

the Sheriff's Star



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Al Parker was "one of a kind"



CROSS CITY — Sheriffs come from a wide variety of occupational backgrounds. Many are career law enforcement professionals, but others over the years have been bankers, insurance executives, grocers, preachers and cattle ranchers before they became Sheriffs.

But, the late David Alba "Al" Parker, former Sheriff of Dixie County who died at his home in Cross City on August 19, was apparently the only Sheriff who ever published a newspaper while he was wearing a Sheriff's badge.

Parker was the owner, publisher and editor of the *Dixie County Advocate*, a weekly, from 1954 to July, 1963. He served 20 years as Sheriff, from 1957 to 1977, but seemed to handle his dual role as newsmaker and news publisher without encountering any serious conflict of interest.

Parker was a Deacon in the New Prospect Baptist Church, and one of the founders of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. He is survived by his widow, Vee, and some nieces and nephews. A native of Dixie County, he was 72 when he died, and had been married 47 years.

During World War II Parker served in the military police, and was holding the rank of Staff Sergeant when he was discharged.

Dixie County Sheriff Glen Dyals, and his Chief Deputy Sammy Woodall, were included in the active pallbearers who participated in funeral rites held at New Prospect Baptist Church on August 21. Honorary pallbearers included Putnam County Sheriff Walt Pellicer, Levy County Sheriff Pat Hartley, State Attorney Jerry M. Blair and Assistant State Attorney Alex Prinz.

Sheriff Lamar—a rising star

ORLANDO — Orange County Sheriff Lawson Lamar, a rising star in the law enforcement firmament, was praised by the Florida Society of Association Executives for developing the Orange County Sheriff's Department into a model for many law enforcement agencies in Florida and throughout the nation.

A resolution passed by the Society cited Lamar's effectiveness in fighting crime with innovative and progressive projects.

For distinguished service

BRONSON — Chapter Five of the Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency embracing nine north Florida counties has given a Distinguished Service Award to Chuck Bastak, who is employed by the Levy County Sheriff's Department as a School Resource Officer.

Bastak is currently serving as President of the Florida Association of Resource Officers. He was praised for his ability to adopt programs and ideas from larger counties, and adapt them to the needs of Levy County, which is a small county.

"A whole lot of dedication"

FORT MYERS — Major Jerry Warriner received a service award and praise from his boss recently when he celebrated his 30th anniversary with the Lee County Sheriff's Department. Pointing out that Warriner has served the Department longer than any other member of the staff, Sheriff Frank Wanicka said: "That shows a lot of dedication. He's been a real asset." Warriner is currently in charge of hiring and training deputies.



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Retiring 30-year veteran was one of state's first female patrol deputies

The following article is excerpted from a feature written for the Bradenton Herald by Joanne Fiske. The photo was taken for the Herald by Carson Baldwin.

BRADENTON — Sgt. Myra Hunter looks like the type of patient, kindly woman who would readily lend a sympathetic ear to your troubles, but those who know her say she could also give you some trouble — if you asked for it.

Described by co-workers as a southern lady with guts, Mrs. Hunter was one of the first uniformed female patrol deputies in the state after she went to work for the Manatee County Sheriff's Department in 1954. During her long career she also received special recognition from the Florida House of Representatives and the National Jail Association.

Winning the respect of her peers was another achievement — especially considering the attitude that prevailed toward female law enforcement officers when she began her career.

"People in law enforcement were supposed to be six feet tall and 180 pounds," according to retired Sheriff's Department Maj. Clyde Gill. "They resented a female, but Mrs. Hunter never had any problems winning the respect of her fellow officers.

"She was a real policewoman," said Gill. "She'd face anything. She didn't back up from no one or nobody. I'd just as soon have her as my backup as a man because she wouldn't back away from a fist fight, a gin mill, or nothing.

"She'd just walk in right by your side. Any time she was there, you didn't have to worry about Myra. She could take care of herself, and she'd take care of us too," Gill said.

With only five deputies on the department's payroll, Mrs. Hunter had to be tough when the situation demanded it; but she could also be gentle and kind, acting as a mother or sister to her fellow officers.

Mrs. Hunter began her long career as a school crossing guard. She also patrolled the schools, driving a marked patrol car. Her first arrest was a school teacher she cited for speeding in a school zone.

From 1960 to 1976 she tackled more dangerous police work, taking part in undercover surveillance and raids. Her duties included putting on a bathing suit to stake out sex offenders at the beach.

At all hours of the day and night, any day of the week, she assisted male deputies and detectives in many raids of all types, including drugs, vice and gambling, according to a memo written by former



Sergeant Myra Hunter

Sheriff Dick Weitzenfeld.

