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# The Rancher

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## Greetings by air To those who care

A balloon is many things  
To many folks,  
The subject of songs,  
The object of jokes.

To a child, it's laughter  
Floating in the sky.  
To an old man, it's sadness  
When the parade has gone by.

To some, it's a sonnet,  
Colorful and fleeting,  
But, to us, it's the  
Ultimate Christmas greeting.

It's buoyant and bouncy,  
And somewhat akin  
To the carefree holiday  
Mood we are in.

So, to all of our friends  
Who have shown us they care,  
We're sending this message  
Delivered by air:

We thank you so much  
For all that you've done  
To make our lives better,  
And living more fun.

May your hopes ever rise,  
And your life stay in tune  
For a Christmas as merry  
As a big, bright balloon.





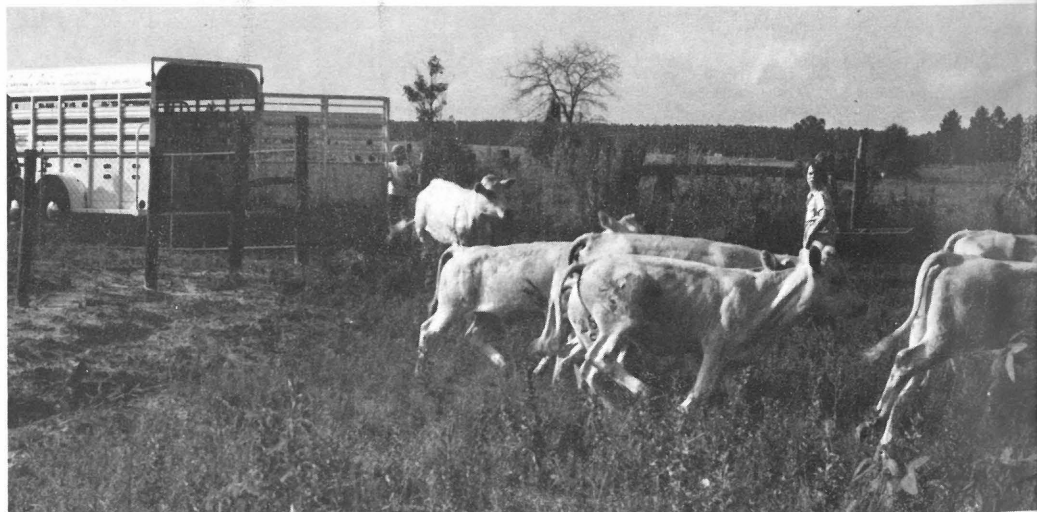


# FARMWISE 1975 was tops ; good

## Cattle Grooming And Showmanship Clinic

The picture above was taken during a cattle grooming and showmanship clinic conducted at the Boys Ranch by John Crouch, Regional Manager for the American Angus Association. The clinic was co-sponsored by the Boys Ranch and Mrs. Anita Brown, of Live Oak. It was attended by boys from the Ranch and area cattlemen.

Charolais cattle donated by friends from Pinellas County bolt from the trailer and head for the freedom of new pastures.





### Farm Is Also A Pet Shop

Rabbits are not our number one cash crop, but they do rank high in popularity as pets.

# crops - no flops

When Thanksgiving arrived at the Boys Ranch, there were many things to be thankful for, one of them being a bountiful harvest.

The corn crop was a winner. The hay crop — an essential ingredient for keeping our livestock fat and fit through the winter months — topped out at around 16,000 bales.

We produced some prize watermelons and faced our usual dilemma between satisfying the healthy appetites of our boys and cashing in at the market. True to tradition, the boys won out and, by the time they had eaten their fill, we had only one truckload left to take to market.

A gift of 45 Charolais cattle from generous friends in St. Petersburg boosted our herd to 300 and also helped us to maintain our usual high quality.

A herd (covey? flock? bunch?) of rabbits, complete with cages, provided many hours of enjoyment for the boys, and added some variety to our agricultural spectrum.

Toss in some 30 good-looking horses, a mule or two, and some pigs and you have a ranch worthy of the title.

