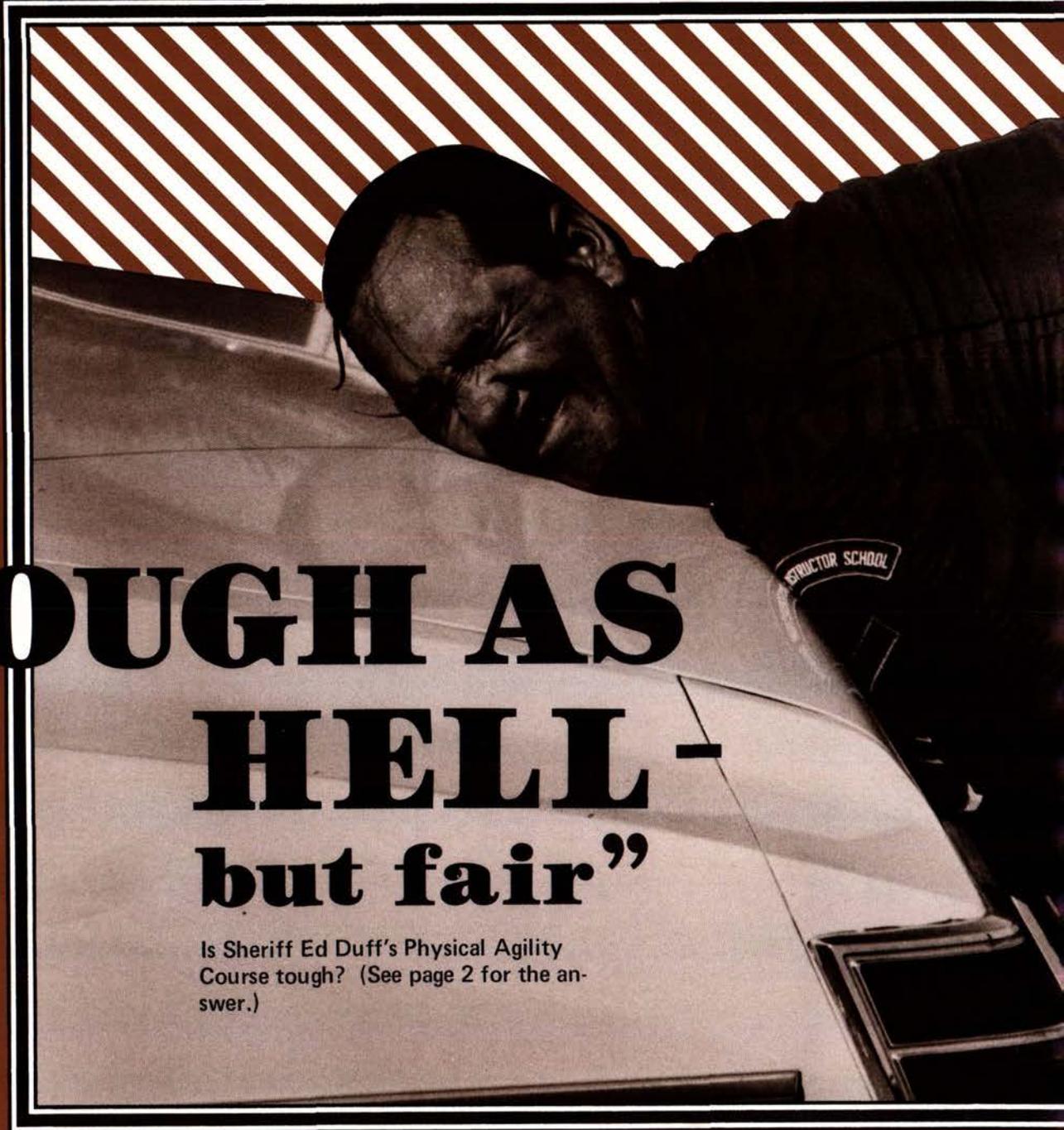


THE SHERIFFS' STAR

PUBLISHED BY THE FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION

FEBRUARY 1978



“TOUGH AS HELL - but fair”

Is Sheriff Ed Duff's Physical Agility Course tough? (See page 2 for the answer.)

Answers available at "Traveling Tech"

Florida's schools of higher and lower learning teach practically everything under the sun from basket weaving to worm culture; but they have nothing to offer the Sheriffs and deputy sheriffs who want to learn how to prepare and defend a budget, how to keep accounts and records in accordance with state laws and regulations, or how to handle the complex paper work generated by civil matters in Florida's court system.

There is a place, however, where Sheriffs and deputies can get answers to their technical questions.

Each year the Florida Sheriffs Association sponsors a series of regional seminars covering budgets, accounts and records, and civil process.

This "Traveling Tech" has been operating for many years and has been responsible for developing a high level of professionalism among the people who handle the Sheriff's paper work.

A total of 225 Sheriffs and deputies from 59 counties attended the latest series of seminars which was planned and executed by Iven S. Lamb, Jr., Editor of the Sheriff's Manual; Berwin Williams, Executive Director of the Florida Sheriffs Association; and representatives of the State Auditor General's Office.

The seminars were held in Palm Beach Gardens, Punta Gorda, Lakeland, Gainesville, Tallahassee and Pensacola during October and November, 1977.

Breath of life

CHIEFLAND — Levy County Sheriff Horace Moody presented a Florida Sheriffs Association Distinguished Service Award to Chiefland Policeman Stephen L. Etheridge for possibly saving the life of an injured child.

According to a newspaper account, Etheridge was off duty and a customer in a store when Mrs. Bennie Hodge arrived carrying her unconscious two-year-old son, Brynard. The child had been injured in a fall.

Etheridge administered mouth-to-mouth resuscitation until a county rescue unit arrived. The child was transported to a Gainesville hospital, treated for a concussion, and released the following day.

Ask any 4th grader

FORT MYERS — If you want to know what law enforcement is all about, ask any fourth grader in Lee County.

Every fourth grader in the county's public and private schools is involved in a Junior Deputy Sheriff Program sponsored by Sheriff Frank Wanicka in cooperation with the county school board, principals and teachers.

With deputy sheriffs as instructors, the Junior Deputies are being given information about law enforcement, bicycle safety, pedestrian safety, juvenile justice, and drug abuse.

In addition to classroom sessions, they will take field trips to law enforcement installations. At the end of the school term comes the best event of all: a picnic and a demonstration of modern law enforcement equipment.



From left, Iven Lamb, Sheriff Jennings Murrhee, John A. "Pete" Peterson and Bob Page.

Clay County number one

GREEN COVE SPRINGS — A Florida law passed in 1974 requires correctional officers (jailers) to complete a 160-hour Basic Standards Course.

Hundreds of correctional officers all over the state have completed the course, but the Clay County Sheriff's Department is the first in the state in which all correctional officers are graduates of the basic course.

Under arrangements approved by Clay County Sheriff Jennings Murrhee, the course was taught in Green Cove Springs by Bob Page, Coordinator of Correctional Training at Lake City Community College.

After the course had been completed, Iven Lamb, Vice Chairman of the Florida Correctional Standards Council came here to present the graduation certificates in person to Sheriff Murrhee and his Chief Administrative Assistant, John A. "Pete" Peterson. He was accompanied by Bob Page (see photo).

