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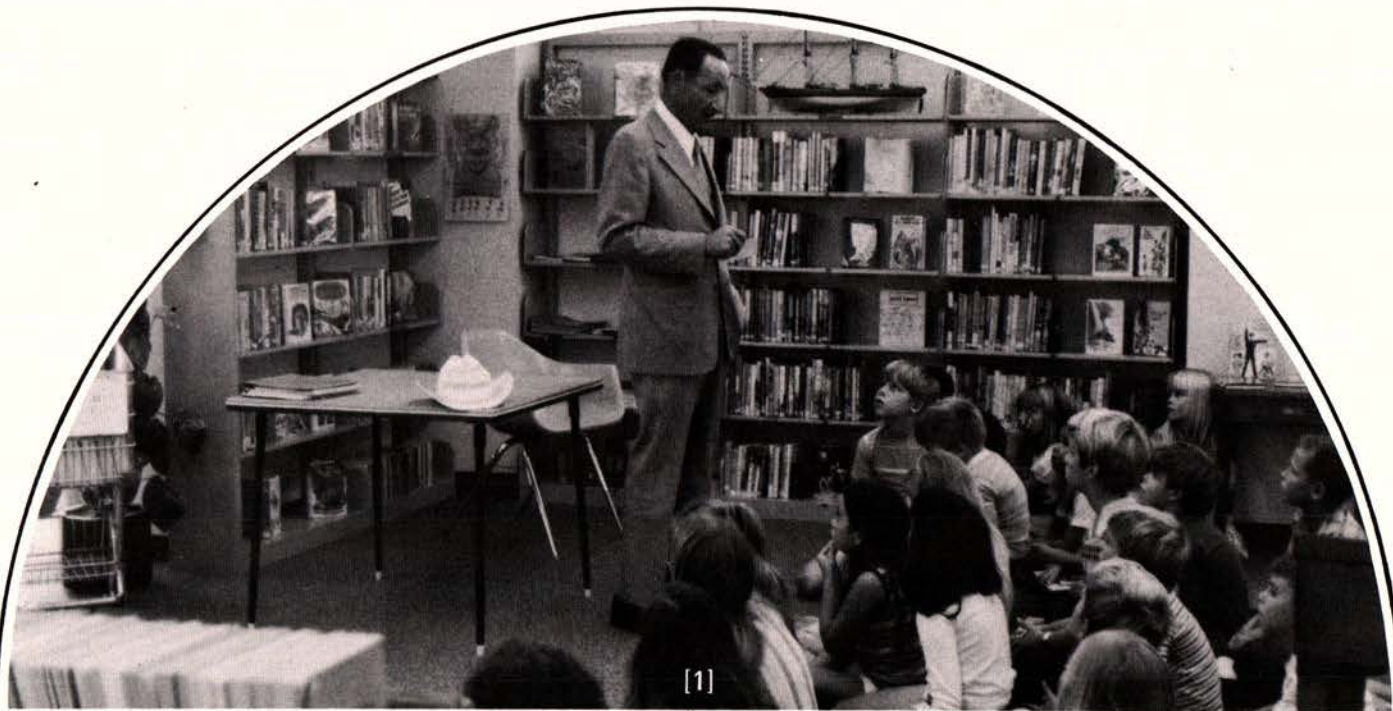
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SHERIFF CAPTURES YOUNG AUDIENCE

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BRADENTON — After arriving at the South Manatee Library amid sirens and flashing lights, Manatee County Sheriff Richard Weitzenfeld had a captive audience of youngsters as he discussed "What you should know about the law." The children were taking part in a reading program.

SHERIFF WILSON PRESENTS BADGES

[2]

TITUSVILLE—In fast-growing, 72-mile-long Brevard County the Junior Deputies of the Sheriff's Department have grown from one unit in the center of the county, to three divisions covering the northern and southern ends of the county as well. Swearing in ceremonies for the 42-member Southern Division included the presentation of badges by Sheriff Leigh Wilson (in dark suit) and Division Director, Deputy John Phillip Sousa II. "We try to teach our members respect for the law and what law enforcement is and its role in the community," said Deputy Sousa.

