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Sheriff Raymond Hamlin (left), of Leon County and Sgt. James Moon putting up a "Think Twice" poster. See details on the back cover.

Seminars underline belief in training

■ Six regional seminars and a sex crimes seminar, all sponsored by the Florida Sheriffs Association, have underlined once again the commitment of Sheriffs to professional training of their staffs.

For the third year in a row, the Association has sponsored three-day, regional seminars, dealing with technical areas of civil process, accounts, records and budgets — subjects not taught in police training schools.

With the help of Volusia County Sheriff Ed Duff II, Seminole County Sheriff John Polk and Dr. John P. Linehan, of Seminole Junior College, the Association also arranged for a Sex Crimes and Morals Squad Seminar conducted by former FBI Police Training Coordinator Walter V. McLaughlin.

The three-day meeting, February 2-4, 1976, covered such subjects as: sex crime definition, motivating influences, the voyeur, the exhibitionist, investigation of rape and the rapist,

the child molester, obscene telephone calls, homosexuality and its influence on crime, the lust murderer, general investigative techniques, interviewing the sex offender and preventive measures.

A five-day sex crimes seminar, featuring McLaughlin and sponsored by Seminole Junior College, preceded the Sheriffs Association seminar and covered similar subjects, but in more detail.

Both the sheriffs' sex crimes seminar and the regional seminars conducted by Sheriffs Manual Editor Iven Lamb, were free of charge to sheriffs and their employees, with the Florida Sheriffs Association paying the expenses.

In addition to Lamb, the seminars in West Palm Beach, Punta Gorda, Lakeland, Gainesville, Tallahassee and Crestview utilized the talents of Capt. Fred Taylor, Dade County Public Safety Department; Berwin Williams, Director of Professional Services for the Florida Sheriffs Association; staff members from several sheriffs' offices and officials from the State Auditor General's Office.

The regional, three-day sessions attracted over 400 sheriffs' employees, while the sex crimes seminar was attended by approximately 80 law enforcement officers from around the state.

St. Augustine site for conference

■ The 63rd Annual Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association will be held in St. Augustine, June 13-16, 1976, at the Ponce de Leon Lodge and Country Club. The conference host will be St. Johns County Sheriff Dudley Garrett.

Bicentennial fever will be running high in America's oldest city when Sheriffs arrive for their conference, and they will have a few historical footnotes of their own to add to the celebration.

It was 155 years ago that the first two sheriffs took office in Florida — one in Escambia County (Pensacola) and the other in St. Johns County (St. Augustine).

Sheriffs, however, trace their origin back much further than the founding of St. Augustine or the United States. Sheriffs were mentioned in the Bible; and secular historical sources confirm their existence in the ninth century, making the office of sheriff the oldest law enforcement office known within the English Common Law system.



Seminole County Sharpshooters

SANFORD — Competing in Police Combat Matches at Waycross, Georgia, members of the Seminole County Sheriff's Department Pistol Team won three out of six matches, including the masters, expert and marksman. A previous match netted an expert trophy. Members of the team are (from left) Deputies Richard Odell, Matt Brantly, Jim Brantly (instructor), Glenn Trombly, Robert Alexander and Hugh Harrell.

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Gator Bait's reward for a successful hunt — one pint of ice cream.



Sgt. Long and dogs pick up fresh trail.

Water won't stop them

■ DADE CITY — For almost 25 years, law enforcement agencies in Pasco, Hillsborough, Sumter and Hernando counties have been calling on Pasco County Sergeant Bob Long and his tracking dogs to round up fugitives and locate missing persons.

Long started out as a jailer in Hillsborough County and pretty soon he was being loaned out to neighboring counties to assist in large-scale search operations. In 1961, former Pasco County Sheriff Leslie Bessenger asked Long and his canine partners to work for Pasco County. He accepted the invitation and he's still on the job — currently on the payroll of Sheriff Basil Gaines.

The Sergeant works primarily with two dogs — Gator Bait (a registered bloodhound) and Trouble II (a red-bone). They are not vicious and never attack their quarry. Their training started when they were two months old and, after two years of practice tracking neighborhood youngsters, they were ready for the field.

Tactics such as the use of pepper, kerosene, creosote and such don't stop Gator Bait and Trouble II — someone forgot to tell them they can't track under such adverse conditions.

