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# the Sheriff's Star



Prisoners on Patrol (see page 2)



## No Applause or Smiles from Smugglers

NAPLES — After the Collier County Sheriff's Department and a big crew of federal agents cracked down on smugglers in a record-setting drug bust, the Naples News broke out with a round of editorial applause for Sheriff Aubrey Rogers and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

The News said rounding up 17 suspected drug smugglers and confiscating 14 boats, eight vehicles and two airplanes "put a serious crimp in the drug smuggling business in Collier County."

"We don't want to take anything away from the DEA, the Coast Guard and others in this case because they have done a magnificent job," said the News, "but it was Sheriff Aubrey Rogers who got the ball rolling by going to the DEA in 1981 and explaining his problem."

"Narcotics transcends county lines. He recognized that he needed help from the outside. His conversations with the Department of Justice helped launch Operation Everglades."

The News gave a great deal of credit to the DEA for its involvement. It said Operation Everglades had resulted in the confiscation of 23 ships on the high seas. Also, "some \$140 million in marijuana and cocaine never got to the streets as the result of federal seizures that never made any headlines."

Rogers and his deputies short-stopped an additional \$40 million in drugs before it got to potential users, the News added.

During that period Rogers was "taking a lot of heat" from various people in the community for apparently not doing enough about the drug smuggling problem. "He was doing a lot about it," the News said, "but he had to keep it a secret so the operation could reach its culmination."

"So," said the News, "the next time you see Sheriff Rogers on the street, give him a smile and thank him for his vigilance — and his patience. He and his department have performed an outstanding service for Collier County."

## Proof Was in a Printout

FORT LAUDERDALE — To dramatize the fact that drunken driving arrests have increased while traffic deaths have decreased, Broward County Sheriff George Brescher unrolled a 377-foot computer printout for the press.

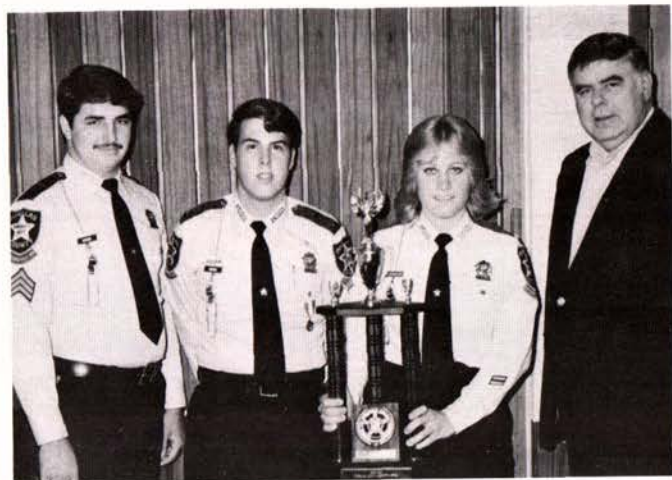
He said it contained the names of 6,359 persons arrested for drunken driving between July 1, 1982, and July 1, 1983, — which was an increase of 85.6 percent over the previous 12-month total of 3,425.

Traffic deaths had decreased almost as dramatically, he said. They were down 31 percent — from 286 to 197.

"We'd like to think that 89 lives have been saved due to increased enforcement," Brescher added.

Drunken driving convictions were said to have increased from 47 percent to over 60 percent.

Under the tough DUI law Florida adopted in 1982, tipsy drivers face an automatic six-month license suspension, a mandatory fine of \$250, 50 hours of community service, and mandatory attendance at a 30-day driving improvement school. Penalties escalate after the first offense.



CLEARWATER — Pinellas County Sheriff Gerry Coleman (right) called in the staff photographer when members of his Explorer Post returned from national competition with trophies. Shown with the second-place trophy they won in moot court testimony are (from left) Randy Woods, Capt. Jeff Swain and Gina Herrington. Another Explorer, Pat Richway, placed first in slow fire competition as well as 19th in the "President's Top 20," but she was not present when the picture was taken.

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# Protecting Youngsters is Sheriff's Aim



Sisters Lori and Cherie Lang were the first youngsters to be fingerprinted in the program launched by Sheriff Louie Mims (seated). Also participating in the proceedings were (from left) Police Chiefs D.N. Tomlinson, Lake Hamilton; A.J. Hobbs, Auburndale; Ken Thompson, Haines City; and Michael Kelly, Eagle Lake; Publix President Joe Blanton; and Publix Founder George Jenkins. Behind Tomlinson, but not visible in the picture, is Major John Simpson, from Lakeland Police Department.

BARTOW — Faced with a statistic that over 920 children were reported missing in Polk County during 1982, Sheriff Louie Mims recently launched a county-wide fingerprinting program in cooperation with Polk County's police chiefs and officials of Publix and Food World Stores.

He said some children had already been fingerprinted in the public schools, and his goal was to reach those who had not yet been contacted. Parents were requested to take their children to a Publix or Food World store between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. to have them fingerprinted. Mims said parents would be given the fingerprint card to take home and keep in a secure place.