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OUTSTANDING JUNIOR DEPUTIES

PANAMA CITY — Bay County Sheriff Tullis Easterling presented trophies to four Junior Deputies while their director, Lt. John Sword, watched. William Sanders (left) and Mike Jordan (third from left) sold the most tickets to the annual benefit gospel sing. Dennis Finch was named outstanding Junior Deputy for 1971 and Chris Bradley (right) collected the most donations for the year.

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HIS MEMORY Stands Tall



EDITOR'S CHOICE

After Don McLeod's death on January 20, 1972, State Representative Ed Blackburn was asked to compose a eulogy for THE SHERIFF'S STAR. He was chosen because he was one of Don's closest friends, and because he had worked with Don in the field of law enforcement for many years — both as a former Sheriff of Hillsborough County, and a former member of the Florida Sheriffs Bureau Administrative Board. Ed willingly accepted the assignment, and quickly put into words the things many of us wanted to say. The results speak well for his ability as a writer, and for the wisdom of the Editor's Choice.

Don McLeod is dead.

The mortal remains of one of Florida's most distinguished and effective law enforcement officers were laid to rest in Ocala on January 22. And though he retired from active duty some six years ago, the marks he made, the high standards he set, the youngsters for whom he helped to build useful lives, and the sense of integrity he brought to law enforcement will forever be an inspiration.

Born in Atlanta, Ga., June 26, 1902, he began his career of public service as Justice of the Peace in Marion County in 1937, and served there until he volunteered for the United States Army in 1941. After an Honorable Discharge as a Warrant Officer, he returned home and went to work as a deputy sheriff in 1946. Soon thereafter, he was nominated for the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Academy, was accepted, and became one of the early Florida graduates from this distinguished "West Point" of law enforcement.

He was serving as Chief Deputy in Marion County when the Sheriff was killed and the Governor appointed him Sheriff in 1951. He was elected to that office in 1952 and was soon chosen Secretary of the Florida Sheriffs Association.

He left Marion County when the unanimous choice of his fellow Sheriffs selected him to head the newly-created Florida Sheriffs Bureau. He became its Director in 1955.

His ties with the Sheriffs Association remained close, however, and through an amendment in the constitution and by-laws, he was able to continue as Secretary of the Association. He continued to hold

this important office until a crippling illness forced his retirement in 1966.

He helped the Sheriffs get rid of the archaic and unjust fee system wherein neither Sheriffs nor their deputies were paid unless they arrested enough people.

Don was one of the early dreamers who helped to inspire the reality of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch. He was named to its first Board of Trustees, also served as Secretary of the Board, and was a Trustee Emeritus when he left us.

Not only was he a leader, but as Secretary, he also served as a meticulous historian to record the great strides law enforcement made in his time.

He was one of the first in Florida to sense the importance of professionalism in his field, and his own leadership epitomized this principle.

During his tenure as Director of the Florida Sheriffs Bureau (now the Department of Law Enforcement), a base of professionalism was firmly laid at the state level as a result of the qualifications he set for all employees, and the several departments that he pioneered to better serve local law enforcement.

He helped to organize the first State Law Enforcement Training School in the South and was named the first Director of the Florida Law Enforcement Training Academy. The impact of academy graduates is still a strong factor in our present fight against crime.

Under him Florida acquired its first State Crime Laboratory; its first state-wide communications network; and its first qualified experts in many areas of law enforcement. Furthermore, although Don only had a few investigators at his command, some of the crimes solved by the old Sheriffs Bureau stirred national acclaim.

Don's memory stands tall, and for those of us who paid our last respects at his final resting place, it seemed especially so. The skies were dark and overcast; a slow drizzle fell on the giant oaks surrounding his grave; and the drops of rain trickling through the leaves seemed that they might well be tears shed, as one giant witnessed the fall of another.

