

**For Sheriffs:
Marijuana
is a pot of
Gold!**

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First Sheriff was a loner who used a mop and broom

TAMPA — Today it requires over 900 people to carry out essentially the same duties Hillsborough County's first Sheriff handled all by himself, according to Walter C. Heinrich, the present Sheriff.

Heinrich said John Parker, a former military captain in the Seminole Indian Wars, became the first Sheriff in 1845 when Florida was admitted to the Union as the 27th state, and the Sheriff's office apparently continued as a one-man operation for quite a few years.

The first recorded mention of a deputy sheriff was found in County Commission minutes dated 1857.

Then, as now, law enforcement was the Sheriff's business, but he was also required to do menial jobs such as cleaning the courthouse and planting chinaberry trees on the courthouse property.

According to Heinrich, the pay was so poor that early Sheriffs had to have outside sources of income in order to support their families. In many cases they had careers on the side as merchants and businessmen.

Before 1845 Florida was a territory of the United States, and the first law enforcement officers were Justices of the Peace, Heinrich said, adding that four were appointed initially and charged with protecting the Hillsborough County settlers, who numbered less than a hundred.

"This meager population was augmented by the military personnel attached to Fort Brook," he said, "and Hillsborough County owes much of its early growth to the presence of the fort and the millions of dollars that the United States poured into this area during the Seminole Indian Wars.

"Today Hillsborough County's population stands at over 600,000; and instead of one Sheriff there are now over 611 employees in the Sheriff's Office and 290 in the Board of Criminal Justice (the agency that runs the jail system).

"But, in spite of the many changes that have occurred since the first Sheriff took office, his primary function has not altered. Today he still stands as the chief law enforcement officer of the county."

Hillsborough County was established in 1834 and covered the area now occupied by ten present counties: Hillsborough,



Built in 1888, this fortress-like jail remained in use for 76 years.

Polk, Pasco, Pinellas, Manatee, Sarasota, Charlotte, DeSoto, Hardee and Highlands.

The first jail was built in 1834 at a cost of \$200, Heinrich said, and the second one was erected on Tampa's "Courthouse Square" in 1848 at a cost of \$345.

The next jail was a fortress-like building that was built at 1303 Pierce Street, Tampa, in 1888. It remained in use for 76 years and was replaced by the present modern structure at 1301 Morgan Street in 1964.

Heinrich said Sheriffs in the past had several duties that no longer are required. One of them, which dates back to 1857, was making a list of all school children in the county and receiving a fee of five cents for each name.

Another, prior to the Civil War, involved picking up all slaves who were found roaming around after their 9 p.m. curfew.

Still another was the task of acting as hangman when prisoners were sentenced to death.

"When electrocution was introduced in later years at Raiford State Prison, all Sheriffs still served as executioners for inmates from their respective counties," Heinrich said.

"However, under the Criminal Code of 1939, the Superintendent of the State Prison was made responsible for executions, and the First Assistant Engineer of the prison was designated as the executioner."

Heinrich said the Sheriff's Office acquired its first motorized vehicle, a Model T Ford, in 1913 at a cost of \$500, and added a motorcycle a year later.

"Other innovations followed," he added. "In 1929 the first uniforms were issued to deputies. In 1941 the first radios were used in patrol cars, with only one-way transmissions; and in

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The present Hillsborough County Jail was completed in 1964.



Architect's rendering of new addition to the 1964 jail. It is now under construction.

1945 two-way radios became standard equipment.

"Today," said Heinrich, "the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office stands as one of the most innovative in the country. It is fully equipped to handle emergency situations. In addition, it was one of the first law enforcement agencies to utilize mobile digital communications in patrol vehicles."

Poverty revisited

WEST PALM BEACH — Here's another item for history buffs who are curious about the way it was with Sheriffs in the "good old days:"

County Commission minutes dated April 8, 1890, show that Sheriff John Highsmith was paid \$4 for attending two days of commission meetings; while Commissioner James L. Nugent drew \$23.40 for two days' attendance plus mileage; and Commissioner James W. Porter settled for \$10.

Thieves carried badges

BARTOW — Polk County Sheriff's Department employees casually walked into a department store, stole almost \$200 worth of merchandise, and returned their loot the next morning.

Trained by Sheriff's Investigator Neil Merrill, they were demonstrating shoplifting techniques for the benefit of department store clerks attending a crime prevention seminar, and their caper was apparently effective.

Merrill said the store employees were "really, really upset" when he showed them the jewelry, underwear, cosmetics, sewing materials and other items that had been heisted during the staged four-minute shoplifting spree.

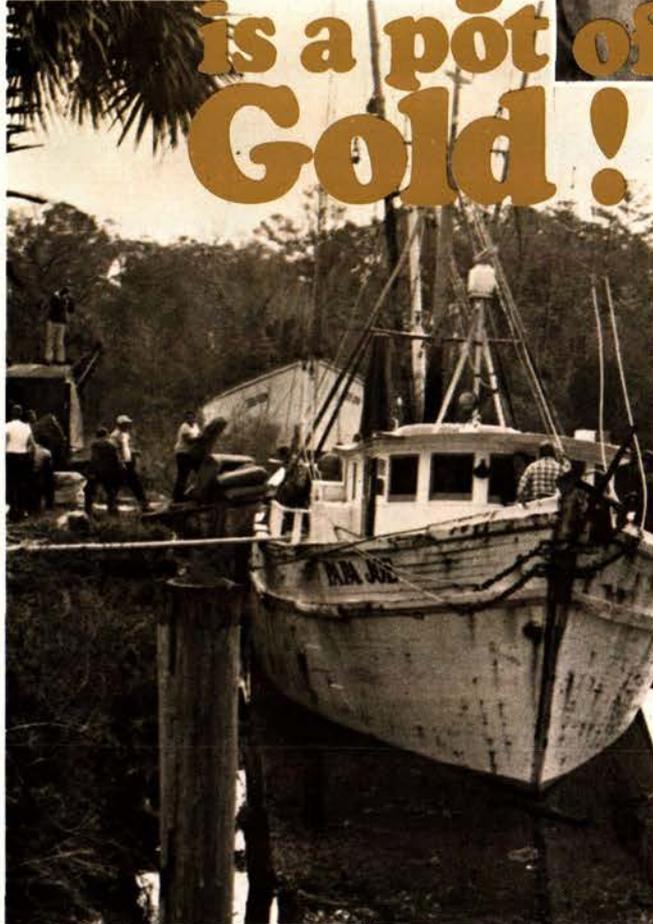
New Explorer Post Chartered

TALLAHASSEE — Charter members of a new Law Enforcement Explorer Post were sworn-in by their sponsor, Leon County Sheriff Ken Katsaris (right). Deputy Sheriff Tim Coughlin is the Post's Chief Advisor; and Deputy Sheriff Murry Cail is the Associate Advisor.





