



20 Years...

OF SERVICE



Welcome

On behalf of the nine hundred employees of the Department of Public Safety, and myself, we proudly welcome you to our new home and invite you to inspect its facilities.

The tremendous faith which you, the people of the State of Florida, have placed in us, is illustrated by our growth from a one-room office in the Martin Building, twenty years ago, to this modern four-story one-half million dollar structure.

The many facilities now available to the public as a result of this new General Headquarters Building justifies the motto of this Department — "Service, Courtesy, and Protection." With this motto in mind, we are humbly proud to welcome you — our friends.

H. N. KIRKMAN
Director



This is a view of the four-story General Headquarters Building of the Department, located just East of Tallahassee on the Perry Highway (US-27).

Twenty Years of Service

This new one-half million dollar General Headquarters Building of the Department of Public Safety brings to a climax nearly twenty years of planning and anticipation by Department employees to give to the citizens of Florida an even more efficient Florida Highway Patrol.

The two main branches of the Department—Florida Highway Patrol and Drivers License Division—one at work with the other, means a safer tomorrow, trafficwise, in Florida.

The Drivers License Division is charged with the duties of seeing to it that only safe and careful drivers are permitted on our highways with duly authorized permits.

The Florida Highway Patrol's aim is, of course, to correct those who are not careful when they drive upon our roads.

Tremendous strides have been made since the

original cadre of a dozen men went to work as the Florida Highway Patrol in 1939. Those charter members worked long hours for less pay than the average school boy or girl may earn today.

Today's trooper is a highly trained, efficiently equipped man, who patrols in a modern automobile equipped with mobile radio and who has at his disposal all the conveniences and modern techniques that help to make our highways safer for the travelling public.

We of the Department are keenly cognizant that these objectives and this building, could not have been accomplished without the whole-hearted support of all people.

To you go the thanks of our troopers for the confidence you have given us. We are grateful, and sincerely pledge even more faithful and conscientious service in the future.

Administrative Staff



Lt. Col. Reid Clifton

Pictured on this page are the three top administrators of the Department of Public Safety—Florida Highway Patrol — whose combined service nears sixty years.

LT. COL. REID CLIFTON Deputy Director of the department and Deputy Commander of the Florida Highway Patrol. He is a native Floridian and worked up through the ranks from patrolman to his present position.

MAJOR J. WALLACE SMITH The Department's Executive Officer. Another native Floridian who traveled the advancement road from patrolling the highways to a topflight position.

MAJOR H. LEE SIMMONS Inspector of Field Operations — whose responsibility is that of keeping tab on the 470 man force of the Florida Highway Patrol. Like the others, Major Simmons, a St. Cloud, Florida product, served in all capacities before his call to general headquarters.



Maj. J. Wallace Smith



Maj. H. Lee Simmons

The **D. L. DIVISION**

The permanent record of over three and one-half million people who have driven in Florida, are tucked away in a long line of files on the second floor of the general headquarters building.

Known as the Driver's License Division of the Department of Public Safety, it is under the supervision of Mr. Tom King, Jr., assisted by Mrs. Carolyn Martin, both veteran employees.

Over their desks pass the many thousands of letters which come to the department every year, and over their desks also pass the records of how you do as a driver.

In either case, all become a permanent part of your record as a driver and finally wind up in the Drivers License File, where on a moment's notice a clerk can pull the file which tells your driving story.

Even the driver who comes here from another state and takes an examination for a Florida license, has his record passed from that state and that too becomes a part of the driving story.

Florida has become known throughout the U. S. for its smoothly run driver's license division and the state has won several National Safety Council awards as a result.



Mr. Tom King, Jr.

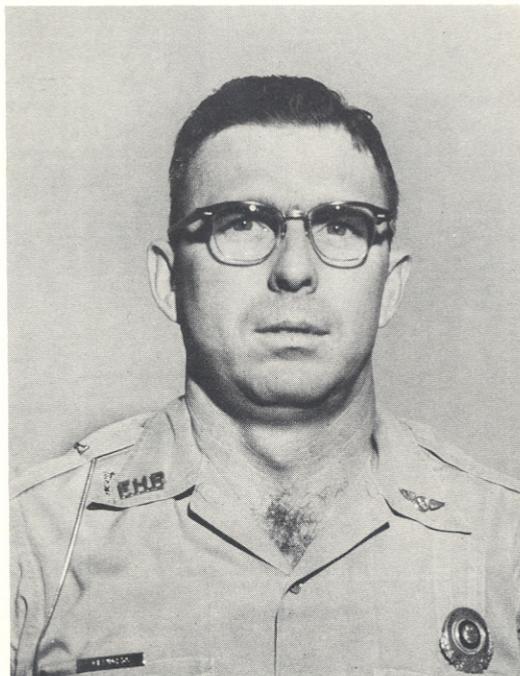


Mrs. Carolyn Martin





Captain Clay Keith



Sergeant C. C. Reynolds

EXAMINATIONS *and* HEARINGS

Capt. Clay Keith is the Chief Examiner of the Department of Public Safety.