"I was never afraid," Mrs. Hunter said recently. "You just sort of get law enforcement in your blood, and you don't want to do anything else. You see some people who have gone wrong straighten up and become responsible citizens, and that gives you a good feeling."

Mrs. Hunter's brother was a deputy sheriff and a police officer, and his experiences sparked her initial interest in law enforcement. Consequently, when Sheriff Roy Baden asked her if she would like to be a deputy sheriff, she didn't hesitate to assure him that she would.

"I learned while I was working," she explained recently. "It was on-the-job training. I thought I would like it, and I have."

In 1976, soon after her promotion to sergeant, Mrs. Hunter was named the outstanding female correctional officer of the year by the National Jail Association. The following year she was honored by the Florida House of Representatives for outstanding contributions to law enforcement.

In June, after completing a 30-year career under six Sheriffs, Mrs. Hunter announced plans to retire and take it easy. She said she was going to miss law enforcement, and the people who had been working with her said the sentiment would be mutual.



Sheriffs Association President Fred Peel (at podium) was the moderator for a panel discussion in which Florida lawmakers gave Sheriffs pointers on how to deal cooperatively and effectively with legislative issues. The lawmakers are, from left, Representatives Dick Locke and Bobby Brantley, and State Senator Bill Grant.

Jail problems number one concern at Sheriffs Association meeting



Weighty decisions captured the attention of Berwin Williams (left), Executive Director of the Sheriffs Association, and Sheriff Fred Peel, Association President.

JACKSONVILLE — Jail problems emerged as the overriding concern of 51 Sheriffs attending the 72nd Annual Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association, here, July 28-31.

Discussions in business sessions revealed that almost every county in the state is facing a crisis due to overcrowding, limited staffing, and insufficient funding to meet the mandates of state and federal courts.

It was agreed that recent legislative changes applied to the state correctional system have produced a "trickle down" effect that is having a serious impact on the operation of county jails. Consequently, Sheriffs agreed to try to reverse this trend by taking appropriate action during the 1986 session of the Florida Legislature.

"Our aim," said Sheriffs Association President Fred Peel, "will be to restore the proper balance between state and local government responsibilities."



In the limelight during the conference were (from left) Host Sheriff Dale Carson; Franklin County Sheriff Jack Taylor, Chairman of the Association's Board of Directors; Martin County Sheriff Jim Holt, Association Vice President; and Washington County Sheriff Fred Peel, Association President.

Distinguished guests included Willis Booth, Executive Director of the Florida Police Chiefs Association (left); Deland Police Chief Richard Slaughter, President of the Chiefs Association; and Bill Gunter, State Treasurer and Insurance Commissioner.

Other topics discussed during the conference were the appropriate use of deadly force by law enforcement officers, the proper handling of expenditures from contraband forfeiture trust funds, and methods of developing aggressive victim-witness assistance programs.

Approval was given to a statewide mutual aid agreement which will result in a more effective response to emergencies involving more than one Sheriff's Department.

Plantation Resort at Crystal River, was chosen as the site of the Annual Mid-Winter Conference, which will be held in January, 1986. This was in response to an invitation from Citrus County Sheriff Charles S. Dean.

The Sheriffs Association, which is currently celebrating its 75th Anniversary, holds conferences twice a year to provide training and give Sheriffs an opportunity to exchange information. These sessions are attended by officials from all levels of the criminal justice system, and therefore provide a forum in which a wide range of law enforcement issues can be confronted.

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Gunter

Booth and Slaughter



Sheriffs Association Meeting continued. . .



Santa Rosa County Sheriff Mauriece Coffman (seated) was one of the first Sheriffs to sign a statewide mutual aid agreement which will enable Sheriffs to respond more effectively to emergencies involving more than one Sheriff's Department. J. M. "Buddy" Phillips (standing) was responsible for getting all Sheriffs in the state to sign on the dotted line. He is the Executive Assistant to the Commissioner of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.



Sheriff and Mrs. Dale Carson were given a standing ovation for the outstanding job they did in hosting the conference.



State Senator Bill Grant (left) announced that special recognition had been extended to former Union County Sheriff John Whitehead by the Florida Legislature, in praise of his long and successful career in law enforcement.



Doug Gooch, Director of Marketing for Architects Design Group of Florida, Inc., unveiled a full-color poster of shoulder patches from every Sheriff's Department in the state. His firm was responsible for printing the poster and distributing it to all Sheriffs' Departments.



Sheriffs and guests responded with a standing ovation after a chorus of youngsters from the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, Girls Villa and Youth Ranch presented a medley of patriotic songs.

FIST ranked first !!!

