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A PRECIOUS LIFE SAVED
[See inside the cover]

First One Year Certificates

BRADENTON — Mrs. Betty Wallace and Sgt. Norman Littlefield completed 31 semester hours (nine in specialized law enforcement courses) at Manatee Junior College to earn the certificates of course completion presented by Sheriff Richard Weitzenfeld. These were the first one-year law enforcement certificates to be presented to anyone in the Sheriff's Dept.



Kids Get PJ's and TV

FT. MYERS — Bearing 25 pairs of pajamas and a television set, Sheriff Flanders Thompson and three members of the Lee County Deputy Sheriff's Association visited the County Children's Home. The Home is the main object of fund raising efforts by the deputies. With the Sheriff were (left to right) Maj. Nick Kelly, Capt. Gerald Warriner and Deputy Terry Beard.

Non-Unanimous Verdicts Sought

TALLAHASSEE — In petitioning the Florida Supreme Court to allow non-unanimous jury verdicts (so one juror cannot prevent conviction), Attorney General Robert Shevin noted the high court itself is not required to reach a unanimous decision.

Heroin Hot Line

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Following the lead of various "Turn In a Pusher" (TIP) programs around the country, the U. S. Justice Department's Office of Drug Abuse Law Enforcement (ODALE) has established a nationwide "Heroin Hot Line" to gather information on illicit drug activities.

Persons in the continental U. S. can call (800) 368-5363 toll free and give their information to trained interviewers who will pass the information on to ODALE and Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs (BNDD) field offices for investigation.

It is hoped this program, which allows the caller to remain anonymous, will help to tie together large trafficking patterns and intensify cooperation between law enforcement agencies on all levels.

Front Cover Photo

A PRECIOUS LIFE SAVED

FORT PIERCE — This touching photograph, by Jon Kral of the FORT PIERCE NEWS-TRIBUNE, shows four-year-old Lisa Shotto with the deputy who helped save her life. While recovering at home from ear surgery, Lisa began hemorrhaging and was rushed to Fort Pierce Memorial Hospital where she was given emergency treatment. The bleeding could not be controlled however, so St. Lucie County Deputy Sheriff Gene Hinton rushed Lisa to Good Samaritan Hospital in West Palm Beach where she underwent emergency surgery which probably saved her life.

Speak English Please

TITUSVILLE — Brevard County deputy sheriffs must have thought communications officer Maggie Kerce had started dispatching in her native Puerto Rican tongue when their two-way radios began picking up police signals in Spanish.

It was soon learned the "skip signals" were coming from the central police department of Puerto Rico.

"They sound just like we do and seem to have the same problems, but it's in Spanish," said Sheriff Leigh Wilson.

"It's better than interference from Miami," the Sheriff said. "We don't mistake their signals for ours."



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Big Brother Wears A Badge

If your Big Brother is a deputy sheriff, he may show you how a police radio works.

Radio control model airplanes hold a special fascination for both big and little brothers. Left to right are John, Doug and Bill.

Going over plans for a Big Brothers Association fund raising effort are (left to right) Executive Director Art Eickenberg, Deputy Dick Mullen and Deputy Doug Keith.

CLEARWATER — Doug Keith is learning to be a deputy sheriff, and doing well with the basics — things like dedication to his career and concern for the needs of others.

A few months away from his 21st birthday, and therefore still too young to function as a regular deputy, Doug is working full time in the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department as a trainee. He's also attending St. Petersburg Junior College where he is studying police administration.

These two career commitments keep him busy, but he still manages to find time to be a "Big Brother" to two fatherless boys.

Doug was spotted as a good Big Brother prospect by fellow Deputy Dick Mullen who is in Sheriff Don Genung's Crime Prevention Bureau. Dick is a member of the Board of Directors in the Big Brothers Association, an organization of some 45 men who share a basic concern for the welfare of young people, especially for boys who, because of death or separation, don't have fathers. Big Brother

Executive Director Art Eickenberg explained that little brothers are not normally law breakers or troublemakers, and most times mothers are the ones asking to get their sons in the program.

Doug is currently playing big brother to 12-year-old John and 8-year-old Bill whose mother works, and is burdened with extensive medical bills. The boys are well behaved, neatly dressed, obviously loved and well cared for, but they lack the counsel and companionship of a father. That's where Doug fits in.

About twice a week he picks them up to go bowling or fishing or maybe just for a ride. He's also taken them to visit Tampa International Airport, and the Pinellas Sheriff's Department.

"A young boy needs someone to look up to," Deputy Mullen said, "and he'll get along a lot better if that person is a responsible adult and not just a trouble-making kid in the neighborhood."

Before a man becomes a Big Brother, he is checked out thoroughly and has to be approved by a screening committee.



Two-Gun Thompson Meets Marshal Dillon

For a Sheriff who is "not a politician" (see quote in this article), Snag Thompson has had his picture in the newspapers and on television with amazing frequency. Here's just one example that dates back to 1958 when he staged a mock shootout with television's Matt Dillon (portrayed by James Arness). The actor (pictured at left) was in Ft. Myers for a circus benefit performance; and Snag at that time was reputed to have the fastest draw in the west (coast area of Florida).

