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*See story on inside front cover.*



#### COVER PHOTO

To publicize the First Annual Florida State Police and Fire Championships, Sheriff Robert A. Butterworth (standing, center) posed with some of the competitors who will represent his department. They are, from left, (standing) Sgt. Bill Healy, Lt. Richard Barrett, Deputy David Waud, Sgt. Detective Tony Fantigrassi, Deputy Fred Winston and Deputy Robert Burns; (kneeling) Sgt. Dick Slichter and Sgt. Lee Stodart.



## Sheriff Butterworth will host state-wide sports competition

FT. LAUDERDALE — Broward County Sheriff Robert A. Butterworth will host the First Annual Florida State Police and Fire Championships which will be held here Saturday, March 1, 1980.

The olympics-type sports competition is expected to attract a field of some 700 agile, well-muscled police officers and firemen from all areas of Florida.

Friday, February 15, 1980, is the deadline for entries. Sworn active or retired federal, state, county or municipal law enforcement officers or fire fighters (men and women) from anywhere in the State of Florida are eligible to compete. The entry fee is \$10 for each individual for each sport.

Official Entry Blanks and information can be obtained by contacting Carol Waud, Secretary, Florida Police Olympic Headquarters, 7330 Sabal Drive, Miami Lakes, FL 33014 --- Telephone 305/821-5164.

The active law enforcement officers and firemen who file entries must have full-time status. Auxiliary, volunteer and reserve officers, as well as public service aides, cadets, interns and students cannot be accepted as official competitors, but will be allowed to compete in the guest status. Competitors in this status will receive duplicate ribbons if they place in any of the events, but will not be allowed to take a place from an official competitor. Points scored by those in guest status cannot be credited to the department they represent.

Sheriff Butterworth said the purpose of the competition is to promote a closer bond between police officers and firemen; to improve community relations; and to encourage a high standard of physical and mental well being among the members of both professions.

The line-up of athletic events includes arm wrestling, bowling, cross country, track and field, golf, power lifting, swimming, table tennis, volleyball and wrestling. Ribbons will be awarded to the first through sixth-place winners, and patches will be given to the first 400 competitors.

Coach-of-the-Year awards will be presented to the police officer and the fireman who have done the most to encourage athletic activities in their respective departments.

An overall team plaque will go to the team (police or fire) whose representatives accumulate the most points. All events except volleyball will be scored as individual events.

Registration of competitors will open at 1 p.m., February 29, at the Ramada Inn, 2440 State Road 84, Ft. Lauderdale. Competition will begin at 7:30 a.m., March 1, with the cross country race.

A disco dance is included on the program of events for those who have any reserve energy. Cash proceeds will be divided between the State Police Olympic and State Fire Olympic Committees to help to insure continuation of the athletic competition fostered by the two groups.

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## Groping for words to thank caring, sharing co-workers

SANFORD — Deputy Sheriff Mark Dixon is back on the job at the Seminole County Jail after giving up one of his kidneys to save the life of his 13-year-old sister, and he figures he has gained much more than he lost. His losses add up to one healthy kidney and eight weeks of work.

His gains include helping to bring about his sister's almost miraculous recovery; and discovering how warm and generous his fellow employees can be.

Prior to his surgery in May, 1979, he was worried about losing his job because he had only been employed at the jail for a little over a year, and he was still in his probationary period.

The 21-year-old deputy also had financial worries because he had accumulated only five days of sick leave, but Sheriff John Polk put his mind at ease by reassuring him that his job would be held for him, and by establishing a new policy allowing Sheriff's Department employees to donate sick leave time to each other in emergencies.

Dixon recalls that within an hour after the new policy had been announced, ten of his fellow employees had volunteered to help him, and by the time he was wheeled into the operating room at Shands Teaching Hospital, Gainesville, he had accumulated over 60 days of donated sick leave.

This was more than he needed, since he lost only 40 working days due to surgery, and a few more days due to minor complications that developed after he returned to work on July 17, so he has since donated some of his sick leave to others.

He resumed his full work load on July 24, and he says he is feeling fine. His diet and activities are no longer restricted, except that his doctors cautioned him to avoid sky diving and tackle football. "I didn't have any plans to do those things anyhow," said Dixon, whose energies are focused on a career in corrections work.

His only problem at the moment is finding words to express his gratitude to the Sheriff's Department employees who helped him; to Sheriff Polk; and especially to his boss, Sgt. Mabel Morrison, who went to the hospital the night before his surgery, and stayed there the entire day of the operation until he was out of intensive care.

Dixon's sister, Marcelle, is doing fine now, but her situation was extremely serious before the kidney transplant. Her kidneys had been removed after corrective surgery had failed to get desired results, and she was being kept alive by using a kidney dialysis machine for five hours a day, three days out of every seven, Dixon said.