Round-up of almost 4,000 fugitives was the success story of the year

Law enforcement mounted many successful attacks against crime in 1985, but FIST easily ranked first among all the Florida forays.

FIST was the code name applied to the activities of a Fugitive Investigative Strike Team composed of 211 federal, state, county and city law enforcement officers — a team that rounded up 3,816 “fleeing felons” wanted for murder, rape, robbery, assault, burglary, narcotics violations, arson, kidnapping, counterfeiting and other serious crimes.

Orchestrated by the U.S. Marshal’s Service, this record-setting sweep also involved officers from 20 Sheriffs’ Departments, 17 Police Departments, one state agency (the Florida Department of Law Enforcement), and three federal agencies.

U.S. Attorney General Edwin Meese III called FIST “the most expansive and successful fugitive manhunt ever.”

Stanley E. Morris, Director of the U.S. Marshal’s Service, said it “clearly demonstrated the ability and willingness of the entire law enforcement community, both at home and abroad, to carry out missions that transcend the routine.”

To demonstrate that this was a crackdown on hardened “pros,” he pointed out that the fugitives arrested by FIST had a total of 11,559 prior arrests/convictions, or an average of 3.03 per individual.

“This alone,” he said, “is a clear indication of the magnitude of the fugitive problem as it relates to the amount of serious crime committed by a relatively small number of criminals.”

Although there were many weeks of advance planning, and the manhunt itself lasted almost ten weeks from the April 1 starting date, the average cost per arrest was reported to be only \$929.

To flush the fugitives, officers used numerous “stings” and strategies. Undercover officers posed as insurance agents, film makers and drifters.

One of the most successful scams involved a promotional letter from Puno Aero Tours, a fictitious firm created by law enforcement officers. “Congratulations!” said the letter. “You are the winner of a weekend retreat in the Bahamas. Enclosed please find your champagne-flight boarding pass.”

The letter added that on a certain date the winners would be picked up for a ride to the airport in limousines. They were indeed picked up, but by federal marshals masquerading as chauffeurs, and they were handcuffed within moments after climbing into the limousines.

Although most of the arrests resulted from more

conventional police tactics, the Puno ploy and similar lures helped to collar violent criminals without anyone being injured.

“Scams usually work very well with this type of fugitive,” said U.S. Marshal Jerry Bullock, “because their entire lives are devoted to getting something for nothing.”

FIST was a “first” in Florida, but it had been used successfully seven times in other states. The previous seven ventures were said to have netted about 7,500 fugitives, including 3,300 in the northeastern United States.

In some areas of Florida, fugitives arrested by FIST caused jails to become temporarily overcrowded, and court dockets to become jammed. One overburdened circuit judge held hearings for 78 probation violators in one day.

FIST involved liaison officers from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and law enforcement officials from several Caribbean countries, in addition to the main force of U.S. officers.

Numerous major drug traffickers wanted in the United States were located in areas outside the United States, such as Costa Rica and the Dominican Republic, and held for extradition or deportation.

A Florida fugitive was located and arrested in Pennsylvania; a Kentucky prison escapee who had been on the lam for three years was nabbed in Orlando; a World War II war criminal was caught and held without bail; and a Canadian fugitive with 14 robbery counts on his record was arrested in Pompano Beach and held for Canadian authorities.

Appointed by Governor

ORLANDO — Orange County Sheriff Lawson Lamar was appointed to Florida’s Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Advisory Group by Governor Bob Graham. Developing a comprehensive juvenile justice plan for the state is the Group’s primary assignment.

How to manage the fleet

JACKSONVILLE — A “Comprehensive Police Fleet Management” course at the Institute of Police Traffic Management, University of North Florida, November 4-7, will include instruction by experts in vehicle testing, preventive maintenance, records management and other crucial aspects of police fleet operations.

For more information, contact Raymond Nash (904) 646-2722.



We Salute!



Charles Lowell

WEST PALM BEACH — To his professional credentials, Lt. Charles Lowell, from the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Department, has added successful completion of a 13-week course at the University of Louisville's Southern Police Institute.

The curriculum included courses in Organizational Behavior, Police Administration, Police Personnel Management, Constitutional Law, and Current Issues in Law Enforcement.

Rubin Rodriguez

LABELLE — The LaBelle American Legion Post presented its "Officer of the Year" award to Hendry County Deputy Sheriff Rubin Rodriguez in recognition of the role he played in reducing the county's crime rate — also for maintaining a crime solving rate of 42 percent, which is considerably higher than the national average.

Rodriguez has been with the Sheriff's Department for three years, and in the Criminal Investigations Division for one year.

