



THE RANCHER

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There is a place . . .

Yes, there is a place for needy boys, homeless boys, abused boys, confused boys, orphaned boys, abandoned boys, underprivileged boys and boys who are the victims of broken homes.

It's a place of refuge for good boys who have had some bad breaks.

It's a place where the dropout and the drifter can get a new start, adopt worthwhile goals, build a secure future.

It's a place where time-tested values are carefully preserved — where boys learn to work and play, study and pray in the traditional American way.

We call it The Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, a nationally-famous home for needy and worthy youngsters sponsored by the Florida Sheriffs Association.

. . . and now girls will have a place too.

Late in 1969 the Sheriffs Association took the first steps toward establishing a similar home for girls to be known as the Florida Sheriffs Girls Villa. A building site is expected to be selected in 1970; and construction of facilities will move ahead at a pace determined by the flow of funds from generous donors.

Both institutions are supported entirely by voluntary contributions.



Future Needs of Boys Ranch are

The Boys Ranch continues to be "a needy home for needy boys" simply because present and future needs are practically unlimited.

Just to build and equip one new residence cottage will cost over \$90,000. A new cottage will allow us to admit 16 more boys, but we already have some 40 qualified applicants on our waiting list. So it goes.

We have outgrown our water system and we will have to spend a large sum of money this year for an

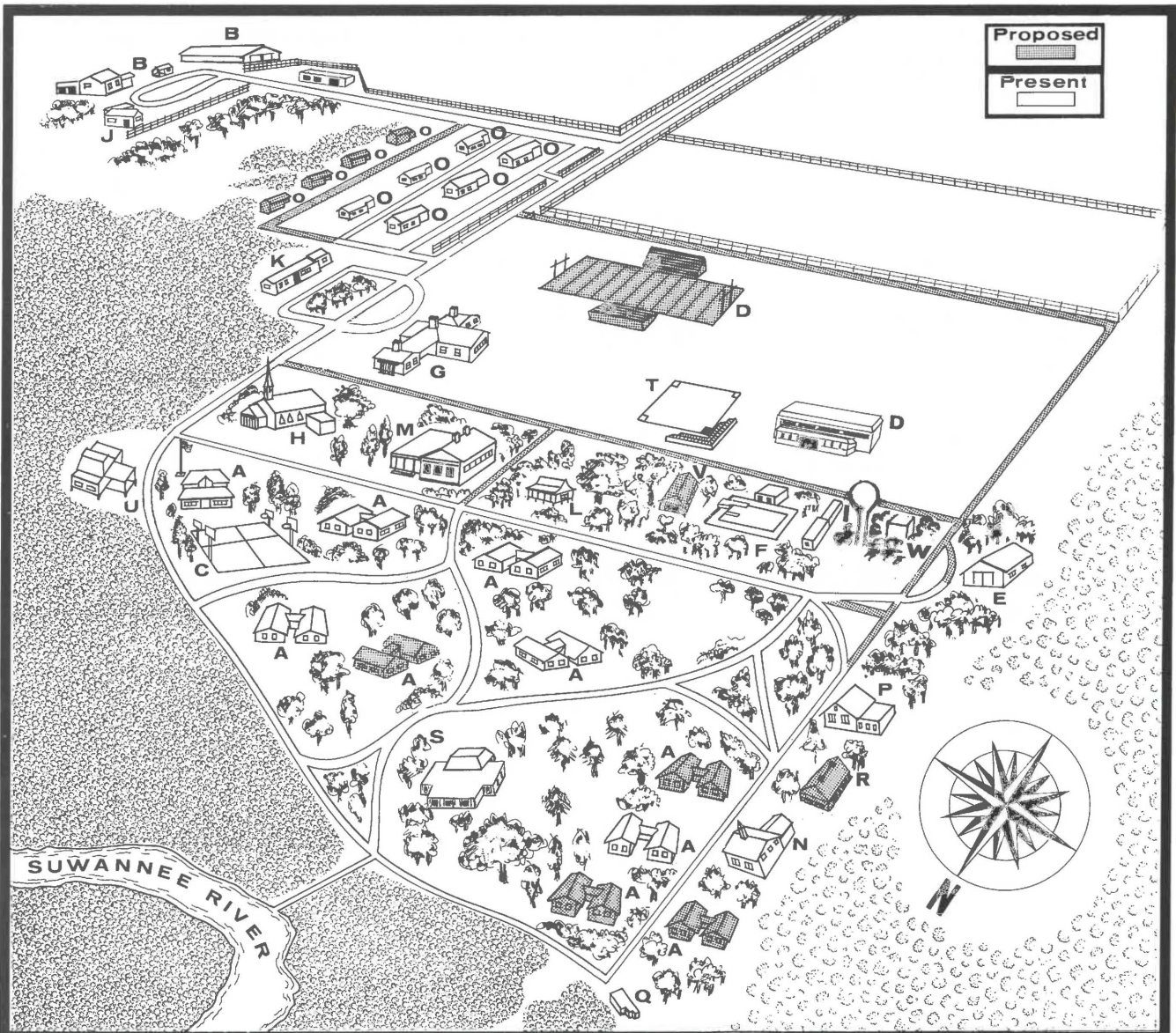
elevated water tank designed to fill anticipated requirements for many years to come.

