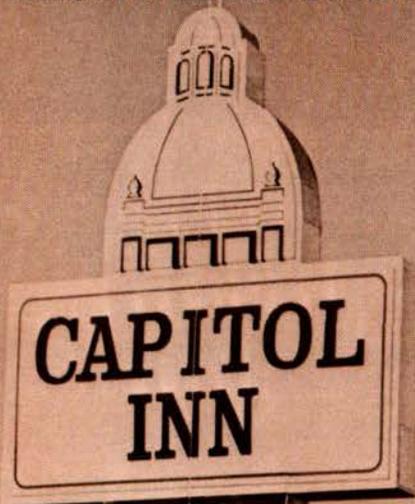


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False alarms forced down

SARASOTA — "Sarasota Zone 4, 10-65, Signal 49." That's a dispatcher at the Sarasota County Sheriff's Department assigning a patrol car to a burglar alarm call.

Prior to May of 1975 this type of call was put on the air about 168 times per month and more than 90 per cent of the time it was a false alarm. With two patrol cars responding to such calls, 15 to 20 minutes spent at the scene, the danger to the deputies (lights flashing and weaving through traffic at top speed), the frustration of alarms set off by employee error, not being able to find anyone to reset the alarm — it's easy to see why Sheriff Jim Hardcastle decided something needed to be done.

Copies of local ordinances from other parts of the country with similar problems were studied to find out how the alarm companies, the alarm equipment and owner response to false alarms were regulated in other areas. An ordinance based on this research was drawn up by the Sheriff's Department legal advisor in 1975 and passed by the county commission.

County Ordinance No. 75-4 requires burglar alarm owners to register with the Sheriff's Department and this simply means giving the Department the name and location where the

alarm is set and the names of two people who will respond to the scene in the event of an alarm. This information is kept in the Communications Room at the Sheriff's Department. Failure to respond to an alarm results in a \$25 fee.

In a six-month period, three false alarms are allowed, but each false alarm after that results in a fee of \$25. If an alarm is activated because of weather conditions or a stray baseball, the alarm can be excused.

When a deputy responds to a false alarm, the building interior is checked, the deputy fills out a report and leaves a copy with the person who responds to the alarm. The owner then has three days to fill out the bottom of the report indicating what caused the false alarm and what corrective action was taken.

There are approximately 540 homes and businesses whose alarm systems are on file with the Sheriff's Department — 298 of these have had three or less activations since the passing of the ordinance; 239 locations have had three or more false alarms, but some of these have been excused.

Compared to the 2,022 alarm calls from May 1974 through April 1975, there were only 1,298 calls for the period of May 1975 through April 1976. In addition, the number of alarms registered with the Department has been increasing.

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A man much admired

STARKE — Fifteen patrol cars with flashing blue lights led a funeral procession that stretched for miles.

The small wooden frame country church was packed to the walls, and the overflow crowd outside was twice as large as the crowd of mourners inside.

From many parts of Florida and from all walks of life, — young and old, white and black, rich and poor — people came to pay their last respects. Among them were officials from the highest echelons of state government, police officers, sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, highway patrolmen, judges and county officials.

By their presence, they testified to the stature of former Sheriff P. D. Reddish, 67, a man politicians had admired because he was never defeated in 34 years as an elected public official; a man other Sheriffs had admired enough to hand him the presidency of the Florida Sheriffs Association in 1968; a man who had died proud because he had lived to see his son, Dolph, succeed him as Sheriff. This happened in 1972 and it was the first time the Sheriff's badge had been handed from father to son in Bradford County.

Before P. D. died on October 26, 1976, he also saw Dolph become the first Sheriff in the history of Bradford County to run for reelection without opposition.

Making history, however, is nothing new for the Reddish family. These descendants of Florida pioneers can trace their local ancestry back to Drury Reddish, one-time slaveholder whose large government grant of land is said to have included most of the area now occupied by the city of Starke.

The Reddish name has been on a majority of Bradford County ballots printed in this century. The candidates have included Dolph, who has been elected to two four-year terms; P. D., who was elected to 10 years as a county commissioner and 24 years as Sheriff; and Dolph's grandfather who was elected to two terms as a county commissioner.

Bradford County residents born about the time P. D. became a county commissioner have never seen a ballot without a Reddish on it, and these folks, all of them now pushing 40, have never seen a Reddish defeated at the polls.

Deep run the Reddish roots in Bradford County politics, but the legend is not limited to Florida. Voters in Wayne County, Georgia, have elected two Sheriffs by the name of Reddish, and they are distant kinfolk of the Florida clan.



P. D. Reddish

P. D.'s success in politics is well documented, but close friends were aware he was equally successful as a father. He and his wife, the former Ruth Sapp, raised seven sons and they all "turned out good".

Mike and John, the youngest, are both teachers. Glen, an engineer, is in charge of maintenance at the Monsanto Company's Pensacola plant. Jim is Assistant Superintendent of Union Correctional Institution, one of the most important institutions in Florida's prison system. Vernon was also in the corrections field for a while, but is now a successful poultryman and cattleman.



Dolph Reddish

Dolph, the current Bradford County Sheriff, started tracking his father's footsteps shortly after he came out of the service in 1956. He began his law enforcement career as a jailer at a salary of \$250 a month and lived at the county jail.

Drew, the oldest son, holds degrees in agriculture and engineering, and is currently plant engineer for the DuPont Company's mining operations in Florida.

Newspaper accounts described P. D. as a local political chieftain, no doubt because he was on a first name basis with governors, cabinet officers, senators and other major officials. But this was only one dimension of a man who was proud of his heritage, attained success as a father, and had hundreds of friends among the high and humble.

Reflections on the Elections

26 New Sheriffs will be sworn in

"It's time for a change."

This seemed to be the mood in many parts of Florida as voters trooped to the polls to elect 26 new Sheriffs in the 1976 primary and general elections.

Seven of the new Sheriffs will replace incumbents who decided to retire and were not candidates for reelection. Nineteen will replace incumbents who were defeated.

By comparison, there were 18 new Sheriffs elected four years ago, six of them replacing retirees. This was considered a normal turnover, but the 1976 outcome was unlike anything old timers had seen since 1956 when there were 29. The highest turnover on record was 36 new Sheriffs in 1941. The lowest was six in 1964.