—Ed Blackburn

To Press – Topless

(HOW ELSE, IF YOU CAN'T THINK OF A HEADLINE?)

"After you've seen 30 Sheriffs' conventions; and you've written 30 conventional articles, how do you find a fresh approach?"

Our Annual Mid-Winter Conference was over. We had completed 3½ days of meetings, speeches, seminars, and demonstrations in Daytona Beach, January 16-19. The minutes had been written; most of the bills had been paid; and now the time had come to write an article for the Star.

But nothing was happening. I was just sitting there staring at a blank sheet of paper in a silent typewriter.

After you've seen 30 Sheriffs' conventions; and you've written 30 conventional articles, how do you find a fresh approach?

Start with the headline, I told myself. What rhymes with Daytona? Bologna... "We heard a lotta' bologna in Daytona." Oh boy, if that ever got into print!

Try beach, what rhymes with beach? Isn't there a rhyming dictionary around here somewhere? B-e-a-c-h, beech, bleach, breach, breech, each, leech, reach, screech, teach, beseech, peach, speech...

Senator
Lawton
Chiles



Hey! That was a peach of a speech the Senator gave. Good handling of a difficult assignment.

After all, what can you tell a bunch of Sheriffs that they haven't heard before? If you wanta stay friends, you better say something about keepin' the office of Sheriff elective (Lawton did. He's no dummy). Don't ever say appointive. That's a very dirty ten-letter word (Lawton didn't).

This is the only Senator who spends more for foot powder than he does for cigars. Marvelous footwork! And he knows how to turn a phrase too. When

he got to that part about the Sheriffs Boys Ranch and Girls Villa (no speaker in his right mind would think of addressing a group of Sheriffs without mentioning the Ranch and the Villa) he said: "they give you credibility when you are dealing with young people". I liked that. Naturally he said a lot of other things...like he was against centralized law enforcement authority...and like we need a united effort to combat crime...and like every link in the law enforcement chain is important...but the thing that stuck in my mind was that business about credibility. Somewhere along the side of the road when he was walking up and down Florida Lawton done found him a speech writer.

The Senator was the only person who got a standing ovation, but the thing that really brought down the house was

Sheriff
Willis
McCall



a telegram addressed to Sheriff Willis McCall, a strong George Wallace supporter. Sheriff Malcolm Beard read it to a banquet audience of some 250 people just after he had been installed as Association president for 1972.

"Dear Willis," it said. "Upon the recommendation of your many friends, I would like for you to serve as my campaign manager in Florida."

Malcolm paused, and there were a few chuckles. Everyone had already decided the message was from Wallace.

Then Malcolm continued with the rest of the telegram: "Signed Shirley Chisolm."

"That's the first time I ever saw Willis

speechless," someone said after the applause and laughter had died down. But, speechless or not Willis seemed to enjoy it as much as anyone.

Willis was also first in line when past presidents of the Sheriffs Association were honored with engraved plaques presented by Jack Madigan, Association attorney. He was president back in 1953-54; also holds an all-time record for attending Sheriffs' conventions.

...and somehow when Willis was receiving his plaque, I got to thinking about all the critical publicity he has received in newspapers and magazines. He must have one helluva file, if he has been saving the clippings.

But what about the good things? Where are the clippings that tell about the many kind and generous things he has done for the boys at the Ranch...or the special effort he put forth quietly, almost secretly, to honor the memory of a boy from the Boys Ranch who was killed in an accident...or the many years he has devoted to the Harry-Anna Crippled Children's Home?

Hey fellows down there in the news room, are you listening?

Day by Day in Daytona...or Daytona Diary...or Dateline Daytona...no prize winning headlines in that batch...and meanwhile I'd better keep on rambling if I'm supposed to be writing an article. Let's see...what were some of the highlights?

