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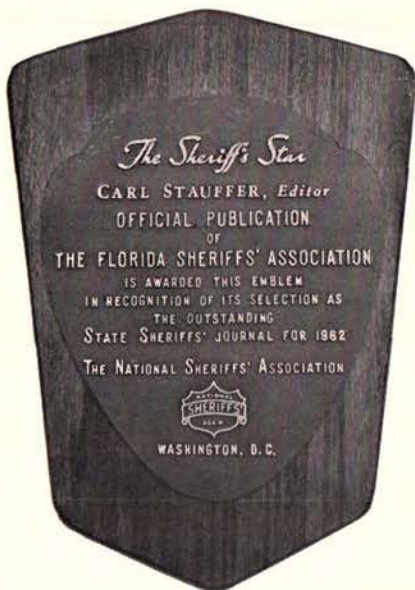


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### The Story Behind the Cover

## Mortgages Go up in Smoke

Treasurer J. L. McMullen bent over, shoved two pieces of paper into a pot of hot coals, and smoke began to rise.

It was a simple ceremony — this burning of mortgages — but an important milestone because it marked the first time the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch had been debt-free in its seven-year history.

The mortgages were originally negotiated with two Live Oak banks in 1957 to provide funds to purchase part of the 737-acre Ranch site.

John A. Adicks (left in cover picture), vice president of the Commercial Bank; and George W. Harmony, president of the First National Bank, were present to witness the wiping out of the debt on April 5, 1964.

The mortgage burning was one of the highlights of ceremonies held at the Ranch to dedicate a \$50,000 residence cottage in memory of the late Hugh Lewis, former Sheriff of Suwannee County. (For further details see pages 2 and 3.)

—Photo by Dan Stainer, Live Oak

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## Needs More Men

JACKSONVILLE—It's obvious that Duval County Sheriff Dale Carson needs more manpower. The county patrol averages slightly less than one man per thousand population, whereas the national average is 1.9 policemen per 1,000 persons.

Duval County comprises 1,584 miles of county and private roads and 284 miles of state roads to be patrolled. There are 229,286 persons for which the 146-man patrol is responsible.

Road Patrol Chief William F. Johnston said his men will cover two million miles in their patrol cars this year.

Citing an example to prove the need of additional manpower, Carson pointed to the phone burglary problem a few years ago when off-duty men were switched from day shift to night work. Break-ins of all types were cut 50 per cent, he said.

The patrol is expected to ask for more men in the next fiscal year, beginning in October. The last legislature authorized them to hold a strength of 200 men.

## Ex-Sheriff Dies

CHIPLEY — Former Washington County Sheriff John P. Harrell, 70, of Lynn Haven, died while visiting relatives near here.

Harrell was a native of Washington County and served as sheriff from 1932 until 1940. He was a former Chipley Police Chief.

The one-time sheriff was regarded as an authority on county history and current events. In recent years he made his home at Lynn Haven, but never lost interest in Washington County where he was on a first-name basis with most of the residents.

## No Inflation

KISSIMMEE—The cost per case handled by Osceola County Sheriff Bob Buckel's Department has gone up only \$2—from \$22 to \$24—in the past 10 years, although the cost of practically everything else has skyrocketed.

The sheriff's workload has almost quadrupled in the same period from 1,145 cases in 1953 to 4,426 cases in 1963.

## Big Mistake

PERRY—Two Tampa men wanted in connection with armed robberies in Tallahassee and Bainbridge, Ga., made a big mistake when they decided to stroll around the courthouse square here—within sight of the sheriff's office.

Alert Deputy Sheriff Branson Fisher spotted the two men and he and Sheriff Maurice Linton placed them under arrest.

# Florida's "Men of the Future" to Address Sheriffs' June Conference

MIAMI BEACH—Three key men in Florida's future—the Democratic nominee for Governor, the newly-elected Attorney General and the President-Designate of the Florida Senate—will be the featured speakers at the 51st Annual Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association here June 17, 18 and 19.

The Governor nominee, whose identity will not be known until after the run-off primary on May 26, will speak at a "Winner's Dinner" to be held in his honor on June 18; and State Sen. James E. (Nick) Connor, the next man in line for the helm of the Florida Senate, will address a luncheon meeting on the same date.

The keynote address marking the opening of the Conference on June 17, will be delivered by the Attorney General—Elect.

The three-day conference will be held at the Lucerne Hotel, with Dade County Sheriff T. A. Buchanan and Lee County Sheriff Flanders Thompson as co-hosts.

## Brief Summary of Program Highlights

### TUESDAY, JUNE 16

3:00 P.M.—Registration opens at the Lucerne Hotel.

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

9:30 A.M.—Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Florida Sheriffs Association.

11:00 A.M.—Meeting of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Board of Trustees.

3:00 P.M.—Opening Session featuring keynote address by Florida's Attorney General-Elect.

6:30 P.M.—Hospitality Hour and Buffet Dinner.

8:30 P.M.—Professional Boxing Show at the Miami Beach Auditorium honoring Sheriffs and registered conference guests, with proceeds to go to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

### THURSDAY, JUNE 18

10:00 A.M.—Business session.

12:30 P.M.—Luncheon featuring address by The Hon. James E. (Nick) Connor, President-Designate of the Florida Senate.

2:30 P.M.—Business session.

7:00 P.M.—The "Winner's Dinner" honoring the Democratic Nominee for Governor.

### FRIDAY, JUNE 19

9:00 A.M.—Breakfast meeting.

10:30 A.M.—Conference adjourns.

## Pro Boxing Show to Benefit Boys Ranch

MIAMI BEACH—Dade County Sheriff T. A. Buchanan and Miami Beach Sports Promoter Chris Dundee have completed plans for a top-flight professional boxing show to be held at the Miami Beach Auditorium at 8:30 P.M., June 17, with proceeds to go to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

Scheduled during the 51st Annual Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association, the show will honor visiting Sheriffs and their registered conference guests.

It is expected to be the largest sporting event ever held for the benefit of the Boys Ranch; and it will mark the beginning of a continuing fund raising campaign Sheriff Buchanan has pledged to sponsor in Dade County.





Cecil Webb, president of Dixie Lily Milling Co. and a trustee of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch delivered the dedication address.



With her sons, Dean and Wendell (right) and their wives looking on, Mrs. Lewis unveiled a bronze plaque dedicating a \$50,000 residence cottage in memory of her husband.



