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Deputies learn technical skills in Sheriffs Association Seminars

In the past five and one-half years the Florida Sheriffs Association has trained 3,168 deputies and Sheriffs department employees at regional seminars designed to improve their skills in certain technical areas.

The program began back in 1973 when the Sheriffs Association responded to a need expressed by many Sheriffs and sponsored five one-day seminars dealing with civil process. They were held at various points around the State so that no one would have to make an overnight trip.

The first series was so popular it was expanded to three-day sessions for the next year. In addition to civil process, the subjects of jail management and procedures, along with accounts and records, were added.

The man in charge of the seminars over the years has been Iven S. Lamb, Jr., a Jacksonville attorney, who is also editor of the Florida Sheriffs Manual, an instructor at the Lake City Community College, and Vice Chairman of the Correctional Standards Council, which regulates the training of state and local correctional officers.

"These seminars," Lamb said, "are designed to keep Sheriff's department personnel abreast of new laws and recent decisions rendered by the courts and by the Attorney General's office. Many of the participants come back year after year.

"Bringing these people together is a real service in itself," he said, "because what is a problem in one county may have already been solved by someone else attending the meeting from another county."

The Association has received the cooperation of the State Auditor General's office, the Department of Corrections, the State Division of Retirement and various Sheriffs departments in acquiring the services of highly qualified persons to serve as instructors.

For the first five series of seminars, there was no registration fee charged, and the Sheriffs Association provided a luncheon. In the past two series, the individual Sheriffs departments were charged \$5 per day for each person sent to the seminar. After the third series of programs, a sixth location had to be added to handle the large number of participants.

Civil process is still the most popular subject and has been expanded to give one day on enforceable writs and a second day on non-enforceable writs.



Iven S. Lamb, Jr., (left) discusses regional seminar schedule with Berwin Williams, Executive Director of the Florida Sheriffs Association.

In the last series of seminars the third day was devoted to retirement, personnel matters, fiscal accounts, and records and audits. These subjects were taught by Berwin Williams, Florida Sheriffs Association Executive Director, who has participated as an instructor in all but the first series of seminars.

"These are all very technical areas," according to Williams, "and are peculiar to Sheriffs departments. Training has historically consisted of on-the-job experience.

"In the last few years, Sheriffs and their staffs have been required to keep records and fill out forms they had never heard of previously, and if they were not done correctly, newspapers carried stories about how Sheriff so and so failed to do this or that, when in fact, he didn't know he was supposed to do this or that.

"With a dozen bureaucrats looking over the shoulder of each Sheriff," Williams said, "it's a lot easier for everyone concerned if we have some uniformity and standardization between the 67 Sheriffs departments of the State."

In 1977 the scheduling of the seminars was changed from the first part of the year, over a four-month period, to the latter part of the year over a two-month period so participants could learn sooner about changes in the law made at the annual sessions of the Florida Legislature.

In 1978 the six seminars were completed in just four weeks time by scheduling them much closer together. They were held in Palm Beach Gardens, Punta Gorda, Lakeland, Gainesville, Tallahassee and Pensacola.

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Sheriff Heinrich (center, with necktie) talks to visitors about household security.



The importance of dead bolt locks was carefully explained.



Many "bird watchers" were attracted to the Sheriff's helicopter.



The multi-purpose rescue vehicle weighs 40,000 pounds and carries a price tag of \$60,000.

Heinrich Preaches Prevention

TAMPA — Hillsborough County Sheriff Walter Heinrich seldom misses an opportunity to talk to the public about crime prevention.

Consequently, when the Tampa Port Authority and the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce held its fifth annual "Sea Port Sunday" at the Port of Tampa, he and his deputies made arrangements to be on hand with a special display.

The 80,000 visitors who toured the port that Sunday were given many good crime prevention tips, including information about how to make their homes more secure. They also had

an opportunity to get a close-up view of some of the Sheriff's special equipment such as his helicopter, bomb disposal unit and multi-purpose rescue vehicle.

Purchased through a federal grant, the rescue vehicle is housed and maintained by Sheriff Heinrich's office, but is available for use in surrounding counties.

Commonly referred to as "The Tank," this \$60,000 monster weighs 40,000 pounds, and can be used in many types of emergencies such as riots and hostage situations.

