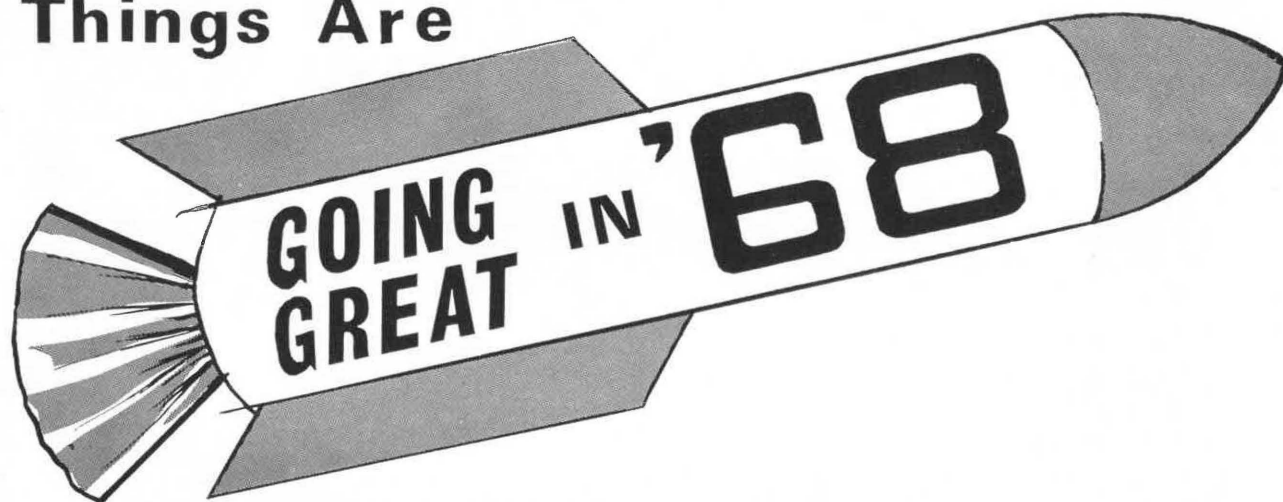


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Things Are



A boy's high pitched laughter . . . the throbbing beat of rock and roll music from a transistor radio . . . the rattle of dishes in the cafetorium . . . vesper chimes from the chapel steeple . . . the sharp crack of hickory on horsehide on the baseball diamond . . . the whinny of an impatient pony . . . these are some of the typical sounds at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

But, there will be many times this year when they will be drowned out by the whine of an electric saw, the pounding of hammers, the clatter of a cement mixer and the rumble of heavy construction equipment.

The name of the game is progress and it's a sign that "Things are Going Great in '68."

By the end of this year Ranch officials expect to have new facilities valued at over \$425,000 completed or under construction to set a new expansion record.

The \$35,000 fire house built by the Florida State Firemen's Association is expected to be completed before the end of the year. It is already in use, but a small apartment for the 'round the clock fire chief is not completed; and the repair shop in the rear is not fully equipped.

Also due for completion this year is the James P. Towey Foundation Memorial Medical and Dental Clinic, at a cost of \$50,000. Exterior construction is almost completed.

One of the least apparent but most important improvements coming up this year is the first section of a sewer system to replace the present inadequate septic tanks. This will include sewer lines, water lines to service the system, a pumping station and a treatment plant at a cost of \$50,000.

The Suzannah and Carleton Tweed Gymnasium, largest single project in the history of the Ranch, will be under construction this year at an estimated cost of \$170,000.

The Joe and Frances Diaz Administration Building is also scheduled to become a reality in 1968 at an estimated cost of \$100,000. It will replace the present overcrowded offices located in the cafetorium.

A guest house for returning Boys Ranch "alumni," doctors, dentists and other professional people is out of the planning stage and is slated to become a new feature of the landscape this year. The estimated cost is \$20,000.

