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PORT ST. JOE — Gulf County Sheriff Raymond Lawrence demonstrates that he can contact his office from anywhere in the "boondocks" and relay messages by radio to neighboring counties. That's a boon, Doc!



# What Makes Dick Tick?



**viewpoint**

*The PALMETTO PRESS, weekly newspaper in Palmetto, Fla., got to wondering what makes Manatee County Sheriff Dick Weitzenfeld tick, and conducted an in depth interview in an attempt to find out. Here are the results:*

**QUESTION:** From various sources you have been portrayed as a "hard-nosed" law enforcement official. Would this, in general, truly characterize your philosophical attitude toward your position and function?

**ANSWER:** If by "hard-nosed" you mean a profound respect for the law and strict, impartial enforcement, then I plead guilty. I would much rather adhere to this policy than the other end of the scale, an apathetic, "you can get away with anything if you know the right people" law enforcement officer.

I fully believe that when ANY person is arrested, he should have to stand on his own two feet and answer for that charge. I don't believe in "bending" to suit certain situations or individuals. Once you start on that route, where do you stop?

**QUESTION:** In general, what is your appraisal of various rehabilitative programs? Do you think they are equitable both to society and the criminal?

**ANSWER:** I'm a bit selective about this. Some programs appear to be effective while others do not. I agree with the county work release plan if firmly controlled and after receiving some disciplinary measure first, such as straight jail time until the individual demonstrates that he is deserving.

*Richard W. Weitzenfeld (R) burst upon the law enforcement scene in 1967 when Governor Claude Kirk appointed him Sheriff of Manatee County. Previously, his status was that of a retired Air Force Lt. Col. with a distinguished service record covering 21 years and a fistful of medals. Since his appointment, he has won the job on his own in 1968 and 1972.*

I agree with the work release of felons in the community in which they intend to return, but only for their last three to six months; again, only if they show they deserve such consideration. I do not believe in the Methadone drug program. It doesn't offer a challenge to the addict and merely replaces one habit with another.

**QUESTION:** Do you believe in "severe" or "stiff" punishment for those convicted, including first offenders, as a more effective deterrent toward further criminal activity?

**ANSWER:** I don't believe ALL first offenders should be given probation. Each case should be evaluated on its own merits. In many instances, this is only the first time they were CAUGHT, and the pre-sentence investigation can show other involvement. I believe firm punishment on its own merits is the answer to our growing problem.

**QUESTION:** Do you feel, in general, that today's young people have a greater disregard for the law? If so, what do you think some of the major contributing factors are?

**ANSWER:** It's difficult to generalize about our young people. However, I will observe that we are having more trouble because of what I term "psychological hogwash" being foisted on the general public, encouraging young people to "do their thing," a more permissive attitude, lowering punishment factors for crimes from petit larceny to murder. Constant pressure by various groups to permit or force social mores and behavior to degenerate.

I think our affluent society has also had a great influence, often resulting in lack of attention and supervision by parents. Many knowledgeable professional people have advised me that parents are, in effect, attempting to PURCHASE the love and respect of their children through gifts, rather than expressing their own love through personal involvement, interest, and concern that includes discipline and respect for law and order.

**QUESTION:** What are leading problems, locally? Are they directly related to juveniles and young people or applicable to people of all ages?

**ANSWER:** Our major local problems, in my opinion and in order are: drug abuse; burglary (with 50 per cent related to drug abuse); larceny; runaways. Fifty-five per cent of our crimes are committed by 25-year olds and younger.

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## Blind Children 'See' Sheriff's Helicopter

By Carol Herndon, Staff Writer  
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WEST PALM BEACH — The green and white Palm Beach County Sheriff's Department helicopter glittered in the afternoon sun. But the children at the Sheriff's road patrol headquarters could not see the Sheriff's helicopter. Neither could they see the sun.

The children were a group of blind students in a six-week program sponsored by the Lion's Industry for the Blind. The youngsters ranging from ages six to 13, spent the afternoon touching the helicopter, feeling the doors, the seats, the control panels and the stretchers.

Seven-year-old Charles Hill covered every inch of the helicopter inside, then slid his tiny hands along the outside and around the bubble front. Charles was lifted into the pilot's seat by Sheriff's Deputy Harry Brown. His small hand grasped the smooth steering wheel and a broad grin broke across his beaming face.

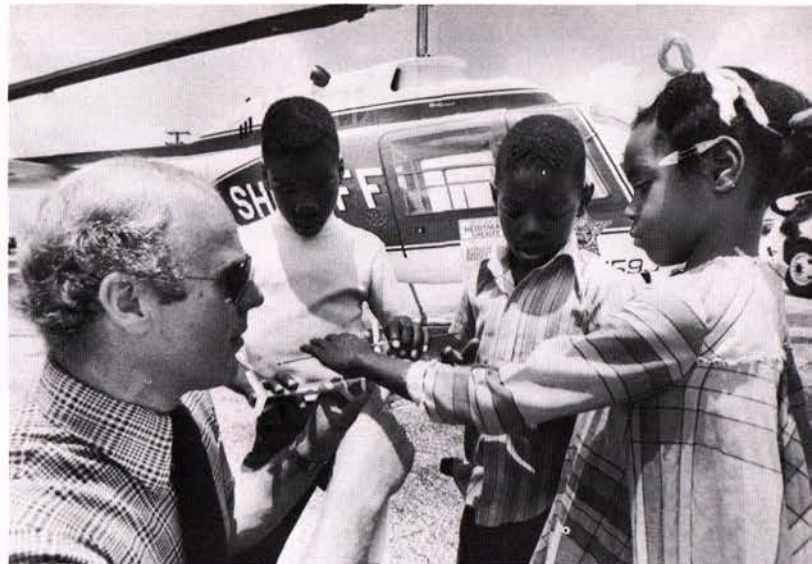
The deputies turned on the siren and spoke through the public address system in the helicopter while Charles shouted out a surprised and happy, "Wow!"

