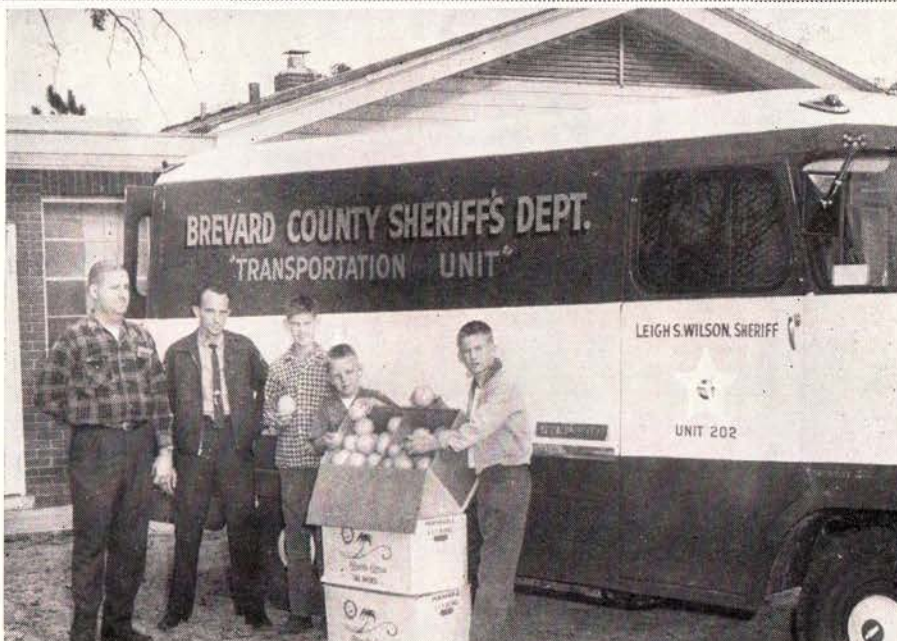
Donors who made contributions to the fund in December are listed below: Others will be listed in future issues of THE SHERIFF'S STAR.

Sheriff and Mrs. Ed Blackburn, Jr., Tampa.

Sheriff Rodney B. Thursby, DeLand.

## Day's Work Donated

The Arete Society, a fraternity from the University of South Florida visited Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch and donated a day of work.



**VITAMINS BY THE TRUCKLOAD**—Harry Weaver (left), Administrator of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch; a Brevard County Deputy Sheriff and three youngsters prepare to unload 15 cases of citrus fruit donated to the Ranch as a Christmas present by Corley's Groves, in Cocoa. Brevard County Sheriff Leigh Wilson arranged transportation of the fruit and announced that the donor has also offered to keep the Ranch supplied with oranges when they are in season.



**WITH STRINGS ATTACHED**—Dr. Jim Hicks (left), of Birmingham, Ala., gave this \$7,500 purebred Black Angus bull to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch—and stipulated that the boys can keep it if they receive matching donations totaling \$7,500 within the next six months. Boys Ranch Administrator Harry Weaver, accompanied by his son Kinny and Boys Rancher Timmy Fidler, is shown accepting the valuable animal. He brought it back to the Ranch, and, with \$2,000 in matching donations already "in the pot," expects it to become a permanent resident before the six-month deadline is reached.



# 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.

Mrs. Nathan R. Allen, Greenwich, Conn.  
Mr. Warren C. Brown, Hendersonville, N. C.  
Mr. Carleton Tweed, Coral Gables  
Florida State Moose Association, Clearwater  
Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Campbell, Largo  
Mr. George P. Moore, Bartow  
International Pipe and Ceramics Corp., West Palm Beach  
Melbourne Fire Department, Melbourne  
Alemite Company of Florida, Inc., Jacksonville  
Mrs. Ruth F. DeVarney, Riviera Beach  
Columbia County Hound and Deer Hunters Club, Lake City  
James F. Towey Foundation, St. Petersburg  
Central Florida Timing Association, Orlando  
Thomas F. Kirk, Brooksville  
Mr. Ed Van Ness, Green Cove Springs  
Jacksonville Frosted Foods, Inc., Jacksonville  
Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Volkmer, Titusville  
Mrs. Kay Kajak, West Palm Beach  
Al and Ann Ford, St. Petersburg  
Mr. and Mrs. Joe A. Lewis, Lakeland  
Mrs. Iuanita J. Thompson, Lakeland  
Florida Hospitality Club, Ft. Lauderdale  
Mr. A. B. Smith, Tampa  
Dr. John L. Prosser, Tampa  
Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Nolan, Lake Park  
Mr. D. M. Lackey, DeLand  
Mr. Harry J. Boyle, Leesburg  
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Floyd, Winter Park  
Orange County Firemen's Association, Orlando  
Mr. June Benecke, Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson, Mr. Richard Robson, Mr. and Mrs. William McCullough, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Busby, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Milton, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Denn, Mr. Chester Schnopp, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Swoboda, Mr. and Mrs. Efton Parks, Mr. and Mrs. George Gruber, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Abernathy, Mr. Al Grout, Mrs. Isabel Grout, all of Titusville.  
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Coolidge, Cocoa  
Mr. and Mrs. William Wiese, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Scholl, Mr. Robert Hogan, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ellis, Mrs. Fannie Nauman, Mrs. Zoe Duff, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Cirack, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hansen, Mr. and Mrs. William Brooks, Mr. Grady Swafford, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Pirtle, Mrs. Anna Amerson, Mr. and Mrs. George Schira, and Mr. and Mrs. David Taylor, Sr., all of Titusville.  
Mr. Clifton Pardoe, Okeechobee  
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Mr. and Mrs. George Elliot, N. Webster, Indiana  
Mr. Fred Whitney, N. Webster, Indiana  
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Clark, Webster, New York  
Mr. and Mrs. N. Brittingham, New Brunswick, N. J.

## Unselfish Gesture

**BROOKSVILLE** — WWI Barracks members usually exchange dollar Christmas presents, but this year they decided to pool the money instead and present it to Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch which is in need of operating funds.

The thoughtful gesture was finalized after Barracks officers discussed the matter with Sim Lowman, and the result was a generous donation of \$100 to the Ranch.