Sheriffs
Don
Genung (left)
and
Dick
Weitzenfeld
with
"Digicom"



We had a very interesting demonstration of this new thing called digital communications ("Digicom"). It amounts to having a computer terminal in your patrol car capable of sending and receiving messages much faster than the human voice. Uncrowds the airwaves, and also digs out information

from state and national crime information computers in just seconds.

We went way out in this demonstration,

**Sheriff
Bill
Taff**



but Sheriff Bill Taff (a sort of Will Rogers with a badge) brought us back to earth. "I guess that's a handy piece of equipment if you can afford it," he said. "But heck, it took me ten years to just get a telephone installed, and half the time nobody answers when I call."

Bill isn't likely to get any prizes for credibility...not when we all know he happens to have a computer terminal in his office, and uses it too.

There were many hours of the old parliamentary ball game...roll call...minutes of the last meeting...motion by...seconded by...question...all in favor...and now we will have a report by...

Somehow after 30 conventions I have trouble following the action...sometimes I find my mind wandering as it did during a meeting of the Boys Ranch Trustees. I guess Ed Yarbrough was to blame. He's the former Baker County Sheriff and former Director of the Florida Sheriffs Bureau, who played an important part in nursing the Ranch through its stormiest days.

Ed was sitting there next to me, and

**Harry
Weaver**



Harry Weaver was making a report to the trustees, but I wasn't listening.

Instead, I was thinking of the day in 1961 when I encountered Harry in the lobby of the Tallahassee post office and tried to interest him in becoming Executive Director of the Ranch.

The Ranch was in trouble. It needed a firm capable hand at the helm, and I

had a hunch Harry was our man. However, my conversation didn't hook Harry. He would probably have gotten away if Ed Yarbrough hadn't come along.

Ed, man of action that he was, took Harry over to the Ranch, sweet talked him all the way, discussed the problems we were facing, agreed to all the concessions Harry proposed, and with the help of some of his fellow trustees, got Harry's name on the dotted line.

Ed knows and I know that this was a turning point in the history of the Ranch. Ever since then the Boys Ranch success story has been unfolding at an amazing pace year after year.

I looked at Ed and said: "I've just been thinking about the way you talked Harry into becoming Executive Director of the Ranch."

Ed smiled and said: "Turned out all right didn't he?"

Then my attention drifted back to the meeting and I got to wondering what Harry had been talking about. Perhaps he had been reminding the trustees that the Ranch now represents an investment of almost \$3 million; and that it is doing an outstanding job of salvaging blighted young lives.

Yes Ed, Harry certainly did turn out all right.

Between speeches and business sessions there were interesting panel discussions. One of them was on "Partisan vs. Non-Partisan Elections" and it seemed to end in a draw. Another one titled "Verdict Not Guilty--What Went Wrong?" had skilled professionals dissecting court cases to show how good ones sometimes go sour.

But these are the things you read about in the usual news article...and this is not the usual news article. In this one the emphasis is on the really important things that make or break a convention. The food, for instance. Nobody ever writes about the food, and yet nothing can ruin a convention faster than a string of bad meals.

We ate well in Daytona (rhymes with spimona, but no headline there either), and somehow I remember the cheddar cheese on the apple pie better than I do what went on in our session dealing with law enforcement bills now before the Florida Legislature.

There were VIP's all over the place, but the people who impressed me the most

were never introduced from the podium. They were the hard working members of Sheriff Ed Duff's staff who put on a barbecue for some 400 people; and worked double and triple time to help make the convention a success.

**Sheriff
Ed Duff**



Ed impressed me too. Made me think of a little proverb from the "Thoughts of Mao Tse Stauffer": If you want to find out what a fellow is really made of, let him serve as a convention host.

Ed passed the test with flying colors, but not solo. I doubt that he would have made it without the help of his wife, "Ducky".

I don't know Sheriff John Polk's golf score, but I do know he scored high as Ed's co-host, and as arranger of the golf tournament.

