

# the Sheriff's Star

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Lieutenant Governor is on our team.

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# Ever wonder about Sheriffs' appetites?



It's possible to conclude, after flipping through Political Pot Luck II (PPL2), the 1979 edition of Marylou Madigan's popular cookbook, that a Sheriff's appetite is a many splended thing.

Marylou, whose other vocation is tending to the considerable appetite of Florida Sheriffs Association General Counsel Jack Madigan, has collected in PPL2 the favorite recipes of some 20 Sheriffs and stirred them in with offerings from a potpourri of other political types — presidents, governors, cabinet officers, legislators, groupies, the whole spectrum.

Years ago she did a similar thing, and PPL-One was a sell-out. PPL2 also looks like a winner. Fowl fanciers are likely to stand in line and happily pay \$8.95 per copy just to get their hands on Sheriff Dale Carson's recipe for cooking an ostrich.

Unfortunately, Carson doesn't tell readers where to get a pot large enough for "an ostrich from 60 to 100 pounds," six pounds of onions, five pounds of carrots, 6 quarts of wine, garlic, cloves, pepper, bay leaves, horseradish, brandy, juniper berries, and on and on . . .

Carson said he lifted the recipe from the "Old Farmer's Almanac."

In less heroic vein, Sheriff David Harvey contributed a recipe for his famous mullet stew; Sheriff Jennings Murrhee opted for shrimp and corn au gratin; Roy Lundy checked in with fried swamp cabbage; and Mel Colman offered eggplant au gratin.

Former Sheriffs Malcolm Beard and Ed Blackburn extolled linguine with white clam sauce and surprise meringue cracker pie. L. O. Davis, Jr., another ex-Sheriff, lifted the lid of secrecy off his legendary Minorcan gopher stew.

Sheriff Walter Heinrich's Original Chicken is just that. P. A. Edmonson's strawberry pie competes with W. G. (Buddy) Smith's peanut strawberry pie, and John Short's Florida pecan pie.

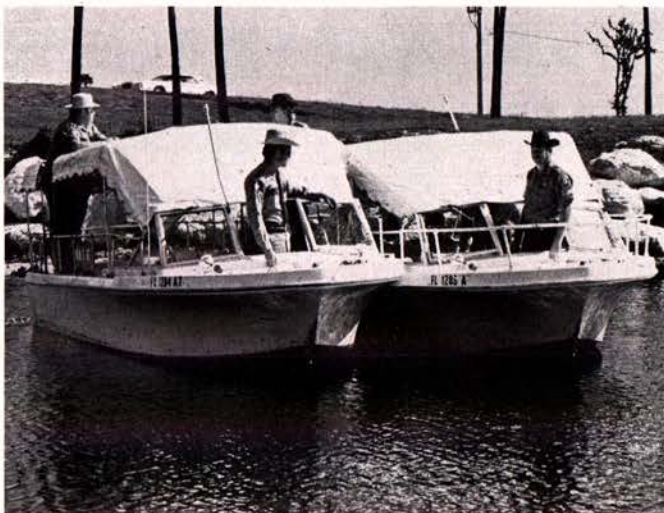
It becomes apparent that Sheriffs are not finicky fellers after reading about Horace Moody's ground beef stroganoff; Don Moreland's chili (southern style), Ken Murphy's peanut butter and banana pudding, Dolph Reddish's Texas cornbread; Bill Roberts' apricot chicken breasts, Aubrey Rogers' meat loaf and Royal Untreiner's gulf coast gumbo.

And finally — and inevitably — there was John Polk and his Polk salad.



## Marking Property Does Work

CHIPLEY — Washington County Sheriff Fred Peel (right) sent the Star this picture of a stolen bicycle being returned to its rightful owner, Freddie Coleman, as proof that engraving identification numbers on valuable items is effective. He said Coleman several weeks prior to the theft had engraved identification numbers on the bike when he participated in a property identification program sponsored by the Sheriff's Department and the Florida Farm Bureau. These numbers not only assisted the Sheriff in returning the stolen bike to its rightful owner after it was recovered, but also led to the arrest of a suspected thief.



## Sheriff's Navy Expanding

PALM COAST — The Flagler County Sheriff's Department and the Flagler Beach Police Department were prepared to increase their marine parole activity after receiving a gift of two boats from ITT Community Development Corporation. Major Larry Moody, Sr., from the Sheriff's Department, said the boats will be used for search and rescue missions, and also to reduce boating law violations.

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## Deputy honored for solving murders

CLEARWATER — Delma (Ray) Newman, a 36-year-old detective in the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department, has received the seventh annual Ruth and Tim Johnson Award for his investigation which led to the arrest and conviction of a North Tampa man on two counts of murder.

The \$500 award and a plaque are presented each year to a member of the Sheriff's Department in recognition of outstanding service.

The presentation was made at the noon luncheon of the Kiwanis Club of Clearwater as part of the observance of Law Day, a national event Kiwanians recognize each year.

Newman, who is an 11-year veteran with the Sheriff's Department, was assigned to investigate when the nude bodies of a man and woman were found April 18, 1978, in the Inter-coastal Waterway off Dunedin.