Incumbent Sheriffs were hardest hit in Florida's panhandle, an area that spans 200 miles from Tallahassee to Pensacola and embraces 15 predominantly rural counties. Three incumbents retired, and seven were defeated, leaving only five survivors.

The pattern of defeats was spotty over the remainder of the state and touched only lightly in the vast northeast area stretching from Monticello on the west side, to Fernandina Beach on the north side, to Orlando on the south side and to DeLand on the east side.

This section of Florida encompassing 27 counties registered only four defeats and three retirements for a total of seven new Sheriffs.

In this same northeast area, there were five Sheriffs who won reelection without opposition, and they were the only ones in the entire state who achieved this distinction.

Some benevolent patron saint seems to have protected this area from political disaster. At least, this theory seems more acceptable than one winning Sheriff's claim that it was superior intelligence on the part of the voters.

There seemed to be no predominant pattern to the victories or the defeats, but there was one qualification that assured victory for 13 incumbents. All of them were either former FBI agents or graduates of the FBI academy.

There were no FBI graduates among the losers, but the grand total of varied law enforcement experience among the losers added up to a total of 301 years. One Sheriff in this group had 39½ years, and the runner-up had 37.

It was a rough year for Republicans. The total number of Republican Sheriffs dropped from 8 to 3. Democrats picked up four of the five posts the Republicans lost. The remaining post went to an Independent.

Five Independents qualified and ran this year, but only one was successful.

Taylor County Sheriff Maurice Linton, the "dean" of Florida Sheriffs by virtue of his 24-year tenure, was one of the election casualties in the state's closest race. He lost by eight votes.

Linton, who is Vice President of the Sheriffs Association, will relinquish his "dean" title to Union County Sheriff John Whitehead and Citrus County Sheriff B. R. Quinn. Whitehead, Linton and Quinn were all elected for the first time in 1952, but Linton, by quirk of a local vacancy, was actually sworn in five days earlier than the other two.

Six former Sheriffs attempted comebacks this year, compared with eight four years ago. The result was the same both times: none of them made it.

The son of a former Sheriff made the grade, however. Malcolm McCall, son of former Sheriff Willis McCall, will be sworn in as Sheriff of Lake County on January 4, 1977, as successor to Sheriff Guy Bliss.

Four years ago, two Sheriffs, Lanie Norvell (St. Lucie County) and Dolph Reddish (Bradford County), were the immediate successors of their fathers. In the case of Malcolm McCall, over four years intervened before the succession was accomplished.

Volusia County Sheriff Ed Duff was the only Sheriff to run in a non-partisan race, as decreed by Volusia's charter form of government. He won it.

There were no Sheriffs' races in Dade County, where Sher-

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THE UNOPPOSED

Five Sheriffs were reelected without opposition. They are:

John Polk, Seminole County
Jennings Murrhee, Clay County
John Whitehead, Union County
Dolph Reddish, Bradford County
Mel Colman, Orange County

RETIRING

Seven Sheriffs decided to retire and did not seek reelection. They are:

Bill Taff, Wakulla County
W. C. Reeder, Calhoun County
Sam Campbell, Walton County
Al Parker, Dixie County
Joe Crevasse, Alachua County
Basil Gaines, Pasco County
Charlie Parrish, Gilchrist County

Sheriffs who will be sworn in Jan. 4, 1977

(* Indicates new Sheriffs)

