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FORT LAUDERDALE — "Some people are born great," Shakespeare said, "and some have greatness thrust upon them." But, he failed to mention the possibility of becoming famous by going hell bent over a water ski jump at 40 miles per hour — without skis.

This barefoot feat was performed by Broward County Deputy Sheriff John Candler at the National Barefoot Skiing Championship in Oswego, New York, last August, and he not only set a world record, but also landed on the front cover of *The Sheriff's Star*.

According to a news release issued by Candler's boss, Sheriff George A. Brescher, the plucky deputy won the national championship and was named the best barefoot water skier in the nation.

Brescher said Candler set a new world mark by making a barefoot jump of 45 feet, which was four feet beyond the old record. He also finished first in tricks and jumping, second in starts, and fourth in the wake slalom competition.

The rules require a barefoot skier to hit the ramp at a speed no greater than 42 miles per hour. (The ramp is

18 to 19 inches above the water on its high side.) After making the jump, the skier must assume an upright position within 150 feet, and must hold this position until he is at least 250 feet from the jump.

Law enforcement and water skiing are the main topics of conversation at Candler's house. His wife, Cindy, is a communications supervisor at the Broward County Sheriff's Office, and she is also establishing her credentials as a barefoot ski tournament judge. Their five-year-old son, Curt, is being trained by his father to become the world's youngest barefoot skier — a goal he will achieve if he is able to solo by February, 1984.

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Sheriff Ed Duff (right) and Pilot Art LeBel with the Piper Cherokee that was recently added to the airborne unit of the Sheriff's Department.

"Air Force" Commanded by Ed Duff Noted for Having the Right Stuff



DeLAND — Sheriff Ed Duff doesn't advertise his services in Volusia County newspapers — Lord knows, he has all the business he can handle without running any ads — but, if he ever felt compelled to sit down and compose a sales pitch for his airborne unit, it would go something like this:

Introducing
Sheriff Ed Duff's

Bargain Basement Used Aircraft Store
and Allied Airborne Services

We buy, trade, sell, restore, confiscate and
levitate. We also raise hell with drug smugglers,
outwit car thieves, and rescue boaters cast
adrift on outgoing tides. We frequently airlift
critically injured accident victims.

We save lives, pinch pennies and
fight crime. That's our line.

The ad is a piece of fantasy, but the message is based on facts. Duff and the men who operate his "air force" have done a remarkable job at minimal cost to Volusia County taxpayers.

The building of an efficient air arm began in 1975 when the Sheriff purchased two Helio Couriers that had been retired from the U.S. Customs Service.

He paid \$500 for each of the airplanes. Parts from one were used to completely recondition the other, and the result was a versatile craft that could carry six people, stay aloft for at least ten hours, and throttle down to 25 miles per hour for surveillance or rescue missions. When it was sold, it brought \$51,200.

Meanwhile, the Sheriff's airborne unit continued to grow and diversify. In 1977, Duff acquired two Huey helicopters. In 1978, he purchased eight government surplus helicopters for just a few shekels. From these his ground crew produced five rebuilt choppers.

Today, the fleet includes two Bell Jet Rangers (helicopters) equipped for airborne ambulance (Medi-vac)

service; a Hughes 269 helicopter for patrol and surveillance work; and a six-place Piper Cherokee plane that was recently acquired by swapping a helicopter to the Brevard County Sheriff's Department.

The Cherokee, which incidentally has the same FAA number (801) as Duff's radio call number, replaces a Cessna 142 twin-engine plane, and is less expensive to operate. It will be used for transporting prisoners, narcotics surveillance, and official county trips.

The Cessna twin was added to the fleet in 1981 through a series of trades involving aircraft that had been confiscated in drug-related arrests. It was recently sold for \$51,200.

So goes the Duff success story. From an original investment of only \$1,000, Duff and his deputies have built an outstanding airborne unit with a commendable record of law enforcement accomplishments.

Asked for some statistics, Chief Pilot Mike Mellon reeled off a 12-month box score from memory. He said the airborne unit had been credited with making 31 felony arrests; recovering 13 stolen vehicles; locating 12 overdue boats; recovering 14 drowning victims; and finding 17 missing persons.

He said aerial surveillance had resulted in confiscation of marijuana worth at least \$6 million in just six months.

The Medi-Vac operation (airborne ambulance service for critically injured persons) is a new venture linked with the opening of a trauma center at a local hospital. It handled 12 patients in its first five months, Mellon said.