EVEN THE OPPOSITION ADMITS HE'S "INCREDIBLE"

The following article by Patrick Kelly from the May 7, 1972, issue of the Miami Herald contains some interesting background about Lee County Sheriff Flanders G. (Snag) Thompson, who is winding up his 24th year as Sheriff and is running for another four-year term. He is a Past President of the Florida Sheriffs Association, a Lifetime Member, a former Chairman of the Board of Directors, and a current member of the board.

FORT MYERS — Flanders G. (Snag) Thompson, who had his 57th birthday a couple of weeks ago, is considered by many observers to be a shoo-in in his bid for reelection to his seventh four-year term as sheriff of Lee County.

"The man is incredible," a Republican leader observed the other day. "He runs for office 366 days every year. He does a good job as sheriff, too. But primarily, he is 'Mr. Democrat' around here." Thompson would have denied that quickly if he had heard that statement.

"Politics may be just another name for people getting along together," he told me Saturday, "but I really am not a politician. I am a law enforcement officer. I take pride in that. I try to keep good people around me — good law enforcement officers.

I also want to have people get along well with me — and with each other," he added. "And by that, I mean all people — white and black. My relation-

ship with the blacks has been very harmonious. That's another thing I am proud of."

How did he get the way he is, this "Snag" Thompson who knows pretty nearly all of Lee's 102,000 population? For one thing, he knows the value of people. He was one of 21 children in his family.

"There were 10 girls and 11 boys," he told me. "My dad was married twice. His first wife was killed by lightning. Then he married my mother, and she took care of all the young children he already had, plus those subsequently born to her."

The sheriff was born in Swainsboro, Ga., where his father — a remarkable man in many ways — taught school for 40 years. "He was also tax receiver in Emanuel County, Ga. where we lived," Thompson says.

When Snag — so named because he was snaggle-toothed in his early days — was

still a pre-schooler, his father retired and moved here.

"I have many fond recollections of my dad," Thompson says. "He was a great man. He stood about six feet three and weighed about 240 pounds." After moving to Fort Myers, Thompson recalled his dad opened a grocery business at what is now the intersection of Palmetto and Anderson.

"We called it in those days the Immokalee Grade," Thompson says. "It was just a sand, rut road. We had a grocery store downstairs and we lived upstairs. The 1926 hurricane took that completely away — off of its blocks and tore it completely apart. I remember it very well."

He also remembers, before 1926, when they would have hog and cattle drives right in front of the store. "They'd drive them all the way to Punta Rassa and load them on the boats to Cuba," he recalls.

"As I grew up, I worked at various kinds of jobs — in a bakery here, for Gulf Oil, and for grocery stores, but I never thought about law enforcement as a career," he relates.

Among the other jobs, Snag also — like many illustrious men before him — carried a paper route. This brought him into contact with a man who had a great influence on his life — Carl Hanton, editor of the old Fort Myers Press, who in time became editor of the present daily paper in Fort Myers, the News Press.

Thompson graduated from high school in 1935. Four years later, he was contacted by State Sen. James A. Franklin,

Sr., Sheriff Bob King and Hanton and urged to apply to the State Highway Patrol for a job as a trooper.

"The Patrol was being reorganized at the time, and his friends saw in Thompson a good prospective law enforcement officer. After all, he had worked on a dredge and in a filling station — and he seemed to know a lot about motorcycles.

"It took a little politics in those days to get on the patrol," Thompson says. "There weren't but 37 of us in the whole state." At this point Thompson stroked his chin and smiled.

"People have always helped me when I needed something," he said. "Therefore, any help I have ever been able to give others has been like repaying the help given to me."

Thompson went into law enforcement earning \$125 a month, whereas he had previously been receiving only \$90 a month. He took all the schooling in law enforcement work he could get. "I knew I had found my life's work," is the way he puts it.

When World War II came along, Thompson, by that time a sergeant in the Patrol in charge of several counties, realized he would not be satisfied until he got into the military. But he has married at the time, and this, of course, made him hesitate. But he finally signed up with the 91st Infantry, went to Italy and was wounded three times in combat.

"I was discharged Oct. 30, 1945," he said. "Two days later, I was back in my Highway Patrol uniform. But Snag had kept his contacts locally and, in 1948, he quit the Patrol to run for Lee County Sheriff.

"Col. Neil Kirkman told me I could come back as a trooper if I didn't make it. I was the first member of the Highway Patrol to run for a county sheriff's post," Thompson says. He had to unseat an incumbent, and he did.

"I ran against a good man — Floyd Ellis — a good friend of mine who still lives here," Thompson says. "He is a professional farmer. He had done an excellent job. But it was just an opportune time for a veteran to get elected. I had experience and I had just returned from the military, so I won the election."

He is now rounding out his sixth four-year term, and no one can accuse Snag Thompson of not doing his job thoroughly and conscientiously. He is in all respects a "successful" sheriff.

"When the history of this area is written," he told me, "I hope I will figure in part of it."

He pays great and obviously sincere tribute to his wife, Minnie — known on the Sheriff's radio system as "One and a Half" — the Sheriff's designation being Number One. "I couldn't have done it without her," he says. "She worked for me for 17 years. She was over in the jail section as a matron, but she did everything from chief bottle washer to cook. She was a radio dispatcher. She was bookkeeper and clerk. You'd better believe she was a help. The people of the county don't know how much they owe her."

