

THE RANCHER

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

Enrollment Reached 100 in 1965 but We Had to Tell 30 Boys: "Sorry, We Don't Have Room for You"

A large sign at the main entrance of the Boys Ranch tells visitors how many boys we have enrolled.

But, it neglects to show an equally important figure — how many boys are on the waiting list and can't get in because our facilities are filled to capacity.

During 1965 the population of the Boys Ranch increased at an unprecedented rate, from 60 at the beginning of the year to 100 at the end of the year.

New facilities allowed us to admit more boys in just one year than we were able to handle in the first three years the Ranch was in operation; and yet we ended the year with 30 boys who had to be told: "Sorry, we can't take you now. We don't have room for you."

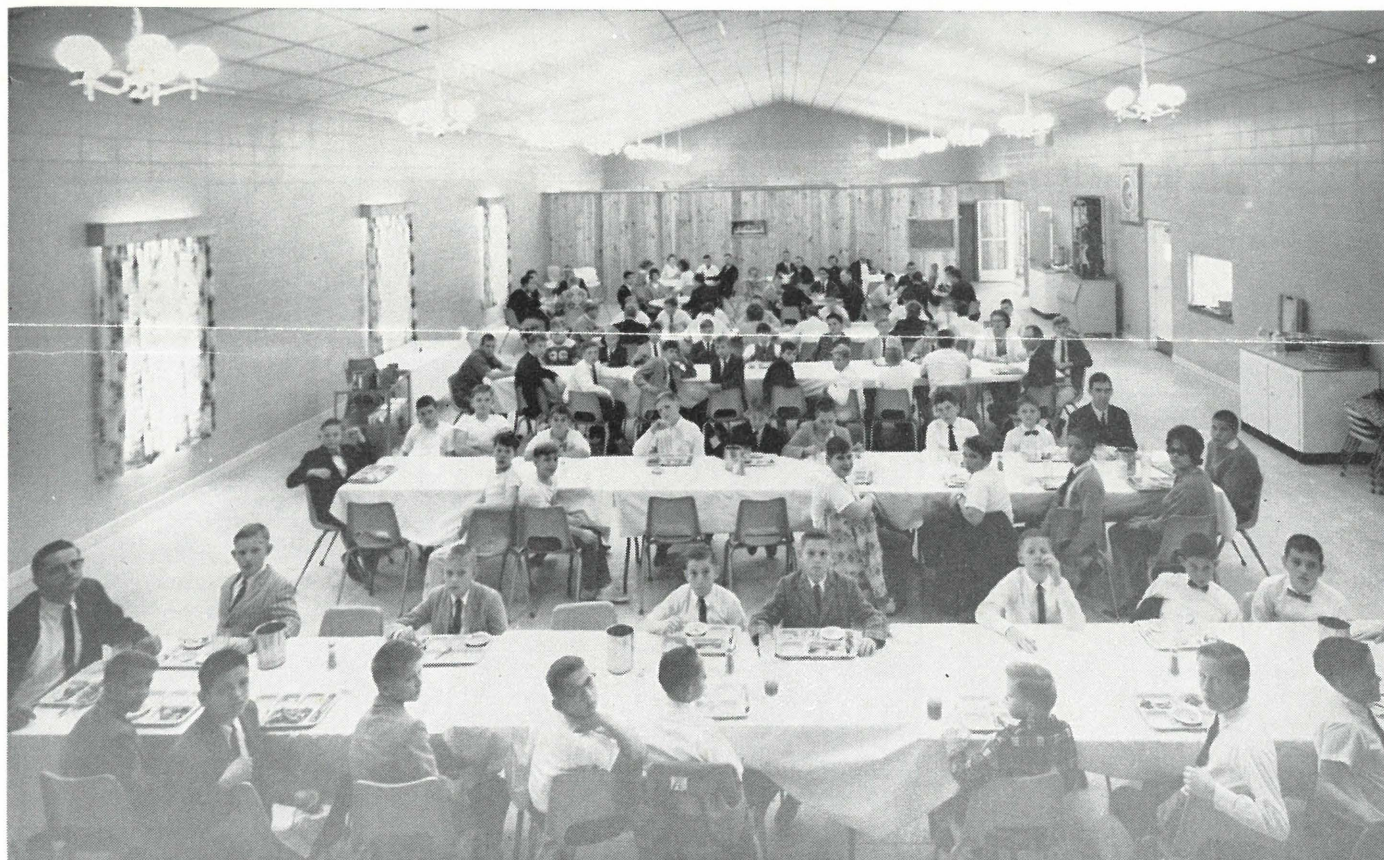
This waiting list is an important factor in the progress of the Boys Ranch because as long as there are boys "outside the gate" Sheriffs and Ranch of-