Her weight had dropped to 52 pounds, and she had been unable to attend school for about 1-1/2 years, "but now she's back in school and going full swing," said Dixon. "It's just unreal how she has changed . . . like her being reborn again. The first time I saw the results three or four weeks after the surgery it was just fantastic! It lifted me spiritually. It was one of the greatest miracles you could



Deputy Sheriff Mark Dixon's prayers were answered.

actually ever visualize. It brought the whole family closer together and closer to the church."

Did you pray about the operation? Dixon was asked.

"Without a doubt," he answered.

Were your prayers answered?

"Oh yes!" he responded, and a broad smile lit up his face.

### FBI Academy Grads

Sheriff's Deputies from Florida who were graduated from the FBI National Academy, at Quantico, Virginia, during 1979 include: Roy Hackle, Manatee County; Douglas W. Huth, Seminole County; and Lt. Samuel L. Shoemaker, Alachua County.

The Academy provides executive-level training for law enforcement officers from state, local and federal agencies within the United States as well as from foreign free world nations. Some 14,000 officers have been trained at the Academy since it opened in 1935.



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# Prisoners wanted to call her "Sir Sally"

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*Lieutenant McCammon's promotion required a few adjustments.*

**B**RADENTON — "What do we call you now?" was the first question prisoners asked Mrs. Sally McCammon after Sheriff Thomas M. Burton, Jr., placed her in charge of the Manatee County Jail.

They had been calling her "Miss Sally" while she was second in command, but now that she was Manatee Coun-

ty's — and possibly Florida's — first female "head jailer," this no longer seemed appropriate.

Officially her new title was Director of Detention, but calling this attractive young woman "Madame Director" just didn't fit. "How about 'Sir Sally?'" one of the prisoners suggested, and when the laughter had died down the new Director settled the dilemma by saying "just call me Lieutenant."

Other questions were raised while Lt. McCammon was settling into her new responsibilities late in the summer of 1979. Male correctional officers who outranked her in seniority wanted to know why they hadn't been given the Director's job, but this undercurrent of grumbling was apparently short-lived.

There was also the matter of old, traditional behavior patterns that had been established in the jail during many years of all-male supervision. What would happen to them? Would the male prisoners have to clean up their behavior and be careful about lounging around the cell blocks in skivvies or less?

The answer was not long in coming. Prisoners soon learned what was expected of them whenever the steel cell block door opened and a female voice inquired, "Everybody decent in here?" A direct response was not required, but "hand me that blanket," or "hey, cover up in here" soon became frequently used additions to the standard jail lingo.

Male prisoners also had to learn to curb their boisterous instincts when the Lieutenant — neatly dressed in skirt, blouse and sleeveless uniform jacket — walked past the cell block bars. They soon discovered that whistles and cat-calls were not acceptable demonstrations of male admiration.

Obviously the Manatee County Jail will never be quite the same under Director McCammon. Old traditions of immodesty and raunchy informality have suffered somewhat, but it seems obvious that the prisoners have not.

Lt. McCammon comes on as a warm, compassionate woman who takes a realistic view of life behind bars, without losing her deep concern for the welfare of the men and women under her care.

"We don't baby them," she said, but she also pointed out that she gives close personal attention to many of the written requests she receives from prisoners. She regrets that her present position limits her opportunities for personal contacts with prisoners, and she tries to compensate for this by fitting daily tours of the entire jail into her busy schedule.

She also treasures the "fan mail" and friendly phone calls she gets from former prisoners. "Some of them even come back and bring their babies for me to see," she said proudly.



Paper work keeps Director of Detention Sally McCammon tied to her desk chair much of the time...





...but she manages to make frequent tours of the Manatee County Jail, and gives personal attention to prisoners' written requests.

Although she supervises a staff of 26 employees (including seven women), and a jail population that fluctuates between 135 and 150 prisoners, she claims to be "very comfortable" with her load of responsibility.

"The staff is really great...unbelievable...very supportive," she said, "and Sheriff Burton is supportive too. He's terrific."

The threat of violence is seldom absent from county jails, but this apparently does not make Lt. McCammon apprehensive. She said her safety has never been threatened, even though she once walked in on a knife fight between two prisoners, and on another occasion she had to wrestle a girl to the floor to settle her down.

Her screams stopped the knife fight. "They just dropped their knives," she said, "and when I asked them why, they said they had been startled because ordinarily I never raise my voice."

Sally McCammon seems to walk with calm confidence where relatively few women have trod, and it would be quite a treat if some of her former associates on the *Ladies Home Journal* magazine staff could see her now. As a teen-ager just out of high school she went to work in the editorial offices of the *Journal*, in Philadelphia, the city of her birth.

Later, marriage and motherhood took command of her talents, and her desire to go to college was put on the shelf until 1970 when she moved to southwest Florida and enrolled at Manatee Junior College. Testing indicated she had aptitudes for the law, but she was unwilling to face the

ordeal of getting a law degree, and opted instead for a career in other areas of the criminal justice system.

She had early ambitions to get into parole and probation work, and, while in college, was placed in charge of a structured treatment program which provided vocational testing and counseling for women prisoners.

