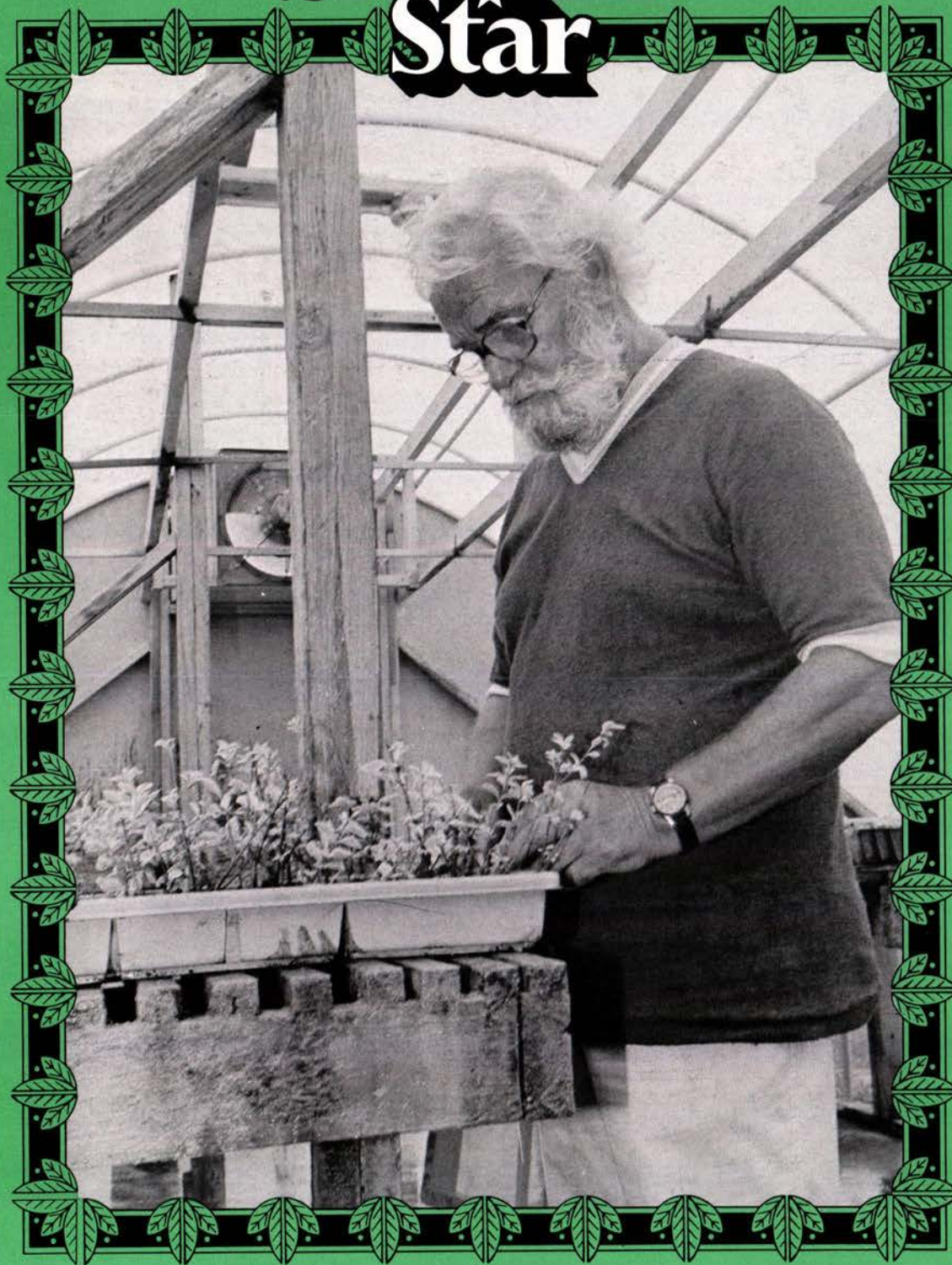


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Horticulturist Bill Herman teaches jail inmates to toil in the soil. (See page 2)

A Tragedy — Act Three

It slipped by us somehow — one of the most important events of 1981 within Florida's criminal justice system — and inadvertently THE SHERIFF'S STAR failed to report the sentencing of Raymond Trenary, a juvenile charged with murdering Hendry County Sheriff Earl S. Dyess, Sr.

The murder occurred a few minutes after midnight on August 17, 1980. Officers said the Sheriff went outside his home to investigate the sound of gunshots, confronted two teenagers and was stabbed. Trenary, one of the teenagers, pleaded "no contest" to a charge of second-degree murder on May 26, 1981, and was sentenced by Judge Richard M. Stanley on July 27, 1981. Charges against the other teenager were dismissed. The Judge sentenced Trenary to 137 years in the state penitentiary, and retained jurisdiction of one third of the sentence, thereby affecting preventive parole release dates.

State Attorney Joseph P. D'Alessandro said the successful culmination of this case resulted from an intense investigation involving investigators from his office as well as agents and laboratory personnel from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement,

officers of the Florida Highway Patrol, Deputies from the Hendry County Sheriff's Department and officers from the Clewiston Police Department. "These agencies should be commended for their cooperation and professional conduct," he added.

D'Alessandro and Deputy State Attorney Donald E. Pellicchia prosecuted the case.

Jail Improvements Praised

CLEARWATER — John J. Clark, a court-appointed monitor checking on compliance with court-ordered improvements at the Pinellas County Jail, had some favorable comments for Sheriff Gerry Coleman following his latest inspection. He noted positive progress, and stated that the county's corrections facilities "are in compliance or exceed the requirements of the court order."

It was the opinion of the monitor that Pinellas County now ranks in the top five percent of Florida jails for quality of facilities and operations. Clark made recommendations to remedy a few minor deficiencies. Coleman said steps were taken to comply with them.



