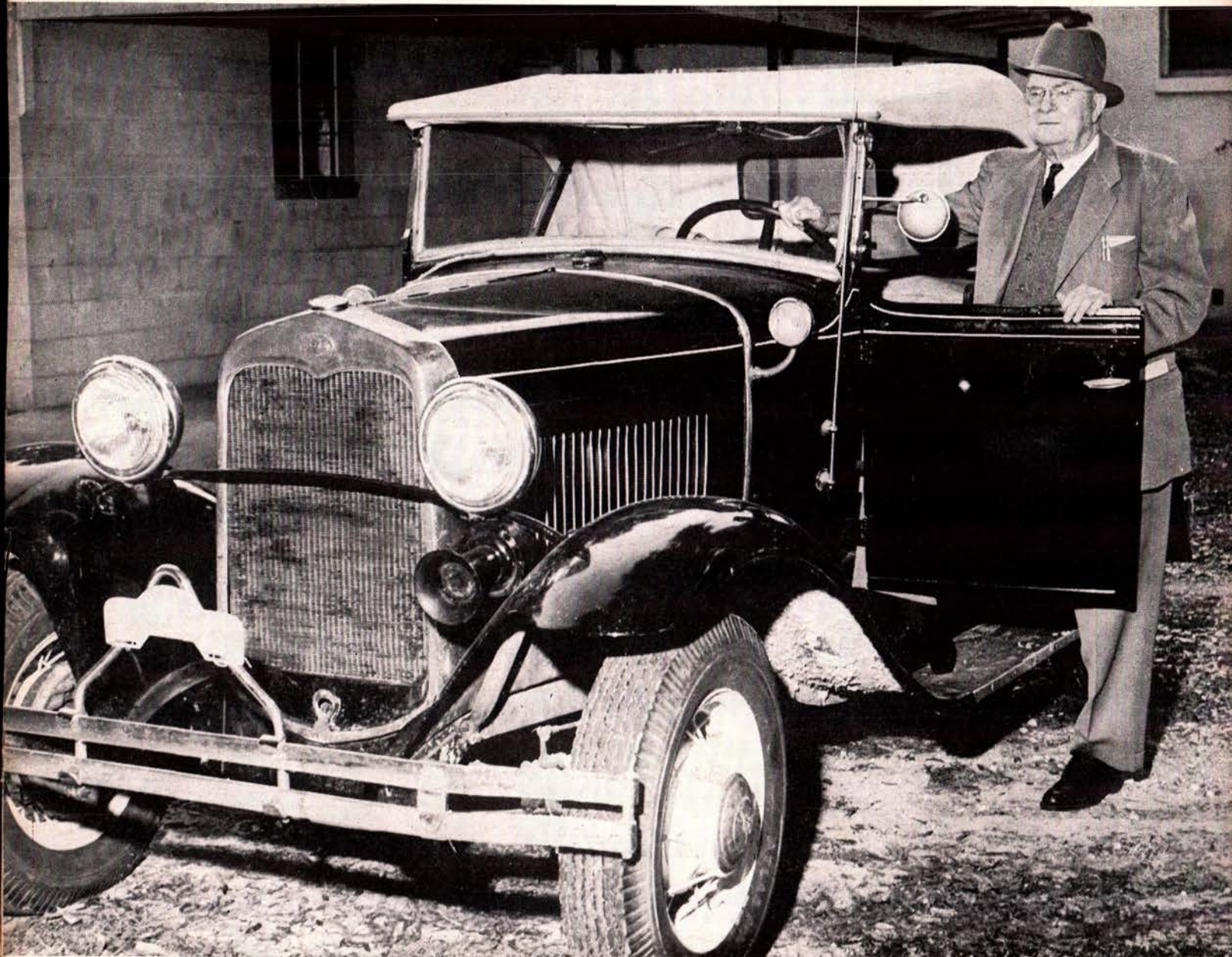


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The Story Behind the Cover

Model-A Brings Back Memories

GREEN COVE SPRINGS
 —John Hall's first patrol car was a Model-A Ford when he was elected Sheriff of Green Cove Springs back in 1928, and just for old times' sake his picture was taken recently beside a sporty, well preserved gas buggy of the same vintage.

So much for the cover, and just to prove that Sheriff Hall has kept up with the times, the picture on this page shows him at the wheel of a modern, radio-equipped patrol car.

There's more to Sheriff Hall's career, of course, than just keeping his mobile equipment up to date, and therefore readers are invited to turn to the special feature article on Page 2 for a broader perspective on "The Dean of Florida's Sheriffs."



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FORT PIERCE — GIFT FROM VETS — Chief Deputy Sheriff Lanie Norvell (left) accepts a generous donation of \$100 for the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch from Eugene V. Lish VFW Post. Shown presenting the contribution is Post Commander Harold A. Rosbury.

Check the Law Before You Shoot

Parents who gave BB guns and air rifles to their children for Christmas presents should familiarize themselves with the law governing use of such weapons.

Section 790.22 of the Florida Statutes forbids the use of BB guns, as well as .22 caliber rifles, by children under the age of 16 unless the parent is present and supervising.

The law states further that any parent permitting his child under 16 to use an air rifle without supervision may be found guilty of a misdemeanor and fined \$300 or imprisoned for 30 days.

Local ordinances in many Florida cities and towns prohibit the firing of guns within the city limits.

Just 47 Minutes

TALLAHASSEE — Use of the Red Flash system — a set-up in which local merchants notify each other and the Sheriff when they suspect that a bad check passer is at work — resulted in the arrest of three men 47 minutes after they tried to cash several bad checks.

Sheriff Bill Joyce said the three apparently cashed or tried to cash checks at four different stores. The manager of a local grocery store called the sheriff's office in reference to a check presented to him. The check passer tried to run. In fact, he did run, but it was right into the arms of Deputy Eddie Boone.

The three men had been selling Bibles here and had used a driver's license and social security card of another person in attempting to cash checks.

Moonshiner 17

STUART—Sheriff Roy Baker's deputies and State Beverage Department agents arrested a 17-year-old youth after confiscating a cargo of moonshine whiskey valued at \$2,485 which they found in the car he was driving and a small trailer he was towing.



