

# THE RANCHER

MARCH 1971

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## 1970 Was Another Year of Progress

1970 was another year of progress at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

\* A \$50,000 watersphere with a capacity of 100,000 gallons was completed and put into operation.

\* The Clay Mavericks Saddle Club, of Orange Park, provided materials, labor and equipment to build a horse show and rodeo arena valued at over \$2,000.

\* Staff members continued their in-service training through professional seminars and a new vocational-technical school course for cottage parents.

\* The Ranch, after many years of effort, was licensed by the State to place youngsters for adoption and for foster home care.



Boys Ranch-Girls Villa surrey in Gov. Reubin Askew's Inaugural Parade, January 5, 1971. (Photo by R. P. McLendon, Florida Division of Corrections)

## Outlook Bright For 1971

It's 1971, and here we grow again.

The first major project on the horizon is the long-awaited Arts and Crafts building. It will cost approximately \$100,000; and the money is already in hand as the result of an anonymous gift from central Florida donors.

Building plans are on the drawing board and actual construction is expected to begin in a few months.

Boys Ranch Executive Director Harry Weaver said the Arts and Crafts Building will not replace or duplicate vocational training Ranchers are receiving in the public school system. Instead, he explained, it will open up new areas of exploratory activity which will provide recreation and personality development.

The new facility will house an amateur radio "ham shack"; a photo

lab; and facilities for handicrafts such as woodworking, leather work and art metal work.

Also under consideration as possible construction projects for the current year are: (1) A new residence cottage which will provide living quarters for 16 additional boys; (2) A "Canteen" or activity center for boys which will house a barber shop, a variety store, a snack bar, and an outdoor patio.

The proposed Canteen will replace a small rustic building which now serves the same purpose in a very limited way, but is totally inadequate.

One of the top priority projects for 1971 is to rebuild and improve the paved streets, but whether or not the work is actually done depends upon availability of funds.



New 100,000-gallon watersphere.

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**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.

FOUNDED — in 1957  
 FINANCING — supported entirely by voluntary gifts  
 SIZE — 2,800 acres  
 ENROLLMENT — 125 boys are under care at the present time  
 MAILING ADDRESS—Post Office Box 520, Live Oak, Fla., 32060  
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**FLORIDA SHERIFFS GIRLS VILLA**

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... a similar institution for needy and worthy girls. It was founded in 1970 and plans are now being made to build and staff it.

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Harry K. Weaver, Executive Dir.  
 Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch  
 Live Oak, Florida 32060

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FLORIDA SHERIFFS BOYS RANCH FUND

FLORIDA SHERIFFS GIRLS VILLA, Inc.

**Villa Plans Moving At Fast Pace**

An excellent site has been found, a board of trustees has been appointed, a resident director has been hired, and plans are moving along at a fast pace for the Florida Sheriffs Girls Villa, sister institution of the Boys Ranch.

The Villa, a home for needy and worthy girls, was chartered on January 7, 1970, by the Florida Sheriffs Association. Like the Boys Ranch, it will be supported entirely by voluntary contributions.

Many thousands of dollars have already been received, and donations have been ruled deductible for income tax purposes.

The search for a suitable Villa site struck pay dirt late in 1970 when the Bartow City Commission offered a portion of Peace River Park. Bartow is located in the center of the state, close to good educational facilities and necessary professional services. The 125-acre park is located two miles east of the city, and is owned by the city. It includes two small lakes suitable for boating or water skiing, a playground, an outdoor amphitheater, picnic facilities, and a phosphate industry museum.

The city commission offered to make approximately 80 acres of the park available for the Villa, and the Sheriffs Association, at its Annual Mid-Winter Conference, January 25, 1971, tentatively accepted the offer subject to working out the necessary legal details.

At the same Mid-Winter Conference the Sheriffs Association's Board

of Directors appointed 12 persons to the Villa Board of Trustees. They are: Marion County Sheriff Doug Genung, of Ocala; Pinellas County Sheriff Genung, of Clearwater (Chairman); Suwannee County Sheriff Buddy P. of Live Oak; Columbia County Sheriff Harry Spradley, of Lake City; Alachua County Sheriff Jennings Murrin, of Green Cove Springs; Alachua County Sheriff Joe Crevasse, Jr., of Gainesville.