### Our Donkey's In Show Biz

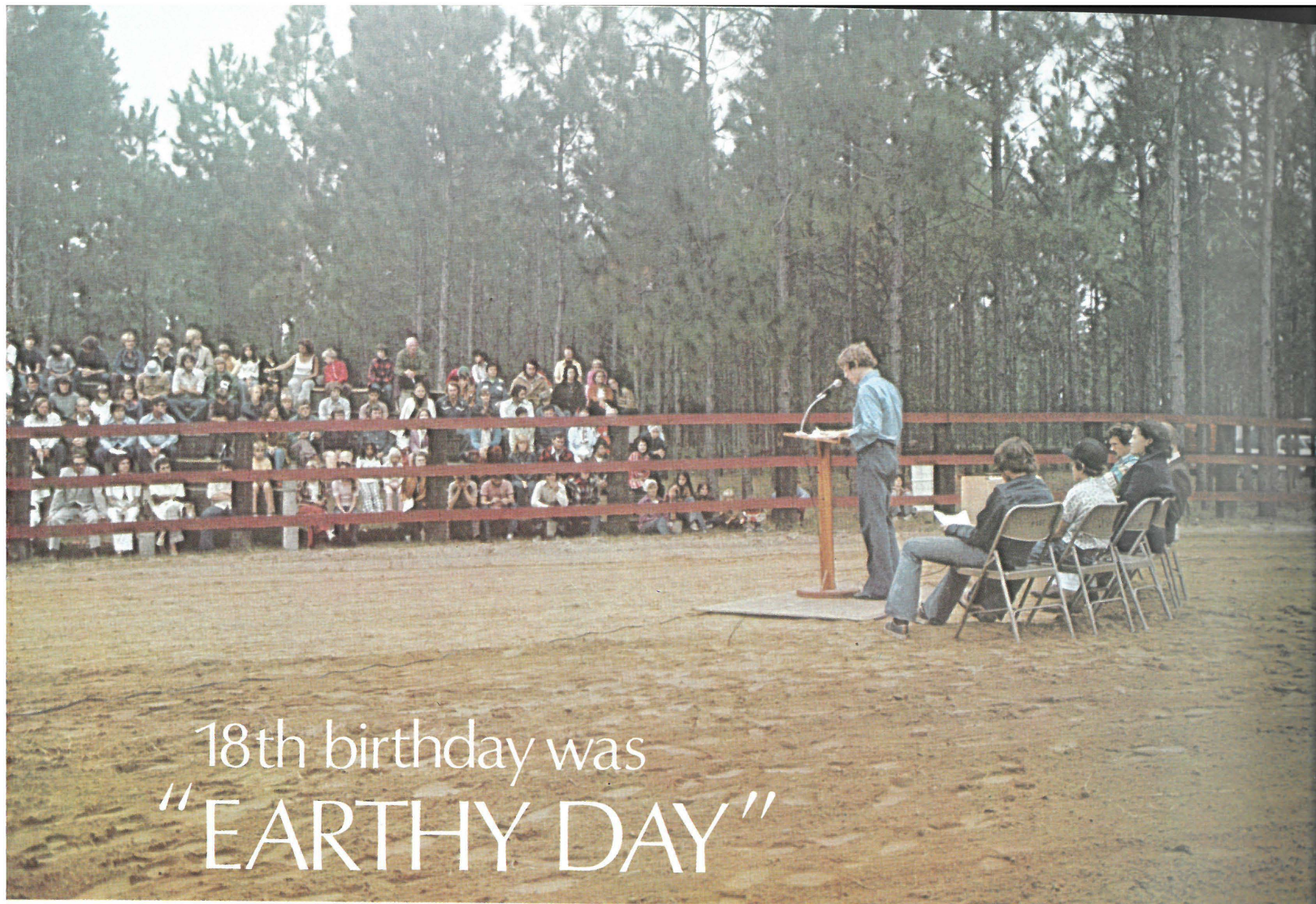
"General Puller", the Boys Ranch donkey who was so lazy his name became both a pun and a travesty, is now a famous alumnus. He joined the cast of "Cross and Sword," St. Augustine's historical drama, and changed his name to Columbus III after we agreed to trade him for a mule. Of course, we knew he was destined for stardom after he made such a hit in last year's Christmas nativity scene. In this picture, he's being introduced to actress Lenore Allen by Boys Ranch Farm Manager Gary Avery.



### Cattle Herd Donors Honored

CLEARWATER — Pinellas County Sheriff Bill Roberts (left) and Don Genung (right), Director of Development for the Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund, presented a Florida Sheriffs Association Lifetime Honorary Membership to Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Salls in appreciation for the herd of Charolais cattle they donated to the Boys Ranch.





# 18th birthday was "EARTHY DAY"

LIVE OAK — Dedication ceremonies at the annual Boys Ranch Anniversary celebration, October 4 and 5, were really "down to earth" this year with the official unveiling of new streets and tennis courts.

The much-needed street paving was done with funds from the estate of the late A. W. (Bud) Smith who was owner and publisher of the Lakeland Ledger until his retirement in 1963.

Florida's professional wrestlers teamed up with the Live Oak Jaycees to put on benefit matches which raised money to build the tennis courts.

The rest of the anniversary activities included such earthy things as: a two-day rodeo put on with the help of the Clay Mavericks riding club; the traditional free barbecue served on the banks of the Suwannee River; a Sunday morning worship service in the riding arena; a moonlight trail ride; and a chance for visitors to inspect all of the Ranch buildings.