Suwannee County Sheriff Duke McCallister greeted visitors on behalf of The Florida Sheriffs Association.





# *This was the day . . .*

**That the mortgages went  
up in smoke . . .**

**And the name of Sheriff Hugh Lewis Was  
Added to the Boys Ranch Hall of Fame**

Over 1,000 visitors were fed a delicious barbecue prepared by Suwannee County Sheriff Duke McCallister prior to the dedication of Hugh Lewis Memorial Cottage.

PHOTOS BY . . . Deputy Sheriff Ralph Johnson, Leon County Sheriff's Department.



Baker County Sheriff Ed Yarbrough, Chairman of the Boys Ranch Board of Trustees, served as master of ceremonies.



"My father was very proud of the Ranch, and I can think of no greater tribute to him than the dedication of this magnificent building," said Dean Lewis, son of Sheriff Lewis.

Guests were introduced by John A. Madigan Jr., attorney for the Florida Sheriffs Association.



Hugh Lewis would have loved it. The Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch was close to his heart, and if he could have been present on April 5 when the burning of two mortgages made the Ranch debt free for the first time in its history it would have been a thrilling moment for him.

Hugh, who died August 5, 1963, while serving as Sheriff of Suwannee County, was the man primarily responsible for bringing the Ranch to the scenic Suwannee River Valley. He sold his fellow sheriffs on the site, and then labored faithfully to nurse the Ranch project through its trying and sometimes uncertain infancy.

In 1957, the year the Ranch was founded, he helped to negotiate mortgages with Live Oak's two banks to provide funds needed to purchase a major portion of the 737-acre site; and these were the mortgages Ranch officials saw go up in smoke at the April 5 ceremonies.

A modest man, Hugh would have been both proud and humble if he had been present right after the mortgage burning to see a \$50,000 residence cottage dedicated in his memory.

The fact that this was the highest honor his fellow-sheriffs could bestow would have impressed him deeply, but there would also have been other thoughts in his mind.

Hugh Lewis loved boys. He often dug into his own pocket to help wayward youngsters when a less sensitive officer might have tossed them into jail.

Once he found a ragged, homeless boy sleeping in an abandoned school bus, and sent him out to the Ranch because there was no where else for him to stay. This was against all rules and regulations. It bypassed the usual mental and physical examinations, and other formal procedures, but when Hugh was reminded of this he just smiled and said: "That boy needed a home."

Well, the boy became a permanent resident of the Ranch and he didn't forget his friend the Sheriff. When they laid Hugh to rest the boy was there, standing apart from the other mourners with head bowed.

Yes, there was no doubt about the way Hugh felt about boys and therefore if he had been present at the dedication of the



HUGH Lewis . . . "A good friend who loved young people."

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Further evidence of Hugh Lewis' love for boys was the Junior Deputy Sheriff League he organized to teach respect for the law. Many junior deputies (now under the sponsorship of Sheriff Duke McCallister) attended the dedication of Hugh Lewis Memorial Cottage at the Boys Ranch on April 5 and are shown here going through the "chow line."

## This was the day . . .

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Hugh Lewis Memorial Cottage, he would have been thinking about what this would mean to needy and homeless boys.

It would have been a great source of satisfaction to him to know that this structure bearing his name would soon become the permanent home of 20 underprivileged youngsters; and he would have reflected with pleasure upon the fact that this would increase the Ranch capacity from 60 to 80 boys.

"What better way can we express our gratitude to God for a good friend . . . than in an act such as this?" said Ranch Trustee Cecil Webb from the dedication platform.

"And so today," he continued, "with living faith in Almighty God, we dedicate this cottage in loving memory of a good friend who loved young people."

At this point in the dedication, Sheriff Lewis' widow, Virgie, and two sons, Wendell and Dean, unveiled a memorial plaque which will make the name of Hugh Lewis a permanent part of the Boys Ranch story for generations to come.

The plaque will also serve as a reminder that without the help, loyalty, wisdom and sacrifice of men like Hugh Lewis the bold, unique dream of a Ranch for Boys would never have become what it is today — an inspiring, nationally famous reality.

## Sweat Candidate For Committeeman

Rex Sweat, who served as sheriff of Duval County and is now retired, is a candidate for the office of Democratic National Committeeman from Florida subject to the ensuing primary election.

Ex-Sheriff Sweat is well known throughout Florida. He served as Secretary and then President of the Florida Sheriff's Association and served as Chairman of the Board of Directors and also Chairman of the Legislative Committee for seventeen years. He also was elected and served as President of the National Sheriff's Association and as President of the Florida Peace Officers Association.

Prior to his election as Sheriff of Duval County, Sweat served as Duval County's chief traffic officer from 1926 to 1932—and while serving in that capacity he inaugurated the first School Boy Patrol in the State. He is a member of Solomon Lodge number 20—F. & A. M. Scottish Rite and York Rite Bodies and Morocco Temple of the Shrine. He is also a member of the B.P.O.E. Elks, The American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He is a World War I veteran and served in company B—106th Engineers, thirty-first Division.

Sweat has been very active in civic affairs and is married and lives at 5353 Expressway, Jacksonville (11), Florida. He has been a permanent resident of Jacksonville for fifty-four years.



## Missing

Robert S. Anderson, white male, five feet-10 inches, 195 pounds, missing since March 20, 1964. A student at Riverside Military Academy, he was traveling by bus from Hollywood, Fla., to Jacksonville when he disappeared. His two suitcases were found at a bus station. Born February 3, 1947, but looks several years older than 17. Anyone having information about his whereabouts please contact Mrs. C. W. Anderson, 4583 Wheeler Ave., Jacksonville, telephone number EV 8-5047; or his brother Jack Anderson, who is employed by the Jacksonville City Police Department.

## Sheriff Goes to Bat for Prisoner

CRESTVIEW—A trusty who helped save the life of a county jailer was granted leniency by Circuit Judge Charles A. Wade on the recommendation of Sheriff Ray Wilson.

Earl Hayes, 42, was charged with burglary of a fish camp, but Wilson asked the judge to take it easy on him because he had tried to protect Jailer J. C. Bolton during a jail break.

The Sheriff said Hayes, while risking being shot, slammed a big metal door in the face of Kermit Hollis, a jail escapee, separating him from Bolton who was still wrestling with another prisoner. Hayes also went to Bolton's assistance in subduing the second prisoner.

