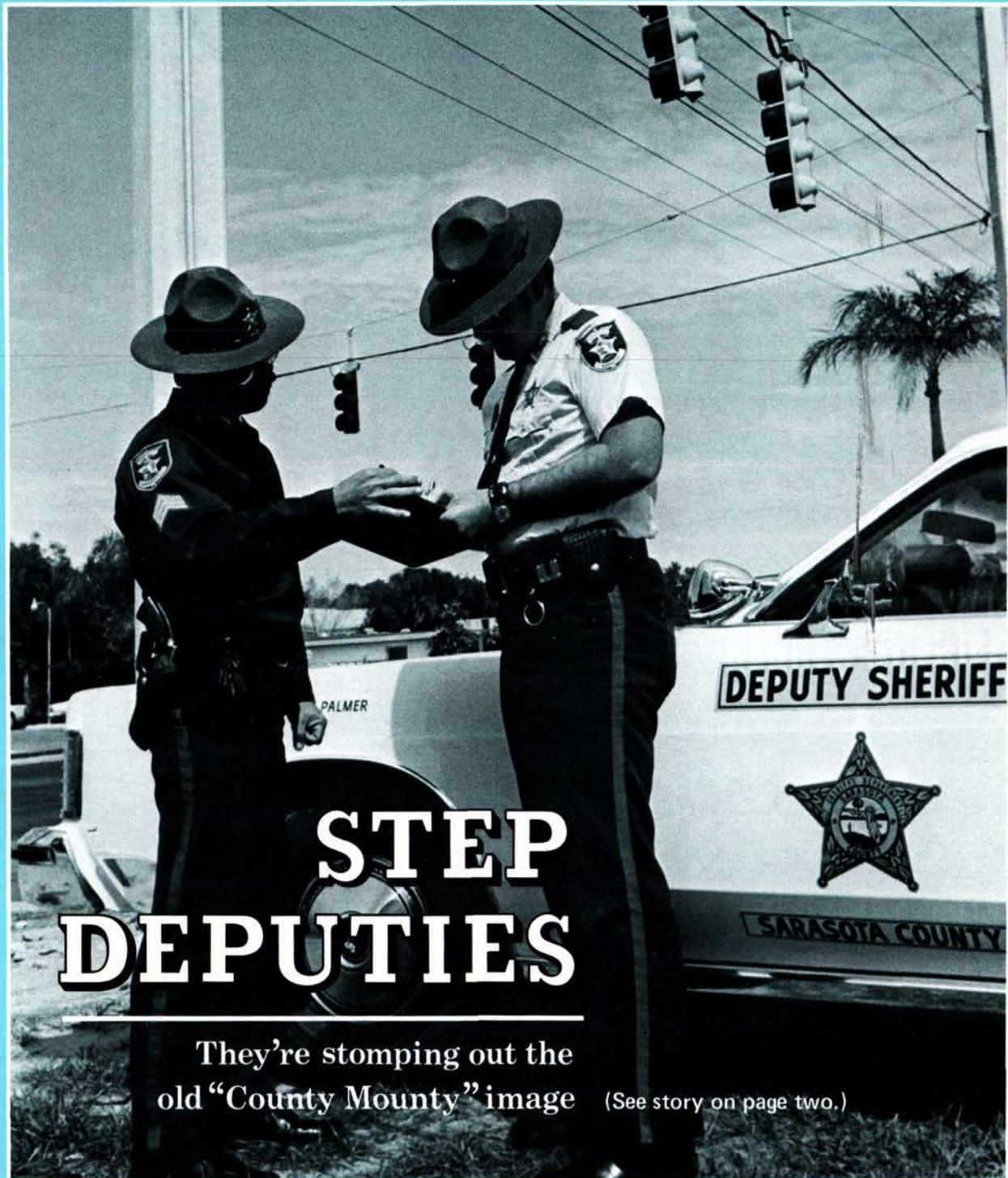


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STEP DEPUTIES

They're stomping out the old "County Mouny" image (See story on page two.)

“Be noseey,” Sheriff urges

LIVE OAK — Suwannee County Sheriff Robert Leonard urged members of the Live Oak Junior Women’s Club to become noseey neighbors.

“Be inquisitive,” he said. “Be downright noseey if you have to, but find out who that stranger at your neighbor’s house is.”

He asked the club members to notify him if they see any suspicious incidents, and he assured them their identity will be kept secret if they request it.

“It’s important to let neighbors know when you are going to be away from home for any length of time,” he said. “This is your best protection.”

Sex offender seminar

LAKE WORTH — A Sex Offender Seminar for law enforcement officers, detectives, investigators, court personnel, mental health technicians, corrections officers, and others involved in the treatment and handling of sex offenders will be held at the Palm Beach Junior College Criminal Justice Institute, November 6 through November 10, 1978.

For information write Larry D. Tuttle, Chairman, Law Enforcement Department, Palm Beach Junior College, 4200 Congress Avenue, Lake Worth, Florida 33461, or phone AC305 965-8000, Extension 285.



To L. O. for Leadership

ST. AUGUSTINE — To show its appreciation for the leadership he demonstrated as President in 1966, the Florida Sheriffs Association prepared a special plaque for former St. Johns County Sheriff L. O. Davis, and asked the present Sheriff, Dudley Garrett (left), to present it.

More productive

Five Florida Sheriffs who attended a three-day management seminar on increasing productivity at the FBI National Academy, Quantico, Virginia, are contemplating ways to make their departments more efficient.

They are Levy County Sheriff Horace A. Moody, Bronson; Marion County Sheriff Don Moreland, Ocala; St. Johns County Sheriff Dudley Garrett, St. Augustine; Palm Beach County Sheriff Richard Wille, West Palm Beach; and Washington County Sheriff Fred Peel, Chipley.

The seminar was sponsored by the National Sheriff’s Association, conducted by the University of Southern California and funded by the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration. A total of 35 Sheriffs from 16 states attended.

New approaches to problems common to all Sheriffs’ offices were emphasized. A spokesman said they were developed through extensive research and refinement representing an investment of hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Burglar’s bonus

What you wear when you go downstairs in the middle of the night does make a difference!

A Los Angeles woman was wearing a \$25,000 diamond pendant when she went to investigate the rumpus her dog was raising. Sure enough there was a burglar in the kitchen, and he demanded the sparkler, which he added to his loot.