High ratings also go to the bellboys, maids, waitresses, cooks, dishwashers, in fact the entire staff at the Americano Beach Lodge. They kept on smiling when their feet hurt, looked pleasant when the tips were small, and made us feel they were sad to see us go.

Medals they deserve, and yet before now who has ever mentioned them in a news article.

This could be a milepost in convention news reporting. Well, at least it has been unconventional all the way, and if I don't find a headline we'll have to go to press unconventionally too...topless that is.

By Carl Stauffer
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Taking part in the panel discussion, "Partisan vs Non-Partisan Elections," were (left to right) Sheriff Malcolm Beard, Sheriff William Heidtman, Representative Ed Blackburn, Sheriff Raymond Hamlin and Sheriff Leigh Wilson.



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a few conference flicks

[1] Judge Sam Spector of the First Appellate District administered the oath of office to newly elected officers of the Florida Sheriffs Association. Seated beside him were Sheriff and Mrs. Malcolm Beard. [2] Taking the oath were: (left to right) Sheriff Flanders Thompson, Board of Directors; Sheriff Sim Lowman, Board of Directors; Sheriff Malcolm Beard, President; Sheriff Sam Joyce, Vice President; [3] Sheriff Ed Duff, Board of Directors; Sheriff Monroe Brannen, Board of Directors; and Sheriff Joe Crevasse, Secretary-Treasurer. [4] State Attorney Robert Eagan (left) of the 9th Judicial Circuit was on a panel discussion "Verdict, Not Guilty—What Went Wrong" with Daytona Beach attorney Dan Warren, himself a former state attorney. [5] Receiving their past president plaques were (left to right) Sheriff Dale Carson, Sheriff Don Genung, Sheriff Walt Pellicer. [6] Sheriff Sim Lowman [7] Sheriff Ross Boyer (left) and Sheriff Flanders Thompson [8] Sheriff Dale Carson (left) won the golf tournament and received his trophy and golf balls from Sheriff John Polk, conference co-host.

MANHUNT: MCDEARMID'S STYLE

TALLAHASSEE — Leon County Sheriff's Deputy Al McDearmid has spent more time behind a trailing bloodhound than most officers have in a patrol car.

For the past 11 years, the 36-year-old McDearmid has been training, coaxing, guiding but most times following the department's corps of tracking dogs.

"There's no telling," McDearmid drawled, "how many miles I've trailed with the hounds and shepherds through the swamps and woods. But I will say this, there's been more than I would want to count up."

Over the years, McDearmid has been involved in a number of manhunts—for escapees, runaways and lost children—but, possibly one of the most exciting occurred several years ago when he was called out in the middle of the night to track two armed and dangerous auto thieves who had been in a gun fight with a Florida Highway Patrol trooper.

"When they called me," McDearmid said, "I had to load my dogs up and drive 80 miles to the place the car thieves had abandoned their vehicle. By that time, counting the law enforcement officers and citizens, there were more than 500 people involved in the manhunt."

McDearmid said he and his team of tracking dogs were accompanied by two deputy sheriffs and a highway patrol trooper as they began trailing the two men in a densely wooded area in Taylor County.

"After about an hour and a half of hard tracking, the other officers couldn't stay up and fell behind," McDearmid said. "I had my walkie-talkie with me and with all the people in the woods, I wasn't afraid of losing contact."

A short time later his dogs led him to a large open clearing brightly lit by a full moon.



"When I saw that the trail was across open pasture, I figured it had to be a setup," McDearmid said.

As he eased into the pasture, McDearmid said he heard someone shout "halt." McDearmid shouted he was a sheriff's deputy and started to move. As soon as he started forward, someone began shooting and shouting that he was going to kill McDearmid.

McDearmid dove behind a large, rotten log for safety.

"When I heard him fire off the sixth round, the dogs and I took off for the woods," McDearmid said. As it turned out, the gunman was a citizen who was also looking for the two fugitives and had mistaken McDearmid for one of them.