The two, Freddie Douberley and Mary Lou Holmes, were from Lutz, north of Tampa. They had been shot, tied together, and weighted down with an outboard motor. A 16-foot boat was recovered near the bodies.

Two days earlier, 37-year-old Glenn Consagra, who had been with the pair, told deputies that during the night they had left him on an island and had gone away to buy some beer. When they hadn't returned by early morning, he swam ashore.

Newman questioned more than 50 people in Pinellas and Hillsborough Counties, determining that Consagra was a close friend of the two victims. Based on the information Newman had gathered, Consagra was charged with the murders.

The trial was delayed until November, due to legal maneuvers. On the day the trial was to begin, Consagra admitted killing the pair during a violent argument and changed his plea to guilty of second degree murder. He was sentenced to two consecutive life terms.

According to the Sheriff's Department citation, "The guilty plea by this man followed eight months of tenacious and persistent investigation by Detective Newman. It is a small indication of his excellent work as a detective for the Sheriff's Department."



Detective Delma (Ray) Newman (center) holds the award he received from Ruth and Tim Johnson. Pictured with him are (from left) Pinellas County Sheriff Bill Roberts, Tim Johnson, Ruth Johnson, and former Pinellas County Sheriff Don Genung.

Newman was born in Largo. He and his wife, Marla, and their two children live in Clearwater.

Taking part in the presentation were Sheriff Bill Roberts; Ernie Hogan, Kiwanis president; and Mayor William Billar of South Pasadena, president of the Pinellas County Council of Mayors.

Mr. and Mrs. Timothy A. Johnson, Sr., established a trust agreement in 1973 to provide for the annual award. A large plaque with the name of each year's recipient is on permanent display at the Sheriff's Department office.

Johnson is president of Sylvan Abbey Memorial Park, executive vice president of Sarasota Memorial Park, a director of the Community Banks of Florida, and treasurer of the Morton F. Plant Hospital Foundation.

He is past president of the Clearwater Kiwanis and the club's longest-standing member, having joined in 1936. Johnson is a former Clearwater city commissioner, and during World War II he served as a lieutenant commander in the U. S. Navy.

Mrs. Johnson is past president of the Ladies of Kiwanis, and past president of the Senior Board of the YWCA. She is a past member of the Clearwater Library Board and was chairwoman of the Committee to Reorganize the Friends of the Library.

## Commended for Aiding Stricken Motorist

PUNTA GORDA — For his quick action to aid a heart attack victim and avert the possibility of a serious traffic accident Don Sharrow (right) received a Florida Sheriffs Association Distinguished Service Award from Charlotte County Sheriff Alan LeBeau. Sharrow, driving north on busy U. S. 41, noted that the driver of a car he was passing was leaning against the window, apparently passed out and gasping for air. From past experience, Sharrow knew the man must be having a heart attack. He pulled his truck in front of the other man's car, and after a series of jolting collisions forced the other car to stop. Wildlife Officer Paul Blanchard, who had observed the incident, radioed for an ambulance, and he and Sharrow aided the victim until the ambulance arrived. The stricken man was revived, but suffered a second attack on the way to the hospital and died there.





# REPORT '79

## The Legislature and Law Enforcement

On this and following pages are brief summaries of new laws having to do with the criminal justice system and thought to be of interest to readers of THE SHERIFF'S STAR.

*Summaries by Al Hammock,  
Florida Sheriffs Association*



### CRIMINAL LAWS

#### Chapter 79-58—House Bill 841

Makes it unlawful and a felony of the third degree for anyone to alter or remove the serial number from a firearm with the intent to disguise the true identity. It is also unlawful and a misdemeanor of the first degree for anyone to knowingly sell or possess a firearm on which the serial number has been unlawfully altered or removed. This law does not apply to antique firearms. Effective upon becoming law, May 17, 1979.

#### Chapter 79-63—House Bill 846

This law makes it illegal and a misdemeanor of the first degree for anyone to speak or transmit any sound over a radio frequency when they know that frequency is assigned to a fire or police agency. Provides it is not illegal to make such a transmission where ordered to do so by an authorized operator, or when the authorized operator is unable to make the call. Effective upon becoming law May 12, 1979.

#### Chapter 79-96—House Bill 108

In 1978 the Florida Legislature passed a law making it unlawful for a merchant to display, within the reach of minors, books or magazines which depicted nudity on their covers. This year a section was added to the law to also make it a first degree misdemeanor for magazines containing descriptions or pictures of nudity to be displayed within the convenient reach of minors. Effective October 1, 1979.

#### Chapter 79-108—Senate Bills 68 & 25

After making minor changes in the working of the arson statutes, this law goes on to make it a misdemeanor of the second degree for a person whose legal duty is to control or combat a fire, or for a person who lawfully starts a fire to fail to take reasonable measures to control the fire or give a prompt fire alarm when he knows the fire is endangering the life or property of another person. Effective upon becoming law June 1, 1979.

#### Chapter 79-124—Senate Bill 438

Provides that the theft of 2,000 or more individual pieces of citrus fruit is grand theft of the second degree and a felony of the third degree. Effective upon becoming law June 4, 1979.

