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Short course for New Sheriffs

evokes deep concentration by Sheriffs (left to right) Horace Moody, Levy County; Dolph Reddish, Bradford County; Fred Peel, Washington County. See story starting on page 6.





Part of the wrap-up included inventorying and testing the confiscated marijuana — a job assigned to Lt. Fred Workinger, Lee County Sheriff's Department, and Clarke Davison, chemist.

The "Calypso", innocent-looking pleasure boat that became involved in a super smuggling plot.



Crewmen won no medals for signpainting when they changed the "Karen" to the "Teki Tango".



SUPER BUST!

Net results:

- Seven men charged with smuggling;
- Seven boats confiscated;
- \$3 million worth of marijuana seized

■ FORT MYERS — It was 7 p.m., December 3. Overhead, there was an almost full moon as four men walked out of a secluded, waterfront home, got aboard the 36-foot cruiser, "Calypso", and pulled away from the dock.

It could have been the beginning of an innocent, moonlight cruise, but deputy sheriffs and U. S. agents, who had been watching the waterfront residence for weeks, had a bundle of reasons to believe it wasn't so innocent.

As the "Calypso" left Fort Myers Beach and headed out into the Gulf through Big Carlos Pass, urgent radio messages peppered the secret communications center officers had set up in the nearby Holiday Inn.

Word flashed to the mainland that the "Calypso" was under way, and Sheriff Frank Wanicka's helicopter lifted off its pad carrying Col. Dave Wilson, Deputy Tom Keim and Sheriff's Agent Dennis Burkhart.

At the same time, a U. S. Customs speedboat, two Coast Guard cruisers and the Sheriff's Department patrol boat began

shadowing the "Calypso" at a distance.

Following the glowing phosphorescence in the "Calypso's" wake, the deputies in the helicopter were able to tail the boat unobserved while it rendezvoused with a shrimp boat, later identified as the "Karen", approximately 7½ miles at sea.

Circling at a distance and using special scopes for night vision, the deputies saw men transferring large bales, assumed to be marijuana, from the shrimp boat to the "Calypso".

The law enforcement boats waiting out of sight were kept informed by radio, and quickly converged on the scene once the "Calypso" had been loaded and started to leave the area.

U. S. agents and a Lee County Deputy Sheriff aboard a high-speed U. S. Customs boat intercepted the "Calypso", boarded it, and arrested the four-man crew. They found the boat "loaded to the 'gunnels'" with over four tons of marijuana.

Meanwhile, the shrimp boat was kept under helicopter surveillance as it headed out into the Gulf. Crewmen were seen changing the boat's name from "Karen" to "Teki Tango" just

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Dave Zimmerman with the girls' softball team he coaches.



A constant vigil

The following article is reprinted from the July-August issue of Jacksonville magazine. It was written by Editor Lee Sinoff after he spent several days "on the job" with Deputy Sheriff D. O. (Dave) Zimmerman.

■ JACKSONVILLE — Officer D. O. Zimmerman — Dave, to anyone who knows him — gets to work late in the day. In fact, he is just beginning his work day when most of us are preparing to go home from ours. He's on the Fourth Watch (from 4:45 p. m. until 12:45 a. m.), when the light of day is being replaced by the cover of night. That demands a whole new set of professional skills, in addition to those every watch demands.

"After a short time on the job, a good officer develops a sixth sense for spotting things 'out of place'. I see things you may never notice, especially in dark corners."

Eight hours of daily routine will find most of Dave's time in his patrol car. Every officer can work an active day, when the time will pass unnoticeably, or take a more passive approach, when the time will wear heavily.

"It would be easy enough to sit in a gas station all night and watch the traffic go by, or I could just write tickets for the numerous infractions that occur, or I could simply sit back and wait for the dispatcher to send me out on a call.

"I'm out here to do it all. That's what I'm paid for. It's a constant vigil."

Using his patrol car like a searchlight, Dave weaves in and around his beat, always ready to encounter that very out-of-place thing which means a crime is being committed. He never rides in a pattern, but, rather, tries to cover as much territory as possible, memorizing streets and cross-reference points as he goes.

"One of the hardest parts of working this zone, regardless of the beat I'm riding any night, is remembering all of the streets. If another officer calls for help and I have to look up the address in a city directory — which may take two or three minutes — I'm wasting time. And that time can mean someone's life in this business."

When he does encounter something amiss, he must be prepared to act with the most appropriate response at the time. In a profession where minutes and seconds do count, his decisions must be right on the mark and, too often, acted upon without the benefit of thorough information or calculated judgment. It's a gut-level job, with good officers calling upon super-human energies to help real people with real problems.

Dave works at being real, both as a policeman and as an individual in the community. The father of two girls, he spends afternoons coaching a girls' softball team and is also an advisor for the Christian Youth Organization at the Prince of Peace Catholic Church.

