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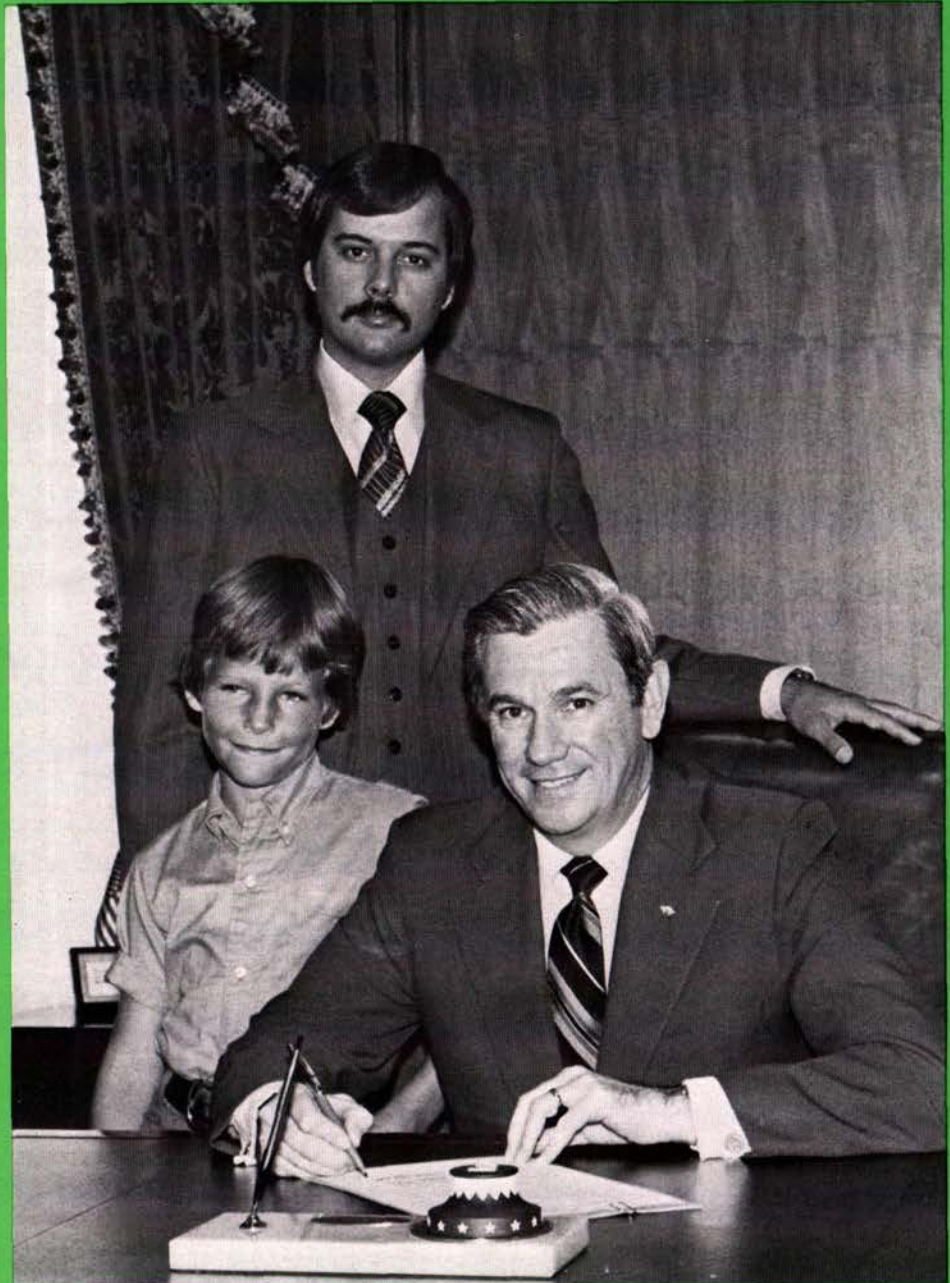
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When Governor Reubin Askew proclaimed the week of October 2-8 as "Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Week," two generations of Ranchers were on hand for the signing ceremony.

One was Leonard Russek, a Certified Public Accountant from Tampa who was one of the first boys enrolled at the Ranch and is currently serving as the President of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch Alumni Association.

The other was Paul Lemire, 9, one of the youngest boys currently living at the Ranch. (See back cover for full text of Proclamation.)



**Governor
Proclaims**

Boys Ranch Week



Number One In The Nation

TAMPA — The U.S. Treasury Department's Minute Man Flag Award was presented to Hillsborough County Sheriff Malcolm Beard (center) and Capt. David Parrish (left) by George Gage, President of General Telephone Company and State Chairman of the U.S. Savings Bonds Program. The presentation was in recognition of the Hillsborough County Sheriff's office becoming the first Sheriff's office in the nation to achieve better than 50% participation in the Savings Bonds program.

Laughing matter

DENVER — When Filbert G. Maestas was convicted of stealing 1,200 animal rectums from a meat processing plant, he appealed to the Colorado Court of Appeals on grounds that arresting officers had violated his constitutional rights by laughing at him and causing him to make a statement that led to his conviction.

According to testimony, Maestas and a companion were being driven to jail in Denver when one of the arresting officers began laughing.

Maestas asked the officer what was so funny and the officer told him he was laughing because the beef rennets Maestas had stolen were actually inedible rectal tissue, suitable only for use in curing cheese.

Maestas was said to have replied: "If I go to jail for stealing 1,200 a s, I'm really going to be mad."

This statement was used against Maestas in his trial, but he tried to get the court to rule it was obtained illegally, but the court declined. Instead, the court ruled that the officer had a good and legal right to laugh.

