

the Sheriff's Star



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Florida's Officer of the Year is a "dedicated professional"

TALLAHASSEE — Florida's Law Enforcement Officer of the Year is Capt. Dale B. Wise, 37, who is Commander of the Criminal Investigations Bureau in the Leon County Sheriff's Department, and has been credited with the success of the Department's tactical street crimes unit (SWAT Team), as well as the Hostage Negotiation Unit.

An associate pointed out that during the time these specialty units have been under the guidance of Capt. Wise no loss of life or serious injuries has resulted from crisis situations.

Leon County Sheriff Eddie Boone praised Wise as "a truly dedicated professional."

Capt. Wise, who twice has had guns pulled on him by drug dealers during undercover operations, said he thrives on the job's danger and excitement. He praised his wife, Karen, and daughter, Kacey, for their support.

A graduate of Florida State University with a degree in criminology, Wise began his law enforcement career in 1969 with the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Department. In 1971 he became a Special Agent in the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, and held that position until he went to work for the Leon County Sheriff's Department in 1977.

After he was chosen as Florida's Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Wise was praised in resolutions passed by the Governor and Cabinet and the Florida House of Representatives.

Runner-up for the 1985 award was Jerry Peters, a Special Agent with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement who was credited with numerous successful investigations of official corruption and narcotics violations.

Other Florida officers who finished among the top ten were: St. Petersburg Police Department Detective Edward Bosse; Metro-Dade Police Department Sgt. William V. Cegelis; Brevard County Sheriff's Department Sgt. Thomas Michael Fair; Metro-Dade Police



COVER PHOTO: Capt. Dale B. Wise (left) with Sheriff Eddie Boone (right) and Governor Bob Graham.

Department Detective Maj. Douglas W. Hughes; Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission Wildlife Officer Margaret Park (who was killed in the line of duty); Pompano Beach Police Department Detective William Piroth; Tallahassee Police Department Officer Patricia Maloy; and Jacksonville Sheriff's Department Deputy John T. Venosh.

Award winners in prior years were: 1978, FHP Trooper Ronald Gordon Smith (posthumously); 1979, Florida Department of Law Enforcement Special Agent Rolando Bolanos; 1980, Sgt. Tom Ilic, Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco (posthumously); 1981, Special Agent Theodore R. Weed, U. S. Drug Enforcement Administration; 1982, Officer Fred R. Casale, Clearwater Police Department; 1983, Capt. Joseph Wayne Coram, Bay County Sheriff's Department, Panama City; 1984, Detective Charles L. Porter, Jacksonville Sheriff's Department.

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Former Sheriff was a quiet man who carried an air of authority

FERNANDINA BEACH — Herbert J. "Cap" Youngblood was a big man and a quiet man — one of those unique individuals who had the ability to walk softly and at the same time project an air of authority.

This trait surfaced early in his life when, at the age of 19, he became the warden of a road prison camp. For over 20 years thereafter he was employed in the state prison system. During this period of his life he acquired the nickname "Cap" (apparently from his role as a road prison captain), and a reputation as a stern, but able, administrator.

"Cap" was elected Sheriff of Nassau County in 1940 and served 28 years before he retired. Admired and respected by his fellow-Sheriffs, he was given numerous roles of responsibility in the Florida Sheriffs Association, and eventually served as Second Vice-President and President of the Association.

After the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch was founded in 1957, he became one of its loyal supporters and was awarded a Lifetime Honorary Membership in the Sheriffs Association in recognition of his generosity.

Born on July 30, 1895, the former Sheriff was a native of Thomasville, Georgia, and was educated in the public schools of Thomasville and Quitman, Georgia. When he died on May 27, 1985, he was approaching his 90th birthday.

Surviving him are his widow, Alice; a son, James; a daughter-in-law, Kay Youngblood, of Los Angeles; two sisters, Louise McCall of West Palm Beach, and Billie Whitman of Lake Worth; five grandchildren and



This photo was taken in 1978 when the late Herbert J. "Cap" Youngblood (right) received a Past President's Plaque from the Florida Sheriffs Association. The plaque was presented by another Past President, former Indian River County Sheriff Sam Joyce.

two great-grandchildren.