A Study in Contrasts

FORT PIERCE — These two pictures are worth at least two thousand words in describing the wide diversity of a Sheriff's role. In one photo St. Lucie County Sheriff Lanie Norvell (in black hat) is cheerfully suffering the indignity of being lassoed and kidnapped by the fun-loving members of "Charlie Redbeard's Gang" during the annual Cattleman's Parade. In the other, the Sheriff is serving as a pallbearer for one of his deputies, Sgt. James B. Kelly, who passed away after a 24-year tour of duty in the Sheriff's Department. (News Tribune graveside photo by Juan Dale Brown)

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\$60,000 Jolt:

Sheriff Sues Jail Escapee For "Costs & Aggravation"

FORT LAUDERDALE — Michael Colwell is a man of many names. He changes his identity about as often as other men change their shirts, but he did once too often, and, if Sheriff Robert A. Butterworth has his way, Colwell will pay for his cleverness to the tune of some \$60,000.

Masquerading under the name of Louis Poynter, Colwell was arrested on multiple drug charges in September, 1981, and bond was set at \$302,000. Caught between paydays, he found his bankroll a little slim, so he persuaded a fellow prisoner of similar appearance to swap identities and shirts. (Quite a deal, considering Colwell was shirtless.)

A smooth talker, this one. He promised his jail buddy, John William Haines, that he would get released by posting Haines' low bond of \$2,000 and then come back and get Haines out later.

Armed with his newly-acquired ID, Colwell called bondsman Richard Summerlin, who had bonded Colwell out under the alias of Jeffrey Nease only eight weeks earlier to the tune of \$100,000. Colwell asked Summerlin to come to the jail and post a \$2,000 bond for Haines. The ruse worked and Colwell walked out as Haines, but he didn't return as promised, and when this was written the real Haines was still sitting in jail, unable to make bond.

Miffed by Colwell's trickery, Sheriff Butterworth retaliated speedily by having bondsman Summerlin arrested for aiding in the escape of a criminal; and by putting Dale Adams and Steve Hassett, two crack detectives, on the fugitive's trail. Adams and Hassett tracked their man to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he had served some time in the slammer as Jeffrey Hogan. There, with the help of Butler County, Ohio, detectives, they collared Colwell and brought him back to Florida.

At the Broward County Jail, Sheriff Butterworth had a little surprise waiting for the wily one. Once Colwell was safely locked away in an isolation cell, the Sheriff hit him with a \$60,000 lawsuit for the "cost and aggravation" of his escape.

The suit, which may be unprecedented in the annals of criminal justice, was no gag. The Sheriff figured that well-heeled drug dealers invariably manage to buy their way out of jail, and he chose this unique way to not only attack Colwell's assets, but also to recover the money Broward County had spent chasing Colwell.

"Why should the taxpayers foot the bill?" asked Butterworth. "Criminals frequently choose to sue law enforcement officials, and this is a form of turna-

bout that is nothing but fair play. All of our deputies are in favor of it. We will probably do it again, if we run into criminals who have large amounts of money."

If Colwell loses the lawsuit filed by the Sheriff, it isn't likely to put a strain on his finances. Like so many drug offenders, his many arrests have not prevented him from amassing a small fortune. The Sheriff's Department said although Colwell has several drug busts under his belt in Florida and Ohio, and although his arrest sheet sports over 20 criminal counts, including escape, and battery on a law enforcement officer, he owns four homes, three of which are valued at \$150,000 each, a \$10,000 boat, an RV camper-trailer, four motorcycles, and at least five cars.

When he was recaptured in Ohio, only ten days out of jail, he was holding \$200,000 worth of drugs, \$48,000 in cash and two handguns, according to a Sheriff's Department spokesman. Arresting detective Adams said he had learned Colwell was supporting approximately ten people in Cincinnati and was their main source of income. Oddly, however, Colwell was said to have reported a gross income of only \$3,600 from his wages as a carpenter on his 1978 tax return.

"He probably won't be needing cash for a while," said a member of the Sheriff's staff. "The rates at the Graybar Hotel (county jail) are quite reasonable, and checking out may be a little more difficult than in the past. Besides, Colwell is being held without bond on the escape charge, and switching identities can be awfully difficult when you're in isolation."

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Dade Department Renamed

MIAMI — Dade County's law enforcement agency has been renamed again. Many years ago it was the Dade County Sheriff's Department. When voters approved a metro-type government, the name was changed to Dade County Public Safety Department. Recently, the agency was renamed again. Now it's the Metro-Dade Police Department.

Director Bobby L. Johns heads the department. It has been described as the largest police agency in the Southeastern United States, with 1,800 sworn officers and a total personnel roster of 2,400.

For Jail Inmates:

Toil in the Soil Program Yields Bundle of Benefits

CLEARWATER — Serving time in the Pinellas County Jail turned out to be a rewarding experience for Bobby Q., a 23-year old robber with a criminal record and no marketable skills.

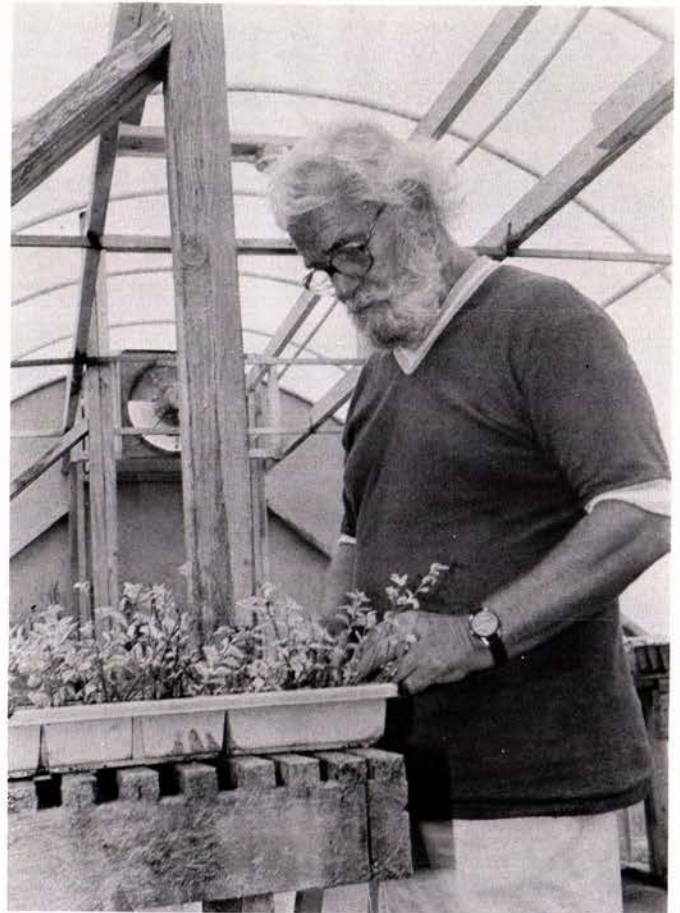
Bobby (that's not his real name, of course) went to jail a loser, got involved in a unique horticulture training program, and came out with enough "know how" to start his own lawn maintenance, landscaping and tree removal business. Today, about one year later, his business is thriving and he has apparently abandoned his criminal career.

