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Sheriff Sam Joyce
reminisced about the
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Boys Ranch.



COVER STORY

Sheriffs and guests celebrate

20th Birthday of Boys Ranch

PORT ST. LUCIE --- When the Florida Sheriffs Association held its 64th Annual Conference here July 24 - 27, one of the highlights of the program was a banquet celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

Officially the 20th Anniversary will not arrive until Sunday, October 2, 1977, and there will be a big celebration at the Boys Ranch on that weekend. But when Sheriffs are in the mood to celebrate something as important as a birthday they are not likely to be hampered by custom, tradition, or calendar dates.

An audience of over 250 Sheriffs, wives and guests heard an address by Leonard Russek, Tampa CPA, who was one of the first boys enrolled at the Ranch in 1959 and is currently serving as President of The Boys Ranch Alumni Association.

They also had an opportunity to meet other officers of the Alumni Association who were given a place of honor at the head table. They included Albert Williams, 2nd Vice President; Joyce Edwards, wife of former Rancher Wally Edwards, Treasurer, and Robert Knight, 1st Vice President.

Sheriff Jennings Murrhee, President of The Sheriffs Association, presided. Sheriff Sam Joyce, one of the old timers in the Association and current chairman of the boards of trustees for the Boys Ranch, Girls Villa and Youth Fund, reminisced about the founding of the Boys Ranch; and two current Ranchers, Tom Chastain and Will Coffman entertained with musical selections.

Harry Weaver, Executive Director of the Ranch and Villa, was the Master of Ceremonies.

“We were virtually living from day to day on a dream”

When he addressed the 64th Annual Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association, Boys Ranch Alumni Association President Leonard Russek described the lean years, 1959 and 1960, when the first boys were enrolled and the Boys Ranch was on shaky ground financially. Here is an excerpt from his address:

“I was one of the first two boys at the Ranch. When I was there we had only one cottage, a pump house, a barn, and a few cattle. We had very little money. We were virtually living from day to day on a dream and our emotional needs.

“As I look back over the years, I think of that first cottage standing alone and seemingly unprotected on 700 acres of cleared land. We were a small but closely knit family then, held together by common bonds of caring and sharing. We had few material things. We felt blessed with our rebuilt bicycles.

“I was king of the block because Sheriff Willis McCall gave me a brand new Western Flyer bicycle for my birthday. I literally rode the wheels off of that bicycle.

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(Cover Photo) Sheriff Jennings Murree presided and Leonard Russek, at the podium, was the principal speaker.



Ranchers Will Coffman (left) and Tom Chastain entertained.

"We had no baseball or football field. We played wherever we could. I still have scars on my knees and elbows from falling on the asphalt streets. You see, I was an enthusiastic athlete but never a very coordinated one. But we didn't just play. We worked and worked hard. Each day after school we had chores to do. Each summer we all worked five days a week from 'early thirty to dark thirty' and a half day on Saturday. We raised forty acres of tobacco, eighty acres of feed corn, and a few acres of peanuts, tomatoes, potatoes, and sugar cane. Many of the pine trees presently of cutting age were planted by the first handful of Ranchers.

"Those of us with girlfriends in town could earn extra allowance (\$1.50 a week) by getting up at 5:30 each day to feed and milk the cows. But we all had two jobs we hated-picking up roots from the many acres of cleared land and cropping the tobacco sand lugs. We all moaned and groaned that we were being mistreated, but we knew it had to be done and it taught us self discipline.

"I learned how to bend and tie steel reinforcement rods while helping to build the olympic size swimming pool at the Ranch, but mostly I learned how to push a wheel barrow loaded with dirt up a steep incline. Later, this experience helped me to get a summer job between high school and college with a swimming pool construction company. We were a close family then, and we're still a close family today. Each year on

the third weekend of May we hold a family reunion of Ranchers and former staff members. As current president of the Alumni Association, I invite all of you to attend our next reunion and meet some of the boys who have benefited from the Ranch. I am certain you will find some of the most socially well adjusted young men you will ever have an opportunity to meet.

"The Boys Ranch had humble beginnings, but today, through the support of The Florida Sheriffs Association and many friends throughout Florida, it has reached a high level of success which has proven unattainable by other states. Many have tried to copy us, but the Boys Ranch is like Coca Cola, "it's the real thing." Also like Coca Cola the Ranch has maintained its number one position by paying close attention to sustaining high quality in its work.

"In the early days of the Ranch a very effective slogan was used by Sheriffs to promote the Boys Ranch concept: 'No man stands so tall as when he stoops to help a child.' With divine wisdom and forethought the Sheriffs of Florida have stood very tall. I would like to challenge each of you here tonight to stand equally as tall as the Sheriffs have in the past. And, I would like to thank you for providing me with the wherewithal to enjoy the challenges which the choices of life have presented me.

"Thank you!"

