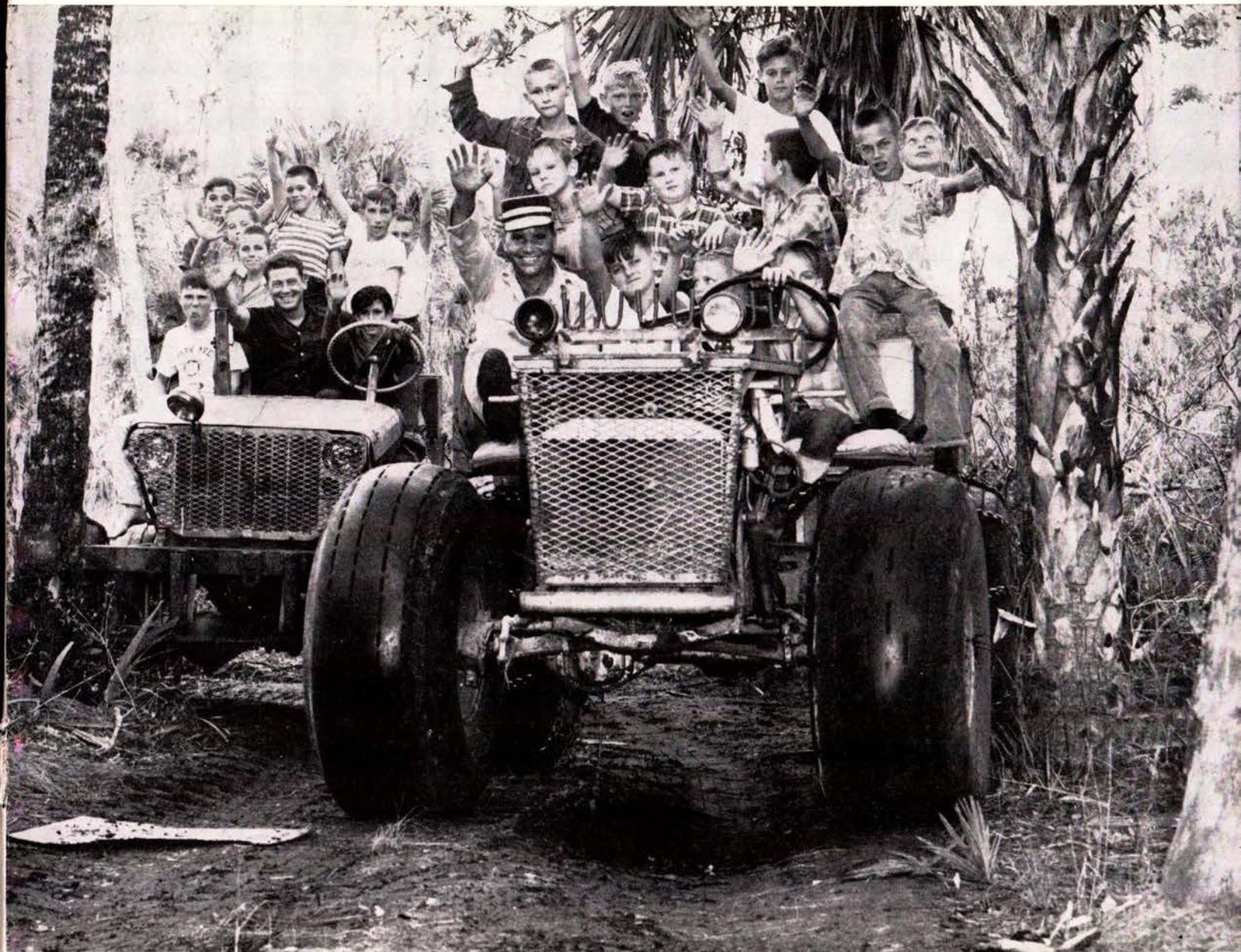


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## Never Say Yes To a Stranger

If a stranger calls and offers to give you something free, the best thing to do is say "not interested" and hang up.

The Florida Sheriffs Association has received reports from many parts of the state about various rackets operated by telephone solicitors, and in each case gullible citizens who thought they could get something for nothing were gypped out of hard earned cash.

One racket was a series of beauty treatments offered at a ridiculously low price. Some 50 housewives bit on this one, and all they got for their money was the run around.

Another racket, brought to the attention of Lake County Sheriff Willis McCall, went something like this:

Your telephone rings and the caller tells you he is trying to enlarge the circulation of certain magazines in your area. You have been selected, he says, as one of the outstanding citizens in your locale to receive free subscriptions.

You will be so impressed by these magazines, the caller says, that you will recommend them to your friends, and therefore the free subscriptions you get will be merely a token of appreciation for your good work in boosting circulation.

Citizens who bit on this one discovered later that the subscriptions weren't free. Some apparently paid up to avoid unpleasantness. Others who tried to cancel the subscriptions received letters threatening legal action if they didn't pay up.

Just remember, if a stranger calls and offers you something for nothing, the smart thing to say is "no."

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Robert Early addresses the House of Representatives.



After that . . . lunch with the Governor and other top state officials.

(Photos by Tom Anderson, Crystal Films)

## Busy Legislators

# PAUSE and Raise APPLAUSE

"For what purpose does the gentleman from Suwannee County rise?", the Speaker of the House inquired.

"To request that a distinguished guest be escorted to the rostrum," Representative Leon McDonald responded.

It was May 22.

The Florida Legislature was in the closing weeks of the 1963 session.

The backlog of bills was knee-high.

Millions of dollars and the future of millions of people were at stake, but the House of Representatives paused in its deliberations as a teen-age boy, dwarfed by the three House members escorting him, strode up the aisle to the speaker's desk.

The boy was Robert Early and the thing that made him important enough to halt the legislature in full stride was the fact that he was representing the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, a place where underprivileged boys get the breaks that are every American youngster's birthright.

In the gallery were some 40 other boys from the Ranch, and when Robert was invited to address the House, he spoke in their behalf. He thanked the legislators for the resolution they had passed earlier in the session praising the Boys Ranch, and he also spoke a word

**Youngsters from the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Won't Soon Forget the Day They Stopped the Wheels of Government . . . Received an Ovation from the Legislature . . . and Ate Lunch with the Governor.**

of appreciation for the generous support the citizens of Florida have given to the Ranch.

When his brief, poised speech was ended applause burst from the House floor, not only for Robert but for the boys in the gallery who were asked to stand and be recognized.

In the Florida Senate, a short time later, the same routine was repeated and praise was also voiced for the Sheriffs who started the ranch in 1957 and have kept it going and growing.

After visiting the legislature the boys had lunch with Gov. Farris Bryant, Secretary of State Tom Adams, Senate President Wilson Carraway; Senators L. P. Gibson, Houston Roberts, Merrill P. Barber, John Spottswood and D. D. Covington Jr.; and Representatives

Leon McDonald and J. W. McAlpin.

Guests also included Sheriffs Association President George Watts; Sheriff Ed Yarbrough, chairman of the Boys Ranch Trustees; John A. Madigan Jr., Association Attorney; and other sheriffs, Boys Ranch trustees and friends of the Ranch.