Replacing a small, rustic "canteen" with a modern activity center for the Ranch "family" and visitors will cost about \$75,000. Funds are not available now, but when they are we will include in this new facility a barber shop, a variety store, a snack bar and a patio.

As the Ranch grows and boys become more involved in team sports

such as football, track and soccer, the need for a well lighted athletic field becomes more urgent. We have the spot picked out, and a tentative price tag of \$25,000, but no funds are available at the present time.

A remedial education unit with an estimated cost of \$50,000 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



MAP OF FLORIDA SHERIFFS BOYS RANCH

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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—Water Tower | 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 | | U—Guest House |
| F—Swimming Pool | L—Snack Bar and Barber Shop | | V—Recreation Building |
| | | | W—Telephone Exchange Building |

Unlimited

be able to give them special tutoring to help them catch up with other boys in their age group.

Our primary goal will be to broaden the educational opportunities and attainments of all of our boys. This is especially true in the area of vocational education.

For many years we have been talking about a \$100,000 Arts and Crafts building 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, however.

Because of the remote location of the Ranch, staff homes are an absolute necessity. We have six at the present time, and we will have to add at least five more as the Ranch grows. We hope to be able to build them for \$15,000 each, for a total investment of \$75,000.

Future needs include a larger social service staff to deal with the emotional problems of boys, work with the families from which the boys came, and to help the boys plan their futures.

As the Boys Ranch and the Florida Sheriffs Girls Villa develop, it is likely that boys and girls will be offered for adoption. When this happens, the social service staff will play a vital role in arranging the adoptions and helping the adopted child and his new parents to make adjustments.

Group homes are another possibility on the not too distant horizon. These homes could be located in population centers to accommodate groups of 8 to 12 boys with special needs and potentialities.

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, our recreational facilities, educational opportunities and staff training. All this will continue to increase our future needs.

