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# JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

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HON. TOM ADAMS

Much has been written and said in recent years about the plague of juvenile delinquency which has swept across many cities of our nation in near epidemic proportions.

But amid the sensational headlines we tend to magnify the extent of the problem out of its proper perspective. In Florida, for example, less than one per cent of our juvenile population — ages 10-16 — was referred to juvenile courts last year. Of these cases, which totalled 29,164, there were 10,293 minor traffic violations.

APART FROM TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS, nearly 43 per cent of the juvenile crimes were against property — thefts, burglaries, etc. Only 5 per cent were crimes of violence against other persons. Approximately 12 per cent were offenses against public order. Close to 40 per cent were family oriented — runaway, incorrigible and including truancy and curfew violations.

Even though delinquency has not reached epidemic proportions in Florida, it still amounts to an alarming waste of our youth. It is a problem which is increasing, and it is a problem which deserves far more attention than it has been receiving from both state and local governments.

In spite of the fact that juvenile delinquency has been widely and loudly exhorted in the mass media, there still is a dearth of reliable information which is necessary if we are to develop an effective program for conserving the youth of Florida.

THE CAUSES OF JUVENILE DELINQUENCY are many and varied, and before any community can intelligently attack this problem it must be able to define and measure the extent of the problem. This is impossible without complete and detailed records — without a thorough examination of the social, educational and economic factors which contribute to delinquent behavior.

Much work has been done, and much progress has been made toward isolating and detecting the causes of delinquency. For example, two Harvard Criminologists, Sheldon and Eleanor Glueck, as long ago as 1934, developed a formula for predicting delinquency in a child as early as age five or six. The formula considers five factors in a child's environment: Discipline by the father, supervision by the mother, affection by the father and the mother, and the cohesion of the home.

THE WORTH OF THE GLUECK FORMULA was proven by the New York City Youth Board in a 10 year study of 300 boys from a high delinquency neighborhood. The formula was about 85 per cent accurate in predicting the incidence of delinquency and 97 per cent accurate in predicting nondelinquency.

Thus we can predict with reasonable certainty whether or not a child will become delinquent. But how can we use this information to prevent delinquency? What can we as a society do? These are questions which will require deep and detailed study and much more statistical information than is presently available.

OUR PRESENT LAWS ARE OVERLY PROTECTIVE of juvenile offenders and the records of their crimes. Information can be obtained from the juvenile courts, but only with the sanction of the individual judges. Even then, there is no standard or uniformity in the information available.

The statutes give the State Welfare Department authority to compile juvenile crime statistics, but that same

## A Look at Juvenile Delinquency in Florida

- Juvenile delinquents (those referred to juvenile courts) in Florida in 1964 represented only 1% of all children 10 to 16 years old.
- There were 29,164 delinquency referrals involving 21,000 different children. Thus 8,000 offenses (or 27% of all referrals) were committed by "repeaters."
- Of the 29,164 referrals, 43% represented crimes against property (larceny, auto theft, burglary, vandalism), 40% represented offenses applicable to juveniles only (running away, being ungovernable, truancy, curfew violations, etc.), 12% represented offenses against public order and decency (weapons, violation of beverage control laws, acts of mischief, disorderly conduct), and 5% represented

- crimes against persons (homicide, rape, robbery, assault, sex offenses).
- Referrals to juvenile courts for traffic offenses were up 6% for 1964, to 10,293.
- 50% of the offenses committed by boys were against property, and 20% were offenses applicable to juveniles only.
- 16.6% of the offenses committed by girls were against property and more than 50% were offenses applicable to juveniles only.
- Boys were referred to court primarily for the following offenses (in the order of frequency): larceny, breaking and entering, and auto theft.
- Girls were referred to court for the following offenses (in the order of frequency): running away, being ungovernable, shoplifting, and sex offenses.

statute forbids a city-by-city or county-by-county comparison. The information can be compiled only on a statewide basis.

THEN, TOO, JUVENILE DELINQUENCY IS NOT SOLELY A PROBLEM OF LAW ENFORCEMENT and the courts. Many agencies share the responsibility. The welfare and mental health workers who deal with family and economic problems could be an assault force on delinquency if they were armed with a weapon similar to the Glueck formula.

Our school teachers and guidance counselors share in the responsibility also, for it has been estimated by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare that 95 per cent of all 17-year-old, 85 per cent of the 16-year-old, and 50 per cent of the 15-year-old delinquents are school drop-outs. The Department of Health, Education and Welfare also has determined that 11 per cent of all drop-outs have a potential to complete a college education. More than half of them have a scholastic potential to complete vocational-technical programs.

Many times after the delinquent reaches police headquarters it is too late for effective rehabilitation at least without long, tedious and quite expensive process.

GOOD EARLY DETECTION METHODS ARE IMPORTANT, but an effective follow-up preventive program is necessary. A more dramatic example cannot be found than that of a 13-year-old boy who was found to be "potentially dangerous." His name was Lee Harvey Oswald.

There is a growing need for a coordinating agency—a youth bureau at the state level—to provide some basic guidelines and focus the efforts of existing facilities onto the problem.

Several states have created such a bureau. Our sister state of California established a Department of Youth Authority in 1941. Studies by that agency have resulted in a five-point program which calls for:

—A youth conservation corps, to provide supervised work which will lead the youth into full-time employment or back to school.

—Steps to help the culturally deprived child before he becomes unschooled, unskilled and unemployable.

—An improved and expanded vocational training program to teach the skills of the space age.

—A program to make youngsters in minority groups feel more a part of rather than apart from society.

—And last, continued assistance by the youth authority to juvenile courts, probation departments, law enforcement agencies, and correctional schools.

NEW YORK STATE THROUGH ITS DIVISION OF YOUTH probably has carried on a greater variety of prevention programs than any other state. It develops programs in which communities analyze their own youth needs and then institute preventive and remedial programs with state financial assistance and advice.

Minnesota, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania have agencies with similar authority and responsibilities. However, we in Florida must not be tempted to reach out blindly and adopt any one of these plans, for there are some very basic differences between the various state agencies involved and the existing relationship between the state and local governments.

