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*Jacksonville's "last legend"
has packed his plaques.
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25 years on patrol prepared Chaplain for counseling deputies and inmates



Iron bars pose no barrier for Chaplain Jake Cravey when he is giving directions to Dixie County Jail inmates who have lost their way spiritually, or need someone to help them repair their broken down faith.

CROSS CITY — During the 25 years that Jake Cravey cruised Florida's roads as a Florida Highway Patrol trooper and Weights Division officer, he helped countless motorists who had lost their way or were stranded due to breakdowns.

And now that he's retired, he has a similar mission — giving directions to jail inmates who have lost their way spiritually, or need someone to help them repair their broken down faith.

As Chaplain for the Dixie County Sheriff's Department, he also has opportunities to "jump start" deputies whose emotional batteries have been drained by the stress of their jobs.

"When I was with the Highway Patrol I saw several needs," the Rev. Mr. Cravey said recently. "First was the forgotten officers on the front line of defense against crime. They are under pressure from criminals, their bosses, the public and the press. They need counseling, understanding and someone to call on in time of need. I believe I understand their problems and can relate to them."

Marital difficulties constitute the number one problem for law enforcement officers, said Cravey, due to the fact that their families have to take second priority behind their jobs, and they face many temptations that can lead to infidelity.

Before retiring from the Florida Highway Patrol, Cravey also became aware of the problems of jail inmates "who needed to experience a change in their lives, first on the inside, and then on the outside."

"I saw thousands of dollars spent on programs to



Dixie County Sheriff Glen Dyals (right) gives Chaplain Jake Cravey a few items to add to his pocket calendar.

'work' convicts back into society that failed," he added.

"A changing of the heart and spirit needs to transpire before real rehabilitation can take place, for it is not just a problem of environment, nor just an emotional problem, it is a spiritual problem that only Christ can solve."

In his contacts with jail inmates, Chaplain Cravey makes it clear that he is there to uplift their spiritual well being, and not to help them get out of jail. "It's hard to minister to them without being used," he explained.

Chaplain Cravey began his Florida Highway Patrol career in Cross City in 1956, and ended it there in 1981 after working traffic as a trooper and also serving with the Weights Division.

Two years before retirement he "answered God's call into the ministry," and he subsequently received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Luther Rice Seminary,

in Jacksonville. Presently he is the Pastor of Rock Sink Baptist Church, with a "flock" of 330, including Dixie County Sheriff Glen Dyals and his wife Betsy.

Conversations with Dyals led to the role of Sheriff's Department Chaplain which has taken a substantial bite out of any spare time Cravey might have been hoarding, but the big man with the voice and piercing gaze of authority has no regrets — and receives no pay.

"Serving as a chaplain has blessed me in many ways," said he. "It is very satisfying. I enjoy being able to share with deputies. I believe I understand their problems and can relate to them."

"I also consider it a challenge to counsel with county jail inmates — to present Christ to them, and to see their lives change even while they are still in jail."

Hospital aiding Sheriff's "crack attack"

FORT PIERCE — St. Lucie County Sheriff Bobby Knowles is receiving valuable support from Lawnwood Regional Medical Center in his campaign against cocaine — especially against "crack," a cheap but often deadly form of the illegal drug.

Nurses from the hospital's emergency room have volunteered to go into elementary and middle schools to describe some of the severe and sometimes fatal drug cases they have treated. The hospital has also purchased drug identification kits for the use of School Resource Officers from the Sheriff's Department.

Sheriff Knowles said the identification kits will be useful because many youngsters do not know what dangerous drugs look like, and therefore are not adequately prepared to turn down offers to try them.

Staff members said the hospital treats about ten people per day for cocaine-related emergencies.



Sheriff Bobby Knowles (left) discusses "crack attack" strategies with (from left) School Resource Officer Denny Holerger, Lawnwood Regional Medical Center Administrator Nick Carbone, and Registered Nurse Marie Pedrick.

Barefoot Sheriff finds "trouble" lurking in his own back yard

BRADENTON — Manatee County Sheriff Charlie Wells doesn't have to leave home to run into trouble.

Here's what happened late one night, according to news reports:

Wells arrived home from a softball game shortly after midnight, kicked off his shoes, and sat down to watch the end of the "Monday Night Football" telecast.

He heard a car door close, and walked barefoot into his back yard to investigate, then climbed over a six-foot wooden fence to check out the vacant lot next

door. A car was parked there. He saw no one around it, so he took the car keys and went back into the house to get his service revolver.

After he climbed the fence a second time, someone hiding in the darkness "blind-sided" him with a punch that bloodied his face. Wells decked his attacker, who got up and started to run away. Wells started to chase him, but gave up when his bare feet encountered a patch of sandspurs.

Meanwhile, a woman from the neighborhood was looking for the same fugitive — suspecting that he had

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During his 28 years as Sheriff of Jacksonville, Dale Carson accumulated a wall full of plaques, certificates and awards for leadership, "Citizen of the Year," cleaning up Jacksonville, "Outstanding Elected Official of the Year," and so on, but, when asked to select the one that meant the most to him, he quickly chose the Florida Sheriffs Association Lifetime Honorary membership plaque he is holding in this photo.