Public's invited to 20th Anniversary party at Boys Ranch

The Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, located nine miles north of Live Oak, will celebrate its 20th Anniversary on the weekend of September 30, October 1 and 2, and the public is invited to attend.

Visitors will begin arriving on Friday, September 30, for the opening of the annual horse show which will continue intermittently through Saturday and Sunday.

Highlights on Saturday, October 1, will include a visitors' tour of the Ranch facilities; and an anniversary address by State Rep. Ed Black-

burn, Jr., who formerly served as Sheriff of Hillsborough County and was the first Executive Director of the Ranch.

Following the anniversary address, a free barbecue will be served to all visitors and special guests on the banks of the Suwannee River.

On Sunday, October 2, an outdoor worship service will be held at the horse show arena, followed by ceremonies dedicating Jellison Residence Cottage, the newest addition to the Boys Ranch facilities.



Dr. Hollien and UF student Mike Meehan of Ocala demonstrate a voice print record which Hollien calls "a fraud being perpetrated on the judicial system." (Photo by J. D. Rebstock)

"Bleed, bleed... oh, lordy, bleed"

Tracking a killer on tape is only one example of the ways communications researchers at the University of Florida are helping law enforcement agencies.

By Jeffrey Alford, University of Florida Information Services

GAINESVILLE — It was a few minutes after midnight when the dispatcher answered the telephone at the Alachua County Sheriff's office, activating the taping device that automatically records every call.

The woman's voice on the other end of the line was laced with terror for she had reached police just as a knife-wielding intruder forced his way into her home.

The dispatcher listened helplessly as the woman was dragged from the phone before she could identify herself or shout an address. The twin reels on the tape recorder turned slowly, preserving the last words she would ever speak.

"Damn you, Mike!" she was heard to scream. There was a grunting noise and the sounds of a brief struggle.

Then, barely audible in the eerie silence that followed, like a voice from hell, a man whispered, "Bleed, bleed ... oh Lordy, bleed."

The woman's body and those of her three children were found two hours later when her husband returned from his job at a local hospital. She had been stabbed so many times the coroner later testified he hadn't bothered to count all the wounds. Two of her children survived.

With few clues to go on except the recording, police pulled out all the stops in the hunt for the killer. They rounded up a handful of suspects, but none was named Mike.

Hoping to match the killer's voice on the tape with one of the suspects or uncover some piece of evidence to solve the brutal murders, investigators turned to communications researchers at the University of Florida to scientifically analyze the recordings.

Dr. Harry Hollien, a bear of a man with thick, wavy hair, a dark goatee and mustache, looks more like a nightclub bouncer than a university researcher. Yet he is a recognized national authority in forensic communication research and director of the UF's Institute for the Advanced Study of Communication Processes (IASCP).

Hollien divides his time between the courtroom and the laboratory, testifying as an expert witness in criminal cases where tape recordings or electronic evidence is used to solve a crime. When he's not offering testimony, Hollien is likely to be found in scuba gear at the bottom of a remote Central Florida lake developing an underwater communications system for the U.S. Navy.

He is a consultant to the Florida Department of Criminal Law Enforcement as well as dozens of local police agencies and has worked on court cases involving the murder of a California policeman and a Canadian Indian boy accused of threatening to blow up his school.

He is a recognized expert in electronic communications, surveillance and voice identification, so it was natural for Alachua authorities to ask his help.

"We scrubbed the tape," Hollien said, "eliminated the background noises, measured the frequencies in the recording and found that while the victim appeared to say 'Mike' very clearly, she hadn't called her assailant Mike at all."

By analyzing the frequencies, the scientists discovered the woman only started to say something and was making an "mmm" sound when the knife was plunged into her, followed almost simultaneously by another sound -- probably someone or something falling against a wall.

What appeared to sound like the victim identifying her killer was not that at all. Investigators were back on the right track and the murderer was found and convicted.

While all of Hollien's work is not so dramatic, neither is it Ivory Tower research. In addition to crime-fighting, Hollien and communications scientists at the University of Florida are involved in research designed to solve other down-to-earth problems.

The effort began in 1962 when Hollien and Professors G. Paul Moore and the late Gordon Peterson were each working on separate projects concerning voice communication. The three men pooled their research grants and formed the Communications Sciences Laboratory with a combined budget of less than \$100,000 and began studying how the human larynx or voice box works.

Fifteen years later, IASCP, as it is now called, operates with an annual budget of about \$1 million and provides sophisticated electronic equipment and facilities for scientists from nine departments on the UF campus, as well as researchers from three other state universities who are studying all aspects of communication.

For example, IASCP researchers, including psychologists, engineers, physicists and even musicians are:

- studying the effects of noise pollution from highway traffic;
- trying to understand the whistles and squeaks of dolphins and decipher how they communicate;
- discovering what makes the voice of a great singer different from that of a bathtub baritone;
- providing the Army with a communications system so that tank crews can hear and understand their orders;
- analyzing speech patterns to identify personality traits.

