

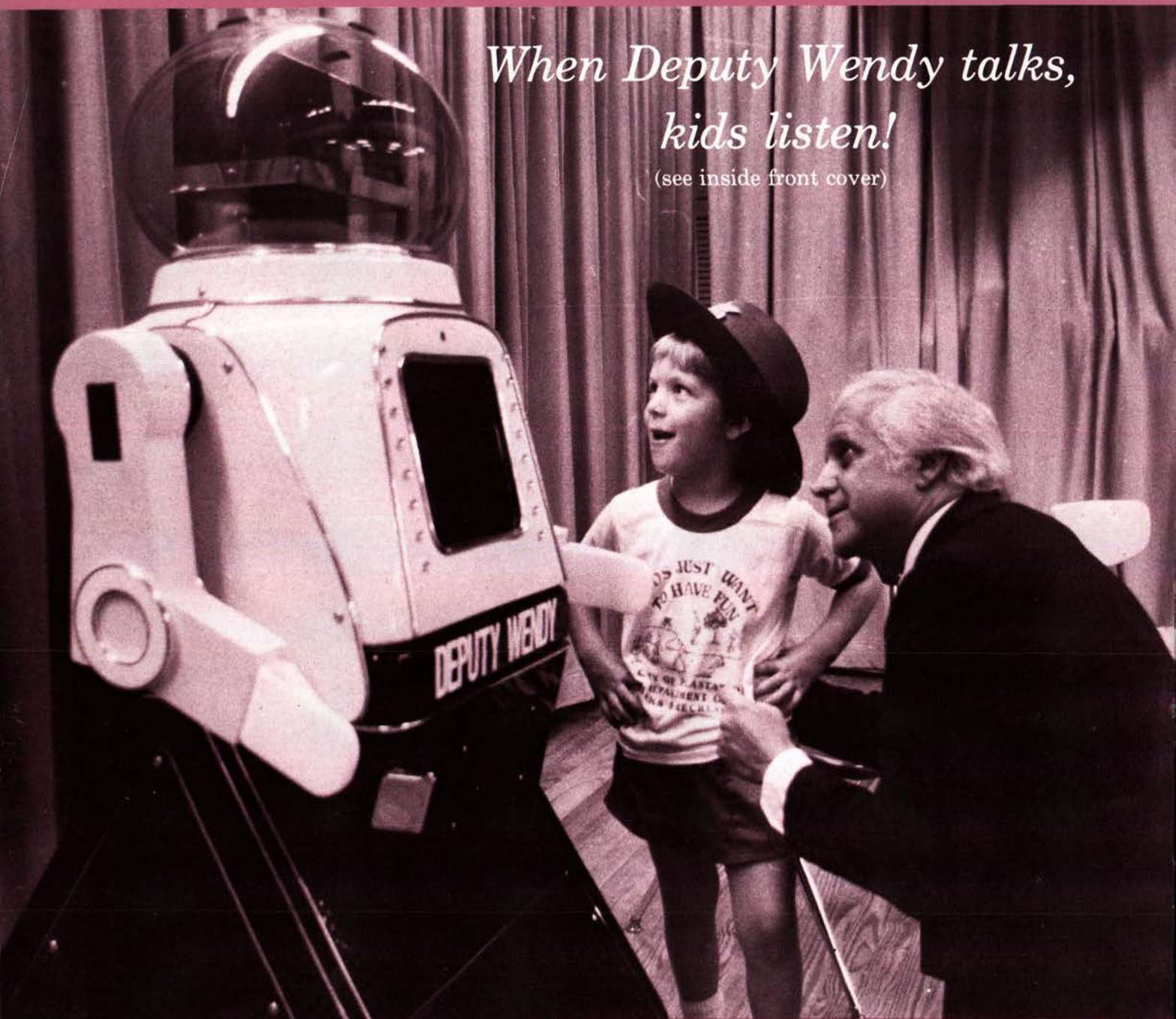
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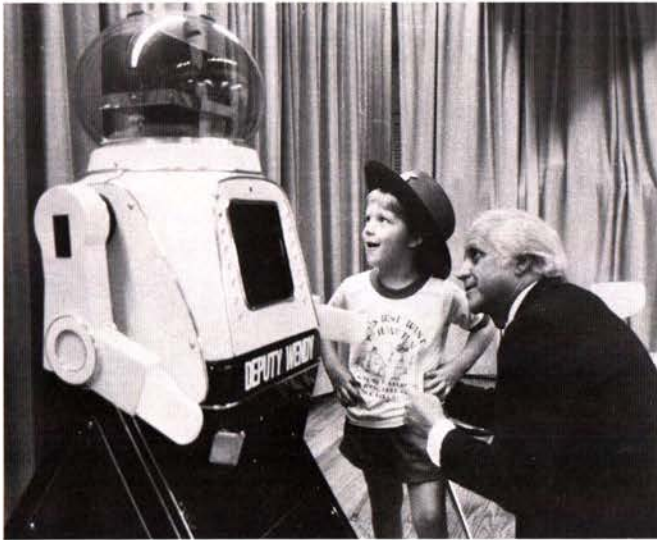
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*When Deputy Wendy talks,
kids listen!*

