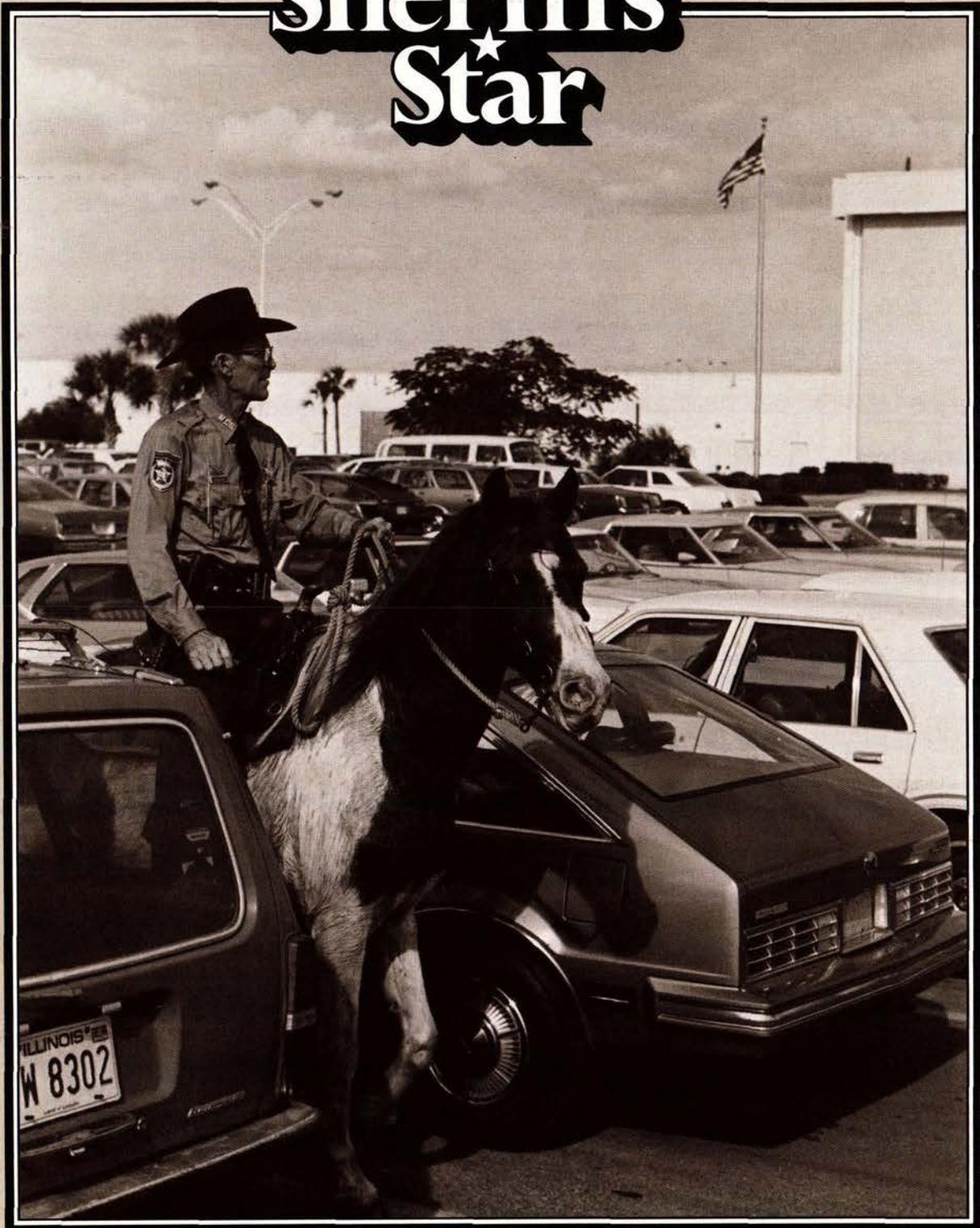


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Sheriff Thomas M. Burton, who got together with posse members to plan the shopping center patrol project.