#### Chapter 79-149—House Bill 252

Section 843.01 of the Florida Statutes made it a felony of the third degree for anyone to resist arrest by a law enforcement officer and went on to name all the different types of law enforcement officers in Florida; but one group was left out — county and municipal correction officers. This bill adds these local officers. Effective October 1, 1979.

#### Chapter 79-270—Senate Bill 1313

During the early part of the 1979 legislative session the Florida Supreme Court declared the State's law prohibiting obscene telephone calls to be unconstitutional. Before the session was over the lawmakers had amended the language of the old law to meet the requirements of the High Court. So it is still against the law to make an obscene phone call. Effective upon becoming a law June 28, 1978.

#### Chapter 79-338—Senate Bill 193

Florida law provided that a parent who assaulted a school teacher was guilty of a second degree misdemeanor. The law has been expanded to cover non-instructional personnel and revised so that an assault is a misdemeanor of the first degree, and a battery is a felony of the third degree. Effective July 1, 1979.

#### Chapter 79-360—Senate Bill 805

Train accidents caused by people interfering with railroad cars, signals or track received the attention of the Legislature and the penalties were increased from misdemeanors to third degree felonies. New sections were added providing that when the type of interference mentioned above results in the death of another person, then the person who was responsible will be guilty of homicide. Yet another section was added pro-





By the end of the first week of the 1979 Legislative Session, Governor Bob Graham (seated) was signing Chapter 79-1. This law deals with the problem of drug smuggling and provides that the larger the amount of drugs a person has in his possession, the more severe the prison term and fine he faces. On hand for the signing were (left to right) Sheriff Ben Jones, Holmes County; Sheriff Don Moreland, Marion County; Sheriff Ken Katsaris, Leon

County; Sheriff Jim Holt, Martin County; Sheriff Royal Untreiner, Escambia County; Sheriff John Polk, Seminole County (Association President); Sheriff David Harvey, Wakulla County; Sheriff Jim Scott, Jefferson County; Sheriffs Association Executive Director, Berwin Williams; Sheriff Horace Moody, Levy County; and Sheriff W. A. Woodham, Gadsden County.

hibiting shooting at trains or throwing deadly objects at trains. When such a crime is committed against an unoccupied railroad vehicle, it is a felony of the third degree; against an occupied vehicle it's a third degree felony; if someone is injured, it's a first degree felony; and if the act results in death, it is a homicide. Effective October 1, 1979.

## DRUG LAWS

### Chapter 79-1—Senate Bill 83

The first bill passed by the 1979 Florida Legislature and signed into law by Governor Bob Graham was a clear signal to traffickers in illegal drugs that they would pay a heavy price if caught with large amounts of marijuana, cocaine or heroin. The law applies to, "any person who knowingly sells, manufactures, delivers or brings into this State or who is knowingly in actual or constructive possession" of the drugs. The drugs, the amounts and penalties are outlined below.

#### Marijuana (cannabis)

100 to 2,000 lbs. — minimum, mandatory term of three years and a fine of \$25,000.

2,000 to 10,000 lbs. — minimum, mandatory term of 5 years and a fine of \$50,000.

10,000 lbs. or more — minimum, mandatory term of 15 years and a fine of \$200,000.

#### Cocaine

28 to 200 grams — minimum, mandatory term of 3 years and a fine of \$50,000.

200 to 400 grams — minimum, mandatory term of 5 years and a fine of \$100,000.

400 grams or more — minimum, mandatory term of 15 years and a fine of \$250,000.

#### Heroin, opium

4 to 14 grams — minimum, mandatory term of 3 years and a fine of \$50,000.

14 to 28 grams — minimum, mandatory term of 10 years and a fine of \$100,000.

28 grams or more — minimum, mandatory term of 25 years and a fine of \$500,000.

Persons convicted of a violation of this law can have their sentences reduced or suspended if they cooperate in the identification, arrest or conviction of accomplices. Effective upon becoming law April 6, 1979. (NOTE: 28 grams equals approximately 1 ounce.)

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## DRUG LAWS *continued*

### Chapter 79-325—Senate Bill 1317

Marijuana users can now have a slightly larger amount of the substance in their possession and still be guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. The limit used to be five grams or less; now that limit is 20 grams. The misdemeanor charge used to apply only to the first offense, and this law changes it to apply to any number of offenses. Also changed is the definition of cannabis (marijuana) to include any plant of the cannabis family. The mature stalks of the marijuana plants are now just as illegal as the leaf, and this will simplify the weighing procedure to determine how much cannabis a person has in his possession. Effective upon becoming law June 29, 1979. (Prior to passage of this law it was sometimes necessary for law enforcement officers to laboriously remove stalks before weighing marijuana seized as evidence.)

## JUDICIAL

### Chapter 79-60—Senate Bill 40

Permits any law enforcement officer who provides information relative to an investigation; who provides evidence in preliminary hearings; or who testifies as a witness in a criminal case can refuse to give his residence address, telephone number or other personal information concerning his family, unless it is determined by the court that such information is relevant to the case. This is an attempt to reduce the harassment of law enforcement officers. Effective upon becoming law May 17, 1979.