After the luncheon, the boys boarded their bus and headed back to the Ranch. With them they carried memories of the day they had caused the legislature to pause, and raise applause.

## Minutemen

DEFUNIAK SPRINGS — It took Sheriff Howard "Andy" Anderson and two of his deputies just one minute to get to the scene of the crime when a burglary was reported at Allison Grocery, a few blocks from the Sheriff's office.

The Sheriff said R. L. Trumbull was apprehended at the scene, apparently in the act of breaking a window. Trumbull, who had a tire tool in his hand, claimed he had seen two men breaking into the store and had attacked them.

He was charged with breaking and entering and his bond was set at \$2,500.



# TAKE 'EM OUT IN THE JUNGLE

*This is Sheriff Doug Hendry's Formula  
For Combatting Juvenile Delinquency  
—And There are Signs it is Working*

NAPLES — A heavily loaded bus groans to a halt deep in the heart of the Everglades.

Eager boys pile out, assemble for instructions and then begin setting up camp for the night.

Ahead of them lies a weekend of exciting adventure. They will go exploring in one of the wildest areas on the

American continent. They will sleep under the stars in jungle tents, and they will eat rib-stuffing he-man food that would tickle the palate of the toughest lumberjack.

There will be serious moments too.

Under the guidance of Sheriff Doug Hendry and his deputies they will be instructed in the techniques of survival



Our cover picture shows Sheriff Doug Hendry (wearing striped cap, front row, left) taking a jungle tour with some of his junior deputies aboard a swamp buggy.

—a subject that could mean life or death in this perilous atomic age.

## Not a Toy

They will also be schooled in first aid and firearms safety. A gun is man's best friend in this unspoiled wilderness, but each boy must learn that it is a friend to be respected and used with utmost caution—not a toy.

When the weekend is over they will pack up and go home, taking along memories—those swamp buggy rides, strange jungle noises in the night, songs around the campfire—to be cherished the rest of their lives.

The Sheriff and his deputies—somewhat weary—will pack up too and go back to their 24-hour-a-day job of maintaining the peace and security of Collier County.

## Why Did They Do It?

They were out here on their own time. This was to have been a weekend off—a time for fishing, relaxing, taking an outing with their families—but they chose to give up their personal pleasure to take a group of noisy, rambunctious boys on a camping trip.

Why did they do it?

Well . . . they like boys, but there's more to it than that.

The Sheriff and his men have been concerned about the alarming rise in juvenile delinquency that is developing all over the nation, and they believe one way to combat it is to create a firm bond of understanding between youngsters and law enforcement officers.

A little over a year ago Sheriff Hendry decided to organize a Junior Deputy Sheriff League as a means of getting closer to the youngsters of Collier County and teaching them respect for the law.

## Back Breaking Labor

His deputies liked the idea and volunteered to help, even though it meant giving up some of their meagre spare time. One of the first projects was de-



Jungle campsite deep in the heart of the Everglades



velopment of the jungle campsite, a job that required countless hours of back breaking labor under difficult conditions.

The site chosen was inaccessible by auto and one of the first jobs was to construct a trail.

Once the camp was well under way, there was the problem of transportation and this was licked when a bus was obtained for the use of the Junior Deputies.

To help the fund raising activities along, a mobile kitchen was constructed

for use in putting on benefit fish fries and other events.

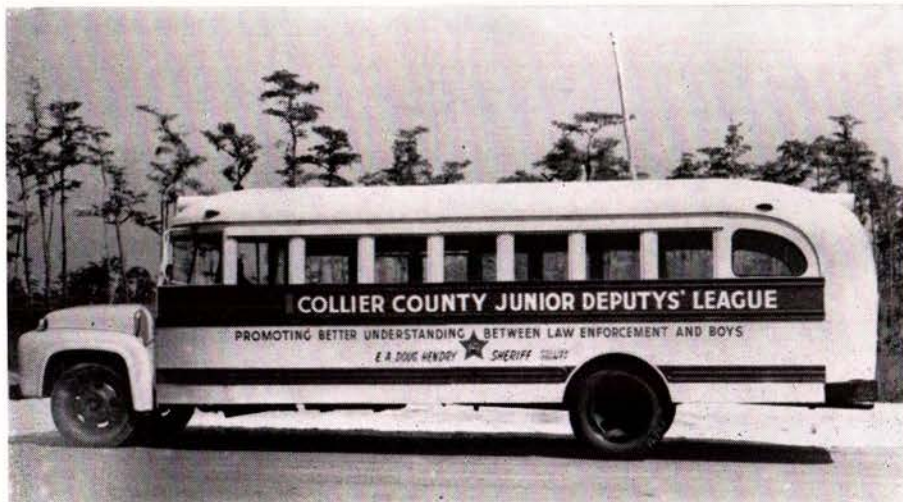
Response from Collier County youngsters in the fourth through eighth grades was enthusiastic, and now, with the program only in its second year the Junior Deputy League has more than 650 members.

During the months of December through March, these boys will be taken to the jungle campsite in groups of 100 or more for an outing. This means that the Sheriff and his deputies will be giving up at least six weekends to train and entertain the youngsters.

But Sheriff Hendry feels the results will be well worth the effort and sacrifice.

"We can't tell yet just how much progress we have made," he said, "because this work is for the future—the next five or ten years.

"All we can do is wait and work, mostly work. However, we do know that 650 boys know each deputy in Collier County by name—and that's something mighty important."



This bus solved the junior deputies' transportation problems.

Sheriff Hendry (right) doubles as chef while youngsters pass through the chow line.

#### ON FILM

NAPLES—The activities of Sheriff Doug Hendry's Junior Deputy Sheriffs are depicted in a feature-length movie produced for the organization by S. F. Briggs, owner of Solana Studios and chairman of the board of Outboard Marine Corporation.

The movie covers the entire scope of the organization's activities from monthly meetings to camping trips and is available for showing to local organizations.



## Hit'em Before They Develop—Crevasse's Answer to Youth Problems

GAINESVILLE — Alachua County Sheriff Joe Crevasse has created a Juvenile Control Division in his department to head off serious delinquency problems before they materialize.

"We don't have a serious juvenile problem now, but it is slowly growing," the Sheriff explained.

"We need quick, concentrated action on each small problem now if we're going to prevent a lot of big ones later."

Crevasse was quick to praise the work of the Alachua County Juvenile Court, but he also said he believes many cases can be solved through parents, churches, schools and organizations like the Boys Club.

One function of the Juvenile Control Division will be to supervise Crevasse's Junior Deputy Sheriff League, which has 11 chapters and a total of some 235 members.

"We're trying to give the boys a respect for and understanding of law enforcement, and instill habits of good citizenship in them."

When he announced the new Juvenile Control Division, Sheriff Crevasse also praised the work already being done with youth in Alachua County. He commended particularly the Boys' Club, the City of Gainesville Recreation Department, Boy Scouts and schools.

He said the Alachua County Health

Department's psychological testing unit and the psychiatric services at the J. Hillis Miller Health Center provide invaluable aid to the law in its dealings with juveniles.

### Socrates Too

JACKSONVILLE—You think juvenile delinquency is something new?