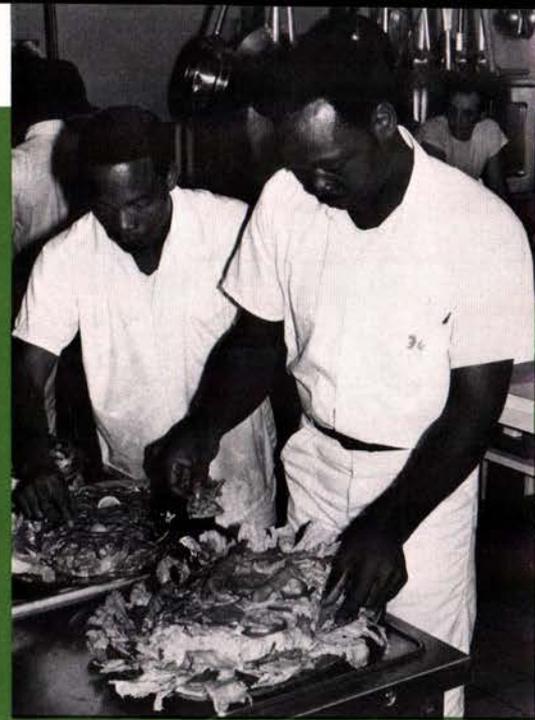
Even bodies of water hold no real problem for Long and his dogs. "Just about any body of water has bushes growing around it, and around here there's a lot of marsh area where grass is growing up out of the water," Long says. "These things catch and hold a scent. If the dogs can't track through water, I've sure spent a lot of time up to my armpits in the swamps around here for no good reason."



Pasco County Sergeant Bob Long with Gator Bait and Trouble II ready for action.



Classroom work is part of the course. Instructor Robert Morris has an extensive background in restaurant work and shares it with inmates.



Instruction covers more than just the basics. The student inmates get a chance to create salad masterpieces.

Student chefs serve



Gadsden County Sheriff W. A. Woodham (right) and Quincy Vocational Center Chief Correctional Officer Clyde Keels are both happy about the arrangement which feeds county prisoners and trains state inmates. Behind them is one of the tray carts used to carry meals between the Center and the County Jail.

A noon meal of fried chicken, English peas, mashed potatoes, rolls and cake is served to Gadsden County Jail prisoners by a trusty.

■ QUINCY — Gadsden County Sheriff W. A. Woodham employs no chefs, yet inmates at the County Jail enjoy meals prepared by 39 semi-professional cooks and bakers.

The chefs are state prisoners enrolled in the Florida Department of Offender Rehabilitation's (DOR) Food Services Training Class at the Quincy Vocational Center, adjacent to the County Jail.

The Quincy Vocational Center was established by DOR to provide professional training in cooking and baking to those inmates considered by the Department to be interested and qualified to work in the Department's food service program and who may pursue these skills as a career after their release from custody. The 16-week course in cooking and baking has been approved by the Florida State Department of Education.

The building which now houses DOR's Vocational Center was once the Gadsden County Stockade under the jurisdiction





After preparing the food, inmates get to eat what they cook.

50 cent meals

of the county road superintendent.

"The stockade averaged only five or six prisoners at a time. Such a small number didn't justify employing three people to operate it, so the state took over the property," Woodham explained. "At that time, the Quincy Vocational Center agreed to cook three meals a day for the county inmates and deliver them to the jail on trays."

The Vocational Center feeds about 130 people three meals a day. The 40 inmates enrolled in the course prepare meals for themselves, the eight men assigned to support services for the center, eight staff members and an average of 75 to 80 prisoners in the county jail.

"The jailer calls us daily before each meal to advise us how many trays we should prepare and we keep a log. At the end of the month we total it up and the Sheriff's Department reimburses us \$.50 per meal per inmate," said Clyde Keels, Chief Correctional Officer who administers the cooking and baking training program at the Quincy center.

"Each meal is complete and the meals the staff at our center eat are identical to the ones inmates and the county jail prisoners eat," Keels continued. "We also prepare road lunches. Someone at the county jail will call us the night before and let us know how many prisoners will be assigned to road maintenance crews the next day. Then we fix sandwiches and tea in an ice chest and send it out to the worksite," said Keels.

"We've had outstanding cooperation with the vocational center," said Sheriff Woodham. "You couldn't ask it to be any better. The county inmates are being fed better than if we had to prepare the meals at the jail. It's meant a real savings to the county because the state can purchase the food more cheaply than we could buy it. And it provides the vocational center inmates excellent training opportunities. Without this arrangement we would have had to hire two or three cooks at the jail and utilize other personnel to help serve the meals."

In addition to cooperation in the culinary arena, the vocational

center maintains a good ongoing relationship with the Gadsden County Sheriff's Department.

"According to Department of Offender Rehabilitation regulations, a close custody inmate has to be under armed guard when he leaves the center. If we have a problem because one of these inmates gets sick and needs to go to a doctor, we can call the Sheriff's Department and they'll send a deputy in a car who will stay with that inmate until he returns to the center," explained Keels. "The Sheriff knows we'd render any service for him just as quickly as he would for us."

Keels pointed out the DOR center receives the same kind of cooperation from Quincy Chief of Public Safety R. D. Edwards and his department.

Inmates take pride in their skills as cooks and bakers.



