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WHO SAID "NOBODY LOVES A POLICEMAN"?

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Cadet is Outstanding

BRADENTON — Mike Makar, 17-year old Manatee County Sheriff's Department Cadet, holds the plaque he received for "Outstanding Service" to his community. Makar has been a member of Sheriff R. W. Weitzenfeld's Cadet program four years and has reached the rank of Cadet Captain. He received the award after being selected 1st Runnerup for "Cadet of the Year" in Florida. He is currently a student at Manatee Junior College. (Photo by THE ISLANDER)



A Gift for Ranch or Villa

SEBRING — A television, radio and stereo record player console donated by Harrison A. Kosove (right) was accepted by Highlands County Sheriff O. L. Raulerson, Jr., for delivery to The Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch or The Florida Sheriffs Girls Villa, depending upon which institution can show the greatest need.



Recognition for Honesty

SANFORD — While riding his bicycle in south Seminole County, 10-year-old Tom Vongunten found a very large sum of money and turned it over to the Sheriff's Department. According to Florida law, the money will be his if, after a certain length of time, no one claims the money. Even if the money is claimed, Sheriff John Polk thought Tom's honesty deserved recognition so he received a Florida Sheriffs Association Distinguished Service Award.

Indictments charge newspaper with destroying murder case evidence

FORT MYERS — In a case apparently unprecedented in Florida, The Fort Myers News-Press, a Gannett newspaper, has been indicted by a grand jury and charged with destroying important murder case evidence.

The evidence was identified as tape recordings which Lee County Sheriff Frank Wanicka described as "invaluable to our investigation" of the murder of James O'Neill.

O'Neill was found shot in his home here September 28, 1974, and Margie Johnson (a/k/a Margie Johnson Lamoreaux) was charged with murdering him after she surrendered to officers through a News-Press reporter, Fran Williams, on October 3, 1974.

The next day, the News-Press published an article by Fran Williams headlined "Grandmother Turns Self In" which detailed Mrs. Johnson's arrest.

Background information contained in the article prompted questioning of Miss Williams after she was granted immunity from prosecution.

Sheriff Wanicka said this led to discovery that two conversations between Miss Williams and Mrs. Johnson had been tape recorded, and the tapes were destroyed the same day they were recorded. He said testimony about the tapes convinced him they contained information vital to the murder case.

The murder charge against Mrs. Johnson was dropped after Judge David Orosz ruled the state lacked sufficient evidence to prosecute.

Sheriff Wanicka said Mrs. Johnson is still the major suspect, but the likelihood of obtaining an indictment against her has been lessened because of the missing tapes.

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Sgt. Edward Palmer of the Sarasota County Sheriff's Department, Traffic Division, explained the value of the motorcycle in law enforcement to a Sarasota youth. This part of the display was very popular with the younger set.



Sheriff Jim Hardcastle (left) and his wife Irene, along with Sarasota Chief of Police Francis Scott (right) presented a copy of a proclamation honoring National Police Week to Tom Shay, President of the Gulf Gate Mall Merchants Association.

Institute Graduate

DEFUNIAK SPRINGS — Walton County Sheriff L. S. (Sam) Campbell was one of 56 Sheriffs from 24 states who were graduated from the National Sheriffs' Institute sponsored by the National Sheriffs' Association.



Sheriff Jim Hardcastle (right) made sure Lisa Duffy (left), Sheriff's Cadet; Sgt. Edward Palmer of the Sheriff's Department; and Cadet Robert Gardner all knew how to operate the mobile digital communications console so they could explain it to the public.

LAW ENFORCEMENT ON DISPLAY

SARASOTA — As part of the National Police Week observance, Sheriff Jim Hardcastle set up a law enforcement exhibit in one of this area's shopping malls.

On display was sophisticated police equipment used by law enforcement agencies in Sarasota County. A traffic radar unit, mobile digital communications console and breathalyzer were operational and demonstrated by members of the Sheriff's Department, Sheriff's Cadet Corps, Sarasota Police Department and Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 3.

To be sure everyone coming into the mall was aware of the exhibit, a police light was flashing.

Visitors learned about different kinds of locks and other home security devices and looked over a collection of law enforcement shoulder patches collected from around the world.

Sheriff Hardcastle said he was pleased with the public's response to the display and he hoped it would help establish new and positive lines of communication between his department and the public.

Whitehead and Colman appointed

TALLAHASSEE — Two sheriffs have been named to the Florida Correctional Standards Council by Governor Reubin Askew. They are Sheriff John Whitehead, of Union County, and Sheriff Mel Colman, of Orange County.

The Council is charged with prescribing what kinds of training will be required of corrections officers working in city and county jails and state prisons.

Sheriff Whitehead is the current President of the Florida Sheriffs Association.



Shove it to 'em, Shevin !

Attorney General Robert Shevin

Sheriffs don't have much to cheer about these days, but they were happily muttering, "Shove it to 'em, Shevin" and "Hit 'em again, Hans" when they listened to tough, free-swinging speeches by two rumored candidates for governor during the 62nd Annual Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association, in Jacksonville. Jacksonville Mayor Hans Tanzler was the keynote speaker at the opening ceremonies, July 23, and Attorney General Robert Shevin addressed a large luncheon crowd on July 25.