Duval County Sheriff Dale Carson pointed out that Socrates wrote about it in 400 B.C.

Here's what the old boy said: "The children now love luxury. They have bad manners, contempt for authority. They show disrespect for elders and love to chatter in place of exercise . . ."



## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10—

9:00 A.M.—Registration opens at the Jack Tar Harrison Hotel.

10:00 A.M.—Meeting of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Investment Committee.

12:30 P.M.—Luncheon for Sheriffs, wives and guests.

Hosts—Allen M. Campbell Construction Company, Tyler, Texas  
Allstate Insurance Company, St. Petersburg, Florida

Program—Preview of a new movie filmed at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

Also Sheriff Doug Hendry's movie: "Never So Tall" depicting activities of his Junior Deputies.

2:00 P.M.—Opening Session

Invocation

Welcome Address by: Pinellas County Sheriff Don Genung, Conference Host.

Response by:

Sheriff George Watts, President of the Florida Sheriffs Association.

Introductions by:

Hon. John A. Madigan, Jr., Attorney for the Florida Sheriffs Association.

3:30 P.M.—Tour of the Pinellas County Jail.

Expansion and renovation have made this one of the outstanding jails in the nation. All Sheriffs, wives and guests are invited to take the tour.

5:30 P.M.—Hospitality Hour

Host—Mr. Louis Swed, Tampa, Florida.

6:30 P.M.—Buses leave hotel for barbecue at Pinellas Park. Transportation provided by Clearwater Transit Co.

7:00 P.M.—Barbecue and Entertainment

Hosts — Mr. Johnny Leverock and the Pinellas County Sheriffs Department.

THURSDAY, JULY 11—

8:30 A.M.—Breakfast for Sheriffs, wives and guests.

Host—Motorola Electronics and Communications, Inc.

9:30 A.M.—Registration reopens

10:00 A.M. — Business session (for Sheriffs only)

Report on the 1963 Legislature by: Hon. John A. Madigan, Jr., Attorney for the Florida Sheriffs Association.

Report on the Florida Law Enforcement Academy by:

Special Agent Berwin Williams, Florida Sheriffs Bureau.

Report on the Florida Sheriffs Bureau by:

Sheriff Ross E. Boyer, Member of the Florida Sheriffs Bureau Administrative Board.

12:30 P.M.—Luncheon for Sheriffs, wives and guests.

Host—Ford Motor Division, Jacksonville District Sales Office.

# FIFTIETH

*Could be the*

# NIFTIETH

Host Sheriff Don Genung Has Mapped Out Excellent Program for 50th Annual Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association. Clearwater's the Place. The Dates are July 10, 11 and 12.

CLEARWATER — "Let's make the fiftieth the niftieth."

This is Sheriff Don Genung's goal as he puts the finishing touches on plans for the 50th Annual Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association which will be held at the Jack Tar Harrison Hotel, Clearwater, July 10, 11 and 12.

And, there are many reasons why he is likely to attain it.

Genung, entering into the role of host sheriff with characteristic energy, has knocked together a program that promises to set a new high—both on the serious side and in the realm of enjoyable relaxation.

He has invited Special Agent Charles D. Brennan, a member of Director J. Edgar Hoover's staff at FBI Headquarters in Washington, D. C., to bring

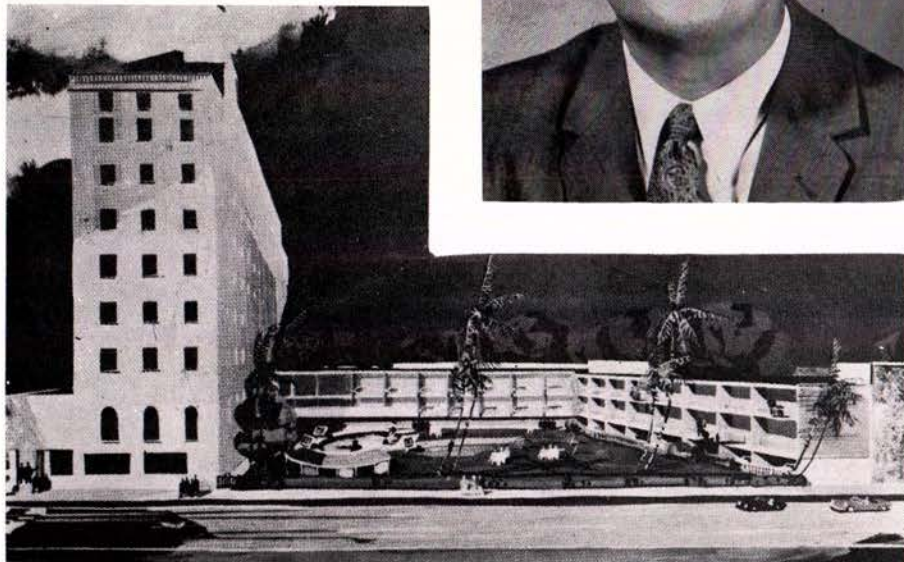


The new Pinellas County Jail addition which sheriffs and other officers will tour July 10 is the oblong building in the center of this picture. The larger structure is the new county office building. Jail additions are at either end of the former jail — the portion with the screened roof. This picture was taken last fall before construction was completed.



Special Agent Charles D. Brennan, one of the FBI's experts on Communism, will be the principal speaker at the Sheriffs Association Conference.

The Jack Tar Harrison Hotel, with new three-story motor hotel in the rear, offers ideal convention facilities.



sheriffs up to date on "The Communist Threat," a matter of much concern to all law enforcement officers.

#### *Expert on Communism*

Brennan, who is a recognized expert in the field of communism, will address a luncheon meeting, July 11 and will have in his audience a broad cross-section of law enforcement at the city, county, state and federal levels.

He has lectured widely on the subject of communism and devotes much of his time to speaking to government agencies such as the Army Security Agency, Foreign Service Institute of the Department of State, the Air Force Office of Special Investigations and the National Security Agency.

In business sessions the Sheriffs will hold a post-mortem on the 1963 Legislative Session; make further strides in the development of their latest brain child—The Florida Law Enforcement Academy; hear reports on the progress of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch and the Florida Sheriffs Bureau; select sites for their 1964 conferences; and plan concerted action against the problems that confront law enforcement.

#### *Jail Tour Slated*

A tour of the newly-renovated and expanded Pinellas County Jail is set for 3:30 p.m., July 10. This will allow sheriffs and other officers to make a first-hand inspection of a custodial layout that has been praised as one of the most

modern and best planned in the nation.

After a full day of work sessions on July 10, sheriffs, wives and guests will get an opportunity to relax at a barbecue which is scheduled to start at 7 P.M.

The next day will also be a full one, work-wise, and will be capped off with a banquet and entertainment in the ballroom at the Jack Tar Harrison Hotel.

The final session will be a breakfast meeting at 9 a.m., July 12.

#### *Facilities the Best*

Genung's chances of holding an outstanding convention are enhanced by selection of the Jack Tar Harrison as the headquarters hostelry. This fine hotel has been thoroughly modernized and new rooms and convention facilities have been added in a multi-million-dollar expansion program.