As soon as the mistaken identity problem was settled, McDearmid's dogs picked up the scent and followed the trail to an abandoned motel.

"When we got to the motel, it was evident they had broken into the building," McDearmid said. "I called for assistance."

McDearmid said he turned his shepherd loose and let him "sniff" out each room until the dog settled on one particular room. The officers broke down the door and found both fugitives asleep on the motel beds, exhausted from the chase through the swamps.

McDearmid trains his dogs differently from those depicted in chase scenes in the movies. His dogs are trained to track silently and never bark until they actually run down or capture a fleeing party.

Also unlike the chase scenes in the movies, McDearmid does not exclusively use bloodhounds. Instead, he uses a team of tracking dogs, which consists of one blood hound and a German shepherd.

The bloodhound is always on a leash and the shepherd is allowed to run loose, except when being used to track juveniles, lost children or women.

"When you get right down to the nitty-gritty of tracking, the difference between a bloodhound's ability and a shepherd's ability is each dog's color and size," McDearmid said.

"The shepherd is basically an alert, silent dog that's much better for the attack phase of prison tracking," McDearmid added. "A hound is only for trailing and isn't much good in a fight. A big, growling shepherd gives you a big psychological advantage . . . much more than a droop-eared hound."

"When tracking escapees or other dangerous persons, I always let the shepherd run ahead, usually about 40 or 50 yards. And, I follow behind with the hound on the leash. The shepherd out front gives me a 'deprisonized zone' and I usually will not be surprised by an ambush."

The longest chase McDermid said he had been involved in went for more than 15 miles through a densely wooded and swampy area. The fugitive was a prison trusty who had escaped from a road camp truck and had a four-hour start on McDermid and his dogs.

"It's a chase like this one that lets you know what your dogs are made of," McDermid said. "I had followed the dogs for several hours when we hit upon a swamp. The shepherds lost the scent, but the old hound I had kept wanting to go into the water."

McDermid turned the bloodhound loose and followed the dog into the waist deep water of the lake. "The old hound kept going from one cypress tree to another sniffing the trunk where the prisoner had apparently put his hands

on the trees," McDermid said.

After some quarter-mile of criss-crossing the lake from one cypress tree to the next, the bloodhound followed the scent to the far bank where the fugitive's tracks were clearly visible. Several hours later he was captured.

Every dog trainer, and McDermid is no exception, has a particular way of training his dogs.

Although there are variations with each dog, McDermid starts training his trailing dogs as young puppies. The exact technique is a trade secret, but basically he starts the young puppies out trailing him and then progresses to trailing other persons.

How effective are McDermid-trained dogs?

"A lot has to do with the conditions," the veteran deputy said. "With the best conditions—that's a damp, cool and crisp atmosphere—and if no one has interfered with the tracks and the man you're tracking doesn't have any help in escaping, then you've got a sure capture."

"But ideal conditions only happen about once every 30 or 40 times."

McDermid said a 30 per cent capture rate was considered good. He added, however, that a dog's effectiveness should not be measured on the capture rate alone. "A lot of times," McDermid said, "a trail will lead to other evidence—evidence that might otherwise have never been found."

87 ARRESTED FOR DOGFIGHTING

CRAWFORDVILLE — Wakulla County Sheriff W. R. Taff admits he didn't know exactly what he should charge 87 people with when he found them attending a dog fight in his county.

The Sheriff said his main concern was letting it be known this inhumane form of entertainment was not going to be tolerated in Wakulla County.

"I had a hunch they were scheduling dog fights in our county," Taff said. "I wanted them to know we wouldn't stand for it."

About 260 people were on hand and deputies were able to catch 87 before they could flee into the woods. All but three were charged with cruelty to animals, and released on \$36 cash bonds. Only two persons returned for a court appearance.

No gambling charges were filed, but Chief Deputy Fred Oliver noted, "those people wouldn't drive from Tennessee, Alabama and South Florida unless they were gambling."