Like an eager boxer, Attorney General Robert Shevin came out swinging and gave Sheriffs the kind of "get tough" talk they like to hear.

He lambasted judges almost as lustily as he did criminals, and, at one point, he spoke of "muddled thinking" of a federal judge who has ordered Florida to reduce its prison population by more than 3,000 next year.

"He orders us to do this," said Shevin, "in spite of the fact that the population is rising and the number of crimes is going up. Just what does he expect us to do with the additional thieves, killers, robbers and rapists we pick up in the next two years? Put them in the Jacksonville Hilton?"

"IT'S A TRAVESTY"

"He says overcrowding is violating the prisoner's civil rights. Well, what is he going to do for the civil rights of you and me and every other law-abiding citizen of Florida who are guaranteed by the constitution the right to expect domestic tranquility?"

The Attorney General praised the Florida Legislature for passing a law that guarantees a three-year mandatory sentence with no parole for using a firearm in a whole string of serious crimes, but he also chided the lawmakers for not getting tougher.

"In my judgment," he said, "it's a travesty to see someone convicted of a serious crime, given a stiff sentence, then see him, or her, back on the streets again after having served less than one-third of the sentence.

"Crime is no joke, and sentencing shouldn't be either. If a

man is given life, he should serve at least 25 years. If he is given 30 years, he ought to serve at least a third of that time. Anything less is a slap on the wrist and nothing more."

Offering more advice for the Legislature, he urged passage of a bill denying bail to all persons convicted of a felony unless there are strong grounds to believe they would get a reversal of their appeal.

ONE OF THE WORST THREATS

He pointed out that less than ten per cent of all criminal appeals are successful, and, yet, "while these appeals are pending, some for one or two years, usually on some spurious basis, these felons walk among us menacing our persons and property."

This, he said, is one of the worst threats to society these days — "the individual who has been convicted of a crime, and who has appealed his conviction, and who is wandering around loose trying to round up attorneys' fees and other expenses.

"It is difficult to estimate how many crimes — including murders and other major assaults — are committed by felons waiting the results of an appeal."

The Legislature should also do something about the disparity of sentences that gives one person life for murder, and another probation, Shevin said, explaining this actually happened in Florida.

"We need some system, a board or a court of review, to make

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Hit'em again, Hans!

Jacksonville Mayor Hans Tanzler



Once upon a time, tall, handsome Hans Tanzler had it made. He was a successful judge. By his own description, this was a cushy job, and, yet, he left it to become mayor of the consolidated city of Jacksonville.

He left it for a job that keeps his telephone ringing night and day, a job that requires him to "run up and down the street getting reelected", a job that requires him to "hear everyone's complaints".

What made him do it?

Well, for one thing, he was fed up with "turnstile justice" — of seeing people sentenced to five, ten, 50 years, even life imprisonment, and, then, finding them free again, back on the streets, in a relatively few years.

He was fed up with court decisions like Escabedo and Miranda which opened prison doors and sent "all those familiar faces" of hoodlums back through the court system en route to freedom. It was "like changing the rules after the game was over", and it appalled him.

He confessed all this to Sheriffs and guests at the opening session of the Sheriffs Association's 62nd Annual Conference, then he lashed out at a judiciary that "is always concerned with the rights of the accused."

And, he zeroed in specifically on a federal judge who has ordered Jacksonville to make vast changes in its jail. "He has ordered us to hire 104 additional people," Tanzler said, "at an additional cost of \$2 million per year; to give prisoners the right to have daily personal contact with members of their families any time of the day or night; to provide daily recreation for prisoners; to cut the population of the jail; and to post in the jail a notice (since this is a class action) asking prisoners 'would you like to join in the court suit?' (the one that triggered the judge's order).

"Perhaps, you will say, 'this is insanity', but don't be laughing too long. This may be the beginning of another move to upset the applecart.

"Something has happened to the thinking in America," he said, "and there will have to be some thinking on the other side. We need to step back and take another look. We need to provide justice for all people, not just those in jail."

Shifting to the subject of capital punishment, Tanzler said he had witnessed an execution "and it was awful, but I also saw crime victims when I was a prosecuting attorney and

that was worse."

It was Tanzler's contention that capital punishment is a crime deterrent, and, to nail down his point, he cited an actual case in which two armed robbers debated whether or not to kill their victim. One was holding a gun against the victim's head with the hammer in firing position, while the other one talked him out of pulling the trigger by arguing there was no use taking a chance on the electric chair.

With wry cynicism, Tanzler recalled that he had previously denied bond to this trigger-happy gunman, but had been ordered to set bond, and the convicted man was caught in four more robberies while free under bond.

"He finally got more sentences," said Tanzler, "a total of 80 years, and he sent me a message that he was going to kill the judge, rape his wife and kill his children."

Tanzler said he wrote to the Parole and Probation Commission to explain he was "very much interested in this case", and, if any decision was made to parole the prisoner, he would like to be informed.

"I was speaking in a church about a month ago," Tanzler said, "when the Florida Highway Patrol got a message to me to call Raiford (the state prison)."