During funeral rites on May 29, the honorary pallbearers were officers of the Nassau County Sheriff's Department and members of the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 65, an organization former Sheriff Youngblood helped to create in 1968.

Monge first gold medalist

TAMPA — Sarasota County Sheriff Geoff Monge made history when he won seven gold medals and two silver medals in the 18th annual Florida Police Olympics here June 20.



Officials said they believed Monge was the first Sheriff to win a gold medal in the annual event, which is usually dominated by officers of lesser rank.

Two of Monge's gold medals were in the decathlon, which included a 100-yard dash, 110-yard high hurdles, 440-yard run, 880-yard run, mile run, long jump, high jump, shot put, discus and javelin. He teamed up with Deputy Sheriff Madison Hipps to win one of these medals.

Overall, the Metro-Dade Police Department took top honors out of the 110 agencies competing. Miami Police Department ranked second; St. Petersburg

Police Department was third; and the Escambia County Sheriff's Department, with Sheriff Vince Seely as a member of the team, came in fourth.

Other Sheriff's Departments in the top 15 agencies were Sarasota, fifth place; Broward, ninth; Jacksonville, 11th; Pinellas, 12th and Orange County, 14th.

Shall we premeditate?

TAMPA — The Attorney General's 11th Annual Help Stop Crime! Conference will be held here October 24-26, 1985, and will highlight a variety of topics such as crime prevention for the handicapped, victim assistance and civil liability. The basics of crime prevention will also be covered for newcomers to the field. "Premeditated Prevention" is the theme.

For hotel information, registration and conference details, contact Susie Gaines, Office of the Attorney General, The Capitol, Tallahassee, FL 32301. Her phone number is (904) 487-3712.



Passing through Tallahassee, the "primary" FDLE runners included (from left) Chris Alt, Lew Wilson, Mark Scharein, Mike Brick, Curt Schewchuck, Bart Ingram, Ken Morrison and Mike McHargue.

With Sheriffs' Help: Law enforcement jocks destroy old image of out-of-shape cop

Remember the paunchy, out-of-shape cops in the old cartoons? Well . . . that old image really took a beating recently when the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) held its annual S.O.M.E. (Special Olympics Mileage Event) Run, and raised a bundle of cash for the Florida Special Olympics.

Fit and physically fine-tuned men and women from FDLE, joined along the way from time to time by deputy sheriffs, state and city law enforcement officers, public officials, youngsters from the Special Olympics, and

assorted other jocks, left Pensacola on May 22, trotted to Jacksonville, and south toward Miami, then took a swing around the lower end of the peninsula to Tampa. Their route measured over 1,300 miles.

The funds raised for the Special Olympics, a year 'round program for mentally retarded youngsters, totaled \$14,205 this year, according to an early count, and additional pledges were anticipated. Last year's total was \$11,900.

"The support from Sheriffs' Departments was outstanding," said SOME Run Chairman



Food and refreshments were donated to FDLE by Tallahassee firms.



Music-to-run-by, courtesy of the Rickards High School Stage Band.

Tallahassee Mayor Hurley Rudd (left) presents a resolution to Ken Magee, Executive Director of Florida Special Olympics.



Attorney General Jim "Great legs" Smith showed no signs of wear and tear after running with the group through Tallahassee.



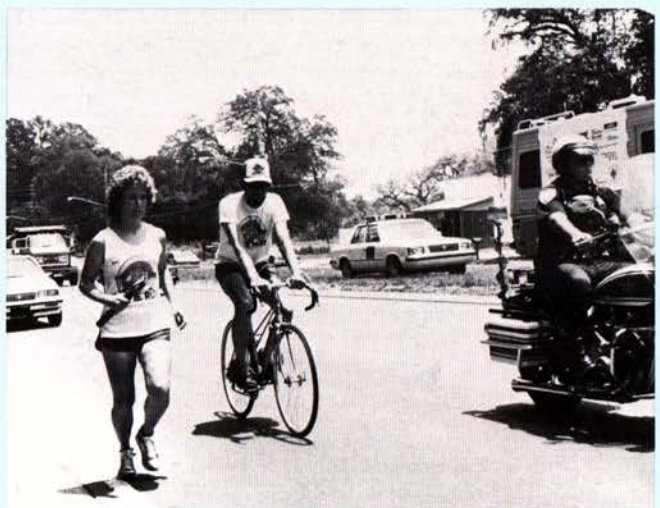
Among the runners who joined the procession in Tallahassee were (foreground, from left) Fred Ingsley, from the Division of Corrections; Wayne Quinsey, from FDLE; and Richard Crook, from the State Attorney's Office.