ficials will not be able to sit back and say "we have reached our goal." Consequently the need for funds, the need for public support, the need for new facilities never lets up. In fact, with each passing year the needs of the Ranch become more urgent.

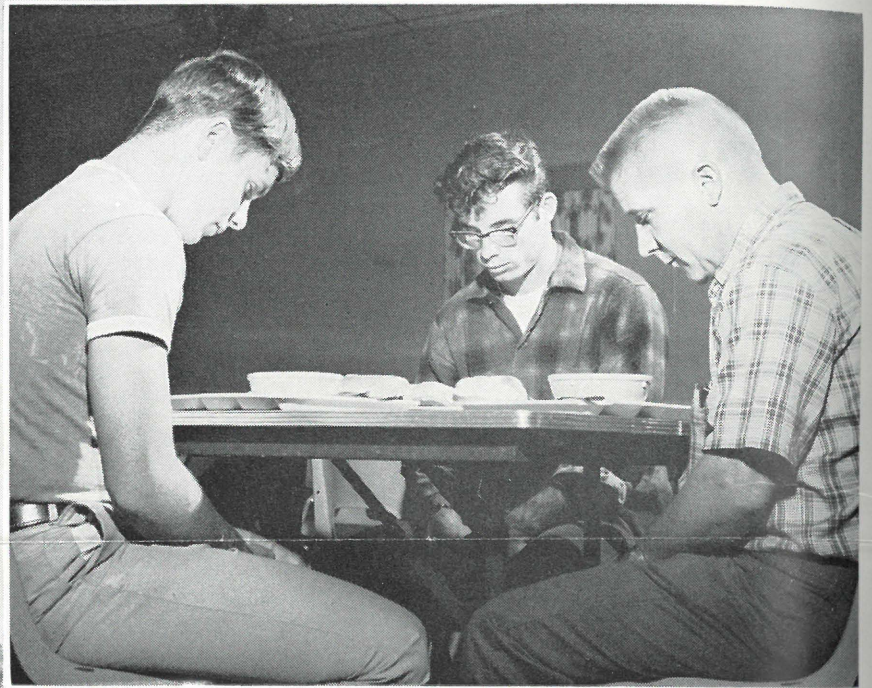
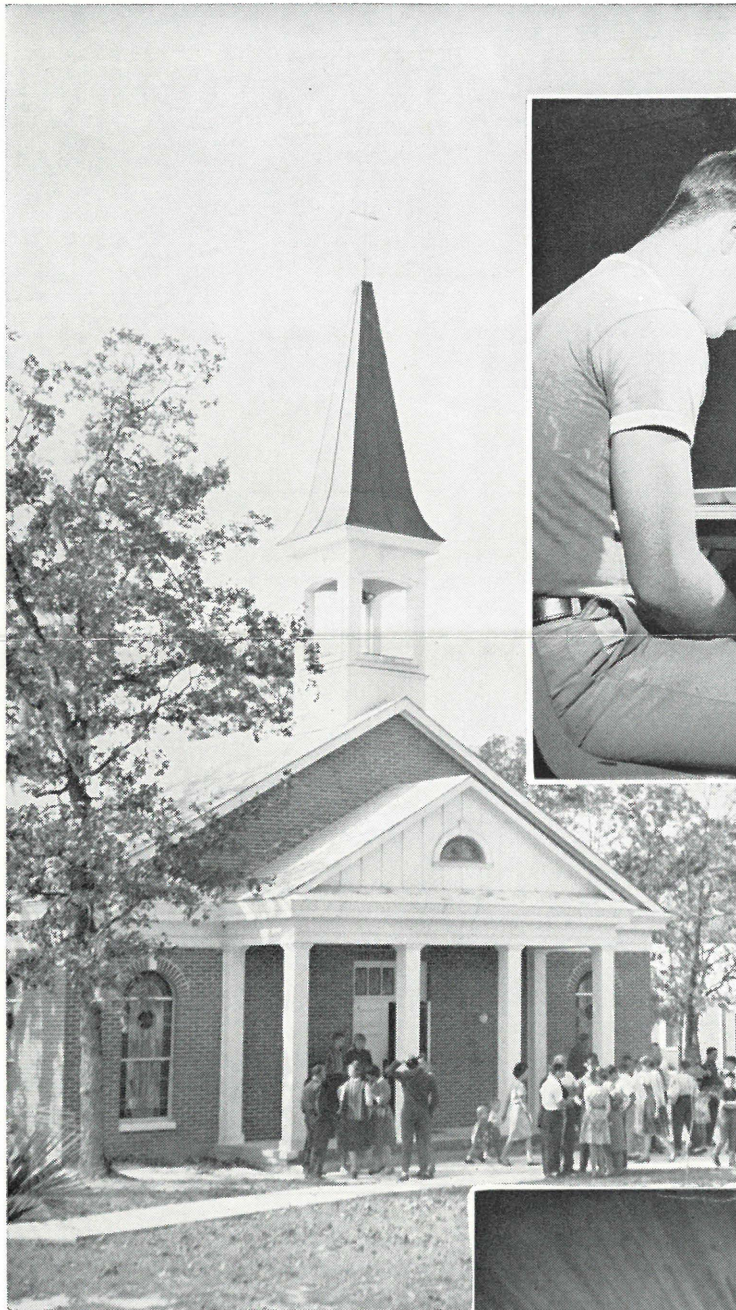
To grow too fast would be disastrous. It could adversely effect the quality of care we are giving our present boys and it could overtax the efficiency of our capable, professional staff. But grow we must in response to the unseen waiting line outside the gate, and officials frankly hesitate to predict exactly how large the Ranch will become.