After the Rescue, Special Recognition

BARTOW — Polk County Sheriff Louie Mims (right) gave a special commendation to Larry, John and Allen Thompson (holding certificates) after they saved the lives of Joe Smith (left) and Terry Jackson (not shown). Smith and Jackson were trapped in their submerged car after it hit a bridge and plunged into deep water. The Thompsons freed them after working for a long time under difficult conditions, but several bystanders refused to help, Sheriff Mims said. Smith expressed deep appreciation to the Thompsons for their heroic and humanitarian efforts.



GREEN COVE SPRINGS — Sheriff Jennings Murrhee is a tough, no nonsense law enforcer who gets upset about some of the silly, frivolous things that are going on in the criminal justice system — and yet three of his deputies are getting away with a lot of unconventional actions at local schools.

A visitor recently saw one of them, Sgt. Scott Lancaster, wearing gym shorts while on duty, and playing basketball with some teen-agers at Orange Park High School.

“Let’s gang up on the fuzz,” one of the kids yelled to his pals. Scott laughed, faked the youngster out of position, and shot a basket.

Deputy Bruce Marron is equally “laid back” when he’s on duty. Sometimes he comes to work wearing a knit shirt and jeans. “It gets the kids’ attention to see me out of uniform,” he explains.

Deputy Elaine Farley is usually in uniform, but she demands no formality from the youngsters she encounters on school grounds. They call her “Farrah Fawcett Farley,” and kid her about some of the dumb things they see the “po-leece” doing on television; but she accepts their banter with a smile the meanest kid could not resist.

During working hours Scott, Bruce and Elaine hang out at various public schools around Clay County — and most of the time they just “hang loose.” In some law enforcement agencies their relaxed style would be considered “conduct unbecoming an officer,” but they get no flak from Sheriff Murrhee.

“How do they get away with it,” the Sheriff was asked.

His answer was to hand his interviewer a 70-page document entitled: “Evaluation Report: Clay County Youth Resource Unit.”

Several hours and 35,000 words later the interviewer began to realize that the three officers on the blackboard beat were “youth resource deputies” engaged in a unique project aimed at preventing juvenile delinquency; giving law enforcement a better image with students; and developing a positive, trustworthy relationship between young people and “the law.”

Prepared by John T. Rivers, Criminal Justice Planner for Northeast Florida, the report gave high praise to the Youth Resources Project, which is now in its third year and has set a goal of eventually reaching 17,000 students in 19 Clay County schools.

“The positive impact the Youth Resource deputies are having on students and school personnel is inspiring,” said Rivers. He used a survey questionnaire to determine how students felt about Scott, Bruce and Elaine, and got some impressive answers. Seventy per cent of the students said they had developed confidence and trust in law enforcement officers; while 78 per cent said they wanted to see the Youth Resource Project continued.

Teachers and administrators reacted likewise. Eighty-three per cent of them rated the project good to excellent; and 98 per cent said they would like to see it continued. Rivers said he interviewed ten assistant principals and deans during the

Sgt. Scott Lancaster makes friends — not arrests— and teaches a Criminal Justice course.



Policemen can be PALS



Deputy Bruce Marron (right) sometimes comes to work dressed in jeans and a knit shirt. Deputy Elaine Farley is usually in uniform, but is relaxed and casual with students.

evaluation, and “all were unanimous in their praise.”

Now in its third year, the project started in two schools and has expanded into 14. Rivers said its success can be attributed to the dedication and competence of the Youth Resources



Deputies themselves; the loyalty and enthusiasm of Sheriff Murrhee, who is the Project Director; and the excellent support given by teachers and administrators in the Clay County School System.

Sheriff Murrhee likes the project because he has ample evidence it is working. "It has already cut drug abuse and vandalism in the schools," he said, "and it has provided us with valuable information about crimes outside the school system.

"If we are ever going to turn the crime rate around, it is going to be done with crime prevention, and this is a crime prevention program that has demonstrated it has tremendous value in the schools. I am well pleased with it."

Obviously, the Sheriff is not going to object to a few unconventional capers by his Youth Resource Deputies as long as they are getting the kind of results they are getting.

