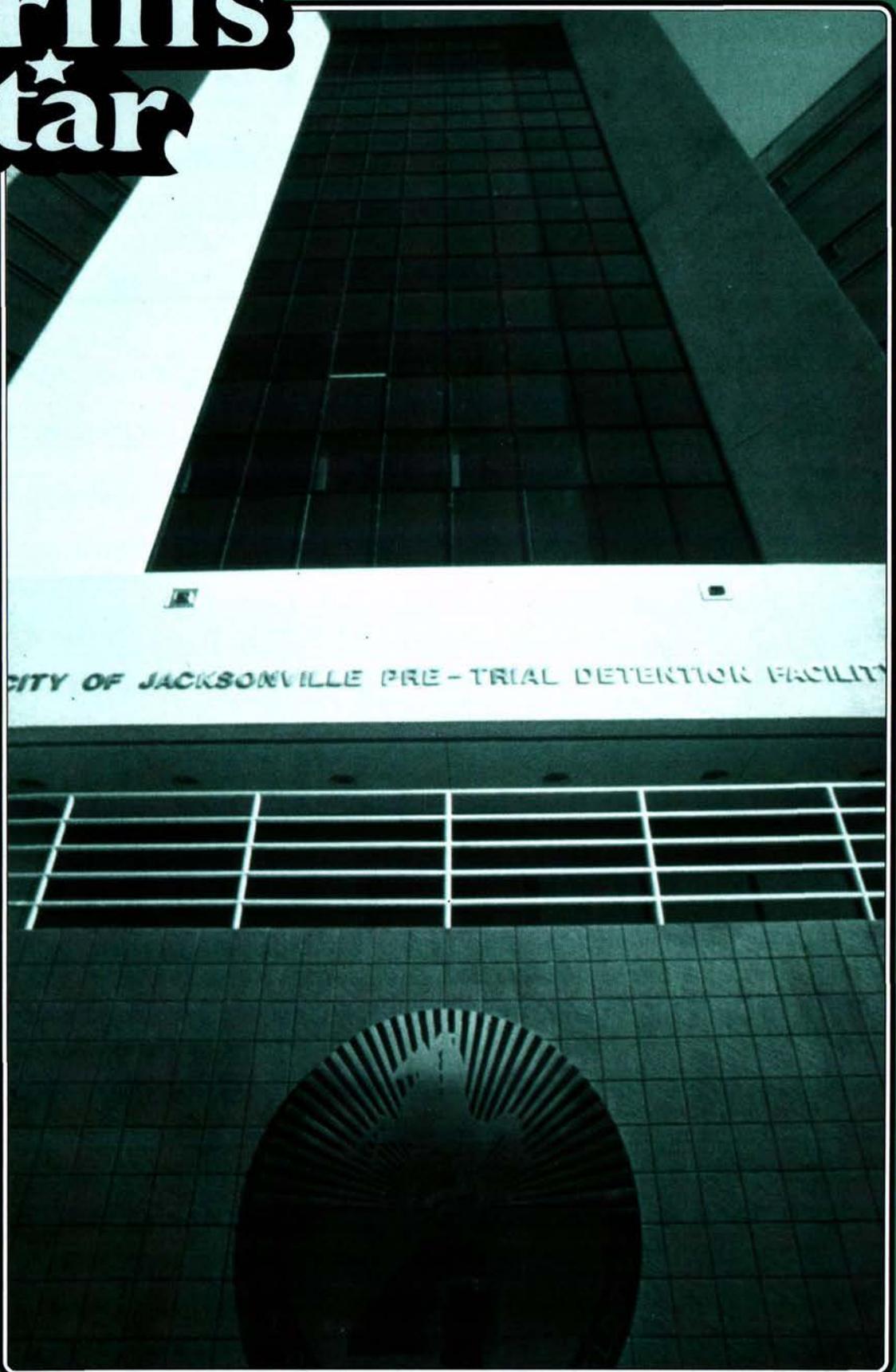


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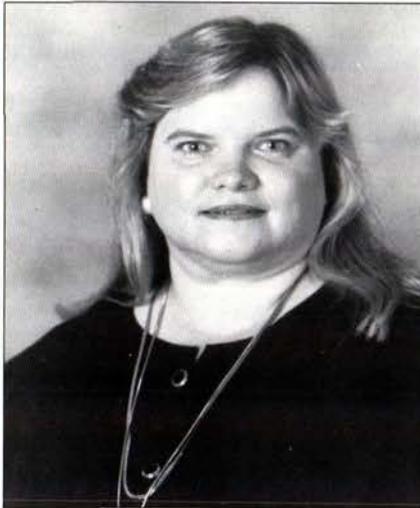
Fast, heads-up action by Gail causes robber's plan to fail

By Donald Thompson

MIAMI — Gail Amantangelo, a Metro-Dade Police Department Complaint Officer, was on control board duty when she received a bomb threat on the 911 line.

The caller said he had planted a bomb in a busy south county supermarket, then gave the address and hung up. Amantangelo immediately checked the Automatic Location Identification Screen which pinpoints the phones from which calls are made to the control desk. She noted that the bomb threat had been made from a service station quite a distance from the booby-trapped supermarket.

When she was unable to contact the service station



Gail Amantangelo received a commendation for her heads-up investigative work.

because it had an unlisted number, the alert complaint officer noted from a cross reference manual that there was a convenience store right across the street.

The clerk who answered her call said he could not see the service station phone booth or the caller. However, he noted that a Metro-Dade patrol car ("a Green and White") was parked at the curb and an officer was apparently issuing a traffic ticket.

Amantangelo promptly contacted the officer, who confronted the suspect, discovered he was carrying a concealed weapon, and took him into custody.

Later the suspect confessed that he had called in the bomb threat because he wanted to decoy police to the distant supermarket while he robbed a bank in the service station area. Evidence was also found that he had committed several robberies in South Dade.

For her heads-up investigative work, Gail Amantangelo was awarded a Metro-Dade Police Department Certificate of Commendation.



FBI Academy grads group grows

BROOKSVILLE — The Hernando County Sheriff's Office aggregation of FBI National Academy graduates recently increased from a threesome to a foursome when Capt. Richard B. Nugent (second from left) received his diploma. The other members of the foursome are (from left) Capt. G. Z. Smith, Sheriff Thomas A. Mylander and Chief Deputy Donald E. Shields.



