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### "Barrier Buster":

# First Negro deputy created a legacy of expanding horizons for black officers

WEST PALM BEACH — Racial barriers that had existed in Florida's law enforcement agencies for over 100 years came tumbling down after Wilbur C. Burney started wearing a deputy sheriff's badge in 1948. And when he died here on November 21, 1985, at the age of 80, he left a proud legacy of expanding horizons for black law enforcement officers.

Hired by the late John Kirk when Kirk was Sheriff of Palm Beach County, Burney was often described as Florida's first black deputy sheriff. Prior to 1948 he had cooperated with the Sheriff's Department unofficially, but, as he explained in an interview years ago, "It was kind of undercover. I wasn't bonded and couldn't arrest whites. They just wanted certain things done.

"I wouldn't go [to make an arrest] without a warrant at first," said Burney, "but after I finally did go, the Sheriff asked me to be a deputy."

Burney said he asked the Sheriff if he was to enforce the law "just in black town," and the Sheriff handed him a badge with instructions to arrest anyone who broke the law — black or white.

"That's what I wanted to hear," said Burney. "I was sworn-in right there, and that afternoon I marched in a parade in uniform."

Later on, according to news reports, Burney became a colorful legend on the streets of West Palm Beach as he tooled along in his 1956 pink and black Chrysler, which was equipped with a TV set, hi-fi and tape recorder. A shotgun mounted on the dashboard showed he meant business. "People had respect when I was in that car," he was quoted as saying. Back then, in the 1950's, it was not unusual for deputies to use their own unmarked cars and receive a mileage allowance from the Sheriff.

Burney told an interviewer he encountered antagonism and resentment from whites at first. "Those days were rough," he said, but he had a close relationship with Kirk, who encouraged him to travel around the state in an effort to open up opportunities for other



Cover Photo: 1983 photo of W. C. Burney reprinted with permission of the West Palm Beach Post-Times.

black officers.

"Kirk was ahead of his time in the way he treated black people," Burney said. "When he lost the election in 1962, that's when I left."

By this time the racial integration of law enforcement agencies was progressing, and many other officers were involved in the trend started by Kirk and Burney. Encouragement for black officers was also being provided by the Florida Association of Negro Deputy Sheriffs, an organization Burney was credited with founding in 1952.

There were said to have been only three black deputies at the time, but the organization survived. Later, "Negro" was dropped from the Association's title, and whites were accepted.

In 1979, when the Association established its humanitarian award, the award was named in Burney's honor and he was the first recipient.

This seemed appropriate for a man who was quoted as saying he believed in making progress "by working within the system."



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# To attract firms, high growth counties must provide a safe, secure environment

By Lawson Lamar, Sheriff of Orange County

ORLANDO — For many persons, the correlation between commerce growth and the crime rate may be somewhat obscure, but as Sheriff of one of the fastest growing areas in the nation (not only in population, but also in commerce) this relationship is very clear to me.

Many of the factors that encourage families to relocate to an area are the same ones that precipitate businesses, large and small, to relocate or to expand their markets. Transportation costs, manpower availability, area pay scales, governmental business codes, and insurance costs play a role in this decision making process.

An ever-increasing factor is the role of law enforcement and the crime rate of any prospective area. Business owners are not only concerned that the area demographics are appealing enough to attract good, qualified employees, but also that their employees and work places will be safe.

Orange County, Florida is somewhat reliant upon a family oriented tourist industry and must maintain an image that is wholesome and safe if it is to continue to attract these types of businesses and tourists.

Other industries, such as those in the high technology field, must advertise extensively to attract personnel in this very competitive market. Often the area's crime rate and safe neighborhoods are stressed in these advertisements.

Insurance premiums are also a consideration for the corporate head. Premiums are partially based on crime and the claims suffered against the insurer.

Keeping the crime rate down during major growth is indeed a challenge.

Through innovative prevention programs, aggressive patrol, a strong commitment from government offi-

cials to provide adequate funding, effective neighborhood and business watches, and a general citizen awareness, crime has been reduced in Orange County.

The County's 37 percent crime reduction within the last four years is an example of what can be done. While this reduction was being accomplished, we remained the ninth lowest in policing cost per capita of the State's ten largest policing jurisdictions. If high growth areas are to continue to attract commerce, they must provide a safe and secure environment for both the company and its employees.

### Penalty for getting tough

Tougher anti-crime actions throughout the USA have resulted in a 9.6 percent increase in state spending for corrections this year, and a 168 percent increase over the past ten years, according to a news report. Some 130 new prisons designed to house 55,000 inmates are being built at a cost of \$2 billion; and plans for facilities holding 49,000 prison beds are on drawing boards.