THE SHERIFF'S
STAR

Volume 21, No. 9, February 1978

Publisher, Berwin Williams, Executive Director, Florida Sheriffs Association

Editor, Carl Stauffer

Art Director, Frank Jones

THE SHERIFF'S STAR is published monthly during January, February, May, June, September and October, and bi-monthly during March and April, July and August, November and December, by the Florida Sheriffs Association, a non-profit corporation, P.O. Box 1487, Tallahassee, Florida 32302 (street address, 1020 E. Lafayette St.). The subscription rate is \$6 per year and the publication number is 493980. Second class postage paid at Tallahassee, Florida, and additional mailing offices.

New employees get overview

"It's Imperative," Said Sheriff John Polk, "That All New Employees Get an Overview of the Entire Department."

The following article by Bob Lloyd, Staff Writer, is reprinted from the Sanford, Florida, Evening Herald.

In recent years as Seminole County has grown in population from a rural county to part of a metropolitan area, the Sheriff's department also has grown.

This year with a \$3.31 million budget and 192 employees, a new employee might find it difficult to become familiar with the many duties and functions of the department without being able to work in all the divisions. So Sheriff John Polk has instituted a new "on-the-job" training program for orientation of new employees.

"I think it's imperative that all new employees, regardless of the division they're going into, get an overview of the entire department," Polk said. "This way each one will basically know operations and problems of each division and the department as a whole.

"It will also prove helpful in emergency situations where a deputy from patrol may be brought in to work in other divisions," Polk said.

New Sheriff's department employees now get a condensed Department Manual of standard operation procedures and will take a written examination on its contents within 30 days to make sure they understand procedures and policies.

Sheriff's spokesman John Spolski outlined the following training schedule in the new employees orientation program:

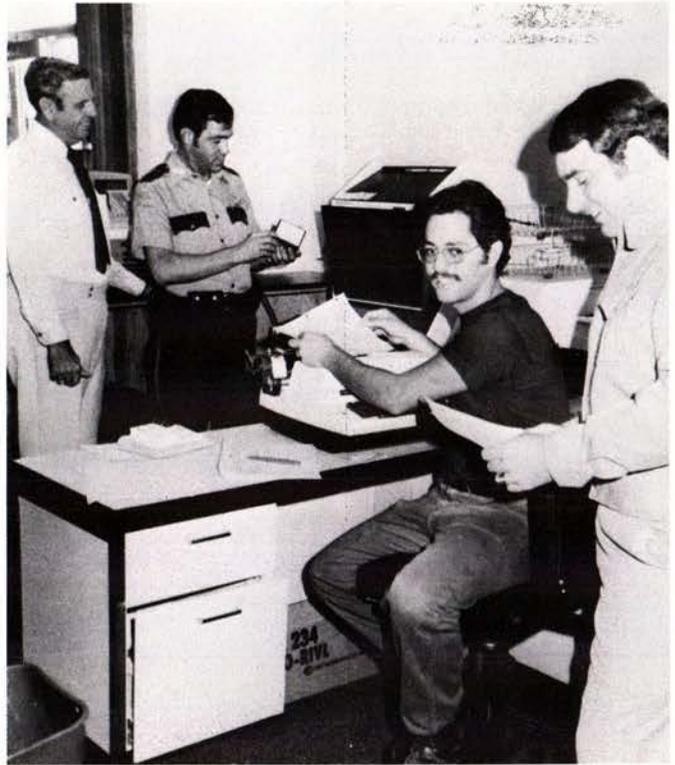
Monday — instruction and actual participation in the courthouse communications center as complaint-taker, teletype operator and radio dispatcher.

Tuesday — work in community relations and warrants divisions that includes procedures of serving warrants and subpoenas and operations in conjunction with the court system.

Wednesday — work in the confinement division with instruction on jail procedures, the pre-trial release program and duties of the public defender's office. Also covered are initial appearances by prisoners in court, feeding of inmates and booking of arrested persons. New employees also spend several hours in the department comptroller's office becoming acquainted with benefits and retirement.

Thursday — work in the records and detective divisions. Orientation is given on Uniform Crime Reporting procedures required by federal agencies plus the arrest and fingerprint records storage and retrieval procedures. The new employees observe detectives at work in both the Crimes Against Property and Crimes Against Persons sections.

Friday — the new employees are in the intake and civil divisions. In intake, subjects covered include worthless checks,



During on-the-job orientation in the records division, Lt. William Chandler (left) shows Deputy Rodger Webb how records are microfilmed; while Marty Solomon prepares to type a report with assistance from Deputy Jason Pauska. (Evening Herald photo)

consumer fraud, walk-in complaints and Florida laws and procedures. Several hours are spent with civil division employees becoming acquainted with the types of civil papers to be served by deputies and the physical make-up of the papers.

After a week in the new training program what are some of the comments of new department employees? "I think it's very beneficial. It gives you a better working knowledge on the streets and it increases efficiency, knowing how the other divisions work."

"It's nice to be able to have some time to get to know everybody you'll be working with."

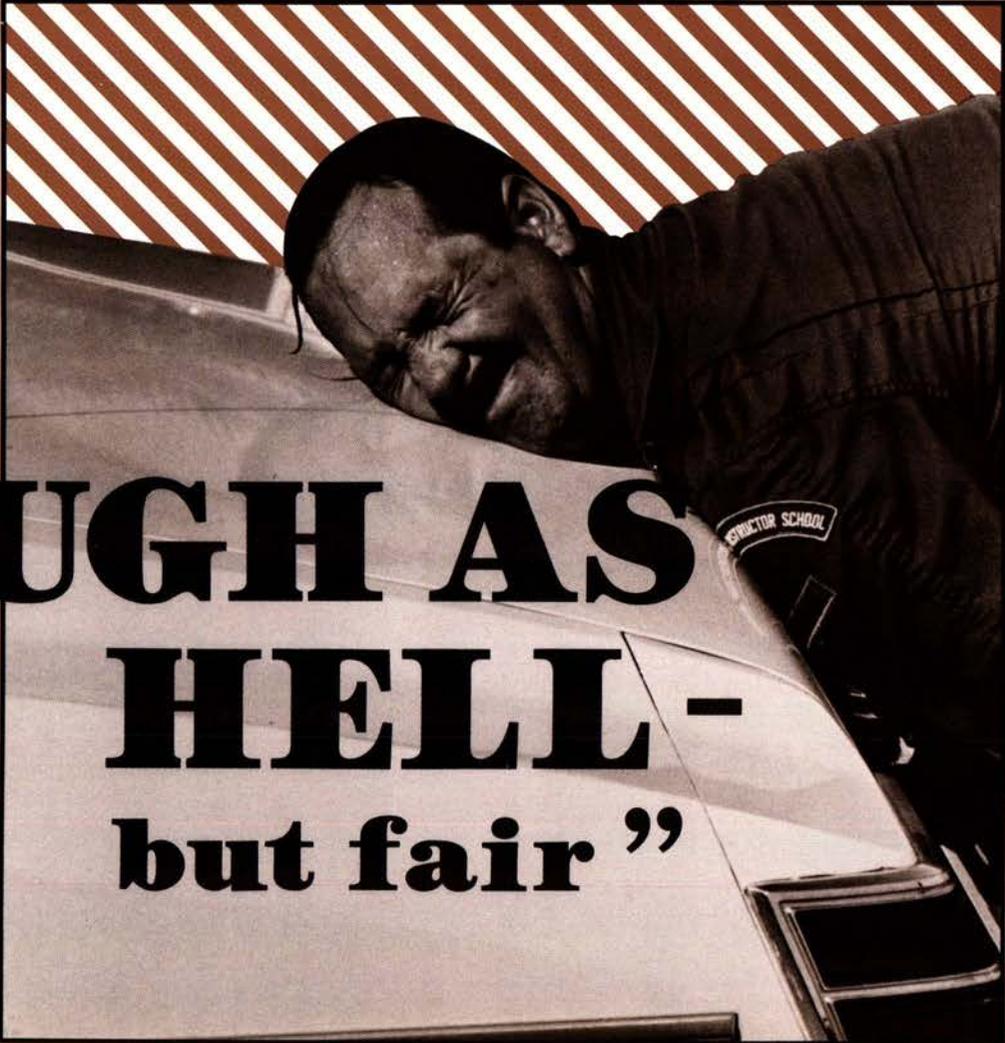
"Things are done differently in larger departments, and this is a great idea. It lets you know how the whole department works in backing you up out there on patrol."

