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“Only Memories and
Legends in Custody Here.”

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Berwin Williams To Head Research and Development Program For Sheriffs

We were tempted to begin this article with a racy soap commercial – something like “Berwin’s Back . . . And Better Than Ever”, but inhibitions got the better of us. So with rumpled dignity smoothed and raffish impulses subdued, we began again.

Berwin Williams, whose broad experience in law enforcement spans almost 25 years and a variety of professional roles, has resigned as Executive Director of Region One, Governor’s Council on Criminal Justice, and has accepted a new position as Director of Research and Development for the Florida Sheriffs Association.

He will assume his new duties on November 1, after moving his residence from Panama City to Tallahassee.

The program he heads will attempt to:

- (1) Provide research which will identify Sheriffs’ problems and seek practical answers to them; and which will also be helpful to the Sheriffs Association in supporting or opposing legislative proposals.
- (2) Plan and seek funding for new Sheriffs Association projects, as well as current Association projects.
- (3) Assist individual Sheriffs in applying for grants from LEAA and other government agencies.

(4) Assist with administration and record keeping required in connection with grants to the Association as well as grants to individual Sheriffs.

(5) Assist individual Sheriffs in preparing, presenting and defending their annual budgets.

The soap commercial approach announcing “Berwin’s back . . .” was inspired by the fact that Director Williams began his long career as a Jackson County Deputy Sheriff, built a wide reputation for competence and ability with the old Florida Sheriffs Bureau, and has now come full circle by joining the Sheriffs Association staff.

Born in Marianna, Florida, he went to work part-time for the Jackson County Sheriff’s Office in his home town in 1949, and progressed to full-time work in 1951. Four years later he transferred to the Bay County Sheriff’s Department (Panama City) as a criminal investigator: and he was there only a short time before Don McLeod, Director of the newly-created Florida Sheriffs Bureau, hired him as a special investigator.

This was the beginning of a 14-year stint with the state-wide Scotland Yard type agency – a turbulent time in which the Sheriffs Bureau evolved into the Florida Bureau of Law Enforcement, and then the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

And as the agency grew, so did Williams’ responsibilities. He advanced to Special Agent; then Special Agent in Charge of the Training Division; then to Assistant Director, and finally to Director of the Division of Administration.

During these years he gained a wide reputation as a law enforcement professional, and became well known in his field through involvement in major crime investigations.

In 1963, The Florida Sheriffs Association founded The Florida Law Enforcement Academy, Florida’s first state-wide training facility for all levels of law enforcement; and the Florida Sheriffs Bureau agreed to operate it.

Williams, as Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau’s Training Division, became closely associated with this project and was given the responsibility of implementing and supervising it.

Over the years he became involved in many phases of law enforcement training, both in and outside the academy, and logged thousands of hours as an instructor and supervisor. He currently holds a General Instructor Certificate issued by the Florida Police Standards Council.

Director Williams is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, and his training portfolio contains diplomas from almost two score institutions, seminars and special courses dealing with many phases of law enforcement.

He has been affiliated with many professional organizations, and in 1968 served as president of the FBI National Academy Associate’s, Florida Chapter.

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Pay Hike Sought For Jailers

JACKSONVILLE — With an annual turnover rate of 44 per cent among corrections officers, Sheriff Dale Carson wants to raise their salaries closer to those of policemen.

"We have 20 vacancies and not one single applicant," said John Riley Smith, Director of Police Services. The ones that are hired are taken from the list of people seeking to join the police department and are then lost when vacancies occur on the police force. "We need to make this a career job and we can by an increase in salary," Smith said.

No Parole For Pushers

FT. LAUDERDALE — A law which would eliminate the possibility of parole for persons convicted of drug pushing would be more effective than the New York State law which gives pushers longer penalties, according to Broward County Sheriff Edward Stack.

"The major thrust of the (New York) law," Stack said, "is that it has life sentences now for heroin pushers." For persons convicted of almost any New York drug law violation, the minimum sentence is longer than before. This, in effect, removes some of the court's discretion. Stack's argument with the law is that through parole, the pusher can be back on the streets in a few years or even months, even though sentenced to a long term.

Another problem the Sheriff sees with the law is the situation the jury is faced with. When there are only two alternatives — a very severe sentence or acquittal — the jury will often be swayed toward leniency, particularly if the defendant makes a good courtroom appearance.

Sheriff Stack, who plans to take his recommendations to the Florida Legislature, said, "Rather than go as New York did with harsh penalties for first offenders, I'd rather see no parole for drug dealers and pushers."



Sheriff Congratulates Two Brave Men

TALLAHASSEE — Sheriff Raymond Hamlin (C) of Leon County, presents Florida Sheriffs Association Distinguished Service Awards to Richard F. Jones, Jr. (L) and Olin R. Bishop for their part in apprehending two robbers. Bishop was a witness as two men demanded and received money from the cashier of the motel where Jones and Bishop both work. When the robbers left the motel, Bishop followed them out and got in the car of Jones who had just arrived for work. They followed the robbers until they were fired upon, but managed to get the car tag number. The car was soon located and the suspects were arrested shortly after that.



Sheriff Beard's Road Show

TAMPA — Crime prevention is not just a matter of more money for more law enforcement officers (although no police official ever says he has enough of either) it also involves stimulating public awareness of special problems and educating people so they will be able to do their part.

These are the objectives of a mobile crime prevention exhibit operated by Hillsborough County Sheriff Malcolm Beard's Department. Set up in a large green and white trailer, the exhibit is intended for schools, church groups, community organizations, shopping malls, and will go any place else where the citizens of Hillsborough County might request it and have an opportunity to visit it.

Financed by a small grant from the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, the exhibit has been the subject of many inquiries from other law enforcement agencies since an article about it appeared in the FBI magazine.

The displays in the trailer include crime prevention methods and techniques to assist the general public in recognizing and reporting felony crimes. There are drug photos, paraphernalia and samples of the drugs most commonly abused — heroin, marijuana, barbiturates, amphetamines and others.