Hayes was placed on three years' probation and ordered to make restitution and pay costs in the burglary case. At the time of the escape attempt he was serving two 60-day sentences for failure to heed a red light and failure to allow his vehicle to be searched.

## Couldn't Take It

CRESTVIEW — He couldn't stand any more of the rain, so John Robert Roberts, 62, escapee from the federal prison camp on Eglin reservation, turned himself in.

Sheriff Ray Wilson said Roberts is serving three years for a violation of the national motor theft act.





## Another Class Gets Diplomas At Academy

TALLAHASSEE—Pictured here with Florida Sheriffs Bureau Director Don McLeod (center, behind lectern) and Special Agent Berwin Williams (extreme right), director of training, are the members of a class in Crime Scene Search Specialization who were graduated from the Florida Law Enforcement Academy on March 27. They are:

Front row, left to right—Deputy Sheriff Odis E. Davis, Escambia County; Deputy Sheriff Melvin Kelly, Hernando County; Deputy Sheriff Bennie F. Green, Palm Beach County; Deputy Sheriff Frank Albert Ficacci, Volusia County; Deputy Sheriff Michael A. Prieto, Manatee County; Investigator John Joseph McEachern, Cocoa Beach Police Department; and Deputy Sheriff Bob Schwalm, Volusia County.

Back row, left to right—Deputy Sheriff Ellis Clifton, Hillsborough County; Donald C. Alford,

Microanalyst, Florida Sheriffs Bureau; Deputy Sheriff Allen Patten, Putnam County; Deputy Sheriff Wesley T. Place, Seminole County; Inspector Horace Wakefield Walshaw, Eau Gallie Fire Department; Patrolman Earl W. Dameworth, Deerfield Beach Police Department; Deputy Sheriff W. Ellis Denham, Sarasota County; Patrolman Jerry Hamric, Haines City Police Department; Detective Sgt. Wayne S. Rogers, Winter Haven Police Department; Detective Sgt. Charles Willis Slaughter, Eau Gallie Police Department; Deputy Sheriff Clyde William Bates Jr., Brevard County; Deputy Sheriff Robert W. Prevatt, St. John's County; Deputy Sheriff William Durrett, Pinellas County; Chief Deputy Sheriff Bill Collins, Franklin County; and Deputy Sheriff Elvin L. Rea, Putnam County.



JACKSONVILLE—HERO'S AWARD — Kim Cornell Anderson really has something to be pleased about. The 11-year-old schoolboy patrolman at Moncrief School accepts with a grin a Sheriff's Department Heroism Award presented by Sheriff Dale Carson. The boy left his post to throw himself in the path of a fire that had fallen off a truck and was rolling toward a group of small girls.

## 31 Men in First "Class for Brass"

TALLAHASSEE — Thirty-one officers were graduated from the new Florida Law Enforcement Academy on April 17 after completing the first course offered to supervisory personnel.

Included in the "class for brass" were 12 men from the State Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, five from the State Beverage Department, two from the State Board of Conservation, five city policemen and seven deputy sheriffs.

They were taught the latest supervisory techniques—from handling grievances to creating incentives — by instructors from the Florida Sheriffs Bureau and the Department of Criminology and Corrections at Florida State University.

The next course at the Academy, Florida's first statewide training facility for law enforcement officers, will open May 17 and will cover basic law enforcement.

Created by the Florida Sheriffs As-

sociation, the Academy offers a wide range of courses on a year 'round basis.

Application blanks and full details can be obtained by writing to P. O. Box 1489, Tallahassee. Only duly constituted officers employed full-time by a city, county, state or federal law enforcement agency are eligible to enroll.

Tuition, which includes room and meals, averages about \$15 a day.

### Five Attend School

MADISON—One sheriff and four deputies attended a law enforcement course which North Florida Junior College conducted here in cooperation with the State Department of Education.

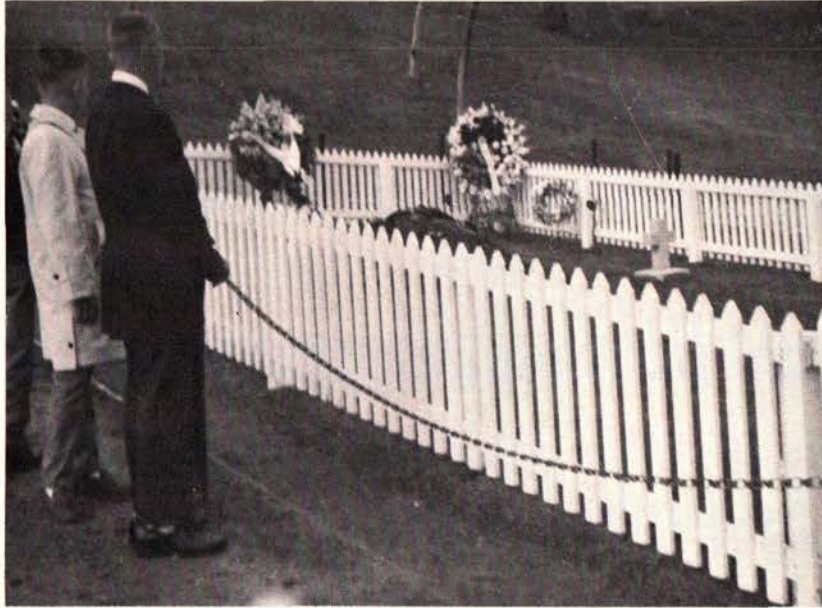
They are: Deputies Branson R. Fisher Jr. and Grady Murphy from the Taylor County Sheriff's Department; Sheriff Simeon Moore and Deputy Edward L. Porter, Madison County Sheriff's Department; and Deputy Sheriff Alan T. Wright, Columbia County Sheriff's Department.



# Memories of Washington

A special tour of the White House . . . seeing the president . . . having luncheon with Florida's U. S. Senators and Representatives . . . meeting Speaker of the House John McCormack . . . touring the headquarters of the FBI and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration . . . The Smithsonian Institute . . . Lincoln Memorial . . . Washington Monument . . . standing beside John F. Kennedy's grave . . . traveling by plane.

These are some of the treasured memories of seven boys from the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch who were selected on the basis of high scholastic grades and good citizenship to take a trip to Washington, D. C., at the invitation of U. S. Rep. Don Fuqua. They left the Ranch March 8 and returned March 9, but they crammed enough thrilling experiences into this short period to last a lifetime.