It pays to be suspicious

SARASOTA — Sarasota County Sheriff Geoffrey Monge (left) presents a Meritorious Achievement Award to Detective Don Wenger in recognition of the initiative he used in apprehending a murder suspect. Wenger, while off duty, had his suspicions aroused by a parked vehicle. He checked into the situation and contacted the owner, who was later arrested and charged with first degree murder.

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Those wingless wonders turn him on

FORT PIERCE — Sheriff Bobby Knowles' long love affair with helicopters is known far and wide now that it has been revealed in the Bell Helicopter News, a national publication.

His affection for the wingless wonders goes back to his days as a combat infantryman with the U.S. Marine Corps in Vietnam, according to an article by Bob Leder. "Hueys saved my neck many times in Vietnam," the St. Lucie County Sheriff told Leder. Then he proceeded to discuss his enthusiasm for the Bell 206L-III Long Ranger recently added to his fleet of aircraft.

The Long Ranger has the latest law enforcement surveillance equipment, including a Forward Looking Infrared (FLIR) unit, and is also designed for medical evacuation duty.

FLIR is a thermal imaging (heat-seeking) system that is being used by several Sheriffs in Florida. Its capabilities include finding lost persons, detecting marijuana crops being grown in lighted greenhouses, and locating murder victims whose bodies have been buried in shallow graves.

In medical evacuation emergencies the Long Ranger can carry two patients, two attendants and a pilot, Leder explains. "It has a built-in oxygen system as well as cardiac monitors," he adds. "In addition there is a sophisticated on-board communication system allowing paramedics to keep in constant contact with ground-based hospital emergency room personnel."

Leder described the progress of the Sheriff's airborne division as follows: "One of the first things Sheriff Knowles did after taking over the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office was to hire Tom Gleason to organize the Aviation Division. Gleason is uniquely qualified. He is not only a rated pilot, but also an A & P mechanic and a certified police officer.

"Gleason insists that all of his helicopter pilots receive yearly recurrency training at the Bell Helicopter Customer Flight Training Academy in Fort Worth.

"Also on staff is a full-time A & P mechanic, Dan Smith, who has been to the Bell factory school and has an extensive background in aviation.

"The Long Ranger is the only helicopter currently in St. Lucie County's fleet, which includes a twin-engine Cessna 421B and a single-engine 1978 Cessna 172."

Major strides have been made, said Leder, since the early 80s when the Sheriff's Office was operating an army-surplus Hughes TH-55A rescued from a military



Sheriff Bobby Knowles (left) is pictured with the Long Ranger and aviation unit personnel. The deputies are (from left) Lt. Tom Gleason (chief pilot), Charles Norburn, Daniel Smith, Sgt. Mark Schimpf, Larry Hardiman and Cpl. Wade Hatcher.

storage area, and the pilot was a U.S. Postal Service employee who worked part-time for the Sheriff.

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Aerial photo shows the Detention Facility's proximity to the Sheriff's Office Headquarters located in the lower left foreground. There are helicopter landing pads on the rooftops of both buildings.

They say it's the **BIGGEST,** and believe it's the **BEST!**

The impressive face of the visitor's entrance into the Detention Facility, as seen from ground level.



*by Tom Berlinger
Director of Operations
Florida Sheriffs Association*

Faced with longstanding jail overcrowding, court injunctions and community pressures, Jacksonville Sheriff Jim McMillan and his jail administrators took a unique and businesslike approach to designing and building a jail. The result is the John E. Goode Pre-Trial Detention Facility.

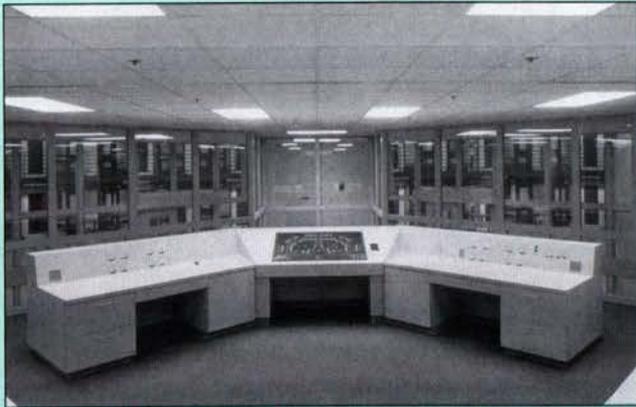
With a capacity of nearly 2,200 inmates, it is the largest single jail in Florida, and one of the five largest in the United States, according to Michael A. Berg, McMillan's Deputy Director of Jails and Prisons.

The impressive, seven-level facility stands over 179 feet high, and includes some 629,000 square feet

of interior space. Opened this past April, it houses male, female, adult and juvenile inmates.

At the beginning of the jail project, Sheriff McMillan directed Berg to convene an in-house jail planning team consisting of correctional practitioners, and assign them to work with an architect and construction engineer.

Initially, the planning team — which was made up of Berg; Senior Planner Connie Newton from the Planning and Research Division; and supervisors and officers from the jail — sought to identify the operational and procedural needs for the new facility.



Housing pod control panel, as seen from vantage point of the control room officer. From here, the electronic doors are opened and closed. With support from video cameras, inmates can be moved without being accompanied by a correctional officer.

"I can't begin to tell you how proud I am of the team we assembled for this massive undertaking and of the success we now enjoy as a result of their diligence," Sheriff McMillan noted.

Berg said the Sheriff's charge to the group was to design a workable facility, "but to look at it as if we were paying for it out of our own pockets.

"The decision-making latitude he gave us enabled us to design a facility without feeling compelled to rely heavily upon the 'expert from out-of-town' architect who may or may not have had an adequate grasp of our local needs," Berg added.

Members of the team toured several new jails that had been either recently opened or were under development in Cincinnati; Seattle; Portland, Oregon; and a few locations in California and Florida. There they gathered invaluable insights regarding facility design, layout, structural impairments to visibility, and square footage considerations.

"We used the on-site visits as a means of validating our thinking on some of our own design ideas, and to eliminate those items which did not mesh with our management approach to incarceration," said Berg.