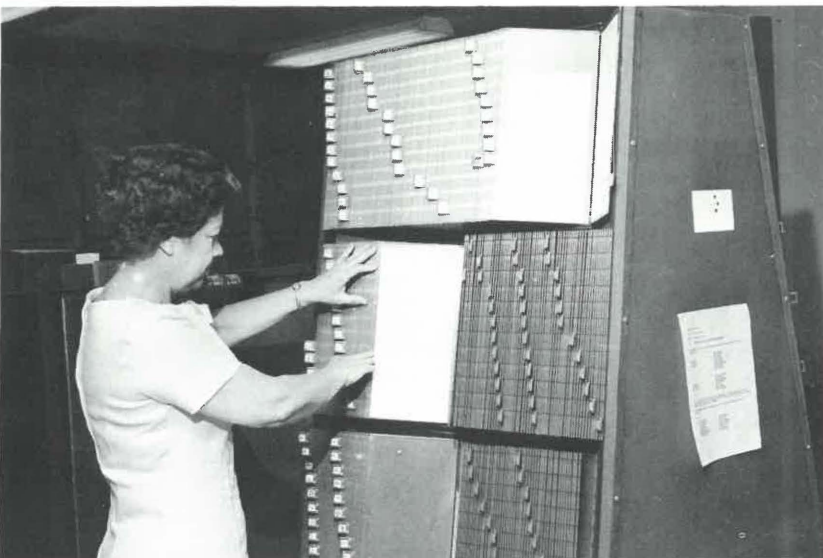
We have many goals, and, to attain them, we intend to go as far and as fast as our financial resources will permit. The real pacesetters, however, will be our loyal contributors. The Ranch is supported entirely by their voluntary donations, and it cannot progress without their continuing generosity.



Rebuilding roads is one of the projects scheduled at the Boys Ranch for 1970 — but meanwhile there are many potholes to be filled after each heavy rain.



The Boys Ranch Council — an all-boy advisory group, plays an important role in setting current policies and making future plans.



... and day-by-day the roster of generous contributors continues to grow, moving the Boys Ranch ever forward toward its many goals.



THE EVER-CHANGING SKYLINE

This is how the ever-changing skyline of the Boys Ranch looked to Chicago artist Richard Lewis. New facilities added in 1969 included a \$230,000 gymnasium and a \$100,000 "home of the future" residence cottage. The "Watersphere" elevated water tank is scheduled for construction in 1970.

Staff Must Have Constant Training

The Boys Ranch is no place for a bungling amateur. It takes skill, intelligence, sincere dedication and a genuine interest in boys to qualify as a staff member.

And it requires constant training, plus experience to develop the necessary professional skills.

Staff members are involved in a continuing program of in-service training which includes professional meetings, workshops and short courses.

They also have frequent opportunities to discuss their problems with professional consultants such as psychiatrists, psychologists and pediatricians.

The Boys Ranch is a member of the University of North Carolina Group Child Care Consultant Service which provides professional evaluation of staff procedures and policies.

MOVIE AVAILABLE

"There is a Place", a 14 1/2 minute color sound movie about the Boys Ranch is available for showing to groups and organizations throughout the state. To make arrangements, contact your Sheriff or the Boys Ranch.



"GOLDEN TOE"

In recognition of his outstanding kicking ability, Rancher Blair Slayton received the "Golden Toe Award" at Suwannee High School's annual football banquet. (Photo by Colonial Photography, Live Oak)

It's a Many Splendored Thing

The total program at the Boys Ranch is a "many splendored thing" that concentrates on the "now" while reaching out into the past and the future.

Administrator Harry Weaver explained that the "now" is called "Ranch Life," and it deals with the current needs of each boy. It involves discipline, chores, schooling, food and shelter, clothing, personal finances, recreation, activities, medical and dental care, fire protection and farming.

The past and the future are dealt with by the social service department. This agency studies a boy's past in order to better understand his current needs. It also tries to help him plan his future.

Then there is the business side of the program that deals with record keeping, receiving and expending funds, maintaining a comprehensive inventory and exercising management over a wide variety of business matters.

Development is another important phase of the program. It involves planning for future improvement in the program, services and facilities. It also involves telling the "Boys Ranch Story" through movies, radio, television, printed materials, speeches, and personal contacts.