Although they are sworn and certified law enforcement officers, carry firearms, drive marked patrol cars and wear regulation uniforms, their primary goal is to make friends, not arrests. They have not been assigned to the schools as "watchdogs," and they do not enforce school regulations such as the "no smoking" rule; but if criminal activity comes to their attention, they don't ignore it — they merely investigate it in a low key manner.

Youngsters frequently come to the deputies with problems. One girl went to Deputy Farley for help when she feared her friend had taken an overdose of drugs. Farley found the teen, who was skipping classes and taking a drug trip. Since the girl was not in any physical danger, Farley took her back to school so they could sit down and talk about her problems. Apparently it helped. The girl has not repeated the incident.

Holding one-on-one counseling sessions with students is part of the deputies' job. They also assist Guidance Counselors; teach courses; take students on field tours of criminal justice agencies; attend PTA meetings and faculty meetings; chaperone student activities, show up at students' club meetings, and root for the home team at sports events.

The counseling they do is intended primarily to assist students who are having minor problems at school or at home — problems that do not necessarily involve delinquency. Sometimes just listening to a troubled student is helpful. At other times both the student and his parents may have to be counseled. When severe problems arise, students are referred to appropriate agencies.

The deputies attempt to prevent youngsters from becoming delinquent. They also work with youngsters who have already

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This is crime prevention? "It is, and it works," says Sheriff Jennings Murrhee, who doesn't reprimand Sgt. Scott Lancaster and Deputy Elaine Farley for hanging around school playgrounds.

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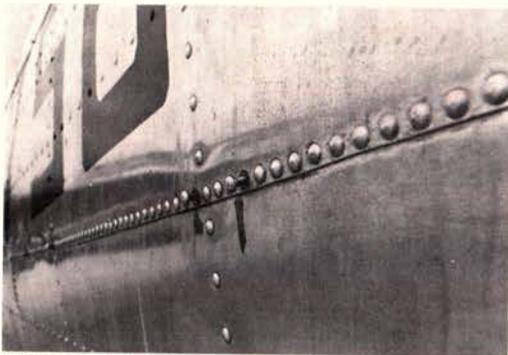
been delinquent to help them avoid further involvement with the juvenile justice system.

All three deputies are college graduates. Sgt. Lancaster, the leader of the group, has a BS degree in Criminal Justice, is well on his way toward a master's degree in Public Administration, and has had considerable police experience. Deputy Farley has a BA degree in Social Science; and Deputy Marron has a BA degree in Criminal Justice.

The courses they teach range from bicycle safety and school bus behavior in the lowest grades; to rape prevention and safe driving in the upper grades.

"We want the students to accept us as typical deputy sheriffs, and we do everything possible to avoid seeming to be different or special," Sgt. Lancaster said. "We want them to know they can talk to and trust any officer, not just Youth Resource Deputies."

The message seems to be getting through. Deputies on patrol say Clay County youngsters seem to be getting friendlier. Perhaps they are learning that policemen can be pals.



Close-up photo shows pop-out rivets near identification numbers.



Abandoned DC-3

Smugglers' Trick

DADE CITY — Pasco County deputy sheriffs inspecting an abandoned DC-3 that had apparently been used for smuggling marijuana discovered a technique used by the smugglers to change the identification numbers on the airplane and thus trick law enforcement officers into making a faulty arrest.

Some of the permanent rivets near the identification numbers had been removed and replaced with fake rivets that could be easily popped out, thus allowing the smugglers to take off with one set of numbers and remove them in flight, or upon landing.

"That could certainly ruin probable cause for search," said Pasco County Sheriff John Short, "having a plane take off from one location and be tailed to another only to find that it 'appeared' to be a different plane upon landing.

"I feel that every law enforcement agent working on smuggling cases should be aware of this method being used by some narcotics traffickers. It could certainly lead to some legal barriers placed in the way of prosecution efforts and a few red faces, if you're not aware of this new technique."

The culprit went free

FT. PIERCE — Deputy Sheriff Kevin Bergenroth responded to Deputy Willie Williams' call for a back-up man, and together they approached the mobile home where the culprit was hiding.

"I'll go in the bedroom and flush him out," said Bergenroth, who was armed with a broom.