Encouraging county jail inmates to toil in the soil is an idea that began to develop approximately two years ago at the Pinellas jail system's Medium Security Center. It is currently operating on a full-time basis with strong support from Sheriff Gerard "Gerry" Coleman and the Pinellas County School Board. Its prime mover is Bill Herman, a horticulturist with ten green thumbs and an innate ability to motivate wayward guys.

"I had Bobby for approximately three months," said Herman, "and I tried to teach him all I knew about turf and shrubs. I also gave him a little business background. Now he's doing fine." Herman can reel off a number of success stories — Joey T., for instance, who was jailed for vandalism and other crimes, then discovered that beautifying lawns and gardens can be more gratifying than destroying other people's property. "If I can keep a man for two months and he's interested," said Herman, "I can prepare him to own and operate a business paying up to \$25,000 a year."

It's likely that only a few inmates will achieve this ultimate goal, since many are in jail for less than two months and others lack motivation, but the horticulture program has many selling points other than creating future nursery tycoons.

It provides a prodigious amount of wholesome food for all inmates in the jail system; it improves morale by keeping inmates busy; it creates a more attractive environment; it gives inmates an opportunity to reduce their jail terms as long as they



COVER PHOTO — Bill Herman, a horticulturist with ten green thumbs, is in charge of the unique "Toil in the Soil" training program for jail inmates.

maintain good behavior and good attitudes; and it offers positive educational and vocational benefits.

Backed up by all of these positive advantages, Herman has no problem maintaining a full enrollment of 35-40 men in his horticulture classes. Inmates divide their time between classroom sessions and actual gardening and landscaping work. They are taught weed control, landscaping, turf grass culture, greenhouse operations, insect and disease control and how to install irrigation



Vegetables raised on fertile land outside the security fence are used to feed jail system inmates.



Inmates learning horticulture skills built a shade house and a greenhouse.

systems. A second instructor, John Donaldson, teaches them how to repair farming and landscaping equipment such as mowers, tractors, chain saws and front loaders. He puts special emphasis on small engine repairs.

Herman presides over 4½ acres of fertile soil outside the security center fence where inmates raise lettuce, tomatoes, cucumbers, bell peppers, onions, radishes, carrots, cabbage and collard greens. Seedlings are started and nurtured in a greenhouse and shade house built by inmates. Crops are substantial.

During the peak of the growing season, the vegetables produced by Herman's trainees are sufficient to feed the jail system's entire contingent of some 750 to 800 inmates. The landscaping and turf maintenance training given to inmates has also paid dividends by turning the originally stark and barren security center into an attractive campus.

Allowing inmates to toil in the soil is not a new idea. It has been practiced in the state prison system for many years. Some of Florida's rural jails have also perpetuated the old custom of maintain-

Instructor John Donaldson teaches inmates to repair farming and landscaping equipment.



Landscaping by inmates improves the environment at Sheriff Coleman's Medium Security Center.

Toil in the Soil Program

continued



ing a garden plot out back to provide vegetables for the kitchen.

However, Sheriff Coleman's horticulture training program adds a vocational twist and some extra features that make it unique at the county level. To enhance it with the likes of Bill Herman, a warm, caring sort of fellow, sets it apart even more.

Herman, who is 68, started his career in horticulture at the age of five when he whitewashed the glass on the greenhouse in his father's Connecticut nursery. He was assigned this task because he was the lightest person available, and the one least likely to break the glass. Whitewashing was necessary to reduce the sun's heat in the greenhouse during the summer, Herman explained. Summer rains eventually washed the whitewash off so the sun could shine through unimpeded in the winter.

World War II pushed horticulture into the background and drew Herman into a 30-year military career which he ended with the rank of Colonel. While in the Army, he also acquired a BS degree in horticulture from the University of Maryland.

Herman started the Sheriff's horticulture program on a part-time basis in June, 1978, and expanded it into a full-time venture in 1980. Today he's getting visible and admirable results that seem to be totally in line with Sheriff Coleman's desire to make his jail system a showcase for intelligent, progressive penology.

Coleman is supportive. So are Charles Felton, the Sheriff's Director of Corrections; Robert Melvin, the Sheriff's Program Services Director; and the Pinellas County School Board and various

members of the school system staff. Dr. Thomas Noble provides vocational counseling and testing for inmates. Dr. James Moore tutors them in General Education Development (GED) subjects and gives them help toward obtaining their GED high school diplomas. Both are on the county school system staff.

The Rev. Bert Blomquist also lends a helping hand as a counselor. He is a member of the Pinellas County School Board, an ordained Methodist minister, and the Sheriff's Department's Chaplain.

Tom Moss, Supervisor of Vocational Programs for the Pinellas County School Board, is giving the horticulture program his enthusiastic backing. He and Robert Melvin explained that plans are being developed to broaden educational opportunities at the Medium Security Center (MSC).

They said women inmates housed in a new facility on the MSC campus, will be taught power sewing to prepare them for jobs in the garment industry. This subject is already being taught on a limited basis at the old jail in downtown Clearwater, but it is expected to be expanded and enhanced.

Women inmates are also being offered classes in horticulture and there are plans to teach them upholstery. There are also plans for classes in the culinary arts (cooking and baking), as well as special programs to improve inmates' math and reading skills.

"Good things are going on here," said Moss, and he created a strong impression that the good things are going to get better.

Mutual Aid Program Launched By Threat of Campus Unrest

TALLAHASSEE — When representatives of some 30 countries got together on the Florida State University campus for an inter-American conference on human rights, law enforcement officials in the Tallahassee area watched the proceedings with uneasy apprehension.

Several of the Latin-American countries represented at the conference had long histories of political instability, assassinations, kidnappings and terrorist activities. There was also a threat of large scale demonstrations by students and Cuban exiles if delegates from Cuba attended the conference.