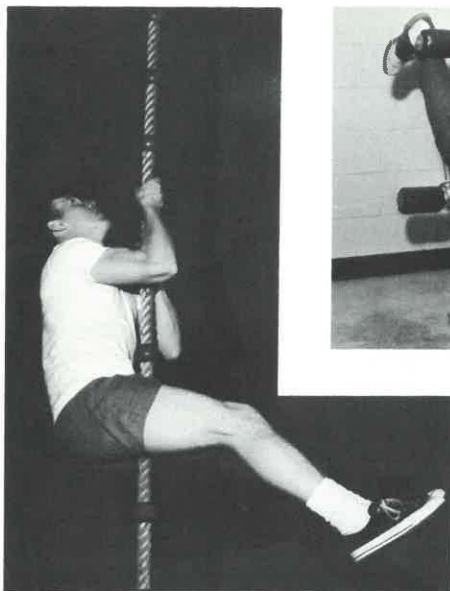
Fire House

Medical — Dental Clinic

Residence Cottage



PHYSICAL
FITNESS
CAN BE
FUN



The new \$230,000 gymnasium named in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Carleton Tweed, of Coral Gables, adds a whole new dimension to recreation and physical fitness activities at the Boys Ranch. The main floor is large enough for two basketball courts. An exercise room and a music room in the basement were made possible through the generosity of the late Cor J. Trubey, of Ft. Lauderdale.

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Mike Edwards is only one of over 100 young men who have graduated from the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, but in many ways his success story is typical. It seems like only yesterday that Mike was a small barefoot boy selling peanuts in state capitol offices, in Tallahassee. He was among the first boys enrolled after the Boys Ranch opened for business in 1959, and he made an outstanding record as a Rancher, a high school athlete and a U. S. Marine. He was wounded in action in Viet Nam, received the Purple Heart, and went into law enforcement after he was discharged from the Marine Corps. This picture taken on January 10, 1970, shows him exchanging wedding vows with the former Charmel Ann Turbiville in the Boys Ranch Chapel. (Photo by Colonial Photography, Live Oak)



Where are They Now? How are They Doing?

During the ten years since the first youngsters were enrolled in 1959, the Boys Ranch has cared for some 230 boys from all sections of Florida.

Of this total, 120 are still under the care of the Boys Ranch, leaving approximately 110 who have "graduated" and become part of an ever-growing "alumni association."

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Boys Ranch "Alumni Association" Numbers Over 100

They are scattered around the globe. Many have been in military service. They have served their country well — and in several cases they have come home with military decorations for valor in action.

Many have been successful in business. One is a restaurant manager. Others are in the printing business, law enforcement, sales, barbering, dairying and auto repair work.

Three boys are now in college, and others are planning to go to college next fall. Eight are in vocational school.

Boys who were enrolled during the early days of the Ranch are now married and some of them have children of their own — a whole new generation of Ranchers is coming along.

Although they are scattered far and wide, graduates do not lose their ties with the Boys Ranch. They continue to correspond with staff members; they visit the Ranch whenever possible; and quite a few have returned to the Ranch chapel to be married.

The most recent marriage in the chapel joined Mike Edwards and Charmel Ann Huddleston in holy wedlock. Their wedding was held on January 10, 1970, and they are now living in Tampa.

For Boys Ranch officials the most important thing about the growing "alumni association" is that it gives them an opportunity to see the results of their labors.

And, the results have been extremely encouraging. Almost without exception the former Ranchers have become law-abiding, self-supporting citizens with a strong sense of individual responsibility.

This is the "pay off" for all the patient effort and the dedicated concern that staff members have invested in the Ranch program. Without these results, all of their labors and heartaches would be in vain.

WE GET QUESTIONS ABOUT

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, Florida 32060.



CHARTER SIGNED AND FILED

Florida Sheriffs Association Attorney John A. Madigan, Jr., (right) explains to Florida Sheriffs Girls Villa officials the non-profit corporation charter filed in the Secretary of State's Office, in Tallahassee. They are (from left) Sheriff Don Genung, President; Sheriffs Association Executive Director Carl Stauffer, Vice President; and Sheriff Joe Crevasse, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer.

Girls Villa Searching for a Site

TALLAHASSEE — The Florida Sheriffs Girls Villa, a home for needy and worthy girls similar to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, has been established as a non-profit corporation and donations are being accepted by the Florida Sheriffs Association.