Just completed is a three-story Motor Inn in the rear of the main building which offers 85 patio rooms overlooking the swimming pool, the bay, and the colorful hotel garden.

The Motor Inn also houses a large self-park garage, a ballroom seating 1,000 (which opens into two other rooms increasing the capacity to 1,400) and a complete new kitchen.

Sheriff Genung said the convention facilities will enable the sheriffs to centralize all of their activities in one area and work out their conference program with greater ease and efficiency.

## Medic-Alert to Be Explained

CLEARWATER — Sarasota County Sheriff Ross E. Boyer will explain the benefits of Medic-Alert International to his fellow sheriffs during the 50th Annual Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association here July 10, 11 and 12.

He is the only member of the international group's advisory committee from Florida and has volunteered to explain its function to various organizations and individuals.

The purpose of Medic-Alert is to encourage persons to wear bracelets identifying their allergies and other unusual medical conditions for their protection in case of accident or other emergencies.

Medic-Alert, with headquarters in Turlock, California, maintains a file of medical information on each member, and is open 24-hours-a-day to respond to emergency calls.

The identification bracelet issued to members contains the Medic-Alert symbol engraved on the front. The reverse side carries pertinent medical information plus the telephone number of the central office.

#### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS (Continued)

Address by—

Special Agent Charles D. Brennan, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Subject—"The Challenge of Communism."

2:30 P.M.—Business Session (for Sheriffs only).

Report on the Medic-Alert Foundation by:

Sheriff Ross E. Boyer, Sarasota County.

Report on the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch by: Hon. Harry Weaver, Administrator of The Boys Ranch.

Selection of Sites for 1964 Conference.

6:00 P.M.—Hospitality Hour  
Host—Florida Power Corporation, Clearwater.

7:00 P.M.—Banquet for Sheriffs, wives and guests.

Hosts—Van Dorn Iron Works, Jail and Prison Division, Cleveland, Ohio.

Aluminum Plumbing Fixtures Corp., Burlingame, California.  
General Electric Communications Products Division.

9:00 P.M.—Entertainment arranged by Sheriff Don Genung; and sponsored by Folger Adam Co., Joliet, Illinois.

#### FRIDAY, JULY 12—

9:00 A.M.—Breakfast for Sheriffs, wives and guests.

Host — General Telephone Company of Florida, St. Petersburg.

10:30 A.M.—Conference adjourns.



# 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.

## 67 "Dads" Were Rooting for Wally Edwards

LIVE OAK — Most boys consider themselves lucky to have one father — but Wally Edwards is luckier than most. He had 67 "Dads" rooting for him when he walked across the stage at Suwannee High School, June 3, to get his diploma.

Wally was "adopted" by Florida's 67 sheriffs when he became one of the first boys to enroll at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch back in 1959; and now he is the first boy from the Ranch to graduate from high school.

"I couldn't feel any prouder if he was my natural son," said Baker County Sheriff Ed Yarbrough, Chairman of the Boys Ranch Board of Trustees, "and I am sure all of my fellow sheriffs feel the same way."

Formerly a resident of Woodville, a small community near Tallahassee, Wally has made an outstanding record of scholarship and leadership at the Ranch. Last year he was one of the youths representing Florida at the National Convention of the Future Farmers of America and he has developed public speaking talents that make him the envy of many of his adopted Dads.

The 17-year-old youth will continue to live at the Boys Ranch, 11 miles north of Live Oak, and he will start his college education in the Fall by commuting to nearby North Florida Junior College. His ambition is to become a vocational agriculture teacher.

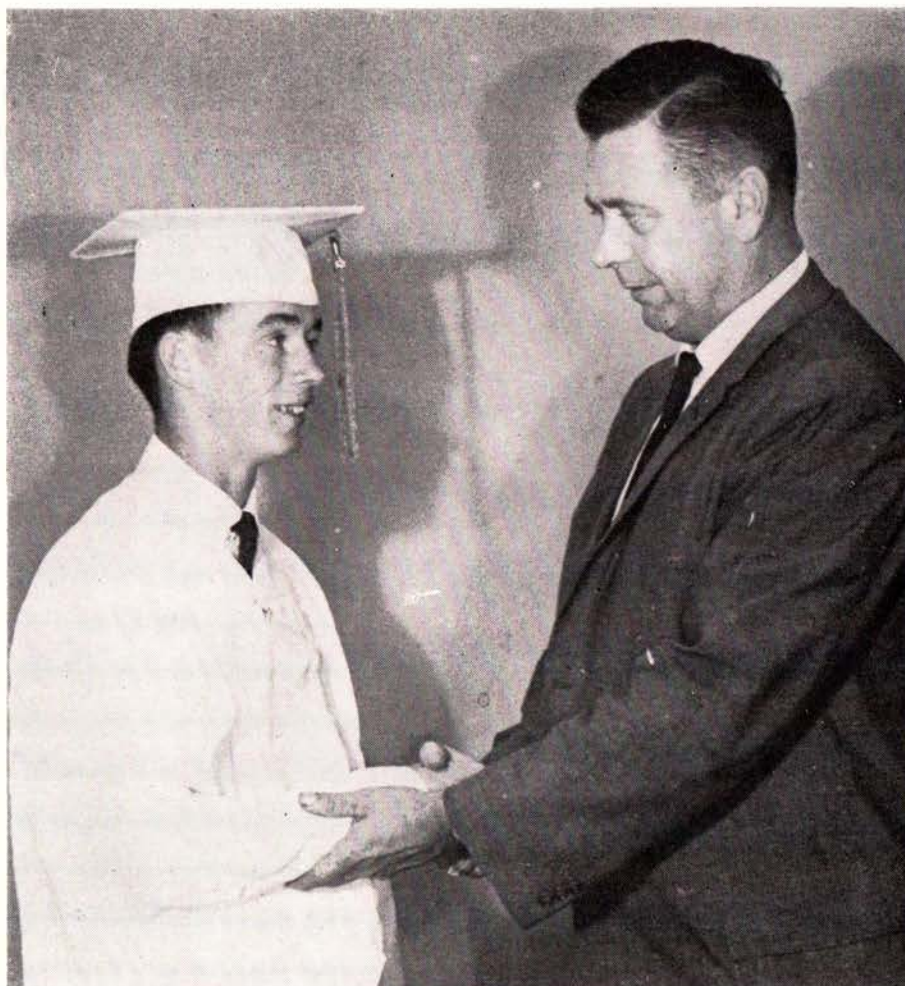
"Wally is a good example of what the Ranch can do for needy and worthy boys," said Sheriff Yarbrough. "We have given him the breaks in life he so richly deserved, and now we have the satisfaction of seeing him take his place in society as a responsible citizen."

The Sheriff explained that Wally is a "trailblazer" for hundreds of other youngsters from all parts of Florida who will come to the Ranch in the years ahead seeking a good home and a secure future. "We intend to give all

of them a college education or a good trade which will make them self-supporting," he added.

There are 52 boys living at the Ranch now, ranging in age from 8 to 17, and facilities are being expanded as fast as funds will permit toward a target enrollment of 400.

Financed entirely by public donations, the Ranch was founded in 1957 as the first institution of its kind sponsored by sheriffs. Since then the sheriffs of Georgia and Alabama have established boys ranches, and other states are considering similar projects.