One scientist believes we may be able to predict a President's behavior by studying his speech.

In addition, Hollien is waging a nation-wide campaign to discredit the use of so-called voice prints as a positive identification technique. It is this campaign that causes him to spend much of his time in courtrooms from California to Canada.

Voice prints are recorded by a machine which measures the frequencies of a sound and plots them on a graph much like a lie detector plots changes in the heartbeat or pulse rate. Soon after they were developed, voice prints were being heralded as a foolproof technique for catching a criminal "by the unique sound of his voice." Law enforcement officers and attorneys were told that voice prints, like fingerprints, were a positive means of identification because no two voices are exactly alike.

But is everyone's voice different or can the machines be

fooled by a disguise?

"Voice prints are a fraud being perpetrated on the judicial system," Hollien says. "We have no idea and there is no scientific evidence to prove that all voices are different.

"And the worst part is there probably are innocent people sitting in jail today because they were convicted on the basis of the identification of their voices."

While Hollien believes voice prints are not reliable, UF scientists are working on other techniques which may accomplish what voice prints cannot.

They are also assisting police by developing sophisticated techniques for the use of "body bugs," some as small as a button on a shirt, that can be secretly used to eavesdrop on conversations; they authenticate tape recordings for tampering like the famous 18-minute gap on the White House tape and they can decode speech from tapes as they did in the murder of the Alachua County woman.

In another case typical of the service they perform, the university researchers helped nab a Florida judge who offered to settle a case in the defendant's favor "for a fee."

The defendant was a young woman arrested for house-breaking, who immediately went to police with her story. She was wired with a tiny recording device when she met the judge at a restaurant to discuss details of the bribe.

But "his honor" selected a table near the air conditioner where the noise made the tape unintelligible. The scientists, however, were able to filter out the noise, leaving the judge's voice to come through well enough to understand.

"It's not research in the literal sense," explains Hollien, "but it is very important practical work that is needed by law enforcement agencies because professional criminals are working with it too. We feel obligated to provide the service."

In other studies, scientists have discovered that highway traffic noise can be greatly reduced by constructing concrete walls between opposing traffic lanes, which deflects the sound upward. They have learned that dolphins, rather than being super intelligent animals, are really no smarter than dogs, and their ability to communicate is not as sophisticated as was once thought.

They believe that despite his public image as an active, highly motivated President, Jimmy Carter's personality is more like Herbert Hoover or Calvin Coolidge.

UF English professor and the institute's assistant director, Dr. Ronald Carpenter, has analyzed Carter's speech for the number of words he uses and the proximity of the words in his speech. A highly motivated person will prefer to express his thoughts easily by using the words most familiar to him and repeat the words often, Carpenter says.

Carter, on the other hand, uses many words and seldom repeats them.

The money to conduct IASCP research comes from the federal government through the National Science Foundation, Defense Department, from private groups like the Voice Foundation and from state agencies like the Department of Environmental Regulation.

"The institute is a resource for the state rather than a place of employment," says Hollien. "It brings in money from the grants, provides the facilities for researchers from all nine state universities and generates information for consumers, police and the military." It also opens new areas of study for students.

Hollien is quick to point out the work may even have been responsible for keeping innocent people out of prison. "I know we have helped clear innocent people," he says. "Nothing Ivory Tower about that ..."



At the Governor's Office in Florida's Capitol Building, the Explorers were greeted by State Representative Gene Hodges (left) and Lt. Governor Jim Williams. Sheriff Horace Moody is on the Lt. Governor's left.



At the Florida Crime Information Center, Mike Love explained the state-wide computer network.



The tour of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch included a look at the Henry H. Beck Education Center.

These Explorers get around

BRONSON — Explorers --- the word evokes an image of someone pushing toward new horizons ... someone on the move ... someone learning from experience rather than from classroom lectures.

And, that's the image Levy County Sheriff Horace Moody had in mind when he organized Explorer Post No. 939 as a means of explaining law enforcement to young people looking for future careers.

Field trips organized under the Sheriff's supervision have given his Explorers firsthand knowledge of state government, scientific crime detection, modern law enforcement communications, crime prevention and the state prison system.

During a visit to Tallahassee, they toured the Capitol building, the Florida Crime Information Center, and the modern crime lab operated by the Florida Department of Criminal Law Enforcement (FDCLE).

At the Capitol, they were greeted by Lt. Governor Jim Williams and State Representative Gene Hodges, Levy County's voice in the Florida Legislature.

At the Florida Crime Information Center, they saw the inner workings of a state-wide computerized communications system that gathers, stores and disseminates information about wanted criminals and stolen articles.

They were amazed to discover that Sheriff Moody's computer terminal "back home" in Levy County was not only connected to this state storehouse of crime information, but also to the FBI's National Crime Information Center, in Washington, which performs a similar function for the entire nation.

