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BROOKSVILLE — "Buckle-up Bunny," a new addition to Hernando County Sheriff Tom Mylander's staff, gives Carrissa Breckbell and her grandfather, Jim Mullaney, some advice about the importance of fastening seat belts. (Brooksville Sun Journal photo by Maria Kretschmar)

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Many requests for vests

WEST PALM BEACH — Bulletproof vests were gathering dust in the supply room at the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Department until Deputy Mark Bohne was shot five times and lived to tell about it.

When word got around that Bohne's bulletproof vest stopped two bullets that were potentially fatal, leaving him with wounds in the shoulder and thigh, the vests in storage suddenly became popular and deputies began requesting them. In just a few days the supply was cut in half.

Sheriff Richard Wille explained that bulletproof vests are furnished for all deputies who will wear them, but they are not required to wear them.

Olympic medals won

DADE CITY — After entering the International Police Olympics for the first time in the history of the Pasco County Sheriff's Department, four deputies won medals.

Competing in a line-up of 2,800 officers from 33 states and seven foreign countries, Det. Kipper Connell and Corrections Officer Mike Farrantelli were awarded a gold and a silver medal respectively for arm wrestling. Bronze medals were won by Deputy Brian K. Gardner in wrestling, and by Deputy Scott Van Vlack in field archery.

Life saved twice

COCOA BEACH — Donald Hair, a former drug dealer, recently sent the Brevard County Sheriff's Department a thank you note for twice saving his life.

During the summer of 1984, Hair attempted suicide and a deputy sheriff saved his life.

In 1985, Hair was arrested for dealing in cocaine and sentenced to three years in jail — an experience that helped him to kick a life-threatening \$1,500-a-week habit.

"If it wasn't for your department doing its job," Hair wrote, "I wouldn't be getting the help I need to take care of my drug problem. As a matter of fact, I probably would be dead or close to it."

"When you feel like you aren't helping anyone, or doing little with the fight against drugs, I want you to know that you did help me, and I am very grateful to you for that."

Seeing Judy — pushers go bananas!

KISSIMMEE — Osceola County Deputy Sheriff Judy Munger can't explain why pushers try to sell illegal drugs to her when she's in uniform.

"I guess they think 'dirty cop,'" she mused after it happened to her twice — each incident resulting in an arrest.

The first pusher offered her cocaine. The second volunteered to deliver marijuana when he saw her gassing up her patrol car at a service station. They arranged to meet at a convenience store the next night. When the transaction took place as planned, backup deputies moved in and made the arrest.

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An OK gift from the Kayo Murphy Tournament

KISSIMMEE — Osceola County Sheriff Bob Fornes and the Spouse Involvement Group from the Sheriff's Department, represented by Kathy Smith (left), presented proceeds of \$1858 from the Third Annual E.P. Murphy Golf Classic to the Osceola Opportunity Center, represented by Virginia Harper. The golf tournament is sponsored by the Sheriff's Department in honor of former Sheriff E.P. "Kayo" Murphy.



At the parting — a plaque

TRENTON — During a farewell party for Chief Deputy David P. Turner, Gilchrist County Sheriff Roy Rodgers (right) presented a plaque to the guest of honor expressing appreciation for outstanding service, and Turner's wife Patsy, joined them for a photograph. Turner is going to enhance his academic qualifications at the University of Florida while working in the campus police department.

Good news for hot dogs

FORT LAUDERDALE — Here's good news for those hot dogs of law enforcement — the faithful, hard working K-9s who suffer and on very rare occasions actually die when it is necessary to keep them penned up in patrol cars for unusually long periods.

Patrol cars used by Sheriffs' K-9 units are being equipped with heat-sensitive beepers that send out an alarm when the heat level becomes dangerously high, and the alarm signal can be sent up to a mile.

It is often necessary for officers to leave police dogs in locked patrol cars with the engine running and the air conditioner on full blast when errands take them where dogs are not welcome. If the errand turns into unexpectedly long court testimony or prisoner processing, there is always a possibility that the air conditioner will malfunction and the dog's safety will be threatened. Two Florida police dogs died under similar circumstances this year.

Broward County Sheriff Nick Navarro said all of his K-9 corps vehicles have been equipped with air conditioner sensors that warn a dog's deputy partner if the temperature inside the car rises due to an air conditioner failure.

Also to be installed are carbon monoxide sensors which alert the deputy partner when exhaust fumes are seeping into the passenger compartment of the patrol car.



From 3,500 potential contestants, one winner

BARTOW — Approximately 3,500 Polk County Junior Deputies were eligible to take a shot at it, and Jennifer Densford was declared the winner in a 1986 poster contest. Her prize, a ten-speed bicycle donated by the Auburndale Wal-Mart Store, was presented by Deputy Sheriff Bob Tilly, from the Crime Prevention Section of the Polk County Sheriffs Department.



Junior Deputies lost a loyal supporter

DADE CITY — Before he moved to another state, Leon Smith (left) received a Certificate of Appreciation from Pasco County Sheriff Jim Gillum recognizing his nine years of perfect attendance at meetings of the Pasco County Junior Deputy Sheriff League.