COUNTY	SHERIFF	ADDRESS	AC	OFFICE
*ALACHUA	L. J. "Lu" Hindery	P. O. Box 1210, Gainesville, 32601	904	378-1641
BAKER	Joe Newmans	P. O. Box 461, Macclenny, 32063	904	259-2231
BAY	Tullis D. Easterling	P. O. Box 577, Panama City, 32401	904	785-4351
BRADFORD	Dolph Reddish	Drawer "G", Starke, 32091	904	964-6280
*BREVARD	Rollin Zimmerman	Drawer "T", Titusville, 32780	305	267-2511
BROWARD	Edward J. Stack	P. O. Box 9507, Ft. Lauderdale, 33310	305	764-3911
*CALHOUN	W. G. Buddy Smith	P. O. Box 695, Blountstown, 32424	904	674-5049
*CHARLOTTE	Alan LeBeau	2400 Airport Road, Punta Gorda, 33950	813	639-2101
CITRUS	B. R. Quinn	108 East Main, Inverness, 32650	904	726-1121
CLAY	Jennings Murrhee	P. O. Box 548, Green Cove Springs, 32043	904	284-9709
COLLIER	Aubrey Rogers	Drawer 1277, Naples, 33940	813	774-4434
COLUMBIA	J. Glenn Bailey	P. O. Box 327, Lake City, 32055	904	752-3222
DADE	E. Wilson Purdy	Public Safety Dept., 1320 N. W. 14th St., Miami, 33125	305	547-7498
DeSOTO	Frank E. Cline	P. O. Box 327, Arcadia, 33821	813	494-2424
*DIXIE	Glen Dylals	P. O. Box "PP", Cross City, 32628	904	498-3383
DUVAL	Dale Carson	P. O. Box 2070, Jacksonville, 32202	904	633-4202
ESCAMBIA	Royal Untreiner	P. O. Box 12107, Pensacola, 32502	904	433-8371
FLAGLER	P. A. Edmonson	P. O. Box 445, Bunnell, 32010	904	437-3343
FRANKLIN	Jack Taylor, Jr.	Franklin County Sheriff's Dept., Apalachicola, 32320	904	653-8743
GADSDEN	William A. Woodham	P. O. Box 1126, Quincy, 32351	904	627-9233
*GILCHRIST	Roy D. Rodgers	P. O. Box 418, Trenton, 32693	904	463-2245
GLADES	Roy D. Lundy	P. O. Box 37, Moore Haven, 33471	813	946-2982
*GULF	K. E. Ken Murphy	P. O. Box 970, Port St. Joe, 32456	904	227-2311
HAMILTON	Charlie Rhoden	Drawer "A", Jasper, 32052	904	792-1001
HARDEE	N. H. Murdock	P. O. Box 158, Wauchula, 33873	813	773-4144
HENDRY	Earl S. Dyess	P. O. Box 577, LaBelle, 33935	813	675-1122
HERNANDO	Melvin Kelly	P. O. Box 1960, Brooksville, 33512	904	796-7207
*HIGHLANDS	Joe Sheppard	P. O. Box 71, Sebring, 33870	813	385-5111
HILLSBOROUGH	Malcolm Beard	P. O. Box 3371, Tampa, 33601	813	272-5200
*HOLMES	W. C. Ben Jones	N. Oklahoma Street, Bonifay, 32425	904	547-4412
INDIAN RIVER	Sam T. Joyce	P. O. Box 608, Vero Beach, 32960	305	562-7911
*JACKSON	Charles Applewhite	P. O. Box 919, Marianna, 32446	904	482-2132
JEFFERSON	James H. Scott	P. O. Box 339, Monticello, 32344	904	997-5414
LAFAYETTE	Stanley Cannon	P. O. Box 227, Mayo, 32066	904	294-1222
*LAKE	Malcolm McCall	16 Texas Avenue, Tavares, 32778	904	343-2101
LEE	Frank Wanicka	2055 Anderson Avenue, Ft. Myers, 33901	813	332-3456
*LEON	Ken Katsaris	P. O. Box 727, Tallahassee, 32302	904	222-4740
*LEVY	Horace A. Moody	P. O. Box 157, Bronson, 32621	904	486-2321
*LIBERTY	Harrell W. Revell	P. O. Box 67, Bristol, 32321	904	643-3532
MADISON	Joe C. Peavy	Madison County Sheriff's Dept., Madison, 32340	904	973-4151
*MANATEE	Thomas Burton	P. O. Box 590, Bradenton, 33506	813	746-7121
MARION	Don Moreland	P. O. Box 1987, Ocala, 32670	904	732-8181
MARTIN	James D. Holt	P. O. Box 87, Stuart, 33494	305	283-1300
*MONROE	William A. Freeman, Jr.	P. O. Box 1269, Key West, 33040	305	296-2424
NASSAU	H. S. McKendree	P. O. Box 744, Fernandina Beach, 32034	904	261-3675
*OKALOOSA	Frankie Mills	Court House, Crestview, 32536	904	682-2788
*OKEECHOBEE	D. Clayton Williams, Jr.	305 North West Fifth St., Okeechobee, 33472	813	763-3117
ORANGE	Melvin Colman	1 North Court Avenue, Orlando, 32801	305	420-3070
OSCEOLA	Ernest P. Murphy	P. O. Box 1606, Kissimmee, 32741	305	847-5121
*PALM BEACH	Richard P. Wille	P. O. Box 670, West Palm Beach, 33402	305	837-2000
*PASCO	John Short	Drawer 1047, Dade City, 33525	904	567-5131
		(New Port Richey Office)	813	848-6363
PINELLAS	Bill Roberts	250 W. Ulmerton Rd., Largo, 33540	813	585-9911
*POLK	Louie T. Mims	P. O. Box 1219, Bartow, 33830	813	533-0444
PUTNAM	E. W. Pellicer	P. O. Box 29, Palatka, 32077	904	328-3405
ST. JOHNS	Dudley Garrett, Jr.	P. O. Box 328, St. Augustine, 32084	904	829-6811
ST. LUCIE	Lanie Norvell	P. O. Box 458, Ft. Pierce, 33450	305	461-7300
SANTA ROSA	Harvell Enfinger	P. O. Box 729, Milton, 32570	904	623-3691
SARASOTA	Jimmy Hardcastle	P. O. Box 4115, Sarasota, 33578	813	366-9350
SEMINOLE	John E. Polk	301 N. Park Avenue, Sanford, 32771	305	322-5115
*SUMTER	G. E. Ernie Johnson	P. O. Box 188, Bushnell, 33513	904	793-2621
SUWANNEE	Robert Leonard	200 S. Ohio, Live Oak, 32060	904	362-2222
*TAYLOR	Von Whiddon	P. O. Box 507, Perry, 32347	904	584-4225
UNION	John Whitehead	Court House, Rm. 102, Lake Butler, 32054	904	496-2501
VOLUSIA	Edwin Duff II	P. O. Box 569, DeLand, 32720	904	734-3441
		(Daytona Beach)	904	252-0485
*WAKULLA	David F. Harvey	P. O. Box 36, Crawfordville, 32327	904	926-3401
*WALTON	Jesse A. Carter	P. O. Box 7, DeFuniak Springs, 32433	904	892-2721
*WASHINGTON	Fred Peel	P. O. Box 626, Chipley, 32428	904	638-0610

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iff (Director of Public Safety) E. Wilson Purdy is an appointed official; and in Duval County, where a consolidated government charter will require Sheriff Dale Carson to run two years hence for his next four-year term.

Brevard County offered the broadest political spectrum in the general election. The lineup included one Independent, one Democrat, one Republican, and one American Party candidate in a four-man race. The Independent won.

In 1972, three suspended Sheriffs were primary election candidates. In 1976, there was only one.

Four Florida Highway Patrol officers resigned to run for Sheriff and were successful. They are: Ken E. Murphy, Gulf County; Louie Mims, Polk County; Frankie Mills, Okaloosa County; and D. Clayton Williams, Okeechobee County.

Madison County Sheriff Joe Peavy, who was unopposed four years ago when he traded his FHP badge for a Sheriff's badge, claimed the greatest margin of victory this year. He was credited with 92 per cent of the vote in a two-man race.

David F. Harvey, Wakulla County's Sheriff-Elect, is believed to be Florida's youngest. He will be 27 when he takes office in January. Union County Sheriff John Whitehead was 28 when he took office in 1952.

Police and public become better pals

JACKSONVILLE — Sheriff Dale Carson has been experimenting with a police-to-people program in the Brentwood area of Jacksonville, and the results have been impressive.

The program, funded largely by the federal government, placed 12 foot patrolmen, three sergeants and a lieutenant in a special Brentwood precinct around the clock to improve police services, to build a good relationship between the public and the police and to reduce the crime rate in this densely populated area.

Initiated in April, 1975, with a budget of roughly \$100,000 the program was given the code name COPPS (Community Office of Police Patrol Services).

After it had been in operation for 17 months, Dr. Melvin Reid, a prominent psychologist, conducted a survey which indicated public attitudes toward the police improved consistently.

He said positive opinions about the police increased and negative views decreased.

Crime also decreased, he said, and the public expressed a much higher degree of confidence in the police.