Still Non-Political

A more recent "non-political" picture found Sheriff Thompson presenting retiring Senior Circuit Judge F. Lynn Gerald, of the 20th Judicial Circuit, with the badge and identification of a Lee County Deputy Sheriff. Deputy Howard Hart, President of the Lee County Deputy Sheriff's Association, presented the Judge with a plaque in appreciation of his 25 years of service.



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*Radio Signal Meaning
Receiving well

Sheriff Monroe Brannen takes a call, while Deputy Ed Lockwood fills out a dispatch card and Joan Horak answers an incoming call. In the background is the Dictaphone 4000, silently recording both calls.



The lighted display board in the radio room keeps dispatchers and complaint desk officers up-to-date on what each deputy is doing and where he is.



Sgt. Wally Edwards prepares to dispatch a deputy to answer a complaint. In back of him is a roster of who's on and off duty and to his left is the conveyor belt into the radio room. Sgt. Edwards is an alumnus of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

BARTOW — The communications center of the Polk County Sheriff's Department may be 10-6 (busy) but it knows instantly which cars are 10-7 (out of service), which are 10-8 (in service) and their 10-20 (location).

To accomplish this, Sheriff Monroe Brannen has installed a \$200,000 communications system utilizing four radio channels and two dispatchers. For the public this means speedier response to emergencies, and consequently more efficient law enforcement.

Four deputies in the center screen reports of crimes or emergencies that come in by phone to determine what action should be taken.

When an officer is needed at the scene, the information is put on a dispatch card describing the nature of the problem, address, etc. It's then passed on to the shift sergeant who checks it and assigns the case an identification number.

The card is then sent, via a small conveyor belt, through a glass partition into the sound-proof radio room. The dispatcher (radio operator) from the appropriate zone reads it, checks the visual display board in front of her to see which deputy is available, and broadcasts the message. Sounds like a lot of handling, but actually all this happens in a matter of seconds.

The county is divided into two parts, each half with its own radio channels and dispatcher. Each half is further divided into zones and deputies are assigned to each zone.

Every zone has a light on the map which glows either green, to indicate a deputy is available for assignment, or red to show he is already busy. Additional lights along the side of the map show the status of detectives and other officers.

When the appropriate officer is selected, his card is pulled from one slot, stamped by a time clock, then put in another slot which turns his light on the board red. When he reports by radio — 10-97 (arrived at scene) the time is again recorded.

When he "10-98" (completes the assignment), his card is pulled and stamped a final time. This system of lights and cards enables the dispatchers and deputies taking the complaints, to see at a glance who is available for duty.

Another impressive piece of equipment in the newly remodeled communications center is a Dictaphone 4000 which features two 40-track tape recorders which operate simultaneously. It can record five radio frequencies and 35 telephone conversations at the same time.

Sheriff Offers

A Way Around Ruling

TITUSVILLE — In order to skirt an Attorney General's ruling limiting the "hot pursuit" powers of municipal police officers, Brevard County Sheriff Leigh S. Wilson has offered to commission them as deputy sheriffs.

In a letter to Brevard police chiefs, Wilson said, "The Honorable Robert L. Shevin, Attorney General for the State of Florida, ruled in an opinion that municipal police officers do not have the authority to cross a county line while in fresh pursuit.

"In that this (ruling) does not affect deputy sheriffs, I hereby offer to commission as many of your men as deputy sheriffs as you may desire in order to circumvent this ruling," he said.

Describing the situation as "ridiculous" Wilson cited as an example, "If a Titusville policeman was in hot pursuit of a bank robber and crossed over into Volusia County, he could not arrest the man."

Wilson noted however that if the officer actually saw the crime take place, then he could arrest the criminal, acting as a citizen.

"I've been here 16 years," the Sheriff concluded, "and I still can't understand why municipal police officers are not peace officers throughout Florida, as is common in most northern states."

Sheriff's No Chauvinist

DeLAND — Sheriff Ed Duff of Volusia County moved fast to squash charges of discrimination and male chauvinism in connection with the construction of new recreation facilities for the county jail.

An editorial in the DAYTONA BEACH JOURNAL questioned the legality of using \$27,000 from the Federal Law Enforcement Assistance Act to build a male-only recreation area. The paper charged this would be a violation of the 1964 Civil Rights Act which forbids discrimination in federally assisted programs on the basis of race or sex.

Duff quickly responded, saying he wanted to correct a previous statement, attributed to his office, which indicated the facility would be male only.

He said the recreation area will be available to all prisoners regardless of sex, and proper arrangements will be worked out for the women to have access to the recreation area even "if we have to go out and buy blinders for the male prisoners" so the women can be moved through the cell block areas where men are housed.

Latest Copper Chopper

BRADENTON — Deputy Charlie Whittaker stands beside Manatee County Sheriff Richard Weitzenfeld's newest piece of crime fighting equipment — a helicopter. Having been a WW II combat pilot and a Lt. Col. when he retired from the Air Force, perhaps the Sheriff will want to try his hand at the controls.