Mrs. Kroll



Mrs. LeVan

#### 25 years of loyalty

FORT PIERCE — St. Lucie County Sheriff Robert C. "Bobby" Knowles recently presented Distinguished Service Awards to Mrs. Bertha Kroll and Mrs. June F. LeVan in recognition of their 25 years as honorary members of the Florida Sheriffs Association.



For support of good government

INVERNESS — Citrus County Sheriff Charles S. Dean presents a Florida Sheriffs Association Legislative Award to State Senator Karen Thurman in recognition of the leadership and support she gave to law enforcement and good government during the 1985 session of the Florida Legislature. (Photo by Deputy Tony Domino, Citrus County Sheriff's Department.)



O the uniforms they wore in days of yore!!

TAMPA — Mustaches were in style; police uniforms were dashingly reminiscent of the U. S. Cavalry; and police patrol wagons were just coming into use during the early decades of the 20th Century.

These are only a few of the nuggets of knowledge browsers will find in Hampton Dunn's latest book, *Tampa*, a *Pictorial History*.

In this new volume, Dunn uses words and over 350 pictures to tell the story of Tampa from its wilderness beginnings, through its gaudy era as "Sin City," and into its present renaissance. The result is a quaint melange that will entertain and enlighten readers regardless of their connections to, or interest in, Tampa lore.

A prolific writer with a dozen books on Florida history in his "body of work," Dunn is Senior Vice President of Peninsula Motor Club (AAA), and edits *Florida Explorer*, a monthly published by the Club. He is a native of Florida and a long time supporter of the Florida Sheriffs Association.

Information about his latest book can be obtained from The Donning Company, 5659 Virginia Beach Boulevard, Norfolk, VA 23502.

Hampton Dunn



These photos of Tampa policemen and a Tampa Police Patrol Wagon are from Historian Hampton Dunn's latest book. They were taken during the early decades of the 20th Century. Police Chief J. C. "Jimmie" Jones is second from left in the front row of the group picture.





Fabian

Orange County Sheriff Lawson Lamar (center) introduces

# Rock-n-roll revival benefits Youth Fund

ORLANDO — On December 1, 1985, the Orange County Sheriff's Department sponsored a rock-n-roll revival show to benefit the Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund, the Edgewood Youth Ranch and the Ember Youth Ranch.

Held at the Wyndham Hotel, near Sea World, the "50s Review" featured Fabian, the Diamonds, Dee Clark, Del Shannon, and the Rockin Robin Band, all of whom received Lifetime Honorary Memberships in the Florida Sheriffs Association as a token of appreciation for their services.

Nostalgia was the order of the day, with a giant Wurlitzer "juke box" as a stage backdrop, and refreshments served from an old-time "malt shop." A display of classic cars from the '50s was an added attraction. Numerous business firms contributed to the success of the event.



The Diamonds



Del Shannon





## Quiet exit:

# In the end, fame deserted the Sheriff who served 20 years without opposition

TITUSVILLE — Although former Brevard County Sheriff Haywood T. "Bill" Williams was a political phenomenon whose career has been envied by Florida Sheriffs for over 30 years, news reporters failed to give him top billing when he died on January 10, 1986, at the age of 84.

His funeral on January 14 was not a large one — indicating that the name of the deceased did not "ring a bell" with many, many thousands of people now living in Brevard County.

Fortunately, however, there was an honor guard of deputy sheriffs on duty at the last rites, and, among those who came to pay their last respects, there were friends who remembered Williams well and could speak with authority about his accomplishments — old-timers like Volusia County Sheriff Ed Duff, former Brevard County Chief Deputy Clyde Bates, and Inspector S. R. "Speedy" DeWitt, from the Brevard County Sheriff's Department.

It was DeWitt who recalled that Williams had never had a political opponent. He was appointed in the beginning, said DeWitt, and was elected and reelected numerous times without opposition. Historians agree that no other Florida Sheriff has equaled this record.

Williams served 20 years as Sheriff in an era when Brevard was a predominantly rural county on the threshold venture. Almost everyone knew the "high Sheriff" personally then, and he was popular.

Sheriff Duff, who was an FBI agent stationed in Daytona Beach during Williams' tenure as Sheriff, recently verified that.

"He was a real gentleman," said Duff, "and although he never wore a gun, he wasn't afraid of the devil. He was stern but fair."

The most memorable encounter Duff had with Williams occurred on Christmas night in 1951. Duff had gone to bed about 12:50 a.m., and Williams had phoned him about an hour later.

"Merry Christmas," said Duff.

"I don't know if you'll mean that when you hear what I'm calling about," said Williams, and then he went on to explain that someone had just bombed the Brevard County residence of Harry Moore, state President of the NAACP, killing Moore and sending his wife to the hospital in critical condition.