They know there is a practical limit somewhere in the future, but what it is and when they will reach it they do not know.

All they know is that they intend to continue to expand and improve the Ranch as fast as funds become available.



"Chow Time" in Swick Memorial Cafetorium—the best time to see how big our growing family really is.



**Praise God From Whom
All Blessings Flow . . .**

Built with Memorial Fund contributions, our All-Faiths Chapel will be dedicated sometime in 1966.



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 our attorney: John A. Madigan Jr., P. O. Box 669, Tallahassee. He will be glad to assist you.

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.

Record Keeping Is a Big Job

Record keeping is a big job at the Boys Ranch.

It involves inventory control of all property, a strict accounting of all cash and non-cash gifts, and detailed records of all purchases—from shoe laces to fertilizer.

Treasurer J. L. McMullen, a Live Oak food processor, had much to do with setting up the system originally; and in recent years our internal auditor, Joe Henry, a former assistant state auditor, has refined it and made it more comprehensive. Both are non-salaried officials of the Ranch.

Once each year our accounts and records undergo an independent audit and a report is filed with Florida's Secretary of State and with the Clerk of the Circuit Court in Suwannee County.

We also make a report each year to the U. S. Internal Revenue Service to maintain our tax exempt status; and we are proud of the fact that all donations have been ruled deductible for income tax purposes ever since the early days of the Ranch.

We are proud too that the Ranch is now debt-free. Mortgages that were negotiated with Live Oak banks to purchase a major portion of the 737-acre site in 1957 were paid off in 1964.

