

the Sheriff's Star



**Florida deputy is
nation's number one**

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Anti-smuggling civil defense campaign encourages phone tips from citizens

A fishing boat glides to a silent stop in the darkness at a little-used dock. Shadowy figures appear from below deck and begin throwing packages from the deck onto shore. The packages are loaded on a waiting truck, which soon moves out into the night with its headlights blacked out.

A scene from "Miami Vice"? It could be, but drug smuggling incidents like this happen frequently in real life, and citizens who witness them are being urged to report them immediately to the appropriate Sheriff's Department.

This effort to stimulate citizen initiative is called "Civil Defense Against Drug Smuggling," a joint venture of Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) and the Florida Sheriffs Association.

Unveiled by Governor Bob Graham at a New Orleans meeting of Gulf-Region Governors and law enforcement officials, this campaign is based on the theory that anti-smuggling efforts should be viewed as a battle that requires the involvement of private citizens in a "civil defense" role.

Special emphasis is being placed upon the cooperation of pilots, airport personnel, boat owners, marina operators and other key people who are likely to witness smuggling activities.

"We consider the drug invasion from foreign sources part of a very real war similar to a military war in which our country faces a possible invasion," said FDLE Commissioner Robert R. Dempsey. "Therefore, we are calling upon Florida citizens, as is done in military wars, to come to the aid of law enforcement as a civil defense against the airborne and waterborne invaders.

"We need everybody," he added. "This is everybody's war."

Governor Graham has asked Florida's 67 Sheriffs to work with FDLE in educating Floridians about the tipoff signs of drug smuggling. Precise plans to accomplish that goal are being left up to each Sheriff so that each county's program can be tailored to fit that area's particular nature.

Sheriffs are being encouraged to use existing anti-crime organizations such as "Crime Watch," as well as other groups to educate their citizens. Any drug smuggling reports obtained through the program will go to the appropriate Sheriffs.

Dempsey said the Sheriffs have been asked to submit information about smuggling operations, especially local boat and airplane seizures, to FDLE for use in statewide criminal intelligence banks.

FDLE's role will be to work with the Sheriffs in implementing the program to provide drug smuggling intelligence, and to help local agencies in multi-jurisdictional drug smuggling investigations.



Pot grower's pumper put to good use

BROOKSVILLE — Hernando County Sheriff Tom Mylander (left) turned over to the East Hernando Volunteer Fire Association a mobile water tank and pump that had been confiscated during the arrest of a marijuana grower. Representing the Fire Association were Stan Duncan (center) and Darrel White. Mylander said the Sheriff's Department will retain ownership of the equipment, but the firemen will be allowed to use it as long as they need it. (Tampa Tribune photo by Kyle Danaceau)

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Florida Deputy is *Nation's Number One*

TAVARES — Lake County Deputy Sheriff Roy D. (Buck) Wrightam has received the 1985 "Deputy Sheriff of the Year Award" jointly sponsored by the National Sheriffs Association and the National Newspaper Association.

Nominated by his boss, Lake County Sheriff Noel E. Griffin, Jr., he was selected by a panel of newspaper editors and publishers, and became a law enforcement celebrity on March 8, when the national award was presented to him at the annual meeting of the National Newspaper Association in Washington, D.C.

He will be the center of attention again on June 19, 1985, when a second award presentation is held in Dallas, Texas, as a special feature of the National Sheriffs Association's Annual Conference.

Meanwhile, Deputy Wrightam, who is 67, is as active as ever in his crusade against crime and drug abuse. While riding around Lake County on his police model motorcycle his days are full of meetings with school children and contacts with senior citizens. Almost every night in the week is devoted to organizing new Neighborhood Watch programs.

When Sheriff Griffin nominated Wrightam for the national award he pointed out that the energetic deputy had been averaging 68 hours a week as a Community Service Officer, and had been responsible for a number of successful projects such as encouraging use of the "Vial-of-Life" for medical emergencies, organizing 153 Neighborhood Crime Watch programs; setting up liaison activities in elementary schools, fingerprinting 15,000 children, fostering a greater public awareness of crime prevention safeguards, and putting on bicycle safety campaigns.