After she interned for a year in the records and detention sections of the Sarasota County Jail, she began leaning toward criminal justice record keeping. However, a funny thing happened on the way to the computer room.

Professor Thomas M. Burton, Jr., a criminal justice instructor with whom she had become acquainted at Manatee Junior College, had been elected Sheriff of Manatee County, and he talked her into going to work in his detention division.

That was in 1977, and in approximately two years she progressed from Assistant Director to Director. During this string of events she also chose Wayne McCammon, Police Chief of Longboat Key, as her second husband, and thus became more closely tied to the criminal justice field. They had met while both were students at Manatee Junior College.

Asked how she expects to spend her future, Lt. McCammon said "growing." This seemed to be a reasonable forecast, in view of the fact that she is much involved in the planning for a new Manatee County Jail which is now in the preliminary stages of construction.

She said her number one goal is to help make it a model facility for the State of Florida -- and hopefully for the nation.





## 51 machine guns seized in record-making "Bust"

TAMPA — Undercover agents and deputy sheriffs were working on a drug investigation when one of the undercover agents was offered a 45-caliber machine gun with a 30-round clip and a silencer for \$2,200. The agent purchased the gun, then made arrangements to buy 50 more, and the stage was set for a record-making "gun bust." At the time agreed upon for the proposed sale, officers closed in and arrested six suspected gun runners. Sheriff Walter Heinrich said the Hillsborough County officers also confiscated 51 machine guns with a street value of \$110,000; cash totaling \$6,000 and three vehicles.

He said the raid was part of a continuing investigation by sheriff's deputies, Tampa police officers, and agents from the U. S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

Sheriff Walter Heinrich (left) with confiscated machine guns. (Tampa Times photo by Dan Fager)

## Rhoden and deputies receive praise

JASPER — Ken Daniels used the Jasper News, weekly newspaper, as a means of complimenting the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department for a job well done.

Here is what he wrote in a letter to the editor:

"On January 20, 1979, in the early morning hours, my father-in-law, Mr. Maurice Bennett, was assaulted and robbed in his sleep at his home in Hamilton County. Immediately after the attack, Mr. Bennett ran to our house and the Sheriff's Department was called. Deputy Mallory Daniels arrived on the scene within ten minutes after the call was placed. Soon afterwards Sheriff Charlie Rhoden, Chief Deputy Charles Tompkins and Investigator John Bettie were on the scene and making a full investigation.

"After an extensive investigation in which members of the Sheriff's Department travelled all over Florida, Georgia, Louisiana and Kentucky, an arrest of the two perpetrators was made. Both men have been convicted in Hamilton County Circuit Court.

"I would like to compliment the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department, and particularly those deputies who participated in the investigation and the conviction of these two men for this heinous crime."

## Prison inmates honor Whitehead

LAKE BUTLER — Inmates at Florida State Prison who have completed a self-help program called Go-Lab (Growth Orientation Laboratory) honored Union County Sheriff John Whitehead with their Law Officer of the Year award when they held their graduation banquet inside prison walls.

They also chose State Rep. Andy Johnson, of Jackson-

ville, for their Legislator of the Year award; and Dr. Charles Vedder, Chairman of the Stetson University Sociology Department, for their Educator of the Year award. Supreme Court Justice James C. Adkins was invited to be the guest speaker at the awards banquet.

Go-Lab has been described as an adaptation of a self-development program for business executives. It is operated by inmates for inmates in an attempt to help them focus on the way they form their images of reality, respond to frustration and improve their behavior. More than 1,500 men have graduated from the program since it began at the state prison four years ago.

## Drugs "Biggest Biz" in South Florida

WASHINGTON, D. C. — U. S. Deputy Assistant Attorney General Irvin B. Nathan told the U. S. Senate's Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations that drug trafficking is estimated to be the biggest industry in south Florida.

He said Federal Reserve banks in Florida reported a currency surplus of more than \$3.2 billion, which was about 77 percent of the entire Federal Reserve surplus, and "clearly the major factor for the surplus was the deposit of 'narco dollars'— cash derived from drug sales — in the banks of south Florida."

Sen. Sam Nunn (D. GA.), Subcommittee Chairman, said the panel was trying to determine the size, nature and economic impact of profits made from illegal narcotics trafficking.



## In memory of a friendly man

TALLAHASSEE — Friendly, popular Robert L. Clark, was a deputy sheriff in Broward County for 21 years, and although he died in 1968, his concern for the welfare of young people will not be forgotten.

A scholarship fund has been established in his memory at Florida State University by Attorney General Jim Smith and his wife Carole. She is Deputy Clark's daughter. The fund was established with a \$25,000 gift from the Tallahassee couple, and one scholarship will be awarded from it to a Florida State University graduate student annually, beginning in the fall of 1980, with preference given to students starting graduate work in criminology.

Deputy Clark was born in Fort Lauderdale in 1906 and lived there most of his life. He was an all-state football player in high school, and played football at George Washington University.