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TOP PHOTO — Wakulla County Sheriff David Harvey (right) and Charlie Abbott, Director of the Regional Law Enforcement Assistance Center, at the scene of a record-setting drug bust that also involved the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the Big Bend Narcotics Task Force, composed of federal, state and local officers from five counties.

BOTTOM PHOTO — "Papa Joe," a shrimp boat confiscated in the Wakulla County drug bust appeared to be an ideal smuggler's craft — old, broken down and therefore expendable. Sheriff Harvey sold it for \$30,000.

Chasing marijuana smugglers is a profitable business for Florida's Sheriffs and deputies.

Ninety percent of the Sheriffs contacted in a spot check survey covering all areas of the state said their counties had benefited financially from marijuana smuggling arrests.

They told of whopping fines collected; expensive vans, cars, boats and airplanes confiscated; and large amounts of cash snatched away from smugglers and funneled into county coffers.

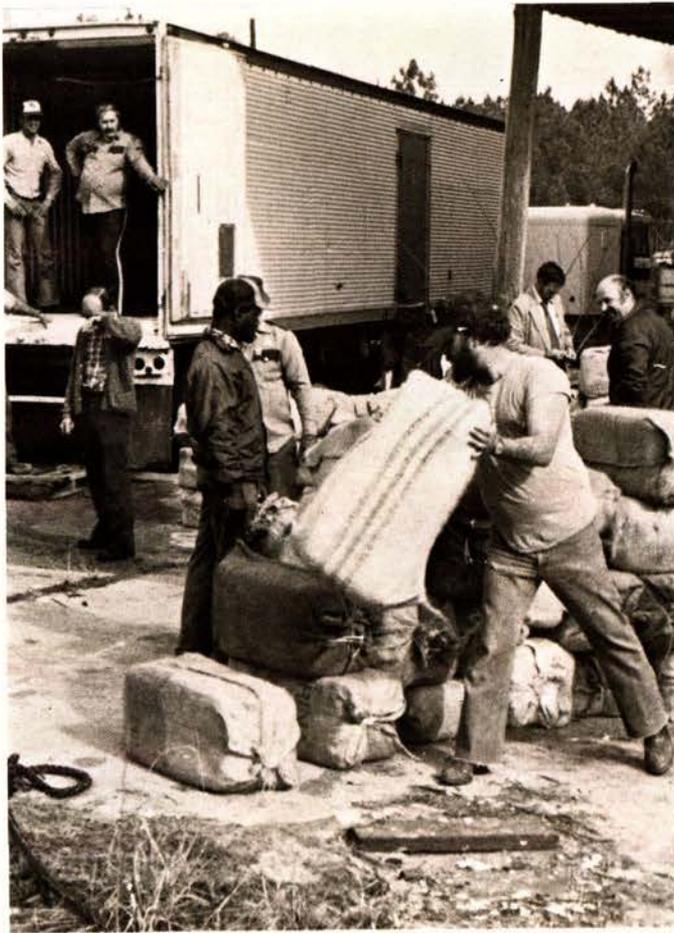
Survey results indicated that the appraised value of airplanes, boats, motor vehicles and cash confiscated in recent years would add up to at least \$6 million.

Fines Total Millions

Although fines levied against smugglers have not been tallied state-wide, they are known to total many millions. In rural, thinly populated Wakulla County alone, fines totaling \$500,000 resulted from one big drug bust which occurred this year. In equally rural Levy County, smuggler fines totaled over \$100,000 last year and are running just a little below that level so far this year.

Wakulla County Sheriff David Harvey said seven trucks, two large tractor-trailers, six boats, one 66-foot shrimp boat and four cars — total value \$250,000 — were confiscated from the same smugglers who were hit with \$500,000 in fines. They also lost a cargo of marijuana valued at \$25,000,000 which was transported to a Foley, Florida, pulp mill in the smugglers' own trucks and burned.

When the confiscated equipment was sold, Sheriff Harvey received part of the proceeds in the form of a \$50,000 addition to his budget. He also acquired for Sheriff's Department use a 23-foot boat valued at \$12,000, and a truck valued at \$5,000 which had formerly belonged to the smugglers.



After two tractor-trailer trucks were confiscated in a Wakulla County drug bust, Sheriff David Harvey used them to transport a \$25,000,000 marijuana cargo to a Foley, Florida, pulp mill where the marijuana was burned.



ment testifies that the publicity is deserved.

As of July 31, 1979, the inventory included 13 motor vehicles valued at \$78,500; three airplanes valued at \$106,000; and seven boats valued at \$162,000. Holt said these totals do not include two airplanes, a DC-3 and a Convair, that crashed while hauling drugs; boats seized by the Florida Marine Patrol with the assistance of the Martin County Sheriff's Department; or vehicles, boats and planes that were released because of rental agreements or high liens.

One of the techniques in the smuggler's book of tricks is to use rental vehicles or installment financed boats and planes that have large balances due. In these cases the confiscated equipment is usually released to the lien holder because its resale value is less than the amount of the lien.

Motor Home Seized

Vehicles nabbed in Martin County include an expensive Mercedes and a motor home. One of the confiscated airplanes was traded for a more suitable airplane which Sheriff Holt now uses to stalk and chase smugglers. Two of the confiscated boats were traded for boats the Sheriff now uses on patrol.

A confiscated boat and three confiscated vehicles are also being used by the U. S. Drug Enforcement Administration.

Numerous small Sheriffs' Departments that would not normally be able to afford aircraft for search, rescue and surveillance work, have acquired them through drug busts.

Hernando County Sheriff Melvin Kelly used \$40,500 from the sale of a confiscated airplane and boats to buy a helicopter.

Glades County Sheriff Roy Lundy is airborne with a twin-engine Beechcraft which a judge turned over to him after it was involved in a drug case.

Pot Plane Traded

Okeechobee County Sheriff Clayton Williams, Jr., confiscated a DC3 valued at \$29,000, and traded it for a Cessna Skyhawk which was more suitable for his needs.