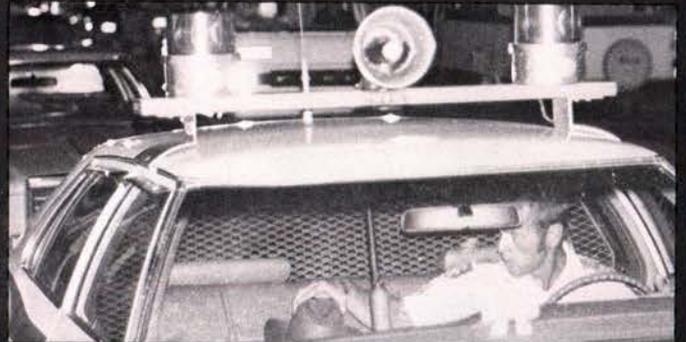


Corporal John Firmes placing subject in unmarked patrol car.

Corporal Bob Moore of the Lee County Sheriff's Department awaiting the signal from Sheriff Frank Wanicka to begin the "drug bust".



Left to right, Detective Ronald Ryckman of the Cape Coral Police Department, Sheriff Frank Wanicka, Lt. Roger Butler of the C.C.P.D., and Chief James White of the C.C.P.D. discussing the success of the raid.



Massive Raid

Produced over 100 arrests and Lee County drug famine

■ FORT MYERS — The "acid heads" are unhappy; the "pot puffers" are depressed; and Lee County is in the midst of the worst drug famine ever to hit this area of Florida.

A curtain of gloom dropped over the drug scene on September 26, 1975, when Lee County Sheriff Frank Wanicka and his deputies uncorked the largest drug raid in the county's history; and things have been going from bad to worse for drug users ever since.

The massive raid, after months of undercover investigative work, resulted in the arrest of over 100 persons on 152 warrants.

Since then, the courts have been grinding out a lopsided score of cases won by the prosecution, and the latest tally available at the time this article was written stood at 46 convictions versus only four acquittals.

Sheriff Wanicka said his deputies made good, strong cases, "and these were not just nit-picking arrests. There were 40 dangerous drug cases involving heroin, hashish, cocaine and LSD, plus 75 felony cases involving marijuana.

After the raid, warrants were sent to Ohio, Kentucky, California, Texas, Vermont and five Florida counties for the arrest of 16 suspects who left the Lee County area prior to the raid.

Most of the marijuana cases involved sales, and 42 of the

persons rounded up in the raid had prior arrest records, Wanicka said.

"There have been many desirable results from this raid," the Sheriff said. "In addition to the current scarcity of drugs, we have also noted a drop in other crimes which are normally drug-connected; and we have obtained valuable evidence which will eventually lead to arrests of illegal drug suppliers and wholesalers.

Wanicka said he assigned Deputy Sheriff Jim Roberts to infiltrate the local drug culture early in 1975, and, during six months of building evidence in preparation for the raid, Roberts purchased approximately \$5,000 worth of illegal drugs, ranging from marijuana to heroin.

The before-dawn raids involved 16 teams of law enforcement officers from the state attorney's office, Fort Myers Police Department and the Lee County Sheriff's Office.

Almost simultaneously, in many areas of the county, officers were banging on doors, routing sleepy suspects out of bed, reading the ritual rights statements, making arrests and filling up paddy wagons that shuttled back and forth between arrest scenes and the county jail.

Sheriff Wanicka said only five of the suspects were juveniles, and the ages of the others ranged from 18 to 45. There were seven females.

Deputy Tester handles heavy workload

(Prepared by Dave Dorney, Florida Times-Union)

■ The fugitive section of the Jacksonville Sheriff's Department is using an economical step saver to overcome a backlog of 10,000 unserved warrants.

Blind notices through the mail can identify cooperative citizens before the arrest warrant is actually served and eliminate, in many cases, the expensive half hour investment of dispatching two deputies in a radio equipped car on the chance a subject might be at home or work.

The realization that a certain number of the 1200 or so citizens each month, who have warrants filed against them would be willing to come down to the fugitive section to be served, led to Project WASTE (Warrant Aid Service Testing and Evaluation).

Sheriff Dale Carson approved the project for a one month period (July, 1974) after the legality was researched by a court administrator.

Lt. E. W. Holt, commanding officer of the fugitive section, said there was a total of 896 blind notices sent by mail during the month and 411 were disposed of successfully by "Deputy W. O. Tester". The code name signature, "Tester", on the notices averaged serving 20 warrants a day.

"My most energetic and most efficient field officer averaged 11.5 warrants a day," said Lt. Holt. "W. O. Tester" has become a full-time member of the fugitive section because of the performance of the U. S. Postal Service and one deputy working in the office, according to Lt. Holt.

When the cooperative citizen telephones the listed Sheriff's Department number and asks for "Tester", any deputy working in the office knows to pull the information on the individual

from the "Tester" file and arrange for the citizen to come in and have the warrant served. Lt. Holt said the person may be informed of the exact charge so he is prepared to post bond.

"Of course, in the more difficult cases, we'll just say the court has issued some papers and he'll have to come down here and straighten it out. We don't want to flush him if he has five outstanding warrants, such as multiple forgeries," said Lt. Holt.

