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THE RANCHER

A PUBLICATION OF THE FLORIDA SHERIFFS BOYS RANCH, LIVE OAK, FLORIDA

A birthday cake with 10 candles was the theme of this float commemorating the 10th Anniversary of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. Dan Stainer took the picture during a parade which followed the inauguration of Gov. Claude Kirk, in Tallahassee, January 3. Rancher Donny Michael and Suwannee County Deputy Sheriff Buddy Phillips rode the float.



The Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch is 10 Years Old

So let's take a backward look at the highlights of a decade in which the Ranch progressed from a dream and a "nest egg" of \$5,000 to a million-dollar institution with a growing family of 100 fine boys.

FACTS

About the Ranch

LOCATION—11 miles north of Live Oak, Florida, on the Suwannee River and about midway between Jacksonville and Tallahassee.

MAILING ADDRESS—P. O. Box 520, Live Oak, Florida

FOUNDED—in 1957 by the Florida Sheriffs Association.

BEGAN OPERATION—in February, 1959, when the first boys were admitted.

FINANCING—supported entirely by public donations. (They are deductible for income tax purposes.)

SIZE—737 acres of rolling farmlands.

ENROLLMENT—100 boys.
Eventual goal: 400 boys.

PURPOSE — to provide a good home and a secure future for Florida's needy and worthy boys—to give them love, security, discipline and all of the essential advantages that are every American boy's birthright. The Ranch is not a "reform school" or a "correctional institution." Boys enrolled at the Ranch are there simply because they need a good home—because they are the innocent victims of neglect or lack of opportunity.

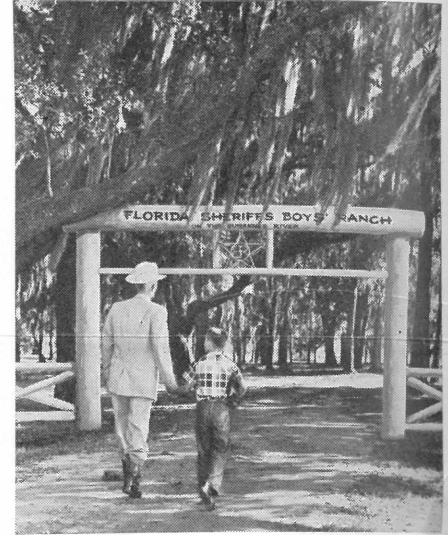
AGE LIMITS—To be admitted a boy must be between the ages of 8 and 16. Once he is admitted, the Ranch becomes his home and he remains there through high school and college unless his home situation improves or another good home develops.

ELIGIBILITY — Each boy who meets the mental and physical requirements must also be approved by the Sheriff and the Juvenile Court Judge of the county in which he resides.

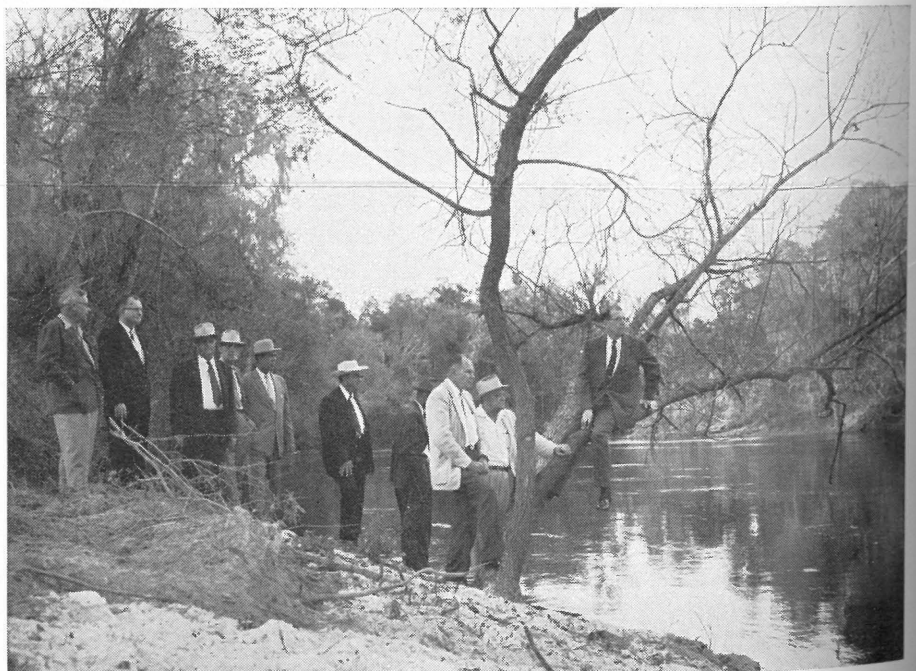
SOURCE OF BOYS—Applicants are referred to Sheriffs by interested citizens; and also by school and juvenile court officials.