The deputies explained to the children how the helicopter lifts off the ground straight into the air, using the children's hands to demonstrate. Brown handed each child articles from the helicopter including an ambu-bag, a life raft and an exhaust plug, for the children to feel and try to understand.

The children were taking part in a six-week summer program during which they visited a different place each day to learn more about the world around them.



Palm Beach County Deputy Sheriff Harry Brown shows blind students how to use equipment found in helicopter.



It's pretty difficult for blind children to get an overall idea of what a helicopter is shaped like merely by touching different parts, so Ted Reed, of the Sheriff's Department, provided a model for them to feel and hold.

## Retiring With Memories — Good and Bad

Ft. Lauderdale — When Broward County Deputy Sheriff James Primous retired, he took with him memories of: 16 years under three sheriffs; of being shot two different times (the second time causing his early retirement); and of serving as the first black deputy on the force.

Primous was selling clothing in 1952 when leaders of the black community met with then Sheriff Amos Hall to see about getting him to hire a black deputy. The Sheriff asked them to nominate a man — that man was Primous.

His training was handled by Claude Tindall, now a captain with the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Department, who took charge with an even-handedness Primous finds memorable. "He was a southern white, but I have to give him credit. He taught me how to do my job, how to do it well and how to stay alive. And he treated me the same as any other deputy."

In 1953 he confiscated a handgun after arresting its owner for running moonshine. The man showed up at Primous' home and demanded return of his weapon which had been turned over to the Sheriff's office. The man refused to believe the deputy didn't have it and lay in wait outside the Primous' home. When the officer came out, he was shot five times, but fortunately the wounds were not serious.

In 1967 Primous was not so lucky. He and another officer had staked out a liquor store after being tipped it was to be robbed. When the robbers showed up, Primous tried to talk

them into surrendering. Instead they ran out the front door with the deputy close behind. Just as he got outside a shotgun blast hit him in the back. He never knew who shot him because the robbers were in front of him and running away. His recovery was not complete and he retired recently on the advice of his physician.

When he joined the force, Primous was not allowed to arrest "white folks," but that changed later and he feels he was able to do much to "help change the department's attitude about hiring blacks. I know I made it possible for more blacks to be hired."

As his career in law enforcement came to an end, some of the trends he saw in the black community disturbed him. "Young people are getting worse and it's caused by drugs and the need to feed their habits, which is leading to more and more crime," he said.

"You used to be able to tell a child you were going to see his parents and the kids would straighten up. Today, you can actually go talk to the parents and they don't say anything to the kid." Primous relates these problems to a general decline in parental discipline.



One writer called it "The Other Florida" — and that's a good handle for the panhandle, because it truly is one of our last frontiers. Here and there you'll find some of the trappings of urban sprawl such as ant hill apartment complexes, traffic clogged streets, high rise buildings that block the sunrise, and large shopping centers that shimmer like neon lit islands in dirty asphalt oceans.

But these are only a few small pockets of man-made malignancy surrounded by miles and miles of big, clear sky; slow moving rural towns; and God's own shag carpet of pine trees. An ecology nut walking the panhandle's long stretches of uncluttered beachfront, or tunneling through the deep shade of centuries old live oaks on an unpaved country road can get spaced out with excitement.

So can the scoundrel whose impulses tend to orbit around armed robbery, burglary, flim-flam and other refinements of the law breaker's art.

Unwary punks are likely to imagine that this is "Bonnie and Clyde" country inhabited by dumb country cops and tobacco-chewing deputy sheriffs in bib overalls. It's easy to assume an ecology straight out of the 1920's has a law enforcement team of the same vintage.

It's easy to pan the panhandle as a backward backwater in the boondocks. But don't — especially if you are a crime practitioner looking for a good place to practice your skills. There's nothing backward about the calibre of law enforcement in this area, buddy, and to save you a lot of heartaches and hard times, our advice is to move on to some more promising area.

Two gun-toting holdup men in Panama City didn't have the benefit of this advice, and look what happened to them!

A deputy sheriff arrived just as they were leaving the holdup scene and a gun battle ensued. In a few minutes the area was swarming with blue lights and uniforms, and one of the heisters was smart enough to give up. The other gunslinger took to the woods, but he didn't have a chance to escape. The wooded area was immediately surrounded with deputy sheriffs and policemen. A helicopter circled overhead. Bloodhounds were put on the trail.

"There's no doubt in my mind," said Bay County Sheriff Tullis Easterling later, "that we possibly saved human lives by being able to cordon off an area in a very short time."

"With such a show of force, this dangerous criminal decided his chances of escape were nil and surrendered."

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The Sheriff went on to cite other examples of the local capability for lightning response and a strong show of force:

... The riot out on the beach that was nipped in the bud before it got into full bloom.

... The fugitive from the law who was tracked down so effectively he hardly had a chance to get winded.

Quick response to emergencies. A strong show of force when and where needed. These are basic characteristics of law enforcement in the Panama City area.

But you'll also find them in tiny Bristol, or sleepy Wewahitchka — in fact, throughout the entire panhandle. And one of the key factors is a million-dollar-plus communications system backed by federal funds. This system, when completely functional, will reach into every Sheriff's office and Police Department between Pensacola and Monticello — a 225-mile stretch.