WALLY EDWARDS RECEIVES CONGRATULATIONS from Leon County Sheriff W. P. (Bill) Joyce, the Sheriff who recommended him for enrollment at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. (Tallahassee Democrat photo by Ellis Finch.)



# Legislative Box Score

## History-Making "High Hazard" Bill

### One of Six Passed During Session

The Florida Sheriffs Association chalked up many accomplishments during the 1963 session of the Florida Legislature; but the one that stands out as a landmark in law enforcement is the establishment of a "high hazard" retirement system for Sheriffs and their "front line" deputies.

The bill that created this history-making system was one of six Sheriffs Association bills passed by the Legislature.

Under certain conditions it allows Sheriffs and those deputies whose duties are unusually hazardous to retire with full benefits five years earlier than other county employees. But, it also requires them, rather than the state, to foot the bill for these additional benefits by contributing an additional 2½ per cent of their monthly salaries.

Deputies employed as office clerks, typists, secretaries, bookkeepers, etc., will not be eligible for high hazard benefits and will be under the same retirement plan as other county employees.

Historically, the "high hazard" bill spells out in Florida's law books for the first time the fact that Sheriffs and their deputies deserve special consideration because of the risky nature of their duties. It recognizes in a significant way that they work longer hours, face greater dangers and undergo more physical wear and tear than most other county employees.

It also takes into account the fact that they normally have shorter careers than other workers up and down the court house halls, and therefore are at a disadvantage under a retirement system that gives everyone the same benefits across-the-board based upon years of service.

For example, a "high hazard" deputy can't be sworn in until he's 21 and his physical efficiency under the daily strain of law enforcement begins to taper off between 50 and 55; while other county employees can start at 18 and keep plugging until 65.

Other Sheriffs Association bills passed by the Legislature will:

- (1) Tighten county jail security by making the smuggling of weapons and other contraband into jails a serious offense.
- (2) Prohibit obscene and indecent telephone calls.
- (3) Streamline Sheriffs' bookkeeping systems by setting uniform fees for serving civil papers.
- (4) Improve the procedure for disposing of confiscated, abandoned or contraband property.
- (5) Broaden the law that prohibits felons from carrying weapons.



SARASOTA — RODEO PRIZES — More than 170 prizes were awarded in the Fifth Annual Bicycle Rodeo sponsored by Sheriff Ross E. Boyer's Safety Club. The Sheriff (right) and Deputy Sheriff C. N. "Cap" Stevens, Safety Club Director, are shown inspecting the first place trophy.

## Sheriff Cites Ten Deputies

TITUSVILLE—Sheriff Leigh Wilson cited ten of his deputies for bravery, brains and other desirable qualities.

Exceptional merit awards went to Lt. J. Les Richards and Criminal Agent Donald T. Scaff for capturing a violent and extremely dangerous insane woman and to Deputy W. J. Granger for his courage and quick thinking in subduing and disarming a dangerous man.

Awards of Merit went to Criminal Agent William A. Pugh and Assistant Chief Criminal Agent Ernest J. Thrower for the apprehension and arrest of three persons on narcotics charges; to Lt. Alton H. Pettingill Jr. and Deputy C. B. Jones Jr. for catching two car thieves; to Sgt. R. B. Mercer for thwarting a jail break; to Sgt. James A. Gavin for organizing a department blood bank and devoting many extra hours to water safety activities; and to Sgt. Kenneth D. Stearns for improving the efficiency of the sheriff's department.

### Move Over Men

ARCADIA — The DeSoto County Sheriff's Posse is a man's world no longer.

A group of horsewomen have organized a group they call the Posettes to ride in parades and participate in other public functions.

The president is Mrs. D. R. Foley; vice-president, Mrs. Kayo Welles; the treasurer, Mrs. Adell Brown; the secretary, Mrs. Betty Sue Allen; and the reporter, Mrs. Richard Barnard.

## Fitness Bill Pleases Tribune

The Tampa Tribune, daily newspaper, was pleased with State Senator John Spottswood's bill to expand the school physical education program in Florida.

An editorial dated May 14, 1963, stated that the former Sheriff of Monroe County will "earn his pay" with this one bill, if he doesn't accomplish another thing.

The editor pointed out that the present physical education program practically stops at the 10th grade, and requires participation by state university

students only four out of eight or more trimesters.

To the Tribune it seems inconsistent to demand conditioning of children who are most likely to be extremely active anyway, then relax the demands as they grow older to the extent "that many (like too many adults) both figuratively and literally soon go to pot."

Senator Spottswood's answer to this inconsistency is to require a full daily class period of physical exercise for grades 7 through the senior year of college.





## 8,000 Junior Deputies Showed Up for Free Amusement Rides

LARGO — Pinellas County Sheriff Don Genung and his deputies had their hands full riding herd on some 8,000 members of the Sheriff's Junior Deputy League who showed up for free amusement rides provided by Blue Grass Shows during the Pinellas County Fair.

The picture above of a small segment of the crowd of youngsters gives some

indication of the magnitude of the Sheriff's assignment.

Also pictured is C. C. Groscurth (second from left), owner of Blue Grass Shows, receiving a plaque from Sheriff Genung as a token of appreciation for giving the junior deputies a thoroughly enjoyable field day. Looking on are Detectives Armand Tetrault (left) and

Arnold Cluster, members of the Sheriff's Youth Aid Bureau.

Mr. Groscurth is well known for his interest in youth projects and he has been a loyal supporter of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch for several years. He was among the first Boys Ranch contributors to receive a lifetime honorary membership in the Florida Sheriffs Association.

## Sheriff Won't Award Oscars

TITUSVILLE — The guys and gals who star in Sheriff Leigh Wilson's movies won't win any Oscars—and few, if any, acquittals.

The Sheriff plans to take color-sound movies of persons arrested for drunken driving, and when necessary he can show the film in court to contradict the defendant who claims he had "just one little bottle of beer."

A jury will be able to judge for itself after observing the antics and responses recorded on film.

This is only one of many improvements Sheriff Wilson had made since he took office in January.

He has also organized a vice squad to concentrate on gambling, moonshine traffic and similar activities; and he is constantly improving his communications set-up.

Leased telephone lines enable citizens in Cocoa, Cocoa Beach and other cities in Brevard County to reach the Sheriff's central headquarters in Titusville without making a toll call.

Sheriff Wilson recently equipped his photo laboratory to process color film so color pictures can be taken of crime scene evidence and other subjects. This will make the pictures more effective and enhance the preparation of evidence for court presentation.

## Formula for Catching Thief

SARASOTA — In Sarasota County Sheriff Ross Boyer's formula for catching a thief is—"use every means available."

A good illustration was the all-out effort staged by the Sheriff and his deputies by land, water and air to nab a suspected burglar and loot stolen from a Florida Power and Light Company sub-station.

The entire operation was completed in less than 10 hours and involved bloodhounds, a motorcycle, patrol cars and an airplane.

Sheriff Boyer scanned the theft area from the air and located an abandoned utility truck which had been stolen by the thieves and used to transport the stolen property.

Then the dogs were called in and launched a land and water search through swamps and woodlands.

