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.

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.
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 new residence cottages, each at a cost of $100,000, and each new cottage will allow us to enroll 16 more boys.

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:

★ 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.

Contributions To Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch or Florida Sheriffs Girls Villa may be mailed to P. O. Box 520 Live Oak, Florida 32660

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Address
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Amount of Contribution to:

| 1 Boys Ranch $ | 1 Girls Villa $ |

Fill in below if this contribution is in memory of:

Name (Next of Kin)

Address

~ Present

MAP OF FLORIDA SHERIFFS BOYS RANCH

- Residence Cottages
- Farm Buildings
- Panor Playland
- Gymnasium and Playing Fields
- Vocational Training Center
- Swimming Pool
- Administration Building
- Chapel and Library
- Watersphere
- Farm Manager's Residence
- Ranch Administrator's Residence
- Snack Bar and Barber Shop

A - Cafeteria
B - Fire Station and Repair Shop
C - Laundry and Supply Storage Building
D - Administration Building
E - Chapel and Library
F - Watersphere
G - Farm Manager's Residence
H - Ranch Administrator's Residence
I - Snack Bar and Barber Shop
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S - Administration Building
T - Chapel and Library
U - Watersphere
V - Farm Manager's Residence
W - Ranch Administrator's Residence
X - Snack Bar and Barber Shop
Y - Administration Building
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5 - Chapel and Library
6 - Watersphere
7 - Farm Manager's Residence
8 - Ranch Administrator's Residence
9 - Snack Bar and Barber Shop

FLORIDA SHERIFFS BOYS RANCH

a home for dependant, neglected and neglected and insecure boys born in the Florida Sheriffs Association, it is not an institution for delinquents.

FOUNDED - in 1957
FINANCING - supported entirely by voluntary gifts
ENROLLMENT - 125 boys are under care at the present time
MAILING ADDRESS - Post Office Box 520, Live Oak, Fla. 32660
PHONE AC 904-842-5501

FLORIDA SHERIFFS GIRLS VILLA

is 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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About Your Will...

Many Sheriffs friends have included bequests to the Boys Ranch and the Girls Villa in their wills. You are thinking about a gift of this type. We can furnish information on what you can give to us in drawing up a new will, or revising an old one. Simply fill out and mail the form below or call AC 904-842-5511 for further information.

Harry K. Weaver, Executive Dir., Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Live Oak, Florida 32660

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IT'S NOT JUST A FIRE HOUSE

At first it was just a fire house. But now the handsome building, this page (from a painting by Chicago artist Richard Lewis) is also functioning as a repair shop for a growing fleet of motor vehicles at the Boys Ranch. It was planned this way from the beginning - extra space for the repair shop has been available in the rear of the building ever since the first building 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 equip 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 learning skills as minor repairs and maintenance jobs get done.

Harry Weaver, Executive Director, sees the repair shop as a money-saving venture; and an important part of the Ranch's vocational training program. Aptitudes discovered and developed in the repair shop can be turned into future careers for many Ranchers, he explained, adding that experience working with large buses and trucks, tractors, cars, and even motor scooters, is a good start.

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

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Number One Need Is Still — Operating Funds

New buildings, new streets, a new sterile field, new tractors, new trucks - all it takes is money, and 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 boys' existence: food, clothing, shelter, education, and medical care. All of these necessities add up to costs that are constantly stretching the Ranch's dollars.

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Scholarship $$s 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.
Ranch Staff
Is Constantly
Being Upgraded

The skills and know-how of the Boys Ranch staff are constantly upgraded through training seminars and vocational courses. During the 1970-71 school year, staff members attended a new seminar in Group Child Care at the University of Florida. They also attended a seminar on Adult Training at the College of Education in Gainesville.

A number of the Boys Ranch staff have masters degrees in social work, psychology, and other fields. Many have academic credentials well qualified to work with juvenile clients in the State of Florida. The staff is supported by the National Association of Social Workers.

Three other members of the staff have masters degrees in social work. They have been trained in family therapy and counseling. These staff members have a good understanding of the functions of parents, and are able to help the boys live in residence cottage, in the same way they would have at home.

Each year the Ranch holds an all-day training seminar for staff members, conducted by a leader from the Child Care Consultant Service of the University of North Carolina. These seminars include in-depth training and group counseling sessions with supervisors, group counselors, and staff members. It is expected that the evaluation of the Ranch program will be completed this year.

RANCH RANKS HIGH
IN HORSEMANSHIP

Horsemanship is a subject to which Ranchers pay close attention. Some of the boys have a collection of ribbons and trophies to prove it. The top show photo shows Ranch Manager Tommy Lott (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 Merchants 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 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 Wild-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.

It Really is a Homelike Place

"Home-like" is a word we use loosely in describing the Florida Sheriff's Boys Ranch. There definitely is a homelike atmosphere. We planned it that way, and we kept everything possible to keep a boy out of a family. The boys live in residence cottages, and staff members assigned to keep the boys living in residence are assigned to keep the boys living in residence. For occasional private, each set of residence has a private living room within the residence. 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 citizens, funds are now available for the $100,000 Arts & Crafts Building. Plans are being prepared by Harry A. MacEwen, Tampa architect, and construction is expected to be completed this year.

RANCH HAS
IT'S OWN
RADIO STATION

The Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch has its own radio station, "Yuma Radio Station", and has a radio operator and a group of boys in training for it. The license holder is Mrs. John Schmitt, a member of the Ranch's Executive Committee. The radio station is located in the Ranch's "Yuma" area.

IT'S NOT EXACTLY HOME SWEET HOMEWORK

We, Boys Ranch, don't think doing homework is a popular pastime at the Boys Ranch, but it's one of those things the boys soon learn to do in a way that is acceptable. Staff members are available to help them do it special tutoring, when necessary. Former Rancher Leon Edwards was in charge of the particular project.

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