1957

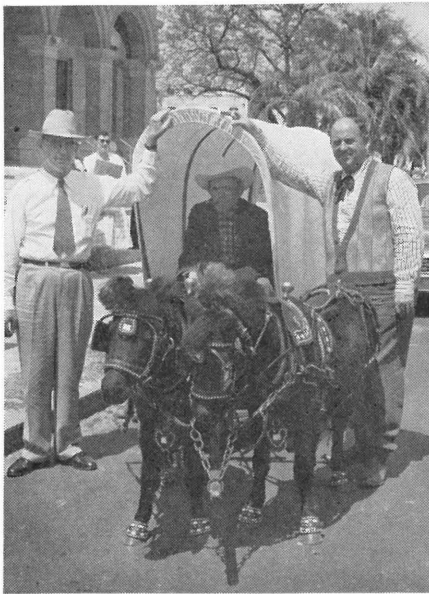
After years of discussion, this was the year of decision. A projects committee of the Florida Sheriffs Association met at Sheriff Willis McCall's hunting camp, near Eustis, June 29, and recommended that \$5,000 be placed in a special trust fund to start a Boys Ranch as a permanent home for worthy and needy boys. On July 23 the Board of Directors of the Sheriffs Association, meeting at Kissimmee, approved the recommendation and a state-wide search was begun for a suitable building site. The Ranch became a reality on October 2, when the Sheriffs Association met in St. Petersburg to: (1) pass a trust agreement placing the ranch project in the hands of a board of trustees composed of Sheriffs and civilians, with the latter in the majority; (2) approve a 722-acre site on the Suwannee River, near Live Oak; and (3) appoint Hillsborough County Sheriff Ed Blackburn, Jr., as the first Executive Director. On this same date Sheriff John Spottswood, then President of the Sheriffs Association, became the first chairman of the Boys Ranch Board of Trustees.



REMEMBER WHEN . . . the Ranch was just an idea "on paper" and we selected a scenic spot in Tallahassee for our first fund raising poster pictures? A gate was painted on the photograph; and Robert Stauffer, son of the Sheriffs Association's Field Secretary, posed as the "homeless boy." The Sheriff selected for the picture was George Watts, of Chipley, who is now a member of the Attorney General's staff.



REMEMBER WHEN . . . Sheriffs drove down to the banks of the Suwannee River, 11 miles north of Live Oak, and selected 722 scenic acres of unspoiled, undeveloped land as the Boys Ranch site?