One section suggests ways to prevent robbery. The burglary prevention display consists of burglary tools and three-dimensional models of residential and commercial buildings showing the most frequent points of forced entry. This exhibit displays locks which will discourage potential burglars.

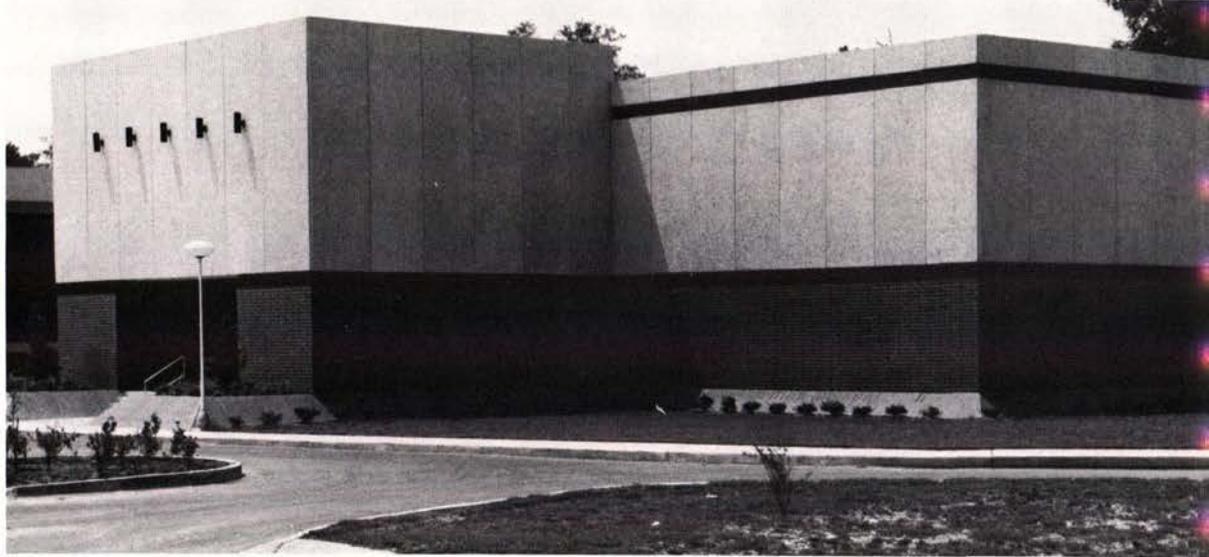
Other displays go into detail on: preventing auto theft and traffic accidents; proper school safety; organization of the Sheriff's Department; and a communications set-up with actual radio transmissions being monitored. There's also a pictorial breakdown of how the Department is organized along with a summary of the functions of each Division.

Sheriff Looking For Men

SARASOTA — As Sheriff Jim Hardcastle started out his new budget year, October 1, he was looking for 22 new deputies. He said plans are being worked out to create three new patrol zones in Sarasota County from the existing zones, and new men will be needed to fill out the ranks.

Starting salary for a recruit is \$7,800, which goes up to \$8,700 after he completes three months of training. By the end of his first year, a deputy can be ready to take the written and oral exam for first-class deputy which pays \$10,200.

It's modern, efficient and well designed from bullet proof glass at the front entrance, to electrically operated gate at the rear.



Darned if it doesn't look like a fortress.

It's a Fortress, an Outpost...

.... this Jail That Tells You
Everything You Always Wanted to
Know About the Capabilities of
Sheriffs as Jailkeepers

GREEN COVE SPRINGS — From the outside the new Clay County Jail looks like a fortress.

And, in a sense, it is a fortress — a sort of strategic outpost in the battle shaping up between Sheriffs and criminologists over who is going to run Florida's jails.

To criminologists and their disciples, running jails is a job for the state. They would like to close many of the county jails and put the prisoners in "regional jails", with each regional jail serving several counties.

To Sheriffs, running the county jail is a vital part of their job — both by tradition and by logic. To lose this responsibility would mean losing much of their power and prestige.

Clay County Sheriff Jennings Murrhee feels strongly about this. Just mention "regional jails" and the easy-going lines in his handsome face harden into sharp angles. He's ready to do battle to keep Sheriffs in control of county jails, and he has the best weapon in the world — a new million-dollar jail that tells visitors everything they need to know about the capability of Sheriffs as jailkeepers.

From the moment you walk in the front door and confront the receptionist behind bullet-proof glass, until you walk out



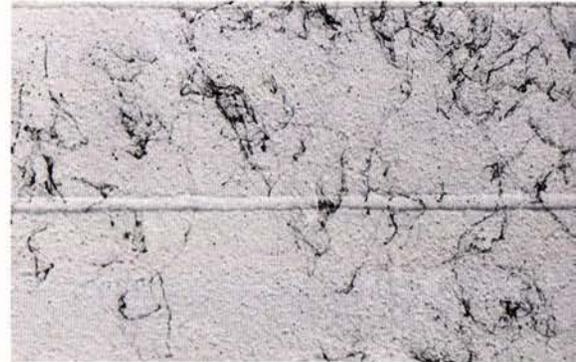
Sheriff Jennings Murrhee (left) helps Jailer James H. Corbin with stolen bicycle being put into storage. Lockers and wide double doors are features of the evidence storage room. It can be entered from inside or outside the jail.

Mrs. Ruth Corbin, Administrative clerk.



\$38,000 grant from the federal Law Enforcement Assistance Administration financed this long-range radio tower.

Glazed and "squiggled" concrete block walls are found throughout the jail in three attractive colors: green, blue and beige.



This communications control room picture wasn't posed. Dispatcher Charles Brooks was actually using both hands to send and receive messages. In the foreground are electronic remote controls for upstairs cell blocks.