Fortunately, no emergency developed but the threat of trouble triggered a dress rehearsal of Mutual Aid, an old law enforcement concept that was recently given a shot of legislative adrenalin.

In preparation for possible trouble, the lawmen signed a mutual aid agreement which was the first one put together under Florida's recently revised Mutual Aid Statute. It spelled out each agency's responsibilities in the anticipated emergency, and also settled technical questions such as compensation, liability and jurisdictional authority.

Involved in the agreement were the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE), which is administering Mutual Aid; the Leon, Wakulla and Gadsden County Sheriffs' Departments; the Division of Security within the Florida Department of General Services; and the Tallahassee, Quincy and Florida State University Police Departments.

A spokesman for the FDLE said the Tallahassee trial run facilitated planning for an anticipated situation, and created a model which other police agencies can use in similar future emergencies.

To help implement Mutual Aid state-wide, an advisory committee has also been appointed. Its members are Leon County Sheriff

Eddie Boone; Manatee County Sheriff Thomas M. Burton, Jr.; Alachua County Sheriff L. J. "Lu" Hindery; Police Chiefs A. Lee McGehee of Ocala, Sid Klein of Clearwater, and John A. Fletcher of Miami Shores; Major Ray Battell, Florida National Guard; Lt. Col. Roger Collar, Florida Highway Patrol; Director Bob Wilkerson, Division of Disaster Preparedness; and State Attorney Don Modesitt.

Florida's Mutual Aid Statute was passed in 1969. Following the 1980 Miami riots a task force suggested improvements to make it more effective. Some of these improvements were included in a 1981 revision passed by the Florida Legislature. Funds were also appropriated so that the FDLE could exercise its long-held authority to administer the Mutual Aid Program.

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For Jake — A Pig and a Plaque

TITUSVILLE — North Brevard Citizens for Better Law Enforcement selected Brevard County Sheriff Jake Miller as Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.

They presented him with a handsome plaque and — to ham it up a little — also gave him a live baby pig.



Involved in the signing of the first mutual aid agreement under Florida's recently revised Mutual Aid Statute were (standing, from left) Wakulla County Sheriff David F. Harvey, Quincy Public Safety Department Director Edward M. Spooner, Leon County Sheriff Eddie Boone, Tallahassee Police Chief Melvin L. Tucker, Florida State University Director of Public Safety William Tanner, and Division of Security Director Nathan Sharron, from the Florida Department of General Services. Seated is Florida Department of Law Enforcement Commissioner James W. York.

Six-Month Drug Probe Nets 62 Arrest Warrants

LABELLE — A six-month undercover drug investigation in Hendry County culminated with the arrest of 62 suspects. Sheriff Bob Durkis said the undercover "sting," dubbed "Operation Hayride," was aimed at street pushers.

The operation started last July with the use of undercover agents from another law enforcement agency. Charges on the suspects ranged from the sale of marijuana, quaaludes and cocaine. What pleased the Sheriff as much as the arrests, was the fact the operation was financed with funds derived from equipment and planes confiscated in drug busts.

Sophisticated electronic recording and monitoring devices utilized during "Operation Hayride," were obtained by the Sheriff through the trading of confiscated items. According to Sheriff Durkis, the operation was a huge success. He said he believed it was the largest bust in Florida involving one drug related sting.

Several vehicles and two houseboats were seized. Durkis said the arrests not only crippled the local drug market but also supplied his agency with intelli-



Hendry County Sheriff Bob Durkis (left), presents a plaque to Manatee County Sheriff Thomas M. Burton Jr., to express his appreciation for technical assistance Burton provided in the record-setting Hendry County drug bust.

gence information for future investigations. Assisting Hendry County deputies in the roundup were agents of the State Attorney's Office, Florida Highway Patrol, Game and Fish Commission and Clewiston Police Department.



David R. Lent

DADE CITY — Each year Pasco County restaurant owners help Sheriff John M. Short raise funds for his delinquency-fighting Junior Deputy Program by offering patrons a dollar's worth of free food for each dollar ticket they buy during the "Dine Out Day" campaign. In these pictures Sheriff Short is expressing his appreciation to David R. Lent, from the Golden Corral Steakhouse, Zephyrhills; and Jerry Wells, from Guido's Restaurant, Port Richey.



Jerry Wells

PUNTA GORDA — To express his appreciation, Charlotte County Sheriff Glen E. Sapp (right) presented Distinguished Service Certificates to James A. Dever for assisting in solving a burglary case; and to Scott Doria and Jack Payne for recovering a drifting outboard motorboat that could have created a navigational hazard. He said Dever's prompt action in calling the Sheriff's Department when he became suspicious of three men entering a Port Charlotte shop led to the subsequent arrest of five burglary suspects.



Scott Doria (left) and Jack Payne



James A. Dever



Heinrich Opens Fifth Sub-Station

LUTZ — Donations from merchants and private individuals enabled Sheriff Walter C. Heinrich to open a sub-station here — his fifth in big Hillsborough County with its 1,073 square miles. He is pictured here (second from left) during dedication rites. With him are County Commissioner Joseph Kotvas (left) and Harvey Mobley, President of the Lutz Merchants Association. The Sheriff said his sub-stations provide better distribution of crime prevention information; reduce deputies' gasoline consumption by shortening patrol distance; and give better service to taxpayers in outlying areas.

Former Sheriffs Association President Honored

TAMPA — Hillsborough County Sheriff Walter C. Heinrich (right) presents a past-president's plaque to Jerry McLeod, who was the Sheriff of Hillsborough County from 1935 to 1941, and President of the Florida Sheriffs Association in 1940. Awarding of past-president's plaques is a relatively recent custom but was given limited retroactivity after McLeod re-established his contacts with the Sheriffs Association.