He's involved, and cares about other people. That care and concern for the people he is paid to serve keeps Dave on his

toes; it inspires the extra effort that separates the professional from the pretender.

"Each man has to develop his own way of doing things. I keep a card file on the juveniles I encounter, with their name, address and description. Putting someone's name in my 'Memory Bank' has a two-fold purpose: it lets the kids on the street know that someone does have their information on hand, and it lets me know where to find them if their name should pop up from another juvenile. It's my own 'kid-locator'.

"I use the cards to identify the kids when, and if, I need them. I've pulled a card on a juvenile who had no previous record and was unknown as far as the System was concerned, and solved a series of house break-ins in Arlington, based upon another juvenile's statements about their activities.

"Luckily, I had the card in my file and could locate the second juvenile from the names of the people I keep, about 100 cards — all who have never been arrested."

Because of the vast amount of time spent waiting for genuine crises where professional police skills are required, a relaxed atmosphere rules the day (or night, as is the case with Watch Four). Yet, there is a constant air of suppressed tension since, when the crises do arise, they frequently involve life and liberty — two issues that generate fervent responses.

During the work day, any innocent-looking event might just be the one crisis that is the difference between life and death. And because the officers won't know until it's over, they must treat every event, regardless of how innocent it appears, as if it could be the one with their name etched in stone.

Death is always there, sitting somewhere just out of sight; Dave's service revolver confirms any doubt about the seriousness of the profession.

Each officer must face his or her own attitude about death with whatever personal philosophy he or she can call upon.

"My father described an individual as a candle, with the breath of life as secure as the flame. A slight wind may come along and blow that flame out or it may burn itself out. Whatever way it happens, I try to live my life protecting the flame and doing my job, helping my fellow officers whenever I can."

For Officer D. O. Zimmerman — his own distinct New Jersey accent establishes a foreign sound in most listeners' ears — the gaps that divide people are quickly removed as this man's personal warmth, honest compassion and interest in strangers makes him a friend from the start.

He's a man who walks in the shadow of the Valley of Death and carries a big stick and an even bigger smile. He's everyone's friend and a true servant of the people.



HANDLE WITH CARE

It's possible to get "busted"
after pulling a big "drug bust"

■ STARKE — To law enforcement officers everywhere from Bradford County Sheriff Dolph Reddish comes this word of warning: "Beware of drug hazards."

Sheriff Reddish, a seasoned "pro" with 20 years of law enforcement experience under his belt, isn't primarily con-



cerned about the possibility of lawmen becoming hooked on drugs.

Instead, he's worried about the hazards involved in the handling of illegal drugs confiscated as evidence in drug arrests.

He's aware that, because of the great demand for, and the high cash value of, illegal drugs, officers and others are often tempted to "skim off" a bit of the evidence.

It happens, and when it does, the results can be disastrous not only to the officers involved, but also to the Sheriffs and other high officials responsible for their actions.

Law enforcement officers have been fired, arrested, and, in some cases, given prison sentences for stealing, selling, or attempting to sell, confiscated drug case evidence.

An alleged conspiracy to steal and sell evidence recently sent shock waves of scandal and suspicion reverberating through the highest levels of the criminal justice system.

The hazards of "the big steal" are real, and, to guard against them, Sheriff Reddish recommends strict controls from the time the drug case evidence is first inventoried until it is finally destroyed.

He also recommends getting an appropriate court order allowing destruction of the evidence at the earliest possible moment.

St. John's County Sheriff Dudley Garrett is one of many Sheriffs who will "second the motion".



These pictures from The Bradford County Telegraph serve to illustrate how Sheriff Dolph Reddish and his deputies handle confiscated drugs. They show Deputy Don Denton making a detailed inventory of drugs and drug paraphernalia; Denton checking out an elaborate water pipe he uses in public school drug lectures; Deputies Steve Backus, John Dempsey and Denton unloading drug evidence ready for court-ordered destruction; the burning of the evidence; and the final "burial rites" performed with a bulldozer by Deputy Backus.

He will not soon forget the elaborate precautions he had to take following a million-dollar drug bust that netted thousands of pounds of marijuana, plus a small fortune in confiscated vehicles and boats.

Although the evidence was secured in the floodlighted county jail yard, surrounded by a high chain link fence topped with barbed wire, there were aborted attempts to rip off some of the marijuana.

Finally, Sheriff Garrett rented a large tractor-trailer truck, placed the marijuana inside, locked the trailer and backed it up against the wall of the jail, then unhooked the tractor and drove it away.

Expensive? Yes.

Complicated? Yes, but it also serves to illustrate how serious the problem of proper handling of confiscated drug case evidence has become.



A typical jail dinner includes salisbury steak in creole sauce, parsley potatoes, carrots and greens.



Jail food rated "good"

TAMPA — When she heard that Hillsborough County Jail inmates were well fed, Tampa Tribune Food Editor Ann McDuffie didn't take Sheriff Malcolm Beard's word for it. Instead, she decided to find out for herself.