Under his jurisdiction comes the work of 115 driver's license examiners and eight supervisors, who are constantly engaged in giving examinations, for the half a million people who seek a driver's permit each year.

Also under the Driver Examining Section, of which Sergeant C. C. Reynolds is the assistant chief examiner, comes the duty of supervising hearings conducted by field supervisors for people who desire their suspended or revoked licenses returned, together with the highly efficient re-examination program which has won acclaim for Florida.

Fifty per cent of the other states have duplicated portions of the Florida Driver's License Manual, prepared by Captain Keith, who is nationally considered an authority on driver licensing.

Florida is considered the first state to adopt the presently used road sign test for drivers, which is now national in scope and use.

One of the most important steps in the D. L. program, is the increased re-examination work done under the supervision of Captain Keith. This section looked into the records of 87,000 persons with bad records or who had been involved in accidents in 1942, while in 1956, that number had increased to over 300,000.

In other words, under the heading of examinations and hearings, comes this twin duty — these men decide if you are capable of driving when you first ask for permission and clip your wings when you err too much.





This view shows only a small section of the filing room of the driver's license division located on the second floor of the new general headquarters building. In these files are the permanent records of almost four million Florida drivers.

D. L. DIVISION

Dozens of highly skilled and efficiently trained clerks and supervisors work in the revocation and suspension section of the driver's license division. This is one view on the second floor of this highly important section.





Captain Karl Adams

PUBLIC INFORMATION *and* RECORDS

Keeping the public informed and answering the public's questions is a pretty fair sized job. That is the task laid out for the Public Information Section over which Captain Karl Adams has supervision. Adams directs the activities of ten safety education troopers, who come directly in contact with the people, and deliver millions of words on safety in person, on the radio and on television. They also meet the press in their respective areas. On the news and feature story

side of the ledger, Adams is assisted by Red Kerce, former newspaperman and photographer in press, radio and TV relations. Each of the Florida Highway Patrol's troops is equipped with cameras for wreck and accident photography, and in the department's modern equipped darkroom this work is produced and returned to the officers on the scene. Thousands of informational and feature copy words and pictures flow from the information section annually.



Sergeant Henry Forster



Red Kerce

RECORDS

The Records Section of the Department of Public Safety is a storehouse of information down to the most minor detail on more than 100,000 wreck and accident reports which flow in annually. Under the supervision of Captain Adams, assisted by Sgt. Henry Forster, the records section tabulates every phase of information from an accident report and transfers it to IBM cards. This information is available for use in enforcement, engineering, and education projects, as well as being available to the public. In addition to IBM records, the section also records each report on microfilm, spot maps and daily tabulations.

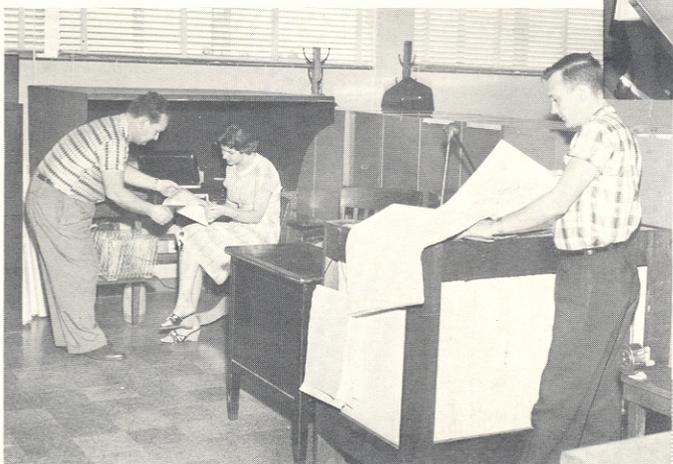
A group of Key Punch Operators who handle the IBM card punching machines where accident information is transferred from the reports to cards.



IBM—These IBM masterminds can determine by a flip of the switch any desired information about wrecks, causes, time of day, and so forth, by digesting such information from the IBM cards punched from reports.



SRD—The State Road Department keeps a crew on the job in the general headquarters assembling information from Florida Highway Patrol gathered reports, for use in engineering, safety marking and other requirements.