Although Duff's air force ranks high, the Sheriff is not satisfied to simply maintain the status quo. He's currently planning further improvements, including a Sheriff's Department hangar and fuel supply, which will cut operating costs substantially.

That, too, has the makings of a great newspaper ad — one that will never appear in print.



Deputy J.J. Gallagher played the role of Santa Claus.



Christmas Season Revives Memories of a Memorable Mission

PANAMA CITY — 'Twas the eve before Christmas 1982, and all around the Sheriff's Department there was much ado.

Apparently the Sheriff's fleet of patrol cars had been called in for some special mission, and deputies were loading them with bulging plastic bags.

It was a strange scene — sort of like a drug bust running in reverse — but whatever was happening seemed to have the blessing of Sheriff LaVelle Pitts. He was directing traffic as the patrol cars rolled out into the street one by one.

"Must be settin' up one helluva raid someplace," said a waiting driver to his wife. Then, as the last patrol car turned the corner, a deputy dressed as Santa Claus leaned out the window, waved to the Sheriff, and

shouted "Merry Christmas."

"Well I'll be damned," said the waiting motorist. And, he didn't find out until much later that he had witnessed the climax of "Project 25," a crime prevention campaign based upon the theory that it's a crime for little kids to face Christmas morning without toys under their trees.

Project 25 was started long before Christmas Eve, and spearheaded by an organization of deputies' wives called SWAG (Sheriffs' Wives' Action Group.) These ladies canvassed the community for donations and put on a fish fry to raise money.

Proceeds from a benefit football game between Bay County deputies and Panama City policemen were added to the pot. Sheriff Pitts gave over 150 stuffed



Captain Lowell Russ helps SWAG Member Lillian Leonard select gifts.

animals; and Zayres Department Store not only granted substantial discounts on toys, but also provided a location for gift wrapping.

As Christmas eve approached, churches, teachers, and law enforcement officers worked together to compile a list of the most needy families — folks who would have no Christmas at all unless someone came to their rescue. SWAG members shopped for gifts and wrapped them, making certain that appropriate toys were provided for every child on the list.

Finally, the gifts were packed in bags, then the bags were labeled, loaded in patrol cars, and delivered to over 75 homes. It was a busy evening for on-duty and off-duty deputies, but also rewarding. Many of them were late for the Christmas Eve festivities at their own homes, but they were cheered up by the knowledge that more than 250 needy kids would find surprise gifts and fruit under their Christmas trees in the morning.



Sheriff LaVelle Pitts directed traffic as the patrol cars moved out on their memorable mission.



SWAG members Lillian Leonard, Judy Girvin and Charlene Polk (from left) wrap gifts, while Captain Lowell Russ fills a "Santa sack."

Later, Sheriff Pitts pointed out that Project 25 involved not just SWAG members, but every member of the Sheriff's Department. "Everyone participated," he said, "and I am convinced everyone had a more satisfying Christmas because of it. I know the stories brought back by the officers who delivered the gifts certainly made my Christmas better."

To Cure the Blues:

Viewing the Martyrs on the Wall Is More Effective Than Tylenol

STARKE — When Sheriff Dolph Reddish gets the blues — as Sheriffs sometimes do — he has a sure-fire cure. He simply swivels his desk chair around and looks at the photos of former Sheriffs on his office wall.

Five of these stalwart gentlemen were murdered, and another was gunned down under mysterious circumstances — all in a period of 28 years, from 1885 to 1912.

During this same time — a heyday of gun-totin' outlaws — three deputy sheriffs and two town marshals were also murdered.

Just to meditate on the pictures of some of these law enforcement martyrs reminds Reddish of the contrast between Bradford County's violent past, and its relatively peaceful present. And, right away, he begins to feel better — and safer.

"I've never been shot at, and I've never shot at anyone," he said recently. "In fact, I don't carry a gun."

Reddish, who began his law enforcement career as a jailer and deputy 26 years ago, apparently doesn't need a six-shooter to get the job done. He's well armed with experience and professional credentials, and that too is a contrast between the past and present.

From the beginning there were signs that this former farm boy and Korean War veteran represented a new breed of law enforcement cat. When he went to work for his dad, the late Sheriff P.D. Reddish, in 1957, he soon discovered that being a jailer didn't offer much of a challenge.

"Normally, back then, a jailer was someone who had retired from other jobs, or maybe someone who was physically disabled," he recalled. "Just somebody to sleep there and lock and unlock. No records at all other than the old jail log. We just booked 'em. That was about all."

Bored with just booking and turning keys, the young rookie jailer soon started fingerprinting and photographing prisoners. He also set up the Sheriff's Department's first case files.