And she discovered some inmates were apparently eating better than they had before they were jailed.

"Jail meals cannot be considered epicurean delights," she said, "but they are certainly good, wholesome and nutritious — and portions are very generous."

She was surprised to learn that prisoners were being fed for around \$1.50 per day per person, and she asked Major Al Perrotti, Director of Operations for the Hillsborough County Board of Criminal Justice to explain how it's done.

Perrotti said costs are kept low by employing only one paid cook at each of the four institutions in the county corrections system — the county jail, the county stockade, central booking (which used to be the city jail) and Six Mile Prison Camp.

These paid cooks supervise kitchen crews of inmates, he explained.

There are other factors contributing to the low cost, Perrotti said, such as serving the same basic menu in all four institutions and buying foods on bid through Sheriff Beard's purchasing division.

Menus are planned at least a week in advance by a trained cook and a nutritionist. Special diets are also worked out for prisoners who are diabetics or have other serious health problems.

Checking a typical day's menu, the food editor found a breakfast that included a plain omelet with Spanish sauce, hash-browned potatoes, hot buttered toast and hot, black coffee.

She sampled the midday meal of stuffed green peppers in tomato sauce, O'Brien potatoes, mixed vegetables, spiced beets, bread and iced Koolaid, and declared the food was flavored better than in many homes and restaurants.

The evening meal was chicken a la king on hot biscuits, mashed potatoes, buttered peas, buttered cabbage, bread and a beverage.

Very few of the prisoners who work in the kitchens have had previous experience in food preparation, but some have used their experience to get jobs after being released from jail.

One former inmate is now a professional baker; another is night kitchen manager in a fast food establishment; and one has gone up the promotion ladder in a restaurant kitchen.

There are benefits to be derived from working in the kitchens, but there are also a few disadvantages. The day's food preparation begins around 2 a. m. when some of the kitchen workers start breaking eggs (1,000 of them) for breakfast.

Serving of breakfast begins at 4:30 a. m. and the pace of cooking, serving and cleaning remains hectic until around 8 p.m.



Meals are delivered to the cell blocks in heated carts and the prisoners eat at tables in the "day room".

Tampa Tribune photos by August Staebler



Food Editor McDuffie found the beige tile and stainless steel kitchen immaculate — and not by accident, since all spills and spots are quickly mopped during cooking hours and the entire kitchen is steam-cleaned every 24 hours.

Meals are served to prisoners in their cellblocks and arrive hot in electrically heated carts.

Each cellblock gets a large thermos of hot or cold beverage so the inmates can have more than one serving.

Food Editor McDuffie observed all this, sampled the food, gave the kitchens a "fine-tooth" inspection, and came away impressed.

She also learned a bit of jailhouse philosophy from Sheriff Malcolm Beard who explained that bad food often triggers jail riots, and good food helps to keep prisoners calm and peaceful.

What is a cop?

This article by Conrad S. Jensen, of Nashville, Tennessee, passed through many hands before it reached Lee County Sheriff Frank Wanicka, in Fort Myers, Florida. He passed it on to the editor of the STAR, and it is being reprinted here as one more variation on the familiar theme: "The policeman's lot is not so hot."

Cops are found everywhere — on land, on the sea, in the air, on horses, in cars, sometimes in your hair. In spite of the fact that "you can't find one when you want one," they are usually there when it counts most. The best way to get one is to pick up the phone.

Cops deliver lectures, babies and bad news. They are required to have the wisdom of Solomon, the disposition of a lamb and muscles of steel and are often accused of having a heart to match. He's the one who rings the doorbell, swallows hard and announces the passing of a loved one; then spends the rest of the day wondering why he ever took such a "crummy" job.

On TV, a cop is an oaf who couldn't find a bull fiddle in a telephone booth. In real life, he's expected to find a little

blond boy "about so high" in a crowd of a half million people. In fiction, he gets help from private eyes, reporters and "who-dun-it" fans. In real life, mostly all he gets from the public is "I didn't see nuttin'."

When he serves a summons, he's a monster. If he lets you go, he's a doll. To little kids, he's either a friend or a bogeyman, depending on how the parents feel about it. He works "around the clock", split shifts, Sundays and holidays, and it always kills him when a joker says, "Hey, tomorrow is Election Day. I'm off. Let's go fishing". That's the day he works 20 hours.

A cop is like the little girl, who, when she was good, was very, very good, but, when she was bad, was horrid. When a cop is good, "he's getting paid for it." When he makes a mistake, "He's a grafter, and that goes for the rest of them, too". When he shoots a stick-up man, he's a hero, except when the stick-up man is "only a kid, anybody coulda seen that".

Lots of them have homes, some of them covered with ivy, but most of them covered with mortgages. If he drives a big car, he's a chiseler; a little car, "who's he kidding?" His credit is good; this is very helpful, because his salary isn't. Cops raise lots of kids; most of them belong to other people.