The "last legend" left 'em laughing

JACKSONVILLE — When Jacksonville Sheriff Dale Carson retired on December 1, 1986, he made his exit in the best tradition of those old time vaudeville performers who claimed that the mark of a real trouper was to "always leave 'em laughing."

Now Carson in no way resembled a baggy pants comedian, but he did have a flair for telling jokes, or dropping a quick quip into an otherwise serious situation, and that was one of the attributes Jacksonvillians were talking about after he announced he was capping off a law enforcement career of almost 40 years.

A news reporter raised a few chuckles when he recalled the straight-faced opening statement Carson made at a press conference. "We really had a crisis at the Sheriff's Department this morning," said Carson. "Somebody put a birth control pill in the Xerox machine, and it wouldn't reproduce."

Also resurrected in print was another Carsonism that occurred when the members of Jacksonville's Public Safety Committee were in a snit over the damage prisoners were doing to the local jail. "Maybe you could get us a better class of prisoners," said Carson, and the tension relaxed.

No situation was too serious to accommodate a Carson quip, not even the Jacksonville riots in the 1970s when the Sheriff and two other law enforcement officers were surrounded by hundreds of angry, cursing demonstrators. Carson made this adrenalin-boosting situation memorable by telling his companions: "Take no prisoners."

Carson's wife Doris, a physician and one time chief of staff at a large Jacksonville hospital, was not inclined to roll her eyes, raise her eyebrows, or make deprecating remarks about the stand-up comic that lurked behind her husband's sober facade. She apparently loves his levity.

A friend recalls she laughed as much as any of the bystanders when her husband said "I'm the only Sheriff who gets a physical when he comes home at night."

What a complex man was this one ... never a clown in spite of his irrepressible alter ego, never obnoxiously aggressive, actually shy in crowds and at social occasions, yet a stout fellow when the occasion demanded it, and professional through and through.



Sponsoring a Police Athletic League was one of Carson's accomplishments. In this photo he was "kicking off" a successful fund raising drive to build a big recreation complex for the League.

His professionalism and his mettle were tested to the utmost by the chaotic mess he encountered in 1958 after Governor LeRoy Collins ousted Sheriff Al Cahill and appointed Carson to get the department "back on track." News articles spoke of prevalent unrest and rumors of corruption.

Carson was an FBI agent stationed in Jacksonville at the time. "I really enjoyed my work with the FBI," he recalled recently. "I figured I would come into the Sheriff's Department, calm things down, and go back to the FBI."

Instead, he stayed on for 28 years, and was considering the possibility of running for one more four-year term when a mild 1986 heart attack caused him to rearrange his priorities.

This 28-year *tour de force* by a self-effacing guy who hated political campaigning and begging for campaign contributions caused one observer to remark that Carson "may be the last police legend Jacksonville will ever see." The pundit's rationale was that close scrutiny by the media and the public, a changed political climate, and the ongoing demand for professionalism would prevent future tenure records like the ones set by Carson and the late former Sheriff Rex Sweat. They controlled the Sheriff's Department for all but one of the past 53 years.

Carson considers consolidation of the Duval County Sheriff's Department and the Jacksonville Police Department, which began in 1968, as one of the greatest achievements of his 28-year tenure — and also one of his toughest challenges.

Long-simmering antagonism between the two departments was not easy to overcome. Funds were not immediately available to purchase new uniforms, and therefore during the first year the policemen and deputies wore their old uniforms — a mismatch colorwise and otherwise.

Equalizing salaries, with the city lawmen averaging about \$150 below the deputies, created another strain



Breaking ground for a new Police Memorial Building was an important milestone for Carson, who is at right. After the building was completed and occupied by the Sheriff's Department, it was hailed as one of the nation's most modern law enforcement administrative centers.



Taken during one of many election victory parties honoring the onetime raw political rookie who never tasted defeat at the polls, this photo shows Carson and his wife Doris (at left) with a covey of family members and relatives.

on the budget. Last-minute, pre-consolidation promotions in the city police department made the problem more severe. "Suddenly I had 158 extra sergeants," Carson recalled on the eve of his retirement. "It was a tough time."

Policing the consolidated city's 840 square miles (an area said to be exceeded by only one other American city, Juneau, Alaska) was indeed a monumental task, but it was accomplished with sufficient professional panache to draw visitors from across the U.S. and beyond who wanted to view the results.

Carson's career has not been an easy one, but he says once he got a taste of law enforcement almost 40 years ago, he never considered any other profession.

In the 1940s, while attending Ohio State University as a criminology student, he decided he had better get some practical experience in his field to make certain this was an acceptable career choice. So, he dropped out of school for six months and went to work in the Columbus, Ohio, police department as a rookie cop —



Carson with his first grandchild, Whitney Carson, who is now five years old.

walking a beat, working vice, getting a broad perspective.