William John Lubitz Dennis Patrick Moore Mary Beth Hamp

PUNTA GORDA — Charlotte County Junior Deputy Sheriff League scholarships of \$1,000 each were awarded to three high school students. They are: William John Lubitz, Dennis Patrick Moore and Mary Beth Hamp.

James Pierce

TITUSVILLE — In recognition of his diligence in making driving-under-the-influence arrests, Brevard County Deputy Sheriff James Pierce received an award from the Brevard County Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD).

Sheriff's K-9 Unit

WEST PALM BEACH — Five deputies and their well-trained canine partners from the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Department captured first place in regional competition against some fifty law enforcement agencies from an area encompassing Florida, Georgia and part of Alabama.

The team was composed of Bobby Anderson and his dog



LARGO — Junior Deputy Sheriff Dawn Paul, 10, was awarded a Certificate of Recognition by Pinellas County Sheriff Gerry Coleman after she helped law enforcement officers recover a \$22,000 Cadillac stolen by three teen-age girls. Although only 13, and about four feet, ten inches tall, the girls logged many miles of joy riding before they were caught.

Bingo; Tom Brooks and Rexx; Mike Niccolette and Zerrow; Craig Wiles and Rio; and Thomas Colombrito and Jato. Next competition will be the national championships in Detroit, in October.



Tatum



Kiser



Fair

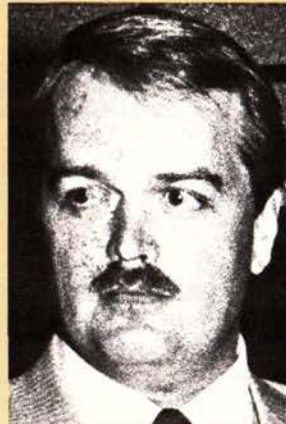
TITUSVILLE — Brevard County Sheriff C. W. "Jake" Miller congratulates three of his deputies who received awards. They are Lowell Tatum, who received the J. Edgar Hoover Memorial Gold Medal for Distinguished Public Service; O'Dell Kiser, who was given special recognition for helping to save the life of a drowning victim; and Thom Fair, who was chosen as one of Florida's top ten law enforcement officers.



Chitwood



Welborn



Christopher



Isaacs

ST. AUGUSTINE — When the St. John's County Sheriff's Department held its first annual Awards Dinner, the 18 honorees included four deputy sheriffs who were praised for capturing a kidnapper. They are: Frank B. Welborn, Terry L. Isaacs and David W. Christopher, who received Meritorious Service Awards; and Daniel E. Chitwood, Jr., who was awarded a Combat Medal.

**Ron Wilson
Diane Thompson
John Cardell
Mike Garrett
Joe Mutter**

FORT PIERCE — St. Lucie County Sheriff Robert C. "Bobby" Knowles commended four deputies and a newspaper carrier for life saving activities.

Ron Wilson, the carrier, reported a fire to the fire department, then aroused a man who was asleep on the porch of the burning residence.

When Deputies Diane Thompson and John Cardell arrived at the scene, they discovered that a second man was inside. They knocked out a window and pulled the man to safety.

Deputy Mike Garrett was commended for saving Deputy Tommy Thompson from drowning; and for teaming up with Deputy Joe Mutter to revive a man who had been injured in an assault case.

Viola Fagen

HASTINGS — St. John's County Sheriff Neil Perry presented a Florida Sheriffs Association Distinguished Service Award to Viola Fagen after Mrs. Fagen risked her life to recover the body

of a 64-year-old woman who died in a residence fire.

Robert Lester

FORT LAUDERDALE — Helicopter pilot Robert Lester was chosen "Deputy of the Year" in the Broward County Sheriff's Department after he made a risky night landing between power lines during a shootout in order to assist a fatally wounded deputy.

He was also cited by Broward County Sheriff Nick Navarro for rescuing three youths from a burning car. Two of the youths survived the crash, which occurred when Lester was off duty.

Vicki Morris

SANFORD — Vicki Morris has achieved stardom, in spite of the fact that she abandoned her plans for a stage career years ago and chose to become a law enforcement officer.

She was a theater major at Rollins College before she decided to make the switch, and now, some seven years later, this hard working, talented Seminole County Deputy Sheriff has been chosen by the Kiwanis Club of Central Florida-Seminole as the county's top law enforcement officer.

The Club gave her its annual George Pfeil Memorial Award to seal the deal, after her boss, Sheriff John Polk, praised her for her "keen desire to excel," and her dedication to her job.

Polk also gave the Club a long list of her accomplishments, including the fact that she was the 1984 Employee of the Year in the Patrol Division of the Sheriff's Department.