"The results of these programs are proof of their effectiveness," said Griffin. "During 1984 we realized a 24.8 percent reduction in burglaries, much of which could be directly attributed to programs such as Neighborhood Crime Watch."

Griffin pointed out that the current national recognition is not Wrightam's only claim to fame. In 1976 the Clermont Chamber of Commerce chose him as the "Citizen of the Year." In 1983 the Association of Police Community Service Officers placed him in its



COVER PHOTO: Although he posed with a patrol car for this photo, Deputy Sheriff Roy D. (Buck) Wrightam is customarily seen tooling around the highways and byways of Lake County on a police model motorcycle.

National Hall of Fame; and in 1984 he was named "Officer of the Year" by the Rotarians and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

A native of Graymont, Illinois, Wrightam was graduated from the Aeronautical University of Chicago in 1939, served overseas in the U.S. Army during World War II, and became the owner-operator of an airport at Pontiac, Michigan, after the war. Later he moved to Florida and opened an auto repair business in Clermont.

He served as Captain of the Clermont Police Department's reserve unit from 1964 to 1972, completed law enforcement training at the Lake County Law Enforcement Academy in 1972, at the age of 54, and began his career as a deputy in the Lake County Sheriff's Department in 1982.

His rise to prominence in the law enforcement field has been swift and also impressive. "He has thoroughly proved his dedication to this department, and his loyalty to the citizens of Lake County," said Sheriff Griffin.



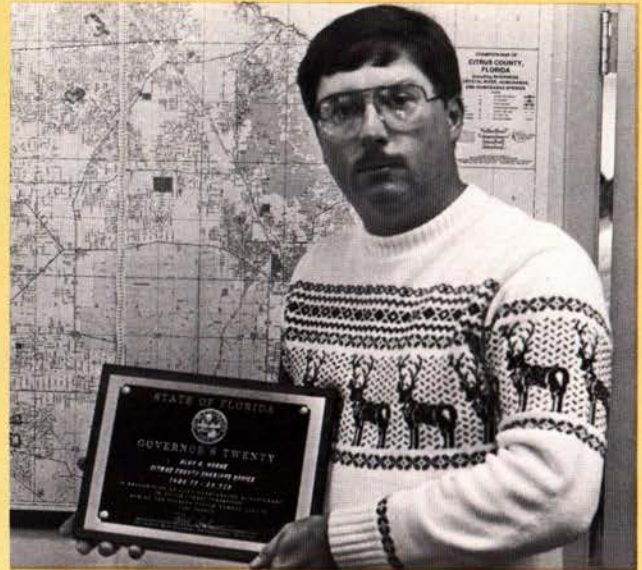
We Salute!



Al Hogue Jim Cernich

INVERNESS — Two deputies from the Citrus County Sheriff's Department, Sgt. Al Hogue and Investigator Jim Cernich, finished 12th in the National Police Revolver Championships. Hogue also received a plaque and a congratulatory letter from Governor Bob Graham after he became the highest placing Florida deputy in the "Governor's Twenty," a prestigious form of recognition sponsored by the National Rifle Association and the Florida Police Combat Pistol League.

INVERNESS — Citrus County Sheriff's Department Sgt. Al Hogue with the award he received when he finished sixth among Florida's top 20 marksmen, and became the highest placing deputy in the state.



Frankie Winchester

PANAMA CITY — Mrs. Frankie Winchester, Bay County's first woman police officer, has become the first woman lieutenant in the Bay County Sheriff's Department. She was hired by the Sheriff's Department in 1981, and was chosen "Outstanding Young Woman of the Year" by the Florida Jaycees in 1984. At that time she held the rank of Sergeant.