Mrs. Doris Hough, representing the Sunshine State Women's Club, of Commerce, of Madeira Beach, was a founder of the Villa; J. L. M. en, of Live Oak; J. P. Hall, Jr., of Cove Springs; James Towey, of Petersburg; Dr. Doris Carson, of Jacksonville Sheriff Dale Carson; Eddie Graham, of Tampa.

Boys Ranch Executive Director Harry Weaver has been appointed to serve in a dual capacity as Executive Director of the Villa, and he is working out detailed plans to build and staff the institution.

**ALUMNI ORGANIZED**

When the Boys Ranch celebrated its 13th anniversary on October 1, 1970, a group of former Ranchers gathered together and formed an Alumni Association, with Wally Edwards as the first President.

Other officers are Robert K. First Vice President; Bill Riggins, Second Vice President; and Bobby M. Treasurer.

**Contributions To Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch or Florida Sheriffs Girls Villa**

may be mailed to  
 P. O. Box 520  
 Live Oak  
 Florida  
 32060

Donor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Contribution to:  Boys Ranch \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Fill in Below if This Contribution is to Memorial Fund

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

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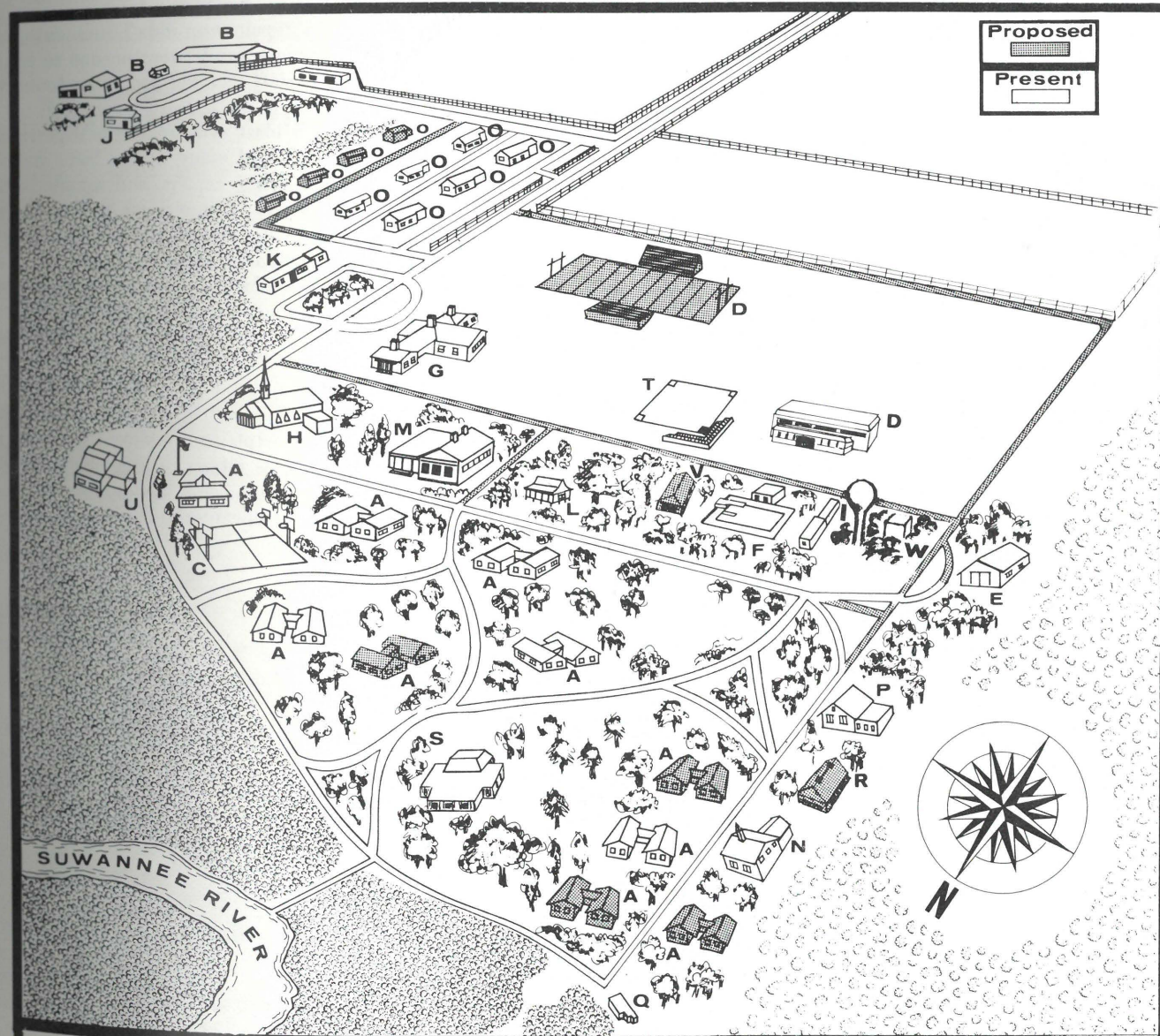
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**FUTURE NEEDS OF BOYS RANCH**