That experience convinced him he was on the right track, so he returned to OSU, and got his degree in criminology in 1949. His first offer in the job market was a position as a prison psychologist paying \$275 a month, but he passed that up when he discovered he could make \$450 a month as a special agent (detective) for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

Rousting hoboes out of the railroad yards wasn't exactly his idea of a prime law enforcement job, but it kept a balance in his bank account while he continued to harbor his long-held ambition to become an FBI agent — a goal that dated back to 1940 when his high school graduating class toured the FBI headquarters in Washington, D.C.

A break came in 1951 when the FBI opened its ranks to non-lawyers, and agreed to accept college graduates with criminology degrees and practical police experience. Carson became an FBI agent that year and was assigned to Memphis, Miami (a one-day tour) and Jacksonville before accepting Gov. Collins' appointment as Sheriff.

The appointment offer materialized suddenly one Sunday afternoon in January, 1958, when Carson was summoned to Tallahassee for a 9 p.m. meeting with Collins at the Governor's mansion. He was forced to make an immediate decision, and accepted the offer.

Later he said that, had he been given more time to think about it, and had he been aware of the politics involved and the precarious position he would be in until the appointment was confirmed by the Senate and he was elected in his own right two years later, he probably would not have accepted.

So much for what might have been. The facts are that Carson, after surmounting the initial chaos and coping with the trauma of consolidation ten years later, provided a calibre of leadership that resulted in a department with a high grade of modernization and professionalization.

Obviously, Jacksonville has benefited, and Carson



The Sheriff's concern for the needs of young people was demonstrated many times through the support he gave to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, the Police Athletic League and numerous charity drives. When this photo was taken he was the honorary chairman of a Spina Bifida campaign.

has attained the venerable statue of a "legend" — at least in the eyes of media writers who normally reserve that accolade for sports figures.

Late in November when the 64-year-old legend was preparing to pack up his laurels and go home, he was asked how he managed to cope with the stress of a pressure cooker job for 28 years.

"I've had a supportive family," said he, "also a good religious foundation and a good staff." Then he paused, grinned, and added. "Most of all a Sheriff has got to have a sense of humor."

McMillan appointed

JACKSONVILLE — James E. McMillan, 49, who formerly served as Director of Police Services in the Jacksonville Sheriff's Department, was appointed by Gov. Bob Graham to succeed retiring Sheriff Dale Carson on December 1, 1986.

A graduate of the FBI National Academy, McMillan has been with the Sheriff's Department for 21 years. He received numerous promotions prior to becoming Director of Police Services in 1983.

One of his major steps up the administrative ladder was said to have occurred in 1975 when he was placed in charge of the jails. Carson later applauded him for bringing jail operations into compliance with federal court orders.

McMillan was appointed to complete Carson's four-year term, which expires in July. In spring elections Jacksonville voters will select a Sheriff who will be sworn-in for a four-year term in July.

40 years ago:

Sheriff faced jail term if prisoner escaped

Apparently no Florida Sheriff ever went to jail for letting a prisoner escape, but it could have happened 40 years ago, according to a warning that appeared in the 1947 edition of the *Florida Sheriffs Manual*.

"If ... (a Sheriff) voluntarily allows a prisoner who has been convicted of any criminal charge to escape from his custody, the Sheriff shall suffer the same punishment to which the prisoner was sentenced ..." the manual warned.

And, this was only one of many precautionary items that now seem quaint and antiquated.

"The Sheriff should not leave the state without notifying the Governor in writing of his intention to do so," said the Manual, "and if he has left the state, he must return and resume his duties when notified by the Governor, otherwise the office may be declared vacant, and an appointment made to fill it."

Other manual gems:

*Anyone who had been convicted of duelling, sending or accepting a challenge to a duel, or acting as a second in a duel was disqualified from holding office as a Sheriff.

*It was unlawful for the Sheriff to chain or handcuff white prisoners to "colored" prisoners, and the Sheriff who did so was subject to a fine, or imprisonment and removal from office.

*A similar fate faced the Sheriff who mixed white and black or male and female prisoners.

"If any newspaper attacks the personal character of any candidate for ... Sheriff, or charges him with malfeasance or misfeasance in office, or otherwise attacks his official record, or gives free space to another for such purpose, the newspaper is required to furnish the candidate equivalent space for a reply," the manual explained.

"It must publish in as conspicuous a place, in the same kind of type, free of cost, any reply that the candidate may offer, provided such reply does not take up more space than the material replied to."

Prohibited activities for Sheriffs included:

*Practicing law. ("If an attorney is elected ... Sheriff, he surrenders his right to practice so long as he holds such office.")

*Becoming involved in an alcoholic beverage business.

*Entering into or bidding upon public works contracts.

A Sheriff was prohibited from purchasing from himself or from any firm in which he held an interest, supplies or materials intended for public use.

The law that makes the Sheriff an *ex officio* Timber Agent in his county was on the books in 1947, and is still valid, even though Sheriffs are no longer called upon to act in that capacity.

The 1947 Manual explained that a Timber Agent "must inquire diligently into all cases of trespass upon public lands, and make complaint before the proper court so that warrant of arrest may be issued. He may arrest any person trespassing upon public lands, and must seize all timber that has been cut upon public lands, or removed therefrom. Such timber shall be sold ...