'Twas a lousy Christmas for parking lot looters

BRADENTON — Those thieves who used to make a career out of looting cars in shopping center parking lots during the holiday season are nursing memories of another miserable Christmas.

Some had to actually go out and buy gifts for their families and friends, instead of stealing them out of parked cars.

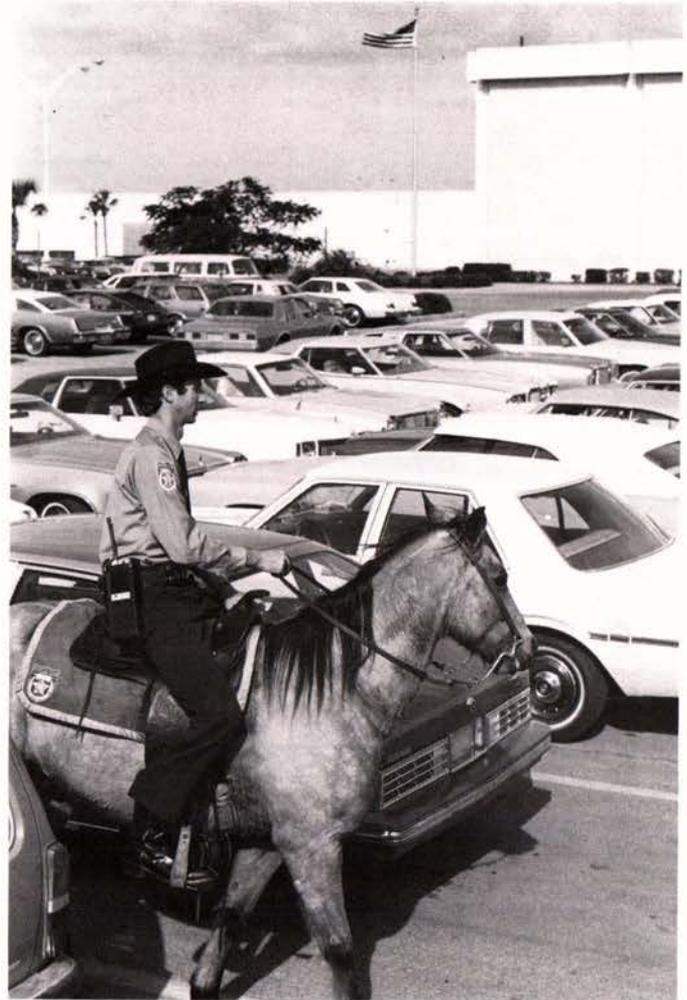
Some sat at home grumbling and throwing darts at Sheriff Thomas M. Burton's picture.

Others complained about nightmares in which they dreamed they were just about to steal some beautiful gift packages from a parked car when they were interrupted by the sound of approaching horses' hooves.

Now that a new year has begun, a melancholy malaise still troubles these frustrated robbing hoods, and a few have been seen standing in welfare lines muttering complaints about Sheriff Burton and his mounted posse. They have learned to rue the day that the Sheriff got together with his posse members and decided to begin horseback patrols of shopping center parking lots.

The posse patrols were started during the Christmas season of 1978 after thefts from parked cars had become a serious problem.

Sheriff Burton had already increased patrol car and motorcycle patrols around the shopping centers. but he didn't have



Capt. Al Farrington, head of the Mounted Posse, carries a walkie-talkie radio on his hip so full-time Sheriff's Department deputies can be summoned if an emergency develops.

the men nor the vehicles available to do the all-out job that needed to be done. He reasoned that posse members on horseback would be more effective than deputies in patrol cars because they could see and be seen over a wider area — and he was right.

At the end of the 1978 holiday shopping spree — after some 38 posse members had logged 1,133 hours of day and night patrols — it became evident that thefts from parked cars had been reduced drastically.

The fact that many posse members did not have arrest powers had posed no problem. The mere presence of uniformed horsemen had discouraged looting and few arrests had been made.