"Holy (bleep)," said Duff, and immediately called the Special Agent in Charge (SAC) of the FBI's Miami Division.

"Go on back to bed," said the SAC. "I'll call the Bureau."

Duff had barely crawled back into bed when the



This hunting camp picture taken in the 1960s shows Brevard County Sheriff Bill Williams (center) with Volusia County Sheriff Ed Duff (left), who was an FBI agent at that time; and Russ Galbreath, a veteran law enforcement officer who is currently the Administrator in the New Smyrna Beach Office of the Volusia County Sheriff's Department. Galbreath was a constable when the photo was taken.

phone rang again and the SAC told him "The Director wants you to go down there."

Duff went, and spent three days with Williams and Chief Deputy Clyde Bates, collecting evidence and also acquiring respect for the competence of Williams and Bates.

When a squad of about 30 FBI agents arrived to continue the investigation, Duff was sent back to Daytona Beach to work on an extortion case. Today, he nurtures good memories of Williams as a hunting camp buddy, and Williams' wife, Minnie (who survives her husband), as a hard working, friendly jail matron and cook.

Duff still marvels at the good job Williams was able to do in Brevard County with three or four deputies. He remembers a typical accomplishment of that era involving a deputy who apprehended 30 car thieves and 30 stolen cars in one month, while stationed at the busy intersection of U.S. Route 1, and Route 50.

Brevard County had less than 30,000 residents when Williams was Sheriff, and the population is now approaching 400,000.

The four deputies Williams employed when his career was in its prime seem insignificant in compari-

son to the large staff at the Sheriff's Department today, but the old-timer apparently tried to make up for his lack of manpower by working "around the clock."

"Day or night he was on the ball," former Chief Deputy Clyde Bates told a news reporter recently. "No matter what time you called, he was ready to help.

"He knew everyone in the county back then, and he got along beautifully with them. I guess that's why he stayed Sheriff for so long."

## Manliness was his creed

MOORE HAVEN — Down here on the fringes of the Everglades when conversations focus on legendary "old-timers," the name of J. J. Wiggins, a "walking tall" type of Sheriff, is likely to come up.

Wiggins became Sheriff of Glades County in 1928, just seven years after the county was formed from a portion of DeSoto County, and he continued to "lay down the law" with a firm and steady hand for the next 20 years.

"He was real strict," a friend recalled later, . . . probably one of the best lawmen we ever had in Glades County."

Inclined to shrug off praise, Wiggins was quoted as saying, "Being a Sheriff wasn't too hard. We had a pretty good bunch of people. The fishermen on the lake [Lake Okeechobee] were pretty rough, but I never had any trouble enforcing the law."

One of the laws he enforced was prohibition, which was repealed in 1933. Glades County voters favored repeal by a vote of 256 to 26.

Before he became Sheriff, Wiggins traveled the wild, open stretches of the Glades County area as a game warden. After he retired from the Sheriff's Department he became a cattle rancher, and, according to one of his friends, "was respected as one of the top businessmen in the Glades County area."

After he died on September 9, 1984, a newspaper writer resurrected the following 1979 interview quote attributed to the deceased, and described it as an appropriate epitaph: "I've always lived as a man and stood as a man," Wiggins had said. "I feel like I've got friends who would tell anybody that."

Editor's note — We are indebted to Annabel King, an Honorary Member of the Florida Sheriffs Association from Frostproof, for the foregoing information about J. J. Wiggins. Her stepfather, O. E. Wiggins, was J. J.'s brother, and an outstanding lawman in his own right. He was a deputy sheriff in Marion and St. Lucie Counties in the 1920s; served as police chief in Crystal River, Dunellon and Frostproof, and was involved in the capture of the notorious Ashley Gang, according to Ms. King.



Sheriffs appreciate Senator's efforts

FORT LAUDERDALE — Broward County Sheriff Nick Navarro (left) presents a Florida Sheriffs Association Certificate of Appreciation to State Senator Peter M. Weinstein in recognition of the Senator's interest in progressive law enforcement.



#### Recognition for leadership and support

DAYTONA BEACH — Volusia County Sheriff Ed Duff (left) presents a Florida Sheriffs Association Certificate of Appreciation to State Senator Edgar M. Dunn, Jr., in recognition of the leadership and support Senator Dunn has given to law enforcement and good government.



Realtors make anti-theft move

INVERNESS — The Citrus County Board of Realtors, represented by President Vic McDonald (left) and Public Affairs Chairperson Fran Newman gave Sheriff Charles S. Dean funds to purchase engravers for citizens to use in putting identification numbers on personal property. The engravers were to be made available for patrons to check out at the public library.