Mike Brick. "Our runners had an official escort or deputies running with them in each county.

"Most of the deputies covered about 20 miles," Brick added, "but in Duval County one deputy ran the entire 46 miles of our route through the county. In Orange County 26 out of 32 recruits each covered eight miles."

When the runners passed through Tallahassee, they were joined by Attorney General Jim Smith and people from various state agencies.

At the Florida Sheriffs Association headquarters, on Mahan Drive, they paused for refreshments, food and festivities arranged in their honor. During this breather, Tallahassee Mayor Hurley Rudd presented a resolution to Ken Magee, Executive Director of the Florida Special Olympics, and the Rickards High School State Band presented a concert.



On the road again, with Ruth Wilbarger carrying the baton, Ken Morrison pacing her on a bike, and a Leon County Deputy Sheriff providing escort.

New organization wants to help make Florida's jails best in the nation

ORLANDO — The people who run Florida's jails got together here June 10-11, and created the Florida Jail Administrators Association, an organization with ambitious goals aimed at making Florida's jails the best in the nation.

Specific objectives agreed upon by administrators from 47 countries who attended the organizational meeting include:

- ★ Securing a closer official and personal relationship among jail administrators;
- ★ Fostering improved standards for operating jails;
- ★ Providing continuing education and training for jail administrators;
- ★ Promoting improved safety, security and working conditions in jails; and . . .
- ★ Supporting Sheriffs, Administrators and the Florida Sheriffs Association in developing proposals for legislative reform and improvement of jails.

"The intent of these goals," said newly-elected President Terry James, Director of Corrections for the Orange County Sheriff's department, "is to enhance the professionalism of jail employees, improve the overall conditions under which they work, and generally provide Florida taxpayers with the best possible service."

Elected as charter officers along with James were

Col. Eugene Gunn, Director of Corrections, Broward County Sheriff's department, Vice President; Col. David Parrish, Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department, Secretary-Treasurer; Maj. Jack Waldron, Polk County Sheriff's Department; Capt. Newton Murdock, Manatee County Sheriff's Department, Chaplain; Gerald Toles, Director of Corrections, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Department, Chairman of the Board of Directors; and Fred Murray, Director of Corrections, Jacksonville Sheriff's Department, Vice-Chairman of the Board.

In a keynote address, Louie L. Wainwright, Secretary of the Florida Department of Corrections, pledged his support to the new organization, and assured jail administrators that "we are all striving to achieve the same goals."

Florida Sheriffs Association President Fred Peel, the Sheriff of Washington County, urged administrators to assume an aggressive, pro-active leadership role in seeking to resolve the current jail crisis.

"You are providing the very catalyst necessary to foreseeably end jail problems which now confront us," he added. "You are now, and will continue to be, the best defense against jail litigation."

Also included on the roster of speakers was Jacksonville Attorney William J. "Bill" Sheppard, who repre-

Newly-elected officers of the Florida Jail Administrators Association are (from left) Secretary/Treasurer, Col. David Parrish, Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department; Vice President, Col. Eugene Gunn, Broward County Sheriff's Department; President, Terry James, Director of Corrections, Orange County Sheriff's Department; Chaplain, Capt. Newton Murdock, Manatee County Sheriff's Department; and Sergeant-at-Arms, Maj. Jack Waldron, Polk County Sheriff's Department.





Peel

Speakers included Washington County Sheriff Fred Peel, President of the Florida Sheriffs Association; Jacksonville Attorney William J. "Bill" Sheppard; and Liz Abernathy, Staff Director of the Corrections, Probation and Parole Committee in the Florida House of Representatives.



Sheppard



Abernathy

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sented the Plaintiff in *Arias vs. Wainwright*, the landmark 1979 federal court class action suit that brought about sweeping changes in the management, operation and construction of Florida's jails.

He presented an overview of jail and prison litigation, and warned his audience: "If jail administrators do not do their jobs correctly, they have the capability of bankrupting their counties."