Smugglers will airlift pot in almost anything that flies — including an antique B-25 bomber which Charlotte County Sheriff Alan LeBeau confiscated and sold at auction for \$25,000. According to news reports, the purchaser, Red Stevenson, of Leonard, Oklahoma, hoped to sell it to the Confederate Air Force, an organization that performs at air shows with refurbished vintage planes.

Charlotte County has also profited from other confiscated items, including two more airplanes, a motor home that was auctioned off for \$11,150, a houseboat, two other boats, two

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Pot Nourishes Budgets

Levy County Sheriff Horace Moody, who has over 100 miles of shoreline to patrol on the Gulf of Mexico, Wacassassa Bay, various creeks and the Suwannee River, reported he confiscated 12 land vehicles valued at \$72,000 and seven boats valued at \$300,000 during 1978.

He didn't reap extensive benefits from this bonanza immediately, but he will during the current fiscal year. The Levy County Commissioners have agreed to let him have 20 percent of the proceeds from the sale of confiscated equipment for his department, and this will ease the pinch of a tight budget which commissioners held to a 4.5 percent increase.

In Clay County, Sheriff Jennings Murree has not had a budget increase as a direct result of drug busts, but a circuit judge has ordered all drug fines turned over to him, which could become the equivalent of a boost in his budget. Murree has also converted to Sheriff's Department use two motor vehicles valued at \$4,000 which were confiscated in drug cases.

Spectacular Arrests

Martin County, on the lower east coast of Florida, has received nation-wide publicity because of its spectacular drug arrests and Sheriff Jim Holt's inventory of confiscated equip-

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4-wheel-drive vehicles, eight cars and radio communications equipment valued at \$8,000.

In populous Broward County there are still remote areas that provide impromptu landing strips for smugglers, but the Sheriff's Department maintains tight surveillance. Some kind of a record was set in the early part of this year when five airplanes, including a DC3 and DC6, were confiscated within two weeks.

A Dandy Prize

DeSoto County Sheriff Frank Cline latched onto a dandy prize this year when he confiscated a C-46 military transport which he values at about \$120,000. He said he was advertising it for sale and he wanted to exchange it for cash and a small four-place "tail dragger" airplane that can land in small clearings or pastures.

He said the "tail dragger" will have to have room for four people because he doesn't want to put one or two men down in the midst of a gang of smugglers. He wants to avoid situations such as the one that occurred when one deputy on patrol spotted the C-46 landing. The deputy radioed for help, and went to the landing site where he proceeded to try to put a group of 14 people — the air crew and ground crew — under arrest.

The smugglers scattered on foot and in vehicles, Cline said, but 12 persons were eventually arrested and nine vehicles, including a gasoline tank truck which was apparently on hand to refuel the plane, were confiscated. A cargo of marijuana valued at around \$3,500,000 was also seized.

Court Order Appealed

Sheriff Cline said he was holding a confiscated DC3, but unusual circumstances were preventing him from selling it. He said a court-appointed attorney was appealing on behalf of the "unknown owner" the court order that authorized disposition of the plane.

In Highlands County Sheriff Joe Sheppard and his deputies latched on to a Convair 240 twin-engine plane found abandoned on property owned by Governor Bob Graham's family. There were traces of marijuana aboard.

Sometimes Sheriffs Departments and Police Departments race to the landing site to claim a suspected pot smuggling plane, but there have been no reports of Sheriffs losing any such races. Pot planes usually land in remote areas outside the jurisdiction of police departments.



Levy County Sheriff Horace Moody (standing) hands over to County Commission Chairman Billie Ray Sharp \$30,000 in cash representing fines collected in drug smuggling cases. This was said to have been only a minor portion of the money drug busts have funneled into the county's fine and forfeiture fund this year.

Marion County Sheriff Don Moreland's inventory of confiscated items reads like a catalog of motor vehicles. It includes a tractor-trailer truck valued at \$60,000; two school buses valued at \$30,000; five other trucks, a camper, a horse trailer and a station wagon. The Sheriff's Department converted three trucks and the station wagon to its own use.

Smugglers Lost \$341,000

In 1975 the Department sold a confiscated airplane for \$11,000, and the Board of County Commissioners earmarked the money as a down payment on new facilities for the Sheriff's Department.

Palm Beach County Sheriff Richard Wille reported confiscating \$341,000 in cash, 62 vehicles, 18 airplanes and 11 boats. He said various pieces of confiscated equipment valued at \$300,000 have been put into use by the Sheriff's Department.

He also used \$25,000 from the sale of confiscated equipment to purchase a harbor patrol boat.

Junkies please note that Wille and his deputies in 2½ years have confiscated and doomed to destruction marijuana valued at \$75,000,000; cocaine valued at \$1,400,000; hashish, valued at \$60,000; hash oil valued at \$120,000; and miscellaneous narcotics such as Quaaludes, heroin, PCP, etc., valued at \$1,000,000.

The Polk County Sheriff's Department confiscated 17 airplanes in three years, according to news reports. One of the airplanes, after being sold by Sheriff Louie Mims, got back into the pot smuggling business and was confiscated a second time in Mississippi.

"Pot Spotters"

help to intensify war on drugs



When Sheriff Frank Cline lifted a page from World War II history books to intensify the hostile reception drug smugglers have been getting in DeSoto County, he provided one more piece of evidence that, although the war on drugs has not been won, Sheriffs are steadily stepping up their offensive.

Remembering how World War II spotters and air raid wardens scanned the skies for enemy aircraft in his youth, Cline has hired spotters and staked them out in secret locations to watch for pot-laden airplanes and other signs of drug smuggling activities.

These "pot spotters" are paid \$3.19 per hour from federal CETA funds, and are on duty 40 hours a week. Each is supplied with binoculars, a walkie-talkie radio and bug repellent.

Eight spotters were hired initially — all of them men, after the lone female spotter saw an alligator near her stake out site and quit — but the Sheriff said he wanted to sign up at least seven more. He pointed out that DeSoto County has 75-80,000 acres of pasture land suitable for improvised landing strips; and 18 or 20 remote sites have already been used by airborne smugglers.

The spotters are getting results, Cline said, adding that he couldn't be more specific until after the tips from spotters have been translated into drug busts in DeSoto and neighboring counties.

Other Sheriffs are getting good results using dogs trained to sniff out drugs. In Broward County one of these dogs confirmed deputies' suspicion that an Aero Commander plane at the Ft. Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport had a cargo of drugs.