Mrs. Morris is the wife of a deputy sheriff, and was formerly the first and only female member of the Sheriff's SWAT Team.

The George Pfeil Memorial Award honors a Seminole County Reserve Deputy Sheriff who was shot and killed in 1977.

Randall Speakman

LARGO — Deputy Sheriff Randall Speakman was awarded a Medal of Honor, the highest award offered by the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department, after he risked his life to rescue an elderly woman from a burning building.



Hands off!!

Sheriffs opposed to private firms operating county jails for profit

A law passed this year by the Florida Legislature opens the door for private firms to operate Florida's county jails for profit, and Sheriffs don't like it — not A-tall!

Chapter 85-340 became effective on June 24, 1985. Four weeks later Sheriffs attending the 72nd Annual Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association, in Jacksonville, went on record as strongly opposing the "privatization" of jails.

Leading the opposition was Bay County Sheriff LaVelle Pitts, who was facing a strong possibility that the Bay County Jail would be turned over to Corrections Corporation of America (CCA), a private firm that operates a 300-bed jail work camp in Hamilton County, Tennessee.

Pitts said the Bay County Commission had voted 3-2 to accept a proposal submitted by CCA, and the actual signing of a contract was anticipated in the near future, in spite of the fact that a public opinion poll showed opposition running as high as 100 to 1 against this move.

In May, when the County Commissioners first revealed their interest in a CCA proposal, Pitts told news reporters: "I'm surprised and really shocked. I wasn't invited to take part in any of the process."

During the Sheriffs Association Conference two months later, Sheriffs were told that Escambia, Monroe and Orange Counties were also considering "private jails for profit"; and many of them for the first time became fully aware of the impact chapter 85-340 was going to have in the field of corrections. It creates Section 944.105 in the Florida Statutes, and authorizes County Commissioners to contract with private firms for the maintenance and operation of county jails.

It also provides that the private firms contracting to operate jails will be liable for acts of negligence, for the care and custody of inmates, and for breach of contract.

Meanwhile, Sheriffs have expressed many doubts and concerns about turning the jail business over to private firms.

Some pointed out that private firms paid on a per inmate basis would be under pressure to maintain high occupancy rates, and would thus intensify jail overcrowding, which is currently one of the most critical problems facing Florida's criminal justice system.



Bay County Sheriff LaVelle Pitts introduced the motion that Sheriffs passed voicing strong opposition to "privatization of county jails." The voting occurred during the 72nd Annual Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association.

Others said it was very unlikely that county commissioners could dump legal difficulties and other jail problems in the laps of private firms, and expect to be rid of them.

To back up this contention they quoted a message that came out of a recent national forum on corrections: namely that governing bodies are still legally liable for what happens in jails, regardless of whether they are operated by an elected Sheriff or a private business.

Another argument voiced by Sheriffs was that private contractors would not be subject to community pressure since they do not stand for election, and therefore they are not likely to place a high priority on solving jail problems, particularly if the problems require a large outlay of money.

The strong opposition expressed by Florida Sheriffs has been echoed across the nation, and was given formal expression in a resolution passed by the National Sheriffs Association. "We are unalterably opposed to taking the jails away from Sheriffs and turning them over to private organizations," the National Association declared.

However, regardless of this "united front" against "private jails for profit," there is a growing trend for private business to become involved in the corrections business. Note the evidence:

- ★ Laws similar to Florida's permitting private operation of jails have been passed in New Mexico and Texas, and one was pending in Colorado, according to a 1985 report by the National Institute of Justice.

- ★ In Pennsylvania, a private service runs a juvenile training school for the state.

- ★ A California-based company has converted four motels into jails for illegal aliens.

- ★ A 1984 report said two former Sheriffs were preparing to open a converted military base near Mineral Wells, Texas, as a 575-bed facility for the U.S. Bureau of Prisons.

- ★ In Golden, Colorado, private investors are accepting a "piece of the action." A 384-cell jail is being constructed there with the help of \$30 million raised by The E.F. Hutton Group, Inc. In this deal, Jefferson County leases the jail from a private company that holds title to the property until 1992. After that the county will take formal possession. Rental payments and interest go to investors who bought shares in the project.

- ★ A report sponsored by the National Institute of Corrections said that about \$200 million is spent annually by institutions in 39 states and the District of Columbia on private sector services such as physical and mental health programs, and educational and vocational training. The report disclosed that agencies in 10 states were considering allowing private groups to run entire institutions, and an estimate was made that there could be a dozen privately run prisons by 1990.

- ★ Private firms are operating prison industry and work programs in several states. In Arizona, for example, prison inmates are operating a computerized reservation service for Best Western motels. In Minnesota, inmates are manufacturing computer disc drives for Control Data Corporation.