What we should do now is thoroughly appraise our juvenile problems. Such a study should not only define the problem and the agency which will have to cope with it, but it should also give the agency the general scope of its mission.

A STEP TOWARD THIS END was made in the 1965 session of the Legislature with the creation of an interim committee to study juvenile delinquency in Florida. The Legislature also reactivated the Florida Youth Advisory Council, an organization which was created several years ago to give the youth themselves an official voice at the state level and to coordinate youth programs designed to advance the welfare of our young people.

In separate action, the Legislature appropriated half a million dollars to institute an aftercare program for boys and girls returning home from training schools.

Florida finally has begun to respond to the problem of delinquency, and the steps taken thus far have been proper. Now, the responsibility is ours to unite in the legislative study and to share our knowledge and ideas, to discuss frankly the needs of our communities. We need to evaluate the services that we are now capable of offering both at the state and local level. Finally, we need to demand whatever action is necessary to conserve the wealth of our youth.

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## COVER STORY

### No Wonder Crooks are Hostile

BARTOW—You can't blame crooks for being hostile toward Sheriff Monroe Brannen.

The sheriff and his men do such a good job of clearing up crimes that it's very difficult for a hard-working criminal to make a dishonest dollar in Polk County.

They keep trying, of course, but their chances of success are slim because Brannen is a dedicated lawman with over a quarter-century of firing line experience and he has surrounded himself with a capable staff.

For the taxpayers of Polk County this pays off in terms of good law enforcement; and it also gives the Sheriff frequent opportunities to indulge in one of his favorite pastimes — checking over the wide assortment of loot recovered in burglary cases solved by his department.

That's what he's doing on this month's cover.

The items in the top picture were confiscated when Deputy Sheriff Jessie Massey caught a burglar in the act of looting a Lake Wales liquor store. Assisted by Deputies Carl Goodson, Buddy Crews and Wayne Wyant, he speedily wrapped up the case — and you can imagine how the burglar felt. His night's work had been in vain, after lugging 15 heavy cases of whisky out of the place; and on top of that the sheriff had confiscated some other loot and his burglar tools.

Three teen-age boys were equally frustrated when Deputies Dan Weatherford and Shelby Wright picked them up for burglarizing a grocery store in Eaton Park. That's their loot the Sheriff is looking over in the bottom picture.

These are only two of the 25 burglary cases the Sheriff's Department solved in the first five months of 1965.

The batting average was high for other types of crime, too. In the same period eight murders were investigated and all of them cleared up.

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# Plaque Will Recall Bloody Jail Riots of 1927

TAMPA — A plaque on the new Hillsborough County jail will recall bloody 1927 riots that occurred around the old jail at the same site.

In three days more than 1,000 rioters stormed the old jail in an attempt to lynch a prisoner, but were repelled by National Guardsmen under the command of then Col. Sumter L. Lowry, according to the Tampa Times.

The series of events started May 27 with the arrest of Benjamin Franklin Levins for the hatchet murder of five members of the Merrell family — the parents and three children.

On Sunday, May 31, 1,000 rioters stormed the jail to get Levins who was promptly removed from the jail and taken to a secret place under orders of Sheriff L. M. Hiers.

Armed deputies, special officers and city policemen were on hand to repel the attack, which is said to have ended without bloodshed.

But blood was spilled Monday night when sheriff's deputies opened fire on a group of 12 men who battered a hole in the jail with a large piece of lumber resembling a railroad crosstie. The wounded included 10 men and two women. A deputy was shot in the foot.

Early the next morning, about 1 a.m., some of the rioters returned and disarmed six policemen, putting the jail under virtual siege.

National Guardsmen began arriving at 3 a.m. and a growing crowd of rioters was dispersed.

On Tuesday night the rioters, firing guns and hurling bottles and bricks, attacked again. This time they were met by deadly fire from machine guns on the roof of the jail.

The toll was four killed and at least 19 wounded. Many more persons, including sightseers, were wounded too but were not accounted for because they did not go to hospitals for treatment.

Peace returned to the jail on Wednesday after 600 citizens had been deputized to aid the 600 Guardsmen on duty.

Levins, who also admitted killing four members of another family a year earlier, was tried and convicted. He died in the electric chair November 21, 1927, as the result of a death warrant signed by Gov. John W. Martin.

A man that Levins accused of participating in the crime was acquitted by a directed verdict.



## MISSING PERSON

Betty Jean Page, white female, age 19, 5 feet, 8 inches tall, weighs 150 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes. Picture above was taken in 1962. She now wears her hair combed straight back. If located, notify Sheriff Murrhee, Green Cove Springs, Florida; or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.

## Fast Service

OKEECHOBEE — Melvin Steen reported at 2 a.m. that a large quantity of clothing, mostly band uniforms, had been stolen from his 1962 station wagon.

Less than 12 hours later Deputy Sheriff Clifton Lightsey arrested three men and recovered all of the stolen clothing.

Next day the three men were sentenced to pay fines of \$100 each or serve 20 days in jail.

## Sorry, No Booze

DELAND — The thoughtful friend who sent a gift package to a prisoner should have known that booze and blondes go together in some places — but not in the Volusia County Jail.

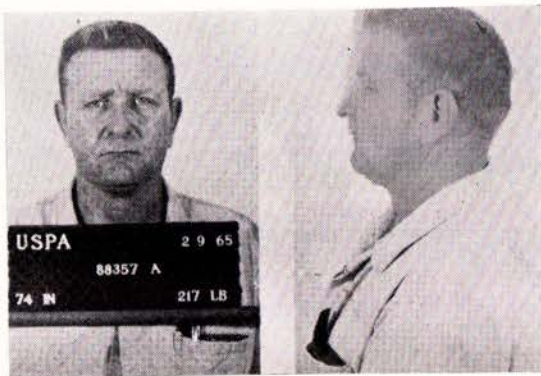
Sheriff Rodney Thursby didn't object to the Playboy magazine with its pictures of undraped blondes. He let that go through.

But he confiscated the fifth of whiskey the package contained and held it for future delivery. The prisoner will get it when he's released from jail.