PANAMA CITY—FOR REFERENCE LIBRARY— Bay County Sheriff M. J. (Doc) Daffin (left) presents the 1963 yearbook edition of The Sheriff's Star to Dr. Richard Morley, president of Gulf Coast Junior College here. The publication will become part of the college's reference library on Florida government.



FOR FIRE STATION
SANFORD — A check for \$500, proceeds from a benefit race sponsored by Seminole Timing Association, is accepted by Sheriff J. L. Hobby from Don Witt, association representative. Looking on is Ken McIntosh, attorney and association co-ordinator. The money will be applied on the new fire station at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

RANCH NEXT STOP
BARTOW — Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch is the destination of the electric train being presented to Polk County Sheriff Monroe Brannen by Hugo, 14, (center) and Claude Carter, 12, sons of John Carter, Lake Wales.



Knight Commander

CLEARWATER—Sheriff Don Genuing was elected Knight Commander of the Court of Honor, one of the highest awards a Mason can receive. Investiture was held at Orlando.

The Supreme Council at each biennial session elects certain Masters of the Royal Secret to receive the Rank and Dignity of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor. This honor is bestowed in a Ceremonial of Investiture and is in recognition of outstanding service to the Rite, or in public life to the principles taught in the degrees.

Audits Favorable

Favorable comments were made by State Auditor Ernest Ellison following audits of the accounts and records of the following sheriffs:

MARTIN COUNTY SHERIFF ROY C. BAKER — "Budgets for the operation of the office were properly prepared and adopted. Records of the office were adequate and well kept."

OKALOOSA COUNTY SHERIFF RAY WILSON—"All collection of records were accounted for. Budgets were well prepared and closely followed."

A Damn Good Man



When he began his 36th year in office Sheriff John P. Hall had no unsolved murders in his files. This picture, taken in 1956, shows him questioning a suspected murderer.



John Hall's service to the people of Clay County has reached into many fields of local activity. Here he is shown making a speech at the 1958 dedication of a new hospital he helped to promote.

For a guy who was reluctant to run for Sheriff, John P. Hall has gone mighty far.

The first time friends and fellow citizens asked him to run for Sheriff of Clay County he turned them down. That was in 1924.

Four years later a group of 35 or 40 people got together deep in the woods by the light of a "light'r'd" knot" fire and tried again.

"The county was in a devil of a mess," Hall recalls. It was prohibition days with bootleggers in tight control and the law abiding people were looking for a candidate to clean things up. No wonder they had to go back in the woods to discuss their plans.

"I didn't want the job. I had a good job already and I was making plenty of money," Hall said, "but they kept after me until I finally said: 'All right, you hold a vote and if I'm the high man, I'll run'."

Always a Winner

The piney woods caucus was considering Hall and two other possible candidates, but when the matter came to a vote Hall got all but two votes.

Thus began a pattern of winning elections that has held true to this day. Hall not only won his first race for Sheriff, but has been winning elections ever since without serious opposition, and is now going down the home stretch in his 36th year in office — a record for the state and close to a record for the nation.

But John Hall's story is not merely one of tenure and tenacity, it is also the story of a man who has served the people with distinction and who has made a marked success in many side careers while wearing the badge.

The new sheriff went into office January 8, 1929, with a 38-caliber Smith and Wesson revolver, a shiny new pair of handcuffs, a black 1928 Model-A

A testimonial banquet at the George Washington Hotel, Jacksonville, on February 6, during the Annual Mid-Winter Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association, honored John Hall as the "Dean of Florida's Sheriffs." This article is a further tribute to the "Grand Old Man of Law Enforcement"—a veteran who has worn his badge with distinction for almost 36 years.



Sheriff Hall was vice chairman of the Florida Sheriffs Bureau's administrative board when the Bureau was in its infancy and is shown here (extreme right, seated) at a 196 meeting of the board, in Tallahassee. The others are (from left, seated) Sheriffs Association Attorney John A. Madigan Jr., Bureau Director Don McLeod, Sheriff John Spottswood, Gov. LeRoy Collins, Attorney General Richard Ervin; (standing) Assistant Attorney General Leonard Mellon, and Sheriffs Don Genung, Dale Carson, George Watts, Broward Coker, Ed Blackburn, Jr., and Leslie Bessenger.



John Hall has been a cattleman ever since he started out with a few head of stock as a young fellow. Prior to World War I he was the "top hand" on a ranch that boasted a herd of over 5,000 cows; and today he owns a herd of about 500. In this picture he is shown looking over some of his pasture land with his son, J. P. Hall, Jr.

Ford and a determination to clean up Clay County.

His First Raid

His first moonshine raid was conducted on the day he took office. One month later he captured one of the county's most notorious bootleggers—after shooting him in the legs to prevent his escape—and within six months bootlegging in Clay County was under control.

This was a good beginning, but the job remained "wild and wooly" right on. There were other enforcement problems like robberies and murders to be taken care of; and just the ordinary, routine matters of transportation and communication were quite a challenge.

Sheriff Hall missed the era of the "horseback sheriff" by about ten years, but the versatility of his high-slung

Model A was the only thing that prevented him from frequently resorting to the saddle to perform his county-wide chores.

"The old Model-A could go anywhere a horse could go," he recalls with fond loyalty.

There were two paved roads in Clay County and a third one was being completed back in 1929. Many of the roads in the county were just faint, rutted trails through the forests and farm lands.

No Radios Then

This was prior to the days of the radio-equipped patrol cars, and communications facilities were just slightly less than primitive. The Sheriff didn't use smoke signals or carrier pigeons, but there were times when he probably could have. Only a few telephones were scattered around the county, and

one telephone in the court clerk's office served the entire court house.

It was quite a milestone when the new sheriff installed a telephone in his office.

Today, a telephone - teletype - radio network not only keeps him in touch with his own deputies but also with sheriff's departments and other enforcement agencies all over the state.

John Hall can look back on 36 years of steady progress, and on a career well punctuated with the usual risks of law enforcement. He has been shot at several times—and missed—and he has disarmed a number of people who have pulled guns on him.