One Who's Deserving

ST. AUGUSTINE — St. Johns County Sheriff Dudley Garrett (left) accepts an engraved desk set from Hiram Mills, area supervisor for the U. S. Treasury Department's Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Division in Jacksonville, as Agent Gene Farnell looks on. The award was for "outstanding contributions" to the Division, Mills said. "We give them very sparingly, and to those deserving."



More Crimes Being Solved

ST. AUGUSTINE — During the first six months of 1972, the clearance rate for major crimes reported through the St. Johns County Sheriff's Department almost tripled the rate for 1971.

According to figures from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement for January through June, the Sheriff's Department cleared 34.7 per cent of the major crimes which include murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, breaking and entering, larceny over \$50 and auto theft.

For the same period in 1971 the clearance rate was 7.5 per cent and the rate for all of that year was 12.6. The clearance rate for the whole state in 1971 was 20.6.

Sheriff Dudley W. Garrett credited the better showing to a combination of factors including a redistribution of patrols, and programs which enlist the aid of residents and merchants to prevent crimes.

"Also, I think our drug program has helped by keeping the pressure on," Sheriff Garrett said, pointing out that drugs are often related factors in other crimes.

"We'll have even a better clearance," the Sheriff said, after noting his budget for 1972-73 is almost one third greater than in 1971-72.

Crime is Big Worry

Probably you think businessmen in Florida are most concerned with anti-business attitudes, taxes, organized labor, inflation and environmental legislation.

Not so says the Florida Chamber of Commerce which questioned 500 business leaders.

Seventy-two per cent indicated crime and law enforcement was their biggest worry. Federal, state and local taxation was next, followed by welfare spending and environmental control policies by governmental agencies.

You'll Find Memorial Fund lists in THE RANCHER

Lists of Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch and Florida Sheriffs Girls Villa Memorial Fund donors will no longer be printed in THE SHERIFF'S STAR. Instead, we will print them in THE RANCHER, a Boys Ranch newspaper which will be mailed to all STAR subscribers. The next issue of THE RANCHER will be printed in November.

Bartow Chamber of Commerce President Jack Johnson delivered the dedication address.



Pinellas Sunshine Villa, completed at a cost of over \$100,000, was dedicated August 27. It is the first residence for girls at the Florida Sheriffs Girls Villa.



“Let Us Rejoice And Be Glad”

Pinellas Sunshine Villa, the first residence cottage at the Florida Sheriffs Girls Villa, was dedicated on August 27, with Jack Johnson, President of the Bartow Chamber of Commerce as the featured speaker. Because he expressed the hopes, the prayers and the concerns of Florida's Sheriffs and thousands of Villa supporters so eloquently, we are reprinting his speech in full.

Mr. Chairman, distinguished guests, Susan, Liz, Nancy, who are the first occupants of Girls Villa, ladies and gentlemen:

We are gathered here today to dedicate the first completed unit of the Florida Sheriffs Girls Villa. Let us rejoice and be glad, for the message embodied in this undertaking will prove much more dynamic and meaningful than any words this human can speak.

On this day of joyful commemoration, we can never forget the many persons who have made this dream unfold before our eyes.

The Sheriffs of Florida prove themselves to be tough-minded and diligent in their constant vigilance against crime, but also unselfish, generous and compassionate as they give leadership and guidance to this cause and to the provision of this facility. We salute them, and in doing so we have a special place of honor for our local Sheriff, Monroe Brannen.

We also salute all the ladies in the Sunshine State Women's Chamber of Com-

merce who raised the first monies and who furnished the initiative and vision for this project. Please note the first structure, the "Pinellas Sunshine Villa," is named in their honor. We give them a special tribute, for they have demonstrated the most laudable trait of womanhood: in being truly and deeply concerned about the welfare of children.

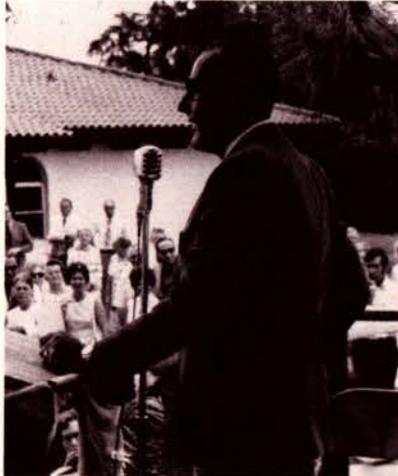
We salute others as well — leaders in the City of Bartow, Teddy Phillips and his Annual Girls Villa Invitational workers, George Jones, Tammy Wynette, and others too numerous to mention.

We are gathered here on a piece of God's good earth which is some 30 million years old. The place where we stand was once the bottom of a sea, and later large prehistoric animals roamed this land. Over the years several tribes of Indians were to live, stalk their game, fight and finally flee this valley, which is threaded by our beloved Peace River. Later, there was a need for the minerals this valley held in store and the phosphate industry was born — born to provide primarily for the nourishment of man.

Polk County Sheriff Monroe Brannen welcomes the dedication audience.



Pinellas County Sheriff Don Genung, Chairman of the Villa Trustees, expressed appreciation to the Villa's many supporters, and especially to the ladies who founded it.