The deputies obtained a search warrant, and found more than a ton of marijuana plus 8,000 Quaaludes (a depressant) on board.

Sheriffs have been increasing air patrols to stalk airborne smugglers and to spot suspicious activities on the ground or on the water. Ironically, much of the money to fund these patrols is coming from drug arrests. Sheriffs' patrol boats — many of them confiscated in drug cases — are also stepping up their surveillance.

In some areas radar equipment normally used to track legitimate air traffic is being used to help Sheriffs stalk pot smugglers.

Surveillance of airports and improvised landing strips is also increasing.

In Seminole County, after the abandoned Osceola airstrip was used by smugglers, Sheriff John Polk got help from the County Commission in rendering the airstrip unusable. It was agreed that dirt would be piled at intervals to make landings impossible.

To prevent drug smugglers from listening in on their radio messages, Sheriffs are using various methods that they have

declined to discuss publicly. Sheriff Cline said he had to find something more effective than "scramblers" that electronically garble messages after he learned that "unscramblers" were available to the public at a modest cost.

Because they have unlimited funds, smugglers can afford sophisticated equipment to try to outwit Sheriffs and they hire the best legal talent available in efforts to thwart the criminal justice system.

Sheriffs are hampered in many ways, particularly by search and seizure rulings, but they have demonstrated they are determined to give drug traffickers a hostile reception on back roads, in hidden coastline coves and on remote landing strips all over Florida.

The excitement of the chase

STUART — The business of chasing drug smugglers is seldom dull, and Martin County Sheriff Jim Holt has plenty of proof in his bulging case file.

Here's just one example as reported by the news media:

Deputy Sheriff Morgan Sprout, Jr., became suspicious of a pickup truck loaded with gasoline cans he encountered while on patrol early one Saturday morning. He followed it to a remote area of the county, and summoned other deputies.

Suspecting that the gasoline was going to be used to refuel a pot smuggling airplane, they set up a vigil and eventually saw a two-engine Cessna land on ranch property in neighboring St. Lucie County.

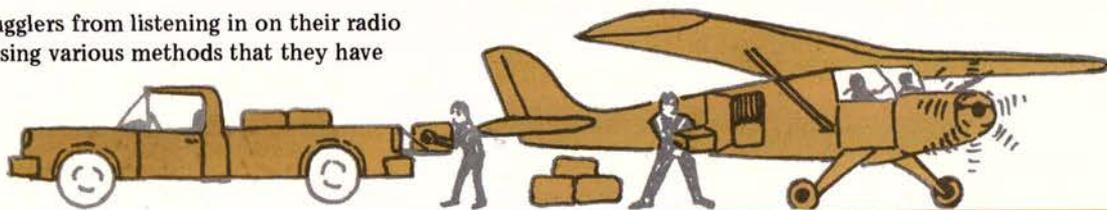
They later observed two trucks loading cargo from the plane and leaving the scene. One headed north, the other south. St. Lucie County deputies stopped the northbound truck, arrested two men and confiscated 800 pounds of marijuana.

Martin County deputies halted the southbound truck, arrested three men, and confiscated about 1,400 pounds of marijuana. Then a previously unseen truck appeared and the two men in it were also arrested.

Meanwhile, the twin-engine Cessna took off and was pursued by the Martin County Sheriff's Department airplane. Palm Beach County officers also became involved in the chase, and the fleeing plane eventually crashed near the Florida Turnpike. Two more men were arrested there.

The final result was nine arrests and 2,200 pounds of marijuana confiscated.

The suspected smugglers were deeply disgruntled by the outcome, particularly when they discovered that the Martin County airplane that had pursued them had been purchased with the Sheriff's "profits" from a previous drug case.



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If it has wheels, wings or a tight hull, smugglers will buy it

There's a phenomenon of our times that seems beyond contradiction: Give a pot smuggler anything that has wheels, or floats, or flies and he will move marijuana in it.

Two things account for this. Number one: Pot smugglers have demonstrated considerable ingenuity. And, number two: The fantastic profits in the smuggling business allow them to use some pretty exotic "wheelbarrows."

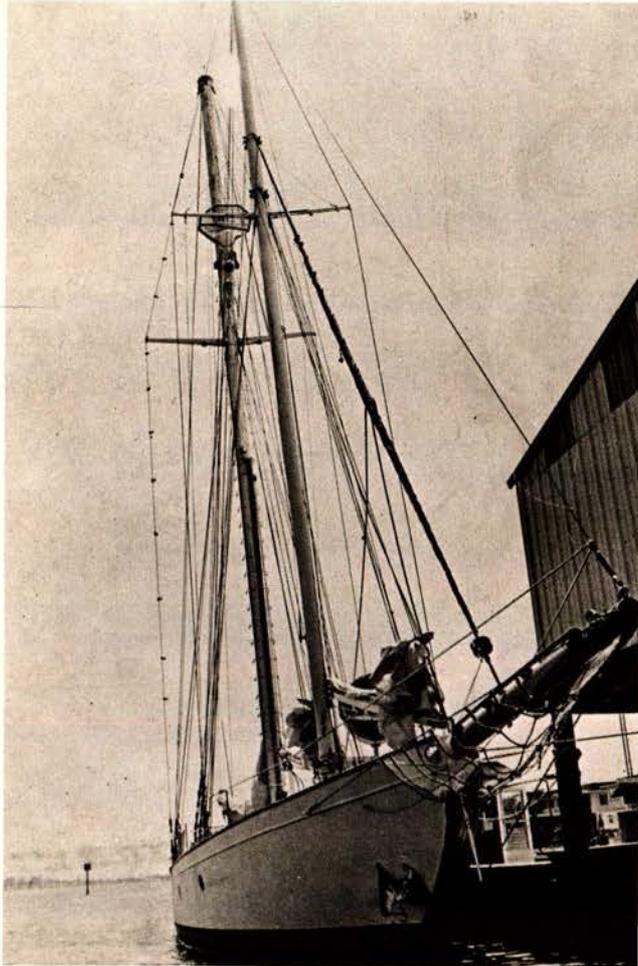
Anyone fishing around in Florida's crime files will find that pot has been smuggled in shrimp boats, house boats, sail boats, rusty freighters, World War II bombers, fast jets, four-wheel drive trucks, 18-wheel tractor-trailers, swamp buggies, air boats, expensive cars, horse trailers, vans, motor homes, school buses, yachts, speedboats and the innocent-looking underwear of an innocent-looking girl.