He Will Minister to Lawmen and Lawbreakers

LAKE CITY — Appointed by Sheriff Glenn Bailey (left), the Rev. Douglas S. Woodall is the Chaplain of the Columbia County Sheriff’s Department. Pictured with him are his two sons, Doug, Jr., and Craig. He will minister to jail inmates, Sheriff’s Department personnel, crime victims and persons bereaved by tragedies. “I care for others because Jesus has done something in my life,” he said, then added he would not use his volunteer position with the Sheriff’s Department to force religion on anyone. He said, however, if people give him an opportunity he will “tell them why I care about them.” (Photo from the Lake City Reporter)

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From flame to fame

CLEARWATER — William Mobley, a 40-year-old Sergeant in the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department, is the 1978 winner of the annual Ruth and Tim Johnson Award, and this is how he qualified:

While on patrol after midnight, August 8, 1977, Sgt. Mobley saw flames from a burning car that had been involved in an accident, and when he reached the scene he discovered the driver was wedged behind the wheel.

Unable to pull the man from the car on the driver's side because of the intense heat, he ran around to the other side and asked the passenger who had escaped from the car to help him.

Together they dragged the driver through the passenger window and away from the car just before the gas tank exploded. The driver was treated for third degree burns and Mobley escaped injury.

Sheriff Bill Roberts said "Sergeant Mobley's quick, effective action, in complete disregard for his own personal safety, was no doubt responsible for saving the life of the driver, who would have perished when the gas tank exploded. Sergeant Mobley acted unhesitatingly, knowing full well the danger he was in. His concern for the life of a fellow human deserves the highest commendation."

Born in McRae, Ga., Sgt. Mobley has been a member of the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department for nine years, and holds a bachelor of science degree in Police Administration. He and his wife, Clarice, and their two children live in St. Petersburg.

Sgt. Mobley is the sixth recipient of the \$500 award and plaque presented each year by Mr. and Mrs. Timothy A. Johnson, Sr., to an outstanding member of the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department.



Left to right — Sgt. William Mobley and his wife, Clarice; Mr. and Mrs. Timothy A. Johnson, Sr.

"Mrs. Johnson and I devised the award to provide recognition for the many fine people in the Sheriff's Department whose devotion to duty makes Pinellas County a safer place for all of us," Johnson said.

He is President of Sylvan Abbey Memorial Park, Executive Vice President of the Sarasota Memorial Park, a director of the Community Bank of Pinellas and the Community Banks of Florida, a director of the Morton F. Plant Hospital Foundation, a former Clearwater City Commissioner, and a Past President of the Clearwater Kiwanis Club.

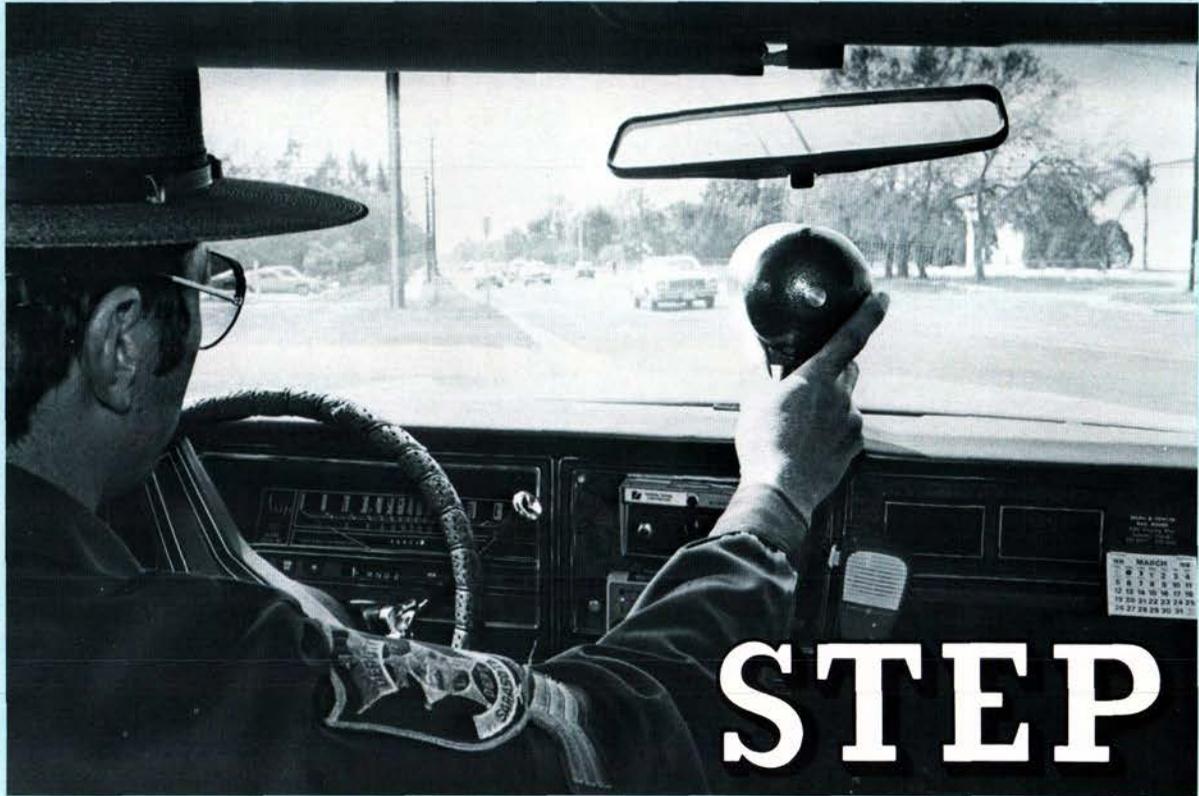
Sgt. Mobley was selected by the Pinellas County Council of Mayors from a slate of three nominees, and the award presentation was held on May 4 during the annual Law Day observance of Clearwater Kiwanis Club.



From the Sheriff, With Much Appreciation

PANAMA CITY — After a train derailment at Youngstown caused one of the worst disasters in the history of Bay County, the Salvation Army activated its emergency disaster unit and served food around the clock for an entire week to Sheriff's deputies, rescue workers and persons evacuated from the Youngstown area. Later, when this picture was taken, Bay County Sheriff Tullis Easterling (left) was expressing his appreciation by presenting a Distinguished Service Certificate to the Salvation Army, represented by Major Hall. The others in the picture are (from left) Maynard Robinson, President of the Bay County Firefighters Association; Tom Johnstone, Salvation Army Advisory Board; William Sellers, Assistant Administrator of the Bay County Sheriff's Department; Major Charles Enfinger, Chief of the Patrol Division, Bay County Sheriff's Office; and Jim Hood, Salvation Army Advisory Board.