Facing the Gallows — Part I:

When Florida had no death chamber or executioner, Sheriffs were required to supervise all hangings

On October 7, 1924, Frank Johnson, alias Luther Dorrill, was taken from a holding cell at the Florida State Prison and, in the company of the warden, a minister, and several guards, escorted the few feet separating his holding cell from the death chamber. Within four minutes, the condemned man was strapped into the recently constructed electric chair, an electric charge was sent through his body, and he was pronounced dead by the attending physician.

Johnson's death had a two-fold significance. On the one hand, he was the first person executed in the Florida electric chair. Secondly, his death brought to an end the cruel, if not unusual, practice of execution by hanging in the state.

Prior to Johnson's electrocution, Florida law directed that the "punishment of death ... in all cases be inflicted by hanging the convict by the neck until he be dead ... within the walls or enclosure of the jail or prison where the prisoner may be confined." Unlike some states which had permanent death chambers, prior to 1924 legal executions in Florida were carried out in the counties where the crimes had occurred and under the direction of local sheriffs. In some cases the county sheriffs were the executioners. This failure to have a designated death chamber and an official state executioner also meant that the degree of professionalism in inflicting death varied within the state.

Many gallows were makeshift structures hastily constructed a few days before the scheduled hangings. The platform used for the Jacksonville execution of Harrison Carter was constructed of heavy, well braced lumber. It was about seven feet above the ground, and was reached by a flight of stairs. The hanging rope was tied to the cross beam and the noose

hung down to within about six feet of the scaffold. The mechanism used in hanging James Walker in St. Augustine was constructed in such a manner that "he stood upon a trap door in the center of the scaffold, which was supported from below by an upright beam to the foot of which was attached a rope conducted to the outside of the enclosure."

On several occasions the doomed men were inflicted with unnecessary pain and suffering, which may be attributed to poorly constructed gallows as well as to inadequate training of the executioner in the fine art of hanging or "neck breaking".

Men were executed by hanging in Florida as early as the territorial days. However, antebellum, civil war and post-Civil War records as a whole are incomplete.

Official accounts of executions since 1869 are more complete, in spite of some apparently lost records, and this is one reason for using that year as a beginning point. Between 1869 and 1924, no

fewer than 223 legal hangings occurred in Florida. The greatest number of executions were for murder (203), not including a single accessory to murder. The remaining nineteen were executed for rapes. All of the condemned prisoners were men. Interestingly, there is no account of a woman being executed in Florida either before or after installation of the electric chair.

In most instances, the death warrants and the attached trial record did not contain racial descriptions of the prisoners. However, in several cases the prisoners' identities and races were confirmed by using newspaper accounts and court transcripts. Available information indicated that about 90 percent of those legally hanged in Florida were blacks. Seventy-eight

By Wali R. Kharif, Ph.D.

This is the beginning of a three-part article reviewing the application of the death sentence by hanging in Florida prior to the use of the electric chair. "It makes a subtle argument," says the author, "that in spite of whatever we may believe today regarding the death penalty, in many ways electrocution is much more merciful than the practice of public hangings."

percent of these blacks were charge with black on white crimes.

In short, blacks perpetrating acts of violence against whites, or allegedly responsible for such acts, were most severely punished in Florida. Rarely was a white man put to death for a crime against a black. The one confirmed case involved an interracial couple in Tampa, where the husband killed his black spouse.

The issuance of a death warrant did not always result in an immediate execution. In many instances, issuance of the warrant did not lead to an execution at all. Of the 254 warrants issued between 1869 and 1924, executions were carried out for 223. Approximately eighty-seven percent of the warrants signed by Florida governors resulted in deaths.

Seven warrants were revoked or otherwise recalled by the Governor's office; another nineteen inmates under signed death warrants had their sentences commuted to life imprisonment; and, six warrants were not carried out for "miscellaneous" reasons. These miscellaneous reasons were an escape; an inmate killed attempting to escape; death of a prisoner due to "natural causes" prior to execution; an inmate's death in jail prior to execution under "unexplained circumstances"; and, two inmate suicides.

Upon the conviction and sentencing to death of a prisoner, the clerk of court was required by law to provide the sheriff of the county in which the conviction occurred with a certified copy of the whole record of the conviction and sentence. The sheriff, in turn, was directed to remit the documents to the governor who alone had the final authority to issue or refuse to issue a death warrant. The governor would then issue a death warrant with the state seal affixed and certified by the Secretary of State. A copy of the official court record for the conviction was attached to the warrant.

There were two aspects to the public execution. One aspect involved initiating the death watch. The other dealt with actually carrying out the punishment. The death watch was initiated by the governor. It could be argued that the death watch was put into effect upon completion of indictment, conviction and sentencing because many executions occurred within a couple of months of sentencing. Officially, however, no death sentence was effective until after a warrant was signed by the governor and transmitted to the Sheriff of the county in which the prisoner was being held.

Florida law did not require that the Sheriff read the death warrant to the condemned prisoner. However, this was apparently done as a matter of procedure anyway. The warrant indicated a specific day, between certain hours in which the execution was to take place. During the week of the execution date, usually on Friday, the convict was allowed contact with his family and friends, and the services of a minister. In many instances, a guard or two were assigned to spend the time indulging the felon to the

extent possible.