Answers for the asking

A Florida judge, a U. S. Congressman, an Australian police officer, a Michigan college professor and a French prison official have more in common than they might imagine.

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Burglaries dropped

SANFORD — The Sanford Herald praised Lt. Harold "Beau" Taylor, of the Seminole County Sheriff's Department, for his diligent work in a crime prevention project that was successful in reducing burglaries in the Woodlands subdivision.

"Project Woodlands," a year-long program, required thousands of hours of work by Lt. Taylor, Deputy Sheriff Hank Bierly and other members of Sheriff John Polk's department, the newspaper said.

During 1976, burglaries were down five percent county-wide, but dropped 24 percent in Woodlands, a subdivision of 224 acres and 520 homes.

The Sheriff's office was aided by active support from the homeowners association and other concerned citizens, but no locally budgeted funds nor federal funds were used.

"Project Woodlands" was described as a prime example of what can be accomplished through cooperation between private citizens and law enforcement agencies.

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Final word of advice

"This," said Carl Stauffer (right) to Berwin Williams, "will be your best friend."

Sheriffs hire new executive director

Carl Stauffer retired from his position as Executive Director of the Florida Sheriffs Association on October 1, 1977, and was succeeded by E. Berwin Williams, veteran law enforcement practitioner who had been serving as the Sheriffs Association's Director of Professional Services since 1973.

Stauffer will continue to edit "The Sheriff's Star," the Sheriffs Association's award-winning magazine, and "The Rancher," a publication of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, on a part-time basis.

Williams brings to his new position a law enforcement background that dates back to 1949, when he became a part-time deputy sheriff at the Jackson County Sheriff's Office in Marianna.

In 1951, his part-time position became a full-time one. In 1955, he served briefly as a criminal investigator in the Bay County Sheriff's Office, Panama City, then moved to Tallahassee to become one of the first special investigators hired by the newly-created Florida Sheriffs Bureau.

From 1955 to 1969 the Sheriffs Bureau evolved into the Florida Bureau of Law Enforcement (FBLE), and later the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE). During this period, Williams advanced from Special Investigator to Special Agent, to Special Agent in Charge of Training, to Assistant Director (FBLE), and then to Director of the Division of Administration (FDLE).

When the Florida Sheriffs Association created the Florida Law Enforcement Academy, in Tallahassee, in 1964, Williams remained on the Florida Sheriffs Bureau payroll but was assigned to the Academy as Coordinator of Training. In this capacity, he was responsible for a diversified curriculum that gave professional training to hundreds of officers from all levels of law enforcement.

In 1969, he became planning Coordinator for the Law Enforcement Planning Council, Region I, with headquarters in Panama City. In 1970, the agency's name was changed to Governor's Council on Criminal Justice, and he became the Executive Director for Region I. This was the position he was holding in 1973 when he resigned to become Director of Professional Services for the Florida Sheriffs Association.



A native of Marianna, Florida, Williams attended Chipola Junior College, Marianna, and Gulf Coast Community College, Panama City.

He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, and has logged some 1500 hours of professional training at: Southwestern Homicide Seminar, Austin, Texas; Florida Law Enforcement Academy, Tallahassee; St. Petersburg Junior College; National Planning Seminar, Washington, D.C.; Personnel Supervision Seminar, Tallahassee; Criminal Justice Planning Seminar, Atlanta; the FBI Academy; and FBI National Academy Retraining Sessions.

Williams is certified by the Florida Police Standards Council as a General Instructor, and has had almost 9,000 hours of experience as a training instructor.

He has served on a large number of study committees, advisory councils and task forces dealing with a variety of law enforcement subjects.

He is a member of the FBI National Academy Associates, and the Northwest Florida Police Chiefs Association. He has been a member of the American Society of Training Directors, International Association of Chiefs of Police, Florida Peace Officers Association, and Lambda Alpha Epsilon.

Stauffer is a native of Burnside, Pennsylvania, and was graduated from Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. He was a newspaper editor, crime reporter, feature writer and photographer for 10 years in New Jersey, Indiana, and Florida before the Florida Sheriffs Association employed him as its Field Secretary in 1953.

He returned to newspaper work in 1954 and was rehired by the Sheriffs Association in 1957, serving first as Field Secretary and later as Executive Director. His retirement ends 20 years of continuous service.



Sheriff Zimmerman campaigned for election on a platform of crime prevention.

ROLLIN ZIMMERMAN

A Sheriff who cares about kids

■ TITUSVILLE — Sheriff Rollin Zimmerman has a warm smile, deep-set eyes and a deep conviction about the importance of giving kids a helping hand.

"I would rather lead a child away from crime today than arrest him as an adult tomorrow," is one of his favorite sayings and he has proved in many ways he really means it.

One bit of proof was his Anti-Drug Education Program which he carried into schools, churches, service clubs, civic clubs and homes. He used displays of drugs and drug paraphernalia, plus personal testimony from drug addicts and alcoholics to drive home his campaign.

How many kids were saved from a life of crime and degradation by this program? There's no way of knowing, but the

public reaction to this and other projects became evident last November when Brevard County voters elected Sheriff Zimmerman over three general election opponents.

The voters spoke decisively when they entrusted the security of their homes, families and businesses to a man whose interest in the welfare of young people approached the legendary.

Years prior to the election, Captain Zimmerman (the rank he formerly held in the Sheriff's Department) was quoted as saying: "When a police officer no longer has compassion for people — then he and society have a problem."

Later he translated his sentiments into action by founding the Hacienda Girls Ranch, a facility for worthy and needy youngsters similar to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch and Girls Villa.