(Photos top to bottom)

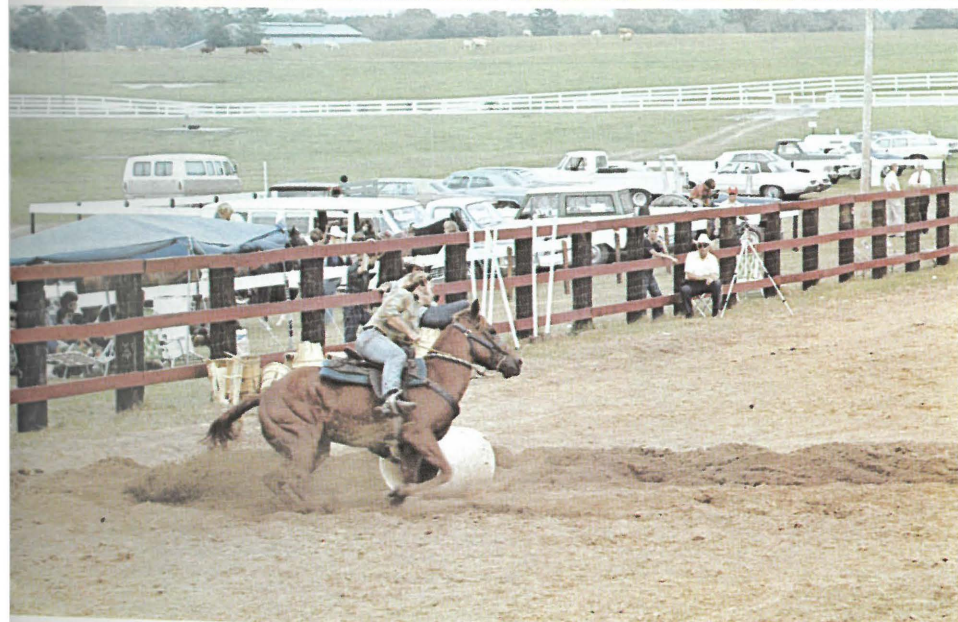
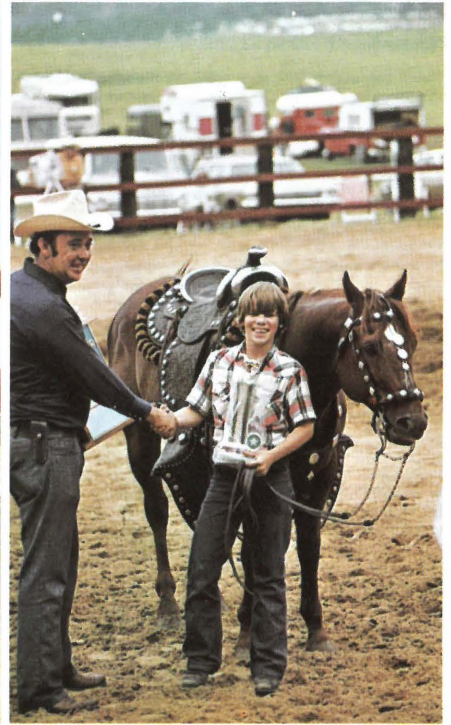
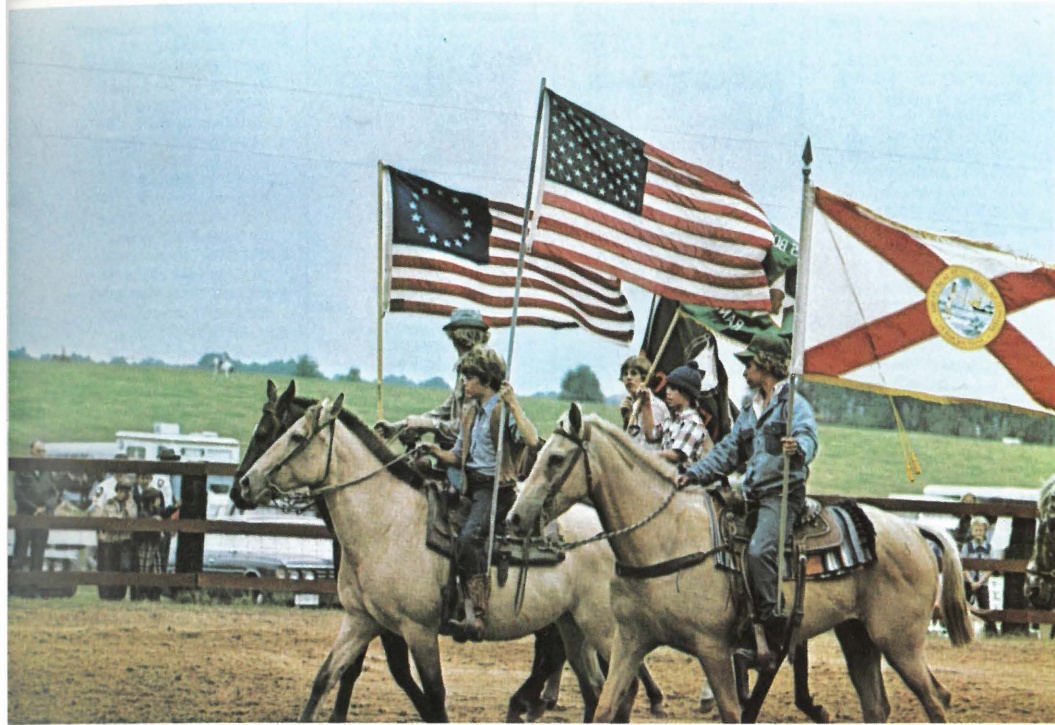
A Sunday morning worship service was held in the riding arena for the horse show participants and their families.