He said parents should report missing children to the Missing Children Information Clearinghouse at the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (1-800-342-0821) after they have contacted local law enforcement agencies.

## "There Are Always Some People Who Don't Get the Word"

PENSACOLA — A funny thing happened after Sheriff Vince Seely closed down a pawn shop "sting" operation that netted over 30 arrests and was described as one of the most successful undercover operations ever conducted by the Escambia County Sheriff's Department.

Here's the story, as told by Seely:

"After we closed the pawn shop, we had a news conference and broke the story, which resulted in massive amounts of local publicity. The story was so good it was picked up by the wire services and carried around the country. I gave interviews to newspapers from New York, Washington and Philadelphia, and the story generated a great deal of interest.

"You would think that everyone in the southeast would have heard about our operation and would have stayed as far away from our pawn shop as possible. Well, we discovered there are always some people who don't get the word.

"The day after we closed everything up, and after the news story was carried on TV and in the papers, we went back to the pawn shop to get some of our equipment out. Since the operation was officially over, we didn't take any pains to conceal our identities. Two of our investigators were there in suits. We also had a deputy sheriff who had been one of the undercover pawn shop operators, three trustees in prison uniforms

to help with the loading of equipment, and our flatbed truck. This truck was painted in Sheriff's department colors, had big gold stars on the doors, and had lettering identifying it as one of our vehicles. In other words, it wasn't hard to figure out who the truck belonged to.

"When this group arrived at the pawn shop, a man was sitting on the front steps, waiting. Ignoring everyone else, he ran over to one of the undercover men and started to tell how concerned he had been because he had been afraid the pawn shop was not going to open that day.

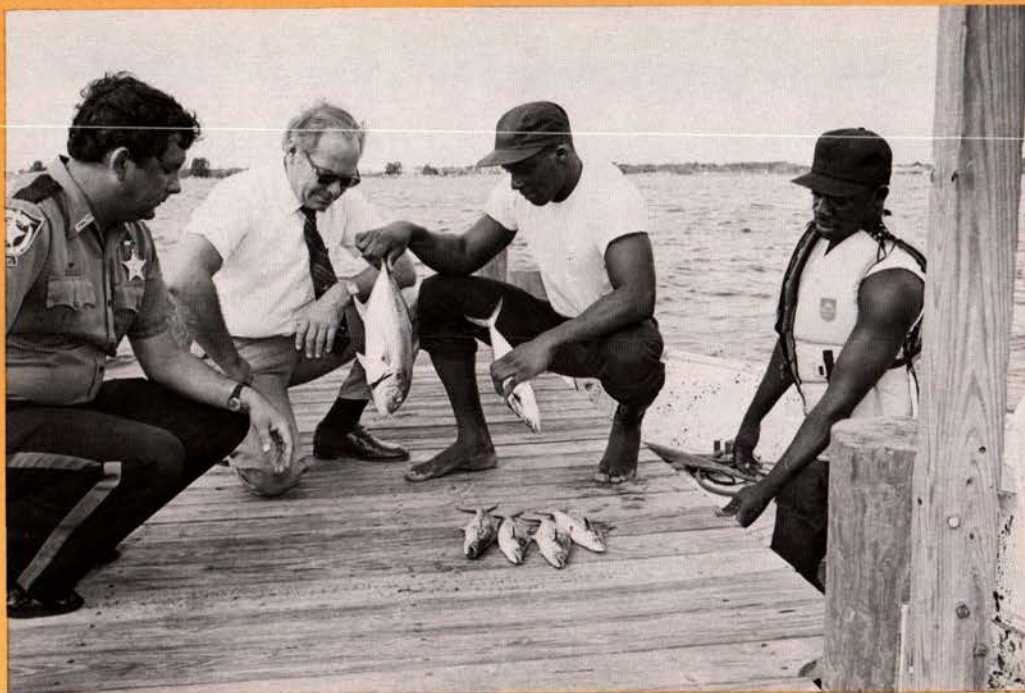
"Everyone's surprise turned to amazement when he pulled out two welfare checks and a book of food stamps and told the deputy he had just stolen them and wanted to sell them.

"Our guy was happy to talk business, although it was hard for him to keep a straight face under the circumstances. After some bargaining back and forth, a deal was struck and the thief handed over the checks and food stamps.

"Instead of getting money in return, he got a pair of handcuffs.

"It did seem strange that he didn't notice the three trustees. They were wearing jail uniforms with 'Escambia County Jail' written all over them. Well, he will have plenty of time to study these uniforms in great detail, because now he is wearing one of his own."