## Don't Drop it!

STUART — There are times when Sheriff Roy Baker gets a little nervous about the things that turn up in his "lost and found" department—like the bucket full of dynamite that was found under a pine tree near here and delivered to his office.

## WANTED PERSONS

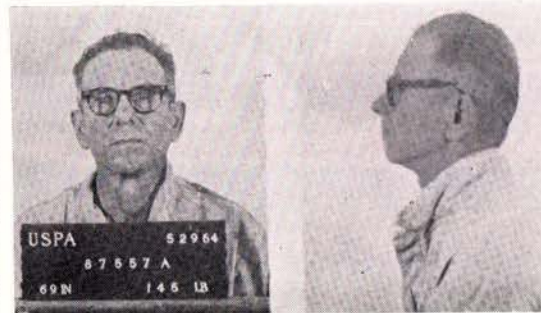


### Ernest Ralph Wardlaw

White male, age 45, 6 feet, 1 inch tall, weighs 206 pounds, light brown hair, blue eyes. Auto mechanic by trade. Escaped from U.S. Pen, Atlanta, Ga., 7-2-65 with subject Mull. Wardlaw was serving 5 year term for Auto Theft. Subjects last known to be operating a green 1962 Studebaker Lark 4-door. 1965 Georgia License 1-18214, ID 62V19803, property of Bureau of Prisons. If apprehended notify nearest FBI agent or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.

### Homer Hall Mull

White male, age 55, 5 feet, 6 inches tall, weighs 143 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes, mole center of forehead. Former residence Morganton, N.C. Wanted for Escape from U.S. Pen, Atlanta, Ga., 7-2-65, where he was serving 3 years for Violation Internal Revenue Liquor Laws. Considered possibly dangerous. If apprehended notify nearest FBI, or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



# BOYS RANCH

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.

## Round-Up

No one seemed to mind that it was raining when nine boys and a houseparent from the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch shoved off on a cruise down the Suwannee River.

### Otherwise, Cruise Was Uneventful

Remember that old poem about the boy on the burning deck calmly eating peanuts by the peck?

Well, there was something reminiscent of this in a cruise a group of Boys Ranch youngsters took down the Suwannee River — except that they were threatened by tornadoes instead of a burning ship and they were eating steak instead of peanuts.

It was raining when Houseparent Ronald C. Arnold and nine boys shoved off from the Boys Ranch boat ramp, but they were wearing bathing suits and no one seemed to mind.

After they had been gone for a while, the weather became rougher. The sky got darker and darker. The rain came down in blinding sheets and then a small twister roared across the Ranch toppling trees and damaging a truck and a car.

In the midst of the storm staff members at the Ranch began worrying about the boys on the barge and a phone call was made to see if they could be located downstream.

This set off a false report that the boys were missing and a search was organized by Sheriffs Departments and the State Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission.

When the barge was finally located the boys were



found to be safe and sound and completely unaware that there had been any tornadoes in the vicinity. In fact, while the search had been going on they had been cooking some steaks and having the time of their lives.

After the false alarm they continued down the river to Manatee Springs to complete a thoroughly enjoyable and otherwise uneventful cruise.

### 4 Leave Ranch To Attend School

When school bells ring in September, four young men from the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch will buckle down to college and vocational school courses.

Wally Edwards, who was the Ranch's first high school graduate two years ago, will enroll as a Junior at the University of Florida, in Gainesville. He completed his first two years of college work at North Florida Junior College, in Madison.

Bill Cowin will be a freshman at North Florida Junior College.

Denny Beagling will study small motor repair at a vocational school in Daytona Beach.

Larry Stacy will be attending Tallahassee Barber College and following in the footsteps of Lloyd deGerald, a former Rancher who has made a successful career in barbering after graduating from the Tallahassee school.

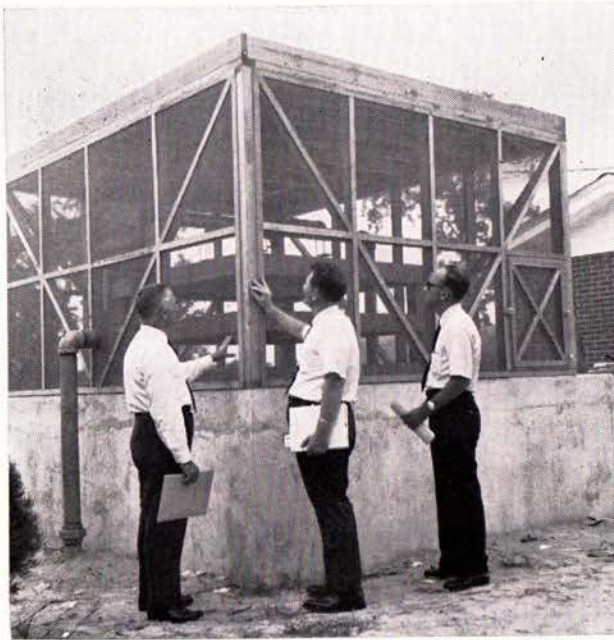
### NICE CATCH

Resting after "a hard day's fishing," these boys admire the results of their labors. Wetting a line in the Suwannee River is one of the most popular summer pastimes at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, but the results aren't always this good.



### NEW AERATOR

Polk County Sheriff Monroe Brannen (left) and friends inspect the new aerator which has been added to the modern water system at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch to remove undesirable minerals from the water. This completes expansion and improvement of the water system for the present time, but future growth will eventually require the addition of an elevated water tank.



### Lifetime Member

TAMPA — In recognition of the generous support he has given to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, Henry Conner, retired assistant state auditor, was voted a Lifetime Honorary Membership in the Florida Sheriffs Association. He is shown (left) accepting his lifetime membership plaque from Hillsborough County Sheriff Malcolm Beard.



### RIO CLUB GIFT

STUART—Martin County Sheriff Roy Baker accepts a donation of \$150 for the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch from the Rio Civic Club. Shown presenting the check are Gerry M. Emtage, treasurer; and Mrs. Harry Spencer, president of the Club. (Photo courtesy The Stuart News.)