For saving lives

SANFORD — Lt. William Hogan, a deputy in the Seminole County Sheriff's Department, was selected to receive the "Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer of Central Florida Award" after he was credited with saving the lives of two wounded deputies.

The award is presented annually by the Central Florida Chapter of Sons of The American Revolution to an officer who "best exemplifies the outstanding qualities of courage, honor, patriotism, self-sacrifice and devotion to duty."

Sheriff John Polk said Hogan saved the lives of Deputies Rudy Kramer and John Hawkins, who were wounded while trying to arrest a man accused of beating his father to death. Hogan arrived at the scene to find the suspect pointing a gun at the wounded officers. He chased the suspect, shot him four times, then arrested him.



“TOUGH AS HELL - but fair”

COVER PHOTO — Is Sheriff Ed Duff's Physical Agility Course tough? Ask William E. Norman, of New Smyrna Beach, who was photographed by Tom Jones, of the DeLand Sun News, while pushing a patrol car — just one of many feats of strength and agility that rookie deputies are required to perform.

Photos by Tom Jones, DeLand SUN NEWS

DeLAND — The young man was straining. His legs were pumping against the drag of the riverbed sand. He made a final burst of speed, stumbled across the finish line and fell flat on his face.

An instructor knelt down to make sure he was okay, and the young man managed to raise his head a few inches. “It was tough as hell,” he gasped, “but it was fair.”

This thoroughly pooped young man had just scored over 600 points on Sheriff Ed Duff's Physical Agility Course to qualify as a rookie deputy sheriff, and his comment was typical.

“It is tough,” said Sheriff Duff, “and if you have ever tried to run in dry sand, you will understand why. It's amazing to see what that course does to young guys who appear to be in good shape.”

Female applicants have tried it, and scored reasonably well, but none managed to qualify during the first three months the course was in operation. However, some of them admitted

grudgingly that anyone who couldn't make a passing score of over 600 probably couldn't perform adequately as a deputy sheriff.

The unique feature about this Physical Agility Test, sometimes referred to as “Duff in the Rough,” is that it does away with conventional testing such as push ups, chin ups, sit ups and similar exercises.

Instead, it requires the rookie to perform acts of strength and agility that he is likely to encounter on the job.

For instance, his ability to pursue a fugitive on foot is tested by the obstacle course laid out on sandy terrain. It requires him to weave through a maze of barricades, scale a five-foot wall, walk a 20-foot balance beam, prance through a maze of automobile tires, scale a low hurdle and two vaulting horses, crawl under a bar 18 inches above the ground, climb an “A frame” obstacle 20 feet tall, tippy toe through another tire maze, then sprint approximately 40 yards through deep sand to the finish line.



Pushing techniques are varied.



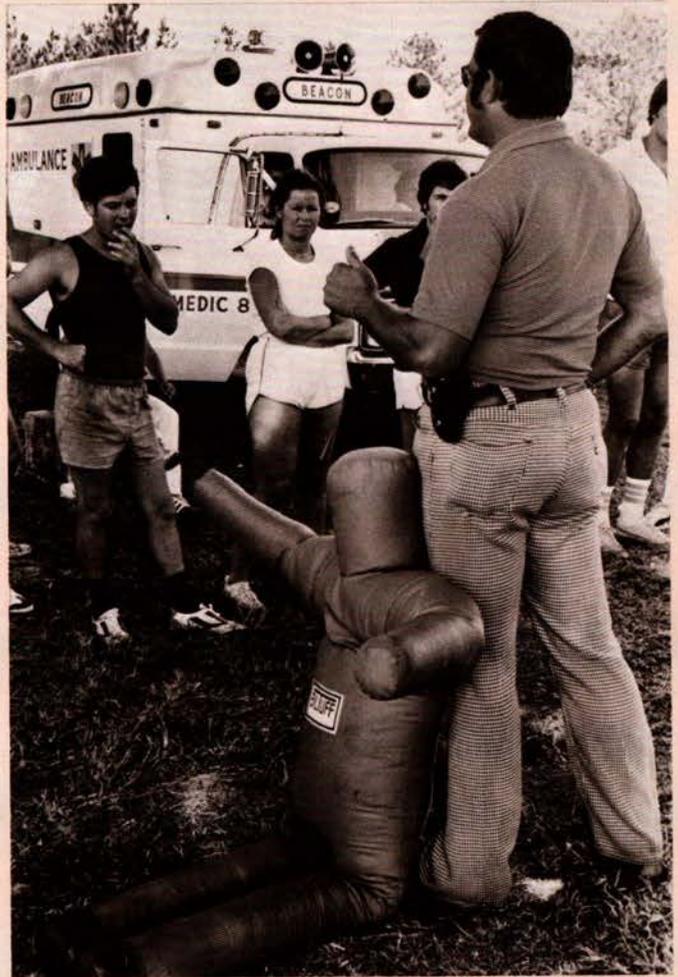
Any rookie who can drag a 165-pound dummy 45 feet in 10.3 seconds shouldn't have any trouble rescuing someone from a burning building.

If a prospective rookie wheezes through the obstacle course in one minute and fifty-three seconds, or less, he has successfully completed this phase of the Agility Course, but there are five more phases to go.

They include: Pushing a mid-size patrol car, engine running and in neutral, for 28 feet; (2) dragging or carrying a 165-lb. martial arts dummy 45 feet; (3) running 440 yards on a sand oval in one minute and fifty-two seconds, or less; (4) dry firing (without ammunition) a model 15 Smith & Wesson revolver with a 14 pound double action trigger pull; and (5) swimming 25 meters.

"Duff in the Rough" certainly deserves its title, but initial results indicate it is not unreasonably tough. Among the first 151 applicants who were tested, only 15 failed to attain a passing score of 600 points out of a possible 1,000.