Taff said he became suspicious something was going on when an unusual number of cars began arriving in nearby Shell Point.

With his four deputies, the Sheriff followed the traffic to a dirt road early on a Sunday morning. When they realized how large the crowd was, they radioed Tallahassee for help. Leon Coun-

ty Sheriff Raymond Hamlin and five deputies came down to help.

The Chief Deputy and a Leon County officer moved in closer with a walkie talkie and observed one fight going on and radioed the waiting officers as the second fight began.

Officers had to force their way through a locked gate at 7:30 a.m. to get to the area where a portable fighting pit had been set up. The wooden sides and canvas floor of the arena were blood spattered and buckets of water in the corners were blood red also.

As the people were arrested, they were escorted back here in convoys and booked at the jail. It took until noon to complete the arrests.

The crowd, which included whole families with women and children, had paid \$15 per person to get in, said one fan.

Found in the pit were plastic and wooden wedges used to pry the jaws of one dog loose from another's throat. Dog men arrested at the scene denied the dogs sometimes fight to the finish and went on to explain there are modern rules which govern the fights.

"We could have been tougher on them," Sheriff Taff said. "The charge was only a misdemeanor, but I don't think they'll come back to our county and that is all I wanted."



Sheriff W. R. Taff with the dog which was supposed to have won the first match.

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Honorary Lifetime Members of the Florida Sheriffs Association are special people. They have gone the extra mile on behalf of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch - Girls Villa, and for their support we are grateful. In the picture to the left, Sheriff Dale Carson (left), of Jacksonville, presents a Lifetime Membership plaque to Lloyd B. Rhodes for "valuable services rendered to the Boys Ranch." Below that picture Sheriff Malcolm Beard (right), of Hillsborough County, presents a plaque to Marty Fleischman representing the Tampa Jai Alai Fronton. Below, Tony G. Klose (right), of Miami, receives his plaque from Jim Parrish representing State Treasurer Tom O'Malley, a member of the Boys Ranch Board of Trustees.



WANTED PERSONS



TRUMAN (NMN) SCOTT

SCOTT, Truman (nmn) — Colored male. Date and place of birth 11-4-48, Kingstree, S. C. 5' 10", 165 lbs. Black hair, brown eyes. Knife scar upper left arm. FBI No. 962 752 G. FDLE No. 339 321. SS No. 266 80 1970. Relatives reside in New York City. Warrant issued, charge Violation of Probation (Felony). No bond. If apprehended, notify Sheriff Leigh Wilson, Titusville, Florida.



ALTON BUNNY CLARK

CLARK, Alton Bunny — White male. Date and place of birth 9-28-42, Marlboro, S. C. 5' 6", 165 lbs. Light brown, crewcut hair, hazel eyes. Numerous scars and tattoos all over body. FBI No. 32 403 E. FDLE No. 649 141. SS No. 250-72 0055. Occupation: heavy equipment operator. Bench warrant issued, charge Aggravated Assault, no bond. If apprehended, notify Sheriff Leigh Wilson, Titusville, Florida.



JAMES ALBERT BALLARD

BALLARD, James Albert — White male. Date and place of birth 8-16-37, Statesville, N. C. 6' 1", 185 lbs. Brown hair, blue eyes. Acid burn scar on neck. FBI No. 509 491 D. FDLE No. 46 102. SS No. 245-60 7710. Bench warrant issued, charge Worthless Check (Felony), bond \$3,000. Will extradite. If apprehended, notify Sheriff Leigh Wilson, Titusville, Florida.



KEVIN DALE HARPER

HARPER, Kevin Dale — White male. Date and place of birth 12-23-50, Meridian, Conn. 5' 9", 135 lbs. Brown hair and eyes. Tattoo "VG" on chest and butterfly on shoulder. SS No. 042 44 6280. FDLE No. 666 372. May be operating '65 VW Camper, tag unknown. Warrant issued, charge Violation of Probation (Felony). No bond. If apprehended, notify Sheriff Leigh Wilson, Titusville, Florida.