Prosperous pot pushers have also been known to purchase their own gasoline tank trucks so they can secretly refuel pot-carrying planes on remote runways.

Money bores them. They think nothing of plunking down \$150,000 for a shrimp boat. One successful trip with a cargo worth \$24,000,000 gives them a carefree feeling. They're so carefree, in fact, that they don't really mind very much if some alert Sheriff confiscates their shrimp boat.

Some Smugglers Travel First Class

NAPLES — The schooner *Lelanta* was sold for \$55,000 after Sheriff Aubrey Rogers confiscated her. She was fitted out with modern radio communications equipment and sophisticated navigational gear. An appraiser was quoted as saying the 1930-model schooner's replacement cost would be \$950,000. (Naples Daily News photo by Penelope Taylor)

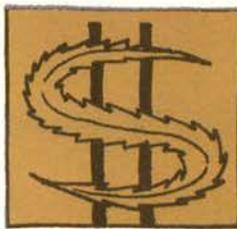


Loot From Drug Bust

NAPLES — Collier County Sheriff Aubrey Rogers (left), State Attorney Joseph P. D'Alessandro (center) and Lee County Sheriff Frank Wanicka with weapons confiscated during a raid that broke up a drug and firearms smuggling ring described as one of the most active in Southwest Florida. (Naples News photo by Bill Rogers)



Pot peddling is



big business

When a news reporter recently described marijuana as the third largest business in the United States — as number three behind General Motors and Exxon — was he freaked out on something?

Obviously not. He backed up his statement with an estimate from the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HRS) that illegal marijuana traffic nets about \$48 billion a year.

Furthermore, a survey of Florida's Sheriffs suggests that the HRS estimate may be on the conservative side. The survey indicated that the Sheriffs in this state have confiscated a mountain of marijuana with a street value of approximately \$1.1 billion in less than four years. This averages out to almost \$300 million a year, and some law enforcement officials claim the total amount of marijuana traffic is about ten times greater than the amount confiscated.

3 Billion a Year

If this is true, Florida's total traffic would seem to be averaging in the neighborhood of \$3 billion a year; and the 1979 figure is likely to be higher than this, since the traffic is said to be accelerating each year.

The profits are fantastic. It has been reported that a pilot can make at least \$25,000 in potentially tax-free cash for flying one load of marijuana from Colombia to Florida; that one round trip from Florida to Colombia and return can net a pot wholesaler \$100,000; and that some landowners in remote



Sheriff's Storage Lot Crowded

VERO BEACH — Sheriff Sam Joyce's storage lot was crowded when Lt. Joe Sardella supervised removal of a \$65,000 cigarette boat which was returned to the owner as the result of legal maneuvering. After the fast expensive boat was hauled off, the Sheriff still had a bountiful supply of equipment confiscated in drug cases, including an airplane, trucks, vans and boats. (Press Journal photo by Mike Wolny)

areas of the state are being offered as much as \$10,000 for landing rights on their property.

News reports claim pot is selling for \$35 to \$45 an ounce on the streets, and it has been estimated there are 16 million customers in the United States.

A commercial fisherman on Florida's West Coast was quoted as saying that when a dealer charters a 90-footer to bring in a five or ten-ton cargo of marijuana, the skipper gets 50 grand; the crew members get 12 grand apiece; and the loaders two to five grand.

"With that kind of money, who's going to fish for shrimp?"

"I'd Leave a Wealthy Widow"

"Hell, if I was younger," the fisherman continued, "you damn well know I'd be hauling grass. Wouldn't you accept a million dollars with the stipulation there'd be a five or 10 percent chance of getting caught and serving a year or two in prison?"

"I'm a little too old now to spend time behind bars. I love my wife too much to jeopardize her happiness, but, if a doctor told me I had an incurable disease, and I had a year or two to live, you better believe I'd leave a wealthy widow."

There is no reason to doubt that pot smuggling is creating instant millionaires — fellows in their 20's, 30's and 40's who are suddenly adjusting to Pucci fashions, \$18,000 cars, Cigarette boats and a wide choice of feminine companionship.

One such was arrested for drunken driving in Florida, while carrying the day's cash receipts on the seat beside him. Officers confiscated every penny of the \$326,000 neatly bundled in an attache case.

"I should have stuck to Cokes," the pot peddler lamented.

\$160 in Tips

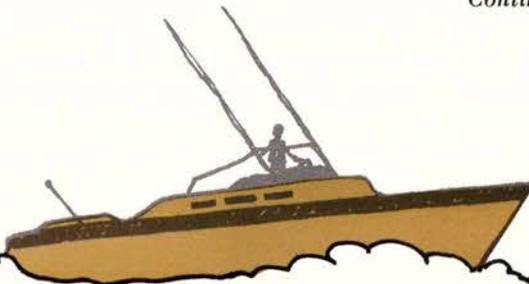
Instead, according to news reports, he had been imbibing the harder stuff at a nearby lounge, and giving \$20 tips to the waitress.

"Every time he paid for a B&B he'd stuff a \$20 bill down my blouse," the waitress said. "He seemed to get a kick out of it."

Apparently the waitress got a kick out of it too. She was said to have gone home with \$160 in tips that day.

Government officials were amused by this barroom by-play, but they had little professional interest in how many \$20 tips a waitress collected in her blouse. Instead, they were preoccupied with efforts to trace some of the millions, perhaps billions, in cash that drug dealers were shipping to Colombia and off-shore banks to buy pot.

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Meanwhile, the U. S. Treasury Department also announced steps to crack down on cash-laden Florida banks suspected of "laundering" millions of dollars in illicit drug smuggling profits.

News reports said the Department had found "unusual patterns of currency transactions" in the Federal Reserve Board's Miami and Jacksonville branches. A study was said to have found that these branches had surplus cash deposits of \$3.2 billion, while other branches were reporting a \$10 billion cash deficit.

Moreover, officials said the bulk of the Florida deposits were in \$20 bills, a denomination popular with narcotics operatives because of being difficult to trace.

Richard David, Treasury's Assistant Secretary for Enforcement, was quoted as saying that drug smuggling may not account for all of the cash surplus, "but it is certainly an important part."

Pot is hot import item

Is the smuggling of marijuana helping to increase the foreign trade deficit that has been a constant source of worry for U. S. officials?

Congress has reason to think it is.