The FDCLE crime lab was also an eye-opener with its modern facilities for firearms identification, document examination, fingerprint comparison and scientific analysis of crime evidence.

During a visit to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, situated on 3,200 acres of farm and woodlands near Live Oak, the Explorers toured a unique child care facility that has given a helping hand to almost 500 needy and worthy youngsters over the past 20 years.

They discovered that the Boys Ranch is a self-contained community with its own firehouse, water system, streets, sewer system, medical-dental clinic and recreation facilities.

They were reminded that the Ranch, which represents an investment of millions, is supported entirely by voluntary contributions from generous citizens all over Florida.

They also had an opportunity to sample the life style of a Rancher when they were invited to be guests for dinner in the Boys Ranch cafetorium.

After the Explorers returned home from the Boys Ranch, they began making plans for their next field trip --- a tour of the Florida State Prison, at Raiford.

In May, the new Explorer Post was represented at Scout World '77 competition, in Jacksonville, and came home with first place honors for their display booth promoting "hunter safety." Lt. Ed Tyre, North Florida Region safety officer for the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, assisted the Explorers in developing their display.

The Explorer post is not Sheriff Moody's only youth activity. He sponsors a Junior Sheriff's Posse, and he held summer bicycle rodeos to promote bicycle safety in several Levy County communities.

VFW Post No. 8272, Bronson, installed safety reflectors on all participating bikes and helped in judging the Rodeo. Bronson Moose Lodge provided trophies for winners of various events.

“Anyone who thinks the death penalty is not a crime deterrent is crazy”

The following editorial is reprinted from the July 18, 1977 issue of *The Florida Times Union*.

“Police in several jurisdictions across the nation ... say: ‘You know, he has no remorse...’”

Thus began a recent news account by Brad Holt in the *Washington Star* concerning one Allen Leroy Anderson, who has pleaded guilty or no contest to three murders, is charged with three more and is a prime suspect—in seven states—in others. Nice guy.

He is reported to have described, in detail, eight killings to one detective. Ballistic evidence, fingerprints and other physical evidence link all eight murders to the same perpetrator.

“Seven of the victims,” the account continues, “were shot execution-style in the back of the head. The eighth was bludgeoned with a hammer ...”

And then the revealing part of the story:

“...Since his capture, Anderson apparently has worried more about avoiding the death penalty in Florida than about professing his innocence.

“One of Anderson’s court-appointed attorneys said ... that Anderson’s first concern was that he avoid being executed. The attorney, Lester Gendron, said Anderson told him he avoided committing murders in Texas because he knew they had a death penalty there.

“Anyone who thinks the death penalty is not a deterrent is crazy,” Gendron said...”

To continue:

“...In Florida they would like to put Anderson on death row with the other 86 condemned persons ... Ultimately they would like to put Anderson in the electric chair.

“But they will probably have to wait until at least 1994 to do it. In January Anderson made a deal.

“He pleaded guilty to a murder in Minnesota, where the case against him wasn’t strong, on the condition that he be able to serve his time there (thus delaying return to possible execution in Florida)...”

There is, in this account, a moral which is virtually impossible to miss. But just in case anyone could do so, it can be spelled out.

This remorseless killer “avoided committing murders in Texas because he knew they had a death penalty there.”

Anderson apparently didn’t realize, at the time, that Florida does have a death penalty.

If so, some innocent victim, now dead, could well still be living.

The facts show that Anderson is by no means alone in his fear of the death penalty. This nation’s annual murder rate averaged around 8,000 victims, consistently, during the last three decades that capital punishment was still operative. Then with capital punishment shoved in limbo, it more than doubled in a decade.

The case discussed here amounts to testimony from an expert in murder that the death penalty is a deterrent.

Now they guess less

STUART — Martin County Sheriff Jim Holt has taken a lot of the guesswork out of crime investigations by investing in a \$2,200 polygraph machine.

The polygraph (lie detector) is being manned by Detective Sgt. Joe Yurillo, who completed a six-week course in polygraph operation at the National Training Center of Polygraph Science, in New York City. The cost of the machine and Yurillo’s \$1,750 tuition and expenses were paid for by a grant from the federal Law Enforcement Assistance Administration.

Public Defender’s Office Chief Investigator Bob Coppock, who has five years’ experience as a polygraph operator, will supervise a one-year in-service training period for Yurillo.

The polygraph, which determines whether a person is telling the truth by measuring his emotional stress, is already being used in crime cases and Yurillo is enthusiastic about its possibilities.

“This is a great investigative tool,” he said. “You can have 15 suspects in a case and the polygraph will quickly narrow it down to one.”

He pointed out the machine is also useful in clearing innocent persons accused of crimes.

He used the example of someone who is charged with, or suspected of, a crime that occurred several months or years ago. “Chances are the suspect wouldn’t remember what he did on the day of the crime, and therefore wouldn’t be able to offer a sound alibi.