### Chapter 79-235—Senate Bill 47

Mostly a lot of technical revisions to the laws concerning juries, this law also has some new provisions such as the one which provides that a person summoned as a juror who fails to attend without a sufficient excuse can be fined up to \$100, and in addition, the court can find the person in contempt of court. Persons no longer exempt from jury duty include property appraisers, tax collectors, county commissioners and "United States officials." Expectant mothers and mothers not employed full-time, with children under 15, can be excused upon request, and a judge can excuse a practicing attorney, a practicing physician or a person who is physically infirm. A person showing hardship, extreme inconvenience or public necessity can also be excused, as can someone who has served within the past two years. Another provision says that any employer who threatens an employee with dismissal because of the nature or length of jury service can be found in contempt of court. Effective January 1, 1980.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Chapter 79-206—House Bill 1312

Anyone who has had a car towed away and then encountered problems getting it back will welcome this "consumer protection" type law which establishes strict rules for people doing the towing. In counties of 500,000 or more

## CRIMES, PUNISHMENTS and FINES

Penalties for crimes committed in Florida fall into seven categories:

Capital felony — life imprisonment with no parole for 25 years or the death penalty (no fine provided for)

Life felony — life or a term of years not less than 30; a fine not exceeding \$15,000

Felony of the first degree — a term of imprisonment not exceeding 30 years; fine not to exceed \$10,000

Felony of the second degree — a term of imprisonment not exceeding 15 years; a fine not exceeding \$10,000

Felony of the third degree — a term of imprisonment not exceeding 5 years; a fine not exceeding \$5,000

Misdemeanor of the first degree — a term of imprisonment not to exceed one year; a fine not to exceed \$1,000

Misdemeanor of the second degree — a term of imprisonment not to exceed 60 days; a fine not to exceed \$500

These are not the only penalties — additional time may be given to persons found to be habitual felony offenders and the use of a weapon to commit a crime may cause it to be reclassified from, for instance, a felony of the third degree to a second degree felony.

There is also a provision that the use of a gun to commit, or attempt to commit the crimes of murder, sexual battery, robbery, burglary, arson, aggravated assault, aggravated battery, kidnapping, escape, breaking and entering to commit a felony or aircraft piracy will be punished by a minimum sentence of 3 years in prison with no provision for parole. But 3 years is the minimum, and convicted felons may receive up to, and including, life or the death penalty.

people, vehicles can only be towed 5 miles, and in smaller counties they can be towed no more than 15 miles. The operator of a storage site must return to it within one hour after being called, any time of the day or night, to release a car. The person or firm towing a car away must notify the local law enforcement agency within 30 minutes of the completion of the towing and relate the description of the car and where it is stored. Tow away zone signs must also meet certain criteria as to size, location and information. These are minimum requirements, and a county or city can enact additional regulations. Effective October 1, 1979.

### Chapter 79-217—House Bill 1102

After making minor changes in the arrest powers of certified law enforcement officers of the Department of Natural Resources and the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, the law goes on to establish the Endangered and Threatened Species Reward Trust Fund. Money in the fund will be used to pay rewards to persons providing information leading to



the arrest and conviction of persons illegally killing, wounding or wrongfully possessing any of the endangered and threatened species. The money will come from fines, penalties or bail forfeitures of persons convicted of violating the rules and regulations concerning endangered or threatened species. Effective October 1, 1979.

#### Chapter 79-249—Senate Bill 648

This law adds a new section to the statutes having to do with pawnbrokers. It requires them to maintain a record of the identification of any person from whom they receive property. They are also required to provide this information to law enforcement officers upon request. A procedure is also established so that a person can recover his stolen property from a pawnbroker if he can prove ownership, and if he reported the theft when it occurred. Effective October 1, 1979.

#### Chapter 79-319—Senate Bill 1012

Until this law was amended, students at state universities or community colleges could be suspended after being charged with possession or sale of drugs. Students now have to be convicted before being suspended or expelled. Effective upon becoming law June 29, 1979.

#### Chapter 79-324—Senate Bill 1304

Instead of doing away with the vehicle inspection system as Governor Bob Graham first suggested, the Legislature transferred it from the Division of Florida Highway Patrol to the Division of Motor Vehicles. Both divisions are in the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles. There were several other changes. Instead of all inspection stickers expiring on the last day of the month, a new schedule is to be developed so that half will expire in the middle of the month and half at the end of the month to help reduce the long lines at the inspection stations the last two or three days of the month. Inspectors will no longer be checking exhaust emissions or muffler noise. Provision is made for minor headlight adjustment at the inspection stations. Effective July 1, 1979.

#### Chapter 79-345—Senate Bill 330

Merchants will now be allowed to charge up to \$10 for checks that "bounce," and the people who write these bad checks have just seven days instead of 20 days to make them good. Effective July 1, 1979.

#### Chapter 79-408—Senate Bill 383

With this change in the law, anyone convicted of driving while under the influence of alcoholic beverages, model glue or any controlled substance can be required to attend an alcohol education course and may be referred to an authorized agency for alcoholism evaluation and treatment. Effective October 1, 1979.