Police Captain Buford Quesinberry said the relationship between police and individuals in the community has improved so much since the inception of the program that one patrolman can now handle situations which formerly required two.

Sheriff Carson announced he hopes to continue COPPS in the Brentwood area and also to extend it into other neighborhoods.

New weapon

SARASOTA — Sheriff Jim Hardcastle has a new weapon in his crime fighting arsenal.

It's a crime analysis computer program developed in cooperation with the Sarasota County Data Processing Department, which will help the Sheriff identify high crime and special problem areas within the county and deploy his deputies in such a way that they will be able to hit crime "where it's at".

The new crime analysis program is utilizing county person-



Patrons For Polk's Projects

SANFORD — Youth projects sponsored by Seminole County Sheriff John Polk are getting excellent public support. The smaller picture shows Sheriff Polk presenting a Florida Sheriffs Association Distinguished Service Award to Chris Elsea, representing the local J. C. Penney Store, after Mr. Elsea helped to raise \$1,200 for the Sheriff's youth program. The larger picture shows the Sheriff (wearing jacket) accepting a \$1,200 check from Seminole County React Team No. 2658 to cover expenses of sending youth deputies to Jacksonville for a week of police training. The React Team members are (from left) Richard Harry, William T. Cassidy, Jr., Kenneth Murphy (president), William Wright and William Ervin.



nel already assigned to the Sheriff's existing on-line Criminal Justice Information System, and it will draw its data from the detailed reports put into the computer system daily by the Sheriff's Department.

Sheriff Hardcastle said crimes analyzed by the new program will include, but not be limited to, commercial and residential burglaries, armed and strong arm robberies, thefts, forgeries, frauds, rapes, sex offenses, narcotics violations, assaults and murders.

He praised the personnel of the Sarasota County Data Center for helping him to develop the program. He said he was especially grateful because the Data Center is operating on a tight budget with limited personnel.

To jail or not to jail?

ORLANDO — A new Diagnostic Unit in the Corrections Division of the Orange County Sheriff's Office is said to have generated savings of over \$1 million, and to have resulted in better handling of prisoners.

Funded with assistance from a \$24,000 grant, the new unit performs diagnostic, classification and pre-trial release functions for prisoners booked into the Orange County Jail.

Classification interviews enable Sheriff Mel Colman's staff to assign inmates to appropriate cell areas. This, the Sheriff said, has improved security and custodial conditions.

All inmates are also afforded opportunities for counseling, which has resulted in less tension and disturbance.

The latest available report shows that the diagnostic unit is selecting an average of 57 persons a month for pre-trial re-



FBI Academy Graduates

QUANTICO, VA. — Here are Florida law enforcement officers who were recently graduated from the FBI Academy. The left photo was taken during the 105th session of the Academy. Pictured left to right are: First row — Det. Sgt. Terrence J. Sullivan, Pompano Beach PD; Lt. Arthur C. Locke, Dade County Public Safety Department; Lt. John S. Ross, Miami PD; Sgt. Charles A. Thurmond, DeLand PD; Det. William M. Burns, Pensacola PD; Second Row — Capt. James A. Morton, Palm Beach PD; Chief Donald R. Bennett, Punta Gorda PD; De-



puty Chief Wilbur Lewis Yeager, Melbourne PD; Chief Claude W. Miller, Titusville PD; and Lt. James Petroglou, St. Augustine PD. The right photo was taken during the 106th session. Pictured in the front row, left to right, are: Matthew Hunter, Winter Park PD; Bob Vaughn, Tallahassee PD; Victor R. Thomas, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office; William Greene, Plantation PD; Back Row — Sandy Vincent, Florida Highway Patrol; Roy Raymond, Indian River County Sheriff's Office; Kenny Harms, Miami PD; and B. O. Smith, Homestead PD.

lease. Each of these released inmates would have cost Orange County \$11.50 per day if he had remained in jail. Total savings resulting from pre-trial release have been computed at well over \$1 million.

Diagnostic Unit Supervisor Chuck Larkin said 33 per cent of the persons selected for pre-trial release are never "filed on by the State Attorney's Office". The reasons given include insufficient evidence after arrest, victim declines to prosecute, and suspect selected for pre-trial diversion.

The important point is that these persons would have been held in jail unnecessarily if they had not been selected for pre-trial release.

A Sheriff's Office spokesman said only 2.9 per cent of the persons selected for pre-trial release failed to appear in court, while 11 per cent had their releases revoked because they failed to make weekly call-ins, or they committed another crime.

With rare exceptions, persons charged with robbery, murder, rape and child abuse are excluded from the pre-trial release program.

School officials won over by deputy

WAUCHULA — When Hardee County Sheriff Newton Murdock assigned Deputy Joe Moore to the county school system to monitor and try to control drug traffic, there were mixed reactions from the public and from school officials.

But Moore sold himself in such a spectacular way that the School Board, at the beginning of the current school term, decided to take him off a federal jobs program payroll, increase his salary, and put him on the school system payroll.

One reason for Moore's success was that he did not limit himself to drug problems. He also got involved in truancy problems, in counseling students, and in chaperoning after-school functions.

Area school principals told the board Moore was instrumental in helping to drastically reduce the number of student suspensions and other disciplinary problems.

"I was dead set against the hiring of Joe or any other law officer to put in the schools when the idea was suggested a couple of years ago," said School Board Member Nell Barlow, "but I'll admit I was wrong. I have talked to a lot of people who have had nothing but praise for what he has done with the kids, so let's hire him ourselves and be done with it."

The Board's vote on hiring Moore was unanimous.

Florida runner-up in police olympics

JACKSONVILLE — 928 sports-minded law enforcement officers from 22 states and Australia competed in the National Police Olympics here October 6-10.

New York State placed first, and Florida placed second.