Multiple frequencies and sophisticated equipment will open up a communications potential never dreamed of before. For the first time, Sheriffs and police patrol cars from any part of the 16-county area will have the capability of communicating with any base station in the area.

If, for instance, Sheriff Royal Untreiner, in Pensacola, sends

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patrol cars to Sheriff W. A. Woodham, in Quincy, in response to an area-wide call for assistance, Untreiner's cars will be able to communicate with Woodham's base station once they are in range.

Sheriffs and police departments in one county will be able to communicate with their counterparts in neighboring counties. And, in any given county, the Sheriff or Police Chief can quickly muster all available law enforcement units.

In Bay County, for example, Sheriff Easterling with one message from his radio control room can summon to the scene of any big emergency a total of 52 police and Sheriffs' patrol cars. Any police chief in Bay County also has the same capability. The same is true in other counties.

Cooperation between local agencies has always existed throughout the panhandle, but overloaded frequencies and inability to communicate on the same frequency frustrated officers and made cooperative efforts cumbersome.

The new system creates communications compatibility and as a result, quick and massive response. To see this new system in operation is to wonder how any criminal could be so dumb as to underestimate the law enforcement capabilities in the panhandle. Smart ones don't.

## New Panhandle Communications Net Breaking Down Old Barriers

PANAMA CITY — "This new UHF Telecommunications Network that is jazzing up the quality of law enforcement all around the panhandle — tell us about it," we said to Berwin Williams.

And Berwin, who was the Criminal Justice Planner in District One (the panhandle) for the Governor's Council on Criminal Justice, before he joined the staff of the Florida Sheriffs Association, began by explaining that a 1969 study revealed only 14 of the 54 law enforcement agencies in District One had communications equipment that would permit them



PANAMA CITY — Bay County Sheriff Tullis Easterling is pictured here in his communications control room where two console stations allow two dispatchers to operate simultaneously; and an automatic tape recording device (at the Sheriff's left) records all messages so that the dispatcher is freed from the old system of typing all radio transmissions in a log. The radio dispatcher in the picture is Mrs. Dale Robinson.

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BRISTOL — In sparsely populated Liberty County the Sheriff's wife, Mrs. Cloyce Rankin, doubles as dispatcher, jailer, bookkeeper and secretary; and Sheriff Rankin has only two full-time deputies to help him with outside duties; but the new panhandle radio network will give Liberty County modern communications facilities equal to those found in larger counties.



PORT ST. JOE — Dispatcher Bill Zagorski of the Gulf County Sheriff's Department can relay a message from Sheriff Raymond Lawrence (out in the "boondocks") to neighboring counties if help is needed. Gulf is one of the counties in which the new communications system is complete.

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to communicate with other law enforcement agencies.

The 14 agencies were Sheriffs' Offices stretching from Jefferson County to the east through Okaloosa County to the west. The remaining 40 agencies, including the Sheriffs' Offices in Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties and the police departments in 38 municipalities, were using radio frequencies that prohibited any kind of inter-agency communications.

This, Berwin explained, was a great barrier to effective law enforcement, since most panhandle law enforcement agencies are relatively small, and in any major emergency it is imperative for them to summon aid from other agencies in the area.

Inter-agency cooperation has a long and strong tradition here; but, without compatible communications equipment, many of the cooperative efforts have been less effective than they could have been.

"For example," said Berwin, "in the not too distant past when a tornado struck Okaloosa County, there was a quick response from enforcement agencies in neighboring counties. And, while manpower was promptly available in sufficient

numbers, the officers were unable to operate effectively because they could not communicate adequately by radio."

Out of situations like this grew the need — and the enthusiasm — for a network that would blanket the 16-county panhandle with modern, sophisticated radio communications equipment.

And now such a network is coming to fruition, with the Governor's Council on Criminal Justice providing the catalyst, and the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration providing federal funding. Federal funds committed so far total over \$1,500,000; and local "match" in hard cash and "in kind" has pushed the project total close to \$2 million.

The number one concern, Berwin said, has been to establish a multi-frequency system which would:

1. provide an emergency frequency available to every enforcement agency in the district so that manpower of any police agency could move to any other area and communicate with all other units so assigned.
2. assign radio frequencies in such a way as to eliminate overcrowded interference conditions.
3. and make frequency assignments for the use of very small agencies (one to three officers) so that they would have communications capability on a 24-hour basis. (This is being accomplished by enabling small agencies to switch to the frequency of a nearby round-the-clock agency during hours when their own headquarters are "off the air".)

Installation of the network is now complete in six counties; and in various stages of completion in ten others. In Bay County, for instance the new system is completely functional. Each patrol car operated by the Sheriff's Office and eight Police Departments has a multi-frequency radio with four channels. One is for emergencies or special operations which can be initiated by any one of the nine agencies. This channel is monitored at all times so that an emergency call from any officer on patrol is heard simultaneously at the headquarters of all nine agencies.

A second channel will give immediate access to information from computers at the Florida Crime Information Center and the National Crime Information Center. This channel will also be used for special tactical operations of an inter-jurisdictional nature such as broad narcotics burglary, or traffic control projects.

Each agency maintaining a 24-hour communications watch from its own headquarters will also have a private channel for its exclusive use. And, as an additional back-up for agency-to-agency or point-to-point communications, the "Civil Defense Network (155.37) initiated through the efforts of Florida's Sheriffs in 1955 is being given greater range and dependability.

This CD net will provide a better communications link between local enforcement agencies and state agencies such as the Florida Highway Patrol, the Game and Fish Commission, the Marine Patrol, the Division of Beverage, and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

In short, months of planning, research and cooperative effort are now beginning to pay off in terms of better and more sophisticated law enforcement along the unspoiled stretches of Florida's "last frontier". And only the uninformed will continue to "pan the panhandle".