On the night before the hanging, the Sheriff routinely provided the doomed convict with the meal and beverages of his choice. Once the execution was carried out, the sheriff was instructed by law to return the warrant to the Governor's Office with a signed statement that the sentence had been carried out and a list of the official witnesses. In addition, the Sheriff was required to file a statement with the clerk of the appropriate county confirming that the sentence had been fulfilled. This statement was then made a part of the official case record.

Once a warrant was issued by the Governor it was typically read aloud to the convict by the Sheriff. There were varied reactions to this notice that execution was imminent. When advised the day before his scheduled execution that his last appeal had been denied by the State Pardoning Board, (comprised of the governor and cabinet), J.M. Mercer was visibly shaken in his cell. A newspaper columnist of the Tampa Morning Tribune wrote that:

"Mercer said not a word. His body quivered like an aspen, and his teeth clattered audibly. He clutched the heavy bars of the cage for a few moments, and then sank to the floor of the cell. A few minutes later, he seemed to have regained his strength, and rising, began preaching in a loud voice. During the day, he drank over a dozen bottles of Cuban wine."

Derry Taft reacted to the reading of his death warrant by confessing his crime and attempting to implicate two others in the murder. He also requested a Spanish dinner, plenty of stationery, ink and a pen, and a special black suit for the occasion. The night before the hanging he selected a black minister to pray with him, and black musicians to play with him. Taft was a white man.

In another Tampa execution, Bennie Henson, also white, requested the presence of blacks to sing with him the night before his death.

Clarence McKinney reacted by requesting a bible, and spent his last minutes reading from it.

George Hawkins "prayed fervently during his last moments on earth". He was described as being in a "trancelike state" and as "oblivious to all around him", at the time of his hanging.

It seems that condemned men face death calmly, and some even exhibited penitent demeanor by stating their sorrow for commission of the crime, and asking forgiveness of God and men.

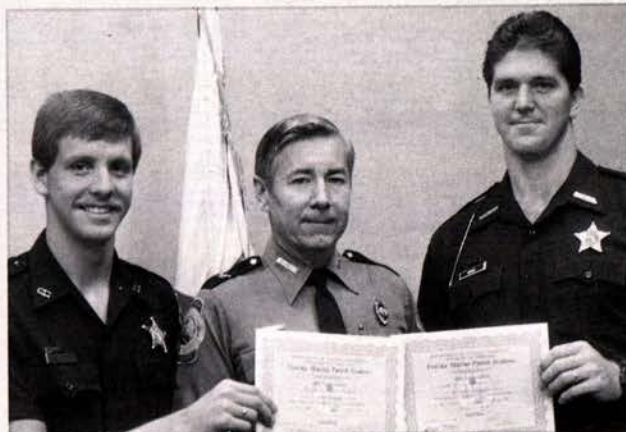
Dr. Wali R. Kharif, a Tallahassee resident and a graduate of Florida State University, is currently employed as a political science and history instructor at South Georgia College.



We Salute!



BARTOW — Wounded in separate law enforcement incidents, Deputy Sheriffs Rick Watson (left) and Waymon Allen were among the first to receive recognition under a new awards program created by Polk County Sheriff Dan Daniels. Each was awarded an "Eagle Pin," which is comparable to a military Purple Heart.



TALLAHASSEE — Col. Don Ellingsen (center), head of the Florida Marine Patrol, presented certificates to Charlotte County Deputy Sheriffs David Wenck (left) and John Merrill, Jr., after they completed training at the Florida Marine Patrol Academy.

John Murrell

BRADENTON — The International Association of Correctional Officers presented a Distinguished Service Award to Manatee County Deputy Sheriff John Murrell after he risked his own safety to prevent potential bloodshed.

Murrell was on his way home from work when he saw two men fighting near a woman who was holding a baby. When one of the men picked up a gun, Murrell disarmed him and kept the situation under control until officers arrived.

Manatee County Sheriff Charlie Wells presented a "Deputy of the Month" award to Murrell.

Hal Blalock

GREEN COVE SPRINGS — A retirement party marked the end of a 20-year law enforcement career for Clay County Sheriff's Department Captain Hal Blalock, who was the first man to sign up for the Department's Reserve Unit in 1965, and was placed in charge of the Unit when he was hired full-time in 1968.

"He has certainly been a tre-



DADE CITY — Pasco County Deputy Sheriff Jim Campbell has been credited with saving two persons from drowning. In the first incident, which occurred in 1978, he rescued an emergency medical technician who started to drown while trying to tow a heart attack victim to shore. In the second incident, which was recent, he pulled a young woman from a car that had plunged into a pond and submerged.

mendous asset to the Department, and he will be a hard man to replace," said Sheriff Jennings Murree.

Robert Zajicek

LANTANA — Twice did Deputy Sheriff Robert Zajicek rush into a

burning house with a towel over his face before he was able to find and rescue a 22-year-old man who had been overcome by smoke and was trapped inside.

After the rescue, Zajicek started mouth-to-mouth resuscitation on the victim before paramedics took over.