Sheriff Duff is enthused about the results — and some unexpected fringe benefits. At the time the Agility Course was



(Continued on next page)

TOUGH AS HELL



(Continued)

put into operation, he was contemplating the possibility of establishing a mandatory physical fitness and weight control program to keep his deputies slim and trim, but the foot pursuit obstacle course seems to be eliminating the need for such a move.

Deputies have been voluntarily testing themselves on the obstacle course, and considerable competition has developed between various units within the Sheriff's Department — patrol deputies challenging investigators, for instance.

Recently a patrol lieutenant and sergeant — both over 35 — ran the course and tallied excellent scores. Both said they felt an effective physical fitness program could be built around the obstacle course.

Sheriff Duff said he is planning to use the Agility Course in the training of Special Weapons And Tactics (SWAT) teams, scuba divers used in search and rescue work, and local volunteer fire departments.

He has also invited other agencies in the Volusia County area to use it for testing and training, and he expressed his willingness to assist any agency interested in establishing its own testing facility.

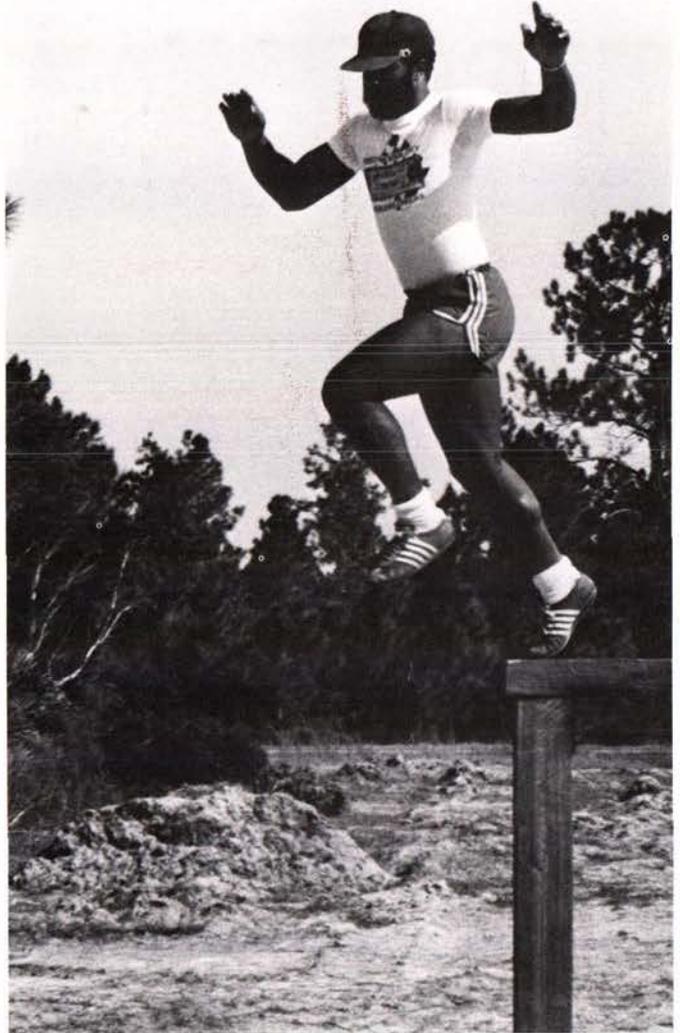
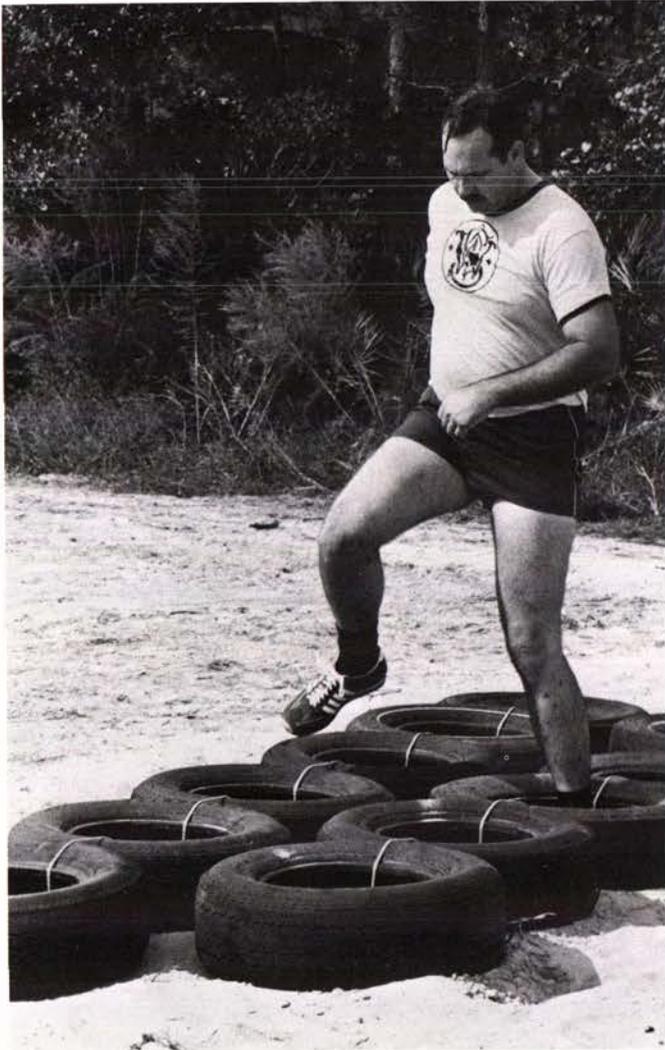
"Duff in the Rough" can be traced back to a fortunate coincidence that occurred in May, 1977, when a member of Duff's Research and Planning staff was touring a Law Enforcement Day exhibit at a shopping mall in California.

The deputy picked up and brought back to Volusia County some literature about the training and testing programs developed by Sheriff Brad Gates, in Orange County, California.

Sheriff Duff and his staff reacted enthusiastically, and soon the Volusia County Sheriff's Office was on the phone to the Orange County Sheriff's Office to get more details.



In response to letters and phone calls, the Orange County Sheriff's Office not only provided information, blueprints and technical advice, but also sent its training officer, Lt. Dennis W. LaDucer, to Volusia County to supervise the initial testing when Sheriff Duff was ready to put his Agility Course into operation.



One of the attractive features of "Duff in the Rough" is its amazingly low cost. The facilities were completed by deputy sheriffs in just eight days at a cost of less than \$2,000.

Stetson University allows Sheriff Duff to use its pool for the swimming portion of the testing. A Volusia County school bus is used to transport rookies to the pool, and a local ambulance service stands by to cover unexpected emergencies.

After all, there's always the possibility of some rookie going into shock when he finds out the Agility Course is only part of the testing procedure for prospective deputies.

Those who prove they have what it takes physically, must still pass written and oral examinations before they can qualify.

Even young fellows in good shape are prone to get pooped.



Balloting during the Mid-Winter Conference resulted in the election of these Sheriffs as Association officials, they are (from left): Ed Duff, Secretary; Walt Pellicer, Chairman of the Board; P. A. Edmonson, board member; John Polk, Vice President; Jim Scott, President; Frank Wanicka, Treasurer; and Roy Lundy, board member.