After he was elected Sheriff, one of his first official acts was to establish a Juvenile Aid Squad under the leadership of a veteran youth counselor so that incidents involving juveniles could be investigated in depth and handled professionally.

Sheriff Zimmerman also sponsors a Junior Deputy Sheriff League to give youngsters a firsthand knowledge of law enforcement and to get them involved in worthwhile activities.

Serving young people ranks high among his priorities, but he has been equally progressive in other aspects of his demanding



Sheriff Zimmerman frequently visits Hacienda Girls Ranch, the home for needy and worthy girls he established prior to being elected Brevard County's chief law enforcement officer.



Youth programs are a favorite subject when Sheriff Zimmerman talks to civic clubs.

job.

He has increased the number of deputies on patrol and he is instituting an "Indianapolis Plan" which will allow deputies to have limited personal use of patrol cars during off-duty hours. This will increase the crime deterrent effect of marked vehicles circulating throughout the county day and night.

Trained volunteers are being used as auxiliary deputies to assist the full-time paid deputies and increase the effectiveness of the Sheriff's Department.

"These concerned citizens cost the county only pennies compared to the service they are rendering," Zimmerman said.

He added the auxiliary men also provide a valuable pool of trained manpower from which future full-time deputies can be

hired.

A new Community Relations Department gets citizens involved in a number of crime prevention projects and also channels important information about the Sheriff's Department to the news media.

Sheriff Zimmerman believes that trained police dogs can render valuable assistance to law enforcement, and he has announced plans to establish an active K-9 Corps.

He has also expressed his concern for the needs of crime victims, and he plans to seek funds for a Victim Service Program. "I'm not saying too much time and effort have been spent on the rights and the rehabilitation of criminals," he said, "but I am convinced much too little thought has been given to the victims."

A continuous in-service training program looms large among the Sheriff's current priorities, and he has appointed a training officer to see that it is handled effectively.

One of his training innovations is to give his employees an opportunity to "walk in the other man's shoes." As an example, patrol deputies are required to work eight hours in the communications center, and radio dispatchers are required to ride with deputies on patrol to develop an understanding of each other's jobs.

Rollin Zimmerman is a man of many ideas and impulses, but he has one primary guideline which he sums up with this quotation from the Metropolitan Police Act of 1829:

"It should be understood, at the outset, that the principal object to be obtained is the prevention of crime. To this great end, every effort of the police is to be directed. Security of persons and property, the preservation of the public tranquility and all the other objects of a police establishment cannot thus be better effected than by the detection and punishment of the offender after he has succeeded in committing the crime. This should be kept in mind by every member of the police force as the guide for his own conduct — the absence of crime will be considered the best proof of the complete efficiency of the police."

No more classrooms in cow pastures

JACKSONVILLE — Twenty years ago it wasn't unusual to use a cow pasture as a classroom for training law enforcement officers.

Florida has come a long way since then and Special Agent Ed Bahlow, the man in charge of the FBI's police training program in North Florida for the past 19 years, has been involved in the dramatic evolution.

When Bahlow was assigned to the Jacksonville FBI office in 1958, he immediately began working with Sheriffs and Police Chiefs throughout Florida whenever his training skills were needed. At that time Florida law did not require training for lawmen, and classroom conditions were often less than ideal.

"We gave firearms training to one group of officers in a cow pasture, and defensive tactics training in a locker room," Bahlow recalls.

His work was made easier in 1968 when training was mandated for all Florida police officers by the Police Standards Act. Since then modern law enforcement training facilities have been springing up all over the state.

"Today, Florida's training facilities rival the best in the country," Bahlow said, and he ought to know. He has given firearms, defense tactics and sex crimes investigation training to thousands of law enforcement officers.

Bahlow began his FBI career in 1947, at Seattle, Washington, transferred cross-country to Washington, D.C. in 1948, and remained there until his transfer to Jacksonville in



Ed Bahlow is putting aside his guns and dusting off his golf clubs.

1958.

On September 9, Bahlow retired, marking the end of a 30-year FBI career. "Law enforcement as a profession has come a long way in the past 20 years," Bahlow said. "I am impressed with the quality of today's young police officers, and their dedication to law enforcement as a profession."

That's an appropriate benediction from a man who is now putting aside his guns and dusting off his golf clubs.



Representative
Don Hazelton

Warrants by telephone

TALLAHASSEE — Representative Don Hazelton (D-West Palm Beach) has filed legislation to strengthen the power of law enforcement personnel by decreasing the time necessary to obtain a search warrant.

"The present process for obtaining a search warrant is one of time consuming paperwork and long distance travel," Hazelton said. "This bill will eradicate these problems and insure the swift enforcement of our laws."

Under the proposal, the agent or policeman in the field would be able to rapidly obtain a search warrant at any hour in a distant location from the court. A search warrant could be obtained either by telephone, or in an emergency, by police radio.

The agent or policeman would contact the judge and state his reasons for wanting a search warrant. The judge would then be authorized to accept these oral statements supporting the application for a warrant, and to orally authorize the officer to sign the judge's name to a duplicate original warrant, which may then be executed. Additionally, the bill provides for the recording and transcription of the oral application and for the filing of the original and the duplicate original warrants with the clerk of the court.

"I feel that the telephonic process will streamline search warrant procedures, and encourage responsible law enforcement, without impairing the constitutional safeguard of a detached magistrate determining probable cause," said Hazelton.

The process of telephonic search warrants was developed by the District Attorney for the County of San Diego, California. He viewed it as a means of having search warrants issued in minutes rather than hours and a method for giving a flexibility in law enforcement procedure not possible with the cumbersome search warrant supported by written affidavit. It has been in use for some time and has apparently been quite successful and has survived several court challenges.