- ★ Large accounting, construction and consulting firms are focusing on the profit potential offered in the field of corrections. For example, Justice Systems, Inc., a construction and consulting firm based in Atlanta, Georgia, analyzed the jail needs of the nation's 3,041 counties, rated each on a scale of 1 to 9 for marketing purposes, then targeted 300 top counties for investment opportunities.

All of these examples add up to a strong trend that is gathering momentum. However, doubts about the desirability of injecting the profit motive into the management of jails and prisons are also gathering momentum.

Many questions are being raised, including this one: "Will private operators skim off the most profitable 'cream of the crop,' leaving the public correctional system with the most troublesome, unprofitable inmate management problems?"

Sheriffs pledge to support anti-takeover organization

TALLAHASSEE — The Florida Sheriffs Association, during a Board of Directors meeting here August 23, pledged to support Bay County Citizens for Fair Government (BCCFG), a Panama City organization opposing a private takeover of the Bay County Jail.

Acting in response to a report that the Bay County Commission was preparing to sign a contract which would permit Corrections Corporation of America (CCA) to operate the county jail, the Sheriffs Association's Board assured BCCFG representatives that the Association's attorneys and staff would give professional advice and technical assistance to anti-takeover actions.

The Board also gave serious consideration to the possibility of participating in anti-takeover legal action as a "friend of the court," if and when the issue reaches appeal level.

Meanwhile, Sheriffs and members of the Association's staff are studying the possibility of future legislative action to amend substantially the new Florida law that authorized county commissioners to "privatize" county jails.

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.

Sheriff James L.
Adams, Jr.
Sumter County
Gary Bradshear
Charles Brilliant
John Cogdill
Mr. & Mrs. Robert L.
Ellis
Mr. & Mrs. Granville A.
Erickson
Florida Redneck Goat
Ropers Association
Florida State Prison
Fraternal Order of Eagles
Ms. Marilyn Hartnagel
Imperial House
Dr. & Mrs. Marvin Jaffee
Louis P. McGowen
Mr. & Mrs. William R.
McMahon
Charles Michewicz
Ms. Stephanie Miller
Dr. M. E. Morrow
Mr. & Mrs. George W.
Neubauer

Northeast Optimist Club
of Sarasota
Perret's Fishing &
Hunting Shop
Pilot House of
St. Petersburg, Inc.
Mrs. Muriel N. Rice
Mrs. Dave Starr
Veterans of
Foreign Wars
Auxiliary 5335
Veterans of
Foreign Wars
Auxiliary 10211
Veterans of
Foreign Wars
Auxiliary 1590
Veterans of
Foreign Wars
Auxiliary 4534
Veterans of
Foreign Wars
Auxiliary 10087
Veterans of
Foreign Wars
Auxiliary 8681

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. John's County Sheriff Neil J. Perry (right) presents a Lifetime Honorary Membership to John W. Canada.

Veterans of
Foreign Wars
Auxiliary 8182
Veterans of
Foreign Wars
Auxiliary 1966
Veterans of
Foreign Wars
Auxiliary 10091
Veterans of
Foreign Wars
Auxiliary 2206
Veterans of
Foreign Wars
Auxiliary 10209
Veterans of
Foreign Wars
Auxiliary 6827
Veterans of
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Auxiliary 4945
Veterans of
Foreign Wars
Auxiliary 4250

Veterans of
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Auxiliary 4256
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Auxiliary 10476
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Auxiliary 8085
Veterans of
Foreign Wars
Auxiliary 3282
Veterans of
Foreign Wars
Auxiliary 3233
Veterans of
Foreign Wars
Auxiliary 8154
Mrs. Dorothy S. Winters



KEISSIMMEE — Osceola County Sheriff Bob Fornes (left) presents a Lifetime Honorary Membership to Sherwood Brown.



OCALA — Capt. Eddie Wright (left), representing Marion County Sheriff Don Moreland, presents a Lifetime Honorary Membership to Edward McClellan, Jr.



DeLAND — Volusia County Deputy Sheriff Al Pagliari (left) presents a Lifetime Honorary Membership to John Woodard. It was issued to Mr. Woodard and his wife.



SARASOTA — Sarasota County Sheriff Geoff Monge (center) presents a Lifetime Honorary Membership to Mr. and Mrs. Robert N. Lowe.



PUNTA GORDA — Charlotte County Sheriff John J. McDougall (left) and Youth Fund President Harry K. Weaver present a Lifetime Honorary Membership to Mrs. Elisabeth King.



ST. PETERSBURG — Pinellas County Sheriff Gerry Coleman (left) accepts a generous Youth Fund gift from State Representative Dorothy E. Sample.



