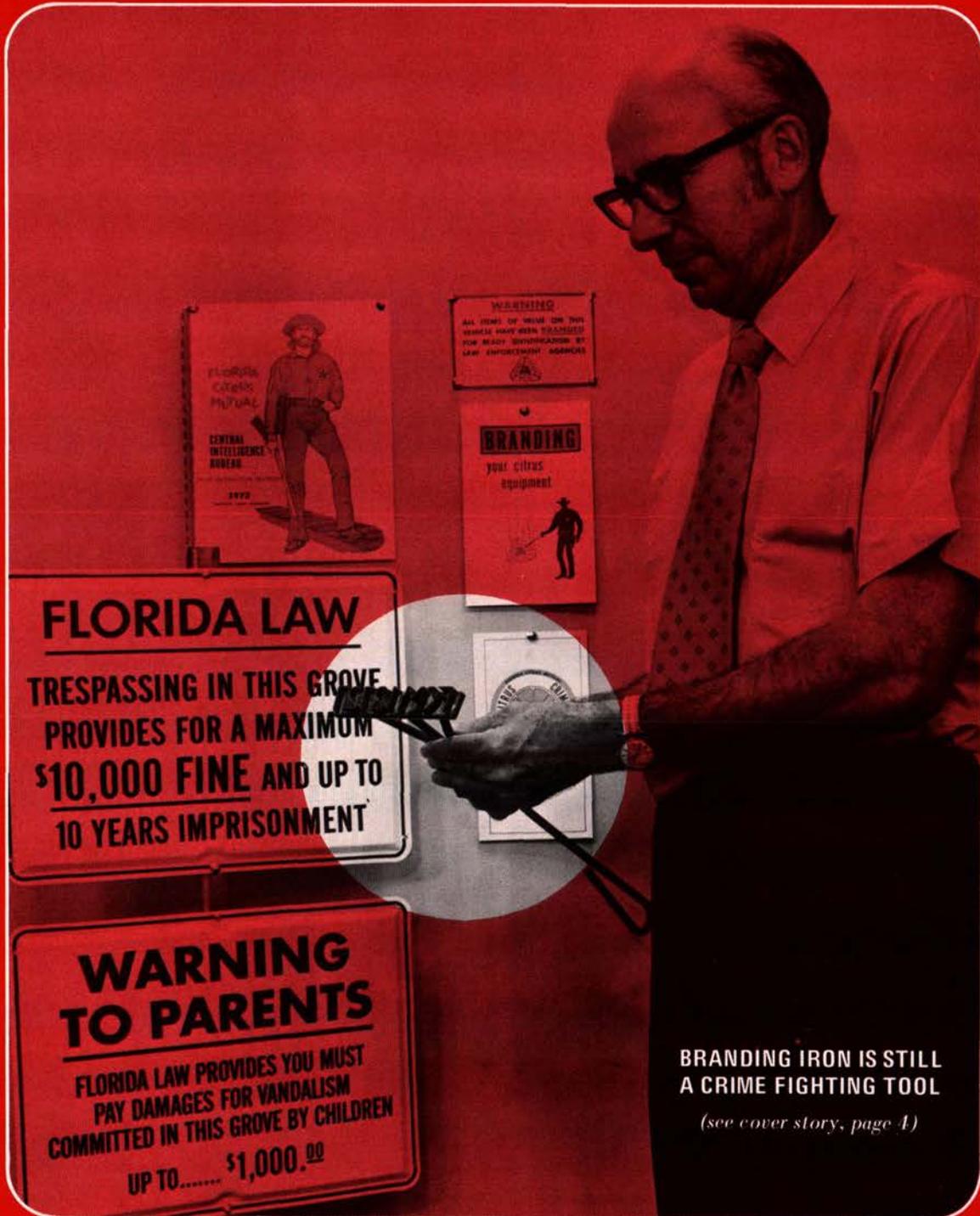


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**BRANDING IRON IS STILL
A CRIME FIGHTING TOOL**

(see cover story, page 4)



Sheriff Honored By Marines

DeLAND — For his contributions to the community as Sheriff of Volusia County, Ed Duff was awarded a medallion and certificate by M. Sgt. Merrill Muller (left) and CWO Jerry Yates of the United States Marine Corps.

A Job Nobody Wants

JACKSONVILLE — It's a job nobody wants, telling a mother her son or daughter or husband has been killed. Yet it has to be done, so how do you go about doing it right?

Sgt. T. E. Reeves is a veteran detective sergeant with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Department and directs the homicide division.

"Telling a person that his or her son or daughter or father or wife is dead has always been the hardest part of this job," Reeves says.

"But policemen feel it is our responsibility. Not just to tell the people they have lost a member of their family but to break the news as gently as possible. We have definite procedures."

Following a traffic fatality or any death in which the police are summoned, an officer is sent to speak personally with the next-of-kin.

When visitors are killed in Duval County, the attending officer is required to contact the police agency in the victim's place of residence.

According to Sgt. Virgil Simms, who investigates fatal accidents, "The police never call the next-of-kin on the phone. You just don't know what might happen. It might be an elderly person alone, or

a heart patient.