In his paneled office, Sheriff Murrhee is just a few steps away from detention and law enforcement facilities, all under one roof.

the electrically controlled gate in the rear, every door you pass through, and every corner you turn seems to offer a new argument in favor of Sheriff-operated jails.

This windowless, starkly handsome building itself is a sort of essay in concrete and steel against taking jails away from Sheriffs. It integrates detention facilities and law enforcement facilities so effectively under one roof that the visitor hardly realizes where the Sheriff's Office ends and the jail begins.

In fact, there's considerable overlap.

The communications control room in the front of the building is a nerve center for law enforcement activities — receiving reports of crimes and emergencies; dispatching patrol cars; handling radio, telephone and teletype messages.

But, the men who work in the control room also monitor all areas of the jail so they can summon help immediately if there is trouble among the prisoners, or if a jailer is being overpowered.

In his paneled private office, Sheriff Murrhee is equally involved in law enforcement activities and jail activities. The training room where he holds meetings with deputies is just around the corner. So are the spotless jail kitchen, the booking room where prisoners are fingerprinted and photographed, or the facilities for handling working prisoners. In one short in-

door stroll he can complete a jail inspection tour, check the status of his patrol cars, and hold a staff meeting.

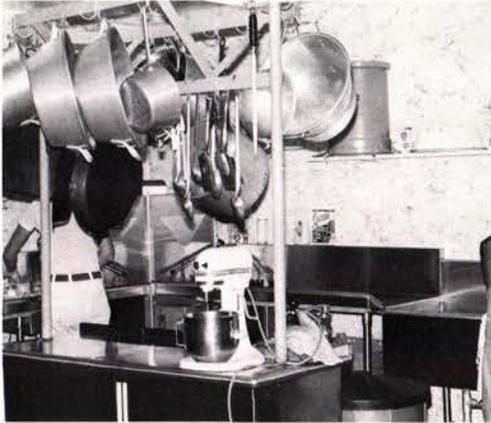
Even the attractive decor serves as a reminder that corrections and crime fighting both fall within the Sheriff's proper sphere of activity. The concrete block walls throughout the building are glazed in blue, green and beige, with a monotony-fighting overlay of dark "squiggles".

There's a subtle message in the fact that the jailer walking down the cell block corridor upstairs and the deputy filling out an investigation report downstairs gaze at the same wall colors and designs.

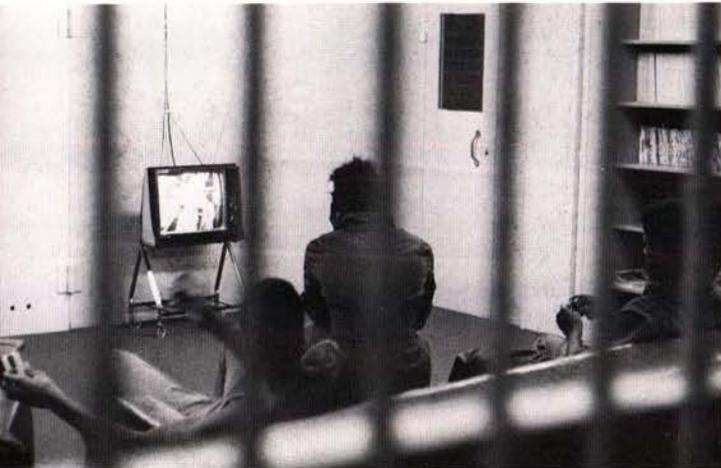
The many people who had a hand in planning and completing this million-dollar showcase of modern corrections — including Sheriff Murrhee, Architect Don Morgan, of Green Cove Springs; Clay County Commissioners; Forest Hill Builders, of Lake City; and the State Division of Corrections — did an outstanding job; and they did it in such a way that it greatly enhances the traditional image of the Sheriff as a jailkeeper.

It's a fort, all right, and if Jennings Murrhee has his way, it's one that won't surrender in the battle over who's going to run our county jails.

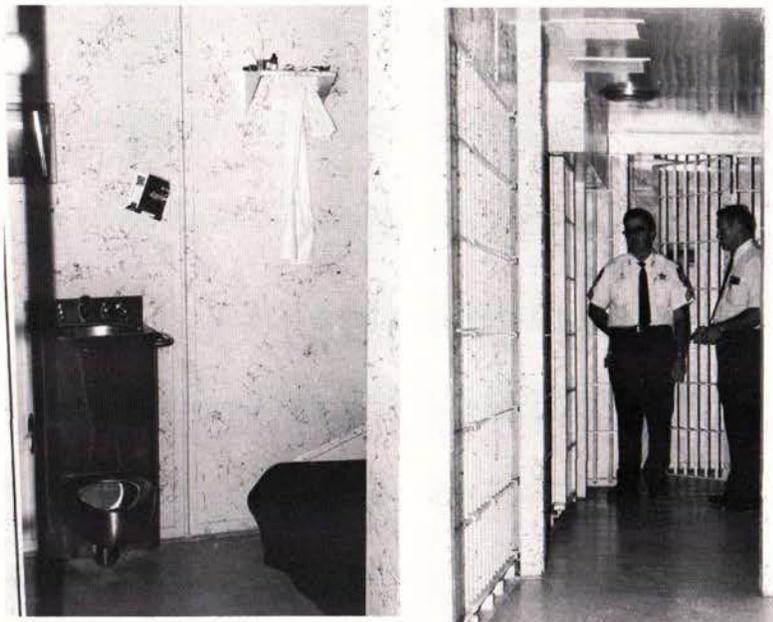
Just a Whale of a Jail



GREEN COVE SPRINGS — The new Clay County Jail is a whale of a bargain for local taxpayers because farsighted county commissioners started making financial arrangements for the project some seven years ago, bought the building site before property values went sky high, and floated a big bond issue that will be paid off with race track funds. This means the jail will not increase local taxes. The new jail is also a whale of an improvement over the old jail inherited by Sheriff Jennings Murree. And, it represents a whale of a good deal for prisoners. They have clean, well-lighted cells; good food, served piping hot; and the use of color TV and a library when they are on good behavior. This new jail, with its capacity of 82 prisoners, eliminates overcrowding, promotes efficiency, and provides more security for prisoners and jailers. It's wired for closed circuit TV in case the Sheriff wants to add it later, and the design will allow two more floors to be added if additional space is needed. In short, it's just one whale of a jail.