## POLICE POWERS

#### Chapter 79-140—Senate Bill 585

Gives to community college boards of trustees the authority to adopt rules governing parking and traffic on the campus of a community college. Also permits the hiring of persons to enforce parking regulations. However, they cannot make arrests or give citations for moving traffic violations. Effective upon becoming law, June 5, 1979.

#### Chapter 79-187—Senate Bill 1316

The Florida Public Records Laws provide that all public records (state, county and municipal), except those exempted, are open for inspection and copying by any person at any reasonable time. Prior to a recent Supreme Court decision, the courts recognized a common law principle that police records were an exception to the law. Because of the Supreme Court decision, the 1979 Legislature spelled out which police records are open for inspection and which records can be withheld. Information which must be divulged includes: time, date and location of a crime or incident; type of reported crime; name, sex, age and address of an arrested person; name, sex, age and address of the crime victim, except the victim of sexual abuse or child abuse; the time, date and location of an arrest; the crime charged; informations (charges) and unsealed indictments. Information which may be closed to inspection includes: the identities of confidential informants or undercover personnel; surveillance techniques; personal assets of a crime victim which were not involved in the crime; the address, phone number and photographs of law enforcement personnel and their spouses and children; confidential information received from another jurisdiction. The availability of additional information depends upon whether or not it is part of an active, ongoing investigation. Inactive information is available, while only the items outlined above are available from active cases. Violation of this law is a first degree misdemeanor, and any public official violating this law is subject to suspension and removal or impeachment. Effective upon becoming law June 14, 1979.

#### Chapter 79-246—Senate Bill 422

Provides the Sheriffs of Florida may hire "parking enforcement specialists" to enforce state and county laws governing parking on county owned or leased property and anywhere within the unincorporated areas of the county. These specialists have to take a specified training course, but are not permitted to carry weapons or make arrests. Effective upon becoming law June 28, 1979.

#### Chapter 79-371—Senate Bill 1109

The abduction and killing of a Florida road-guard inspector caused the Legislature to authorize the hiring of additional inspectors and a change in the law so that any law enforcement officer can assist these road-guard inspectors in stopping vehicles which have failed to stop at an inspection station. The driver of a stopped vehicle can now be required to return to the inspection station. Effective upon becoming law July 3, 1979.

#### Chapter 79-390—House Bill 1282

Weight inspectors for the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles will be getting the same arrest powers granted to agricultural road-guard inspectors. Weight inspectors enforce the provisions of the weight and load laws which apply to trucks carrying loads on Florida highways. Effective October 1, 1979.

*The preceding summaries are only a portion of the law enforcement-related bills passed by the 1979 Florida Legislature and signed into law by the Governor. In all, the Florida Sheriffs Association sent Sheriffs copies of 69 new laws which either changed or added to the existing statutes. During the 60 days the Legislature was in session, the Sheriffs Association identified approximately 265 Senate bills and 326 House bills which were of possible interest to the Sheriffs of Florida.*





VERO BEACH — Indian River County Sheriff Sam Joyce (center) put on his best "home run" smile after the Sheriff's Department softball team won the championship in the tri-county Criminal Justice League. Team members pictured with him are Deputy Sheriffs Bill Brunner (chosen "Most Valuable Player"), Kenny Hamilton, Danny Quillen and Calvin Jones. The team roster also included two Florida Highway Patrol Troopers and an FBI agent in addition to other deputies.



PANAMA CITY — The entire Bay County Sheriff's Department shared the credit for a safety award from Black Insurance Agency and U. S. Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance Co. (USF&G) which cited the department for logging 1,600,000 miles of travel in patrol cars and other vehicles without a chargeable accident. Pictured at the award presentation are Capt. Hildrie Peel, of the Sheriff's Department; Sheriff Tullis Easterling; Warren Middlemas, representing Black Insurance Agency; Major Charles Enfinger, from the Sheriff's Department; and John Robert Middlemas, representing USF&G. (Panama City News Herald photo)

## SPEAKING OF PRAISE



Sheriffs and deputies know what it's like to hunger for a distinguished service plaque, while dodging a bunch of critical flak. There are times when they get more brickbats than friendly pats; but, fortunately, there are other times when praise falls down on their deserving heads like soft summer rain, and they are literally swamped by outbursts of public affection. Florida has been going through one of these outbursts in recent months, and consequently, the people you will encounter on these pages have had some very nice things said about them. These are certainly not all of the good guys caught in the current crossfire of plaques, certificates, trophies and citations, but they do provide a fair sampling of who's doing what to whom in these halcyon days of praise.



CRESTVIEW — A trophy and a bouquet of roses remind Okaloosa County Sheriff Frankie Mills that he was chosen "Boss of the Year" by the Crestview Chapter of the American Businesswomen's Association. He was nominated by one of his employees, Mrs. Penny Danielson, Civil Clerk. She praised him for fairness, sound counsel, good example, fighting spirit and ability to be a friend as well as a disciplinarian.