Maybe the reason we experience so much traffic trouble is because they don't change the model of the driver every year.



**FORT LAUDERDALE — RANCH BUILDERS** — Expressing appreciation for generous donations to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, Sheriff Allen B. Michell (fourth from left) and Deputy Sheriff Otto Hettlesheimer presented Boys Ranch Builder Certificates to: (from left) Eddie Boyle, representing Nielsen's Furniture Co., Deerfield Beach; Mr. Miller, Olin's Car Rental System, Ft. Lauderdale; Mrs. Paul Nielsen, also representing Nielsen's Furniture Co.; and Mrs. Winters, from the Ft. Lauderdale Hospitality Club. (Photo by Sgt. Cooper, Broward County Sheriff's Department.)

## In Memoriam

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

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Mills, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ott, Lake City; The Commercial Bank & Trust Co., Ocala; Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Simpson, Ocala; Mr. and Mrs. Victor Koepke, M. and Mrs. Carl Moore, Raymond Packee Family, Mrs. A. Lund, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Elshy, Mr. and Mrs. John Kleinschmidt, Mr. and Mrs. John Laitsch, all of Wauwatosa, Wisconsin; Dr. Margaret Palmer, Ocala; Mr. Warner J. Wilson, Ocala; Florida Title & Abstract Company, Ocala; Mrs. Gladys H. McGraw, Ocala; Camellia Garden Circle, Neptune Beach; Carl and Mildred Hendricks, Ocala; Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Palmer, Ocala; Mr. and Mrs. D. Mullarkey, Mr. and Mrs. R. Rockhill, Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Lee, all of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Mr. John P. Derham, Jr., Richmond 13, Virginia; in memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Dale Parmeter.

Dr. and Mrs. Henry A. Kingsburg, Clearwater; Mrs. Theron R. Palmer, Erie, Pennsylvania; Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood B. Davidge, Clearwater; Mr. and Mrs. Nathan R. Allen, Greenwich, Connecticut; Mr. C. L. McMullen, Largo; Mr. J. Carlisle Smith, Sr., Marietta, Georgia in memory of Mr. Norman J. Allbright.

Mrs. James W. Wood, Hobe Sound; in memory of Sara Gullette and Joe Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Cooper, Live Oak; in memory of Hattie S. Brinson and M. L. "Doc" Nobles.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard O. Thomas, Sebastian; Mr. Charles W. Sembler, Sebastian; in memory of Mr. O. W. Sadler.

Mrs. Grace Phillips, Winter Haven; and The Belle Bennett Circle, Beyer Memorial Methodist Church, Winter Haven in memory of Mr. Rush Thomas Wilson.

Sheriff Willis V. McCall, Tavares; in memory of Mr. Clarence H. Harper, Mrs. May A. Theus and Mrs. Charles H. Race.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Reeder, Tampa; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Diaz, Tampa; in memory of Mr. R. J. Ray, Sr.

Jack's Cookie Company, Tampa; in memory of Mrs. Frank M. Henderson.

Mrs. William Moulton, St. Petersburg; in memory of William Moulton.

Mrs. J. D. Tittle, Jacksonville; in memory of Mr. J. D. Tittle.

Mr. and Mrs. Randolph D. Downie, Clearwater; in memory of Mr. Wesley Ellenberger. Okeechobee Trailer and Fishing Resort, Inc., Okeechobee; in memory of Mr. R. G. Butts and Harold Haycock.

Mrs. Ida M. Doty, Massapequa, New York; in memory of Mr. Harold H. Parsons.

Mrs. Catherine E. Phillips, Jacksonville; in memory of Mr. E. L. Phillips, Sr.

Mrs. Allen M. Thompson, Delmar, New York; in memory of Mr. Allen M. Thompson.

Mrs. Frank H. Marks, Hollywood; in memory of Mr. Frank H. Marks.

Mrs. Sara L. Raynal, New Smyrna Beach; Mr. and Mrs. Russell S. Christie, Sr., New Smyrna Beach; in memory of Mrs. Gladys L. Trubey.

Mrs. T. T. Daly, Jr., Metairie, La.; in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Walter T. Davis and son George.

Mrs. Norman J. Allbright, Hinsdale, Illinois; in memory of Mrs. Davidge, Sr.

Mr. Lloyd Wyngarden, Clearwater; in memory of Gary Stortenbecker.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Leslie Bessenger, Dade City; in memory of Mrs. Anna Beville.

Mrs. Temple H. Eckols, Gulfport; in memory of Mr. Temple H. Eckols.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Humphrey, Tallahassee; in memory of Mr. W. S. Cawthon.

Mrs. Lucy Crow, Yalaha; in memory of Mrs. Margurite Atkinson.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Winn, Palm Beach; in memory of Mr. Sidney L. Sholley.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie H. Reeder, Tampa; in memory of Mrs. Maggie Ridley McCampbell.

Mr. A. I. Henry, Tallahassee; in memory of Fred C. Elliot.

Major Hal T. Morrison, Largo; in memory of Gerrit E. Wyngarden.

Dr. and Mrs. Fred T. Fields, Sebring; in memory of Mr. Ira V. Stropes, Mr. Luther T. Farmer, Mr. H. C. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Diaz, Tampa; in memory of Mark King.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Douthit, Wauchula; Carl Stauffer, Tallahassee; Mrs. Neta Prescott, Wauchula; Sheriff Willis V. McCall; Sheriff Ed Blackburn, Jr., Tampa; in memory of Mr. C. J. Carlton.

Sheriff and Mrs. Ed Blackburn, Jr., Tampa; in memory of Mrs. Lois Whiteside, Mr. A. R. Berger, Mrs. Clarkie I. Edenfield, Mr. John Matson, Jr., Mr. J. C. Godwin, Mrs. Sally Simmons, Mr. Arthur Boring, Mrs. Patricia High and Mark King.

The Memorial Fund will perpetuate the memory of deceased relatives and friends by providing the financing for a Boys Ranch Chapel.

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

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Boys Ranch  
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# "Men Who Are Truly Dedicated"

Speaking on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives, Congressman Don Fuqua, from Florida's Ninth District, described Florida's Sheriffs as "Men Who Are Truly Dedicated . . . who are doing something about the increasing crime rate, who are interested not only in arrests, but also in preventing youngsters from entering into lives which would necessitate their arrest." We are reprinting the full text of his speech.