The search led deputies to a man hiding in the weeds. Nearby they found a quantity of wire and tools stolen from the sub-station.



**STREAMLINED**  
FORT LAUDERDALE — Broward County Sheriff Allen B. Mitchell watches a demonstration of the new push-button filing system he has installed to streamline identification of criminals and other vital procedures. He said the electronic ferris wheel is capable of handling 35,000 index cards and replaces 15 bulky filing cabinets. (Photo courtesy Fort Lauderdale News.)



# Court Holds Firing of Sheriff Short-Circuited Democracy

TALLAHASSEE — The Florida Supreme Court, in an opinion filed May 15, 1963, ruled that Dade County Manager Irving G. McNayr had the power to fire Dade County Sheriff Thomas J. Kelly summarily and without notice—even though it short-circuited the normal democratic process.

McNayr fired Kelly in December, 1962, for using a General Motors car provided free of charge. He said the 1963 Pontiac constituted a gift and contradicted an order prohibiting county employees from accepting favors.

Kelly claimed that the County Manager did not have the power to fire him, and he carried his contention all the way to the State Supreme Court.

The high court, in an opinion written by Justice Millard Caldwell, conceded that "under the form of government conceived by the Founding Fathers of this Nation" Kelly was correct.

"But," the opinion continued, "here we have an anomalous sort of authoritarianism which has short-circuited the normal democratic process."

The opinion was referring to the fact that Dade County, by constitutional amendment, was empowered to adopt a home rule charter which created a county manager and gave him authority to hire and fire the Sheriff.

Kelly argued that such arbitrary power was never intended, or if intended, was in violation of the Constitution of the State of Florida.

In response to this argument, the Supreme Court held that "although it may be bad government, it is not unconstitutional because, at the behest of Dade County, the people of Florida approved the Amendment, *supra*, which

granted the right to exercise such powers."

Then the court referred to the following quotation from George Washington's "Farewell Address":

"If in the opinion of the people, the distribution or modification of the Constitutional powers be in any particular wrong, let it be corrected by an amendment in the way which the Constitution designates. But let there be no change by usurpation; for though this, in one instance, may be the instrument of good, it is the customary weapon by which free governments are destroyed."

In conclusion, the court held that Dade County, "under its charter and pertinent ordinances, has the power to abolish the appellee's office of County Sheriff, to hire the appellee on a daily basis to serve at the will of the manager and to fire him without cause or notice."



## HORSE SHOW RAISES FUNDS FOR BOYS RANCH

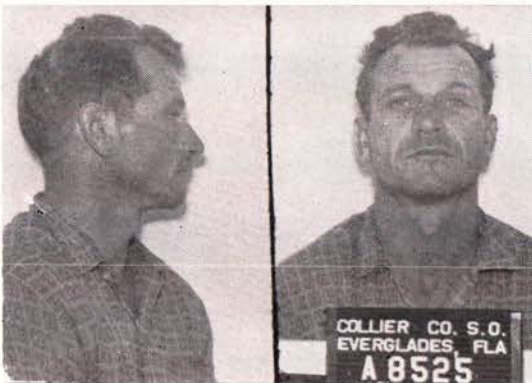
ORLANDO—A Horse Show sponsored by The Orange County Sheriff's Mounted Posse on April 21 drew a record crowd and raised almost \$600 for the Florida Sheriff's Boys Ranch. Sheriff Dave Starr was on hand to present trophies and ribbons to the winners and to greet a group of boys from the Ranch. He is pictured (third from right) with the boys and Boys Ranch Farm Manager Bud Royal (second from right). The Sheriff is also shown with one of the boys, Mike Hampton, presenting a Grand Champion ribbon to Susan Moxin, of Winter Haven. Pictured topping the timbers is Roger Dykes, of Maitland, first place winner in the open jumping class.





# WANTED PERSONS

As compiled by the  
Florida Sheriffs Bureau  
Don McLeod, Director



**Gerald Eugene Doughtry**

White male, date and place of birth 10-27-24, Cedro, Ohio, 5 feet, 10 1/2 inches tall, weighs 175 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes; cut scar right side of face. FBI #450-

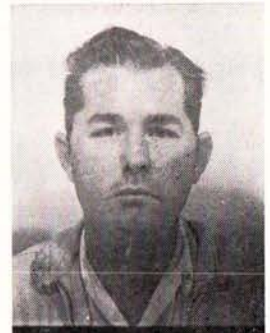
2718. F.P.C.: 11, S/S, 11/2, U/U, IIO/OII, 11. Bench warrant issued, charge Failure to appear in Court, D.W.I. If arrested notify Sheriff Hendry, Naples, Florida or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



**James Miller**

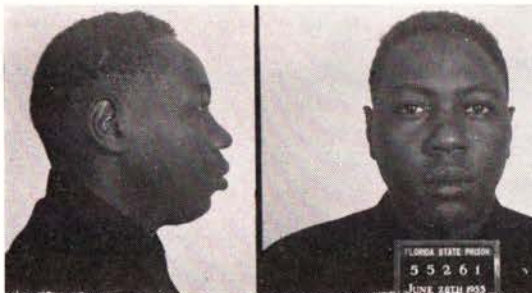
Colored male, date of birth 8-12-39, 5 feet, 8 inches tall, weighs 150 pounds, dark complexion. Driving grey 1954 Buick, 1963 Florida license 23W-7197, on piece of cardboard. Subject is

from Alabama and may have returned to that State. Warrants issued, charge Breaking and Entering, will extradite. If apprehended notify Police Dept., Panama City, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



**William George Sasser**

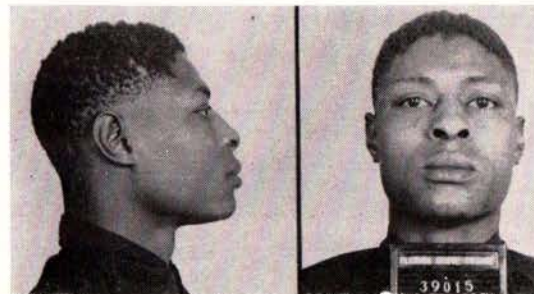
White male, date of birth 6-22-29, 5 feet, 10 1/2 inches tall, weighs 170 pounds, brown hair, hazel eyes. Was in business in Lakeland under name of "Tri Cool Roof Service." Has in his possession a number of these checks. Believed to be driving a 1963 Ford Econoline P/U, color white, bearing 1963 Florida duplicate tag 90G/H 14. Warrants issued, charge Worthless Checks. If located notify Constable Combee, Lakeland, Fla., Police Dept., Tampa, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



**Nathaniel Andrews**

Colored male, date of birth 3-12-33, 5 feet, 9 1/4 inches tall, weighs 200 pounds, black hair, dark brown eyes, dark brown complexion. Scar right upper lip, two large cut scars back of right hand. Occupation: Hospital worker. FPC:21, L/S, 1/4, U/W, OOO/III, 15. Subject's home in

Orlando and he has relatives there. Wanted for Escape from State Road Prison #5755, St. Augustine, Florida where he was serving 6 month to life sentence for Unarmed Robbery. If apprehended notify Sheriff Davis, St. Augustine, Fla., Division of Correction, or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



**R. J. Lewis**

Also known as Mac McELROY, colored male, date and place of birth 2-17-14, Georgia, 6 feet tall, weighs 160 pounds, black hair, brown eyes, black complexion; numerous scars, some identified as long dim scar left side of face extending from lower left eye to left jawbone; scar right side of head and

gun shot wound scars on left hip and abdomen. FPC:2, U/M, 1/17, U/U, IIO/IIO, 6. Wanted by FBI, Fugitive Warrant, charge Unlawful Flight to Avoid Confinement on Charge of Murder. Subject considered armed and dangerous, use caution in apprehending. If located notify nearest FBI office or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



## Practical Side

WEST PALM BEACH — Students enrolled in Law Enforcement courses at Palm Beach Junior College will get valuable practical experience through an on-the-job training program established at the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Department.

