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a traditional part of our daily life.”**

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President's Perspective

A message from Harry K. Weaver, President of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches



Flag seals are available again

Proper respect for honoring the flag and what it stands for is nothing new to the Youth Ranches. A traditional part of our daily life is the raising and lowering of the flag because it remains a symbol of the proud heritage we have today. The destruction of a worn out flag is always carried out with a great deal of reverence and dignity. The flag stands for what and who we are in this world. Although we have experienced difficulties over the years as a result of our flag and the many heartaches and tragedies that go with it, freedom of mind and spirit is well worth the effort our forefathers put forth. More and more societies continue to show an interest in our form of government as evidenced by what is happening today throughout the world in communist nations and their satellites.

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At the Villa:

Mental gymnastics disguised as games enriched those hazy, lazy summer days

The temptation to “goof off” was mighty strong at the Youth Villa during the hot, hazy, lazy days of summer, but the opportunities were somewhat rare.

Numerous Villa residents had summer jobs on and off campus. Others attended public school system summer sessions. The remaining uncommitted “free agents” could have become dedicated “couch potatoes,” but Director of Education Charles “Chuck” Warren made sure that they didn’t by developing an enrichment program designed to tone up flabby mental processes.

Based upon a series of books titled “Muscles of the Mind,” the enrichment program offered mental challenges in the guise of games.

Warren said the youths played card games to increase their ability to use logic; practiced techniques that sharpened their ability to memorize lists and names; and dabbled in the art of pantomime to stimulate their creativity.

A professional clown who volunteered to demonstrate her skills, and Gregory Pas, a Villa group care worker who had formerly been a drama student, were recruited by Warren to assist with the pantomime sessions.

Playing charades became a popular pastime, and, as a “final exam,” each member of the group was required to present a short sketch in pantomime.

Summer school and the summer enrichment program ended on July 19, leaving plenty of time for horseback riding, water skiing and swimming.



The centuries old game of charades stimulated creativity.



A partially structured summer left plenty of time for “rap” sessions. (For readers to whom “rap” is an unfamiliar term, the dictionary offers these synonyms: shoot the breeze, chew the fat, gab, gossip, chat and converse.)



Villa youths were introduced to the art of pantomime by a professional clown and a former drama student.

“The Boys Ranch was, and continues to be . . . the single greatest influence in our lives.”



Mr. and Mrs. Jim Goodwin, Boys Ranch Group Parents, share memories with Dennis (left) and Danny Carpenter, former Boys Ranch residents.

It was one of those slow days when the Editor of The Rancher had nothing better to do than sit around and mull over memories of former Boys Ranch residents. “I wonder how the Carpenter twins are doing,” he said to no one in particular. It was only a vagrant thought at first, but it “stuck in his craw,” as they say, so the old boy sent free-lance writer Robert Lucas to Tallahassee to get an update on Danny and Dennis Carpenter. Lucas, who lives near Monticello, filed the following report:

By Robert Lucas

TALLAHASSEE — When I interviewed Danny and Dennis Carpenter recently, they agreed that the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch was, and continues to be, the single greatest influence in their lives.

“When no one else was there, when we needed someone to take charge and give us support and direction,” said Danny, “my brother and I were set on the path that has led us to spiritual and economic freedom.”

The twins became members of the Boys Ranch “family” in 1979, and they recall now, with gratitude, the many people who were supportive during this most crucial time in their lives.

As teenagers they had already earned a reputation for funny and not-so-funny pranks, barely skirting the law. And school, well, that was something for others to attend, not for them.

Arranging for them to be enrolled at the Boys Ranch was a difficult decision for their mother, said Danny, “but we were too much to cope with and she loved us enough to want the best for us, even though it meant breaking up the family.”

After the twins arrived at the Boys Ranch, Dennis, was assigned to Conn Cottage with “Mom and Pop”

(Mr. and Mrs. Jim) Goodwin, and Danny was assigned to Pentland Cottage with “Mom and Pop” (Mr. and Mrs. L.J.) Aldridge. This arrangement was puzzling then, but Dennis now realizes it was a good thing that he and Danny were separated.

“Together we almost always got into trouble — no one was safe,” he said, “but separated we became different people. Perhaps it’s the competition between twins . . . well, regardless . . . we both developed new friendships and became more than just brothers, we became friends.”

Peer pressure is the same everywhere, and the Boys Ranch was no exception. The twins recall that each cottage had its spoken and unspoken rules, and the new boys on the scene were obliged to learn the ropes quickly.

“We soon learned there was no room for solo acts, that in order to maintain harmony within the cottages we had to live by the rules and to understand and accept the fact they were meant for our own good,” said Danny.

“All of us — I don’t believe there was an exception — developed so much respect for Mom and Pop Aldridge and Mom and Pop Goodwin that to cause them any grief was to bring grief down on our own heads.”