Do prisoners get psychological hang-ups in a windowless jail where they can't distinguish night from day — never see the sun and the rain? They have in other similar jails, but not here, according to Sheriff Murree. "We have a better class of prisoners," joked Administrative Assistant John A. Peterson. Then he pointed out in a serious vein that the cells are clean and well lighted; the food is prepared in a spotless kitchen and served piping hot; prisoners on good behavior are allowed to use a lounge with wall-to-wall carpeting, easy chairs, color TV and a library; and many prisoners spend daylight hours outside the jail working on county roads and bridges. So — no hang-ups so far.

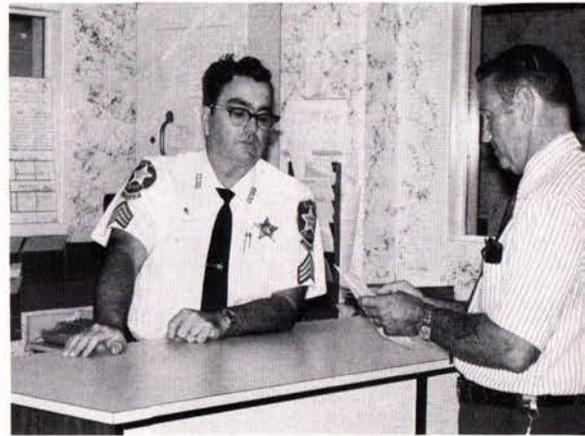




Working prisoners have their own private entrance to the jail, and their own hot showers controlled by Jailer James H. Corbin. "I time their showers and set the temperature," said Corbin. "That prevents a lot of horsing around." Stripping for a shower before going to their cells also helps to prevent working prisoners from bringing contraband into the jail. Each morning they get clean dungarees from the jail's modern laundry.



Sheriff Murrhee stands in a visitor's booth and talks to a prisoner. No possibility of a hacksaw blade, knife or other contraband item being passed to a prisoner with this design.



The training room serves many purposes other than in-service training. Staff meetings are held here, and it also provides facilities for deputies to use in filling out written reports.

Sheriff Jennings Murrhee agreed to allow himself to be "booked" and photographed to illustrate the prisoner intake procedure. Pictured with him at the booking desk is Sgt. James H. Corbin, jailer.



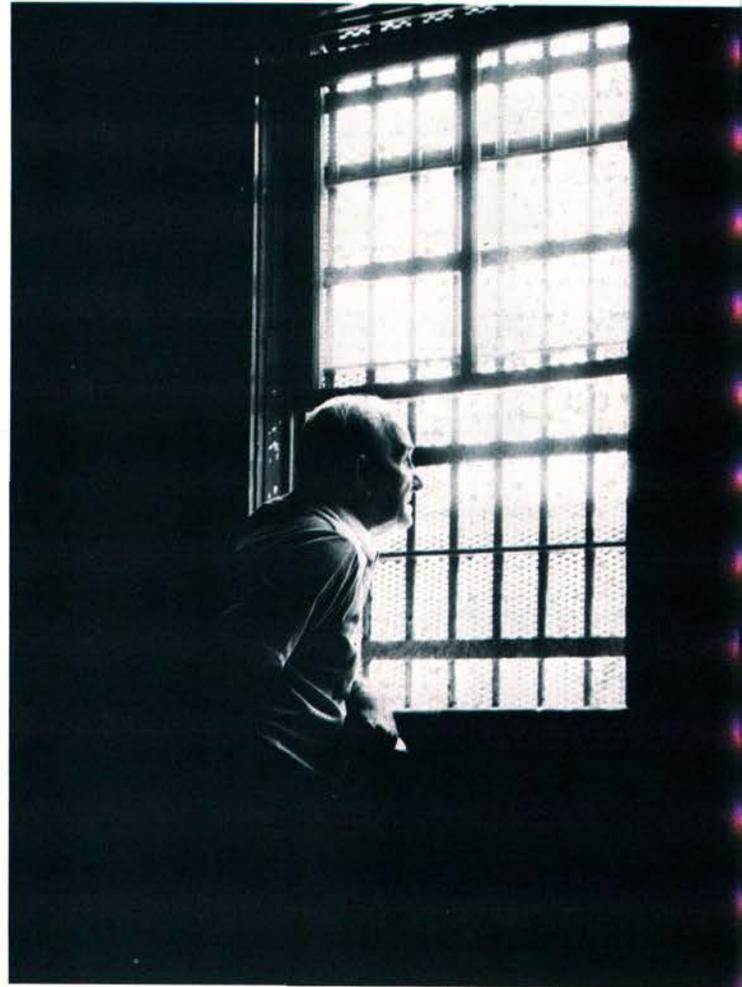
Sgt. Harold Penticoff demonstrates the emergency lighting system to Cathy Knight, but the old kerosene lamp is just for laughs.



There are two emergency electrical generators that can be used if normal power sources fail. One of them powers the communications system, and can be used as a back-up for the rest of the jail. The other serves jail and Sheriff's Office facilities.