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Cover photo:

When Deputy Wendy talks, kids listen!

FORT LAUDERDALE — Broward County Sheriff Nick Navarro introduces Christopher Wolfe, 5, to Deputy Sheriff Wendy, a \$15,000 robot programmed to teach safety lessons to youngsters during schoolroom visits. Donated to the Sheriff's Department by Wendy's restaurant chain, the robot not only warns kids about safety hazards, but also answers questions through the use of a remote control feature. (Sun-Sentinel photo by Keith Hadley)

Show to benefit Ranches

ORLANDO — The Orange County Sheriff's Office is sponsoring a rock-n-roll revival show to benefit the Edgewood Youth Ranch, the Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranch, and the Ember Youth Ranch on Sunday, December 1, 1985, at the Wyndham Hotel, across from Sea World of Orlando.

The "Remembering the 50's Rock-n-Roll Review" will feature Fabian, The Diamonds, Dee Clark and Del Shannon in two shows (4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.), in the Wyndham Hotel's Grand Ballroom. Refreshments will be served from an old-time malt shop as the stars perform on a stage resembling a giant Wurlitzer juke box. There will also be a display of classic automobiles from the Sunshine State Classic Chevys Car Club.

Tickets are \$9.95 each and are available from any Select-A-Seat location. For further information call (305) 834-3444 or (813) 879-7630.

Sheriff Wells appointed

BRADENTON — The Florida Sheriffs Association's Board of Directors has appointed Manatee County Sheriff Charlie Wells to the governing body of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund, the agency that operates the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, Girls Villa, Youth Ranch and Youth Camp.

Sheriff Wells is a law enforcement professional with many years of experience and a degree in criminology. He was elected Sheriff in 1984.

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Pictured in this posse portrait are (from left) Collins Mauldin, Jackie Williams, Sheriff Doyle Bryan, Agricultural Deputy Gordon Stephens, John Keene, Gary Jones, Adel Story, Roger Haney, Wayne Conerly, Buddy Colson, Bobby Smith, Ronnie Carlton, Harold McClelland and Gary Shiver. One member, John Platt, was absent when the photo was taken.

Posse has proven its value to Sheriff Bryan

WAUCHULA — "Now I have 13 additional pairs of eyes out there in the rural areas," said Hardee County Sheriff Doyle W. Bryan, "and they have already proven to be a big help in crime prevention."

He was talking about the Hardee County Sheriff's Posse, a well-equipped aggregation of volunteers who cooperate closely with Agricultural Deputy Gordon Stephens, their liaison officer.

Organized in November, 1984, the Posse was less than a year old when its members played a major role in a cattle rustling case. Because of their familiarity with pastures throughout the county, Posse members were quickly able to determine that 148 missing cows had been stolen, and had not merely strayed.

Information gathered by the Posse members and Deputy Stephens revealed that a suspect had sold the cattle for \$38,000. He was arrested and confessed.

Sheriff Bryan said the Posse has also assisted in arrests for trespassing and poaching. Each member is equipped with his own pickup truck, horse and horse trailer. Interested local citizens have made sufficient donations to purchase two-way radios for all members.

"The Posse members are a very valuable asset," said Bryan. "They cover countless miles on patrol in rural areas that would be impassable for my regular deputies. It is certainly a good feeling to know that these men are willing to assist me any time I call on them."