Zajicek told a reporter he never thought about his own life. "I had a job to do," he said. "I didn't know how much time I had ... about 30 or 40 seconds before the rest of the house went up. I was just lucky that he (the victim) was in a position where I could find and help him, and we made it out alive."

John Maguire

NAPLES — The Veterans of Foreign Wars chose Sgt. John Maguire from the Collier County Sheriff's Department as Florida's Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer to honor him for saving the life of a two-year-old boy rescued from the bottom of a swimming pool.

The tot was not breathing when he was pulled from the pool, but Maguire began cardio-



DADE CITY — Pasco County Sheriff Jim Gillum (left) presented a CARE (Certificate of Appreciation for Responding in an Emergency) Award to former military policeman Larry Sonntag, after Sonntag helped a deputy sheriff to handcuff a drunken driving suspect who was violently resisting arrest.



Stuart



Hatcher

FORT PIERCE — St. Lucie County Sheriff Robert C. "Bobby" Knowles (right) conferred "Deputy of the Month" honors on Deputies Wade Hatcher and Jim Stuart for outstanding performance of duty.

pulmonary resuscitation immediately and was able to revive the victim.

"Had it not been for the prompt, resourceful intervention of Sgt. Maguire," said an emergency room physician who examined the child, "there is no doubt in my mind that the child would have died."

Rick Chandler

MARATHON — In a three-month period, Detective Rick Chandler headed investigations that resulted in 24 felony arrests, 12 misdemeanor arrests, and the issuing of nine felony warrants.

His outstanding performance also resulted in confiscation of drugs valued at \$10,000; three motor vehicles valued at \$17,000 and \$4,500 in cash. A stolen boat valued at \$250,000 was recovered.

Is it any wonder that the Monroe County Sheriff's Department chose him as its "Officer of the Quarter" for District Two?

Mary Broughton

DELAND — Volusia County Deputy Sheriff Mary Broughton returned from the International Law Enforcement Olympics, in Columbus, Ohio, with six gold medals and one silver medal she won in swimming events.



TALLAHASSEE — Leon County Sheriff Eddie Boone (third from left) presented Certificates of Commendation to (from left) Deputies Scott Ivey, Bryan Henry, and Rick Dyke for displaying exceptional bravery and valor. Boone said Ivey risked his own safety to rescue a driver from a burning truck; while Henry and Dyke "upheld the finest attributes of professional law enforcement" in their handling of an attack by a knife-wielding man "without injury or death to innocent bystanders." He said Henry was serving his first day on Uniform Patrol, and "though horribly wounded, continued to perform his duties in a coherent and steadfast manner."



KISSIMEE — When Osceola County Sheriff R.W. "Bob" Fornes (left) awarded a Medal of Commendation to Deputy Andy Lang for his outstanding use of resuscitation procedures, the deputy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lang, participated in the ceremony.

Florida parable:

Thou shalt not steal thy neighbor's Sheriff!

FORT PIERCE — Throughout its history, Florida has experienced a typical run of rip-offs and attempted rip-offs, but it may be the only state in the nation that can claim an attempt by one county to "steal" another county's sheriff.

Here's how it is said to have happened:

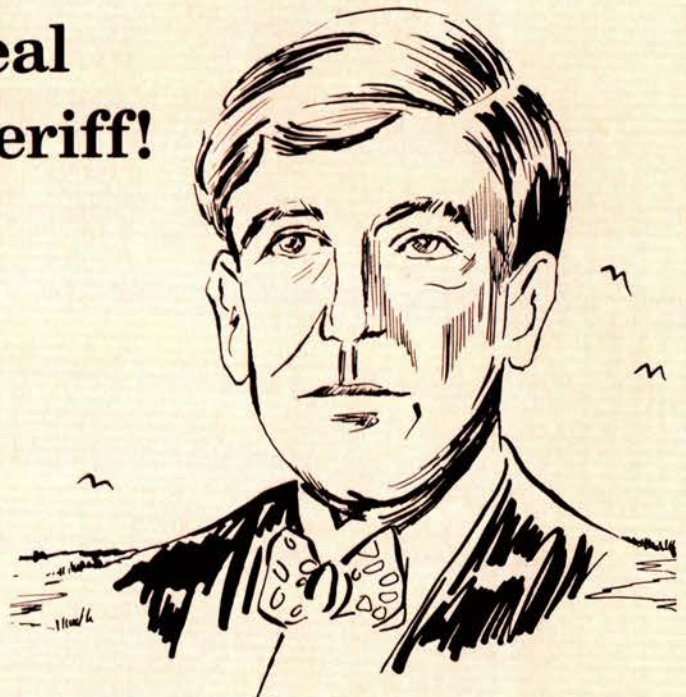
St. Lucie County Sheriff W.R. Monroe was killed on March 25, 1921, while confiscating a bootlegger's cabin cruiser.

Shortly thereafter about 100 citizens, including some newly-enfranchised women, met at the New Fort Pierce Hotel to discuss possible successors they could recommend to Governor Cary Hardee, whose duty it was to fill the vacancy.