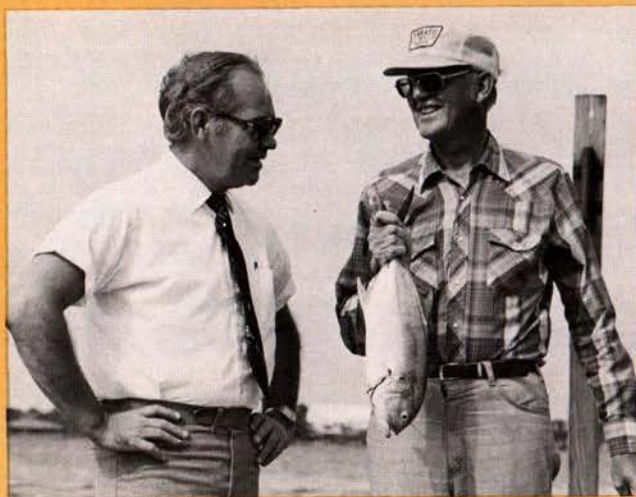




It was a short haul, but not bad considering that the fishermen had their net out only 15 minutes while pictures were being taken. Shown inspecting the catch are Corrections Officer Tom Mahony (left) and Sheriff C.W. "Jake" Miller.

## ***Jail Food:***

# Prisoners Catch, Raise and Eat it In Modern Version of Old Custom



Sheriff Miller (left) accepts a donation for the jail from a local fisherman. He said fishermen often make donations for the prisoners' palates when they see the Mullet Patrol on duty.

TITUSVILLE — In Biblical times — thousands of years ago — captives were forced to labor in the fields. Through the ages prisoners of war have been treated likewise.

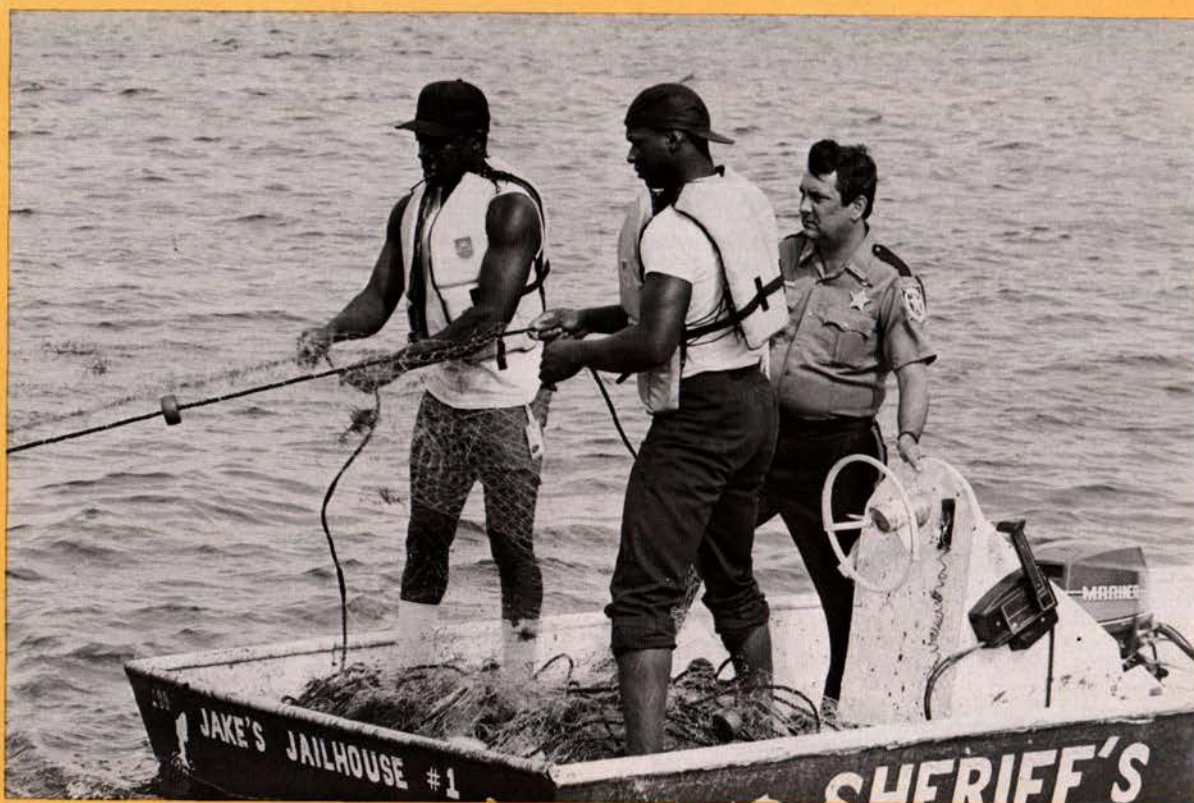
During the first half of the 20th century it was not unusual to see inmates working in vegetable gardens behind Florida's rural jails.

Requiring prisoners to produce their own food is an ancient idea, and no one is claiming that Brevard County Sheriff C.W. "Jake" Miller invented it.

On the other hand, who is going to deny that Miller deserves a niche in the Sheriffs' Hall of Fame because of all the new twists he has added to that old custom?

Granted that Miller has been living in the shadow of the space shuttle, and has been rubbing elbows with space scientists. Naturally, he has acquired a flair for innovations by sheer osmosis.





Prisoners hauling in their dinner under the supervision of Corrections Officer Tom Mahony. The Mullet Patrol is normally supervised by Corrections Officer Gordon Lane, but Mahony was substituting for him when this picture was taken.