Lessons learned in those bygone days have since been translated into strong feelings of allegiance to the Boys Ranch and its mission. Danny made this clear when he described his reply to a Boys Ranch supporter who recently asked for his opinion of the Boys Ranch:

“I told him that I would change nothing about the Boys Ranch; that it became the turning point in my life. I was surrounded suddenly by people who cared



Danny is a assistant manager at Lowe's of Moultrie, Georgia, and donates time and talents to the underprivileged.

about me as a person. I was given standards for all aspects of living — standards which would govern my actions and thinking. These are with me today.”

Success has caught up with both young men. While employed as a department manager at Lowe's of Northeast Tallahassee, Danny was recently promoted to assistant manager of the Moultrie, Georgia, branch of the building supply outlet.

The promotion came as no surprise to his co-workers. They describe him as competent and unfailingly polite to customers. Concurrent with his work he has bought land with another brother and plans to develop it. He is active in his church and donates time and talents to the underprivileged.

Dennis has his real estate license and has become a much photographed model throughout the southeast. Fashion shows, newspaper and television spots and travel to glamorous sites for photographic sessions have become routine. He plans to expand his horizons and is considering a tour of the major fashion markets in Atlanta, Boston, New York, Los Angeles and Tokyo.

He too is active in his church and devotes much of his time to the underprivileged and disabled. He is currently serving as president of the Boys Ranch Alumni Association. In his opinion, Mom and Pop Goodwin have become his real parents. Because of their unselfish and unstinting guidance, he says, he was able to first survive and then flourish in Boys Ranch activities. Their good advice he has brought forward into his adult life.

“Dennis is like a son to us,” the Goodwins said recently. “He was the very dickens when he first came here and suddenly he became part of the family. He and his brother Danny were fine singers and used to entertain us at various functions, and Dennis

became a member of the Boys Ranch Choir.”

Dennis is also remembered for dawn-to-dusk efforts that produced a blue-ribbon steer. The 899-pound animal was bought by the Winn-Dixie Stores for \$827.08 in October of 1980.

“Dennis came into his own at that time,” remarked Jim Goodwin. “He worked so hard to make that steer a prize winner and when it took a blue ribbon I will never forget the look on Dennis’ face. He was so proud and we were proud right along with him.”

The Goodwins were asked what it meant to be surrogate parents and the question produced a wellspring of talk.

“First it takes dedication,” Jim said, “and the willingness to be on call 24 hours of each day we are on duty. As acting parents neither one of us has to disappear for an eight-hour workday. We are here all the time until we take a four-day break from work and then a substitute takes over. It is the most demanding kind of work that, by its very nature, exceeds what ordinary parents can do, or are willing to do.”

He continued: “We create the best atmosphere of home in our cottage which accommodates up to 12 boys. We instill in them acceptable standards of behavior in preparation for their entry into the adult world. This was what Danny and Dennis needed and it has obviously stood by them. In addition, we teach the boys how to accomplish various household tasks efficiently as well as outside chores. Each week the work schedule changes and each boy is accountable for his performance, not only to ourselves, but to every occupant of the cottage.

“Regardless of the questions and the problems which confront teenagers we must be ready to offer carefully considered advice and make suggestions whenever needed. I can think of no work more gratifying, more stimulating. Almost all of our extended family, including Dennis and Danny, who have gone out into the world and have been a success in some measure, make it all worthwhile,” he concluded.

Another gift from loyal friends

LARGO — Pinellas County Sheriff Everett S. Rice (right) and Youth Ranches Regional Director Bill Biebuyck accept a substantial cash gift from the Sea Gulls Club, represented by Mrs. Peg Cameron, President.



Compassion saved Don Genung's life and got him hooked on helping troubled kids

By Linda Humphers

On a warm, sunny morning in late May, Don and Florence Genung sat in their lovely condominium in Belleair Bluffs and munched on warm blueberry muffins slathered with creamy butter and sipped hot coffee from china cups. They had already been on their morning walk, the three-mile trek that generally starts at 6 a.m. and winds along the Intercoastal Waterway just a block from their home.

"That's when we have our chance to get together without the TV or the phone interrupting us," Florence said, smiling as she smoothed the edge of her calico placemat.

Both Don and Florence, married for 51 years, are tall and trim, and at 72 he now wears gold-rimmed spectacles instead of the black-framed glasses that were his trademark when he was Sheriff of Pinellas County from 1958 until he retired in 1975.

For more than 30 years, Don was such a popular and dignified representative of law enforcement that his counsel is still sought by those who follow him.

In fact, a "Clearwater Sun" editorial written in January said, "Genung was probably as highly esteemed as any public official in Pinellas County history. More than a dozen years after his departure, Genung remains the model for other Sheriffs to emulate..."

And the awards and thank-yous still pour in to such a degree that at one point he and Florence hauled nine boxes of the things to the Boys Ranch so they could be reused.