It is a matter of pride with him that he has never killed anyone, although he has had to shoot four people in the line of duty. The fact that he entered his 36th year in office with no unsolved

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This picture, taken after 1928, shows Sheriff Hall (second from left) pursuing one of his many careers—that of timberman. Shown with him, from left, are Slater Smith, turpentine operator; L. E. Harris, tie operator; G. W. Corn, timber cruiser; and S. E. Fogelberg.

A Damn Good Man

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murders in his files is an indication of the caliber of his work.

One of the risks the Sheriff faced when he first took office was poverty. Asked what his salary was back in those days, he replied: "practically nothing."

Salary Mighty Slim

There were some months, he explained, when he drew as little as \$50; and therefore he had to find other sources of income to keep from going to the "poor house."

This could be one of the reasons that John Hall has become a man of many successful careers. The sheriff's job didn't provide a livelihood, and there were times under the old fee system when auditors checking the books had to remind him he had forgotten to draw any salary.

Under the fee system the sheriff charged fees for arrests, serving court papers, approving bonds and other duties. He used this money to operate his office, and pay his salary.

Today sheriffs operate under a budget system which Sheriff Hall helped to pioneer—and which provides assurance of a regular salary.

In Green Cove Springs, county seat of Clay County, Sheriff John Hall is also known as Banker Hall, a title that pre-dates his career in law enforcement.

Became a Banker

Hall began his association with the Bank of Green Cove Springs when he became a stockholder in 1920—back

when the bank was celebrating its 16th birthday. He was elected to the Board of Directors in 1926; and was elevated to the dual capacity of Chairman of the Board and President in 1938.

He has held the President's position ever since; and did not relinquish the chairman's gavel until last year when it was passed on to his son J. P. Hall Jr., who is also the sheriff's chief deputy and a graduate of the FBI Academy.

The progress of the bank with the hand of Hall at the helm is indicated by the fact that total resources have mushroomed from \$296,715 in 1920 to \$5,221,171 in 1963. Seven years ago the bank moved to a new and better location in the same block.

Hall the banker is also Hall the cattleman and Hall the timberman. The prelude to these careers goes back to his youth when he had a few head of cattle, did some farming and learned the rudiments of the timber industry by harvesting turpentine gum.

Worked on Ranch

In 1912 and 1913 he worked in phosphate mines in Marion County; and in 1915 he went to work on a big ranch operated by St. John's River Cattle Association, later to be known as Southern Cattle and Feed Co. and Florida Farm and Industries Co.

The ranch was located at the present site of Penney Farms, a retirement community in Clay County, and he was the superintendent, or "top hand," in charge of a herd of 5,000 to 6,000 cattle.

The rough, outdoor life the future sheriff lived in that pre-war era—sleeping in a blanket roll under the stars, eating from the tail gate of a chuck wagon and driving as many as 800 cattle at a time to the Jacksonville market helped to prepare him for the rough and tumble of law enforcement.

No doubt it also gave him some of the vigor that carried him through a

serious heart attack in 1958. The attack slowed him down for about a year, but he became active again in both business and crime busting.

A short hitch in the Army motor transport corps overseas during World War I interrupted Hall's career as a "cowboy," but he went back to it at the same location after landing in New York on Christmas Eve, 1919, as a returning "doughboy."

Other Careers

Early in 1914 he hung up his saddle and spurs and went to Waldo, in Alachua County, where he operated a small Ford agency for a short time.

Then he went to Sarasota and Manatee Counties to become superintendent of a logging operation; and to also work for a street paving company.

Back to Clay County he went in 1926 as superintendent in charge of paving the road from Green Cove Springs to Kingsley Lake. After that he contracted on his own for some street paving and curb and gutter work.

The construction business proved to be just an interlude in the sheriff's life, but he has continued to be active in the cattle and timber businesses. He presently has several thousand acres of pasture and timber land and a herd of about 500 cattle.

Truly, John Hall has had a long and full life. He was born in Clay County, August 26, 1894; is married to the former Grace High, who was raised at Jasper, Florida; and has a son, J. P. Hall Jr.; a daughter, Mrs. Dena Mae Hall Lemen, of Green Cove Springs; and two grandchildren, W. T. Lemen III, 7, and Susan Hall Lemen, 10.

Highly Esteemed

He has served his city, county, state and nation well; and he has gained a position of high esteem among his fellow sheriffs.

He is past president of the Florida

Sheriffs Association, and a past member of the board of directors. He was elected treasurer of the Association in 1946 and is still serving in that capacity.

When the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch was created in 1957 to provide a home for needy and worthy boys, he was one of the founders and served as its first treasurer.

Similarly, when the Florida Legislature created the Florida Sheriffs Bureau at the request of the Florida Sheriffs Association to give sheriffs a more powerful crime busting arsenal, Sheriff Hall was named to the administrative board that guided its development.

It would be safe to say that the Sheriffs Association has done nothing of any significance in the present era that John Hall has not had a hand in.

Ask "Mr. John"

In fact, his influence goes deep into the fabric of the Association; and there are some Sheriffs who, when told of a new project, will ask: "What does Mr. John think about it?" before taking any action.

This confidence in "Mr. John" is not misplaced, for he is a man of recognized integrity, firm loyalty and sound intelligence.

Furthermore, he is a confirmed realist whose principles have been forged and tempered in the fires of experience.

"I never went broke in business," he once told an interviewer, "but there have been times when I made damned little money — and times when I lost money trying to help other people."

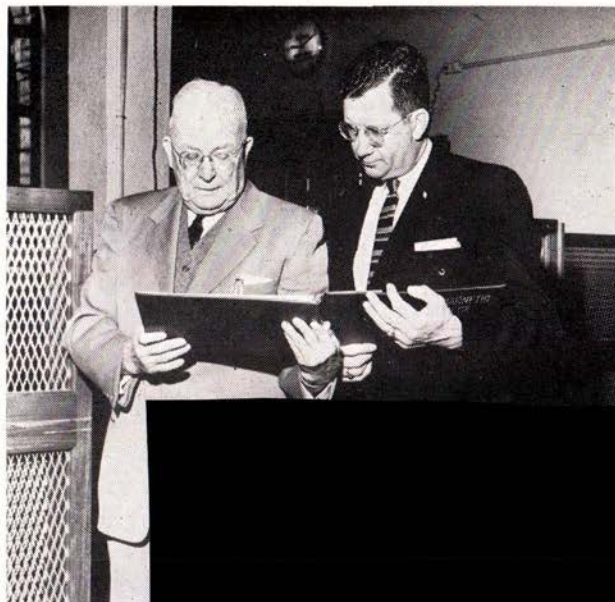
Later the same interviewer overheard the sheriff talking on the telephone about a business proposition of some sort.