Detective Sgt. Joe Yurillo (facing camera) demonstrates the accuracy of the new polygraph machine acquired by Martin County Sheriff Jim Holt.



“The polygraph would be a fast, efficient way for this innocent suspect to prove that he was telling the truth when he said he didn’t commit the crime.”



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



Sheriff Dudley Garrett, Jr., St. Johns County

Lotta readin',



Sheriff Don Moreland (left), Marion County; Sheriff Jennings Murrhee, Clay County



Sheriff Frank E. Cline, DeSoto County

■ PORT ST. LUCIE — When the Florida Sheriffs Association held its 64th Annual Conference at Sandpiper Bay Resort, July 24—27, there was a whole lot of readin' 'ritin' and ruminatin' going on.

At times the concentration got so heavy that no matter where our Associate Editor, Al Hammock, pointed his camera, he seemed to capture unposed portraits of Sheriffs deeply engrossed in the business at hand.

And the business at hand was rather heavy.

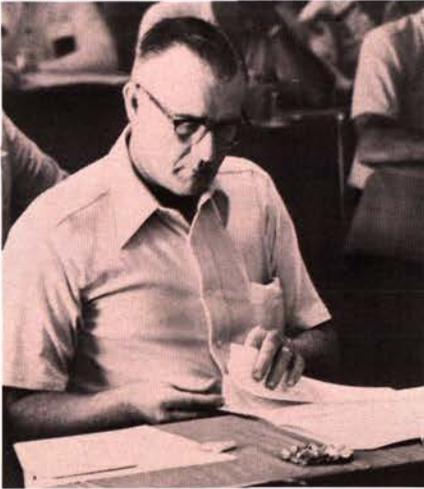
There were wrinkled brows and a lot of scratching of heads over the business of liability insurance for Sheriffs. They have it now, but the present underwriter decided he won't renew the policies. What then? Another underwriter? Yes, but underwriters are cautious and reluctant. If one is found, it's a foregone conclusion premiums will be higher and coverage will be reduced.

And what about thefts in rural areas of Florida? They're increasing. Farm equipment is doggoned expensive. It's not unheard of for someone to rip off a \$60,000 piece of machinery. What to do about it? Sheriffs spent considerable time pondering proposals to brand agricultural equipment with identifying numbers so stolen property can be spotted and recovered more easily. They agreed branding was a bully idea.

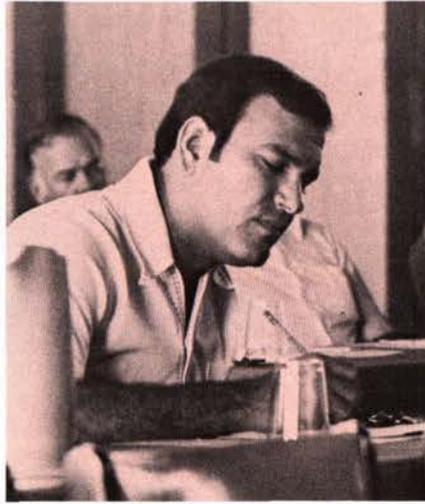
Organized crime. There's a problem that's been around for a long time. State Attorney Ed Austin explained the attack strategy developed by the new Governor's Prosecuting Council on Organized Crime, and Sheriffs pledged their full support.

And what about the professionalism of Sheriffs? It has been increasing at an accelerating rate over the past 20 years, but Sheriffs themselves are not ready to rest on their laurels. At Sandpiper Bay they reacted favorably toward a proposal to establish executive training for Sheriffs.

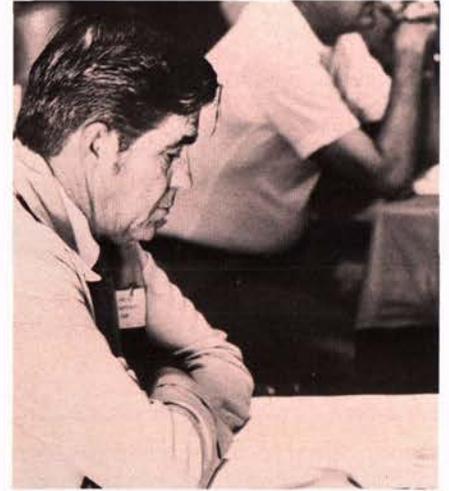
They also mulled over the latest developments in Florida's police standards; listened to State Comptroller Gerald Lewis talk about aspects of his job related to law enforcement; and kicked around the subject of auto insurance (a sore subject at budget preparation time) with State Treasurer and Insurance Commissioner Bill Gunter.



Sheriff J. Glenn Bailey, Columbia County



Sheriff Ken Katsaris, Leon County



Sheriff Jim Holt, Martin County

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*Ruminatin' is a Verb Meaning to Chew Over or Ponder, Podner.