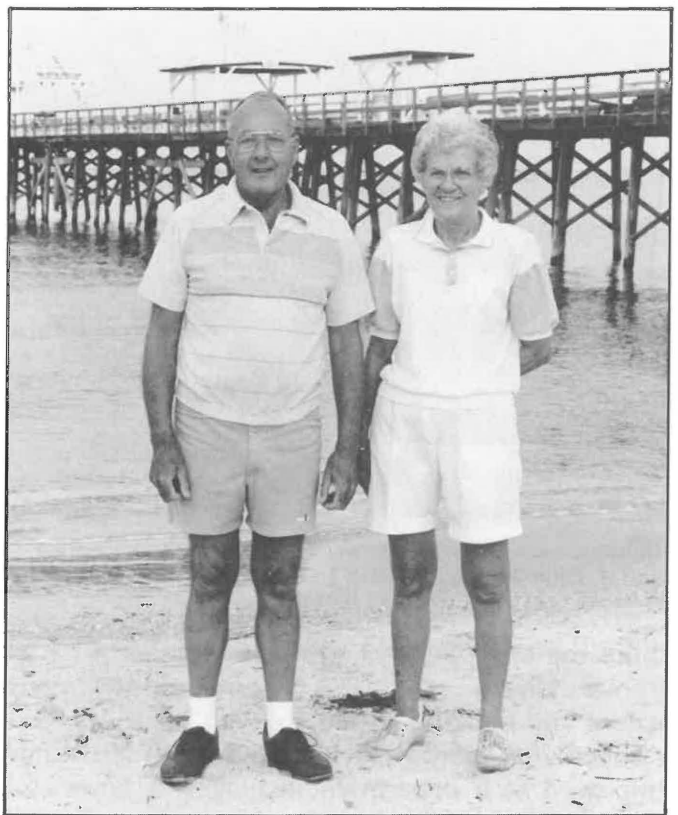
"Oh, you know, just strip off the name plate and recycle them. Those plaques and trophies can get expensive but it means so much to the boys to receive that kind of recognition," Don said.

As Florence and Don talk about the past and what led to all the truly progressive, ground-breaking accomplishments in their lives, one thing becomes clear: Don was always taken by surprise.

Like being named Sheriff in 1958 when Sid Saunders died.

"Out of the blue," is how Florence describes the appointment.

But if surprises ever scared Don, he didn't let them daunt him. He asked for advice, took the advice and



Don and Florence Genung go to Indian Rocks Beach for their early morning fitness walks.

learned that having courage was the way he could get things done.

Through the years, most of Don's courage has come in the form of calling together a group of people and confessing he needed their help, money or advice, but his life, as serene as it sometimes seems, has faced moments when more urgent courage was necessary.

"Right after I was elected Sheriff, that would have been in the early 1960s, I got a call in the middle of the night. It was the deputy and he told me there'd been a murder, but not to bother coming out because they'd pretty much surrounded the area the man was in and would probably close in on him any time.

"About an hour later, he called back and said I'd better get over there because the man had murdered again. Seemed he'd stopped a man in a car and asked for a ride. When the driver refused to let him in the car, he shot him and fled back into the woods.

"So I got dressed and got my gun down — I always kept it up high because our daughter Donna was little — and went on out. When I got there, the man had been tracked down to a house that belonged to a relative. Someone inside said the man we wanted was hiding in a truck that was sitting in the yard.

"It was a panel truck, and we looked all around it, then I went up to the back, opened the door — my

gun was drawn — and looked inside.

“I looked all around, but I didn’t see anything in there, it was just empty, so I stepped inside the truck. At that instant, I saw him crouched in the corner with his gun pointing at me.

“My gun was pointing at him, too, and the only thing that stopped me from just shooting was the thought that it simply wouldn’t be right to kill a man. So he just kept his gun pointed at me and I kept mine pointed at him and I was yelling and using some pretty rough language but basically I was telling him if he put his gun down he’d for sure stay alive, and if he shot me, I would definitely shoot him, too.

“So he finally started to lower the gun and as soon as he did I kicked it away and then everybody was all over him and we took him in.

“When I got home, I went to put my gun up and take all the bullets out because of Donna being so little, only there weren’t any bullets in the gun. I hadn’t ever put them back in. I was holding an empty gun on that man, and if I’d pulled the trigger and it had gone ‘click, click’ I have no doubt I’d have been a dead man real fast,” Don said.

But when Don tells this story, he starts it out not by saying anything about his courage, but by saying, “Let me tell you about the time compassion saved my life.” And when he ends the story of not shooting because it just wasn’t the right thing to do, he says, “And that’s how compassion saved my life.”

Don and Florence are interwoven. They saw things that made their hearts ache, things they desperately wanted to change, such as children and the mentally ill being placed in jail cells right alongside criminals. And they had the strength in their aching hearts — combined with the most sincere and sweet personalities — that let them effectively work for many changes.

In time, he restructured the Pinellas County Sheriff’s Department, instituted the county’s first recruit academy, set minimum standards for recruits, standardized all equipment to achieve efficiency and safety, stressed the need for higher education for law enforcement personnel, supervised the building of a new jail complex with much better facilities for personal hygiene and humane treatment, and placed matrons and registered nurses on duty to supervise female inmates and care for sick inmates.

The new jail also contained the state’s only chapel designed to meet the spiritual needs of all inmates. Programs for basic education, aptitude testing, adult education and counselling were started. A library was established. Programs in sewing, culinary arts and industrial arts were implemented.