The House Select Committee on Narcotics and Drug Abuse and Control is reported to have estimated that the U. S. exports more cash per year for marijuana than it does for Toyota automobiles, foreign television sets and footwear combined.

It's not all pot

For sheer volume and fantastic cash flow, the current marijuana boom is dominating the drug scene in Florida, but other drugs are booming too.

In four years, the Volusia County Sheriff's Office, for example, has confiscated cocaine, pharmaceuticals and hallucinogenics valued at over \$1.2 million.

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office reported it had confiscated cocaine, hashish, hash oil, Quaaludes, heroin, PCP, and other miscellaneous narcotics valued at \$2,580,000 in a period of two and a half years.

Taxpayers need not worry

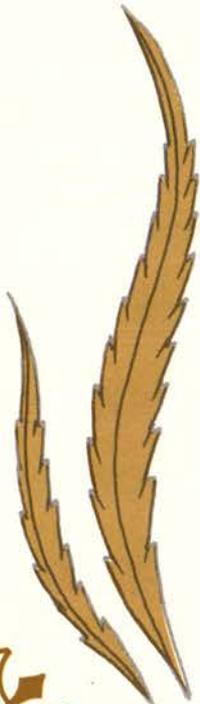
Expenses resulting from the enforcement of drug laws are causing 90 percent of Florida's Sheriffs to increase their budgets, according to a Florida Sheriffs Association survey.

However, the same survey shows that taxpayers have no need to worry about the expense, because "profits" from fines and forfeitures, confiscated cash and confiscated equipment far exceed the budget increases.

Nearly all of the Sheriffs who were contacted said their counties had benefited financially from enforcement of drug laws.

Sheriffs Are Clipping Smugglers' Wings

Drug smugglers' airplanes valued at over \$500,000 have been confiscated by Florida's Sheriffs. This Convair 240 was grounded in Highlands County and sold for \$25,000. (Sebring News photo)





Sheriff Horace Moody (with microphone) explained how the auction would be conducted.



This shallow draft fishing boat transferred the marijuana from the sailboat to land vehicles waiting on shore.

This Pot of Gold netted \$64,450

CEDAR KEY — The 95 degree afternoon heat didn't discourage the curious onlookers or the serious bidders as Levy County Sheriff Horace Moody and Sgt. Don Milton went about auctioning off a four-wheel drive pickup truck, a 24 foot fishing boat and a 44 foot motor sailer.

All three items were seized in connection with a drug bust on February 8, 1978. In addition, \$40,000 in cash was turned over to the county as part of a negotiated plea in the case.

First item on the auction block was the truck which was found abandoned in the woods near Gulf Hammock. Sgt. Milton pointed out the truck had a unique feature. "It's already got the wiring in there so that when your wife gets behind you, you can turn off the tail lights." He failed to point out the same technique could be used to elude pursuing law enforcement officers. The truck ended up bringing \$1,850.

Some of the bidders asked if the titles to the truck and boats were clear. "You won't have any trouble from the persons named on the titles," Milton explained, "they don't exist." All the vehicles had been registered under fictitious names.

The flat bottom boat, normally used for mullet fishing, had been purchased just one month before it was seized. A large outboard motor and trailer went with the boat. In marijuana smuggling operations such shallow draft boats are used to transport the marijuana from a larger vessel to shore. The final bid was \$3,600 by a man from Shreveport, Louisiana.

Most of the crowd interest was centered on the sailboat, but the bidding turned into a two man contest. On this item Sheriff Moody announced he was reserving the right to reject all bids if they were not high enough. When the bidding bogged down at \$56,000 the Sheriff said, "I can't give away county property."

The bidding renewed and the Sheriff later allowed the boat to be sold for \$59,000 which he said was close to the \$60,000 he thought it should bring.

The total of the day's three-item auction was \$64,450 for the county coffers.



A 44 foot motor sailer was apparently used to transport a haul of marijuana to a rendezvous off the Florida coast near Cedar Key.

Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund

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TAVARES — Lake County Sheriff Malcolm McCall presents Lifetime Honorary Membership to Joe Roberts, of Eustis.



WAUCHULA — Hardee County Sheriff Newton Murdock (left) presents a Builder certificate to Dr. Wilbur Collins and his daughter, Leslie Ann.



GANO

TAMPA — Hillsborough County Sheriff Walter Heinrich presents Lifetime Honorary Memberships to Bill Davenport, President of Key Petroleum Company, Mango; Red Gano, President of the Tampa Pepsi Company; and Tom McEaddy, of Stockton, Whatley, Davin & Co., Tampa.



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A charitable, non-profit corporation, sponsored by the Florida Sheriffs Association, to manage and operate the Boys Ranch, the Girls Villa, the Youth Ranch, and any other youth programs that may later be developed by the Florida Sheriffs Association. One of the most important functions of the Youth Fund is the raising, receiving, budgeting and disbursing of funds for its programs. Gifts and bequests can be made to the Youth Fund for the exclusive benefit of any single youth program, such as the Boys Ranch, Girls Villa, or Youth Ranch. They can also be made to the Youth Fund, without restriction, to be distributed among existing programs where they are most needed or to be used for the development of new programs at the discretion of the Governing Board.

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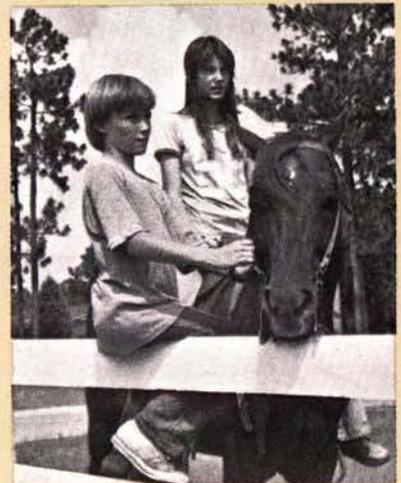
IS a home for dependent, neglected and homeless boys sponsored by the Florida Sheriffs Association and operated under the management of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund, Inc. It is not an institution for delinquents.

The Boys Ranch was founded in 1957 and is located nine miles north of Live Oak, Florida. It has approximately 100 boys in care at any given time, and it is supported almost entirely by voluntary gifts through the Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund, Inc.

GIRLS VILLA

IS a similar institution for needy and worthy girls located near Bartow, Florida. It was founded in 1970. The first buildings were completed in July, 1972, and the first girls were admitted in August, 1972. Current enrollment is 24 girls.

Mailing address and phone number for the Boys Ranch, Girls Villa and Youth Ranch are the same as for the Youth Fund.