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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Builders' Club

The following persons, organizations and business firms have been added to the roster of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Builders' Club in recognition of donations to the Ranch valued at \$100 or more.

Mrs. Alice B. Mackey, West Bradenton.  
Mr. F. F. Kay, North Miami.  
Mr. Guy H. Rockey, St. Petersburg.  
Linder Industrial Machinery Co., Lakeland.  
Rio Civic Club, Rio.

## In Memoriam

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

Sheriff and Mrs. Broward Coker, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Polston, Sebring; Mr. and Mrs. Sparkman, Duval and Jimmie Dampier, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kirby, Gainesville; Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Buie, Lake City; Sheriff Willis V. McCall, Tavares; Mr. and Mrs. Zeb N. Parker and family, Sarasota; Mr. and Mrs. John O. Petrey, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Morgan, Mrs. Howard Roberts and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Mattison, Mr. and Mrs. Beryl W. Barney, Miss Verna Holt, Mrs. Vera Bassler and Daughters, Mrs. Ida Mae Treadwell and Girls, Henry and Doris Lanier, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Whidden, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Treadwell, Jr., Miss Hazel S. Parker, Mrs. H. P. Bevis, Miss Frances Pooseer, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald C. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Carlton, Mrs. Tom Pate, Arcadia; in memory of Sheriff Lloyd R. Holton.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Bernal, Mrs. Virginia C. Bernal, Jack and Barbara Chastain, High Springs; in memory of Mr. June R. Gunn.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Finley, Hollywood; Mrs. Faye A. Yoder, Moore Haven; Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Overly, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Miller, Mrs. Louise Jennings, North Fort Myers; Holiday Mobile Homes, Lakeland; in memory of Mr. John C. Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. John Pennington, Jr. and Family, Cedar Key; in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. Bayles.

Mr. R. C. Bigby, Tampa; in memory of Mr. James L. Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam S. Fann, Live Oak; in memory of Mr. S. N. Dunn.

The Neighborhood of Bob England, Ft. Myers; in memory of Mrs. Margaret England.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Diaz, Tampa; in memory of Mr. Rex Fannin.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Blackburn, Jr., Tampa; in memory of Mrs. Frances Florio and Mr. James L. Sale, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Mayhall, of Marianna; in memory of Mr. O. B. Griffin.

Mr. W. J. Hamrick, Tallahassee; in memory of Mr. Price Hickman.

Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Holmes, Lake Butler; in memory of William Raymond and Sallie Holmes.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert E. Munger, Pompano Beach; in memory of Mr. Arthur S. Riehl.

Mr. and Mrs. John O. Petrey, Arcadia; Henry and Doris Lanier, Arcadia; in memory of Mr. Howard W. Roberts.

Mr. J. C. Turner, Jacksonville; in memory of John Ackeson Smith.

Mr. W. C. Tunno, Jr., Haines City; in memory of Mrs. Theodore Swann.

Doc and Anne Williams, Sebring; in memory of Mr. Jesse M. Tuck, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Carlyle Ausley, Ocala; in memory of Mrs. Emma Louetta Williams.

### Reelected to Board

FT. MYERS — Lee County Sheriff Flanders Thompson was re-elected to the Board of Directors when the Lee County Clothing Center held its annual meeting.

The center provides clothing for needy people.

# LOOK WHAT DON'S DONE

CLEARWATER—How come kids like firemen better than policemen?

Sheriff Don Genung asked himself this question early in his career because he was bothered by the antagonistic attitude most youngsters seemed to have toward anyone wearing a law enforcement badge.

He had a feeling this attitude was at the root of much of the delinquency he had to deal with every day, and it didn't make sense. Essentially firemen, policemen, swimming pool life guards, doctors and nurses were all doing the same job — protecting life and property — but young people didn't ordinarily look at it this way. To them the officer with the badge was a

"bogeyman" who made you do things you didn't want to do, or stop doing things you did want to do.

PARENTS WERE PARTLY RESPONSIBLE for this, the Sheriff knew, especially the ones who told their tots "the Sheriff will put you in jail if you don't behave"; but all the blame didn't rest there.

What did firemen have that policemen didn't have?

Nothing really, if you looked at their equipment and their job. Chasing criminals was as exciting to the youthful imagination as chasing fires. A fire truck with wailing siren, or the sight of a booted fireman handling a high pressure hose high atop an extension ladder would strike awe in the heart of any youngster; but no more so than a Sheriff's patrol car on a life-or-death mission, bloodhounds at full cry on the trail of a criminal, or the "shoot out" that sometimes climaxed the tracking down of a dangerous criminal.

AND, WHAT DID FIREMEN HAVE in their bag of magic tricks that could compete with a polygraph machine, microscopes, photo enlargers, fingerprint files, submachine guns and other items in the law enforcement arsenal?

The difference was, Genung came to realize, that youngsters had an opportunity to learn something about firemen, their duties and their equipment. They often went to the fire house with their school teachers, rode on the fire trucks, slid down the brass pole.

But they didn't have the same opportunity to learn about the law enforcement officer and his job.

WHAT WE NEED TO DO, Genung told himself, is take a page from the firemen's book — and he set about to organize a Junior Deputy Sheriff's League that has drawn attention and applause from coast-to-coast — from the White House, in Washington, D. C., to far away Portland, Oregon.

The idea was simple enough, but the results have been astounding. Since the Junior Deputy League was founded in 1960 youth crime has dropped 14.4 per cent in Pinellas County, as compared with a rise of some 24 per cent for the rest of the nation. A total of 21,000 boys and girls were sworn in during the first five years the League operated and only eight of them were ever brought into court.

THERE'S NO MAGIC FORMULA HERE. The Junior Deputy League is simply a high intensity program about law enforcement — how it works, why it is necessary and how kids themselves can help make it effective.

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"I promise to use my influence to help maintain law and order in this community and . . . " Junior Deputy Sheriffs repeat the official pledge as Sheriff Genuing swears them in.

"So that's what it feels like to be fingerprinted, Golly, it didn't hurt a bit." All Junior Deputies get membership cards with their own thumbprints.