John T. Venosh Donald K. Bryan

JACKSONVILLE — The Jacksonville Exchange Club honored Jacksonville Sheriff's Department officers John T. Venosh and Donald K. Bryan for their devotion to duty. Venosh was praised for making 45 arrests, including five for armed robberies, within two months. Bryan was applauded for his professional handling of a robbery shootout. He was seriously wounded in the shootout, and nearly lost his life.



MIAMI — Metro-Dade Police Officer David McCauley, accompanied by his wife, accepts an "Officer of the Year" plaque and a check for \$1,000 from the South Florida Auto-Truck Dealers Association (SFADA), represented by Rick Baker (second from left). Bobby L. Jones (left), Director of the Metro-Dade Police Department, participated in the presentation. The officer was honored for his successful pursuit of suspected thieves, and for his perseverance in spite of the fact that he was wounded during the chase. (Photo by Martin Aronow, Coral Gables)

**Glen Lightsey
Timothy Bennett**

ST. AUGUSTINE — Chosen as Law Enforcement Officers of the Year by the St. Augustine Exchange Club were St. Johns County Sheriff's Department Detective Glenn Lightsey, and St. Augustine Police Department Officer Timothy Bennett. Lightsey was praised for his perseverance in solving crime cases, and Bennett was applauded for his efforts to save the life of a shooting victim.

**Cathy Thomas
Ona Williams**

JACKSONVILLE — Cathy Thomas recently became the first female sergeant assigned to the Patrol Division in the Jacksonville Sheriff's Department. Another female Sergeant, Ona Williams, is in the Detective Division. She received her rank in 1958.

**Pete Vasquez
Ronald D'Agostino**

FORT LAUDERDALE — Broward County Deputy Sheriffs Pete Vasquez and Ronald D'Agostino were honored by the West Broward-Lauderhill Optimist Club as Officers of the Month. Vasquez was cited for his detective work in a sexual battery investigation; and D'Agostino was praised for rescuing residents during an apartment complex fire.

William Knowles

TAMPA — In recognition of his dedication to the law enforcement profession, Cpl. William Knowles, from the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department, was awarded a \$5,000 scholarship by the S & A Restaurant Corporation, of Dallas, Texas. The award was presented after Knowles risked his life to rescue two small children from a wrecked car that caught on fire. "This heroic act," said Sheriff Walter Heinrich, "exemplifies a consistent dedication and devotion to public service."



JACKSONVILLE — John Blume (right), Training Specialist with the Institute of Police Traffic Management at the University of North Florida, congratulates Orange County Deputy Sheriff O'Dell Neil for successfully completing a DUI Instructor Course under a scholarship provided by the Distilled Spirits Council of the United States.



Nick Navarro

FORT LAUDERDALE — For his outstanding efforts against drug smuggling, Broward County Sheriff Nick Navarro was recently awarded the George Washington Honor Medal by the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge. In a citation that accompanied the medal he was described as the nation's number one law enforcement agent involved in combating drug traffic. "This man is truly dedicated to his job," the citation added.

OCALA — A Florida Sheriffs Association Distinguished Service Award was presented to County Maintenance Department employee Clarence Coleman (right) by Major J. P. Holland, from the Marion County Sheriff's Department, after Coleman gave valuable assistance to the Sheriff's Department in a bomb scare incident.

Computer keeps lawbreakers confined to their homes

WEST PALM BEACH — Computers run our traffic lights and the games our children play. They keep track of our bank accounts and our airline reservations. They seem to be changing the way we do practically everything — even the way we control some of our lawbreakers.

In Palm Beach County the Sheriff's Department and a private agency that supervises probationers have been experimenting with a computer-monitored system that keeps convicted offenders confined in their homes instead of in jail.

A prisoner who agrees to this form of "house arrest" wears a battery-operated radio transmitter on wrist or ankle night and day. This transmitter sends out signals that are monitored by a computer located miles away, and the computer sounds an alarm if the prisoner leaves home or tampers with the equipment.