YOUTH RANCH

IS The newest group child care facility sponsored by the Florida Sheriffs Association. It was founded in 1976, and is located near Clearwater, Florida. The first youngsters were admitted in August, 1978. The Youth Ranch provides a homelike environment for brothers and sisters who are dependent, neglected or homeless.

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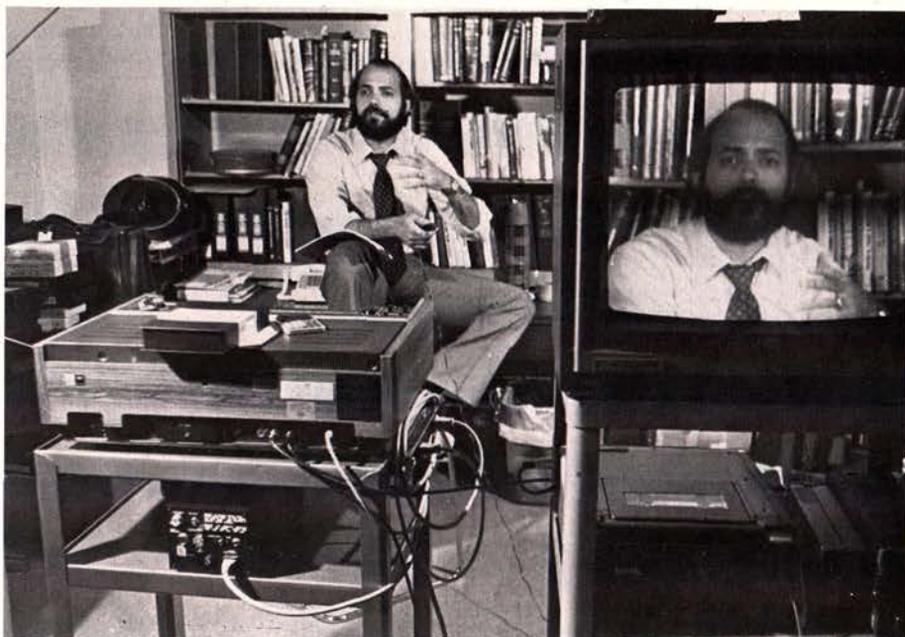
Watching TV while on duty will be ok

VERO BEACH — It's going to be more convenient for deputy sheriffs and police officers in Martin, Indian River and Okeechobee Counties to view training films as the result of a project developed by part-time instructor Steve Rubino at Indian River Community College.

In the past, officers had to travel to the community college campus to see the films, which was inconvenient and time-consuming.

To overcome this disadvantage, Rubino began putting the films on video tape and adding a few introductory comments. His plan was to make the tapes available to the various law enforcement agencies in the three-county area so that officers could view them at shift changes by using a video tape deck and a television monitor.

The first batch of 80 programs Rubino planned to tape



Steve Rubino preparing a video tape for in-service training. (Ft. Pierce News-Tribune photo by Mark Weinberg)

included subjects such as handling suicide attempts, officer survival, battered spouses, child abuse and criminal law decisions.

Rubino said Indian River County Sheriff Sam Joyce played a major role in the in-service training project by arranging for the initial funding through a federal grant.

Air Force was a bargain

DELAND — In two years the Volusia County Sheriff's Department has transformed \$6,250 worth of surplus military aircraft into a small air force valued at about \$750,000.

This noteworthy accomplishment, which has been applauded lately by the news media, began in 1977 when Sheriff Ed Duff convinced the County Council it was a good deal to buy two surplus twin engine Helio Courier airplanes for transporting prisoners and performing other law enforcement chores.

They were purchased for \$1,000, completely renovated for \$6,000, and soon proved that the Sheriff's predictions about their usefulness had been correct.

In 1978 the Sheriff bought seven military surplus helicopters, two of them Hueys and five of them Hughes, and the job of stripping them down and rebuilding them was begun.

"When we get through with them, it will be just like getting them off the assembly line," said Duff.

One of the Hughes choppers began flying missions in February, and by mid-summer a second was almost ready for flight testing.

The Hueys, one of which carries bullet hole souvenirs from Viet Nam, are used primarily for search and rescue missions, and in their initial months of operation they were credited with saving two lives. The proposed addition of special communications equipment for emergency medical use is expected to increase their effectiveness.

The first Hughes chopper to be put into service has also been seeing plenty of action. It has aided earthbound deputies during bank robberies, prisoner escapes and surveillance missions, and it is also used on routine patrols.

News reports have given most of the credit for the development of the Sheriff's air force to Cpl. Bernie Serafinowicz, who flies missions and is also a handy man with a wrench; Pilot Zeke Walker and Mechanic Art LaBelle.

Dyess airborne too

LABELLE — To the list of counties that have benefited from drug smuggling arrests add Hendry.

Sheriff Earl Dyess recently acquired a Piper Super Cub airplane as the result of a drug bust. He said he plans to use it in rescue missions, and also for stalking drug smugglers and cattle rustlers.

Assistant State Attorney Ralph Elver was credited with working out a deal whereby a Piper Navajo airplane seized in a drug raid in October, 1978, was returned to the owners, and they purchased the \$8,500 single-engine Cub for the Sheriff.

Deputies in limelight

PENSACOLA — Four Escambia County deputy sheriffs received special recognition for good police work.

Investigator Doyle Thomas was honored as the Law Officer of the Month by the Friends of Law Enforcement organization after he spearheaded two burglary investigations that netted nine arrests and recovery of stolen property valued at around \$10,000.

Deputies Vince Seely, David Rimmer and Roger Tyree shared a \$500 reward from the Florida Roadbuilders Association after they were successful in solving a vandalism case in which road building equipment was damaged.

Mutual admiration

OCALA — Florida Citrus Mutual presented a plaque to Marion County Sheriff Don Moreland in recognition of the good work his department had done in curbing thefts of citrus fruit and grove equipment.

It was said that the effectiveness of Moreland's men could be attributed in part to the fact that they had attended a number of seminars dealing with citrus thefts.

"I found my son..."

PUNTA GORDA — This letter was found in the Editor's mailbag at the Herald News:

"I am a senior citizen and had a missing son not knowing if he was dead or alive. I searched all avenues trying to locate him.