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Cover Photo First Lt. Robert Bayliss, second in command, on patrol at DeSoto Mall.



Junior Posse member Sharon King and Junior Posse Director George Lusby on patrol.

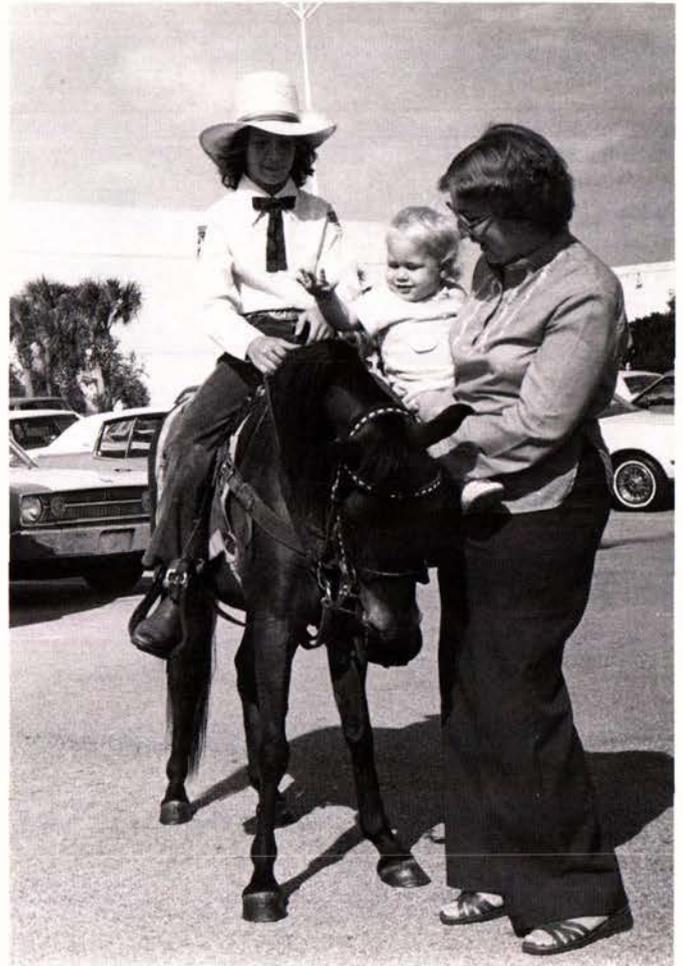


Meeting pretty shoppers (in this instance Linda Cappelli, from Orlando) is one of the fringe benefits of parking lot patrol for 2nd Lt. Jack Gunther, the posse's third in command.

The posse holiday patrols were repeated in 1979 with equal success, and with equally enthusiastic approval from shoppers and merchants.