Sheriff Joe Sheppard, Highlands County

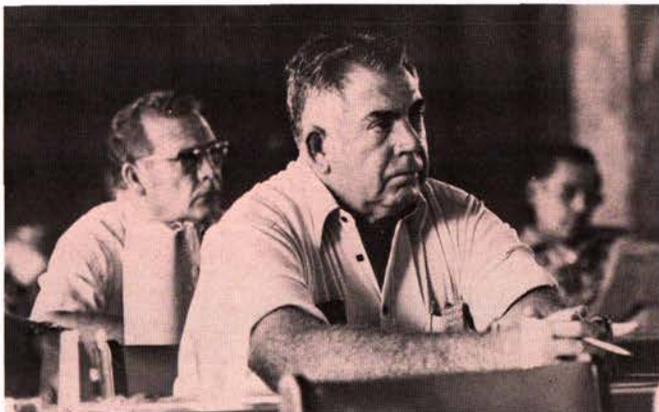
It was a working convention, with brief interludes for social events, golf and fishing.

Transporting prisoners. There's a knotty one. Problem is when prisoners have to be transported to and from other counties and states, it ties up deputies and patrol cars that are desperately needed on the home front. Bob Calvert, President of Air Security Transport Corporation, has been working with Sheriffs for several years on transportation of prisoners by air. Good answer. Bob even provides guards so deputies don't have to leave their home bases. Sheriffs were pleased when Bob showed up at Sandpiper Bay to report his business is thriving. More planes, more prisoners, and more time for deputies to tend to crime fighting duties at home.

If Sheriffs ever have a collective case of ulcers, it will be over the business of collective bargaining, and yet every time they get together at a state-wide conference, this subject is a "must" on the agenda. At Sandpiper Bay the closed door session centered around legal strategies.

There was good news and bad news in the report Jack Madigan gave on the results of the 1977 session of the Florida Legislature. Jack is the Association's General Counsel and one

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Sheriff Aubrey Rogers, Collier County



Sheriff Roy Rodgers, Gilchrist County

Lotta readin', 'ritin'

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of the "deans" among Florida lobbyists. He didn't say so, but it seemed that the Sheriffs had not been helped or hurt very much by the Legislature. A prayer of gratitude would have been appropriate at this point.

Instead, Sheriffs studied carefully, if not prayerfully, the matter of constitutional revision which now looms large on the horizon of Florida's ever-evolving government. It was decided the Sheriffs Association would be watching over the shoulders of --- and breathing down the necks of --- Constitutional Revision Commission members every time the Commission meets.

Emergency Driving is a matter of deep concern for Sheriffs, too. How do you do it without unnecessarily endangering the lives of the innocent? There are ways, and the Florida Sheriffs Association is behind a plan to give professional training to every deputy and police officer in Florida. Volusia County Sheriff Ed Duff, who's ramrodding the project, told his fellow Sheriffs grant money totaling \$115,000 is available to get the school off the ground, but a suitable site is still being sought.

Drug enforcement. It comes up whenever Sheriffs get together to talk shop. This time there was a proposal for Sheriffs and Police Chiefs to establish an "intelligence bank" of information about drug traffic and traffickers. John E. Van Diver, Regional Director of the federal Drug Enforcement Administration, suggested it; and Sheriff Jennings Murrhee, President of the Sheriffs Association, appointed a committee composed of Sheriffs Frank Cline, Louie Mims and Aubrey Rogers to do a feasibility study.

So you were wondering how come all the intense concentration pictured on these pages? It wasn't rigged or posed. It's the way things go at a conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association.

Man, Sheriffs have problems your wouldn't believe. Unreal, man.



Don Thieme, Director,
Help Stop Crime



Sheriff Lanie Norvell, St. Lucie
County, Conference Co-Host



John A. Madigan, Jr.,
General Counsel, Florida
Sheriffs Association



E. Berwin Williams, newly appointed
Executive Director, Florida Sheriffs
Association



T. Edward Austin, State Attorney, Fourth
Judicial Circuit



Sheriff Jim Holt, Martin County, Conference
Co-Host



Sheriff Jim Scott, Jefferson County



William Gunter, State Treasurer



Norman A. Carlson, Director, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Washington, D. C.

The podium parade

Pictured on these pages are speakers who addressed the 64th Annual Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association.

In some ways, a conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association is like a one-sided tennis match, with speakers serving verbal volleys from behind the podium, and the Sheriffs in the audience getting only occasional opportunities to score points. But, it's all in the interest of progressive law enforcement, and it brings to the conference podiums (our Latin scholar in the mail room says it should be podia) an impressive parade of speakers. The podium parade began with welcome remarks by Sheriffs Lanie Norvell and Jim Holt, our conference hosts; and hit full stride with an address by Norman Carlson, Director of The Federal Bureau of Prisons, who was our principal speaker. One of the highlights was a presentation describing "Strike Force One," a successful Hillsborough County crime prevention project. Hillsborough County Sheriff Malcolm Beard, one of this staff members, Lt. James Walker, and Don Thieme, Director of the Attorney General's Help Stop Crime project, made the presentation.