EXPANSION PROGRAM TOTALS \$425,000

Fire House	\$ 35,000
Gymnasium	170,000
Sewer System	50,000
Administration Building	100,000
Guest House	20,000
Clinic	50,000
Total	\$425,000

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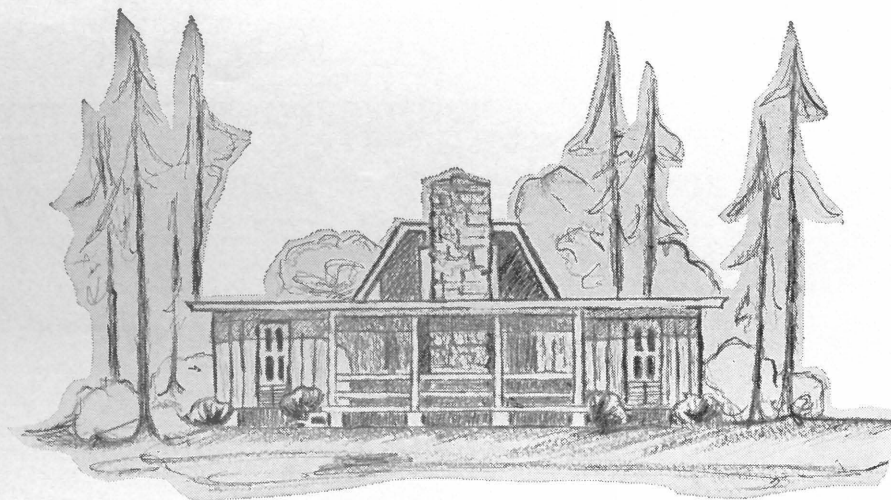
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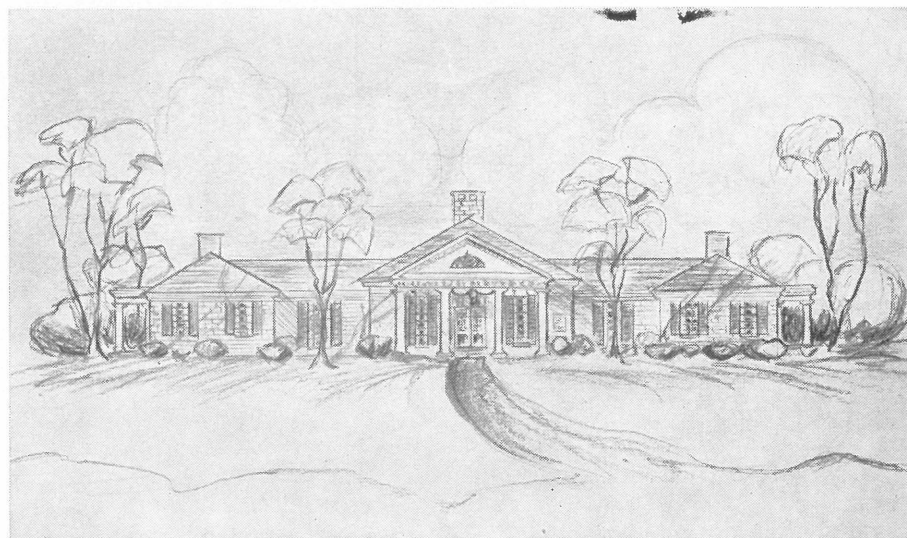
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The \$20,000 Bastien Foundation "Guest House" for special visitors—particularly former Ranchers returning with their families, or doctors and dentists contributing their professional services to the ranch.



The \$35,000 Fire House and Repair Shop built by the Florida State Firemen's Association is already in use although the interior is not completed.