GREEN COVE SPRINGS — Alma Short congratulated her boss, Clay County Sheriff Jennings Murrhee, after he was selected "Boss of the Year" by the Green Cove Springs Chapter of the American Businesswomen's Association. Sheriff Murrhee was nominated by Ms. Short, and was chosen from a field of seven nominees. (Clay County Crescent photo by Adrian Thibault)



FORT MYERS — Lee County Sheriff Frank Wanicka (left) was a proud onlooker when Mrs. Ned Foulds presented a \$100 Savings Bond to Deputy William Weaver, who was chosen "Officer of the Year" in recognition of his outstanding work in the Narcotics Division of the Sheriff's Department. Mrs. Foulds and her late husband began the "Officer of the Year" award many years ago, and she has been carrying it on since her husband's death.

### Heart Attack Victim Helped

SARASOTA — Deputy Sheriffs Steve and Dave Gustafson were praised by the press, the public and Sarasota County Sheriff Jim Hardcastle for resuscitating a heart attack victim.

Sheriff Hardcastle said the two deputies were off duty at a local bowling alley when they observed a man who had been stricken with a heart attack. He said they administered cardio-pulmonary resuscitation until an ambulance arrived to take the victim to a hospital. Emergency Medical Technicians assigned to the ambulance took over at this point.

### Honored by Optimists

PLANT CITY — Sgt. Robert Densmore, of the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department, received special recognition when the Plant City Optimist Club held its annual Law Appreciation Banquet.

### Pair Praised

ORLANDO — Two members of the Orange County Sheriff's Department staff were singled out for special recognition.

Major James Shoultz won the Orange County Bar Association's Liberty Bell Award in recognition of his efforts on behalf of the human rights of county jail prisoners. He was given praise for implementing court alternative and work release programs; and for giving inmates the advantages of chaplains, counselors, community services and quality medical care.

Deputy Marc Snow, in the Patrol Division, was selected as the Outstanding Officer of the Year by Orlando VFW Post 4287.

### Chosen by Realtors

GAINESVILLE — The Gainesville Board of Realtors selected Alachua County Sheriff's Office Investigator Jerry McManus as the recipient of its "Law Enforcement Officer of the Year" award.

### Whitehead Chosen

LAKE BUTLER — Union County Sheriff John Whitehead was chosen by the area chapter of the Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency to receive a distinguished service award. He was praised for his many years of high caliber law enforcement work, and for his participation in the child care activities of the Florida Sheriffs Association.

### Praised for Bravery

SANFORD — After he was wounded in a shootout with a murderer, Seminole County Deputy Sheriff Rudy Kramer protected his critically wounded partner by continuing to return the fire of the gunman.

For this act of bravery he received praise from his boss, Sheriff John Polk; from the news media; and from the Kiwanis Club of East Winter Park.

### Outstanding Job

ORLANDO — The Orange County East Kiwanis Club gave Detective Clarence Cain special recognition for the outstanding job he has been doing in the Youth Aid Section of the Orange County Sheriff's Department. He was cited especially for his efforts to help youngsters who were victims of physical or sexual abuse.

### Good Detective Work

DeLAND — Lt. Art Dees and Sgt. Wayne Allen from the Volusia County Sheriff's Office, and Noel Griffin, an investigator with the State Attorney's Office, received Distinguished Service Awards from True Detective Magazine for a 1976 murder case.

Their detective work revealed that two men were shot and killed after they had been sentenced to death by a "kangaroo court" at a marijuana party on the beach.





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**SPEAKING  
 OF PRAISE**  
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SARASOTA — Deputy Sheriff William F. Balkwill (right) has cultivated the ability to be at the right place at the right time, and that's how he won the annual Felony Arrest Award, plus a crisp, new \$100 bill, at the Sarasota County Sheriff's Department. The award was presented by Sheriff Jim Hardcastle (left) who said Balkwill led the department in "on view" felony arrests during 1978. An "on view" arrest is one that is made by a deputy after he sees a crime committed or in progress. (Sarasota Herald-Tribune photo)



### Investigator Honored

PUNTA GORDA — Charlotte County Sheriff's Office Investigator Gary J. Zullo was chosen to receive a law enforcement award from the local chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution after his undercover work resulted in a record-breaking drug bust here.

Zullo was also commended by Charlotte County Sheriff Alan LeBeau, and officials of the U. S. Drug Enforcement Administration and the State Attorney's Office.

### Made Headlines

BUNNELL — Major L. S. Moody gets considerable recognition in this area because of his dual role as an investigator for the State Attorney's Office, and as a key member of the Flagler County Sheriff's Department staff.

He is also no slouch as a marksman, having made headlines recently when he was among the top scorers in a pistol match for State Attorneys' investigators. His 97.6 was topped by only two men; J. J. Smith with 98 and Bud Eaton with 97.8.

## Campaign warns kids about shoplifting

WEST PALM BEACH — Sheriff Richard P. Wille is helping the Florida Federation of Women's Clubs (FFWC) to kickoff in Palm Beach County a state-wide campaign against shoplifting.