In Memory of Sheriff Ross Boyer

SARASOTA — Geoff Monge, Sheriff of Sarasota County, presents a gold Sheriff's badge mounted on a memorial plaque to Mrs. Catherine Boyer, widow of former Sarasota County Sheriff Ross Boyer. Monge said the new badge replaced one stolen from the Boyer home after the death of Sheriff Boyer. He noted that Boyer served as Sheriff from 1953 through 1972, during which time the Department grew from three deputies to 88, and was reorganized into specialized divisions. Boyer served as President of the Florida Sheriffs Association and the National Sheriffs Association.



Sheriff Charlie Rhoden in front of "the best little jailhouse in Florida."

A visit to: **"The best little jailhouse in Florida"**

JASPER — The Hamilton County Jail has a reputation — and it's good.

Praise has been aimed at it by the U. S. Marshal's Service, the Florida Department Corrections, and numerous officials in the criminal justice system.

One admirer went so far as to call it the "best little jailhouse in Florida," and there are numerous reasons why this title is not likely to be challenged. One is the design worked out by Sheriff Charlie Rhoden and Prindle Associates, Inc., a Clearwater architectural firm, to allow for future expansion.

The jail was occupied in 1983 with a capacity of 32 beds, but the core area containing the control room, booking area, medical facilities and other essential features was made large enough to accommodate a 100-bed facility. Now the jail is being expanded to almost triple its original capacity, but the core area will remain almost unchanged.

The construction of two new sections at an approximate cost of \$700,000 will add 64 beds, and

since some of these beds will be reserved for federal prisoners, the federal government has agreed to pay approximately half the cost.

This unique cost-sharing arrangement is a break for Hamilton County taxpayers, and also a clear indication of how federal officials feel about Rhoden's style of jailkeeping. Their primary motive was to provide short-term housing for federal prisoners, but it's certain they looked Rhoden and his jail over carefully before agreeing to invest their funds. Obviously they were impressed with a jail that had a record of no escapes, no fires, no liability suits and no "black marks" from state jail inspectors.

All of these factors help to make the Hamilton County hoosegow a model jail, but the close personal interest Sheriff Rhoden takes in the day-to-day operation of the jail is another extremely important element.

An official from the Florida Department of Corrections pointed out recently that Rhoden may be



The jail control room is also the Sheriff's communications center and is situated so that inmates in cells reserved for the sick can be monitored around the clock without assigning additional staff.



Nearly all of the entries in four jail docket volumes dating back to 1957 have been posted by Sheriff Rhoden — another indication of his close personal involvement.



Sheriff Rhoden makes frequent inspections in all areas of the jail, including the kitchen and storeroom.

the only Sheriff in Florida who personally enters the name of every prisoner in the jail docket. This evidence of the Sheriff's involvement was a little hard to believe, but an inspection of the docket revealed that it was essentially true.

Rhoden began posting the docket shortly after he began his first term in 1957, but he didn't take it on as an exclusive chore until 1961. After that his graceful "old school" script appears on page after page right up to April, 1984. Currently he has returned to part-time posting, and the reason is pretty obvious: In 1957, when he started making entries, he was jailing an average of 30 prisoners per month. In 1985 the average is about 130 per month, and writer's cramp has set in.

However, the Sheriff has not relaxed his vigi-

lence, and he is still keeping a close check on every phase of the jail operations.

Recently a visitor asked him what makes the Hamilton County Jail a model jail, expecting him to mention his own close involvement along with other factors, but he didn't. Instead, he gave much of the credit to his jail staff, and particularly to Chief Deputy Charles Tompkins, who is in charge of the jail, without mentioning his own role.

Well Sheriff, let's be fair. It's obvious that both you and your staff deserve much of the credit for "the best little jailhouse in Florida."



Sheriff Walter Heinrich (wearing suit) praised the first graduating class of Parking Enforcement Specialists for their willingness to help themselves and the community.

Tip to tourists:

Don't become startled when you see deputies patrolling in wheelchairs

TAMPA — For many years Florida has had many categories of deputy sheriffs. The public has gotten accustomed to seeing male deputies and female deputies, uniformed deputies and undercover deputies, airborne deputies and diving (underwater recovery) deputies, civil deputies and K-9 deputies, SWAT Team deputies and motorcycle patrol deputies, school resource deputies and Batmobile deputies.