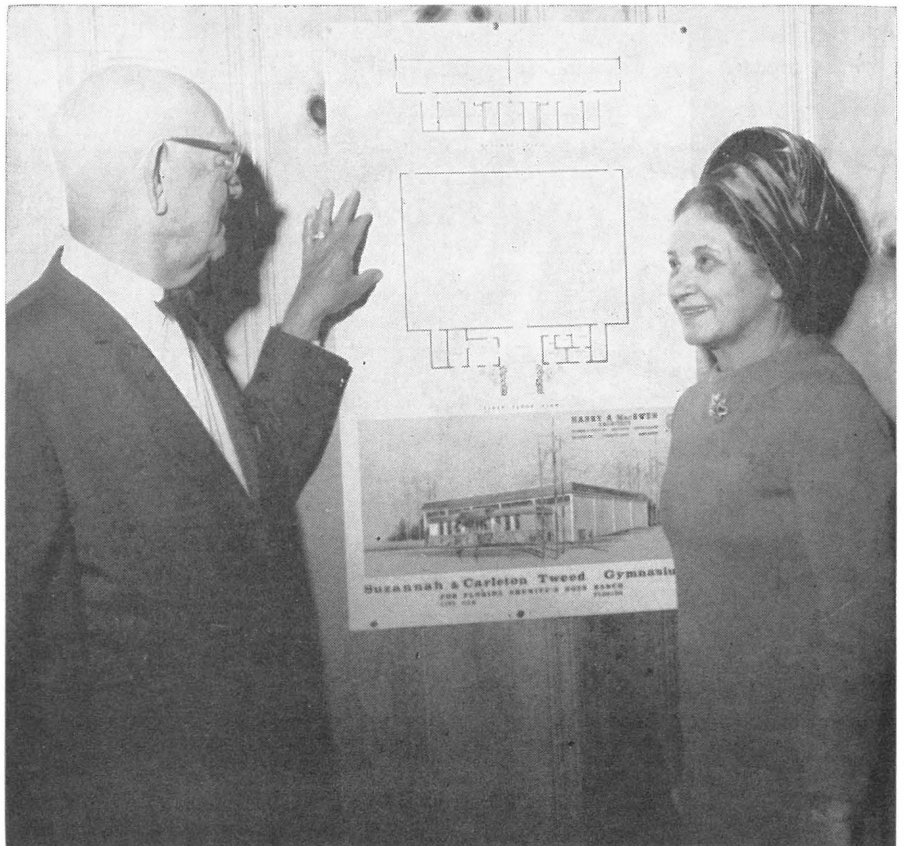
The \$100,000 Joe and Frances Diaz Administration Building urgently needed to relieve overcrowding in the temporary office space now being used.



These two pages show some of the new Boys Ranch facilities scheduled to be under construction or completed during 1968.

In the picture above, Boys Ranch Administrator Harry Weaver (left) and Jim Brettingen, Supervisor of Cottage Life, discuss the layout of the Memorial Medical and Dental Clinic shown in the background. Built by the James P. Towey Foundation at a cost of approximately \$50,000, it was under construction when this picture was taken.

The picture at right shows Mr. and Mrs. Carleton Tweed, of Coral Gables, looking at plans for the \$170,000 gymnasium. They donated \$140,000 toward the cost of the new facility and it will be named the Suzannah & Carleton Tweed Gymnasium in their honor.



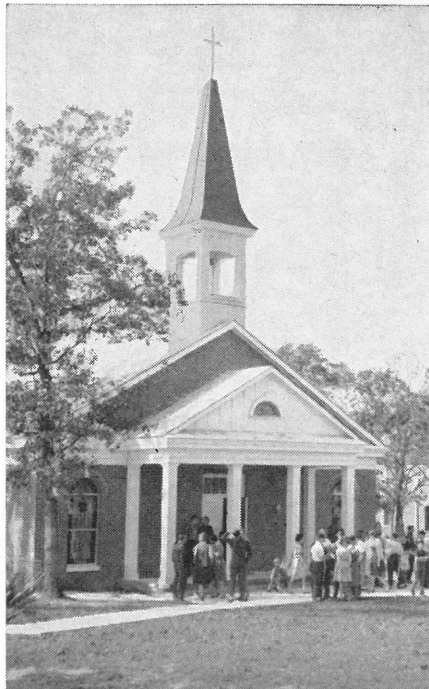
Hundreds of Boys Desperately Need Your Help

Here at the Boys Ranch it's very difficult for us to say to a homeless boy: "Sorry, we don't have room for you." But, we do have to say it frequently because the Ranch is filled to capacity with the current enrollment of 100 boys.