There was a good turn-out of spectators to see 236 riders, representing 12 north Florida riding clubs, competing in events such as the Texas barrel weave, arena race, cob race and many more.

Boys Ranch and Girls Villa Executive Director Harry Weaver assisted Mrs. Rosemary Stroud (in white dress) with the unveiling of newly-paved Ranch streets named after the late A. W. (Bud) Smith, a close friend and associate of Mrs. Stroud.







(Photos from left to right, top to bottom)

The Riding Ranchers of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch made up the color guard for opening ceremonies at the horse show arena.

The Carleton F. Tweed Memorial Horsemanship trophy was presented to Bobby Usher by Boys Ranch Farm Manager Gary Avery. With the trophy goes the privilege of using, at special events, the silver mounted saddle which was donated to the Ranch.

The historic Suwannee River made a picturesque background for the barbecue luncheon.

Former Ranchers often find their way back to the Boys Ranch for the Anniversary celebration to meet old friends. Enjoying the conversation and the barbecue were (left to right) Greg Swisher, Ronnie Williams, Jerry Willard and his wife, Jeanne, and Albert Williams.

The two days of horse show competition was organized by the Ranch and the Clay Mavericks riding club of Orange Park. The Mavericks built the arena for the Boys Ranch back in 1971.



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**About your will.....**

Many generous friends have included bequests to the Boys Ranch, Girls Villa and Youth Fund in their wills. If you are thinking about a gift of this type, we can furnish information to assist you in drawing up a new will, or revising an old one. Simply fill out and mail the form below or call AC 904 Phone 842-5501 for further information.

Address inquiries to Harry K. Weaver, Executive Director Boys Ranch, Villa and Youth Fund Boys Ranch, Florida 32060

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The proper designation of legatee is as follows:

- FLORIDA SHERIFFS BOYS RANCH FUND
- FLORIDA SHERIFFS GIRLS VILLA, INC.
- FLORIDA SHERIFFS YOUTH FUND, INC.

A bequest to the Youth Fund will be used for both institutions.

**A Balloonist, A Benefactor And Now A Builder**

Kingswood Sprott, Lakeland attorney who flies hot-air balloons as a hobby and a sideline, provided the 75-foot-high balloon we used in THE RANCHER cover picture—a free service that would have cost us many hundreds of dollars if we had been dealing with a less generous man. After the balloon was deflated, we presented a Ranch-Villa Builder certificate to him, with Toby Tucker (left), resident director of the Ranch, and Ross Whitney (right), resident director of the Villa, making the presentation.



The Roll'n Rebels Chapter of the Family Motor Coach Association has become a strong supporter of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch and for the second year in a row members attended the Ranch anniversary celebration October 4 and 5. The eight motor homes parked adjacent to the horse show arena came from as far away as Sarasota.

**Roll'n Rebels Rendezvous**







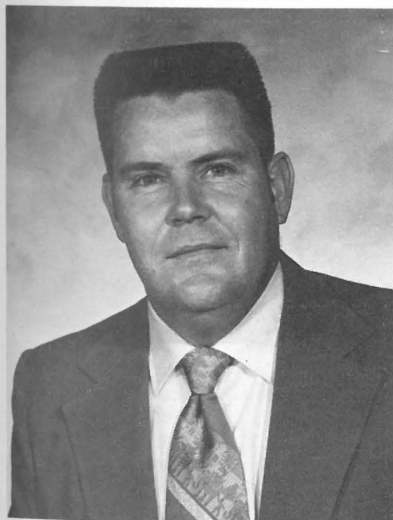
Some of the fastest quarter horses in the country were entered in the two-day meet.



Buck Harris, owner of Bo-Bett Farm  
Buck's wife, Carol, with Sandy Simpson and  
Mrs. Ron Gilbert, grand champion rider at  
the 1975 Tampa fair.

## Sheriff's popularity pays off for

Sheriff Don Moreland



DECEMBER 1975

## Ranch and Villa

OCALA — The popularity of Sheriff Don Moreland has never been more evident than it was when thoroughbred horse breeders held a benefit track meet to raise funds for the Boys Ranch and Girls Villa.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Harris opened up their famous Bo-Bett Farm for the event which drew a crowd of over 2,000 racing fans, horse fanciers and breeders to watch hotly-contested races by some of the top horses in the Southeastern Quarter Horse Federation.

"The horse people can be counted on to make any fund-raising project a success," said one of the spectators at the two-day meet. He added he felt the sponsors were motivated by their admiration for Sheriff Moreland, as much as they were by their desire to help the Ranch and Villa.

In any event, everyone seemed to benefit — Moreland through the compliments he received for his success as a compassionate, professional lawyer; and our boys and girls through the funds raised.



# I know about commercial annuities, but WHAT'S A GIFT ANNUITY?

Several interested persons have inquired about the new gift annuity program with the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Fund. The one statement we hear most often is, "We know about commercial annuities with insurance companies, but gift annuities are puzzling to us."