"I'll cover you," said Williams, who was relieved to let Bergenroth be the hero.

Inside the bedroom there was a scuffle that sounded suspiciously like police brutality. In a few minutes the culprit came running out and headed for the open front door.

As he scurried toward some nearby woods, the two deputies watched him and made no move to apprehend. "That little baby skunk didn't mean no harm," said Williams.

"Ten four," said Bergenroth, "and I sure appreciate his being odorless too."



Dave Gordon, Polygraph Examiner



Jules Borio, identification officer and photographer, in the new photo lab equipped for processing both color and black and white film.



Borio has a new plaque to hang in his new office. It identifies him as the winner of the "Photograph Award" presented at the 19th Annual Conference of the International Association for Identification, Florida Division. He was also elected to the Board of Directors of the Florida Division.

Mills makes another progressive move

CRESTVIEW — Frankie Mills has made many improvements since he became Sheriff of Okaloosa County two years ago. The latest is to move his criminal investigation section into better quarters in the new Courthouse Annex, at Shalimar.

The new facilities provide office space for Lt. Donaldson, the head of the investigative section, and five of his investigators; plus a photography lab, an evidence room, a records room, a polygraph room and an equipment room.

Investigator Bill Welsh

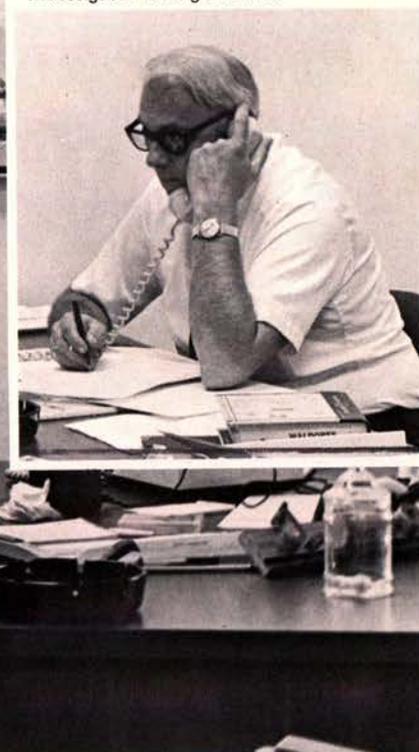


Mrs. Joyce Alford, Investigations Clerk, in the reception area



Chief Deputy John W. Peaden examines firearms stored in the evidence room.

Investigator George French





SPOOK FROM



"Take me to your Sheriff," said Darth Vader, after his crippled space ship made an emergency landing in Pinellas County.

CLEARWATER — Thousands of little spooks were electrified with excitement when Sheriff Bill Roberts announced he had arrested Darth Vader, the evil villain from the science-fiction movie "Star Wars."

Through the press, Roberts disclosed that Vader's crippled space ship had made an emergency landing in Pinellas County, and the black knight from another world was being held in jail as an illegal alien.

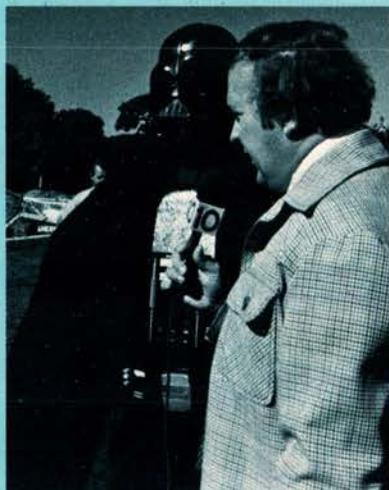
It was a thinly disguised masquerade, but Halloween was coming and the Sheriff desperately needed an attention-getting safety message to cut down the usual vandalism and injuries.

Some of his staff members had persuaded him it would be an effective safety gimmick if he would allow them to disguise one of his deputies as the villainous Vader, and then use the big spook from outer space as a spokesman to warn kids about Halloween's hazards.

"Go ahead," he had said.



The willin' villain captivated some 30,000 school kids.



Media interviews helped Vader to get his message across.



His mission accomplished, Vader bids earthlings farewell and heads back to his own solar system.

"It's a deal," said Sheriff Bill Roberts, after he and Vader plea-bargained for the space-man's freedom.