WASHINGTON, D.C., October 23, 1963

MR. FUQUA

Mr. Speaker, I call attention to the Congress today to some of the boldest and most imaginative programs in this Nation today, the programs of the Florida Sheriffs Association and the dedicated sheriffs of Florida to bring a new meaning to law enforcement—bold and imaginative programs which these men have given and are giving countless hours to see become realities.

And these programs are paying off in the most precious of treasures, the lives of young men.

In so doing, I want to pay tribute to all of those in the law enforcement field of this Nation. Theirs is a tireless and often thankless job. The men who patrol the beats, the men who patrol the highways, the sheriffs and their staffs in the counties, and all of the others who protect the life and property of the citizens of the United States, all are due our commendation.

Recently, we in the Congress have been alerted anew to the almost fantastic incidence of crime in these United States. The testimony of Joseph Valachi before the Senate Investigations Subcommittee points to an organized syndicate that reaches into the heart of American society, controlled by unscrupulous men who delve in human misery and degradation.

## Appalling Crime Rate

We are appalled at the growth of the crime rate in this Nation, which it is estimated will cost \$22 billion this year alone. Think of it, it is estimated that crime will cost every individual in these United States \$128 this year. It is staggering.

Federal Bureau of Investigation's Director J. Edgar Hoover has estimated that in the period from 1957 to 1961,

crime grew at a rate of five times that of the population. In the decade from 1950 to 1960 there was a 98-per cent increase in the incidence of crime in these United States.

Take the growth during the past 3 years, when from 1959 to 1960 crime increased 14 percent in this nation, increased another 3 percent in 1960-61, and another 6 percent in 1961-62.

This is fantastic in a land such as ours, the richest in the history of man.

The sheriffs of Florida knew full well these facts when they conceived the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. The sheriffs of Florida have not been content to stand idly by in light of these facts. In addition to the tremendous job they do for the people of Florida in tracking down and bringing to justice law violators of every conceivable description, often at the loss of their lives and those of their deputies, but they have done much more.

They knew from their work of the thousands of homeless and neglected boys in Florida who needed a good home to keep them from drifting into lives of crime or aimless futility. They saw this need and with \$5,000 and a lot of prayer, they founded the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch in 1957.

## Tremendous Challenge

It was a tremendous challenge to the 67 sheriffs of Florida working through their organization—the Florida Sheriffs Association. But seldom have so few had such vision and determination.

They began with the gift of 140 acres on the banks of the famed Suwannee River in Suwannee County, Fla., 11 miles north of Live Oak, with this fine area being in the district I have the honor to represent.

Additional land was purchased immediately by the sheriffs to bring to 737 acres the land upon the banks of

this fabled stream for their dream of a home for homeless boys.

Funds came pouring in as the sheriffs told the people of Florida of their dream. Annual honorary memberships in the Florida Sheriffs Association were sought at \$10 a year, and this brought the people of the State into close contact with the project. Literally thousands opened up their hearts to send in donations.

It is interesting to note, I think, that no Federal funds were sought, nor needed, as the Florida sheriffs were determined to do this job with the assistance of generous kindhearted citizens. The first cabin, to house 20 boys, began in 1958, and in February of 1959 the first two boys came to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch to make their home. An era was beginning, a dream was becoming a reality.

## Waiting List Grows, Too

Today, at the end of nearly 5 years of operation, the boys making their home at Boys Ranch number up to 60, with the investment in the ranch estimated at over half a million dollars. It has grown steadily, but the waiting list of boys seeking admission grows too. The sheriffs of Florida are following their dream, expanding facilities as rapidly as possible, to build a ranch that will eventually house 400 boys.

As soon as funds became available, a second cottage was erected, again to house 20 boys, and then a third cottage was erected which serves temporarily as a cafeteria and library. When a permanent cafeteria is erected, it will be converted into a dwelling.

The largest single donation and a giant step in the expansion of facilities was taken last year when the Annie Barron Pentland Memorial Cottage was dedicated. This \$50,000 structure was



given by Col. Robert Pentland, Jr., Miami accountant and dedicated public spirited citizen, in memory of his mother.

### Immigrant's Gift

A large gift of \$28,441 was made by Mrs. Agnes A. Torrey, a Polish immigrant who lived in Monticello, and who died childless in 1960. It was applied to urgently needed expansion of the water system which is to serve as a memorial to Mrs. Torrey and her husband. A bequest of \$7,000 from the estate of the late Max Weintraub, one-time Miami Beach businessman, was applied to the new Dairy Science Building, which will be a memorial to Mr. Weintraub.

The people of Hillsborough County, under the leadership of Sheriff Ed Blackburn, raised funds to build a huge vocational arts building. The people of Pinellas County were prime movers and contributors, under the leadership of Sheriff Don Genung, to build the fine Olympic style swimming pool which is enjoyed so much by the boys.

The big goal this year is a \$75,000 cafetorium which will be the largest single capital outlay project in the history of the ranch. It will give the boys a permanent dining hall and allow the present temporary dining room to be converted into a residence cottage and immediately jump the capacity of the Ranch from 60 to 80 boys.

### Chapel To Be Built

At mealtimes the building will be used as a cafeteria, but at other times will be used as an auditorium and meeting place. And a second goal for the near future is a nondenominational chapel to serve the spiritual needs of the boys. For many years, generous donors have been making contributions to a memorial fund in memory of deceased relatives and friends to build this chapel.

The Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch is planned along lines similar to Father Flanagan's famed Boys Town. It is not a reform school or correctional institution. Instead it provides a wholesome, homelike environment for boys, who through neglect or lack of opportunity, need security, love and discipline so they can develop into good citizens.

Boys who come to the ranch to live must have been recommended by the sheriff of the county in which they live, must be between the ages of 8 and 12½ and must meet certain mental and physical requirements.

In each of the residence cottages, a married couple termed "cottage parents" reside, to give the boys a homelike atmosphere. Their daily routine is



Hon Don Fuqua

a careful balance of work, study and healthful recreation.