Hundreds of troubled boys desperately need the good life and the secure future the Boys Ranch can give them. Many of them are already on our growing waiting list.

Won't you help us to help them by mailing a contribution today? Any amount you can afford to give will be greatly appreciated.

If you want to make a contribution to the Memorial Fund **in memory of a deceased relative or friend**, fill out both the top and bottom portions of the form printed below. The name of the person whose memory you are honoring will



Memorial Fund paid for Ranch Chapel.

be inscribed in our permanent memorial record.

Contributions to the Memorial Fund financed the Boys Ranch Chapel and will be used for other projects of enduring significance.

All contributions to the Boys Ranch **ARE DEDUCTIBLE FOR INCOME TAX PURPOSES.**

Boys Ranch Donations To Honor Memory

There was nothing unusual about the poker game seven young marines organized one day last winter during a lull in the fighting at Khe Sanh, South Viet Nam.

But the outcome was unusual.

When the game broke up, the cash in the "pot" traveled half-way around the world to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch in memory of a brave young man who had been killed in action while serving his country.

The chain of events that triggered the long-distance donation began in December, 1966, when L/Cpl. Wally Edwards, former Boys Rancher, arrived in South Viet Nam.

Eventually Wally was assigned to a mortar platoon under Sgt. Joe Costello, who, although he was only 19, was greatly admired for his courage and devotion to duty.

Sgt. Costello was the "F.O." (forward observer) for his outfit and it was his duty to seek out the enemy in the combat zone and call in mortar fire by radio.

In spite of the fact that "F.O.s" were prime targets, Sgt. Costello survived his first year of duty in Viet Nam and could have gone back to the States.

Instead he signed up for six more months in Viet Nam and was just two weeks from a non-combat assignment on July 21, 1967, when he was ambushed and killed during a "forward observer" assignment.

The shock was great for the young Marines in Sgt. Costello's platoon; and they were still talking about their former leader months later during the poker game.

In the course of the conversation someone also brought up the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

All of the young men were familiar with the Ranch because they had been reading copies of

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	Amount of contribution \$ _____
	Fill in Below if this is Contribution to Memorial Fund
	In Memory of _____
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tion Travels 12,000 Miles of Brave Young Marine Sgt.

THE SHERIFF'S STAR mailed to Wally.

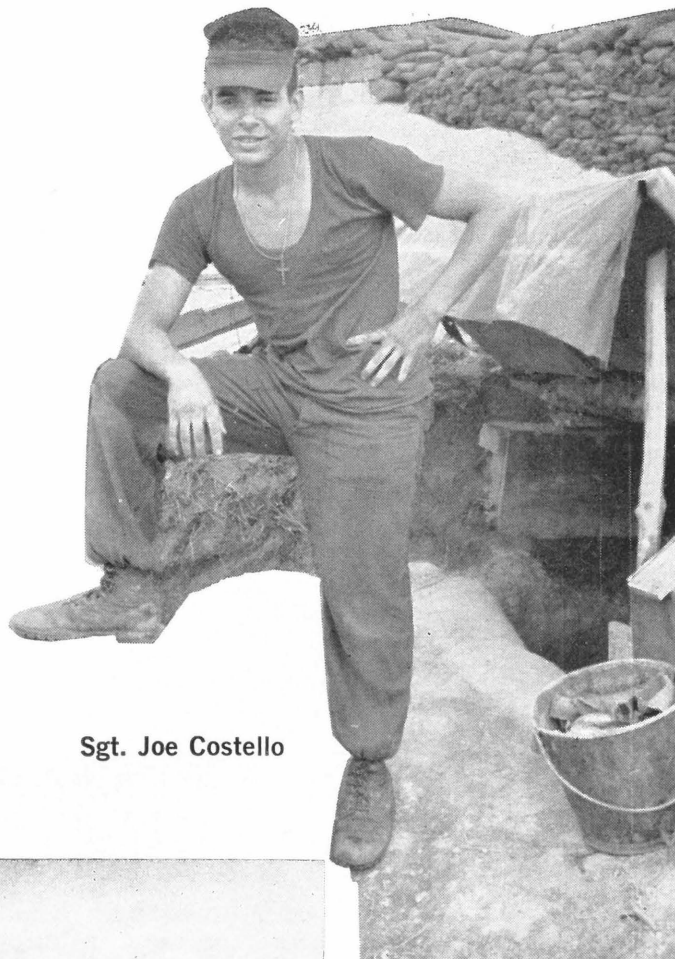
"Why don't we donate our poker 'pot' to the Boys Ranch in memory of Sgt. Costello?" someone asked, and the proposal was quickly ratified.