One rule we rigidly follow in our record keeping is that every donation, no matter how large or how small, must be acknowledged with a letter and an official receipt.

Physical Fitness More Than a Phrase

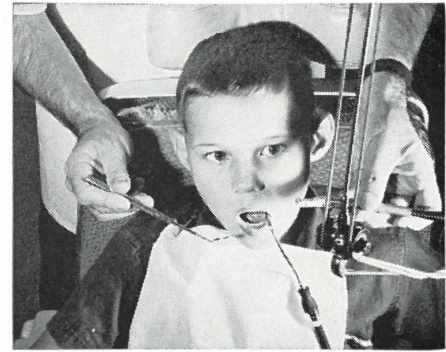
Physical fitness is more than a phrase at the Boys Ranch—and more than just building strength and stamina, although there's plenty of that too.

Each boy receives a complete physical at least once a year, and special check-ups in between whenever necessary, under the experienced eye of Dr. J. W. Hayes, Jacksonville pediatrician who is the Ranch's non-salaried Chief Medical Officer.

The Jacksonville Dental Society does its bit too. Members donate thousands of dollars worth of routine and specialized dental care each year.

Some glasses and eye care are also provided free of charge through Lions Clubs; and the local public health nurse assists with the operation of the small medical clinic established at the Ranch.

Without the help of all these generous people, our medical and dental bills would be staggering.



It doesn't really hurt that much, but some boys see a dentist's drill the first time after they come to the Ranch. In just a short while they become accustomed to the new experience of regular dental and medical care.

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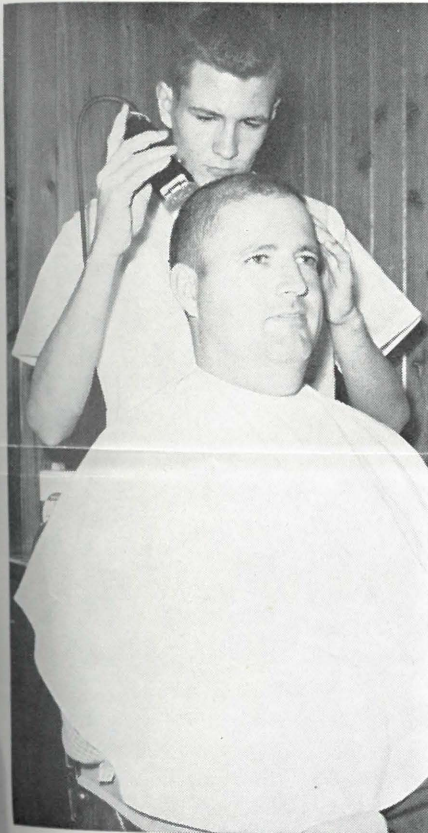
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Larry Stacy successfully completed a course at Tallahassee Barber College, passed his Barber Board examination, and then gave Boys Ranch Administrator Harry Weaver a haircut to prove he was a professional. He is the second one of our Ranchers to choose barbering as a career.



BROTHERS FOUR
 We have many sets of brothers at the Boys Ranch and this is our second set of four. The picture was taken when a Walton County Deputy Sheriff brought Barney, Donald, Roger and Tommy Bass to the Ranch. They formerly lived at DeFuniak Springs.

It May Be Easier Than You Realize

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.

The Gift That Keeps 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 649
 Live Oak, Florida