FT. MYERS — The Lee County Sheriff's Department has gone to the dogs . . . in the interest of more effective law enforcement. Two deputies and their four-footed assistants have completed 13 weeks of schooling at the Southwest Florida Law Enforcement Academy here in Ft. Myers and reported for duty under Sheriff Frank Wanicka.

These men and their dogs—Dep. Charlie Morrison with Blackie and Dep. Ron Goll with Baron—have proved their value in routine police work, but the phase of law enforcement in which the dogs' efficiency has most impressed their handlers has turned out to be crowd control.

"It happened in one of the final weeks of our training course," said Morrison. "We received a call that a crowd was getting out of hand in one of the rougher sections of Ft. Myers so the men and dogs from the class responded. By the time we arrived a crowd numbering between 80 and 100 people had gathered and was becoming unruly. The officers were getting mixed up in the crowd, which is always a bad scene for the lawman.

"We pulled up in patrol cars," Morrison said, "and parked across the street. By the time the seven of us and our dogs had crossed the street—in that short a time—the crowd completely dispersed. No one got hurt. There was no contact and no injury and the situation was alleviated without incident.

"Actually, the main function of the dog is to aid in building and area searches," said Deputy Goll. "In the dark a

dog can smell a person a lot faster than we can see them. With a gentle breeze, Baron can detect a man's presence up to 500 yards and possibly farther—without even seeing the man. He can search out a man without my having to expose myself unnecessarily.

"In some ways a dog helps me as another man couldn't," Goll said. "I feel the dog can do things a man can't and therefore he extends my capabilities. Furthermore, in a dangerous situation with another man, you have to be concerned with the safety of your partner. With a dog—even though Baron is almost a member of the family—I don't have to worry as I would with another person."

According to the men, the basic training for the dog consists largely of obedience. "The dogs attack on command and command only," Morrison said. "Part of their training took place in downtown Ft. Myers where we walked the dogs evenings. The idea was to accustom the dogs to people in general so that if a child or passerby reaches down to pet the dog, he won't get bitten."

"In an area search the dog doesn't have to be after a criminal," Goll said. "He can be used to search for a lost child or injured person and we need complete control of the dog so that he will not attack unless we order him to do so.

"What the dogs can be trained to do is limited only by the actual ability of the dog and the officer's time and patience. And mostly it's a matter of the officer's time and patience," Morrison maintains.

## Going to the Dogs

Deputy Ron Goll and Baron pose in front of the Lee County Courthouse.



Deputy Charlie Morrison puts Blackie through his paces.







## *In September We Were "Hung Up" But Now We've Got Noose For You*

When the photograph reprinted above originally appeared on our September cover we were "all hung up" in our efforts to get authentic details about the time and place.

We had been told the photograph was taken prior to 1927 in Vernon, Florida, then the county seat of Washington County.

But now, after many phone calls, letters and conversations, we've got news for you: The hanging in our September cover picture apparently took place at Crestview, Florida, county seat of Okaloosa County.

According to West Florida Historian E. W. Carswell, the hanging was held in Crestview about July, 1920, and the condemned man was Robert Blackwell, convicted of helping in the murder of "Uncle Bud" and "Aunt Nancy" Davis in 1917.

Carswell has an undated clipping which lists B. H. Sutton as the Sheriff who sprung the trap, and Dr. E. Porter Webb as the physician who pronounced the condemned man dead.

Carswell said Rev. Curry, a Holiness minister from Bonifay, accompanied by some Holiness men and women, conducted religious services for the prisoner the day prior to the hanging,

and maintained a "death watch" that night — with further services inferred next day.

"That," said Carswell, "may account for the women on the scaffold."

It was on this same site, Carswell added, that Jacob B. Martin and Putman (sic) F. Ponsell were hanged September 23, 1921, for the murder of John F. Tuggle, of Chipley. This was said to have been the last public hanging in Florida.

News reports mentioned that a wire fence erected for the Blackwell hanging was still in place for the Martin-Ponsell hanging.

Charlie Webb, of Crestview, who has a private museum, told the STAR he was attending school in a building near the court house on the day of Blackwell's execution, and school was dismissed so youngsters could attend the hanging.

He identified Blackwell as the tall man in the middle of the scaffold with a cross on his coat.

Webb said one enterprising man sold pieces of the hanging rope as souvenirs, and business was so brisk he had to buy additional rope several times and pass it off as the real thing.



# Sneakers Are Part of Uniform

WEST PALM BEACH — Deputy Sheriff C. “Dutch” Schultz wears a regulation uniform from the top of his head to his ankles — on his feet he wears a pair of faded blue sneakers. Getting out of a patrol car he would look rather ridiculous, but stepping from his patrol boat to the dock he looks right at home.

Schultz is one of five water-going deputy sheriffs in the Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Department. The Harbor Patrol officers man three boats to enforce laws for boaters and encourage water safety. A 20-year Navy veteran who served in submarines during World War II, Schultz was a Lake Park policeman before combining his talents in his present job.

His beat covers the waters along the northern part of the county in the Intracoastal Waterway from the Lake Worth Inlet to the Martin County line and along the Atlantic Ocean beach. Much of his day is spent hailing boaters that they’re going too fast and making too much wake or checking their equipment. When he has to, he gives tickets — for skiing without a rearview mirror or observer, using spearguns where they’re not allowed.