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So they had created a costume, dressed Deputy Al DeJordy in it, and released the news that Vader had been captured and jailed.

Later it was announced that a plea-bargaining session had been held and the Sheriff had agreed to give Vader his freedom, if the big spook would teach Pinellas County's little spooks how to trick or treat in a safe and lawful manner.

Vader held up his end of the bargain. He orbited from school to school, escorted by deputies, and gave a Halloween safety message to some 30,000 kids in the lowest grades. An equal number of parents and kids got his message through radio, television and newspaper interviews.

Halloween came and went — quietly it seemed.

Next day the Sheriff and Vader sat down to check a computerized crime report. Vandalism had dropped from 128 incidents in 1977 to 36 in 1978. No little spooks had been injured, and no sadistic adults had put razor blades in treats.

"The force was with us," said Vader in his hollow metallic Star Wars voice.

"And also the media," said Roberts as he escorted the hulking spaceperson to a helicopter that was waiting to take him back to his space ship.

"It was a good idea," said Roberts after television cameramen had filmed the departing helicopter, "but we can't give Vader all the credit. Local organizations helped too by holding parties to keep kids off the streets and out of mischief. Parents were also more in evidence this year escorting the kids who were tricking and treating."

Newsmen began to drift away from the helicopter pad, while Roberts and Merrill B. Stebbins, his Community Information Coordinator, walked toward a waiting patrol car.

"Well," said Stebbins, "that's that."

"Not quite," said Roberts. "Let's go back to the office. I want to talk about what we're going to do for Halloween next year."



A damsel in distress!

PENSACOLA — It made sense to Escambia County Sheriff Royal Untreiner when Sgt. Roy Wilson, supervisor of the Sheriff's beach patrol, suggested American Red Cross senior life-saving training for all deputy sheriffs on beach patrol.

The Sheriff gave his approval; the American Red Cross provided instructors; and four deputies and a park ranger began spending two hours a day learning the lore of the life guard.

On graduation day, after 40 hours of training, three of the graduates staged a simulated rescue to prove to the news media they had learned their lessons well.

Sgt. Wilson and Sheriff Untreiner were impressed. "We're going to continue the training for all deputies and park rangers," Wilson said. "It's the only way we can assure the maximum protection for visitors and local citizens."



These Pensacola News photos by Jim Rifenberg show a simulated rescue, with Alice Mandris, of Milton, posing as the "Damsel in Distress." Park Ranger John Bradbury (left) and Deputy Sheriff Roger Rockwell rescued the "victim" from the surf, and Deputy Sheriff Victor Phillips assisted them with resuscitation efforts.



American Red Cross representative John Kauffman (right) presented a plaque to Sheriff Royal Untreiner to commend him for involving his deputies in lifesaving training. Also pictured are (from left) Jim Schaeffer, National Seashores Park official, and five lifesaving course graduates: Ranger John Bradbury; and Deputies Joel Mooneyham, Roger Rockwell, Victor Phillips and Steve Gulsby.

Sheriff needs more shelves

FT. MYERS — Lee County Sheriff Frank Wanicka is running out of display space for the many trophies his “dead eye” deputies are bringing back from pistol matches.

It's a happy sort of problem, and it became more acute when his pistol team returned from the Police Combat Championship Match, at Jackson, Mississippi, with a barrel full of trophies.

Firing in competition with some 900 marksmen from all over the nation, the Lee County Sheriff's Office team won two first places, one third, one fourth, two eighth and one tenth place. The match was sponsored by the National Rifle Association.

Sheriff Wanicka said although the pistol team has only been in competition since March, 1978, it has won many medals and trophies, including first place in the 1978 Florida Police Olympics; and fourth place in the 1978 National Police Olympics, held at San Diego, California.



Sheriff Frank Wanicka (in business suit) with the members of the Lee County Sheriff's Department Pistol Team. The team members are (from left): Deputies Steve Lux, Octavio Soto, Rod White, Dennis Burkart and Mike Hitzing. Displayed in the foreground are the trophies the team captured at the National Police Combat Championship Match, in Jackson, Mississippi.