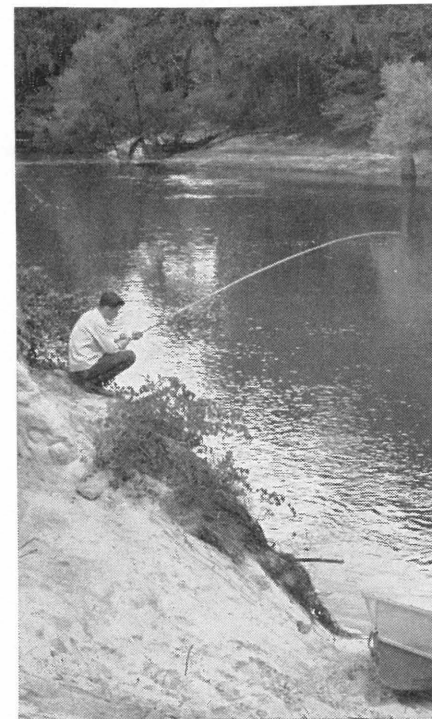
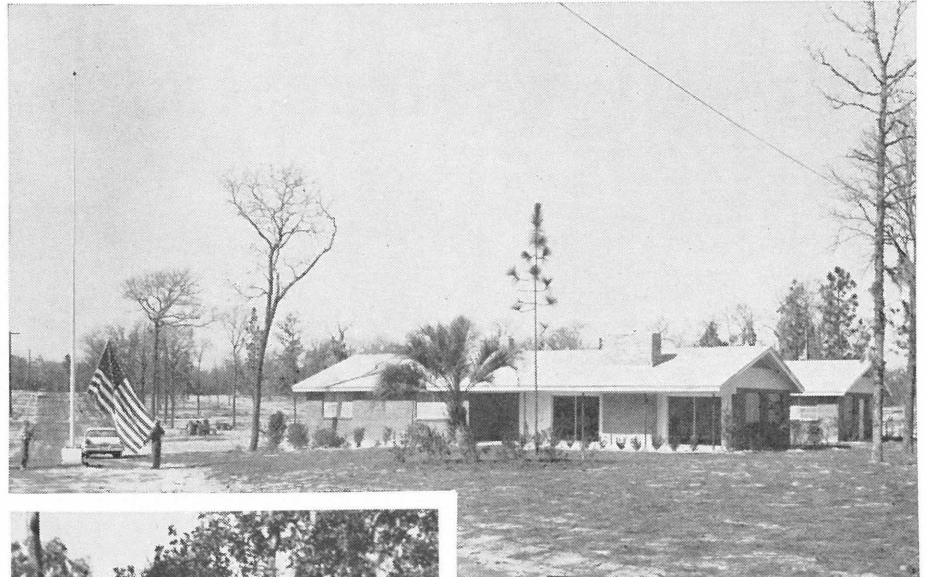


REMEMBER WHEN . . . two miniature Shetland ponies donated by Col. Thomas A. Parker (right), manager of Movie Star Elvis Presley, were the only residents at the Boys Ranch? This picture was taken in 1958 when the ponies and miniature chuck wagon were delivered to the late Sheriff Hugh Lewis (left), of Live Oak. The first boys were enrolled at the Ranch in 1959.

. . . AND REMEMBER WHEN . . . ground was broken for the first \$60,000 residence cottage, August 1, 1958? That's Ed Blackburn, of Tampa, with the shovel. He was then Sheriff of Hillsborough County and the first Executive Director of the Ranch. Behind him are Former State Sen. John Spottswood (left), and J. L. McMullen, of Live Oak. Sen. Spottswood, then Sheriff of Monroe County, was the first Chairman of the Boys Ranch Board of Trustees. McMullen became Treasurer in the early days of the Ranch and is still serving in that capacity.

. . . AND REMEMBER WHEN . . . a visiting photographer took a picture of Mike Edwards fishing on the banks of the Suwannee River. Mike later became a star athlete at Suwannee High School, in Live Oak, where he was the 1965 captain of the football team and received a "Lineman of the Year" trophy. He was graduated from high school in June, 1966, and enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. Early in 1967 he left Camp Pendleton, California, en route to Viet Nam, following in the footsteps of his brother, Wally Edwards, who is pictured elsewhere in this issue.