They're helping kids stay out of trouble

PALATKA — Well, it was back to school again last month for Deputy Sheriffs Taylor Douglas, 25, and Ann Craw, 26,— but not as students and not as law enforcement officers.

Crime prevention is their specialty, and Putnam County Sheriff Walt Pellicer has hired them to "do their thing" in all of the public schools. He has also put them in charge of his Explorer Scout Post to help teenagers explore various aspects of law enforcement as a career.

In elementary grades the team of Douglas and Craw will work at giving law enforcement officers a friendly image. They will also stress bicycle safety and give youngsters an overview of the business of law enforcement.

At the high school level, where girls are often exposed to the risk of becoming rape victims, they will stress preventative measures and also how to work with authorities in the event an attack takes place.

Field trips to prisons and courtrooms will give youngsters an inside view of the criminal justice system.

Sheriff Pellicer calls this innovative approach his Youth Resource Program. It has been in operation for three years, and has proved so successful he has extended it into all Putnam County Schools.

"It's a good program and we are proud of it," Pellicer said, "and the department is impressed with the two young people who will be implementing it."

Deputies Douglas and Craw will be working with students, faculty and parents. They will function as counselors, teachers and advisers. One of their objectives will be to develop a friendly relationship with students.

"We will not be in the schools to enforce the law, or to make drug busts," said Craw. "We will be there to help — not to tattle."

She is a graduate of Ball State University, in Indiana, and was employed as a matron at a women's prison before coming to Palatka as a teacher. Douglas is a graduate of the University of Florida. Both deputies have been attending law enforcement training courses after working hours.

Arrests decrease; praise increases

BUNNELL — Flagler County Juvenile Officer Wilfred Hunter is making fewer and fewer arrests and getting more and more pats on the back from his boss, Sheriff P.A. Edmonson.

In 1974 a total of 212 youngsters were added to Flagler County's delinquency roster. The next year the total dropped to 34, and it has been dropping ever since. "The difference is taking the time to work with a kid, rather than making a case on him," Hunter said.

He deals with truancy, drugs, larceny, auto theft and just plain "unmanageability." He spends a big portion of his working day at public schools developing a friendly relationship with youngsters and talking to them about their problems.

"The pleasure in this job is seeing a kid on the street that you know has been in trouble and now he is going straight," Hunter said.

From his ample supply of success stories he offered one about a 13-year-old boy whose mother called and com-

plained he wouldn't come home at night. "When I talked to the boy," said Hunter, "he told me about a burglary he had committed. We both went to the people and he told them what he had done. Then he offered to work for them and pay back what he had taken. This was the last time this young fellow was in trouble."

Sheriff Edmonson is so pleased with the anti-delinquency project that he has applied for a renewal of the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration grant which has been funding Hunter's work. The grant will amount to \$7,769 and Flagler County will contribute \$903.

Bungling bandit

MIAMI BEACH — FBI agents could have used dogs, roadblocks, blowups of photos and sophisticated crime lab techniques to track down the gunman who held up Citizens Federal Savings and Loan Association.

But they didn't have to.

The bandit dropped his checkbook when he fled the scene, agents said. It had his name and address listed inside.

Checkbook in hand, it was a relatively simple matter for agents to track Lamar Fitzpatrick, 25, of Tampa, to a Miami Beach motel and place him under arrest.



Junior Deputy Film Library Becoming A Reality

FORT PIERCE — St. Lucie County Sheriff Lanie Norvell's plans for a film library to be used in the training of Junior Deputies are moving ahead at a brisk pace, thanks to the help he is receiving from local organizations. One substantial donation came from the Chamber of Commerce, represented by Mel Broom, President (center) and Robert Reid (right), Executive Secretary of The Chamber. In photo below another contribution was delivered by (from left) Margaret Zamaites, Frances Lee and Irene Geiss, representing Andre Martin Post No. 10130, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Port St. Lucie. This donation prompted the Sheriff to consult a film catalog.



“Hey Sheriff – did you say we’re making a drug bust at a nudist camp?”

“Yes, we are, and you may have difficulty requiring suspects to show proper identification.”

By Tom Berlinger,
Executive Assistant
Pasco County Sheriff's Department



Sheriff Short (right) with undercover “uncovered” Deputy Sheriff Scott Phillips. (This photo by Kieran Doherty, Clearwater Sun. The others are by Norm Errington Studios, Port Richey.)

■ DADE CITY — It was hours before dawn on August 5, and except for more than 35 persons who would wind up wearing handcuffs before the day was over, the situation had all the elements of a “good news - bad news” joke.

The “bad news” was that 25 Pasco County deputy sheriffs and an equivalent number of reporters had to get up in time to attend a 4:00 a.m. briefing and 5:00 a.m. press conference called by Sheriff John M. Short.

The “good news” began to break when Sheriff Short stood before his men and announced he had a very special detail for the next few hours.

A bearded stranger in a brown suit was sitting near the Sheriff. Deputies in the audience whispered speculation about his identity. “Meet your fellow deputy,” Short said, introducing Scott Phillips, a bearded 21-year-old man with collar-length hair, who had made “the supreme sacrifice.”

Phillips, a sworn deputy sheriff, had been working not only “undercover,” but also “uncovered,” for three months at the Lake Como Nudist Camp in Land O’Lakes, located in South Central Pasco County, the Sheriff explained.

Deputies are now “belly-laughing” about Deputy Phillips’ assignment, and jokes about where he carries his badge and I.D. are running through the crowd like wildfire. Those who have quit their laughing are now carefully pondering whether or not working in a nudist camp as a deputy sheriff is what they’d like to do.

After the laughter subsided, some of the deputies began to have second thoughts about working “in the skin.” “Not

me baby,” muttered one grizzled old-timer.