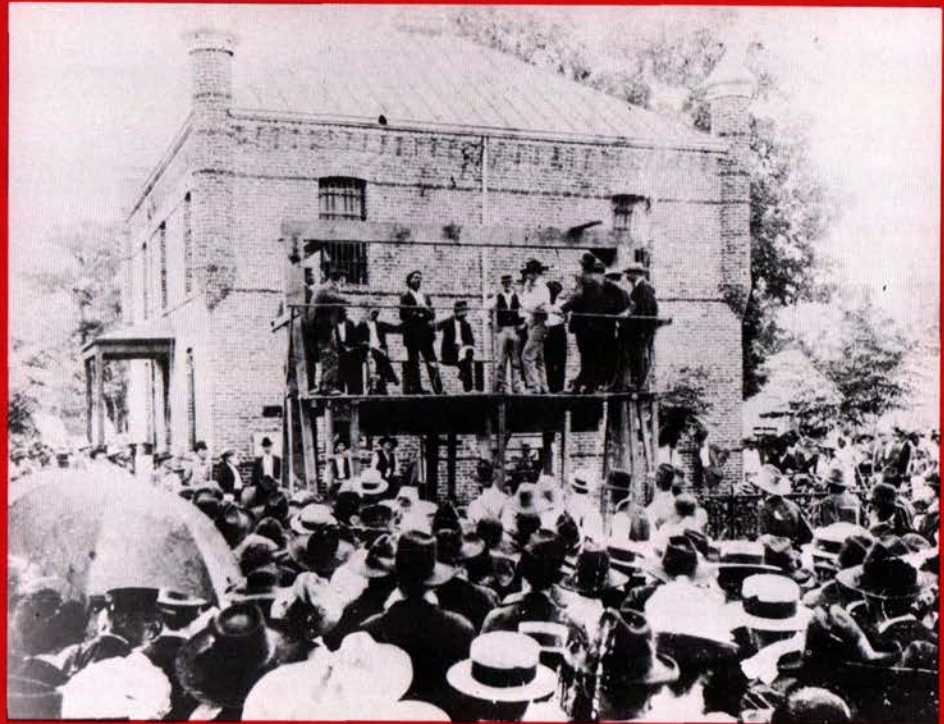


The Harbor Patrol cooperates with the Coast Guard, handling their calls in the Intracoastal Waterway and occasionally venturing out into the ocean if the Coast Guard is tied up.

Many of the distress calls handled by the Patrol are from boats with engine trouble. Drowning cases are also handled by these deputies who are all qualified divers and make one dive a week to stay in shape.

Schultz is in his element as a Harbor Patrol deputy and you just know he has no desire to trade in his sneakers for shiny black shoes.

With this photograph of a 1901 hanging at the Washington County Court House, Vernon, Florida, former Washington County Sheriff George Watts helped us to determine that our September cover picture was not taken at Vernon. The architectural differences in the two buildings are obvious, seeming to verify that the September cover picture was taken at Crestview. Regarding the photograph at right, Watts had this to say: Four colored males were hanged that day (July 5, 1901) by Sheriff J. A. (Jack) McKeithen. Their names were John Simmons, Henry Harrison, Bill Williams, and Belton Hamilton. In the photograph they are on the scaffold, handcuffed together, with three of them sitting on a bench, and one standing. The one standing, when invited by the Sheriff to make a last statement, is said to have given a lengthy discourse on the “Crime Does Not Pay” theme. It was reported nearly 5,000 people viewed the hanging, in spite of rainy weather. In 1926, Washington County voters voted to move the county seat to Chipley, and the move was made in 1927.







### Boys Ranch Horse Show Winners

When the dust settled at the end of a two-day horse show celebrating the 16th Anniversary of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, these were the top winners. The small boy in front of the group is Shawn Willis, Green Cove Springs, Fingerling Class. The others are (from left) Brian Forehand, Green Cove Springs, Small Fry Class; Ronnie Willis, Green Cove Springs, Junior Boys Class and overall high point trophy winner for the show; Donnie Carney, Green Cove Springs, Senior Class; Bobbie Rhoden, of Olustee, Powder Puff Class; Carrie Revels, Green Cove Springs, Junior Powder Puff Class; and Sam Roach, of Kingsland, Ga., Jack Benny Class. Miss Rhoden represented Baker County Riding Club, and Roach represented Broken Spur Riding Club. The others are members of Clay Mavericks, the Clay County riding club that built the show arena at the Boys Ranch and has staged horse shows during the past three anniversary observances.

### Sex Crime Seminar

SANFORD — "Sex Crimes and the Morals Squad" is the title of a seminar to be conducted by Walter V. McLaughlin, a nationally recognized authority on the investigation of abnormal sex offenders. It will be held January 21-25, 1974, and the registration fee is only \$20.

The program is being sponsored by the Criminal Justice Department of Seminole Junior College and pre-registration can be accomplished by sending a check to Dr. John P. Linehan, Seminole Junior College, Sanford, FL 32771.

The seminar will be held each day from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Red Carpet Inn, Interstate 4 at Route 436, Altamonte Springs.

### Unique Distinction

WAUCHULA — Many Sheriffs have attended the FBI National Academy before becoming Sheriffs, but it is rare for a Sheriff to attend while serving as Sheriff. Hardee County Sheriff Newton Murdock, a veteran lawman with many years of experience and impressive training credentials, has graduated from the Academy.