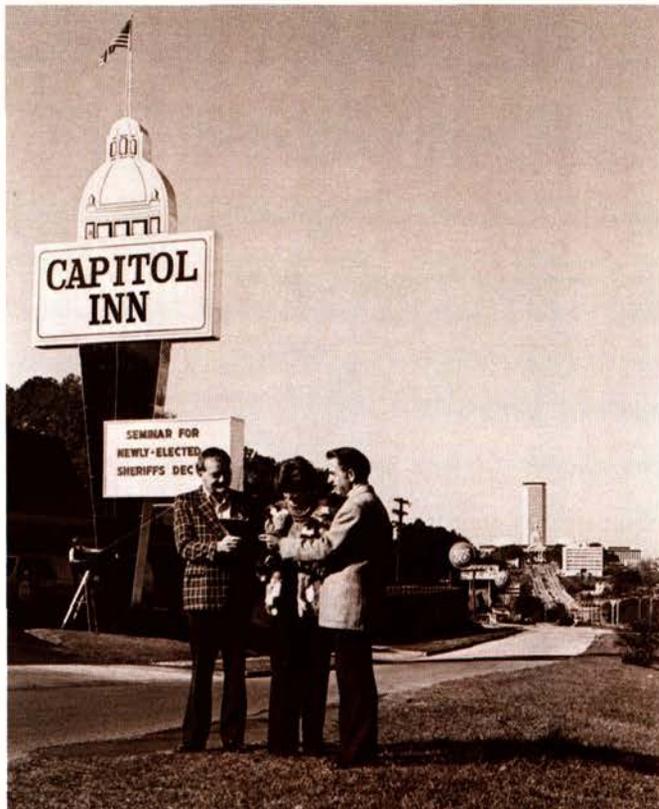
Olympic events included basketball, volleyball, bowling, pistol shooting, softball, racquet ball, swimming, wrestling, tennis, judo, golf, 6-mile cross-country, 13-mile mini-marathon and a wide variety of track and field events.



Pinellas County Pot

CLEARWATER — Pinellas County Sheriff Bill Roberts, aided by deputies, destroyed a bumper crop of marijuana, with some of the plants being over seven feet tall. The pot plot had been kept under surveillance for a considerable length of time, but no one showed up to tend it.

FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION



Cover Photo

The Florida Sheriffs Association held a seminar for newly-elected Sheriffs at the Capitol Inn, Tallahassee, December 7-10, with Carl Stauffer (right) and Berwin Williams spearheading the arrangements. They are pictured going over final plans with Susan Christie, Sales Director for the Capitol Inn. Stauffer is the Executive Director of the Association; and Williams is the Director of Professional Services.



Remarks by Carl Stauffer, Executive Director of the Florida Sheriffs Association, prepared for presentation at a Seminar for New Sheriffs, in Tallahassee, December 8, 1976.

■ When I went to work for the Florida Sheriffs Association more than 20 years ago, it was a well-established organization. In fact, it was then approaching its 50th anniversary. I was hired to keep it running.

But, sometimes, I wonder what would have happened if I had been starting from scratch. Sometimes I ask myself what I would have done if some 20 years ago I had been hired to create an organization made up of 67 mostly hard-nosed individuals from many diverse backgrounds.

What if someone had handed me this mixed bag of

- city slickers and country boys
- steely-eyed professionals and nervous amateurs
- drinkers and non-drinkers
- college graduates and high school dropouts
- old men and young men?

And what if someone had told me to take this conglomeration of unique individuals who may share only one common bond and create an effective, progressive law enforcement organization, held together on a strictly voluntary basis? I would have said, “no way”.

I would have said, “This mission is impossible.” Undoubtedly, I would have said, “Let me out.” But, fortunately for me, I wasn’t hired to create the Florida Sheriffs Association — just to keep it running.

Fortunately for me, and for all of us, some perceptive and persistent individuals tackled that “mission impossible” way back in 1910, and they managed to create an “impossible machine” that has been running ever since. In fact, the older this impossible machine gets, the better it runs.

I have many reasons to be proud of it. I have many reasons to marvel at it. And I am delighted every time I see evidence — such as this seminar for new Sheriffs — that our impossible machine is not only surviving, but is also continuing to function creatively.

In many ways, this seminar is an exercise in creativity. Although the primary objective is to do everything possible to prepare newly-elected Sheriffs for the tasks that lie ahead, we are also inevitably involved in the process of rebuilding, and, perhaps redesigning, the Florida Sheriffs Association. That’s creative.

There Is Teamwork

For almost 67 years, Sheriffs have been working together through the Florida Sheriffs Association to solve technical problems, improve law enforcement, and achieve common objectives. Historically, Sheriffs have always worked together effectively as a team, and it matters not that some of them are big city Sheriffs like Dale Carson (left) and others are rural Sheriffs like John Whitehead. Carson is Sheriff of the consolidated City of Jacksonville. Whitehead is the Sheriff of Union County (Lake Butler).

N - a mission impossible

The voters of 26 Florida counties have given us 26 new parts to be fitted into the impossible machine. These 26 new parts seem to bear little resemblance to each other, and I doubt that they bear much resemblance to the old parts they are replacing.

Unlike General Motors, we are not working with precision engineered, identical parts. There's no way of knowing what hidden talents are in this newest bag of replacement parts. And there's no way of knowing exactly what the impossible machine will look like, or exactly how it will operate, once it has assimilated these new parts.

History is reassuring, however.

This business of rebuilding the machine every four years is not a new experience. It has already happened 19 times in the history of the Sheriffs Association. It has not always been easy, or an entirely happy experience.

But, if you will forget the peaks and valleys, and, if you will simply think about where we were 20, 30 or 40 years ago, you will be aware that the Sheriffs Association is an effective, progressive organization that is currently at the pinnacle of its success.

This impossible machine is operating successfully. It has been operating successfully for many years, and, perhaps, the one essential thing that holds it together and keeps it moving is that it has a clearly defined primary objective, namely: To Help Sheriffs Do a Better Job.

This is the bottom line in our master plan. This is the compass point we navigate by. This is the yardstick by which we measure our effectiveness.

So let's look at how the Florida Sheriffs Association is translating this primary objective into various projects and activities.

Frequently, the Association holds conferences, seminars and workshops. Sometimes, our purpose is to inform and educate Sheriffs about such diverse subjects as jail procedures, accounts and records, budgets and budget appeals, sex crimes, civil process and criminal process.

At other times, our purpose is to arrive at decisions and positions by collective action.

The Association gives assistance to Sheriffs collectively and Sheriffs individually regarding legal and technical matters. (Other speakers will give you detailed information about this.)

We print and distribute a variety of supplies to help Sheriffs achieve uniformity. You have been given samples and detailed, printed information about these, and I am just going to mention, for example, that they include deputy sheriff application forms, signal-10 cards, distinguished service certificates, press cards and press tags.