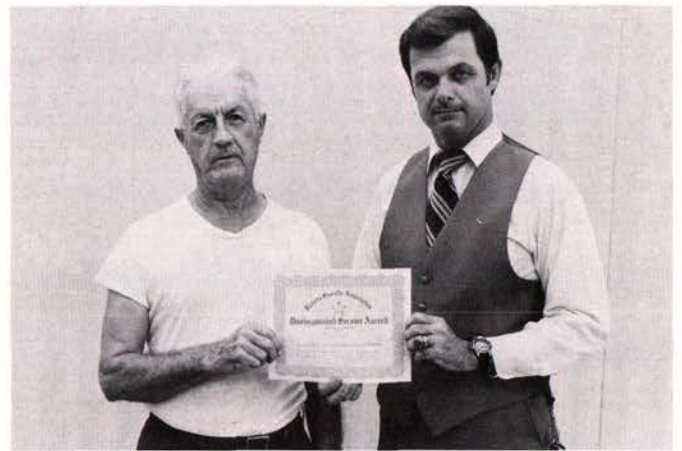
But How Do We Decide Who Gets to Wear it?

TAMPA — Hillsborough County Sheriff Walter C. Heinrich (left) and Major H. Cal Henderson, head of the Sheriff's Uniform Patrol Division (center), accept a bullet proof vest presented to the Sheriff's Department by Fraternal Order of Police Associate Lodge No. 108. The presentation was made by Chuck Kinard, President of the Lodge.



Support for Youth Fund and Sheriff's Department

BRADENTON — Sheriff Thomas M. Burton, Jr., of Manatee County, accepts a \$500 check from Maj. Ron Salkill, the commanding officer of the Manatee County Sheriff's Regular Posse. Sheriff Burton pointed out the posse was making a donation to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund, in addition to the many hundreds of hours of work contributed by members of the posse during the year.



Rescuer Receives Well-Deserved Recognition

OCALA — Major Jerry Holland (right), representing Marion County Sheriff Don Moreland, presented a Florida Sheriffs Association Distinguished Service Award to Albert Mitchell for rescuing an unconscious woman from a burning mobile home. "There is no doubt Mr. Mitchell's alertness, fast action and courage saved the lady's life," said Moreland.

Sheriff is in Show Biz ★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★

BRADENTON — Manatee County Sheriff Thomas M. Burton, Jr., has gone into show biz to teach kids important lessons in personal safety and crime prevention. His teaching medium is a puppet show made available through the generosity of the Bradenton Kiwanis Club, and he is sending it around the county to elementary and middle schools to put on performances.

Boasting a broad repertoire, the puppets act out messages on traffic safety, with special emphasis on the proper use of bicycles, roller skates and skateboards. They present warnings about child molesters, fires, drug abuse, hitch-hiking, shoplifting and vandalism. While entertaining, they also point out the serious consequences of arson, burglary, robbery and organizing youth gangs.

Before the Manatee County Schools closed for the Christmas and New Year's holiday, the traveling troupe had given performances before more than 3,400 youngsters, and Sheriff Burton was enthusiastic about the results. He said he was convinced the puppets were getting their messages across effectively. School Authorities praised the results.



Deputy Sheriffs Art Zabriskie, Sally Kintz and Carl Becker with Sheriff Burton's traveling troupe of puppets.



Jim (left) and Bob Boyd with Sheriff W. A. Woodham. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Boyd.

Boys Helped Solve Murder

QUINCY — After Jim and Bob Boyd helped the Gadsden County Sheriff's Department solve a murder-robbery case Sheriff W. A. Woodham presented them with Florida Sheriffs Association Distinguished Service Certificates.

Woodham said the murderer ran past the boys after holding up a rural grocery store and knifing the owner. The boys were waiting for a school bus at the time and were not immediately aware of what had happened.



25-Year Members Honored by Sheriff

PUNTA GORDA — Charlotte County Sheriff Glen E. Sapp (right), presented 25-year certificates to: (from left) Willard Biehl, John A. Albritton and W. F. Rigell, and thanked them for their loyal support as honorary members of the Florida Sheriffs Association.

A little later they saw patrol cars and some commotion around the grocery store. This prompted them to come forward with a description of the fleeing man and information about the direction he had taken.

The Sheriff was able to put bloodhounds on the trail, and in a short time the suspected murderer was under arrest. Cash and pistols taken from the store were also recovered.



**After Many Pints —
A Bit of Praise**

GAINESVILLE — These pictures were taken before and after the Alachua County Sheriff's Department received an award as the government agency that gave the most blood to the Civitan Regional Blood Center. In the "before" scene Lt. Sam Shoemaker is comforted by Deputy Julie Denson while giving his usual pint. In the "after" scene Denson and Sheriff Lu Hendery accept the top donor award from the Rev. Bill Shea, while County Commissioner Sonny Lee applauds.



They Sure Will Miss Rosie Lee's Biscuits

CRAWFORDVILLE — With a framed certificate Wakulla County Sheriff David F. Harvey expressed his appreciation to Mrs. Rosie Lee Gavin for the many thousands of nutritious meals she prepared at the county jail. She retired after ten years as Food Services Director.

Deputy Saved Child's Life

NAPLES — The Collier County Sheriff's Department issued a life-saving award to Deputy Paul McGee for saving a child from drowning.

McGee was credited with using cardiopulmonary resuscitation to revive Jack Kraft III after the one-year-old tot fell into the swimming pool at his family's home.



There Goes Ho Ho Ho'Loughlin!

ST AUGUSTINE — Taking time out briefly from more serious chores, Sheriff Francis M. O'Loughlin, Jr. put on a Santa Claus suit, recruited a couple of cute elves, and climbed on a fire truck to lead St. Augustine's annual Christmas parade.



Lt. D. W. Smith (left), and Sheriff Ronnie Dougherty display new equipment bought with funds from friends and other unexpected sources. Smith is wearing one of the new uniforms purchased with \$5,000 obtained through the sale of confiscated gold and silver coins. He is holding a first aid kit and rechargeable flashlight, while the Sheriff is holding one of the new revolvers purchased with funds from the sale of confiscated guns.

Sheriff Had Tight Budget Blues 'til Friends Came Bearing Cash

FERNANDINA BEACH — Ronnie Dougherty had every reason to feel let down — flat out depressed in fact. It was January, 1981, and, although he had recently fulfilled his number one ambition by getting himself elected Sheriff of Nassau County, things weren't working out exactly the way he had hoped they would.

For at least ten years, while working in Nassau County as a Florida Highway Patrol trooper, Dougherty had nursed a strong desire to become Sheriff. Waiting patiently for Sheriff H.S. McKendree to retire, he had spent countless hours planning how he would reorganize the Sheriff's Department — making it more professional and increasing its effectiveness.