## No more kicks from Thai-Sticks

BARTOW — A few months ago Polk County pot smokers were getting some fantastic kicks from "Thai-sticks" — an exotic drug concoction contrived by wrapping marijuana around thin bamboo sticks and treating it with other potent drugs.

Plain, untreated Thai-sticks were selling for at least \$5 each, according to the Polk County Sheriff's Department, and the price went up astronomically when other drugs were added.

Business was booming for a while, but now it's in a drastic slump because of a drug bust pulled off by Sheriff's deputies, U. S. Customs agents and U. S. Drug Enforcement Administration agents.

Sheriff Louie Mims said 5,300 Thai-sticks were confiscated in the drug raid at a Lakeland motel. He placed the untreated value at \$26,815, and the treated value at \$1.3 million; and he said this was the first time a quantity of the rare drug concoctions had been seized in Polk County.

Also confiscated were 10 ounces of hashish valued at \$1,906; 54 pounds of cannabis worth about \$19,342; assorted amphetamines, barbiturates and hallucinogenic drugs valued at \$100; and three vehicles. Four persons were arrested.

## Deputy of the Year

BARTOW — When Polk County Deputy Sheriff Moi Fussell was named "Deputy of the Year," one of the points in his favor was an incident in which he and Deputy Rick DeMott were credited with saving a woman's life.

The incident occurred when the two deputies answered a call to an armed disturbance in Winter Haven. They found a man and woman struggling over a gun, and, according to a Sheriff's Department report, the man actually fired one shot at the woman before he was disarmed.

In recognition of their handling of a hazardous situation, the two deputies were awarded Certificates of Appreciation and Respect by the Polk County Criminal Justice Task Force.

The man they disarmed was sentenced to life imprisonment for attempted first degree murder.

## Sheriff Wille on Standards Panel

WEST PALM BEACH — Richard P. Wille, Sheriff of Palm Beach County, is one of four co-chairmen heading up a Commission on Accreditation which will develop national standards for law enforcement agencies.

The panel includes 11 law enforcement officials and ten private and government representatives. Sheriff Wille is the only member from Florida.

The standards project is being financed by a \$1.5 million Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA) grant to the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP); the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE); the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA); and the Police Executives' Research Forum (PERF).

In addition to developing standards for state and local law enforcement agencies in the policy areas of employee selection and advancement, use of community resources, development of support services, and internal discipline, the Commission will approve an accreditation process.

## Feted for fighting crimes against elderly

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Two Sheriff's Department executives from Florida received special recognition from the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) and the National Retired Teachers Association (NRTA) for their outstanding efforts to combat crimes against the elderly.

They are: Division Chief D. Roy Horne, from the Jacksonville Sheriff's Department; and Sgt. Richard Mullen, from the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department.



Moi Fussell was named "Deputy of the Year" for 1979 in Polk County.



# Shumshing for the Birds

CROSS CITY — If the mocking birds have been shinging off-key, and the buzzards flying upshide down hereabouts, there is a reason.

Near the end of the year Dixie County Sheriff Glen Dyals released almost \$2 million worth of marijuana smoke into the atmosphere, and gave a flaming finish to another chapter in the history of "pot" smuggling.

Behind the flaming finish was a piece of good police work that involved the Dixie County Sheriff's office, the State Attorney's office and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

Alert surveillance by this inter-agency "task force" focused on three four-wheel-drive trucks with cab-over camper outfits that rendezvoused in Cross City.

Officers tailed the trucks along an erratic course that finally led to a remote dirt road near Sand Hill Creek. They waited while the trucks were loaded with marijuana that had apparently been transported up the Steinhatchee River and stashed, and they continued to follow the trucks when they left the loading point and headed south.

The smugglers eluded a state inspection station at Fannin Springs by detouring on back roads, but this did not protect them from being stopped and arrested between Chiefland and Fannin Springs.

Two of the three vehicles were found to have been loaded with about 4,500 pounds of marijuana, and when officers searched the loading site they found an additional 567 pounds.

Sheriff Dyals said the total haul of confiscated marijuana had a street value of more than \$1,750,000, and the drug bust also resulted in four arrests.

A small quantity of pot was held as evidence, and the balance went up in smoke when Sheriff Dyals tossed it into the incinerator at a nearby wood processing plant.

Sheriff Glen Dyals feeds the incinerator.