"In some cases the officer won't tell the person the victim is dead. He will say 'There has been an accident. Will you please come with me to the hospital?'"

"At the hospital the officer can have a doctor inform the relative of the loss. This way, medical attention is available and the bereaved can be treated for shock.

Instead of sending just any patrolman to break the news to a family, Reeves tries to send an officer who is familiar with the case and has talked to witnesses and doctors, instead of one who has gotten the information second or third-hand and has only a sketchy idea of what happened.

"People seem to need to be told details at a time like that," Reeves said. "A supervisor learns his men. I know who to send. Some investigators are more sympathetic people than others. If I can work one of these men free I'll send him. I always send someone."

Police very definitely control the information at the scene of an accident or crime and newsmen are aware of the strictness of the police refusal to release any information until the next-of-kin

has been notified.

"If I catch a reporter leaning over my shoulder trying to read the names off a report, I'll send him off the scene," Simms said.

"I've Been A Cop Too Long"

TITUSVILLE — After winning reelection by only 10 votes, Brevard County Sheriff Leigh Wilson said, "I've been a cop too long." In his 'victory' statement to the press the Sheriff said the 10 votes were, "A sign from God. I realized I had gotten away from people."

The first Republican to win the Sheriff's post in Brevard County, Wilson faced a 744-vote deficit after the votes had been counted. Absentee ballots made up the difference and gave him a 10-vote victory.

In analyzing the close race most people expected him to win handily, Sheriff Wilson said, "I was rather aloof. In short, I put myself above other people. Those ten votes were God's little tiding to tell me I'm not as big as I thought I was."

"I was driving to the office and suddenly it came to me. I thought to myself, why you braggart. I realized I had violated the laws of God, fellowship and brotherhood," he said.

"I did not ask to be reelected when I prayed then," he continued. "But I did promise I'd change, and then I knew I would win."

"I'm not saying I'm a religious man," Wilson concluded, "but I am saying I've changed."

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GETTING INVOLVED:

the Citizen's Duty

By The Honorable
Robert L. Shevin, Attorney
General of Florida



As Chairman of the Crime Prevention Committee of the Governor's Council on Criminal Justice I am finding that the *Help Stop Crime!* program initiated last spring is producing excellent results. Through a mass public education campaign people are being motivated to "get involved" and be their "brothers' keepers" in preventing crime or getting it stopped while in progress. I have been receiving many reports of numerous arrests at the scenes of crimes in progress or immediately after their perpetration because conscientious, alert and concerned citizens have reported suspicious prowlers, sounds in the night, and other unusual circumstances to police. We are pleased, but not smug, about the program so far and we shall continue with this mass media motivation to enlist citizen assistance in our law enforcement efforts.

This quest for citizen involvement, however, raises a number of questions, especially for the man or woman who wants to do as much as he or she can to make our streets and homes and businesses safe: How involved should one become? Should a private citizen ever attempt to make an arrest? Assist a police officer? What liabilities does he face if he does?

Only common sense can provide the answer to the first two questions. It is always safer and more prudent for a person to summon the proper authorities to stop a crime or make an arrest. Law enforcement officers are professionally trained to respond quickly and expertly

to the unpredictable dangers and emergencies spawned by a criminal act. So the first rule of thumb should be *Call the Police!*

Unfortunately, this is not always practical or even possible. Then it becomes incumbent upon the witness to decide how drastic an action to take if he is to do anything at all.

A private individual does have the right to make a "citizen's arrest" under Common Law. The well-settled legal rule which has evolved in the courts is that a citizen has a right to arrest 1) a person who commits a felony *in his presence*; 2) a person whom he has *reasonable cause to suspect* of having

committed a felony which *has actually been committed* by someone; and 3) a person who, *in the presence of the arresting individual*, commits an affray or breach of the peace constituting a misdemeanor.

The importance of the italicized phrases here is eminent. A law officer may arrest a person when he has probable cause to believe that a crime has been committed and he has reasonable cause to suspect he is arresting the right person. But the private citizen must

see the crime taking place or be dead certain a felony actually did take place and the person he is arresting is a prime suspect. Any other circumstances could subject the well-meaning citizen to civil liability for false arrest.

If a law enforcement officer summons a private individual for assistance, the citizen is compelled to help. Florida law reads as follows:

A peace officer making a lawful arrest may command the aid of persons he deems necessary to make the arrest. A person commanded to aid shall render assistance as directed by the officer. A person commanded to aid a peace officer shall have the same authority to arrest as that peace officer and shall not be civilly liable for any reasonable conduct in rendering assistance to that officer.

The right of a private citizen to make an arrest, then, is broadened upon being summoned by a qualified law enforcement officer. Even so, restraint — as practiced by competent law officers — must be the watchword of the private person. The use of firearms or physical force, although seemingly justified, should never be attempted except as a last resort. The hazards are infinite in number. The chance for error too great. It is better for the police to have to pick up the cold trail of a felon than the cold body of an innocent bystander shot by a well-intentioned but misguided citizen.

