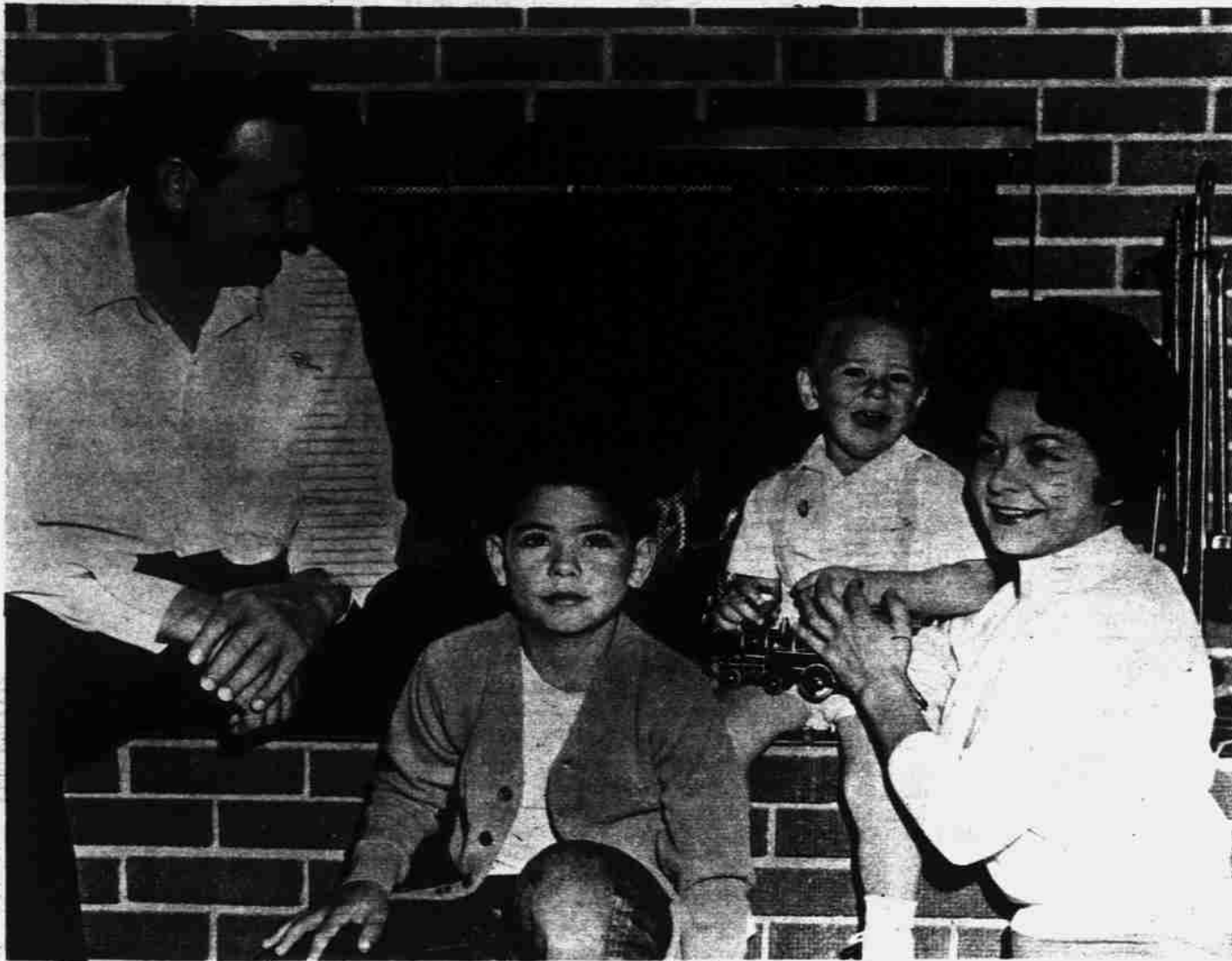


Happy Family of Clark County Sheriff Lamb



RELAXING ON XMAS ARE RALPH WITH SON CLIFF (AT 6), SON CLINT (AT 2) AND WIFE TONI.