The system has been tested on minor offenders who are not a



The model who posed as a "house arrest" probationer failed to explain how she expected to remove her nylons without cutting the ankle straps on the radio transmitter, which would be probation violation.

threat to the community. If the offender is on work release, the system can be programmed to make certain that he stays at home during non-working hours. Without the computer monitoring him, he would have to live at the jail when he wasn't on the job.

Early reports indicate the system has been working just dandy, and many benefits have been claimed. Here are some of them:

1. House arrest relieves overcrowded jails and allows jail space to be used for more serious offenders.
2. It costs about \$10 a day and is much less expensive than holding prisoners in jail.
3. Prisoners can be charged a fee to offset the cost of the house arrest equipment.
4. Offenders who deserve special consideration can avoid the stigma of serving time in jail.
5. House arrest allows probation officers to monitor their probationers more closely than usual.

Developed by Key Largo inventor Thomas Moody, the house arrest equipment was originally tested by Monroe County Judge J. Allison DeFoor in 1983 when he ordered an habitual traffic offender to be confined to his home for 48 hours instead of spending a week-end in jail.

In 1984, Pride, Inc., a private agency that supervises probationers, started a small pilot program under Judge DeFoor's supervision. Offenders convicted of repeated traffic offenses or driving under the influence (DUI) were placed under house arrest for periods ranging from a weekend to as long as four months.

After this test run was hailed as "an unqualified success," Pride, Inc., proceeded to set up a more extensive program in Palm Beach County. This program began functioning December 1, 1984, and not only involved probationers supervised by Pride, Inc., but also work release prisoners who were in the

Sheriff's custody. Pride agreed to maintain a central monitoring station.

Glen I. Rothbart, Director of Programs for Pride, explained that probationers and work release inmates given the privilege of house arrest pay a daily fee which will eventually allow Pride and the Sheriff's Department to own their own systems and "produce a positive cash flow."

Early in 1985 Rothbart reported that house arrest sentences were averaging 60 days. He said 50 monitoring units would permit approximately 300 defendants to be brought into the program during a full year of operation.

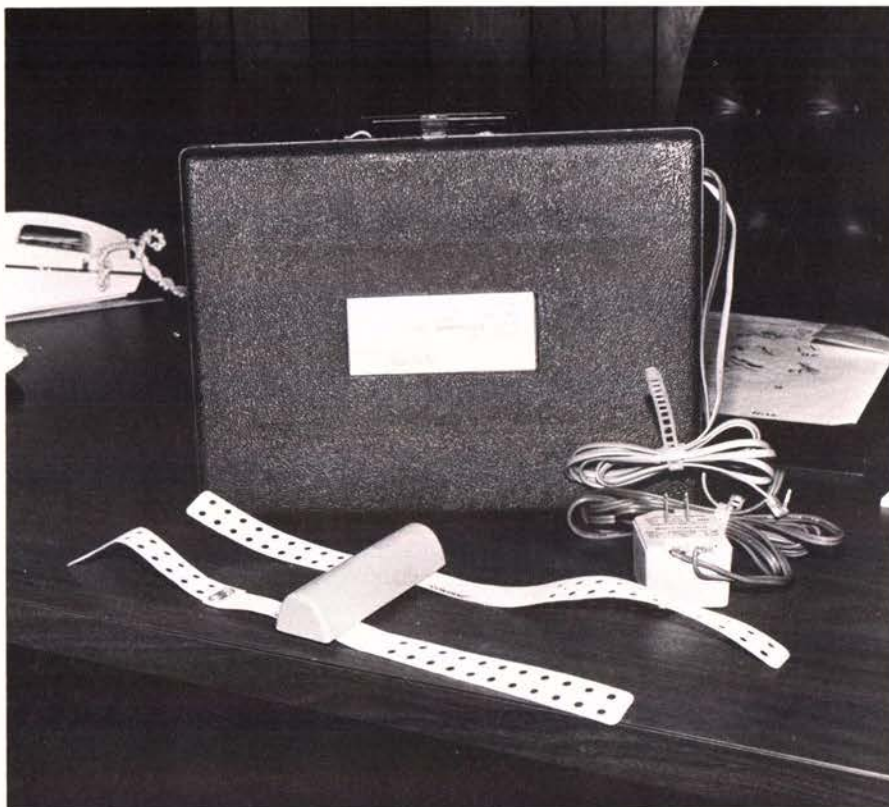
Asked for technical details about the equipment, he explained that the transmitter strapped to an offender's wrist or ankle is 5 and 1/4 inches long, weighs three ounces, is waterproof and impact resistant, and has a battery life of approximately 18 months.