Sheriffs Association President Malcolm Beard presented a lifetime membership plaque to Mrs. Nancy Burnett, of Tampa, as an expression of appreciation for her generosity to the Villa. She is a member of the Villa's Board of Trustees.

A second residence for girls is currently under construction and is expected to be occupied by the end of this year. It will be called Buena Vista Villa.



Mrs. Mable Colman, President of the Sunshine State Women's Chamber of Commerce, represented the founders of the Villa. She was accompanied by a bus load of ladies from the Sunshine State organization.



And now this land on which we stand is to have its most noble purpose in its 30 million year history.

It is now a precious gem for all the world to see, carrying the simple but powerful message proclaimed by a man across the ocean who said these words: "Love thy neighbor as thyself."

To all those here present, to those who may hear or read these words, to those of the living and of the dead — to any person who has shown support for this project, we here and now offer up a prayer of gratitude and thanksgiving. You have displayed compassion and a sensitivity to the needs of fellow human beings. In the history of those who have walked this good earth, perhaps this attribute of compassion, which you have shown, is the most noble of all.

Now let us look ahead. What the future holds for humanity cannot be forecast with clarity. We do have afflictions and flaws in our nation, and the ability of our Western Civilization to withstand the onslaughts of greed and decay is yet to be fully tested.

Despite these unknown and foreboding factors, let us here today, and others across this State, be dedicated to the proposition of faith and hope. Not merely faith and hope in the religious realm, but also in the dignity and worth of each human being. Not merely faith and hope as an abstract philosophy, but may we also be dedicated sufficiently to transfer our ideals into implementing actions.

In closing, we pray our Maker's special blessing not only on the children here and those who shall come later, but also on the Resident Director and his staff who have answered the call for faithful and unselfish service.

Our response to the challenge and opportunity before us is simple and direct. We shall dedicate ourselves here and now to the cause so well begun by those who have brought us this far. May all the world look to this sunny and beautiful piece of God's good earth, with the certain knowledge that the Sermon on the Mount has become a viable miracle at this Villa, in the valley of the Peace River.

Florida Sheriffs Girls Villa History

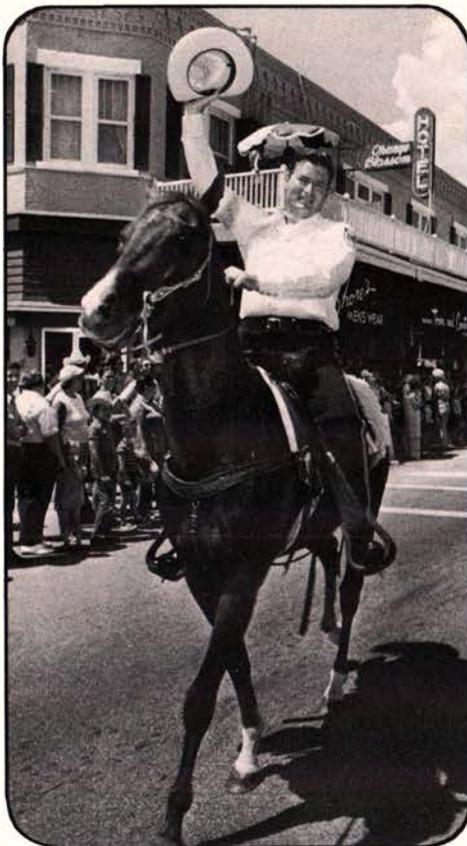
FOUNDED — by the Sunshine State Women's Chamber of Commerce, Madeira Beach.
CHARTERED — by the Florida Sheriffs Association on January 7, 1970.
SITE ACQUIRED — 75-acre site near Bartow, Florida, was leased on April 19, 1971.
GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY — August 27, 1971.
FIRST GIRLS ENROLLED — August 22, 1972.
DEDICATION — ceremonies dedicating first residence cottage for girls were held August 27, 1972.

Howdy Podners!

KESSIMMEE — Orange County Sheriff Mel Colman never claimed to be a horseman, but he put on a pretty convincing show when he and members of the Orange County Mounted Posse rode in the Silver Spurs Rodeo Days parade. Osceola County Sheriff Kayo Murphy said he heard Colman's mount was hand picked for its "spirit." (CUPBOARD NEWS photo by Jim Muncaster)

Junior Posse Officers

BRADENTON — Dismounted, are officers of the Sheriff's Mounted Junior Posse with Manatee County Sheriff Richard Weitzenfeld (back row, center) and advisors Mary and Monte Ballard. Left to right are Betty Hilton, Junior Posse Queen; Janice Van Glohn, secretary; Dawn Rabinette, treasurer; Bill Wilson, captain; Sue Warren, 1st lieutenant and Sharyl Bell, 2nd lieutenant.



Editorial Says It All

The following editorial is reprinted from the July 20, 1972 edition of the PENSACOLA NEWS.

Violence is repugnant to most Americans and avoided until every other expediency has been exhausted; but there comes a time when the most forthright action is called for in the interest of law and order and public security.

Law officers, like other men, observe this principle and often show painful restraint; yet, they, too, must react with finality when the occasion dictates.

Within the week four armed bandits have been involved in gun fights — two killed by a private citizen they attempted to hold up at his home, and two wounded by an alert Escambia County Sheriff and Pensacola police detail which foiled the holdup of a Jitney Jungle food store at 1301 North Ninth Avenue.