All Floridians must join in the campaign to Help Stop Crime! It is abomin-

Should a private citizen ever try to make an arrest ?

able that anyone would stand idly by or look the other way while a fellow human being is being beaten, burglarized, robbed or raped. But, as in all matters important, the better part of valor is discretion. The best, most effective and positive action a citizen can take is to call the police. If immediate action is necessary, the private citizen should move only after considering the full consequences of his acts to himself and to innocent bystanders. Help Stop Crime! But help save lives, too.

Sheriff Frank Wanicka of Lee County checks out services available through the Florida Sheriffs Association.

Sheriffs Don Moreland, Marion County and Robert Leonard, Suwannee County pay close attention to a speaker.



Sheriff Wilburn Raley (left) of Holmes County and Washington County Sheriff Theron Cook look over some of the materials used in promoting the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch and Girls Villa.



Florida's 17 Newly-Elected Sheriffs Were The Stars At Workshop For Winners

Speakers came and went at the podium — Governor Reubin Askew, prominent attorneys, big names in law enforcement — but the real stars of the show were in the audience.

It was a two-day "Workshop for Winners" held in Tallahassee's Downtown Holiday Inn, December 5 and 6; and it was arranged by the Florida Sheriffs Association as an orientation session for Florida's newly-elected Sheriffs.

All of them were there, and many re-elected Sheriffs attended too, but the entire fast-paced program was designed with the newcomers in mind.

They heard and participated in discussions about county jails, budgets, lawsuits and liability insurance, minimum standards for law enforcement officers, retirement, alcoholism and drug problems, communications regulations, rules and regulations for deputies, press relations and personnel problems.

Experienced Sheriffs gave them

"Pointers from the Old Pros".

They had an opportunity to meet and listen to officials from state law enforcement agencies such as the Department of Law Enforcement, Game and Fish Commission, Division of Beverage, Marine Patrol, Florida Highway Patrol, The Governor's Office and the Attorney General's Office.

They toured the Department of Law Enforcement Crime Lab and the Florida Crime Information Center.

Two luncheons and a breakfast were actually work sessions with food as a sideline.

After two days of being bombarded with facts and figures, they went home burdened down with booklets, pamphlets, graphs, miscellaneous information packets and a new awareness of the complexities of the Sheriff's job.

Said one old timer as the workshop ended: "If this had been held prior to the election, some of those guys would have dropped out of the campaign."



Three more new Sheriffs: (left to right) Lanie Norvell, St. Lucie; Dolph Reddish, Bradford; and Ronnie Craven, Jackson.



New Sheriffs, (left to right) front row: Joe Newmans, Baker; Melvin Kelly, Hernando; Jim Hardcastle, Sarasota; Don Page, Sumter; Guy Bliss, Lake; James Holt, Martin. Back row: Frank Wanicka, Lee; Harvell Enfinger, Santa Rosa; Raymond Lawrence, Gulf; Theron Cook, Washington; Robert Leonard, Suwannee; Don Moreland, Marion; Wilburn Raley, Holmes; Joe Peavy, Madison.

Roll call of workshop speakers

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| Donald Allen | Director, Div. of Communications |
| Col. Eldridge Beach | Director, Div. of Florida Highway Patrol |
| Sheriff Malcolm Beard | Hillsborough County |
| Sheriff Ross E. Boyer | Sarasota County |
| Jack Buford | Senior Advisor, Div. of Retirement |
| Sheriff Dale Carson | Jacksonville (Duval County) |
| Sheriff Joe Crevasse | Alachua County |
| Edgar M. Dunn, Jr. | General Counsel, Governor's Office |
| Don Fish | Bureau Chief, Bureau of Police Standards |
| Dr. Earl Frye, Jr. | Director, Div. of Game and Fresh Water Fish |
| Sheriff Raymond Hamlin | Leon County |
| John Hunt | President, John E. Hunt & Associates |
| Leonard Ivey | Supervisor of Licensing, Div. of Beverage |
| Sheriff Sam Joyce | Indian River County |
| Iven Lamb | Editor, The Sheriff's Manual |
| John A. Madigan, Jr. | Attorney, Florida Sheriffs Association |
| Fred Parker | Law Partner of John A. Madigan, Jr. |
| Bill Reed | Commissioner, Dept. of Law Enforcement |
| Barry Richard | Deputy Attorney General |
| Bill Roberts | Chief Deputy, Pinellas County |
| Harmon Shields | Director, Div. of Marine Resources |
| Carl Stauffer | Executive Director, Florida Sheriffs Association |
| Louie Wainwright | Director, Div. of Corrections |
| George Warner | Deputy Auditor General |
| Harry Weaver | Executive Director, Boys Ranch & Girls Villa |



Governor Reubin Askew shaking hands with Dixie County Sheriff Al Parker. Behind the Governor is Sheriff Bill Taff of Wakulla County and to his left is Sheriff W. A. Woodham of Gadsden County.

Branding process is economical, costing large handlers about \$100 to purchase necessary equipment and smaller handlers and growers less than \$25. One recovered truck tire will more than offset the expenditure. Mutual's Larry Thompson (second from left) and citrus men watch a branding operation at Golden Gem Growers, in Lake County.