A cop sees more misery, bloodshed, trouble and sunrises than the average person. Like the postman, cops must also be out in all kinds of weather. His uniform changes with the climate, but his outlook on life remains about the same: mostly a blank, but hoping for a better world.

So you want to be a deputy?

Written by Detective Joe Bennett, of the Seminole County Sheriff's Department, and reprinted from the department's "in house" news letter.

If a lawyer loses a case, everyone knows "he tried his best". If a doctor loses a patient on the operating table, why, "he did everything he could".

When a truck driver gets behind schedule, "it's the weather". But, if a Deputy Sheriff can't catch all the criminals, some will say "it's because he just rides around in an air-conditioned car all day".

If a Deputy Sheriff gets involved in a high-speed chase and the criminal is hurt, the Deputy is irresponsible and taking too many chances with the public's safety. (It's also the same public that when they're the victim they want the Deputy to shoot the thief.)

A Deputy Sheriff isn't allowed to have a temper. If someone spits on him, calls him names, threatens his life, or, worse yet, his family's, he is a Deputy Sheriff and can't get mad.

A Deputy Sheriff has to be a referee in family fights. He isn't allowed to take sides and usually ends up with both the husband and the wife complaining to the Sheriff about his actions.

A Deputy Sheriff at times must be a punching bag. (Why, that man did not mean to break the Deputy's nose or chip his tooth. He was drunk and didn't know what he was doing.") If the Deputy protects himself, he is using too much force.

If you feel you'd want to pin on that silver star and put on a uniform of green and gray, think about it a little more.

Think about the friends that you have now who may stop phoning or visiting with you. Think about the people who will hate you because you wear the green and gray and try

to help mankind and do a service to your fellow man. Try to think also about joining a profession that has one of the highest divorce rates. Think about sitting in a small apartment and about being lonely.

Think about all these things; and, if you qualify to pin on that silver star and wear a green and gray, you have just become one of Florida's finest.



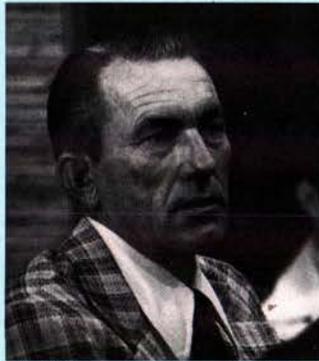
Army Reserve Training

CLEARWATER — Pinellas County Deputy Sheriff Mike Platt (right) was graduated from the U. S. Army Reserve special weapons training program. Deputy Platt joins others on the Sheriff's Department as members of the Intervention Rescue Squad. In addition to qualifying with pistols, deputies learn advanced marksmanship and sniper tactics with the M-16.

SHORT COURSE **for SHERIFFS** **packed with information**



Sheriff Thomas Burton, Manatee County.



Sheriff Roy J. Rodgers, Gilchrist County



Sheriff Von Whiddon (left), Taylor County

Photos by Al Hammock, Associate Editor

■ TALLAHASSEE — Twenty-five newly-elected Sheriffs came here December 7 to attend a training seminar sponsored by the Florida Sheriffs Association and the Standards and Training Division of the Florida Department of Criminal Law Enforcement.

For three days, they were inundated with information by 35 speakers representing the Sheriffs Association, important state agencies within the criminal justice system, and various Sheriffs' offices.

At night, they got involved in impromptu discussions about a wide variety of law enforcement subjects.

And, when the final day rolled around, they packed up a veritable trunk load of printed information and headed home.

In just three days it wasn't possible to teach them all they needed to know. However, all of them learned one thing — the closer one gets to the weighty responsibilities of the Sheriff's job, the more complex they become.

The new Sheriffs were briefed on: Sheriffs' liability insurance and possible lawsuits; the technical details of assuming office; and the intricacies of civil and criminal procedures. Questions and answers punctuated the long classroom sessions.

There was also a "colored slide tour" of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, Girls Villa and Youth Ranch; an address by Florida Attorney General Robert Shevin (reprinted on pages 8 and 9); and a few pointers from experienced, incumbent Sheriffs.

After the second long day, one Sheriff-elect was heard to say, "We sure got our money's worth today." Actually, he probably got much more than his money's worth because the sponsors arranged to give each Sheriff-elect a per diem allowance.

The Florida Department of Criminal Law Enforcement used a large portion of one day's program to brief Sheriffs on its many services including: standards and training; crime laboratory system; Florida Crime Information Center; investigative assistance and uniform crime reports.

Only one of Florida's 26 newly-elected Sheriffs missed the seminar. He was unable to attend because of illness.

Newly-elected Sheriffs and members of their staffs.



Sheriff Fred Peel,
Washington County.



Sheriff L. J. "Lu" Hindery,
Alachua County.



Sheriff Ken Katsaris,
Leon County.