Genung created a Youth Aid bureau, a reserve

unit, a marine patrol unit and increased the county’s crime communications systems. None of this was easy. He met with resistance on many fronts, but persevered because he felt the improvements were right.

From the time he was appointed Sheriff in 1958, Don plugged the Boys Ranch every time he spoke. He raised untold hundreds of thousands of dollars (which he is still doing) and his fund-raising efforts and support have been ceaseless for more than 30 years.

He is so closely identified with the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches that during Don’s 1968 re-election bid, his campaign contributions ended up in Live Oak. What happened was his opponent dropped out of the race, so Don decided to refund whatever money hadn’t been used. But time and again, as each contributor would get back a contribution check (minus the amount Don figured had been spent on the campaign), the funds would end up being endorsed over to the Boys Ranch.

“Harry Weaver, [Boys Ranch executive] called me up and said, ‘What’s going on down there? We keep getting checks for \$18.73,’ ” Don recalled, laughing.

A member of St. Paul United Methodist Church in Largo, Don still works for the ranch doing what he calls trouble-shooting and estate planning.

In 1975, right after he retired as Sheriff, he was asked to open a Pinellas County office to help get the Youth Ranch in Clearwater going.

“Well, I came across a storefront close to home with a big ‘For Rent’ sign in the window. Peering in the window, I could see it would be fine with a few partitions and some other things to make it into an office. I called the number and told the man I was interested and he asked me to come around to talk about it,” Don recalled.

“I went around and found a man in a wheelchair who said he was in the public relations business, and he seemed to agree very readily with just about everything I wanted — drapes, partitions, carpeting. Then he said he would give it to us for half the rent price. And, he said, ‘do you know why I’m doing this?’”

“I told him I had no idea why, and he said, ‘Well, the reason I’m doing it is that the first boy you sent from Pinellas County to the Boys Ranch is my son-in-law.’ Then he took me down the hall and there sat the former Boys Ranch resident. He was writing a script for advertising and it was quite a reunion. It was terrific.”

Genung has such a positive outlook on life, and such a conviction that a person has to be earnest, that when he was asked one time if he had any bad

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Recreation Director Lynn Carr (center) supervised summer activities, including the making of ceramic ducks for the annual volunteers' banquet.



These volunteers were guests of honor at a Youth Ranches banquet.



A swimming pool version of the ancient and honorable sport of jousting was a popular new addition to the line-up of activities. The "knights" rode inflated sea horses and struggled bravely to unseat each other.

Youth Ranch summer was "just ducky!"



SAFETY HARBOR — "It's nice to have friends to lean on." That was the theme of the annual Youth Ranch banquet honoring helpful volunteers, and it was carried out with ceramic ducks used as banquet table centerpieces and also as souvenirs presented to the guests of honor.

The thing that made the ducks special was that Youth Ranch youngsters molded, glazed and fired about 100 of the figures. When assembled in pairs, the ducks were leaning on each other.

Making ceramic "doo-dads" from scratch was only one of many summer activities supervised by Lynn Carr, Director of Recreation. The summer schedule also included a tennis tournament to pick the campus champion, a mini-olympics involving the Youth Ranch and the Youth Villa, swimming, model building and softball.

The big thing for youngsters, however, was learning to water ski in nearby Tampa Bay and the Gulf of Mexico. That was made possible, said Carr, after Kenyon Dodge, Inc., made a motorboat and trailer available at a terrific discount. Some of the smallest Ranchers learned to use a kneeboard as a preliminary step to mastering water skis.

Earn 10.2 and help kids too

By Ed Waldron, Ph.D.,
Vice President Financial Development
Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, Inc.

It's true. You can currently earn 10.2 percent on your money while you provide positive help for troubled youngsters.

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Before investing in the Youth Ranches pooled income fund, there are several other important considerations to bear in mind. First, the fund's earnings rate is not guaranteed. Its payout rate will vary with the economy, just like rates on certificates of deposit will vary. And second, your gift is irrevocable. You should not invest in the fund if you expect you may need future access to your principal.

However, if you'd like to make a significant gift to help troubled youngsters, but still need the income from your gift, then pooled income funds may be just right for you.

Call me, or use the response coupon elsewhere in this issue of *The Rancher* to request further information. We'll be happy to compare your benefits under the pooled income fund and other life income gift plans, without charge or further obligation on your part. Plus, we always appreciate the chance to speak to a good friend.