BRANDING

IRON is still a crime fighting tool

Article and photos
by Earl Wells

COVER PHOTO

This month's picture shows Larry Thompson, Director of Florida Citrus Mutual's Fruit Protection Division, with one of the branding irons currently being used by citrus growers and handlers in their war on equipment thefts.

LAKELAND — In a move designed to aid sheriffs and law enforcement agencies curb equipment thefts which accounted for losses totaling more than \$134,000 during the 1971-72 season, Florida's citrus growers and handlers are taking a page from out of the old West.

They've embarked on an industry-wide "branding" program which hopefully will deter thefts and make stolen items increasingly difficult to sell or trade.

"Operation Catch-Thief" has many of the similarities cattlemen use in branding their herds both as an identification mark, but also as a warning to rustlers. It is the brain child of Larry Thompson, Director of the Fruit Protection Division of Florida Citrus Mutual, the giant citrus grower organization headquartered in Lakeland.

Thompson, a veteran of more than 26 years with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, is all too well acquainted with the problem of positive identification of stolen merchandise and the headaches presented when attempting to secure a conviction without adequate identification of proof of theft.

Under the "Catch-Thief" program, Thompson has come up with a plan which is amazingly simple, but which

has the unanimous endorsement of all the sheriffs in the 32 counties where citrus is commercially produced.

Essentially, growers and handlers brand every piece of equipment they own with the Florida Citrus Mutual grower or contract handler number assigned to them. These numbers are furnished to the various sheriffs and deputies in a permanent file retained in every department radio room.

When this identification number is found on stolen equipment — whether it be tire, battery, picking ladder, radiator or any item used in the citrus producing industry — deputies have information at their finger tips which immediately identifies the proper owner.

All county law enforcement officers throughout the citrus belt have been alerted to be on the look out for equipment with the initials FCM followed by a series of numbers which indicates the equipment is covered under the program. An inquiry to the Sheriff's Department radio room will quickly advise any officer of the rightful owner of the equipment, including his address and telephone number.

To increase the effectiveness of the branding program, Thompson and sheriffs have urged growers and handlers to



Branding equipment is designed to burn identification number into tire sidewalls which cannot be removed by thief. Following branding process, owners are urged to spray the brand with fluorescent or reflective paint as a further deterrent to theft.

It requires only a few minutes for an employee to stamp a permanent identification number on a battery which in many instances will result in its return to owner should it be stolen.



spray the identification numbers with fluorescent or reflective paint — just one more warning to the wary thief to beware of the fact that he's dealing with equipment which can be easily traced to its owner.

Thompson, in cooperation with sheriffs in the citrus area, came up with the "Catch-Thief" idea when grower losses began to soar a few years ago and reached an all-time high this past season.

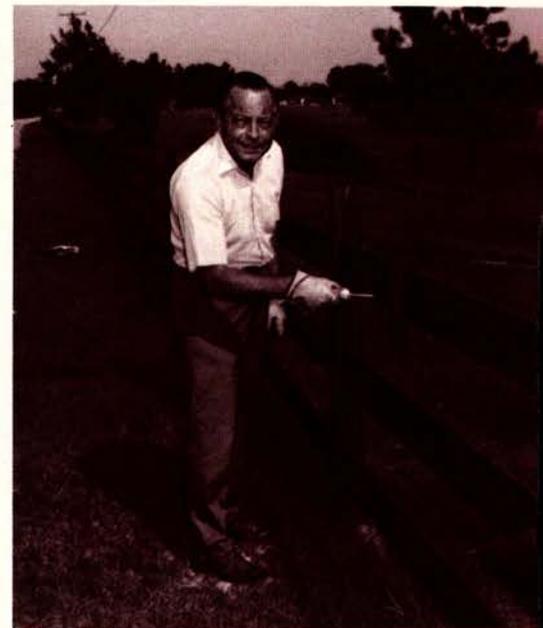
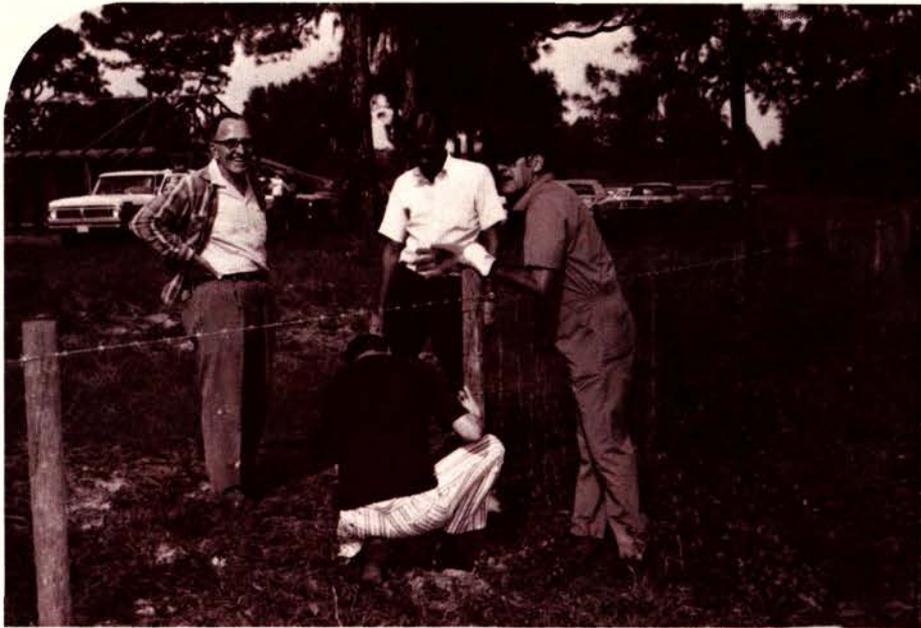
Equipment thefts — mostly tires, batteries, radiators, generators and like items — have soared from \$35,000 in the 1966-67 season, to \$134,655 in the past season.