"The Sheriff is compensated as Timber Agent by an allowance of one fourth of the net proceeds arising from seizures, and one fourth of all net amounts recovered from trespassers on state lands."

"It is a felony for the Sheriff to combine (conspire) with any person trespassing on state lands, or anyone engaged in getting ... timber therefrom."

Barefoot Sheriff

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been slashing the tires on her car. When she turned a corner and confronted a barefoot, bloodied man in gym shorts, she thought she had the culprit, and refused to believe he was her Sheriff. Fortunately, the woman's husband arrived and said, "Yeah honey, that's the Sheriff."

The car parked in the vacant lot next to Wells' house enabled the Sheriff's Department to learn the identity and address of the Sheriff's attacker. Deputies were waiting to arrest him when he arrived home.



Smugglers beware — Power Craft on patrol

PUNTA GORDA — Charlotte County Sheriff Glen E. Sapp (left) presented an appreciation plaque to Richard Genth, owner of Donzi Boats, after Genth sold a 33-foot Donzi Power Craft to the Sheriff's Department at a special price. Genth is a resident of Charlotte County. Sapp said the Power Craft will be a tremendous asset to Charlotte County's drug interdiction program.



We Salute!



SARASOTA — After Frank Falato (left) captured a burglar and held him until deputies arrived to make an arrest, Sarasota County Sheriff Geoffrey Monge presented a Public Service Award to him.



SARASOTA — In recognition of the many hours of volunteer duty they have contributed to the Sheriff's Marine Auxiliary in Sarasota County, Capt. Ed Prose (left) and Deputy Joe Mennen (right), received appreciation awards from Sheriff Geoffrey Monge (center).

Kenneth Irizarry

TAMPA — Capt. Kenneth Irizarry, from the Explorer Post sponsored by Hillsborough County Sheriff Walter C. Heinrich, leads the parade of law enforcement officers we are saluting in this issue of *The Sheriff's Star*.

He was praised by Sheriff Heinrich, and presented with an award by the Optimist Club of Tampa, after he rescued a woman who was being beaten in a parking lot.

The attacker, who had poured charcoal lighter fluid on the woman and apparently intended to set her on fire, ran away when he saw Irizarry running toward him, but Irizarry got the man's license number and a description of his vehicle, and deputies were able to apprehend him.

Irizarry is an honor student at the University of South Florida, where he is studying psychology and criminal justice.

George Harris

BRADENTON — Sgt. George Harris, from the Manatee County Sheriff's Department,



SARASOTA — Three Sarasota County Deputy Sheriffs received awards from Sheriff Geoffrey Monge (second from left). They are (from left) Stephen Rodgers (Heroic Achievement Award for his rescue efforts during an apartment fire); Michael Lowen and Douglas Glaser (Meritorious Achievement Awards for developing a professional and innovative training program).

was named "Deputy of the Year" by Sheriff Charlie Wells in recognition of his ability to handle numerous dangerous and delicate situations.

Harris is a hazardous materials and explosives technician in the Sheriff's Department. He

was also responsible for researching and drafting the county's fireworks ordinance, and also assisted with a new pawn shop ordinance.

Clinton C. Hulcher

ORLANDO — Cpl. Clinton C. Hulcher, from the Orange

County Sheriff's Department, was chosen Crime Prevention Officer of the Year by Crime Commission, Inc., an organization that promotes crime prevention in six central Florida counties. He was praised for the many crime prevention programs he has developed, including Neighborhood Watch.

Jim Campbell

NEW PORT RICHEY — The Suncoast Chapter of Sons of the American Revolution presented a Law Enforcement Commendation Medal to Pasco County Deputy Sheriff Jim Campbell after he rescued a young woman whose car had plunged into a lake and had sunk.

Bill Reilly

PUNTA GORDA — Col. Bill Reilly, from the Charlotte County Sheriff's Department, received a "Book of Golden Deeds" award from the Exchange Club. He was described as someone who "performs his tasks with great ability, but little recognition."



State's best crime prevention unit

TAMPA — When the Attorney General's "Help Stop Crime!" project chose the crime prevention unit in the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department as Florida's best for 1986, Sheriff Walter C. Heinrich (right) accepted the award from Help Stop Crime Regional Director Don Newton, who is on the staff at the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department.

**Billy Johnson
John L. McWilliams, IV**

ST. AUGUSTINE — Florida Sheriffs Association Distinguished Service Awards were presented to Billy Johnson, 17, and John L. McWilliams, IV, 16, by St. Johns County Sheriff Neil Perry for giving first aid to two women injured in a sports car accident. Personal risk was involved due to a gasoline leak in the wrecked sports car.

**Jerry Vaughn
Jim Bradley**

PALATKA — For the super efforts they put into a "Just say no to drugs week" campaign, Sgt. Jerry Vaughn, from the Putnam County Sheriff's Department, and Lt. Jim Bradley, from the Palatka Police Department, received Special Service Awards from the Palatka Jaycees.