Police also have exhibited efficient management of the investigation of holdups at a convenience store here and have arrested two suspects.

Several suspects also have been picked up by police and Escambia County Sheriff's deputies on burglary charges in a most satisfying — for the citizen — exhibition of efficient and innovative law enforcement.

The answers to the situation are twofold.

First, Pensacola and Escambia County citizens are fed up with hoodlumism and are determined that streets, homes and byways will be as safe after dark as they are in daylight.

Second, an intensive program of training in policing techniques — innovated by Police Chief D. P. Caldwell, Sheriff Royal Untreiner and his chief deputy, Capt. W. E. Ambrose — are paying off in making this area unfriendly to law-breakers.

There is a new confidence in law enforcement agencies here — a confidence which encourages the citizen to rely on his police officers and to take the law into his own hands only in such instances in which the citizen Sunday morning had to defend himself as a masked bandit pointed a shotgun at him.

In most instances, however, it is safer and better to leave to the professional discipline of the criminal.

Pensacola and Escambia County have such professionals.



LEAA Survey Full of Surprises

HEROIN addicts do not necessarily come from the least educated and poorest parts of the community according to a study financed by the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA).

Of those interviewed, twice as many people with high school or college training reported heroin use in their families as did those with only a grade school education.

It was also found that blue collar workers making less than \$6,000 per year had heroin users in their families less frequently than did people with white collar jobs making over \$6,000.

According to LEAA Administrator Jerris Leonard, the study showed that, "where households are contrasted by the sex of the head of the house, we find those headed by females have a somewhat lower rate of reported heroin use, 11 per cent, compared to those headed by males, 14 per cent."

Based on 612 interviews conducted in the Bedford-Stuyvesant and Fort Greene areas of Brooklyn, N. Y., the report showed that 14 per cent of British West Indians contacted had a family background of heroin use, while white persons had 15 per cent, blacks had 22 per cent and Puerto Ricans had 41 per cent.

Many Good Reasons For Lower Crime Rate

JACKSONVILLE — According to FBI statistics for the first quarter of 1972, the serious crime rate is continuing to decrease in Florida's Gateway City.

The trend started in 1971, and Sheriff Dale Carson has several reasons why it is continuing.

There is improved surveillance of high crime areas through the use of helicopters coordinated with ground patrols. The Sheriff noted the crime rate started to drop almost as soon as the helicopters were put into service.

Another significant factor has been the implementation of the zone patrol plan which has this city's 842 square miles divided into four zones.

Each zone has a commander responsible for all patrol activities within his area on a 24-hour basis.

"Through the zone plan, an officer can keep in close contact with residents of the areas on his beat," Sheriff Carson said. "It provides for closer participation by police in community affairs."

The plan "has helped to reduce crime, cut down on the response time for units answering distress calls and has increased efficiency of police operations," the Sheriff said.

A third factor is the "personalized patrol vehicle plan" in which patrolmen are being assigned a police car on a permanent basis, "to take home with him and to drive his wife to the grocery or movie."

"The more times a patrol car is seen on the street, no matter what the mission of the patrolman-driver may be, crime prevention is helped," Carson said. "It deters a potential criminal when he sees a police car."

Higher morale among police officers is not to be discounted for its affect on efficiency and the crime rate. Starting salaries have gone from \$534 monthly, three years ago, to \$630. Officers can look forward to a longevity raise of \$20 per month every five years; 15 days annual sick leave; nine paid holidays per year and vacations ranging from two weeks to four weeks and four days.

An Unusual "Hit" For FCIC

POMPANO BEACH — When a citizen turned in a lost wallet, the local police department ran a routine check with the Florida Crime Information Center on the man it belonged to.

It turned out the subject was wanted in Detroit, Mich. for breaking and entering. An investigation revealed a local address and the man was arrested.



A Lot of Talent Assembled

TALLAHASSEE — The subject of the conference was violent attacks on policemen, but there wasn't much to worry about along those lines with the array of law enforcement talent in attendance. From the left: Florida Highway Patrol Deputy Director Lee Simmons; Florida Department of Law Enforcement Training Director William Kittel; Sheriff Raymond Hamlin of Leon County; FBI Special Agent in Charge of the Jacksonville office, W. M. Alexander and Tallahassee Chief of Police Robert Maige. The conference was sponsored by the FBI and area law enforcement agencies.

Want To Trade Jobs?

TAMPA — Being the impounding officer for the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department doesn't sound very exciting at first. But then consider that Deputy Grant Hutto has to handle skittish horses, quarter-ton steers and 12-foot-long alligators. This gator was spotted near U. S. 301 by a passing motorist. After several failures Deputy Hutto finally got a lasso on the reptile and loaded it into a truck. Next day it was released into the upper Hillsborough River by Nature's Classroom, a wildlife area sponsored by the County Board of Public Instruction.

Incentive Pay Encourages Jailers To Go To College

JACKSONVILLE—Robert Page, deputy director of prisons and jails for Jacksonville Sheriff Dale Carson, said correctional officers here are the first in Florida and among the first in the nation to receive supplemental pay for completed college courses.