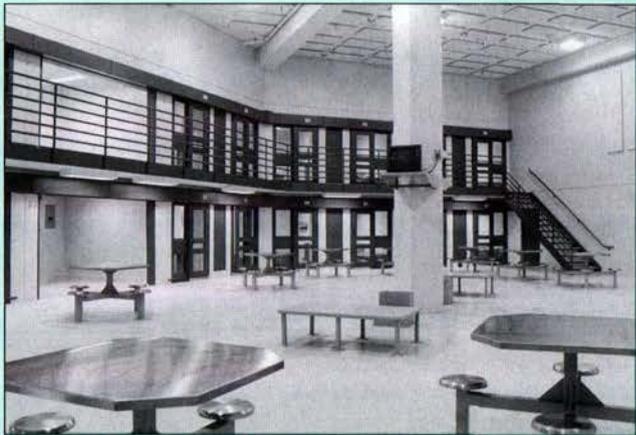
"After gathering the technical data, our group began the tedious process of compressing local administrative and correctional philosophy into the steel, bricks and mortar we had seen in other locales. We then reduced the sum of those experiences into a written plan of action."

Director Berg knew well that after completion of construction, staffing would account for up to 90% of a jail's operational costs. "With that in mind," he said, "we had to come up with a plan that not only included inmate and staff safety considerations, but one which achieved staffing efficiency on into the 21st century."

Senior Planner Connie Newton said that the Sheriff's Office arrests an average of 120 persons a



The housing area where inmates are held for the first 24 hours after arrest, until they are brought before a judge for "first appearance," where bond is set.



A typical dayroom within an inmate housing "pod". In the dayroom area, inmates live, eat, and sleep in a group setting.

day, and that the number is growing all the time. "Thus," she added "it was important for us to build a facility with the future in mind."

For this reason, the planning team designed the facility to allow all of the procedural details of incarceration (from booking, through medical screening, classification, attorney/client visitation, and first appearance before a judge) to be conducted on the first floor of the center. This insured minimum inmate movement, and maximum staff efficiency.

The streamlined design enables a staff of five correctional officers to supervise 190 inmates per pod, or 380 inmates per floor. Unescorted inmate movement is the key.

On each floor, one correctional officer is stationed in the floor control area, and one in each of the pod control areas. Two rove through the secure corridors around and between the pods, making a total of 5 officers on each floor.

Sheriff McMillan is rightfully proud of this configuration, and is visibly pleased when he notes that it took twenty correctional officers to supervise and monitor the same number of inmates in the old downtown jail.

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Through the use of electronically controlled doors giving access to secure corridors, inmates are sent unescorted from one control point to another; and then directed to his or her appropriate destination.

"Past experience tells us that the majority of inmates will do exactly as you tell them because they are subject to reclassification, disciplinary action or loss of privileges," Berg noted. "The more opportunities we give inmates to function independently with minimal supervision, the more likely they are to cooperate with our management philosophy.

"If the team did anything well," said Berg, "it was getting down to a practical and cost-effective approach." He added that the design benefitted greatly from the fact that operational and administrative staff members were involved in every design phase.

"Even before we poured the foundation, the staff members believed in what we were doing because they designed it themselves," he explained.



The front facing of the Detention Facility as seen from the rooftop of the Police Memorial Building, the Sheriff's Office Headquarters.

The original goals of the project included recognizing staff and public safety concerns, developing a secure and humane environment for the inmate population, and providing a satisfying workplace.

A walk through this jail facility should leave no one in doubt that the planning team reached its goals in Jacksonville!

The winning ways continue

SARASOTA — In 1986, '87 and '88, Sarasota County Sheriff's Office had a lock on first place in Division II of the Florida Law Enforcement Olympics.

Then, because of staff growth, the Sarasota County contenders were bumped up to Division I, which is composed of the largest law enforcement agencies in the state — all with over 250 sworn officers.

Immediately the competition got tougher, but Sheriff Geoff Monge and his crew weren't left in the dust among the "also rans."

With Monge competing and getting his share of the medals, Sarasota placed fifth in 1989, third in 1990 and

third in 1991. This year, with 72 men and women entered in the Daytona Beach competition, the Monge marauders captured 40 gold, 48 silver and 31 bronze medals — an impressive harvest, considering that the Olympics drew 3,700 competitors from 142 law enforcement agencies.

Monge set a stellar example for his Olympians by winning four gold medals in relay and hurdles events; and silver medals in the discus, the javelin and the 400-meter run.

Florida Department of Corrections took first place in Division I with 522 points; Metro-Dade was second with 286; and Sarasota was third with 221. Sarasota, Coral Gables and West Palm Beach Police Departments swept the Division II honors in that order.

Governor says he will recommend new prisons

TALLAHASSEE — After the Florida Sheriffs Association passed a resolution urging Governor Lawton Chiles and the Florida Legislature to increase the number of state prison beds, "or risk . . . increased danger to the safety of law-abiding citizens," the Governor responded that he will be recommending construction of "several new state prisons."

Then he added: "I will also be recommending expansion of the Community Corrections Partnership Act through additional county work camps, secure drug treatment facilities, and non-secure drug treatment beds. "I hope the Sheriffs will support me in my recom-

mendations for expansion in both areas."

The Sheriffs Association's resolution warned the Governor that "Florida's current policy of not building additional prison beds results in failure to maintain a minimal 'status quo' level of inmate bed space, and will continue to recycle criminal offenders back into society after they have served only a fraction of their original sentences."

Early release of state prison inmates is a major contributing factor to the overall crime problem in Florida, the resolution added.

"Data indicates," the resolution stated, "that two-thirds of convicted felons go to jail or prison nationwide, while less than half do in Florida, partially due to lack of available space in which to house them."



Awards given for life saving efforts

VERO BEACH—Three men from the Indian River County Sheriff's Office and two nurses from medical services in the county jail received awards for reviving a salesman who suffered a massive heart attack while making a business call at the jail. They are, from left, Capt. Calvin Jones; Sgt. Brent Altic; John Griffin (a CSA volunteer); Jane Giordano, LPN; and Betty Farley, RN.