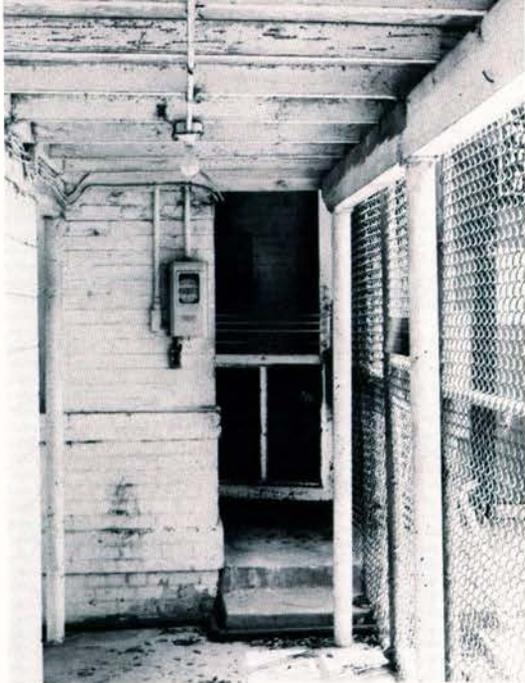
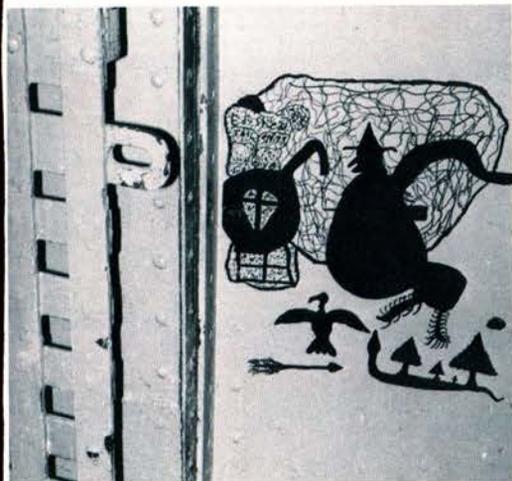
Only MEMORIES & LEGENDS in custody here

GREEN COVE SPRINGS — Cell doors hang open, paint is peeling, ceilings are sagging, the prisoners left months ago, and the roaches starved to death. There's nothing or nobody locked up in this old Clay County Jail but a few vagrant memories and a fragile legend or two. "That there old tree behind the jail was the hangin' tree," some yarn spinner is likely to insist; but "Rip" Geiger, a court house employee who searched dusty records, says it ain't so. "They used scaffolds," he said, harking back to the days before the electric chair when Sheriffs were responsible for conducting public hangings. Welded bars mark the unbelievably small hole an escapee crawled through one dark and quiet night. A window that now stares blankly at the outside world was once an improvised burlesque stage when a female prisoner drew a large crowd of cheering sailors by standing on her bunk and doing a striptease. Unintelligible drawings and graffiti preserve the memory of long dragging hours and unnamed prisoners. Repaired window bars testify to a long series of escapes. "We had seven escapes in eight years and every one of the escapees was recaptured," explained Clay County Sheriff Jennings Murree. Now he's in a new million-dollar jail where there are no windows to tempt the adventuresome — and so far (fingers crossed) no escapes. The front part of the old jail was built around 1870 and used as a court house. There was a wooden jail "out back." Around 1930 a new court house was built, and the old court house was converted into a jail. After that there were several additions — the adding of a juvenile detention section in 1966 being the last. Now this old monument to unplanned, inefficient and inadequate detention facilities stands deserted and abandoned — mourned by no one, least of all the prisoners who jammed its overcrowded cells, or the state jail inspectors who condemned it year after year.

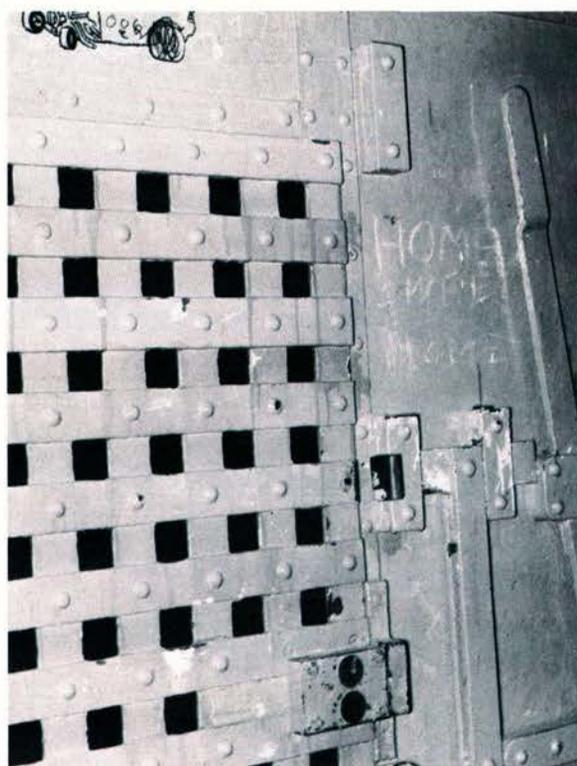


The prisoners and jailers are gone, but "Rip" Geiger keeps a few stories and legends in custody.

The artist is long gone, and so is the meaning of this jail cell art work.



The old court house built around 1870 became a jail around 1930.



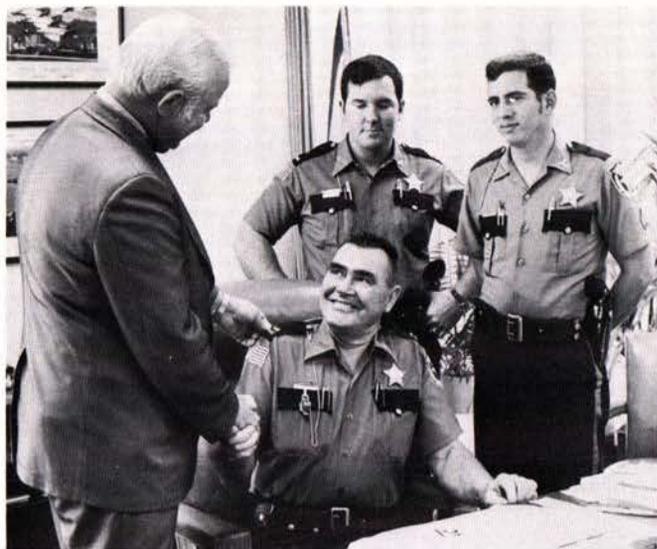
They don't make 'em (cell doors) like this no more, but perhaps they should. This old door looks more secure than the present vintage.