The boys stood in solemn reverence beside the grave of martyred President John F. Kennedy, in Arlington Cemetery.



A visit to the White House Rose Garden, scene of many historic events, with Presidential Press Secretary Pierre Salinger (right) as guide, was a real thrill. The other adults in the picture are (from left) Pinellas County Sheriff Don Genung, Congressman Don Fuqua, Hillsborough County Sheriff Ed Blackburn Jr. and Boys Ranch Administrator Harry Weaver.



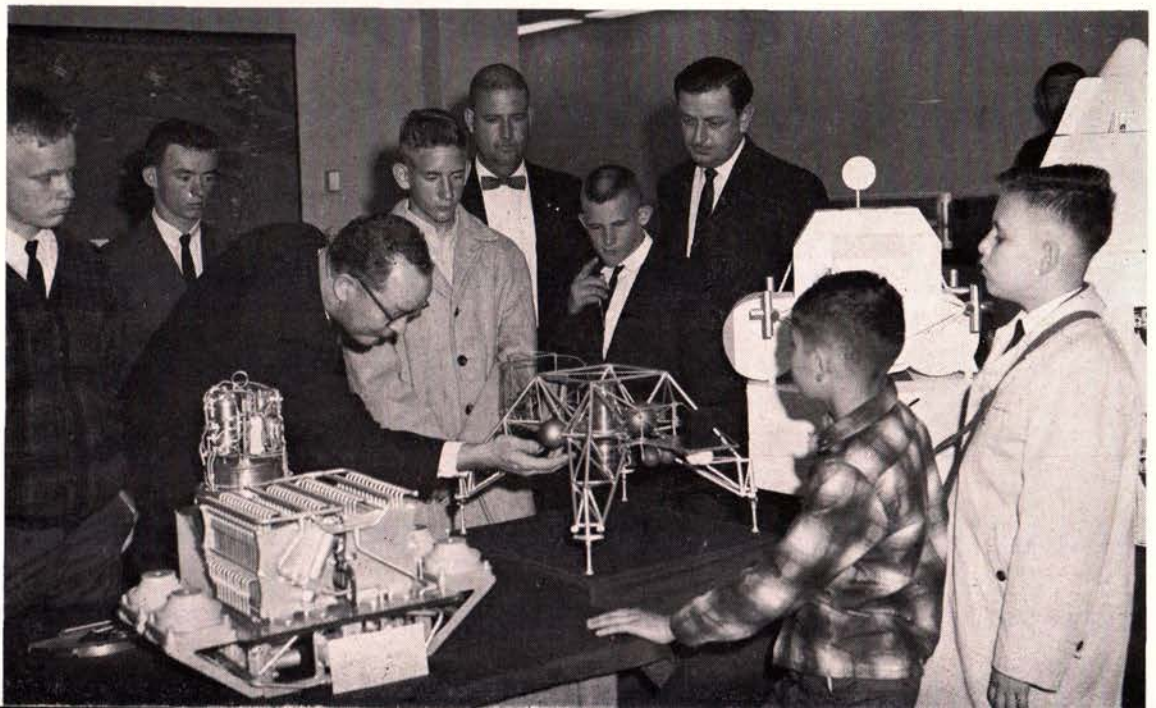


House Speaker John McCormack (seated, center) is one of the great men of the nation but on this occasion—a luncheon given by the Florida Congressional Delegation—he had to share the limelight with seven youngsters from the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch who were also special guests. Standing, from left are: Boys Ranch Administrator Harry Weaver, Rep. Bill Cramer, Rep. Syd Herlong, Rep. Billy Matthews, Rep. Bob Sikes, Rep. Charles E. Bennett, Rep. Jim Haley, Rep. Paul Rogers, Rep. Dante Fascell, Rep. Ed. Gurney and Rep. Sam Gibbons. Seated are: U.S. Senator Spessard Holland, Rep. Don Fuqua, Speaker McCormack, Hillsborough County Sheriff Ed Blackburn Jr. and Pinellas County Sheriff Don Genung. (U.S. Senator George Smathers was with the boys earlier but was unable to attend the luncheon.)



A tour of the Federal Bureau of Investigation Headquarters, personally arranged by Director J. Edgar Hoover, included a visit to the indoor firing range and a demonstration by the instructor pictured at right. Adults with the boys were (from left) Herb Wadsworth and Wayne Fowler, aides to Congressman Fuqua; and Harry Weaver, Boys Ranch Administrator.

What'll it be like to land on the moon? The youngsters found answers to these and other exciting questions when they visited the headquarters of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Shown with them at right is Congressman Fuqua.







#### HE'S GRATEFUL

LAKE CITY — Sheriff Ralph Witt smiles his appreciation as he presents a Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Builder certificate to Mrs. Myrtle Brown in recognition of her \$100 cash contribution as well as other donations to the ranch. (Photo by Paul Ray.)

## Teamwork and Curiosity Did it

JACKSONVILLE — Teamwork and curiosity—those old reliable weapons in the law enforcement arsenal—solved a racial bombing here and resulted in the arrest of six men.

The teamwork was between the Jacksonville Police Department, The Duval County Sheriff's Office, the FBI and the St. John's County Sheriff's Office.

The curiosity belonged to an FBI agent and St. John's County Sheriff L. O. Davis Jr.

The first big break in the case was the arrest of William Sterling Rosecrans, a 30-year-old mechanic from Anderson, Ind., who not only admitted bombing the home of a Negro youngster attending an integrated school but also implicated others he said were involved with him.

Also arrested as the investigation progressed were five local Ku Klux Klansmen.

Here is how the investigation progressed, according to Jacksonville Journal Staff Writer Lloyd Brown:

The bombing occurred on Sunday, Feb. 16, and FBI explosive experts from Washington, D. C., flew into town to carefully sift and study the blast debris.

Later special agents of the FBI were interviewing known Ku Klux Klan leaders. One of them was inside a house talking to a group of Klansmen.

He saw a car with Indiana license plates outside the house and noticed a man in the group who was not identified to him. He mentally wrote down the tag number and a description of the man.

When federal agents checked out the car and the stranger they came up with

the name William Sterling Rosecrans. The tag was stolen, but Indiana agents traced the car to Rosecrans. They said he had bought it but had not registered it in his name.