In a patrol car plainly visible to motorists, Sgt. Eddie Palmer, Supervisor of the STEP enforcement team in Sarasota County, checks the speed of oncoming cars by radar.



DEPUTIES

FRONT COVER STORY

Step is a many splendored word. To get a promotion is to step up. The wayward husband with a new girl friend is stepping out. The mistreated wife is being stepped on. Matrimony is a big step. The businessman late for an appointment will have to step on it, and when he retires he will step down. The factory with a glut of orders will have to step up production; and the new recruit is likely to get out of step on the drill field. STEP has also found its way into the law enforcement dictionary. It's an acronym used to describe the Selective Traffic Enforcement Programs which are being developed by the Sheriffs in Orange, Polk and Sarasota Counties, with the help of grants from the Governor's Highway Safety Commission.

And, in these counties we don't talk about the "County Mounty" any more. The County Mounty is now called a STEP deputy, and along with his new title he's getting a new image.

Good riddance. The old image was a fraud anyhow — a figment created by cartoonists and movie script writers — and it never had any widespread or lasting validity. To accept it you had to believe that the County Mounty was an overbearing deputy sheriff whose only goal in life was to write traffic tickets — a foxy character who hid behind billboards to trap

They're stomping out the old "County Mounty" image



Making engineering studies to improve traffic flow at intersections with high accident ratings is part of the STEP procedure in Sarasota County. Deputy Ken Crepeau takes measurements while Sgt. Eddie Palmer records them.



Don Beede posed as a motorist receiving a citation, or perhaps just a friendly warning, from Deputy Ken Crepeau. When not posing for pictures, Beede is a research specialist for Sarasota County's STEP enforcement team.

Sgt. Greg Feagans checks traffic enforcement data which is being put into the Sarasota County computer. He is Sheriff Jim Hardcastle's Data Communications Officer and will work directly with a traffic analyst hired for the STEP project.

unwary motorists, then claimed he had clocked them at 75 when they had been only doing 55.

We all know that deputy sheriffs do not fit the mold — that it is just a wraith that makes us wroth — but it has persisted, and its obituary is long overdue.

The Old County Mounty image is dead, and the list of its executioners includes Polk County Sheriff Louie Mims, Orange County Sheriff Mel Colman and Sarasota County Sheriff Jim Hardcastle.

One of the lethal blows was delivered by Hardcastle when he began announcing through newspapers, radio and television, where his STEP deputies were going to be doing their traffic enforcement thing each day.

How could the old image of a deputy hiding behind billboards survive an innovative step like that? Motorists began throwing away their "fuzz busters" (devices that detect traffic enforcement radars), and the public and press reacted favorably. Some news writers began calling Hardcastle's seven STEP deputies "The Magnificent Seven," which was quite a step up from some of the unprintable things they had been saying previously, privately.

It was traffic law enforcement in the sunshine, and yet it accomplished the desired results. Motorists slowed down at dangerous locations, either because they had been warned by the media, or because the radar-equipped STEP patrol cars were out in plain view at all times; and follow-up studies showed the traffic speed continued to moderate at each location for many days after the STEPPERS had moved on to other sites.

"Our purpose is to keep traffic as near as possible to the posted limits in order to save lives and prevent injuries," Hard-

castle explained, and this is being accomplished. However, high visibility traffic enforcement has not diminished the writing of traffic citations and warnings. Instead the volume has increased.

It's too early to show decisive statistical results in Sarasota County, but in Polk County, where STEP got an earlier start, Sheriff Louie Mims can already point to a sharp reduction in traffic accident fatalities.

In January, 1977, Polk's rural areas had the second highest motor vehicle fatality rate in the state — a rate topped only by Dade County. STEP was activated in June, 1977, and by the end of the year the annual fatality rate had dropped from 127 to 104.

Mims said he launched STEP with three primary goals which now seem attainable: (1) to reduce the number of fatal accidents in Polk County by 10 per cent; (2) to reduce the accident death rate per million miles driven; and (3) to increase the number of citations (traffic tickets) for serious driving violations by 30 per cent.

In each of the three STEP counties careful selection and training of STEP deputies has been given high priority. The ability to deal courteously with the public has been stressed. Grant funds have been used to purchase new patrol units and modern radar equipment. All of these factors have created for STEP deputies an image of competency that has triggered favorable public reaction.

One of the unique features of the Orange County program is that Sheriff Mel Colman is utilizing radar-equipped motorcycles for traffic enforcement patrols. This gives STEP deputies greater mobility and maneuverability in a county where

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STEP Deputies ride motorcycles in Orange County.



Close-up of radar unit on Orange County motorcycle.

STEP DEPUTIES

continued

6,000,000 tourists per year and a growing density of population have created traffic enforcement nightmares.

Colman has utilized his STEP grant to purchase new vehicles, expand his traffic enforcement unit to 11 deputies, purchase 35 moving radar units, and provide specialized training for 20 deputies.

"Our primary enforcement efforts will be directed at the 40 locations having the highest accident rates," Colman said, "with our objectives being a 10 per cent reduction in personal injury accidents; and a 15 per cent reduction in property damage accidents."

All three counties are concentrating on the highest accident producing areas as identified by statistics generated at the state level. Hardcastle, however, has taken some additional steps.

Utilizing a supplementary grant of \$20,000, he has hired a traffic records program analyst who will feed local data to Sarasota County's computer and produce statistics that are more up-to-date.

These figures, together with engineering studies at high accident rate locations, will enable his STEP deputies to be more effective.

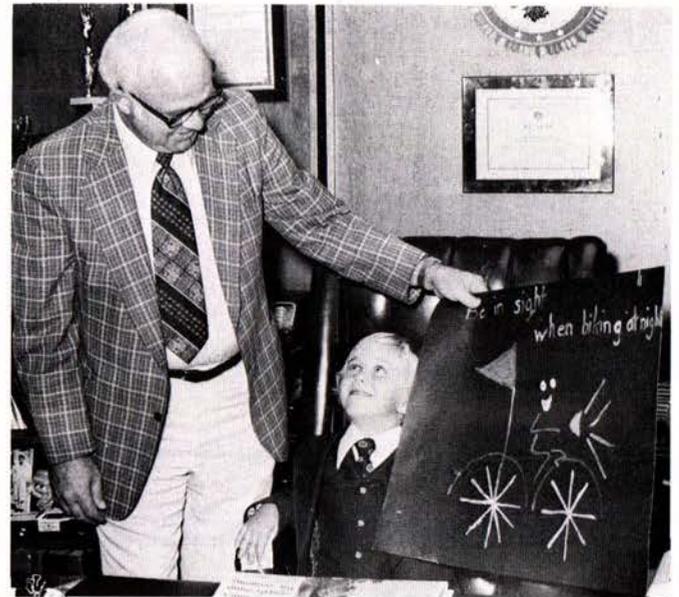
Hardcastle is also attacking noise pollution problems created by motor vehicles. He enrolled his STEP deputies in a 32-hour course which trained them in the use of a decimeter — an apparatus that records the decibel level of motor vehicle engines. The next step will be to start enforcing Florida's new Noise Prevention and Control Act by going into court with technically sound (no pun intended) evidence.