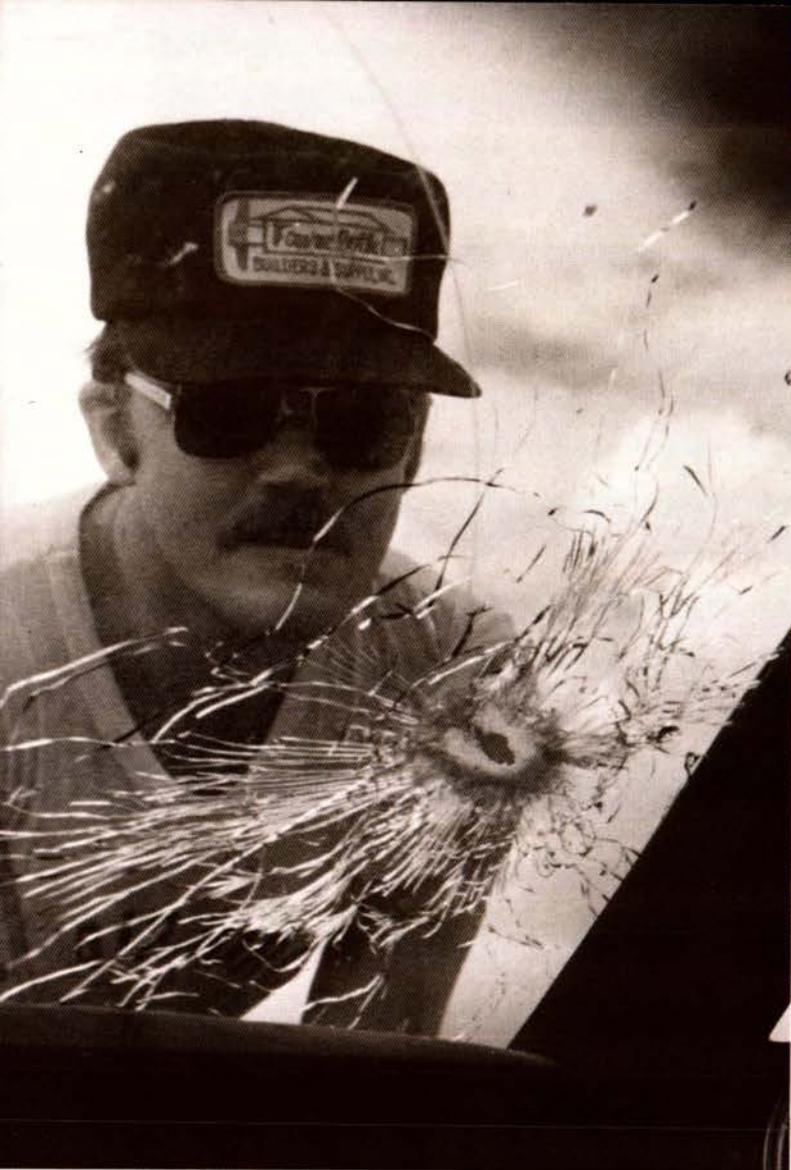
Taxpayers were especially pleased because the patrols had not cost them a penny.

Posse members were happy too, even though the anti-theft project cost them many sacrifices in terms of time and money — but they are, after all, a strange breed. Who else but a posse member would spend thousands of dollars on steeds and equipment, work without pay in all kinds of weather, and take time away from family and business just for the privilege of performing a public service?



Kelly Lowe, a member of the Junior Posse, pauses to let a young admirer pet her pony.

No wonder Sheriff Burton's posse members are liked and admired by nearly everyone — nearly everyone except those unemployed parking lot looters who recently began another new year standing in welfare lines.



ORLANDO — Responding to a routine call, Deputy Sheriffs Dan Sells and Jimmie Mays were attacked by a drug-crazed man swinging a meat hatchet.

It would have been easy, and certainly justifiable, to have shot the man, but instead the deputies held their fire and, through patient maneuvering, were able to subdue their attacker with “mace.”

Deputy Willie Williams, in an unrelated incident, was approaching a house where someone had been injured, and possibly murdered, when suddenly he was looking at the business end of a gun held by the murder suspect.

Quickly he vaulted a fence, dove into a ditch for cover, and was able to get back to his patrol car safely to radio for back-up units.

Patient, professional police work saved the life of the meat hatchet man.

Alertness saved the life of Deputy Williams.

And, in both cases, the credit has been given to Sheriff Mel Colman’s new Officer Survival School, a tough, 48-hour course that gives officers an opportunity to act out under realistic conditions most of the dangerous nightmare situations they are likely to encounter on the job.

Both Sells and Williams said the principles and tactics they were taught in the Survival School enabled them to take cool and correct action in dangerous life-or-death situations.

That’s exactly what Major Tom Sheets had in mind last year when he proposed a training program that would help deputies to anticipate and survive the daily risks of their jobs.

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Deputy Morris Bowling ponders what it would be like to be shot at, after watching a weapons demonstration.

SURVIVAL is the



How to survive by maintaining a low profile is demonstrated by Sgt. Jimmie Wilson.



Learning to vault a high fence today may save this deputy’s life tomorrow.