Liz Abernathy, Staff Director of the Corrections, Probation and Parole Committee in the Florida House of Representatives, discussed the results of recent legislative action in the field of corrections, and pledged her cooperation to the new organization in future legislative endeavors.

Sgt. Bill Garrison, from the Psychological Services Unit of the Metro-Dade Police Department, conducted a training session on stress management.

A similar session on the "Dos and Don'ts of Hiring,

Firing and Discipline" featured Frank Kuppenbacher, Florida Sheriffs Self-Insurance Fund attorney specializing in labor law.

The idea of forming an organization of jail administrators was discussed informally for many years, according to Rodney Doss, Assistant Executive Director of the Florida Sheriffs Association, and it gathered momentum in 1984 when it received the official endorsement of the Florida Sheriffs Association.

This action was followed by the formation of a steering committee under the Chairmanship of Terry James, and the drafting of a constitution and by-laws in which Doss played an important role.

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We Salute



LARGO — After Lt. John D. Bolle (center) served as an instructor at a SWAT Team Seminar at Eglin Air Force Base, he was praised by the base commander, Major William T. Twinting, for his "proficient and professional presentation." In this photo he is also being commended by his boss, Pinellas County Sheriff Gerry Coleman (right), and Richard A. Leandri, of the Florida Ranger Division.



Deputy Martin (right)



Sgt. Phelps (left)

JACKSONVILLE — Orange County Deputy Sheriff Charles L. Martin and Jacksonville Sheriff's Department Sgt. William E. Phelps completed a Police Traffic Radar Instructor Course at the University of North Florida's Institute of Police Traffic Management under scholarships awarded by MPH Electronics, Inc., and Kustom Electronics, Inc., respectively. Pictured with Martin is Bob Jacob, a Training Specialist with the Institute. The man with Sgt. Phelps is Kustom Representative Bernie Kakuski.



LARGO — Pinellas County Sheriff Gerry Coleman (third from right) and Mrs. Thomas Turner (fourth from right) made the presentation when three outstanding school crossing guards received the annual Maybelle Rollins Bradford Memorial Award which was established in 1975 by Mrs. Turner and her late husband in honor of Mrs. Turner's mother. The award recipients, pictured with their spouses, are (from left) Mary McInwrath, Jeri Mattingly and Fred Miller.



ORLANDO — After scanning the entire state of Florida for candidates, the American Legion chose Perry C. "Tommy" Kirkland, Special Agent-in-Charge of the Charlotte County Sheriff's Department Narcotics Team, as its "Law Officer of the Year." Kirkland, who received the award at the Legion's annual state convention in Orlando, was praised as an outstanding investigator and cited for his drug enforcement work in particular.



MIAMI — Metro-Dade Police Officers James Murray (third from left) and David Kosloske (third from right) were honored as "Officers of the Month" by the Dade County Association of Chiefs of Police and the South Florida Auto-Truck Dealers Association (SFADA) after they rescued two traffic accident victims whose car had submerged in 20 feet of water. Participating in the ceremony were (from left) Col. Irving Heller, Metro-Dade Police; Murray's wife, Rosemary; Rick Baker, representing the SFADA; Kosloske; Mrs. Mary Kosloske; and Metro-Dade Police Division Chief Fred Taylor. (Photo by Martin Aronow, Coral Gables)



LARGO — Martha C. Gray, Chief Chemist and Director of the Forensic Laboratory at the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department, holds the plaque she received in recognition of her term as President of the Southern Association of Forensic Scientists. She is also a board member in the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors, an organization with more than 200 members representing 300 crime labs in 50 states and Canada.



SANFORD—In recognition of her volunteer work and her professional accomplishments, Seminole County Deputy Sheriff Vicki Morris was chosen "Officer of the Year" by the Kiwanis Club of Central Florida and presented with the annual George Pfiel award which honors the memory of a Seminole County Deputy who lost his life in the line of duty. She is shown being congratulated by Seminole County Chief Deputy Duane Harrell.



Lt. LaCasse



Sgt. Wilkins



Sgt. Beebe

INVERNESS — Citrus County Sheriff Charles S. Dean congratulated three of his men, Lt. Terry LaCasse, Sgt. Henry Wilkins and Sgt. James Beebe, after the U. S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) honored them for their outstanding work in drug enforcement cases.