Hillsborough horsemen

TAMPA — Volunteers from the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department's Mounted Posse competed against teams from 20 agencies in a national meet held



Ocala couple added to Honor Roll

OCALA — Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Rose, Sr., have been made Lifetime Honorary Members of the Florida Sheriffs Association as an expression of appreciation for the support they have given to the Association and the law enforcement profession. The membership was presented by Major Dan Henry (right), Chief of the Field Services Bureau in the Marion County Sheriff's Department.

at the Hialeah (Florida) Race Track, and returned with a second-place trophy.

Trained by Charlie Hopkins, the Hillsborough team included Special Deputies Tammy Durdin, Don Durdin, Nancy Harden, Sgt. Mary Oliver and Cpl. Terri Wallace.



K-9 Zack retiring with honors

SARASOTA — Disabled by a degenerative hip disease, K-9 Zack has retired from the Sarasota County Sheriff's Department, after setting a record for drug and building searches and taking credit for 20 criminal apprehensions. Sheriff Geoff Monge (right) placed Zack's name on the Department's K-9 Faithful Service Honor Roll, and his handler, Cpl. Jack Ellis (left), promised to take good care of him.



Distinguished Service Award Presented

FT. PIERCE — After Edward E. Whitaker completed 25 years of loyal support as an honorary member of the Florida Sheriffs Association, he received a Distinguished Service Award which was presented by St. Lucie County Sheriff Bobby Knowles (left).

Facing the Gallows — Part III

The execution ritual

After final statements were made (and barring no last minute reprieve from the governor) the execution was carried out. In most instances a hood or mask was placed over the head of the prisoner. The hood was normally of the drawstring variety, and was pulled tight by one of the assistants. Perhaps the hood served two purposes: first, to provide the felon with a last sensory perception devoid of the oftentimes morbid crowd; and second, to shield the onlookers from the ghastly look of death.

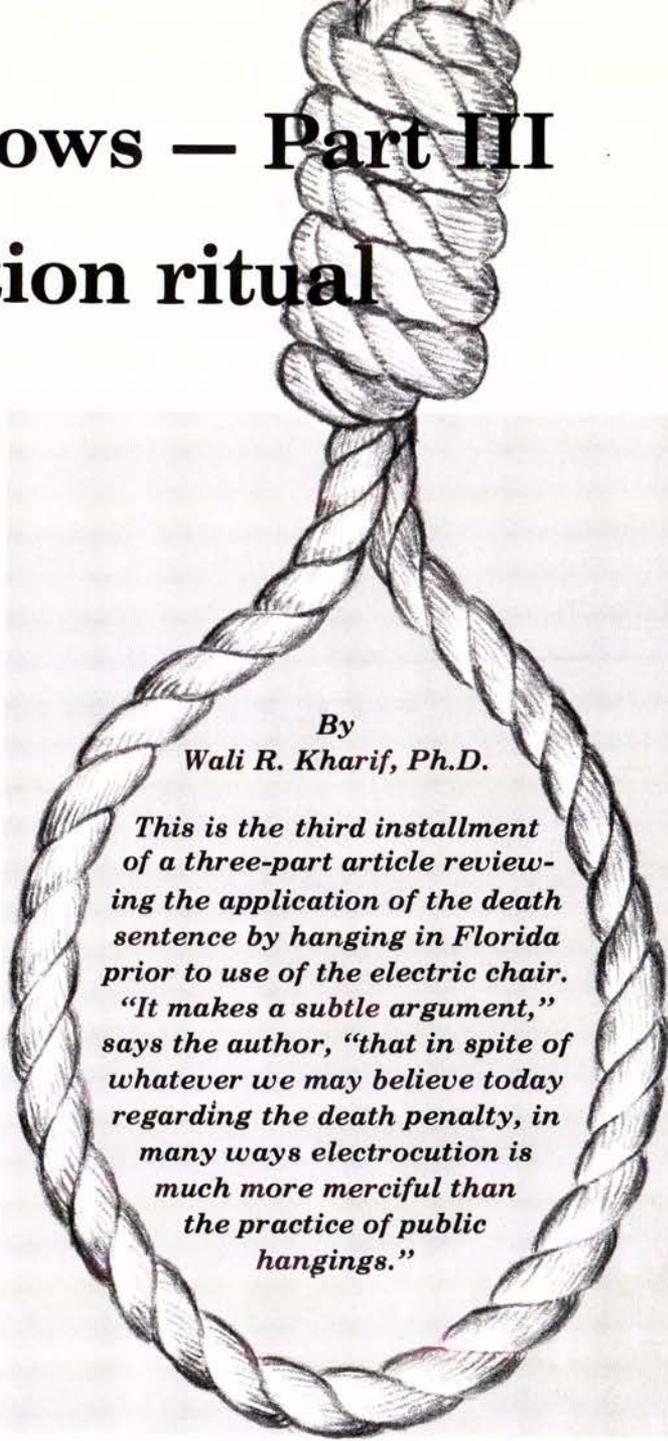
The rope, in some instances “well greased,” was tied in a hangman’s noose and placed around the neck with the noose cinched behind the left ear. The rope size varied. One-half and three-quarter inch rope were most frequently used, but rope as large as two and one-quarter inches in diameter was used in the Duval County execution of Bill Westmoreland.