An annuity is a type of income insurance or protection. In commercial annuities, insurance companies, using statistics and actuarial tables, are able to guarantee income payments for the remainder of a person's life rather than pay death benefits to his heirs. Annuities are a very practical and sound way of assuring income in later years.

Also, the annuity concept is often better than simply investing capital and using the interest as a source of income because the total cost is lower. A commercial annuity is essentially an income paid to a person for a specified period, usually for the remainder of his or her life, in return for a stipulated premium paid, generally, in one lump sum. The payments received from this type of annuity are taxed as regular income.

Gift annuities differ from commercial annuities in two ways:

1. Part of the original investment or payment is a GIFT to a non-profit organization; in this case, the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Fund. This qualifies the annuitant for special tax advantages; namely, a charitable tax deduction from income taxes and largely tax-free income payments for life. About 70% of the income is tax-free.
2. Because part of the payment is a GIFT, percentage rates and return income are reduced slightly from those of a commercial agreement. In this sense, a gift annuity isn't as lucrative, but, because a gift annuity is partly a gift to a worthy cause and partly an income provider, it satisfies both the desire to help and the need for a guaranteed life income.

There are four gift annuity plans designed to meet an individual's particular needs. Each agreement offers unique advantages and benefits:

## SINGLE LIFE

A single life agreement pays for one life, and income rates are determined by the age of the beneficiary. A regular fixed income is paid for life and, as is the case with all gift annuity agreements, it is irrevocable.

## JOINT AND SURVIVORSHIP

This gift annuity covers two lives simultaneously. This is the plan most often taken by husband and wife. Any two persons may enter this agreement and they need not be related. Income rates are determined by the ages of the two people involved.

## SURVIVORSHIP

This plan pays for two lives in sequence rather than simultaneously. Income is paid to the donor for the rest of his or her life and a second person is named to receive the income for the remainder of his or her life. Income rates are determined by the ages of those involved.

## ANNUITY THROUGH YOUR WILL

A sum of money or assets are specified in a person's will to be used for the purchase of a gift annuity for a relative, a friend

or anyone the person desires; income rate is determined by the age of the beneficiary.

Another question frequently asked is if the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Fund is solid enough to guarantee life income payments. By law, the Boys Ranch Fund is required to operate an independent fund or account to maintain the gift annuity program. This account is administered by professional managers with a leading banking institution and annuity payments are guaranteed not only by the fund established for that purpose, but also by the total assets of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Fund. Periodic reports are filed with the State Insurance Commissioner's Office to assure its ability to fulfill every obligation that is made.

If you feel it is wise to plan carefully for the future and your plans include a gift to a worthy cause and you desire supplemental income for life, then it may be to your advantage to consider a gift annuity with the Boys Ranch Fund.

Please send me information on Gift Annuities from the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Fund.

Name .....

Address .....

City ..... State ..... Zip .....

My birthdate is .....

To find out what a gift annuity can do for you, please indicate the amount you might wish to invest and the type of annuity you are interested in. This, of course, places you under no obligation whatsoever.

Proposed amount of annuity \$ .....

Type of annuity I'm interested in .....



**Gifts from kids to kids** — GROVE PARK — The staff, teachers and kids at Grove Park Elementary School donated many cases of canned goods to the kids at the Boys Ranch and Girls Villa. Some of the youngsters at the school had their picture taken with the donated food before it was turned over to Clay County Sheriff Jennings Murrhee for delivery to the Ranch and Villa.

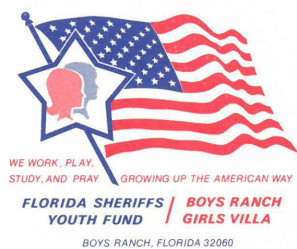


## These Seals Are Not for Everyone

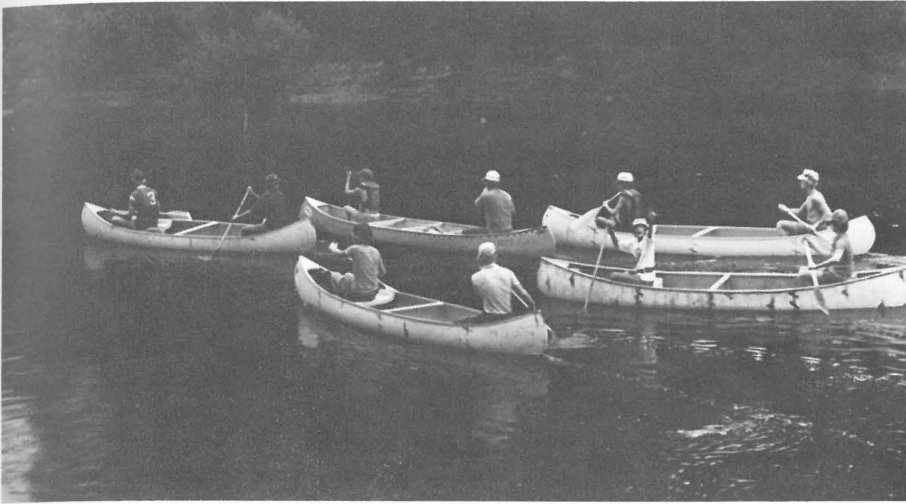
If patriotism embarrasses you. If you dislike flag waving because it isn't sophisticated. If you fumble and mumble when you try to recall the lofty ideals that made this nation great and unique – please don't use these seals. You won't really feel comfortable if you do, because they are flat-out flag wavers distributed by folks who still believe in America and the American dream. On the other hand, if you're a believer, too, please help us with our flag wavin' by using these seals on your Christmas mail and also throughout the coming bicentennial year. P.S. The stickum on the back is invisible, but it's there. Just lick 'em and see.