Sheriff Short continued, “. . . Deputy Phillips has lived in the nudist camp for the past three months and has bought narcotics from sources within and without the camp.”

The sleepy-eyed deputies stopped slumping in their chairs. They were going to make a drug bust at a nudist camp, and arrest warrants were being handed out.

“We also have five search warrants which need to be served, and Detective Greg Devlin will now describe those places which are to be searched and distribute photos of each premise,” Sheriff Short said.

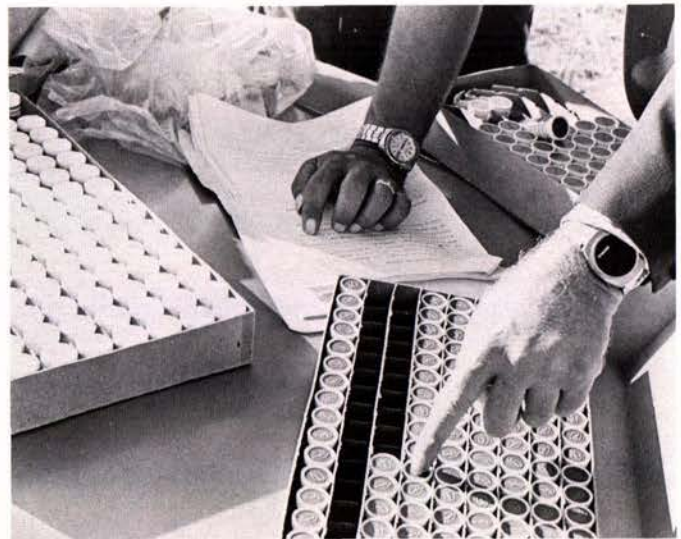
The briefing was now complete, and the Sheriff ordered the men to go out and arrest those suspects residing outside Lake Como Club. “All persons arrested are to be taken to a temporary booking facility, at the Civic Center in Land O’ Lakes, which has been set up to handle the large numbers,” he stated.

The Sheriff walked from the operations center to his office for a briefing with the news media. Even after two cups of “jailhouse coffee,” some reporters were asleep, sitting up in their chairs.

When advised why they were called out at such an unmerciful hour, the reporters suddenly began perking up and asking a deluge of questions about the operation. One reporter wanted to know if the department’s Workman’s Compensation coverage included sunburn and poison ivy. “Come on,” one asked, “how many buys has he made?” “Make a clean breast of it Sheriff,” said a TV cameraman. “Just



Sheriff's Executive Assistant Tom Berlinger holds under arrest a camera-shy suspect who was later revealed to be a policeman from a nearby city.



Deputies inventory vials of confiscated pills.

the bare truth," chimes in another.

By daybreak, thirteen persons had been taken into custody from outside Lake Como, and deputies met at a pre-arranged location adjacent to the nudist camp.

One after another, the patrol vehicles, detectives, crime scene and search units and reporters filed through the front gate leading into the camp. Signs of "No Trespassing, Violators Will Be Prosecuted" were posted along the road. Finally, the last sign warned: "Now Entering a Nudist Camp and No Trespassing by Non-Members will be Permitted . . ."

Deputies armed with search and arrest warrants converged upon many of the homes in the camp seeking suspects and residences to be searched. Simultaneous knocking on doors was the only sound to be heard up and down the blocks in the silence of the dawn. Deputies began identi-

fying themselves, "Sheriff's department, open your doors please . . ."

Small crowds of nudist camp residents assembled in the streets to watch. Some had donned clothing, while others stood by wearing only smiles or looks of confusion.

One by one those arrested were escorted to patrol cars after being allowed to dress for their trip back out to the "clothed world."

Spectators, however, didn't bother; and the sight of a totally nude man or woman standing and talking earnestly to a uniformed deputy or plainclothes policeman became so common by mid-morning that the novelty wore off.

By the time the raid ended, Pasco deputies had taken nearly 40 persons into custody; had served five search warrants; and had confiscated quantities of illegal drugs and narcotics. *(Continued on next page)*

IS FRISKING NECESSARY IN NUDIST CAMP RAIDS?

Well . . . Just Barely

Cartoons by Sandy Dean



"Assault on a police officer my foot. His frisking was getting too frisky!"



"Errr...ma'am, would you do it yourself, please?"

DADE CITY — Nudist camp drug raids raise questions that are not answered in law enforcement training manuals. For instance:

Is it necessary to frisk an arrested suspect who is wearing only a smile?

What is considered proper identification?

What does one say to a naked lady who is about to be handcuffed?

How does one detain an escaping nude lawbreaker -- especially if he is well greased with suntan oil?

Drug Bust At a Nudist Camp

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A large camper-home and two automobiles were seized after drugs had been found in them. Then the unglamorous work began as deputies prepared the reams of paperwork that traditionally accompany raids.

Sheriff Short praised the deputies for their efficient handling of the raid, and noted that no resistance had been shown by those arrested. Over 100 charges were filed. Search warrants produced an additional ten charges. "I am especially proud of the long hours of work that Detective Greg Devlin did by working with Deputy Phillips on a daily basis, compiling lab reports and preparing the paperwork necessary to draw arrest and search warrants," Sheriff Short said. "They did an excellent job."



Sheriff John Short "on camera" at the end of the drug raid.

"I saw a big round flash of flame and heard the shot..."

This first person account of a shoot-out by Corporal Fred Latourette, Lee County Sheriff's Department, is reprinted from The Pine Island Eagle.

FORT MYERS — I won't forget that Sunday night for a while. It was the night I almost came to an untimely end.

Every cop knows that a full moon gives us more work, and that Sunday the moon was as full as could be.