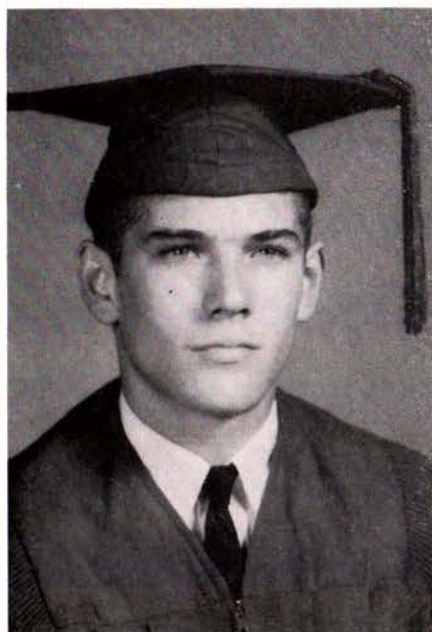
Arranged by Sheriff Martin Kellenberger in cooperation with Junior College officials, the program is open to both men and women students.

The Sheriff said the program was primarily the brain child of Detective Ernest C. Blount, who did much of the work in organizing it.

Students will be assigned to various divisions in the Sheriff's Department and will be given weekly ratings. They will be rotated through the various divisions such as criminal records and identification, communications, crime laboratory, harbor patrol, county jail, detective bureau, criminal warrants and road patrol, to give them a broad over-all concept of the entire operation.

They will work from 5 to 15 hours a week without pay handling various administrative duties; but they will not serve as bonded or special deputies and will not have any police authority or power.

Those under 21 will have to have parental consent to participate in the program.



CHIPLEY — WEST POINTER — Washington County Sheriff George Watts, Jr., was recently notified that his son George III, 17, pictured above, has been appointed to the U. S. Military Academy at West Point by U. S. Congressman Bob Sikes. The Sheriff's son was graduated from Chipley High School where he was a member of the Beta Club, an organization of top students; and played basketball, football and golf. He is scheduled to enroll at West Point July 1.

JUNE, 1963



PENSACOLA—PLUG FOR AMERICANISM—Escambia County Sheriff William E. Davis (left) described Americanism as "the greatest 'ism' in the world" when he presented a talk to Boy Scouts and their leaders on National Youth Day. (Photo by Escambia County Sheriff's Department.)

## Finding of Skeleton Breaks Six-Year Mystery Surrounding Missing Grocer

BRADENTON—The veil of mystery surrounding one of Florida's most puzzling crime cases was lifted spectacularly May 11 when two Negroes chasing a rattlesnake stumbled onto parts of a human skeleton.

Sheriff Ken Gross and his deputies rushed to the scene, about a mile east of the little town of Parrish, and began an intensive investigation which led them to conclude that the skeleton was the remains of Gettis Lee, a wealthy Manatee County grocer and citrus grove owner, who disappeared March 7, 1957.

For six years Gross and countless other lawmen had been puzzling over Lee's disappearance, and the finding of the skeleton gave them important clues which are expected to lead them to a solution of the case—perhaps the arrest of a murderer or murderers.

### Wife's Body Found First

Lee and his wife disappeared from their home at Parrish, about 14 miles northeast of here, on a windy, rainy night in 1957. Mrs. Lee's body was found two days later in a creek along a dirt road about three miles west of Parrish.

She had been brutally beaten and shot three times at close range.

The night before her body was found, Lee's car was found at Palmetto, about 10 miles away. It was locked, but inside was his hat with bullet holes in it.

The evidence indicated Lee too had been murdered, but there was no trace of Lee until the skeleton was found.

The skull had what appeared to be a bullet hole at the right rear base. The jaw contained dental plates which a Bradenton dentist identified as Lee's.

Deputies spent most of a day sifting sand in the area where the skeleton was found and came up with a watch, a tie clasp, cuff links, a belt, a pair of shoes and some loose coins.

### Watch Identified

A watchmaker identified the watch as one he had repaired for Lee two weeks before he disappeared. It contained the watchmaker's identification mark.

The tieclasp had the initial "L" on it.

Lee's sister, Mrs. Ruby Long, identified the belt, shoes and watch as belonging to Lee.

Lee was known to have carried considerable sums of money on his person and at the time of his disappearance there was speculation he had been robbed. Several loose bills were found near Mrs. Lee's body, adding to the speculation.

The area in which Lee's body was found had been burned over regularly every two years, thus destroying all items of clothing and any paper money which may have been on the body.

When the Lees first disappeared, a check of their home showed no signs of struggle and indicated Mrs. Lee had gone to bed, then got up and dressed. She was fully clothed when found, leading officers to theorize she left home with someone she knew. Lights were left burning in the home.



The Florida Law Enforcement Academy—newest brain child of the Florida Sheriffs Association—is making speedy progress and is expected to be under construction by mid-summer.

Last month the Association purchased 10 acres of land at the new Tallahassee Municipal Airport as a building site; then promptly advertised for construction bids.

The bids will be opened on June 20, and a ground-breaking date will be set as soon as the successful bidder is selected. Association officials hope to turn the first spadeful of earth some time during the early part of July; and they expect the buildings to be completed next fall.

### **Commissioners Helpful**

If this timetable is followed it will mean that the Academy will be ready for the first students within less than a year after the Sheriffs of Florida first gave it their stamp of approval.

Much credit for this fast pace belongs to the Tallahassee City Commission. Members of the Commission were cooperative in helping the Sheriffs Association select a suitable building site at the Municipal Airport, and they made the land available at a very attractive price.

They also offered the use of the city's new police pistol range for the Academy's firearms courses. The pistol range is located at the airport, a short distance from the Academy site.

### **For All Lawmen**

Another factor in the progress of the Academy is the cooperative attitude of law enforcement agencies and organizations throughout the state.

When the Academy was first conceived, the Sheriffs Association made it clear that it was meant to serve all levels of law enforcement state-wide.

Early in the development of the project the Sheriffs asked Gov. Farris Bryant to appoint representatives from the ranks of city, county, state and federal law enforcement to serve on an advisory committee.

This committee, which also included representatives from Florida State University and the State Department of Education, held its first meeting on May 22 and made considerable progress in development of a broad, practical curriculum for the Academy.