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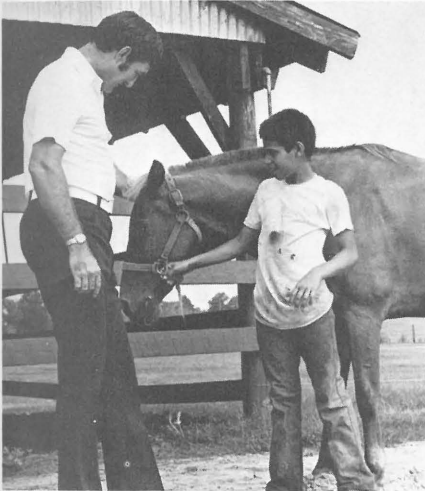
Just write to Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, Boys Ranch, Florida 32060







**Good way to go — if you like snake meat** — Twelve Ranchers and two adult leaders traveled more than 100 miles down the Suwannee River on a wilderness survival canoe trip. Carrying no food, each crew member was allowed to take a knife, a canteen, one blanket, one fish hook and a length of fishing line. The daily menu consisted of whatever the river and the surrounding wilderness yielded — on one occasion a snake that was cooked and gingerly eaten. Torrential rains prevented the canoeists from reaching the Gulf of Mexico, but they went twice as far as a similar group traveled last year.



**Seeing it is believing it** — There's a saying that you really can't appreciate the Boys Ranch unless you've been there, and Lee County Sheriff Frank Wanicka discovered it's true. He was an active supporter of the Ranch before he visited it, but, afterward, his enthusiasm reached new heights. After staying overnight and getting to know some of the boys, he fumbled around for adequate adjectives and finally said lamely, "Well, it's just great." In these pictures, he's getting acquainted with Eugene Sanborn (on tractor) and Jeff Dieguez.



## New remedial ed program started

Although preliminary work is just getting under way on the Boys Ranch Education Center building, we already have 18 boys enrolled in a new remedial education program which will eventually be housed in the new facility.

Using the Ranch library as a temporary classroom, the program employs two full-time teachers and utilizes part-time teaching skills of other staff members.

Initial emphasis is on reading and basic academic skills, but the students will also receive instruction in arts and crafts, vocational familiarization and physical education.

Ranchers have been attending the public schools in nearby Live Oak ever since the Ranch opened for business in 1959, but there are some boys whose basic academic skills are so far below average that they cannot function successfully in the public school system. These are the boys the new program is designed to help. Usually they are at the eighth grade level or under.

Late afternoon reading classes for high school level boys, and a special tutoring program in reading and mathematics are also part of the educational spectrum.



## FLORIDA SHERIFFS BOYS RANCH IS...

... a home for dependent, neglected and homeless boys sponsored by the Florida Sheriffs Association. It is not an institution for delinquents.

LOCATED — nine miles north of Live Oak, Florida  
FOUNDED — in 1957  
FINANCING — supported entirely by voluntary gifts  
SIZE — 2,800 acres  
ENROLLMENT — 100 boys are under care at the present time  
MAILING ADDRESS — Boys Ranch, Florida 32060  
PHONE — AC 904 842-5501

## FLORIDA SHERIFFS GIRLS VILLA IS...

... a similar institution for needy and worthy girls located near Bartow, Fla. It was founded in 1970. The first buildings were completed in July 1972; and the first girls were admitted in August, 1972.

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## FLORIDA SHERIFFS YOUTH FUND IS...

... a newly-chartered convenience for donors. Its purpose is to generate, receive and disburse funds for the Ranch, the Villa, and any other youth programs that may be developed by the Florida Sheriffs Association. Donors who do not want to make a choice between supporting the Ranch or Villa can give their gifts to the Youth Fund and the money will go where it is most needed. This makes budgeting and bookkeeping more economical and more efficient.