Enclosed find contribution of \$ _____

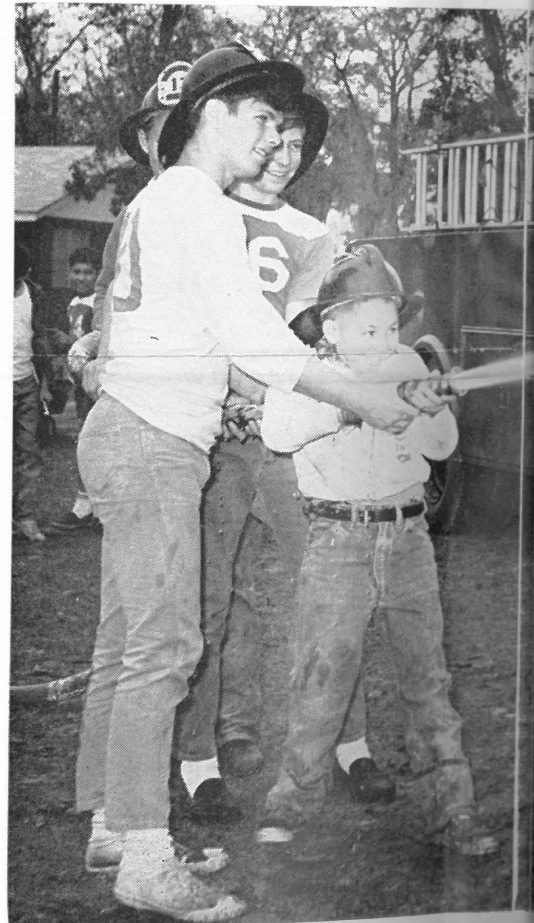
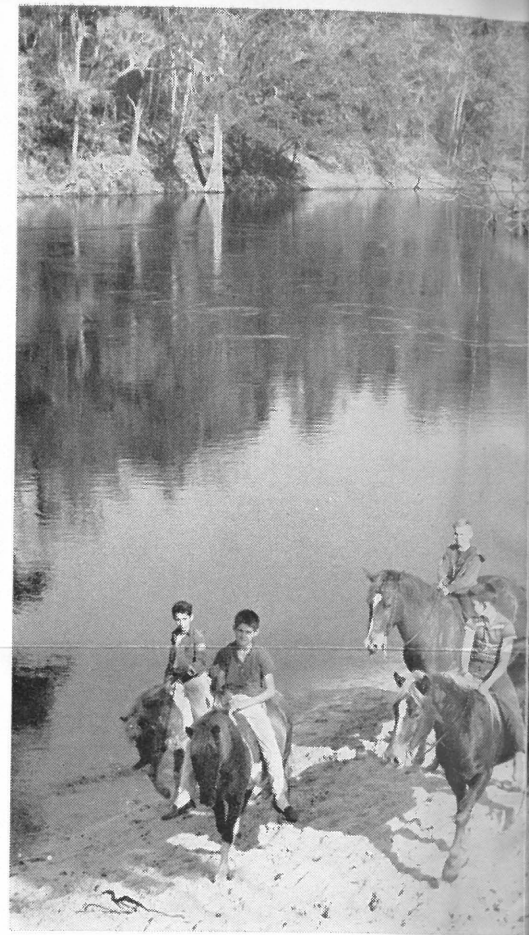
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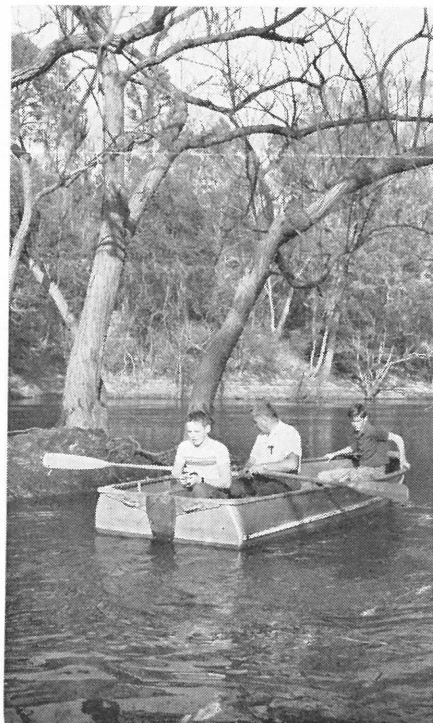
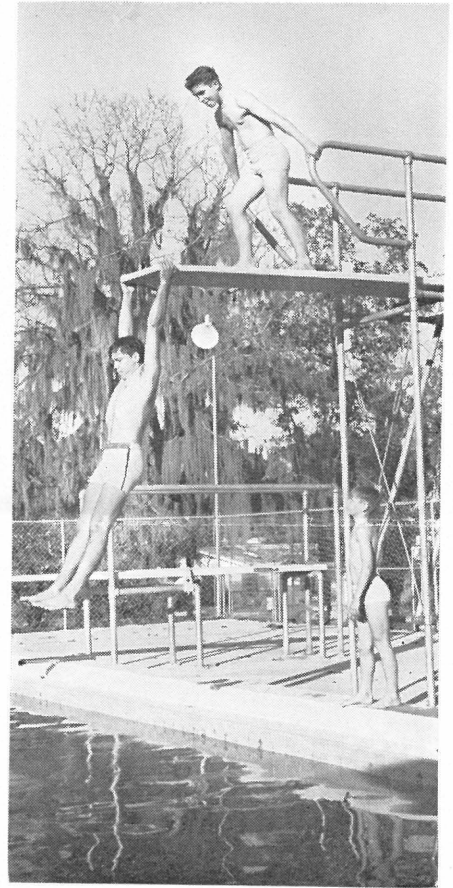
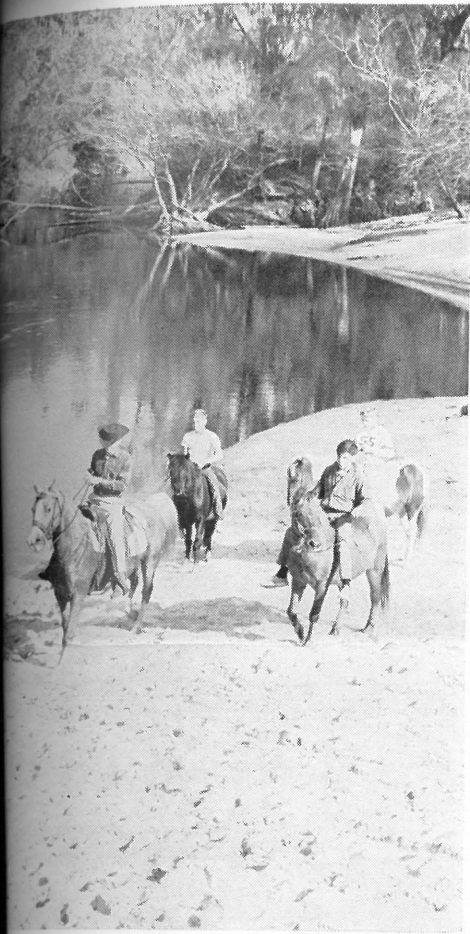
From (Donor's Name) _____