Conference balloting puts Scott in president's slot

ST. AUGUSTINE — Sheriffs attending the Annual Mid-Winter Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association here January 15-18 elected Jefferson County Sheriff Jim Scott, of Monticello, as their new President; and Seminole County Sheriff John Polk, of Sanford, as Vice President.

Scott, who succeeds Clay County Sheriff Jennings Murrhee, of Green Cove Springs, as the chief executive of the Sheriffs Association, formerly served as Vice President and a member of the Board of Directors. Polk was a member of the Board of Directors before he advanced to Vice President.

Volusia County Sheriff Ed Duff II, of DeLand, was reelected Secretary; and Lee County Sheriff Frank Wanicka, of Fort Myers, was reelected Treasurer.

Reelected to the Board of Directors were: Franklin Sheriff Jack Taylor, of Apalachicola; Madison Sheriff Joe Peavy, of Madison; Glades Sheriff Roy Lundy, of Moore Haven; and Putnam Sheriff Walt Pellicer, of Palatka, who was renamed to his position as Chairman of the Board. Flagler Sheriff P. A. Edmonson, Bunnell; and Lake Sheriff Malcolm McCall, Tavares, were elected as new members of the Board.



"If it feels good, and it's legal, do it," General Counsel Jack Madigan (center) tells outgoing President Jennings Murrhee (left) and incoming President Jim Scott.



Host Sheriff Dudley Garrett welcomes Sheriffs and guests.



Executive Director Berwin Williams was praised by Sheriffs for arranging a good conference.



Sheriff Jennings Murrhee (left) and Sheriff Sam Joyce (right) presented a plaque to J. L. McMullen honoring him for his 20 years of voluntary service as Treasurer of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund, Boys Ranch, Girls Villa and Youth Ranch. He retired October 1, 1977.



Sheriffs Alan LeBeau (left) and Roy Rodgers at the conference registration desk manned by (from left) Hazel McCormack and Mila Mahr, from the St. John's County Sheriff's Office; and Agatha Godfrey and Betty Camp, from the Sheriffs Association staff.

The Mid-Winter Conference was hosted by Sheriff and Mrs. Dudley Garrett at the Ponce de Leon Lodge and Country Club. The program included a forum for gubernatorial candidates, business sessions, a collective bargaining seminar, a seafood buffet sponsored by Sheriff and Mrs. Garrett; and a banquet featuring the premiere showing of a 15-minute color-sound movie about the Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund, Boys Ranch, Girls Villa and Youth Ranch.

During the banquet, Carl Stauffer, who recently retired as Executive Director of the Sheriffs Association; and Live Oak Businessman J. L. McMullen, who recently retired as Treasurer of the Youth Fund, Boys Ranch, Girls Villa and Youth Ranch, were singled out for special recognition.

Sheriff Walt Pellicer (left) presented a plaque to Carl Stauffer, honoring him for 20 years of exemplary service as Executive Director of the Florida Sheriffs Association. He retired October 1, 1977.



Scott in president's slot *(Continued)*

Wives of Sheriffs attending the conference included (from left) Susan, wife of Sheriff Charles Applewhite; Janice, wife of Association President Jim Scott; Virginia, wife of Sheriff Ernest P. Murphy; and Betty, wife of Host Sheriff Dudley Garrett.



Association President Jim Scott (right) presents a plaque to Sheriff Jennings Murrhee, honoring him as the immediate past president.



A seminar on collective bargaining was presented by (from left) Julius F. Parker, Jr.; Susan Potter Whisenand; and Jack M. Skelding, Jr., all members of a Tallahassee law firm which includes John A. Madigan, Jr., General Counsel for the Florida Sheriffs Association. Skelding is Assistant General Counsel of the Association.

During the opening session of the conference, Sheriffs and guests were welcomed by St. Johns County Commissioner H. L. (Herbie) Wiles.



Governor candidates vow to Preserve budget appeal

ST. AUGUSTINE — After listening to a forum made up of eight of the ten announced candidates for Governor, the Sheriffs of Florida are looking forward to the swearing in of a new governor, no matter who it might be. Their enthusiasm stems from the support each candidate gave to the right of sheriffs to appeal their budgets when they feel county commissioners have not given them sufficient funds to properly operate their departments.

Speaking here January 17, at the Mid-Winter Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association, each candidate pledged support for the appeal procedure. Businessman Jack Eckerd (R), state Senator Bob Graham (D), Lt. Governor Jim Williams (D), Banker Raleigh Greene, Jr. (D), Attorney General Robert Shevin (D), Eileen Sullivan (D), and Aubyn Hodges (D) said the appeal process needs to be preserved, and said, if elected, they would veto legislation which would eliminate it. They also vowed to oppose a Constitution Revision Commission amendment which would prohibit such appeals.

Jacksonville Mayor Hans G. Tanzler, Jr., agreed there should be some way for a sheriff to get more funds if the county commission was being arbitrary and it appeared the quality of law enforcement was threatened, but he questioned whether the Florida Cabinet should have that final authority.

Congressman Lou Frey (R) and James Eden (D), two additional candidates were not at the luncheon.

Governor Reubin Askew has frequently spoken out against the right of sheriffs to take their budget problems to Tallahassee, but attempts he backed to have the law changed in the legislature have failed.

Williams said the current appeal procedure is not perfect, "but it is important and it is working and it needs to be maintained."

The support from the candidates was reassuring to the sheriffs because they are concerned that a vital part of their independence may be destroyed if the appeal process is eliminated.

At present, sheriffs who feel they do not have adequate funds to fight crime, can appeal to Tallahassee to get more money for their budgets. The final decision is up to the Governor and cabinet.

Shevin, a member of the Revision Commission, vowed to try and defeat the measure in the Commission. He also promised, if he becomes governor, to veto any bill by the legislature which would eliminate the appeal.

The Chairman of the Florida Sheriffs Association Board of Directors, Sheriff Walt Pellicer of Putnam County, pointed out



Four candidates held a man-to-m . . . oops . . . person-to-person chat prior to the forum. They are (from left) Raleigh Greene, Jr., Jack Eckerd, Aubyn Hodges and Eileen Sullivan.



Mayor Hans Tanzler



Lt. Governor Jim Williams

that, "Although the budget appeal process is rarely used by sheriffs, its very existence insures that the sheriff is insulated from local political pressures which could adversely affect his ability to vigorously enforce the law in his county."

(Continued on next page)



Senator Bob Graham

Attorney General
Robert Shevin



(Continued)

Preserve budget appeal

He said if the county commission had the final, unappealable word on the sheriff's budget, a sheriff's department could find itself grossly underfunded or politically compromised.

"The budget appeal procedures have never been abused by the sheriffs of Florida," said Lee County Sheriff Frank Wanicka, who is Treasurer of the Sheriffs Association. "There has been an average of only about three or four appeals per year and many are settled on the local level. "I've never had an appeal in my county."

"Repeal of the sheriff's budget appeal law has been debated in the Florida Legislature many times, but it has never passed," said Association General Counsel John A. Madigan, Jr. "Sheriffs feel it was proposed to the Constitution Revision Commission as a means of circumventing the legislative process."