Speakers received most of the attention, but during breaks, seminar participants could look over displays illustrating the work of the Sheriffs Association.

Sheriff John Short (left) and his assistant, Thomas Berlinger, Pasco County.



Sheriff Louie T. Mims,
Polk County.



Sheriff W. C. Ben Jones,
Holmes County.



Sheriff Dolph Reddish,
Bradford County, reelected in 1976
without opposition.



Sheriff David Harvey (left), of Wakulla County and Sheriff Richard P. Wille, of Palm Beach County.

George Warner, Deputy Auditor General.



John A. Madigan, Jr., Attorney for the Florida Sheriffs Association.



Guy Revell, Office of Youth Services.



35 Speakers featured at SHORT COURSE for SHERIFFS

SHEVIN tells new sheriffs:

The following address by Florida's Attorney General Robert Shevin was one of many presented by 35 speakers during a seminar for newly-elected Sheriffs, in Tallahassee, December 7-10, 1976.



Attorney General
Robert Shevin

■ It's a real pleasure for me to be here today to meet all of you in person and to relay to you my personal congratulations on your recent election victories. I know how hard many of you worked to receive the great honor and the tremendous responsibilities that come with being the chief law enforcement officers of your respective counties.

The fact that so many new sheriffs were elected this year is, I believe, a pretty clear statement by the people that they are looking for new ideas and new vigor in law enforcement. The easy-going intimacy with one's constituents is a thing of the past.

The problems of urbanization, suburban development, super highways, and instant communication have brought new and complex challenges to law enforcement and these challenges demand a new methodology and modern technology.

I know that most of you are committed to such programs. And, having known many of you for several years as you have put in your time as yeoman officers, I am convinced that we can expect some great accomplishments from this group that makes up the newly-elected class of 1976.



State Representative Ed Blackburn, Jr. (left) and Broward County Sheriff Ed Stack. Blackburn is a former Sheriff of Hillsborough County and Stack is starting his third term in office. Each had a few pointers for the new Sheriffs.



Sheriffs Don Moreland (left), of Marion County, and Melvin Colman, of Orange County, shared with newly-elected Sheriffs some of the knowledge they have gained while in office.



State law enforcement agencies were represented by: (left to right) E. B. Ashley, Chief of Law Enforcement, Division of Beverage; Lt. Col. Brantley Goodson, Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission; Lt. Col. H. Lee Simmons, Florida Highway Patrol; Col. Cliff A. Willis, Division of Law Enforcement, Florida Marine Patrol.

do your damndest

The Bad News

The bad news I bring to you this morning is that you will immediately find, upon assuming your new duties, that you are short-handed. And, during your tenure as sheriff, you will never have all of the men, women and equipment you feel you need to do the job you are sworn to do. That is a fiscal fact of life.

Therefore, it is essential that you establish meaningful priorities and deploy your departments in such a way as to provide maximum public protection.

Each of your jurisdictions is going to have problems which are peculiar to that particular area. In some places, it may be rural burglaries; in another, livestock rustling; and, in another, armed robberies of convenience stores and service stations. And each of you will have to make decisions and muster your officers to best deal with these individual problems.

But there is one crime problem which will stretch across jurisdictional lines and which I hope all of you will put at the top of your lists of priorities. This is one of the most heinous crimes we have . . . a crime which spawns other crimes like a heap of manure will breed flies. I'm talking, of course, of the widespread importation and distribution of heroin, cocaine and other illegal substances.

The Most Serious Problem

Drug addiction and the abuse and misuse of narcotics have given this country the most serious medical, social and criminal problem it has ever experienced. Law enforcement officers everywhere are shaking their heads and wringing their hands as they see an increase in the types of crimes which are directly traceable to addicts stealing and robbing to satisfy their torturous habits.

As law officers . . . whose primary responsibility is the PROTECTION of society . . . I urge you to do your best to help those who are afflicted with the illness, the scourge of addiction. Help them to get the medical treatment they need for rehabilitation. And I urge you to do your damndest to put behind bars the vermin, the maggots, the germs of this dung heap who are causing this social disease: the pushers and distribu-

tors of hard drugs. They are despicable. And, as long as they operate, they are a direct threat to the mental, physical and moral well-being of all our children and our society.

Over the past ten or eleven years, as a lawmaker and now as Attorney General, I have been a close observer and participant in our system of criminal justice. During that time, I have seen the incidents of plea bargaining and probation grow to such an extent that today only twenty per cent . . . one out of every five . . . of the people convicted of a felony ever go to prison and, yet, prisons are overcrowded.

We have seen parole evolve to the point where murderers, rapists and armed robbers sentenced to life in prison, or to one hundred and fifty to two hundred years in prison, are out on the streets in five, six or seven years.

Legislative Priorities

This has led me to several conclusions and I have structured my own legislative priorities around them.