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A home for good boys who have had bad breaks





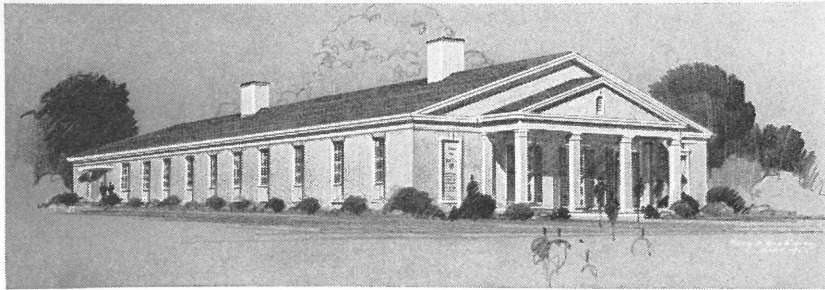
Executive Committee of Ranch Trustees studies plans for urgently needed sewer system. Pictured are (from left) Seated — Florida Sheriffs Bureau Director Don McLeod (Secretary), Sheriff Duke McCallister, Attorney John A. Madigan Jr.; Standing — Ranch Administrator Harry Weaver, Sheriff Rodney Thursby (Chairman), Treasurer J. L. McMullen and Mrs. Frances Diaz.