The need for such evidence was made apparent when a STEP deputy charged a motorist with a "noise pollution" violation, but was unable to convince the judge that the motorist's noise level was any higher now than it was when his car was originally manufactured.

STEP can be summed up as an effort to use computers, radar, decimeters and other technical resources to reduce highway accident deaths, injuries and property damage.

Early results indicate it is going to be effective; "and furthermore," says Sheriff Louie Mims, "we are discovering some unexpected fringe benefits. Many times our traffic units are in a position to back up other cars on dangerous calls, and on one occasion STEP deputies stopped and arrested an armed robber only a matter of minutes after the robbery had occurred!"

Now that's a step in the right direction!!



They Share a Common Interest

SANFORD — Seminole County Sheriff John Polk and Chad Lee, age 6, are far apart in age and size, but they share an interest in bicycle safety. When Chad won a prize for his safety poster, the Sheriff honored him by giving him a ride in a patrol car, and by letting him sit in his office chair. (Sanford Herald photo by Tom Vincent)

Home security tips

Display your house number prominently, and have it well lighted. This will aid the police, ambulance and other vehicles to find your home quickly in an emergency. Urge your neighbors to do the same.

Never leave notes pinned to your door such as "gone for the day" or any other message that will let a burglar know your home is unoccupied.

Don't hide keys under a mat, over a doorsill, or anywhere outside. Experienced burglars know the best spots.

When moving into a new dwelling, have a locksmith change tumblers in all exterior locks. It's inexpensive and smart.

Require identification from all repairmen and deliverymen.

Don't allow strangers to come inside to use your phone. It's safer to offer to make the call while the stranger waits outside.

When going out in the evening, make your house appear to be occupied by leaving lights on, and possibly a radio playing.

Do not reveal your name, phone number, address or other information to unknown callers. Never give out information to strangers that you are alone or you are going to be away from your home. Train your children to take the same precautions.

If you hear or suspect a burglar is in your home while you are there, avoid a confrontation. If a phone is nearby, call the police immediately.

If you come home and find your home has been burglarized, do not enter. Go to the nearest phone and call the police. Then wait at a neighbor's home until they arrive.

Don't depend on a chain latch. It will offer little or no security.

Keep a dog around, even if you don't like pets. His bark is good security.

Don't advertise your vacation plans in advance. Burglars read newspaper "society columns." Tell a trusted neighbor, and notify the police or Sheriff's Department so they can keep an eye on your place, but let the word stop there.

Lock all doors when you leave, even if you are going to be gone only a short time.

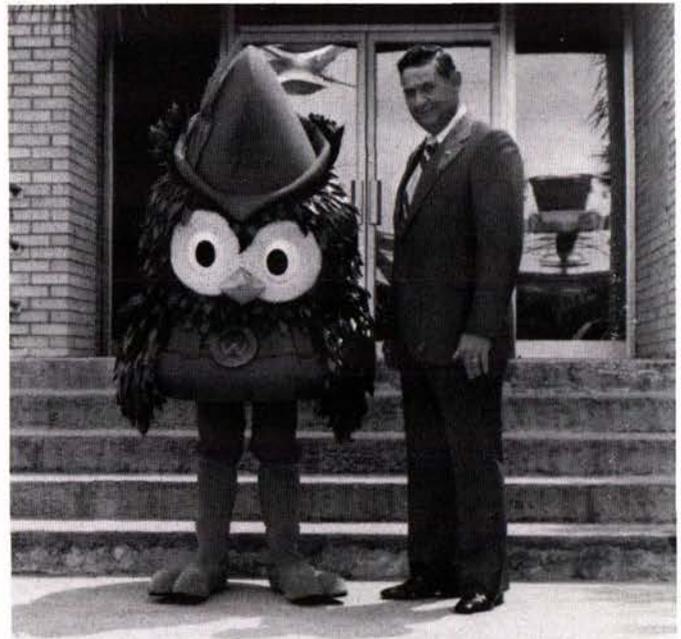


Past President Honored

BRONSON — Former Levy County Sheriff J. W. Turner (left) was recently given special recognition for outstanding services rendered as president of the Florida Sheriffs Association in 1961. He is pictured accepting a past-president's plaque from Horace A. Moody, the present Sheriff of Levy County.

New Number

GREEN COVE SPRINGS — Effective June 1, 1978, the telephone number for the Clay County Sheriff's Department was changed to 284 - 7575.



Under This Disguise There's a Badge

PALATKA — It may require an explanation to convince readers this is a picture of Putnam County Sheriff Walt Pellicer (right) and one of his deputies. You see, Deputy C. Taylor Douglas is a Youth Resource Officer and he spends his working hours in elementary schools rapping with youngsters, promoting a clean environment, teaching respect for law and order, and developing friendly ties between law enforcement and the younger generation. When he talks to kids about preventing pollution, he wears his "Woodsy the Owl" costume — an attention-getter originated by him and Youth Resource Officer Ann Crow. There is a rumor the Sheriff is also planning to send "Woodsy" out into the boonies in search of illegal marijuana patches, but he declined to confirm.



"Hank" gets Sheriff Malcolm Beard's o.k. on a new recruiting sign, then plunges into a typical busy day which includes interviewing applicants, keeping up with paper work and traveling around Hillsborough County in search of recruits.

**Beard was
buffaloed--then...**

Along came Hank

TAMPA — During almost 15 years as Sheriff of Hillsborough County Malcolm Beard has wrestled with approximately 15,330 tough problems, and has solved every one of them — every one except one.

That one — recruiting a desirable quota of blacks — has been around for quite a while, and it has never gotten completely solved in spite of the best efforts of Beard and his top brass. It has continued to baffle Beard. A few months ago it would have been correct to describe him as "buffaloed." Then along came "Hank," and now the description no longer fits.

"Hank" is Henry Warren, a scholarly, soft-spoken black man who spent 16 of his 36 years in the U. S. Army, and served the last four years of his military hitch in minority recruitment.