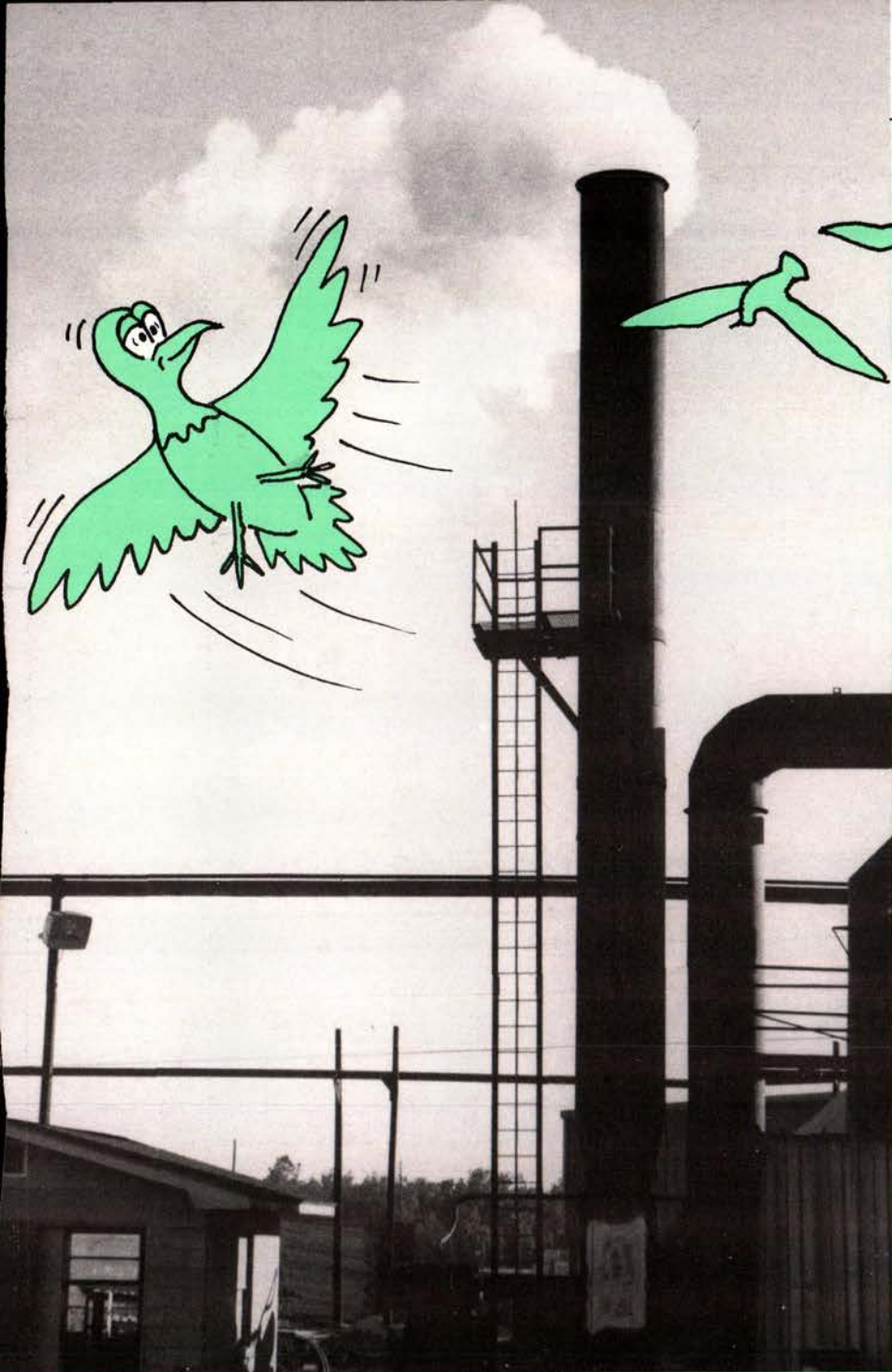


Unloading and temporary storing of drug bust evidence was supervised by Sheriff Dyals (wearing sidearm).

*(Dixie County Advocate photos by Jerry Prater)*







Confiscated "pot" goes up in smoke at wood processing plant incinerator.



Confiscated trucks



# Proposed constitutional amendment number two will modify the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court

By James E. Alderman  
Justice, Supreme Court  
of Florida



At a special election to be held in conjunction with the presidential preference primary election on March 11, 1980, the people of Florida will be asked to approve an amendment to the state constitution, which will reduce the overwhelming number of cases that now must be considered by the Florida Supreme Court.

This amendment received nearly unanimous endorsement at the November, 1979, special session of the legislature and now needs the approval of the people. As a result of many hundreds of hours of work and study by lawyers, laymen, legislators, academicians, judges, and national experts, the amendment was written specifically for our Florida situation, drawing on the concepts of our present judicial article, the experience and history of Florida courts, and the experiences of other states with both similar and dissimilar court systems.

Looking back will help to understand the magnitude of the problem today. Prior to 1956, all appeals from decisions of the circuit courts came directly to the Supreme Court. At that time, the seven justices of the Court were confronted with approximately 1,200 annual filings. To relieve the Court from what was then considered to be an unmanageable case load, three district courts of appeal, each with three judges, were created. By 1978, there were four district courts, each with seven judges, and they were handling nearly ten thousand cases. During that year, the Supreme Court was asked to consider 2,740 cases. In 1979, the burden on the district courts became so great that an additional court was created and eleven new judges were added. We now have five district courts of appeal and thirty-nine district court judges. In the meantime, the number of cases filed in the Supreme Court continues to increase, approaching the three-thousand mark.