The gubernatorial candidates also solidly endorsed the concept of local control of law enforcement, as opposed to some form of state police. Eckerd said he was in favor of giving local agencies as much authority as they can handle, while Tanzler said he was "totally opposed to the state police concept."

Graham pointed out the need for state agencies to help local agencies. He cited the example of Monroe County where local law enforcement agencies are bearing much of the burden of stopping the drug traffic that is supplying a large part of the rest of the country with marijuana and other illegal drugs.

Problems in jails

Earlier during the Mid-Winter Conference, the sheriffs voted to support legislation which would prohibit the placing of incompetent or allegedly incompetent persons in the county jails. "We don't have the facilities and specially trained staff to care for these people," Sheriff Don Moreland said. "They should be in a hospital or treatment center, but not in our jails."

A related problem is the fact the sheriff must also transport these people from jail to a doctor, from the doctor to a hospital, from the hospital to a jail. The sheriffs contend this is not

a law enforcement activity and that trained officers have to be pulled off their normal duties to provide this transportation service.

The sheriffs feel the solution is to legislatively prohibit the jailing of mental patients and to give the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services both the responsibility and the funds to properly handle them.

Bailiff bill opposed

The sheriffs also voted to oppose a bill prefiled in the Florida House of Representatives which would allow circuit judges to appoint court bailiffs. Currently, bailiffs are selected and their salaries paid by the sheriff's office.

House Bill 394 would not give the court appointed bailiffs any law enforcement powers," said Sheriff Jennings Murrhee, of Clay County, "so sheriffs would still have to hire bailiffs with police powers. It would be an obvious duplication of effort and an additional expense to have two sets of bailiffs when we are now getting along just fine with bailiffs selected, trained and paid by the sheriff." Murrhee is immediate past president of the Florida Sheriffs Association.

Burglar bill supported

Legislation more to the liking of the sheriffs is a bill which would mandate a minimum, no-parole jail term of one year for persons found guilty of burglarizing a private residence.

The measure is similar in concept to a law passed in the 1975 legislature which requires at least a minimum sentence of three years for conviction of a crime involving the use of a firearm. That law was also suggested and supported by the Florida Sheriffs Association.

This year the sheriffs hope to show the legislature the "3 years to life" measure has been successful in reducing armed crime and that the "1 year, no parole" measure can have the same effect in reducing home burglaries.



Ocala — Marion County Sheriff Don Moreland (right) presents a Florida Sheriffs Association Lifetime Honorary Membership to Mr. and Mrs. Beauregard Perkins, Jr.

HONOR ROLL of Lifetime Members

Generous friends who contribute \$1,000 or more to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund for the benefit of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, Girls Villa or Youth Ranch, qualify as lifetime honorary members of the Florida Sheriffs Association. This entitles each donor to receive a plaque, a lifetime identification card and a lifetime subscription to The Sheriff's Star. This month we are honoring the following lifetime members:

AMERICAN LEGION, POST 113
Punta Gorda

MR. & MRS. WILLIAM W.
BAILEY
North Redington Beach

MRS. MARIE BERBERET
Homestead, Pa.

MR. & MRS. HERBERT W.
BOOTH
Sarasota

DR. & MRS. JOHN M.
CALLAHAN
Indian Rocks Beach

MR. & MRS. EVAN W. EVANS
Tampa

SAM L. FITTRO
Indian Rocks Beach

MRS. HENRY F. GREGORY
Wheaton, Ill.

MRS. J. J. HIGGINS
Pompano Beach

KLATE HOLT
Indian Rocks Beach

PAUL A. HUNTER
Ft. White

MR. & MRS. WILLIAM
LAMPERT
Seminole

LEON COUNTY SHERIFF'S
OFFICE, AUX. UNIT
Tallahassee

ROBERT D. LIPPMAN
Lake Placid

MR. & MRS. WILLIAM T.
MAGUIRE
Largo

MR. & MRS. JAMES G.
McGREGOR
Ocean Ridge

LEO MILES
Plant City

MR. & MRS. BEAUREGARD
PERKINS, JR.
Ocala (See photo)

ROTUNDA WEST LIONS CLUB
Punta Gorda

MRS. ROBERT F. SHIPP
Bradenton

MR. & MRS. ROBERT STEURER
Ft. White

MRS. ELLEN B. SWANSTROM
St. Petersburg

T G & Y, SUWANNEE COUNTY
MALL
Live Oak

MS. ELSA P. THERN
St. Petersburg

JAMES WAITE
Plantation

MRS. RUSSELL YANKIE
St. Petersburg

MRS. EDWARD YONTZ
Tampa

MRS. ELIZABETH ALEXANDER
Gainesville

WALTER C. ALLEN
Delray Beach

FRED APPLEGATE, JR.
Tampa

R. H. AXLINE
Punta Gorda

MR. & MRS. JAMES BAIRD, JR.
Daytona Beach

MR. & MRS. PETER J. BARBARE
Pompano Beach

MR. & MRS. WILLIAM
BARBAROWICZ
Lake City

MR. & MRS. D. C. BARNES
Longboat Key

BAY COUNTY FARM BUREAU
Fountain

ALLEN BAZZLE
Maitland

MRS. JOHN BELL
Tampa

WARD M. BELL
Umatilla

HOWARD L. BERLYN
Clearwater

MR. & MRS. M. KARL BLAIR
St. Petersburg

MR. & MRS. RALPH BRANCH
Daytona Beach

W. T. BRANNON
St. Petersburg

MR. & MRS. CHARLES BRASH
St. Petersburg

MR. & MRS. FRED L. BRITTON,
JR.
St. Petersburg

MR. & MRS. CLAUDE O. BROWN
Pompano Beach

GEORGE L. BROWNELL
Seminole

WILLIAM R. BRYAN
Sebring

MR. & MRS. BEN T. CAMPBELL
Tampa

MRS. JOHN W. CANADA
St. Augustine

GEORGE T. CARTER, JR.
Ft. Lauderdale

MRS. A. M. CHAMBERS
Holly Hill

MRS. EMETT CHOATE
Miami Beach

MRS. LEONA T. CLIMO
Myrtle Beach, S. C.