But, who else in the history of hoosegow management has ever made headlines in New York, Paris, Peoria and Podunk simultaneously by adding new dimensions to the care and feeding of county jail inmates?

Miller is certainly unique, and so is the chain of events that began to unfold when he let some prisoners go out mullet fishing. He gave them a boat and some nets that had been confiscated by the Florida Marine Patrol; and he was hoping that they would be able to provide at least two fish dinners a week at the county jail.

"I was looking for ways to reduce the food budget at the jail, and also for ways that the inmates could do something constructive," Miller explained in a recent interview.

It took quite a few months to get the desired results, but from the very beginning editors at home and abroad were intrigued by the novel idea of a Sheriff's "mullet patrol."

New Yorkers read about it in the New York Times. Americans living in Paris read about it in the International Herald Tribune. Wire ser-

vices picked it up. Television anchormen used it as a light finale for their evening newscasts.

Meanwhile, back in Brevard County Miller was making progress with a new phase of his food-for-the-jail project. He had obtained permission to use 50 acres of barren county-owned property for a prisoner-operated farm; and now he had to find ways and means to prepare it for cultivation.

The soil was fertile, but it was a flood plain and extensive drainage and irrigation work were needed to put it in shape.

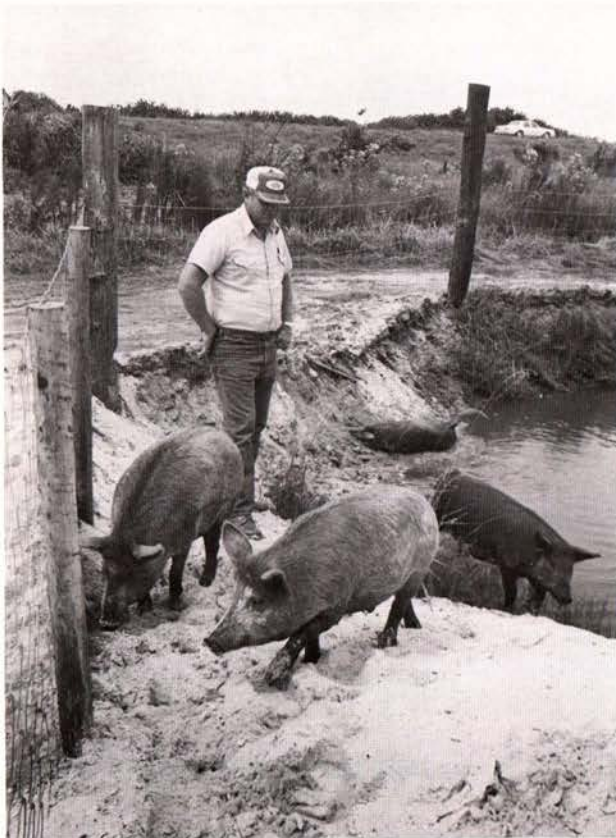
One of Miller's first moves was to trade ten acres of sod to Harvey's Groves, in Rockledge, for irrigation pipe fittings. He also sought, and got, help from many other sources.

Kenneth Collar, District Conservationist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service, prepared an irrigation and drainage plan free of charge.

A. Duda and Sons Ranch, represented by Dave Diamond, sprayed the field with herbicide; and Monsanto Chemical Co., represented by Steve Coop, provided the herbicide.

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Farm Manager Larry Cline checks out some of the animals trapped by the volunteer "Wild Hog Patrol."

## ***Jail Food continued***

The Florida Division of Forestry dug flood and irrigation ditches.

Marvin Roggenkamp, District 4 Road and Bridge Supervisor, brought in men and heavy equipment to help with the flood control system and other jobs.

Area ranchers and citrus growers donated various items and services. The County Commissioners gave the Sheriff an old tractor for plowing and hauling, and also loaned him county tools.

The University of Florida offered to provide advice on crops and other phases of the program.

Mrs. Frank Pyle, of Ormond Beach, District 6 Landscape Design Chairman for the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc., is designing a low maintenance landscaping plan for the farm entrance, utilizing native plants and wildflowers as much as possible.

A veterinarian said if any livestock were acquired for the farm, he would donate his services free.



Equipment provided by A. Duda & Sons Ranch sprayed the vegetable field with herbicide as a preliminary step.



Youngsters assigned to the Juvenile Alternate Sentencing Program (JASP) pick vegetables under the supervision of Tony Lumley, a volunteer who is pictured in the foreground.

As the project progressed, Miller revealed that his plans had expanded beyond merely producing food for the jail. He announced that the farm would also be used as a place where juveniles could be disciplined as well as trained in agricultural skills.

"Don't call it a prison farm," he told his staff and the press. "Call it The Farm of Opportunity."

The Gannett Foundation, an agency linked with Brevard County newspapers, was impressed by the Sheriff's new concept, and awarded a \$25,000 grant to the project. This has provided nearly all of the financing so far, and it was recently supplemented by an additional \$7,800.