On the three to eleven shift, our guys had their hands full; it seems that every other person you met wanted to fight, and when my shift started at eleven p.m., it didn't slow down a bit.

I was working around Fort Myers Beach, in fact, I was at the Beach sub-station when I got the call—"A man shot"—the location given was only a few blocks away.



He had been shot through the shoulder. A young man—very scared—said he was shot because he wouldn't do the dishes on a shrimp boat. Said the man who shot him was probably still on the boat.

Deputies Jimmy Johnson and Craig Humble and I gave him to the medics, then took off for the shrimp docks.

Craig was in front, and on Main Street he suddenly slammed on his brakes, and over the radio, "I've got another man who's been shot. Same boat."

I told Craig to take him over to the ambulance and Deputy Johnson and I went to the docks.

I had a rider with me, Bob Rice from the Sheriff's Posse. I gave him the shotgun from my car, and I took my M.1 carbine.

We didn't say much, we all knew what we had to do. We knew that in a few minutes someone would either give up or shoot at us.

We found the boat at the end of a long, narrow (God, how narrow) dock. I was in front, Jimmy was just behind and to my left, and Bob was behind him.

The stern faced us, and as I looked at how many dark corners there were, and how that big fat moon had us lit up, I was thinking "Please, God, make him miss."

Just then my flashlight fell full on his face! He was behind a big heavy shrimp "door." (It's what they drag in front of the nets to stir up the bottom.) We were only about fifteen feet apart, and WE were in the open with no cover at all.

I yelled, "Police! Freeze! Put your hands up!" I heard him mutter and saw a big round flash of flame and heard the shot.

That carbine saved my life. As soon as he fired, I started shooting and didn't stop until I felt that he was down.

I kept thinking "If I let him aim again I'm dead." I was shooting so fast that people who heard the shots thought it was a machine gun.

When I rushed his barricade, he was down, bleeding.

That heavy wooden "door" and a pile of chains in front of it had stopped most of our shots. It was a good barricade. He must have thought so too, he had a pack of cigarettes and a paper bag full of bullets neatly laid out behind it, waiting for us.



Sheriff Dale Carson

Constitution Revision Commission urged to retain elected Sheriffs

JACKSONVILLE — When the Constitution Revision Commission met here August 24, Dale Carson, Sheriff of the Consolidated City of Jacksonville, made a plea in favor of maintaining the elective status of Sheriffs. Here are his remarks:

"As long as I have been in office I have been dealing with the question of an appointed or elected Sheriff. I feel I can speak with some authority on this matter as I have been both appointed and elected. I was first appointed to this office by Governor Collins in 1958 and I have been elected since that time. I recently served on a national LEAA-financed committee which produced the POLICE CHIEF EXECUTIVE report which also added to my experience in this matter.

"I feel very strongly that the office of the Sheriff should remain an elective constitutional office.

"There are numerous philosophical reasons for keeping the office elective, such as giving the people the opportunity to vote on their officials and because an elective office is more responsive to the demands of the public. I thoroughly agree with these reasons, but I believe there are also practical reasons for keeping the office of Sheriff elective.

"First, as the chief law enforcement officer of his county, he must deal with other elected officials, with State Attorneys, judges, and with the various mayors and other city officials of his county. But of most importance, he is dealing with his county commissioners. Any sheriff's office can only be as good as its budget, and as an elected Sheriff dealing with elected Commissioners, he has a much better opportunity to obtain the finances he needs to operate his office. The Sheriff deals directly with the people controlling the budget, while an appointed official, such as a Chief of Police, deals with the mayor who deals with those who control the finances.

"Secondly, there is the matter of tenure. To quote from the POLICE CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT:

'Police agencies, to be effective, need stability in leadership. It is not uncommon to find successful programs in agencies where the police chief executive has been in office 8 or 10 years. Police agencies, however, that have had several police chiefs over a decade often lack concerted action to accomplish agency objectives. It is difficult and often impossible to develop objectives, obtain fiscal support, build teams, and implement programs in fewer than 5 years, and it often takes longer.'

"The average tenure of a Police Chief in the United States is 5.4 years, while the average for Sheriffs is 6.7 years. (Editor's Note: In some states tenure of Sheriffs is limited by law, and this serves to reduce the national figure. In Florida, the average tenure fluctuates between 8 and 12 years.) We find

that most Chiefs of Police lose their jobs when the mayor loses his. Milwaukee had six Chiefs of Police in one five-year period. We find that as the size of jurisdictions increase, the tenure of the police executive decreases.

"I'm a member of the Major Cities Section of the International Chiefs of Police. I'm one of 27 members of this organization which represents cities of over 500,000 in population. All the major cities in our nation are represented in this group. They are all Chiefs with the exception of the Sheriff of Los Angeles County and myself. These are well trained professional Chiefs of Police and yet the average tenure among this group is 2.8 years. The two who have served the longest are the two Sheriffs, one 18 years and the other 19 years. This is an extreme example but it is true, nevertheless.

"Finally, the supporters of the appointive Sheriff argue that this is the only way to get 'professionals' in law enforcement. They say there should be qualifications for the office, and the majority of Sheriffs in the nation support this, but even without qualifications for the office, Florida has done extremely well in attracting professionals to the office of Sheriff.

"In Florida, of the 67 Sheriffs all but three (Holmes, Monroe and Washington counties) have had a law enforcement background. Almost half of the Sheriffs have college degrees. Seven have Associate of Arts degrees and one has an Associate of Science Degree. Ten have Bachelor of Science degrees, four have Bachelor of Arts degrees and one is presently working on his Masters. Four have Bachelor of Laws degrees and two have Doctor of Laws degrees. One Sheriff is presently working on his Doctor of Philosophy degree. Eighteen of the Sheriffs are graduates of the F.B.I. National Academy and five are former F.B.I. agents.