Apparently several names were discussed, but, contrary to tradition, the citizens passed over local prospects and decided the man they really wanted was William E. "Pogey Bill" Collins, the colorful Sheriff of neighboring Okeechobee County.

Described as a big, strong reformed street brawler who had labored as a seaman and commercial fisherman before adopting the role of frontier law enforcement officer, Collins had been credited with establishing law and order

Legend holds that when "Pogey Bill" got involved in a brawl at Tillman's Fish Camp, on Lake Okeechobee, "he sent his attackers outdoors, one by one, by the shortest route, and when the dust had settled, there was nothing much left of the fish camp kitchen but the roof."



William E. "Pogey Bill" Collins



in rowdy, lawless Okeechobee County.

It was said that he had brought the bootleggers under control, and violent crimes had dropped to almost zero. He had also enhanced his public image by forming a baseball club, and by becoming actively involved in other youth activities.

The fact that he had earned his nickname, "Pogey Bill" by attempting to market a load of inedible bait fish became simply an item of local folklore, and diminished not at all his popularity as a frontier lawman.

It is not clear exactly how the citizens of St. Lucie County expected to snatch this living legend away from Okeechobee County, but governor Hardee had no doubts about their sincerity after a pro-Collins delegation visited him in Tallahassee.

He also met with delegations favoring St. Lucie County residents Augustus Ruffner and A.D. Merwin. However, the Collins faction was

said to have been the most impressive.

Hardee was hard pressed, but he eventually announced that Ruffner was his choice. He said he had pledged not to appoint men to positions such as Sheriff outside their own counties, and therefore Collins would have to stay in Okeechobee County.

If the pro-Collins people were deeply disappointed, it is safe to assume that their chagrin dissipated rapidly after "Pogey Bill's" career took a tragic turn.

Eventually he was tried twice on charges of conspiring to traffic in bootleg whiskey. He was convicted, resigned from office and appealed his conviction. A fatal Polk County highway accident ended his colorful career in 1934.

This was based upon an article by Joe Crankshaw which appeared in the May 12, 1985, issue of the Miami Herald.

Before answering the door or the telephone, read these tips from Sheriff Tom Mylander

BROOKSVILLE — "Most of the people who come to your door, or call you on the telephone, have legitimate reasons for doing so," Sheriff Tom Mylander told Hernando County residents in a West Hernando News article, "but a very few people would like to rob or assault you in your own home."

"They may even use the telephone to determine your sex, or whether or not you live alone," he added. "Many people, particularly women, have been assaulted because they blithely opened the door to someone who seemed legitimate."

"All this sounds very sinister, and it can be. Therefore, you should understand two things: First, the chance that someone at your door, or on the telephone, is determined to harm you is very remote statistically; and second, you should never take a chance based upon those statistics."

"Never automatically open your door when someone knocks, even if you are expecting a caller; and don't rely on a chainlock to keep anyone out."

"One-way peepholes can be bought cheaply, and installed simply by drilling a hole through your door. Get one, and use it."

"If you look through the peephole and see a stranger, ask for identification, no matter how familiar and authoritative the uniform, or how clean-cut the caller. Ask that identification or credentials be slipped under the door, and check them out by telephone. Refuse to deal with any salesman, serviceman, or government official who refuses to produce credentials."

"If a stranger wants to use your phone to make an emergency call, take the message and make the call yourself. If it was a ruse, the stranger will be gone by the time you get back to the door. If a caller becomes threatening, you have time to call the Sheriff's Department."

"At night, draw your blinds or draperies to prevent anyone outside from watching you. Call the Sheriff's Department immediately if you hear or see a prowler, or if the actions of a caller arouse your suspicions."

"Be cautious about using apartment building laundry rooms when you are alone, particularly at night. Try to have someone with you."

"Finally, don't play telephone games. Use the telephone on your terms, not as a device that forces you to respond robot-like. If a caller won't identify himself at once, hang up."

"Never allow yourself to be drawn into a conversation with an unknown caller, survey-taker, or census taker in which you reveal your name, address, marital status or anything to indicate you are alone."

The topic: Urban disorders

MIAMI — The Metro-Dade Police Department will host an Urban Disorder Management Conference here October 20-24, 1986, for command level officers who have responsibility for policy, training, and field operations related to incidents of urban unrest. For information, call Sgt. James Cooner, (305) 594-1001.

Nine million miles per year!

FORT LAUDERDALE — The Fleet Control Unit in the Broward County Sheriff's Department received a pat on the back from Sheriff Nick Navarro recently.

He said the staff of 16, including 11 experienced mechanics provide super service 24 hours a day, seven days a week to keep the Department's fleet of 650 cars rolling a total of almost 9 million hard miles a year.

"These employees are almost never in the spotlight," said Navarro, "but the Sheriff's Department could hardly operate without them."

The department gets five years' service and more than 100,000 miles out of each vehicle due to a preventive maintenance program that requires a check-up every 3,000 miles with sophisticated diagnostic equipment and computerized wheel alignment and balancing devices.

The gasoline dispensing system and the vehicle maintenance records are computerized.

"This kind of technical support has generally enabled us to maintain a road readiness of nearly 99 percent of the fleet at any given time," said Navarro.