Within the framework of our present constitution, the legislature, by creating additional courts and by adding judges, was able to meet the problems caused by the increased filings of appeals in the district courts. It does

not have the same flexibility to deal with the problem in the Supreme Court. There can be only one Supreme Court, and the constitution provides that it shall consist of only seven justices.

A constitutional amendment that would allow additional justices to be appointed would not resolve the problem. Each justice of the Supreme Court must individually consider each case and then, as a member of a collegiate court, participate in a group decision. Adding additional justices would not speed up the process; it would only increase the number of justices who would have to consider each case.

When the Court is required to consider too many cases, one of two things must eventually happen: either there will be a backlog of cases and the administration of justice will be delayed, or the Court will be working under such pressure to "get the cases out" that the quality of its decisions will be affected. The proposed amendment, which is designed to allow the Court adequate time to resolve carefully the most crucial statewide issues and at the same time to avoid undue delay in the administration of justice, avoids this dilemma.

Under the amendment, the only direct appeals to the Supreme Court will be from death penalties, bond validations, actions of statewide agencies relating to rates or services of utilities providing electric, gas, or telephone services, and district court decisions invalidating state statutes or provisions of the state constitution.

The provision in the present constitution that permits direct appeals to the Supreme Court from orders of any court that initially and directly passes upon the validity of a state statute or a federal statute or treaty, or construes a provision of the state or federal constitution, is eliminated. The deleted provision, in the past, has allowed a flood of direct appeals from cases in which the lower court only incidentally upholds the validity of a state statute. In many of these cases, the main issues on appeal are non-constitutional and should be resolved by the district court of appeal.

Under the amendment, the remainder of the Supreme Court's jurisdiction is discretionary. It may review a deci-

## FSA POSITION

*During the 1980 Mid-Winter Conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association, January 28 and 29, Supreme Court Justice Ben Overton spoke to the Sheriffs and explained the objectives of the proposed constitutional amendment. Following questions and discussion the Sheriffs voted unanimously to endorse the amendment and urge its passage.*



sion of a district court of appeal that expressly declares valid a state statute or expressly construes a provision of the state or federal constitution or expressly affects a class of constitutional state officers.

It may review conflicting decisions of district courts and cases of great public interest when the case is certified to it by a district court; and it may review any order or judgment of a trial court certified by a district court in which an appeal is pending — provided the order or judgment is certified to be of great public importance, or to have a great effect on the proper administration of justice throughout the state.

It may review a question of state law certified to it by the Supreme Court of the United States or a United States Court of Appeals. The Court will continue to have jurisdiction to issue writs of prohibition, mandamus, quo warranto, habeas corpus, and all writs necessary to the complete exercise of its jurisdiction.

Additionally, the Court will have rule making responsi-

bility with respect to practice and procedure in all the state's courts, and supervisory responsibility over the admission and disciplining of attorneys.

Although the amendment will reduce the categories of cases the Supreme Court must accept, the Court's discretionary jurisdiction will be sufficiently broad to ensure that all cases of great public importance, or that have a great effect on the proper administration of justice throughout the state, may reach the Court by one avenue or another.

The demands placed on the Court and the resulting delays experienced by litigants cry out for constitutional adjustment. In response to this need, the legislature adopted this amendment which, when approved by the people, will allow the Supreme Court to control the flood of cases which threatens to engulf it.

I urge that on March 11, 1980, you vote in favor of constitutional amendment number two.

## Paper work is a pain and we spell relief:

### S-E-M-I-N-A-R-S

To help Sheriffs cope with the growing volume of important "paper work" that flows through their offices, the Florida Sheriffs Association has been operating a unique training program to sharpen the skills of the paper handlers.

The program began in 1973 when the Sheriffs Association sponsored five one-day seminars dealing with civil and criminal process (the handling of court papers such as jury summonses, witness subpoenas and court orders).

These initial training sessions were held at various points around the state so that none of the Sheriffs and deputies attending would have to make an overnight trip; and they were so popular that each seminar was expanded to three days the following year.

Changing procedures, laws and regulations also eventually prompted the Sheriffs Association to expand the subject matter to include accounts and records, budgets, audits and personnel management.

Attendance has been increasing and it totaled approximately 600 for the 1979 series of seminars held in Palm Beach Shores, Punta Gorda, Lakeland, Tallahassee, Gainesville and Pensacola.

The exact attendance total for the past six years is not known due to the fact that some of the students return year after year, but it is believed to be well over 3,000.

The man in charge of the training program is Iven S. Lamb, Jr., a Jacksonville attorney who is also the editor of the Florida Sheriffs Manual, an instructor at Lake City Community College, and Chairman of the Florida Correctional Standards Council which regulates the training of state and local correctional officers.

Berwin Williams, Executive Director of the Sheriffs



Iven S. Lamb, Jr., teaching a Sheriffs Association Seminar session at Punta Gorda. (Herald News photo by Lynn Teeter)

Association, works closely with Lamb in planning and scheduling the seminars, and is one of the instructors. Technically skilled deputies from various Sheriffs' offices around the state, and officials from state agencies also serve as instructors.