Strayer named to accreditation board

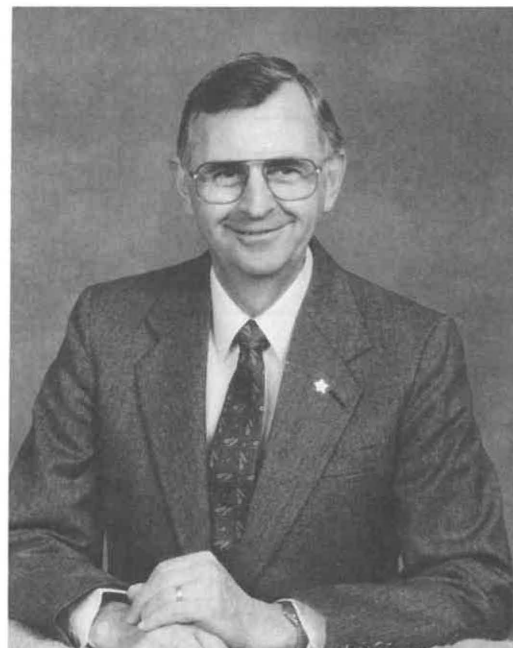
James W. Strayer, the Vice President for Youth Services on the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches staff, has been elected to the board of directors of the Council on Accreditation of Services for Families and Children, Inc. (COA), an agency that evaluates family and child care agencies nationwide.

Strayer holds a Master of Social Work Degree from Florida State University and has long been active in child welfare work. He is a past president of the Florida and Southeastern Group Care Associations, and has chaired numerous committees within the Florida organization.

In 1965 he was hired by the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch to establish a Social Services Department that has since evolved into a statewide network of family social workers employed by the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches.

Strayer left the Boys Ranch in 1966 to become the Administrative Director at the Highlands Children's Home, a child placing agency in Kansas City, Missouri. He returned in 1969 as the Director of Program Development, and in 1979 he was appointed to his present position on the Youth Ranches staff.

The COA is a voluntary accrediting body sponsored by seven organizations that have more than 2,400 agencies in membership. The sponsors are:



James W. Strayer, Vice President for Youth Services on the Youth Ranches staff.

The Association of Jewish Family and Children's Agencies, Catholic Charities USA, The Child Welfare League of America, Family Service America, The Lutheran Social Ministry System, the National Association of Homes for Children, and the National Committee for Adoption.



This is the gang from campsite No. 6 that Eileen and Sherri hung out with during their visit. Standing from left are Orange County Deputy Sheriff Mark Destefano, and counselors Shannon Lundequam, Barbara Goodwin and Bill Stetzer. The boys are (from left) Justin, J-III, J.D., Matt, Judge, Thomas, T.J., David, Michael and Mike.

Youth Camp visitor saw good relationships developing between campers and deputies

Eileen Cornett, a free-lance writer from Live Oak, visited the Florida Sheriffs Youth Camp, near Barberville, on July 1 and 2, and wrote the following article about her experiences. She was accompanied by "Rancher" photographer Sherri Elliott, who took the pictures used with this article.

By Eileen Cornett

"Law Officers Are Your Friends." That's the theme at the Youth Camp, and it's more than a slogan — this being the only program of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches that involves deputy sheriffs for an extended period of time. While I was visiting I saw more than one good relationship developing between the deputies and campers.

There are five ten-day sessions during the summer, with approximately 90 children per session. This

summer about 450 children reaped the benefits of the camp program.

We started our tour of the camp at the Arts and Crafts Building where 14 and 15-year-old boys were putting the final touches on the hand-crafted leather name tags campers wear around their necks. They all seemed to be having a great time banging mallets and yelling "hot pen!" while using the burners.

At the swimming pool we met Sgt. Bill Hamilton, from the Lee County Sheriff's Dive Team. He was scheduled to give campers a scuba diving demonstration, but it was raining, so, instead Sherri and I were given an informative speech on scuba diving — how it is applied to law enforcement, the effects of diving on the diver, protection of the environment, the safety aspects, and laws pertaining to diving.

Next we went to the "Chuck Wagon" (a large dining hall) where Karen Blatt, a Marion County Juvenile Investigator, was giving a law enforcement

class to 14 and 15-year-old girls. This was her first year on the camp staff and she declared she was truly enjoying her experience.

"Being the only juvenile investigator in Marion County," she said, "the only time I ever see kids is when they are either a suspect or a victim. It's really good for me to do this and to show the campers we really are their friends."

The girls seemed to enjoy the experience, and appeared to be interested in what is involved in the life of a law enforcement officer.

By now the rain had stopped and it was nearly lunch time. When the lunch bell rang, the campers lined up quietly in a straight line, with shirts tucked in. Once inside, we all stood behind our chairs, hands folded behind our backs, and sang a hymn as our blessing.

After the meal, announcements were made, campsites were congratulated on completing the challenge course, songs were sung, and jokes were told by campers and counselors.

Right after lunch was siesta time when campers are required to remain in their tents and be quiet. Some campers use this time for writing letters or reading. Girls often do their nails or put on make-up. (Even in a wilderness setting civilization's rituals persist.)

Siesta gives counselors and program directors time to do evaluations, recharge, plan and basically breathe for an hour or so, depending on how well the campers behave.

After siesta we decided to go through the challenge course with 11 and 12-year-old boys. This course is not only for physical exercise, but also to teach campers to trust each other, and to appreciate the importance of team work. First, campers do the "Nestea plunge." They pair up and practice free falling backwards into each other's arms. Then comes the "trust fall" where one camper stands on a tree stump about three feet tall and falls backward into the locked arms of the group. A few of the campers were apprehensive about this maneuver, but all came through just fine.