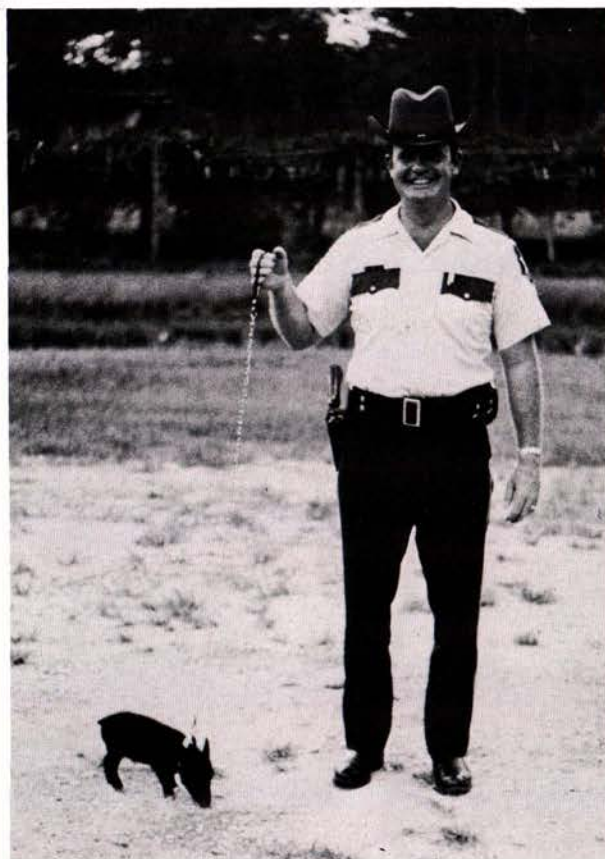


### Genung Receives Highest Honor

CLEARWATER — Pinellas County Sheriff Don Genung recently attended the coronation of the Supreme Council of Scottish Rite Masons in Washington, D.C. and received his 33rd degree, which is the highest honor a Mason can receive in a lifetime.

### Who's Up Tight ?

PORT ST. JOE — Gulf County Deputy Sheriff Jimmy Williams didn't get up tight about having his picture taken with a pet pig — in fact he obviously enjoyed it. Joe knows that PIG stands for pride, integrity and guts, and that's a combination to be proud of.





## Strays May Have Been Rustled

TALLAHASSEE — Cattle rustling continues to be a serious problem in many parts of Florida, but law enforcement agencies can do a better job of apprehending these criminals if livestock thefts are reported promptly.

According to Richard F. Marsh, Florida Department of Agriculture, a case in Palm Beach County was solved in just three days because the owner of the Davis Dairy Farms quickly reported the loss of 14 calves valued at \$2,800.

Capt. Claude Tindall and Deputy Sheriff Dave Chasteen of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, working with Investigator Warren Adams of the Marks and Brands Unit, Dept. of Agriculture, soon had five men in custody charged with grand larceny and the cattle were recovered.

Marsh said owners sometimes hesitate to report missing livestock thinking they may have strayed, but this gives rustlers time to butcher the cattle and dispose of the evidence.

As a result of the "professional manner in which they handled this case," the three officers received letters of commendation from Agriculture Commissioner Doyle Conner.

## Many Supporters

SARASOTA — One issue of the SARASOTA HERALD-TRIBUNE described briefly the activities of all local women's organizations and no less than 15 of them said they gave donations to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch and/or Girls Villa.

## Mobile Lab Does It All

JACKSONVILLE — What does a mobile crime lab need to include to be well equipped these days? The answer might be found by looking inside a "mobile evidence collection unit" put into operation by Sheriff Dale Carson's Department with the help of a \$10,000 federal grant.

The unit can gather and preserve fingerprints and blood samples, test suspected narcotics and dangerous drugs and take molds of tire tracks and footprints. That's standard.

This lab is also equipped with full ultraviolet lighting to test documents for suspected forgeries or alterations. Then there's a metal detector and a special vacuum cleaner for dust collection. The unit also has its own generator and portable lights.

## This Oil Doesn't Lubricate

NEW YORK, N.Y. — In a recent issue of this city's official police magazine "SPRING 3100", an article alerted policemen to be on the lookout for hashish oil which is a concentrated form of marijuana and about 30 times as potent.

The article said the oil can be added to a regular cigarette and smoked with no telltale odor or it can be added to tobacco and rolled into a "joint" or smoked in a pipe. The powerful liquid can be mixed in foods, usually a fudge called "hash cookies."

Perhaps fearing officers might try the standard television test to identify drugs, police officers were warned not to attempt any type of taste test if they suspect the presence of liquid hash. After all, a single drop can produce a "high".



**Ribbon Cutting For New Range**

BARTOW — With the help of many volunteers, the County Commission, and USS Agrichemicals, the Polk County Sheriff's Department has a new pistol range complete with sheltered shooting area, concrete walk-ways and mechanical target stands. On hand for the official ribbon cutting ceremonies were (left to right) County Commissioner Frank Smith; G. W. Beck, Florida Operations Manager of USS Agrichemicals; J. K. Stuart; Sheriff Monroe Brannen; M. W. Gottschall, Land Manager for Agrichemicals and Commissioner Jack Simmers. (Lakeland Ledger photo by Sara Sharpe.)

## Benefits For Police Discussed

CLEARWATER — Over 100 law enforcement officers from a four-county area were on hand for a seminar dealing with their state retirement benefits. Sheriff Don Genuing of Pinellas County (R) was host and master of ceremonies while State Representative Tony Fontana (L) discussed pending legislation aimed at improving the retirement benefits of high risk law enforcement personnel. The seminar was sponsored by the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge # 43, and FOP state president Dick Witt (Center) was on hand for the discussion.





# Honor Roll of Donors



Organizations and individuals who have given large gifts to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund, 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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## Lifetime Honorary



Lt. Fred N. Littlefield (L) of the Osceola County Sheriff's Department has supported the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, since it began, by raising funds. For his efforts he has been made a Lifetime Honorary Member of the Florida Sheriffs Association as has E. C. Grisson, Jr. (right of center) of Kissimmee who has made numerous gifts to the Ranch. Their plaques were presented by Osceola County Sheriff Ernest P. Murphy (left center) and Boys Ranch Executive Director Harry Weaver.