*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 Highlight:

Murdered Sheriff died praying that no one would seek revenge

ORLANDO — A cracked photograph from which details are fading . . . tales of murder and revenge . . . vague recollections of old-timers . . . faded court records . . . family fables . . . all of these fragments are woven together in the legend of Orange County Sheriff David Mizell.

And, in the end, it is not quite clear where the facts end and the fiction begins.

The image that emerges is that of a rugged man who became accustomed to frontier violence and hardships early in life . . . developed a reputation for kindness and devotion to duty . . . was gunned down from ambush . . . and died with a prayer on his lips that no one would seek revenge on the men who had murdered him.

David Mizell was born in the Alligator settlement of Columbia County (an area now known as Lake City) and grew up behind a log stockade that had been erected for protection from marauding Indians.

His earliest recollections would certainly have included the slaying of his sister and her husband by Indians — an incident that occurred a few miles from his home when he was five.

Tales he heard around the family fireplace must have also included the one about the miraculous escape of his sister's three-year-old daughter, Cornelia.

The story goes that one of the bloodthirsty Indians raised Cornelia above his head, flung her into the air, and positioned his spear so that it would pierce her when she fell.

However, the baby was so delighted with the toss that she giggled in midair, and the Indian was so startled he dropped the spear, caught the child, placed her beside her scalped and dying mother, and retreated into the forest.

According to family histories, Cornelia became a grandmother and died at 88.

After the Mizell clan moved to the Gainesville area in 1852, David met and married Angeline May,



The only available photo of Sheriff David Mizell is cracked and fading.

who later described him as a 19-year-old six-footer with blue eyes, brown hair and a fair complexion.

In 1858 the Mizells were on the move again. This time they headed into sparsely settled Orange County, a hot, dry wilderness dominated by flies and gnats.

"I guess our water had spilled, or maybe we had given it to the team," one of the children recalled later. "Soon we were all walking, and thirsty, and leading the team.

"It started to rain, and we camped. We had to cook in the rain. Next day, all day, it rained and the woods were full of water, with the awfulest, deepest holes in the road, and the horses were falling down.

Then everything stopped. Father said, "This is it. We're here!"

"There was not one house! Poor mother, we all gathered around her in the wagon, trying to keep her dry and warm. It had turned cold then. She told us, 'We haven't seen a house or a person for a week, so don't let yourselves get sick. There aren't any doctors here.'"

Young David Mizell fought in Florida's Indian Wars, and also as a Confederate Soldier. He was knocked out of combat by cholera at Savannah.

After doctors said cholera had damaged the young soldier's insides so extensively that he could eat only vegetable broth and seafood, his wife Angeline speeded his recovery by taking him to the Florida Keys and putting him on the prescribed diet. She was said to have butchered turtles to provide the broth needed in her husband's recuperation.

In 1868, when reconstruction was in full swing, David Mizell was appointed Sheriff of Orange County by Governor Harrison Reed. He soon gained a reputation as an unyielding man of law and order, then tempered it by performing deeds of kindness and Christian charity.

There is a story that he once administered a beating to an Orlando man who was threatening black persons with a gun to prevent them from registering to vote. "Being a good Christian," said the teller of this tale, "Mizell, of course, nursed the loser's wounds."

The Sheriff was also credited with acts of kindness toward Moses Barber, a rancher who had been fined for abducting and holding captive a young girl by the name of Jane Green. Mizell was said to have stood Barber's bond twice — the first time when Barber was arrested on the abduction charge, and the second time when Barber was fined \$1,000 and claimed he couldn't pay.

However, when Barber was supposed to return to court, he didn't show, and the Sheriff went out looking for him. That, apparently, was the beginning of a bloody Barber-Mizell feud, but the Barbers later came up with their own version by claiming that the feud began when Mizell was caught stealing one of Barber's calves.

In any event, all sources seem to agree that the Sheriff was gunned down on February 21, 1870, while leading a mounted posse consisting of his brother Morgan Mizell and his 12-year-old son, Will, in search of Moses Barber.

According to one writer, the posse was crossing Bull Creek near the present border between Osceola and Brevard Counties when shots erupted from the woods.