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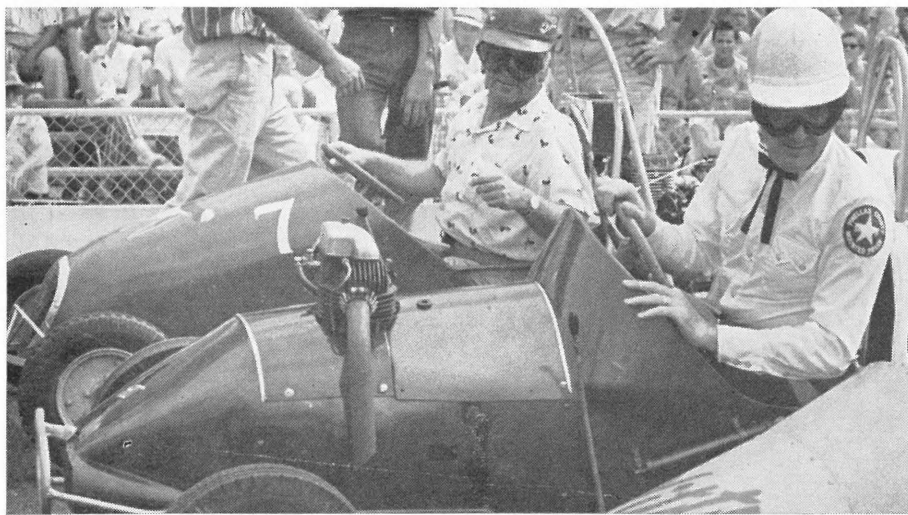
REMEMBER WHEN . . . This was the only residence cottage at the Ranch—a \$60,000 building dedicated in memory of the late Pinellas County Sheriff Sid Saunders? This is where the first boys lived when they were enrolled in February, 1959. Now there are five residence cottages at the Ranch.

1958

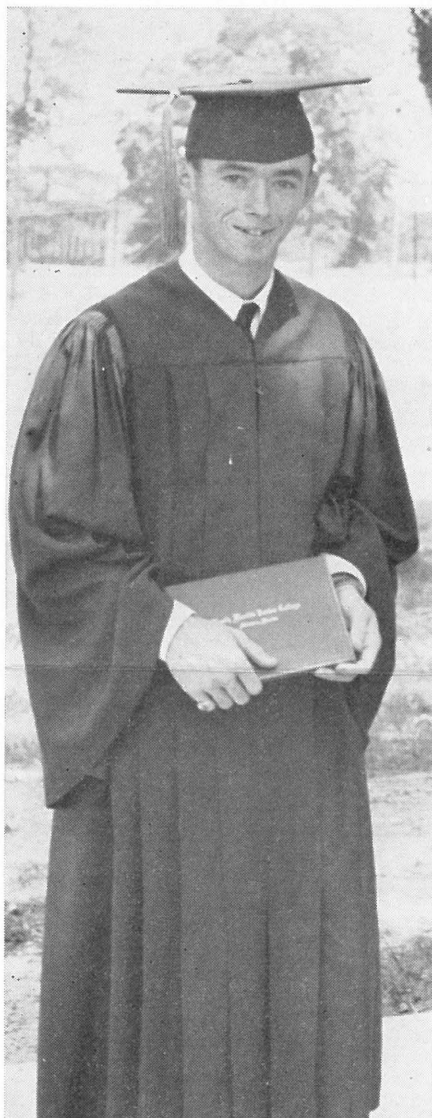
U. S. Department of Internal Revenue ruled Boys Ranch donations deductible for income tax purposes . . . spring plowing and land clearing begins on Ranch site . . . Gainesville Architect Myrl Hanes completes plans for first residence cottage . . . Movie Star Elvis Presley and his manager, Col. Tom Parker, donate ponies and "chuck wagon" . . . Memorial Fund established to accept donations in memory of deceased relatives and friends . . . Vincent Jones hired as first Ranch Manager . . . ground broken for first residence cottage, August 1 . . . first residence cottage dedicated in memory of Sheriff Sid Saunders, October 3 . . . four-man admissions committee begins selection of first boys to be enrolled.