In recognition of his generous contributions to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch and Girls Villa, Richard Henry Taylor of Fort Pierce (L) receives a Sheriffs Association Lifetime Honorary Membership plaque from St. Lucie County Sheriff Lanie Norvell.





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## Members



Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Trustee  
Ed Pickerill (L) of Orlando and Orange  
County Sheriff Mel Colman (R) present  
Deputy Rick Mana with a Florida Sheriffs  
Association Lifetime Honorary Membership  
plaque for his help in raising money for the  
Boys Ranch. Trustee Pickerill says Deputy  
Mana has been helping out for seven years  
and is still at it.

Calvin C. Dauphinee of Gainesville (R) has  
been an Honorary Member of the Sheriffs  
Association since 1960 and Alachua County  
Sheriff Joe Crevasse recently elevated him to  
Lifetime status to say "Thanks" for generous  
contributions to the Florida Sheriffs Boys  
Ranch and Girls Villa.



... a home for dependent, neglected and  
homeless boys sponsored by the  
Florida Sheriffs Association. It is  
not an institution for delinquents.

LOCATED — nine miles north of  
Live Oak, Florida

FOUNDED — in 1957

FINANCING — supported entirely  
by voluntary gifts

SIZE — 2,800 acres

ENROLLMENT — 125 boys are  
under care at the present time

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... a similar institution for needy and  
worthy girls located near Bartow,  
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ARE DEDUCTIBLE FOR INCOME  
TAX PURPOSES.



... a newly-chartered convenience for  
donors. Its purpose is to generate,  
receive and disburse funds for the  
Ranch, the Villa, and any other  
youth programs that may be develop-  
ed by the Florida Sheriffs Associa-  
tion. Donors who do not want to  
make a choice between supporting  
the Ranch or Villa can give their gifts  
to the Youth Fund and the money  
will go where it is most needed. This  
makes budgeting and bookkeeping  
more economical and more efficient.

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## What Makes Dick Tick?

Our runaway problems increased 32 per cent in 1972; burglaries by juveniles increased 42 per cent; the number of juveniles involved in burglaries has increased by 65 per cent.

This indicates to me that the impetus is being generated by the previously stated aura of permissiveness, probation, etc. Another factor is that our Division of Youth Services that handles juveniles is now a State function, rather than County. Where's the local interest?

**QUESTION:** Some young people complain that you automatically equate long hair and mod dress with "hippie" behavior or criminal intent. Do you indeed have a "thing" about long hair on a male? Are there any statistics available that indicate any relationship between the mod attire and lawlessness?

**ANSWER:** Long Hair! EVERY drug abuser, pusher, doper, etc. whom we have ever arrested has had long hair. Also, they have generally been dirty, slovenly, and far less cooperative.

Yet when they appear in Court, they are the epitome of sartorial splendor, generally with hair neatly trimmed. No, I don't equate long hair with lawlessness but under suspicious circumstances, it becomes a dead giveaway.

Yes, I personally feel long hair on a male is distasteful, due to my own upbringing and standards. However, I make so few arrests personally, I don't think you could say that this bias would affect the fact that we win over 80 per cent of our cases.

**QUESTION:** As the situation now stands, do you think society enjoys as much protection as it should, taking into consideration what some have termed a more lenient attitude expressed by the judiciary from the U. S. Supreme Court on down?

**ANSWER:** Society is not now enjoying nearly as much protection as it should, through Court decisions and/or general judicial attitudes. Take the Ellsberg case as an example. He was charged with a burglary; yet the case was dismissed because someone else committed a crime against him. Two wrongs don't make a right.

Or, a slight technicality of contraband seizure also allowing criminals to go free, even though caught with the proceeds of their crime.

Another illustration. We received a tip concerning the delivery of packages of cocaine to a local "drop" area. We knew every detail connected with the incident—the driver, his attire, make of car, color, year, license plates, even where the drug would be stored.

We staked out the place, apprehended the individual, and located the cocaine.

Charges against him were dismissed due to a procedural technicality permitting him to continue to practice his illicit "trade." However, we WERE permitted to confiscate the cocaine.

**QUESTION:** Under existing conditions, do you think lawlessness will continue to increase?

**ANSWER:** Most definitely, generally due to our greater and greater permissive laws, judicial processes including court decisions thereby lowering morals and increasing drug abuse.

Through evaluating past societies, there's a direct parallel between the excessive use of alcohol and subsequent lowering of moral standards and the historic drug-abuse problem that produces the same results.

I say "historic" because, for centuries, drug traffic flourished throughout the Near and Far East. The effects were devastating upon the people as attested to by their slower rate

of progress and lower standards.

Until recently, Western civilization was characterized, in general, by a moderate alcohol problem. In the past 25 years, both the excessive use of alcohol and the introduction of drugs have had profound effects all leading to the lowering of ideals.

Many laws have been passed reducing penalties for drug abuse. In effect, this tells our young people that it really isn't so bad. Many unknowing people are openly advocating what I would term lowering behavioral and moral standards.

**QUESTION:** If you could re-write certain laws and procedures, what modifications would you make that you sincerely feel would reduce the crime rate? Do you see any possibility of such changes occurring?

**ANSWER:** What a game! I would remove technicalities where intent and procedure were logically indicated and not maliciously motivated, affording greater protection to societal rights. In my opinion, there is no such thing as a non-societal crime, such as gambling or drug abuse.