A similar program instituted by Mutual, combined with effective support from sheriffs, virtually eliminated citrus fruit thefts which in 1963 cost growers more than \$278,000. Legislation passed at the time gave enforcement agencies additional tools to work with in seeking out fruit thieves, and in the season just ended, the loss amounted to a mere \$4,337.

Thompson said the "Catch-Thief" program is one more way growers and handlers can help themselves by helping law enforcement officers in their never-ending effort to crack down on crime.



Polk County Sheriff Monroe Brannen, left, and Sgt. Richard Hunter are shown with citrus truck tires recovered from a theft ring. Unfortunately, the tires cannot be returned to their proper owners due to lack of proper identification.



BARN RAISING GIF



BARTOW — The same kind of spirit that used to bring out whole communities for a barn raising, is alive and well in the Sunshine Pioneer Club.

This organization recently held a “Work Day” at the Florida Sheriffs Girls Villa to, as President Ken Durey said, “contribute meaningful assistance to the Villa that could not be duplicated by dollars alone.”

By the time the day was over, a fence had a new coat of paint, the entrance drive had a weed-free and newly landscaped median, there was new barbed wire on the corral and a new stable was well under way.

Club members brought along General Telephone Company equipment to aid in constructing the new stable building. They also brought their lunches and held a hobby show.

The Tampa based Sunshine Pioneer Club is affiliated with the Florida Chapter of the Independent Telephone Pioneer Association and its involvement with the Girls Villa has grown out of a long time association with the Boys Ranch.

In the course of a few years the Club has donated food, clothing and a panel truck to the Ranch, a pickup to the Villa and a riding mower to each.



Lt. Tony Maseda (left) and Capt. J. W. Hagans.

Last Of The Class Of 1939

TALLAHASSEE — Father time has finally caught up with the original recruit class (1939) of the Florida Highway Patrol.

Col. Eldridge Beach announced the remaining two members — Capt. J. W. Hagans, West Palm Beach, and Lt. Tony Maseda, Tallahassee — retired from the uniform service December 31, 1972.

For the past twelve years Capt. Hagans has commanded Troop L, with headquarters in West Palm Beach.

Lt. Maseda, long a familiar face in state circles, has served as security and transportation officer at the Tallahassee headquarters for eleven years.

The men and their families were honored at a Cabinet meeting, where patrol veterans were presented with resolutions in recognition of their 33 years of service to the state.

Capt. Hagans has served in Palatka, Jacksonville, Miami, Bradenton, Arcadia, Lake City and West Palm Beach. As Commander of Troop L he was responsible for FHP operations in Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River and Okeechobee Counties.

Lt. Maseda has been in Tallahassee for the entire span of his Highway Patrol career. He has served under seven governors and was aide to eleven Chairmen of the State Road Department. He was made a permanent lieutenant by act of the Florida Legislature in 1961; the

only man to receive this distinction.

Another member of that original class was George Watts who quit the Patrol and was elected Sheriff of Washington County in 1952. He served 12 years and was elected President of the Florida Sheriffs Association in 1963.

Things You Can Hear On A Sunday

The following article is reprinted from the November 30, 1972 edition of the WAKULLA COUNTY NEWS.

CRAWFORDVILLE — Wakulla County is indeed an interesting listening post on a Sunday afternoon, particularly if you have the benefit of a monitor which picks up calls from the Sheriff's Office, Highway Patrol and other law enforcement agencies.

We have great feeling for the Sheriff's personnel involved in the conversation we monitored on a recent Sunday. The Sheriff's Office called a deputy to tell him they had a report, from a lady at Spring Creek, there was an alligator sitting in her front yard just staring and she wanted the Sheriff's Office to come do something about it.

The deputy first inquired as to the size of the alligator and when he was told it was 4-5 feet in length, he contacted one of the auxiliary men who provide valuable assistance to the Sheriff's Office in time of need.

The auxiliary man was one of our kind. He explained he was not too up on his alligators and while he did not mind helping the deputy run the alligator off, he wasn't too interested in trying to catch him. The auxiliary man could not quite understand, if the alligator was doing nothing but sitting in the sun enjoying himself, why there was any great need to have a contest for possession of the front yard.

The deputy finally convinced the auxiliary man to meet him at the scene and if they were unable to gently persuade the alligator to return to the canal they would enlist the aid of the Marine Patrol rather than attempting a capture on their own.