"There were no files on criminal investigations back then," he explained. "Everyone just kept his own little notes, whatever he wanted to save, in desk drawers."

Jailers didn't receive any formal training and they often worked for long stretches without any time off. Shortly after Reddish went to work in the jail, an evening jailer was hired to work from 4 to 12, but that gave Reddish no spare time. It simply allowed him to go out and work as a deputy sheriff at night. On one occasion he worked six months without a day off.



Meditating upon former Sheriffs who were shot and killed in the line of duty is good medicine for the current Bradford County Sheriff, who has never been shot at.

Strangely enough, he loved his work and eventually became a "road deputy." He was still working long hours, but he liked the excitement of making arrests and investigating major crimes.

Most of all he enjoyed chasing moonshiners, which had evolved into sort of a game, with rules and — of course — penalties. There was a gentleman's agreement that, if moonshiners were spotted operating a still, the officers had to catch them to arrest them. If they weren't caught they weren't charged, even though they might have been identified from a distance.

"I can remember at one time in the late 50s we had a moonshine still behind nearly every stump," said Reddish. "And, I remember seein' that jail yard completely full of stuff we had salvaged from the stills. We would sell what we could and make a little money out of it."

Moonshining was a trade sometimes handed down from generation to generation, and accepted by a lot of people, Reddish said.

In contrast, according to Reddish, there is very little, or no, public acceptance of the people involved in today's drug traffic.

Moonshining was a "nickle and dime" business, compared to the current high stakes drug business, Reddish explained.

Comparing Bradford County law enforcement in the 50s with what it has become in the 80s is also a study in contrasts.

"Years ago I knew personally by name at least 90 percent of the people in the county," said Reddish. "I knew what was going on. I had my finger on the pulse of the community, and there was a closeness that is not there now."



Reddish doesn't carry a gun, but he is well armed with professional credentials. The problem is he is running out of office wall space, and has been unable to display all of the plaques and certificates attesting to his professionalism.

"There was a lot more room for imagination, ingenuity and innovation. It seemed like there was a greater sense of accomplishment. Those years were more fruitful from the standpoint of self-fulfillment and service to the community."

Bradford County's population has grown from about 7,500 to about 21,000 within the span of the Sheriff's memory, and this growth has demanded a different brand of law enforcement.

To keep pace with the demand, Reddish has acquired some impressive credentials. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, the National Sheriffs Institute, and the National Institute of Corrections. Certificates on his office wall show that he has completed courses offered by the Florida Law Enforcement Academy and the Police Standards Council. He is also a certified police instructor.

Reddish admits he is a lot more professional today, but he also recognizes that professionalism has some drawbacks. "It tends to stereotype people," he said. "Everything is done by the book. You are in danger of getting a lot more work oriented than people oriented."

"The dispensing of justice is more efficient now, but I wouldn't say it is more effective."

"The criminal justice system has gotten very impersonal. By that I mean distant from the people. I get the very distinct feeling some times that we're not really here to serve the people, that we're here to self-perpetuate the system, and to see that the system is oiled properly and runs smooth... don't rock the boat... nobody make any waves... do it by the book... and all that kinda thing."

Reddish feels there is no such thing as swift and sure justice any more. Years ago things were different.

"I can remember very distinctly the cases where I would arrest a person say for forgery or murder or robbery or something on Monday, and on Friday of the same week I would deliver him to UCI, the state prison. That's what I call swift and sure justice."

The Sheriff admits that injustices may have been



The old Bradford County jail where Reddish started his law enforcement career 26 years ago is no longer used for housing prisoners.



A more modern jail has replaced the old relic.

done to one innocent person out of every 10,000 guilty criminals under the old system, but he can accept that possibility. He feels that unreasonable concern for the one innocent person in 10,000 has produced a current philosophy that is "literally killing" the system.

"That's one of the main underlying reasons why criminality is where it is today," he declared. "The courts have gotten so defendant-oriented that they have become a stumbling block in the judicial process. The trial procedures are worse than 15 years ago, as far as processing cases is concerned. They mostly are handled by attorneys in a back room shuffling papers now."

Reddish is not pleased with the current trend of events in his profession, but he loves his job. "I'd be lost without it," he said.

In 1957, when he started his law enforcement career,
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Allies for Adequate Jails

By: Jim Smith
Attorney General



In recent years, court actions initiated by county jail inmates and their attorneys have caused Sheriffs to become legal adversaries of state agencies, notably the Department of Corrections, the Department of Legal Affairs, and the State Fire Marshal's Office.