Sentences should be more closely related to the crime than to the criminal's imagined aptitude for rehabilitation. We should not give one armed robber probation and another ten years. As a matter of fact, one of our legislative proposals which has already been signed into law is one which requires anyone using a firearm to commit a felony must serve at least three years in prison. This will guarantee that we are safe from some of these hoodlums for a while anyway.

And I believe that the most recent crime statistics, showing a 39% decrease in the incidents of armed robbery with a firearm, demonstrate the effectiveness of this law. Robberies generally were down 25% but those committed with a firearm were down 39%.

Sentences should be less flexible—flat time—and I believe that all felons should be required to serve at least one-third of their sentences before being eligible for parole. To me, this is only fair and just.

In a survey of the prison system, we found that, in Florida, the only people getting paroled before serving at least one-third of their sentences were those guilty of the worst crimes: murder, rape and armed robbery. So, really, all this law will do is provide some justice to the criminal justice system.

The treatment apparatus of job training, education, counselling and the like should continue. Since many criminals do try to reform, it would be foolish not to help them. But such programs should be purely voluntary, so we can concentrate our resources on those who ask to be helped. They shouldn't be forced on those who wouldn't ask to participate if they could be paroled without it.

Two Abuses

There are two abuses within the criminal justice system which should be contained: probation and plea bargaining. As I've said, eighty per cent of the men and women convicted of a felony in this state never see the inside of a prison. They are put on probation or have adjudication withheld. Certainly, there are many mitigating or extenuating circumstances that may lead to crime. And judges should have some modest latitude in deciding if an individual may better serve the social order outside of prison.

But nobody will ever convince me that eight out of every ten convicted criminals to come before the bar of justice should be let go free. We need to take steps to limit judges' discretion in this area.

Plea bargaining is probably the most discouraging and frustrating thing that can happen to a law enforcement officer.

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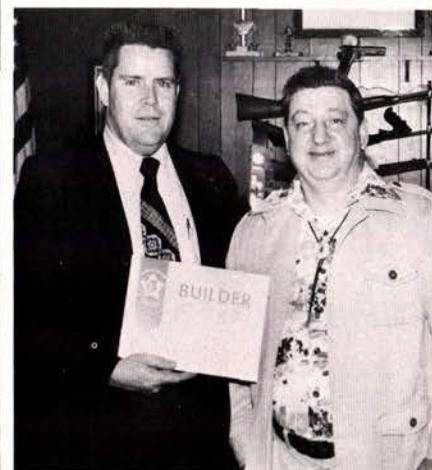


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OCALA — Marion County Sheriff Don Moreland (left) presents a Builder certificate to Barney Falls for his generous contributions to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund.



Mr. and Mrs. Harold A. Macomber (right) by Pinellas County Sheriff Bill Roberts.



James T. Travis (right) by Sheriff Bill Roberts of Pinellas County.



Mr. Robert C. "Robbie" McMullen (right) by Sheriff Bill Roberts of Pinellas County.



Richard Johnson (left), Charter Employees Charitable Fund, by Sheriff Dale Carson of Jacksonville.

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Miss Ann Campone by Edward A. Boyd, of the Pasco County Sheriff's Department.

Super Bust! (continued from inside cover)

before it was intercepted by two Coast Guard cruisers and the Sheriff's Department patrol boat, ten or fifteen miles offshore.

The boat was seized and three crewmen were placed under arrest in the final action of the seagoing operation that had lasted until almost dawn, and the net results added up to a record-setting chapter in the annals of Florida law enforcement.

Seven men, with far-ranging addresses which included Everett, Wash., and Newport, R. I., were charged with smuggling and felony possession of marijuana. Each was held under \$750,000 bond.

Marijuana with a total wholesale value of \$3 million was confiscated. This included 142 bales seized on the "Calypso", plus 24 more bales that had apparently been thrown overboard and were later found floating in the Gulf.

Seven boats were confiscated, including the "Calypso"; the "Karen"; two abandoned boats picked up by the Florida Marine Patrol (one a 24-footer and the other a 36-footer); and three boats seized by the Lee County Sheriff's Department with the aid of a search warrant. These last-mentioned boats included a 22-foot, twin-engine Mercury cruiser, an 18-foot inboard and a 14-foot outboard.

Sheriff Wanicka said leads were being followed to trace ownership of the boats, and to determine the origin of the marijuana, which was believed to have been imported from Central or South America.

And, as the raveled ends of the smuggling operation were being sorted out over a period of weeks, lawmen agreed this was the largest drug bust in the history of Southwest Florida.

It was also a classic example of inter-agency cooperation which combined the efforts of the Lee County Sheriff's De-

partment, the U. S. Coast Guard, the U. S. Customs Office, the Florida Marine Patrol, and State Attorney Joe D'Allesandro and his investigators.

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Joel Pate, Division of Standards and Training, Florida Department of Criminal Law Enforcement.



Robert J. Constantine, Health and Rehabilitative Services, Community Inpatient Program Supervisor (Baker Act).