The biggest and most dramatic part of the teamwork approach comes at "The Wall," which is 12 feet high with a platform and ladder in the rear. There is no way a boy or girl can get over the wall without the cooperation of other campers. The boys we were watching made it over the wall with ear to ear grins, proud of their teamwork.

"Our programs are set up for success," Camp Director Alison Evans told me. "A lot of these kids suffer from low self-esteem, but when they finish with their session out here they should all carry a new sense of self-pride and accomplishment."



To do a "trust fall" a camper stands on a stump and free falls backward into the locked arms of his buddies. That's teamwork!

"Some of them have never had an opportunity to ride a horse, pet a baby goat, or even ride in a canoe. When they leave here they can say that they have."

Now it was dinner time and we followed the same basic routine we had at lunch time. After we had dinner and watched a movie, it was time to go back to the campsite for a "Pow-wow." During the Pow-wow the campers, counselors and visitors sat around a campfire and one by one told what they had liked about the day — things like going through the challenge course, canoeing, having chicken sandwiches for lunch and having visitors from *The Rancher*.

Within minutes of getting into their cots the campers were asleep; and also within minutes of our return to the guest house we too were asleep. Meanwhile, the night counselors, who sleep during the day, were on the job patrolling the camp and returning stray campers to their campsites.

At 7 o'clock the next morning everyone was up and stirring. Before breakfast all of the campers lined up for the daily flag raising. After breakfast, since this was Sunday, we all went to a chapel service in a lovely wooded setting. Songs were sung and scripture was read by one of the campers. The morning message was delivered by Citrus County Deputy Sheriff Dodd. He issued a challenge to the campers to find true peace in their lives and to seek out an active church group after they returned to their homes.

After the service was over, we said goodbye to the campers whose campsite we had shared — wishing each other "good luck," exchanging hugs. Then we left with the knowledge that the young people with whom we had spent the weekend were getting a chance to learn things they might not otherwise learn, gaining a new sense of self-worth, and having adventures they would remember for years to come.



Youth Villa — Personal Growth Awards presented to William Gates and Cynthia Cox by Dot Bowers (center), Unit Social Worker.



Youth Villa — Personal Growth Awards presented to Orly Kira (left) and Michelle Sams (right) by Sue Turnbeau, Unit Social Worker.

Outstanding award winners for 1989

One of the well established traditions at the Boys Ranch, Youth Ranch and Youth Villa is to hold annual awards banquets to give special recognition to outstanding achievers. Shown on this page are the major award winners for 1989.



Youth Villa — Regional Director's Award presented to Carlos Guerra (left) by Regional Director Bill Biebuyck.



Youth Villa — Leadership Award presented to Michelle Sams by Ed Freddo, Director of Youth Services.



Boys Ranch — Regional Director's Award presented to Mike Luman by Pat Monogue, Regional Director.



Boys Ranch — Leadership Award presented to Calvin Crawford by Warren White, Director of Youth Services.



Boys Ranch — Agriculture Award presented to Roger Hovermale (right) by Anthony Adams, Farm Manager.

Boys Ranch Awards



Boys Ranch — Academic Award presented to Marshall Wrenn (right) by Mike Tice, Director of Education.



Boys Ranch — Best Athlete Award presented to Mike Bittikofer (left) by Robert Eddins, Supervisor of Recreation.



Boys Ranch — Music Award presented to David Smith (right) by Chaplain Warren Thompson.



Youth Ranch Awards

From left to right, Nathan Derby, Regional Director's Award; Nina Jones, Academic Award; Becky Horan, Leadership Award; and Jason Derby, Athletic Award.



1989 high school graduates honored with a party, gifts and applause



Three high school graduates were applauded during the annual Boys Ranch Awards Banquet after they were introduced by Youth Ranches Regional Director Pat Monogue (left). They are (from left) Johnny Johnson, Billy Kodash and Conel Crockton. Each received luggage and an electric razor as parting gifts.



The 1989 graduates at the Youth Villa were (from left) Cynthia Carter, Carlos Guerra and Jennifer Fischer. The Lakeland Ledger, a daily newspaper, chose Carlos for one of its annual Citizenship Awards.



When Shelly Cowger was graduated from Countryside High School, in Clearwater, the Youth Ranch staff and residents held a party in her honor.

THE FLORIDA SHERIFFS YOUTH RANCHES IS . . .



A charitable, non-profit corporation, sponsored by the Florida Sheriffs Association, to manage and operate the Boys Ranch, Youth Villa, Youth Ranch, Youth Camp, Caruth Camp, and any other Youth programs that might later be developed by the Florida Sheriffs Association. An important function of the Youth Ranches is the raising, receiving, budgeting, and disbursing of funds for its programs. The Youth Ranches and its programs are supported almost entirely by voluntary gifts. Gifts and bequests can be made to the Youth Ranches for the exclusive benefit of any single program, such as the Boys Ranch, Youth Villa, Youth Ranch, Youth Camp, or Caruth Camp, or they may be made without restriction, to be distributed among existing programs as most needed or to be used for the development of new programs at the discretion of the Governing Board. Youth Ranches Central Offices are co-located with the Boys Ranch.