To shoot or not to shoot, that is the question as Sgt. Jimmie Watson draws down on electrically controlled targets that represent lethal as well as harmless suspects.

name of the game



Sgt. Tom Slimick learning to "make like a snake" under barbed wire and tunnel obstacles on the firearms combat/stress course.

SURVIVAL

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With Sheriff Colman's blessing, Sheets, Lt. Jay Leffert, and Sgts. Tom Slimick and Jimmie Watson put together a curriculum designed to expose students to a wide variety of staged incidents such as bar fights, ambushes, domestic quarrels and shoot-outs.

A combat and reflex shooting course was laid out on the stark landscape of a nearby landfill; the campus of Dubose Academy, a private school, was selected for some of the survival field exercises; and students from the Academy, as well as from Valencia Community College, volunteered to play roles in the bar fights, domestic quarrels and other staged incidents.

The result was a "school of hard knocks" which Press Information Officer Richard King said was "almost as real as life itself.

"There's 'blood,' stress, distress, killings, fights, thefts, robberies in progress, traffic stops — slices of life from a deputy's daily work," he added, "and all this may some day save deputies' lives."



Student actress Christy Clark swings a beer bottle, and (fortunately) misses the head of Deputy Terrell Hendrix in a staged bar brawl.



Detective Marvin Cavender and Deputy Robert Trapp cautiously approach an "armed suspect" barricaded in high grass.



"Who me?" yells Deputy Robert Easterling, posing as a thief caught in the act by Detective Martin Cavender.



Student Actress Mana Hameline and Deputy Martin Solomon (with beer can) fake a domestic quarrel while Deputy Bob Trapp tries to break it up.



At last Polygraph Examiner Rodger E. Webb (seated) has a room which is used exclusively for polygraph examinations. Pictured with him is John Spolski, Communications Supervisor.



Sheriff Polk and his secretary, Aileen Christ, in the Sheriff's attractive and spacious office.



Working conditions have improved tremendously for Joyce Duguid, Lorraine McLeod, Susan Skates and Debbie Caruthers in the communications room.

Communications have been visibly upgraded by having more space for efficient operation, and by installation of a new "Dimension 400" telephone system that Polk describes as "the damndest thing I ever saw."

It allows paging and intercommunications throughout the building, as well as automatic callback, conference calls and other special features. Polk explained that if he dials a number and gets a busy signal, he simply hangs up and waits for the system to automatically call him when the number is no longer busy. Redialing is not necessary.

Although the building was built in 1965 on what was then a U. S. Navy air base, and although it was not intended as an office building, it was extensively renovated by a commu-

nications firm that moved in after the Navy moved out, and the Sheriff's Department has benefited greatly from these improvements.

"All we had to do was clean the carpets and move in," a beaming Polk told a visitor who was touring the new GHQ. However, "moving in" was something else for an agency that has 209 full-time employees and operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The fact that the move was accomplished without any disruption of essential services was "really phenomenal," Polk admits.

The move began on June 18 with all the precision of a well planned military campaign. It involved professional movers, most of the department's full-time employees, and a number of



Paneling, carpeting and wallpaper create a pleasant environment for Records Division employees. They are (from left) Elaine Pavone, Frances Willis, Annie Ruth Carroll, Rita Reynolds, Lt. William Chandler, Gail Cummings and Hazel Cash.



Crime Scene Investigator Dick Cabana checks over color photo processing equipment which was being unpacked and installed when this photo was taken.



Two conference rooms will enhance the Sheriff's in-service training program. Clockwise around the table are Lt. William Hogan, Sgt. Ralph Salerno, Chief Deputy Duane Harrell, Cpl. Robert Simmons, Comptroller Betty Simcoe and Capt. Jason Leman.

Sheriff Polk makes big move *continued*

agencies such as Motorola, Southern Bell Telephone Company, the Florida Crime Information Center, Seminole County Maintenance Division, the Federal Communications Commission and Dictaphone.

The Communications Division of the Sheriff's Office which utilizes radio, telephone, teletype and recording equipment, did not go off the air for one minute, Polk said.