Page explained the correctional officers can qualify for a \$40 a month increase in salary by taking and passing 30 semester hours of college work. Only 12 of those hours must be in the field of police science. An additional incentive raise of \$40 per month can be obtained by taking and passing 30 more hours of college level courses including six hours of police science work.

An individual who completes the required college level work for one or both incentive pay increases before he is employed, ups his starting salary by \$80, Page said.

And for those who are employed before they complete their college work there is an added benefit. Correctional officers here receive Law Enforcement Education Program (LEEP) funds to attend college. LEEP pays at least the cost of tuition for police officer-college students.

"And we were particularly pleased recently," said Page, "when our training program here was approved for veterans." The deputy director said a veteran can receive \$133 a month from the Veteran's Administration for the first six months of training. For the second six months, he can receive \$105, and \$79 for the third six months. All of the veterans benefits are in addition to the \$536 correctional officer starting salary, which will be increased to \$547 in October.

Correctional officers here are required to complete a 200-hour training course during their first few weeks of employment. And within the first year each officer must pass an English and psychology course at Florida Junior College. In-service training for all officers is held once a week.

Jacksonville's training program is expected to be used as a model when the state adopts correctional standards and appoints a board to uphold them.

Florida Junior College is launching two purely correctional courses, with others to follow.

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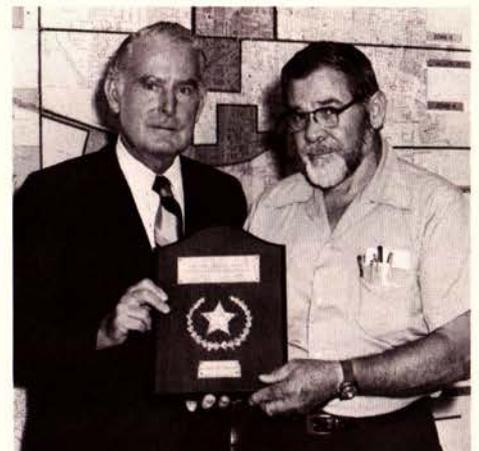
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LAKE BUTLER — Little John H. Whitehead III, decided he needed a little altitude at least till his grandfather, Union County Sheriff John H. Whitehead (right), and Norman Stephenson got those two long-legged horses loaded. The horses were donated to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch by Stephenson.

BOYS RANCH PHOTO ROUNDUP

FT. PIERCE — On behalf of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, St. Lucie County Chief Deputy Lanie Norvell (left) accepts a warranty deed to a house and lot from Davis Herevitz of New York who donated both to the Ranch.



DAYTONA BEACH — Ten-year-old Robert Battistic gets a warm send-off from Volusia County Sheriff Ed Duff as he leaves for his new home, the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.



TAMPA — In the past three years, the Sunshine Pioneer Club of the Independent Telephone Pioneers has donated clothing and two trucks to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch and Girls Villa. This year the Ranch and Villa each received a riding lawn mower. Hillsborough County Sheriff Malcolm Beard (second from left) accepted the mowers from Club President Ken S. Durey and Community Service Co-Chairwomen Mrs. Natalie Pollard (seated) and Mrs. Helen Simmons.



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Jail Inmates Earn \$13,000 in Wages

DADE CITY — Eleven inmates participating in a work release program at the Pasco County Jail have earned over \$13,000 in wages from locally held jobs, according to Sheriff Basil Gaines. They stay in jail at night, and work at jobs outside the jail in the daytime.

Enthusiastic about results of the five-month-old program, Sheriff Gaines said the 11 work release inmates have deposited \$6,612 in savings accounts at local banks, paid income tax amounting to \$2,144, and withholding tax amounting to \$687.

Of interest to Pasco County taxpayers is the fact that these working prisoners paid the county \$724 for "room and board." In addition they spent \$1,032 in local restaurants for meals; \$2,092 in local stores for work clothes; sent \$766 home to their families; and made donations to local churches and the March of Dimes totaling \$115.

"I'm for this program one-hundred per cent," Sheriff Gaines said, "because it allows a responsible inmate to carry his own weight through work therapy. It also enables him to support his family, save tax dollars and make a substantial contribution to the local economy — instead of being a drain on it."

Circuit Court Judge Richard Kelly has been instrumental in helping to implement the program. It is currently supervised by County Jail Warden Reese Spivey and Bill Browning of the Florida Parole and Probation Commission.

Sheriff Gaines said local businessmen have also played an important role in making the program work, "and I am very grateful for their help."

Rope Ties up Case

PANAMA CITY — Two lengths of rope and a bank money bag led to the arrest of four persons suspected of two armed robberies in this area.

According to Bay County Sheriff Tullis Easterling, investigators matched a piece of rope used to tie up an attendant at a service station robbery to rope used in typing up Milford Beall when his convenience store was robbed a week earlier.

From national law enforcement sources it was learned the rope is manufactured in Georgia and not sold in Florida. Georgia authorities were alerted the unknown suspects might be from that state.

The next break came when Albany,

Georgia police arrested Michael Fletcher, 18, of Atlanta and found in his possession a Beach State Bank money bag, tool box and .38 calibre pistol, all taken in the store robbery.