Pair of Pie Throwing Pals

TAMPA — Photographer Jerry Prater, from Old Town, Florida, found these photographs in his files and gave THE STAR permission to print them for the benefit of nostalgia freaks. They were taken in 1966 when Hillsborough County Sheriff Malcolm Beard (black trunks) and Tampa Police Department Captain Walter Heinrich squared off in a pie throwing contest for charity. To prove there were no hard feelings after their sloppy scuffle, Beard hired Heinrich as one of his top aides. A few months ago Beard resigned as Sheriff after running successfully for election to the office of State Representative; and Heinrich, with Beard's blessing, ran successfully to become Hillsborough County's new Sheriff.



Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund

HONOR ROLL

On these pages the Florida Sheriffs Association gives special recognition to generous supporters of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund and its child care institutions: The Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, Girls Villa and Youth Ranch. Those listed as "Builders" have given gifts totaling \$100 or more. Those listed

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DADE CITY — Pasco County Sheriff John M. Short (right) presents lifetime honorary membership plaque to President Roy Cornell, representing the Palm Terrace Civic Association.



DeLAND — Deputy Sheriff Lionel Chavez, representing Volusia County Sheriff Edwin H. Duff, II, presents lifetime honorary membership plaque to James Browning, of Orange City.



BRADENTON — Manatee County Sheriff Thomas M. Burton, Jr., (left) presents lifetime honorary membership plaque to Edward "Bill" Fay, county attorney.



FT. PIERCE — St. Lucie County Sheriff Lanie Norvell (right) presents lifetime honorary membership plaque to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carmen.

FT. LAUDERDALE — Broward County Sheriff Ed Stack (left) and Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund President Harry Weaver (right) present lifetime honorary membership plaque to Gerald Stevens, who established a flying scholarship fund for the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, Girls Villa and Youth Ranch.



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Important foursome

Four Florida Sheriffs are holding important positions in the National Sheriffs Association.

Putnam County Sheriff Walt Pellicer, of Palatka, is Fourth Vice President.

Collier County Sheriff Aubrey Rogers, of Naples, is on the Crime Prevention-Operations-Youth Activities Committee; Jacksonville Sheriff Dale Carson is chairman of the Standards-Ethics-Education Committee; and Indian River County Sheriff Sam Joyce, of Vero Beach, is serving his ninth year as a state director representing Florida at the national level.

The National Sheriffs Association has 51 state directors representing 50 states and the Panama Canal Zone. Sheriff Joyce outranks all of them in length of service as a state director.

Three-way tie

JACKSONVILLE — The annual President's Tournament of the Florida Police Golf Association held at Deerwood Country Club resulted in a three-way tie for the President's Trophy between Ray Wood, Orange County Sheriff's Office,

Orlando; Richard Herndon, Florida Department of Law Enforcement; and Ralph Ming, Marion County Sheriff's Office, Ocala.

The tie was scheduled to be played off at the next FPGA tournament, in January, 1979.

Jacksonville Sheriff Dale Carson was the only Sheriff to win a trophy in the Deerwood Tourney. He had the second low net score in the Calloway Flight.

NSI Graduates

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The National Sheriffs Association announced there were four Florida men among the graduates who completed training sessions at the National Sheriffs' Institute, in California, during 1978.

Walton County Sheriff Jessie A. Carter and Okaloosa County Sheriff Frankie Mills attended a session for Sheriffs.

Chief Deputy Thomas Berlinger, from the Pasco County Sheriff's Department; and Richard F. Durham, Administrative Assistant to St. Johns County Sheriff Dudley Garrett, attended a session for high-ranking deputies.



Good Guy Gets Recognition

NEW PORT RICHEY — Pasco County Sheriff John Short (right) presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Blaine Chambers, New Port Richey businessman, honoring him for the many hours he devoted to coaching a midget football team in the Pasco Police Athletic League, and for helping to install floodlights at the Police Athletic League football field.



Deputy of the Year

CAPE CORAL — Lee County Deputy Sheriff Henry Eaddy receives congratulations from Larry MacLeod and applause from club president Hugh Gamble after being selected "Deputy of the Year" by Cape Coral Kiwanis Club. Highly recommended by his boss, Sheriff Frank Wanicka, he was awarded the title on the basis of numerous arrests and outstanding performance of duty. (Cape Coral Breeze photo by Tim Elliott)



So This Is Exploring?