The following article by Attorney General Jim Smith describes how this undesirable situation developed; and how the unaccustomed adversaries have managed to work together in a spirit of cooperation to overcome the many problems.

It has not been easy. Sheriffs have been faced with many unreasonable, and sometimes frivolous, demands for expensive and unnecessary jail improvements. However, a spirit of teamwork has prevailed, and the Sheriffs Association is grateful to the Department of Corrections, the Department of Legal Affairs, and the State Fire Marshal's Office for helping to make this possible.

Berwin Williams
Executive Director
Florida Sheriffs Association

As Florida's Attorney General, I head the Department of Legal Affairs, the agency that provides attorneys to represent the state in legal matters. Under Florida law, the department provides legal counsel in state and federal court for the Department of Corrections (DOC) in thousands of suits filed by inmates.

The nature of the counsel has shifted in recent years as the Department of Corrections began asserting its legislatively mandated inspection of conditions in county and municipal jails.

Unfortunately, the sheriff's responsibility as jail administrator will sometimes place him in an adversarial role when DOC is required to seek court-ordered remedies to bring jails into compliance. Lack of adequate funding to correct deficient jail conditions is the major impediment to ending this adversarial relationship.

There is a popular misconception that all inmates in local jails are convicted criminals. However, jails, unlike state prisons, house convicted criminals only

temporarily or for periods up to a year. Jails mainly house pretrial detainees, and their confinement conditions may lawfully be no more restrictive than necessary to detain them until they obtain bail or are tried.

In 1974, the first federal class-action suit over jail conditions in Florida was filed in Duval County. The suit, *Miller v. Carson*, alleged that unsatisfactory conditions in the Duval County jail amounted to cruel and unusual punishment. Louie Wainwright, Secretary of the Department of Corrections, was a defendant in that suit because of responsibilities assigned to his agency by the Legislature in Chapter 951.

This law directs the department to adopt rules prescribing standards for county and municipal detention facilities. These rules regulate the construction, maintenance and operation of jails and the number of prisoners who may be housed per specified unit of floor space. The law also directs the Department to enforce the rules by filing suits to prohibit confinement of inmates in facilities which do not meet standards or to have prisoners removed from such facilities.

The allegations of that first suit — including overcrowding, inadequate staffing, inadequate lighting and ventilation and living space, and other unsanitary conditions — were to echo in later jail-condition suits in Brevard, Broward, Dade, Escambia, Leon, Lee, Martin, Okaloosa, Orange, Palm Beach, Polk, Santa Rosa, Suwannee, St. Lucie, and Volusia Counties.

Overshadowing these suits, however, is one filed in March, 1979, against Secretary Wainwright. That one, *Arias, et al. v. Wainwright*, was filed on behalf of *all* inmates then, or in the future, incarcerated in any city or county jail in Florida. Jail reform attorneys, recognizing the statewide impact of a single suit filed against the enforcing authority of Chapter 951, had plaintiff inmates confined in Brevard, Collier, Gadsden, Glades, Hendry, Jackson, Lee, Monroe, and Pasco county jails.

Arias contains a laundry list of conditions allegedly existing throughout our county jails. Alle-

gations included inadequate medical care, heating, lighting, ventilation, sanitation, clothing and bedding, hazardous fire conditions, overcrowding and physical assaults as a result of inadequate classification, security, and supervision.

The suit sought injunctive relief to require Wainwright and his staff to conduct exacting jail inspections and to take all steps authorized by Chapter 951 to eliminate alleged unlawful and unconstitutional jail conditions.

During this time, the Department of Corrections was developing a formula by which jail capacity per specified unit of floor space for each prisoner would be determined, as mandated by state statute.

By the summer of 1980, DOC lawyers for Arias and representatives of the Florida Sheriffs Association had identified some common objectives for the upgrading of jail conditions. By that time other Florida counties and Sheriffs were facing individual and class-action suits by inmates over jail conditions.

Recognizing the advisability of a reasonable settlement in Arias, lawyers on my staff attended a series of discussions with DOC inspectors and administrators, representatives of the Florida Sheriffs Association, and Arias' counsel. The discussions focused on the quality and number of jail inspections, follow up inspections and enforcement, and the adequacy of then-existing jail regulations. Particular concern was voiced by all about overcrowding.

From these discussions it became apparent that there would be little agreement with Arias' counsel on the new jail regulations then under consideration, including the formula that would set minimum floor space requirements for inmates. They were skeptical of the formula because it was untested and required, in their opinion, too little floor space.