1959

First boys admitted in February . . . cash and non-cash donations in first 17 months after Ranch was founded totaled \$160,000 . . . by mid-year enrollment totaled 8 boys and two residence cottages had been completed at a cost of approximately \$60,000 each . . . enrollment of 24 reported in August . . . Georgia Sheriffs visit Ranch and announce plans to start own Boys Ranch . . . Vocational Training Center completed . . . it was financed by Hillsborough County contributions.



REMEMBER WHEN . . . Sheriffs were willing to do almost anything to "make a buck" for the Boys Ranch? (and they still are, of course). This picture was taken in 1958 when Ed Blackburn (left), then Sheriff of Hillsborough County, and Don Genung (right), Sheriff of Pinellas County, agreed to enter a Micro-Midget race at Largo. The race was for the benefit of the Boys Ranch.



REMEMBER HOW PROUD . . . we were when Rancher Wally Edwards was graduated from North Florida Junior College (May 3, 1965); and when Rancher Royal E. (Buddy) McHenry was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroism in Viet Nam (in 1966). Wally later joined the U. S. Marines, became the first Rancher to be married in the new Ranch Chapel, and was sent to Viet Nam by the Marines.



1960

Ellis Mize, retired Panama City timber and turpentine operator, founded scholarship fund with donation of \$500 and later added larger amounts to finance vocational school and college educations for boys enrolled at the Ranch . . . Georgia Sheriffs break ground for their Boys Ranch May 18 . . . Cal Farley, founder of famous Boys Ranch at Amarillo, Texas, visits our Ranch to give officials "how to do it" pointers. . .

1961

Premiere of first color-sound movie about the Boys Ranch held on February 3 . . . Alabama Sheriffs announce plans to start a Boys Ranch and visit our Ranch to get pointers . . . Elvis Presley and his manager donate \$6,000 frame dwelling used in movie filmed in Florida . . . it was later renovated for use as a snack bar and barber shop . . . first dining hall completed . . . second residence cottage dedicated September 7 in memory of Sheriff F. L. McGehee . . . 40 boys fill Ranch to capacity . . . Harry Weaver placed in charge of Ranch with new title of Ranch Administrator, in December . . . \$30,000 swimming pool completed. . .

1962

Enrollment reaches 45 boys . . . new Max Weintraub Memorial Dairy Building dedicated on February 24 . . . Florida Sheriffs Association receives George Washington Medal from Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge for establishing the Boys Ranch "which typifies the American Way of Life" . . . Lloyd de Gerald becomes first boy to graduate from the Ranch, September 1, after completing vocational training as a barber . . . Pentland Memorial Cottage dedicated November 4 . . . built by Col. Robert Pentland, Jr., Miami banker, sportsman and financier, in memory of his mother . . . First large bequest (\$28,441) received from estate of one-time Polish immigrant Agnes A. Torrey who died childless in Monticello in 1960 . . . new 66-passenger bus solves transportation problems for boys . . .

1963

Enrollment reaches 60 . . . boys visited Florida Legislature and received ovation . . . had lunch with Governor Farris Bryant . . . Wally Edwards first Ranch boy to graduate from high school on June 3 . . . Florida State Firemen's Association volunteers to raise \$25,000 for first station and repair shop at Ranch . . . Minnesota Sheriffs announce they too are starting a Boys Ranch. . .

1964

Three staff residences completed . . . also new bath house at swimming pool and first phase of new water system . . . fourth residence cottage (used temporarily as a dining hall) dedicated in memory of Sheriff Hugh Lewis, April 5 . . . mortgages burned same date making Ranch debt-free for the first time . . . \$90,000 cafeterium dedicated in memory of Jim and Rena Swick, of Alachua . . . they died in Jacksonville's tragic Hotel Roosevelt fire . . . large cattle barn completed with funds raised in Alachua County . . . water system also expanded . . .