Volunteers will be roving spotters

OCALA — Marion County Sheriff Don Moreland (left) thanks Cablevision, represented by Dave Coleman, for volunteering to participate in his Community Business Watch program. Clay Electric Coop is also active in the program. Employees of the two firms — particularly linemen and repairmen — will serve as roving spotters by reporting to the Sheriff's Office any suspicious activities they observe while on duty.

It was Sheriff's Recognition Day

ORLANDO — Orange County Commissioner Bill Donegan (left) delivers a proclamation to Orange County Sheriff Walt Gallagher designating August 17 as Sheriff's Recognition Day. This first annual celebration was hosted by the Orange County Historical Society and featured an array of historical exhibits. Sheriff Gallagher and his deputies displayed equipment from the Aviation Section, Marine Unit, Mounted Patrol and SWAT Team.



Memories of 40s "moonshine era" revived by ex-Sheriff's death

SARASOTA — B. D. "Doug" Pearson, who served 14 years as Sheriff of Sarasota County, died on August 16 at the age of 81. He was appointed in 1939 when his father, Sheriff Clem Pearson, resigned due to ill health. He served until 1953 when he was succeeded by Sheriff Ross Boyer.

Sheriff Pearson served in an era when moonshine, not crack cocaine, was the big problem. His daughter, Judy Amuso, said she believes her father was the first Sheriff in the nation to use a patrol car radio. "It had never been done before," she said. "He bought the radio with his own money."

There were only a few deputies, and, except for a single uniformed traffic officer, they wore street clothes, she recalled. They rode in patrol cars that had sirens but no markings to identify them as Sheriff's Office cars.

Ms. Amuso said her father went into ranching after he decided not to seek reelection in 1952. "He used to ride in rodeos," she said. "He had a horse named 'Biscuit' he used to race, and he loved ranching."

Mrs. Catherine Boyer, widow of former Sheriff Boyer, remembered Pearson as a quiet and gentle man who put in long hours. "This was a small county," she said, "and the deputies worked from dawn until dark . . . work, work, work all the time."

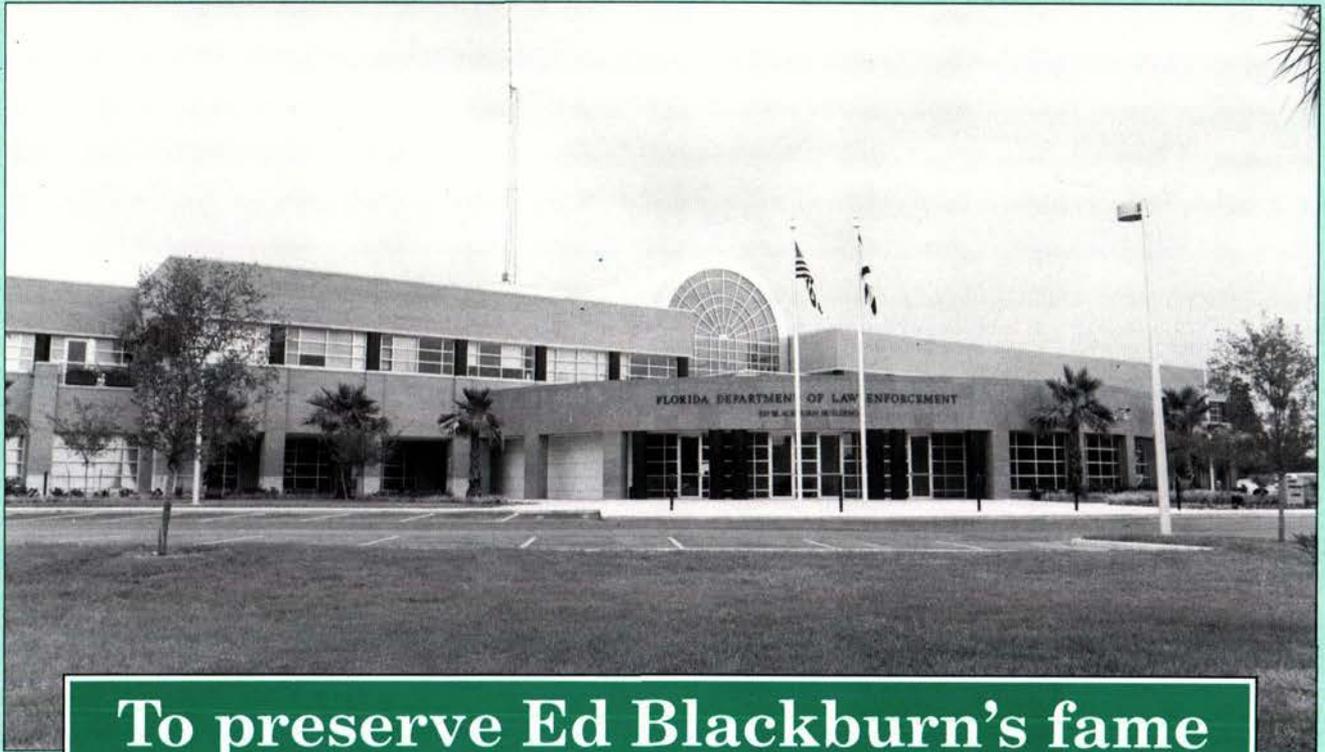
Pearson and his family lived in an apartment in the county courthouse, across the hall from the jail, according to Ms. Amuso. The Boyers did also. To live at the jail was the custom for many Florida Sheriffs in the 1940s and 50s. A fee system of revenue, which was later replaced by a budget/salary system, gave Sheriffs meager incomes. Therefore, living at the jail and eating jail food were valuable fringe benefits.

Ms. Amuso said she and her brother had fond memories of using the courthouse as a playground.



Scholarship awarded to Explorer

BROOKSVILLE — Explorer Marcie Hill receives congratulations from Hernando County Sheriff Thomas A. Mylander (right) and Deputy Steve Klappa, Senior Advisor for Explorer Post 409, after she was awarded a \$250 scholarship by the Suncoast Crime Prevention Council.



To preserve Ed Blackburn's fame a new building bears his name



The dedication ribbon cutting was performed by Mrs. Frances Blackburn (left), wife of the honoree; and Mrs. Mary Ellen Beard, wife of Senator Malcolm Beard, with assistance from Phil Ramer (left) Special Agent in Charge of FDLE's Tampa facility. Behind them are (from right to left) Ed Blackburn; his granddaughter, Kate Cook; and his daughter, Mrs. Lee Cook.