After insuring the the rope was secure, one of the prison guards or assistants dropped to his knees and checked the knee and ankle straps. Finally, the Sheriff gave a signal to an executioner and the trap was sprung.

Ideally, death was to occur instantaneously from a calculated drop, often determined by weight, height, muscular construction, and age. The drop was intended to break the neck, or, technically, to separate the first and second vertebrae of the spinal column, causing immediate loss of consciousness and brain death. The actual end of all breathing and heartbeat occurred generally within ten to fifteen minutes. On those occasions when the neck was not broken or was only partially dislocated, death occurred by asphyxiation and may have taken longer.

Several men put to death by hanging in Florida were victims of suffocation rather than a broken neck. Edward Heinson of Duval County died of strangulation 15 minutes after having received a partially dislocated neck from the drop. A six-foot fall did not break Alexander Sim’s neck in a Jacksonville execution, and he died of suffocation after 20 minutes. It took 17 minutes for Merrick Jackson, of Nassau County, to strangle to death even after an eight-foot fall failed to break his neck. Failure to break the neck in the fall through the trap was a shocking experience to the onlookers as well as the victim.

Florida did not provide for a state executioner to travel from county to county carrying out the death sentences. In most instances the Sheriff designated an individual to be responsible for springing the trap.



By
Wali R. Kharif, Ph.D.

This is the third installment of a three-part article reviewing the application of the death sentence by hanging in Florida prior to use of the electric chair. “It makes a subtle argument,” says the author, “that in spite of whatever we may believe today regarding the death penalty, in many ways electrocution is much more merciful than the practice of public hangings.”

The identity of the executioner was not always kept secret. He was often referred to as the “man in the box,” or the “man in the little enclosed space.”

One executioner in Jacksonville was a man named Hall, another in the same city was a black man referred to as Jack Ketch. Sometimes, as in the case of Alexander Sims who was charged with the murder of a policeman, the Sheriff himself would spring the trap. There was apparently an abundance of people available who would have volunteered to snuff out the condemned man’s life.

Present at the execution of Derry Taft in Tampa, was Ella A. Paris, sister of the woman murdered by Taft. Miss Paris not only interrupted Taft several

times during his final statements, but begged the Sheriff to let her spring the trap while shouting, "I will be glad to see you die! I want to see you die!"

In Leon County, under similar circumstances, the mother of the murder victim reportedly "gave vent to a series of happy yells and danced a regular war dance during which she threw several women around her to the ground." The Sheriff refused her requests to spring the trap, and had to have the woman restrained to control her.

Immediately after the drop, the attending physician would check to determine if the neck was broken. At intervals the attending physician would check for heartbeat and respiration, and once totally absent he would pronounce the felon dead. As a rule the body of the deceased was allowed to remain hanging for thirty minutes. This was the procedure even on occasions when instantaneous death occurred.

The family of the dead man was allowed to claim the body and make funeral arrangements. When the body was not claimed, it was placed in an inexpensive plain wooden coffin and buried at the county's expense.

Executions were fairly routine in the state during the 55-year period spanning 1869 to 1924. There were strong doubts regarding the guilt of at least four of these inmates and public demands for reprieves. Lack of legal knowledge, or incompetent counsel, resulted in conviction and the subsequent execution of another prisoner who refused to plead guilty to second degree

murder in a case where there were "seven witnesses who saw the shooting."

Two or more men were executed simultaneously on thirteen occasions (there were ten double executions, two triple executions and one quadruple execution). Perhaps the routineness explains in part the dwindling number of spectators in the last decade of execution in the state by hanging.

While it is a fact that from 1869 to 1924 at least 223 convicts were legally put to death in Florida, it remains unclear what criteria was used to choose these victims. To be sure the overwhelming majority were black, and all 223 were men. But there is little, if any, available information on their backgrounds, childhoods, family life and related experiences leading up to their arraignments, convictions and death sentences.

Though not an unusual form of punishment, death by hanging was cruel because of the uncertainty of instantaneous death. This could be attributed to several factors not the least of which were failure of the state to provide a state death chamber, and also failure to provide an official, well-trained and professional executioner to insure uniform standards.

Dr. Wali R. Kharif, a Tallahassee resident and a graduate of Florida State University, is currently employed as an Environmental Specialist with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

Trophies won by Sheriff's Mounted Patrol

ORLANDO — Orange County Sheriff Lawson Lamar (fourth from left) gave members of his Mounted Patrol an enthusiastic welcome after they competed against 47 other mounted units in the Dade County National Patrol Competition, and returned with a shelf full of trophies and ribbons. In the photo with the Sheriff are (from left) Deputy Terry Brewer, Sgt. Duke Mangold, Deputy Kathy Dilts, Auxiliary Deputy McCarthy McCollough and Deputy Bob Finlay. The mounted unit is commanded by Lt. Jack Peaden.





Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches Honor Roll

Roster of Lifetime Honorary Members

Home towns eliminated

To protect our Lifetime Honorary Members from receiving unwanted solicitations and junk mail, we have discontinued printing their home towns when we print their names.