Duval County Sheriff's Office Detective J. J. Cunningham was asked to join the FBI investigation because of previous demolition training in the Army and in the New York City Police Bomb School in 1960.

Leads developed by the Jacksonville Police Department indicated a car similar to Rosecrans' was seen in the vicinity a short time before the bombing.

Rosecrans' car was eventually found here, with three sticks of dynamite in it, but his whereabouts remained a mystery.

Meanwhile, Sheriff Davis, in St. Augustine, was checking on a suspicious character he thought might have been involved in bombing of Florida East Coast Railway trains.

The man was registered at a St. Augustine hotel under the name of James A. Lewis, but Sheriff Davis was unable to find him there so he asked the hotel clerk to go with him to the shipyard where "Lewis" was supposed to be working.

They found the man walking down the highway on his way back to the shipyard after lunch, and picked him up.

After questioning by Sheriff Davis, a deputy and Oliver Weatherholt, special agent for the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Lewis was identified as Rosecrans and admitted the Jacksonville racial bombing.

A Florida Sheriffs Bureau lie detector test indicated he was not involved in the railroad train bombings.

## \$7,000 in 20's And all Phony

TALLAHASSEE — Two weeks of intensive investigation by Leon County Sheriff Bill Joyce's Department in cooperation with the U.S. Secret Service culminated in the arrest of a local man and confiscation of \$7,000 worth of counterfeit \$20 bills.

Special Agent R. M. McDavid, in charge of the Secret Service at Jacksonville, praised Sheriff Joyce, his chief criminal deputy, Jack Dawkins, and Deputy Grady Smith for their work in the investigation.

Pate T. Blalock Jr., 39, was picked up at a local motel when he sold the bills to an undercover secret service agent. A search of his home failed to turn up additional bills. He was arraigned before U.S. Commissioner Myra Sims and bond was set at \$15,000.

Joyce said he contacted the Secret Service after his men uncovered the counterfeit operation.

## Former FSA President Dies

OCALA — Former Marion County Sheriff Gordon Moorehead, passed away at his home March 4.

A native of this city, he was a member of a pioneer Marion County family. Moorehead served as Sheriff of Marion County from 1936 until 1944. He was a former president of The Florida Sheriffs Association and a member of Marion-Dunn lodge, F. and A.M., the Scottish Rite and Order of the Mystic Shrine.

He held memberships also in Ocala Kiwanis Club, the American Legion, the Elks Lodge and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a Methodist.

Surviving him are his widow, Mrs. Clara Augusta Worley Moorehead; a son, James G., Ocala; a brother, Capt. Walter L. Moorehead, Jacksonville, and a sister, Mrs. Lawrence Kelley, Coral Gables.

### Not Sanforized

MELBOURNE—If you're a Lilliputian—about six inches tall—there's a 9 by 12 rug advertised that'll be just right for you.

Sheriff Leigh S. Wilson warned South Brevard residents to be wary of an advertisement offering them a 9 by 12 rug for \$9.95, postpaid. When the rug arrives, it turns out to be nine by 12 inches, not feet.



## Citrus Firm Hit By Weight Fraud

BARTOW — A fraudulent weight scheme exposed by Polk County Sheriff Monroe Brannen makes your neighborhood butcher with his thumb on the scale look like a piker.

Edward Leonard Cameron, scale man for Universal Fruit Products, a Lakeland citrus processing firm, admitted he recorded false weights for truckloads of oranges delivered by a Winter Haven fruit dealer.

The Polk County Democrat reported that, with fruit bringing \$5 to \$6 a box, Universal was charged for \$75,000 to \$100,000 worth of citrus that was not actually delivered. However, not all the fruit was paid for. After the alleged weight juggling was discovered, Universal withheld payment of around \$90,000.

Deputy Sheriff Frank Mock, who was assigned to investigate the fraud, said he recovered \$6,900 in an envelope hidden in a food freezer at Cameron's home.

Also arrested in connection with the alleged conspiracy were Walter A. Smith, president of Lake Shipp Fruit Co.; and William Hugh Thompson, 38, an employee of Lake Shipp Co.

## Murder Plot

PUNTA GORDA — "Brilliant and thoroughly professional police work" is the way Sheriff Henry Haskins described efforts of Criminal Investigator Terry Jones and City Detective Harry Sawyer in the bizarre "murder for hire" case here.

Florida Sheriffs Bureau Agent Norman Desilets also played a key part in the case in which a 48-year-old woman, Mrs. Susan Branthoover, was accused of seeking to have a woman murdered.

Desilets posed as a "gun for hire" and accepted a \$100 payment on a promised sum of \$3,500 to kill Mrs. Bailey. Sheriff's officers maintained a surveillance of the murder plot and Mrs. Branthoover was arrested when she came up with an additional \$1,000 in cash.

### Easy to Identify

TITUSVILLE — Spotting and identifying a patrol car from the air can be vitally important when you are using airplanes in traffic control, or search and rescue assignments.

That's why Brevard County Sheriff Leigh S. Wilson decided to have the unit number painted in 24-inch high numerals on the roof of each of his patrol cars.



FT. LAUDERDALE—RANCH BENEFACTORS—Broward County Sheriff Allen B. Michell (third from left) and Deputy Sheriff Otto Hettesheimer (right) presented special awards to express appreciation for generous donations to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. Thomas Roofing Co., represented by Don Thomas (second from right), received a lifetime membership in the Boys Ranch Builder Club, and the others received Builder Club certificates. They are (from left) Chief Goodrich and Lt. Prevatte representing Pompano Beach Fire Dept.; Joe F. Ellis representing the firm of Merrill, Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, Inc.; C. K. Porcher, of Porcher Construction Co.; "Pop" Sterling of Sterling's Men's and Boys' Shop; and R. A. Congelosi, of Bird's Photo Center. Unable to be present for the awards ceremony were Mrs. Eileen Nielsen and Mrs. J. J. Stedelin, lifetime members; and E. A. Harper, Builder Club member. (Photo by Daniel Heim, Broward County Sheriff's Dept.)

### IN APPRECIATION

FORT MYERS — Lee County Sheriff Flanders Thompson, left, presents a Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Builder's Certificate to the Hon. George W. Whitehurst, retired federal judge who is a supporter of the Ranch.