SHERIFF HARVESTS CROP

LAKE CITY — Organically grown marijuana plants, up to 14 feet tall with stalks four to five inches in circumference, were "harvested" by Columbia County Sheriff Harry Spradley and his officers on the farm of Joseph R. Reda, located three miles north of Ichetucknee Springs.

Reda was charged with possession of marijuana.

According to Sheriff Spradley, "reports of unusual activity in the area" led to ten days of surveillance, followed by the raid.

A total of 132 marijuana plants and 75 pounds of cured marijuana were seized and a drying rack was found in the attic of the farm house.

Unable to keep all his harvest, Sheriff Spradley had the larger plants burned. A conservative estimate of the crop's value was put at \$181,000.

DEPUTY'S ARTICLE RATED BEST

TITUSVILLE — An article by Lt. Tom Rudge of the Brevard County Sheriff's Department has won top honors among traffic safety stories appearing in LAW & ORDER magazine.

The article "Murder on Our Highways," received over half of the 1000 votes cast by law enforcement officials judging eight entries.

Rudge is commander of Sheriff Leigh S. Wilson's Accident Prevention Unit (APU) which was formed when the Sheriff became alarmed at the mounting traffic menace in this fast-growing, space-oriented county.

"Complacency in the public's mind and frequently in some law enforcement circles, compounds the problem (of traffic safety)," Rudge said in the article. "The ordinary driver never pictures himself being involved in an accident and so his complacency gives him a detached attitude toward the realities of his driving and he becomes a potential killer."

He also explained that the APU is concerned with three basic and critical areas — engineering, education and enforcement. An 88 per cent drop in the accident rate was achieved in certain problem areas with special attention from the APU.



Sheriff Harry Spradley (right) holds a marijuana stalk stripped of its leaves while Chief Deputy Max Akins checks some of the dried leaves. The Sheriff inspects some of the stalks which were four and five inches in circumference.



DRUG CACHE SEIZED

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — A lookout armed with a two-way radio and shotgun failed to prevent a successful raid by Clay County Sheriff's officers and federal narcotics agents.

Six men and two women were arrested and drugs valued at over \$1 million were seized as the officers cracked down on what they described as a large and sophisticated drug operation.

Two undercover agents from the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs purchased \$10,000 worth of pure heroin from the suspects to set up the raid.

The lookout thought the hideout was being invaded by the underworld when federal and county officers arrived in unmarked cars.

Seized were an assortment of hallucinogenic drugs, heroin and marijuana along with a shotgun and four pistols.

Brevard County Sheriff Leigh S. Wilson (left) presents Lt. Tom Rudge with his first place bronze plaque from LAW & ORDER magazine for his article on traffic safety.



LITTER BUGS BEWARE

VERO BEACH — A volunteer anti-litter and anti-pollution squad has been asked by Indian River County Sheriff Sam Joyce to begin night tours on its patrol schedule.

From evidence gathered in test areas, it was learned that litterers were "working" at night, making them hard to catch in the act.

The litter fighters have been sworn in as special deputies and can issue warnings for minor violations.

FORMER SHERIFF DIES

LAKE CITY — Ralph Paul Witt, elected Sheriff of Columbia County six times, died here January 1, 1972. He was first elected Sheriff in 1944 and before that served four years on the school board. He was born in Columbia County August 27, 1910, and was educated in the public schools of Mason City. He was past president of the Florida Sheriffs Association and served on the Association's Board of Directors.

That's Life

Two young boys canoeing down the twisting, turning Suwannee River. Not knowing what lies around the next turn — but ready and eager to find out. A few years later, two young men going their separate paths now, finding the road not always straight and smooth but at least worthwhile and perhaps challenging. They may return here one day, to again know the quiet and solitude and recall their youth at the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch.