They advocated a standard giving each inmate 50 to 70 square feet, depending upon the type of housing, as recommended by the American Correctional Association. This was regarded by DOC as financially not feasible for older jails. Likewise, plaintiffs' insistence on mandatory contact visitation, out-of-door exercise and jail law libraries was regarded as exceeding constitutional requirements as well as not being feasible for many counties.

Even with agreement that the revised regulations would incorporate existing lighting, ventilation, and sanitation standards required by the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services and existing fire safety standards required by the State Fire Marshal, they were not included in settlement discussions because of fundamental differences.

Both an agreement on a partial settlement in

Arias and the revised jail regulations emerged in early 1981. Jail standards were not included in the partial Arias settlement. Plaintiffs' counsel assumed a "wait-and-see" attitude on the issues of standards and space.

In the partial settlement, however, DOC agreed to fulfill its responsibilities under Chapter 951 by employing a sufficient number of inspectors, inspecting each jail at least twice a year and by adequately equipping and training each jail inspector. It also agreed to enforce its jail regulations, by suit if necessary, when violations were not timely corrected.

To fulfill its responsibilities under the law, the department of corrections, assisted by legal counsel in my office, has been required to bring suit against several counties to remedy reported jail violations.

Voluntary compliance with jail standards is the best approach for all. It minimizes legal and other costs and potential liability of the state and its counties. Non-complying jails are ripe for costly federal court suits by inmate-retained counsel. The federal civil rights statute by which jail-condition suits are filed authorizes an award of attorney's fees to prevailing plaintiffs. Under the statute, both state and county officials have been required to pay inmate attorney fees. The cost to the state has been more than \$270,000, while some \$600,000 has been paid to inmates' attorneys in jail-condition suits in Broward, Dade, Duval, Escambia, Lee, Martin, Orange, Palm Beach, Pinellas, and Volusia Counties.

I'm hopeful that local governments, as they are made fully aware of the serious difficulties faced by Sheriffs and jail administrators in complying with court-imposed standards, will take the steps necessary to put this problem behind us.

Events of recent months have indicated a turnabout for our jails. According to DOC records, new jails have been or will soon be completed in Alachua, Broward, Escambia, Hamilton, Lee, Manatee, Marion, Martin, Okaloosa, Orange, Palm Beach, Pasco, Pinellas, St. Johns and Volusia Counties. Others are under renovation in Alachua, Brevard, Santa Rosa, and St. Lucie Counties.

Chapter 218, enacted in 1982, authorized local governments to pledge local half-cent sales taxes for funding capital projects like jails. Chapter 83-355, Laws in Florida, enacted during the special session in July, 1983, authorizes a one year local-option sales tax to be collected during 1985 for construction of criminal justice facilities which would include jails.

In addition, a DOC-Florida Sheriffs Association

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joint management review team is now producing a compliance-oriented alternative to additional suits against many substandard jails.

The success of class-action inmate suits over jail conditions in federal district courts is unquestioned. To my knowledge, none has failed to gain some measure of the relief sought.

While no one likes to spend money on jails when there are so many pending priorities for law-abiding and tax-paying citizens, the problem is not one that will go away. We must work together to end the necessity for one arm of Florida government to sue another.

Alternatives to legal action in bringing our jails up to reasonable standards exist. The public and elected officials must be made aware that jails are as essential to law enforcement as courts and uniformed officers.

Here's Number to Call If You Spot Pot Farmers

TALLAHASSEE — To crack down on the illegal growing of marijuana, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) has established a toll-free number private citizens can call when they see evidence that "pot" is being grown anywhere in the state.

The number is 1-800-342-7768, and it can be called any hour of the day or night, seven days a week.

No risk is involved for callers. FDLE Commissioner Robert R. Dempsey said they can be assured that their anonymity will be protected, and that the information they provide will be passed on promptly to the law enforcement agency in whose jurisdiction the sighting has been made.

Dempsey urged citizens to call the toll-free number whenever they become suspicious; and he suggested the following signs that might indicate the presence of pot growing projects:

1. When strangers buy tracts of land through a third party, pay cash, and are reluctant to give telephone numbers or addresses to the seller.
2. When purchasers install high fences around a piece of property, put heavy chains and locks on gates, and post "Keep Out" signs.
3. The building of a large greenhouse or tin barn, and the use of alarm systems and guard dogs should cause neighbors to become suspicious.
4. When anyone makes large purchases of fertilizer, garden hose, plastic PCV pipe, chicken wire, long 2 X 2 lumber, varied sizes of pots for growing plants, machetes, camouflage netting and clothing, varied sizes of step ladders up to 18 or 20 feet, and green and brown paint.