# We Salute!



### Thomas Rutherford Ruth Gower Arthur Davis Dale Allen

WEST PALM BEACH - Thomas Rutherford, a road patrol deputy who was wounded while pursuing a suspected bank robber; Ruth Gower, a secretary noted for her versatility and ability; Arthur Davis, a corrections officer whose knowledge of computers has resulted in a showcase program for handling workrelease inmates; and Dale Allen, the leading drug buster in the smuggling unit of the Sheriff's Organized Crime Bureau have all been honored by the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Department as Employees of the Year.

Each received a plaque and a check for \$100. Photos of the award winners were also hung in the Sheriff's Office.

Jeff Fredman Kevin Kanoza Doug Stewart David Christopher Terry L. Iaacs Frank Welborn Daniel E. Chitwood, Jr.

ST. AUGUSTINE — St. Johns County Sheriff Neil J. Perry honored three civilians for life saving activities and four deputies for outstanding performance in the line of duty.

Two of the civilians, Jeff Fredman and Kevin Kanoza, received Florida Sheriffs Association Distinguished Service Awards for rescuing a swimmer caught in strong undercurrents. The third civilian, Doug Stewart, received the same award for saving the life of a young woman seriously injured in a highway accident. He is Director of Fire Services at St. Augustine Technical Center, and has trained many firefigh-



FORT PIERCE — St. Lucie County Sheriff Robert C. "Bobby" Knowles (left) presented a Florida Sheriffs Association belt buckle to Deputy Donnie Ingram after Ingram was chosen "Deputy of the Month." Ingram's activities for the month included arresting a suspected burglar, recovering numerous stolen items, arresting two suspected drunken drivers, and issuing five traffic citations.

ters, deputies and rescue personnel.

Deputies David Christopher, Terry L. Isaacs, Frank Welborn and Daniel E. Chitwood, Jr., received Sheriff's Department awards for helping to capture a suspect after a Flagler Hospital nurse was kidnapped.

### **Harold Cohen**

TITUSVILLE — Court Bailiff Harold Cohen received an Award of Merit from Brevard County Sheriff C. W. "Jake" Miller after his quick use of the Heimlich maneuver saved the life of a woman who was choking on food at a banquet. He said it was fortunate he had taken a refresher course on the Heimlich maneuver just three weeks earlier.

#### Jim Madden

BARTOW — Polk County Sheriff Dan Daniels presented an Exemplary Leadership Award to Sgt. Jim Madden after Madden saved the life of a wounded woman who was being held hostage by an armed man.

Madden posed as a paramedic to get close to the gunman, then disarmed him and placed him

under arrest. "He absolutely excelled in that moment of crisis," said Daniels.

### **Bob Richardson**

DeLAND — For effective use of his mental health skills in law enforcement situations, Capt. Bob Richardson was given a community service award by the Human Resources Center and the Volusia County Sheriff's Department. He is the Director of Police Services for the Human Resources Center.

### **Nancy Flores**

KEY WEST — Five-year veteran Nancy Flores received congratulations from Monroe County Sheriff William A. Freeman, Jr., and Undersheriff Larry Meggs after she became the first woman promoted to the rank of Sergeant in the Sheriff's Department.

Sgt. Flores, a bilingual officer, was previously named Officer of the Month by the Marathon Rotary Club. She has also served as an advisor for the Sheriff's Cadet Program.

### Joe Cooper Jim Vernon Mike Bennett

LAKELAND — Polk County Deputy Sheriffs Joe Cooper, Jim Vernon and Mike Bennett received awards from VFW Post 10477 for outstanding performance in the line of duty.

Cooper and Bennett were cited for rescuing four children from a trailer that was in the path of a wildfire.

Vernon was honored for the effectiveness of the crime prevention classes he teaches in more than 20 schools as a school liaison officer.

# "Lawman's Prayer" available for framing

"Dear Lord,
As I pin on this badge of gold,
I give to you my life to hold.
I pray for courage, strength and might,
and ask your presence day and night."

Thus began a "Lawman's Prayer," which was printed in the February, 1985, issue of *The Sheriff's Star*, and Paul Driscoll, Chairman of the St. Lucie County Farm Bureau Rural Alert Crime Committee, was so impressed with it that he persuaded the Farm Bureau Board of Directors to fund the printing of copies suitable for framing.

When the copies were off the press, Driscoll had some of them framed for presentation to local law enforcement agencies and the family of a local law



Paul Driscoll (center) presented framed copies of the "Lawman's Prayer" to (from left) 1st Sgt. Mike Clifton, Lee County Sheriff's Department (who wrote the prayer); Fort Pierce Police Chief James Powell; Detective Hurtado, President, Fraternal Order of Police; and St. Lucie County Sheriff Bobby Knowles.

enforcement officer killed in the line of duty. Presentations of this type will be a continuing project, he said.