When "Hank" shucked his uniform, he returned to Tampa, his old home town, and decided to ease into law enforcement as an Auxiliary Deputy in the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department. He was only a part-time volunteer, one among many, and if there hadn't been a strong run of good luck, or divine providence, running in Sheriff Beard's favor, his special talents could have been overlooked.

They weren't, of course, or we wouldn't be printing this article. "Hank" had some long talks about minority



recruitment with Major Arnie Myers, who is the head of Sheriff Beard's Crime Prevention Division and a walking, breathing testament to the proposition that a black man can rise to the top level in law enforcement.

Arnie told Hank about minority recruiting efforts that had failed to produce satisfactory results in the past, in spite of concerted attempts to find qualified black applicants. Together, they also speculated about some of the positive moves that could be made, if Hank's special talents were used.

Eventually their plans were presented to Sheriff Beard and he approved them, giving Hank official status as a full-time recruiter for the Sheriff's Department. That was in January.

Hank's first move was to analyze the potential for black recruits by conferring with the various division heads in the Sheriff's Department.

Next he ambled over to WTMP Radio, a black owned and operated station known as "The Soul of Tampa," to solicit cooperation, and he got it. WTMP agreed to broadcast five recruiting announcements daily.

Hank's visits to the Florida Sentinel Bulletin and The Dollar Stretcher, black owned and operated newspapers were equally productive. They responded by printing feature stories and editorials urging community participation.

Hank was encouraged by the media response, but he also discovered he would have to find other innovative ways to deal with an old stigma dating back to the pre-Beard days. The Sheriff's Department had been an almost totally white outfit then. Blacks had received little or no encouragement, and many of them were still unconvinced in 1978 that the Sheriff had truly become an equal opportunity employer. This was making some potential applicants reluctant to go to the Sheriff's Office

downtown to file an application, or to be interviewed; and to overcome this reluctance Hank's next move was to set up three satellite recruiting offices in predominantly black neighborhoods.

Determined to build community confidence, he also used other means to get his message across. He developed and distributed printed brochures. He made speeches at athletic events and other public gatherings. His approach was affirmative and innovative, and the results soon became apparent.

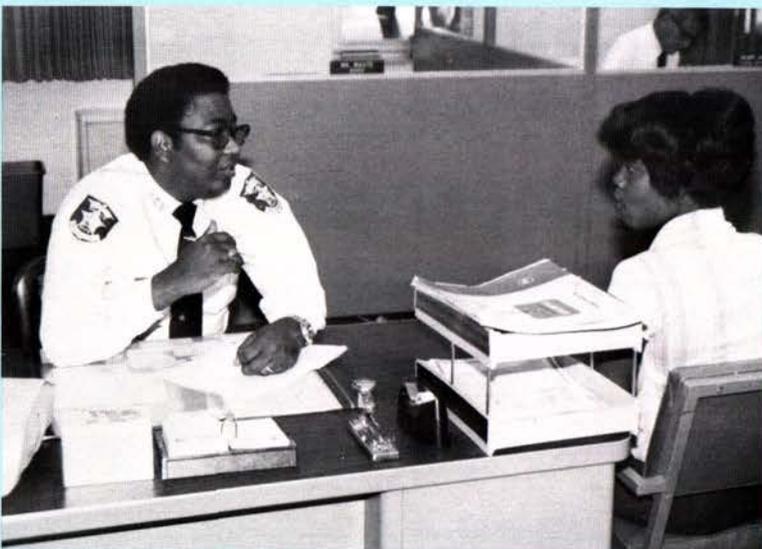
"We had been getting a trickle of applicants before," said Arnie Myers, "and overnight we were suddenly getting as many as 175 black applicants a month. We expect to have at least nine well-qualified black recruits in our next training academy class, compared to two or three in the past."

Currently Hank is eyeball-deep in paper work, speeches, interviews, evaluations and community contacts. He is averaging at least 175 phone calls, 130 interviews and 900 miles of travel per month, and Sheriff Beard's enthusiasm is a good barometer of the positive results.

So, as Walter so-and-so would say, "That's how it is this summer's day in 1978." Hank happened to come along, and now it appears Malcolm Beard is going to be able to maintain his perfect score as a problem solver.

Future historians may question whether Beard deserves the credit because he hired Hank, or Hank deserves the credit because he has been able to break down old barriers of suspicion and distrust.

In any event, minority recruitment is working in Hillsborough County — let the credit fall wherever it belongs.





Sheriff Frankie Mills (right) conferred with Col. Allison, Eglin Air Force Base Civil Engineer, after the fire was under control. Pictured in the background is John Peaden, Chief Deputy, Okaloosa County Sheriff's Department.

■ CRESTVIEW — If there was ever any doubt about Sheriff Frankie Mills' ability to handle a major disaster, it was wiped out recently when two serious emergencies threatened the lives of Okaloosa County residents within just six days.

On April 4 fire broke out in a liquid propane gas storage area at Port Dixie, shooting flames 100 feet in the air, destroying three nearby mobile homes, and threatening the lives of over 1,000 people in a 30-block area. Approximately 600 people had to be evacuated and some were not able to return to their homes for two days.