But, until recently, after Hillsborough County Sheriff Walter Heinrich emerged from one of his creative moods, no one had ever heard of disabled deputies.

Heinrich was concerned about the widespread illegal parking that was occurring in fire lanes and spaces reserved for the disabled. He had instructed his deputies to cite violators, but they seldom had an opportunity to do so because their time was taken up with more urgent calls.

Lack of manpower was the problem, and from this dilemma came the idea of recruiting disabled men and women as Parking Enforcement Specialists who would patrol shopping malls to give out citations to violators — citations leading to a fine of \$100.

Soon thereafter Heinrich announced that the Sheriff's Department would be training 40 volunteers who had been State-certified as disabled, and had no criminal convictions in their backgrounds.

He said the volunteers would include, but would not be limited to, folks who had hearing or sight disabilities, heart disease, Multiple Sclerosis, Muscular Dys-

trophy, cancer and loss of limbs. "However," he added, "they will have to be able to issue parking tickets and place them on the cited vehicle."

During the summer of 1985 the first class of 19 volunteers began training. They received 16 hours of first aid instruction, 10 hours of parking regulations, 6 hours dealing with judicial and regulatory systems, and 8 hours of administration and human skills.

From guidelines prepared by the Sheriff's Department they learned how, when and why to issue parking citations; also what to do in case of a physical confrontation with a violator.

Upon completing training, the rookies were outfitted in distinctive uniforms that will distinguish them from regular full-time bonded deputies.

Heinrich said the Parking Enforcement Specialists will not be armed and will not have authority to make arrests. They will be reimbursed at 20 cents a mile for travel required while on duty, and will also be eligible for Workman's Compensation benefits.

The first contingent of disabled deputies went on duty August 31, and, because of a heavy response to the Sheriff's appeal for volunteers, a second training class was scheduled immediately.

"As far as we can determine," said Heinrich, "this is the first project of its kind in the nation, and it is creating a great deal of interest. We have already received inquiries about it from as far away as Las Vegas, Nevada, and Flint, Michigan."

First mounted Explorer was spurred by fate

JACKSONVILLE — Fate and coincidences combined to create Florida's first mounted Police Explorer.

It was fate that brought Terry Geiser to Jacksonville from Denver three years ago to live with his father and stepmother. Then a whole string of coincidences steered him toward law enforcement and horsemanship.

For Terry, it was a lucky coincidence that he became part of a law enforcement oriented family, with a father who was flying in the aviation unit of the Jacksonville Sheriff's Department, and a stepmother who was riding in the mounted unit.

The fact that he was living on a small ranch north of Jacksonville and raising a Palomino colt also

had an impact on his future. "The boy and the colt broke each other," said a friend, and eventually the erstwhile stable boy became a horseman.

Thus, many influences working together prompted Terry to become involved in Sheriff Dale Carson's Explorer Troop when he reached the appropriate age. Then he received permission to ride with the Sheriff's Mounted Unit on beach patrols, and his climb to celebrity status was complete.

Now he's hoping to recruit other young riders so that, instead of soloing as the state's lone mounted Explorer, he will become part of a unique Police Explorer Mounted Unit.

All things considered, it is very likely that he will achieve his goal.



Divers Richard A. Trew, William E. Rivers, Robert C. Davis and Joel C. Hodges (from left to right) with the ancient canoe.



After 20 centuries, the canoe was well preserved, but not quite "seaworthy."

Sheriff's divers found 2,000-year-old canoe

GREEN COVE SPRINGS — When the Dive Team from the Clay County Sheriff's Department was sent to Magnolia Lake to investigate a report that a safe had been seen on the lake bottom, the safe turned out to be a large kitchen sink.

Then the deputies moved to deeper water to test their depth-recording equipment, and found something much more exciting than an old kitchen sink — a 2,000-year-old dugout canoe that was mired in the sand.

Because of approaching darkness they didn't try to raise it immediately, but came back two weeks later and removed it from the lake.

University of Florida experts were contacted and confirmed that the canoe was prehistoric — probably the handiwork of Timucuan Indians who inhabited North-Central Florida 2,000 to 6,000 years ago.