Many dreams and plans of Boys Ranch officials have been translated into reality on the drawing boards of Tampa architects Harry A. MacEwen and Charles F. Curry Jr. (see photo at right). They designed several of the existing buildings at the Ranch as well as the proposed buildings pictured on this page and they have donated a large portion of their services.

(Photo by Sandy Gandy, Tampa.)



○ From Dreams to Drawing Board to Bricks

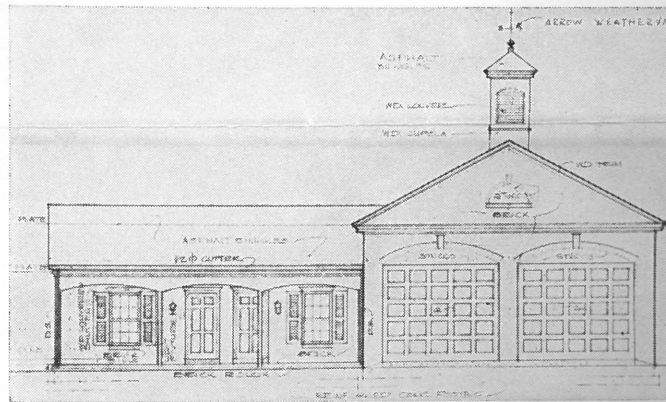


Bostwick Memorial Library, one of the newest additions at the Ranch, is a pleasant place to study or to enjoy a good book. It is scheduled to be dedicated in memory of the late Lloyd S. Bostwick some time during the current year.

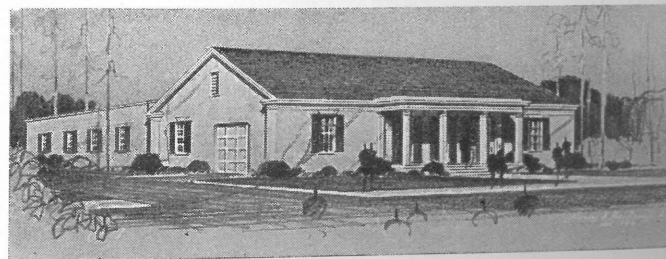
PROPOSED BUILDINGS

Arts and Crafts Center

Fire House and Repair Shop



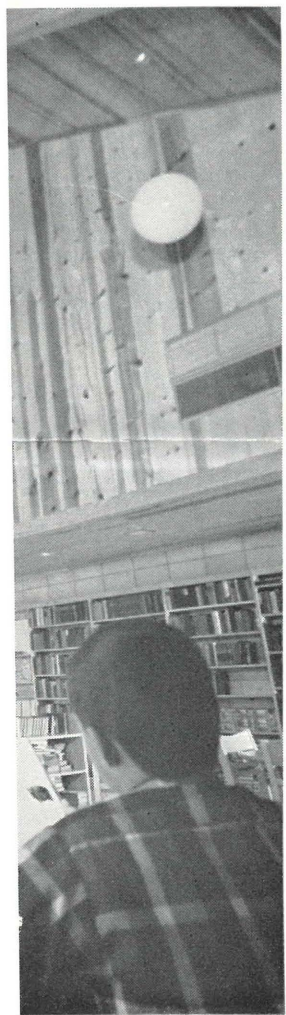
Laundry and Clothing Supply Building



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and Mortar



Pass It On

After you have finished reading **THE RANCHER**, please pass it on to a friend.

This will help us to spread the "Boys Ranch Story" far and wide—and you never know when a casual reader will become an enthusiastic supporter.

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—Route 3, 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.



We're proud of Mike Edwards. He was captain of the 1965 Suwannee High School football team and received the "Lineman of the Year" trophy from Coach Will Roy Cooley (right) for his outstanding performance at guard.

1965 Was Year of "Growing Pains"

The youngsters at the Boys Ranch aren't the only ones who suffer from "growing pains."