ARCADIA — POSSETTE CONTRIBUTES — Sheriff Lloyd R. Holton of DeSoto County accepts, in behalf of Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, a check for \$50 from Mrs. Jeanette Foley, center, and Mrs. Adell Brown, members of DeSoto County Possettes. The group sponsored the Possettes Follies to raise money for the ranch. (Photo by Sonny Carlon.)



# 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.

## Ground Broken for Boys Ranch Fire Station and Repair Shop



Ground was broken April 18 for the \$25,000 fire station the Florida Firemen's Association is going to build at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

The firemen are putting on a state-wide campaign to raise the necessary funds and have already collected approximately \$5,000.

Firemen's Association President C. P. Bennett, from the Sanford Fire Department, is pictured turning the first shovelfull of earth.

Shown with him are (from left): Suwannee County Sheriff Duke McCallister, a Boys Ranch trustee; Live Oak Fire Chief Bill Roper; Boys Ranch Administrator Harry Weaver; and Fire-



men's Association Vice President Richard E. Seitner, Chief of the Eau Gallie Fire Department.

The first piece of fire fighting equipment acquired by the Ranch is also pictured. It will be replaced with more modern equipment as the Ranch continues to expand.

The proposed fire station will provide a central headquarters for the Boys Ranch volunteer fire department of boys and staff members; and a rear section will be equipped as a repair shop for cars, trucks, tractors, buses and other Ranch vehicles.

—Photos by E. J. Langley, Secretary of the Florida Firemen's Association.

## You Name it

Donations of building materials for the new cafetorium and chapel now under construction at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch are urgently needed and will be greatly appreciated. You name it—we can use it.

"We can use anything, or most anything, nails . . . lumber . . . electrical wiring . . . plumbing fixtures . . . pipe . . . etc." said Ranch Administrator Harry Weaver.

If you are interested in helping these projects along, contact Mr. Weaver at Route 3, Live Oak; or phone Live Oak, 362-3427.

## Teen-Agers Generous

TALLAHASSEE — Leon High School Interact Club, sponsored by Tallahassee Rotary Club, donated \$50 to Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.



OCALA—DESTINATION RANCH—Ray Aubrey, center, president of National Hood Corporation, displays one of the 20 desks he presented to the boys at Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. Accepting the gift on behalf of the boys are Sheriff Doug Willis, left, and Harry K. Weaver, ranch administrator.





GAINESVILLE—PROBLEM SOLVED — When funds were not available for a pick-up truck the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch needed in connection with current construction projects, Latham Davis Jr., president of University Chevrolet Co., solved the problem by offering to lend the Ranch a truck. He is shown here (left) presenting the keys to Alachua County Sheriff Joe M. Crevasse, Jr.

## In Memoriam

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

Mr. Carl Stauffer, Tallahassee; in memory of Fritz H. Noren, Tallahassee, and Harvey A. Bues.  
 Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Staff, Live Oak; in memory of Harvey A. Bues.  
 Sheriff Willis V. McCall, Tavares; in memory of Joe Eichelberger and John N. Campbell.  
 Sadie Barton Sunday School Class, Macclenny, and Mrs. William Knabb, Macclenny; in memory of T. M. Dorman.  
 Dr. and Mrs. Harry J. Heeb, Howey-in-the-Hills; in memory of George L. Simpson, and Dr. Herman G. Decker and Harry M. Luedtke.  
 Okeechobee Resort, Okeechobee; in memory of Fred S. Eaton.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Appling, Jacksonville Beach; in memory of A. P. (Jack) Farr.  
 Mrs. Eugene Washburn, Kew Gardens, New York; in memory of Eugene Washburn.  
 Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Tippet, Largo; in memory of John Wasson.  
 Mrs. Lillian H. Fulton, St. Petersburg; in memory of Dr. Maurice Rosier.  
 Mrs. Sam J. Spiro, Fort Myers Beach; in memory of Jerome Lobenstein.  
 Mrs. Earl D. Cole, Bradenton; in memory of Earl D. Cole.  
 Mr. A. J. Henry, Tallahassee; in memory of Mrs. C. H. Boucher.  
 Mrs. A. C. Greiner, Bradenton; in memory of A. C. Greiner.  
 W. C. Tunno, Jr., Tampa; in memory of C. Norman Way.  
 Cecil B. Burns, Jacksonville; in memory of J. P. Williamson.  
 Mrs. Otto L. Weaver, St. Petersburg; in memory of Mrs. Margaret Beazley and Mr. Eugene Wilson.  
 New Century Club, High Springs; in memory of Dr. G. H. Harrison.  
 Sheriff and Mrs. R. M. Buckels, Kissimmee; in memory of Dr. Charles C. Tirdall.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Paul Seastedt, Clearwater; in memory of Mrs. Pauline Hoffmann.

The Memorial Fund will perpetuate the memory of deceased relatives and friends. It provided the financing for a Boys Ranch Chapel; and it will be used in the future for similar projects of enduring significance.

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

### Mail To:

Memorial Fund  
 Florida Sheriffs  
 Boys Ranch  
 P. O. Box 649  
 Live Oak, Florida

Enclosed find contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 In memory of \_\_\_\_\_  
 Send acknowledgment to:  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 From (Donor's Name) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_



—PLAQUE FOR JACK—

WEST PALM BEACH—Jack Frost, well known Palm Beach County business man accepts a lifetime honorary member plaque from sheriff Martin M. Kellenberger. Frost has been annual host along with the sheriff to youngsters from the Boys Ranch on their three-day vacation trips to the Florida "Gold Coast."

Mrs. G. W. Bodiford, Cross City; in memory of G. W. Bodiford.  
 Mrs. Mabel Rogers, Lauderdale-by-the-Sea; in memory of Frank C. Rogers.  
 Dr. J. H. St. John, Jacksonville; in memory of Walter Rogers Mason.

## Builder Club Roster Grows

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.

Carl Cloger, Ruskin.  
 Sunshine City Post 6827, VFW, St. Petersburg.  
 Alfons Landa, Palm Beach.  
 Stetson Green Feather Fund, Stetson University, Deland.  
 Firemen's Benevolent Association, Gainesville.  
 Carl Stauffer, Tallahassee.  
 M. H. Russell, Sarasota.  
 William F. Courtney, Youngstown, Ohio.  
 Hernando County Tourist Club, Brooksville.  
 Mr. Ross Whistler, Hobe Sound.  
 Chris Jenkins, Jacksonville.  
 Leon Bishop, Tampa.  
 George McNally and Sylvester Mathis, Pinellas County Sheriff's Department, Clearwater.  
 J. D. Manly Construction Company, Leesburg.  
 Raymond H. Aubrey, Ocala.  
 Frosty Morn Meats, Quincy.  
 Union Volunteer Fire Department, Nokomis.