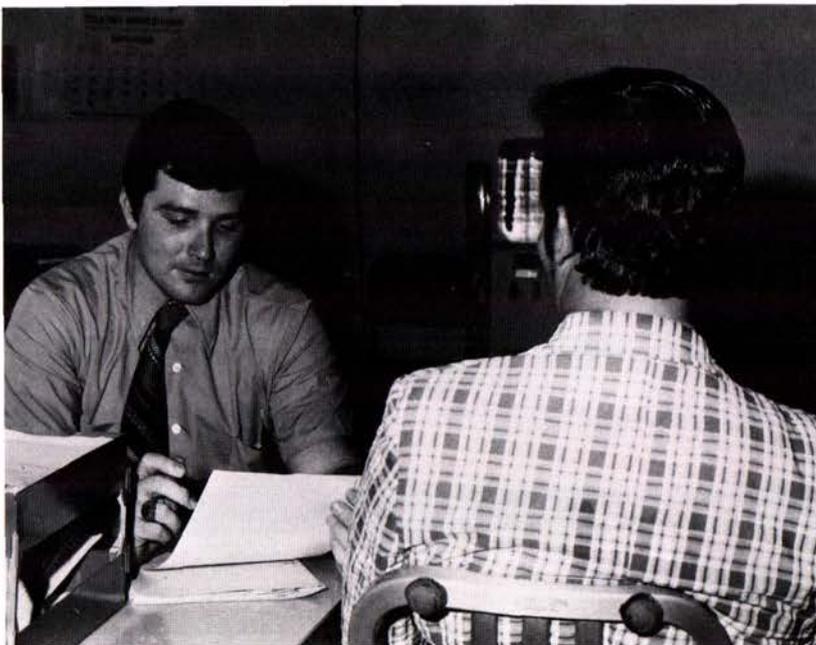
"A program like this in any sheriff's department could result in reduction of men in the field and less use of police equipment," said Holt. He noted that felony warrants and vice warrants do not come under the "Tester" program, but both constitute a small percentage of the fugitive section's workload.

One of the several benefits is that the postal service will forward the "Tester" notice to new addresses, a time consuming chore for deputies to handle.

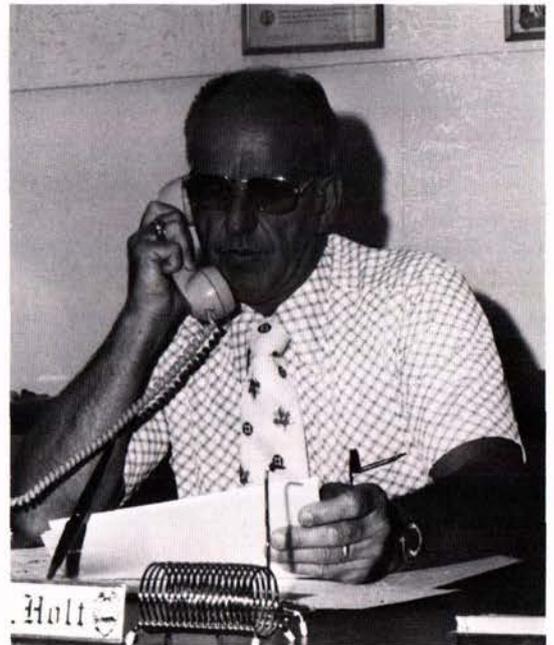
The deputy working in the office for "Tester" is actually capable of handling four times the workload of any deputy in the field, according to Lt. Holt, because he is available to do research and filing work.

Not everyone who inquires for "Tester" shows up after the telephone call, and these people are routinely handled by field deputies after the expiration date (5 days) on the blind notices. Holt said the "jail factor" can turn a cooperative person on the telephone into a no-show.

"We've had cases where they called in and they didn't show up and we've had a deputy chase them down from one address to another," admitted Holt. "We'll still hand it to them, but we like to do it in the office now."



Deputy Sheriff L. Hudgins (as Deputy Tester) serves a warrant on a citizen who has come into the fugitive warrants section of the Sheriff's Office.



Lt. E. W. Holt, originator of the "Deputy Tester" program.

Sounding off in Sarasota

■ SARASOTA — The Annual Mid-Winter Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association, which was held at the Sarasota Hyatt House January 21-23, was one of the most successful meetings in the 66-year history of the organization — and also one of the most vocal.

Sheriffs sounded off about a variety of subjects, but their pique reached its peak when they got stirred up about efforts to make them appointed rather than elected officials.

The issue boils up in various areas of the state from time to time, and it was raging here when conference delegates arrived. Just prior to the opening of the conference, Sarasota County Commissioners had voted to hold a public referendum on March 9 to determine whether or not the Sarasota County Sheriff should continue as an elected official, or become an appointed official (appointed by authority of the County Commissioners).

This prompted Sheriffs in one of their business meetings to pass an angry resolution opposing all efforts to take away from the people their right to elect their constitutional officers. The resolution described such efforts as “a serious threat to democracy, and one that is especially distasteful during our nation’s bicentennial year.”