WPLA



Delta



Hardin

CLEARWATER — Youth Fund Regional Director Fred "Mac" Stones presents Lifetime Honorary Memberships to Radio Station WPLA, represented by Al Berry (left) and Jim Malloy (right); Delta Airlines Fair Share Fund, represented by Christie Hoff; and George Hardin (left).

CLEARWATER — Youth Fund Vice President Joe Spenard (left) presented gold stars to three Lifetime Honorary Members, with each star signifying an increase of at least \$5,000 in gifts to the Youth Fund. The Lifetime Members are (from right) Pinellas County Sheriff Gerry Coleman (one star); Carl Hernandez, Chief of Judicial and Support Services for the Sheriff's Department (two stars); and Sheriff's Detective Mike Coachman (one star).



Be aware!

1985 laws deal with drinking, fighting, bulletproof vests, deadly weapons, etc.

Hold it! If you aren't already familiar with new laws passed by the Florida Legislature, the time has come to check them out — especially if you are planning to use a bulletproof vest while committing a serious crime, carry a self-propelled knife, order a round of drinks for your young friends, park in a parking space reserved for the handicapped, or hold a cockfight.

Some of the new laws are already in effect. Others will become effective October 1, 1985. Here is a sampling:

Chapter 85-325, Parking

Authorizes counties and cities to increase the fine for illegal parking in spaces reserved for the handicapped. Counties can also generate a list of habitual violators who have five or more outstanding violations, and prevent them from renewing their auto license tags. Effective July 1, 1985.

Chapter 85-29, Vests

Prohibits the wearing of a bulletproof vest while carrying a gun and committing, or attempting to commit, certain specified forcible felonies. Punishable as a felony of the third degree. Effective October 1, 1985.

Chapter 85-8, Needles

Prohibits the sale or delivery of hypodermic syringes or needles to anyone under 18, unless the minor has a valid prescription. Misdemeanor of the first degree. Effective October 1, 1985.

Chapter 85-289, Fighting

The crime of fighting or baiting animals has been upgraded from a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable by up to one year in prison, to a felony of the third degree, punishable by up to five years in prison. Effective October 1, 1985.

Chapter 85-158, Bumpers

Specifies maximum bumper heights for all motor vehicles with a net shipping weight of 5,000 pounds or less. Heights are measured from the ground to

the bottom of the bumper, and range from 22" for small cars, to 30" for trucks weighing over 3,000 pounds. Punishable as a moving violation (\$25 fine). Effective October 1, 1985.

Chapter 85-285, Drinking

Raises the legal age for sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages from 19 to 21. However, anyone who was 19 as of July 1, 1985, can continue to purchase and consume alcoholic beverages.

Chapter 85-258, Knives

Defines a self-propelled knife as a dangerous or deadly weapon, and a contraband item subject to seizure. Manufacture, sale, possession or use of this weapon is a misdemeanor of the first degree. Effective June 19, 1985.

Chapter 85-229, Children

Prohibits leaving a child under 6 unattended in a motor vehicle "for any period of time if the motor is running, or the health of the child is in danger." Punishable by fines of \$50 to \$500, and classified as a non-criminal traffic infraction. Leaving a child under 6 in an unattended vehicle for more than 15 minutes is punishable by a fine of up to \$100. Effective October 1, 1985.

Chapter 85-288, Jails

Requires the Florida Division of Corrections to prepare a monthly statewide analysis of jail populations, and to provide technical assistance to counties with significant jail problems. Statistics will help Sheriffs forecast the impact of proposed legislation on jails, and will also pinpoint serious overcrowding. New law includes intent language that a county jail is to be used only as the last alternative when an offender is being placed on probation. Effective July 1, 1985.

Chapter 85-224, Fingerprints

Requires the Division of Criminal Justice Information within the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) to develop plans for a state-



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During the 72nd Annual Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association in July, State Senator Pat Thomas and Representative Barry Kutun received legislative awards from the Sheriffs Association in recognition of their leadership, and the support they gave to law enforcement and good government during the 1985 session of the Florida Legislature. The awards were presented by Seminole County Sheriff John Polk (center) and John D. Fuller (right), the Sheriffs Association's Legislative Counsel. Identical awards will also be presented to House Speaker James Harold Thompson, Senate President Harry A. Johnston II, Senator Karen Thurman, and Representative Herb Morgan.

wide automated fingerprint identification system; to prepare uniform offense and arrest report forms suitable for use by all Florida law enforcement agencies; and to initiate a crime information and offender-based transaction system. This act also requires the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission to develop uniform minimum employment standards for the various criminal justice disciplines, and to establish criteria for determining whether an applicant for certification is qualified to be exempted from training requirements. Effective July 1, 1985.