### Attend Public Schools

They attend Live Oak public schools and local churches so that they can enjoy a normal life. The basic purpose of the ranch is to give a boy a good home and future.

A diversified farming program is carried out, with the boys performing chores around the ranch which enjoys fine herds of beef and dairy cattle and a full farming program under the direction of the farm manager. A trained and competent staff ministers to the needs of these boys under the capable direction of Harry Weaver, manager of the ranch, who was formerly a Federal parole officer.

As one who has visited the ranch, I find that it is the tenor of the place that affects you. It is a happy place. The boys are healthy and happy, they are secure, and they are finding for themselves a place in life.

They have found someone to love them and they are making a fine record in school and community youth activities. Last year, there were 67 sheriffs who symbolically walked across the stage when the first of the ranch residents graduated from high school. It was a proud day.

### Scholarship Program

A scholarship program has been set up to send the boys to college or to vocational schools after their days at the ranch, and several are participating in this program at present.

And all this began as a dream, and it became a reality through the sweat and work of the sheriffs of Florida.

As you enter Boys Ranch through a huge wooden entrance, you are immediately

struck by the beauty of the white board fence along the highway, backed by lush pasture and grazing cattle.

It is quiet and serene at the ranch site, broken by the normal noise of healthy and happy youngsters.

Many have been the men who have given of their time and efforts to Boys Ranch, and all of the sheriffs of Florida are to be commended.

I particularly want to mention the late Hugh Lewis, whose untimely death this year while serving as Suwannee County sheriff, was a great loss to the law enforcement profession and to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. Serving as sheriff of Suwannee County at the time of the inception of the ranch, he worked tirelessly for the success of this ranch which was so much a part of his life.

### Presidents Active

Monroe County Sheriff John M. Spottswood was president of the Florida Sheriffs Association at the inception of the idea for the ranch and he was succeeded by Sid M. Saunders of Pinellas County, who passed away in his term of office, to be succeeded by Pasco County Sheriff Leslie Bessenger.

The first cottage completed by the ranch was dedicated in memory of Sheriff Saunders.

Each of the presidents of the association since that time have given tirelessly of their time and efforts to continue this program. Following Bessenger, came Sarasota County Sheriff Ross Boyer, then Lee County Sheriff Flanders G. Thompson, followed by Levy County Sheriff James W. Turner and then Sheriff S. D. "Dave" Starr of Orange County.

Washington County Sheriff George Watts is the current president, and each of these men have made significant contributions.

Boys Ranch is sponsored by the Florida Sheriffs Association and administered and operated by a board of trustees made up of both sheriffs and private citizens with my friend and colleague, Hon. George Smathers, U.S. Senator from Florida, serving as a member of the board.

This board and its chairman have been truly dedicated men, serving without compensation and continually working and planning to make this dream of theirs come true.

### First Chairman

Sheriff Spottswood was the first chairman and was succeeded by dynamic Hillsborough County Sheriff Ed Black-

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# Men Who are Truly Dedicated

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burn, Jr., who was tireless in his efforts to get the ranch program off the ground and was succeeded by Pinellas Sheriff Don Genung, who continued the dynamic concepts outlined at the beginning. Today Baker County Sheriff Ed Yarbrough continues this fine record of service as chairman.

Other States have become interested in this program and are planning or have built boys ranches patterned on the experience and outline of the Florida sheriffs. We hope and pray that their dream may become a reality also, for we are dealing with a precious commodity, lives of young boys who can and will make significant contributions in the future, if given the proper direction today.

I want to point out two other significant programs of the Florida Sheriffs Association. One is their scholarship program which gives college education scholarships to outstanding students from the State reform school at Marianna. This program has not been as well publicized as some of the other programs, but it gets results. Today the sheriffs of Florida are looking forward to one of their proteges receiving his bachelor's degree at Florida State University next February. Other young men have completed junior college under this program.

## Junior Deputies

Another bold approach to the problem of juvenile delinquency is the junior deputies league. Most successful of these programs has been that of Pinellas Sheriff Don Genung who pointed out this year in a letter to parents of youngsters in the program that the FBI had noted that youths under the age of 18 accounted for 15 percent of the arrests made by law enforcement officers nationwide, with an increase of 4 percent over the previous year. These figures included traffic violations, investigations, and warnings by officers.

In the effort to reduce juvenile delinquency and youth crimes, his department instituted the Pinellas County Junior Deputies League in 1959 and has continued since that time with great success. Nearly 12,000 youngsters were enrolled last year, boys and girls.

Basic objective of the program is to build respect for law enforcement and teach good citizenship.

Sheriff Genung pointed out that tours of the county jails, courthouses, and the sheriff's office shows the youngsters the workings of these offices. Instruction and talks by deputies, judges, FBI agents, and other peace officers teach

the importance of leading a crime-free life, and impress the importance of not yielding to any temptation or "going along" with the wrong crowd.

Sheriff Genung has said that he believes this program has greatly decreased Pinellas County juvenile delinquency, for while the school age population of 10 to 17 increased by 61 percent, the delinquency rate dropped by 14 percent.

This fine program stimulates the interest of youth in the necessity of efficient and honest administration of the duties of law enforcement agencies with a view of enlisting youth in cooperating with and preventing youth wrongs and crimes.

## Genung Did It

This outstanding program has been successful because of the dedication and work of Sheriff Genung and his fine staff of dedicated peace officers.

Other sheriffs over Florida are meeting with similar success as they bring in this new concept to teach law and order respect among youngsters in their communities. This program cannot be too highly commended and merits my highest praise. I would urge other sheriffs across the Nation to investigate this program, and to emulate it.

This, in brief, is the story I wanted to bring to the attention of the Congress, and through them, to the American people.

These are bold and imaginative programs and concepts. They tell a story of men who are truly dedicated—the sheriffs of Florida—who are doing something about the increasing crime rate, who are interested not only in arrests, but also in preventing youngsters from entering into lives which would necessitate their arrest.

Who knows what value this will have to our great State? To our Nation? How much is one life spared worth?

Perhaps even Joseph Valachi might have been different had he had these advantages. Perhaps countless lives would have been saved if we could have met the source of crime at the door and obliterated it.