But now that he had won a tough election and was actually wearing the Sheriff's badge, he could see that he was going to have to set aside many of his well laid plans. He had to face up to the fact that he was stymied by a tight budget he had inherited from

his predecessor. Furthermore, Nassau County was faced with a shrinking property tax base due to increased homestead exemptions, and prospects of getting a substantial budget increase for the new fiscal year starting October 1, 1981, were mighty slim.

Dougherty's dreams of professionalism seemed to be going down the drain when an unprecedented thing happened — a very unusual thing, considering the Sheriff no longer believed in the tooth fairy, Santa Claus or the Easter Bunny.

Although Dougherty had not advertised his dilemma, word got around that he was facing some serious financial problems and friends started dropping by to ask "What do you need? What can we do to help you and the Sheriff's Department?" A retired attorney was among the first to offer assistance. He was followed by some businessmen and a couple of skilled mechanics. They were offering to donate their money and skills with no strings attached. Nearly all

of them said they wanted to help out anonymously without any public acclaim.

For a while it was like Christmas in January. Several service clubs offered financial assistance. Contributions kept on coming until they eventually totaled almost \$10,000. Dougherty gratefully accepted this bonanza and used the funds to purchase urgently needed equipment for the Department's 34 deputies. "We received about \$3,000 for leather goods," he recalled recently, "\$2,800 for rechargeable flashlights and charging systems; between \$500 and \$600 for first aid equipment, and about \$600 for fire extinguishers to be used in patrol cars. Also we were able to buy all-weather jackets with zip-in liners, and new hats — the green hat that we went to — straw Stetsons."

A diesel mechanic volunteered to make repairs and improvements at the county jail free of charge, with the county paying about \$3,000 for parts and materials. Another mechanic, who was also a reserve deputy, volunteered to repair patrol cars. He charged the minimum in some cases and nothing at all in others.

As time went on, financial help came from other unexpected sources. An inventory of Sheriff's Department property revealed some unclaimed gold and silver coins from an old armed robbery case; also, a collection of guns confiscated in arrests. The coins were sold at auction for \$5,000 and the proceeds used to buy 102 uniforms — three for each of the 34 full-time deputies.

Selling the confiscated guns netted about \$5,000 which the Sheriff applied to the purchase of new handguns and speed loaders for all of his deputies. Old Sheriff's Department handguns were traded in on new Ruger Security Six stainless steel 357 magnum revolvers, and none too soon. Some of the old

weapons were obsolete. Others had failed to function during firing range training sessions.

Additional firepower was acquired by the Sheriff's Department when 15 shotguns were found in storage at the county jail. These 12-gauge pump guns had been purchased some 15 years earlier for riot control, Dougherty said, and were in excellent condition. Convinced that the shotguns could be used effectively as psychological deterrents in certain situations, Dougherty decided to take them out of storage,



Sheriff Dougherty (left), and Deputy Tim Groat instructing a class on safe handling of shotguns.



James Silcox gets pointers from the Sheriff after shotguns were added to the deputies' arsenal.



"Keep it low when shooting from the hip," Sheriff Ronnie Dougherty (left), tells Deputies James Silcox, Tim Groat and Carl Woodle during shotgun training session.



Gifts to the new Sheriff included a big "persuader" and some advice borrowed from President Teddy Roosevelt: "Walk softly and carry a big stick."



Although in office only one year, Sheriff Dougherty already has a handsome plaque honoring him for his many achievements.

clean them up, and place them in patrol cars. But first he required his deputies to take special training so the weapons would be used in a safe and appropriate manner.

Making certain that his deputies were well equipped in spite of a tight budget was just one of the new Sheriff's many accomplishments. Strong emphasis on in-service training was another. Arrangements were made for all of the deputies to be trained in basic first aid, advanced first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). English review classes upgraded deputies' report writing, and 80-hour blocks of Police Standards-approved instruction enabled them to qualify for incentive pay raises.

Dougherty didn't make physical fitness mandatory, but he did encourage deputies to use a gymnasium equipped and maintained with funds earmarked for training. He also required deputies and reservists to take firearms training, and to qualify as marksmen periodically on the pistol range.

"I'd like to see the men get as much education as they can," said Dougherty, "and unfortunately we can't provide all the time to do that in, but we provide as much as possible. If a man is willing to help himself or further his education, we're willing to help him."

To emphasize in-service training, Dougherty created the position of Training Coordinator and

moved Investigator Tim Groat into it. Groat, who was formerly a schoolteacher, became responsible for finding out what types of training were available, and then encouraging deputies to take advantage of it.

The Sheriff has set a good example for his men. He brought with him from the Highway Patrol an impressive amount of in-service training experience. Near the end of 1981, he also completed a National Sheriffs' Institute course in advanced management at the FBI National Academy, in Quantico, Virginia.

Professionalism is almost a religion with Dougherty and it manifests itself in many ways: in, for instance, a team concept that puts a lieutenant and a sergeant in charge of patrol deputies on rotating shifts; in an expressed desire to provide job security for deputies; in efforts to bring the Sheriff's Department salary schedule up to the level of other law enforcement agencies in the area; in a reorganization plan designed to improve the efficiency of the department; in more effective utilization of volunteer reservists.

One of Dougherty's early moves was to begin combining the former mounted posse, water patrol and Sheriff's Reserve into one volunteer unit. "They had a combination of three different color uniforms," Dougherty explained. "Some had white and brown, some had tan, some of them had green, so we combined the three uniforms into a green uniform like

those our deputies are wearing now, except with a reserve rocker on the shoulder patch. So, really, to the public it looks like we have a much larger force."

This is not entirely an illusion now that reservists are being given a more active role in the department's law enforcement activities. Training requirements have been increased, and Dougherty is pushing to get more of the volunteers certified as police officers with arrest powers. He inherited eight who were already certified, and he has used them effectively to beef up his force.

During the summer of 1981, certified reservists put in many valuable manhours helping the Sheriff police Nassau County's beaches. Their authority to write traffic tickets was especially helpful Dougherty said.

Reservists were also involved in a multi-agency roadblock on the Florida-Georgia border that resulted in recovery of a stolen tractor-trailer truck rig, and generated approximately \$700,000 in revenue from truckers who were driving without proper tags.