Prior to the training program organized by the Sheriffs Association, employees responsible for Sheriffs' paper work learned on-the-job, but this trial and error method was not adequate when the paper work began to get increasingly complex.

"These are all very technical areas, and are peculiar to Sheriffs' departments," Executive Director Williams explained.

"In the past few years, Sheriffs and their staffs have been required to keep records and fill out forms they had never heard of previously, and if they were not done correctly, newspapers carried stories about how Sheriff so and so failed to do this or that, when in fact he didn't know he was supposed to do this and that.

"With a dozen bureaucrats looking over the shoulder of each Sheriff, it's a lot easier for everyone concerned if we have some uniformity and standardization between 67 Sheriffs' departments throughout the state."





# 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.

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BELLEAIR — Pinellas County Sheriff Bill Roberts (left) presents a Lifetime Honorary Membership plaque to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Havran.

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**DUNEDIN** — Don Genung (right), the Youth Fund's Vice President of Planned Giving, presents a Life-time Honorary Membership plaque to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Guth. Mr. Guth is a Dunedin police officer and is in charge of the "Officer Friendly" program which teaches safety and respect for law enforcement to school children.



**FORT WALTON BEACH** — Okaloosa County Sheriff Frankie L. Mills (right) presents a Builder Certificate to Moose Lodge No. 2193, Fort Walton Beach, represented by Bob Stevens, Governor of the Lodge.

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### Child safety has high priority

FORT PIERCE — John Leaman (right), representing the National Child Safety Council, congratulates Sheriff Lanie Norvell for his continuing child safety activities in St. Lucie County.

## President's choice is Sam Joyce

VERO BEACH — Indian River County Sheriff Sam Joyce has been re-appointed State Director to represent the National Sheriffs' Association within the State of Florida.

The appointment for 1980 was made by Sheriff Gerard Wattigny, President of the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA), and it will give Sheriff Joyce seniority over the entire roster of Directors representing 50 states and the Panama Canal Zone. He has been a State Director for ten years, which is two years more than any of the other current State Directors.

In other appointments, President Wattigny named Jacksonville Sheriff Dale Carson Chairman of the NSA Standards, Ethics and Education Committee; and Collier County Sheriff Aubrey Rogers as a member of the NSA Crime Prevention-Operations-Youth Activities Committee.

Putnam County Sheriff E. W. (Walt) Pellicer has been advancing through the upper echelon of the NSA and is currently serving as Third Vice President.

In June, 1980, Florida will host the annual conference of the National Sheriffs' Association.

## Mims appointed

BARTOW — Polk County Sheriff Louie Mims, who has been serving on the Board of Directors of the Central Florida Regional Planning Council, was recently appointed to the Council's Criminal Justice Advisory Committee by Governor Bob Graham.

The Governor said this appointment will give Mims an opportunity to "aid in the development of vital programs focused on crime reduction and the quality of the criminal justice system in Florida."

## Crime solver gets recognition

SANFORD — For outstanding police work in solving armed robbery cases, and helping to capture an armed robbery suspect, Seminole County Sheriff's Department

Detective Bob Simmons was named National Police Officer of the Month in the December, 1979, issue of Master Detective magazine.

Seminole County Sheriff John Polk said Simmons has "constantly performed in an exemplary manner, giving unselfishly of his time and experience toward establishing an enviable record of solving crimes in this area."

## Officers honored

LAKE CITY — Columbia County Deputy Sheriff Bruce Varnes was one of five law enforcement officers honored when the Lake City Moose Lodge held its annual Law Enforcement banquet.

The others who received special recognition are Henry L. Grimes, Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission; John Dubose, Lake City Police Department; Donald Spradley, Florida Public Service Commission; and H. E. Scott, Florida Highway Patrol.

## The whole truth

PUNTA GORDA — The truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth is what Sheriff Alan LeBeau is after. That's why he has added a Psychological Stress Evaluator (PSE) to his arsenal of crime solving equipment. The PSE detects and records changes in the human voice caused by stress and can be used to determine whether or not a suspected criminal is telling the truth.

LeBeau and Detective Tom Burns spent a week at a special school learning to use the PSE, and LeBeau afterward expressed confidence in the accuracy of the machine. LeBeau said it will be valuable in telling investigators if they are headed in the right direction when trying to solve a crime, and it can also be used in pre-employment screenings and internal investigations.

The Sheriff's Department has a polygraph (lie detector) machine in addition to the PSE. LeBeau said he plans to use both machines because they complement each other.



## Speedily "Learning the Ropes"

TALLAHASSEE — Although the Explorer Post sponsored by Sheriff Ken Katsaris is only a little more than a year old, the members are speedily "learning the ropes" in the complex business of law enforcement. In this photo Sheriff Katsaris (left) is explaining his communications system to Explorers Lynn Peters and Bill Stafford, while Deputy Tim Coughlin, the Post Advisor, looks on.