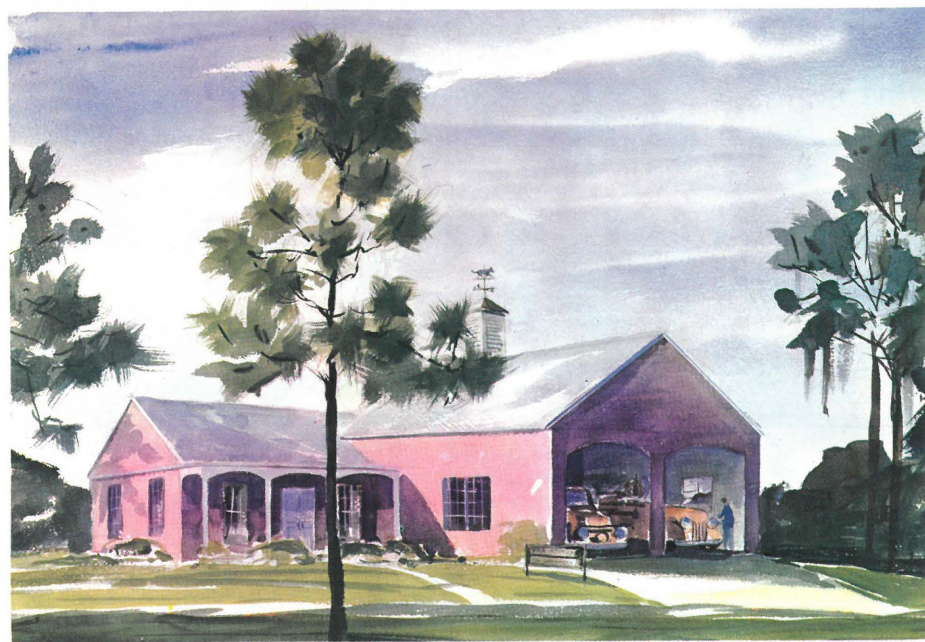
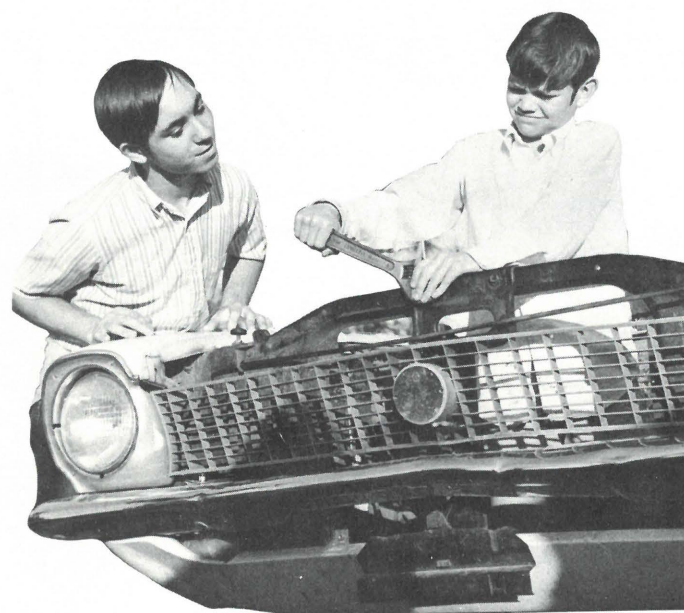
Ever since it was founded in 1957 the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch has been steadily growing, both in enrollment and in the quality of its program. It will continue to grow as fast as financial resources permit, and here are some of the important future needs:

- ★ — New residence cottages, each at a cost of \$100,000. Each new cottage will allow us to enroll 16 more boys.
- ★ — An athletic field with lighting for night games — price tag \$35,000.
- ★ — Two staff homes at a cost of \$20,000 each — an absolute necessity because of the remote location of the Ranch.