Lacking the help of the reservists, Dougherty would have had to use four full-time deputies on the roadblock, leaving only two for patrol and emergency duty over the entire county. Dougherty said reservists have told him they enjoyed their duties more than usual during 1981 because they were allowed to do more — to get out and participate. The Sheriffs reserve will provide a pool of potential full-time deputies. So will his three Explorer posts for young people who are interested in future law enforcement careers.

"I think the Explorers can also help us combat drugs in the school system," Dougherty said. Chief Deputy Tom Hailey agreed. "We can't change the drug problem in the schools," Hailey said. "We can talk to these kids 'till we're blue in the face and we

can't impress them. What impresses them is their own peer group. When they (the peers) start putting on pressure, then that's when you'll see a change. And that's where it's got to come from, not from the adults, not from the teachers."

Dougherty's first year in office has given him a different perspective from the one he had when he was in the Florida Highway Patrol. "But," he said, "I think that's probably going to be an asset in the long run. I've been a police officer and I know how it feels. I know how the men feel, and like I told them at meetings: 'I've done the same things you've done, think the same way, but I always want to remember that I was there. I was a police officer first.'"

Dougherty said much progress has been made, but he also confessed to a chronic case of impatience. "It's hard to be patient," he said. "You want to see changes. You want to see things develop. I'd like to see the whole department working as one professional organization, and I know it takes time. I guess it's a little frustrating to realize you can't do it overnight."

Harking back to the unsolicited contributions that helped him get off to a running start at the beginning of his term, Dougherty said the willingness of people to assist law enforcement agencies was one of the most gratifying surprises he experienced in 1981. "The people are willing to help you if you just ask and let them know what you need," he said. "That's a good feeling. If there's any reward, that's it."

Dougherty said his greatest satisfaction as Sheriff has come from "feeling like we've made some small contribution to the people of the county by providing better, professional law enforcement. "I think that's how I'd like to be remembered," he said, "as a person who just had a little common sense and applied it to law enforcement."



Awards Won in National Competition

CLEARWATER — Pinellas County Sheriff Gerry Coleman (left) made no secret of his enthusiasm after members of his Explorer Post returned from national competition with a first place in crime prevention and award certificates in other law enforcement skills. Pictured with him are (from left) Explorer Richard Bennett, who placed high in marksmanship; and Post Advisors Terry Thomas and Beverly Norcum.



Pellicer Praised for Community Service

PALATKA — The Seventh-Day Adventist Church here presented a Community Service Award to Putnam County Sheriff Walt Pellicer (center) for the delinquency fighting activities of his Youth Resources Unit, and for his involvement in the halfway house operated by the Putnam County Alcohol and Drug Council. The presentation was made by John Lanzer (left) and Pastor George Gantz.



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CLEARWATER — Pinellas County Sheriff Gerry Coleman presents Lifetime Honorary Membership plaques to John W. Wilson; Mrs. Sandy Jenkins, Owner of Sandy's Attic; Mrs. Faye MacDowell; First National Bank of Clearwater, represented by Charles B. Galloway, President; Leo C. Bailey; Lt. Col. and Mrs. William J. Lucas; Garden Club of St. Petersburg, represented by Mrs. Thore Johnson (left), President, and Mrs. Mildred Burr, Chairman, Grounds Committee, Garden Therapy.



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CLEARWATER — Pinellas County Sheriff Gerry Coleman (left), assisted by Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch Resident Director Joe Spenard, presents Lifetime Honorary Membership plaques to Clearwater Unit #2, Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary, represented by Past Commander Monica Doyle and Commander Jeanne Andron; and to Turner Brandon American Legion Post Auxiliary, represented by Mrs. Ruth Phillips (left), President, and Mrs. Marie Harrington, Board Member.



PUNTA GORDA — Charlotte County Sheriff Glen E. Sapp (right) presents a Lifetime Honorary Membership plaque to Ms. Grace Chicken; and Builder Certificates to (from left), Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Kaufman, Mrs. Edalia Hallgren, and Mrs. Florence Hummer (who was accompanied by Mr. Hummer).

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TAMPA — Hillsborough County Sheriff Walter C. Heinrich presents Lifetime Honorary Membership plaques to Harry E. Hurst, accompanied by Mrs. Hurst; Commander Cullen P. Tracy, Dale Mabry Post #139, American Legion, who was accompanied by other representatives of the Post; and Mrs. Delores Bedley.



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INVERNESS — Citrus County Sheriff Charles S. Dean presents Lifetime Honorary Membership plaques to Mrs. Je Harned Grant, and Mr. and Mrs. William J. Leavitt. He also accepts a generous Boys Ranch donation from Rick Welch. The donation represented the proceeds from a benefit dance sponsored by Welch. He and six others are in a group called "The Magnificent Seven."



Tunin

BARTOW — Polk County Sheriff Louie T. Mims presents Lifetime Honorary Membership plaques to R.G. Mason, President of H.F. Mason Equipment Co.; and Ben Tunin, owner of the Western Gentleman Shop, in Dundee.



CHIPLEY — Washington County Sheriff Fred Peel presents a Builder Certificate to Mrs. Roy West, who accepted on behalf of herself and her husband.

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DADE CITY — Pasco County Sheriff John M. Short (left), presents Builder Certificates to Mrs. Virginia Hathaway, Mrs. Lena M. Freeman and Earl R. Balcom. He also accepts from Betty Aikey, head hostess at Pappas' Restaurant, Tarpon Springs, some 30 new dresses donated to the Girls Villa. The dresses were to be used as new uniforms by the waitresses at the restaurant Sheriff Short said, but they decided instead to give them to the Villa.