## Old image unfair to southern sheriffs

The Southern sheriff, often portrayed as an unprofessional redneck and a suppressor of minorities, is getting a bum rap, a college sociologist says.

"The Southern sheriff has had a Neanderthal public image over the last 50 years," says Dr. Charles M. Unkovic. "That image was intensified in the 1950s and 1960s as the county sheriffs defended the old segregationist status-quo. But the Southern sheriff today is as good a law officer as there is anywhere in the country."

A professor of sociology at the University of Central Florida in Orlando, Unkovic and a colleague, Dr. Roger Handberg, a professor of political science, spent two years exploring the attitudes, problems and motivations of the Southern sheriff.

Unkovic, 57, recently presented their findings at the annual meeting of the Mid South Sociological Association in Memphis.

Using responses from 334 sheriffs in eight states — Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia — the professors identified patterns of the "new breed" of Southern sheriff.

## Sheriffs tooling up

TAMPA — The Florida Sheriffs Association has begun tooling up for the 1980 session of the Florida Legislature. For openers, the Association's Legislative Committee held its first 1980 meeting in Tampa, January 8, under the chairmanship of DeSoto County Sheriff Frank Cline. Officials of the Florida Police Chiefs Association attended the meeting to discuss proposed cooperative action on several legislative issues.

Sheriffs serving on the Legislative Committee with Cline are: Sam Joyce, Indian River County; Ken Katsaris, Leon County; Don Moreland, Marion County; John Short, Pasco; Jennings Murree, Clay; Malcolm McCall, Lake; Jack Taylor, Franklin; N. H. Murdock, Hardee; T. M. Burton, Jr., Manatee; Richard Wille, Palm Beach; Jim Hardcastle, Sarasota; W. A. Freeman, Jr., Monroe; Jim Holt, Martin; Frankie L. Mills, Okaloosa; Aubrey Rogers, Collier; R. A. Butterworth, Broward; David Harvey, Wakulla; Fred Peel, Washington; L. J. Hindery, Alachua; Clayton Williams, Okeechobee; Ernest P. (Kayo) Murphy, Osceola; Joe Sheppard, Highlands; and W. A. Woodham, Gadsden.

## He did it solo

PENSACOLA — A Distinguished Service Award was presented to Escambia County Reserve Deputy Sheriff John Alford after he captured two escaped county jail inmates single-handed. One of the escapees later pleaded guilty to first degree murder, and the other was held on armed robbery charges.

## Hindery appointed

GAINESVILLE — Alachua County Sheriff L. J. "Lu" Hindery has been appointed by Lt. Gov. Wayne Mixson to the Police Task Force of the Florida Council on Criminal Justice. The Task Force is an advisory group that recommends new police projects and criminal justice system improvements to the Governor.

Demographically, Unkovic found Southern sheriffs to be middle-aged white males, although there are some black sheriffs in counties where black voters are in the majority and vote.

"Educationally, the sheriffs as a group are relatively well off, especially when judged against the average educational levels of their states," he said. "Less than 20 percent were below the high school graduate level while over 40 percent had at least some college or above."

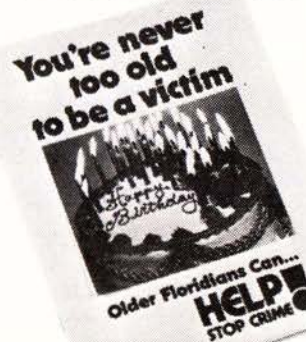
The Southern sheriff's treatment and concern for black constituents also has changed, Unkovic said, but politically, things haven't changed much. Nearly 92 percent of the sheriffs responding to the survey said they were Democrats and 5 percent were Republican. Three percent professed no party affiliation.

When asked to give their assessment of their philosophical stance, nearly 11 percent of the sheriffs identified themselves as liberals or moderate liberals; 25 percent saw themselves as moderates, and 58 percent said they were moderate conservatives and conservatives.

## Good police work

KEY WEST — Good police work paid off for Deputy Sheriff Mike Barber when the Key West Junior Chamber of Commerce chose him as Monroe County's Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer. He was praised for heading up a narcotics investigation that resulted in 22 arrests.

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## Billy was a Ho-boa

KEY WEST — “You’re charged with trespassing and resisting arrest,” Deputy Sheriff Edwin Miller told Billy the Boa Constrictor after this five-foot, six-inch reptile had illegally hitchhiked a 400-mile ride. Billy had apparently slithered into the motor compartment of Joe Blevins’ 1976 Cadillac when it had been parked in Clearwater, and had remained comfortably hidden until Blevins reached Big Coppitt Key and lifted the hood of his car to check the oil. When Deputy Miller was summoned to the scene, Billy resisted arrest and had to be wrestled out of the wheel well of the car. Thereupon, the wily ho-boa was taken to the Monroe County Jail, informed of his rights, and placed in the cardboard holding cell which is shown in the background of the picture. (Key West Citizen photo by Bob Jarvis)