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he had several choices. He could have stayed in the Air Force as a mechanic crew chief, or he could have gone to work for an airline. But, home ties were strong, and he's not sorry that he decided to stay in Bradford County, the place of his birth.

He was elected Sheriff in 1972 after his father announced he was retiring. "The interesting thing about that," he said, "is that daddy was a county commissioner for ten years and Sheriff for 24. Now I've been Sheriff for almost 11. That's 45 years consecutive that the Reddish family has been in politics . . . on the ballot. At the end of this term it will make 46 years.

"I don't know what it says except . . . that the people are generally satisfied with what we're doin', or they would have kicked us out a long time ago."

Obviously the people are satisfied. Reddish had no political opponents the last two times he ran for election. He was Bradford County's first unopposed Sheriff.

5. When there is an unusual amount of traffic going to and from a piece of property, especially if the vehicles are occupied by strangers traveling at night, and the gates are kept locked after each entry or exit.

6. If people erect tents and park motor homes or camper trailers on wooded property where there are no recreational facilities.

7. If new property owners are vague or secretive about their plans for using the property.

Dempsey said the FDLE in cooperation with Sheriffs' Departments and other agencies, spotted 433 marijuana growing sites, destroyed 35,000 plants with a maturity value of \$31 million, and arrested 126 suspected pot farmers between March and October.

However, he said the job of putting marijuana farmers out of business cannot be done by law enforcement agencies alone. "We must also have the assistance of Florida citizens," he added.

So, go ahead and call the toll-free number whenever you see any suspicious actions. FDLE is waiting.

Twenty-Five Years of Loyal Support

ST. AUGUSTINE — St. Johns County Sheriff Francis M. O'Loughlin presents a Distinguished Service Award to Mrs. Lily Hogle in recognition of her 25 years as an honorary member of the Florida Sheriffs Association.



★ WE SALUTE ★

**Alan Stenquist
Richard Kuntzman
Clifford Edwards
Richard Lind
John Higgins**

FORT LAUDERDALE — Broward County Sheriff George A. Brescher presented Distinguished Service Awards to five private citizens who disregarded personal risks to apprehend law-breakers involved in violent crimes.

Alan Stenquist and Richard Kuntzman were honored for stopping an attack on a woman and catching her attacker.

Clifford Edwards, Richard Lind and John Higgins were praised for going to the aid of a deputy wounded in an armed robbery shootout, and for catching one of the armed robbers.

Brescher said the five men "responded quickly and decisively in crises fraught with unknown dangers, without consideration for their personal safety."

Greg Peel

PANAMA CITY — Bay County Deputy Sheriff Greg Peel was praised for saving the life of a motorist whose car plunged into a bayou.

When Peel arrived at the scene the motorist was floundering in the water, and he sank to the bottom as Peel was pulling off his gun belt and shoes. Peel dove into the eight-foot-deep water, found the motorist on the bottom, pulled him to shore, and started reviving him. The man survived and was charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant, and driving without a valid driver's license.

**P.T. McHale
M.H. Jones
R.E. Smith
R.L. Bergdorf
G.S. Martin
J.A. Zipperer**

JACKSONVILLE — Sheriff Dale Carson awarded medals to six officers for acts of bravery.

Medals of Merit went to: P.T. McHale for rescuing an accident victim from a burning car; M.H. Jones and R.E. Smith for rescuing a drunken driver from a burning truck cab; R.L. Bergdorf and G.S. Martin for rescuing a ten-year-old girl pinned under a car.

A Purple Heart was presented to J.A. Zipperer, who survived a shooting because he was wearing a bullet-proof vest.

**Curtis McFee
Michael Delay
Clyde Andrews
Curtis Fox**

PENSACOLA — Gulf Breeze Officer Curtis McFee, and Escambia County Sheriff's Deputies Michael Delay, Clyde Andrews, and Curtis Fox were honored by the Pensacola Exchange Club, the Escambia County Commission and the Gulf Breeze City Council for their heroic attempts to save a driver whose car plunged into Escambia Bay as the result of a traffic accident.

Hampered by darkness and a lack of diving equipment, the men were not able to save the driver's life, but they were praised for taking risks in a life-saving attempt.

News accounts also gave recognition to Deputies John Lackey and Howard Enderson, and to Gulf Breeze Volunteer Fireman Lance Reese for their participation in the rescue attempt.