Youngsters referred by criminal justice officials are currently doing work at the farm under a Juvenile Alternative Sentencing Pro-





Sheriff Miller, down on the farm.

gram (JASP) operated by Brevard Community College. They are supervised by Larry Byrne, who lives in a security trailer at the farm site and Tony Lumley, a volunteer.

From the beginning, Miller wanted to raise pigs on the farm, but was stumped by the expense. He kept hoping someone would offer to donate some animals, but no one did. Finally help came from an unexpected source. Officials at Cape Kennedy gave the Sheriff permission to trap wild hogs on a portion of the government reservation that is normally closed to hunters and trappers.

Local outdoorsmen volunteered to not only build traps, but also trap the hogs; and at last report they were producing a steady supply of wild pork — a meat that is considered a rare delicacy in many parts of Florida.

Raising domestic hogs is still part of Miller's plan, and he recently saw prospects of getting some help from two young men who were caught in the act of stealing some of his wild hogs. They have bargained for a lighter sentence by offering to replace the wild hog they killed during their caper with a breeder sow valued at approximately \$300.

"I will probably accept," said Miller, "but they will still have to do many weekends of

work on the farm. It will probably be their job to tend to the hogs." The crowning irony is that the thieves didn't know the wild hogs they were stealing belonged to the Sheriff.

Miller said wild hog trapping will be limited to just the number needed to feed the jail inmates — about ten a week. "Wild hogs have litters twice a year, and will reproduce faster than we can trap ten a week," he added.

Getting prisoners to work on the farm is no problem, according to Deputy Larry Cline, the farm manager. He said most of them like it, and they behave because they don't want to lose the freedom of being outdoors. They also seem to welcome an opportunity to do something positive, and to see the results of their labors.

"Will they walk off, if they get a chance?" Cline was asked.

"If one decided to do it," said Cline, "the others wouldn't let him. If one goes, they all get their privileges taken away."

Although the farm project is still in its infancy, it has already produced almost 17,000 pounds of vegetables for the jail. So far, the growing has been experimental to determine what will grow best and what the jail kitchen can utilize best.

Twenty-three different vegetables have been harvested, with turnips, beets, greens, beans, squash, cucumbers, cabbage, tomatoes and okra heading the list.

"The farm is up and running now," said Miller, but he admitted he has not stopped planning future improvements. He wants to build a greenhouse, develop a plant nursery, and add a catfish pond.

He would like to see "social offenders" such as those convicted of driving under the influence (DUI), or failing to pay child support, doing their community service work at the farm.

He also dreams of the day when the farm will produce not only the bulk of the food needed at the jail, but also a surplus that can be given to charitable agencies.

Over 2,000 years ago the Old Testament prophet Joel said: "Your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men see visions." Miller is neither young nor old, yet he seems to have more than his share of both dreams and visions.



# Old Dilemma — New Solution

*And, who knows? It may have defused the old time-honored question: "How come you can never find a cop when you need one?"*



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MIAMI — The thousands of calls that light up law enforcement switchboards fall into two general categories. Some are triggered by emergencies that require immediate attention such as crimes in progress, or accidents that have caused serious injuries. Others are prompted by non-emergencies such as minor accidents or crimes that occurred an appreciable time before the report was made.

It has been customary to send out patrol cars in response to both types of calls, giving first priority to the emergencies, and handling the non-emergencies whenever a patrol car is available.

But, what happens when all patrol units are tied up with non-emergency calls and a serious emergency call comes in? This is a daily dilemma faced by law enforcement agencies; and the Metro-Dade Police Department (MDPD), Dade County's equivalent of a Sheriff's Department, seems to have found an effective remedy.

In 1973, after careful analysis revealed there were many non-emergency calls that could be handled by phone without dispatching a patrol car, the Communications Bureau of MDPD created an Alternate Response Unit (ARU).

Originally the ARU consisted of three civilian complaint officers on each of two shifts. It was their job to take after-the-fact larceny reports and non-injury accident reports by phone.

This immediately reduced the number of calls to which patrol units had to respond, and also increased the availability of patrol units for serious emergencies.

As time went by, the ARU was given a greater variety of non-emergency messages to handle,

such as missing persons, lewd or threatening phone calls, worthless checks, lost property, indecent exposure incidents, and motel guests who skipped without paying.

The work load increased steadily and the staff grew. Today there are seven employees per shift handling a steady stream of calls. All calls to MDPD are filtered through a single bank for immediate attention, and a substantial number of the non-emergencies are routed to the ARU.

To illustrate the effectiveness of this procedure, Donald Thompson, a member of the MDPD Public Information Office staff, pointed out that the ARU handled approximately 51,900 calls for service and produced 39,426 written reports in 1982. The calls averaged 15 minutes, whereas the average time would have been 30 minutes if a patrol unit had been sent to the scene, Thompson said. The estimated savings amounted to \$238,048 and 17,300 man-hours.

"Answering citizen complaints and taking reports by phone was certainly no innovation in the Metro-Dade Police Department," said Thompson. "Instead, the ARU was an attempt to organize these practices into a viable, formalized function easily controlled and easily monitored."