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He puts his life on the line to make a drug bust or pick up a violent lawbreaker and, before you know it, the crook is back on the street after having served a minimum sentence for some minimal crime. Plea bargaining sometimes makes a mockery of justice. If a prosecutor can make a case of first or second degree murder, he has no business opting for a lesser plea of manslaughter because an individual consents to plead guilty.

It is true that it costs the state a lot of money to go to trial and a jury can sometimes be fickle. But neither of these should be a consideration. I'm not even sure there is much validity to allowing an important witness who was part of the crime to plead to a lesser crime to elicit his testimony against a co-criminal. If there is a concession to be granted to a cooperative witness, perhaps it should be left up to the judge or jury to decide.

"Review And Reform"

We will recommend to the Florida Legislature again this year that they review and reform practices in sentencing, plea bargaining, probation and parole.

One thing which I find infuriating, and I know most of you find frustrating, is the frequent jurisdictional squabbles which develop between, and among, law enforcement agencies. Most of these are inexcusable . . . and, Lord knows, we've got enough handicaps in the fight against crime without going to war with ourselves. If you don't have some kind of apparatus within your jurisdictions to work out petty fights and to promote full cooperation between agencies, you should have one, and I urge you to work for it as soon as you get home.

In Florida, at the state level, we have had a loosely allied federal, state and local task force for over a year now and we are beginning to achieve some positive results. We are exchanging intelligence information. We are getting input into federal activities and getting some federal support with some of our work at the state and local levels. I hope we will be able to help you.

Let me say a few words concerning another phase of law enforcement which I feel is extremely important — the area of crime prevention.

Citizen Support Essential

We are all aware that law enforcement needs strong citizen support. Without the aid of its citizens, sheriffs' departments cannot hope to stop the onward rush of crime. Detection and

apprehension are extremely important, but we must not forsake the concepts of crime prevention. By reducing criminal opportunity through citizen participation in crime prevention programs, we can help to keep criminal acts from occurring.

Crime prevention is an integral part of law enforcement. We have seen in Florida that it is possible to maintain maximum effectiveness in law enforcement and still develop active crime prevention programs without substantial expenditures. I strongly recommend that you have at least one officer in your department who is line itemed in the budget to perform crime prevention activities.

Excellent training for crime prevention officers is available through the National Crime Prevention Institute, and my Help Stop Crime staff can provide him with technical assistance.

I also recommend that these officers work closely in crime analysis to determine priorities for crime prevention activities. This data can also be used to measure crime prevention program effectiveness.

Prevention Working

On the state level, we initiated the Help Stop Crime program in 1972. When we started out, only a handful of law enforcement agencies participated in the program. Today, I am happy to report, that number is well over 300. Many of these are sheriffs' departments. We are proud that this program is one of the most comprehensive state-wide crime prevention programs in the nation.

Working through project officers in each participating agency, educational crime prevention programs, such as neighborhood watch, operation identification, residential burglary, and others, are taken to the citizen via the media of lectures, audio-visual and printed materials. These materials are available without cost to you from the Tallahassee office. Also, Help Stop Crime disseminates TV and radio spots relevant to its different programs.

Sheriffs' departments have contributed greatly to the success of this program. Most departments are using Help Stop Crime materials in their programs, and, recently, representatives of various sheriffs' departments worked with members of citizens' organizations and my Help Stop Crime staff to revise and update three major Help Stop Crime programs: sexual assault, residential burglary and commercial armed robbery.

To those of you here today who will have established crime prevention programs in your departments, I strongly urge you to give them your unfailing support. To those of you who are not participating in this program, or do not have active crime prevention programs, I urge you to join us in the growing crime prevention movement. My Help Stop Crime staff will be more than happy to assist with your program needs.

Encouraging Note

I would like to conclude on an encouraging note. Everything seems to be falling together in the fight against crime. Citizens are responding with their concern, support and participation. Government is responding with more money and more rigid requirements for law enforcement officers and judges. Law enforcement officers themselves are responding with dedication and determination, and this is reflected in Florida's excellent crime clearance rate.

The most recent statistics seem to indicate we are beginning to get the job done. I know that each of you is going to help us bring even more improvements to the overall system.

Thank you and good luck to all of you.

Appointed to Standards Board

TALLAHASSEE — Gadsden County Sheriff W. A. Woodham, Quincy; Marion County Sheriff Don Moreland, Ocala; and Orange County Sheriff Mel Colman, Orlando, have been appointed to the Florida Police Standards Commission.

Woodham was reappointed for a new term. Moreland and Colman replaced Alachua County Sheriff Joe Crevasse, Gainesville; and Monroe County Sheriff Bobby Brown, Key West.

The Commission is a policy setting body for minimum standards and related matters administered by the Standards and Training Division of the Florida Department of Criminal Law Enforcement.