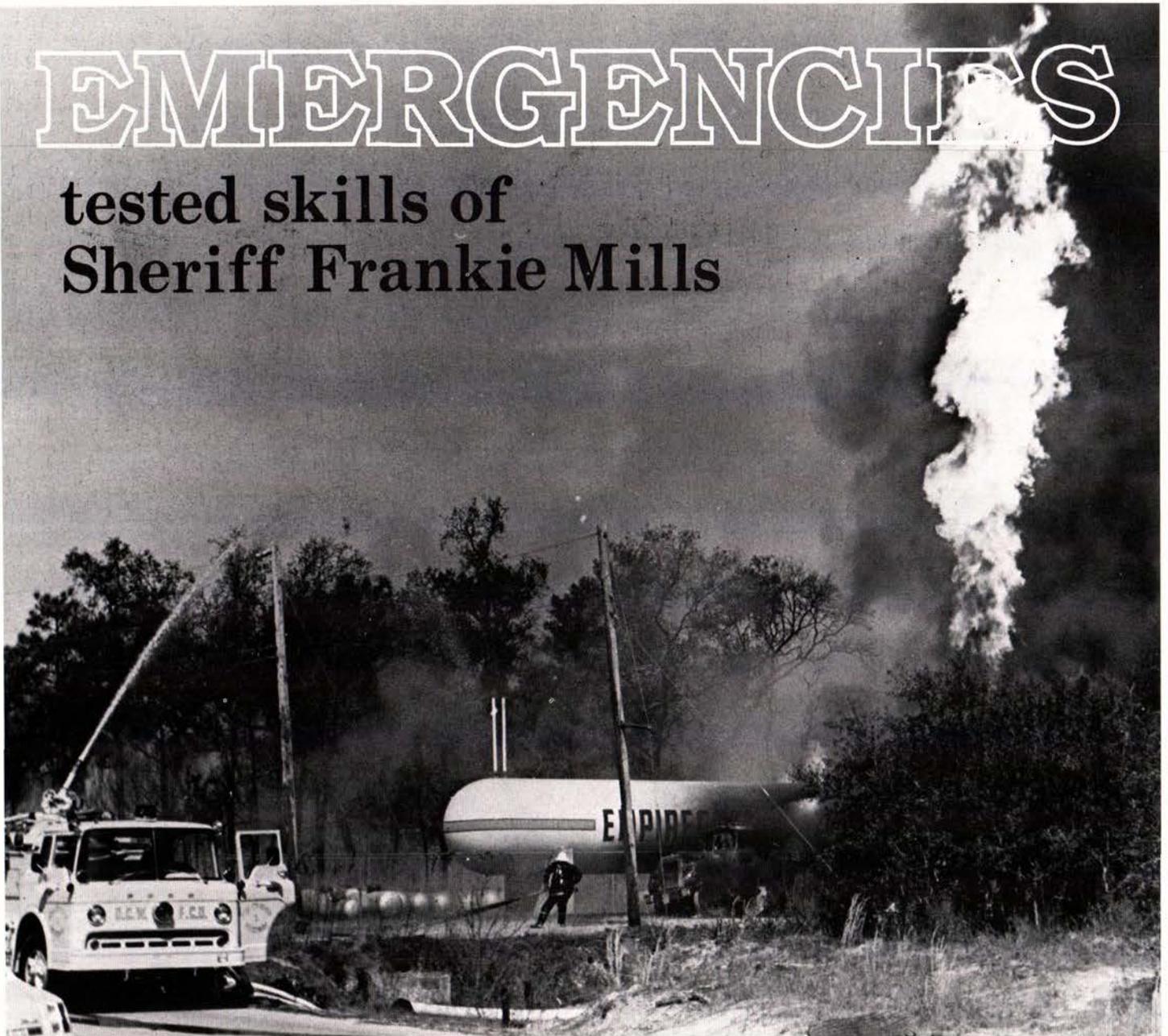
Less than a week later, on April 10, there was a major train derailment that tumbled boxcars and tank cars like children's toys near Crestview, and again the elements of disaster were present because of the possibility of setting loose explosive gases or poisonous fumes.

Fortunately there were no deaths or injuries in either emergency, but the potential was enough to give officials many sleepless nights; and the fast, effective response of fire fighters and the Sheriff's Department drew praise from many sources.

The Playground Daily News said Sheriff Mills and his men

EMERGENCIES

tested skills of Sheriff Frankie Mills



“proved themselves to be cool professionals (during the propane fire) and evacuated the danger area within eight minutes of receiving the original call. It was Mills’ first true disaster situation since taking office, and we’ve heard nothing but the highest words of praise for his efforts as overall commander at the fire scene.”

After the train derailment Crestview’s Okaloosa New-Journal praised Sheriff Mills and Crestview Fire Chief Dalton Brannon for their teamwork in effectively safeguarding the residents of the area.

Brannon took control of fighting a brush fire that developed at the wreck scene, while Mills checked on leakage of poisonous fumes or explosive gases. Both agreed there was enough potential danger to evacuate nearby residents.

“Their actions...could have saved a number of lives if the derailment had been worse,” said the News-Journal. “It is nice to know that there are such competent persons in authority that can handle almost anything thrown at them.”

Almost 300 firemen from a number of communities responded to the alarm when the propane fire broke out. Among them was Bob Barrow, civilian fire chief at Eglin Air Force Base. Later Barrow commented: “I can’t give Sheriff Mills enough credit for the job he did as overall coordinator of the operation. If we ever have another disaster like that, I’m hoping he’ll be there.”

Barrow, who was also singled out for praise in the press, was quoted as saying that the flames, if they had gotten out of control, could have spread over a half-mile area, and the resulting explosion would have damaged buildings within a five-mile radius.

“When we arrived on the scene,” Barrow said, “the pressure from the valves in those (propane) tanks was so intense that they were screaming like a Banshee jet with its engines running, at the end of the runway, waiting for takeoff.”

Two 18,000 gallon propane tanks and a 10,000 gallon tank truck were already involved in the fire when Barrow and his men arrived, and the fire was threatening to spread to a third tank.