He said the ARU staff, in its day-to-day contacts, has enhanced the public's perception of the MDPD. "And, who knows? They may have even defused the old time-honored question: 'How come you can never find a cop when you need one?'"





Sheriff Bob Durkis handles the handlebar helm while Chief Deputy Bobby Kelly pumps the paddlewheel.

## Pretty? Yes — Speedy? Not Really

LaBELLE — Some came to eat barbecue, some came to see the fireworks, and some came to register as voters, but the highlight of LaBelle's annual River Raft Regatta and Community Picnic was the raft race on the Caloosahatchee River.

Among the 18 race entries was a paddlewheel pontoon rig with a huge gold star emblem, rotating blue light and electric siren representing the Hendry County Sheriff's Department.

Powered by Sheriff Bob Durkis and Chief Deputy

Bobby Kelly taking turns astride a ten-speed bicycle frame, it finished in sixth place.

The builders, Sgt. Mel Brant and Lt. Larry Bankert, fared even better. Their creation captured a second place trophy in judging for "the prettiest."

In celebration of Voter Registration Week proclaimed by Governor Bob Graham, Supervisor of Elections Bette Foote set up a booth on the picnic grounds and counted some 50 patrons who came by to register or give her a change of address.

## Auxiliary Members are Involved

TAMPA — Hillsborough County Sheriff Walter C. Heinrich recently described his 156-member auxiliary force as an outstanding example of citizen involvement in the war against crime.

Serving without pay, the dedicated volunteers easily measure up to this description. Last year they donated more than 65,000 manhours of service to Hillsborough County. Translated into cash, these hours were worth almost \$500,000 — an impressive gift.

The Sheriff's Office auxiliary was formed in 1963 to beef up emergency preparedness under the county's civil defense program. Since then it has become more

closely identified with the daily activities of the Sheriff's Office.

All members are required to complete 120 hours of police academy training to qualify as special deputies. They are assigned to ride in patrol cars with full-time deputies, to work in the county jail, to assist special enforcement units, to work traffic and crowd control at public functions, and to assist in search and rescue missions. Some serve as radio dispatchers. Others perform administrative functions.

"These men and women give tirelessly of their time and talents," said Sheriff Heinrich, "and they represent an important element in the reduction of crime in Hillsborough County."



# Crime Victims Give Deputies Good Grades

**GREEN COVE SPRINGS** — Since 1979 the Clay County Sheriff's Department has been sending questionnaires to crime victims to find out what kind of service they received from deputies, and the response has been overwhelmingly favorable.

The one-page questionnaires are sent out at random, and so far only 19 responses out of 389 have been negative. Each year through 1982, victims gave deputies a 91 percent favorable rating. During the first half of 1983 there were 22 favorable responses and no unfavorable responses.

"I think the most positive thing for us is to let us know what our man is doing out there," said Sheriff Jennings Murrhee. "If he's not doing his job right, by this tool that we're using, we're going to get him to do it right."

The deputies know they are being checked on, and they are permitted to see the questionnaire responses. Murrhee said he thinks that gives them an incentive to go out and do a better job.

The yes-no questions on the questionnaire include: Was the officer friendly? Did he act concerned about your problem? Did he conduct himself as a gentleman and in a professional manner? Was he neat in appearance? Did he use any profanity or other words that an

officer should not use?

Victims are also asked to make comments and suggestions that might improve the department.

A 43-year-old man whose car had been vandalized said the deputy who investigated the case was considerate and concerned. "This has been one of the most caring officers I have ever had the pleasure of dealing with," he added.

A 55-year-old woman who had received threatening phone calls commented that the investigating deputy was attentive, sympathetic and willing to offer any assistance possible. She said she had no more annoying calls after the deputy handled the case.

After several victims returned questionnaires in which they inquired about the status of their cases, Sheriff Murrhee approved a procedure to keep them better informed.

"Now we're to the best of our ability trying to do some follow-up and let them know what took place eventually in their cases," he explained.

Deputies said that the questionnaires kept them on their toes, and can also help the Sheriff weed out deputies who are not doing their job.

"Bad deputies make us all look bad," commented one of the deputies.



**TAMPA** — Hillsborough County Undersheriff John Kirk (left) congratulates Sgt. Robert Shrader for the award he received from the Florida West Coast Chapter of the American Society of Industrial Security after solving a series of telephone cable thefts.



**TAMPA** — Hillsborough County Sheriff Walter C. Heinrich presents an appreciation plaque to Brenda Houston, representing the University Square Mall, for the help and support she gave to the Sheriff's Department's celebration of Law Week 1983.



## Neighborhood Watch Groups Incorporate

**TAMPA** — Gathered around Hillsborough County Sheriff Walter C. Heinrich are the individuals who participated in a recent signing ceremony to incorporate the Hillsborough County Neighborhood Watch Association, which presently has 209 groups of citizens participating in crime prevention activities. From left are, Jesse Lansford, Lois Hatcher, Jane Wiley, Deputy R. Reder, Association President Andy Pandolfo, Deputy E. D'Avignon, Deputy B. Fisher and Rose Matson.