Tanzler said when he called he was informed that the prisoner who threatened him had escaped. Tanzler asked how the man had escaped from maximum security, and he was informed the man had been a trusty; in fact, he had made his escape in Tampa where he had been making speeches to a convention of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

"I found out he had been staying at the Holiday Inn," said Tanzler, "and, when he was supposed to return to his room, he just didn't show up. They finally caught him in Iowa, and they probably want him back so he can attend the next convention."

Tanzler went on to cite the case of the parolee hired by the Division of Youth Services, and likened this to "putting a fox in a chicken coop".

For criminals, the odds are good that they will not be apprehended and not be tried, and, if they are tried, there is hardly any chance of being sentenced, Tanzler said.

He declared that the pendulum will have to swing the other way "so that we recognize that punishment is a deterrent to crime. When we get back to that, whatever price we have to pay, it will be worth the price."



Sheriff Jack Bent (left), of Charlotte County, and Sheriff John Whitehead, of Union County, presided over the various meetings as Sheriffs Association Vice President and President, respectively.



The Sheriffs Association presented Distinguished Service Awards to three members of the Florida Legislature who in 1975 served well the cause of law enforcement. They were (from left): Senator Dan Scarborough, Jacksonville; Rep. Ed Blackburn, Tampa; and Rep. Ralph Haben, Palmetto.

62 nd Annual Conference reveals what's bugging Sheriffs

JACKSONVILLE — Sheriffs never run out of problems — they simply trade the old ones for new ones.

In case you're wondering what the current ones look like, here are some of the subjects that surfaced during the 62nd Annual Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association, July 23-25, at the Hilton Hotel.

SEX CRIMES — There's a growing awareness that a large number of crimes outside the category of "sex crimes" are sex-motivated, many of them bizarre and mystifying to investigators unschooled in the far-out ramifications of deviate behavior. To cope with this problem, Sheriffs decided to sponsor a three-day seminar for some 200 to 300 officers featuring Walter McLaughlin, nationally-recognized authority on sex-oriented crimes.

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING — It's a growing problem, and the Association voted to give Sheriffs more legal assistance with the technical aspects.

TRAINING — Because of the growing demand for professional expertise in budgeting, record keeping, and the complexities of judicial process, the Association decided to increase its three-day regional training seminars from five to six during the coming fiscal year.

EMERGENCY DRIVING INSTITUTE — Sheriffs endorsed a proposed Emergency Driving Institute to be located at the

Daytona Beach International Speedway, and a committee was appointed to recommend an action plan for the Association's involvement.

JAIL FIRE PREVENTION — Spurred by a recent tragic jail fire, Sheriffs agreed to develop a broad, comprehensive program aimed at fire prevention and rescue procedures for county jails.

EAVESDROPPING — The monitoring of law enforcement messages by unauthorized persons was described as a growing problem, and Sheriffs voted to try to find a legislative remedy.

POST-MORTEM — After analyzing the results of the 1975 Florida Legislature, Sheriffs found many new laws that will result in better and tougher law enforcement. They also favored supporting in 1976 unsuccessful 1975 bills, including one that would have restored "disorderly conduct" as a criminal action, provided the conduct was anything that might lead to violence; one that would have limited immunity of witnesses to the specific items they were called upon to testify about, and not to all their testimony; and one that would eliminate the practice of pleading "not guilty due to insanity", and would provide bifurcated trials: one to establish guilt or innocence, and one to deal with the issue of insanity.

HOW TO DO IT — Jacksonville Sheriff Dale Carson, who recently ran a successful campaign for reelection, discussed



Florida's Secretary of State, Bruce Smathers, promised sheriffs his support, as a cabinet officer, on law enforcement-related matters.



Jefferson County Sheriff Jim Scott (right) checked the quality and price of handcuffs sold by Ed Bellamy of Security Supply, Inc.



In the law enforcement equipment exhibit area, Sheriff J. Glenn Bailey, of Columbia County, talked to Tim Jezek about the radar equipment of Kustom Signals.



Manatee County Sheriff Dick Weitzenfeld (left) and Sarasota County Sheriff Jim Hardcastle looked over models of the new Sarasota County Jail and the old Courthouse (foreground) which were displayed by the architectural firm of Prindle, Patrick and Partners.



Gerry Williams (left) of General Electric was on hand to communicate with Sheriff Joe Peavy (right) of Madison County and Holmes County Sheriff Wilburn Raley about GE police radios.



Ordway P. Burden (left) explained to sheriffs how "Hundred Clubs" can lend a helping hand to survivors of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. Indian River County Sheriff Sam Joyce has such a club in his county and strongly endorsed its good works.

some of his political strategies, while fellow Sheriffs, faced with campaigns in 1976, listened intently.

OLD PROBLEMS NEVER DIE — in spite of well-intentioned laws designed to put mental patients and alcoholics in treatment facilities rather than jails, Sheriffs complained they are still encountering problems with persons in these categories. They formed a committee to seek remedies.

CAMPAIGN AIMED AT CROOKS — Sheriffs approved the concept of a proposed campaign to warn hardened and potential criminals, as well as the public at large, about a new law that provides mandatory three-year sentences for crimes in which a firearm is used.