I think that the Florida sheriffs are due the commendation of all Americans, they are truly dedicated. And their story is not at an end. To those sheriffs who have contributed so much in the past, to those serving today so ably, and to those who will come to carry the load ably in the future, I extend for all of the people of Florida, a deep and sincere vote of gratitude.



**BARTOW — LAWMAN'S BENEFICIARY** — Polk County Sheriff Monroe Brannen (right) presents a check from the Polk County Peace Officers Association to Mrs. Carmen Parker, widow of Robert L. Parker, well known law enforcement officer, while Deputy Sheriff Everett Guthrie looks on.

## Break Foiled

**KISSIMMEE** — An attempt by four prisoners to break jail was brought to a sudden end by Sheriff Bob Buckels and his deputies.

Allegedly aided by the wife of one of the prisoners, the four attempted to escape from a single cell on the second floor of the county jail. At least one was trying to saw his way out.

The prisoner's wife was arrested shortly after deputies found the first hacksaw blade in the cell. Sheriff Buckels said she had visited her husband and it was at that time, he believes, that the blades were brought into the jail.

A search of the cell disclosed six hacksaw blades, two were worn out, one dulled and three unused. The men had sawed about half way through one bar.

The sheriff said alertness of jailers foiled the escape plot.

## Planning Okayed

**GREEN COVE SPRINGS** — Plans have been authorized for a \$12,000 addition to Clay County Jail to house juveniles.

Sheriff John Hall was instructed by the County Commission to engage an architect to draw plans for the annex which will house juvenile offenders who at present are detained in separate cells in the same area with other prisoners.

## Woman of the Year

**FORT MYERS** — Mrs. Mamie B. Tooke, Florida's first woman bank president and an honorary member of the Florida Sheriffs Association, has been named "outstanding business woman of the year" by the Naples Business and Professional Woman's Club. The award was made for "her many accomplishments and for her complete devotion to Naples."



## 200 Search for Lost Youngster

**BRONSON** — A nine year old boy was lost in Levy woods 25 hours while a search party of 200 persons, directed by Sheriff J. W. Turner, probed the thickly wooded area between Otter Creek and Cedar Key.

The youngster was located just a quarter of a mile from the campsite from which he had strayed. He was wet, cold and hungry, but examination indicated he was all right otherwise.

Donald Smith of Trenton lost contact with his playmates when he mistook a deer for a cow. He said he was afraid of cows and started to run. When he stopped, he couldn't find the campsite.

The boy's ordeal took place under conditions which would hinder even an experienced woodsman, Sheriff Turner said. The search was hampered by drizzling rain and high winds, making it impossible for shouts to be heard at any distance.

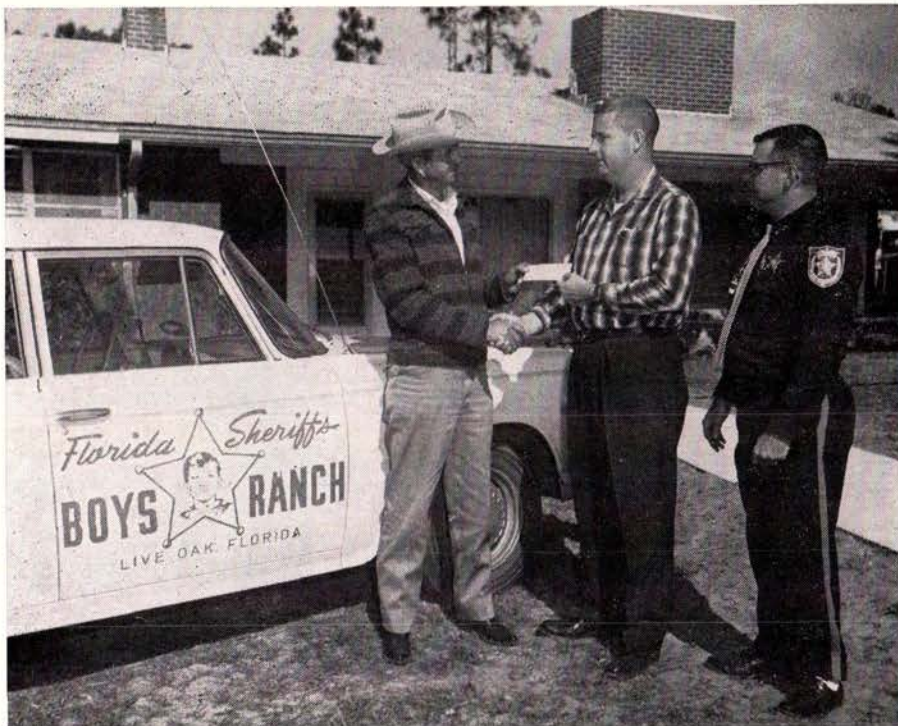
What did he eat and where did he sleep? His supplies consisted of one cookie and his shelter was a palmetto hut.

Taking part in the search were deputies, personnel from the Air Force radar station at Cross City; salt water conservation officers and game wardens, Florida Highway Patrol officers, Forest Service workers and citizens from Levy and adjoining counties.

### A "Pro" at 16

**HOLLYWOOD** — A 16-year-old South Broward high school student has confessed to at least 23 area burglaries, Sheriff Allen B. Michell reported.

The youth was being held at Junior Haven awaiting juvenile court action. He entered most of the houses while the occupants were out by removing jalousies and pushing in the screens. Officers recovered a television set and stand, transistor radio and other articles at the young burglar's home.



**BENEFIT PROCEEDS** — A benefit horse show sponsored by Sheriff Joe Crevasse's Junior Deputy Sheriff League and the Gainesville Roping Club, Inc., netted \$2,200 for the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. Harry Weaver (center) Administrator of the Boys Ranch, is shown accepting a check for this amount from Robert W. Rainey (left), representing the Gainesville Roping Club; and Deputy Sheriff G. E. MacClellan, director of the Junior Deputy League.

## Firemen Faithful

**POMPANO BEACH** — If Pompano Beach firemen are as faithful in putting out fires as they are in supporting the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, local citizens can expect good fire protection.

Each year the firemen, through the Firemen's Benevolent Association, pay dues as honorary members of the Florida Sheriffs Association. This makes each of the 32 men a card-carrying sponsor of the Boys Ranch project.