The canoe was stored under water temporarily to protect it until arrangements could be made to have it treated with a preservation process.



We Salute!



Stan Williams

FORT LAUDERDALE — Nebraska State Trooper Stan Williams received commendations from Broward County Sheriff Nick Navarro, U. S. Senator Paula Hawkins and the I. M. Thumbuddy Foundation after he rescued an abducted 14-year-old Broward County boy and arrested the abductor.

"I did nothing unusual," said Williams, who had been honored a week earlier by Nebraska's Governor and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. "It could have just as well been another law enforcement official in another state," he added.

But Jeff Georgevish, supervisor of the Sheriff's Missing Persons Unit, said police in two other states had stopped the abductor, and had failed to identify him as a wanted person.

While praising Trooper Williams, Sheriff Navarro also commended his own Missing Persons Unit for the "countless hours of

hard work" that resulted in the boy's safe return.

David Gee

TAMPA — After Detective David Gee was awarded a \$5,000 scholarship by the S&A Restaurant Corporation, of Dallas, Texas, his boss, Hillsborough County Sheriff Walter C. Heinrich, described him as "a superb example of the caliber of law enforcement that serves our county today."

"He is professional, dedicated, and consistent in job performance," said Heinrich, "and he is also aware of the benefits of an education."

Heinrich said Detective Gee became oriented toward law enforcement when he joined the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department Explorer Post in 1973, at the age of 14.

Gee subsequently became a Sheriff's Department dispatcher while enrolled in the Criminal Justice Program at the University of South Florida. He later became a Community Service Officer, a uniformed deputy and



CROSS CITY — A plaque presented to Dixie County Sheriff Glen Dyals by his staff and friends honored him for his successful 25-year career as Sheriff and deputy sheriff.

a detective in the Sheriff's Department, while continuing his college education in his spare time.

Heinrich said Gee's interest in education had led him to volunteer to work straight evenings so he could attend classes in the daytime.



GAINESVILLE — Exchange Club President John Musell (right) presents a plaque to Danny Pascucci, an investigator from the Alachua County Sheriff's Department, honoring him as Deputy of the Year. Sgt. Jim Eckert (left), from the Alachua County Sheriff's Department, participated in the presentation.



GAINESVILLE — Alachua County Sheriff L. J. "Lu" Hindery (left) presents appreciation awards to Capt. George Spence, Jr., and Sgt. Edward Lindsey, who retired after serving over 20 years in the Sheriff's Reserve Unit.



FORT PIERCE — St. Lucie County Sheriff Robert C. "Bobby" Knowles (right) announced promotions for three deputies from his Corrections Division. They are (from left) Lillie Miller, to acting Sergeant; Edwin Ashton, to first Sergeant; and Margaret Jenkins to Sergeant. The trio has served an aggregate of 40 years in the Sheriff's Department.

Clark L. Williams

JACKSONVILLE — Florida Highway Patrol trooper Clark L. Williams was chosen "Trooper of the Year" by the Florida Petroleum Council after he rescued a woman held at gunpoint in a shopping center parking lot.

Although off duty and unarmed, Williams responded to the woman's screams, chased the gunman, caught him, and held him until officers arrived at the scene.

Lawrence A. Meggs

KEY WEST — Col. Lawrence A. Meggs, from the Monroe County Sheriff's Department, recently completed a two-week course for law enforcement executives at the FBI National Academy. Subjects in the curriculum included law enforcement management, personnel selection, policy development, labor relations, discipline and internal affairs, civil liability and media relations.

William A. Freeman, Jr.

KEY WEST — Monroe County Sheriff William A. Freeman, Jr., was recently awarded a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice by Thomas A. Edison State College, in Trenton, New Jersey, and is working toward a Master's Degree in Administration by taking courses from Central Michigan University.

Bud Spencer

MELBOURNE — Brevard County Deputy Sheriff Bud Spencer rescued a South Florida couple and their two small children after a storm caused their 14-foot fishing boat to capsize in the Indian River. He swam through rough water caused by high winds to help the family to reach shore.



Collier County Sheriff's Department

NAPLES — For the second consecutive year, the Collier County Sheriff's Department received an award from the Florida Association of School Resource Officers for having the most outstanding youth relations program in Florida.

Sgt. Jim Hansen, one of the Department's School Resource Officers, was also named as the "Officer of the Year" by the same organization.