The new location puts the Sheriff within walking distance of the two airplanes he uses for search, rescue and surveillance missions. It also provides plenty of parking for employees and visitors; and best of all, Polk adds, "It is very economical."

He explained that the rent paid to the Sanford Airport Authority, present owner of the former U. S. Navy facility, is very reasonable.

Other county agencies will benefit by acquiring additional office space, he added. Some are using about 6,000 square feet of space in the airport building, and others are expected to take over the office space vacated by the Sheriff's Department at the downtown courthouse location.

Polk has obviously made a good move, and in a few months he will be making another one — from an old, inadequate county jail to a new \$5 million correctional facility that is now in the final stages of construction.



Roomy supply room pleases Supply Officer Val Sheffield and Secretary Joann Birkemeyer.

APOPKA — The Fifth Annual Robert A. Jaeb Invitational Golf Tournament netted \$8,000 for the Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund, and the proceeds were presented to Polk County Sheriff Louie Mims (second from right), who is the Youth Fund Secretary-Treasurer. Pictured with him at the presentation are (from left) Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Jaeb and Leroy Selmon, of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Mr. Jaeb, who is the owner of the Shop & Go convenience store chain, matched \$4,000 raised in the benefit tournament, and Selmon was the guest speaker at tournament ceremonies.



Gallery of Generous Givers

PLANT CITY — Hillsborough County Sheriff Walter Heinrich (right) accepts a generous cash gift which was given to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch and Girls Villa by Walter Harkala, Vice-President of Plant City Steel Company, a division of Harsco Corporation.



FORT PIERCE — The Ken Perona Oldsmobile Golf Tournament held at Indian Hill Country Club netted \$1,500 for the Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund and the proceeds were presented to St. Lucie County Sheriff Lanie Norvell (center) by Ken Perona and his son, Tom, who was chairman of the event.



HOLLYWOOD — When the Florida State Moose Association held its 32nd Annual State Convention at the Diplomat Hotel, Cecil Webster (left), State Director of the Loyal Order of Moose, presented checks totaling \$10,800 to Don Genung, Vice President of Planned Giving for the Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund. The funds were raised for the Youth Fund by Moose Lodges throughout the state prior to the convention.

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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TALLAHASSEE — Leon County Sheriff Ken Katsaris presents a Builder Certificate to W. O. Bigham, Sr., and son, Billy; and a Lifetime Honorary Membership plaque to Lester Moon, of Moon Jewelry Co., Inc.



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Melbourne



TAVARES — Lake County Sheriff Malcolm McCall (left) presents a Lifetime Honorary Membership to Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Acuff, of Eustis.



TAVARES — Lake County Sheriff Malcolm McCall (left) presents a Lifetime Honorary Membership to Wilson and Mable H. Kennedy, of Leesburg.



TITUSVILLE — Brevard County Sheriff Rollin W. Zimmerman (right) presents a Lifetime Honorary Membership to Col. and Mrs. William A. Lewis, of Sharpes, who have supported the Boys Ranch for many years and recently donated a valuable parcel of land to the Ranch.



TALLAHASSEE - Leon County Sheriff Ken Katsaris (left) presents a Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund Builder Certificate to Bob Lindsay.

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How to stay slimmer in the “slammer”

QUINCY — Prisoners get fat, flabby and fractious when they sit around in their cells day after day with no physical activity.

But, there's little chance of that happening in the Gadsden County Jail where Sheriff W. A. Woodham and his staff have used their ingenuity to provide ample opportunity for strenuous exercise in a small space and on a small budget.

Prisoners are permitted to box, lift weights, jog, do calisthenics and shoot baskets in an exercise yard surrounded by brick walls and a chain link fence. Scaling the 20-foot fence, which is topped with barbed wire, is not an acceptable form of exercise, but one prisoner — a karate expert — managed to accomplish this seemingly impossible feat, Chief Jailer Charles L. Finch said.