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Pat on the back for Stack

FT. LAUDERDALE — Eleven private programs, aimed at the problems of drug abuse, honored Broward County Sheriff Ed Stack with a certificate of appreciation.



They praised him for his “pioneering leadership” and stated many of the programs were begun through his efforts.

Represented at the presentation were: the Broward County Committee for Child Advocacy; Broward Methadone Rehabilitation and Research Facility; Community Outreach Services; Concerned Parents Against Drug Abuse; Coral Ridge Psychiatric Center; Henderson Clinic of Broward County; October Center; Spectrum Programs; Broward House; The Starting Place; and Turning Point.

Sheriff Stack pledged his continued support and said, “I think we have put something significant together to meet the problems of drug abuse in this county.”

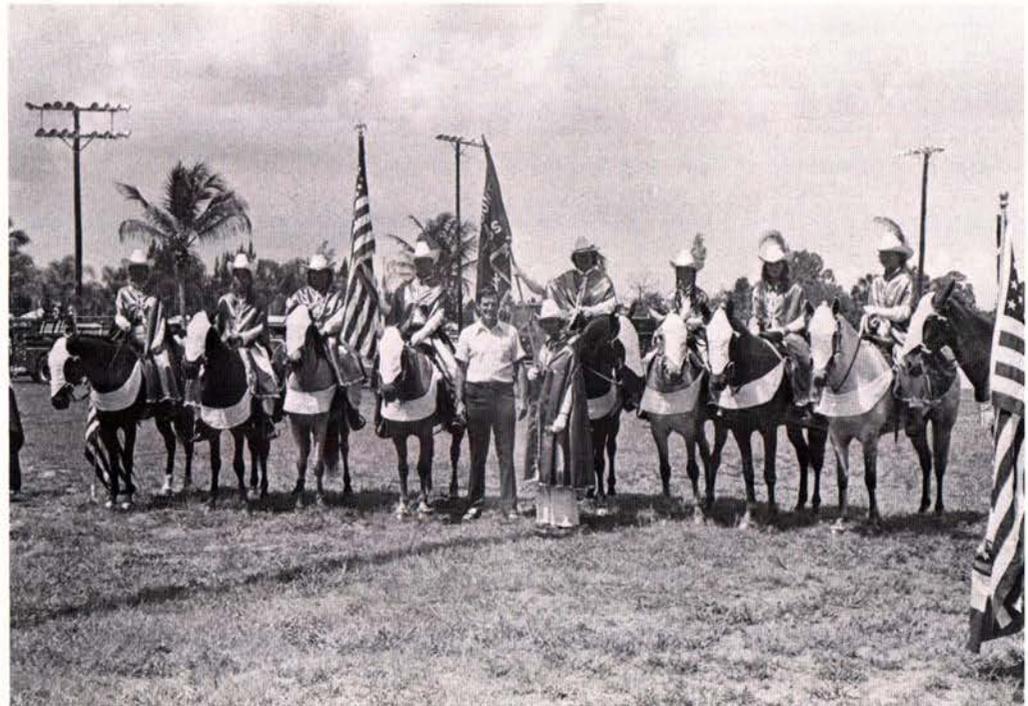


Rewards For Solving Cases

FORT PIERCE — With Sheriff Lanie Norvell (third from left) as an approving witness, three St. Lucie County deputy sheriffs each received a \$50 reward check from Jim Huff (second from left), the president of the Indian River Citrus League. Rewarded for solving theft and trespass cases in St. Lucie County citrus groves were (from left) Lawrence Miller, Rick McIlwain and Wilbert Boatwright.

Parade Award Winners

BONITA SPRINGS — Sheriff Frank Wanicka congratulated members of the Lee County Sheriff's Possette after they won a first place parade award. They were wearing new uniforms.



Training for the tough ones

ORLANDO — Orange County deputy sheriffs demonstrated rappelling (the art of descending from a helicopter via ropes) during a special seminar, and Henry Johns, of The Cupboard News, an Orlando bi-weekly newspaper, was on hand to catch the action.

The seminar demonstrated how Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) teams can be used in difficult law enforcement situations, such as rescuing hostages, capturing fleeing felons, disarming snipers, and dealing with barricaded and armed assailants.

It was, in short, "Training for The Tough Ones", sponsored jointly by the Orange County Sheriff's Department and Valencia Community College.

Law enforcement officers from ten police departments and four Sheriffs' Departments were taught how to respond in a professional police manner to high-risk situations. They reviewed case studies of major incidents related to hostages, terrorists, mental cases, barricaded suspects and prison incidents;

and studied complex personality factors involved in the "hostage and barricaded person syndrome".

They also discussed how to deal with the news media during high-risk situations, and how to avoid criminal and civil liability.

During night sessions they worked on field problems and learned to load and fire weapons in darkness.

Instructors included FBI Agents, a lecturer and consultant on confrontation management, and members of the Orange County Sheriff's Department staff.