- ★ — A remedial education unit (estimated cost \$60,000) to give special tutoring to boys who come to us with inadequate educational backgrounds.
- ★ — Additional staff members, particularly in the social service division now that the Boys Ranch has been licensed to place youngsters for adoption.



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



## IT'S NOT JUST A FIRE HOUSE

At first it was just a fire house. But now the handsome building pictured this page (from a painting by Chicago artist Richard Lewis) is also functioning as a repair shop for the growing fleet of motor vehicles at the Boys Ranch.

It was planned this way from the beginning and space for the repair shop has been available at the rear of the building ever since the fire station was completed in 1968 with funds donated by the Florida State Firemen's Association.

However, the repair shop didn't come into use until 1970 because funds were needed to run it, and a qualified staff member had to be found to supervise it.

It's going full blast now under the supervision of Norman Bernard, and many of the boys are becoming skilled in minor repairs and maintenance. They get a wide variety of experience too by tinkering with large buses and trucks, tractors, cars, and motorized go-carts and even motor scooters.

Harry Weaver, Executive Director, sees the repair shop as a money-saving venture; and also an important part of the Ranch's vocational training program.

Aptitudes discovered and developed in the repair shop can be turned into future careers. Many Ranchers, he explained, adding that eight of the older boys are now taking auto mechanics, electrical mechanics and diversified mechanics courses at a nearby vocational-technical school.

### YOU MIGHT CALL IT "CITY HALL"

Although it is one of the newer buildings at the Boys Ranch, the Joe and Frances Diaz Administration Building is already packed to the hilt with staff — and stuff. All of the record keeping, purchasing, planning and promotion are concentrated here. One wing is devoted to the important activities of the social service department; another wing houses the staff members who plan and supervise day-to-day activities. In effect, this is "city hall" — a very important facility in the growing Boys Ranch community. (Painting by Richard Lewis, Chicago artist)



## Number One Need Is Still — Operating Funds

New buildings, new streets, a new athletic field, new tractors, new trucks—you name it, the Boys Ranch needs it.

But the number one need is, and always has been, operating funds — in other words, cash to buy the essentials of the boy raising business: food, clothing, education, shelter, professional care.

Most donors, especially those who give large gifts, want to see their money invested in lasting, tangible things such as buildings, equipment and new facilities.

This is fine, because the Ranch is constantly expanding, and new facilities are always needed.

But, what good are new buildings and equipment without cash to maintain, staff and operate them?

Operating funds are essential, and the Ranch — like John Q. Citizen — is constantly stretching its dollars to cover the rising cost of living.

Food is more expensive. Clothing is more expensive. Staff salaries are going up. The cost of education is on the rise.

Furthermore, in these troubled times, the problems encountered in raising boys are more acute and diverse. This requires a staff with more experi-

ence and professional skill. It also requires a higher staff-member-per-boy ratio to provide closer supervision.

Problems come and go, but one thing remains unchanged at the Boys Ranch. The number one need is still, and probably always will be, operating funds.

## Scholarship \$\$\$ Are Needed Too

Every Rancher who qualifies for and wants a college education is going to have an opportunity to get one.

This has always been the policy at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, and we will continue to keep it in effect.

But, here's the rub.

The Ranch is growing, the cost of raising boys is going up, and the cost of educating boys is going up, and the number of boys who qualify as "college material" is steadily increasing.

There are four Ranchers in college at the present time, and the Ranch is spending approximately \$8,000 a year to keep them there. Whenever possible these young men find jobs to help support themselves, but nevertheless higher education is an expensive proposition.

The Ranch has funds set aside for college scholarships, but these funds are not sufficient to meet the anticipated demands for future years.

There is an urgent need for scholarship funds.

If you would like to do your part to help keep some deserving boy in college, please contact Mr. Harry Weaver, Executive Director, Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, Live Oak, Florida.

### \$1 PER PERSON, PER DAY SOME VACATION!

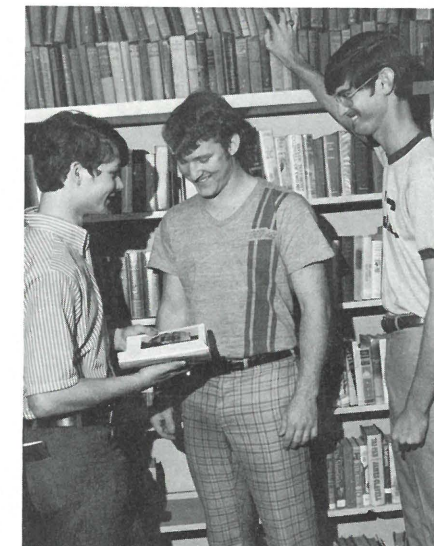
A winter vacation in the North Georgia mountains for \$1 per day, per person?