Legend tagged it "the hanging tree", but records failed to confirm this title.

Spotlight on Deputy Sheriffs

SANFORD — Seminole County Sheriff John Polk (L) offers his congratulations to L. R. Rice upon his promotion to the newly created position of Captain of the Uniform Division. Also receiving promotions were Lt. Roy Hughey (L) and Sgt. Jay Leman.



INVERNESS — Field testing by Deputy Sheriff George Hanstien confirms that a confiscated drug is illegal and gives officers "probable cause" to charge a suspect with sale or possession of a specific drug. Field tested drugs are sent to the Region Four Crime Lab at Sanford for final analysis.



ST. AUGUSTINE — Deputy Sheriff Stuart Ten Broeck (R) shows his boss, St. Johns County Sheriff Dudley Garrett, the plaque he received from the South Ponte Vedra Association naming him "Officer of the Year" for "his untiring efforts in the field of law enforcement."



SARASOTA - "We just felt we didn't have to wait until a man retires or passes away before honoring the fine work he does," said Detective Harold Livingston (L) as he presented a plaque of appreciation to Capt. Ellis Denham during a surprise luncheon for the chief detective of the Sarasota County Sheriff's Department. Denham joined the Sheriff's Department in 1956 and was named to head the Detective Division after Sheriff Jim Hardcastle took office in January. The plaque was presented "with deep appreciation from the men and women of your command."



OCALA — After 20 years of law enforcement duty in two counties and under seven Sheriffs, Deputy Horace Monroe (L) retired. At a party given in his honor Monroe received a mounted gold star from Marion County Sheriff Don Moreland. The Sheriff said he would be calling on him from time-to-time to transport prisoners and help out with other duties. (Photo by OCALA STAR-BANNER)

19-year-old deputies Mark Whyte (L) and Patrick McCutcheon.



19-Year-Olds Proving Themselves

WEST PALM BEACH — If the full rights and responsibilities of adulthood had not been granted to Florida's 18 to 20-year-olds on July 1, Mark Whyte and Patrick McCutcheon would still have a "CADET" patch on their uniforms, they would not be carrying firearms or making arrests and would probably still be running errands and filling out reports — the usual tasks for cadets. But the 18-year-olds adult rights law changed all that.

Both men are full time deputies but they have to prove themselves. In a very real sense they are guinea pigs — a lot of law enforcement officials will be watching to see how they work out. "We want to see if young men can handle the responsibilities," said Capt. Henry Suarez of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Department.

McCutcheon had been with Sheriff William R. Heidtman's Department as a cadet since September of 1972 and Whyte had



The proving grounds for Deputy Patrick McCutcheon is the Palm Beach International Airport.

been a cadet since December 1970 and before that he was a junior deputy. Law enforcement seems to be in their blood. Whyte's father has been a policeman for 13 years while McCutcheon's father is Boca Raton Police Chief Charles McCutcheon and his brother is with the FBI.

The proving grounds for these deputies is the Palm Beach International Airport where they are on the security squad. Later, after they have earned their basic certification by taking 280 hours of required training, they will be put on the road in a patrol car.

Asked how they would handle a situation in which an older person resisted arrest or said they were too young, both deputies said, "If we couldn't handle the job, we wouldn't have applied for it."

Singer Turned Deputy Returns to Mike for Title Song

DeLAND — Before joining the Volusia County Sheriff's Department, Jiles Smith was a professional singer, but he gave it up when the traveling got to be too much for him. Recently he was back in the business long enough to record the title song for a new movie Smith hopes will get across some good ideas about blacks.

"'Super Spook' is a new look in the line of movies like 'Shaft' and 'Slaughter'" Smith said. "All those other films seem to show that the only thing the black man knows how to do is kill. There's too much violence. In this one the star thinks he's like all those other tough guys, but just ends up making a fool of himself.

"While the other films are giving the image that the black man wants to be a bad man, this one's going to show that most just want to be men." Smith said he's hoping he'll be able to show blacks everywhere that they have the "the ability to do what they want to do and not just show the narrow violent side of the black man."

Smith started singing in school and at church; then while in the Air Force appeared in a number of USO shows. After the service, he went to New York City for a shot at the big time. He stayed with it for four years, working with a few big names like Aretha Franklin.

"But the road can get a little tough on you — so I got out." After working for a while as a brick layer, he decided to try law enforcement because, "I was getting nowhere and helping nobody the way I was going.



"By joining the Sheriff's Department I'm able to show other blacks you can get on the inside of things and not just stand outside. It's not a closed world and the black man can do what he wants," Smith said.

"Right now I'm in and in a position to help others. I've got a chance to talk with kids who are going a little wrong — a chance to sit down with them and give them a down-home, fatherlike talk."

Smith said he was glad to have the chance to sing for the movie, but that it was only a passing thing. He has things to do here.

Honor Roll of Donors



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Girls Villa Receives Checks From Inner Wheel Club

TAMPA — Mrs. George Scotty Holland (L) and Mrs. Willard Brinson, representing the Inner Wheel Club of Tampa, present Hillsborough County Sheriff Malcolm Beard with two checks for the Florida Sheriffs Girls Villa. Their organization is an international association of women who are wives of Rotarians.





Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jereb (L) and Mrs. F. M. Langworthy (representing the Lansing, Michigan Reunion Association), receive Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch — Girls Villa Builder certificates from Manatee County Sheriff Richard Weitzenfeld for generous donations made to the Ranch and Villa.

Sheriff Richard Weitzenfeld (C) presents a Builder certificate to General and Mrs. W. D. Smith.