TAMPA — Former Sheriff Ed Blackburn is a colorful man of many talents who has experienced the ups and downs of life. There was a time in his youth, according to his own description, when he was “just a professional bridge bum” with no visible means of support.

He has confided to friends that in those erratic days he kited checks, was often broke, and owed a lot of money.

He recently recalled that when he married the former Frances Bishop in 1940, he had to borrow \$100 to finance his wedding. “She didn’t know I didn’t have a job,” he added.

After his wedding he held a few low-paying jobs, and later took brief flings at the grocery and real estate businesses.

These were Ed Blackburn’s youthful meanderings, and what a contrast they provided to the scene that unfolded on September 6, 1991, when the Florida Depart-

ment of Law Enforcement (FDLE) dedicated its new Tampa Bay Regional Operations Center as the "Ed Blackburn Building."

There sat the former "bridge bum," facing a large crowd of applauding friends, and listening to prominent people extol his virtues as a lawmaker and law enforcer.

How sweet it must have been to hear the reading of proclamations from Governor Lawton Chiles and Tampa Mayor Sandra Freeman designating September 6 as "Ed Blackburn Day."

How gratifying to hear himself praised by State Representative Elvin Martinez; State Senators Malcolm Beard and John Grant; his long time friend Willis Booth, who recently retired as Executive Director of the Florida Police Chiefs Association; and FDLE Commissioner Tim Moore.

This was indeed a memorable day, but not the only highlight in Blackburn's 78-year earthly journey. There was that fateful day in 1941, for instance, when he was appointed to the Florida Highway Patrol, a fledgling outfit composed of young daredevils on motorcycles. That was the beginning of his long law enforcement career.

Will he ever forget the day in 1952 when he was elected Sheriff of Hillsborough County; or the rousing celebrations that were held when he was reelected in 1956 and 1960?

On election day, 1964, he was defeated by former constable Malcolm Beard, and that was not one of his great days. However, he bounced back in 1968, and had another great day when he was elected to the Florida House of Representatives.

The list of great days grew longer during his ten years as a lawmaker, and when he retired in 1978, it looked as though he would assume the role of inactive elder statesman.

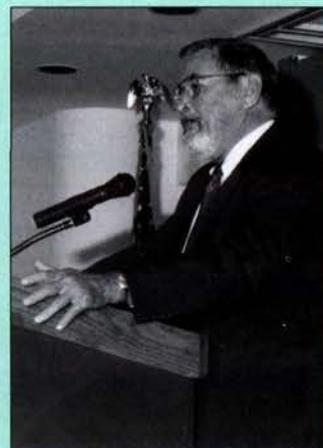
Not so.

The following year he was appointed Interim Commissioner of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, and, according to the present Commissioner Tim Moore, "made meaningful contributions" in the field of statewide law enforcement.

If Ed Blackburn has any enemies who are fervently wishing that he would "just get lost," it must be very frustrating to see him striding into the limelight again and again. It must also



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Dedication ceremony speakers included Tampa Mayor Sandra Freeman; J. Hardin Peterson, the Governor's General Counsel; State Senator John Grant; State Representative Elvin Martinez; State Senator Malcolm Beard; and FDLE Commissioner Tim Moore.



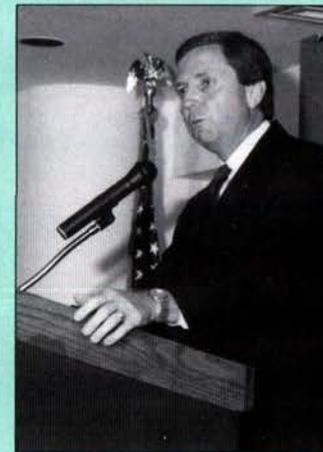
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Old timers' tete-a-tete — Willis Booth (left) and Ed Blackburn.



Hillsborough County Sheriff Walter Heinrich (right) with Senator and Mrs. Malcolm Beard.

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gripe them insufferably to recall that there have been two previous buildings named for him — one that was formerly occupied by FDLE in Tallahassee; and one that is a residence cottage at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, a child care agency

he helped to create in 1957.

It's much less frustrating to be Ed Blackburn's friend and happily applaud his achievements. The September 6 dedication ceremony in Tampa was his latest triumph, but no one expects it to be his last.

With help from Sheriff Gilbert, a neighborhood is being reborn

*By Rick Hord, Public Information Officer
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CRESTVIEW — "Sylvania Heights" was a pretty name, but the neighborhood had a reputation that was anything but pretty.

Drug dealers were in control of Lovejoy Road, its main thoroughfare. Street lighting was virtually non-existent. Weeds grew untamed in empty lots. Children played on dirt roads, and many of the homes appeared to be years overdue for a coat of paint.

That's how things were until the fall of 1990 when a group of residents got together and discussed what needed to be done to improve their rundown neighborhood.

Since their first priority was to take control of the streets away from drug dealers, they asked Sheriff Larry Gilbert for help and got a prompt response.

Chris Muhlbach, the Sheriff's Crime Prevention Officer, helped the group to organize. Senior Dispatcher Sharon Pippins gave members tips on the hows, whats and whys of reporting suspicious activity.



Sheriff Larry Gilbert (right) presents a patrol car to the Sylvania Heights League of Concerned Citizens, represented by President Bill Turner.

Sgt. Roy Parker, from the K9 Division, explained how the illegal drug trade operates; and Equipment Manager Jim Matz supplied the group with some surplus handheld and mobile radios on a frequency that was no longer used by the Sheriff's Office.

Thus trained and equipped, the Sylvania Heights League of Concerned Citizens hit the streets with a crime patrol during the winter of 1990-91, and summoned "the law" whenever drug dealers tried to set up shop in their favorite locations.

During the spring of 1991 the crime patrol became

so effective that the Sheriff's undercover agents were having difficulty buying illegal drugs. Nevertheless, more than 40 felony warrants were issued, and in June two dozen individuals were arrested in a successful drug bust.