Yes, it's possible when you live at the famous Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, and you happen to run into generous, hospitable people.

A group of boys and their houseparents went on the mountain trip in late December and were provided with a cottage free of charge at Vogel State Park by Superintendent Alex Brock.

Twice during their trip they were given a full tank of gas for their station wagon by Wilson's Gulf Service Station, at Perry, Georgia.

This was only one of many trips the boys took during 1970, and it was typical of the warm hospitality they always encounter wherever they go.



### RANCHERS IN COLLEGE

Keith Cole, Blair Slayton and Scott Chinoweth (left to right) are enrolled at North Florida Junior College, in Madison. A fourth Rancher, Gaston Barber, is attending Ricks College, in Idaho.



### RANCH RANKS HIGH IN HORSEMANSHIP

Horsemanship is a subject Ranchers know something about — and they have a large collection of ribbons and trophies to prove it. The top photo shows Farm Manager Jimmy Lamb (standing) and some of the boys with horse show awards won in 1970. In the bottom picture Ranchers are trying out the new rodeo and horse show arena built for them in 1970 by the Clay Mavericks Saddle Club, of Orange Park.



### Newspaper Is By Ranchers For Ranchers

The Boys Ranch has its own newspaper, "Ranch Doin's", which is circulated on the Ranch and is also mailed to former Ranchers and staff members.

In the beginning it was mimeographed. Now it is a printed periodical, and the printing is done by Mid-Florida Printers, of Lakeland, a firm operated by former Rancher Wally Edwards and his brother Floyd.

Wally is employed full-time as a Polk County Deputy Sheriff, and printing is a sideline.

### ALWAYS A WAITING LIST

At the end of January, 1971, the Boys Ranch had 40 applications for admission under consideration.



### RANCH HAS IT'S OWN RADIO STATION

The Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch has its own amateur radio station, a "ham radio club", three licensed radio operators, and a number of boys in training for license. The license holders are (from left) Mrs. John Schmutz, staff member; Rancher Jerry Drye, Ranch Executive Director; and Jerry Weaver. The radio station, call letters WB4PHT, was officially dedicated on October 4, 1970, when the Boys Ranch held its 13th anniversary celebration.

### Ranch Staff Is Constantly Being Upgraded

The skills and know-how of Boys Ranch staff are constantly being upgraded through training seminars and vocational courses.

During the 1970-71 school year, staff members attended a new course in Group Child Care at the Suwannee Hamilton Vocational and Technical Adult Training Center, in Live Oak.

The course was taught by Betty Strayer, wife of Boys Ranch Program Director Jim Strayer. She has a Masters Degree in Social Work from Florida State University, and is a member of the National Association of Social Workers.

Three other members of the Ranch staff have masters degrees in social work. Many lacking academic credentials, are well qualified by virtue of diverse life experience.

Each year the Ranch holds a five-day training seminar for staff members, conducted by a leader from the Group Child Care Consultant Service of the University of North Carolina.

These seminars include individual conferences with supervisors, group sessions with staff members, and a professional evaluation of the Ranch program.

### It Really is a Homelike Place

"Homelike" is not a word we use loosely in describing the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

There definitely is a homelike atmosphere.

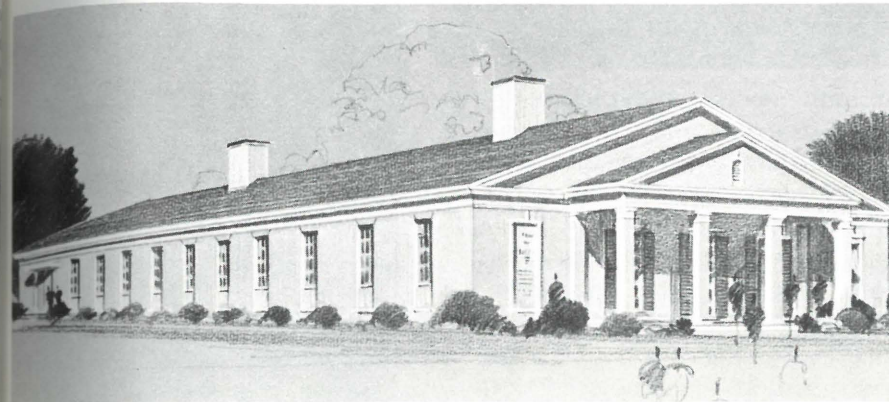
We planned it that way, and we are doing everything possible to keep it that way.