How about that!!! They padlock this thing on a prisoner's foot so he can't run away. Who could run with a 16-pound boot?

It's a big moment when a Junior Deputy gets his badge—especially if the Sheriff himself pins it on.



Learning court procedure in an actual courtroom is part of a Junior Deputy's indoctrination.

New recruits are always fascinated by the Sheriff's modern crime fighting tools when they tour his headquarters facilities.



## Sheriff's Winning War Against Strays

PERRY — Taylor County Sheriff Maurice Linton is winning his war against stray wild hogs and brush cattle.

The wandering animals were making roads unsafe in this area when the Sheriff built a "paddy wagon" for livestock and sent one of his deputies out onto the highways and byways as a "hog catcher."

It was an unglamorous, but important job that had to be done and, according to the Perry News Herald, the Sheriff is getting results.

The newspaper noted that fewer wild hogs and brush cattle can now be seen grazing along the roadside; the Sheriff rounds up fewer animals each time his truck makes a trip down the highway; and reports of auto vs. livestock collisions have dwindled.

"It is an uncomfortable feeling," the newspaper said, "to drive at night with your eyes tensely searching the blackness ahead of your lights, fearing some hog or cow is going to dart into your path at any moment."

"Sheriff Linton is certainly to be commended for helping to take this menace off our highways."



PENSACOLA — SHARPEST SHOOTER — Sgt. Odis E. Davis (left), Identification Officer with the Escambia County Sheriff's Department, logged the highest Practical Pistol Course qualifying score (96.4 out of a possible 100) during a firearms training session instructed by FBI Agents Bill Kittel and Jim McBride. He is shown receiving a high scorer's trophy from Sheriff Bill Davis.

## Two-Edged Sword

TALLAHASSEE — The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away, according to a familiar quotation from Scripture.

So it is too with the Polygraph (lie detector) machine. It often takes away the freedom of the guilty, and gives freedom to the innocent.

A case in point was the polygraph test given by the Florida Sheriffs Bureau to Fondron Singletary, husband of a murdered Cairo, Ga., woman, which showed he was not involved.

## Dedicated Man

HOLLY HILL — The Kiwanis Club's news bulletin commented on Volusia County Sheriff Rodney Thursby's "warmth and sense of dedication to the welfare of the less fortunate" after he talked to the Club about the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

"We should be more grateful for men in public office such as Sheriff Thursby who care enough to try to make this world a better place in which to live," the bulletin added.

## Look What Don's Done

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Each January, Genung sends a specialist from his Youth Aid Bureau to visit 6th-grade classrooms and sign up a crew of Junior Deputies. Then, at five monthly meetings, they are lectured on such topics as use of weapons, fingerprinting, the cause and effect of vandalism, bike safety and even Florida laws.

Youth Aid men haul \$3,500 worth of scientific equipment out to the schools for their demonstrations. Kids are shown how fingerprints are obtained from a suspect document by placing it in an iodine fuming cabinet; and many other techniques such as making plaster casts of foot and tire tracks.

THE HIGH POINTS OF THE PROGRAM are when Sheriff Genung personally presents badges and membership cards to the Junior Deputies; and when they are given a conducted tour of the county jail and court house.

Maybe when this is all over they still like firemen better than policemen — but there's a growing feeling in Pinellas County that future generations are going to have more respect for law and order, and a keener understanding of the law enforcement officer's important role in our society.

If this comes to pass, let us hope historians will recall — with apologies to grammarians — that "Don done it."

## WIFE'S TURN

MONTICELLO — Sheriffs are usually in the spotlight while their wives stay in the background, but the situation was reversed here recently.

Newspaper headlines gave Mrs. J. B. Thomas, wife of the Jefferson County Sheriff, full credit for locating a stolen car.

The car, a brand new one, was taken from a dealer's showroom one Sunday night and Mrs. Thomas spotted it the next morning in a remote area of the colored section when she went there to pick up her maid.

It was believed that the thief had parked it there, hoping it would escape detection, and had planned to come back and pick it up later.

## No Age Limit

There's no age limit for honorary members of the Florida Sheriffs Association.

We have enrolled men and women, boys and girls ranging in age from 2 to 82, but we thought it might be well for us to put this notice in print because we occasionally get letters inquiring about the age limit.

Recently a member from Jacksonville wrote to us about enrolling his son "in order that he may form the habit of supporting the Florida Sheriffs Association and the activities it sponsors, including the Boys Ranch."

"I can think of no better way to help a young man start a life-long career of actively supporting the forces of law and order," he added.

### Police Chief Wanted

**NORTH ORLANDO**—This community is looking for a Police Chief.

Police Commissioner Jay A. Wetz said a retired law enforcement officer (a pensioner) who is willing to relocate would be preferred.

Anyone interested should send a resume, a recent photo and salary requirements to Village Clerk, Village of North Orlando, P. O. Box 386, North Orlando, Florida.



**TAMPA—USEFUL, TO SAY THE LEASH**—Claudia Johns presents a leather leash and collar to Hillsborough County Sheriff Malcolm Beard for his "canine corps." The leash was made by Miss Johns' father, Ray Sullivan, who operates the Western Saddle Shop here.



**FT. MYERS — ROUGH ON RUSTLERS** — Lee County Sheriff Flanders Thompson beefed up his constant campaign against cattle rustlers by commissioning five members of the Lee County Cattlemen's Association as special deputies to assist him in solving any cattle theft cases that occur in this area. Shown receiving their badges from the Sheriff are (standing, left to right) Willie Flint, John Boyd, Harry Flint, Charlie Flint and Nat Hunter. Sheriff Thompson was later commended for his action by the State Cattlemen's Association of Florida.

## Citrus Thefts Drop Spectacularly

**LAKELAND** — Summing up the results of the 1964-65 citrus harvesting season, Les Bessenger, director of Florida Citrus Mutual's Fruit Protection Division, revealed that citrus losses due to thieves and vandals dropped spectacularly to \$71,622 from the previous season's total of \$385,254.