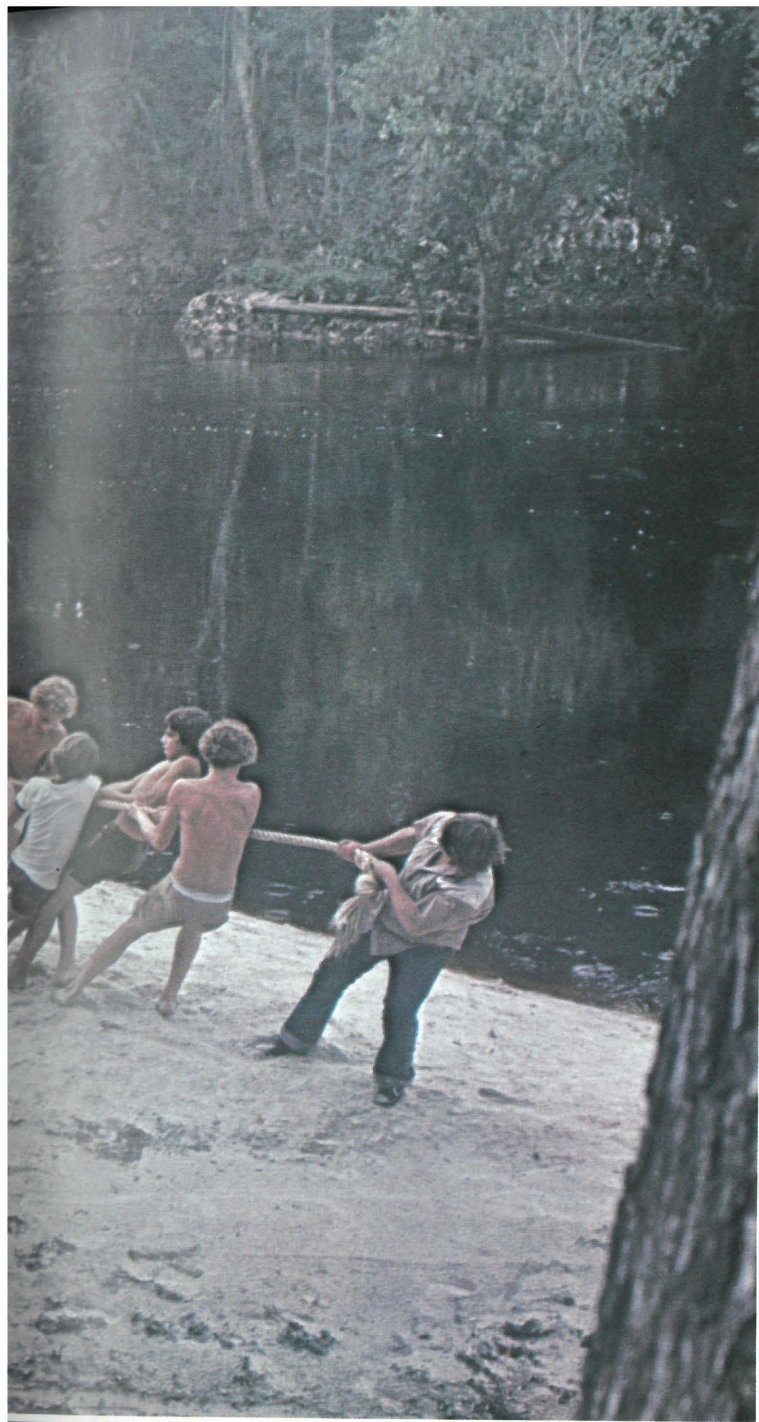
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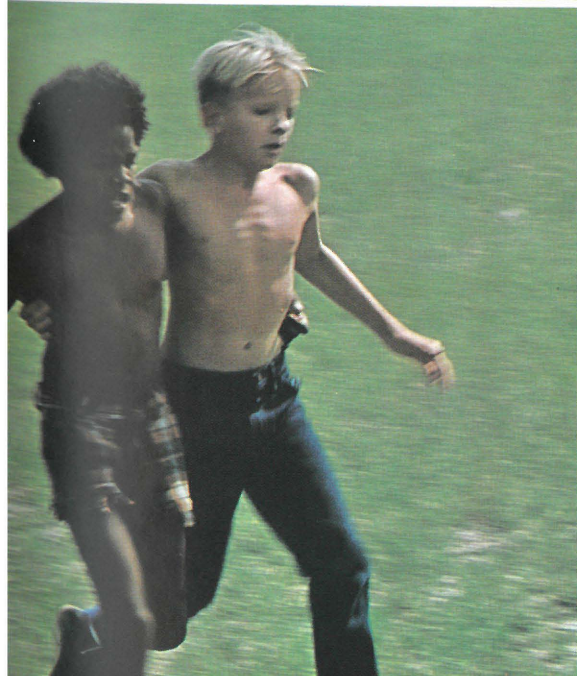






## For the winner -- Disney World

Competition was keen, enthusiasm hit a high pitch, world titles could have been at stake, there were times when it was difficult to believe this was merely the first annual "Cottage Olympics" at the Boys Ranch, with a trip to Disney World for the winner, Conn Cottage. Events included a six-mile relay, a 12-mile bicycle race, swimming, diving, a three-legged race, competition on horseback in the arena, tennis, horseshoes, volleyball, a canoe race, shuffleboard and a tug of war.