Every 35 seconds the transmitter sends a coded signal to a receiver/dialer — a sealed plastic box that is attached to the offender's telephone line and an electrical outlet. If the receiver/dialer fails to receive coded signals from the transmitter, indicating that the transmitter has been damaged, tampered with, or taken out of range, an alarm is automatically sent over telephone lines to the computer, and authorities are alerted to check on the person held under house arrest.

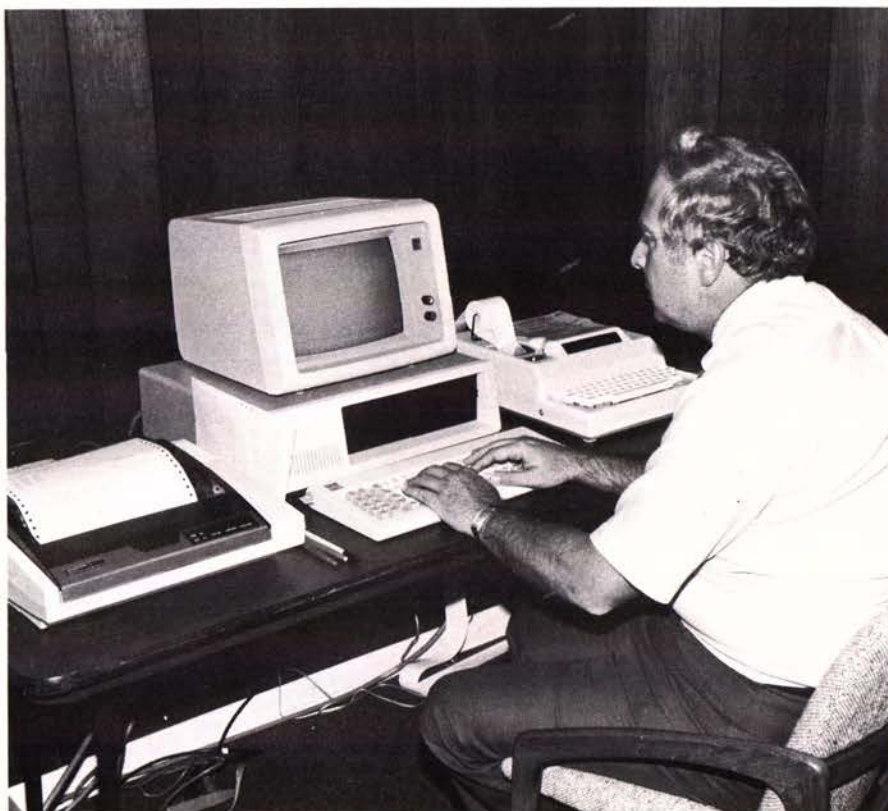
Breaking out of house arrest is somewhat unlikely, since it carries the threat of being put in jail.

The Palm Beach County house arrest system is believed to be the most extensive one currently in use, but similar systems have been tested in Albuquerque, New Mexico; Lake County, Illinois; and Salt Lake City, Utah.

Several Florida counties have also been looking into the possibility of setting up house arrest systems, and it appears that supervising lawbreakers will soon be just one more human function taken over by computers.



Close-up of the transmitter and the receiver/dialer. Once the transmitter straps are fastened on an offender's wrist or ankle, they have to be cut to be removed.



Glen I. Rothbart, Director of Programs for Pride, Inc., demonstrates the central monitoring computer equipment that is capable of supervising 250 persons under house arrest.

Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund *Honor Roll*



Roster of Lifetime Honorary Members

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On these pages we give special recognition to generous supporters of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund who have qualified for Lifetime Honorary Memberships in the Florida Sheriffs Association by giving \$1,000 or more to the Youth Fund. Each Lifetime Honorary Member receives a plaque, a lifetime identification card and a lifetime subscription to *The Sheriff's Star*. Under a new regulation which became effective in 1984, those whose gifts total over \$5,000 will receive additional gold stars on their plaques — one for \$5,000, two for \$10,000, and so on, up to a maximum of five stars for gifts totaling over \$25,000.

Presentations

We regret that photos of Lifetime Honorary Members are not always available when their names appear on the membership roster. Consequently, we often find it necessary to print the names in one issue of *The Sheriff's Star* and the photos in a subsequent issue.



LIVE OAK — Presented to Dana Walker, Manager of the Super X Drug Store, by Suwannee County Sheriff Robert Leonard.



BRISTOL — Presented to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Blount by Liberty County Sheriff Harrell W. Revell (right).



Mrs. Bauene



Moose Lodge

FORT PIERCE — Presented by St. Lucie County Sheriff Robert C. "Bobby" Knowles to Mrs. Jean Bauene, and to Loyal Order of Moose Lodge No. 248, represented by Jim Anderson (left) and George Toller (right).

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CLEARWATER — Presented by Pinellas County Sheriff Gerry Coleman (left) and Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund Vice President Joe Spenard to Mrs. Vi James, representing the Sunshine State Women's Chamber of Commerce.



INVERNESS — Presented by Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund Vice President Terry Knox (right) to the Citrus County Sheriff's Department, represented by Sheriff Charles S. Dean.

Lifetime Honorary Membership presentations, continued



Burtens



Superior Asphalt

TAVARES — Presented by Lake County Sheriff Noel E. Griffin, Jr., to Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Burton; Mr. and Mrs. Craig Butterfield, representing Superior Asphalt Co., Inc.; Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred A. Carter; and W. O. Boone.

Carters



Boone



OCALA — Presented to D. D. Davis (left) by Marion County Sheriff Don Moreland.



KISSIMMEE — Presented by Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund President Harry K. Weaver (left) and Highlands County Sheriff Joe Sheppard, former Chairman of the Youth Fund Board of Directors (right), to Osceola County Sheriff Bob Fornes.



Roberts



McMasters



Jernegan



Croker

CLEARWATER — Presented by Pinellas County Sheriff Gerry Coleman to Mrs. Ruth C. Roberts; William C. McMasters; Ms. Madeline Jernegan, owner of Across the Pond; Peggy Croker, representing Sybil Kennedy Interiors of Clearwater; Mr. and Mrs. John Broadfield; H. Mel Albright, representing Tarpon Springs Loyal Order of Moose; Robert Rehbach, representing St. Petersburg Loyal Order of Moose Lodge; and Alan Carlson, representing the Kiwanis Club of Springtime City.



Broadfields



Rehbach



Carlson



Albright



Mrs. Bowles

INVERNESS — Presented by Citrus County Sheriff Charles S. Dean to Mrs. Norman Bowles; and to the Crystal River Loyal Order of Moose Lodge, represented by William Greet.

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Mr. Greet



*This is one of a series of historical articles appearing in **The Sheriff's Star** during 1985 to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Florida Sheriffs Association.*

Historical flashback: **The Starr legend**

When the editor of *The Sheriff's Star* scoured the state recently in search of old law enforcement photos to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Florida Sheriffs Association, it was no coincidence that the late Dave Starr appeared in nearly all of the ones he got from Orange County.

Starr, who died February 22, 1985, was a deputy sheriff in Orange County from 1926 to 1933; dropped out of the law enforcement business for a while after his boss, Sheriff Frank Karel, was defeated; and, starting in 1948, used a string of landslide political victories to put together a successful 22-year career as Sheriff of Orange County.