Bessenger, a former sheriff, said this was made possible by the full cooperation of sheriffs and deputies in citrus producing counties.

Here is a summary of his report comparing fruit thefts during the past two seasons:

	COMPLAINTS	
	1963-64	1964-65
Fruit thefts	182	74
Vandalism	2	3
Stolen equipment	33	37
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>114</b>
	ARRESTS	
	1963-64	1964-65
Theft of equipment	40	12
Trucks not properly marked	34	30
No certificate of ownership	18	3
Dealing in citrus without a license	8	0
Theft of citrus-misdemeanor	100	34
Theft of citrus-felony charges	39	29
Vandalism	2	4
Fraud	5	1
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>113</b>
	VALUE	
	1963-64	1964-65
Fruit stolen	\$278,498.50	\$33,005.25
Fraud	91,000.00	1,000.00
Vandalism & equipment	15,756.40	37,619.00
<b>TOTAL dollars lost:</b>	<b>\$385,254.90</b>	<b>\$71,624.25</b>



Illness prevented Attorney General Earl Faircloth from addressing a luncheon meeting, but Assistant Attorney General Robert Kelly ably represented him.



Presentation of \$1,700 raised by Radio Station WTWB, of Winter Haven, for the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch was one of the highlights of the Conference banquet, June 24. In this picture Sheriff Ed Yarbrough (left), chairman of the Boys Ranch Trustees, is accepting the funds from Pat Morgan, representing the radio station; and Polk County Sheriff Monroe Brannen (right) who sponsored the fund raising project.



Seated at the head table for the Conference luncheon, June 24, were (from left) Florida Sheriffs Bureau Director Don McLeod, secretary of the Sheriffs Association; Sheriff and Mrs. Flanders Thompson (He is chairman of the Association's Board of Directors.); and Sheriff and Mrs. Sim L. Lowman. (He is president of the Sheriffs Association.)



A Certificate of Appreciation for meritorious service to the Florida Sheriffs Association was presented to Jim Parrish, veteran Miami Beach hotelman and head of insurance convention activities for the State Insurance Commissioner. Pictured from left are Sheriffs Association President Sim L. Lowman; Board of Directors Chairman Flanders Thompson; Parrish; Baker County Sheriff Ed Yarbrough; and State Insurance Commissioner Broward Williams.



The rare honor of Lifetime Membership in the Florida Sheriffs Association went to (from left) George Watts, Ed Blackburn Jr., and James W. Turner, all past presidents of the Sheriffs Association; and Odell Carlton, a past chairman of the Board of Directors. All are former Sheriffs.

## Sarasota Summary



State Treasurer Broward Williams left the bedside of his critically ill mother on June 23 to make the keynote address at the opening session of the Conference and flew back to Tallahassee immediately afterward.



Sarasota County Sheriff Ross E. Boyer (left) was the Conference Host. He is pictured here with one of the guests, Sheriff Jim Clark, from Selma, Alabama, who is a past president of the Alabama Sheriffs Association. Both Sheriffs are vice presidents of the National Sheriffs Association.

"WE ARE AT A POINT WHERE THE BALANCE OF POWER IN OUR SOCIETY IS TURNING DANGEROUSLY AGAINST THE PEACE FORCES," Attorney General Earl Faircloth warned in a speech prepared for delivery at the 52nd annual Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association, in Sarasota.

The Conference, which drew some 250 Sheriffs, wives, children and guests, was held on June 23, 24 and 25. Illness at the last minute forced the Attorney General to cancel his plans to address a luncheon on the second day of the meeting, but he was represented by Assistant Attorney General Robert Kelly who delivered the prepared address.

TO SIMPLY HIRE MORE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS is not the answer to a crime rate that far exceeds the population growth, Kelly said.

"We must select and bring into the field of law enforcement men of character and intelligence capable of meeting the challenge of our time," he added, declaring that they must be paid suitable salaries and must be well trained.

"ONE OF THE ABSURDITIES OF OUR SOCIETY IS THAT IT PAYS SOME OF ITS LOWEST WAGES to the people of whom we demand most," he continued. "It is appalling to see the police officer receiving the same wage rate as the unskilled and only half the wage of some of our skilled workers."

Also cited was the need for our society to end its "flagrant disrespect for law and constituted authority."

STATE TREASURER AND INSURANCE COMMISSIONER BROWARD WILLIAMS was also a featured speaker during the three-day program and presented the keynote address at the opening session on June 23.

He discussed Florida's traffic safety situation and was applauded when he voiced opposition to creation of a state police in Florida.

Highlights of business sessions included:

APPOINTMENT OF THREE SHERIFFS — Broward Coker, of Highlands County; Monroe Brannen, of Polk County; and Bill Davis, of Escambia County — as new members of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Board of Trustees.

PRELIMINARY PLANNING for a \$78,500 water distribution and sewer system at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

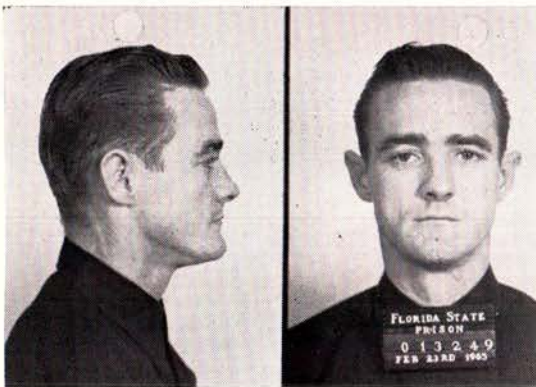
SELECTION OF THE CARILLON HOTEL, Miami Beach, as the site of the 53rd Annual Conference to be held in June, 1966; and the Ponce de Leon Hotel, St. Augustine, for the Annual Mid-Winter Conference, to be held in January, 1966.

ACCEPTANCE OF A REPORT showing that the Florida Law Enforcement Academy, a brainchild of the Florida Sheriffs Association, enrolled 431 officers in 20 schools during its first 16 months of operation. This total consisted of 239 from Sheriffs' Departments, 102 from police departments, 86 from state agencies, one constable, two from county solicitors' offices and one from a state attorney's office.