"Talk ain't worth a damn without money," the sheriff said, and there was a pause while he listened to the party on the other end of the line.

Then he added: "You can sit down with a pencil and figure out how to make money, gut it takes a damn good man to go out and make it."

. . . and that just about describes

John Hall was elected chairman of the board of directors and president of the Bank of Green Cove Springs in 1938 and still holds the latter office. Last year he passed the chairman's gavel on to his son, J. P., Jr., who is shown here going over some bank records with him.



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.



LATEST GIFT—A fully-equipped horse and livestock trailer is the latest gift to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch from a publicity-shy Tallahassee man who wishes to remain anonymous. The truck pictured above and a new bath house constructed at the Ranch swimming pool were donated earlier.

Role of Ranch

CRESTVIEW — Harry Weaver, Administrator of Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, told West Florida court and law officials that the ranch serves as a preventive of delinquency.

Speaking before the West Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency at the Federal Correctional Institution, at Eglin Reservation, Weaver told of ways in which Ranch officials work with homeless and neglected boys.

He showed a film of the Ranch and said presently it has facilities to accommodate 60 boys who are trained in trades and supervised in carefully planned activities.

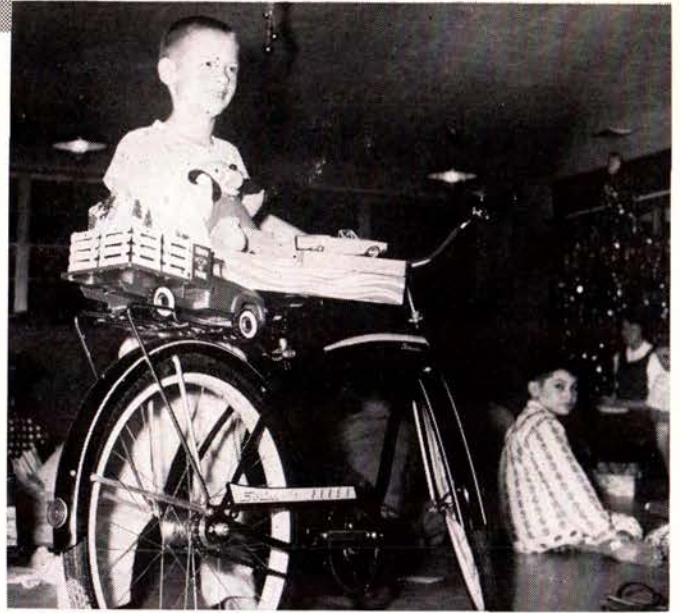
This is How it Was...

The gleam in the eye of a boy with a new bicycle . . . the excitement of opening packages . . . shouts of delight . . . gay wrappings and discarded ribbons piled around in colorful confusion . . .

These were typical sights and sounds in thousands of homes on Christmas morning, all over the nation—and at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch too, as these pictures testify.

The Ranch is "home sweet home" for 60 boys and every effort is made by dedicated staff members to make it fit that description exactly.

Photos by Dan Stainer,
Live Oak



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.

South Clearwater Community Club, Clearwater.
Mrs. William Moulton, St. Petersburg.
J. A. Cobbe, Clearwater.
Ed Starkey & Associates, Jacksonville.
Paul P. Peavy, Jacksonville.
F. M. Bullard, Jacksonville.
Conquistadors Motorcycle Club, West Palm Beach.
Henry F. Ohlau, St. Petersburg.
Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Brass, Daytona Beach.
Gramkow Funeral Home, Sanford.
Kissimmee Volunteer Fire Department, Kissimmee.
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Arthur Hosier, Daytona Beach.
J. J. Stedelin, Pompano Beach.
Broward Pump and Supply Company, Fort Lauderdale.
Lake Anglers Club, Leesburg.
Seminole Timing Association, Sanford.
Horace Zemp Brunson, Chiefland.
Riptide Players, Stuart.

Total Tops \$1,000

The Hugh Lewis Scholarship Fund, established in August to provide college educations for youngsters enrolled at the Florida Sheriff's Boys Ranch, now totals over \$1000.

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.





STUART—BOYS SHOW APPRECIATION—Ricky Carney and Timmy Fidler, Martin County boys enrolled at Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, assist Martin County Sheriff Roy C. Baker (left) in presenting a plaque to Gerald Holbrook, of Jupiter Island, for his generous contributions to the ranch. Martin Crowe, Jupiter Island Police Chief and Harry Weaver, ranch administrator, witnessed the presentation which made Mr. Holbrook a Lifetime Honorary Member of the Florida Sheriffs Association. (Photo by Ed Gluckler.)

Just Legwork

KEY WEST—Sometimes good law enforcement is just a matter of patient, persistent legwork.

Monroe County Sheriff Henry Haskins gave a good illustration of this when he cited Criminal Investigator Nathan B. Tynes for his good work in wrapping up a difficult bad check case.

Tynes was put on the trail of a man charged with forging payroll checks, traced him to Miami, 160 miles away, and continued a tireless search there until he found his quarry.

Sheriff Haskins credited excellent cooperation received from the Dade County Sheriff's Department as an important factor in solving the case. Handwriting analyzed in the Dade Sheriff's crime laboratory helped to identify the culprit.

Machine Accounting

TITUSVILLE—Sheriff Leigh S. Wilson's Department is among the first in Florida to install complete machine accounting.

The machine keeps track of all civil process, payroll, budget, bonds, fines and bond returns and gives the department more accuracy and better records, according to Wilson.

Bravo Columbus

ARCADIA — Columbus has made another discovery.

Columbus is the second generation silent trailing bloodhound trained by Sheriff Lloyd Holton.