"I went to Sgt. Riley of the Charlotte County Sheriff's Department. He in turn searched all leads possible. Then one day my sister got a call from Cleveland from my son, who called from a public phone; so I in turn got in touch with Sgt. Riley, told him this and gave him the phone number. He in turn called the Cleveland Police Department and found out the area where my son could be found.

"I took a bus to Cleveland and had Sgt. Riley give me the name of the sergeant to get in touch with there.

"So, with the help of Sgt. Bader in Cleveland and with the help of Sgt. Riley I found my son in Veterans Hospital after searching for four years.

"I want to thank Sheriff LeBeau for having a very competent man as Sgt. Riley to work and help me in my time of depression."

Respectfully yours,
Robert Wagner
Port Charlotte

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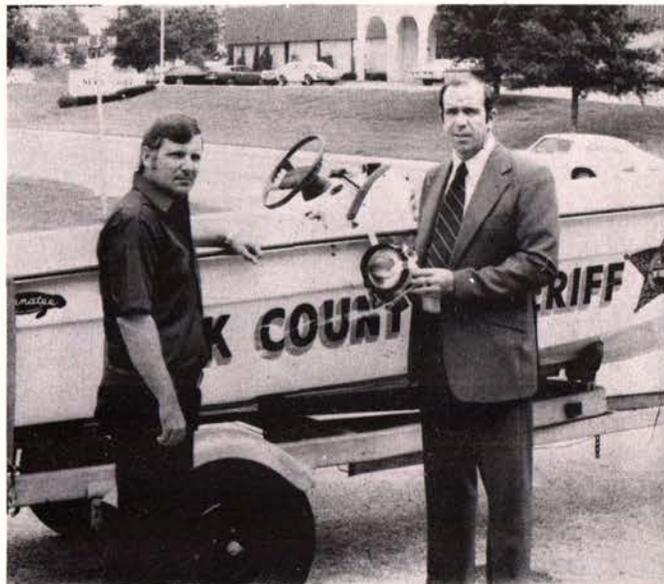
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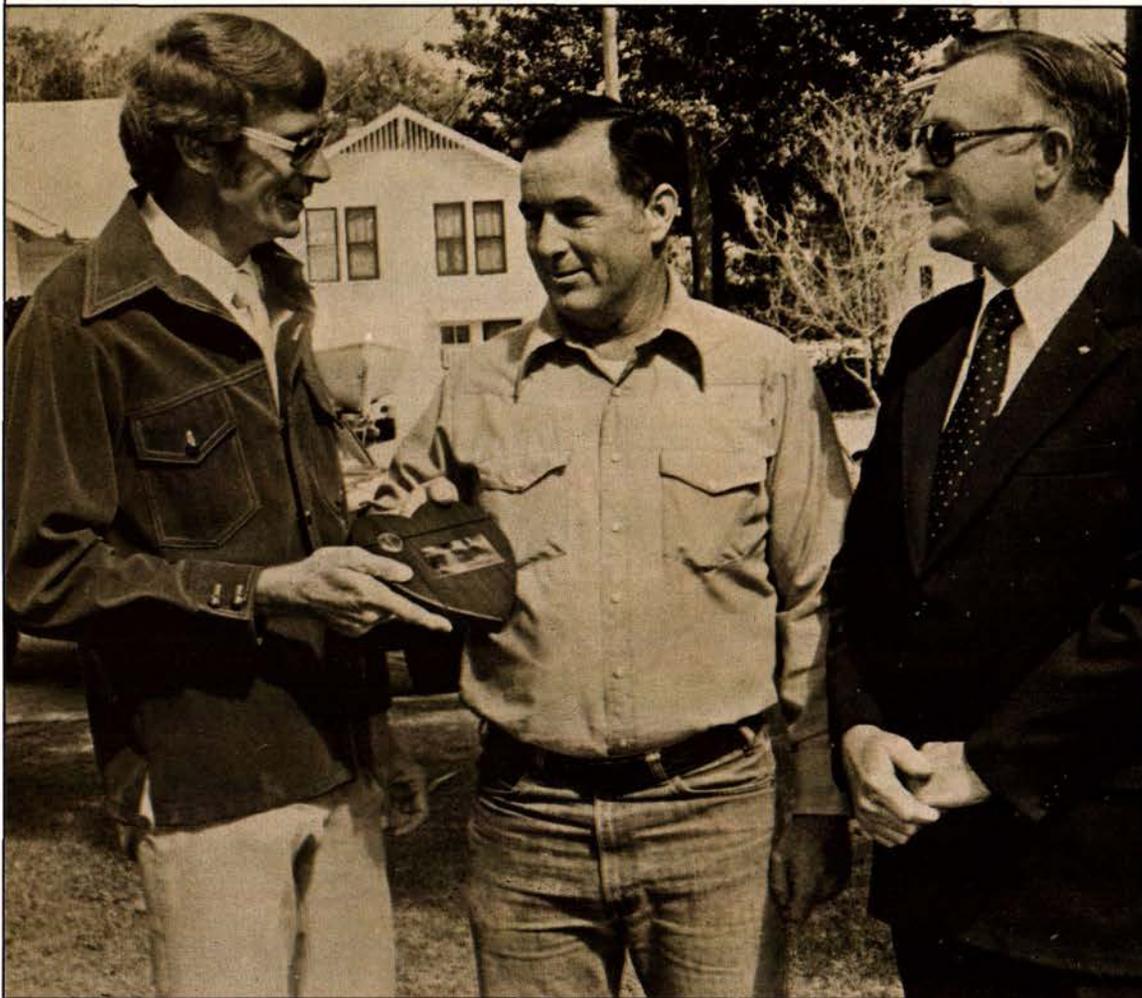
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For Rescues at Night

WINTER HAVEN — Tom King (left), owner of Winter Haven Marine, gave a powerful spotlight to Polk County Sheriff Louie Mims which the Sheriff said would be used on his patrol boat.

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Deputy honored for life saving skills

LAKE CITY — Columbia County Sheriff Glenn Bailey (right) was a proud witness when the Columbia County unit of the American Heart Association, represented by Errol Gillette (left), presented an appreciation plaque to Deputy Sheriff Claude Phillips in recognition of the life saving skills he demonstrated at the scene of a tragic highway accident. Deputy Phillips had completed a course in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) just 24 hours prior to the accident, and used his training effectively, according to Gillette, who was a member of a rescue team called to the scene. "His being certified in CPR made it possible for us to give other needed medical help to the victim," Gillette said. He added that the Heart Association award was the first presented in Columbia County, "and probably the first one in the state."