1965

Long needed social service department created . . . fifth residence cottage dedicated in memory of Charles E. Merrill, famous New York stock broker, March 28 . . . Ranch capacity reaches 100 boys . . . Wally Edwards graduates from North Florida Junior College, May 3 . . . Jacksonville Dental Society completes fourth year of free dental care for boys at Ranch . . . 75 to 100 dentists involved . . . value to Ranch many thousands of dollars . . .

1966

Enrollment riding at record high of 100 . . . Ranch becomes one of largest child care institutions in Florida . . . former Rancher Buddy McHenry receives Bronze Star for heroism while serving in U. S. Army in Viet Nam . . . "Handle With Care," movie sponsored by Florida Bankers Association, tells Ranch story to state-wide television audience . . . 10th Anniversary year begins on October 2 . . . All-Faiths Chapel, Bostwick Memorial Library and Nellie G. Laws Memorial Building dedicated October 2 . . . first wedding held in Ranch chapel November 12 . . . Miss Joyce Hilton, of Clearwater, becomes bride of Pvt. Wally Edwards, U. S. Marines . . . year's end finds Wally in Viet Nam . . . at least 10 other Ranchers in military service too . . .



REMEMBER WHEN . . . all of the boys at the Ranch could be packed into two large station wagons for a trip? And now it takes two large school buses. This picture was taken in 1959 when boys and staff members attended a Florida State University football game as guests of Leon County Sheriff Bill Joyce.



REMEMBER THE DAY . . . that a group of Ranchers visited Washington D. C., toured the White House and delivered a ten-gallon hat and a Sheriff's Badge as gifts for President Johnson. This picture was taken on the White House lawn, March 10, 1964. At the extreme right is Pierre Salinger, the President's Press Secretary.

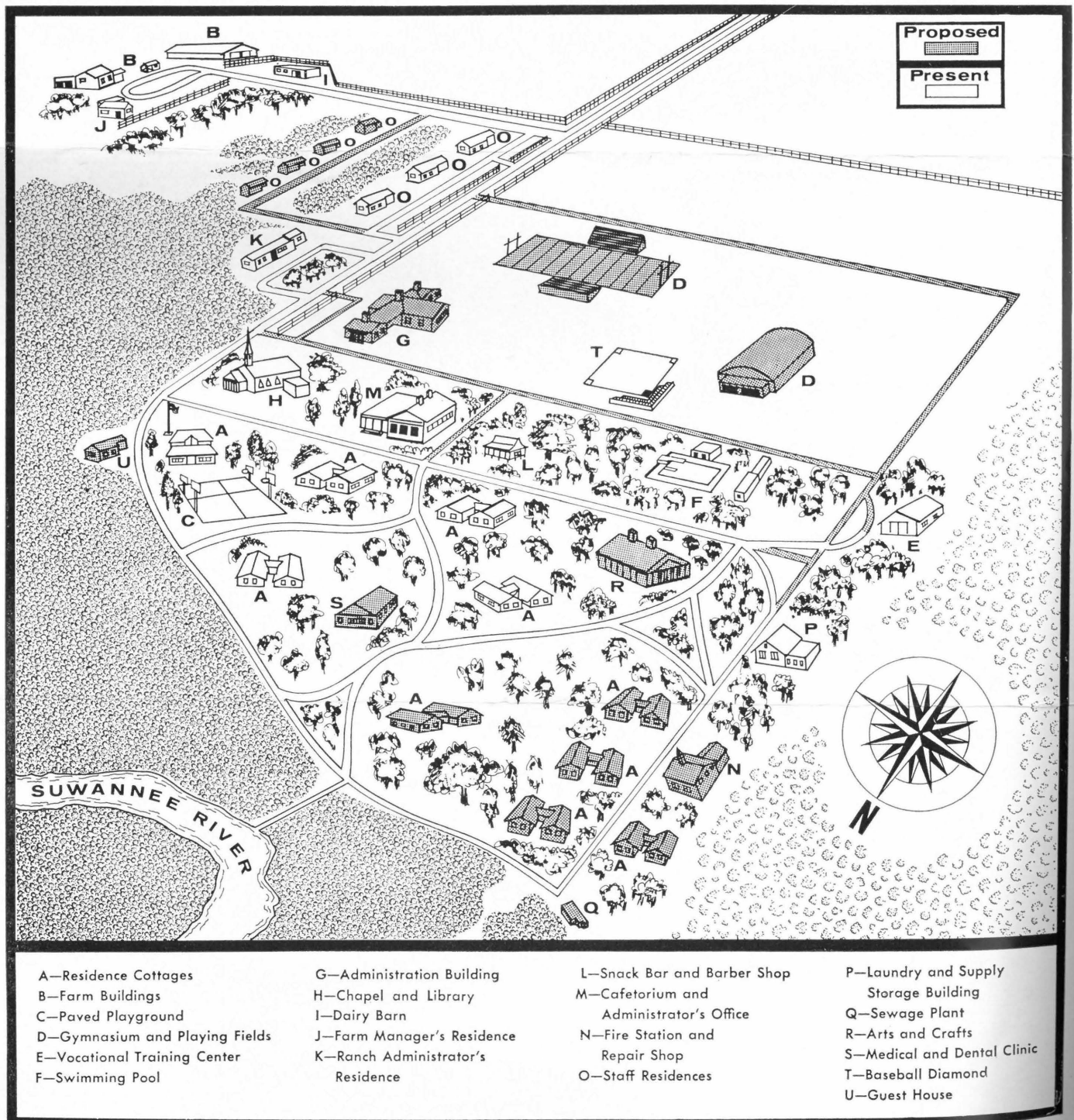
WERE YOU THERE . . . November 4, 1962, when ceremonies were held at the Ranch dedicating Pentland Memorial Cottage. The picture below was taken during a barbecue which preceded the dedication.