MAILING ADDRESS — Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, Inc., Boys Ranch, Florida, 32060
Telephone: 904/842-5501

BOYS RANCH IS . . .

A residential group child care program for Florida's neglected, unsupervised, and troubled boys between the ages of eight and eighteen. It is not an institution for juvenile delinquents. The Boys Ranch is sponsored by the Florida Sheriffs Association and operated by the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches. It was founded in 1957 and currently has approximately 96 boys in residence at any given time. The Boys Ranch is located in North Florida, about half-way between Jacksonville and Tallahassee and nine miles north of Live Oak on County Rd. 795. Telephone: 904/842-5555

YOUTH VILLA IS . . .

A similar program for boys and girls located two miles east of Bartow, Florida, on Route 60. Originally conceived by the Sunshine State Women's Chamber of Commerce of Madeira Beach, Florida, the Youth Villa was adopted as a project of the Florida Sheriffs Association in 1970. The first buildings were completed and the first children admitted in 1972. There are approximately 50 boys and girls in residence at any given time. Telephone: 813/533-0371



YOUTH RANCH IS . . .

A residential group child care program of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches. It was founded in 1976 and opened in 1978. It is located just east of the intersection of the McMullen-Booth Road and County Road 102 (Enterprise Road) in Safety Harbor, Florida. The Youth Ranch has approximately 30 boys and girls in residence at any given time. It provides care in a homelike environment for brothers and sisters who are neglected, unsupervised and troubled boys and girls. Telephone: 813/725-4761

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A facility which operates a Summer Camping Program for boys and girls. The 200-acre campsite is located one mile northeast of Barberville, near DeLand. Campers are normally selected from among boys and girls who have had Requests for Service submitted to the Youth Ranches on their behalf. Many of these youngsters are already on the waiting list for admission to Youth Ranches residential facilities. The camping program was initiated in 1981 and moved to its present location in late 1982. Telephone: 904/749-9999

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A Wilderness Program designed for an eventual capacity of 54 boys and girls situated on an approximately 240-acre site 14 miles north of Crystal River, off U.S. Highway 19, near Inglis. This program was established through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Caruth, Jr., of Dallas, Texas. The Caruths are the owners of The Plantation Inn and Golf Resort in Crystal River. The program began in 1986. Telephone: 904/447-2259

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Facts About Our Finances

Copies of the most recent Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches Annual Report are available for the asking. Address your request to Harry Weaver, President, Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, Boys Ranch, Florida, 32060.

Telephone Your Gift

To improve our services to you, the Youth Ranches now accepts memorial and honor gifts by telephone. We'll send an acknowledgment card to the bereaved party or person being honored the day we receive your call — before your gift arrives — so that the message of your thoughtfulness will not be delayed. Call (904) 842-5501.

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Do you need a program for your club, church, or other type organization? We would welcome the opportunity to share the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches story with your group. Wherever you are in Florida, you are not too far away for one of our speakers to accept your invitation, and we have a 14½ minute color/sound film all about the Youth Ranches. Give us a call at (904) 842-5501 or write to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, Boys Ranch, Florida, 32060.

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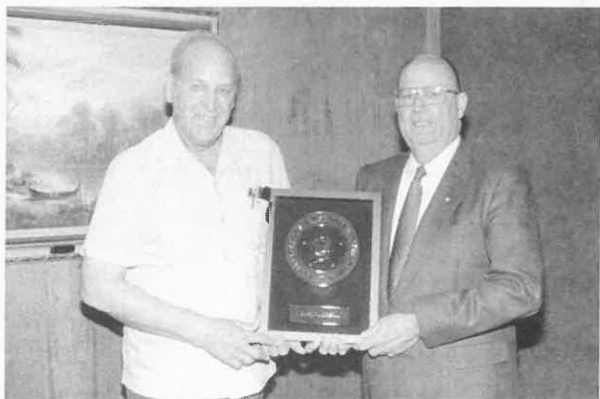
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VERO BEACH — Presented by St. Lucie Chief Deputy Bob Crowder, left, and Indian River County Deputy Steve Nelson, right, to Baldwin Rebekah Lodge #33, accepted by Beulah Brown.



VERO BEACH — Presented by Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches Vice President Planned Giving Terry Knox (right), to Indian River County Sheriff Tim Dobeck.



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JASPER — Presented by Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches President Harry K. Weaver, right, and Hamilton County Sheriff Harrel Reid, left, to Ken Blanton, Captain, Hamilton County Sheriffs Posse.



ST. AUGUSTINE — Presented by St. Johns County Sheriff Neil Perry, left, to Alice K. Brown.



TALLAHASSEE — Presented by Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches Vice President Financial Development Ed Waldron, left, and President Harry K. Weaver, center, to Leon County Sheriff Eddie Boone.



CRESCENT CITY — Presented by Putnam County Sheriff Taylor Douglas, left, to Mr. and Mrs. George Williamson.