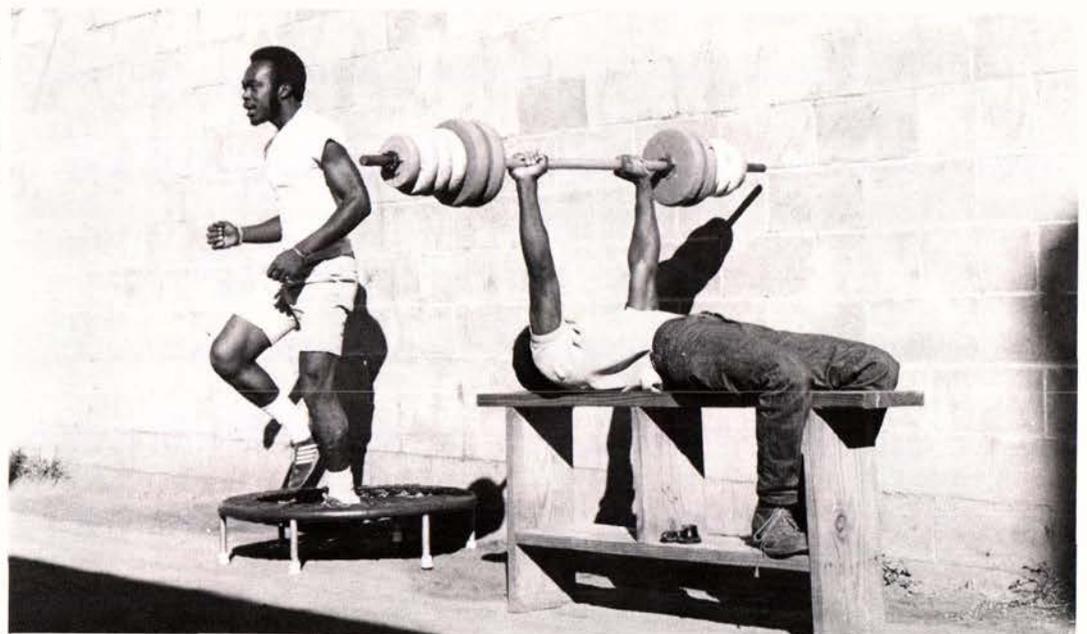
One of the unique features of the Sheriff's exercise program is a miniature trampoline, 38 inches in diameter, called a “Jog-N-Tramp,” which is manufactured by Round Trampoline, Inc., a Quincy firm.

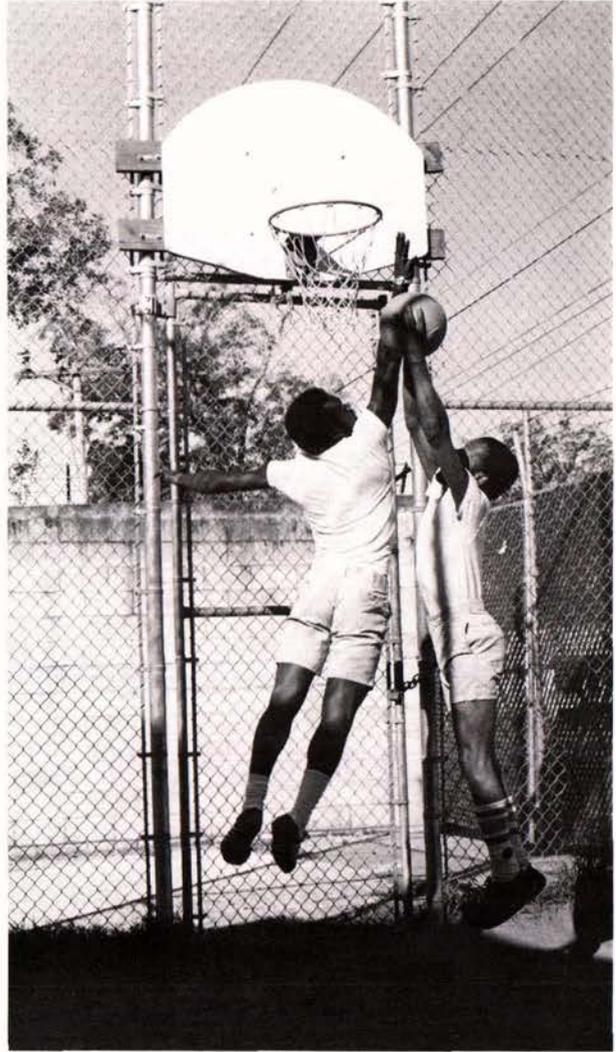
This all-weather device can be used for jogging indoors or outdoors in a small space, and it is said to have been recommended by doctors and therapists because its springy surface reduces the wear and tear on joggers' leg and hip joints.