Sheriff Malcolm Beard (right) and Lt. James Walker, Hillsborough County

Bob Calvert,
Air Security Transport



Gerald A. "Jerry" Lewis, State Comptroller



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Pinellas Lifetime Honorary Members

CLEARWATER — Sheriff Bill Roberts (left), of Pinellas County, presents a Florida Sheriffs Association Lifetime Honorary Membership to Mr. and Mrs. Hardy H. Huntley in recognition of their contributions to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund. Plaques were also presented to Thomas E. O'Neal and Stephen D. Hughes.



O'Neal

Hughes





Malcolm S. Scott (left), General Manager of CF Chemicals, by Sheriff Louie T. Mims, of Polk County.



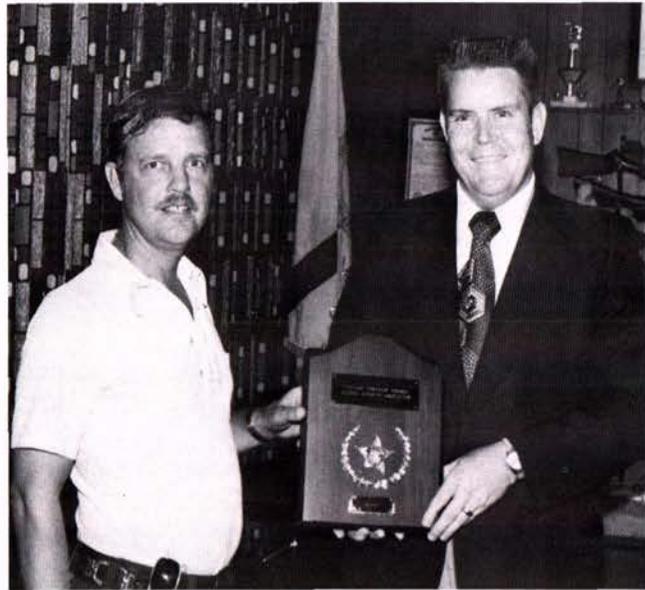
Lt. Cmdr. Robert S. Moore (right) by Clay County Sheriff Jennings Murrhee.

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**Lifetime
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Bob Warfield (left), President of the First National Bank and Trust Co. of Eustis, by Sheriff Malcolm V. McCall, of Lake County



Don White (left), Manager of Marablue Farms, by Sheriff Don Moreland, of Marion County.



Charlie and Mary Abbott by Bay County Sheriff Tullis D. Easterling (right).



Honesty Rewarded

FT. PIERCE — The boys pictured here with St. Lucie County Sheriff Lanie Norvell learned it pays to be honest. Chris Bennett and Scott Dunman, both 10 and both members of Sheriff Norvell's Junior Deputy Sheriff League, are shown in the picture above receiving cash from the Sheriff. They had found the money earlier and turned it over to the Sheriff. When it was unclaimed, he returned it to them. Kenneth Keller, 12, is shown receiving a reward from Sheriff Norvell for turning in \$120 he and Russell Horney, 11, had found. Russell shared in the reward, but was not available when the picture was taken. Sheriff Norvell discovered the \$120 had been swindled from an elderly local resident and then apparently lost by the swindler.



Sheriff Pellicer national officer

SAN DIEGO, CAL. — A delegation from the Florida Sheriffs Association saw Putnam County Sheriff Walt Pellicer installed as Fifth Vice President of the National Sheriffs Association (NSA) here June 22.

Sheriff Pellicer was advanced from Sixth Vice President during the Annual Conference of the NSA and the installation ceremonies were held at a banquet which was the final event on the four-day conference program. Pellicer is Chairman of the Florida Sheriffs Association's Board of Directors and is also a past President.

Jacksonville Sheriff Dale Carson was unable to attend the national conference but, nevertheless, was reelected to the NSA Board of Directors.

Palm Beach County Sheriff Richard Wille and Pinellas County Sheriff Bill Roberts were both involved in the conference proceedings.

Others in the Florida delegation were Sheriffs Jim Scott, Jefferson County; Sam Joyce, Indian River County; Ernest P. Murphy, Osceola County; Dudley Garrett, St. Johns County; Jim Holt, Martin County; and three Florida Sheriffs Association staff members: Jack Madigan, General Counsel; Jack Skelding, Assistant General Counsel; and Carl Stauffer, Executive Director.

Loser ordered to pay Sheriff's legal fees

OCALA — Willis R. Rinehart and his son, Mark, not only lost their federal court suit against Sheriff Don Moreland, Deputy Sonny Brannen and other deputies, but they were also ordered by Judge Charles A. Scott to pay the costs Moreland and his deputies had incurred while defending themselves in court.