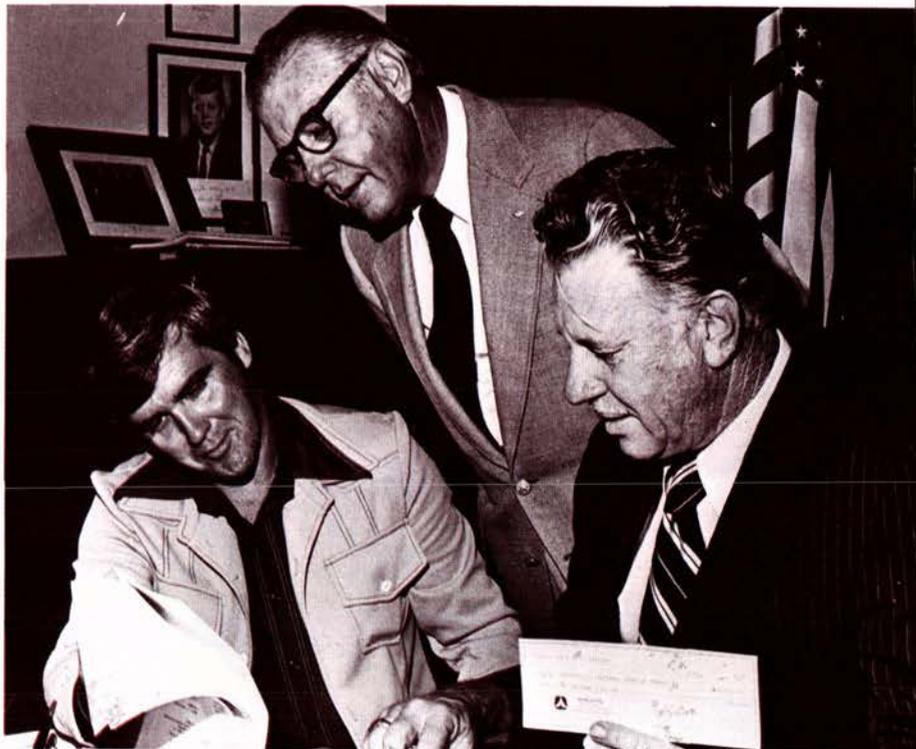
With Sheriff Dale Carson (center) handling the introductions, Jacksonville Mayor Hans Tanzler, (right) met a lot of Florida Sheriffs, including Lee County Sheriff Frank Wanicka.



Sheriff Dale Carson and wife Doris were the conference host and hostess.

"Invest in a Vest"
 Campaign began in
 the depths of sadness
 and raised police morale
 to new heights.

Fraternal Order of Police President John Acker, "Invest in a Vest" Campaign Chairman Robert C. Lechner, Sr., and Sheriff Dale Carson (left to right) tally donations totaling \$35,000 after passing the midway point of the drive. (Florida Times-Union photo by Frank Smith)



WHO SAID "NOBODY LOVES

JACKSONVILLE — Life ended for 23-year-old Deputy Sheriff Mike Stewart when a bullet from a robber's gun slammed into his chest, but shock waves from this brutal killing touched the hearts and pocketbooks of thousands of outraged citizens.

And, for months afterward, echoes came rolling back to Sheriff Dale Carson's office in the form of checks donated toward the purchase of bullet-proof vests for Deputy Stewart's surviving buddies.

A spontaneously organized "Invest in a Vest" campaign became a veritable tidal wave of sympathy and affection which jumped the borders of Jacksonville into neighboring counties and laid to rest once and for all that tired, old saying: "nobody loves a policeman".

The campaign netted nearly \$100,000 in five counties; gave some peace of mind to apprehensive police wives; and boosted police morale to new heights.

It started, however, in the depths — apparently with the comments of a tearful policeman's wife describing Mike Stewart's funeral to a news reporter. "It was just pitiful," she said. "I've never seen so many grown men, police officers, with tears in their eyes. I've cried my eyes out, and I need to talk to someone and get this off my chest.

"I think the Sheriff's Office should provide bullet-proof vests for all police officers and, if they can't, then I think every officer's wife should take it out of the grocery money and buy her husband one."

After this appeared in print, Sheriff Carson explained funds

were not available to purchase bullet-proof vests for his 917 deputies at \$70 each.

However, the police wives did not have to dig into their grocery money.

Practically overnight, public sympathy and affection mushroomed into a widely-publicized "Invest in a Vest" campaign, with Jacksonville investor Robert C. Lechner as chairman.

Individuals and organizations contributed generously. Even school kids got into the act and put their "Coke money" together to purchase several vests.