PASSED A RESOLUTION COMMENDING Gov. Haydon Burns for the road building bond issue he proposed and the 1965 Legislature passed.

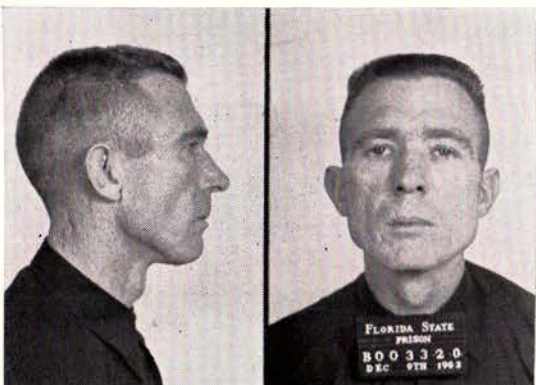
# WANTED PERSONS

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Don McLeod, Director



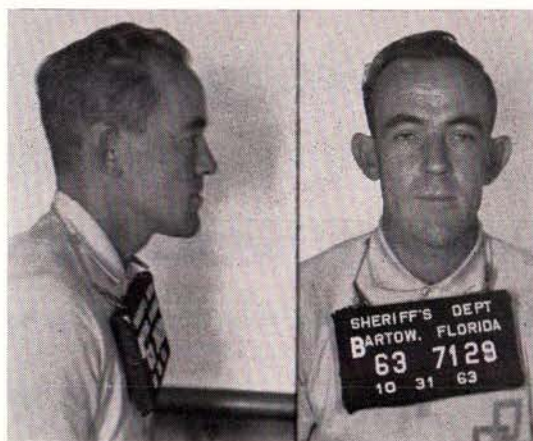
**Edgar Lee Miller**  
White male, date of birth 11-20-38, 5 feet, 8 inches tall, weighs 136 pounds, brown hair and eyes, tattoo of "two hearts" upper left arm, "Rose" upper right arm. Occupation: Electrical appliance repairman. FBI #299 367C. FPC: 19 O/I 29/19 W/W 100/MOO 21. Wanted on

charge Escape from D/C RP #46, Loxahatchee, Fla., where he was serving 2 year term for Grand Larceny, Palm Beach County. \$25.00 reward. If apprehended notify Division of Correction, Tallahassee, Florida or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.

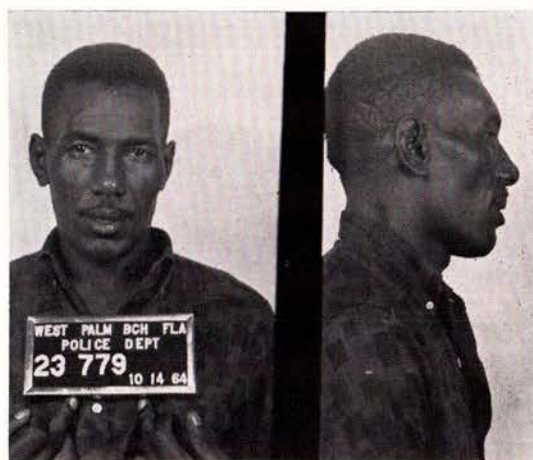


**Clyde William Picketsimer, Jr.**  
White male, date and place of birth 4-4-27, Gaston County, N.C., 6 feet, 1/2 inch tall, weighs 153 pounds, medium brown hair, blue eyes. Pockmarks left cheek, also cut scar left cheek,

upper lip, and right cheek. Produce man by trade. FBI #4 566 091. Warrant issued, charge Breaking and Entering. If apprehended notify Sheriff Wilson, Crestview, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



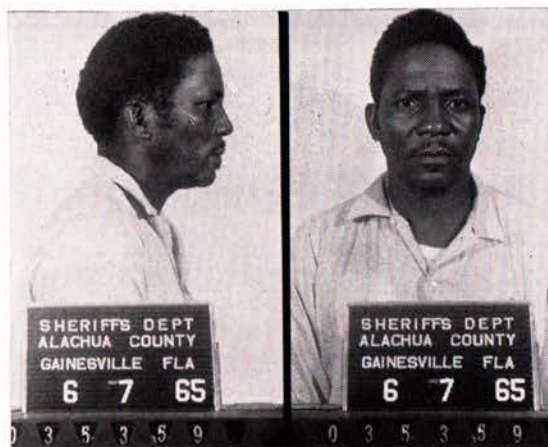
**Lloyd Lamar Mercer**  
White male, date and place of birth 11-6-32, Norman Park, Ga., 5 feet, 10 1/2 inches tall, weighs 160 pounds, medium build, brown hair-crew cut, blue eyes. Escapee from Avon Park Correctional Institution 4-1-65. Occupation: Welder, mechanic, barber. FBI #314696E. May be in Alabama. Wanted on charges of Worthless Checks and Auto Theft. If apprehended notify Sheriff McCall, Tavares, Florida, or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



**Albert Ballentine**  
Also known as Johnny Valentine and Johnny Freeman, colored male, date of birth 5-14-21, 5 feet, 9 inches tall, black hair, brown eyes, medium dark complexion. Warrants on file, charge Breaking and Entering and Grand Larceny. If apprehended notify Police Dept., West Palm Beach, Florida or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



**Stacey Ray Tunnell**  
White male, date and place of birth 5-16-26, Wardenville, N.C., 5 feet, 11 inches tall, weighs 275 pounds, black hair, brown eyes. FBI #118 957C. Warrant issued, charge Uttering a Forged Instrument, will extradite. If apprehended notify Sheriff Michell, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., or Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



**George Grayson**

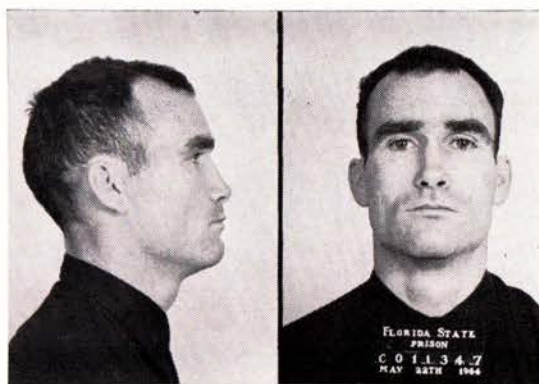
Alias George Hill, colored male, date and place of birth 10-12-30, Lowndes County, Ala., 5 feet, 10 inches tall, weighs 154 pounds, black hair, brown eyes, dark brown complexion, wears small mustache, has wide gap between front teeth. Has Florida