Chapter 85-179, Prosecutor

Creates the office of Statewide Prosecutor to be appointed by the Attorney General from a list of not less than three persons nominated by the Supreme Court's Judicial Nominating Commission, but an amendment to the Florida Constitution must be passed by voters in the 1986 general election to make this act effective. The Statewide Prosecutor's jurisdiction will be limited to offenses spread over two or more judicial circuits. Local law enforcement agencies will be permitted to request the assistance

of the Statewide Prosecutor in fighting organized crime. Chapter 85-179 also amends the authority of Florida's statewide grand jury from multi-county to multi-circuit jurisdiction.

Chapter 85-316, Contraband-Forfeiture

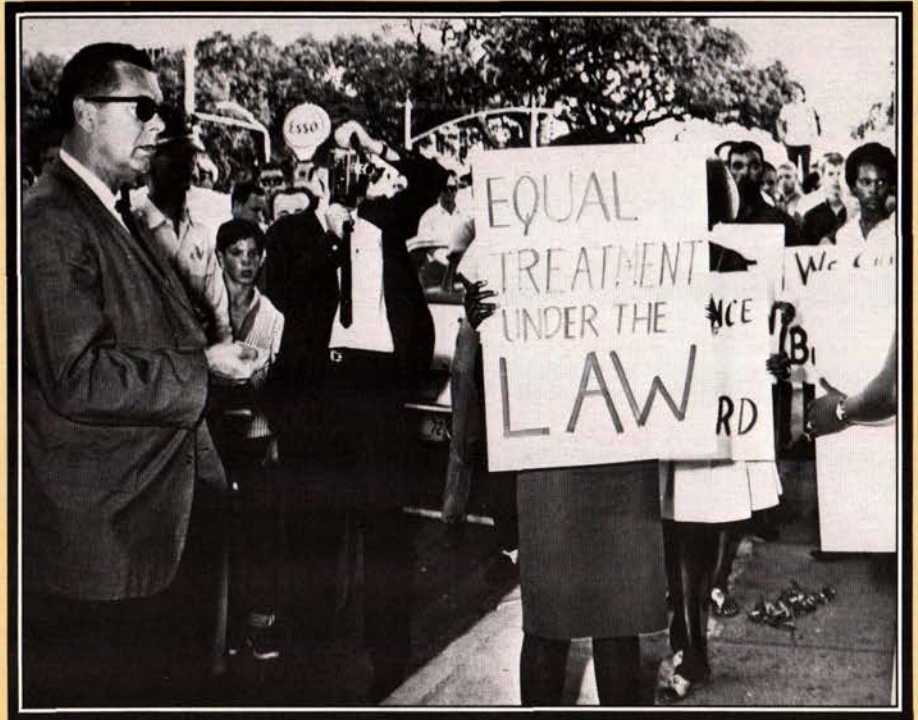
Provides specific regulations for contraband forfeiture, and utilization of funds generated by contraband forfeiture. Prevents forfeiture of property held jointly by husband and wife, if one or the other can prove a complete lack of knowledge that the jointly held property was used, or was likely to be used, in criminal activity. Effective October 1, 1985.

Chapter 85-250, Traffic Violations

Authorizes persons charged with certain civil traffic infractions to elect to attend a driver improvement course in lieu of paying a civil penalty or making a court appearance. Such a choice can be made only once in any 12-month period, and only three times by any individual. Drivers who decide to go this route will be charged court costs of \$20. Effective October 1, 1985.

1960s — a time of turmoil

This is one of a series of historical highlights presented during 1985 to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Florida Sheriffs Association.



TALLAHASSEE — Former Leon County Sheriff Bill Joyce (left) remembers well the crisis that accompanied attempts to integrate Tallahassee's "whites only" movie theaters in 1963.

It was a time of turmoil all over Florida, but particularly so in the capital city because of the intensive media coverage available there.

This Florida Archives photo by Associated Press photographer Frank "Pappy" Noel captured a tense confrontation during picketing of the Florida Theater. However, the theater picketing was only one of many incidents causing stress and anguish for Tallahassee law enforcement officers during the 1960s.

Black activists, with token assistance from white sympathizers, also organized a city bus boycott, "kneel-ins" at white churches, and "sit-ins" at segregated lunch counters.

Joyce was a Lake Worth, Florida, policeman and a Florida Highway Patrol trooper before he was elected Sheriff of Leon County in 1952. His career as Sheriff spanned 16 years and reached its zenith in 1967 when he was elected President of the Sheriffs Association.