The money was forwarded by Wally and arrived at the Ranch weeks ago, but the printing of the story was delayed pending arrival of the pictures that are shown on this page. They were delivered in person by Wally, who is now back in the States and reassigned to Beaufort, S.C., Marine Corps Air Station.

Wally's brother Mike, who enlisted in the Marines ahead of Wally, is stationed a few miles away at Parris Island, S.C.

Ironically, Wally followed Mike to Viet Nam but missed seeing him by one day during the fighting on Hill 881. Mike was wounded and sent back to the States. Wally returned to the States on January 22, 1968, and finally caught up with Mike a few days later.

The Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch contribution that traveled halfway around the world in memory of Sgt. Joe Costello, of Fresno, California, started here in this 81 millimeter mortar emplacement at Khe Sanh, South Viet Nam. The young marines who made the contribution are (from left) Cpl. Fred Morgan, Homosassa Springs, Florida; Sgt. Gary Baum, from Pennsylvania; Cpl. George Aker, Portland, Oregon; Cpl. Bruce Jones, St. Paul, Minnesota; Cpl. Vic Hoffman, from Pennsylvania; Pfc. John Dilberger, from New York; and L/Cpl. Wally Edwards, former Boys Rancher.



Sgt. Joe Costello



Future Ranch Needs Are Unlimited

Someone described the Boys Ranch as a "needy home for needy boys."

It's an apt description because the present and future needs are practically unlimited.

Just to build and equip four \$75,000 residence cottages would cost \$300,000; and this is merely one of many current needs. Two new cottages would enable us to admit almost all of the 40 boys on our waiting list, but the list keeps growing.

Our present water system is adequate, but we will eventually have to build an elevated water tank to serve the growing enrollment and provide adequate fire protection.

We have a small rustic "canteen" that we have outgrown and plans are being made to replace it with a \$35,000 activity center to be used by the Ranch "family" and visitors. It will contain a barber shop, small variety store, snack bar and patio.

As the Ranch grows and the boys become more involved in team sports such as football, track and soccer, the need for an athletic field becomes more urgent. We have the spot picked out but no funds available at the present time.

A remedial education unit, with a tentative price tag of \$35,000, ranks high on our list of future needs. We expect to continue to send our boys to public

schools, but many of them come to us with their educational needs sadly neglected and we want to be able to give them special tutoring to help them catch up with other boys in their age level.

We've been talking about a \$75,000 Arts and Crafts building for many years to enrich the lives of our boys and encourage special aptitudes, but plans have remained on the shelf because other projects have taken priority. It's still a future need.

Because of the remote location of the Ranch, staff homes are an absolute necessity. We have six now and we will have to add at least five more as the Ranch grows. We hope to be able to build them for \$12,000 each, making a total of \$60,000.