We believe most people would agree with the auxiliary man. If the alligator wanted to sun in the front yard there was no need to interfere with his sojourn until he was ready to leave and voluntarily return to the canal.

A cool, calm, collective approach to a problem such as this frequently lessens the problem in the end.

A Tall Man In Many Eyes

NAPLES — James W. Russell, Jr., owner of Kepp's Men's Store, stands tall in more than one way. Not only is he well over six feet tall, but also a lot of people look up to him for the generous support he has given the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch and now the Girls Villa.

Russell (his friends call him Russ) opened a men's store in 1967 and it was an immediate hit. Wishing to share his good fortune, he started donating clothing to the Ranch.

Well, today he has four stores and according to some observers, Russell over-buys young mens fashions just so he will have more to donate. His latest gift was 711 pairs of assorted Levis in boys sizes. There were also suits, sports coats and shirts.

It's not clear which opened first, the Florida Sheriffs Girls Villa or Russell's women's department, but he started this year donating clothing to the Villa.

According to Collier County Sheriff E. A. "Doug" Hendry, Russell's donations are valued at approximately \$50,000.

Sheriff's Barbecue Serves 1,250

INVERNESS — The Annual Citrus County Canoe and Kayak Races keep attracting more and more participants and spectators each year. While that means more work for Citrus County Sheriff B. R. Quinn who puts on a barbecue when the race is over, it also means more money for the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch which receives the proceeds. Sheriff Quinn is seen slicing up the cooked pork.





The Words Were Familiar; The Source Was Not

We've heard sympathetic comments about the policeman's job before, but not from a black.

Hence this excerpt from a speech made by Illinois State Senator Cecil A. Partee to the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police.

Holder of a law degree from Northwestern University, Senator Partee was a trial lawyer and Assistant State's Attorney in Cook County, Illinois. He has served 16 consecutive years in the Illinois General Assembly, and was elected President Pro-Tem of the State Senate in 1971, thus becoming the first black in the nation since the post-Civil War Reconstruction to lead a state legislative Chamber.

"A policeman," he said, "is a member of a civil force organized to maintain law and order with justice, to prevent and detect crime and to promote general public safety. He is a protector in time of need, and a comforter in time of sorrow.

"His job calls for him to be a diplomat, lawyer, teacher, psychologist, sociologist, and symbol of peace respect, and virtue.

"But the policeman suffers from an overdose of publicity about brutality and dishonesty. The fact is that less than one per cent of all policemen ever discredit their uniforms. The fact is that the policeman is no different from the teacher, the doctor, the politician, the banker, or the factory worker: Some

are crooked and evil, but most are honest, hardworking family men who do a good job at the office and a good job at home.

"Nobody realizes more than you men — and your wives — that a policeman has one of the most difficult jobs in the Nation. As a symbol of law and order, he stands between the law abider and the lawbreaker. He is a peace officer, and we all know how difficult it is to achieve peace — foreign or domestic. It is one of our elusive goals.

"I am tired of hearing policemen ridiculed and called 'pigs,' while killers and lawless elements are glorified.

"I am tired of hearing bleeding hearts cry when policemen shoot murderers who somehow are the victims of an unjust society, while forgetting to mention how many policemen are shot in their dangerous work.

"I am tired of hearing about crooked policemen, while seldom hearing about the solid day-to-day accomplishments and often heroic deeds policemen perform."

Manatee Sheriff Audited

TALLAHASSEE — An audit of the accounts of Manatee County Sheriff Richard Weitzenfeld, by Florida Auditor General Ernest Ellison, showed "Assets were adequate to cover liabilities. Budgets were well prepared and followed. Expenditures, in general, were adequately supported. Records were generally well kept."

Sheriff Carson Endorses Youth Appreciation Week

JACKSONVILLE — Sheriff Dale Carson, whose interest in youth programs is no secret, gave a strong endorsement to Optimist International's observance of National Youth Appreciation Week, November 13-19. Pictured left to right are Deputy Sheriff James Pfeiffer, Optimist Lt. Governor; Tom Young, Vice President Westside Optimist Club; Mack Franklin, President; Sheriff Carson; Bill Parnell, Vice President; Charles Souther, Chairman for Youth Appreciation Week Parade; and Chuck Carter.

Troubled Conscience Nets Gift For Ranch

A conscience touched by the "good news" of Christianity, netted \$40 and a warm Christmas glow for the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

The donor, who simply signed himself "A Christian", sent the following letter and \$40 in cash to the Western Auto Associates Store, in DeFuniak Springs:

To the person owning this store in 1958:

Dear Store Owner:

The enclosed money is for a radio I purchased from a person who I knew had stolen it from your store. This happened when I was a young teen-ager. I am now a Christian and have recently realized that I should make restitution where possible for things I have done wrong in the past. I hope that this gesture will cause you to search your own life and make sure you have the right relationship to God.

A Christian

The present manager of the store referred it to the man who had been manager in 1958, and he in turn sent it to the Boys Ranch as a cash gift.

Crime Lab Is New

KEY WEST — With the addition of a crime lab, Monroe County Sheriff R. L. "Bobby" Brown's Department can do its own ballistics checks, compare blood samples and identify narcotics. The lab was financed with funds from the Federal Law Enforcement Assistance Administration.