# A visit to the Villa

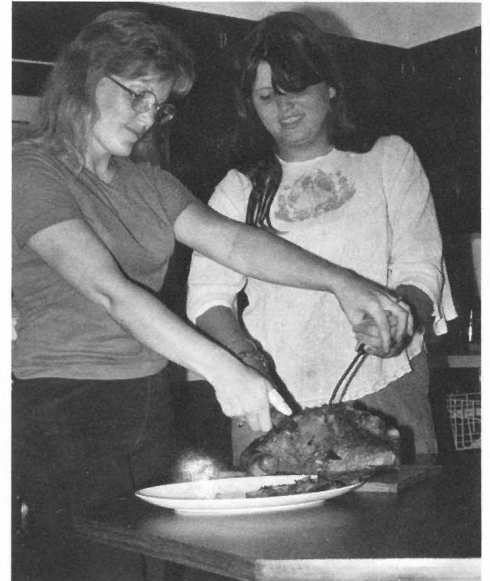
## Former Rancher Is Frequent Villa Visitor

Wally Edwards, a graduate of the Boys Ranch and now employed as a Lieutenant in the Polk County Sheriff's Department, is a frequent visitor to the Girls Villa. He has assisted with several improvement projects, and he and his wife, Joyce, frequently have Villa girls as weekend guests in their home. He's pictured here with Paula Wichterman, one of the Villa girls.



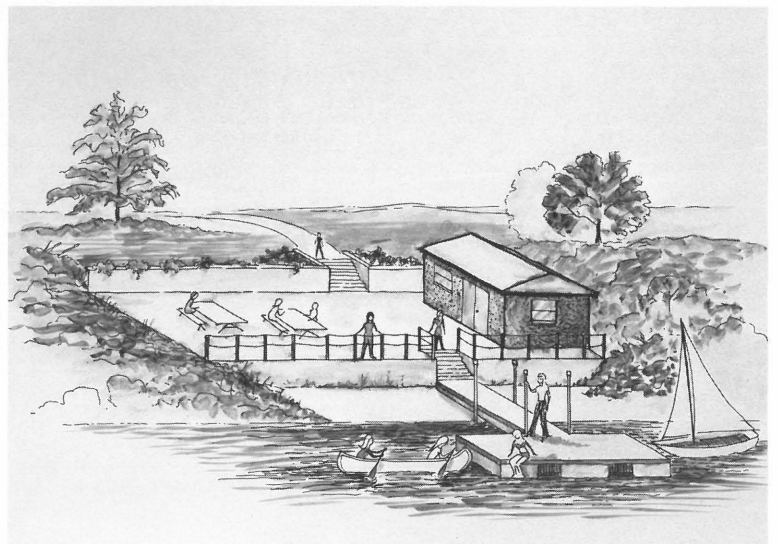
## Dinner At The Villa – A Learning Experience

Career opportunities are practically unlimited for girls at the Villa, but they also are required to learn all of the basic domestic skills. They take turns preparing meals, and doing other chores. On the day these pictures were taken, it was Dee Bryant's turn to cook and she was getting instructions from Eileen Pennington, her cottage parent. Later, the girls in Buena Vista Cottage sat down to a delicious meal with Eileen's husband, Bill, presiding.



## Progress On The Waterfront

The Girls Villa waterfront center – a gift of the Sunshine State Women's Chamber of Commerce – has been completed. Phase one was a lakeside dock. Phase two is a picnic patio which was under construction when the photograph was taken. An artist's sketch shows what the completed project will look like.







### New Facility Increases Villa Capacity

Workmen were putting the finishing touches on Dorista Villa, newest residence cottage at the Girls Villa, when these pictures were taken. Financed with gifts from the late Esther Mowry, one of the founders and leading supporters of the Villa, the new facility will be occupied around the end of December and will increase the Villa enrollment to 24 girls.



### Villa Administration Building To Be Dedicated

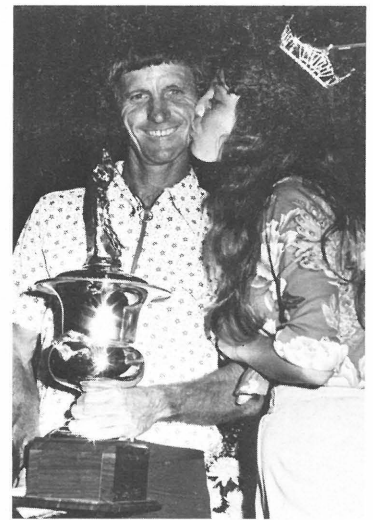
Dedication rites for the James P. Towey Memorial Administration Building at the Girls Villa will be held on Sunday, November 23, at 2 p.m., with U.S. Senator Lawton Chiles as the featured speaker.

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### Villa Improvements

Current improvements at the Girls Villa include several paving projects.





**Girls Villa Cinderella**

It's trite, but true, to call Laura Morrison the "Girls Villa Cinderella". In less than three months, she received her high school diploma, was crowned "Miss Bartow" in a beauty contest, became a contestant for the 1976 "Miss Florida" title, landed a secretarial job and enrolled as a college student. These pictures show her wearing her "Miss Bartow" crown, posing as a working girl and kissing Lamar Pilgrim, winner of the Girls Villa Classic golf tournament.



**Little Girls – Big Girls**

There's a wide age range at the Girls Villa. We have small ones like Abby Villanueva and Roni Malonzo, who have the largest collection of stuffed animals on campus; and we have big girls like Julie Hutto, who was wearing her new high school ROTC uniform when the photographer asked her to pose.

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