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New FDLE Commissioner

TALLAHASSEE — The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) has a new commissioner. His name is William A. Troelstrup and he has spent 21 of his 45 years in law enforcement. He was nominated by Governor Reubin Askew and approved by the Cabinet to succeed William A. Reed who is now an assistant to the new head of the FBI, Clarence Kelley.

Troelstrup's career began in 1952 as a patrolman in the Columbia, Missouri Police Department. Between 1953 and 1964 he worked his way up through the ranks of the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department and in 1961 became Administrative Assistant to Police Chief Bernard C. Brannon. From 1964 through 1967 he served as Chief of Police in Lawrence, Kansas, leaving there to join FDLE, where he was Director of the Division of Operations.

He is a graduate of the University of Missouri (B.A., Political Science) and the FBI National Academy. He also completed a Supervision of Police Personnel course at Northwestern University.

\$26,000 Monkey Wrench

FT. LAUDERDALE — When a single prisoner runs up a bill of \$26,000 for medical and other care, it can very easily "throw a monkey wrench in the jail budget" of even a large department such as Broward County Sheriff Edward Stack's.

Chief of Detention Vincent Miro said John Long was shot by Ft. Lauderdale police when he pulled a gun and ran during a drug raid in November of 1972. He fired at a policewoman and grazed her head. Long was taken directly to a hospital where he had two deputy sheriffs with him around the clock.

Although charged with a felony, he was never booked into the jail, yet he remained the responsibility of the Sheriff's Department. As a result of the shooting, he had to have two operations costing the Department \$19,000 while the round-the-clock guards cost \$7,000 for the 69 days he was in the hospital.

"A few times he almost died," Miro said. "This could have gone on forever and he could have wiped out the whole budget by himself." But Long's mother came from Chicago, Ill. and offered to take her son back to have a third operation he needed.

"Because of the extenuating circumstances he was released to his mother and that was the last we saw of him. It's doubtful he'll be physically able to take part in that kind of activity again, but if he does come back we can always bring charges against him again," Miro said.

Sheriff Stack's money woes were further compounded by another prisoner requiring open heart surgery while awaiting

trial. Judge Thomas J. Reddick ordered a medical report on the man which verified the need for surgery to repair a heart valve. Stack approved the surgery at a cost of \$5,000 rather than take a chance on the prisoner dying before trial.

Because of these unusual medical expenses, Sheriff Stack had to ask the County Commission for an additional \$12,000 for medical services to get him through the 1973 fiscal year, ending September 30. The commission also agreed to give the Sheriff \$20,000 more in grocery money because his budget was drawn up in 1972 before there was even talk of increases in food prices.

"This has just been a bad year," Sheriff Stack said. "We've had an abnormal number of illnesses and gunshot victims. And we don't get a discount on medical expenses — we pay the same price as everyone else."

Catch A Thief - Help Ranch-Villa

WAUCHULA — Peace River Electric Cooperative, which serves rural areas in 10 south-central Florida counties, is offering a \$300 reward to any person furnishing evidence leading to the conviction of anyone for stealing copper wire.

The Cooperative has also promised to donate \$200 to either the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch or Girls Villa in the name of the sheriff's department which investigates any case leading to conviction of wire thieves.

Stack and Shevin at Seminar

HOLLYWOOD — Walter Bittner (L), Chairman of the Broward County Crime Prevention Committee, went over the program of a Robbery Prevention Seminar with Sheriff Edward Stack (C) and Florida Attorney General Robert Shevin. They were participating in the seminar, put on for businessmen, and viewed a film "You're Just Asking For It" which dealt with armed robbery and how best a merchant can protect his business.



THE SHERIFF'S STAR

Marine Patrol Manned

PALATKA — A 12-man force of Coast Guard trained volunteers will take some of the pressure off Putnam County Sheriff Walt Pellicer's regular deputies by operating a Marine Patrol.

The Patrol will utilize two Sheriff's patrol vessels to conduct search and rescue missions, help stranded boaters, and promote water safety. Patrolling the St. Johns River and the lakes of west Putnam, the Marine Patrol is sanctioned to make random safety checks of boats and make sure boat registrations are current.

The Jackson County

"Cow Patrol"

MARIANNA — Even around these parts, the cow patrol is not well known, but it is appreciated by ranchers with cattle they don't want rustled, especially while beef is bringing a good price.

The patrol was organized by Jackson County Sheriff Ronnie Craven who ordered deputies on the night shift to stop all trucks loaded with livestock and every pickup that might be transporting an animal. Drivers are asked to show proof of ownership, such as a bill of sale.

Sheriff Craven decided on the patrols after hearing of rustling activity in near-by Alabama. All the checking has been an inconvenience to local cattlemen, but they don't mind as long as it does the job, and so far it has.

Law Enforcement

Tax Proposed

TITUSVILLE — According to Brevard County Sheriff Leigh Wilson, the highest crime rate in his county is on Merritt Island and he would like to double the number of deputies on duty there from 16 to 32. To finance this, he has proposed a special taxing district so that Merritt Islanders would pay a surcharge of about one cent a day per person.

Sheriff Wilson said his department noted a recent upsurge in serious crimes in this unincorporated part of the county which has a population of some 40,000 — the same population as the city of Melbourne which is patrolled by 67 policemen.

"While the county's overall average crime rate is low, compared to a state average, we have areas of extremely high crime, like Merritt Island," Wilson said. "Crimes of violence, especially rapes, are exceedingly high and increasing.

"My men are complaining because they have to decide which call to answer," the Sheriff said, "and when a deputy has to file complaints in order of importance, to respond as he can get to them, then it's time to step back and take a look. This isn't good.

"There's got to be some action taken . . . to raise the necessary money. The Sheriff's job is not to raise money, it's to preserve the peace and protect life and property."

Wilson called for immediate preparation of a county tax referendum to let voters decide whether or not they are willing to pay for the cost of adequate law enforcement. "We're talking about a penny a day per person and I don't think that's too much to help reduce these serious crimes," the Sheriff said.