## Elks Help Ranch

ARCADIA—DeSoto County Sheriff Lloyd Holton expressed sincere appreciation to the Arcadia Elks Lodge for a generous donation of \$25 to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

## Our Palmetto Pals

PALMETTO — The Firemen's Auxiliary here voted to donate \$10 to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch as part of a fund being raised by firemen all over the state to build a Boys Ranch fire station.



STUART—IN FOR LIFE — Martin County Sheriff Roy Baker (left) enrolls E. C. Wareheim, Jensen Beach banker, as a lifetime honorary member of the Florida Sheriffs Association to show his appreciation for generous support Mr. Wareheim has given to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. (Photo by Ed Gluckler, Stuart.)



# WANTED PERSONS

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Don McLeod, Director



**Elmer Gerson**

White male, date of birth 3-29-25, 5 feet, 11 inches tall, weighs 200 pounds, brown hair and eyes. FBI #623 715B. Using Iowa Driver's license Nos. 38343 and 62339 as means of identification. Also now possesses Florida DL #D-

661759. Last known to be driving 1956 Ford Station Wagon 1963 Florida Lic. 24W-1877. Warrants issued, five counts Forgery and Uttering. If apprehended notify Police Dept., Tallahassee, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



**Leona Velvane Thompson**

With aliases, Shirley Mistretta PEREZ, Sharon Carter JOHNSON, Leslie LINDSTROM, Carol Anne HARRIS, Laura Viola NEWCOMB and various combinations of above names, white female, age 26, 5 feet, 9 inches tall, weighs 148 pounds, hair usually blond but has been known to be dyed other colors, blue eyes. FPC: 26, L/L, 1/6, U/U, 000/000,0/16. Warrant issued, charge Forgery. If apprehended notify Police Dept., Tampa, Florida or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.

**James Francis Stephan**

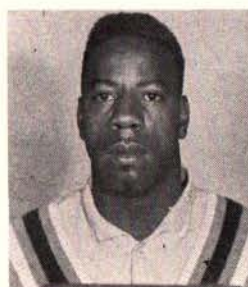
Alias James F. SHANNON, white male, age 33, 6 feet 3 inches tall, weighs 190 pounds. Warrants on file charge Worthless Checks. Specializes passing checks at hotels and U-drive agencies. If apprehended notify Sheriff Genung, Clearwater, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



**Leon Payton Marion**

White male, date of birth 1-30-1900, 5 feet, 6 inches tall, weighs 120 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes. Has used names Carl S. ANDREWS, Geo. W. GRAHAM, Walter S.

CRAIG, and George W. SUTTON. Warrants issued, charge Forgery and Uttering. If apprehended notify Police Dept., West Palm Beach, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



**Cobb Britten Jr. and Earnest Britten**

Cobb described as colored male, age 25, 6 feet 3 inches tall, weighs 200 pounds, small cut scar on forehead. FPC: 11 9/1 U/U III/OIO 10. Ernest described as colored male, age 24, 6 feet 3 inches tall, approximately 200 pounds. FPC: 22 9/1 rU/U 12. Felony warrants on file charge Robbery. Also suspects in murder connected with the robbery. They have been known to visit Miami, Jacksonville and Orlando, Florida. If apprehended notify Police Dept., Columbus, Georgia or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



**Cobb**



**Earnest**



**John P. Torland**

White male, date of birth 8-29-19, 6 feet tall, weighs 165 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes. FBI #367 646A. Believed to be presently on parole from California. Warrants issued, charge

Worthless Checks. If apprehended notify Police Dept., Surfside, Fla., Sheriff Starr, Orlando, Fla., Sheriff Joyce, Tallahassee, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.





**Wayne Philyaw**

White male, age 15, 5 feet, 6 inches tall, brown hair. Wanted by Hernando County Juvenile authorities, will extradite. If apprehended notify Sheriff Lowman, Brooksville, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



**Samuel Etheridge McCullough**

White male, date of birth 10-26-32, 5 feet, 11 inches tall, weighs 175 pounds. FBI #4 500,817. Driving 1950 Olds 1964 Florida License. 5W-23827. Reportedly narcotics addict. Possibly armed and dangerous. Warrant will be issued, charge B and E, Possession of Narcotics.



**Carl William Corder**

White male, date and place of birth 2-3-20, Somerset, Ky., 5 feet, 11 inches tall, weighs 170 pounds, blond hair, blue eyes, tattoos both arms. FBI #3 886 690. FPC: 8. O/L. 1/17, T/T, IO/

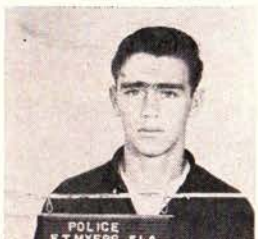


00, 6. Wanted for numerous Misdemeanor Worthless Checks in Volusia County, will not extradite. If apprehended notify Sheriff Thursby, DeLand, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



**Eddie Lee Townsend**

Colored male, date and place of birth 8-28-34, Jackson, Miss., 6 feet tall, weighs 155 pounds. FBI #575 734E. Capias issued, charge Withholding Means of Support. Will extradite. If apprehended notify Sheriff Gaines, Dade City, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



**J. W. Brand**

White male, date of birth 8-14-41, 5 feet, 7 inches tall, weighs 120 pounds, long brown hair, blue eyes; tattoo back of fingers left hand; scars on right arm from suicide attempt. Drinks a lot, and is usually drinking when he commits an offense. Escaped from Lee County jail while awaiting trial for B and E of residence. If apprehended notify Police dept., or Sheriff Thompson, Fort Myers, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



**Charles Elvis Bell**

White male, date and place of birth 2-25-11, Morgan County, Alabama, 5 feet, 6 inches tall, weighs 140 pounds, brown-grey hair, bluish-grey eyes; brown mole right eyebrow, scar right eyebrow, scar center of chin; tattoo of ribbon and initials "C.E.B." right forearm, along with other tattoos same arm, on left forearm tattoo of heart



and dagger. One gold upper left front tooth. FBI #529991. Has used aliases Carl E. MARLOW, Earl Edward MARLOW. Has served two prison terms for kidnapping. Warrant issued, charge Kidnapping, bond \$10,000.00. If apprehended notify Police Dept., Leesburg, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.