Like the Boys Ranch, Girls Villa will be supported entirely by voluntary contributions. Therefore, the project will move ahead at a pace determined by the flow of funds from donors.

Selection of a suitable site has top priority at the present time. After this has been accomplished, plans will be developed for construction of facilities.

The Girls Villa charter names Sheriff Don Genung, Sheriffs Associ-

ation Executive Director Carl Stauffer, and Sheriff Joe Crevasse, Jr., as temporary officers (see photo above). It also authorizes the Board of Directors of the Sheriffs Association to appoint a Villa Board of Trustees, which will then organize and name officers.

A form is provided below for donors who wish to make contributions to the Boys Ranch or the Girls Villa. To make a contribution in memory of a deceased friend or relative, fill out both the top and bottom portions of the form. Both the Boys Ranch and the Girls Villa have memorial funds.

All contributions to the Boys Ranch ARE DEDUCTIBLE FOR INCOME TAX PURPOSES. Girls Villa has applied for the same status.

MAIL TO:

Florida Sheriffs
Association

P. O. Box 1487

Tallahassee,

Florida

32302

Donor's Name _____

Address _____

Amount of Contribution to: Boys Ranch \$ _____

Girls Villa \$ _____

Fill in Below if This Contribution is to Memorial Fund

In Memory of _____

Send notification to:

Name (Next-of-Kin) _____

Address _____

FACTS

About the Ranch

LOCATION—9 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 32060.

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—2,500 acres of farm and timberland.

ENROLLMENT — 125 boys under care. Eventual goal: To care for as many boys as operational funds will permit.

PURPOSE—to provide a good home and a secure future for dependent, neglected and homeless boys who might otherwise drift into a life of delinquency or hopeless futility. The Ranch is not an institution for delinquents.

AGE LIMITS—at admission 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 must be of average intelligence and in good physical condition. He must be declared a dependent child by the Juvenile Court and approved by the Sheriff 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.

Ranchers "On the Road"

On weekends Ranchers often "hit the road" and they are greeted with warm hospitality wherever they go.

Twenty-four boys accompanied by staff members took a typical weekend trip on January 31 when they attended the "24-hour endurance race" at Daytona Beach International Speedway as guests of Bill France and the Speedway.

Another group of Ranchers formed a big cheering section for the University of Florida when the Gators played the University of Georgia Bulldogs in a basketball thriller. Florida Coach Tommy Bartlett was host to the 22 boys, many of whom play on Boys Ranch basketball teams.

Six Ranchers were guests at the Jaycee Rodeo in Palmetto, and stayed in private homes. They were treated to carnival rides and horseback riding.

NEW TRUSTEES

The Board of Directors of the Florida Sheriffs Association on January 25 appointed five new members to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Board of Trustees.

They are Monroe County Sheriff R. L. Brown, Key West; Hardee Sheriff Newton Murdock, Wauchula; Columbia Sheriff Harry Spradley, Lake City; Mr. P. A. Sturdevant, Ft. Myers; and Brevard Sheriff Leigh Wilson, Titusville.

A complete list of trustees appears elsewhere in this issue.

WB4PHT IS "ON THE AIR"

Arthur H. Lynch, of Cape Coral, started it when he donated a complete amateur radio station to the Boys Ranch. Next the Florida Side-Banders Association, an organization of "ham" radio operators, got into the act by offering their assistance — and now youngsters at the Boys Ranch have organized their own amateur radio club and are getting ready to go on the air. The club has been licensed under the sponsorship of the Side-Banders, and has been assigned call letters WB4PHT. Each weekend Side-Banders from various areas of the state visit the Ranch to help the boys put their equipment together. Some of the equipment was donated earlier, but the real impetus for an amateur radio club came from Mr. Lynch's gift.



COOKOUT WAS HOLIDAY CLIMAX

Thanksgiving was not just "turkey 'n' trimmin's" for youngsters at the Boys Ranch. The weekend holiday observance included a special chapel service led by boys, a banquet, and a hot dog cookout on the banks of the Suwannee River.

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