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Carson To Host National Sheriffs

JACKSONVILLE — Sheriff Dale Carson will host a group of sheriffs from across the United States on November 25-27 while they work on the preparation of a Jail Manual for the National Sheriffs' Association.

The President of the Florida Sheriffs Association, Sheriff Sam Joyce of Indian River County, will address the Jail Publications Project which is expected to attract 40 sheriffs. Workshops will be devoted to subjects such as jail administration, corrections services, client legal rights, food and health, jail security and safety.

Sheriff Carson, as chief law enforcement officer for the Consolidated City of Jacksonville, will talk to the group on consolidation of services.



It's A Fact, Susie Can Track

OCALA — Marion County Sheriff Don Moreland's new four-legged employee, Susie, seems eager to get to work tracking criminals. Susie was given to the Sheriff by a northwest Florida deputy sheriff who trained her himself. (Photo by OCALA STAR-BANNER)

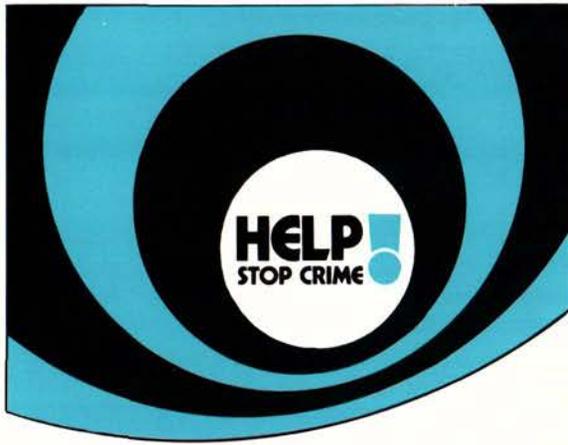
Parolees Should Pay, Says Sheriff

TITUSVILLE — "Fly now, pay later" is the philosophy Brevard County Sheriff Leigh Wilson would like to see circuit judges adopt toward criminals who violate their probation and have to be returned to the state at public expense, only to be released again.

Attention was focused on the problem when two Brevard deputy sheriffs flew to California and brought back a man to face a probation violation charge. (The Federal Aviation Administration requires that a prisoner be accompanied by two officers.) The cost of plane fare for the deputies (round-trip) and for the prisoner (one-way) was over \$1,000. After being found guilty of breaking his probation, the prisoner was placed on probation for another two years.

"It doesn't seem fair for the taxpayers to pay the costs of having this man brought back," Sheriff Wilson said, and he asked circuit court judges to examine the possibility of requiring criminals to repay this cost, as a condition of probation.

Circuit Court Judge Robert McGregor noted that in crimes against property, there already exists a system of requiring payment for damages, as a condition of probation.

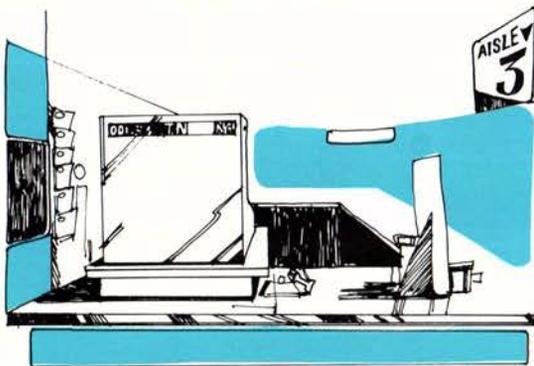


It's your business to know about COMMERCIAL ARMED ROBBERY

If you own a retail store, you're a target for commercial armed robbery. To make your operation a less inviting target, the HELP STOP CRIME Program of the Governor's Council on Criminal Justice has a few suggestions.

Secure your cashier operation.

Install barriers high enough to keep unauthorized persons out of the area(s) where cash transactions take place. Place the cash register a safe distance from the door, but not so far back that it cannot be viewed from outside. The harder to reach, the harder to rob.



Keep a spare key hidden in your store room.

Often, the robber will try to detain his victim(s) by locking them in a back room or closet. A spare key hidden in such areas can quickly get you out and to a phone.

Install a hold-up alarm system.

Many excellent alarm systems are on the market today. Available in a variety of types and prices, these systems serve two major purposes: (1) they alert authorities or a neighbor that a robbery is in progress and aid in the apprehension of the robber; (2) they serve as an effective deterrent to potential robbery when you make it known that an alarm system is on the premises.

The second point is extremely important. Too often, a merchant invests in an alarm system but fails to "publicize" its presence to his customers. By placing signs and/or official-looking stickers on the entrance to your business, you'll help discourage would-be robbers.

An inexpensive alarm is the "BUDDY" ALARM SYSTEM — It consists of a button (usually near cash register) that connects to a buzzer or bell in a neighboring business. During a robbery, the merchant can secretly activate the alarm so his neighbor can immediately notify the authorities.

NOTE: MAKE SURE YOUR ALARM SYSTEM IS IN WORKING ORDER AT ALL TIMES. AND INSTRUCT TRUSTED EMPLOYEES IN ITS USE.

Keep cash on premises to a minimum.

Make frequent pickups of money from your register, but avoid counting cash at the same time each day. Also make frequent bank deposits. When making bank deposits:

1. don't establish a routine — robbers will soon learn it
2. go directly to the bank
3. conceal the money; vary means of concealment
4. don't leave money unattended in car
5. don't go to the bank alone
6. try to make deposits during daylight

If you handle relatively large sums of cash, it would be wise to consider using an armored car collection service. (This can usually be written off as a business expense.)

It's advisable to maintain a recorded amount of "decoy" or marked currency which is held ready to be given to the robber. This will help in the tracing and eventual apprehension of the robber.

Also check into obtaining a "bait-pack" for your cash drawer. This fake bundle of bills explodes with a permanent dye and tear gas bomb within a specified number of minutes after it's removed from the register, and aids in apprehension of a robber.

Of course, keep your safe locked at all times!