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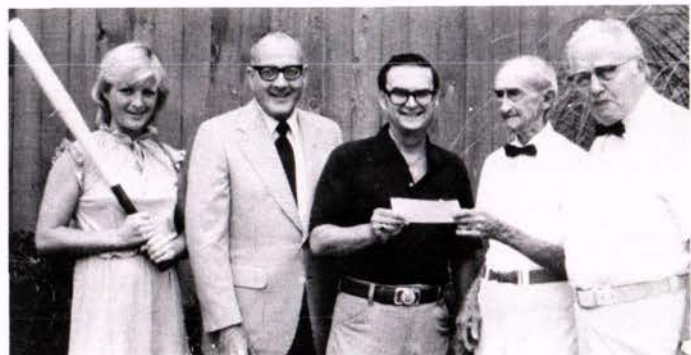
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After the Ball Game — A Fat Check

CLEARWATER — The Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund received a nice, fat check after the Kids and Kubs, a super softball team of senior citizens, played a benefit game against the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department softball team. Involved in the presentation were (from left) Robin Whitfield, representing the Sheriff's team; Don Genung and Joe Spenard, Youth Fund officials; and Fred Broadwell and Bill Walsh, representing the Kids and Kubs. An awed Sheriff's Department spokesman reported that Broadwell is 96.





From left, Jerry Stabile, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rice (who also received a Florida Sheriffs Association Lifetime Honorary Membership Plaque), Mrs. H.B. Goodwin and Sheriff Norvell.

From left, Ira McAlpin, Georgiana Travis, Sheriff Norvell, Paul Brunner, Mariette Schucker and James L. Paxson.



From left, Dr. C.M. Pharr, Rue Lane Brown, Eamonn Geoghegan, Ernie Kope, Sheriff Norvell, Alice H. Peckelis and Albert C. Luther.

Sheriff Had 15 Guests for Breakfast

FORT PIERCE — Sheriff Lanie Norvell gave special recognition to 15 St. Lucie County citizens who have been honorary members of the Florida Sheriffs Association for 25 years. They were his guests for breakfast at the county jail, took a tour of the jail, had their picture taken with the Sheriff, and viewed a new Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund movie entitled "The Road Ahead." Each guest also received a 25-year certificate from the Florida Sheriffs Association.

Sheriffs High in Performance Poll

PENSACOLA — Four new Sheriffs from the panhandle are riding high in the public's eye, according to a University of West Florida poll in which Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa and Walton County residents were asked to rate the performance of their county officials.

Highest ratings in the "good to excellent" category went to Santa Rosa Sheriff J.A. "Jim" Powell (78.0%), Walton Sheriff Quinn A. McMillian (73.8%), and Escambia Sheriff Vince Seely (72.1%). They led their respective counties.

Okaloosa Sheriff Larry A. Gilbert also had a high rating (73.8%), but was outscored by the Okaloosa Supervisor of Elections (82.6%), whose office is usually considered non-controversial. Averaged out for all four counties, only six percent of the citizens thought their Sheriffs were putting on a poor performance.



Kinny was Programmed for Police Work

TALLAHASSEE — It came as no surprise to friends and relatives when H.K. (Kinny) Weaver, son of Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund President, Harry K. Weaver, decided to become a Florida Highway Patrol Trooper. After all, Kinny grew up at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch with Sheriffs, deputies and other law enforcement officers as his role models. When he was graduated from the Florida Highway Patrol Academy, Kinny (third from left) received congratulations from (left to right) his father; Col. Eldrige Beach, Director of the Highway Patrol; and Ed Blackburn, Jr., former State Representative, Sheriff and Highway Patrol Trooper.

GALAXY OF GENEROUS GIVERS

Featured on this page are just a few of the thousands of loyal donors who support the Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund with their generous gifts. These good friends come from varied backgrounds and many different walks of life, but they have one thing in common: a strong desire to help needy and worthy youngsters.



FORT PIERCE — The proceeds from the First Annual Joe Ziemann Memorial Golf Tournament at Bent Pine Golf Club were donated to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund, favorite charity of the late Joe Ziemann, who was formerly the pro at Indian Hills Country Club. St. Lucie County Sheriff Lanie Norvell (left) is shown accepting a check for \$730 from Dr. Richard Skripak. Also pictured is Ziemann's widow, Ruth. (News Tribune Photo by Juan Dale Brown.)



ST. PETERSBURG — Pinellas County Sheriff Gerry Coleman (left) and Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund Vice President Don Genung (right) accept a gift of \$1,000 for the Youth Fund from George Speer. The gift was presented during a Junior Deputy League breakfast meeting which Mr. Speer attended as a guest of South Pasadena City Commissioner Arno Liebman.



LAKE WALES — Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund President Harry Weaver accepts a Land Rover presented to the Youth Fund by Hoke and Kathie Fitzgerald and their son Stuart.



BOYS RANCH — Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Farm Manager Bruce Goff and Resident Director Fred E. "Mac" Stones accept a gift of \$1,870 from the Clay Mavericks Saddle Club, represented by President Don Worthington and Vice President Morris Smith (pictured in the order named). The Mavericks built the Boys Ranch horse show arena and have been responsible for putting on the annual Boys Ranch Anniversary Horse Show. They also make a cash donation to the Ranch annually.



CLEARWATER — The Seagulls Club, represented by Mrs. Helen Hale, President (second from right), presents a generous Girls Villa donation to (from left) Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranch Resident Director Joe Spenard, Girls Villa Resident Director Lloyd Godwin; Pinellas County Sheriff's Department Special Services Director Gay Lancaster (representing Sheriff Gerry Coleman); and Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund Vice President Don Genung.

Quick-Thinking Deputy Prevented Train Crash

SEVILLE — A tractor-trailer truck was stalled on a railroad crossing just north of here. Out of sight, but just minutes away, Amtrack train number 88 with 100 passengers aboard was approaching the crossing at 60 miles per hour.

The stage was set for a major disaster, but quick thinking by Putnam County Deputy Sheriff Robin Strickler prevented an accident and surely saved many passengers from injury or death. Strickler was transporting a prisoner from Palatka to DeLand when he saw the stalled truck. He quickly notified the communications center at the Putnam County Sheriff's Office, and the message was relayed to the headquarters of the Seaboard Coast Line Railroad. The Seaboard dispatcher radioed the passenger train engineer to hit the brakes. Hit the brakes he did, and the five-car passenger train slid to a stop just a short distance from the truck.

After the truck was moved and the train resumed its journey, Strickler was praised by Putnam County Sheriff and Seaboard Coast Line Superintendent Jack Cherry, Jr. "His quick action undoubtedly prevented a most serious accident," Cherry told Pellicer. "I am sure you are proud to have a man of Deputy Strickler's caliber in your employ."

Deputy Robin Strickler was praised for quick-thinking and fast action.