Booking has boomed

FORT LAUDERDALE — When Broward County's first prisoner was arrested in 1916, two deputies were manning the booking desk at the county jail.

Today, Lt. Frank Germano is in command of 130 certified detention deputies, aides and civilians who operate the Intake Services Division of the Sheriff's Department around the clock, seven days a week. In 1986, this crew will process approximately 63,000 prisoners.



Sheriff Gillum sponsors unique youth group

DADE CITY — The 4-H Cadet Corps in the Pasco County Sheriff's Department, represented by Captains Lisa Tate (left) and Germaine Roberson, recently presented a plaque to Sheriff Jim Gillum to express the organization's appreciation for his sponsorship. The safety and law enforcement oriented Cadet Corps is the first group of its kind in Florida.

Thief's pants exploded

FORT LAUDERDALE — A startled cook suffered second-degree burns when a bundle of cash he tried to smuggle out of a restaurant inside the front of his pants exploded and sprayed him with dye.

The \$400 in cash had been rigged with a charge of exploding dye timed to go off just after he exited from the restaurant. The thief dropped the money and ran, but was later arrested at home while paramedics were treating his burns.

Sheriff was delighted when food critic failed to rave over chow at Pasco jail

NEW PORT RICHEY — It didn't upset Pasco County Sheriff Jim Gillum when St. Petersburg Times food critic Janis D. Froelich rated the jail chow as merely "good" rather than "magnifique" after she was invited to "do lunch" at Gillum's Gray Bar Hotel, otherwise known as the West Pasco Detention Center.

In fact, Gillum had told her in advance: "I won't mind if you urge people to boycott the place."

She didn't, but she did point out that Gillum's eatery was running \$12,000 over budget because of a "recent unexpected overflow of guests" who did not have reservations.

"Some of our guests say the accommodations are terrible," Gillum told her, "but therein lies an enigma: We are filled to capacity seven days a week, 365 days a year, and we have many, many patrons who keep coming back."

Perhaps eating free and getting room service accounts for some of the repeat business. "We are by

no means a 'lunch on Limoges' operation," said Gillum, "but our meals are served a' la 'cart' — wheeled to the guests in their living quarters."

Froelich seemed to be impressed by the fact that inmates were served three nutritious squares at a cost of only \$2.15 a day.

Gillum explained that the jail is fortunate to be located in a partially rural county where "generous benefactors" frequently donate excess crops such as tomatoes, corn, potatoes and strawberries. These frequent windfalls of fresh fruit and vegetables guarantee that inmates will never suffer from scurvy, he added.

Gillum was delighted that his Gray Bar Hotel failed to qualify as one of the outstanding eateries on the west coast. "We certainly didn't want a 'five-knives-and-forks' rating," said he, "lest the taxpayers who are footing the bill get the impression that our non-paying guests are eating better than they are."

Sheriff's rooting for REACT

FORT PIERCE — The volunteers who serve on St. Lucie County's Radio Emergency Activated Citizens Team (REACT) are nearing their goal of providing county-wide, around-the-clock monitoring on Citizens Band emergency channel 9, and Sheriff Robert C. "Bobby" Knowles has been urging them to "go for it."

Knowles said there are presently ten active REACT base stations in the county, and one of them, which is in Nettles Island has 14 members operating 24 hours a day while also performing their duties as mobile home park security officers.

"With the Nettles Island base providing continuous coverage for southeast St. Lucie County and northeast Martin County," said Knowles, "REACT is well on its way to its goal."

Knowles said REACT members pay for their own radio equipment and donate their time. When they receive emergency calls regarding stranded motorists, traffic accidents, drunken drivers, prowlers, or boat operators in distress, they relay the message to the appropriate agency through the 911 communications center.

More spotters for Sheriff

BARTOW — Thirty radio-equipped vehicles operated by Centel Cable Television Company in and around eight Polk County communities will increase the crime-spotting capability of the Polk County Sheriff's Department, now that the cable firm has joined the

Department's Crime Watch Program.

Centel employees trained by the Sheriff's Department will contact their company dispatcher by radio whenever they observe anything suspicious, and the company dispatcher will relay the information to the Sheriff's Department.

Oops — wrong customer

ORLANDO — While cruising through an area described as "a virtual open-air marketplace for crack cocaine dealers" in his personal car, accompanied by Capt. Lane Norman, Orange County Sheriff Lawson Lamar was approached by a man selling what later turned out to be 2.5 grams of rock cocaine concealed in a paper towel.

Upon seeing that the prospective customer was in uniform, the salesman started to back off, but the Sheriff grabbed him and held him until Capt. Norman was able to handcuff him and place him under arrest.

Cocaine is a catalyst

ORLANDO — Orange County Sheriff Lawson Lamar shared with U.S. Senator Lawton Chiles a survey showing that 37 percent of 106 county jail inmates serving time for burglary, robbery and grand larceny were habitual cocaine users, and 85 percent of these felons had to resort to crime to support their addiction.

"The implications are staggering," said Lamar. "Cocaine is a primary factor in the county's increasing crime rate."