We decided this was necessary after we learned that certain organizations of questionable legitimacy were adding our Lifetimers to their mailing lists. Obtaining a complete mailing address was relatively easy for them as long as they had the Lifetimers' home towns. Without the home towns, it will be extremely difficult.

We have never permitted other organizations to use our membership lists, and we will continue to do everything possible to protect the privacy of our members.

On these pages we give special recognition to generous supporters of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches who have qualified for Lifetime Honorary Memberships in the Florida Sheriffs Association by giving \$1,000 or more to the Youth Ranches. Each Lifetime Honorary Member receives a plaque, a lifetime identification card and a lifetime subscription to *The Sheriff's Star*. Under a new regulation which became effective in 1984, those whose gifts total over \$5,000 will receive additional gold stars on their plaques — one for \$5,000, two for \$10,000, and so on, up to a maximum of five stars for gifts totaling over \$25,000.

Presentations

We regret that photos of Lifetime Honorary Members are not always available when their names appear on the membership roster. Consequently, we often find it necessary to print the names in one issue of *The Sheriff's Star* and the photos in a subsequent issue.

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FORT PIERCE — Presented by St. Lucie County Sheriff Robert C. "Bobby" Knowles (center) to Col. and Mrs. William C. Tunis.

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| Mrs. Inger T. Brown | Countryside Mall |
| Mr. & Mrs. C.T. Buchanan | Mr. & Mrs. P.C. Crapps, Jr. |
| Ronald Budd | Mr. & Mrs. Maclin T. Crowder |
| Mrs. Mildred B. Campbell | Dale Dalstra |
| Mrs. Margaret Canning | Mrs. Alma B. Davis |
| Mr. & Mrs. William R. Cave | John F. Davis |
| Chase Bank of Florida | Mrs. Clara M. Doare |
| Lawrence W. Cline | Mr. & Mrs. John H. Dodge |
| Mr. & Mrs. Norman Cosper | |



Mrs. Brunson



Knubels



Hunts



Mrs. Hanna

FORT MYERS FIELD OFFICE — Presented by Youth Ranches Regional Director Bill Aust, whose region covers southwest Florida. He appears in the photos on the left of Mrs. Hanna and Sheriff Wells. Presented to: Mr. and Mrs. Horace Brunson, represented by Mrs. Brunson; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Knubel; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hunt; Mrs. John Hanna; and Manatee County Sheriff's Department, represented by Sheriff Charlie Wells.



Wells

- Mr. & Mrs. Marshall Donaldson
- Allyn C. Emmett
- Mr. & Mrs. Henry W. Foelsch
- Mr. & Mrs. Arthur H. Georgian
- Mrs. Marguerite Graham
- Richard Hagin
- Dr. & Mrs. Gaylord Heunefeld
- Col. & Mrs. Frank M. Houlihan, Jr.
- Mrs. Sandra Hoverkamp
- Mr. & Mrs. J.E. Howard
- Victor M. Jones, Trust
- Mrs. Margaret Kinter
- Mr. & Mrs. Frank Kirschenheiter
- Kissimmee River Vol. Fire Dept. Aux.
- C. Dent Lanier
- Mrs. Virginia A. Labrecque
- Nicholas Laduca
- Mr. & Mrs. Sylvester Laduca
- Pierre A. Leveque, Jr.
- Mrs. Lillian I. Lobdell
- Mrs. Mary W. MacMonnies

- Wilfred W. Martin, Jr.
- Mr. & Mrs. Fred E. Matthews
- Mrs. William J. McClure, Jr.
- Mrs. Dorothy L. McColl
- Mr. & Mrs. Paul H. McDaniel
- Mr. & Mrs. Leonard McDonald
- Mr. & Mrs. Paul W. Miller
- Ray Munn
- Mrs. Frederick W. Nixon
- Mrs. L.H. Oehlert
- Palm Beach Community Trust
- Gordon Pearson
- Mr. & Mrs. D. Bradley Pipkin
- Mr. & Mrs. Paul H. Reid
- Ms. Martisha C. Rice
- G. Forrest Riley
- River House Charities
- Mr. & Mrs. Delio Rodriguez
- Mr. & Mrs. Edward F. Rose
- Mrs. Ruth Rowley
- Mrs. Janet Scates
- Mr. & Mrs. John G. Shaver

GIRLS VILLA — Presented by Youth Ranches Regional Director Bill Biebuyck (right) to C.M. Farris, representing USS Agri-Chem of Florida.



- Mrs. Helen M. Six
- Mr. & Mrs. Ron Smaller
- Fred H. Smith
- Mr. & Mrs. Thomas F. Stewart, Jr.
- Mr. & Mrs. Aubrey E. Streadwick
- Mrs. Ramon Swart
- The Wise Shopper
- Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Thuerk
- Young T. Tindall
- Toyota of Pensacola
- Mr. & Mrs. Dan F. Turnbull
- Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 4833

- Veterans of Foreign Wars Aux. #4534
- Mr. & Mrs. Raymond A. Webb
- Mr. & Mrs. Harry B. Whidden
- Cecil Williams
- David Williams
- W.L. Williams
- Winn Dixie Stores, Inc., Miami Division
- Mr. & Mrs. Alfred T. Woods
- Gary W. Zalba

Youth Ranches Honor Roll continued ...