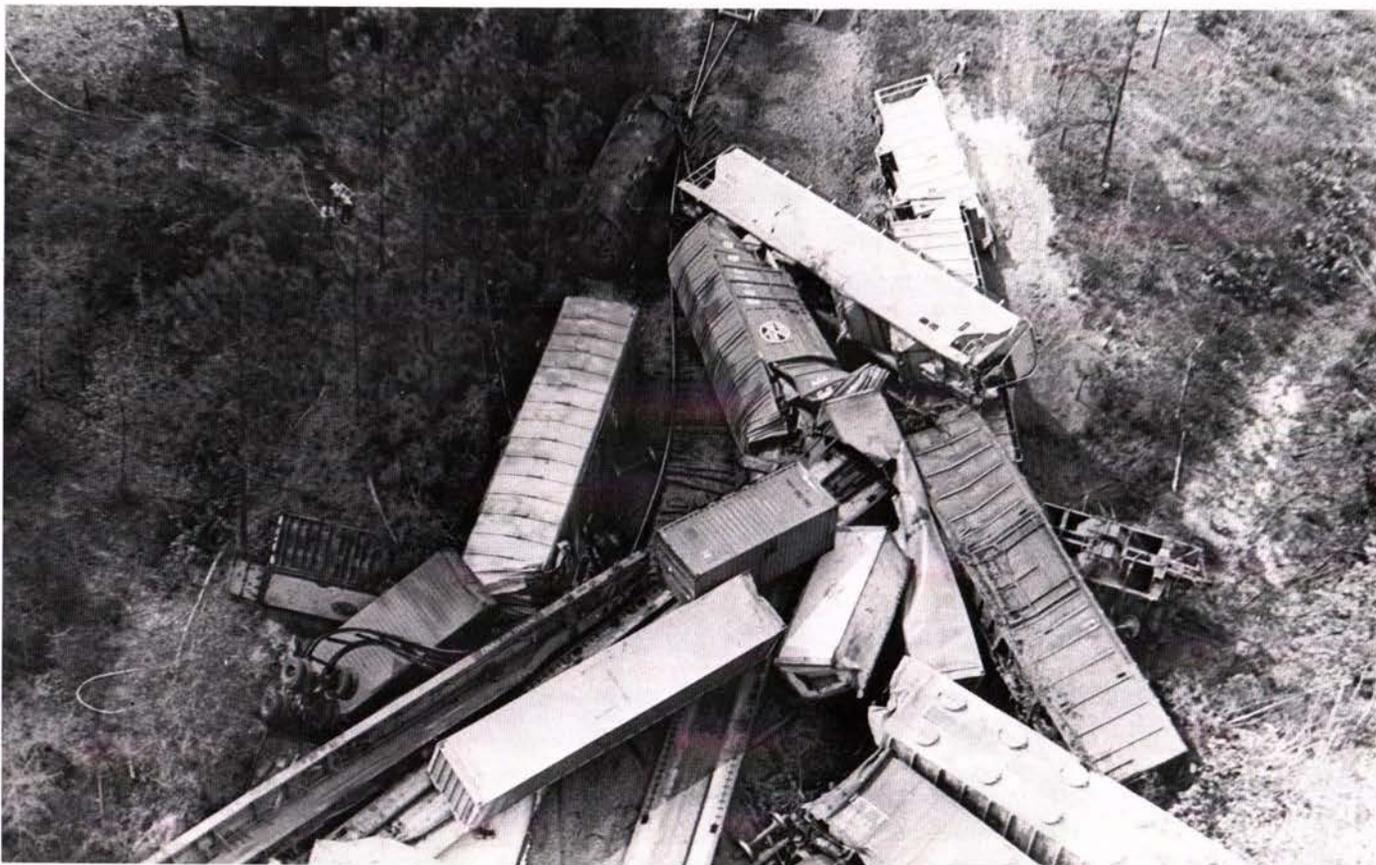
“It was an unbelievable situation,” Barrow said. “We had two tanks involved and another exposed, along with the 10,000-gallon mobile tanker. Liquid was boiling out, there was a ground fire and three mobile homes were on fire. It was enough to curl the hair on your head.” The fire started when propane gas was being transferred from a tank truck to a storage tank.

After visiting the fire scene while the action was still in progress, State Fire Marshal Olin L. Greene praised the evacuation and crowd control by law enforcement. It was, he said, “one of the finest exhibitions of fire fighting expertise and cooperation that I have ever seen.”

Scott Fischer, Publisher of the Playground Daily News, Ft. Walton Beach, joined the chorus. “We know...that having to handle the press in the midst of this type of disaster can be a burden. We could not have asked for any better treatment during the fire or for that matter in our day-to-day working relationship with all the members of your department. Though each of your supervisors has been helpful to us, John Peaden (Chief Deputy) has been outstanding. I have never been around him when he didn’t have things fully under control and yet he always makes you feel that he is at your service.”

The Okaloosa County Commissioners also praised the Sheriff and his staff and informed them their efforts did not go unnoticed.

Sheriff Mills in turn praised everyone who had a part in averting a major disaster, especially the eight volunteers who risked their lives in order to cap a boiling tank of inflammable gas. He said he would seek to have them cited for heroism by President Carter or Governor Askew.





Lee County Sheriff Frank Wanicka (right) presents Lifetime Plaque to Jack Triplett, representing the Naples-Fort Myers Kennel Club; and to Mr. and Mrs. Philip K. Strong, of Lehigh Acres.



Marion County Sheriff Don Moreland (right) presents Lifetime Plaque to the Ocala Fire Department represented by Chief A. L. Bedenbaugh (left) and Fireman Gerald Lynch.



St. Lucie County Sheriff Lanie Norvell presents Lifetime Plaque to Mrs. E. P. Kavanaugh who made a generous gift in memory of her husband, the late Col. E. P. Kavanaugh. His portrait is in the background.

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:

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Orange Park
GENE SELLS
Seminole
MR. & MRS. PHILIP K. STRONG
Lehigh Acres (See photo)
MR. & MRS. E. S. WALKER
Winter Haven (See photo)
DR. C. P. WOLLSCHLAGER
Tallahassee



Levy County Sheriff Horace Moody presents Builder Certificate to Isabel Ogle, of Chiefland.



Polk County Sheriff Louie Mims (left) presents Lifetime Plaque to Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Walker, of Winter Haven.



Polk County Sheriff Louie Mims (second from left) presents Lifetime Membership plaque to the Lake Alfred Lions Club. Pictured with him (from left) are Bill Hagey, club secretary; Dick Meese, club president; and Sgt. Gary Leis, from the Polk County Sheriff's Department.

Donors attain Builder status

Through substantial gifts to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, Girls Villa, Youth Ranch and Youth Fund, the following persons have qualified to receive Builder Certificates:

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Kissimmee | ISABEL OGLE
Chiefland (See photo) |
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Accompanied by the news media, and transported by the U. S. Coast Guard, Sheriff Roberts cruised out into the Gulf of Mexico recently to dispose of 1,322 weapons, including pistols, rifles, shotguns and knives, which had been confiscated in connection with various crimes. They were tossed overboard far from land at an undisclosed location, and the Sheriff is pictured making the first toss.

No Privacy In Pinellas

CLEARWATER — The Sheriff of Pinellas County spends much of his public life in front of camera lenses. He doesn't plan it that way, nor can he avoid it. His activities are covered in depth by the news media. He is the head of a department that is public relations oriented. He lives in a populous metropolitan county and cannot easily avoid getting involved in frequent presentations, public rituals and award ceremonies. When he plays golf, there's always the possibility that a photographer will pop up from behind a bunker. When he gets into his car he always checks the floor of the back seat to make certain no lensmen are hiding there. When he goes to the scene of a murder, news cameras focus on him instead of the corpse. It isn't the best way to live, but it's a living, and it has its benefits publicity-wise. Consider this: If a picture is worth 10,000 words, you are now looking at a 70,000-word essay on the life and times of Sheriff Bill Roberts.



One way to get the Sheriff's attention is to bring in a Swiss miss. She's Claudia Harder, an exchange student from Switzerland, who was photographed when Sheriff Roberts inducted her as an honorary special deputy. Also in the induction picture are Mrs. James Kirkman (right) and her daughter Lisa. Claudia, who is living with the Kirkman family while attending high school, was also given a tour of the Sheriff's communications center, with Sgt. John Wolf "at the controls."