Meanwhile, other folks can obtain copies of the printed prayer ready for framing by sending \$3 to St. Lucie County Farm Bureau, 3327 Orange Avenue, Fort Pierce, FL 33450.

The prayer was written by Sgt. Michael Clifton, of the Lee County Sheriff's Department, Fort Myers, in memory of his friend and fellow officer, Cpl. Ron Fewell, after Fewell was killed in the line of duty, March 16, 1983.

It was delivered by Sgt. Clifton at a memorial service for Cpl. Fewell at the Florida Sheriffs Youth Camp, August 18, 1984. Fewell had been a volunteer staff member at the camp prior to his death.

# Polk County SWAT team ranks first in roundup

ORLANDO — The Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team from the Polk County Sheriff's Department took top honors among 32 teams competing here in the third annual SWAT Roundup.

Orange County Sheriff's Department placed second, and Hillsborough County placed third.

Team members demonstrated their skills in rappelling, shooting and negotiating obstacle courses. They were timed in each event, and were given extra points for accuracy.

The SWAT Roundup also featured displays and exhibits of weapons, equipment and training opportunities.

# STAR labeled "outstanding"

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Dick O'Connell, Publisher of Washington Crime News Services, recently cited *The Sheriff's Star* as an outstanding law enforcement publication for 1984-85.

Sharing in this honor are Publisher Berwin Williams, who is also the Executive Director of the Florida Sheriffs Association; Art Director Frank Jones, who is also the Director of Publications for the Sheriffs Association; Editor Carl Stauffer; Editorial Assistant Carol D. Jens; and Orthography Consultant Kay Lay.

Founded in 1957, the *Star* has received numerous previous awards, including recognition from the National Sheriffs Association as the "Outstanding State Sheriffs' Journal" in the nation.

The circulation was 5,000 in 1957, and is presently over 68,000.

# New system gives farmers better protection

TAMPA — Thieves and cattle rustlers prowling around the rural areas of Hillsborough County have been encountering large signs that say "No trespassing — This property protected by Florida Identification Numbering System and Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office."

That's their warning that Sheriff Walter C. Heinrich has introduced a new program designed to protect farmers and ranchers from vandalism, cattle rustling, theft of equipment and other crimes that cause farm folks heavy losses.

Using a special numerical system for identification of property, Heinrich's deputies can now for the first time obtain fast, positive identification of landowners who are being threatened with loss or damage due to emergencies, trespass or vandalism.

The same numerical system will also identify stolen property when it is recovered by deputies, and they will be able to return it to the owners promptly.

# Pot farmers prospering

According to a report based on information from *Sinsemilla Tips*, a trade magazine, the profits of marijuana growers increased last year, in spite of search and destroy raids.

A survey indicated that growers averaged a net of \$15,175 in 1983 and \$22,500 in 1984. Growers are planting more, the report said, particularly indoors. Eighteen percent of the growers said they arm themselves while tending their hidden plots — up from four percent in 1983.

## 300 seats for safety

BROOKSVILLE — The Hernando County Sheriff's Department is using a \$15,000 grant from the Florida Department of Community Affairs to purchase 300 car seats which will be rented to families with infants and toddlers.

Made available through Sheriff Tom Mylander's Operation Childsaver Program, the seats will be rented for \$5 a month, or \$10 a year, after renters post a \$20 refundable deposit.

The program will help parents, relatives and friends to comply with a state law requiring car seats for children five and under.



Hillsborough County Sheriff Walter C. Heinrich (fourth from left) gives farm and ranch representatives a preview of the new warning signs for rural areas. They are (from left) Gordon Davis, Board Member, Hillsborough Cattlemen's Association; Roy Davis, President, Florida Nurserymen and Growers Association; Jack Bulger, Citrus Extension Agent; Mike Carlton, representing Florida Citrus Mutual; and Dan Sumner, representing the Tomato Growers Association.

# Florida Youth Selected to Represent Explorers

South Daytona Beach — A Florida youth has been selected to serve as the 1985-86 national law enforcement Explorer Youth Chairman of the Boy Scouts of America.



Richard T. Ryals, 17, of South Daytona Beach, will give leadership over the next year to more than 42,000 law enforcement Explorers nationwide. He was chosen by a committee of law enforcement professionals from across the nation.

Exploring is the young-adult division of the Boy Scouts of America, open to young men and women 14 through 20 years of age. Members are organized into posts, or units, offering them opportunities to examine careers and special interests.

Ryals is a member of Post 400, organized by the Volusia County Sheriff's Department. In announcing Ryals' selection, Chief Howard L. Runyon of Passaic Township, N. J., said, "He has the background to make a valuable contribution to this program." Runyon is the chairman of the National Law Enforcement Exploring Committee.