The Sheriffs Association also: passed a resolution urging Florida to build more prisons and expand work programs for prisoners; passed a bicentennial resolution reaffirming the Association’s faith in “the principles that have made our nation great”; established a Florida Sheriffs Training Foundation, with a pursuit driving school as its first project; voted to seek a new law to curb the flow of stolen goods through flea markets; endorsed, in concept, proposals for “flat time” sentencing of prisoners; and urged closer cooperation within the criminal justice system so that apprehension, prosecution and sentencing of law breakers can become more effective.

Charlotte County Sheriff Jack Bent was elected to succeed Union County Sheriff John Whitehead as president. Taylor County Sheriff Maurice Linton was elected vice president, and Lee County Sheriff Frank Wanicka was reelected secretary-treasurer.

Madison County Sheriff Joe Peavy was elected as a new member of the Board of Directors, and the following Sheriffs were reelected to the board: Jack Taylor, Franklin County; W. R. Taff, Wakulla County; Jim Scott, Jefferson County; Walt Pellicer, Putnam County; Jennings Murrhee, Clay County; Monroe Brannen, Polk County; Ernest Murphy, Osceola County; Pat Hartley, Levy County; Roy Lundy, Glades County; R. L. Brown, Monroe County; and O. L.



With his Past President’s plaque in hand, Union County Sheriff John Whitehead congratulates the new President of the Florida Sheriffs Association, Sheriff Jack Bent of Charlotte County.

Annual mid-winter conference

Raulerson, Jr., Highlands County.

The board elected Sheriff Pellicer as its new chairman to succeed Sheriff Brannen.

Resolution

WHEREAS, at a meeting held January 22, 1976, in Sarasota, Florida, the Florida Sheriffs Association heard reports on proposed legislation changing our present system of electing judges to an appointive system, and also were made aware of the efforts of many local government units to enact charters changing the method of selection of other elective constitutional officers to an appointment system, and

WHEREAS, the present system of electing Sheriffs, Judges and other constitutional officers is working and there is strong evidence that the election process produces well-qualified men, and

WHEREAS, an appointed Sheriff would carry out the orders of an appointed County Manager, who in turn, would be under the direction and control of County Commissioners, thereby taking the county’s law enforcement authority away from the elected Sheriff and placing it in the hands of those who are neither qualified nor professional in law enforcement matters, and

WHEREAS, eliminating the citizens’ right to elect constitutional officials will only serve to weaken further the people’s trust and confidence in our representative form of government, and

WHEREAS, rather than being subjected to less political pressure, appointed Sheriffs or other officers would be sub-



William Troelstrup, Commissioner of the Florida Department of Criminal Law Enforcement, asked for and received assurance that sheriffs will back up his request to the Legislature for enough money to fully fund an operational, regional crime laboratory system.



Sheriffs and guests at the Mid-Winter Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association in Sarasota.

jected to more intense pressure from the appointing officials and those who exercise political control in the county, and

WHEREAS, the election of Sheriffs and other officers gives the public a direct voice at the polls on our criminal justice system and other matters of much public concern, and the people of this state would lose that direct voice if the selection of these officials by appointment is enacted in this state, and

WHEREAS, a recent statewide poll conducted under the auspices of the Florida "Help Stop Crime" program showed that an overwhelming majority of people believe that the office of Sheriff should remain elective, and

WHEREAS, appointed officials are indebted to the people who appointed them and automatically inherit whatever political liabilities or biases these appointing officials have, while elected officials are indebted only to the citizens whom they serve, and

WHEREAS, in this our Bicentennial Year, our representative form of government with elective officers stands as a system that has served us well and a system we should further seek to strengthen,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Florida Sheriffs Association unanimously opposes any state legislation, county charters, or other efforts which will change the method of selection of this State's Sheriffs or other constitutional officers to an appointment system, and which will take away the public's constitutional right to participate in the election of governing officers.

Host Sheriff Jim Hardcastle and his lovely wife Irene. They worked as a team to make the Mid-Winter Conference one of the most memorable of all time.



Inspector
James Cotter



Staying ahead of criminals

■ Addressing a luncheon audience during the Annual Mid-Winter Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association, Inspector James Cotter, head of the National FBI Academy, described police training as essentially an effort to “stay two steps ahead of criminals”.

Introduced by Marion County Sheriff Don Moreland, a recent Academy graduate, Inspector Cotter said this has been a primary goal throughout the 40-year history of the FBI Academy.

He said the Academy started with 23 officers and now claims some 5,800 graduates in the USA, and in other countries throughout the free world.

The Academy moved into modern, greatly-expanded facilities over three years ago, Inspector Cotter said, “and now we are turning out as many graduates in one year as we would have trained in 12 years in our old facilities.”

Classes totaling 250 lawmen receive 280 hours of classroom work, 33 hours on the firearms range and 32 hours in the gymnasium during 11-week training sessions, Cotter said, “but 50% of the value of the training is received outside the classroom” because dormitory living gives lawmen with world-wide experience an opportunity to exchange ideas and information.