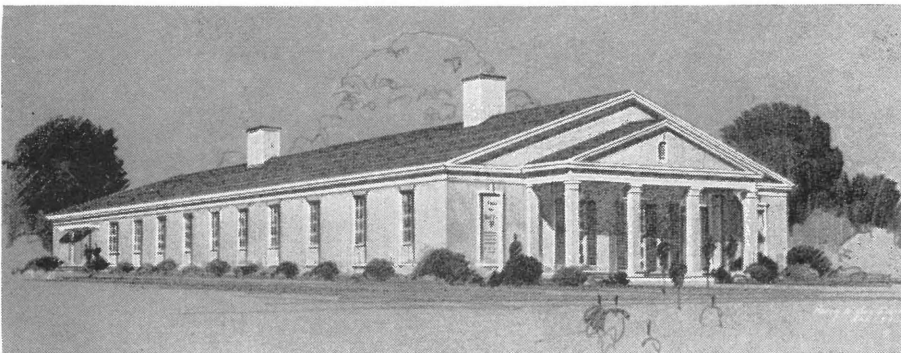
The Ranch is not a "bare subsistence" type of institution. When we enroll a boy we try to do everything possible to help him realize his full potential in life. Therefore we are constantly improving our counseling and social services, recreation facilities, educational opportunities and staff training. All this will continue to increase our financial needs.

What is your ultimate goal? we are sometimes asked; and the answer is that we plan to go as far as our financial resources will take us—or until every needy and homeless boy in Florida is properly cared for.

Since the Ranch is supported entirely by voluntary contributions, the speed with which we approach our goal depends entirely upon the generosity of our thousands of loyal supporters.

They have already carried the Ranch far beyond our expectations in less than 11 years and there is no indication that the pace is going to slacken.

With this in mind, Ranch officials are already talking about a second boys ranch in another section 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 would be located near medical and educational centers.