Adding to his long list of achievements, the dog led Deputies David Keene, Jimmy Watts and Frank Kline to Brevard County escapee Samuel Clifton Stroxtile, indicted for rape.

Stroxtile and two companions had broken jail, at Titusville, after he had been indicted. The dog was put on his trail following reports of a series of robberies in DeSoto and Hardee Counties. The escapee was found asleep under a tree.

Capture of "Mr.X" Gang Credited To Baker County Deputy Nettles

MACCLENNY — Sharp-eyed Eddie Nettles, one of Sheriff Ed Yarbrough's deputies, was credited with capturing members of a gang of armed robbers who had left a trail of violence and murder over several Florida counties.

Nettles, who has a bird dog's sixth sense where lawbreakers are concerned, became suspicious when he saw a car occupied by four men and two women passing through Baker County at 2:30 a.m.

He stopped them for questioning, found \$800 in their possession, and

started an investigation that eventually linked them to a robbery in Live Oak.

They were turned over to Suwannee County Sheriff Duke McCallister, and further probing indicated they were members of the "Mister X" gang that had been terrorizing law abiding citizens over a wide area. The name of the gang stemmed from the fact that the leader had an "X" symbol taped on his jacket sleeve.

Buster Allen, 22, and Archie Davis, 20, were eventually charged with the murder of Lake City grocer Goff Howard, who was fatally wounded in an apparent holdup attempt on December 11, 1963.

The other suspected members of the gang were identified as Howard Lee Mathis, 33, and Robert Wiggins, about 38. They were all from Live Oak. A fifth suspect was questioned but not immediately identified.

The gang was accused of robbing a general store in Archer and a service station in Lake City, in addition to the Live Oak and Lake City crimes already mentioned. They were also expected to be linked to two Tampa robberies and other crimes still under investigation.

FOR EFFICIENCY
CLEARWATER — Pinellas County Sheriff Don Genung (right) and members of his staff took scientific driving ability tests as part of a continuing safety and efficiency program within the Sheriff's Department. Robert Hartcoff is shown administering the tests, which were sponsored by the State Department of Education, the Florida Highway Patrol and Pinellas County Safety Director Tom Edwards.



Twist of Fate

CROSS CITY—An ironic twist of fate resulted in the apprehension of two men sought for breaking and entering an appliance store here.

Jose H. Teran, Havana, Cuba, and Milton Givens, New York City, returned to the scene of the crime, so to speak, because they boarded the wrong bus. Deputy Leon Ward recognized and apprehended them, Sheriff Al Parker reported.

The two men had left for Tampa after breaking and entering the store. They bought bus tickets from Tampa to Jacksonville, boarded the wrong bus and returned unintentionally to Cross City. They were apprehended while trying to hitch a ride to Jacksonville. They failed to pass the lie detector test given by an agent of the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, and subsequently confessed to the robbery.

Caught by Sheriff

DEFUNIAK SPRINGS — Sheriff Howard (Andy) Anderson caught two escaped prisoners from Caryville state road camp after they had stolen a car in which the owner had left the keys.

Thomas Ros and Jimmy Abigando made off with the vehicle while the owner was inspecting some land. Troy Simmons, local real estate salesman and owner of the car, failed in his attempt to stop the men, so he hitched a ride into town and reported the incident to the sheriff.

The sheriff caught the two after a high-speed chase and said they would be charged with auto theft as well as escaping from prison.



POMPANO BEACH—FIREMEN CONTRIBUTE—Sheriff Allen B. Michell accepts a generous donation from Pompano Beach Fire Department for the fire station to be built at The Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. Also representing the sheriff's department is Deputy Otto Heltesheimer (second from left, first row). Shown presenting the check is C. A. Prevatte, president of the Firemen's Benevolent Association.

Smudge on Girl's Blouse Was Key Clue in Sex Slaying Case

MIAMI—The key to the sex slaying of 10-year-old Loreen Thorbahn was contained in a red smudge on her blouse.

Technicians in the Dade County Sheriff's Department Crime Laboratory labored over it for days until they were able to develop a partial fingerprint that appeared to match the prints of Herbert Lee Evans.

This evidence, plus a tire marking found at the scene of the crime, led to the arrest of Evans, an ex-convict. He sobbed quietly and covered his face when he was arraigned before Peace

Justice Ralph Ferguson on a rape-murder charge.

Dade County Sheriff T. A. Buchanan praised Thomas Muller, laboratory technician who found the fingerprint; James Howard, fingerprint technician who identified it; and Sgt. Charles Swift and Sgt. Frederic Roberts who located the vehicle used in the crime from photos of tire prints found at the scene.

The arrest of Evans climaxed one of the most intensive manhunts in Dade County's history — starting November 23, the day Loreen's body was found.

Detectives from all of the sheriff's special squads were assigned to the case. They combed the South Dade area, looking for clues and questioning known sex offenders and other suspicious persons.

Two of them, Charles Swift and Fred Roberts, kept such a close watch on Evans after he was first questioned that Roberts said: "I knew him better than I knew my wife."

Sheriff Buchanan said his men worked 'round-the-clock and leaves were canceled during the investigation.

Dr. Granville Fisher, criminal psychology professor at the University of Florida, told investigators they were looking for a man who could be anyone's next door neighbor.

To some extent Evans was such a man. He is married and has three children; and it was reported he often romped with the youngsters in his neighborhood. He was driving a truck for a Miami lawn spraying service at the time of his arrest.



SARASOTA — WINNING TEAM — Sheriff Ross E. Boyer presents first place trophies to the winning team at a Sheriff's Auxiliary pistol shoot. Team members are (from left) Keith Chess, Al Smith, Walt Stamets and David Walker. (Photo courtesy Sarasota Herald-Tribune.)



JACKSONVILLE — IN FOR LIFE—The plaque Sheriff Dale Carson (left) is presenting to Sol Goldman identifies him as a lifetime honorary member of the Florida Sheriffs Association, and as one of the major supporters of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

"Peanuts" almost Roasted by Jail Fire

SARASOTA—When prisoners started a fire in the Sarasota County Jail — guess who almost got "roasted."

Sam (Peanuts) Grantley Jr., 16-year-old Negro escape artist who has packed more crime into his few short years than most "old cons" can claim in a lifetime.