Cotter said the average Academy student is 38½ years old and has 15 years’ experience in law enforcement.



Judge
John M. Scheb



Teamwork stressed

■ SARASOTA — District Court of Appeals Judge John Scheb urged greater cooperation between law enforcement officials and the judiciary when he presented the keynote address at the Annual Mid-Winter Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association here January 22.

Introduced by Circuit Court Judge Lynn Silvertooth, of Sarasota, Judge Scheb said better teamwork “will enable us to better administer criminal justice, and will also make the public more aware of the problems and accomplishments of the system.”

Judge Scheb suggested conferences between the chief judge of each judicial circuit and the appropriate Sheriffs to iron out “administrative irritants” at the courthouse level.

He called on trial judges and appellate courts to refrain from imposing “unreasonable requirements which frustrate the orderly process of administering the law”; and he urged judges to keep in mind a recent Supreme Court pronouncement which stated defendants are entitled to a fair trial, but not a perfect one.

“We must,” he said, “develop opinions which create a stability of law to guide the courts, lawyers, law enforcement and the public. And, as the trial courts are bound by speedy trial rules, we need to now address the issue of more speedy appellate dispositions. It is taking too long between arrest and final disposition.”

Judge Scheb said courts and law enforcement agencies need to better explain their roles to the public — especially now that the traditional “cop on the beat” has been replaced by more modern and efficient procedures.

Law enforcement officers are no longer closely identified with the people they serve, he said, and he urged Sheriffs to concentrate on more people-to-people experiences in the schools, in the shops and in the marketplace.

“When the public is convinced you are fulfilling your responsibilities,” he said, “they will willingly furnish the tools, the training and the pay that professionally trained officers deserve.”

Photo at left — Representative Ralph Haben (standing) addressed sheriffs and discussed some of the law enforcement issues the 1976 Florida Legislature will be dealing with. Haben is Chairman of the House Criminal Justice Committee. Listening to his remarks were: (left to right) Sheriffs Association Executive Director, Carl Stauffer; Sheriffs John Whitehead, Association Past President; Frank Wanicka, Secretary-Treasurer; and Jack Bent, President.

More patrol — less paperwork

■ ORLANDO — Sheriff Mel Colman is on an efficiency kick with a Telephone Complaint Handling (TCH) program.

Designed to free uniformed patrol deputies from routing calls and report writing so they can concentrate on serious emergencies, the program assigns communications center employees to the task of taking information over the phone and writ-

ing complaint reports on routine missing persons cases; stolen auto license tags; vehicle thefts where the car has been returned and the owner does not want to prosecute; and theft cases where items were stolen from an unsecured area or the theft scene is no longer accessible to patrol deputies.

The TCH report writers also handle supplementary reports when a complainant wants to cancel a missing person report or has additional information on a previously reported crime.



Awards were presented by Sheriff Jennings Murrhee (right) to Roy Weiland, Maynard Cox and Pat Burroughs (from left to right). (Photo by David Miller)

Awards mark 10th Anniversary

■ GREEN COVE SPRINGS — Clay County Sheriff Jennings Murrhee presented special awards at a banquet marking the 10th anniversary of his volunteer reserves.

Chosen by vote of the reservists, Pat Burroughs was honored as Matron of the Year; Maynard Cox as Diver of the Year; and Roy Weiland as Patrolman of the Year.

Capt. Hal Blalock and Lt. Bobby Freeman each received an award for 10 years of service, and other members were given one, two, three and four-year service certificates.

Sheriff Murrhee said the Reserve is a volunteer, non-paid organization which has doubled in size during the ten years of its existence. It now has a roster of 44 men and women who assist full-time deputies in routine law enforcement assignments, crowd control, recovery of stolen property and underwater search and rescue missions.

Reserve matrons are called on to search women prisoners, to escort women prisoners, and to assist with clerical and secretarial duties.

In addition to its law enforcement functions, the Reserve unit also supports the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch and the Florida Sheriffs Girls Villa.

It has been estimated the reservists have traveled almost 500,000 miles on law enforcement assignments during the past 10 years. They have also donated almost 80,000 hours of volunteer duty.

One of the benefits for Sheriff Murrhee is that the Reserve unit serves as a training ground for persons who later become full-time lawmen.

In the past 10 years, 15 reservists have become full-time deputies in Clay County and 10 others have resigned from the Reserve to take full-time jobs with other law enforcement agencies.

"We are truly proud of these people," said Sheriff Murrhee. "They really have a love of their country."

Then he thanked the Reservists and their families for making a substantial contribution of time and effort toward a goal of better and more efficient law enforcement.

Sam's super bargain

VERO BEACH — Sheriff Sam Joyce said his non-paid volunteer auxiliary deputies have saved the taxpayers "thousands and thousands of dollars" by assisting full-time paid deputies in a variety of ways.

Some of them serve as assistant jailers, he said, while others ride with full-time deputies on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights to provide two-man patrols during heavy work load periods.