The campaign, which is tied in with "Hands Up," a national volunteer effort to halt crime, is concentrating on public school students as its first target. Elaine W. Spencer, Crime Reduction Chairman for the FFWC, said recent surveys show youngsters often begin shoplifting when they are in elementary grades, and therefore the greatest emphasis will be placed at that level.

Sheriff Wille is cooperating by sending his Crime Prevention deputies into the schools to show students films on the consequences of shoplifting, and to conduct question and answer sessions.

Mrs. Spencer said questions asked in the initial classroom sessions confirm that elementary students are involved in shoplifting, and are not aware of the serious consequences.

She said when the anti-shoplifting campaign gets under way this fall on a state-wide basis, Sheriff Wille will be assisted by the West Palm Beach Junior Woman's Club in broadening his public awareness activities to include merchants, organizations and the community in general.

Sheriff Wille has been a strong supporter of the anti-shoplifting program and is a member of the executive board, Mrs. Spencer said, adding that the Florida Retail Federation and various student organizations will also be involved.



Mrs. Elaine W. Spencer, representing the Florida Federation of Women's Clubs, presents a plaque to Sheriff Richard P. Wille in recognition of the support he is giving to a state-wide anti-shoplifting campaign.

"By reaching the students at the elementary school level with the fact that shoplifting is stealing, we will be bringing the seriousness of this act out into the open at an age level when behavioral patterns are being formed," she said.



# Do executions deter crime?

## “Hell yes!!” Mixson tells Sheriffs



### Cover Photo

After Sheriffs enthusiastically applauded Lieutenant Governor Wayne Mixson (left) for his strong stand in favor of capital punishment, Collier County Sheriff Aubrey Rogers made him a member of Florida's law enforcement team by swearing him in as an honorary deputy sheriff.

**N**APLES — Does Lieutenant Governor Wayne Mixson believe that capital punishment is a crime deterrent?

“Hell, yes!!” he told a luncheon audience at the 66th Annual Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association, July 23, and he explained one of the reasons why.

He said prior to 1960 there were frequent cases of inmates murdering inmates at the state prison, but the murders stopped completely after two of the killers were convicted and executed.

There were no further murders at the prison for eight years, he added, then a U. S. Supreme Court ruling abolished Florida's capital punishment law, and the inmate murders resumed. That was in 1968, Mixson said, and since then there have been 53 inmate murders in the prison system.

Mixson praised Sheriffs for the “fantastic job” they have done, and he reassured them the criminal justice system is not to blame for the current increase in Florida's crime rate. He pointed an accusing finger instead at the home, churches, schools and “other institutions.”

He spoke in favor of longer prison terms for habitual criminals. “We must differentiate between those who can handle freedom and those who can't,” he said, “and keep the ones who can't out of circulation longer.”

Laws must also be adequate, he added, and Florida must have better prosecution of criminal cases, with less plea bargaining.

He said he hoped Sheriffs would use their knowledge and experience to help turn the rising crime rate around. “The Governor is concerned, and would welcome the sense of direction only you can give,” he added.

Mixson's luncheon address was one of the highlights of a three-day conference that drew a large crowd of Sheriffs and

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The Association's annual budget was presented to the Board of Directors by Executive Director Berwin Williams. Also pictured are (from left) Sheriffs Jim Holt, B. R. Quinn, Roy Lundy, and Malcolm McCall, board members; and Jack Skelding, Assistant General Counsel for the Sheriffs Association.

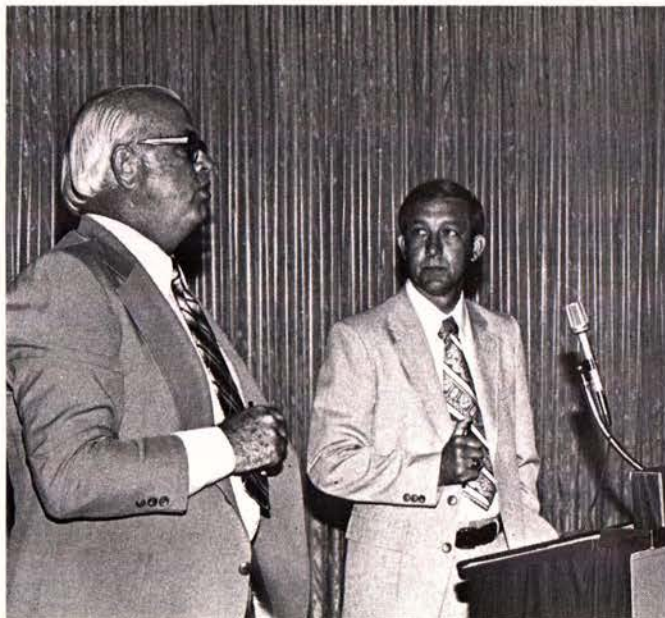




This impromptu business session huddle involved (from left) Sheriffs David Harvey, Jennings Murree, Don Moreland, Sam Joyce and Horace Moody.



Exhibitor Millard Jones (right) explains the advantages of a bullet-proof T-Shirt to Clay County Sheriff Jennings Murree.