He retired from the limelight in 1971, and led the quiet life of a private citizen for 14 years before he died, but newspaper articles printed after his death revealed that many Orange County folks still remembered him well as Central Florida's quintessential politician, and as an outstanding leader in efforts to modernize law enforcement.

"He was probably a legend in his time . . . the master politician of the generation, and he loved the regalia of the Sheriff's office . . . loved being a two-gun sheriff mounted on his horse," said former Orange County Sheriff Mel Colman, who was elected to succeed Starr.

"He was," said a newspaper writer, "a man who took obvious enjoyment in dressing in western finery, strapping on guns, and swinging into a saddle of a favorite palomino to lead parades."

Lawson Lamar, the present Sheriff of Orange County, remembered him as "a pillar of justice" whose zeal for helping others "was unmatched by anyone."

In the memory of former Orange County Supervisor of Elections Dixie Barber, Starr held a special niche. "I guess he would be called the greatest politician Orange County ever had," she said.

"We used to kid him," she added. "We knew he was going to be elected, but he never would think so. Then the next day, there he'd be, politicking just as hard as ever even though he had already won. He'd



Sheriff Dave Starr with a 1950 patrol car in which the prisoner "cage" developed by Deputy Sheriff Al Marchand was installed as a new improvement.

say, 'You know I got to be elected again in four years!'"

During Starr's 22 years as Sheriff — from 1949 to 1971 — the population of Orange County tripled from 114,950 to 344,311, and the Sheriff's Department staff increased almost ten-fold, from 12 men to 100. The budget skyrocketed from \$40,000 to \$2 million.

Modernization efforts under his leadership included putting prisoner cages in patrol cars to prevent escapes; creating the county's first mobile crime lab; and pioneering the use of radar in traffic law enforcement.

He was credited with upgrading the county jail, sponsoring one of Florida's first Junior Deputy Leagues, and helping to develop the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, a unique home for needy and neglected youngsters sponsored by the Florida Sheriffs Association.

His reputation as a progressive lawman spread far beyond the borders of Orange County during



This was described as "the entire Orange County Sheriff's Department in 1928." Deputy Sheriff Dave Starr is the third man from the right in the front row. Sheriff Frank Karel is the fourth man from the left in the front row.



Sheriff Starr (top row, second from left) with his Junior Deputy Sheriff League — one of the first organized in Florida.



No telling how Dave Starr got into this photo of a 1919 moonshine still raid, since he didn't become a deputy sheriff until 1926, but there he is, the first man on the right end of the front row.



Motorcycles and uniforms changed considerably between 1928, when E. A. Tyler was the Chief of Transportation in the Sheriff's Department, and 1964 when (from left) Ralph Howell, Don Eckenrodt and Wayne Bird were Sheriff's Department motorcycle patrolmen.

the 1950s and 60s, with the result that his fellow Sheriffs elected him president of the Florida Sheriffs Association and the National Sheriffs Association in swift succession.

Noted for his indefatigable pace, Starr never passed up an opportunity to show up at banquets, funerals, fireworks displays, parades, grand openings, military ceremonies, horse shows, luncheons and bar mitzvahs.

Perhaps that is why former Orange County Attorney Jim Robinson recently described him as "one of the best known people in the county, and probably the most popular."



Lifetime Honorary Membership presentations, continued from page 9



KISSIMMEE — Presented by Osceola County Sheriff Bob Fornes to Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Williams; and to Grissom Funeral Home, represented by Edward C. Grissom, Jr. (left), and Edward C. (Babe) Grissom III (center).



JACKSONVILLE — Presented by Youth Fund Public Relations Director Jim Mason (right), and D. R. Horne, Chief, Public Services Division, Jacksonville Sheriff's Department (left), to Robert H. McKinley, representing Naegle Outdoor Advertisers.



STUART — A Youth Fund Appreciation Award was presented by Martin County Sheriff James D. Holt (right) to Bart Knuff, representing Armellini Express Lines, for valuable support given to a barbecue and a golf tournament sponsored by Sheriff Holt for the benefit of the Youth Fund.