RECORD CLERKS—Record section clerks keep track of the many thousand accident reports which come in, and keep them filed for quick reference when needed.

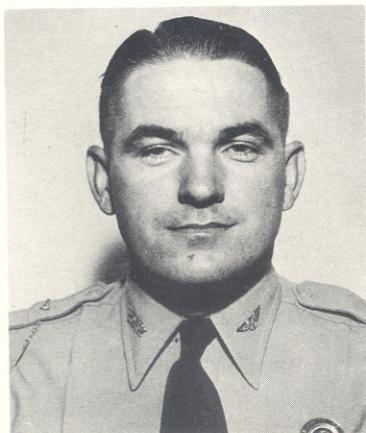




FHP recruit trainees learn to shoot hard and straight, among other things, while in training to be Florida State Troopers.



Captain Jay L. Hall



Lt. B. J. Barnett

TRAINING

The Florida Highway Patrol has produced over 1,000 graduates from its own training school since 1939. Capt. Jay L. Hall, an original member of the Florida Highway Patrol, is training and communications officer. He directs the permanent school at Dale Mabry Field, in conjunction with Florida State University, where the men undergo nine weeks of intensified schooling before they become patrolmen. These new troopers work under experienced men in the field before going it alone on the highways. High education, physical, as well as personal standards, are requirements of every Florida Highway Patrol recruit. Lt. Bill Barnett is Capt. Hall's assistant school director as well as the patrol's firearms instructor.





Millions of words on law enforcement and safety work flow through this giant Western Union switching center equipment each year. It is retransmitted to all law agencies in the state or nation on its hook-up.

COMMUNICATIONS

Any Florida State Trooper on duty is, in a matter of minutes at the most, in contact with any other law enforcement man in the nation, through the far-reaching facilities of the mobile radio and teletype. Earl O. Burchard, a veteran communications man is in charge of this phase of operations which consists of a network of facilities in 26 Florida Highway Patrol stations all over the state, plus a gigantic message switching center in the General Headquarters Building. All Florida Highway Patrol cars are equipped with mobile radios. Radio and teletype combined puts Florida in touch with all law enforcement agencies in the United States.



Earl O. Burchard



Wade Bonds checks some of the rows of shelves in the supply rooms where everything from "thumbtacks to truck tires" are stored to supply men in the field.

SUPPLY



Lieutenant C. D. Cassels

A harried mother of several teenage sons has no clothing problem like Lt. C. D. Cassels, the Florida Highway Patrol's supply officer. From pistols to flashlight batteries; from automobiles to sealbeam headlights, Lt. Cassels has to keep a daily record of where everything is. His chore is to issue the gear to some 470 troopers, keep track of it and keep the men satisfied who have what they don't need or not enough of what they do need.

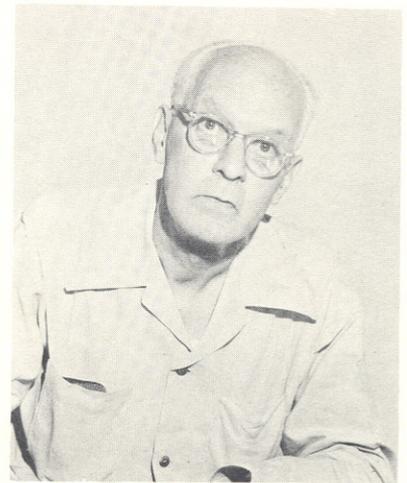




The auditing department is staffed by trained personnel, a group of which is shown in this picture. In the foreground is assistant John Grier.

AUDITING

Keep the employees paid, keep the bills paid and don't let our folks spend too much, is the three-fold project always in front of the auditors of the Department of Public Safety. E. C. Morgan is in charge of the auditing department assisted by John Grier, both veteran employees of the organization. Their duties consist of keeping tab on what is being spent, seeing to it that the bills are paid, and retaining a close tab on the department's purse strings. From a small, but efficient unit a few years ago, the auditing department has grown much larger in recent years as the payroll grows and the number of purchases also grow.



E. C. Morgan





Everyone likes a few minutes off for break time and the department has a modern snack bar on the first floor of the GHQ building.

Hundreds of thousands of pieces of mail, safety education literature, press and radio releases and other material go through the mail room every month. Shown are the four men who supervise this big job.



Miss Frances Johnson, Personnel Officer, keeps the personnel records of hundreds of uniform and civilian employees of the department.

Thanks

The members of the Florida Highway Patrol and employees of the Department of Public Safety are humbly grateful to our citizens, members of the Executive Board, Department of Public Safety and our legislature, for the faith which they have exemplified to our department through this building. May we say to you, "Thanks from the bottom of our hearts."





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