Whether or not Peanuts actually started the fire is not known by the writer, but the fact that he was there adds one more incident to a career that promises to make the wily youngster a legendary criminal before he reaches voting age.

He first broke into print three years ago when he was involved in a series

of jewel thefts. At that time a couple of "old pro" jewel thieves were his tutors. It seems they helped the agile lad to break into dwellings and he paid his "tuition" by helping them to steal gems valued in excess of \$50,000.

Other escapades read like a "dead end" novel but the thing that gave Peanuts his niche in crime's "Hall of Infamy" was his ability to outrun enforcement officers and elude capture.

Finally, after some wraith-like disappearing acts that made officers wonder if he was real, Peanuts was captured in the spring of 1963, convicted of a series of burglaries, and sentenced to six to 15 months in the state prison. (This was his second prison term.)

After the judge passed sentence, Peanuts was heard to say: "They ain't gonna keep me in there that long."

Apparently he meant what he said, because he escaped from a state road prison camp near Marianna on September 17, 1963. He knew his way around in that area, because he had "graduated" from the "state reform school" there on two previous occasions, but he was captured and committed to the Jackson County (Marianna) Jail after breaking into two Marianna homes.

Later, while being questioned by the Jackson County public defender, he ran out of the jail and vanished.

Back to his old haunts in the Sarasota area he went, and officers began hearing rumors that he had been seen carrying a rifle. There were also reports of burglaries that looked like his handiwork.

Rumors turned into reality on November 22 when he was captured after a running gun battle with police and a deputy sheriff.

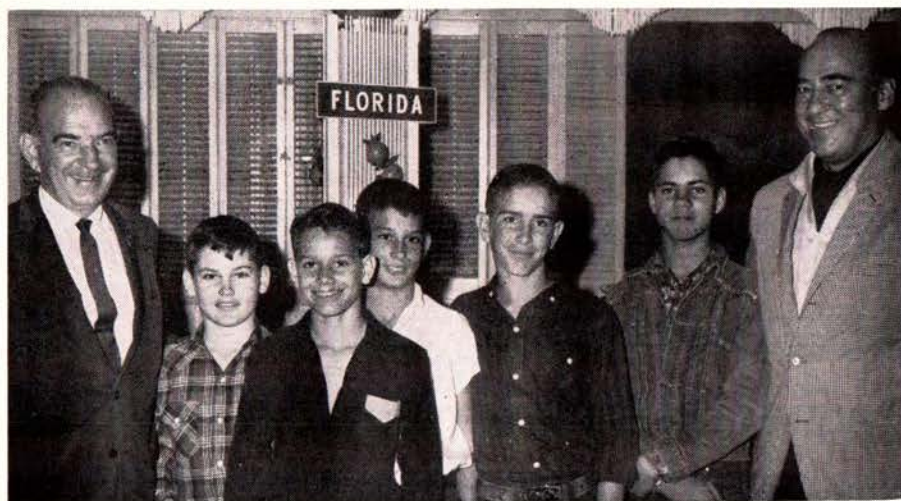
He went back to jail nursing a wounded left hand, and apparently started another escape plot which resulted in the jail fire on December 2.

The fire was quickly extinguished, and no one escaped; but the crime career of Peanuts, which started at the age of eight, is likely to blaze across headlines for years to come — if he lives that long.

In Case of Emergency

STUART—The newly formed Izaak Walton League Floatilla now comprises a team of nineteen volunteers who will work directly under Sheriff Roy C. Baker in water emergencies.

Each member will provide his own boat and his knowledge of the river to assist in water rescue and search work.



PALM BEACH—SMILES TELL THE STORY—It was a pleasant experience for five young residents of Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch to be entertained at luncheon at the Taboo Restaurant on Worth Avenue, during the Christmas holidays. Host for the occasion was Jim Peterson (right), restaurant owner and manager. Enjoying the event are (from left) Sheriff Martin M. Kellenberger; Michael Lockhart, 12; Marcus Riggins, 11, recently admitted to the ranch; Daniel Cartwright, 14; Billy Riggins, 13, brother of Marcus; and Steve Leinfus, 14.



PANAMA CITY—BOOSTER FOR BETTER EDUCATION—Ellis Mize (second from left), of Panama City, is a great believer in higher education. He was one of the founders of the scholarship fund which will provide college educations for youngsters at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, and he recently made another large contribution to this fund by presenting a check to Bay County Sheriff M. J. Daffin (left) in memory of the late Suwannee County Sheriff Hugh Lewis. He is shown presenting an additional check to Dr. Richard Morley, president, for the Gulf Coast Junior College Scholarship Fund; while Earl Cochran, Bay County Superintendent of Public Instruction looks on.

Happy Ending

TITUSVILLE—A deputy from Sheriff Leigh Wilson's Department had to repossess a hearing aid from a 12 year old boy. But the story had a happy ending.

No payment had been made on the the instrument and the company had to take action. The incident occurred prior to the holiday season and the deputy said it made him feel like "Scrooge."

The happy ending? Some local people, members of the sheriff's department and employees of the courthouse opened their pocketbooks with their hearts and collected enough money to pay the balance on the hearing aid.

Juveniles Go to Study Center—Not to Jail

CLEARWATER—A promising idea conceived by Sheriff Don Genung five years ago has congealed into a worthwhile reality in Pinellas County.

Juveniles will no longer go to jail. Instead, they will be committed to the Youth Study Center of the sheriff's administration building. This significant change prevents their coming in contact with older law violators, ensures supervised study periods so they won't fall behind in school, and provides them with individual attention.

Commenting on the former set-up, Genung said, "I've watched them sit in

their cells, mean and mad, without rehabilitation or supervision. They brood . . . they may be angry at a parent, but the mere fact they're being detained makes them angry at law enforcement."

The center will accommodate 40 juveniles who will remain there from the time they are arrested until Juvenile Judge William Patterson adjudicates their cases. They will continue their school studies under training officer Jack O'Connell and another teacher. O'Connell, who holds a master's degree in education and is a former coach, also will supervise calisthenic and recreation periods. Arts and crafts will be taught and sewing machines will be available for the girls. Heading the center is Armand Tetrault, a Deputy Sheriff with a broad background of youth work. Psychologists will study the youngsters' motivations and compile reports to aid judges in considering their cases.