### **Interest and Support High**

One of the significant aspects of this meeting was the interest which the committee members evidenced in the Academy, and their apparent willingness to give it their enthusiastic support.

Enthusiasm has also cropped up in the rank and file of law enforcement officers, and is reflected in the large number of inquiries that have been re-

# Ground Breaking Date Nears for Training Academy

ceived from men who want to enroll for various types of training.

This supports the contention of Florida's Sheriffs that there is a great need for additional law enforcement training opportunities in Florida; and that better training for officers will do more to upgrade law enforcement in Florida than any other single factor.

### **Will Not Compete**

Sheriffs Association officials have been careful to explain that the Academy is not intended to replace any existing training program or compete with the university and junior college courses now being offered in Florida.

They pointed out that **law enforcement education**, as offered at institutions of higher learning; and **law enforcement training**, as offered at the Acad-

emy are two distinct fields and are not competitive.

The Academy will provide training for city, county and state enforcement officers at all levels—from rookie to top command—and it has been estimated that there are over 10,000 potential students in Florida's present enforcement ranks.

The Academy buildings will be built by the Sheriffs Association. They will be known as the Florida Sheriffs Memorial Training Center.

The school itself will be called The Florida Law Enforcement Academy, and 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 law enforcement agencies throughout the state.



THIS DOOD IT — Sheriff W. P. (Bill) Joyce (right) hands Tallahassee Mayor Sam Teague a check in exchange for a deed giving the Florida Sheriffs Association title to 10 acres of land at the Tallahassee Municipal Airport. Thus was consummated the purchase of a building site for the Florida Law Enforcement Academy, with Florida Sheriffs Bureau Director Don McLeod (left) as a witness. (Tallahassee Democrat photo by Ellis Finch.)





A CROSS-SECTION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT was represented by these members of the Governor's Advisory Council for Law Enforcement Training when they met in Tallahassee, May 22, to develop the curriculum for the Florida Law Enforcement Academy. They are, from left: (standing) Putnam County Sheriff Walt Pellicer, representing the Florida Sheriffs Association; Lt. Bill Barnett, Florida Highway Patrol; State Attorney W. D. Hopkins, Florida Prosecutors Association; Assistant Special Agent K. W. Whittaker, FBI; Thurman Bailey, State Department of Education; David Swindell, Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission; Sarasota County Sheriff Ross E. Boyer, Florida Sheriffs Bureau; Special Agent Berwin Williams, Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Chairman of the Advisory Committee; Assistant Attorney General Reeves Bowen; R. D. Ramsey, State Beverage Department; James Ball, State Division of Corrections; James Goode, Florida Peace Officers Association; Don McLeod, Director of the Florida Sheriffs Bureau; (seated) Elmer Emrich, Governor's Office; Orange County Sheriff Dave Starr, Florida Sheriffs Bureau; Circuit Judge Robert L. McCrary, Circuit Judges Association; Washington County Sheriff George Watts, president of the Florida Sheriffs Association; Louie L. Wainwright, Director, Division of Corrections; and Judge Richard M. Stanley, County Judges Association. (Florida Sheriffs Bureau photo by Phil Stitt.)

## Deputy Escorts Honeymooners

FT. MYERS—Newlyweds from Norfolk, Va., sent a donation of \$10 to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch as a token of appreciation for the courteous assistance they received from an unknown Lee County Deputy Sheriff.

In a letter to Lee County Sheriff Flanders Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Woodlief explained that they were rushing to catch the last ferry to Sanibel Island where they had rented a honeymoon cottage when they asked a deputy in car 307 for directions.

The courteous deputy not only told them how to get to the ferry but gave them an escort.

"We could not have made the ferry without his help," the Woodliefs said, and they asked Sheriff Thompson to give their "heartfelt thanks to your unknown deputy for his important part in our getting to our honeymoon cottage and adding to the many memories we will cherish through the years to come."

Mrs. Woodlief said Levy County Sheriff James W. Turner is a lifelong friend of her family and she had heard about the Boys Ranch from him.

## Joint Effort

FORT WALTON BEACH — Sheriff Ray Wilson, the State Beverage Department and city police combined forces to smash a Bolita ring that was operating here.

After staking out a residence which was believed to be the headquarters of the ring, officers swooped in and arrested five persons on charges of conducting a lottery.

## Still Untamed

MOUNT DORA — The hazards of Florida's pioneer days have not been completely wiped out.

John Tietjen, 69, of Mount Dora, shot and killed a bobcat after it bit and scratched him.

Sheriff Willis V. McCall later reported that the animal was rabid.

## Dave Starr Appointed to Sheriffs Bureau Board

ORLANDO—Orange County Sheriff Dave Starr logged another milestone in his distinguished law enforcement career last month when Gov. Farris Bryant appointed him to the administrative board of the Florida Sheriffs Bureau.

He will fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Monroe County Sheriff John M. Spottswood, who was elected to the Florida Senate in March, 1963.

The Bureau was created in 1955 to give crime fighting assistance to sheriffs in all sections of the state and the administrative board that runs it is composed of The Governor, The Attorney General and five sheriffs.

Other sheriffs serving on the board at the present time are Don Genung, Pinellas County; Ross E. Boyer, Sarasota County; Dale Carson, Duval County and George Watts, Washington County.

Sheriff Starr is the only Florida Sheriff with the distinction of being a past president of the National Sheriffs Association. He is also an honorary lifetime member of the NSA; a past president of the Florida Sheriffs Association; and a past member of the Board of Trustees of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

Other offices he has held in the Florida Sheriffs Association include vice president and member of the board of directors.



**Sheriff Starr**

## \$1,000 Raised

SARASOTA — Benefit performances of the United Nations Circus sponsored by Sheriff Ross Boyer and his deputies raised \$1,000 for Sarasota County's new Juvenile Detention Home.

## CAP Commander

OKEECHOBEE — Sheriff Jack McPherson was named temporary commander when a new senior Civil Air Patrol squadron was formed here.



# Thrills Spills and Dollar Bills

WAUCHULA — American kids can take it—and give it.

If you have any doubts, you should have attended the Junior Rodeo the Hardee County Sheriff's Auxiliary and the Hardee County Roping Club staged for the benefit of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

The way those kids took their bumps and bruises in the rodeo ring would have gladdened the heart of the hardest pioneer.

And the old timers who made our nation the greatest on the globe would also have liked the theme behind the rough and tumble show—raising funds to help less fortunate youngsters.

Hardee County Sheriff E. Odell Carlton, who helped to ramrod the second annual benefit rodeo, said that the young cowpokes raised almost \$900 for the Boys Ranch.

That's giving in the good old American way.

The two-day rodeo, April 27 and 28, featured bronc riding, bull riding, calf roping, steer decorating and barrel racing. Also on the program was a parade featuring a motorcycle squad from the Dade County Sheriff's Department and a local riding club for young people known as the King Kong Rangers. Both groups are pictured on this page.

Top contestants were Millie Hall, of Thonotosassa, who was named best all-around cowgirl; and Alan Parker, of Tampa, who was the outstanding cowboy. Each received a trophy from the Hardee County Roping Club.

Sheriff Carlton said attendance did not come up to expectations, but the show the youngsters put on was better than some of the senior rodeos.