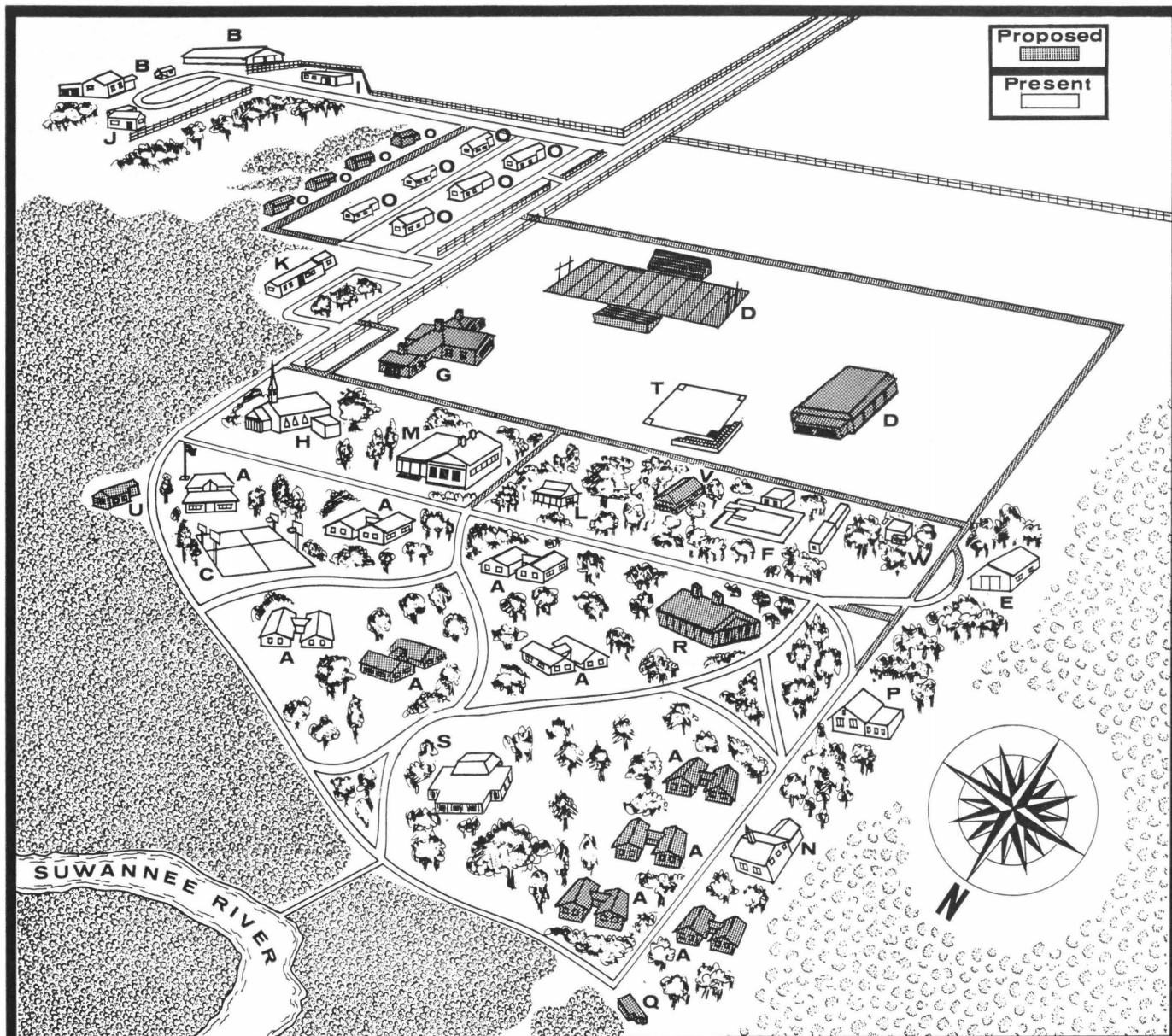


Architect's sketch of proposed \$75,000 Arts and Crafts Center.



A modern sewer system is one of the crucial future needs at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, and construction of the first phase of the system is scheduled to begin during 1968. Meanwhile, this truck which the boys call "The Honey Wagon" is the only answer to the problem. It is used at least weekly, and sometimes oftener, to pump out the overburdened septic tanks.

Residence cottages like this have a high priority among the future needs of the Boys Ranch. Each cottage costs \$75,000 and provides facilities for 16 to 20 boys plus a married couple employed as house parents. The current master plan (see map below) calls for five additional cottages, approximately doubling the present enrollment of 100 boys. Meanwhile, there is an immediate need for two cottages to take care of the waiting list of eligible boys who can't get in because of the "no vacancy" situation.



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| A—Residence Cottages | G—Administration Building | M—Cafetorium and Administrator's Office | Q—Sewage Plant |
| B—Farm Buildings | H—Chapel and Library | N—Fire Station and Repair Shop | R—Arts and Crafts |
| C—Paved Playground | I—Dairy Barn | O—Staff Residences | S—Medical and Dental Clinic |
| D—Gymnasium and Playing Fields | J—Farm Manager's Residence | P—Laundry and Supply Storage Building | T—Baseball Diamond |
| E—Vocational Training Center | K—Ranch Administrator's Residence | V—Recreation Building | U—Guest House |
| F—Swimming Pool | L—Snack Bar and Barber Shop | W—Telephone Exchange Building | |

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 welfare, school and juvenile court officials.

Boys Ranch Problem Smaller Now

Purchasing equipment for the new \$50,000 medical and dental clinic at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch was a big problem until Allstate Insurance Companies and The Allstate Foundation came along with a large cash contribution to be used for this purpose. The problem still exists, but it's much smaller than it was. This picture shows young men from The Boys Ranch Council accepting a check from two representatives of Allstate. They are (from left) Ranchers Gaston Barber and Scott Chino-weth; and Robert F. Towne and Joseph Beveridge. The clinic (background) was under construction at the time.



A Little Bit Now; A Lot at the End

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.

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.

Four Ranches Now

The Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch was the first institution of its kind in the nation when it was founded in 1957.

Since then the Sheriffs of Georgia, Alabama and Minnesota have followed Florida's lead by establishing similar Boys Ranches for needy and worthy youngsters.