LIVE OAK — A large coffee urn was donated to the Youth Fund by McDonald's Restaurant, and accepted by Jim Brettingen, Youth Fund official. Representing McDonald's were (from left) Cindy Phanzze, Donna DeBono and Manager Tim Gaylard.

Produced by Sheriff's "artist in residence"

CLEARWATER — This billboard promoting Pinellas County's successful Neighborhood Watch program was designed by Gene Hook, a Community Coordinator in the Special Services Division of the Department. Now his buddies in the Special Services Division are calling him their "artist in residence."



Standardized testing is the goal

JACKSONVILLE — Russell Arend, Director of the University of North Florida Institute of Police Traffic Management (IPTM) at the University of North Florida, announced that a task force representing numerous Florida law enforcement agencies has been formed to create a model policy for field testing of suspected drunken drivers.

He said the task force resulted from recommendations made by students during a class project at the IPTM, and will include representatives from the Florida Sheriffs Association, Florida Police Chiefs Association, Florida Bureau of Public Safety Management, the Florida Highway Patrol, the Florida Bureau of Criminal Justice Standards and Training, and the IPTM.

"Presently Florida lacks any standardized field sobriety testing for the identification of DWI suspects," said Arend. "As a result, police officers throughout the state use at least 16 sobriety tests."

Worth more than a million

TAMPA — Hillsborough County Sheriff Walter C. Heinrich said the men and women in his reserve and auxiliary units served 78,523 hours of volunteer time valued at over one million dollars during 1984.

An update on Bobby Brown

KEY WEST — Former Monroe County Sheriff Robert L. "Bobby" Brown is back in the political arena. He ran a successful campaign for Supervisor of Elections in Monroe County in 1984, and is currently serving a four-year term.

The former Supervisor, William J. Freeman, retired and ran successfully for county commissioner. Brown was appointed on November 20, 1984, to complete Freeman's unexpired term, and began serving his elected term in January.

SOME Run is really something!

Leaving Pensacola on May 22, nine men and three women from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement will run 1,325 miles down and around the Florida peninsula to raise funds for the Florida Special Olympics. They will end their relay marathon at Tampa on May 31, the opening day of the Special Olympics.

Billed as the Special Olympics Mileage Event (SOME) Run, this grueling endurance test is an annual fund raising event. Last year's initial effort raised \$10,000.

Sheriffs and deputies are invited to join in the SOME Run as it passes through their counties. For details about the route and other information, call Mike O'Connell at the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, (904) 488-8547.



Lifetime Membership awarded

DAYTONA BEACH — In recognition of the valuable assistance he gave in helping to publicize the 75th Anniversary of the Florida Sheriffs Association, Vince Marcone (left) was awarded a Lifetime Honorary Membership in the Association by Volusia County Sheriff Edwin H. Duff, II.



Putnam County Sheriff Walt Pellicer (right) presents a Life Saving Medal to Lt. R. W. Bakker, with deputies from Bakker's shift standing in the background.

Deputy awarded medal for rescue

INTERLACHEN — Lt. R.W. Bakker, a deputy in the Putnam County Sheriff's Department, has been awarded a Life Saving Medal for rescuing two people who were trapped in a burning house.

Off duty at the time, Lt. Bakker was awakened in the early morning by the screams of his neighbor, Mrs. Roxanne Smith. When he hurried next door, he discovered that the Smith home was engulfed in flames, and Mrs. Smith and her 12-year-old son were trapped on the second floor.

Lt. Bakker secured an extension ladder, climbed to a second-story porch, cut the window screen, and led the mother and son to safety. Then he went inside the house and roused a third occupant and got him out.

Praised by Putnam County Sheriff Walt Pellicer for risking his own safety to make a successful rescue, Lt. Bakker was also applauded by the Palatka News in an editorial.

Far too few people see officers as . . . people who care enough about their fellow man to put their lives on the line every day," the editorial stated. "Richard Bakker . . . deserves the thanks of all of us who live in Putnam County."