This year their generosity reached a new high. When it came time to renew their memberships for 1964 the firemen not only paid their annual dues, but also added a donation of \$160 toward construction of a proposed fire station at the Boys Ranch.

## Trio Treed

**PENSACOLA** — Escambia Sheriff William E. Davis's officers and bloodhounds ended a two-state manhunt for an escaped road gang trio when they treed the three armed men in a wooded area near Muscogee Road.

The three had escaped from a road gang northeast of Robertsedale, Ala. With a guard as hostage, they commandeered a dump truck and crossed the state line into Florida.

Officers participating in the hunt included the Bay Minette, Ala. police chief, Sgt. Louie Milstead, Investigators Odis Davis, Floyd Rose, Bill Peters, Pete Morgan, Deputies Ray Crosby and Bill Switzer.

### 21-Hour Search

**MILTON**—Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Unit, captained by Jack Holt, and assisted by Okaloosa County divers, recovered the body of Bill Cox, 56, after a 21-hour search.

Cox was reported missing when his motor boat was found running empty. Deputy Sheriff Harvell Enfinger said it appeared he had been thrown from the boat when the motor started.

Appreciation was expressed by the unit to Milton merchants for donating food and supplies to men taking part in the search.



### RANCH GIFT

**CLEARWATER**—A check for \$100 being presented by Herb Nine (left) to Sheriff Don Genuing will wing its way to Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. Nine is the owner of Nine's Restaurant in Pinnellas Park.





**CLEARWATER—NEW COURT ATTIRE** — Pinellas County Sheriff Don Genung (extreme right) poses with bailiffs who are wearing the new uniform in which they perform their duties at Circuit Court and Civil and Criminal Court of Record. The uniform change allows the bailiffs to be armed and carry handcuffs without these items being visible. Pictured (from left) are Chief Bailiff Carl Walker, Bailiffs F. G. Nesbit and Arthur Davis, Judge B. J. Driver, Bailiffs John Kennedy and Laurence Kraus.

## Kids Loved It

**KEY WEST** — There was an outburst of hero worship among several hundred members of Monroe County Junior Deputies League, and the object of their admiration was Criminal Investigator Ernest L. (Frenchy) L'Hereux of Sheriff Henry Haskin's Department.

L'Hereux was star of a 'crime show' staged for junior deputies at 11 Monroe County schools. He demonstrated tools of the trade of detectives including weapons, identification materials and techniques, fingerprinting, use of fluorescent powder and restraining devices.

High point of the performance, as far as the youngsters were concerned, was the point where L'Hereux actually solved a crime before their delighted eyes. After a half-dozen 'suspects' were selected from the audience, the investigator allowed one of them to 'steal' a dollar from him. The kids loved it because he always managed to nab his man and put the cuffs on him. How he solved the crime is a trade secret, he says.

Idea in back of the show was to give young people a better understanding of law enforcement and to instill in them respect for the law.

Formed in September by Sheriff Haskins, the league now numbers more than a thousand members. Shortage of supervisory personnel has limited membership to the sixth grade, but the problem may be solved because other county law enforcement agencies have volunteered their services to help the league, L'Hereux said.

## Changes Style

**STARKE** — Singer Johnny Underwood can be expected to switch from hillbilly ballads to the Blues because of his penchant for stealing radio equipment.

A folk singer in this area for most of his 29 years, Underwood pleaded guilty to charges of breaking and entering and grand larceny. He was sentenced this year to Raiford Prison on an Alachua County warrant for stealing equipment from Radio Station WDVH; and a Bradford County warrant charging him with burglarizing two Starke firms.

Underwood's accomplice, Edward T. Cocomise, 21, of Starke, confessed voluntarily to Sheriff P. D. Reddish. He was placed on three years' probation.

**GOOD PROTECTION**  
**ST. AUGUSTINE**—A system that requires all strangers to fill out identification cards for the Sheriff when they try to cash a check will protect merchants against worthless checks. Sheriff L. O. Davis (left) is pictured presenting a supply of the cards and a display poster to Fred Pacetti, local businessman. (Photo by Howard Hanson)



## Ex-Lee County Sheriff Dies

**FORT MYERS** — Robert R. (Bob) King, 85, a former Lee County Sheriff and the man whom Zane Gray called "the best fishing guide in Florida," died at the Veterans Hospital in Lake City Nov. 24 after suffering a series of heart attacks.

It was back in the 'Twenties that King served as a fishing guide taking out parties including such well known persons as Gray and Harry Payne Whitney, New York millionaire.

King and Gray became fast friends after King took the famous writer fishing in Shark River and the Ten Thousand Islands. When Gray tired of Florida, he asked King to go to California with him. The two fished off the California and Nova Scotia coasts for two years. King disliked California and returned to Florida, even though Gray offered him a private mansion on the Pacific Coast.

King was elected sheriff in 1932. He retired in 1940 after two terms. He was a former president of the Florida Sheriffs Association; and a veteran of the Spanish-American War.

## 7 Complete Course

**COCOA** — Certificates for completing a course in chemical testing for intoxication have been awarded to seven members of Sheriff Leigh S. Wilson's Department.

L. N. Donnell, Brevard Junior College director, forwarded certificates from the State Department of Education to Lt. James H. Garvin, Sgt. Walter J. Granger and Deputy Mark Overacker, all of the CoCoa office; Deputies Walter E. Futch and Albert L. Carter, both of the Titusville office; Donald Sinclair, headquarters lab technician, and Deputy Frank L. Rothery, of the Melbourne office.



## Buchanan Wins — Dade Voters Allowed to Elect Sheriff for First Time in 7 Years

MIAMI—At last Dade County has an elected Sheriff.

He is T. A. "Tal" Buchanan, a professional law enforcement officer with no previous political experience who was elected December 17, 1963, after defeating four Democrat candidates and one Republican in two special elections.

Voting for a Sheriff was a new experience for many Dade County voters.

They elected Sheriff Thomas J. Kelly in 1956, but two years later Dade County embarked on a "metro" government experiment which made the Sheriff an appointed official and required Kelly to serve at the pleasure of the County Manager, who in turn was appointed by the county (Metro) commission.