**Rescuer and
Snatcher Catcher Honored**

PUNTA GORDA — Charlotte County Sheriff Glen E. Sapp presents Distinguished Service Awards to Jean Lamont and Michael Zerbonia. He honored Lamont for her quick action in saving a child from drowning; and Zerbonia for catching a purse snatcher who had tried to steal a 71-year-old woman's purse.



**Handling of Emergency
Pleased Sheriff**

CLEARWATER — Pinellas County Sheriff Gerry Coleman honored Explorers John Madden (left) and Joseph Navarez with gold certificates for their alert and effective action in extinguishing a burning car that caught fire near the Sheriff's Office. On duty at the time, they grabbed extinguishers and ran to the scene of the fire. Their quick action prevented more serious damage and possible injuries, Coleman said.

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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WEST PALM BEACH — Palm Beach County Sheriff Richard Wille (left) presents a Lifetime Honorary Membership to Mrs. Diane Kalna and family.



BOYS RANCH — Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund Vice President Bill Biebuyck (second from right) presents a Lifetime Honorary Membership to The Pony Express, a country-western band that has provided entertainment at Boys Ranch anniversary celebrations for eight years. Band members are (from left) Gary Hicks, Cecil Hicks, Gene Perry and Tom White.



GAINESVILLE — Alachua County Sheriff L.J. "Lu" Hindery (center) presents Lifetime Honorary Memberships to Carlos Proctor (left) and Lewis Williams.



ST. AUGUSTINE — Saint Johns County Sheriff Francis M. O'Loughlin (right) presents a Builder Certificate to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lawton.



CLEARWATER — Pinellas County Sheriff Gerry Coleman presents a Lifetime Honorary Membership to Mrs. April Jannarone.



SNEADS — Jackson County Sheriff John P. McDaniel (left) presents a Lifetime Honorary Membership to Niel S. Atkinson.



FORT MYERS — A Lifetime Honorary Membership was awarded to Ms. Marjorie H. Casey.



MADISON — Madison County Sheriff Joe Peavy (right) presents Builder Certificates to (from left) Russell Underwood, Winn-Dixie Manager; Buck Cryer; "Boogie" Schnitker, Southeast Bank President; Mrs. W.C. Littleton; Cary Lamb; and Edwin Jesse.

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CHIPLEY — Washington County Sheriff Fred Peel (left) presents a Builder Certificate to Mr. and Mrs. Percy Weaver.

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LIVE OAK — Suwannee County Sheriff Robert Leonard (left), representing the Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund, accepts from First National Bank of Live Oak Vice President James Crapps the keys to a new boat which was the first to come off the production line at the new Bayliner Marine Corporation plant, in Live Oak. The bank's gift, which was valued at approximately \$8,000, included a 125 HP outboard motor and a trailer. Also involved in the presentation were (from left) Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund President Harry K. Weaver; First National Bank President P.C. Crapps; Boys Ranch Resident Director Bill Aust; and Bayliner Plant Manager Al McKay.

Fighting Fear is the Newest Strategy

Does fear of crime provide an environment in which crime thrives?

Officials at the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) believe that it does, and they are funding a project to find strategies that fight fear in high crime inner-city neighborhoods.

Three Florida Sheriffs — Louie Mims, from Polk County; Walter Heinrich, from Hillsborough County; and Dale Carson, from Jacksonville — are participating in the project as observers and reporters. It will be their responsibility to evaluate the strategies, and to encourage the use of successful strategies by law enforcement and government agencies.

Houston, Texas, and Newark, New Jersey, will be the target cities for the project; with Mims and Heinrich observing the results in Newark, and Carson checking the results in Houston. Thirteen Sheriffs from other states will also participate as members of two eight-man observer teams.

The NIJ awarded grants to the Police Foundation, a nonprofit group based in Washington, D.C., and the National Sheriffs Association to conduct the "Fear of Crime" experiments.

Methods of reassuring frightened inner-city citizens will include using first-time juvenile offenders to clean up litter and escort the elderly; making follow-up visits to crime victims to inform them of the progress in their cases; distributing newsletters with crime rate facts to prevent citizens from getting the idea that



Col. Terry Celebrates 104th Birthday

CLEARWATER — When Col. Ford M. Terry celebrated his 104th birthday, Pinellas County Sheriff Gerry Coleman (right) honored him with a Citizen's Recognition Award. Also participating in the presentation was Joe Adams (left). Col. Terry is a Lifetime Member of the West Coast Chapter, Florida Veterans of the Seventh Regiment; and Coleman and Adams are members.

crime is worse than it is; establishing "storefront police stations" to improve neighborhood contacts; and asking citizens who called for help to evaluate the service they received from the police.