... And Where it Will Stop Nobody Knows

The Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch grows and where it will stop nobody knows because the waiting list of needy and worthy boys who have applied for admission is growing too. Right now our facilities are filled to capacity with a record enrollment of 100 boys and we are turning away youngsters who desperately need a good home and a secure future. Obviously the Ranch must continue to ex-

pand as fast as funds become available to build and operate additional facilities—and who knows where that will eventually lead? The map below doesn't give the answer. It merely provides a master plan for the second decade of progress. After these facilities have been completed, it is very likely that Ranch officials will start developing sites in other areas of the state—and so she grows.



It May Be Easier Than You ^{APRIL 19} ~~Know~~ ^{ize}

Many of our supporters indicate they would like to make a large contribution to the Boys Ranch but they just can't afford it.

If this is your problem, here is a suggestion:

Go see your favorite insurance agent and tell him you want to take out a life insurance policy with the Boys Ranch as the irrevocable beneficiary. Then you pay just a few dollars a month on the insurance premium, and the Boys Ranch holds the policy as a guarantee of your "deferred gift."

For example, a loyal supporter in his

late forties took out a life insurance policy that will give the Boys Ranch \$4,000 when he dies, and it is costing him less than \$18 a month.

Furthermore, since the Ranch is the irrevocable beneficiary (this means the beneficiary can't be changed), his premium payments are deductible for income tax purposes — just the same as any donation to the Ranch.

Others have done the same thing and the Ranch now holds insurance policies with a total value of over \$50,000.

More Accessible

The Boys Ranch, once remote, will soon be on "the beaten path." Interstate Route 10, Jacksonville to Pensacola Expressway, is currently being extended from Lake City westward to a point a few miles from the Ranch. Interstate 75, Great Lakes to Miami artery is also nearby.

Boys Ranch Bequests

"I am including a bequest to the Boys Ranch in my will. How should I designate the legatee?"

This question is asked frequently and the answer is: "The Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Fund."

Bequests are a major source of income. Some are designated for specific uses such as scholarships or new facilities. Others not earmarked go into our endowment trust fund which is administered by a large Florida bank, under supervision of the Ranch trustees.