Sheriff Dan Daniels

LAKELAND — Justice for Children, Inc., a non-profit organization dedicated to protecting the rights of children who have been sexually abused, gave an award to Polk County Sheriff Dan Daniels in recognition of his efforts to make justice for children a top priority.

St. Lucie and Martin County Sheriffs' Departments

St. Lucie County Sheriff Robert C. "Bobby" Knowles and Martin County Sheriff Jim Holt were notified that their departments will receive awards from the U. S. Customs Service for contributing to the success of "Operation Blue Lightning," a drug crackdown that resulted in 58 arrests plus confiscation of 6,000 pounds of cocaine, 33,000 pounds of marijuana, and boats, airplanes, vehicles and trailers valued at \$1.4 million.

Pinellas County Explorer Post

LARGO — The Explorer Post sponsored by the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department is number one in Florida for the second year in a row, after making the highest score in competition held during the annual conference of the Florida Association of Police Explorers.

Sheriff Frank Wanicka (center) with former Sheriffs "Snag" Thompson (left) and Floyd Ellis.



In Lee County: **Former Sheriffs are not "forgotten men"**

FORT MYERS — Around Florida there are many former Sheriffs who have become "forgotten men." Their names and deeds are buried in courthouse basements and state government archives. In many cases their photos are lost beyond recovery, and if they exist at all they are slowly fading beyond recognition in attic trunks and mildewed family albums.

This is a sad commentary on the fleeting folly of fame, and, fortunately, it does not apply to Lee County due to the combined efforts of Sheriff Frank Wanicka and retired Sheriff Flanders G. "Snag" Thompson.

Working together in a joint rescue mission, these two former political opponents have placed portraits of the county's nine Sheriffs on display in the Criminal Justice Building, and a history has been compiled to accompany this permanent tribute.

Thompson, who has been retired since 1973, was responsible for the basic "pick and shovel work." After a long search he was able to locate a complete set of photos. He also compiled a comprehensive history with assistance from the Florida Secretary of State's office.

Wanicka had framed portraits made from the old tintypes and family album photos Thompson collected. Then he put them on display and arranged a dedication ceremony in which Thompson and former Sheriff Floyd Ellis participated. Also present were descendants and friends of former Sheriffs.

Thompson's history shows that Lee County was



Sheriff Wanicka (right) with two descendants of former Sheriff Bob King. They are former Captain Roswell King, son of the former Sheriff, and Barbara Harrison, granddaughter of Roswell and great granddaughter of Bob King. She is currently a Sheriff's Department dispatcher.

formed from a portion of Monroe County on July 13, 1887, and Thomas W. Langford became the first Sheriff. He was succeeded by Frank B. Tippin, one of Florida's colorful politicians.

Tippin was sworn-in for his first term in 1901, and ended his career as Sheriff in 1933, but because of some bizarre distractions he did not serve continuously.

His first break in service came in 1918 when he resigned, acquired the credentials of a Pinkerton detective, and headed west across the continent in pursuit of a man who had robbed a bank. He caught the fugitive in the State of Washington, turned him over to



Portraits of Lee County's Sheriffs are now on display in the Criminal Justice Building.

the federal government, and returned to Lee County.

Z. Tom Hand had been serving as Sheriff in Tippin's absence, and when Tippin returned Hand politely stepped aside so the impetuous bounty hunter could resume his career as Sheriff.

Tippin served out the balance of Hand's appointed term, and apparently had no difficulty getting re-elected in 1920.

Less than three years later, Tippin became restless and resigned again so he could sail away to South America as the pilot of a two-masted schooner.

When Tippin walked out of the Sheriff's Department, Ed A. Albritton walked in as Tippin's appointed successor. That was on April 25, 1923.

Eventually Tippin returned from his sailing venture and wanted to reclaim his Sheriff's badge, but Albritton was not willing to step aside, and the on-again-off-again adventurer had to wait until the next election in 1924 to recapture his lost position. After he ended his final term in January 1933, he took a job as a U. S. Marshal, in Tampa.

Sheriff Bob King was next in line, and had a two-term career that ended on January 7, 1941. He was followed by Fred Roberts, who had "a very bad time" throughout World War II, according to "Snag" Thompson's history. The influx of thousands of servicemen assigned to nearby Buckingham Gunnery School and Page Airbase, plus a manpower shortage in the Sheriff's Department apparently created a

mountain of problems.