We produce brochures and movies to help the public understand the complexities of the Sheriff's job.

We get involved in crime prevention projects, such as the recent public awareness campaign to increase the effectiveness of new laws that give mandatory sentences for using guns in crimes.

We serve as the Sheriffs' voice in Tallahassee by keeping channels of communication open with state agencies, and by

working cooperatively with the Legislature to produce tougher criminal laws and a more effective criminal justice system.

We devote considerable time and energy to the business of building a good image for Sheriffs. For instance, the Association earmarks a large portion of its budget for promotional activities to help raise funds for the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, Girls Villa and Youth Fund.

We think this is important, not only because of the hundreds of needy youngsters who are getting a better break, but also because our child care institutions reveal to the public a side of the Sheriff's job that is too often hidden or overlooked — the compassionate side.

In the business of image making, we also publish a magazine, THE SHERIFF'S STAR, which keeps over 100,000 readers informed about the progressive accomplishments of Florida's Sheriffs.

The Sheriffs Association believes your good image is important. It will determine the kind of public support you get. It will also be a major factor in determining whether or not you are able to do your job effectively.

In broad, general terms, I have told you what the Sheriffs Association is currently doing to help Sheriffs do a better job.

And now let us look briefly at what the Association has accomplished in the past — because this, too, is part of your heritage.

The Association takes full credit, or, in some cases at least, a major portion of the credit for:

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We Have Friends

The Florida Sheriffs Association has many friends in the Florida Legislature, but none more dedicated to the betterment of law enforcement than former Hillsborough County Sheriff Ed Blackburn, Jr., who has been serving effectively in the House of Representatives since 1968. Working cooperatively with the Legislature to produce tougher criminal laws and a more effective criminal justice system is one of the primary objectives of the Sheriffs Association.

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- *Florida's first state-wide crime fighting agency, the Florida Sheriffs Bureau.
- *Florida's first state-wide law enforcement training facility.
- *Establishing minimum standards for law enforcement officers.
- *Court rulings that have been beneficial to law enforcement.
- *Abolishing the corrupt fee system of operating Sheriffs' offices.
- *Establishing high risk retirement for law enforcement officers.
- *Creating all-risk liability insurance for Sheriffs.
- *Standardizing badges, uniforms and patrol car markings.
- *Fighting efforts to create a state police.
- *Preserving local control of law enforcement.

Sheriffs, working cooperatively through their Association, have done, and are doing, many worthwhile things to enhance their status as progressive leaders. And the news about their accomplishments has been getting around.

It is not unusual for Sheriffs from other states to visit the Florida Sheriffs Association office to find out what we are doing and how we are doing it. They tell us — and I am not inclined to argue with them — that we are recognized as the nation's outstanding Sheriffs Association.

If this is true, and there is no reason for me to doubt it, it is obvious that we have been successful in building a good image for Sheriffs, both inside and outside Florida.



Objective Achieved

Achieving uniformity has been one of the long-time objectives of Florida Sheriffs Association, and the Association-approved patrol markings shown in this sketch represent just one of the many examples.

I and my staff associates — including our attorneys, Jack Madigan and Jack Skelding; our Assistant Executive Director, Al Hammock; our Director of Professional Services, Berwin Williams; and our Florida Sheriffs Manual Editor, Iven Lamb — want to help you do your job in a way that is consistent with the image you have inherited.

We want to work with you to make this Association — this "impossible machine" — function successfully, effectively and progressively.

Here's low - cost bullet recovery

WASHINGTON — Borrowing a bit of space-age wizardry, ballistics experts of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) have designed a low-cost system for recovering test-fired bullets which may be a boon to law enforcement agencies throughout the U. S.

Any handgun or rifle leaves "ballistic" marks on bullets fired through it — marks as unique as fingerprints. The need to make ballistic comparison of bullets from a crime scene with others from a suspected weapon is universal in police work.

Obtaining bullets in good condition for ballistic comparison usually requires equipment which is expensive, troublesome to use, or both — and thus not practical for many law enforcement agencies.

Oiled sawdust, cotton and water are the mediums into which test bullets usually are fired, explained Firearms Specialist Frank Moyer of the ATF Mid-Atlantic Regional Laboratory at Philadelphia.

"Sawdust is messy," he said, "and cotton has to be replaced constantly. Both may wipe some markings from a bullet. Water is the best medium if you get a good system."

He said the inexpensive ballistic chamber developed primarily by ATF personnel at the Philadelphia lab permits the recovery of test-fired handgun and rifle ammunition in excellent condition for ballistic testing, and the cost is less than \$1,000.

Each test bullet is fired into a water-filled chamber through a unique rubber seal which expands as the bullet passes through it, then closes in an instant without spilling water. "This application has been used before but is not widely known," said Moyer.

The seal is made of a hard rubbery material, Uniroyal 41301, developed to maintain pressure inside U. S. rockets and spacecraft.



A technician prepares to fire a bullet into the low-cost ballistic chamber developed by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. Plans for the chamber are available to all law enforcement agencies in the U. S. (ATF photo)

Several dozen handgun and rifle rounds have been fired into the ATF chamber since it became operational a few months ago. All were recovered in good condition, except one high-velocity bullet which shattered on impact with the water. The space-age seal remains sturdy and leakproof.

The chamber is an aluminum cylinder 12 feet long, 20 inches in diameter, holding 145 gallons of water. A shield joined to the front of the chamber permits test firing of rifles as well as handguns.

"It's an uncomplicated system using available materials," said Moyer. We hope it may serve as a standard for all interested law enforcement departments. Our prototype cost a little more than \$1,000," the firearms technician continued. "But using our ATF plans, which are available to any law enforcement agency, similar models can be built for less."

OUR DAY OF RECKONING HAS COME

Every year it gets more expensive to live, to die, to eat, to drive a car, to keep a roof over your head and shoes on your feet. In the past 20 years, the cost of living has increased more than 150%. Everything has gone up — everything except membership dues paid to the Florida Sheriffs Association. The dues were \$10 in 1957, and they have remained \$10 a year for 20 years. We have held the line while our expenses for rent, insurance, printing, postage and other necessities have gone up and up.