TALLAHASSEE — Presented by Leon County Sheriff Eddie Boone, right, to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert E. Straughn; Manuel C. Perera; and Wayne Westmark, Florida House of Representatives Sergeant at Arms.

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Former Rancher Bill Riggins is still trying to be all he can be

During a 20-year hitch in the states and overseas, the U.S. Army urged William A. "Bill" Riggins to "Be all you can be." After a while the former Boys Ranch resident apparently took this familiar recruiting slogan to heart and advanced to Master Sergeant E-8 before ending his military career in 1988.

Now he's in a new career as a corrections officer and the gung-ho attitude that made him a successful soldier is already becoming evident.

After Bill "enlisted" in the Florida Department of Corrections in 1988, he was sent to the North Florida Junior College Law Enforcement Corrections Academy, as a rookie. Twenty-four weeks later he completed the training and became the only graduate in the history of the school to capture all of the commencement honors.

After the ceremony was over he carried to his home, near Live Oak, three engraved plaques that identify him as the most outstanding graduate, the officer with the highest academic average, and the marksman with the highest firearms score.

Bill is presently employed at the Hamilton County facility of the Florida Department of Corrections, and presumably striving to be all he can be.

Friends who remember Bill as the kid who made pets out of rattlesnakes and later served a term as the president of the Boys Ranch Alumni Association, anticipate nothing less.



Former Boys Ranch resident Bill Riggins with his three graduation plaques.



TAMPA — Hillsborough County Sheriff Walter C. Heinrich (right) accepts a major contribution from the International Independent Showmen's Foundation, represented by (from left) Bill Rodgers, Connie Royal and Betty Tanner. The Showmen sponsored a circus for the benefit of the Youth Ranches.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 15 — December 31

September 16 — Fourth Annual Brevard County Kiwanis Law Enforcement Bass Fishing Tournament, Lone Cabbage Fish Camp, Brevard County, Cocoa. Contact Rick Shimer, Brevard County Sheriffs Office, 407/269-8902, or Terry Knox, Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches Vice President Planned Giving, 407/657-5075, for more information. Proceeds go to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, Inc.

October 6-8 — 32nd Anniversary Boys Ranch Open House and Horse Show. Events get underway Friday evening with a free chicken pilau dinner and continue through Sunday afternoon. For more information, please contact Pat Monogue, Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Regional Director, 904/842-5555.

November 16-19 — SunBank Florida Women's Open Golf Tournament, Plantation Inn and Golf Resort, Crystal River. Pro-Am tournament on Sunday, Nov. 19. Regular golf action Nov. 20-22. For more information contact Mac Stones, Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch Regional Director, 813/725-4761, or Jim Brennan, Plantation Inn and Golf Resort, 904/795-7211. Proceeds go to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, Inc.

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memories, he replied, "No, I don't."

And when asked if he had any regrets, he replied, "No . . . Usually we fight changes but I've never been one to fight change, because, it's for the best."

And when asked if he thought that maybe the good Lord had been looking out for the Youth Ranches, considering that in the beginning nobody had even a slight clue as to how to run a boys ranch, Don replied, "No question. There's just no question.

"We just couldn't be successful without prayers and having our priorities straight and having our families and our children. If you don't have those things, you don't have anything. There isn't any question."

Bequest to Boys Ranch totals over \$1 million

The Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch recently received a bequest of over \$1,000,000 from the combined estates of Cecilia and Anna May Tracy, sisters who "held a great love for children, especially the underprivileged."

When Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches President Harry K. Weaver, and Leon County Sheriff Eddie Boone accepted the bequest in Tallahassee, the sister's attorney, Robert M. Ervin, provided the following information about the generous benefactors:

Cecilia M. Tracy and Anna May Tracy were the children of an Irish family that settled in Erie, Pennsylvania. The Tracy family was respected and prospered. Their father became a public official in Erie.

After the sisters were graduated from Allegheny College, in Pennsylvania, Cecilia became a Microbiologist and Anna May a Nutritionist. Neither married and both died childless, but held a great love for children, especially the underprivileged.

Cecilia and Anna May moved to Florida as young professionals to further their careers.

Anna May for many years was Nutritionist and Director of Food Services at Florida State College for Women/Florida State University. She subsequently served in like capacity at Columbia University, and was elected President of the American



Leon County Sheriff Eddie Boone (right) accepts the Tracy bequest from Tallahassee Attorney Robert M. Ervin.

Dietetics Association.

Cecilia commenced her career in public health service, but changed to private laboratory testing and acquired an interest in medical testing laboratories in Miami and Tallahassee. For many years she was the proprietor of the clinical laboratory which performed medical tests for physicians and their patients in Tallahassee.

Cecilia Tracy was outgoing and an amateur actress. She helped to establish Tallahassee Little Theater, and performed in many of its presentations. Her stage experience included several lead roles.

The sisters died in Tallahassee, Anna May in 1981 at the age of 83, and Cecilia in 1988 at the age of 85. Their combined estates, exceeding \$1,000,000 in value, were given to Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch to aid the youth for whom the Tracy sisters had so much concern.

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