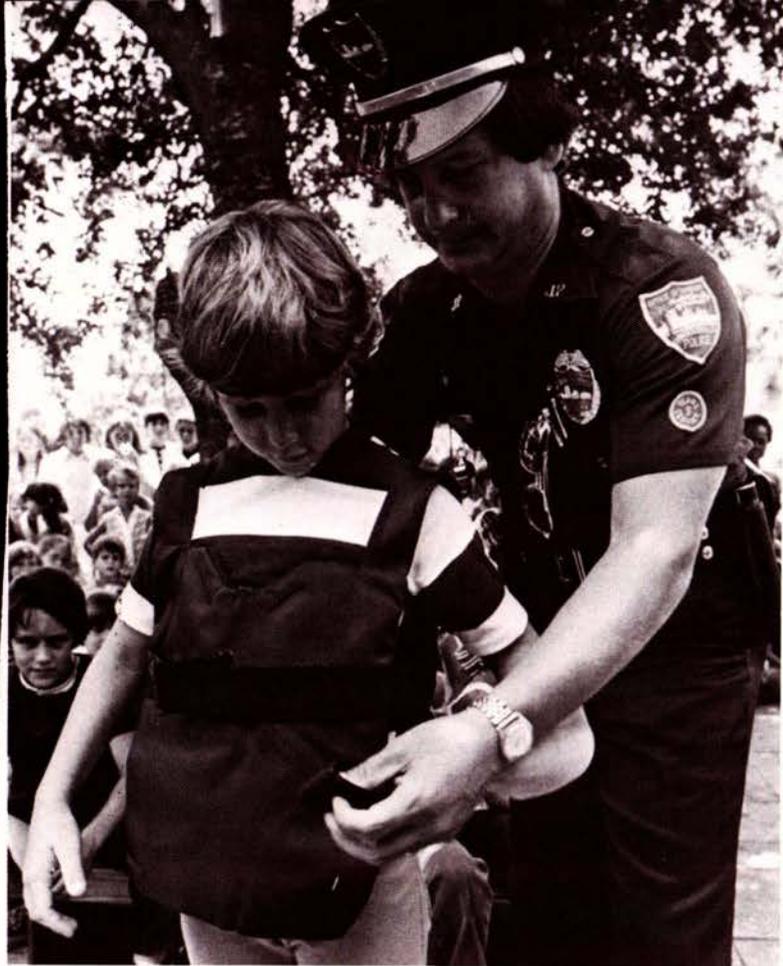
In neighboring St. Johns, Putnam, Clay and Nassau Counties, similar campaigns developed and received generous public support.

Finally, in mid-July, Sheriff Carson put the Jacksonville drive "over the top" by donating surplus funds totaling \$3,500 from his recent re-election campaign.

Thus ended a real life drama that began when Deputy Stewart had been fatally wounded; Deputy Jim English, 30, had been shot in the chest, but not fatally; one robber had been shot to death; and another robber had been seriously wounded.

Of such violence are TV shows made, but this was also a love story, and, in the shambles of a terrible tragedy, Jacksonville deputies had discovered that "somebody out there loves us".

They also gained two things to fight off the chill in cold winter nights. First, the vests themselves; and secondly, the warm affection generated by concerned citizens.



After Arlington Country Day School students held an ice cream sale to raise money for a bulletproof vest, fourth-grader Scott Murray, 10, tried it on with an assist from Deputy Ray Meyer. (Florida Times-Union Photo)



Diane Mendello, 8, gives Sgt. Robert W. Powell a kiss and three checks after she and her second-grade classmates at Merrill Road Elementary School collected \$70 for a bulletproof vest. (Florida Times-Union photo)

A "POLICEMAN"?



A Putnam County campaign to purchase bulletproof vests was going full steam when the Palatka Daily News took this picture of Sheriff Walt Pellicer (left) accepting a check from Mrs. Nellie Beck, Assistant Cashier at Charter Bank; and Walter "Bud" Usina, representing Interlachen Volunteer Fire Department.



In Clay County, Sheriff Jennings Murrhee (left) accepts a \$600 donation from Bank of Green Cove Springs President J. P. Hall, Jr., son of the late Sheriff J. P. Hall. This was one of many donations for the purchase of bulletproof vests. (Clay County Crescent photo)

Shevin

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sure that a rape in Duval County is as serious a crime as it is anywhere else in the state.

NEED TOUGHER LAWS

"The Legislature overall did a good job in the criminal justice system area, but much more needs to be done," he said.

"We still need tougher laws. We need mandatory prison sentences for violent criminals. We need swift and sure punishment, and more prisons to make that punishment come true.

"We also need to get the U.S. Supreme Court to tell us, once and for all, that they are going to allow the State of Florida to use the death penalty, the electric chair, against some of these brutal and hideous killers who pass through our midst all too often."

He cited the 13-year-old boy who was raped, sodomized and shot eight times; and the three generations in one family that were wiped out by a degenerate murderer.

"These are the kind of offenses the U.S. Supreme Court should have to rule on," he declared.

Moving on to comments about the criminal justice system in general, Shevin said, "economic squeeze or not, the first thing we need to do is to put more policemen on the streets and in cruisers to patrol our neighborhoods and business districts.

"DON'T CUT SHERIFFS' BUDGETS"

"Florida has one of the very best arrest and clearance rates in the country, and I believe this is a tribute to the outstanding law enforcement personnel we have. It demonstrates that the officers are being used efficiently and to maximum capacity.

But, if our police departments and Sheriffs' Offices had more men and women, they could do much better in both crime prevention and crime control.

"I am telling county commissioners: 'Don't cut the Sheriffs' budgets. Give them what they need.'"