"Birds shrieked. Startled horses neighed and kicked their forelegs. Mizell slumped and tumbled

into the creek. He lay unconscious as his blood reddened the swirling waters," this account said.

Morgan Mizell dismounted and ordered 12-year-old Will to retreat. Buckshot struck trees and protruding rocks as Will's horse galloped toward the bank they had just left.

Morgan shot at the hidden assailants, then risked a moment to kneel beside his wounded brother. When he was unable to get a response, he used his horse as a shield and lugged his brother ashore. The gunfire ceased as Morgan galloped off for help, leaving Will to guard the Sheriff's body.

Will heard his father momentarily regain consciousness and mutter a prayer requesting that no one seek revenge on the men who had shot him, then his lips were still. By the time help arrived, the Sheriff was dead.

During burial rites, the Sheriff's Masonic brethren from the Apopka Lodge carried his casket in a torchlight procession to a clearing on the Mizell property and dug the first grave in a family plot that was eventually included within the Harry P. Leu Gardens, a 47-acre park bordering Orlando's Lake Rowena.

After the funeral there was more bloodshed. County records show that Needham Yates, William Yates, Isaac C. Barber and William Bronson, were arrested as accomplices of Moses Barber, the suspected assassin, and were shot and killed when they attempted to escape.

There is nothing in the records to support a rumor that they were arrested and shot in cold blood as an act of revenge.

When a member of the Barber clan drowned in a lake, weights were said to have been found on his body, and the Mizells were blamed for his death.

In retaliation for this, Moses Barber set fire to the courthouse and fled to Georgia, according to one tale, but a county history published in 1949, shows that the courthouse actually burned two years before Barber became a fugitive. Fact and fiction clash here.

Barber had been indicted by a grand jury and charged with the murder of Sheriff Mizell. That is a matter of record, but no records have been found verifying that Barber was ever tried in court.

A more exciting ending for his tale of murder and revenge can be found in the unsubstantiated tale that Judge John Mizell, brother of the murdered Sheriff, hired an assassin to track down Moses Barber, but the assassin returned with a report that Barber had died from someone else's bullet and was buried in Georgia.

Thereupon, the Judge, accompanied by a black laborer, went to Georgia to dig up Barber's body so he could make sure the murderer was dead.

Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund Honor Roll



Roster of Lifetime Honorary Members

Home towns eliminated

To protect our Lifetime Honorary Members from receiving unwanted solicitations and junk mail, we have discontinued printing their home towns when we print their names.

We decided this was necessary after we learned that certain organizations of questionable legitimacy were adding our Lifetimers to their mailing lists. Obtaining a complete mailing address was relatively easy for them as long as they had the Lifetimers' home towns. Without the home towns, it will be extremely difficult.

We have never permitted other organizations to use our membership lists, and we will continue to do everything possible to protect the privacy of our members.

Air Force Sgts.
Association
American Legion
Auxiliary Unit #142
Anonymous
B B & W Farms, Inc.
Mr. & Mrs. Charles
Baker
Mr. & Mrs. David
Brough
Sherwood R. Brown
Chapel Fund
Boys Ranch
Mrs. Dorie Dudley
Mercer Fearington
Mr. & Mrs. Fred W.
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Mr. & Mrs. Edward J.
Helgenberg
Ms. Kelly Hu
Dr. Julia Martin
Col. & Mrs. George
Meagher
Palm Beach Track &
Trail Riders, Inc.

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Regis Slotta
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Stoner
The Haystack, Inc.
William Toto
Mr. & Mrs. John F.
Trawczynski
United Division,
Pfizer H.P.G., Inc.
Veterans of
Foreign Wars
Auxiliary #4340

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.



ST. AUGUSTINE — St. Johns County Sheriff Neil Perry presents a Lifetime Honorary Membership to Mrs. Aline Kopf.

Veterans of
Foreign Wars
Auxiliary #7672
Veterans of
Foreign Wars
Auxiliary #8203
Veterans of
Foreign Wars
Auxiliary #6180
Ms. Edwina Vown
Dr. Charles O.
Weaver
Lloyd Witt
WBSP
WTSP



KISSIMMEE — Osceola County Sheriff Bob Fornes presents a Lifetime Honorary Membership to VFW Auxiliary #4225, represented by President Mary Lou Ellis and member Nora Clark.