Willits

### Moving Up in the Ranks

DeLAND — Volusia County Sheriff Edwin H. Duff II, presents official badges to James Willits, who was promoted from Planner II in the Administration Division to Director of Administrative Services; and Richard Falardeau, who advanced from Internal Investigator III to Director of Operations.



Falardeau



### Big Surprise Awaits Tippy Drivers

FORT PIERCE — St. Lucie County Sheriff Lanie Norvell was pleased when the local Curtis Mathes dealer gave him video equipment to film tipsy drivers for court evidence. Shown presenting the equipment are Dave Stilli (left) and John Callic (right).



### Plaque Awarded for Best Program

TAMPA — Hillsborough County Sheriff Walter C. Heinrich (in suit) congratulates his School Resource Officers for winning the 1982-83 "Best Program Award" from the Florida Association of School Resource Officers. The officers are (from left) J. Fernandez, C. O'Daniel, W. Fisher, A. Scheirer, Sgt. Tamargo, C. Welch, R. Mullins, J. Newsome, D. Grever, S. Nistal, J. Thompson, I. Armon, B. Edwards. Four others, D. Dunn, S. Conner, D. Holmes and P. Stanojlovic, were absent when the photo was taken.

## Friends Will Remember the Laughter They Shared with Sheriff Bill Taff



CRAWFORDVILLE — When friends and relatives gathered here to pay final respects to former Wakulla County Sheriff William R. Taff, they spoke of his many fine qualities, but the attribute they mentioned most frequently was his superb sense of humor.

"You wasn't around Bill very long unless you heard one of his humorous stories . . . things that he saw . . . things and events that he had experienced," said one

friend. "He had that unique ability to see life, not from the serious side all the time, but to see the joy and fun that life held."

Another friend spoke of his integrity. "He was a person that, if he told you something, you could rely on it," the man said. "He could arrest a person and still be friends."

The former Sheriff was also described as a man who stood tall. "He was not a giant of a figure," said one admirer, "but his shoulders were always straight, squared, and he met life head-on."

A native and life long resident of Wakulla County, Taff was 83 when he died suddenly at his home near Crawfordville on September 30, 1983. Funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church, Crawfordville, on October 2, with a large group of criminal justice officials serving as honorary pallbearers.

Taff was elected Sheriff of Wakulla County in 1956 and served five 4-year terms before he retired in 1976. He was a founder of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch and served on the Florida Sheriffs Association's Board of Directors.



# Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund



# Honor Roll

On these pages the Florida Sheriffs Association gives special recognition to generous supporters of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund and its child care institutions: The Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, Girls Villa, Youth Ranch and Youth Camp. Those listed as "Builders" have given gifts totaling \$100 or more.

Those listed as "Lifetime Honorary Members" of the Florida Sheriffs Association have given \$1,000 or more. Builders receive certificates suitable for framing. Each honorary lifetime member receives a plaque, a lifetime identification card and a lifetime subscription to *The Sheriff's Star*.

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TAMPA — Hillsborough County Sheriff Walter C. Heinrich presents Lifetime Honorary Memberships to Mr. and Mrs. James Cook; Donald P. Fischer, representing Colonial Drive, Inc.; and Jerry Altman, representing IBM Information Network.



Fischer



CLEARWATER — Pinellas County Sheriff Gerry Coleman (right) and Youth Fund Vice President Joe Spenard (left) present a Lifetime Honorary Membership to Colonel and Mrs. Fred J. Owens.



Altman





ST. AUGUSTINE — St. John's County Sheriff Francis M. O'Loughlin (right) presents awards to (from left): Robert C. Millar, Jr., (Distinguished Service Award for 25 years as an honorary member of the Florida Sheriffs Association); Veo Hawkins (Lifetime Honorary Membership); and Mr. and Mrs. Philip Cochran, Sr., (Builder Certificate).



LIVE OAK — Youth Fund Vice President Bill Biebuyck presents a Lifetime Honorary Membership to Mrs. Eileen Beloin.

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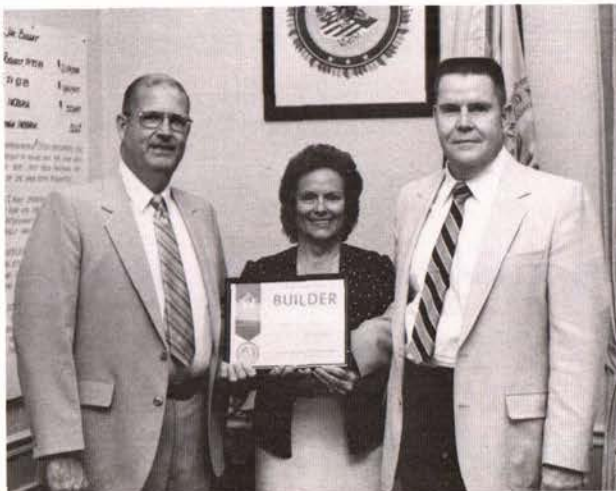
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OCALA — Youth Fund President Harry K. Weaver (left) presents a Builder Certificate to Sheriff and Mrs. Don Moreland.