The Rineharts claimed Mark's civil rights were violated when he and his older brother were apprehended at the end of a high speed chase involving police, Highway Patrol and Sheriff's patrol cars.

Moreland's attorney said a police dog Deputy Brannen had at the scene was involved in restraining Mark Rinehart, but it was never established in court that Mark had been bitten. He said the Rineharts, however, claimed a violation of civil rights by unlawful assault and false arrest, asking for damages in excess of \$1 million.

After they lost their case, April 18, 1977, they filed a notice of appeal, then voluntarily dismissed their appeal.

Judge Scott said there was no doubt Julius F. Parker, Jr., Moreland's attorney and a law partner of Jack Madigan, the Florida Sheriffs Association's General Counsel, was required to expend considerable time and labor in defending this case.

He added Parker "is well known throughout the state as an experienced attorney who enjoys a reputation for outstanding skill and ability." He also pointed out that the amount at stake in the court case was well over a million dollars.

"Taken all together," he added, "the court believes that defendants are entitled to an award of attorneys' fees equal to the amount that they are obligated to pay their attorney for his successful representation of them in this case."

Parker said a 1976 amendment to the U. S. Civil Rights Act gave judges discretion to award attorney's fees to the prevailing party. He said to his knowledge this was the first case in which attorney's fees had been awarded to a successful defendant.

They got involved; ripoff was solved

Here's a story we picked up from the Punta Gorda Herald News about some people who were willing to "get involved" to the extent that they thwarted a motorcycle theft and received a commendation from Charlotte County Sheriff Alan LeBeau.

John Middlebrook, his wife Valerie, and his brother-in-law, Charlie LeFebvre, were near McDonald's Restaurant when Valerie pointed out a man and woman loading a parked motorcycle into the back of a pickup truck.

It looked suspicious.

"I grabbed my car keys and Charlie and I chased them down to Edgewater and Route 41," Middlebrook said.

"We pulled up alongside the truck and Charlie yelled: 'Hey, we saw what you did, and we know you stole the bike.'"

Middlebrook said the truck made a U-turn across the grass median and headed the opposite way on U. S. 41. Middlebrook and Le Febvre followed, eventually forcing the truck off the road.

It occurred to Middlebrook that the occupants of the truck, later identified as Robert T. Boullie, 31, and Linda K. Broecker, 29, both of Evansville, Indiana, might be armed. "We worried for just a second," said Middlebrook.

"I waited a couple of seconds," he added, "and when Boullie saw Charlie and me, he was cool."

According to Middlebrook, Boullie said his wife had told him the bike in the restaurant parking lot looked like her brother's motorcycle and that it should be picked up.

Middlebrook refused to accept this explanation. Instead, he told Boullie to drive back to McDonald's and he followed.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Middlebrook had called the police, and an officer intercepted the two vehicles. They were escorted back to the restaurant where the motorcycle was identified as the property of Doug Bentley, a McDonald's employee.

The pickup truck the couple was driving was also reported to have been stolen in Indiana, and they were charged with grand larceny and possession of a stolen vehicle and tag.

A \$25 reward was given to the Middlebrooks and Le Febvre by authority of Sheriff LeBeau, and they in turn donated it to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch and Girls Villa.

Junior size private eyes

TAMPA — When a Hillsborough County Deputy Sheriff told sixth graders they should do their part to help stop crime, two 12-year old boys took him at his word. They formed their own detective agency.

"We started investigating things around the neighborhood," Joe Valone said. "I guess the Sheriff needs help."

Joe and his partner, Scott Gordon, adopted the style of their TV heroes — Starsky and Hutch. They put together a detective kit: Tape to lift fingerprints, a flashlight, magnifying glass, knife and paper clips.

"He has blacker hair, so he's Starsky," said Joe, who said he favors Hutch anyway.

Joe's father spent 17 years as a policeman in Eatontown, N. J.

Scott said the boys began getting business when a neighborhood friend reported his skateboard stolen.

"By the time we were certain who the thief was and after we went to the victim and told him," they said, "the suspect moved out of town with his folks."

The boys said they usually inform the victims of their findings and let them take it from there.

Sheriff's Maj. Arnie Myers said he likes the youngsters' awareness and participation. His only concern is they might "put themselves in a precarious position by trying to apprehend anyone.

"We just hope if they find anything, they come to us and let us work it out," he said.

Best four-man team in the state

CLEARWATER — Sheriff Bill Roberts (left) was pleased with the trophies his deputies won in the recent State Combat Pistol Match. The deputies, who scored as the top four-man team in the state, are (from left) Bill Scherer, Paul Hagerty, John Bolle and Leroy Nash. Bolle also won a second-in-class trophy for service revolver marksmanship; and Nash collected an Expert Class trophy.