BARTOW — Three major beauty queens were awarded Lifetime Honorary Memberships after they visited the Florida Sheriffs Girls Villa and participated in public service TV commercials that will be used in fund raising activities. Girls Villa residents Tina Henderson (left) and Melanie Vinson (fourth from left) made the presentations to Kelly Hu, Miss Teen-USA, and Yvonne Ryding, Miss Universe. Youth Fund Regional Director Bill Biebuyck made the presentation to Mai Shanley, Miss USA. The Queens were participating in rituals scheduled for the 1985 Miss USA Pageant, which was held in nearby Lakeland. Arrangements for the Queens' visit were made by Grant Gravitt, Miami movie producer. He is a long time friend and supporter of the Youth Fund.



BRADENTON — When former Manatee County Sheriff Dick Weitzenfeld and his wife Phyllis (right) received their Lifetime Honorary Membership, the presentation made by Manatee County Sheriff Charlie Wells (third from left) turned into an impromptu reunion which also involved Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund President Harry K. Weaver (left) and Youth Fund Board Chairman L. J. "Lu" Hindery, who is the Sheriff of Alachua County. By coincidence, Hindery was in Bradenton to study Sheriff Wells' computer system, and Weaver was on one of his frequent trips around the state. Witnessing the proceedings was another "old-timer," former Hardee County Sheriff Newt Murdock, who is currently in charge of Sheriff Wells' Jail/Corrections Division.



ORANGE PARK — Clay County Sheriff Jennings Murrhee (left) presents a Lifetime Honorary Membership to Lake Shore Moose Lodge #2020 represented by Henry E. Brazil.



LARGO — Pinellas County Sheriff Gerry Coleman presents a Lifetime Honorary Membership to Mrs. Hugh M. Coachman.



TALLAHASSEE — Leon County Sheriff Eddie Boone (right) and Bill Aust, Youth Fund Regional Director, present a Lifetime Honorary Membership plaque with one star to June Diehl.

Realtors join crime spotters

INVERNESS — Citrus County realtors are the latest recruits to join Sheriff Charles S. Dean's growing force of Neighborhood Watch crime spotters.

And, the Sheriff is happy to have them aboard. He said the very nature of the real estate business puts realtors in the mainstream of community activity during business and evening hours.

"They are in an ideal situation to observe any actions of a suspicious nature such as loitering, unusual vehicles in a neighborhood or unusual activity in or around a home," he added.

Working in cooperation with the Citrus County Board of Realtors, Sgt. Oren C. "Woody" Woodward will set up training sessions which realtors must complete before they will be permitted to display "Realtor Watcher" bumper emblems and carry an identification card.

Tipplers Will be Tracked

FORT LAUDERDALE — Broward County Sheriff Nick Navarro said a \$354,000 grant from the U.S. Highway Safety Administration will give the Sheriff's Department "a tremendous boost" in its campaign to curb drivers who drive while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

"This new grant will allow us to form a permanent DUI (Driving Under the Influence) Traffic Enforcement Unit consisting of two five-man teams of deputies who will patrol predetermined areas searching for drivers operating under the influence," said Navarro.

"These deputies will bring DUI suspects to waiting



Sheriff Charles S. Dean (second from left) and Sgt. Oren C. "Woody" Woodward welcome Janice Curry (left) and Roseann Straub, Neighborhood Watch recruits representing the Citrus County Board of Realtors.

BATmobiles (vans equipped for Breath-Alcohol-Testing)," he explained, so they can be tested without delay.

The department currently has three BATmobiles equipped with Intoxilyzers, which Navarro described as "accurate and dependable state-of-the-art machines capable of retaining actual samples of a drunk driver's breath."

The new DUI unit will operate in areas of the county where drunk driving problems have been identified, and will focus on the "peak hours," which means mostly nights and weekends.



Distinguished Service Awards — Two more Florida citizens have been awarded Distinguished Service certificates for 25 years of loyal support as honorary members of the Florida Sheriffs Association. They are Harold Smith, who received his certificate from Wakulla County Sheriff David Harvey; and the Rev. Nona F. Hurtado, whose certificate was awarded by Charlotte County Sheriff's Department Capt. William H. Reilly.