Drivers License #C-126201. Has SS #081-30-8991. Warrant issued, charge Murder of his wife. Will extradite. If apprehended notify Police Dept., or Sheriff Crevasse, Gainesville, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



**John Roper**

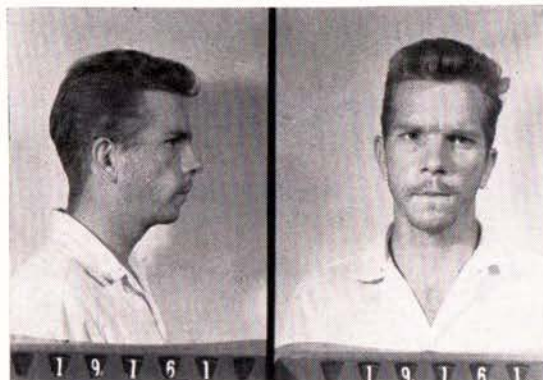
Also known as John Ryder, white male, age 35, 5 feet, 11 inches tall, weighs 165 pounds, reddish-blond hair, receding, blue-green eyes. SS #098-303-14. May be in the Jacksonville area. Known to be carrying a pistol when he left the Fort Myers area 6-17-65. Warrants issued, charge Forgery and Uttering. If apprehended notify Sheriff Thompson, Fort Myers, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



**Jimmy T. Alford**

White male, date and place of birth 1-27-38, Wewahitchka, Fla., 6 feet, 1/2 inch tall, weighs 163 pounds, dark brown hair, hazel eyes; vaccination scar upper left arm, cut scars on left shoulder, lower left arm, over right upper lip. Fisherman by trade. FBI #858 213C. FPC: 18 O/L

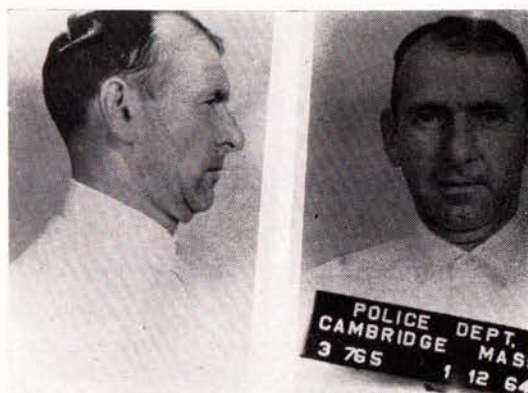
28/24 W/W OOO/III. Wanted on charge of Escape from D/C RP #35 Panama City, Fla., where he was serving 5 year term for Armed Robbery. \$25.00 reward. If apprehended notify Division of Correction, Tallahassee, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



**Archie Thomas Peterson**

White male, date and place of birth 2-18-36, DeLand, Fla., 5 feet, 8 inches tall, weighs 140 pounds, slender build, brown hair and eyes,

fair complexion. Warrants issued, charge Worthless Checks. If apprehended notify Sheriff Crevasse, Gainesville, Florida or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



**Francis Smith Piper**

Also known as Peiper, Frank Parker, Frederick Parkerhurst, white male, date of birth given as November 3, 1920, 1921, 1923, 1925, place of birth Boston, Mass., 5 feet, 10 inches tall, weighs 165 pounds, dark brown hair-balding, hazel eyes. Scar corner upper

lip and right index finger. FBI #1-701-406. Occupation: Salesman, clerk, carpenter. Wanted several states and Canada on charges passing fraudulent checks and stolen money orders. If apprehended notify nearest FBI or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



**DeWayne Bowers**

White male, date and place of birth 6-2-35, Cleo Springs, Ala., 6 feet, 1 inch tall, weighs 210 pounds, black hair, brown eyes. FPC: 18 L/M 17/1 W/U IOI/

OOI, 8. Capias issued, charge Assault and Battery, bond \$1,000.00. If apprehended notify Sheriff Thompson, Key West, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Fla.



**Clarence Ray Tate**

Also known as Raymond Earl Tate, white male, date and place of birth, Rome, Ga., 5 feet, 8 inches tall, weighs 162 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes. FBI #801 682B. May be working on shrimp or snapper boat out of Florida port. Six warrants on file, charge Worthless Checks, Felony and Misdemeanor. If apprehended notify Sheriff Thompson, Fort Myers, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.



**Mary L. Woods**

Also known as Mary Lou Woods, white female, date of birth 8-1-17, 5 feet, 5 inches tall, weighs 120 pounds, blond hair, blue eyes. Registered nurse, but recently employed as general office worker. Has done motel work as cashier and desk clerk. Several warrants on file, charge Worthless Checks. If apprehended notify Constable Fender, Daytona Beach, Fla., or the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, Tallahassee, Florida.

# Junior Posse

WEST PALM BEACH — Sheriff Martin Kellenberger's Junior Mounted Posse gives youngsters between the ages of 10 and 20 an abundance of wholesome outdoor recreation — plus other dividends. They learn to accept the responsibility every rider must assume for the welfare of his horse. This is a part of their training in horsemanship. They are also taught sportsmanship, showmanship and similar lessons that will serve to spur their lives in the right direction. (West Palm Beach Post photos by Johnny Nicklas.)



ABOVE—Steve Scowden, 17, grooms his horse in preparation for the Junior Posse's annual horse show.



ABOVE—Susan Asche, 17, and "Molly Dee" take a practice run before entering the barrel race.

BELOW—Linda Thiery, 17, (left) with "Sheik" and Sara Kolb, 19, aboard "Sunny."



BELOW—Just pals. That's the best way to describe Penny Carpenter and her horse "Mutt."