Kelly carried the dual title of Director of Public Safety and Metropolitan Sheriff through a stormy four-year period marked by his efforts to return the office to elective status, and frequent clashes with his boss, the county manager.

The scrappy sheriff outlasted the first county manager, O. W. Campbell, but was fired by Campbell's successor, Irving G. McNayr, in 1962.

It was then that Buchanan, a hard working lawman who had risen through the ranks to Chief of Detectives under Kelly, and had picked up a law degree along the way, stepped into the public spotlight. He was appointed by McNayr to succeed Kelly as Sheriff and Safety Director.

Kelly, however, did not fade out of the picture. First he contested Mc-

Nayr's right to fire him, and carried the issue all the way to the Florida Supreme Court.

Then, when the court ruled the firing was legal, he mounted a vigorous campaign to return the sheriff's position to elective status.

The issue was placed on the ballot in the General Election, November 5, 1963, and the people, by a strong majority, regained the right to vote for their Sheriff.

This touched off a whirlwind campaign with Buchanan and Kelly as the top contenders in a field of five candidates for the Democratic nomination.

Buchanan, who had to resign from the position of Sheriff to run, made an outstanding showing in spite of his political inexperience and eliminated the need for a "runoff" by garnering more votes than the total votes cast for his four opponents.

In a final election December 17, he defeated the Republican nominee by a margin of better than 2 to 1.

During the election campaign Jesse Barkett, a Sheriff's Department staffer, was elevated to Sheriff by appointment of McNayr.

After the election Buchanan was sworn in as "the people's choice" and went about the business of getting the Sheriff's Office back to a normal routine.

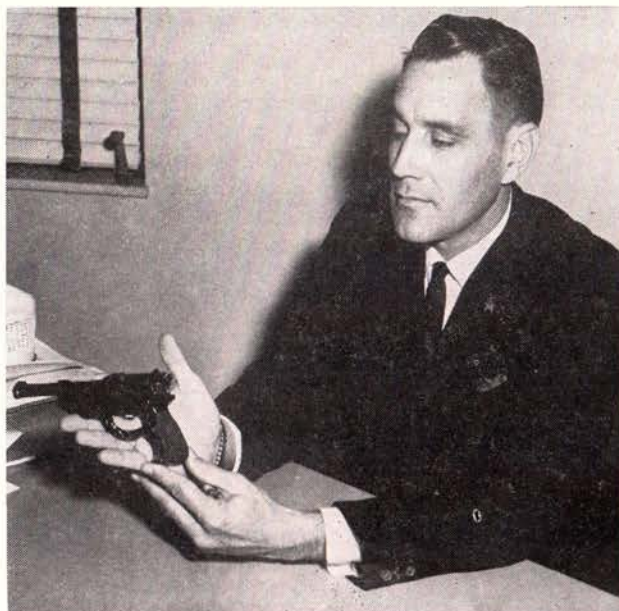
However, he will hardly have time to catch his breath before he will be faced with the possibility of another election campaign. The term to which he has been elected ends in January, 1965, and therefore he will have to run for a four-year term this year.



WAUCHULA — "C'MON MEN, LET'S GO!" — Looking as though he is perfectly competent to direct a posse is miniature deputy William Paul Douthit, son of Lieut. John C. Douthit, of the Hardee County Sheriff's Department.

### LOOKS REAL

FORT WALTON BEACH—It appears to be the real thing, but this "pistol" Okaloosa County Sheriff Ray Wilson holds was fashioned from soap. Wilson said he knew in advance that a prisoner was making the weapon, but decided to let him finish it just to see what kind of a job he'd do. (Photo courtesy of Playground News.)



## Divers Volunteer

CLEARWATER—The Reef Rovers, MacDill Air Force Base's 20-man diving organization, will handle underwater search and rescue assignments for Pinellas County Sheriff Don Genung.

Col. Joseph H. Martin, base commander, informed the sheriff by letter that the volunteer members "are willing to donate their time in humanitarian interests."

As a service to the community, members who volunteer to dive for civilian authorities accept no remuneration.

Rovers can be contacted day or night via their alert system. They use their own personal equipment or gear supplied by the club.

### There's a Reason

SARASOTA—The low crime rate in Sarasota County isn't just an accident, according to Sheriff Ross E. Boyer.

He attributes it to the fact that he and his men maintain a constant vigil and "stay on top of situations so that crime cannot breed."

He also points out that his department operates as a team. "We all realize that it must be that way to function as a good law enforcement agency," he added.



# WANTED PERSONS

As compiled by the  
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Don McLeod, Director



**William A. Brunelle**

Unknown subject using name William A. BRUNELLE and Dale E. JOHNSON, white male, date of birth 4-15-38, approximately 5 feet, 11 inches tall, weighs 200 pounds, brown curly hair, brown eyes, wears glasses. Opened account at Central National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla., in name of Atlantic Plastic Name Plate Company, received 500 imprinted company checks. Immediately began passing checks which were returned. Forgery warrants on file. If apprehended notify authorities Jacksonville, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau.

**Stuart Irving Turner**

White male, date of birth 2-14-35, 5 feet, 6 inches tall, weighs 130 pounds, blond hair, now dyed red, blue eyes, fair complexion, false teeth. Iron worker by trade. Scar left collar bone, scar from rifle shot on left leg above ankle; tattoo of initials S. T. on right arm, and tattoo of heart with an arrow through it on left arm. Smokes Pall Malls, drinks beer. Hobbies are bowling and fishing. SS #300-28-5006.

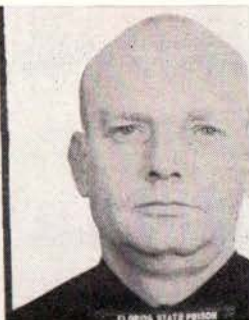


**Solomon Lee Mims**

Also known as MIMMS, white male, date and place of birth 4-24-25, Geneva, Alabama, 6 feet tall, weighs 200 pounds, brown hair-closely cut and balding, blue eyes. FBI #328 775A, FPC: M/O, 32/32, W/W, III/000, 19. Subject has

**Donald W. Williams**

White male, date of birth 6-11-33, 6 feet tall, weighs 160 pounds, brown curly hair, blue eyes, slow talker, stammers, SS #026-30-4123. Has muscular deformity in one arm. Warrant issued, charge Grand Larceny. Bond \$6,000.00. If apprehended notify Sheriff Davis, St. Augustine, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee.