Honor Roll of Donors



Organizations and individuals who have given large gifts to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch and the Florida Sheriffs Girls Villa become members of the Builders Club by giving \$100 or more. They qualify as Lifetime Honorary Members by giving \$1,000 or more.

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FSA Honorary

For his support of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch and Girls Villa, Victor J. Mac-Namara (right) of Doctors Inlet is presented his Honorary Lifetime Membership plaque by Clay County Sheriff Jennings Murrhee.



Sheriff Edward J. Stack (right) presents an Honorary Lifetime Membership plaque to Sal Pagliara, President of Pagliara Builders, for his support of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch and Girls Villa.

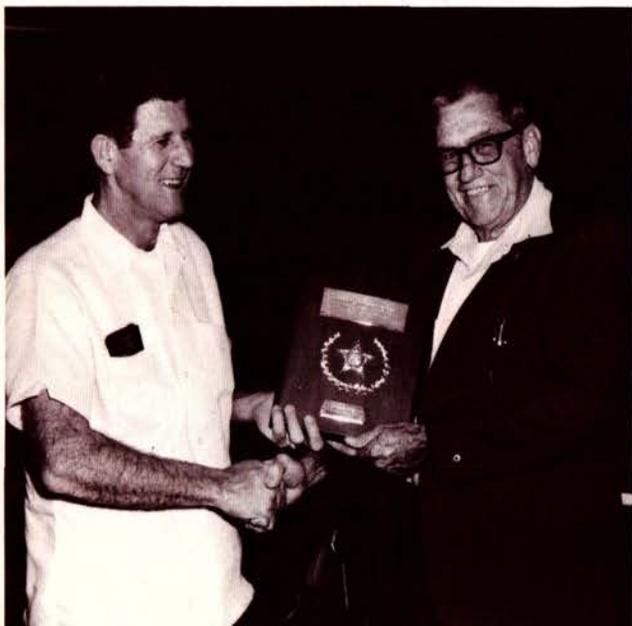
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 Mr. Glenn A. Adams, St. Petersburg.
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 Sunshine City Post No. 6827, Veterans
 of Foreign Wars, St. Petersburg.
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 Springwood No. 1 Recreation Club,
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 Mr. and Mrs. Seward S. Merrell, St. Petersburg.
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 Zeta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, Lakeland.
 Mr. Jack Edmund, Lake Alfred.
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 Mr. C. E. Mitchell, Winter Haven.
 Dr. and Mrs. J. Pitt Tomlinson, Jr., Lake Wales.
 Mr. Harold L. Weitzman, Lakeland.
 Mr. Dudley D. Elliott, Lakeland.
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Mr. and Mrs. Leroy H. Kulp, Ft. Pierce.
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 Mr. Harvey Bues, Boys Ranch.
 Coca Cola Bottling Co., Live Oak.
 Volusia County Sheriff's Dept., DeLand.
 Mr. Frank Myett, Daytona Beach.
 Mr. K. J. Knudsen, Daytona Beach.
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 Mr. Robert G. Burns, Daytona Beach.
 Lt. Col. and Mrs. K. G. Flook, DeLand.
 Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hager, Port Orange.
 Mrs. Jeannette D. Burns, DeLand.
 Mr. Walter J. McFadden, Daytona Beach.
 Mr. Robert Haskins, DeLand.
 Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 1590,
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 Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Anderson,
 Haddonfield, New Jersey.

Lifetime Members

Generous cash donations to the Florida Sheriffs
 Boys Ranch and Girls Villa earned an Honorary Lifetime
 Membership for the Fraternal Order of Eagles, New
 Port Richey. Club President Charles Zimmerman (left)
 receives a plaque from Pasco County Sheriff Basil Gaines.



Pinellas County Sheriff Don Genung presented an
 Honorary Lifetime Membership plaque to members of the
 Sea Gull's Coffee Club of Largo, for their continued support
 of the Florida Sheriffs Girls Villa. Left to right are Mrs. Gordon
 Williams, Secretary; Mrs. Harry Thorson, Vice President;
 Sheriff Genung; Mrs. Wally George, President; and Mrs.
 Leonard Pylkas, Treasurer.

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COLEMAN, Samuel, Jr. — Colored male. Born 8-19-36, Suffolk, Va. 5' 6", 160 lbs. Black hair, brown eyes. Mechanic. FBI No. 128 827 F. Last known address — 411 Clinton St., Lancaster, S. C. Charged with assault with intent to commit murder and jumping bail. Bond set at \$7,000. If apprehended, or whereabouts is known, notify Sheriff R. L. Brown, Key West, Florida.

"We are crossing the line into The Era of a Crime Decrease"

"Crime has stopped rising faster than the population," according to U. S. Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst. In a speech in Los Angeles he said, "America is once again becoming a safe and lawful society," despite the "tellers of fairy tales" who attempt to discredit crime statistics.

"Their efforts to discredit the crime statistics must be put in the same class as one of Aesop's fables, 'The Fox and the Sour Grapes,'" he said.