## Sheriff sponsors league

FORT LAUDERDALE — A new Police Athletic League (PAL) sponsored by Broward County Sheriff Nick Navarro is encouraging youngsters to get involved in healthy outdoor activities.

Along the way they are also learning to respect authority, and discovering that police officers really care about them and their community.

Although not specifically aimed at kids in trouble, the PAL does attract youngsters who may be heading in the wrong direction, and it gives them their first constructive contact with law enforcement personnel.

"This contact goes a long way toward improving the image of the police," said Navarro, "and it teaches that deputies are friends, not enemies."

Launched under the direction of Deputy Lou Lawson, the PAL is supported by 15 deputies who donate their time and talents as coaches and officials. The league's annual round of activities is expected to include basketball, flag football, softball and bowling.

During the recent flag football season there were ten teams competing — two of them comprised of girls. "We hope to involve girls as much as possible," Navarro said, "We believe they can also benefit from the camaraderie and teamwork."

# Ideas called "appetizing"

COCOA — *Florida Today*, a daily newspaper, gave Brevard County Sheriff Jake Miller an editorial salute for "coming up with ideas and plugging away to reduce the cost of feeding inmates in the county jail.

"One of Miller's most widely publicized food ideas was the 'mullet patrol,' in which prisoners used a boat and net to catch dinner for inmates," the editorial stated.

"Another idea of Miller's, a county jail farm, has

been more successful. Joe Valerio, the jail's cook-incharge, recently estimated the farm has saved the department some \$20,000 to \$30,000 in meat costs, as well as an undetermined saving on the vegetables.

"Now...following months of paperwork, the county jail is on the federal government's free food list to receive surplus from the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

"Miller got the idea when he heard that the free food was being supplied to the Prince Georges County, Maryland, jail.

"Valerio is waiting for the first shipment of surplus food to arrive, more than \$4,000 in butter, cheese and powdered milk. He estimates the free food, scheduled to arrive four times a year, will result in actual savings of \$10,000 a year."

Describing the Sheriff's cost cutting ideas as "appetizing," the editorial concluded that the "best part of the food cost reduction is the savings to taxpayers who ultimately pick up the tab...savings of up to \$40,000 a year..."

## Silver-tongued tot

FORT LAUDERDALE — One of the most impressive introductions Nick Navarro has received on a speaker's platform during his career as Sheriff of Broward County was delivered by 13-year-old Tammy Habersham when Navarro addressed the eighth grade at Everglades Middle School.

Here is what she said:

"Today I would like to introduce to you a very wonderful man. A man, indeed, who's there when we are in need. A man who fights for our rights. A man who fights crime with a very intelligent mind. It's not 'Miami Vice.' It's a man we elected without any sorrow, Broward County Sheriff Nick Navarro!"

### This news has a short fuse

LARGO — The ammunition Pinellas County Sheriff Gerry Coleman is using in his campaign against drunk and drugged drivers includes this explosive billboard donated by Frank Kunnen. The Sheriff's Junior Deputy League paid for the art work, which was provided by Ken Powers, of Graphic Outdoor Advertising.





# 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.

Jim Alligood Barry Alpert Robert Alshouse American Legion Auxiliary #162 Ft. Lauderdale William S. Ammons Andy Wrights Boats Mrs. Lucille K. Bartell Dr. J. I. Benefield Henry C. Bracey Miss Julie Braswell Allen F. Brewer Bryan's Automotive Sales Charles H. Carter Mrs. Deborah Clark Dee Clark Mr. & Mrs. George F. Clegg Convention Network International Mr. & Mrs. J. Allen Crocker Mrs. Mary Grace Curley Davgar Restaurant,

Inc.—Burger King

Mrs. William Ernest

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Davis

Mrs. Joseph Driscoll Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Egolf Fabian Forte Frederick Electronics, Inc. Gorman Co. of Ft. Lauderdale, Inc. Mrs. Aldyce Grams Oscar J. Groebl Mr. & Mrs. John Hartney Col. & Mrs. Howard C. Higley Mr. & Mrs. Stephen P. Ivan Mr. & Mrs. Gordon R. Jones John P. Jones Howard I. Kass Mrs. Xavier L. Kessler Mrs. Margaret M. Koehler Mrs. Alpha J. Korsmo Ms. Sara H. Ledsome John W. Less Estate of Sumner R. Lowe Manatee Foliage Marlin Manufacturing Company, Inc. Mrs. Tom McCahill

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.



WEST PALM BEACH — Undersheriff Charles McCutcheon (center), representing Palm Beach County Sheriff Richard P. Wille, presents a Lifetime Honorary Membership to Mr. and Mrs. Kurtz M. Hanson

Mr. & Mrs. William H.
McMannis
P. S. McNally
Edward R. Melton
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Ray, Sr.