## MISSING PERSONS

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**Nancy Greene**

White female, 5 feet 9 inches tall, weighs 115 pounds, light brown hair, brown eyes, very nervous temperament. Left Everglades, Fla., 2-24-64 en-

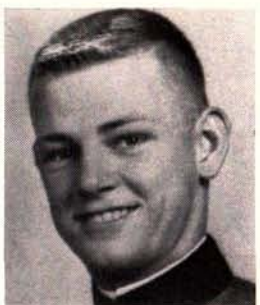
route Red Bank, N. J. by Trailways Bus but did not arrive. Anyone knowing whereabouts of subject notify Sheriff Hendry, Naples, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



**Bonnie Sue Varnadoe**

White female, age 16, 5 feet 4 inches tall, weight 165 pounds, brown hair, hazel eyes. Missing from Martin County since March 2, 1964. If located

notify Sheriff Baker, Stuart, Florida or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



**Julius Henry Sanders**

White male, date of birth 12-20-40, 5 feet 11 inches tall, blond hair, blue eyes. Missing since 2-21-64. If located notify Sheriff Thompson, Fort Myers, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



**Mary Frances Rutledge**

White female, date of birth 5-2-43, 5 feet 2 inches tall, weighs 115 pounds, dark brown hair, brown eyes, scar on chin. Right hand much smaller than left. Missing since December 1962, from her home in Frostproof, Fla. Anyone knowing subject's whereabouts notify Sheriff Brannen, Bartow, Florida or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.





TALLAHASSEE—100 PER CENT PARTICIPATION — State Treasurer J. Edwin Larson (center) who is also State Fire Marshal turned over to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch a check for \$100 representing donations of \$5 each from all 20 of the state Fire Marshal's Office employees. The contributions which will be earmarked for construction of a fire station and repair shop at the Ranch, were collected by Deputy Fire Marshal S. L. Stevens (left) of West Palm Beach; and were accepted for the Ranch by Leon County Sheriff W. P. (Bill) Joyce (right), one of the founders of the Ranch.

## Genung Praised in Capitol Speech

WASHINGTON — Representative Don Fuqua, in a speech before the House, paid impressive tribute to Pinellas County Sheriff Don Genung whom he singled out as having "written a new record of service that would be a tribute to any section of this Nation."

The Congressional Record reported Representative Fuqua as pointing out that Sheriff Genung has not been content just to seek out and apprehend the law violator, but has also developed a program that will seek out the roots of crime and prevent its commission.

Detailing the Sheriff's five-point program for youth crime prevention instituted by the sheriff, Representative Fuqua listed the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch as a top priority project.

Genung spurred his county to an awareness of the important program to build a home for homeless boys, the speaker said, and "It was through his personal sacrifice and dedication that Pinellas County . . . today stands at the very forefront in contributions which have made the ranch possible."

He referred to the junior deputy program as another "brilliant innovation," and said 16,000 Pinellas county boys and girls participate in the activity which fosters respect for law enforcement.

Another phase of the five-point attack is the youth aid bureau, Representative Fuqua said, in which trained officials work with juvenile offenders to

find the cause of their crimes and seek prevention.

The congressman listed the junior mounted posse and youth study center as the two remaining points of the broad program which he likened to the five points of the sheriff's badge.

A delinquent youngster is no longer placed in a jail but in a dormitory-like facility where a complete study can be made of him to determine the cause of his delinquency, Fuqua explained. He stressed the fact that emphasis is on prevention of further crimes rather than punishment.

"Sheriff Genung, now recognized as one of the leading authorities in the nation on juvenile delinquency, believes deeply that there is a basic cause in each crime, that the reason must be sought out and attempts made to correct this situation, if the burgeoning crime rate in this Nation is to be halted," said the Congressman.

He paid tribute to Genung as "an example of the sheriff and the law official of today . . . His record has been particularly outstanding and should be copied over this nation. It is a bold and imaginative record."

House Speaker John McCormack told Fuqua he had heard of the work of Sheriff Genung and the sheriffs of Florida and declared that it was a wonderful thing to have law enforcement officials whose hearts are so big that they want to save young lives — that their program goes right to the roots of life itself.

## Verbal Bouquets

WASHINGTON, D. C. — "What you have done goes right to the heart of all human existence. Yours is a story that should be told in every nook and corner of this country so that others might follow your example."

Speaker of the House of Representatives John McCormack was referring to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch when he made this comment to Hillsborough County Sheriff Ed Blackburn, Jr., one of the founders of the Ranch.

Blackburn was in Washington at the time with a group of boys from the Ranch.

Later, in a speech before the House of Representatives, Florida Congressman Don Fuqua said: "It is my feeling that the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch is a living memorial to Sheriff Blackburn for I know that without his efforts the Ranch would have had difficulty in becoming a reality."

"The Sheriff has a large metropolitan area to serve and he is recognized as one of the finest in these United States."

LAKE WALES — The Daily Highlander tossed a verbal bouquet to Highlands County Sheriff Broward Coker and other law enforcement officers for their vigilant efforts during the Sebring Race.

"When over 60,000 persons in a holiday mood gather in a county with about one-fourth of that population, there is apt to be many problems; but thanks to the planning by Sheriff Coker, there were few problems," the article said.

The Sheriff gathered 110 uniformed officers from sheriffs' departments in Duval, Pinellas, Manatee, Dade, Hardee and Polk Counties, plus officers from the Avon Park Correctional Institution to help his own staff during race week.

"Due to the vigilant efforts of these officers, there were only a few minor accidents," the article concluded.

CRESTVIEW — Sheriff Ray Wilson's Department received a bouquet in the form of a letter to the editor of the Okaloosa News-Journal.

James B. Callis of Fort Walton Beach referred to the department as ". . . at least one branch of our government which has been efficient, performed an outstanding job with little fan-fare or credit and is still doing so."

"I do not know Mr. Ray Wilson personally," wrote Callis, "but I have had the pleasure of some association with two of his outstanding deputies, Officers Oglesby and Watts. I know of no finer men. I am pretty sure they represent a cross section of his personnel."