Declaring we must get tougher with the career criminal, both in sentencing and keeping him in prison once he is there, Shevin said crime prevention means working hard within the criminal system to rehabilitate those who can be helped and made to be contributing and responsible members of the community.

"But, it also means keeping behind bars, forever if necessary, those social misfits and brutal sadists who will never have anything to offer but suffering and sadness."

He deplored the fact that "making the punishment fit the crime has gotten out of whack in Florida.

WHAT ABOUT VICTIMS?

"For instance, where is justice if we clothe, house, feed and look after the medical attention of the worst bandit or cold-blooded killer, while the poor, innocent, often-battered, economically ruined victim is left to fend for him or herself?

"And where is justice when a murderer, rapist, armed robber or other serious offender in one jurisdiction of Florida is given probation, and someone in another jurisdiction, convicted of the same crime, gets life?

Looking on the plus side, Shevin said the 1975 mandatory sentence law "should be a clear message to the criminal that 'if you are caught and convicted, you won't be able to rely upon some judge's bleeding heart. If you use a firearm in a felony, you're going to prison in Florida, no ifs, ands or buts.'"

He also praised the Legislature for appropriating \$21 million for adding additional prison beds. This, he said, "should serve to take care of some of the problems created by the recent federal court decision from Jacksonville."



Sheriff Enfinger Honored

MILTON — Each year the Santa Rosa County Board of Realtors presents an award to a civic leader for outstanding service in the preceding year. The 1975 award went to Sheriff Harvell Enfinger for his many contributions to progressive law enforcement in Santa Rosa County. Presenting the award was Mrs. Laura McGowan, President of the Board of Realtors.



Sheriff Congratulates Deputy

STUART — Sheriff James Holt (left) presented a check from Florida Citrus Mutual Association to Martin County Deputy John Murphy as a reward for solving a theft from grove property near Indiantown. It was the second reward presented to Murphy by Florida Citrus Mutual in the past year. (Photo by Bob Fryer, The Stuart News)



Sheriff Jim Scott inventories over 2,000 pills and capsules recovered with the arrest of a teen-age drug pusher. The drugs had been stolen while they were being delivered to a Monticello drug store. They included penicillin capsules which were being peddled to unwary customers as amphetamines (uppers). "Well", said the Sheriff, trying to look at the bright side, "they probably cured a lot of cases of V.D." (Monticello News photo)

Watermelon season, a prosperity peak in the annual turn of events, brings the rumble of heavy trucks and a flurry of activity. Nearby Jefferson County Kennel Club, nearest legal gambling outlet in a radius of over 100 miles, also opens its season about the same time. And, from June through August, it's typical to find bumper to bumper traffic circling the court house square about the time Johnny Carson is titillating the homebodies on TV.

Watermelons, dogs, gambling, a watermelon festival, an annual tour of antebellum homes and championship calibre high school football all contrive to increase the flow of transients, and whiten the Sheriff's handsome thatch of hair.

Crime is by no means petty in Jefferson County. Under "M" in the Sheriff's crime files there are murders that belie the quiet appearance of the countryside.

Under "K" there are kidnappings, including one involving a Florida Highway Patrolman as the victim.

Under "F" there's a gaggle of fugitives, including many considered "armed and dangerous", and at least one who threatened the Sheriff's life.

Under "D" Scott has filed a broad spectrum of drug cases. The war he's waging ranges from destroying patches of marijuana "on the stalk" to arresting pushers of hard drugs.

Two large universities, 20 miles away from the Jefferson County border, serve as a catalyst for drug traffic throughout this area, and, yet, Scott and his small staff manage to keep the lid on.

There was a time when Monticello was a sleepy town in a slumbering countryside. Those days are gone and the only way Jim Scott can bring them back is to put his feet up on his desk, lean back in his chair and daydream — provided the pace of his job will ever let him.

Crime-hassled Sheriff dreams

of a sleepy country village

MONTICELLO — Drive through this small town on a Sunday afternoon in mid-summer, with few signs of life other than a sleeping hound dog, and you might wonder what Jefferson County Sheriff Jim Scott finds to occupy his time.

Plenty — you better believe.

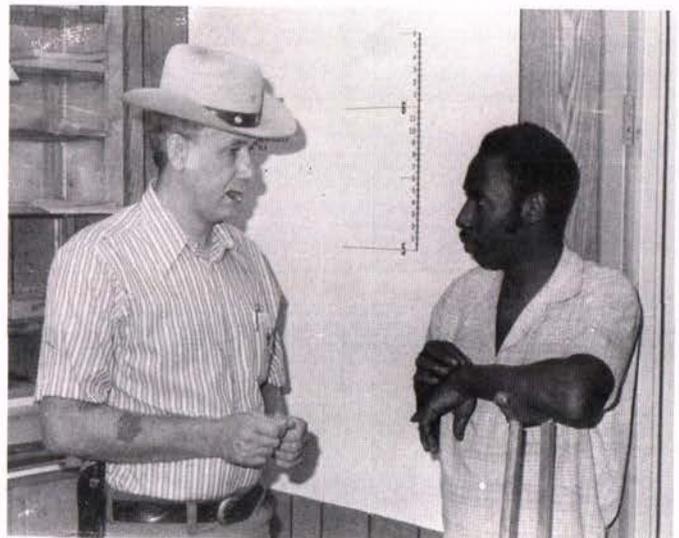
Short on funds and manpower, Scott is responsible for the peace and security of some 9,500 souls scattered over 390,000 acres, and, although the atmosphere is sometimes sleepy and bucolic, crime is no stranger to this scenic patchwork of fields and woods.