FT. PIERCE — Cleaning up the litter around Horseshoe Lake is only one of many good deeds performed by Explorer Post 400, a group of young people interested in police work. Their sponsor, Sheriff Lanie Norvell, helps them to explore the career possibilities in law enforcement, and also encourages them to get involved in a variety of community service projects.



ST. AUGUSTINE — Fellow workers threw a party honoring Capt. Hazel McCormack after she completed 20 years of service with the St. Johns County Sheriff's Department, and she had her picture taken with two important men in her life: Sheriff Dudley Garrett (left) and her husband, Russell McCormack, who is a Deputy Clerk in the Seventh Judicial Circuit.

Women can do it - Hazel has proved it

ST. AUGUSTINE — There are career opportunities for women in law enforcement, and Capt. Hazel McCormack has proved it.

She was hired by the St. Johns County Sheriff's Department 20 years ago and started "near the bottom of the ladder" as a radio dispatcher, booking officer and matron at the county jail.

Under Sheriff L. O. Davis and later Sheriff Dudley Garrett she increased her skills and responsibilities until she became one of the top-ranking officers in the department.

Sheriff Garrett said she was the first woman to attain the rank of Sheriff's Department Captain in Florida, and she is still one of the few in the state.

Currently she is head of Auxiliary Services for the Department, which requires her to oversee operations at the main Sheriff's Office, the county jail and the communications center. She also has the important responsibility of putting together the annual Sheriff's Department budget.



Peaden's Back — With Plaque

CRESTVIEW — When John W. Peaden was graduated from the FBI National Academy, FBI Director William Webster presented him with a sectional representative award plaque. Peaden is Chief Deputy in the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Department.