Historical Flashback:

Nearest jail was over 200 miles from courthouse built with logs

BRADENTON — Sheriffs have never had an easy job, but the conditions under which Manatee County Sheriff Jesse Tucker had to work in 1871 were the absolute pits, according to information culled from the hitherto unpublished writings of the Sheriff's son, F. H. Tucker.

Pine Level, a town that is almost impossible to find on Florida maps today, was the county seat. A log building 20 feet square was the county courthouse, and it was also used as a schoolroom.

Manatee County had no county jail. Neither did neighboring Hillsborough County. The nearest jail was over 200 miles away in Key West, and could only be reached by boat.

In those days, Manatee County covered most of southwest Florida, stretching from the Alafia River on the north, to the Kissimmee River on the east, the Caloosahatchee River on the south, and the Gulf of Mexico on the west. Today this same area contains six counties, in addition to Manatee, and portions of three other counties.

Trying to catch a fugitive in this vast, wild domain was almost impossible, but, when a murder was committed in Ogden (another town that is seldom found on today's maps) Sheriff Tucker didn't hesitate to do his duty.

He rounded up some young men, deputized them, and led the posse out into the woods. They trailed the murder suspect several miles through the woods to a patch of "scrub," where they found him asleep.

Since he had no jail, Tucker put the suspect on a sail boat and sent him to the Key West jail under heavy guard. Later the suspect was tried and convicted, a procedure that presumably required several trips by boat between Key West and Pine Level.

The 20 x 20 ft. log courthouse at Pine Level was said to have been built in 1866, and an addition which was 10 x 20 ft. provided two jury rooms, each 10 x 10 ft. Furniture in the courtroom included 22 benches, each 10 feet long, a table 2 feet by 8 feet, and a box bench for the judge.

In 1869 the courthouse was enlarged and made more secure with locks!

Information for this article was provided by Mrs. Eula Tucker Lastinger, a resident of Sarasota, and a member of the Sarasota County Historical Commission. She is a fifth generation Floridian, and a great granddaughter of Sheriff Tucker. He moved to Manatee County in 1866 after serving in the Indian Wars and the Civil War. F. H. Tucker was her grandfather.

Reorganization creates three Colonels

TAMPA — Hillsborough County Sheriff Walter C. Heinrich (left) recently announced a major staff reorganization that created new divisions, realigned existing divisions, and established a new command level with the rank of Colonel. Here he congratulates eight newly-promoted subordinates. They are (from left, in foreground) Charles Fisher, H. Cal Henderson, and David Parrish, who advanced from Major to Colonel; and (from left, background) Larry Terry, Ronald Poindexter, John Syron, Stephen Appel and James Cook, who were promoted from Captain to Major.





Detective Tony Picardi with (from left) Gay Lancaster, Director of Personnel Affairs for the Sheriff's Department; Victim Advocate Laura White; Barbara Bosson, star of "Hill Street Blues"; and Victim Advocates Kathy Corr and Sara Sopkin.



A SWITCH!

Awards go to a pair of detectives who protect the rights of victims

LARGO — Law enforcement awards are usually presented to officers who deal with crimes and criminals, but here's a switch, and it's about time. Two detectives in the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department have been honored for their work with crime victims.

They are Terry Thomas and Tony Picardi, who were praised for setting high standards in victim advocacy. Each received the annual Sheriff's Department Victim Advocates' Award, and Detective Thomas was also honored with a similar award from the Pinellas County Victim Rights Coalition, a group in which the Sheriff's Department is a member.

Both men were praised for their compassion, concern, and outstanding commitment to preserving the rights of crime victims.

Concurrent with the presentation of awards, the Victim Rights Coalition held a seminar featuring John Stein, Director of Public Affairs for the National Organization of Victim Assistance; Bill Modzeleski, Chief of the Family Violence Section, U.S. Department of Justice; Vance Arnett, Director of Pinellas County Criminal Justice Planning; and Barbara Bosson, television actress who plays the role of Fay Furillo, Victim's Aide, on "Hill Street Blues."



Detective Terry Thomas with Assistant State Attorney Mary McKeown (left) and Barbara Bosson, star of "Hill Street Blues."