The boys live in residence cottages, with a married couple assigned to each as "cottage parents". These staff couples perform all of the functions of parents, from bandaging a cut knee to helping

with school homework, and the boys call them "mom" and "pop".

For occasional privacy, each set of cottage parents has a small private apartment within the residence cottage. However, to all intents and purposes, they live with the boys and are always available to them.

Warm relationships develop between boys and staff members; and experience has shown they last long after the boys grow to manhood and leave the Ranch.



### AT LAST — THE LONG-AWAITED ARTS & CRAFTS BUILDING

We waited a long time, and finally, through the generosity of anonymous Central Florida donors, funds are now available for this \$100,000 Arts & Crafts Building. Plans are being prepared by Harry A. MacEwen, Tampa architect, and construction is expected to be completed this year.



### IT'S NOT EXACTLY HOME SWEET HOMEWORK

No, Siree, doing homework is not a popular pastime at the Boys Ranch, but it's one of those inevitable things and the boys soon learn to accept it as a nightly routine. Staff members are available to give them special tutoring, when necessary. Mrs. Elaine Guderyhan was in charge of this particular session.

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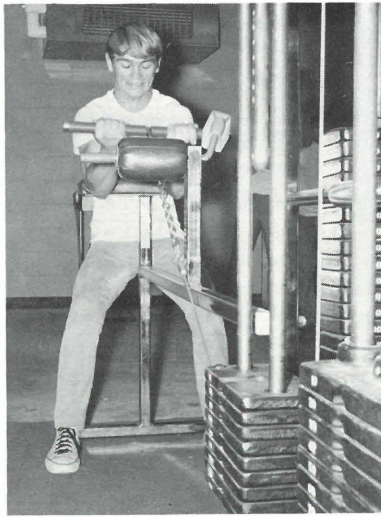
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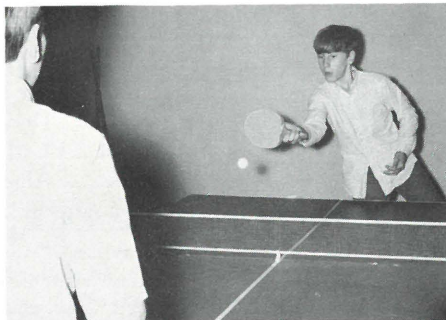
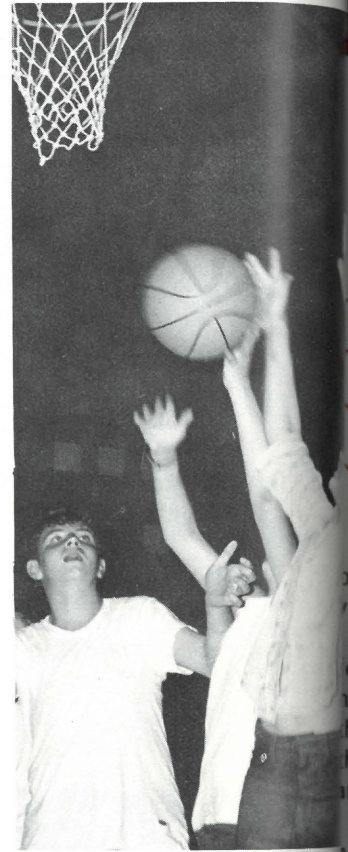
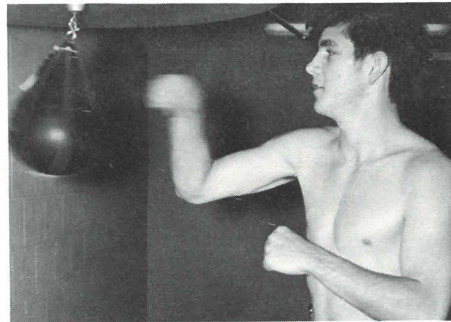
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# WITNESS THE FITNESS



Winter nights are long and dark, but physical fitness thrives the year 'round at the Boys Ranch because of the excellent facilities in the Carleton & Suzanna Tweed Gymnasium.



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