Here's the Sheriff again — this time participating in a ceremony honoring Deputy Sheriff Norman Romanosky for his outstanding work as a pursuer of criminals and suspected criminals. The St. Petersburg Elks Club gave Romanosky a special award after he and his tracking dog "Thor" were credited with apprehending 52 fugitives in 1977. Many times the tracking was done over the worst possible terrain, and under adverse weather conditions.



This time the camera lens was looking at Bob Blanchard (left), President of the Clearwater Junior Chamber of Commerce, presenting a plaque to Sheriff Roberts after the Jaycees selected him as the "Boss of the Year." He was nominated for the honor by Jim Foster, a forensic chemist employed by the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department.



Uh-oh, where's the Sheriff? He must have been out in the audience somewhere, and the cameraman focused instead on Pinellas County Sheriff's Department Detective Manuel Pondakos, who was receiving a "Deputy of the Year" award from the Northeast Exchange Club of St. Petersburg, represented by Bob Hervey (left). Behind Det. Pondakos are his wife, Sylvia, and Sgt. Frank Coleman. Pondakos was chosen for the award after he and his partner solved the brutal slaying of two teenagers and brought about the arrest of two murder suspects.

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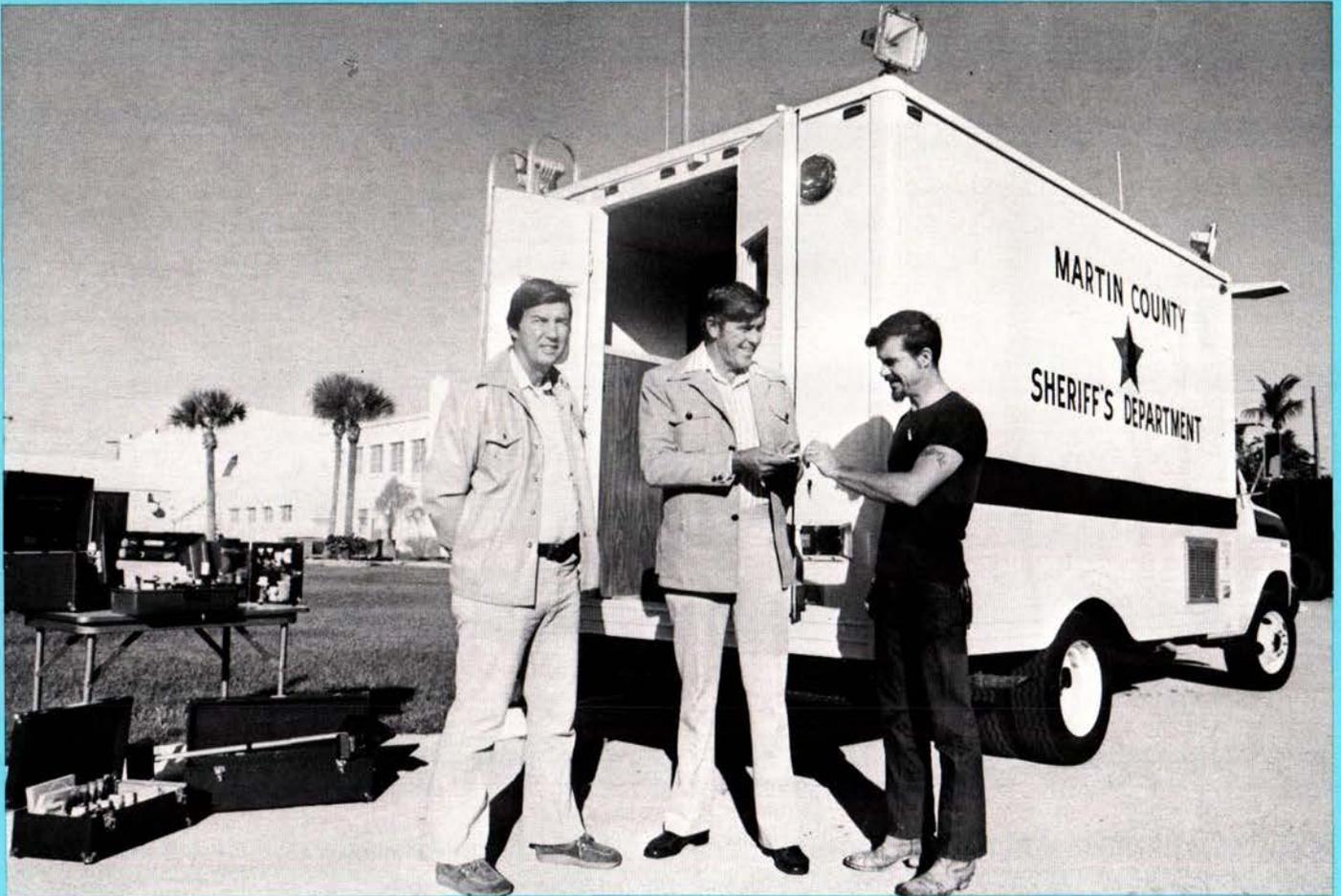
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Zeb Blanchard (right), representing Southern Automotive Conversion, the fabricator of Martin County's new mobile crime lab, gives the keys to Sheriff Jim Holt (center) and County Commissioner Tom Higgins. (Stuart News photo by Joseph Noble)

LAB ON WHEELS

STUART — A new crime lab on wheels will enable Sheriff Jim Holt and his deputies to do a more thorough and effective job of searching for clues at major crime scenes.

Purchased for less than \$21,000 with a federal grant from the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, plus local funds, the mobile unit is sufficiently self-contained to eliminate the shuttling of equipment and supplies between the Sheriff's office and crime scenes.

"Our goal," said Sheriff Holt, "is to be able to go to a crime scene, set up and stay there for as long as three days if the investigation demands it."

"All we will need is for someone to bring us gas to run the generators," added Detective Skip Heckendorn. He and Detective Bill Sprague designed the lab on wheels, and the special body was fabricated by Southern Automotive Conversion, of Palm City.

The generators will power a \$1,500 lighting system that will be used to illuminate large outdoor areas, such as a murder scene in the middle of a large open field, or a drug "bust" carried out at night.

Other new equipment in the mobile unit will enable investigators to use more sophisticated techniques for obtaining crime scene fingerprints; to identify invisible seminal stains in rape cases; and to verify that a firearm was used by a crime suspect. Better camera equipment has also been purchased for crime scene photographs.

Holt said investigators will now be able to process a crime scene with all necessary equipment at hand. In the past, he said, investigators took their station wagons to the crime scene, but often had to send back to the Sheriff's office for additional equipment they were not carrying.