MR. & MRS. ROBERT S. CODY
Kissimmee

MR. & MRS. C. TRAFNOR COLE
Clearwater

MRS. HARRY W. COLE
Anna Maria

MR. & MRS. S. A. COMERSACK
Orlando

MR. & MRS. ROBERT LEE
COOK
Bradenton

HENRY J. CYBURT
Ft. Myers Beach

WALTER J. DELANEY, SR.
Winter Haven

MR. & MRS. A. A. DeSORMO
Clearwater

MR. & MRS. JOHN W. DILLIN
Lake Wales

MS. ELEANOR M. DONAHUE
Lake Wales

EDWIN ELLIOTT
Venice

MR. & MRS. RALPH C. ELLIOTT
Clearwater

ROBERT J. ELLIS
Clearwater

WAYNE ELLIS
Lakeland

DANIEL ENGELHARDT
Dunedin

HOYT ERRICSON
Palm Harbor

MISS EMILY FAWLK
Palm Beach

MR. & MRS. HORACE W. FISH
Palm Harbor

MR. & MRS. JAMES C. FISHER
Gainesville

W. E. FORINGER
Clearwater

MRS. CLYDE W. FOX
Charlotte Harbor

FRAYNE SPORTSWEAR MFG.,
INC.
Tampa

MR. & MRS. ARTHUR J.
FRENTZ
Orlando

HAL FULENWIDER
Belleair Bluffs

MR. & MRS. BEN L. GALLAHER
Largo

GARDEN CLUB OF ST. PETERS-
BURG
St. Petersburg

GUY F. GARDNER
Tampa

RALPH GATES
Daytona Beach

MR. & MRS. MURRAY C.
GAUTSCH
Austin, Texas

DR. E. T. GETTINS
Orlando

GEORGE W. GILL, JR.
Ft. Lauderdale

MR. & MRS. KARL GORES
Lake Worth

MRS. WILLIAM M. GROSS
Belleair Bluffs

MR. & MRS. PHILLIP R.
GUGGINO
Tampa

MR. & MRS. WILLIAM A.
HAINES
Sarasota

GEORGE C. HANSEN
St. Petersburg

MRS. HELEN R. HANSON
New Port Richey

MR. & MRS. WILLIAM
HARNISCH
St. Petersburg

MR. & MRS. VICTOR H.
HEIDRICH
Westbury, New York

MRS. MYRTLE E. HELM
Daytona Beach

MR. & MRS. ALBERT C. HESS
St. Augustine

MR. & MRS. CARSON HILL
High Springs

MILTON O. HILL
Boca Raton

SAM C. HINES
Lakeland

FRANCIS L. HOGAN
Pompano Beach

MRS. ETHEL J. HOOK
New Port Richey

GEORGE W. HOPKINS
St. Petersburg

MRS. ALBERT E. HOWELL
Sarasota

MR. & MRS. JAMES E. HUNTER
Treasure Island

LARRY W. INGRAM
Winter Haven

MR. & MRS. FRAZIER R.
INSKO
Ft. Myers

JOSEPH R. JENKINS
Jacksonville

ALVIN L. JOHNSON
Brooksville

MS. VERA C. JOHNSON
West Palm Beach

FRED JOINER
Apopka

MR. & MRS. LEE W. JONES
Coconut Creek

MR. & MRS. ARTHUR
KEMTON, SR.
Clearwater

DR. O. G. KENDRICK
Tallahassee

MRS. HAZELLE C. KIMBALL
Clearwater

MRS. MIKE KING
Tampa

MR. & MRS. JACK W. KITCHEN
Jacksonville

MR. & MRS. LEWIS H.
KNICKERBOCKER
Sarasota

JOSEPH L. KREFT
Orlando

MR. & MRS. T. J. La FONTAINE
Stuart

FORREST C. LATTNER
Delray Beach

WILLIAM D. LEE
Plant City

COL. JULIUS WILLIE LEVY
Maitland

COL. & MRS. LEON E.
LICHTENWALTER
Gainesville

JAMES J. LINUS
Ft. Lauderdale

DR. & MRS. RAY LONDON
St. Petersburg

MRS. WILLIAM EDWARD
LUCAS
Howey In The Hills

R. J. LUMA
Spring Hill

WILLIAM H. MacDONALD
Largo

T. O. MacMAKIN
Bradenton

NEIL E. MacMILLAN
Delray Beach

F. B. MacNEILLE
Belleair Bluffs

EDWARD H. MAN
Sharpes

(Continued)



Commended for "Getting Involved"

DADE CITY — Pasco County Sheriff John Short (right) commended Mr. and Mrs. John Budd for their willingness to "get involved" when they saw an opportunity to help the Sheriff's Office catch a purse snatcher. When they witnessed the purse snatching they were in their car and were able to follow the car of the fleeing culprits. When she couldn't find a pen or pencil, Mrs. Budd wrote the license number of the getaway car on the windshield of her car with lipstick. This led to the apprehension of two suspects.



Twenty Years Under Five Sheriffs

KEY WEST — Any deputy sheriff who can survive 20 years under five Sheriffs deserves special recognition — and Maj. Franklin D. Hernandez (center) received it in the form of a plaque honoring him for "dedicated and exemplary service." It was presented by Monroe County Sheriff William A. Freeman, Jr. (right) and County Mayor Puriegton Howanitz. Maj. Hernandez was employed by the Monroe County Sheriff's Department on November 25, 1957, and has served under Sheriffs John Spottwood, Henry Haskins, Reace Thompson, Bobby Brown and William A. Freeman, Jr.



Builders (Continued)

MR. & MRS. ALBERT P. MARTIN Interlachen	RINGLING BROTHERS BARNUM & BAILEY CIRCUS WORLD Haines City	MR. & MRS. CHARLES H. SWAYNE Stuart
MR. & MRS. JOHN F. McALEER Bradenton	ZACHARY TAYLOR ROBERTS Ft. Pierce	CHARLES SYDENSTRICKER Port Charlotte
CECIL K. McATEER Ocala	MRS. DAVID ROYSTON Tarpon Springs	MR. & MRS. B. M. TAYLOR Ormond Beach
MR. & MRS. SAM McDANIEL St. Augustine	MR. & MRS. J. B. RYALS Callahan	THOM McAN SHOE STORE GATEWAY MALL St. Petersburg
MR. & MRS. C. N. McELVEY Winter Haven	SACRAMENT Tampa	L. N. THOMAS Tallahassee
MRS. MILLER O. McNAY Clearwater	MRS. LAURA V. SARGENT Mt. Dora	MR. & MRS. LOUIS THOMASON New Port Richey
METROPOLITAN SOCIAL CLUB St. Petersburg	MR. & MRS. CLYDE SAYERS Clearwater	MISS MARICEVA THOMPSON Valrico
MR. & MRS. JOHN A. MILLER Riverview	MAX H. SCHACHTSIEK Dix Hills, New York	CAPT. & MRS. NILS M. THORSEN Hollywood
R. B. MILLER Lithia	ROBERT A. SCHNEPF Bradenton	MR. & MRS. EDWARD P. TIETJEN Lutz
MR. & MRS. JAMES M. MILLSPAUGH Belleair	MR. & MRS. ROBERT P. SCHOEFLER Tampa	JOHN R. TOWNSEND Woodruff, S. C.
W. ROBERT MOORE Sarasota	MRS. G. R. SCHROEDER Largo	H. W. TYLER, JR. Tallahassee
MIKE MORELLA Palm Springs	MRS. ESSIE SHIPLEY Punta Gorda	GEORGE L. UFFNER Sarasota
DOUGLAS M. MORRISON Holmes Beach	MR. & MRS. OLIN J. SHONG Clearwater	VINCENT UMMARINO St. Petersburg
MRS. EMILIE S. NEWSOME Ft. Meade	MRS. HENRY A. SIMPSON Geneva	COL. ROBERT J. VAN BUSKIRK (RET.) St. Petersburg
MR. & MRS. C. W. OVERSTREET Port Charlotte	MR. & MRS. JOHN R. SMITH Sarasota	ROBERT E. VAUGHAN III Winter Park
PAPERBACK BOOKSMITH Lakeland	MR. & MRS. FREDERICK R. SNYDER Miami	MRS. AUGUST WAELDIN Venice
MRS. JIM PARDO Tampa	MRS. E. G. SORENSON Belleair	MR. & MRS. ERIC H. WAHLSTROM DeLand
MR. & MRS. JOHN L. PARSONS Indian Lakes Estates	LOUIS SPINER Tampa	EDWARD N. WATTS Jacksonville
MR. & MRS. GEORGE M. PEARALL DeLand	MR. & MRS. HOWARD A. STARK Kissimmee	ERWIN W. WHITE Geneva
COL. SYDNEY C. PERELL Sarasota	ELMER E. STARR Orlando	MR. & MRS. FRANK R. WHITE St. Petersburg
MRS. MARGARET PERRY Orlando	MRS. HENRY STEFFENS Largo	MR. & MRS. JACK N. WIDICK Key Largo
AUBREY R. PIERCE Indian Lake Estates	MR. & MRS. CHARLES STEGER Tampa	DR. & MRS. W. WILLIAMS Tarpon Springs
MR. & MRS. FORREST E. PIERCE Largo	MR. & MRS. LUTHER L. STERNER Stuart	S. M. WILSON Granite City, Ill.
GEORGE J. PITLIK Seminole	J. M. STEVENS Jacksonville	WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION CLEARWATER COUNTRY CLUB Clearwater
JOHN L. PRATT Haines City	MRS. RUTH E. STOLTZ Palm Beach	WOMEN'S MARINE LEAGUE AUXILIARY Clearwater
MRS. BEATRICE RAE Sarasota	LEON L. STONE Orange City	WOODALL'S WOMAN'S CLUB Lakeland
MR. & MRS. RICHARD REIMERS Port Charlotte	MR. & MRS. JOHN TOOKE STRAKER Clearwater	COL. & MRS. THOMAS W. WOODYARD, JR. Pinellas Park
MS. HELEN H. REZENDES St. Petersburg	MRS. CHARLOTTE STULL St. Petersburg	MRS. HAROLD S. WURTELE Orlando
MR. & MRS. HARRY L. RICH Lake Placid	EDWIN W. SUDDITH St. Petersburg	PAUL O. ZEBROWSKI Zephyrhills
	MR. & MRS. MARK SWANSON Sarasota	