The Ranch itself had a lively case during 1965 as staff members and trustees struggled to meet the problems and adjustments arising from a "population explosion" that boosted the enrollment from 60 at the beginning of the year to 100 at the end of the year.

In terms of community growth this may seem insignificant, but the Ranch is not a community, it is a family and any of our readers who are parents know what it means to add just one child to a family.

The expense of enrolling 40 additional boys caused plenty of worries, but it was only one of many problems.

There was also the impact on the local community and school system, because we always strive to keep our boys involved in the community, not isolated from it.

There were new staff members to be hired and new lines of responsibility to be established within the staff organization.

But, just like boys usually do, the Ranch emerged from its case of growing pains as a stronger, healthier and more professionally mature institution.

That's the kind of a year it was.

Fire Station

Youngsters at the Boys Ranch are looking forward to the day when they will have their own fire department. It will be housed in a \$25,000 fire station and repair shop paid for by the Florida State Firemen's Association.

Major Improvements During 1965

WATER SYSTEM — Completion of a water system capable of meeting the current needs of the Boys Ranch was one of the major improvements during 1965. It includes a 15,000-gallon ground reservoir, a 4,000-gallon pressure tank, two deep wells and equipment to chlorinate and aerate the water. The 1965 expansion and improvement of the system was made possible through the generosity of J. T. Crawford, of Lake Wales. He donated two new houses to the Ranch and they were sold at auction for almost \$40,000. The balance of the money is earmarked for a proposed laundry and storage building.

SEWER SYSTEM — Preliminary engineering work was completed for a much-needed sewer and fire protection system. It will include sewage lines, water mains for fire hydrants, a sewage treatment plant and storm sewers. The first phase of the work, including the building of a treatment plant, is expected to cost around \$45,000.

NEW COTTAGE — Construction of Merrill Memorial Cottage and conversion of Lewis Memorial Cottage from a temporary dining hall to a residence building were completed, boosting the Ranch capacity to 100 boys.

Donated by Dan

All photographs in this issue of the Rancher except those of two Tampa architects and three proposed new buildings were taken by Dan Stainer, of Tallahassee, and donated to the Boys Ranch.

BOYS RANCH MOVIE

Clubs, fraternal groups, churches and other organizations throughout Florida will have an opportunity to see a new movie about the Boys Ranch during 1966.

Produced by Beckley Films Incorporated, of Bradenton, the 14½-minute film is entitled "One More Boy." It is a 16-millimeter sound film in color.

Filmed during the closing weeks of 1965, it shows the latest improvements at the Ranch and the day-to-day life of the boys.

Anyone wishing to arrange to have the film shown before a group should contact his local Sheriff or write to the Boys Ranch.

Stature of Staff Better and Better

We're proud of the fact that the professional stature of our staff is constantly improving.

Just before this issue of THE RANCHER went to press the entire staff participated in a week of in-service training under the guidance of Sam Fudge, Group Child Care Consultant from the University of North Carolina School of Social Welfare.

The training consisted of a series of group meetings and individual interviews. It gave staff members an opportunity to evaluate their own work and to receive suggestions from a man with outstanding credentials in the field of child care.

Last summer our house parents attended a one-week group child care workshop at Stetson University. Several of them also attended a Child-Parent Relations meeting in Jacksonville.

Takes More Than Food & Clothes

Frugal management makes it possible for us to feed a boy for \$1 a day, including snacks and school lunches; and to clothe him for \$75 a year.

But food and clothing are only a small part of the total expense of raising a boy.

A larger chunk of our budget goes for housing, laundry, education, medical care, dental care and other personal needs.

Then there's also the expense of paid parental care — the countless acts of kindness and guidance our dedicated

house parents provide — from helping with homework to bandaging a skinned knee.

We could never pay them adequately for the work they do, but we do have to pay them and this is an expense most families don't have to consider. Parents don't normally get paid for being parents.

On top of all this we have to provide water service, electricity, telephone service fire protection, garbage service, sewage service and all of the other modern advantages normally supplied by a small municipality.

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