These problems were still around in January, 1945, when Floyd Ellis was sworn-in as Sheriff, and law enforcement was somewhat primitive compared to current standards.

There were no patrol cars and no radio communications then, according to a recent newspaper quote attributed to Ellis. "Everything was done by the men on the streets," he added, pointing out that there had been only five deputies on his staff.

Drugs were not a problem then. Gambling houses and numbers rackets were the big crimes, Ellis recalled.

"Lee County was as clean as a hound's tooth when Ellis left office," said Thompson, who defeated Ellis in 1949. Thompson had been a charter member of the Florida Highway Patrol and a World War II veteran before running for Sheriff. He served from the beginning of 1949 to the beginning of 1973, when Wanicka took over.

Now serving his fourth four-year term, Wanicka is Lee County's 9th Sheriff, and is recognized as a progressive law enforcement professional. He served as a Florida Marine Patrol officer, a Fort Myers policeman, and a Lee County deputy sheriff before he became Sheriff.

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.

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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.



WAUCHULA — Hardee County Sheriff Doyle W. Bryan (left) presents a Lifetime Honorary Membership to Mr. and Mrs. Philip Lafon.

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 Mrs. Karen Rawlins
 Mr. & Mrs. Warren C.
 Remaly
 River Wilderness Yacht
 & Country Club
 J. Donald Rollins
 Mrs. Mary E. Romer
 Rose Mary's Boutique
 & Consignment Shop
 Otto Schwade
 Mrs. Sylvester B. Secor
 Mr. & Mrs. Virgil L.
 Seydell

CLEARWATER — Jim
 Strayer (right), Youth Fund
 Vice President, presents a
 Lifetime Honorary Member-
 ship to Mr. and Mrs. Fred
 "Mac" Stones. Mr. Stones is a
 Youth Fund Regional Direc-
 tor and is in charge of the
 Florida Sheriffs Youth
 Ranch.



OCALA — Lt. J. H. Mahaffey, representing
 Marion County Sheriff Don Moreland,
 presents a Lifetime Honorary Membership
 to the Marion Oaks VFW Auxiliary, repre-
 sented by Mrs. Anne Veit.



KISSIMMEE — Youth Fund Vice Presi-
 dent Terry Knox (left) presents a Life-
 time Honorary Membership to Osceola
 County Sheriff Bob Fornes.



VERO BEACH — Indian River County
 Sheriff Tim Dobeck presents Lifetime
 Honorary Memberships to David Brewster
 and Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Zigrang.



Mr. & Mrs. Zigrang

SAFETY HARBOR — Mrs.
 Helen Lindner, who was
 recently awarded a Lifetime
 Honorary Membership, dis-
 cusses woodworking proj-
 ects at the Youth Ranch with
 Terry (left) and Bobby
 Brunnet. She provided funds
 to equip the Youth Ranch
 woodworking shop.



Youth Fund Honor Roll continued . . .

Rufus Shackelford
 Sherman's, Inc.
 Ms. Beverly Sims
 Estate of Doris R. Spears
 Mr. & Mrs. Laverne Steele
 Mr. & Mrs. George W. Stone
 Mrs. Elizabeth May Stuart
 Ms. Katherine Stuart
 Tampa Bay Buccaneers
 Kellis Thompson
 Twin Hills Civic Association
 United Facilities, Inc.
 Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary No. 10094
 Indian Rocks Beach
 Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary No. 7115
 Lauderhill
 Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary No. 8093
 Deltona
 David L. Walker
 Michael Walton
 Mr. & Mrs. Ralph J. Watson
 Alan M. Watt
 Wee Bit Used for Men & Boys
 Arnold Whitaker
 Alice Edna Wine Trust
 Winn Dixie Stores, Inc. Tampa Division
 Ashley L. Wright
 Mr. & Mrs. Thomas E. Young
 Zebco



Bass

BARTOW — Polk County Sheriff Dan Daniels presents Lifetime Honorary Memberships to VFW Post 4945, represented by Commander Floyd Bass; and the Auburndale VFW Auxiliary, represented by President Stephanie Parks.