Shortly thereafter Sheriff Gilbert increased the visibility of the crime patrol by giving the volunteers a 1985 car that had been confiscated in a drug-related arrest. Then he personally contributed \$100 to the fund the group was raising for operating expenses of the patrol car.

"You people are coming out at nights, on weekends, in the rain, in the heat and in the cold, after putting in a full day of work, and I don't know how you do it," he told the crime patrol volunteers. "I can't thank you enough. You're making a difference."

Volunteers discover watching TV "Cops" is no substitute for the real thing

By Diane V. Jacques, Staff Writer
Broward County Sheriff's Office

FORT LAUDERDALE — While most Americans are content to take an armchair view of the inner workings of law enforcement by watching the "Cops" program on TV, others like Capt. Jeff Nelson, a volunteer with the Broward County Sheriff's Office, believe there's no substitute for the real thing.

Nelson heads Sheriff Nick Navarro's Reserve Unit, a well-trained aggregation of 25 men and women who have demonstrated their dedication by completing 700 hours of training, and are putting in a minimum of 16 hours per month to support the agency's ongoing law enforcement efforts. He is assigned to the DUI (Driving Under the Influence) Task Force and logged nearly 900 hours in the first eight months of 1991.

Clocking in for more than the required 16 hours per month is not unusual. In the first half of 1991 the reservists spent more than 7,000 hours on the job.

Sheriff Navarro recently commended them for their dedication and pointed out that they bring a fresh perspective to law enforcement.

"These are men and women who are successful in their own right," he said, "and yet they care enough about the quality of life in our community to take on the difficult and demanding task of police work."

Reserve Deputy Abe Jurado, a computer firm executive who recently completed police academy training and ranked number one in his class, adds his perspective:

"All of us in the Reserve Unit have unique professional and life experience. There are several business owners in the group, a pilot, a lawyer, a doctor, a teacher, an engineer, and so on. We bring the knowl-

It's obvious that the Sylvania Heights League of Concerned Citizens has made a good start, but there are many more challenges on its agenda. Members are planning to work for paved roads, better street lighting, and greater civic pride. They plan to cut weeds, remove trash and repair and paint houses.

Slowly but surely the mood of residents — as well as the perception of the area by outsiders — is changing for the better, and skeptics are becoming believers.

One who was a believer from the start is Sheriff Gilbert. "Together we will not fail," he told the League of Concerned Citizens. "You could not do what you have done without us, and we certainly could not do it without you. What we have here is a partnership — a partnership that is working."



Reserve Capt. Jeff Nelson (right) offers some advice to four reservists who had been sworn in by Sheriff Nick Navarro. They are (from left) Abe Jurado; Ronald Miller, Jr.; Ed Oman and Mitchell Kogod.

edge and experience that we've gained in other fields to police work.

"I completed my graduate degree a few years ago and finally had time to devote to training for the reserves. I've been interested in pursuing this for years. I'm glad I did."

Reservists assume the same level of responsibility as their full-time, paid counterparts, and are on call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. They receive a salary of \$1 a year. However, if they exceed their 16 hours per month of required duty, their pay jumps to \$11 per hour.

Obviously they do not sign-up to fatten their bank accounts. "They do it for altruistic reasons," said Sheriff Navarro, "and they are among the most highly motivated, professional deputies on the force."

"With public funds becoming increasingly scarce despite rising crime and the escalating cost of law enforcement, their strong desire to contribute to their community enables us to provide desperately needed reinforcements at little or no additional cost to taxpayers."



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.

ROSTER OF NEW LIFETIME MEMBERS

Mr. William L. Armstrong
 Mr. and Mrs. Henning Bengtson
 Ms. Ethel Bernhardt
 Mr. C. Ballard Breaux
 Mrs. David M. Burr
 Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Deno
 Dillard's Department Store
 Mr. James E. Doane
 Mrs. Lillian S. Dunlop
 Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Farrington
 Flagler County Sheriff's Office
 Mr. Ken Ford
 Good Neighbor Circle Congregational Church
 Ms. Lynn Green
 Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hancock
 Mrs. Ethro Olds Heipt
 Ms. Maryann Hoff
 Hooters of America
 Mr. James Johns
 Mr. Frank Johnson
 Mr. and Mrs. John Kiely
 Ms. Suzanne K. Klein
 Loyal Order of Moose #1023
 Winter Haven Lodge
 Loyal Order of Moose #1140
 Gainesville Lodge
 Loyal Order of Moose #1308
 Venice Lodge



OCALA — Youth Ranches Regional Director Stephen Feldstein (third from left) presents fourth and fifth Lifetime Honorary Membership stars to VFW Post No. 4493 and Auxiliary represented by (from left) Dan Byrne, Ruth Byrne and Ray Patnoe.

Loyal Order of Moose #455
 Jacksonville Lodge
 Mr. John H. Martens, Jr.
 Mears Transportation Group
 Mida Farms, Inc.
 Mr. and Mrs. Harvey A. Newman
 Old Country Italian Bread
 Mr. Gary E. Peterson
 R. W. Summers Railroad Contractor, Inc.
 Ralph Brown Community Store
 Mr. and Mrs. Joseph T. Reese
 Residence Inn
 Mr. and Mrs. Lee Rozon



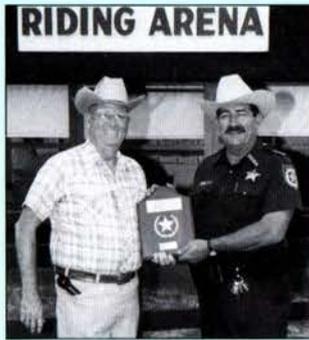
NAPLES — Presented by Collier County Sheriff Don Hunter (right) to Mr. and Mrs. John Mango, Sr.

S. R. Wright & Company, P.A.
 Mr. Everet Schlinger
 Mr. Raymond Simmons
 Mr. Theodore A. Sisak
 Mr. and Mrs. John F. Smoak, Jr.
 Mr. Robert L. Spradlin
 Mr. Joe Staten
 Mr. Louis Stoler
 Mr. and Mrs. Randal M. Stott
 Ms. Nancy L. Thomsen
 Mr. Louis M. Tilchin
 Ms. Penny Whalen
 Mr. and Mrs. Arthur K. White
 Mr. John R. Whiting
 Mrs. Alice Willford
 Mr. Saverio M. Zuffante

FLORIDA SHERIFFS YOUTH RANCHES HONOR ROLL continued...