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Mr. & Mrs. John D. Rice

Edward J. Richard, Sr. Charles Richardson

Rockin Robin Band

Mr. & Mrs. Fred Salzer

George Sangas

Mr. & Mrs. Jack S. Schroder, Jr.

Del Shannon

Mr. & Mrs. John H. Sherrill, Jr.

Mrs. Margery G. Steele

Mr. & Mrs. Norman L. Stern

Glenn Stetson

Ms. Patriciann Sutton

Mr. & Mrs. Richard L. Terrell

The Encores of Dunedin

The UPS Foundation

Mr. & Mrs. Homer V. Thompson

Mrs. Weita Towns

Mrs. Judy Tozzi

Mrs. Dorothy M.

Trompeter

Mr. & Mrs. Luke Tucker

Ms. Zola Urguiaga

Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary #9726 Deland

Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary #10210 Sebastian

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John Wagner

Mr. & Mrs. Donald B. Walker

Edward J. Ward

Stevenson E. Ward

Mr. & Mrs. Edward N. Watts

Western Hemisphere Sales

Mr. & Mrs. Steve Wietsma Winn-Dixie Charities, Inc.

Lt. & Mrs. Oren Woodward

Jesse G. Wright



Maxwell and Horning



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GREEN COVE SPRINGS — Clay County Sheriff Jennings Murrhee presents a Lifetime Honorary Membership to School Board Member Martha Maxwell and Pat Horning, representing the Clay County School Superintendent's Office, in recognition of a surplus road grader donated to the Boys Ranch by the Clay County School System. He also presented Lifetime Honorary Memberships to Lawrence Jones and John Cogdill; while Chief Deputy J. A. "Pete" Petersen (left) conferred the same honor upon Gary Bradshear.

Cogdill

Bradshear







Watt

Walker

FORT PIERCE — St. Lucie County Sheriff Robert C. "Bobby" Knowles presents Lifetime Honorary Memberships to Alan Watt and David L. Walker.

ST. AUGUSTINE — St. Johns County Sheriff Neil J. Perry (left) presents a Lifetime Honorary Membership to Dr. M. E. Morrow.

Wyndham Hotel Sea World WHOO & WMMA Radio Orlando WSTF Radio Maitland Mr. & Mrs. Victor B. Yeats

Wayne Yohn



### Youth Fund Honor Roll continued



TAMPA - Hillsborough County Sheriff Walter C. Heinrich (right) presents a Lifetime Honorary Membership to VFW Auxiliary #4340 represented by Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Joyner. Mrs. Joyner is the Chairperson of the Auxiliary's Boys Ranch/Girls Villa Committee; and Mr. Joyner is an advisor to the Committee.



TAMPA — Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund Regional Director Fred E. "Mac" Stones (right) presents a Lifetime Honorary Membership to the Tampa Division of Winn Dixie Stores, represented by Manager D. L. Kimsey.



TAVARES - Lake County Sheriff Noel E. Griffin, Jr., (center) presents a Lifetime Honorary Membership to Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Kennedy.



OKEECHOBEE -Okeechobee County Sheriff John W. Collier (right) accepts a substantial Youth Fund donation from Henry Kelly, of Family Homes Manufactured Housing Center, an Okeechobee firm.

#### Late model Sheriff old model car

CRAWFORDVILLE -Wakulla County Sheriff David F. Harvey (left) shared the spotlight with Dr. Barnes Kendrick's meticulously restored Model T Ford when he expressed appreciation for the many years of loyal support Dr. Kendrick has given to the Florida Sheriffs Association and the Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund.



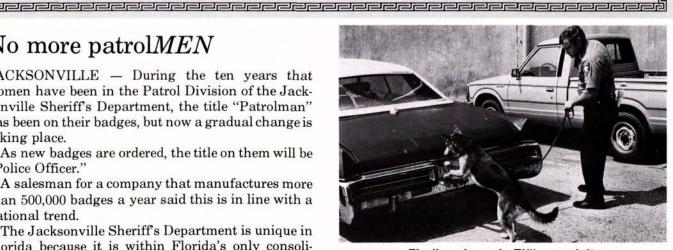
# No more patrol*MEN*

JACKSONVILLE - During the ten years that women have been in the Patrol Division of the Jacksonville Sheriff's Department, the title "Patrolman" has been on their badges, but now a gradual change is taking place.

As new badges are ordered, the title on them will be "Police Officer."

A salesman for a company that manufactures more than 500,000 badges a year said this is in line with a national trend.