The cost of raising youngsters at the Boys Ranch and Girls Villa has also skyrocketed. And now our day of reckoning has come. We saw it approaching in 1973 when, for the first time in two decades, our expenses totaled more than our income. The same thing happened in 1974, 1975 and in 1976. Finally, we realized we had no choice but to increase the annual dues to \$15, effective January 1, 1977.

REMEMBER 1957?

Florida Sheriffs Association membership dues were \$10 a year.

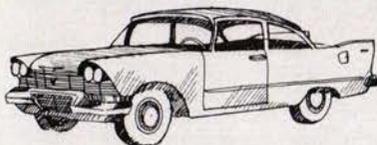
Chuck roast was 35 cents a pound.

String beans were selling for 19 cents a can.

Coffee was 79 cents a pound.



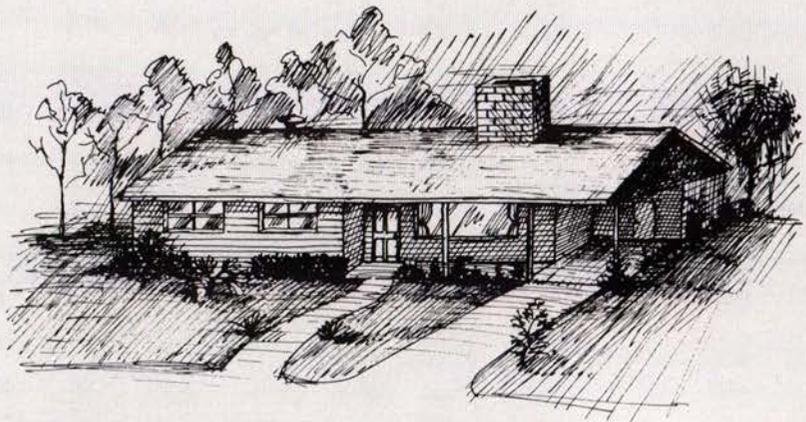
“Expensive” men’s suits were selling for \$55.



\$2,000 would buy a new full-size car.

A message to our members

For 20 YEARS, the Florida Sheriffs Association membership dues have been \$10 A YEAR, and we would like to keep them at that level for 20 more years. However, inflation has finally put us in such a serious financial bind that we have no choice but to increase them to \$15 A YEAR, effective January 1, 1977. This has been a difficult decision for us to make. We have faced it with great reluctance, and we hope you will be sympathetic and understanding. In the days ahead, we will need your loyal support more than ever before.



A new 3-bedroom, 2-bath home, in a good neighborhood, could be bought for less than \$17,000.



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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Fund-Raising Proceeds

PINELLAS PARK — Patrons of the Wagon Wheel Flea Market have their donations to the wishing well matched by the owners, Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Huntley (right) with all funds going to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. Accepting a \$500 check are Pinellas County Sheriff Bill Roberts (second from left) and Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund Director of Development, Don Genung.

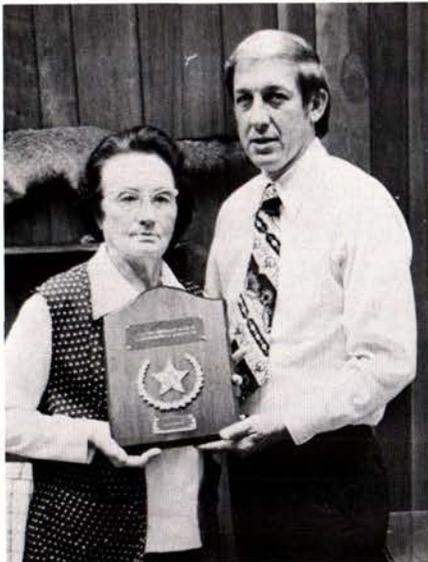


PUNTA GORDA — Charlotte County Sheriff Jack Bent (right) receives a check for the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch and Girls Villa from Ernest Kubinch and Mrs. Fritz Kroeber, representing the German-American Club of Charlotte County.



PUNTA GORDA — It took a big check to cover such a large Ranch-Villa donation, but Charlotte County Sheriff Jack Bent (left) did not hesitate to accept it from Bill Hadsell, golf pro at the Burnt Store Golf & Racquet Club. The money was raised as a result of a barbecue held at the Club.

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Representatives of the Knights of Columbus, Indian River Council No. 3416 by St. Lucie County Sheriff Lanie Norvell (second from left). KC members are (from left): Kevin McLoughlin, Grand Knight; Paul Testa, Financial Secretary; Jim Latrimore, Program Director and John Riley, Activities Chairman.

Florida Sheriffs Association

Lifetime Honorary Memberships

have been presented to the generous people pictured on this page.



Mrs. Beatrice M. McGee by Lon Taracouzio, Administrative Aide to Sheriff Bill Roberts of Pinellas County.



John Denson (right) by Sheriff Don Moreland, of Marion County.



Mr. and Mrs. Klaus C. J. Allwurdn by Pinellas County Sheriff Bill Roberts (left).



Dr. and Mrs. Sherman H. Pace by Pinellas County Sheriff Bill Roberts (right).



Mr. and Mrs. C. Sterling Ludwig (center), of McDonalds Corp., by Sheriff Bill Roberts (right), of Pinellas County and Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund Director of Development, Don Genung.



Mr. and Mrs. C. George Edmonds by Sheriff Jack Bent (center) of Charlotte County.

\$2,000 REWARD

SILVER SPRINGS — Mr. and Mrs. Joseph V. Scofield, Jr., Lindale Mobile Home Park, Lot 60, Silver Springs, Fla., 32688, are offering a reward of \$2,000 for any information leading to the location and return of their daughter, Dorothy "Dee" Scofield, age 12, 100 lbs., 4'11" tall, long brown hair, blue eyes. She disappeared July 22, in the Ocala area. If you have information, please call (Area Code 904) 629-8555, or 236-4633, or 236-4873.



Tactical Unit Well Equipped

ARCADIA — Aided by state and federal funds, DeSoto County Sheriff Frank Cline purchased approximately \$45,000 worth of modern crime investigation equipment for his two-man tactical unit. The equipment pictured here includes a Questar telephoto lens which will allow investigators to read a license tag a mile away; Startron, an electronic telephoto lens for nighttime surveillance; a video tape camera for filming witness statements and crime scenes; neutron analysis equipment to detect traces of gunpowder in violent crimes; infra-red photographic equipment for obtaining evidence under unusual conditions, and tool impression identification equipment for use in burglary and other theft cases. (Photo from The Arcadian)



Deputy of the Year

PONTE VEDRA — The South Ponte Vedra Association, represented by President Emory H. Torrey (right) presented its annual "Deputy of the Year" award to St. Johns County Deputy Frank C. Young (center) in the presence of St. Johns County Sheriff Dudley Garrett. The 1976 award winner received a framed proclamation and also a Citizens Band radio for his patrol car.