PUNTA GORDA — Charlotte County Sheriff Glen E. Sapp presents a Builder Certificate to Dorothy B. Chaffin.

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### A Gift of Man and Womanpower for the Sheriff

TAMPA — These Hillsborough County Auxiliary Deputy Sheriffs, who have volunteered to work at least 20 hours per month for Hillsborough County Sheriff Walter C. Heinrich without pay, were recently graduated from the police academy after completing the 120 hours of training required for certification. They are, from left (front row), Lori K. Beier, Eileen E. Drane, Guy E. Frazier, Richard E. Hensel and Zena Langford; (back row) Eugene F. Merritt, Wilson L. Peck, John E. Ragsdale, William F. Russell, David Suggs and George R. Sullivan.



### Just a Good Friend of Youngsters

STUART — After the Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund purchased property in Martin County as a site for future child care facilities, the Martin County Planning and Zoning Commission passed a resolution praising Sheriff Jim Holt for the important role he played in the property transaction; for his 24 years as a loyal supporter of the Youth Fund projects; and for his "tremendous interest in the welfare of all youth in Martin County and throughout the state." Planning and Zoning Commission Chairman Thomas G. Kenny III, (left) is shown presenting the resolution to Sheriff Holt.

### Correction

CLEARWATER — A photograph in the September issue of *The Sheriff's Star* showed Pinellas County Sheriff Gerry Coleman presenting a Florida Sheriffs Association Lifetime Honorary Membership to Mrs. Irene Maken, who was accompanied by her husband and her mother, Mrs. Stanley Hawkins. We regret that the picture caption was incorrect. It stated that the Lifetime Membership was presented to Mrs. Hawkins.

### Persistence Paid Off

COCOA — After Deputy Sheriff LeRoy Gulbrand spotted an armed robber and memorized the tag number of the getaway car, there was reason to believe he had gotten the number wrong. It didn't match up with a description of the getaway car when motor vehicle tag records were checked. Nevertheless, Gulbrand insisted he had gotten the number right, and he proved it by verifying that the tag had been switched from another car. He also nabbed the suspected armed robber. And, in recognition of his persistence and professionalism, he received the American Legion's "Officer of the Year" award.



### Manual Rewritten by Former Junior Deputies

FORT PIERCE — After St. Lucie County Sheriff Lanie Norvell was told his Junior Deputy Sheriff Manual was too difficult for fifth graders to understand, he turned it over to Judy Amant and her class of gifted former Junior Deputies to be rewritten. Recently, the Sheriff put his stamp of approval on the revised manual and delivered copies to Superintendent of Public Instruction Norman Behling (center) and Ms. Amant.





Detective Sam Solomon with the auto theft van and some of its equipment.

## *Success Story:*

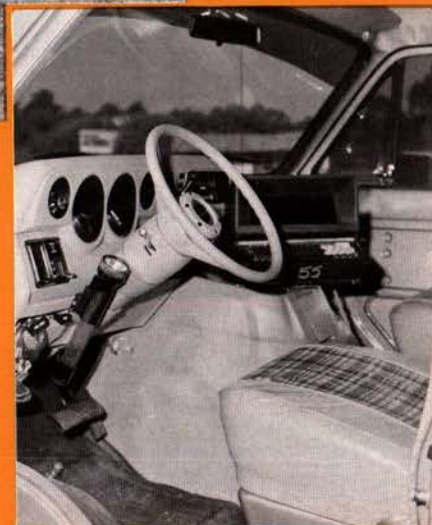
# Two Ingenious Guys With a Plan and a Van

**CLEARWATER** — When thefts of cars, trucks, motorcycles and heavy equipment were on the increase, two hard-working detectives came up with an idea that helped to also increase the number of auto theft recoveries, arrests and jail terms logged by the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department.

Detectives Sam Solomon and Ray Newman got permission from Sheriff Gerry Coleman to renovate an old van that had been retired from prison transport service. Their scheme was to turn it into a mobile auto theft investigation unit so they could do their work more efficiently — particularly so they could speed up identification of stolen vehicles on the street.

Well, they did it for less than \$600 and it worked. After the refurbished van was put into

Inside the van they installed a mobile computer terminal linked to the Department's central computer, a seven channel radio scanner, a land-line telephone, files, report forms and a typewriter. In addition, the van was outfitted with mechanics tools which are used to locate



Interior view showing the computer terminal.

Vehicle Identification Numbers (VIN) on possible stolen cars.

The transformation was completed for less than \$600 and it worked. After the refurbished van was put into operation the value of stolen vehicles recovered by the Sheriff's Department hit a record high of over \$1 million in one year, and the rate of vehicle theft cases closed increased to 58 percent.

Sheriff Coleman was so pleased he told the detectives he was going to get them a new van. They deserved it, just for their ingenuity alone.