MRS. BRADFORD (Starke)



MR. WHITAKER (Marco Island)



MRS. YOARS (Crawfordville)

For a quarter-century of loyalty

Three Floridians who have given 25 years of loyal support to the Florida Sheriffs Association as honorary members recently received Distinguished Service Awards from the Association. They are: Mrs. Fern Yoars, whose award was presented by Wakulla County Sheriff David Harvey; Mrs. Rebecca Bradford, presented by Bradford County Sheriff Dolph Reddish; and H.J. Whitaker, presented by Lt. Byron Tomlinson from the Collier County Sheriff's Department.



Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches 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.

Ms. Judy Beech
Mr. & Mrs. Alvah C. Belcher
Mrs. Herbert W. Berry
Mr. & Mrs. John H. E. Blue, Sr.
Bridgetender Inn
Ms. Lucille D. Brion
Ken Brown
Mr. & Mrs. Robert D. Bullock
Dr. Cliff Chadwick
Drew Cherner
Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy V. Chillura
John L. Cloyd
Community Shopping Centers
Donald L. Conner
John Corr
Countryside Kiwanis Club
Mr. & Mrs. F.R. Coursey
Robert F. Cromwell
William D. Daniels, Jr.
Dr. & Mrs. Phil Davis
Dennis's TV and Electric
DeSoto Celebration, Inc.

Robert Eid
Ms. Virginia Ferschke
Mrs. Helen G. Friedrich
Floyd Frogel
Carl Hille
Mrs. Lillian B. Hooks
Tom N. Humphress
Dr. & Mrs. Ellis Hyman
Ms. Kay L. Jackson
Jasper Hardware and Supply Company, Inc.
Mr. & Mrs. David Kimmelman
Dr. George Lewis
Dr. John Lewis
Mr. & Mrs. Sydney J. Lyder
Ms. Dorothy W. MacEvoy
Mrs. Cari Jean Maiorino
Howard Martin
Ms. Alice G. Maughn
Mr. & Mrs. William A. McDaniel
Mrs. Marian L. McKennon
Thomas Miller
Mr. & Mrs. W. N. Nicholson

On these pages we give special recognition to generous supporters of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches who have qualified for Lifetime Honorary Memberships in the Florida Sheriffs Association by giving \$1,000 or more to the Youth Ranches. 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.



CHIPLEY — Presented by Washington County Sheriff Fred Peel (right) to Dr. Dewey Jackson. Also participating in the presentation was Youth Ranches Vice President Jim Strayer (left).

Pier 17 Marina
Ridge Pallets, Inc.
Mrs. Francis C. Riley
Mr. & Mrs. David Ritner
S & W Trailer Rental, Inc.
Mr. & Mrs. Chase Rotureau
Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Sabathe
Jim Strahan
Howard Sutton
Suwannee Valley Electric Co-Op, Inc.
Mr. & Mrs. James M. Swicegood, Jr.

Mr. & Mrs. Donald L. Terbush
Mrs. Ida Mae Treadwell
Col. & Mrs. William C. Tunis
Mrs. Aristie Vasile
Robert A. Wells
Mrs. Wilma C. West
Louis N. Whilden, Jr.
Mrs. & Mrs. John Williams
Mrs. Patricia Wilson
Estate of James D. Yeager



Worden

WEST PALM BEACH — Presented by Palm Beach County Sheriff Richard P. Wille (left) to Bill Worden, representing Carlyle House; and Robert B. Lochrie.



Lochrie



WEST PALM BEACH — Presented to Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Hirschberg.



Wahls

FORT MYERS — Presented by Lee County Sheriff Frank Wanicka (center) to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Wahl; and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley J. Adamski.



Adamskis



MARATHON SHORES — Presented to Phil McNally.



Ms. Lauderback

SEBRING — Presented by Highlands County Sheriff Joe Sheppard (left) to Martha A. Lauderback and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Abrahamson. (An extra gold star on the plaque presented to the Abrahamsons denoted that their gifts exceeded \$5,000.)



Abrahamsons



POMPANO BEACH — Presented by Broward County Sheriff Nick Navarro (right) to Fred W. Michel.

LIVE OAK — Presented by Youth Ranches Regional Director Pat Monogue (right) to Bobby E. Neal, Vice President of Live Oak Ford Mercury, Inc.



GREEN COVE SPRINGS — Presented by Clay County Sheriff Jennings Murrhee (left) to Lt. and Mrs. Tom Darby. (Lt. Darby is a member of the Sheriff's staff.)

Youth Ranches Honor Roll continued ...



Mr. Cron

FORT MYERS — Presented by Lee County Sheriff Frank Wanicka to Robert N. Cron, and Mr. and Mrs. Willie A. Armstrong.



Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong with Sheriff Wanicka (center)



INDIANTOWN — Presented by Lt. Larry Cashwell, from the Martin County Sheriff's Department, to Dr. Ralph F. Hyatt. (The extra star on Dr. Hyatt's plaque indicates that his gifts to the Youth Ranches total over \$5,000.)



GIRLS VILLA — Presented by Girls Villa unit Director Dot Bowers (left) to Mr. John Jones, represented by his wife, Marie.