Jogging and other forms of exercise have become popular with Gadsden County prisoners as a means of working off tension, anger and frustration; and taking away exercise privileges has proven to be an effective form of discipline — equally as effective as taking away television privileges, according to Chief Jailer Finch.

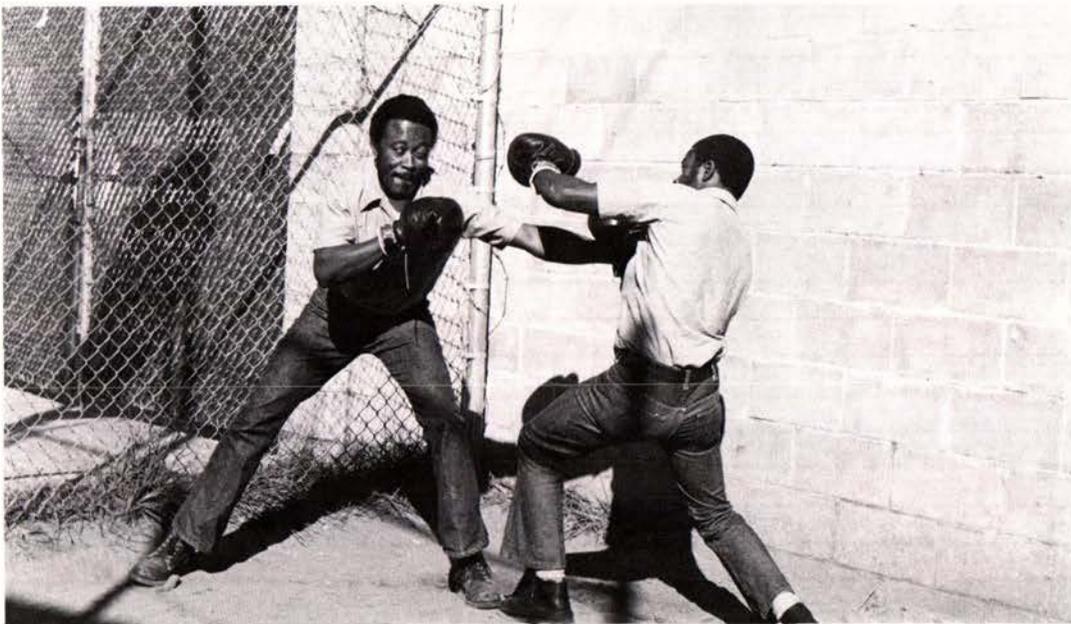


Indoors or outdoors,
joggin' or froggin' —
the Jog-N-Tramp
gives prisoners an
opportunity to work
off fat and frustration.





Assistant Chief Jailer Buddy Peddie and other members of the jail staff keep a record of exercise sessions, and require prisoners to sign an exercise log.





Teaching is a tool



BARTOW — Photos of Neil Merrill teaching school bus drivers how to detect symptoms of drug abuse among students; Carol Cribbs and Gay Reed learning firearms safety in a rape defense seminar; and 9-year-old Matt Smith getting bicycle safety pointers from deputies provide three examples of the many ways in which Sheriff Louie Mims uses teaching as a tool to enhance the safety and security of Polk County residents. (Lakeland Ledger photos by Paul Johnson and Mary Jones)