Sorry, Mister Hallmark — No Cards This Year

SARASOTA — Employees of the Sarasota County Sheriff's Department have a unique way of wishing each other a merry Christmas. They send no Christmas cards. Instead, they donate to some worthy charity the money they would ordinarily spend on cards and postage. Their gift amounted to \$350 in December, 1977, and it went to the Big Brother and Big Sister organizations represented by Thomas Peters (left) Field Director, and Mrs. Joan Cullinane. The gift was presented by (from left) Lt. N. Coblenz, Mrs. Tina Plouff and Mrs. Phyllis Brown, representing the Sheriff's Department.



Praised For An Exceptional Job

PUNTA GORDA — Charlotte County Sheriff Alan LeBeau (right) said Chief Jailer Philip Bennett has done an exceptional job and has turned around an operation that was running in a deficit. "If it's not making money now," he added, "it is at least breaking even." Sheriff LeBeau promoted Bennett to the rank of lieutenant, and credited him with numerous jail improvements such as a full time doctor, a new commissary for prisoners, and a school program which gives prisoners an opportunity to earn a high school diploma.



More Crime Prevention Impact

PALATKA — Putnam County Sheriff Walt Pellicer (left) said public awareness of various local crime prevention programs increased 600 percent after he and Palatka Police Chief Jimmy Hill (right) merged their efforts and formed the Putnam Community Crime Prevention Unit. The joint effort is spearheaded by Deputy Walter Perkins (second from left), representing the Sheriff's Department; and Cpl. Rick Casto (third from left), representing the Palatka Police Department. Sheriff Pellicer said the merger will enable the two Crime Prevention Specialists to avoid duplication of effort and to serve the public more effectively.

Not for profit

BROOKSVILLE — They come from all walks of life. One is a banker; some are skilled workmen; others are businessmen, ranchers and retirees, but the members of the Hernando County Sheriff's Posse have one thing in common: They don't make any profit from their voluntary service.

In fact, they lose money because each member is required to pay dues as well as provide his own uniforms, boots, weapon, handcuffs, shell pouches and other items at a cost that can run as high as several hundred dollars.

All the county provides is a badge, an identification card, collar insignia and a whistle — all of which must be returned when a member retires from the posse.

Posse members are not paid, and obviously profit is not the motive that prompts them to put in hundreds of hours of volunteer duty every month — often under hazardous conditions.

Sometimes the posse charges for services provided to profit-making organizations, but funds received under these circumstances are usually donated to worthy charities such as the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, or spent for law enforcement related purposes such as helping to buy uniforms for Sheriff Melvin Kelly's cadets.

The benefits to Hernando County taxpayers are great. Posse members ride on regular patrols, provide security for public events, attend training sessions, and get involved in search and rescue missions.

Sheriff Kelly describes the posse as his right arm. "If it wasn't for the posse, we would need to hire 15 or 20 additional men," he said. "They always keep themselves available for



AAA Honors Hillsborough Sheriff

TAMPA — It was a happy occasion when the Peninsula Motor Club (AAA) presented plaques to Hillsborough Sheriff Malcolm E. Beard and his School Safety Director for their individual contributions to the pedestrian safety program in the county through the years. In a ceremony at the Tower Club, Hampton Dunn (left), vice president of the motor club, presented awards to Lt. Jim Walker (center), and Sheriff Beard.

whenever we need help, whether it be weekends or nights."

Since there is financial loss, rather than profit involved, what keeps posse members coming back week after week?

One member put it this way: "We are just guys who are interested in police work, and we want to dedicate some of our time to the improvement of Hernando County."

Circuit Court Judge Charles E. Miner (left) presents Big Bend Law Enforcement Association Award to Sheriff W. A. Woodham.

Sheriff cited for “Heroic Actions”

QUINCY — One of the important highlights in the law enforcement career of Gadsden County Sheriff W. A. Woodham occurred when Big Bend Law Enforcement Association presented him with a certificate recognizing his “heroic actions” leading to the apprehension of an alleged kidnapper who was accused of attacking Quincy Police Officer Phillip Fusilier.

The award was based upon an incident which occurred in a Quincy drug store, October 15, 1977. Here's what happened, according to Maj. Alvan J. Pickels, Chief Deputy, Gadsden County Sheriff's Department:

Walter Lee Knight was suspected of shoplifting, and allegedly tussled with Officer Fusilier when Fusilier attempted to place him under arrest. Fusilier was shot in the chest, and Knight left the store holding a woman hostage at gunpoint. The woman was also wounded.

Outside Knight faced a gathering crowd. Sheriff Woodham was on the scene, and began to talk to Knight while approaching him from behind. Suddenly Woodham grabbed Knight's gun and inserted his thumb in front of the hammer so it couldn't be fired. Knight was quickly subdued, and was eventually booked on 15 charges.