NIJ Director James K. Stewart said the results will help other law enforcement agencies to try similar strategies. "The fear of crime," said Stewart, "contributes greatly to a host of urban ills."

Who Can Say He Lost the Battle?

MOORE HAVEN — To be elected Sheriff of Glades County was Billy Arnold's lifelong ambition. He dreamed about it in his youth. He prepared himself for it during the two years he served with the Okeechobee Police Department, and the eight years he was with the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Department.



Sheriff Billy Arnold

In 1979 he returned to Palmdale, his Glades County hometown, and began making preparations to run for the office from which Sheriff Roy Lundy was retiring.

In September, 1980, he finished second in a hotly contested six-man primary race. On October 7, he was elected Sheriff in a runoff. Everyone agreed this was the happiest time of Billy Arnold's life. But, within days tragedy struck.

Doctors discovered that the Sheriff-elect and his seven-year-old daughter Jacque were suffering from brain tumors.

At first, friends and relatives were numb with shock, then something wonderful began to happen in Glades County. According to one newspaper account, people who barely knew each other, and some who had been enemies began pulling together to give moral and financial support to the Arnolds.

"People who were against me are with me now," said Arnold. "There's been a lot of sorrow, heartache and trouble in Glades County in the last several years. Maybe something like this is what will get us all back together."

He was right. Prayers were raised in many churches throughout the area. Residents of Glades and Okeechobee Counties began pulling together to show their concern.

The Moore Haven Lions Club held a benefit barbecue and raised \$3,000 for the Arnolds' hospital expense.

A benefit walkathon raised approximately \$15,000.

Many people contributed to accounts which were opened for the Arnolds in Moore Haven and Okeechobee banks.

Youngsters in the Glades County schols held a bake sale.

Buckhead Ridge residents held a turkey shoot, bake sale and barbecue.

"It makes you feel so good, knowing people care about you and love you," said Arnold. "I can't help but feel good about what will happen to us tomorrow."

But the days that followed were filled with pain and sorrow. Seven-year-old Jacque died following brain

surgery, and Arnold began receiving treatments that were severely debilitating.

Nevertheless, the Sheriff-elect was sworn in and began serving his term in January 1981. He had a tough struggle, but his own law enforcement experience, backed up by the experience of former DeSoto County Sheriff Frank Cline, his chief deputy, enabled him to keep the Sheriff's Department operating in a satisfactory manner.

Strengthened by a strong religious faith and an expressed willingness to accept "the Lord's will," Arnold was able to serve out almost three years of his four-year term, in spite of the fact that his condition continued to worsen. At the last, when he was too weak to go the Sheriff's Office, he kept in touch by using a phone beside his bed.

Death came to Billy Arnold on November 18, 1983, ending his three-year bout with cancer, but who can say that he lost the battle?

He had attained his lifelong ambition. He had won the respect and admiration of thousands of people. He had also gained a strong religious faith, and had publicly testified that the day he accepted Christ was the greatest day in his life. He had caused "something wonderful" to happen in Glades County when people cast aside their petty differences and rallied to help him.

Clearly, Billy Arnold was a winner. He lost his life, but he lost it triumphantly.

He Did Not Walk Alone

The following poem by Harold F. Mohn was found in Sheriff Billy Arnold's desk after he died. Friends said it was an accurate reflection of his religious beliefs:

You never walk alone my friend
Though you may think you do,
For in your sorrow and despair
God always walks with you.
There is no hour, no passing day
He is not by your side,
And though unseen he still is there
To be your friend and guide.
Whene'er you think you walk alone
Reach out and you will find,
The hand of God to show the way
And bring you peace of mind.



Some of the visitors posed for a picture on the patio at the Florida Sheriffs Association's headquarters during a coffee break.

We Were on Display

TALLAHASSEE — Representatives from Sheriffs' Associations in 14 states gathered here October 24, 25, and 26, to see what makes the Florida Sheriffs Association "tick."

The visitors were members of a National Sheriffs Association committee composed of state association presidents and executive directors. Berwin Williams, Executive Director of the Florida Sheriffs Association, hosted the meeting. He is serving his second term as chairman of the national committee.

The three-day workshop on association programs and procedures was packed with speeches, movies, charts and displays detailing the Florida Sheriffs Association's broad scope of activities.

Speakers included National Sheriffs Association President Richard Elrod, Sheriff of Cook County, Illinois; and Cary Bittick, Executive Director of the National Sheriffs Association.



Gary Perkins, Director of Administrative Services, explained the Florida Sheriffs Association's fiscal procedures.