RALPH

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er for more than a year?

In all walks of life you'll find that a man who worked his way up from the bottom, is the hardest of workers when he reaches the top.

Nineteen years ago, Ralph Lamb started as a deputy. He's been in law enforcement ever since. There were 20 on the force back in 1947. Seven years later, he was appointed chief of detectives with rank of captain. In 1960 he was elected sheriff, the first term. He commands 265 men and women, and with budget permitting could easily employ an additional 50.

Innovations in the Sheriff's Department during the past six years have been in keeping with the phenomenal growth of Clark County since 1960. Under Lamb's aegis, substations were instituted whereby deputies can arrive at any spot minutes after a call is received at headquarters. Among the stations that eliminated delays from 15 minutes to an hour are ones at Indian Springs, Mt. Charleston and MacCarran Airport.

In addition to enforcing the law, Lamb has a passionate obsession about crime prevention. That is why he commenced the plan now in use of showing films to high school youngsters. The one on narcotics is stark, naked realism that makes 30,000 teenagers shudder as they view it each year. As youngsters arrive at driving age, they are shown a film that punches home the perils and precautions for the new comers behind the wheel.

Lamb sets a high standard for his men. Entrance exams to wear the uniform of

a deputy are rigid both in brains and brawn. The academy, which he conceived is the most consolidated school of learning for law enforcement in Nevada, training men from all cities in our state in addition to the Highway Patrol.

Sheriff Lamb is no softie on "hard boys" from other localities. The Intelligence Unit headed by Under Sheriff Lloyd Bell is in constant touch with other police departments with up-to-the-minute information on departures of hoodlums, en route to Las Vegas. Once here they are either "rousted" out or kept under strict surveillance.

The boss of the department is highly respected by his men, chiefly because he shows a strong interest in their welfare. This writer has met and become friendly with very many deputies during the past five years. Never once have we heard a disparaging remark concerning the sheriff.

It is hard to conceive of any other person in law enforcement who knows Clark County, where he was born, as well as Ralph. His dad, William, a native of Arizona, was a rancher, who kept his head high during the depths of the depression. The elder Lamb was killed in Tonopah, in 1938, while attempting to save a child on a runaway horse. Mary, the mother, now 70 and residing in Las Vegas, proudly continued to raise the family of seven boys and four girls. The up-bringing of her children paid off. Two of Ralph's brothers are holding elective office, Floyd, a state senator, and Darwin, a county commissioner. During World War 2, Ralph served with Army In-

telligence.

Not long after Ralph met the attractive Toni Tucci in 1953, she became Mrs. Ralph Lamb. Two handsome children are the results, so far, of that marriage, Clifford Ralph, 10, and Clint Floyd, 6. The sheriff, who never stops planning in the office or at home, hopes to see his sons emerge as a doctor and a lawyer.

Because Ralph loves people and has no further ambitions than to serve Clark County, he has joined most organizations that will bring him into contact with his fellow man, especially civic leaders. He is on the board of the National Council of Christians and Jews, in addition to being an active member of Optimists, Elks, Eagles, Mounted Posse and Jeep Posse, to name a few. As Sheriff he is chairman of the Gaming and Liquor Board. He, and his family are deeply religious, members of the Mormon Faith.

Although his time is his own to come and go, Sheriff

Lamb is in his office at 8 a.m. every morning. He is intimately familiar with every facet of the cases underway. If necessary, he is out in the field with his men. Not too long ago Lamb and the late Captain Bill O'Reilly, captured a pair of bank robbers wanted by the F.B.I. For this the sheriff received the first of two citations from John Edgar Hoover, whose photo along with that of the late President John F. Kennedy, adorn the walls of his office.

Every resident of Clark County should be proud of this native son, who parlayed a high school education into the office of sheriff, because he concentrated on one business - law enforcement - and knows that business like none other in the state.

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