Auxiliaries also help with the handling of crowds and traffic at football games, rodeos, parades and other public functions.

They render a valuable service to the county, Sheriff Joyce said, and they do it at considerable sacrifice because of the professional training each is required to complete.

Each of the approximately 30 auxiliaries has been required to pass a thorough physical examination, take 80 hours of professional training, qualify as marksmen on the firearms range and provide proof of good character and reputation.

The cost of training, uniforms and insurance is borne by the county. In return, the taxpayers get a giant sized helping of law enforcement manpower and security without spending a penny for salaries.



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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Builders



BRADENTON — James J. Warner (left), operator of the Bradenton Skating Rink, receives a Builder certificate from Manatee County Sheriff R. W. Weitzenfeld.



ORMOND BEACH — Volusia County Sheriff Ed Duff II (left) presents a Builder certificate to Mr. and Mrs. Rudolf G. Petsche.



WAUCHULA — Eaton Department Store manager Don J. McArthur (right) is congratulated and presented a Builder certificate by Hardee County Sheriff N. H. Murdock.

MADISON — Pizza and cokes once a month for the boys from the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch was the offer made by Jim Wyche, owner and operator of a local pizza pub known as "Thank Goodness It's Friday". Madison County Sheriff Joe Peavy (right) presents Wyche with a Builder certificate while cottage parent Sam Offenburg and Ranchers from Saunders cottage wait patiently for the pizza to be served.





Life Saver

JACKSONVILLE — Deborah Johnston, a former Safety Patrol member at the Southside Estates School, received the AAA Distinguished Service Medal from Sheriff Dale Carson on behalf of the 1,500 school patrol members in Duval County. She also received the AAA's highest award — the Safety Patrol Lifesaving Medal — for saving the life of a fellow student by pulling her from the path of a school bus.



A Warning From The Sheriff

MONTICELLO — Jefferson County Sheriff Jim Scott devotes considerable time to keeping youngsters informed about the hazards and penalties resulting from drug abuse. He is pictured here answering questions after an elementary school drug talk. (Monticello News photo)

Well, why not?

TITUSVILLE — In law enforcement circles Sheriff Leigh Wilson is known as an "old hand" with new ideas.

His latest innovative brainstorm came to him when he totaled up the thousands of dollars he was spending to bring back prisoners from other states and sounded off to newsmen about the dollar and manpower drain.

"It's bad enough to have to send two deputies across the country to pick up a defendant wanted for a crime," he said, "but it's a lot worse to have to go pick up a man who has violated his probation, and then see him put back on probation."

The Sheriff cited numerous trips to faraway points to pick up fugitive probationers who were simply placed on probation again when returned to Titusville. Then he suggested that all probationers should be required to post bond, and probation officers should be required to go pick up the ones who violate probation, just as bondsmen go pick up persons who jump bail.

Makes sense — unless you're a probationer or probation officer.

Page keeping pace

BUSHNELL — There's a communications revolution going on in law enforcement, and Sumter County Sheriff Don Page is keeping pace with it.

Although Sumter is a rural county

with a small budget, Sheriff Page has been able to make extensive improvements in his communications system with the help of federal funds.

The new system gives him a radio frequency of his own and eliminates the problems and inefficiency he experienced when he had to share a frequency with nearby Citrus County.

It also gives him the capability of dispatching cars from police departments within the county, especially during late night and early morning hours when some of the police department offices are closed.

The new system provides a 150-foot free-standing tower, a transmitter building with remotely controlled transmitters, and a better link up with surrounding counties and the Florida Highway Patrol.

The result for Sumter County residents is more efficient law enforcement and around-the-clock security.

Award for Cline

ARCADIA — State Attorney John Blair presented his annual "Officer of the Year" award to DeSoto County Sheriff Frank E. Cline.

The award goes to the law enforcement officer who does the most to promote inter-agency communications in the 12th Judicial Circuit (Sarasota, Manatee and DeSoto Counties).

The first winner of the award a year ago was Bradenton Police Chief Clyde Gill.

Unarmed, but cool

ORLANDO — Unarmed and unprotected, except for a cool head and a persuasive manner, Maj. Richard Overman freed a hostage and talked a gunman into surrendering.

Deputies had surrounded a house in which the armed fugitive was holed up when Overman called to him and said he would come in unarmed "if we can sit down and talk".

When Overman knocked at the door, the woman hostage opened it. He pulled her to safety, quickly moved into the line of fire between the fugitive and the hostage, then stepped inside.

Overman talked the man into surrendering, and, in about ten minutes, he walked out of the house holding the fugitive at gunpoint.

Praised for his heroic action by Sheriff Mel Colman, Overman has held several executive positions in the Orange County Sheriff's Department during the past 10 years and is currently head of the operations center.

Award for heroism

FORT PIERCE — Deputy Sheriff Reece Parrish of the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Department was presented with an award for heroism by the area Moose Lodge after he rescued a child from a canal. In another incident, Parrish, the son of Chief Deputy Finis Parrish, was shot when he entered a home to capture a fugitive.