Florida Sheriffs Association President John Polk (left) and Board of Directors Chairman W. A. Woodham shared the podium during business sessions.

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other criminal justice practitioners to the Beach Club Hotel. Collier County Sheriff Aubrey Rogers was the conference host.

The conference opened on July 22, and business meetings got under way July 23, with Florida Sheriffs Association President John Polk presiding. A portion of the agenda was devoted to internal business of the Sheriffs Association, but Sheriffs also spent considerable time conferring with representatives of state and federal law enforcement agencies in order to promote closer teamwork.

They voted to hold their 67th Annual Conference in Key West, in June, 1980; and their Annual Mid-Winter Conference in Citrus County, in January, 1980.

Reports on the results of the 1979 session of the Florida Legislature were presented by Jack Skelding, the Sheriffs Association's Assistant General Counsel; State Representative Bob Crawford, Chairman of the Criminal Justice Committee in the House of Representatives; and Iven Lamb, Editor of the Florida Sheriffs Manual.

Recommendations were approved for improving classification of inmates, medical care and menu preparation in county jails.



Form isn't everything, but it helped Washington County Sheriff Fred Peel to become a winner in the conference golf tournament.



During an Hawaiian Luau which was the final event on the program, Association President John Polk (left) turned the microphone over to the conference host, Sheriff Aubrey Rogers, and his wife, Peggy, so they could respond to applause and expressions of gratitude from Sheriffs and guests.





Jim Smith, Florida's Attorney General.



Sheriff Jim Scott, immediate past president of the Sheriffs Association and a former Florida Highway Patrol Trooper, introduced Col. Beach.



Col. J. E. Beach, Director of the Florida Highway Patrol.



Jim York (left), newly-appointed Commissioner of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, chats with his predecessor, Ed Blackburn, Jr., who is also a former State Representative and a former Sheriff of Hillsborough County.

## Speakers, guests and other good guys

Conferences of the Florida Sheriffs Association are open to representatives of municipal, state and federal law enforcement agencies, and other special guests. Consequently, attendance varies from 250 to 300, and Sheriffs have an opportunity to encourage teamwork in all levels of law enforcement. Pictured on this page are some of the speakers and guests who participated in the 66th Annual Conference of the Association, at the Beach Club Hotel, Naples, July 22-25.



Mary Ellen Hawkins, State Representative from Naples.



Tom Archer, member of the Board of County Commissioners, Collier County.



Roland Anderson, Mayor of Naples.



# Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund

## HONOR ROLL

On these pages the Florida Sheriffs Association gives special recognition to generous supporters of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund and its child care institutions: The Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, Girls Villa and Youth Ranch. Those listed as "Builders" have given gifts totaling \$100 or more. Those listed

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JACKSONVILLE — Sheriff Dale Carson (right) presents a Lifetime Honorary Membership plaque to Jack Barsh.

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BROOKSVILLE — Hernando County Sheriff Melvin Kelly (right) presents a Lifetime Honorary Membership plaque to Louis Mlecka.



FORT MYERS — Lee County Sheriff Frank Wanicka presents Lifetime Honorary Membership plaques to Mr. and Mrs. James Harvey Hudnall (left photo) and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Patton.



# Gallery of Generous Givers

The Florida Sheriffs Association is sincerely grateful for the generosity of the Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund donors pictured here.



When some 50 members of Chapter Five, Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency, visited the Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, they delivered a generous cash gift for the Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund. Vice President Robert D. Gordon (left) presented it to Alachua County Sheriff Lu Hindery (center), and Youth Fund President Harry Weaver.



OCALA — Tom Alvey, Manager of the Ramada Inn here, and Ted Tucker, a member of the staff, received Florida Sheriffs Youth Fund Builder Certificates recently in recognition of assistance rendered in arranging meetings of the Youth Fund. The presentation involved (from left) Major Jerry Holland, Marion County Sheriff's Department; and Jim Strayer, a member of the Youth Fund staff.





# POLITICAL HAM ON WRY



Lieutenant Governor Wayne Mixson addressing the 66th Annual Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association, in Naples.

Knowing that Sheriffs were already thinking about their 1980 reelection campaigns, Lieutenant Governor Wayne Mixson included in his address to the 66th Annual Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association the following "Politician's Lament" which appeared in the New Era, a Dallas, Georgia, newspaper in 1936:

"In my campaigning I lost four months and 20 days canvassing; lost 1,360 hours sleep thinking about the election; lost forty acres corn and a whole lot of sweet potatoes; lost two front teeth and a whole lot of hair in a personal encounter with an opponent; donated one beef, four shoats and five sheep to barbecue; gave away two pairs of suspenders and five calico dresses, five dolls and 15 baby rattles; and kissed 126 babies.

"Also kindled 14 kitchen fires; put up eight stoves, cut 14 cords of wood; carried 24 buckets of water; gathered seven wagon loads of corn and 495 bundles of fodder; walked 4,065 miles; shook hands 9,080 times; told 10,000 lies and talked enough to make 10,000 volumes; attended 27 revivals; was baptized four times by immersion and twice some other way; contributed to foreign missions, made love to nine grass widows, got dog bit 39 times...and then got defeated."