Municipal law enforcement bodies have been requested to send juveniles who will be detained for more than a day to the center rather than keep them in jail.

Two classrooms, a recreation area on the roof and movie facilities in the chapel have been made available to the youngsters. A television set for viewing educational programs has been provided in a lounge where they may have visitors.



15,000 PEP PILLS
ORLANDO — Sheriff Dave Starr looks over 15,000 amphetamine tablets known also as "bennies" or "pep pills" seized by narcotics agents and sheriff's deputies in three-county raids, culmination of four months' investigation. Sale of the pills is limited to drug stores and prescription only. Five men were arrested as a result of the raids. (Photo courtesy of Orlando Star.)

It's a Big Job

MILTON—Patrolling 527,000 acres of Santa Rosa County is a big job. Details of how it is done were explained to Milton Roosters Club members by Sheriff Wade Cobb Sr. and Deputy W. T. Stephens.

The department now is able to provide 24-hour service; and expanded facilities at the County Jail provides accommodations for 147 prisoners, the sheriff said.

The office is operated on a business-like basis with deputies submitting activity reports compiled monthly to provide guidelines for more efficient operations.

Deputy Stephens said, "We're keeping abreast of changing conditions." He told about the department's bloodhounds and the important role they have played in apprehending a number of criminals in the county.

Formation of a mounted sheriff's posse and a search and rescue unit have helped also in making a better county, he said. Stephens handles junior deputy programs at schools to instill respect for law enforcement in youngsters.



STOLEN FRUIT
BARTOW — Former Sheriff Leslie Bessenger (left), who is now the head of Citrus Mutual's Fruit Protection Division, and Polk County Sheriff Monroe Brannen check a load of stolen citrus that was recovered after Lt. John Gunter, one of Sheriff Brannen's men, arrested two suspected fruit thieves. (Photo courtesy Polk County Sheriff's Department.)

SHERIFF'S GRATEFUL
POMPANO BEACH—Sheriff Allen B. Michell (left) presents a Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Builder certificate to Fred Underwood, commander of Sterling McClellan Post No. 142, for the post's contribution to the Ranch. Watching the proceedings are Deputy Otto Hettesheimer (third from left) and Adjutant Fred Heid. (Photo courtesy Broward County Sheriff's Dept.)



WANTED PERSONS

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Welton Ames Tyler Jr.

White male, date of birth 11-24-25, 5 feet, 9 inches tall, weighs 175 pounds, red hair (may be dyed black), crew cut, speaks with a lisp. Has used names Fred Carter and Fred Warren in his check operations. Wanted

by S. O. Dade County for Probation Violation, also warrants issued for Worthless Checks by S. O. Dade, Police Dept., Plantation, Fla., and Police Dept., Fort Pierce, Florida. If apprehended notify either of above or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



Billie Eugene Snyder

White male, date of birth 1-9-28, 5 feet, 9 inches tall, weighs 165 to 175 pounds, black hair, grey eyes, has tattoo of ship on both arms. When last seen was driving faded green 1956 Chevrolet, tag

unknown, accompanied by young white female. Warrants issued, charge Worthless Checks and Forgery. If apprehended notify Police Dept., St. Petersburg, Florida or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Fla.



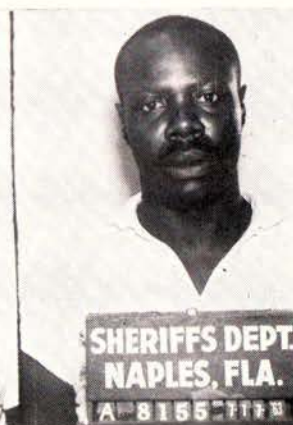
Leland Briceman Black

White male, date of birth 7-27-32, 5 feet, 10 inches tall, weighs 190 pounds, stout build, brown hair, blue eyes. Used addresses of Miami, Fla., and Barnwell, S. C. Checks may

have been stolen. Warrant issued, charge Worthless checks. If apprehended notify Constable Combee, Lakeland, Fla., or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.

Joseph W. Descaro

White male, age 36, 6 feet tall, weighs 170 pounds, black hair, dark complexion, Italian descent, false teeth, has plate in jaw (silver bar). Place of birth Uniontown, Penn. May be using name Joe Miller, as registered at a motel under that name. Warrant issued, charge Embezzlement. If apprehended notify Sheriff Linton, Perry, Florida or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



Robert Martin

Also known as "Bobby" Martin, Thomas C. Williams, colored male, date of birth 10-22-26, 5 feet, 5 inches tall, weighs 160 pounds, black hair, brown

eyes, mustache. FBI #4 538 937. Warrant issued, charge Grand Larceny. If apprehended notify Sheriff Hendry, Naples, Florida, or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.

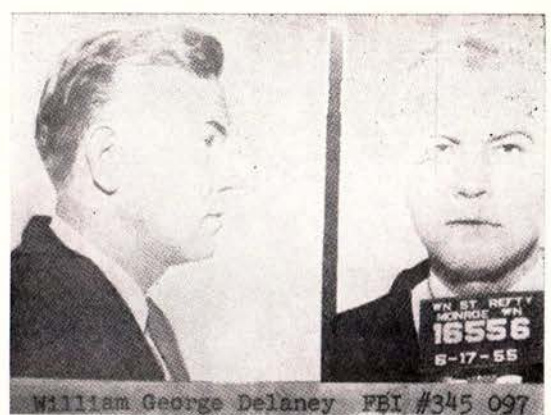


Jerry Lee Hancock

White male, date of birth 11-25-33, 5 feet, 8½ inches tall, weighs 155 pounds, black hair, brown eyes. FPC: 15, I/O, 29/27, W/W, Mom/OOO, 8. Operating 1957 Plymouth Station Wagon 1963 Florida License 42W-3083. May be in Greenville, N. C. or Norfolk, Va. Felony warrants issued, charge Uttering Forged Instrument. If apprehended notify Sheriff Baker, Stuart, Florida or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Fla.