Waiving extradition, Fletcher was returned here and as a result of information he provided, warrants were issued for the arrest of Doug Vandier, Larry Rouse and a juvenile. All three were arrested in Atlanta.

Blames Court Decisions

MADISON — "Crime has increased four or five times in this county in the last few years and it isn't because we've got more people," Madison County Sheriff Simmie Moore told Tallahassee Democrat reporter Jack Harper.

"It's the times and the court decisions have helped. They've just got to come around to making decisions protecting the people and not the criminals," he added, "and I believe the courts will turn around from the direction in which they are going."

Sheriff Moore is winding up his 24th year as Sheriff of Madison County, and will retire early in January.

Armed Robbery Foiled By Special Task Force

PENSACOLA — Armed with a sawed-off 12 gauge automatic shotgun and an automatic pistol, two young men with masks over their faces, attempted to hold up a Jitney Jungle Food Store while Sheriff's officers watched their every move.

Sgt. Steve Dunn, investigator for the Escambia County Sheriff's Department, said the two got out of a car parked near the store and forced the two occupants of a car in front of the store and a man in a phone booth to go along as hostages.

Dunn and two more investigators were parked nearby watching the proceedings through binoculars. Another two officers were in a car parked a short distance away.

"Rather than taking a chance on shooting one of the hostages, we waited outside hoping to get them (the robbers) as they left," Dunn said.

Inside, store manager Ken Griffin said the one with the shotgun emptied one cash register then demanded the other one be opened. Before Griffin could comply, the second man standing guard in the front said, "Let's get out of here" and they left taking the hostages with them for a short distance before they broke and ran.

Sgt. Dunn and his men then closed in and when he ordered the two men to stop, was shot at by the fleeing robbers. The two patrol cars were hit but not the officers who returned the fire and dropped both men.

Michael Robert Sharpless, 23, of Avalon Beach was wounded in the right side of the head while Stephen Joseph Marshall, 17, of Milton was hit in the upper and lower right leg. The stolen money, \$883, was recovered.

Each was charged with two counts of assault with intent to commit murder and five counts of armed robbery. Bond was set at \$100,000 each.

According to Dunn, he and the rest of the group were part of a special task force organized by Sheriff Royal Untreiner to combat a sudden increase in the number of armed robberies and other felonies which had been plaguing this city.

He said both of the suspects had been under surveillance from the time they entered Escambia County nearly a week earlier.

Deputy Saves a Life

TAMPA — When 16-month-old John Cardillo was pulled from a backyard swimming pool by his father, the youngster was not breathing.

Responding to the call for help, Hillsborough County Deputy Sheriff Henry Flowers arrived and began mouth to mouth resuscitation which revived the child before an ambulance arrived.

No Buck Passing for Sheriff Beard

TAMPA — Upon being elected President of the Hillsborough County Council on Aging, Sheriff Malcolm Beard said, "We're going to do more than pass the buck.

"Elderly people often don't know where or to whom to go to get help. We'll take them by the hand and take them to where they can get help.

"The elderly in Hillsborough County are entitled to some things they don't even know about," Beard said. "I think we're going to have to reach out into the community and take care of their needs."



BNDD Crime Lab Offers its Services

MIAMI — The Regional Laboratory of the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs is offering its services to local law enforcement agencies in analyzing narcotic, depressant and hallucinogenic drugs.

Chief Chemist Anthony Romano, Jr., said that in addition the lab can do ballistics, examine tablets and capsules, train forensic chemists for agencies establishing their own labs and assist in designing and staffing local labs.

FSA President and Attorney on IAATI Program

TALLAHASSEE — Florida Sheriffs Association President, Sheriff Malcolm Beard of Hillsborough County (left below) and FSA attorney, John A. Madigan were both on the program when the International Association of Auto Theft Investigators (IAATI) held its annual seminar here the first week of August. Madigan (center) is seen talking to IAATI President, Raymond Dreher of the Missouri State Highway Patrol (left) and IAATI First Vice President B. M. Pike of the Georgia Dept. of Public Safety. The seminar was co-sponsored by Florida State University and the Sheriffs Association.



International Exchange

SARASOTA — The Mayor of Izmir and the Governor of Istanbul were so pleased when Sheriff Ross Boyer made them honorary deputy sheriffs that they responded by sending the Sheriff two medals which were delivered by Nash Karahan (left), Consul General of the Turkish Republic.



Congressman Don Fuqua

The 15th Annual Anniversary Celebration at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch will be a two-day affair this year with a horse show on Saturday, October 28—the open house and dedication on Sunday, October 29.

Featured speaker at the opening of the new Arts and Crafts Building will be U. S. Representative Don Fuqua of the 2nd District, a Boys Ranch Trustee.

Arrangements for the horse show are being made by the Clay Mavericks, a riding club from Orange Park and Clay County which built the horse show arena and has contributed thousands of dollars to the Ranch.

The horse show starts at 9 a.m. and will include a game ring with fast moving events such as the Texas barrel race, cobb race, clover leaf, pole keyhole and basket weaving. In the western performance ring, the competition will be in grooming and conditioning, western pleasure, stock seat, reining and obedience.

A free barbecue will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday with Congressman Fuqua's address scheduled for 1:30 p.m. As usual, all Boys Ranch supporters are invited to the barbecue and dedication.

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