20 Minutes at gunpoint

FERN PARK — Twenty minutes isn't a long time if you're riding around in a patrol car, or filling out reports; but it must have seemed like a lifetime to Seminole County Deputy Sheriff Roy Hughey when he was looking down the barrel of a pistol and trying to talk an armed robber into surrendering.

The drama began when a masked gunman, later identified as Gerald Douglas Page, held three employees as hostages in a bowling alley and tried to get them to open the safe.

After deputies surrounded the building, Lt. Hughey called the bowling alley office, talked to Page and got permission to come inside unarmed.

Hughey said he tried to make everyone feel at ease once he got inside. "I told Page if he gave up the gun he could walk out with dignity like a man."

The deputy told reporters later he is the type of person who is frightened of heights, but he was not scared of Page, who stood over him holding a revolver during the 20-minute ordeal.

"I was willing to exchange myself for the three hostages, but it didn't come to that," Hughey said. "I told Page the building was surrounded and, if he gave up now, no one would get hurt."

Page was not convinced at first, but, finally, took off his mask, surrendered his revolver and allowed Hughey to lead him outside.

Right place, right time

GAINESVILLE — Deputy Sheriff Harvey Montgomery saved a four-year-old girl's life because he was at the right place at the right time, and because he was trained to do the right thing. Montgomery was only one block from the scene when he received a message that a little girl had fallen into an unattended swimming pool. The girl had been pulled from the pool and was unconscious when he arrived. He administered mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and revived her before she was taken to the hospital. The final report said "checked and released".

Good guys and bad guys

PALATKA — Sheriff Walt Pellicer, in cooperation with school officials, is sponsoring a program to teach small youngsters "how to tell the good guys from the bad guys".

Presented by uniformed deputies to youngsters in kindergarten through third grade, the program will emphasize bicycle safety, the dangers of drug abuse, firearms safety, water safety, and the dangers of child molestation.



"Pot Farm" Put Out Of Business

TRENTON — Gilchrist County Sheriff Charlie Parrish and his deputies broke up a large marijuana farming operation, seized a harvested crop valued at \$100,000 and arrested Jeffery Brian Tschirhart, 22, of Gainesville, when he stopped at the site and began loading marijuana into a car. Officers had kept the site under surveillance for over four days before Tschirhart showed up. Pictured with the confiscated marijuana are (from left) Deputy J. C. Rolling, Sheriff Parrish and Deputy Sammy Jacobs. They also found over \$1,000 in silver coins in the trunk of the car Tschirhart was driving. (Gilchrist County Journal photo)



Sgt. James Mills aboard second boat.

Cargo Worth Millions

STUART — Two large sports fishing boats loaded with 10,000 pounds of marijuana, valued at millions of dollars, were seized by Martin County Sheriff James Holt (suit), Det. Sgt. Hal Enders and other deputies. Four suspects were arrested and charged with possession of marijuana after a water patrol deputy observed the vessels over a period of days and then noticed them riding low in the water after losing track of them for a few hours. Sheriff Holt said the seizure was the largest ever in Martin County and would have been worth \$3 million on the street. He speculated the two boats had met a larger ship off the coast to take on the load of marijuana packaged in large burlap sacks. (Stuart News photo by Bob Fryer)

Pasco County Deputy Sheriff Karl Damm helped distribute the posters for Sheriff Basil Gaines. He found convenience store managers and clerks very receptive to the program.



Andy Bylenga (left), District Sales Manager for National Advertising Company, receives a Florida Sheriffs Association Distinguished Service Award from Putnam County Sheriff Walt Pellicer for helping the Association get billboards donated and painted around the state. Sheriff Pellicer is chairman of a committee of sheriffs responsible for carrying out the public information campaign. Bylenga is Crime Prevention Chairman for Florida Outdoor Advertising Association.



Think twice; good advice

■ The Florida Sheriffs Association's campaign to make criminals, and potential criminals, aware of a tough new law which will get them a three-year mandatory sentence — and possibly up to life — for committing a serious crime with a gun has moved into a new phase — the distribution of posters to 10,000 retail stores statewide.

The first step in the campaign was a statewide survey that revealed over 80 per cent of the public (including some law-breakers who had served time) was not aware of the new law.

The next step was the painting of over 150 billboards like the one illustrated on this page. These were located in all areas of the state to set the theme of the campaign: "Three Years to Life".

The boards were donated by members of the Florida Outdoor Advertising Association and painted with funds provided by the Governor's Help Stop Crime Committee.

Posters warning armed robbers to "think twice" became part of the campaign when the Retail Grocers Association of Florida agreed to pay the printing cost. Distribution has been handled by the Florida Sheriffs Association and by PR Inc., the Orlando public relations firm hired to direct the campaign.

With public service radio commercials already on the air, and television public service commercials ready for distribution, the campaign is now in full swing.

WDBO-TV and WKIS-Radio, in Orlando, are providing valuable assistance by producing the television and radio commercials free of charge.