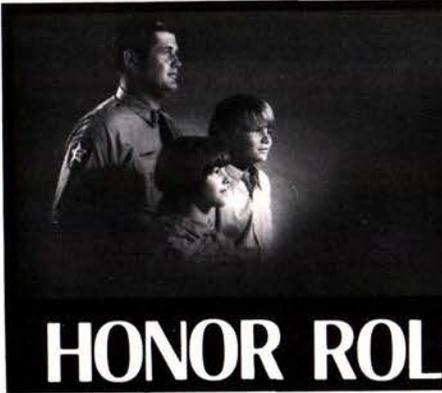
Proximity to Tallahassee, one of the nation's fastest growing cities, is one of the factors that keeps Scott awake nights.

The armed robbers who make a hit in Tallahassee and head east, sometimes contemplate knocking off a convenience store or burglarizing a drug store while passing through Jefferson County.

Four major highways (US 90, US 27, US 19 and Interstate 10) warp and woof across the county and spill all kinds of traffic-related problems into the Sheriff's lap.

The paths traveled by Sheriff Jim Scott (left) and Robert Randall have a fateful way of crossing. In 1970, when Scott was a Florida Highway Patrolman, he was severely beaten by Randall, and he later shot Randall after a high-speed chase. Five years later, on July 10, 1975, Lonnie Hagan was shot at her Monticello apartment and Randall was reported to be her assailant. That night, Randall sent Scott a message that he would turn himself in "but only to Sheriff Scott, because I know that if the Sheriff gives his word, it will not be broken." Scott told the fugitive to come on in, and his picture was taken after they met at the Jefferson County Jail.





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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Johnny Gwong (center) by Pinellas County Sheriff Bill Roberts (left) and Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund Director of Development, Don Genung.



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Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Turner by Manatee County Sheriff R. W. Weitzenfeld (center).

THAT POEM - ONE MORE TIME



Plaque Honors Fallen Comrade

SANFORD — Sheriff John Polk (left) and Lt. Max Stewart, head jailer, display a plaque which will hang in the county jail in memory of Deputy Robert O. Moore, who died in a fire at the jail that also claimed the lives of 10 inmates. The plaque reads: "In memory of Deputy Robert O. Moore who gave his life on June 9, 1975, heroically performing in the line of duty". (Sanford Herald photo by Bill Vincent)



Fastest Deputy

CLEARWATER — At the Florida Police Olympics, held in Ft. Lauderdale, Pinellas County Deputy Sheriff Wally McClarren (left) won the gold medal in the six mile, one mile and half mile races. Sheriff Bill Roberts said his deputy set record times in all three events and was the only officer to win gold medals in three track and field events.

A letter of appreciation

PUNTA GORDA — In a letter to Charlotte County Sheriff Jack Bent, T. Bruce Tyndall, President of John G. Lane Line, Inc., commended the professional and humanistic qualities of the Sheriff's Department.

One of the company's drivers was involved in a serious accident and Tyndall wrote, "I want to commend and call to your attention the very fine cooperation extended to our driver and the company personnel investigating the tragedy. Mr. Tillman (the driver) is one of our best employees and we appreciate so much the concern and interest shown him.

"Your Deputy Sheriff, A. P. Kelly, prepared the most complete and detailed accident report I have ever seen in my 30 years in the transportation business. Please extend our thanks for his excellent performance."

Some time in the dim past, a writer, whose name has gone down history's drain, sat down and penned a poem entitled "The Sheriff's Job". Although critics have failed to rank it with "The Ancient Mariner" or Homer's "Odyssey", it has attained a modicum of immortality by appearing and reappearing on political campaign literature and in law enforcement publications over a period of many years. From time to time, bar-room poets have added or changed a

few lines, but the theme has survived, and here it is one more time. This version was used in the re-election campaign of Sheriff Jay Chastain, Towns County, Georgia. A deputy from Highlands County, Florida acquired a copy when he was transporting a prisoner in Georgia. He gave it to Highlands County Sheriff O. L. Raulerson, and O. L. passed on to the STAR, Florida's "underground" law enforcement magazine.