No, I really don't see any hope for effecting such changes and in this respect I feel like a fish out of water. As stated earlier, the trend is the other way and, I'm afraid, will continue along the same lines.

Yet, if our Nation as we know it today, 10 years ago, or 20, is to survive, we MUST return to what I would term a higher level of decency and social morals.

This is NOT to say we should try to turn back the clock on progress; rather, I'm talking about standards of conduct and basic attitudes.

### Sheriff Burps Newest Deputy

SANFORD — After three girls, Judy Miller must have known her fourth child was going to be a boy because she spent a lot of time making a tiny deputy sheriff's uniform just like husband Ronnie Miller's. Ronald Dale Miller, Jr. wore his sergeant's outfit home from the hospital and his parents stopped off to show him off to Seminole County Sheriff John Polk who "burped" his newest deputy.





## 'Like a Home' Says Boys Work Professional

At the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, impressing visitors is an every day occurrence. But, impressing a boys work professional with a degree in social work is something special.

This being the case, we were proud of the comments made by Richard Uhlich, who holds a degree in social work from Syracuse University and has been involved in Boys Club work in Florida and elsewhere.

Uhlich said the Ranch "feels like a home, even to the casual observer. The people fill it with human warmth and love, along with generous amounts of understanding.

"In my experience at similar institutions, here and in Europe," he said, "I have never before found an establishment fortunate enough to implement such courageous and foresighted program design. The Boys Ranch is truly a model institution."

Uhlich is the brother-in-law of Palm Beach County Sheriff Bill Heidtman. He is living and working in Jacksonville.

## Sheriff Believes In Psychological Testing

FT. LAUDERDALE — Should prospective deputy sheriffs be screened by psychological testing? Broward County Sheriff Edward Stack's answer is a very definite "yes". He instituted testing procedures in his Department two years ago and thinks other agencies would be wise to do the same.

"There is a value in psychological testing," Stack said. He explained that applicants for deputy sheriff positions undergo all-day testing by three psychologists and only one out of every 10 is hired. These men also take polygraph tests to determine if they have any past criminal history or if they have used drugs.

"Testing will demonstrate sadistic tendencies as well as sexual behavior patterns and the ability to make decisions under stress," the Sheriff said. "A man may do fine under normal circumstances, but how will he react under stress?"

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## *Florida Sheriffs Association's Mid-Winter Conference*

*January 9-12, 1974  
at the  
Holiday Inn,  
Crystal River, Florida*

☆ *Sheriff B. R. Quinn* ☆  
*Conference Host*

## Collective Bargaining - So That's How It Works

The Associated Press, on November 7, 1973, reported that the 10,900-member Uniformed Fire Fighters Association had defied a court no-strike order to put on the first full-scale strike by firemen in the history of New York City.

Fire Chief John T. O'Hagan termed the strike "almost totally effective" and said it had placed the city "in a condition of imminent peril."

During the strike, civilian volunteers lugged fire hoses and broke windows in smoke-filled buildings at several large blazes to assist undermanned fire crews, The Associated Press said.

According to the news report, "fire officials said strikers had intimidated firemen in at least six firehouses, and had lain in front of fire engines until they were forcibly removed by police."

The walkout was in violation of a state law which prohibits strikes by public employees.

The union has been demanding a \$2,000 hike over the current \$14,300 annual base pay, the AP said.

Q Who said collective bargaining is desirable for public employees in vital areas such as fire and police protection?

A We didn't.

Q Who said a proposed no-strike law for public employees in Florida would be effective?

A We didn't.

Q Who said "Trust and confidence ends when collective bargaining begins"?

A We did.

Q Who defined Bargaining as "to haggle"?

A Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, that's who.



# HELP! STOP CRIME

## 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 become a less inviting target, follow these suggestions from the HELP STOP CRIME program, sponsored by the Governor's Crime Prevention Committee. (For more information about the program, contact Stewart Price, P. O. Box 3893, Tallahassee, FL 32303.)*

### Familiarize your employees with robbery prevention measures.

Hold frequent meetings, and make plans in advance as to who will take certain actions if a robbery occurs. For instance, who calls the authorities? Who makes observations of the robbers and the getaway car? Who protects the evidence at the scene? Who detains witnesses?

Some employees may be especially gifted in the art of observation. You should alert these persons to make careful observations during a robbery. It's a good idea to practice observation with your employees. For example, ask them to describe the last customer who was in your business.



If possible, install "height markers" at varying levels on door frames. These can easily be made with plastic tape and can help in estimating the height of the robber.

SUSPECT IDENTITY CHART	
Physical Description	
Hair	Height
Color-Cut	Complexion
Eyes-Eyeglasses	Speech Characteristics (Accent, Lisp, etc.)
Beard, Moustache, Sideburns	Visible Scars, Marks, Tattoos
Shirt	Nationality if known
Coat or Jacket	Age
	Weight
Weapon Left or Right Handed	Method of Escape: Direction
Trousers	Vehicle Description: Auto License
Shoes	Make/Yr.
	Color
	Additional Remarks:

### Check the references of job applicants carefully.

In a surprising number of cases, apprehended robbers have turned out to be past employees of the business that was robbed. Careful screening of job applicants can help prevent this. Follow up on character references. You never need apologize for exercising this common-sense precaution.

A small investment in an inexpensive camera can help law enforcement agencies identify a past employee who has come back to rob you. Knowing such a picture exists can discourage the potential robber.

### Use two people (at least) to open and close your business.

Establish a system of prearranged signals. One person should remain outside (or inside, upon closing) until the other gives the all-clear signal. Always try to enter or leave via the front door. Too many robberies have been committed in dark alleys.