The Jacksonville Sheriff's Department is unique in Florida because it is within Florida's only consolidated city — one that stretches from border to border in what was formerly Duval County. Other Sheriffs' Departments around the state have badges that identify their officers as deputy sheriffs, a genderless title that requires no revision to fit the expanding role of women in law enforcement.



Finding drugs is Elfi's specialty

PALATKA - Responding to commands from her partner, Deputy Sheriff A. P. Bailey, K-9 Deputy Elfi demonstrates her ability to find concealed narcotics. Elfi recently joined the Putnam County Sheriff's Department staff after graduating from a narcotics detection school. Sheriff Walt Pellicer said she has already been credited with assisting in several narcotics arrests, and confiscation of a large amount of illegal drugs.

### Historical Flashback:

### Parade of Presidents dates back to 1910

We wanted to print a complete "Parade of Presidents" to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Florida Sheriffs Association, but incomplete records between 1910 (the year the Association was chartered) and 1946 created some glaring gaps in the procession.

So, we will have to "go with what we got" — gaps included. We know that Duval County Sheriff W. H. Dowling was the first president of the Association in 1910, but have no idea who exercised leadership in the Sheriffs' march of progress between 1910 and 1934.

Hillsborough County Sheriff Will Spencer was

elected President in 1934, and was followed by Duval County Sheriff Rex Sweat in 1934 and '36.

No records are available for the years between 1936 and 1941. Citrus County Sheriff Charles S. Dean, father of the present Citrus County Sheriff, served as President in 1942, but the Presidents of 1943, '44, and '45 remain nameless in our files.

From 1946, when Charlotte County Sheriff Fred Quednau was elected president, the records are complete. They show the following line of succession:

#### Alex Littlefield (Volusia County) 1947 Bill Joyce (Leon) 1967 John F. Kirk (Palm Beach) 1948 P. D. Reddish (Bradford) 1968 1949 Don Genung (Pinellas) 1969 Ralp Witt (Columbia) Dale Carson (Duval) Todd Tucker (Pinellas) 1950 1970 R. L. Kendrick (Escambia) 1951 Walt Pellicer (Putnam) 1971 H. J. Youngblood (Nassau) Malcolm Beard (Hillsborough) 1972 1952 Sam Joyce (Indian River) Willis V. McCall (Lake) 1953-54 1973 Raymond Hamlin (Leon) Broward Coker (Highlands) 1974 1955 Otho Edwards (Gadsden) John Whitehead (Union) 1956 1975 Jack Bent (Charlotte) John Spottswood (Monroe) 1957 1976 Sid Saunders (Pinellas) 1958 Jennings Murrhee (Clay) 1977 Leslie Bessenger (Pasco) 1958 Jim Scott (Jefferson) 1978 Ross Bover (Sarasota) 1959 John Polk (Seminole) 1979 Frank Cline (DeSoto) 1980 Flanders Thompson (Lee) 1960 Don Moreland (Marion) Jim W. Turner (Levy) 1961 1981 W. A. Woodham (Gadsden) Dave Starr (Orange) 1962 1982 Jim Hardcastle (Sarasota) George Watts (Washington) 1963 1983 Ed Blackburn, Jr. (Hillsborough) 1964 David F. Harvey (Wakulla) 1984

1965

1966



Sim Lowman (Hernando)

L. O. Davis, Jr. (St. Johns)

In gratitude for craftsman's skills

PALATKA — Putnam County Sheriff Walt Pellicer (right) presents an appreciation award to Charles Carlton Draper for donating his cabinetmaking skills to the Sheriff's Department free of charge. Pellicer said the craftsman built a cabinet for the Department's new BAC verifier (Breath Analyzer), and several display cases for a shoulder patch collection.



1985

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Fred Peel (Washington)

Charles S. Dean (Citrus)

Gift from the Junior Women's Club

CRYSTAL RIVER — Citrus County Sheriff Charles S. Dean (left) and Investigator Patrick Fisher accept a gift of \$250 from the Crystal River Junior Women's Club, represented by Marilyn Jones. The gift was earmarked for purchasing anatomically correct dolls to assist the Sheriff's Department in investigations of sexual abuse cases involving children.



Doss Sheriff Boone



Hafner

# For dedication to the law enforcement profession

TALLAHASSEE - Leon County Sheriff Eddie Boone recently installed Frank Jones, Rodney Doss and Eddie Hafner as Lifetime Honorary Members of the Florida Sheriffs Association in recognition of their dedication to the law enforcement profession and the Association. Jones is the Association's Director of Publications and for many years has been Art Director of The Sheriff's Star. Doss is a law enforcement veteran who is currently serving as Assistant Executive Director of the Association. Hafner formerly served as the Association's Field Secretary (a title that was later changed to Executive Director), and subsequently held a similar position with the Florida County Commissioners Association.



Jones