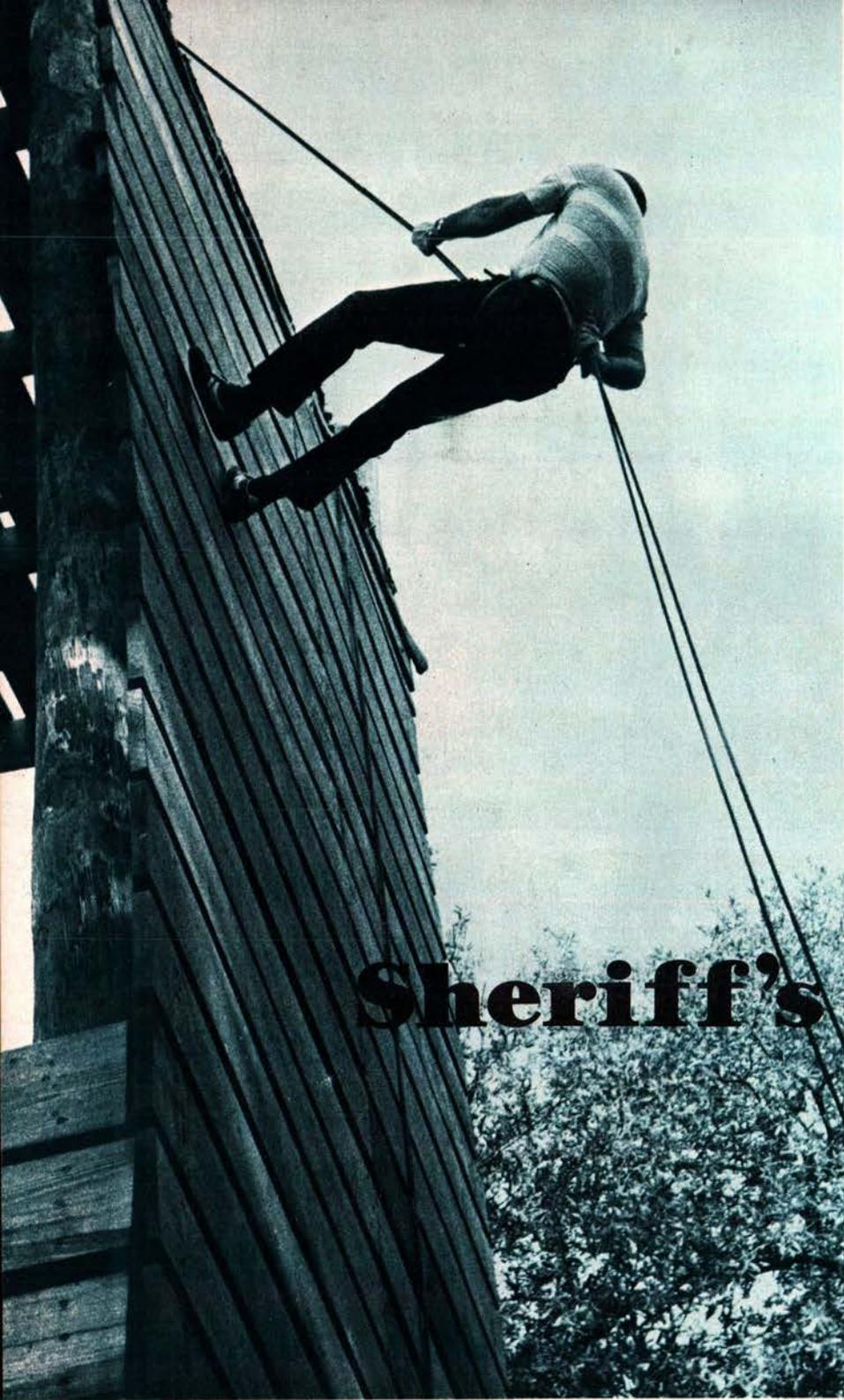
Threatened Kids Need Helping Hand

DeLAND — Deputy Sheriff Lonny Chavez explains to Cindy Kyp how Sheriff Ed Duff's "helping hand" poster project will protect children from being harmed by child molesters. He said any house displaying the poster will serve as a safe refuge for youngsters who are threatened or harassed by strangers. Sheriff Duff provided the posters and they were distributed to carefully screened householders by the DeLand Junior Chamber of Commerce Auxiliary. Helping Hand volunteers were given instructions to call the police or parents if a child asks for help or protection. (DeLand Sun News staff photo by Alyce Hockaday.)

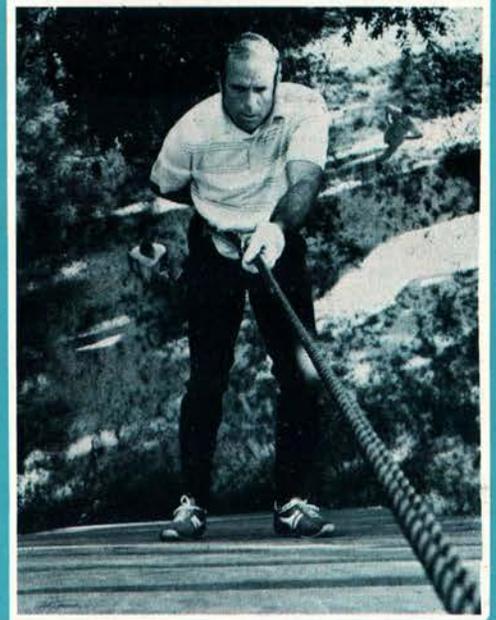


Crime Stopper

MARIANNA — Jackson County Sheriff Charles Applewhite presented a Florida Sheriffs Association Distinguished Service Award to Mrs. Mary Jane Hicks for the important role she played in the apprehension of Jimmy Lee Smith, who was later convicted of murdering a woman and her 12-year-old daughter. Sheriff Applewhite said Smith stole a checkwriting machine from a construction firm prior to the murders, and used it to process a check which he attempted to cash at a drive-in window where Mrs. Hicks was working as a bank teller. When she spotted the checkwriting machine imprint, she contacted local law enforcement agencies, and the fugitive was captured the following day.



Sheriff's in shape



LAKELAND — When Polk County Sheriff Louie Mims sent his Emergency Response Team to Florida Southern College campus for a training session, he went along to get some exercise. He got it, and also proved he was in good physical shape, by rappelling down the side of a 45-foot ROTC training tower. The Emergency Response Team was organized in 1978 by Sgt. Dave Merrick and has been used in several emergencies. It holds monthly training sessions. (Lakeland Ledger photos by Paul Johnson)