**James Mathis**

Colored male, date of birth 2-19-41, 5 feet, 10 inches tall, perhaps little taller, weighs 175-200 pounds, full round face, trimmed hairline mustache. Subject is a PFC in Army Ser. #RA 53-353-583, attached to 68th Army Postal Unit, Germany. He is now in the States and is AWOL as of 8-13-63. May wear khaki uniform. Wanted for Embezzlement of post office money orders. Last seen in St. Petersburg, Fla., on 8-7-63. If apprehended notify nearest Postal Inspector, or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee.



**D. W. Williams**



**John Edward Hawley**

Alias John Edward BUTWELL, William Andrew BROWN, and Mark RICHMOND, white male, date of birth 2-4-31, 6 feet, 2 inches tall, weighs 175 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes, ruddy complexion. Armed with

.22 caliber Magnum, may be in Tampa Bay area or Miami. Warrant issued, charge Burglary, will extradite. If apprehended notify Police Dept., Chesapeake, Virginia, the Police Dept., St. Petersburg, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee.

FPC: 6 1/M, 5/17, R/U, 100/011, 22. Relatives live Meadeville, Pa. Wanted on charge of Es-

cape. If apprehended notify Sheriff Wilson, Titusville, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau.



## Wanted Women

DEFUNIAK SPRINGS — Two women on the FBI list of wanted criminals for more than six months were apprehended and arrested here by Sheriff Howard "Andy" Anderson's Department.

Barbara Jean Davis, 23, who would not give her address to officers, and Mercedes Payne, 18, of Ithaca, N. Y., were apprehended by Deputy Ira McLeod at a local cafe after City Fire Chief Folmar White reported spotting the two.

Sheriff Anderson said the women were wanted for transportation of stolen automobiles across state lines in several southern states. They were taken by the FBI to Jacksonville where the sheriff said some men believed to be members of the same stolen car ring were being held.

### Exploring

COCOA — Sheriff Leigh S. Wilson is exploring the possibility of placing his department on a civil service basis. Several other departments in the state already are operating under civil service.



BRADENTON — JUNIOR POSSE — Sheriff Kenneth Gross chats with officers of his Junior Mounted Posse who, together with some 20 other members, are learning fundamentals in law enforcement as well as horsemanship. Officers are (from left) Carol Faherty, Jeff Starrak, captain; Buddy Keen, and Robert Keen. The Sheriff's Senior Mounted Posse supervises the group. (Photo courtesy Bradenton Herald.)

## MISSING PERSONS

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**Shelby Jean McAllister**  
**Joyce Ann McAllister**  
and  
**Wanda McAllister**

Three sisters, missing from their home in Richmond County N. C. since November 11, 1963. Believed to be in Florida. Described as: Shelby Jean, white female, age 16, 5 feet 7 inches, brown hair, blue eyes. Joyce Ann, white female, age 15, 5 feet, 4 inches tall, light brown hair, blue eyes. Wanda, white female, age 14, 5 feet, 7 inches tall, brown hair, blue eyes. All three girls

have freckles across nose. Any station coming in contact with these girls notify Sheriff, Rockingham, N. C., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



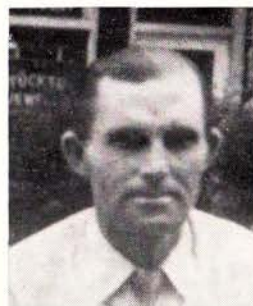
Joyce Ann McAllister



Shelby Jean McAllister



Wanda McAllister



**Newt Franklin  
Titherington**

White male, age 48, 5 feet, 7 inches tall, weighs 125-130 pounds. Left St. Augustine Fla., on October 8, 1963 in search of a job in Apalachicola, Fla., driving dark blue 1952 Dodge Sedan. He called his wife from Tallahassee 8:00 P.M. same date advising her where he was and that he was all right and would contact her later. She has not heard from him since that date. Authorities Apalachicola advise he has not shown up there. This couple has been married for 21 years and husband has never failed to contact wife frequently when away. If anyone knows whereabouts of this subject notify Sheriff

Davis, St. Augustine, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



**Linda Reagan**

White female, date of birth 6-17-47, 5 feet, 3 inches tall, weighs 110 pounds, black hair, brown eyes, front teeth slightly crooked. Last seen 11-5-63 when she left her home to go to a drive in movie with Ronnie WADEN, white male age 29. He was driving light green 1961 Nash Station Wagon 1963 Florida License 5-19445. Warrant issued for Wadsen, charge Contributing to Delinquency of Minor. If subjects located notify Police Dept., Lakeland, Florida or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



# Sheriffs Help a Worthy Cause



Three Tampa Bay area Sheriffs are giving active and effective support to the Leukemia Society Inc. in its efforts to raise funds for "maximum leukemia research."

Manatee County Sheriff Ken Gross is President of the Manatee-Sarasota Chapter. He is shown in the picture above (the man at the extreme left) congratulating executives of Food Fair Stores for their cooperation in a Merchants Green Stamps promotion to raise Leukemia

funds, while Mrs. Amy Bravo, area executive secretary of the Society, looks on. The store executives are (from left) Jerry McDonald, Kenneth W. Vaughn and Bill Gaa.

The same promotion was organized in Hillsborough County where Sheriff Ed Blackburn, Jr. is a member of the Society's board of directors. He is pictured below (right) with (from left) Deputy Sheriff Leo Wood; O. D. Baxter, city marketing manager for Greyhound Lines, Tampa; Mrs. Bravo; and Mrs. Nancy Swalec, vice president of the Society's Hillsborough Chapter.

The picture was taken when the fund raising contest entry boxes were shipped by Greyhound Bus to Miami for tabulation.

Sheriff Don Genung will be the campaign chairman for next spring's Leukemia campaign in Pinellas County and he has also been named to serve on the Society's National Board of Trustees.

Broward County Sheriff Allen B. Mitchell, Fort Lauderdale, is vice president of the Society's Florida Division.