The Sheriff's Job

*Now this Sheriff's job is a curious one;
Like the housewife's work, it's never done.
Calls come by night and come by day,
They may be near, or miles away.
Do hurry up, says the voice of the caller;
You're badly needed in Possum Holler.
Paw's on a rampage; he's got a gun;
Been looking for Maw since half-past one.
So we jump in our flivver and hit the trail;
And drive like a streamliner carrying the mail.
Our only hope and all we can figure,
Is to be on hand before Paw pulls the trigger.
We finally arrive and amid confusion—
We learn the affair was a simple delusion.
Paw with his gun was just hunting squirrels.
Maw had gone to school with the two oldest girls.
Next day we're hunting a mottle-face cow;
That night we referee a nice family row.*

*Now, that's just a sample of what we do;
An endless variety of the old and the new.
It may be a prowler, a burglar, a drunk;
He may steal your billfold, your watch or your trunk.
We set out to catch him, and we do our best;
We catch our percentage and lose the rest;
We can't catch them all, for some leave no clue—
They don't leave their cards, like the candidates do.
Sometimes they plead guilty, and the judge will scold.
Then half the county will want them paroled.
They blame the depression, the new deal, the tariff—
But most of the folks put the blame on the Sheriff.
So, it's quite a game, if you stay right in—
You'll get a pat on the back, and a sock on the chin.
But, I like it, and I'm shedding no tears—
And I'd like to be your Sheriff for another four years.*



Sheriff Supports Bicycle Safety Rodeo

SANFORD — Seminole County Sheriff John Polk's Department conducted a bicycle safety rodeo under the sponsorship of the Sanford Pilot Club. Sgt. Beau Taylor made the inspections. (Sanford Herald photo)

Retail Theft

HELP STOP CRIME

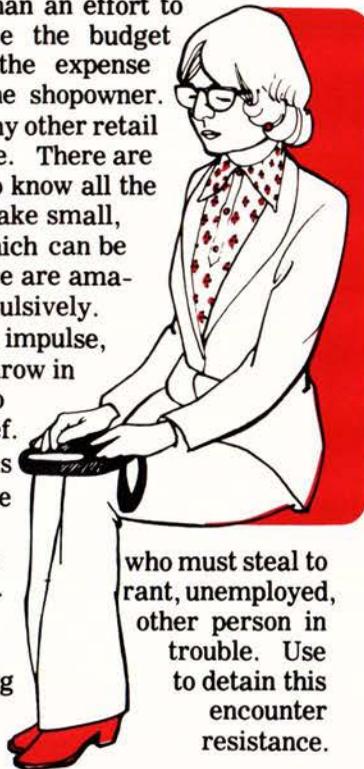
Is your business a likely target for retail theft? If it is, your losses can be very high. To do something about shoplifting, follow these suggestions from the HELP STOP CRIME program, which is sponsored by the Governor's Crime Prevention Committee. (For more information about the program, write to HELP STOP CRIME, Suite 314, 620 S. Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Fla. 32304.)

Who Are These Retail Thieves?

Statistics show that most retail thieves are teenagers and housewives. Teenage girls are the largest group of offenders. They often steal in groups getting reinforcement from the other girls and gaining higher status. Although teenage thieves steal often for thrills, they take merchandise they can use such as records, clothing, cosmetics, recreational items or things for the house. The housewives who steal often regard their act less a crime than an effort to balance the budget at the expense of the shopowner.

There are many other retail thieves, of course. There are professionals who know all the tricks and usually take small, high-value items which can be quickly resold. There are amateurs who steal impulsively. Because they act on impulse, any block you can throw in their path is likely to stop this kind of thief.

The most dangerous kind of thief is the one who has nothing to lose. The person stay alive, the vag-narcotic addict or desperate financial caution in attempting person. You may violent, physical



who must steal to rant, unemployed, other person in trouble. Use to detain this encounter resistance.

Occasionally, you will encounter a kleptomaniac, a person who steals because of a psychological disorder. Such a person is rare.

The most important thing to watch for is a person who refuses service repeatedly and is continuously on the alert or defensive. Keep track of customers who don't seem interested in articles they have asked about. Keep an eye on anyone who seems nervous or flushed. Discourage loitering and ask people who are only waiting for friends to wait outside.



Tricks of the Trade

These are some of the common techniques employed by retail thieves.

1. The old "hide it in the clothes" trick. Look for people who wear heavy outer garments out of season, baggy clothes, gloves, full or pleated skirts. Be alert for unusual walks or gestures such as tugging at sleeves or adjusting socks. Some thieves wear special hooks or straps to conceal merchandise. Others wear a dummy cast or sling. And some mothers have been known to hide things in their infant's clothing.

2. The old "hide it in the other package" trick. Watch for shoppers who enter the store carrying bundles, bags, boxes, briefcases, top coats, umbrellas, oversized purses, musical instruments, or books. Seal all your packages so that they cannot be used to conceal other items. Have shoppers check their packages at the door.

3. The old "price tag switcheroo" trick. Some thieves carry their own staplers, price tickets and phoney receipts. Others place expensive items in inexpensive containers. Both actions take time when the thief is unattended and unobserved. Never turn your back on a customer.

4. Creating a diversion by asking for more articles than the clerk can control, disrupting a display or simply engaging a clerk in a conversation while an accomplice does the thieving is an effective technique.

5. Thieves working in pairs often conceal objects in other places in the store to be picked up later by an accomplice. Items such as jewelry can be hidden beneath a counter with gum or stashed in a dressing room. Keep dressing rooms free of merchandise and look out for people who frequent the washrooms.

Other retail theft techniques are as varied as man's imagination. Thieves have been caught wearing stolen clothes or jewelry. Others have been known to try to get a refund for stolen merchandise and some have tried to walk out with large items such as television sets.