VERO BEACH — Presented by Indian River County Sheriff R. T. "Tim" Dobeck (right) and Youth Ranches Vice President for Planned Giving Terry Knox (left) to Wilbur Hills.



BOYS RANCH — Presented by Youth Ranches President Harry K. Weaver (left) to Clay County Sheriff Dalton Bray.



STUART — Lifetime Honorary Membership plaque with two stars presented by Youth Ranches Regional Director Alison Evans (left) to Bob Lloyd, representing Florida Power and Light Company.



LARGO — Presented by Pinellas County Sheriff Everett Rice to Mrs. Lucille Frey.



PENNEY FARMS — Presented by Clay County Sheriff Dalton Bray to Miss Gunhild E. Swanson.



MILTON — Presented by Santa Rosa County Deputy Sheriff Clarke Wesson to Joseph Hinkson, of Gulf Breeze.



JENNINGS

SAFETY HARBOR — Presented by Youth Ranches Vice President for Planned Giving Terry Gregg (right) to Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds Jennings; and Mr. Alvin Miller.



NEWCOMBS

MONTICELLO — Presented by Jefferson County Sheriff Ken Fortune (right) to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Newcomb; and Welby J. Zollicker.



OCALA — Presented by Marion County Sheriff Don Moreland to Certified Grocers of Florida. Participating in the presentation were (from left) Youth Ranches Regional Director Stephen Feldstein; Drew Donaldson, Reclamation Center Manager, Certified Grocers of Florida; Sheriff Moreland; and Jack Hollrah, Chief Executive Officer, Certified Grocers of Florida.



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St. Johns joins accredited elite

ST. AUGUSTINE — There's a special atmosphere of professional competence at the St. John's County Sheriff's Office, and Sheriff Neil Perry has adopted a new slogan: "First on the First Coast."

The Sheriff and his employees are "walkin' tall," and there's a good reason. They have joined the exclusive ranks of law enforcement agencies accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA).

Only 182 agencies in the U.S. and Canada have qualified to display the CALEA seal of accreditation, and only 31 of them are Sheriff's Offices. Florida's Sheriffs are leading the professionalization parade with ten accredited agencies — more than any other state in the nation. No other state comes close.

Shortly after the St. John's County Sheriff's Office was accredited by CALEA at a Springfield, Illinois, meeting, July 25-27, Sheriff Perry pointed out to the press that his agency was the first Sheriff's Office in Northeast Florida to make the grade. That's when he adopted the "First on the First Coast" slogan.

Perry and his people had every right to brag a bit. To attain accreditation they spent two years bringing their procedures and policies in line with approximately 850 state-of-the-art standards established by CALEA. Then they underwent a thorough inspection by a team

of law enforcement professionals from outside the state.

A public hearing was part of the inspection process, and a steady stream of citizens came to the microphone to sing the praises of Perry and his staff. State Attorney John Tanner said the last time he heard so much praise for anyone was at a funeral.

Getting accredited is like winning a law enforcement "super bowl," but after the celebration simmers down there comes the sobering realization that accreditation is for only five years. At the end of that period the Sheriff and his staff will have to once again prove to CALEA that they are continuing to meet high standards. Presumably those standards will be upgraded in the meantime.

The other accredited Sheriff's Offices in Florida are Indian River, Charlotte, Manatee, Marion, Hillsborough, Broward, Monroe, Palm Beach and Pinellas Counties. Sheriff Perry pointed out to the press that St. John's is the smallest Sheriff's Office in Florida to attain accreditation.

Looked upon as "the wave of the future," accreditation is a relatively new development in law enforcement. CALEA, a private, non-profit organization, was formed in 1979 through the combined efforts of the National Sheriffs' Association, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, and the Police Executive Research Forum. It became operational in 1983.



So that's why the Sheriff was smiling

SARASOTA — Sarasota County Sheriff Geoff Monge, the man in civilian clothes, was smiling because his School Resource Officer Program had just been chosen the best in the nation by the National Association of School Resource Officers. Also because it was the second time that this national recognition had been received in the 11-year history of the SRO program. Posed with the Sheriff are the SROs responsible for the current award. Lt. Bill Balkwill (second from left, front row) holds the award plaque received by the Sheriff's Office. Detective Bob Gow (front and center) holds a plaque he received as runner-up for the "Middle School Officer of the Year" award.

Wounded K9 holds his man

PENSACOLA — Although shot in the mouth by a fleeing armed robber, K-9 Iwan, from the Escambia County Sheriff's Office, held the fugitive until his handler, Deputy Tim Taylor, and other officers arrived at the scene.

In response to this act of bravery, the U. S. Police Canine Association gave Iwan and Taylor its "National Case of the Year" award. Another K9 won a similar award in the narcotics division.

Escambia County Sheriff Charlie Johnson said he was very proud of the fine work done by Iwan and the 13 other K9s used by his agency on patrol and drug search duty.

Information for this article was provided by Mark O'Brien, the Sheriff's Public Information Officer.



FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION HONOR ROLL

This Honor Roll gives special recognition to individuals who have demonstrated a strong commitment to progressive law enforcement. Distinguished Service Certificates are awarded to those who have supported the Sheriffs Association as Honorary Members for 25 or 30 years. Lifetime Honorary Memberships are awarded to veteran law enforcement officers whose careers have spanned 40 years or more; and to supporters whose donations to the Florida Sheriffs Association total \$1,000 or more.



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ENGRAMS



TAVARES — Lake County Sheriff George Knupp (left) presents a 25-year certificate to Michael F. Donoghue.



PILCHER

PALATKA — Putnam County Sheriff Taylor Douglas (right) presents 30-year certificates to Bill Pilcher, of Crescent City; and Clifford R. Sheffield, of Palatka.



RUSTIN

CHIPLEY — Washington County Sheriff Fred Peel (left) presents 25-year certificates to J. T. Rustin and William "Bill" Mongoven; and a 30-year certificate to Chipley Mayor Marvin Engram and Mrs. Engram.