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For A Good Cause

JACKSONVILLE — Sheriff Dale Carson doesn't mind clowning around a little as long as it's for a good cause. The clowns are members of Boys Clubs of Jacksonville, and the Sheriff had his picture taken with them after he agreed to assist with a \$300,000 fund drive to expand Boys Club activities. (Jacksonville Journal photo by Lou Egner)

“Nuts and bolts” crime fighters

MIAMI — There is a literal “nuts and bolts” crime-fighting operation going on in Florida.

It is called the “Airport/Seaport Unit”, and operates out of the Dade County Organized Crime Bureau. Its function is to zero in on cargo theft and fencing in the Miami area.

In recent months, the unit recovered such diverse items as 50 citizen band radios, two 20-foot tractor-trailers, 1,140 cases of liquor, seven cases of citizen band antennas, and 3,300 cases of refrigerant gas — the prime ingredient in cooling units.

And then there were the nuts and bolts — an incredible 55,000 pounds of them. Packed in 55-gallon drums, and valued at \$95,000, they were to be shipped by sea to Puerto Rico under forged shipping documents, broken into smaller lots and sold.

But an informant called the special unit, which staked out the warehouse in Hialeah where the 353 drums were awaiting shipment.

Two persons were subsequently arrested, convicted, and fined \$5,000 and placed on five years’ probation, said Sgt. George R. Havens, who is in charge of the investigative unit.

According to Sgt. Havens, the unit has arrested 37 persons, convicted 25, and recovered \$723,717 in stolen property. The unit was established in August, 1974, under a \$376,000 grant from the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration. It recently received an additional \$405,000 to support the program through October, 1977.

“Thefts from our docks and airports, like shoplifting, ultimately result in higher consumer prices for all of us,” said Richard W. Velde, LEAA Administrator. “Specialized units like the one in Florida may make it too expensive for the crooks to operate.

“In a sense, the Dade county operation has already paid for itself. The value of the stolen property recovered just about equals the cost of the two LEAA grants and there is still a year to go on the funding.”

The unit concentrates on Miami International Airport, Miami’s seaport, railroads, trucking depots, and freight-forwarding stations. It focuses on large-scale cargo theft and fencing, the possibility of infiltration and criminal manipulation of legitimate transportation businesses by organized crime, and allegations of labor racketeering in the transportation industry.

“One thing that has come through loud and clear because of this project,” said Sgt. Havens, “is that the key figure in cargo theft is the fence. We are now directing our efforts toward the fencing operation.

“There is no way a thief is going to go steal enormous quantities of refrigerant gas, meat, or tractor-trailers without having ready customers.”

The refrigerant gas was headed for South America. The coolant sells for 95 cents a can in the United States, and brings \$3 in the South American countries — a potential \$1 million profit for the thieves, said Sgt. Havens.

The beef was headed for small markets in the Miami and south Florida areas. The tractor-trailers, loaded with \$20,000 worth of coffee beans from Colombia, were stolen from a railroad yard in Tampa, taken to Miami and abandoned.

Since most crimes the unit investigates violate both federal

and state statutes, it coordinates its effort with other law enforcement agencies.

The Florida Department of Criminal Law Enforcement and a U. S. Customs enforcement agent are full-time members of the unit, and the FBI works with the unit on a case-by-case basis.

In addition, the unit works with the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, the Labor Department, the area’s Organized Crime Strike Force, and many local agencies.

Under the project, the Dade County Public Safety Department’s Organized Crime Training Institute created a four-day school to teach project investigators special techniques for this complex criminal area. It is also preparing a “fencing investigations manual” under another LEAA grant.

The unit employs a legal advisor who monitors all investigations to assure that the cases do not violate any security and privacy regulations and that they are legally complete.

The legal advisor also drafts new legislation for consideration by the city council or legislature. By using information from the investigators and monitoring their work, he identifies areas of needed legislation and drafts proposed laws to meet those needs.

Sgt Havens said educating the transportation industry to organized crime’s effect on their economic situation is another priority area of the grant. Working in conjunction with the Miami National Cargo Security Group and through regular meetings with shippers, project investigators are trying to gain the aid of the industry in stemming organized crime.

At upcoming seminars, the project investigators will tell transportation executives of organized crime’s involvement in their particular industry; how it works; how it affects their business; and how, through cooperation with law enforcement agencies, the criminal activities can be curtailed.



Patterned After Their Pop

KISSIMMEE — While they were still toddlers, Allan and Aaron Langston began following in the footsteps of their father, Deputy Sheriff Jack Langston (right). The one-year-old twins were commissioned as Osceola County’s youngest-ever honorary deputies by Sheriff E. P. (Kayo) Murphy (left) after their mother made miniature deputy uniforms for them.



Wanicka

“bugged”

Lee County Sheriff Frank Wanicka says his office is bugged.

“I’ve suspected this for a long time, but only now has it really come out into the open,” Wanicka said.

The bug was discovered several days ago in the center of a large decorative stump in the Sheriff’s office.

“We’d have never known the thing was there if it hadn’t started making a noise — and it’s gotten progressively louder every day,” Wanicka remarked, while kneeling beside the stump and peering down a hole in the top. “See it — there it is,” he yelled excitedly.

“It’s hard to get our work done with that thing making all that noise in there,” Jean Schmitt, the Sheriff’s secretary, whispered just out of ear-reach of the Sheriff.

The bug is a cricket that took up residence in an old cypress stump used as a planter in the Sheriff’s office.

“I put some bread in the hole and it landed right on top of it,” Mrs. Kathy Hannah, another secretary said. “Scared me to death when I could see it lying on its back, legs jerking — with that big piece of bread on top of it.”

“I could listen to it for hours. It puts me in mind of a forest,” said Wanicka, an avid hunter.

“I HAVE to listen to it for hours,” Mrs. Schmitt said, “but I’m reserving comment on what it puts me in mind of.”

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