"I think this demonstrates the professionalism we already have among the Sheriffs of our state and refutes the main argument of those who favor appointing the Sheriff. We already have professionalism among the Sheriffs and the elective status of that office should be maintained in our Constitution."

Former Sheriff dies

LAKE CITY — Former Columbia County Sheriff Floyd Crawford, 64, died on July 26, ending a long life of public service. He was a Florida Highway Patrolman for 26 years before Governor Claude Kirk appointed him Sheriff to fill a vacancy. He served 18 months as Sheriff, became an instructor for the blind and later headed up the Suwannee Valley Transit System.



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Leon County Builders

TALLAHASSEE — Builder certificates were passed out to supporters of the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch and Girls Villa by Leon County Sheriff Ken Katsaris (in the back). Receiving the awards were (left to right) Marion Brown; Mrs. Loretta White, President of the Leon County Sheriff's Department Wives Auxiliary; and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Camberg.





Shooting the Sheriff was commonplace then

STARKE — What was it like in Bradford County in the “Good Old Days?”

They were gun-totin’, free-wheeling times, according to the Bradford Telegraph, and wearing a Sheriff’s badge was a perilous business.

The Telegraph files show that six law enforcement officers “died with their boots on” during one violent period of 28 years from 1885 to 1913. Four Sheriffs and one ex-Sheriff were slain in that period, and a sixth committed suicide.

The fatality roster also included two deputy sheriffs “killed in action,” a city policeman murdered in a saloon, and a city marshal “burned out.”

From 1885 to 1891, three Sheriffs in a row died at the hands of outlaws, the most notorious being Harmon Murray, a Gainesville Negro who, according to the Telegraph, “terrorized this entire section of North Central Florida for several years.”

And to further quote the Telegraph:

“Marked for a double dose of tragedy in this two-gun era was the Epperson family, whose name appears more frequently than any other in the list of men who have served as Bradford Sheriffs.

“The story begins on Jan. 5, 1885 when George Washington (Wash) Epperson took office as the eighth Sheriff of Bradford County, succeeding W. W. Tumblin, who resigned from the office.

“In less than 12 months after taking office, the first Sheriff Epperson was killed in line of duty while attempting to arrest a ‘worthless’ vagrant who had fled Bradford County and holed up in Valdosta, Georgia.

“Sheriff Epperson’s 32-year-old son, Henry W., who had always wanted to serve in the office, was named to succeed his father. He served out the unexpired term and was re-elected in 1888 to a full four-year term. Fate decreed, however, that he was to meet the same tragic end as his father. After serving one year of his new term, he, also, was killed while attempting to capture a dangerous outlaw in Lake Butler.

“Third in the list to fall in the line of duty was D. L. (Levy) Alvarez, who was appointed to fill the unexpired term of the second Epperson. He fell victim to the uncanny marksmanship of Harmon Murray, whose Winchester rifle is believed to have killed at least a dozen men in this area before the desperado was finally slain by a relative in Alachua County.

“On one of Murray’s trips through Starke, a local posse, headed by Sheriff Alvarez, surrounded the house just south of town, where he was staying overnight with a friend. The crafty

Murray, however, caught a glimpse of one of the men in the yard and opened fire.

“Sheriff Alvarez took a position behind a fence some distance from the house and returned Murray’s fire. The Sheriff was using black powder, which made a bright flare every time he fired. This made him an easy target for Murray, who spotted the Sheriff’s white straw hat and sent a bullet through the middle of his forehead.

“After this murder of three Sheriffs in a row, things were fairly peaceful for a few years on the law enforcement front.

E. E. Johns served as Sheriff from 1893 to 1897.

“Johns was placed in office again in 1900 and served another term before yielding to J. P. (Joe) Bennett in the election of 1904.

“After leaving the office here, Johns went to Fernandina to become chief deputy sheriff of Nassau County, and it was while serving in this position that a trap was set for his murder in a lonely spot on Amelia Island.

“One day a stranger came to Johns and had a warrant sworn out for the arrest of some men said to be seining illegally on the island. Johns took the man in his buggy and went to the island, supposedly to arrest the seiners. While passing through a deserted spot, the man, whose identity was never discovered, shot Johns through the head and left his body lying in the road. The incident remained shrouded in mystery, and no one was ever brought to trial.

“Two years after the death of Johns at Fernandina, his successor in the Sheriff’s office, Joe Bennett, came to a tragic end. In August of 1907, Sheriff Bennett, after serving only two years of his term, was found dead of gunshot wounds at his home in Starke. The death was presumed to be a suicide, although foul play was suspected by some.

“J. N. Langford was appointed in 1910. After serving 18 months of his new term, he became the sixth Bradford Sheriff to end his career in tragedy.

“Langford was killed on August 23, 1912, in a room of the old Duval Hotel in Jacksonville where he was in the company of two other local men, one from Raiford and the other from Worthington. The fatal shooting was supposed to have occurred as the Sheriff and one of the other men struggled for possession of a gun.

“In addition to the six Sheriffs, at least two deputies were also victims of gun shot. Deputy Henry O. Richard was killed at Lawtey in 1903, and Deputy Mallie Jones met death from the same source, but not until after he had left Bradford County and was serving as a deputy in Jacksonville.”