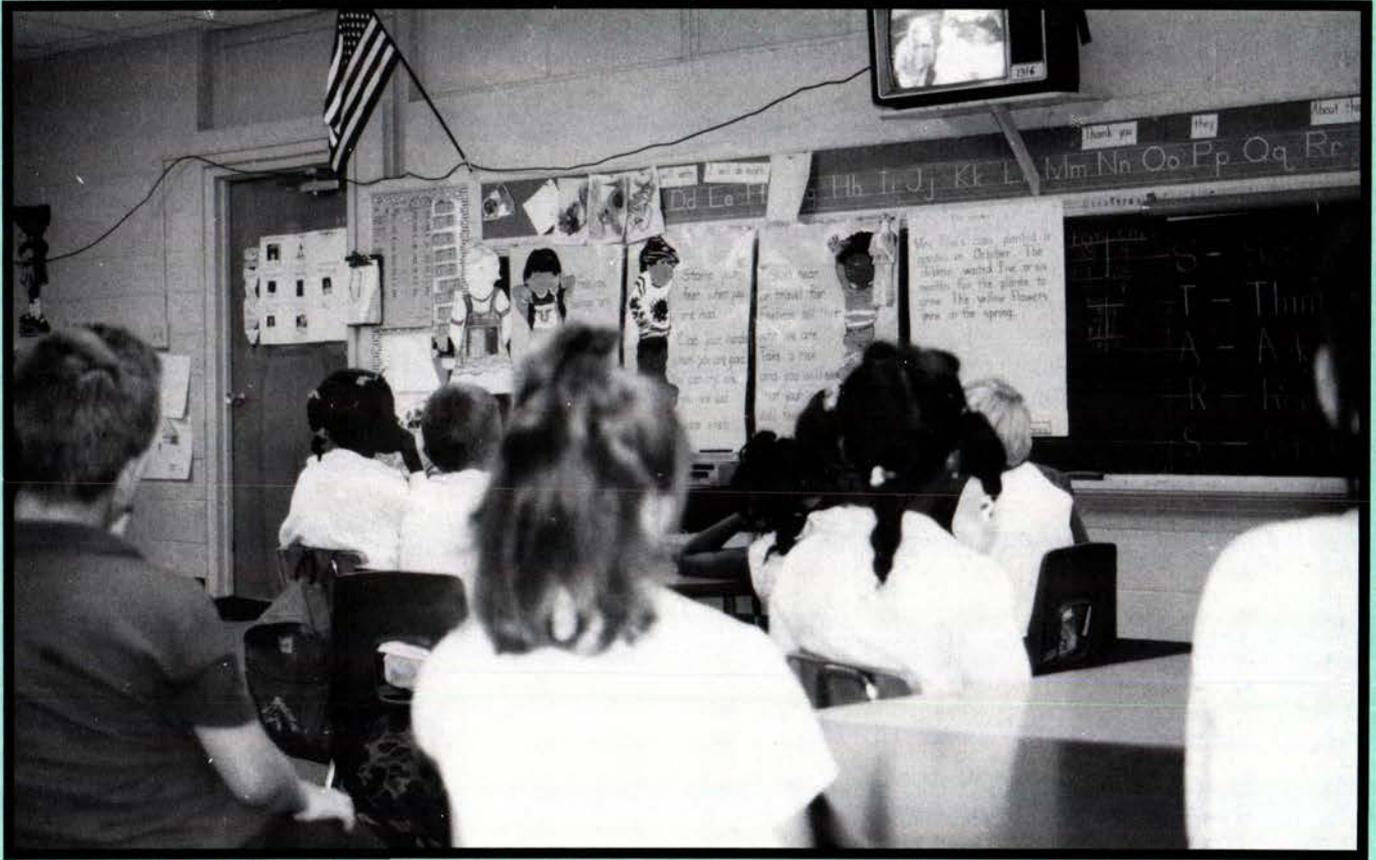
SHEFFIELD



KEY WEST - Monroe County Sheriff Richard Roth (right) presents a 25-year certificate to Fred J. Haragan.

Just A Reminder

Please take a moment to verify that your membership in the Florida Sheriffs Association is current. If your membership expires on October 31, 1991, this will be the last issue you will receive until your membership is renewed. If you have any questions regarding the status of your membership, please contact the Florida Sheriffs Association, P. O. Box 12519, Tallahassee, Florida 32317-2519 or phone (904) 877-2165 and we will be happy to assist you. **Your continued participation has made a difference, and will continue to make a difference! You are a valued member!**



Highway safety and anti-drug television programs produced by the Orange County Sheriff's Office are being broadcast directly into schoolrooms by microwave.

Walt's in the educational TV business

ORLANDO — Seven-year-old Crystal knows the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse. "I only drink water and milk and nothing else," she said after she and her Pine Hills Elementary School classmates watched a special videotape produced by the Orange County Sheriff's Office.

Created with the blessing of Sheriff Walt Gallagher, the tape that made an impression on Crystal was designed to teach Orange County youngsters the dangers of drug abuse and the importance of traffic safety. It is one of a series covering alcohol and drug awareness; the consequences of substance abuse; and the need for highway safety — particularly the wearing of seat belts.

This is no rinky dink project. A report filed in June showed that 150 tapes had been transmitted into 35 elementary schools and several middle and high schools through the use of a microwave transmitter located at Valencia Community College.

The programs are aired up to ten hours a day, five days a week, and received by schools that have microwave antennae. Teachers decide when and how to work them into the daily schedule.

It's no exaggeration to say that Sheriff Gallagher is in the educational TV business, or to add that he's getting good reviews. "It's terrific," said first grade

teacher Paulette Michael, adding that the Sheriff's Office videos provide a "springboard" that leads youngsters into other anti-drug programs such as DARE, which her school uses.

"The program is needed," she added, "because the problem is very close to home for some of these kids. Some of them see their parents using or selling drugs, and almost all of them know someone who does."

The video programs are being financed in part through a \$250,000 grant from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and Florida's Bureau of Public Safety Management. Money seized from drug dealers and held in Orange County's Law Enforcement Trust Fund, is also being used.

Meanwhile Sheriff Gallagher is seeking additional funding so that the 5 1/2-month program can be continued.

— Cpl. Doug Sarubbi, from the Orange County Sheriff's Office provided the information for this article.