Parks



Stoners

TAMPA — Hillsborough County Sheriff Walter C. Heinrich presents Lifetime Honorary Memberships to Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Stoner, Fred W. Forkel (whose membership was issued to him and his wife), and Mr. and Mrs. Martin H. Pedersen, Jr.



Forkel

Pedersens



GAINESVILLE — Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund President Harry K. Weaver (left) presents a Lifetime Honorary Membership to Alachua County Sheriff L. J. "Lu" Hindery and Mrs. Hindery.



SANFORD — Seminole County Sheriff John E. Polk (right) presents a Lifetime Honorary Membership to Mr. and Mrs. Herman E. Modlin.



BOYS RANCH — Youth Fund President Harry K. Weaver (left) presents a Lifetime Honorary Membership to the Sun Wheelers RV Club of Jacksonville, represented by President Frank Mobley.



WAOC



WTNT

Youth Fund Regional Director Bill Aust (right) presents a Lifetime Honorary Membership to Radio Station WAOC, St. Augustine, represented by Wayne Sims, President; also to Radio Station WTNT, Tallahassee, represented by John Faulk, Program Director (left) and Tom Flanigan, News Director (right).



CLEARWATER — Pinellas County Sheriff Gerry Coleman (left), assisted by Youth Fund Regional Director Fred "Mac" Stones (right) presents a Lifetime Honorary Membership to Radio Station WTAN, represented by Rod Brosig.



CLEARWATER — Pinellas County Sheriff Gerry Coleman (right), assisted by Youth Fund Vice President Joe Spenard (left) presents Lifetime Honorary Memberships to Robert Melberth; and to the Calvary Episcopal Churchwomen, represented by Mrs. Marion Ehlers (right) and Mrs. Arthur Principle. The Melberth membership was issued to Mr. Melberth and his wife.



PINELLAS PARK — Youth Fund Vice President Joe Spenard (left) presents a Lifetime Honorary Membership to the Pinellas Park plant of the Square D Company, represented by Gerald C. Beyers (center), Division Manager; and Richard Clayburn, Personnel Manager.



PALATKA — Putnam County Sheriff Walt Pellicer presents a Lifetime Honorary Membership to the Manville VFW Auxiliary, represented by (from left) President Elizabeth Wood, Past President Frances Deppe and Treasurer Isabel Head.



Sampson and his wife, Karen, both wear authentic costumes when they demonstrate ancient skills.

Anyone need a blacksmith in medieval costume to do undercover assignments?

MIAMI — Versatility is not the middle name of Metro-Dade Police Officer William Sampson, but it should be.

On duty, he's the training coordinator for the Crime Scene Investigations Bureau of the Metro-Dade Police Department — a position achieved on the near side of a 28-year career with the Department.

Off duty, he's a blacksmith, a gourmet chef, a master carpenter, a cigar maker, a history buff, and a collector of medieval artifacts.

When he gets strung out on historical subjects, blacksmithing is one of his favorites, and he is quick to point out that this venerable trade involved much more than shoeing horses.

According to Sampson, blacksmiths were important to village life because they made and repaired numerous household items such as hardware, hinges, nails, hammers, pots and pans.

The "smithy" was the forerunner of the engineer and the veterinarian, a very wise man who was highly respected in the community, Sampson said.

Sampson's wife of nine years, Karen, shares his hobbies with enthusiasm. Both are long-standing members of Midwestern Tool Collectors Association,



Wearing the costume of a medieval chef, William Sampson roasts a "leg of wild boar" with replicas of 12th century utensils.

a 3,000-member international organization dedicated to the preservation, study and understanding of ancient tools and farm implements.

During the 1985 Medieval Fair held at the Ringling Museum, in Sarasota, the Sampsons demonstrated authentic 12th century cookery and serving utensils, while wearing appropriate costumes. Laboring over an open fire, they roasted a "leg of wild boar," and offered spectators a spiced drink laced with ginger root.

They have put on similar demonstrations of ancient skills at Salem, West Virginia; and at the Italian Renaissance Fair held annually at Miami's Viscaya.

Sampson gives lectures on blacksmithing in Miami-area schools, and frequently allows school children to keep replicas of ancient tools he has crafted. "What I am trying to accomplish," he said, "is the preservation of our heritage."