Petrie



Traficante

VERO BEACH — Presented by Indian River County Sheriff Tim Dobeck to Mrs. I. Traficante, representing VFW Auxiliary #10210; and to Betty Petrie. In the presentation of the VFW membership, Sheriff Dobeck was assisted by Youth Ranches Vice President Terry Knox (left).



Belchers



Wilson

INVERNESS — Presented by Citrus County Sheriff Charles S. Dean to Mr. and Mrs. Alvah Belcher and Bryon Wilson.



Dr. Dellerson

Mrs. Coursey



Hazer



Kauffman

LARGO — Presented by Pinellas County Sheriff Gerry Coleman to Mr. and Mrs. William C. Hazer, represented by Mr. Hazer; and to Bergie Kauffman. In the presentation of the Hazer membership, Sheriff Coleman was assisted by Youth Ranches Vice President Joe Spenard (right).



WEST PALM BEACH — Presented by Palm Beach County Sheriff Richard Wille to Dr. Gary Dellerson and Mrs. F.R. Coursey.



Swicegoods



Dearden

FORT LAUDERDALE — Presented by Broward County Sheriff Nick Navarro to Mr. and Mrs. James M. Swicegood, Jr.; and to Mr. Ralph Dearden, representing D&B Paint Company.



DADE CITY — Presented by Pasco County Sheriff Jim Gillum to Marie Mick.

Lifetime memberships now available in two categories

Traditionally, Lifetime Honorary Memberships in the Florida Sheriffs Association have been awarded to generous donors who have contributed \$1,000 or more to the child care programs sponsored by the Sheriffs Association and operated by the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, Inc.

However, some prospective lifetime members have expressed a desire to make contributions that would be used not only for child care programs, but also for Florida Sheriffs Association programs designed to advance and professionalize law enforcement.

In deference to these donors who seek to broaden the focus of their benevolence, the Sheriffs Association has amended its regulations. And, as a result, it is now possible to exercise a choice between two categories of lifetime memberships:

****Category FSYR** lifetime memberships will be issued in response to donations made for the exclusive benefit of child care work.

****Category FSA** lifetime memberships will be issued in response to gifts earmarked for child care and law enforcement enhancement.

In either category, the prospective lifetime member will receive credit for past contributions. Those who want to donate to the Sheriffs Association (Category FSA) will be credited with dues they have paid in the past as honorary members of the Association, and will be required to donate only the

difference between that total and \$1,000.

Similarly, those who want to channel their generosity exclusively to the Youth Ranches (Category FSYR) will be given credit for the cumulative total of past donations they have made to this charitable entity.

Anyone interested in becoming a lifetime honorary member in either category can determine the amount due by writing to the appropriate agency:

For Category FSA the address is:

Florida Sheriffs Association
P.O. Box 1487
Tallahassee, FL 32302

For Category FSYR the address is:

Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches
Boys Ranch, FL 32060

Lifetime Honorary Members in either category will receive:

- A membership plaque (each category will have a distinctive design)
- A permanent wallet identification card
- A lifetime subscription to *The Sheriff's Star and The Rancher*
- A lifetime auto tag



Woodby



Fitzgerald



Breckinridge

Youth Ranches Honor Roll continued

SARASOTA — Presented by Sarasota County Sheriff Geoffrey Monge (left), assisted by Youth Ranches Regional Director Bill Aust (right). Presented to Norma Woodby, representing VFW Auxiliary No. 10178; Capt. Eileen Fitzgerald, representing the Sarasota County Mounted Posse; and William Breckinridge, who was accompanied by his daughter Barbara.



Smiles come easy for Sgt. Bosco

DELAND — Why was that big man in the coat and tie smiling when he had his picture taken with Dr. Albert C. Neumann, a DeLand eye surgeon?

Sgt. Robert Bosco, from the Volusia County Sheriff's Department, actually had two good reasons.

Number one: A bulletproof vest had recently saved his life when an unknown gunman had drilled a bullet through his badge (see photo).

Number two: Surgery performed by Dr. Neumann had corrected Bosco's nearsightedness to eliminate some problems the Sergeant was having as a member of the Sheriff's SWAT team.

Here's how Bosco described his problems, according to Dr. Neumann:

"There are times when we wear gas masks and night goggles. These require that you don't wear glasses, so I had to wear contact lenses.

Sometimes ... if I was low, crawling on my stomach or upside down, the lens would rotate and my vision would no longer be sharp."

"Another reason for getting surgery is that I'm a SCUBA diver on the department's underwater rescue team. If you ever have your mask knocked off while under water, the contact lens can be floated right off your eye. Also, when clearing fog off your mask, you have to remember to keep your eyes closed."

Bosco was quoted as saying he had tried wearing glasses on duty, but had the unusual problem with the glasses fogging up when he was getting in and out of an air conditioned patrol car. He said his glasses had also been knocked off "in an altercation."

"I would certainly recommend to anyone in law enforcement or firefighting, if their vision is such that it can be corrected by surgery, to do it."