"The myth-makers have decided that since the figures just do not bear out their point of view anymore, they will tell us that the figures are mistaken.

(During the first six months of 1972, serious crimes rose one per cent — the smallest such increase for any comparable period in the past 12 years — and 72 major cities reported actual reduc-

tions in crime, as compared to 53 major cities with crime decreases in the comparable 1971 period and 34 cities in the 1970 period . . . U. S. Department of Justice figures)

"Few subjects in American life have been more confused by fiction and fancy, fable and fairy tale. Crime is, of course, a disturbing subject and like other problems in our society, it has its instant experts who seem to have trouble separating the truth from the myth."

Kleindienst said that for years "many people believed the underworld was pretty much the creation of Hollywood, that it had little to do with crime in general, and anyway, if left alone its members were doing a good job of killing themselves off.

"I put this particular myth in the

category of the Beauty and the Beast, in which the Beast is not really a bad guy at all, and everything will come out happily in the end.

"The truth is that organized crime takes many billions of dollars out of pockets of Americans every year in illegal bookmaking, loan sharking, theft of securities, cargo hijacking, extortion and illicit drugs."

Kleindienst added, "From the beginning, this Administration believed organized crime was alive and well and living off the fat of the land. Still the Nixon Administration mounted an all-out war against organized crime."

He said the result has been an "enormous increase in indictments and convictions of racketeers. In 1971 we indicted three times more organized crime figures and convicted twice as many of them as in 1968, the last year of the previous Administration. For the first time, in major cities throughout the country, we have been able to put an arm of the law on many of the top gangland bosses. Officials who have been in our Criminal Division for many years say they cannot remember a time when such inroads have been made into the underworld."

Calling the narcotics traffic "one of the most despicable fields of organized crime," he said it has destroyed the lives of thousands of Americans for profit.

"Here, too," he said, "a myth had been taking shape across the land. Some said you couldn't enforce laws against narcotics, and the only way to meet this menace was to legalize it. Others said some drugs were, after all, no more harmful than alcohol. Still others claimed drugs such as LSD were a positive benefit to humanity.

"It was a little like the story of the ugly duckling, who really wasn't so ugly at all, if we would only wait for it to grow into a swan."

He said the Nixon Administration did not "buy that story," and the President gave drug enforcement a top priority: "Again, he enlisted all federal enforcement agencies in the battle, and where necessary created new agencies to coordinate the total federal effort."

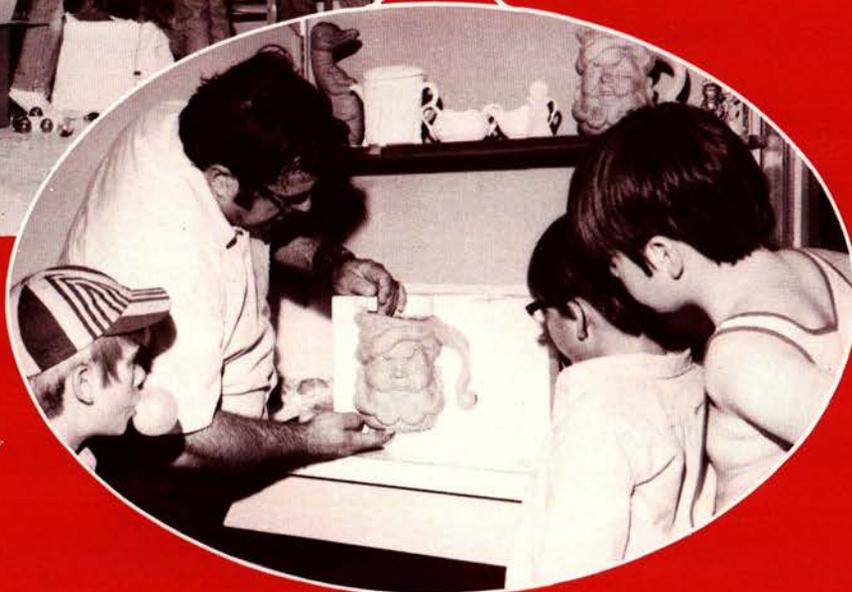
Although, he said, the battle "is not yet won . . . we are on the offensive and the enemy is on the defensive." He noted that long-time narcotics officials say there has never been a time when federal efforts have been so effective against drug traffickers.

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'T' WAS THE DAY BEFORE CLICHE' AND ALL THROUGH THE RANCH...



Okay we'll admit it,
It's true what they say,
Christmas at the Boys Ranch
Is one big cliché'.
It's turkeys in the oven,
Lights on the tree,
Gifts in bright wrappings,
Carols at three.
It's boys building bookends
For Housemother Nell,
Or molding ceramic Santa mugs
That Woolworth wouldn't sell.
It's secrets and giggles
And boys acting silly.
It's a lump in the throat,
And someone's arm around Willy.
It's stockings on the mantle,
Checks in the mail,
Gifts on the hearth,
Friends that never fail.
It's trite,
It's old fashioned,
It's sentimental too.
It's stereotyped,
It's gaudy,
It's hackneyed through and through.
Art critics deplore it.
Penny pinchers abhor it.
And yet, you know what?
We adore it.



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