Jerry Lee Hancock



William Delaney

Also known as Walter G. Duffy, white male, age 38, 5 feet, 11 inches tall, weighs 175 pounds, dark hair—turning grey. Driving 1963 Chevrolet Impala convertible 1963

Florida License 16W-18734, ID #31867A162-866. Felony warrant issued, charge Embezzlement. If located notify Sheriff Parnell, Punta Gorda, Florida or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.

Johnnie R. Hunt

White male, approximately in 30's, 6' 2", dark complexion, usually wears Western style clothes. Truck driver. May be wearing mustache. Warrant issued, charge Worthless checks. If apprehended notify Sheriff Kellenberger, West Palm Beach, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



Lewis D. Brown

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Also known as Leroy White, colored male, age 53, 6 feet, 1 inch tall, weighs 171 pounds, medium complexion. His record indicates his date and place of birth 9-10-10, Perry, Fla. Farm worker—moves about for

seasonal work. He may be driving a tutone green 1956 Buick, 1963 Florida License 8W-14281. Three warrants on file, Felony, charge Forgery. If apprehended notify Police Dept., West Palm Beach, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.

MISSING PERSONS

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Vincent Buccitelli

White male, age 16, 5 feet, 6 inches tall, weighs 135 pounds, brown hair and eyes, dark complexion. Missing from his home Buffalo, N. Y. since December 2, 1963. Carrying identification of Jerome Bonofede. Believed to be in Florida. If located notify Police Dept., Maitland, Florida or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



Roger Glenn Latherop

White male, age 16, no other description. Member of Civil Air Partol, Evergreen, Ala. Has relatives in Milton, Fla. If located notify Sheriff Cobb, Milton, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Fla.



Roger Lee Franklin

White male, 17, 6 feet tall, 155 pounds. Operating light green 1962 Rambler Sedan New Jersey License GZD-282. Plays good game of golf, may seek work at golf clubs. Subject had head injury in September and may be suffering from amnesia in some hospital. Believed to be in Florida. If located notify Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.

Willis Deserves An Oscar

TAVARES—Sheriff Willis V. McCall had the starring role in a real life drama.

He played the part of sheriff. The role was a natural, except that this particular law enforcement officer had to convince his fellow players that he would accept bribery.

Climax of the drama came at dinner at a Eustis restaurant when the sheriff's two companions were arrested and charged with attempted bribery.

Freed under a \$5,000 bond each were Harold Griswold, 39, of Mount Dora, and Elvin Carroll, 36, of Orlando. Also charged with conspiracy to commit bribery was D. C. Clemmons, of Mount Dora.

The sheriff said he was contacted a few months ago and had listened several times to promises of generous kickbacks if he would permit establishment of extensive moonshining and, or, bolita operations in the county. The men had left cash with him as evidence of good faith.

Sheriff's deputies, federal alcohol tax unit men and a state beverage department investigator were in an adjoining room listening to the men's conversations via a concealed microphone when the two men held their final meeting with the sheriff.

Temper! Temper!

VERO BEACH—It's doubtful that Deputy Dallas Yates of the Indian River Sheriff's Department ever again will underestimate the anger of a woman.

He had a badly bitten and fractured thumb as a reminder of his encounter with a woman whom he arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated. She made a grab for his pistol and as he extended his hand in a defensive motion, she bit his thumb. One of the wounds was severe, sheriff Sam T. Joyce said. The woman had been arrested several times previously.

Tents Donated

NAPLES—Vinyl-coated nylon tents large enough to accommodate 165 Junior Deputies were donated to Sheriff E. A. (Doug) Hendry by Naples Awning and Glass Co. More than \$500 worth of material went into the making of the tents which are valued in excess of \$1,000.

The tents will be used at a jungle campsite in the Everglades which the Sheriff and his deputies have developed for the Junior Deputies.



REMORSE—Joel Lawrence Wilson hides his face as Deputy Sheriff George McClelland (left) and Sheriff Monroe Brannen book him on murder charges in the Polk County Jail.

Murder Solved Just the Way the Textbooks Say it Should Be Done

BARTOW—Sheriff Monroe Brannen and his men have received high praise from newspapers and other sources for solving a shocking murder case just the way the textbooks say it should be done — in short order.

The murder mystery was handed to them when the young manager of a Bartow store was found dead near the city limits. There were three bullet holes in his head and his week's pay was missing.

Working night and day, the sheriff's sleuths came up with a suspect early in the investigation. He was a young ex-convict, identified as Joel Lawrence Martin, and he was traced to Columbia, South Carolina, where he was quickly placed under arrest.

A Florida Sheriffs Bureau polygraph (lie detector) operator accompanied deputy sheriffs to Columbia, and careful questioning brought out a story with many angles — at least as many as a triangle.

Martin was at first quoted as saying that the killing came about as the result of an argument over the manager's car, but the investigators suspected other motives. They returned Martin to Bartow, and through further probing, brought to light a plot that indicated there has been a romance between him and the store manager's wife.

Finally, according to Sheriff Brannen, the wife — 27 years old and the mother of three children — confessed that she and the ex-convict plotted the death of

her husband, and that she gave him the money with which to flee to South Carolina.

"Murderous truth is not only stranger than detective magazine fiction, but vastly more shocking," commented the Lakeland Ledger.

The newspaper went on to congratulate the Sheriff and Deputies J. E. DeReus, Frank Mock and Herbert Goodson for their "efficient work prompted by a determination to see that this outstanding case not go unsolved."

The Tampa Tribune saw it this way:

"Law enforcement agencies often are the subject of public criticism and also the victims of hindsight. But in the past two weeks, Bartow police and the Polk County Sheriff's Department have added stars to their crowns for fast, efficient handling of a tragic accident and a slaying.

"Alertness, perseverance and thoroughness on the part of the sheriff's department resulted in the arrests of Mrs. Shirley Ann Martin and Joel L. Wilson."

Real Life Varmints

CRESTVIEW — Cattle thieves are not confined to the television screen.

They're roaming around in real life too, and Sheriff Ray Wilson is offering a reward of \$100 for information leading to the arrest of the "varmints" that stole 10 cows from H. P. Johnson's pasture.