If you have any questions about making a bequest, do not hesitate to get in touch with the Ranch Administrator's office, Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, P. O. Box 520, Live Oak, Fla.

The bequest you include in your will now will help to give future security to the boys presently enrolled at the Ranch, as well as to others who will follow in their footsteps.

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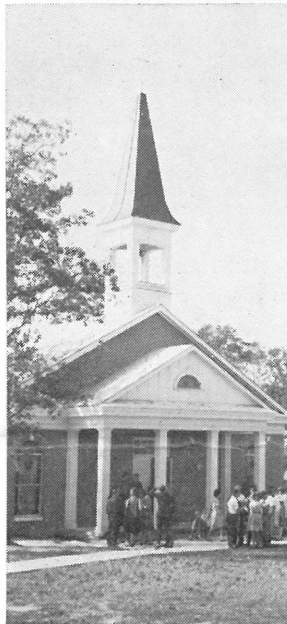
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Keep Memories Alive

Nothing lasts forever.

But there is a lasting way to preserve the memory of deceased relatives and friends.

We call it our "Memorial Fund."

When you make a donation to this fund, the name of the person whose memory you are honoring is inscribed in our permanent memorial record and the money you contribute is used for some project of enduring significance. For example our all-faiths chapel was financed with Memorial Fund donations.

The form below can be used when making contributions to this interest-bearing fund.

Mail To:

Memorial Fund
Florida Sheriffs
Boys Ranch
P. O. Box 520
Live Oak, Florida

Enclosed find contribution of \$ _____

In memory of _____

Send acknowledgment to:

Name _____

Address _____

From (Donor's Name) _____

Address _____

We Must Keep it "Going and Growing"

Family life is breaking down. More and more parents are running away from the responsibility of raising their children.

Other parents — through serious illness, death and similar tragedies — are unable to properly care for their offspring.

Each year our society produces a new crop of troubled children who, through no fault of their own, have become homeless, needy or neglected.

Therefore, the destiny of the Boys Ranch is crystal clear. It must continue to expand as fast as voluntary contributions from generous supporters will permit.

This means more operating funds to pay for essentials like food, clothing and shelter.

This also means additional facilities such as:

- Four Residence Cottages at \$60,000 each (\$240,000)
- An Intensive Remedial Education Unit (\$30,000)
- A Gymnasium, Recreational Center and Music Room (\$200,000)
- An Arts and Crafts Building (\$65,000)
- Five Staff Houses (\$60,000)
- Sewage, Drainage and Water System (\$118,000)

These are what we call our current needs — the facilities that will have to be built to bring the present Boys Ranch to its full capacity.

And, after that what?

Ranch officials have already asked this question and their answer is that additional Boys Ranches will have to be built in other sections of the state.

They are also studying the possibility of small group homes to accommodate 8 to 12 boys with special needs and potentialities. These homes would be spotted near educational and medical centers.

All this is over the horizon, but it is obvious that there is only one future course for the Boys Ranch if it is to fulfill its mission as a nationally famous symbol of human compassion — we must keep it "going and growing."



Firemen all over the state are doing their part to keep the Boys Ranch growing by raising funds for a \$25,000 fire station which is expected to be completed this year. This picture shows Sheriff J. R. Norvell accepting a \$400 donation from Fort Pierce, St. Lucie County Fire Fighters Association. The firemen are (from left) Bill Davis, Bob Hutchinson, Tom Harris, Robert Richard and Murray Noyes.

FIRE STATION UNDER CONSTRUCTION

A \$25,000 fire station and repair shop is under construction at the Boys Ranch and is expected to be in use before the end of this year.

The Florida State Firemen's Association is raising funds to finance the project and was nearing the \$25,000 goal when construction started on March 1.

The attractive brick building will provide space for two fire engines, a two-stall mechanic's shop and an apartment for the staff member who will fill the dual role of fire chief and chief mechanic.

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