GIRLS VILLA — Presented by Youth Ranches Regional Director Bill Biebuyck (left) to Mr. and Mrs. Homer Thompson.



INVERNESS — Presented by Citrus County Sheriff Charles S. Dean to Mary T. Moeser.



WEST PALM BEACH — Presented by Palm Beach County Sheriff Richard P. Wille (right) to Carl Bessette.



TAMPA — Presented by Hillsborough County Sheriff Walter C. Heinrich (right) to Don Jenkins.



STARKE — Presented by Bradford County Sheriff Dolph Reddish (center) to Superintendent Sid Fortner and Educational Supervisor David Newsome, representing Lawtey Correctional Institution.

Gift Presentations to Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches



LARGO — Gift presented by William E. Apostol (center), representing Knights of Columbus, John F. Kennedy Memorial Council No. 5635. Accepted by Pinellas County Sheriff Gerry Coleman (right) and Joe Spenard, Youth Ranches Vice President.



WEST PALM BEACH — Gift presented by Sgt. Dan Ganzel (right), representing Gold Coast Corvette Club. Accepted by Palm Beach County Sheriff Richard Wille and Youth Ranches Vice President Suzanne Silverstein.



BRADENTON — Gift presented by Capt. Al Farrington (right), representing the Manatee County Sheriff's Mounted Posse. Accepted by Manatee County Sheriff Charlie Wells (left) and Youth Ranches Regional Director Bill Aust.

Lifetime memberships now available in two categories

Traditionally, Lifetime Honorary Memberships in the Florida Sheriffs Association have been awarded to generous donors who have contributed \$1,000 or more to the child care programs sponsored by the Sheriffs Association and operated by the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, Inc.

However, some prospective lifetime members have expressed a desire to make contributions that would be used not only for child care programs, but also for Florida Sheriffs Association programs designed to advance and professionalize law enforcement.

In deference to these donors who seek to broaden the focus of their benevolence, the Sheriffs Association has amended its regulations. And, as a result, it is now possible to exercise a choice between two categories of lifetime memberships:

****Category FSYR** lifetime memberships will be issued in response to donations made for the exclusive benefit of child care work.

****Category FSA** lifetime memberships will be issued in response to gifts earmarked for child care and law enforcement enhancement.

In either category, the prospective lifetime member will receive credit for past contributions. Those who want to donate to the Sheriffs Association (Category FSA) will be credited with dues they have paid in the past as honorary members of the Association, and will be required to donate only the difference between that total and \$1,000.

Similarly, those who want to channel their generosity exclusively to the Youth Ranches (Category FSYR) will be given credit for the cumulative total of past donations they have made to this charitable entity.

Anyone interested in becoming a lifetime honorary member in either category can determine the amount due by writing to the appropriate agency:

For Category FSA the address is:

Florida Sheriffs Association
P.O. Box 1487
Tallahassee, FL 32302

For Category FSYR the address is:

Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches
Boys Ranch, FL 32060

Lifetime Honorary Members in either category will receive:

- A membership plaque (each category will have a distinctive design)
- A permanent wallet identification card
- A lifetime subscription to *The Sheriff's Star* and *The Rancher*
- A lifetime auto tag

Timing is important

Donations to the Florida Sheriffs Association or the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches are deductible for income tax purposes. However, due to the recent tax reform act, 1986 will be the last year in which charitable donations such as this can be deducted by taxpayers who do not itemize their deductions. For these people it will be advantageous to qualify for a lifetime honorary membership before the end of 1986.

Sheriff's employee wins scholarship pageant

BARTOW — Cindy Clark, a Communications Specialist in the Polk County Sheriff's Department, won the Bartow Scholarship Pageant during the annual Bartow Girls Villa Classic, and assisted in awarding the championship plaque to the Girls Villa Classic Golf Tournament winner Dean Hiers, of Lake Wales (right). Also participating in the presentation were Polk County Sheriff Dan Daniels (left) and Tournament Chairman Frank Rouse.





Discussions were held at Polk Community College.

Unique seminar held for auxiliary officers

BARTOW — Eleven Sheriff's Departments, 13 police departments and two state agencies were represented at a state-wide seminar for auxiliary law enforcement officers which was hosted by Polk County Sheriff Dan Daniels on August 2 and 3.

Describing the meeting as the first of its kind in Florida, Sheriff Daniels said plans are being formulated to make it an annual event co-sponsored by the Sheriff's Department and the Florida Police Officer Reserve Association.

The seminar sessions were held at Polk Community College and the Sheriff's Department Training Center. Topics covered included the authority and qualifications of auxiliary officers; the impact of the Garcia Decision on auxiliary personnel; recruiting auxiliary personnel; and working with K-9

Also on the program were demonstrations of semi-automatic weapons vs. revolvers; emergency response team operations; and K-9 units.



Seminar guests were interested in the well-equipped underwater recovery boat operated by Polk County Sheriff's Department volunteers.



After receiving his new rank insignia from his wife, Mary, and Sheriff Dan Daniels, Major Mark A. Hodgkins, Commander of the Sheriff's Special Forces Division, was instructed to make the seminar an annual event.