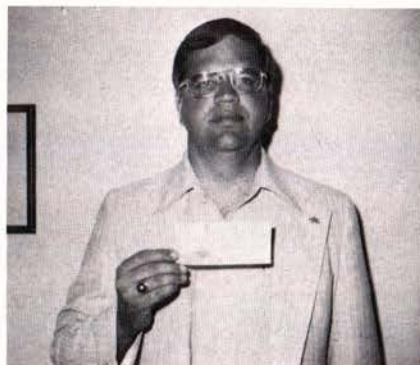
Two Palm Beach County Restaurants, Capriccio and Ta-Boo, put on a benefit softball game and raised \$10,000 for the Boys Ranch. Sheriff Richard Wille (second from left) accepted the big money from (left to right) Marcello Fiorentino, Paul Lambrakis and John Lambrakis.

Good check artists*

*People who donate generously to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, Girls Villa and Youth Fund.



W. A. "Bill" Armstrong (left), of the Bonita Springs Lions Club, presents two checks to Lee County Sheriff Frank Wanicka for the Boys Ranch and Girls Villa.



Sheriff Charles Applewhite, of Jackson County, holds a check for \$1,095 — raised by a gospel sing sponsored by the Sheriff's Dept.



Highlands County Deputy Sheriffs Sgt. Len Askeland (right) and Bob Hopton (left) received rewards for recovering stolen property and turned them over to Sheriff Joe Sheppard for the Ranch and Villa.



Bill Newkirk (left), Chief of the Charlotte County Sheriff's Auxiliary, presents a check to Sheriff Alan L. LeBeau.



(Photo at left)

Indian River Deputy Sheriff R. T. Dobeck (center) investigated and solved a vandalism case involving three adults and three juveniles. He earned a \$1,000 reward offered by Ronald E. Ewing of Vista Properties. Sheriff Sam Joyce (left) is smiling because Dobeck donated the money to the Youth Fund of which Joyce is Chairman.



St. Lucie County Sheriff Lanie Norvell (left) accepts two checks from Joseph A. Mattiace, representing the Walton and Eden Property Owners Association.



Don Brantley (right) American Legion Post 40, Ft. Pierce, presents a check to Sheriff Lanie Norvell, St. Lucie County.

Good deal for Fred Peel

CHIPLEY — Washington County Sheriff Fred Peel announced he is organizing a 30-man auxiliary of non-paid volunteers to beef up the law enforcement muscle of his department.

He said the volunteers will be required to complete 86 hours of basic training and will be assigned to assist regular full-time deputies in a variety of special missions.

They will be involved in emergencies that place a heavy work load on the Sheriff's Department such as search and rescue missions; or crowd control for parades, athletic contests and other public events.

There will also be times when they are assigned to routine police work under the supervision of seasoned deputies.

Safety plus

VERO BEACH — Indian River County Sheriff Sam Joyce sponsors a bicycle safety program with crime prevention overtones.

The program conducted by Capt. Doyle Stroud and Deputy Sheriff Tim Dare gives youngsters three hours of classroom instruction, followed by a tough 20-question written test and a bicycle rodeo.

The rodeo includes inspection, marking and registration of bicycles, instruction in proper riding techniques and an obstacle course. Reflectors provided by the Sheriff's Office and the Exchange Club of Indian River County are installed on all bikes that do not have them.

As a crime prevention precaution, an identifying number is engraved on each bike and recorded on a list that is sent to every law enforcement agency in the county.

Drug traffic is target

TAVARES — Lake County Sheriff Malcolm McCall announced he is organizing a county-wide task force to crack down on illegal drug traffic and drug abuse.

He said it will include representatives from the Sheriff's Department and all city police departments in the county.

Its first objective will be to gather information about drug activities; and its second objective will be to function as an investigating agency.

Said Sheriff McCall, "I believe this task force will be an effective tool against an ever-increasing problem facing all law enforcement agencies, regardless of jurisdiction."

Distinguished service

CLEARWATER — Pinellas County Deputy Sheriffs Wilbur Stiegler and Peter Bragdon received a distinguished service award from True Detective Magazine for the outstanding police work they did in a murder case that led to the conviction of Clifford Boling.

Shocking results

GLASGOW, Scotland — According to testimony in Glasgow Sheriff's Court, here's what happened to a German Shepherd named Major who lifted his leg in the natural fashion but made the mistake of aiming at an electrical junction box.

The resulting jolt of electricity blew Major into the middle of the street, made him grumpy and distrustful, and caused him to bite his owner, window cleaner William McGlynn. It also caused his hair to turn white and fall out in clumps. He aged overnight.

McGlynn sued the city government for \$765 in damages, but Sheriff Norman Macleod rejected the claim.

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WHEREAS, in 1957 the Boys Ranch consisted of a \$5,000 trust fund and a dream conceived by the Florida Sheriffs Association; and

WHEREAS, today it is one of the Nation's outstanding child care institutions with facilities providing a quality program of educational, religious, work and recreational experience; and

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WHEREAS, the Boys Ranch has been credited with saving hundreds of predelinquent youngsters from drifting into lives of crime or hopeless futility and is recognized as an outstanding crime prevention project; and

WHEREAS, the success of the Boys Ranch has prompted sheriffs in Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, Minnesota, Arkansas and other states to establish similar institutions; and

WHEREAS, the Boys Ranch has demonstrated there is a compassionate side to law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, its many accomplishments are worthy of public recognition;

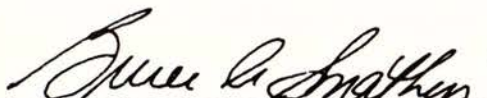
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Reubin O'D. Askew, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby proclaim October 2-8, 1977 as

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in Florida and urge citizens to extend special recognition to the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch for its outstanding success and also commend the Florida Sheriffs Association for developing this facility for the benefit of boys.



ATTEST:


SECRETARY OF STATE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 2nd day of September in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventy-seven.


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